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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

DEAR MEMBERS,

Two more months to go and another Club year behind us! But before we reach the Year End there are still a lot of activities in and around the Club. Just to name some of the highlights:

St. Andrew's Society Dance Practices every Monday night during the month of November, Weekend Trip to Surin to see the largest Elephant Round Up in Thailand, Guy Fawkes celebrations on 9 November, and the Bangkok Community Theatre will present Aladdin at the end of November and early December (please reserve your tickets quickly - this will be a sell-out show!!!).

On 18 and 19 December there will be a New Zealand culinary and wine event. We have invited Guest Chef Glenn Denise to prepare a sumptuous five course gourmet dinner, and Wine Maker Mr. Peter M. Fredatovich of the Lincoln Wine Estate to complement the meal with an excellent wine selection.

The Centenary Ball on Saturday 13 December 2003, Christmas Day Dinners and New Year's Eve Parties all need to be booked well in advance. Just send us an email to secure your seat(s).

In case you would like to cater your year-end party at home or your office, please contact Barry Osborne or Khun Benjawan for all your function arrangements.

There are quite a few projects in progress at the moment. The upgrading of the tennis lighting is completed. The installation of the new astro surface on tennis courts 2 and 3 will be completed by the middle of November 2003.

New gutters will be installed around the Club House and a new roof will be put on the squash courts and changing rooms. Both projects will take place during the month of November 2003. A new partition was installed between the Silom Commercial College and the car park area near the Silom gate.

On security issues, we have increased the level of security at the Club and a letter and email was circulated to the Membership in the middle of October 2003. The same letter is also published in this issue of **Outpost**.

Recently there was an incident at the Children's Pool because one of the one the young infants had an accident in the pool. This accident resulted in the necessary drainage of the pool, and subsequently the pool was out of order for 24 hours. This caused a lot of inconvenience to other Members. Dear parents, there are water-proof nappies available at the fitness centre. Please use them.

Looking forward to seeing you at your Club in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely,



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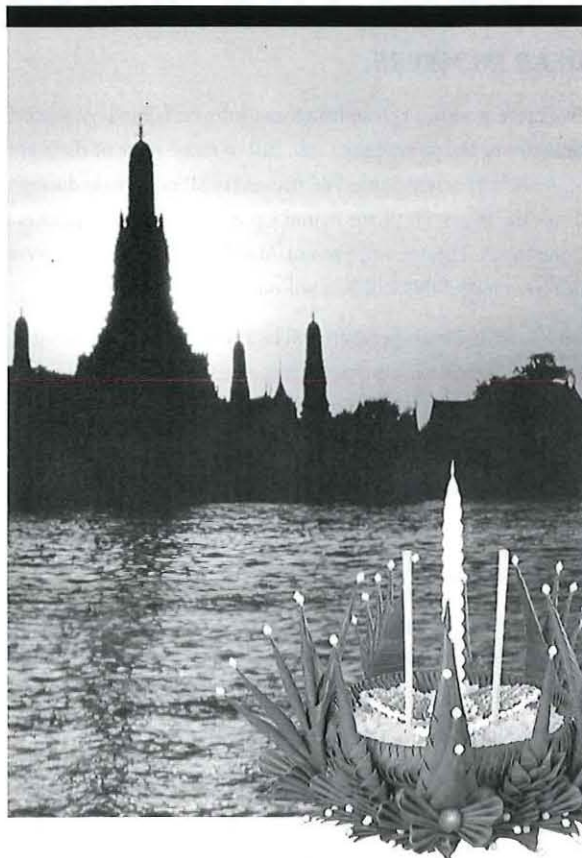
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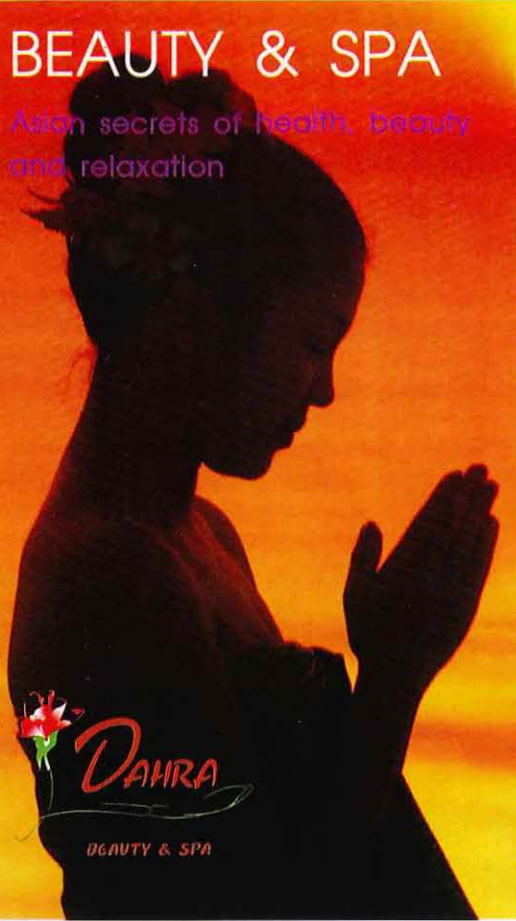
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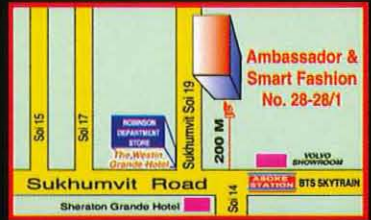
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9.00am - 1.30pm BC Swimming Instruction

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

SPORTS

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

SPORTS

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

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

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

SPORTS

6.00pm - 9.00pm Tennis Mix-in
6.30pm Cricket Nets

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm Darts
7.00pm Accumulator

SPORTS

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

SPORTS

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

November at a Glance

GM's Golf Day	Saturday 8
Loy Krathong	Saturday 8
Guy Fawkes Night	Sunday 9
New Members' Night	Tuesday 11
Sottish Dancing Practices	Every Monday
Elephant Round Up in Surin	Friday 14 - Sunday 16
Centenary Bar Quiz	Tuesday 18

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Venues

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

Opening Times

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



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Upcoming events and activities

GENERAL MANAGER'S GOLF DAY

Saturday, 8 November

Another Golf Day organised by the Club. Breakfast will be served in the Silom Sala at 8.30am with a prompt 9.30am departure to the Golf course for a Texas Scramble game (4 players in a team). Dinner and the Prize Award Ceremony will be held back at the Club after this day out.

Charge: B 1650 per person which is inclusive of Breakfast, Green Fees, Caddy Fee, Transport by Coach, 3 course dinner and a prize if your golfing skills are good enough!!

Golf Venue: to be confirmed.

LOY KRATHONG

Saturday, 8 November

Suan Thip Restaurant in Koh Kret is this year's venue.

Charge will include: Transport by AC coach, extensive Thai buffet including soft drinks, Classical Thai dances, Krathong and fire work display. There is no corkage fee for self provided alcoholic beverages.

We will leave the Club at 5.00pm and will return at approx. 10.00pm

Charge: B 1600 for adults, B 850 for children between 3 and 12 years of age. Children below 3 years of age B 250.

GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Sunday, 9 November

Join us at the Club for a traditional British celebration (albeit a few days late!) - fireworks and bonfires and Parkin and toffee apples...

Charge: B 595 for adults
B 420 for kids

NEW MEMBER'S NIGHT

7.30pm on Tuesday, 11 November

Excellent opportunity to meet new Members who recently joined the Club. Entertainment is provided by No Fixed Abode in the Churchill Bar.

SCOTTISH DANCING

All Mondays in November

It's that time of year where all good Scots (and Sassenachs) dig out their dancing shoes and practice their moves on the dance-floor. The St Andrew's Society is ensuring that Members will

be able to dance every dance at the up-coming St Andrew's Ball. Every Monday in November the Front Lawn will be transformed into a mass of whirling dervishers from 7.00pm until 10.00pm. Great fun is had by all (great way to exercise, too).

ELEPHANT ROUND UP IN SURIN 14 - 16 November 2003

This year we will travel again to Surin to watch the Elephant Round Up. The itinerary of this exciting weekend trip is slightly different from previous years.

Friday, 14 November

7.45pm Coach departs from the Club to Hua Lamphong Station

9.00pm Train will depart for Surin

Saturday, 15 November

5.30am Train arrives in Surin

5.45am Coach transfer to Suan Palm Resort

6.15am Arrive at the Resort where a buffet breakfast will be served

7.15am Leave for the Elephant Show Grounds

8.00am Elephant Show until 11.00am

11.45am Return to the Suan Palm Resort and freshen up

12.45pm Buffet Luncheon

2.00pm Leave for Nong Phranom Rung - Khem Temple near the Cambodian Border

3.45pm Arrive at temple

5.15pm Head back to Surin

7.00pm Arrive at the Surin Palm Resort

7.30pm BBQ in the Gardens of the Resort with lots of fun Children's Activities. Rest of the evening at leisure.

Sunday, 16 November

7.00am Breakfast and check out of Hotel

9.30am Leave for Surin Temple and Thai Handicraft Village

11.30am Lunch followed by visit to market

1.30pm By coach to Surin Airport

3.00pm Depart for Bangkok

4.00pm Arrive Bangkok Domestic Airport. Members and their guests make their own way home.

Charge: B 6,300 for adults
B 4,800 for children between the age of 3 and 12
B 2,500 for children below 3 years of age.

CENTENARY BAR QUIZ

7.30 pm Tuesday, 18 November

Come along to the Suriwongse Room and have an exiting evening with Quizmaster Rodney Bain. Each team can have a maximum of 6 participants and there is a registration fee of B 100 per team player.

DECEMBER

CLUB MANAGER'S NIGHT

Tuesday, 9 December at 6.30pm

At the Churchill Bar, complimentary curry buffet will be provided. A great evening to catch up with fellow members and enjoy the entertainment of No Fixed Abode.

BC CHRISTMAS BALL UNDER THE STARS AND 100 YEARS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, 13 December

Cocktails on the Front Lawn at 7.00pm followed by dinner at 8.00pm on the Back Lawn. Great entertainment and fire works at midnight.

Charge: to be announced

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 16, December

Join the party on the Back Lawn, at 2.30pm - 5.30pm.

Includes a picnic on the front lawn, pony rides, Balloon Typhoon, face painting, crafts and a visit by Santa bearing gifts for everyone. A wonderful afternoon for all the family!

Charge: B 395 per child

NEW ZEALAND FOOD PROMOTION

Thursday, 18 December and Friday, 19 December

If you love lamb, you'll love this special evening! New Zealand's famous Consultancy Chef, Glenn Dentice from Auckland, in Association with Mr. Peter Fredatovich, Managing Director of Lincoln Wines in New Zealand, will prepare a great culinary evening on Thursday, 18 December and Friday, 19 December in the Lord's Dining Room. An event not to be missed! Included in the price is a five course dinner and a selection of great wines from the Lincoln Estate. Dress is casual-smart - no Wellington boots allowed!!

Dinner B 1600, per person.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, 25 December

Between noon and 5.00pm, in the Lord's Dining Room, Churchill Bar and Suriwongse Room we will arrange a traditional Christmas Day Buffet Luncheon with a carvery of many types of roasts, Christmas pudding, mince pies and much more. Includes a visit from Santa with presents for everyone.

Charge: B 850 for adults

B 550 for children between 3 and 12 years of age.

CHRISTMAS DAY BUFFET DINNER

Thursday, 25 December

An excellent spread of International Cuisine and Christmas Goodies will be available for your enjoyment. A visit from Santa for the children.

An excellent way to celebrate Christmas Day in a relaxed atmosphere.

B 850 for adults and B 400 for children between 4 and 12 years of age. Children 3 years and below, no charge.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS DINNER CRUISE

31 December

Dinner Cruise on the Royal Phraya Princess awaits you this year. Make your own way to River City Pier at 9.00pm and board for a 9.30pm departure.

Live Music, International Buffet Dinner, Firework Display at midnight...what more could you want? We will return to River City Pier at 0.30am.

Charge B 2,995 per person inclusive of 2 hours open bar (standard pouring drinks only).

NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE FAMILY

31 December

BBQ and Buffet Dinner for all the family, followed by a disco in the Suriwongse Sala and children's activities at the Silom Sala. Dance the night away with Paul Jackson, Fireworks display at midnight finishes the night off.

B 1,300 for adults, B 600 for children 4 to 12 years and no charge for children 3 and under.

MEMBER'S LETTER

Sir,

I have read with much interest and just a trace of amusement Mr Cheesman's article 'THIS IS A BRITISH DEMOCRACY' in response to my earlier article entitled 'TOWARDS MORE EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE', published in the September issue. As many members will know, following the latter there was a well-attended open forum debate at the Club on 23 September; during which a most useful and enjoyable exchange of views occurred and from which some ideas and 'areas of mutual understanding' emerged, all of which is healthy for the Club.

It is therefore a matter of regret that Mr Cheesman chose to conduct a boycott of the event from the confines of another place and subsequently to produce his, arguably well written, article in isolation. It is also of regret that in it he chooses to misinterpret my words and suggest that it was the Committees of the past two years, only, that I was discussing. It is perhaps worth recording that Mr Cheesman was a member of at least one of these. More careful reading, and perhaps a more catholic view, would I submit show that my thinking was not specific and indeed far broader, and that I was making no attempt, unlike Mr Cheesman and his fellow travelers, to rekindle old coals, which one is given to understand they have continued, through various means and for whatever reason, to attempt so to do, at some financial cost to the Club.

On the credit side, and that is due, Mr Cheesman deploys some cogent arguments and ideas, further discussion of which would, I am sure members would agree, be to the greater good of 'the club we love so dear' (sic). Accordingly I intend to produce a distillation of these, in conjunction with the record of those that came out of the open forum, to be distributed to members as a basis for further discussion separately and at a later date, editorial deadlines preventing a fuller analysis at this juncture.

In closing it must also be recorded that despite our different perspectives, it remains a matter of some pleasure to know that Mr Cheesman and I share at least three things, firstly membership of the Club, secondly a wish to see it prosper and thirdly, a common title, namely Mister.

Ian Webb

MAGIC EYES CHECK OUT KOH KRET

On 11 August, an intrepid group of children and adults braved the swirling currents of the Chao Phraya and headed for the distant isle of Koh Kret. After a day full of adventure on the boat and on the island, the poor children were forced to prepare food for the adults, wait on them hand and foot and then swab the decks before returning to Bangkok!



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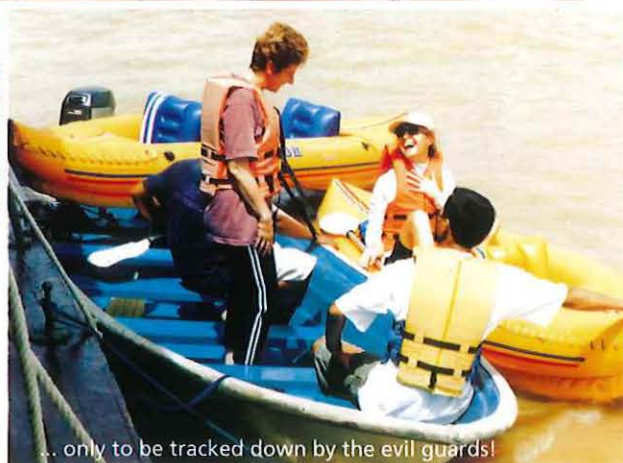
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**BRITISH COUNCIL CUP
BRITISH CLUB 22 : THAI NAVY
53**

14 September, 2003

Well it was an interesting start - the Thai Navy got in some final practice causing the game to be delayed by half an hour. As one smart Alec noted, "Well, at least this year the ref is not from the Navy!"

An exciting encounter played in a fine spirit of hard but fair ensued. The sailors found their land legs fairly early on, and with several speedsters life amongst the backs was particularly tough. The BC battled to the very end and made the sailors fight all the way.

There was plenty of open rugby play, much of it in the BC's half, but when the BC forwards reverted to our tried and tested traditional mauling game, the sailors were certainly on the back foot. Two excellent tries were scored by Morcar McConnell, playing hooker, and Eddie Evans during a wonderful cameo appearance as No.8 in the second half.

The BC was on the scoreboard first when Nathan Palmer landed a sixth minute penalty from 25 metres, with the Navy equalising in the ninth minute from a similar distance. This was to remain the score until on the half hour two tries were scored in quick succession, both of which were converted. The Navy landed another penalty shortly before half time and when the whistle was blown, they were leading 20 - 3.

The BC found themselves on the back foot at the start of the second half and conceded two tries through their lightning three-quarters and suddenly the score was 34 - 3, at which point Scribe arrived after being confined to bed most of the weekend with rainy season flu. If you are wondering how this article was therefore penned, thank goodness that there was a very useful write up in the Bangkok Post a few days later!

At this stage the BC really started to get physically stuck into the Navy and Morcar McConnell scored the first of his tries. The Navy quickly struck back stretching the BC defence to the limit. At around this point, and whilst encouraging the BC, Team Manager Ben Knowles was banished from the touchline for allegedly interfering with the view of the Navy



BC and Police players clap each other off the pitch.

coaching staff! Surely a first.

There was some fine tackling by the BC but the fitness of the Navy started to tell in the final quarter, and the points difference was just too much. The BC did manage to score two late tries in the final few minutes to close the gap to something a little more reflective of the game and when the final whistle was blown, the Navy were deserving winners at 53 - 22.

**CHOCKS AWAY GINGER!
BRITISH CLUB 29 : ROYAL THAI
AIR FORCE 14**

25 September 2003

A much-improved performance followed against Thailand's own Brylcream Boys in an evening match played at the Boonyachinda stadium on 26 September.

A clear explanation of the rules was given to team manager, Ben Knowles, prior to the kick-off with our Ben being advised to be on his best behaviour and remain inside the white box on the sidelines or he would be asked to take a seat in the stands! Despite some scrappy work in the lineouts, the BC managed to win and out scored the RTAF by five tries to three.

Excellent tries were scored by Khun Thirapong, Morcar McConnell (2), Khun Nakarin and Khun Sarawin. The match report which subsequently appeared in the Bangkok Post, and which was used as an aide memoir in the preparation of this article, incorrectly attributed Morcar's tries to Captain Eddie Edwards! Well I suppose they

are a similar build both in fine FB tradition, except that Morcar is mainly seen in the centre whilst our Eddie can usually be seen amongst the rough and tumble of the forwards or seeking clarification from the match referee whilst questioning the competency of his eyesight!

Scribe was actually in Hong Kong during this match and being somewhat reliant on Bangkok Post, yet again, was rather disappointed that such a short article was published. Hence the shortness of this article!

The victory meant a semi-final berth was earned against the Thai police a few days later on Sunday 28 September.

**REFEREE - YOU CANNOT BE
SERIOUS!
BRITISH CLUB 26 : ROYAL THAI
POLICE 33**

28 September 2003

Team Manager Ben Knowles described the final twenty minutes as being the best he had ever seen the BC play. During this period, the BC, having been reduced to 14 players early in the second half, produced an effort of huge heart, guts and some powerful rugby. They were not only outnumbered but seemed to be up against the referee, both touch judges and the fourth official as well! 19 plays 14 as someone remarked.

For the best part of the first half, the scores remained even at 5-5 with the "Old Bill" scoring first before the BC's JP Maguire levelled the

scores with a try. Shortly before half time the Cops scored once more leaving the game equally balanced with the "Old Bill" leading 12 - 5.

The BC was clearly not getting the run of the ball let alone the 50:50 decisions. With the paddock cutting up rough and the teams almost unrecognisable, it looked like Mud City versus Mud Town refereed by a man who would be king!

It is sad when a man who would be king gets carried away with delusions of grandeur whilst not understanding the rules of the game. First, with a combative member of the "Old Bill" pack being both on the wrong side of a ruck and holding on to the ball as well, the BC's Nathan Palmer raked for the ball within the prescribed rules of the game only to be shown a yellow card! On his way off and within full earshot of a dozen witnesses he removed his scrum cap and simply said "he was holding on to the ball ref". The man who would be king's response was to show our Nathan the red card with the suggestion that "you learn better discipline!"

Whilst Scribe was busy assembling witness statements and affidavits for the potential TRU hearing, Captain Eddie Evans was busy asking the referee to clarify why our Nathan had been sent off. He was simply told to "keep quiet and go away".

Eddie was then himself shown a yellow card for what was a perfectly legal tackle and which the man who by now was struggling to be a boy, suggested was high. The crowd were silent at this decision and by the time skipper Eddie Evans sat down in his allotted seat in the sin bin, Team Manager Ben Knowles had broken the golden rules and stepped outside the BC's white box to join Eddie for a rather interesting discussion with the Head of the Thai Rugby Union regarding the quality of some of these decisions.

And then there were thirteen! At this point, we thought the game would deteriorate as the now very little man not fit to tie up the shoe laces of a primary school child and who will never be king, made remarkable decision followed by remarkable decision. Whilst Ben and Eddie continued their dialogue at the highest levels, the Police took full advantage of what at best must be called questionable refereeing and at worst is not publishable! Several high tackles by the Cops were missed and Scribe was physically restrained by Team Manager Ben Knowles and told to keep quiet!

Having scored three unanswered tries in

relatively quick succession the score stood at 33 - 5 right up and until the 74th minute. With Eddie Evans now back on the paddock, the BC ramped up the pressure and then scored the first of three quick tries by winger Khun Kitty. Tries then followed by hooker Magnus Anderson and centre Morcar McConnell. Khun Pote managed to land all three conversions by which time the scores stood at 33-26.

During this period of fine BC play, a yellow card was given to a Police player for which the reason remains a complete mystery. Whilst the BC contingent on the sidelines was a little happy at the decision, nobody had a clue as to why the Cop had been sin-binned. The Crowd by now had grown completely fed up of the "person" in charge on the park and their response was to applaud the strange decision. It is worth pointing out that this came from both sections of supporters!

We fully expected our chum in the middle to have no idea as to the amount of injury time that should be played and he duly obliged by blowing the whistle for time. Had our boys in pink and black, though caked in mud and dirt, had a few more minutes they may well have at least levelled the scores and more likely gone on to win!

With the game complete, the teams shook hands forming the traditional tunnel as the teams left the field. Meanwhile, that mild-mannered centre-cum-prop forward, Vice Captain Morcar McConnell, continued our dialogue with the highest levels of the TRU. By this time the person who had allegedly been in charge in the middle

of the paddock, joined the discussion! Scribe's Thai language capability was somewhat challenged at this point and even if I had understood what was being let's say discussed, I doubt that it would be printable.

With the debate over for now and the BC having exited the competition, Captain Eddie Evans praised the team for a performance of big heart. Using his Vice Captain to translate to the Thai contingent he explained how proud he was to lead the team and that with plenty of rugby coming up encouraged all to attend training!

A very special mention must be made to a player known only to Scribe as "Mike". He performed at a fantastic level from beginning to end and at times he took on the Old Bill pack single-handedly, gaining crucial metres on each carry. As the team headed for a well-earned shower, the debate with the TRU continued with our Vice Captain leading the way. One can only praise the Head of the TRU for his ability to listen as by the time Ben, Eddie and Morcar had taken the opportunity to have a little chat; the poor man had little chance to do much talking!

The team headed off to see one of our Sponsors and to enjoy a well-earned light ale!

In next month's **Outpost**, look out for photos of the Pink and Black Ball, a write up of the Bangkok 7's and a look back at the year's achievements by BC Rugby.

Scribe



Captain Eddie Evans and Vice Captain Morcar McConnell conduct a team talk after the defeat to the Police.



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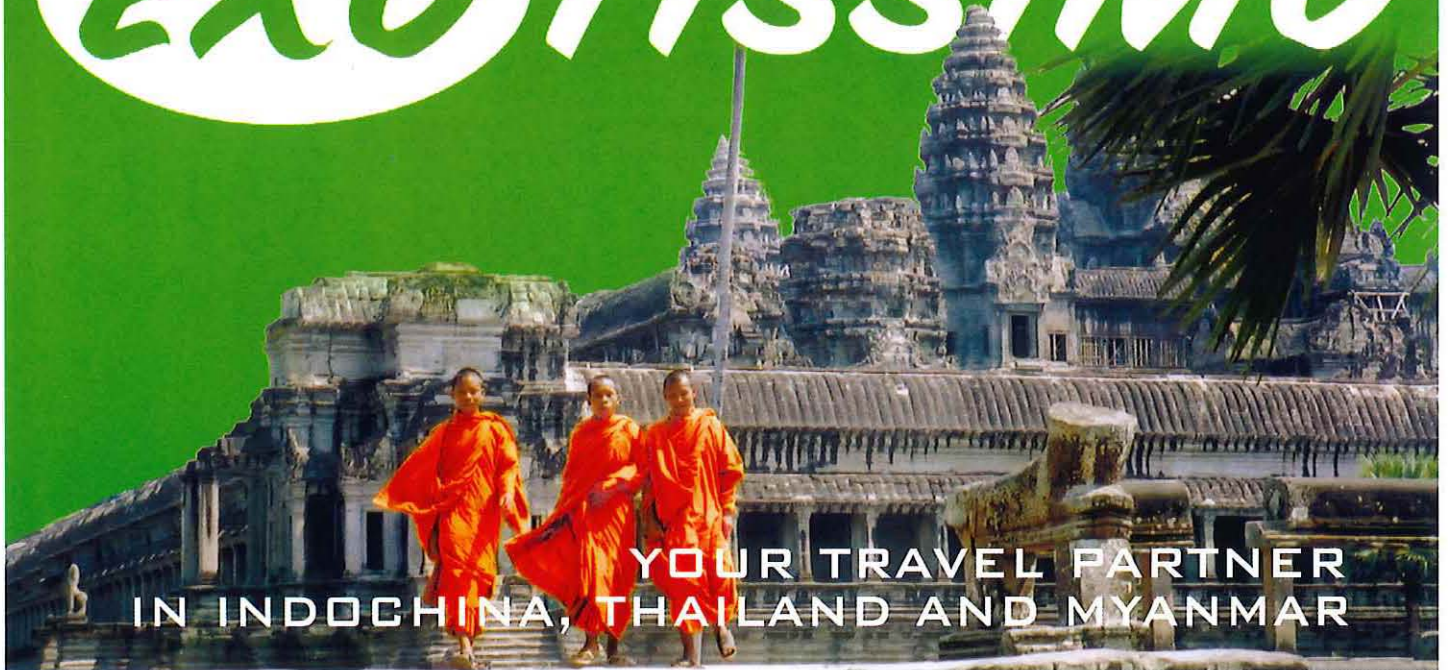
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Please note that you MUST pre-register to audition. Please email your name and date that you will attend to bct@sala.net. Any non-British Club members who will arrive by car must also give us their car registration numbers in advance and bring photo ID to be admitted.

For more information, character profiles and script samples, please email the director, Linsey Collins at lynsey_c@harrowschool.ac.th or Angela at ange@loxinfo.co.th

SQUASH

BC'S BOUNCING BOYS

BRITISH CLUB V CAPITOL CLUB

This is the match report from the opposition's perspective, and very flattering it is too! The match was actually a great success. Our players and support groupies enjoyed the squash, and most importantly the excellent spirit in which the games were played. The après squash was also great fun culminating in a very nice supper, which along with the tennis buffs, was enjoyed by all. Our tennis team appear to have been more successful on the court but were less fortunate off the court where they suffered lashings of iced tea and coke. The British Club Squash team was far more "British" and we greatly appreciated the well-earned post-match beers!!

We certainly look forward to a return bash and will try to give BC a more balanced match hopefully in the not too distant future.

Once again, please pass on the thanks of the entire Capitol Club Squash team to all members of your team for a super afternoon.

As ever,

Les Tanner, Capital Club Captain

THE RESULTS OF THE MATCH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

British Club		Capitol Club	
Marc Hagalauer	v	Tony Aldridge	2-0
Steve Tostevin	v	Tony Aldridge	2-0
Steve Tostevin	v	Louis	2-0
Charles Whiteley	v	Les Tanner	2-1
Charles Whiteley	v	Louis	2-1
Marvyn Lewis	v	Les Tanner	2-0
Marvyn Lewis	v	David Torrence	2-0
John Vivian	v	Aman	2-1
John Vivian	v	David Torrence	2-1
Frank Flatters	v	Aman	2-1

HANDICUP TOURNAMENT FINAL

Held on Sunday, 21 September, the Squash Section Handicap Final was between Chris Browning and Shiraz Poonleva. A sizeable crowd turned up in anticipation of a close-fought final and they were not let down. Shiraz carried a handicap of -29 and Chris had -33, meaning that Shiraz had a 4 point advantage in each game.

In the first game Shiraz amassed an early lead, but Chris recovered well to win a closely-contested game 15-12. The second game proved to be even closer with Chris once again showing great determination to overcome Shiraz's opposition. The quality and length of the rallies were first class and Chris finally managed to close out the deciding game by the narrowest of margins, 15-14.

In the plate James Crossley Smith triumphed as his opposition was so scared by the prospect of his handicap they failed to turn up!

Once again, a great tournament was enjoyed by all.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Centenary Squash Tournament is taking place from Friday 14 November until Sunday 16 November as part of the British Club's Centenary celebrations. Teams from Hong Kong, Chiang Mai and Bangkok will be taking part and we welcome your support for this event. The standard of squash will be very high, as will the standard of the off-court celebrations!

Steve Bell

CAPTAIN'S COURT BC VS THE CAPITAL CLUB

On Saturday 13 September the BCTS hosted the Capitol Club for interclub competition. The format chosen was 8 men and 6 ladies which was a lower team total than anticipated, again due to a lack of response from our members.

We had played against the Capitol Club at the Capitol Club about 2 months ago and the result was very close, so we indeed expected a very tough match.

The Capitol Club won the mens and ladies doubles quite convincingly so it was left to the mixed doubles matches to enable the BC to catch up. We did indeed play very well in the mixed doubles matches and eventually, upon completion of all set results, we had a tie with both the BC and Capitol Club winning 13 sets each. After much deliberation in tallying the total match games, the Capitol Club finally claimed a victory by 2 games (which co-incidentally was the result of our first match won by the BC).

The scheduled matches against the Doctor's Team on Oct 4 and Racquet Club on Oct 27 will be postponed due the court and lighting renovations. New dates for these matches will be communicated shortly.

See you on the courts.

Regards,

Brad Weatherstone
BC Team Captain

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Well, by the time you read this the Centenary Tennis Tournament will be all over, our visitors from Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong, plus our other regular opponents from within Thailand will all have gone home, and the Organising Committee will be taking a well-earned rest. The Tournament that we have all worked so hard to arrange will have been either a roaring success or an abject failure, or maybe something in between.

But as I pen this in early October, there are still a number of important matters still to be resolved - will we get the 16th Team to attend? Will the container holding the new surface for the rear courts, due to arrive in Bangkok Port on 15 October, get cleared in time before Bangkok is shut down for APEC, so that we can get the courts laid before the tournament (or not)? Can we arrange for the photographer we are still seeking? Will BC Members sign up to attend the 3 social events that we have arranged as a part of the celebration? etc. A plethora of details that we have been working on for some time!

There are some key people who should now be mentioned for all their hard work and effort:

Chris Watt for his magnificent effort with the brochure; Khun Yubharet for sourcing the magnificent trophies that we had on display and that now adorn club houses elsewhere (unless of course one of the two BC Teams is successful); Gisi van Walbeek for her efforts in organising the social events and arranging for the sponsored players shirts; Captain Brad Weatherstone for his superb efforts in organising the tennis operations matters; and James Young and Wandee Bruton for all their successful efforts to raise sponsorship.

We must not forget our sponsors, without whom the tournament just would not have gone ahead. I list them below, not in any order of significance. Many thanks to all these companies and the individuals, many of whom are BC members, for so kindly arranging for the sponsorship funds to be made available.

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Regards,
Terry Adams

RESULTS OF THE AUGUST TENNIS LEAGUES

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Owing to holidays and rain, the August Leagues continued on into September and results were as follows:-

- League 1 - James Young**
- League 2 - Nisa Adams**
- League 3 - Parvis Brown**
- League 4 - Blanche Dudley**

UPCOMING INTERCLUB MATCHES

22/23 November - Rajchapruet Club



James Young receiving his prize for League 1 and Nisa receiving hers for League 2 from Claire Deacon





Anthony Schon at the ATP Thai Open with Juan Carlos Ferrero

UPCOMING EVENT: BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK CENTENARY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Tournament dates: Friday 31 October, Saturday & Sunday 1 & 2 November 2003
 Opening Ceremony: 12.30pm Friday 31 October
 Play commences: 1.00pm Friday 31 October
 Play concludes: Approximately 4.00pm, Sunday 2 November

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday:	6.00pm - 10.00pm	Mix-In (All Grades of Players)
Wednesday:	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Mix-In (All Grades of Players)
Friday:	5.00pm - 10.00pm	Mix-In (All Grades of Players)
Sunday:	4.00pm - 7.00pm	Mix-In (All Grades of Players)
Sunday:	9.00am - 1.00pm	Captain's Court (Top 12 Men and top 5 Ladies or by Captain's Invitation)

THE ATP THAI OPEN

Most people watched the ATP Thai Open from the comfort of their homes. Young Anthony Schon not only went to the courts, but was lucky enough to meet Juan Carlos Ferrero! What a Day to remember.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

"MY LIFE WITH THE DALEKS!"

Ask anyone what happened on 22 November 1963 and they will tell you that President Kennedy was assassinated. Ask anyone of my age what happened on 23 November 1963 and they may say that 'Doctor Who' was born! Yes, believe it or not, that Time Travelling doctor is forty years old this year. But, I here you say, did it not finish years ago? Not true! Whilst the TV adventures of our Time Lord with the Police Box ceased (temporarily) in 1989, there was a TV Movie in 1996 and The Doctor has been alive and well in over 160 monthly magazines, 271 books, dozens of E-Books, animates, Photo-novels and, of course, is due back in more TV adventures on BBC-1 in 2005! As a child I rarely missed episode, even forcing parents to come home from holiday a day early not to miss one! I was the intellectual member of my family - whilst my brother and sister hid behind the couch when the Daleks or Cybermen appeared, I merely pointed out that you can see the "man inside" - yet it took none of the wonder away! Forty Years on ... well sadly the BBC destroyed 117 of the B&W Episodes (as they did most of Z-Cars, Dixon of Dock Green etc) but I have copies of 608 remaining episodes and regularly watch one or two. My favourite Doctor ... well it has to be William Hartnell ... "the original", you might say! and my favourite monster ... well not those infernal pepper pots, but probably the Cybermen or even Fenric!

So this 40th anniversary, I invite you to watch Forty Years of The Doctor at The British Club on Sunday, 23 November 2003.



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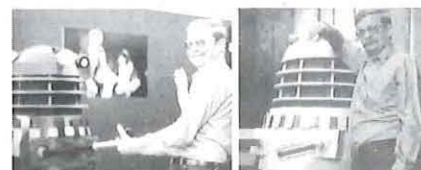


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Yes, a younger me with a real Dalek!!!

Martin Conisbee
Chairman
BCB Football Section

A NEW HOME FOR BC FOOTBALL

The British Club Bangkok Football Section is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached with HARROW INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL to use their football pitch at the new school campus near Don Muang Airport on a regular fee-paying basis.

The BC played their first match at the Harrow campus on Saturday 4 October, against the German All Stars, the result being an exciting 2:2 draw. The pitch proved to be an excellent venue for the BC and we hope that a long-term relationship between the BC and Harrow will develop.

Our thanks go to David Eastgate and the management of Harrow International School together with Chris Jolly of the BC Football Section for making this arrangement possible.

THE LONG-AWAITED FOOTBALL CENTENARY KITS ARE COMING!

The British Club Bangkok Football Section is pleased to announce that their Centenary Kit, kindly sponsored by **Santa Fe (Thailand) Co., Ltd.** is almost ready for the production run.

The kit has been made in the traditional BC colours of white and navy blue, using the most modern "breathing" fabric.

An initial production run of 100 kits has been ordered and the Centenary Kit will be the

"home" strip for all BC representative teams in the 2003/4 season. Kits can be purchased by BC Members (whether participating or not in the Football Section's activities) for the very reasonable sum of Bt 500 for shirt, shorts and socks. Please contact either Martin Conisbee or Chris Jolly if you want to order one of our special kits.

Hopefully next month we will have a photo in **Outpost** of our smartly turned out teams. Maybe it will translate into improved results on the pitch! Many thanks go to Danny Poole and **Santa Fe (Thailand) Co., Ltd.** for their kind support, and to Chris Jolly for his perseverance with the kit design and procurement.

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SONGKHLA INTERNATIONAL NINES TOUR REPORT

Football by the Beach in Southern Thailand

THE SPECTRE OF SARS

Due to the recent SARS epidemic the Songkhla International Nines Tournament was postponed in June and rescheduled for 30 August 2003. This resulted in fewer teams than normal participating, as the teams from Australia and Singapore were still reluctant to travel. The British Club tour party was also somewhat depleted due to clashes with summer holidays and some last minute cancellations (we will mention no names, Dobbsy).

In any event the intrepid BC squad assembled at Don Muang airport for the flight to Had Yai after a three hour delay. Even this delay could not dampen our spirits and we arrived in the sleepy town of Songkhla to be met by our tour organiser extraordinaire, Andy Lazenby. A quick headcount showed that we had seven players for a nine-a-side competition! Fortunately, help was at hand in the form of several Thai players press-ganged from Unocal's organisation in Songkhla.

On Friday evening we attended the Tournament reception dinner at the BP Samila Hotel and were treated to an amazing katoey show.

SEMI-FINAL GLORY

With a surprising spring in our step we took to the field on Saturday morning for our first game against a Songkhla Thai side. A rather unlucky 1:0 defeat was inflicted on the BC team, but we came back strongly to defeat the Malay

Grasshoppers 2:0 and Asterix Malaysia 1:0 in our second and third games of the round robin series to earn a well-deserved place in the semi-finals.

Historians noted that the BC had not reached such giddy heights for at least five years!

Unfortunately this rich vein of form could not be maintained and the BC went down 4:0 in the semi-final to the eventual tournament winners, Penang Sports Club. The score was a little flattering to Penang but by this time the BC defense was tiring rapidly and conceded two early goals from which we did not recover.

Rather than playing a full match for third and fourth placing, we opted for a penalty shoot-out, but BC had definitely gone off the boil by then and we lost! One penalty by the BC's Brian Abbott is still being tracked by the Hubble telescope!

The Gunner was awarded BC Player of the Tournament for his gritty defensive performance with special mentions for Paul Greenhalgh and Chris Jolly for their strong running games.

A QUICK CHANGE OF SPORT

Tired, but relatively happy with our performance, the BC held their traditional tour dinner on Saturday evening at Auntie Bar and



The BC Squad tuning up for the start of the Songkhla Nines.

followed up on Sunday morning with a nine hole "hit and giggle" round of golf at the Royal Songkhla Golf and Country Club.

Sunday afternoon saw us back on the road to Had Yai to catch our return flight to Bangkok.

Many thanks to our kind sponsors for this tour, **The Londoner Brew Pub** and **Auntie Bar**, Songkhla. Special thanks go, as always, to Andy Lazenby for his brilliant organisation, outstanding leadership and totally weird tactics.

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Quizmaster Rodney Bain invites all members, and club sections, to enter. Teams of up to six persons – 100 Baht each – Please sign up at reception.

ROUND ONE: 1903 –1928

ROUND 2: 1929 – 1953

ROUND 3: 1954- 1968

ROUND 4: 1969 - 2003

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SECURITY MEASURES WITHIN THE CLUB

Dear Members,

The recent developments in and around the Middle East and security warnings issued in Thailand by several Embassies, have, inevitably, given us far greater concern with regards to Members' safety. This is now of paramount importance to the Club and we will, with immediate effect, be increasing our level of security considerably.

The procedures have been implemented following discussions with The British Embassy, Security Consultants the General Committee and Club Management. They are designed to minimise a threat to the Club Premises. A possible main risk is from unknown vehicles and as such the following procedures will apply.

To enhance the general security within the Club, we will be hiring additional security guards.

There will be increased flood lighting in car parks and throughout the grounds.

Unattended bags will be removed from Club House and Salas. A new barrier will be installed near the Silom Security booth CCTV system will be installed around the Club on entry points, loading areas and reception.

We regret that with these new measures, parking for your guests may be difficult. We would appreciate your help therefore, in warning your guests about the new procedures when they come to the Club. Please ask them to bring some form of identification, and please make sure that if they wish to drive their car into the Club, that you, the member, call or email the Club in advance with the name of the guest and their car registration number.

We cannot underestimate the importance of added security and we very much appreciate your understanding, co-operation and support.

Should you have any further comments or concerns, I will be happy to discuss them personally and would welcome any calls.

Yours sincerely,

Willem T.P. Pentermann
General Manager

VEHICLES COMING INTO THE CLUB

1. The entrance to the Club from the Surawongse Road will remain closed until further notice. Only pedestrian access will be allowed between 7.00am and 7.00pm for Members only.
2. The Security Check Point will remain at the Silom Road Entrance.
3. The only vehicles allowed into the premises will be;
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 - ii. Authorised goods delivery vehicles
 - iii. Vehicles belonging to Guests of Members whose car registration has been given to the Club, by the Member, in advance of the guest's arrival.
4. Vehicles will be checked to confirm that a Member has a valid Membership Card. Any accompanying guest must be identified by the Member and signed in at the Security Check Point. A Visitor's card will be issued to the guest.
5. The Club will be routinely asking for presentation of Membership cards and Visitor's cards and we would seek your support when this exercise is carried out.
6. Vehicles will be routinely searched and at times, thoroughly.
7. Delivery vehicles will only be allowed on the premises if certain requirements have been met. Companies will have to provide in advance a schedule of delivery times and must be able to provide clear identification of the company name, the vehicle number and driver/delivery men's identification. They will exchange their Identification Cards for a visitors' pass. While loading and unloading their goods, staff and security personnel will stringently supervise them and again routine searches of delivery vehicles will take place.
8. No other vehicles will be allowed on the premises whatsoever and guests in private vehicles (who have not been 'pre-registered' by the member) or taxis must alight at the main Silom Gate Security checkpoint and walk into the Club premises.

AT THE SILOM SECURITY CHECKPOINT THE FOLLOWING WILL TAKE PLACE:

1. The Member's card, or guest's ID, must be shown and any belongings/bags may be searched.
2. Members must alert the Club if they have a guest or guests who will arrive at the Club in absence of the Member. This can be done by fax, email or telephone call through the Membership Office (Khun Pornnapa or Khun Kooky) or Executive Office (Khun O) only. The guest must show some form of photographic identification on arrival and will subsequently be issued with a Visitor's card. If no form of identification is available, the guest must be identified by a member.
3. Guests/Members and visitors whose identity and purpose is confirmed can enter the Club.
4. The Taxi pick up and drop off point will be at the Silom Security Check point. Members who request a taxi can obtain a taxi from the Security check point. Taxis will not be allowed on Club premises under any circumstances.

LARGE EVENTS

The following events are planned at the Club and cars will not be allowed to enter the Club during the following times and dates.

During these times the Kongbooma Building Car Park will be available to Members and their guests throughout the day at no extra charge. This car park is located opposite Narai Hotel on Silom Road. The entrance is just before the Korean Air Office.

Friday, 31 October - Sunday, 2 November

Tennis Centenary Tournament

No cars will be allowed on the premises between 6.00am - midnight on 31 October and 1 November. On 2 November cars will not be allowed between 6.00am and 6.00pm.

Monday, 3, 10, 17, 24 and Wednesday 26 November

St. Andrew's Society Dance Practice

During the evening of these dates the dance practices of the St. Andrew's Society will take place from 6.00pm onwards. Gates will be closed from 5.00pm onwards for the entire evening.

Sunday, 9 November

Guy Fawkes

No cars will be allowed on Club premises between 6.00am until Club

closure. The Club will close at 3.30pm for any Members who do not hold a ticket for the Guy Fawkes Event. The Club will re open at 4.30pm for pedestrians and only Members who are attending the Guy Fawkes Event with a valid ticket will be allowed in the Club.

Saturday, 22 November

Thomas The Tank Engine Children's Funday & Rugby World Cup Finals
No cars will be allowed on Club premises between 6.00am and Club closure.

Saturday 29 November and 6 December, Sunday, 30 November and 7 December and Friday 5 December

Aladdin Show by Bangkok Community Theatre.

No cars will be allowed on Club premises between 6.00am and 6.00pm.

Saturday 13 December

Centenary and Christmas Ball

No cars will be allowed on Club premises between 6.00am and Club closure.

Tuesday 16 December

Children's Christmas Party

No cars will be allowed on Club premises between 6.00am and 6.30pm.

SPORT'S UPDATE**BE PREPARED FOR THE PILING ON OF POUNDS!**

All Sport's activities started again in September 2003, but it is still possible to join in. Costs shown are for a block of 10 lessons, however Members can participate on a week-by-week basis until the end of the year.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Started on Sunday, 7 September 2003

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

Venue: Back Lawn - Cricket Nets

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

Trainer: Mr. Brian Wiggins, qualified Australian coach

JUNIOR TENNIS

Friday Afternoons

(started on 5 September)

Beginners age 5 - 8 years 4.00pm - 4.30pm B 1,500

Intermediate age 9 - 11 years 4.30pm - 5.30pm B 2,000.

Advanced age 12 - 16 years 5.30pm - 6.30pm B 2,500

Coach Zubin and Piyant Engineer.

JUNIOR SQUASH

Started on Friday, 2 September

Mini Squash: age 5 - 7 years 4.30pm - 5.15pm

Junior Squash: age 8 - 10 years 5.15pm - 6.00pm

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,900 for 10 lessons

JUNIOR SWIMMING

The Bangkok Dolphins' Friday lessons started again on Saturday, 6 September

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons.

TEAKWONDO LESSONS

Started on Sunday, 7 September 2003

Time: 10.30am - 12.00nn

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,800 for 10 lessons

AQUA AEROBICS

Started on Tuesday 2 September. Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Main Pool

Charge: B 2,500 for 10 lessons.

Trainer: Els van den Broecke 01 - 692 0106

AEROBICS

Started on Monday, 1 September.

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Venue: Squash Court 3

** Sunday classes are held from 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

HISTORIC GRAND SLAM FOR BRITISH CLUB GOLFERS

On Sunday 28 September at Royal Ladkrabang, the British Cub Golf Section beat the Japanese Association to win the Honda Cup! As a result of this stunning victory, appropriately achieved in the British Club Centenary Year, we now hold every trophy that we have competed for. This is a first for the Club and we would like to thank all those players who have contributed to our success. Whether you played in one match, or all of them, we couldn't have done it without you! As well as securing the slam, we played our monthly medal and had some fun at Captain's Day.



BC Golf Section Committee with the Grand Slam Trophies

Just for the record, we currently hold the following trophies:

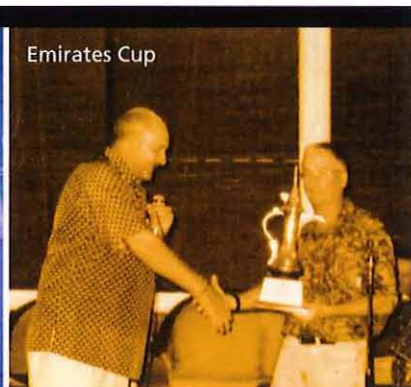
The Merc Cup	BCGS	v	Lighthouse
The SUAL Bell	BCGS	v	GCL
The Magpie Putter	BCGS	v	The Wanderers
The Emirates Cup	BCGS	v	The Londoner
The Volvo Cup	BCGS	v	The Scandinavians
The Honda Cup	BCGS	v	The Japanese Association
	BCGS	v	The Hua Hin Golf Society



Magpie Putter



Volvo Cup



Emirates Cup

CAPTAIN'S DAY AT LAM LUKKA

Every year the BCGS Captain has his chance to get his own back on his fellow golfers - Captain's Day! The Captain can choose any format for the game - the crazier the better. This year Larry Goodliffe opted for the string game. Each player was given six meters of string to use on the course. The string could be used to sink a putt, to improve a lie, to escape from a bunker, to bring a ball back in-bounds, to get a ball back onto dry land, the list of things that could be done with the string is endless.

Before we teed off, it was announced that only nine holes of our round would count - either the front or the back nine depending on the toss of a coin. There were several interesting tactics discussed before we teed off. Sophie Colligan cut her string in half to ensure she used an equal amount on each nine, Karen Holloway decided to save all her string for the back nine as she tends to play the front nine better, Kevin Jones was determined to give himself a hole-in-one no matter how long a piece of string he'd have to use!

The lighthearted nature of the day was evident as Larry teed off on the first with an exploding golf ball! As we made our way around the course there were bits of yellow string in every dustbin. I'm sure the caddies

thought we were all a bit odd teeing off with scissors in our golf bags as well as the usual golfing paraphernalia.

With our round completed it was time for the coin toss to determine which nine would count - heads for the front, tails for the back... David Lamb was hoping for heads having ripped the course apart on the front nine. To add a certain tension to the coin toss, Larry asked David's wife Cheryl to do the honours. I am delighted to report that David and Cheryl are still speaking to each other in spite of the fact that it was tails!

Brian Deeson was our winner with a net 29 on the back nine. We were delighted to welcome Brian and his wife Nathalie back to the Golf Section. Andy Flynn was second with a net 31 beating Jo Goodliffe on countback. Had all eighteen holes counted, our winner would have been David Lamb with a net 56. Bridget Snow returned to the clubhouse with the most string and, unsurprisingly, Kevin Jones used all his string on the front nine and, having got the 'stringy' hole-in-one he had planned.

Jo Goodliffe and David Lamb shared the near pins with two each. The long drives went to Karen Carter and Harland Bulow. The longest putt was disallowed due to the use of string - better luck next time Gareth!



Vice Captain Kevin accepts the Honda Cup



BCGS v the Japanese Association

THE HONDA CUP ROYAL LADKRABANG

BCGS V Japanese Association

The British Club Golfers gathered at Royal knowing that a victory against the Japanese would secure our Grand Slam of trophies. This was our second attempt to play this fixture - the first having been rained-off at President earlier in the year. This time we were outnumbered by the Japanese, so head-to-head matchplay was impossible. Instead we agreed to decide the match by calculating the average stableford score for each side. This was a format that we had beaten the Scandinavians with the previous month.

In spite of our recent success, we knew that the Japanese Association would be extremely tough to beat. This was to be the 22nd time we have played the Japanese and our record was not great. They led us on victories by 12 wins to 8 with one halved match.

As the scores came in it looked bleak for the British Club. We had some great scores in the forties but we were also seeing more scores in the twenties than we would have liked. The Japanese on the other hand were consistency personified with the majority of their players scoring in the low to mid thirties. As the scores were posted on the board, we couldn't tell if we had done enough until the final calculations

were completed. The British Club had an average score of 32.75 and the Japanese 31.5. We had done it!

Barry Ashman was the leading British Club player on the day. He scored an impressive 41 stableford points. Karen Holloway was second with 40 points beating Peter Gale on countback. The technical prizes were evenly spread between the BCGS and the Japanese Players. Vicky Jones and Mike Staples won a near pin each and Karen Holloway took the ladies long drive.

Kevin Jones, standing in for absent captain Larry, adapted the message the Japanese Captain, Furuta San, had given us all the previous year following their crushing victory. 'British Club, do more work! Japanese Association, do more practice!'. Several of the Japanese Association have been spotted on the driving ranges of Bangkok in recent weeks!

As always, this fixture was played in great spirit and the hospitality of our Japanese hosts was second to none. Congratulations to all our players and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

SEPTEMBER MEDAL AT KHAO KEOW

We had a great turn-out of 30 players for the September Medal at Khao Keow. The conditions were perfect and we enjoyed mostly blue skies

and just a touch of rain. The benign conditions were reflected in the scoring with many people playing below their handicaps.

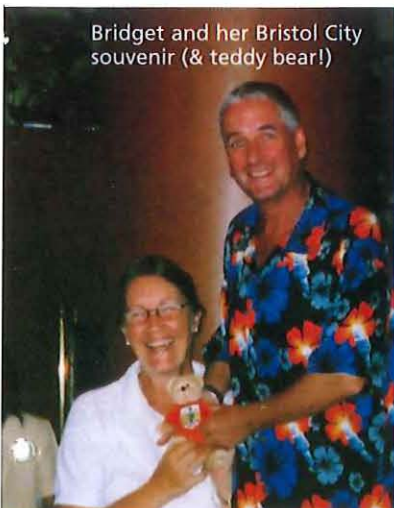
It was hot work as we teed off, so hot in fact that Pat Dean's caddy fainted on the sixth hole and had to be driven back to the clubhouse. A replacement was found and play continued. You know it's hot when even the caddies are struggling!

Andy Flynn continued his run of form winning A flight with a net 68. Karen Carter was second with a net 69. If you get the chance, ask Karen to explain her Ham and Cheese theory to you! Mike Staples was third with a net 69 having lost to Karen on countback.

It was business as usual for Edwin Ferner who won B Flight with a net 68. Tom Magarry was a close second also with 68, but losing on countback. Mike Poustie was third with a net 69.

In C Flight Orin Baldwin was our winner with a net 73. Bryan Baldwin was second with a net 65. (They seem to take it in turns to win a medal!). Diane Bulow was third with a net 80. The Near Pins went to Harland Bulow on B3 and C8, Pat Dean on B8 and Jo Goodliffe on C3. Brian Brook won the Men's Long Drive and Diane Bulow won the Ladies'. Adrian O'Brien sunk the longest putt.

Vicky Jones



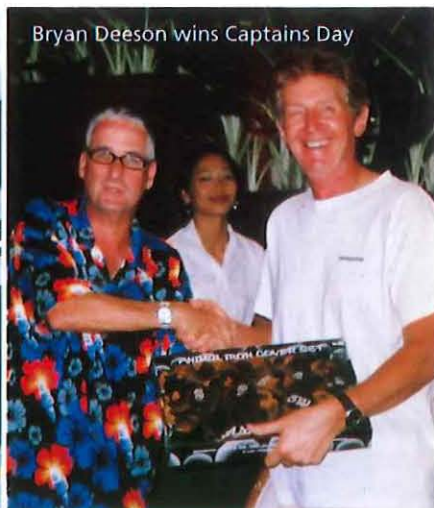
Bridget and her Bristol City souvenir (& teddy bear!)



Andy wins on his debut in A Flight



Orin wins C Flight



Bryan Deeson wins Captains Day

LONG SERVICE AWARDS RECEIVED BY MANY

Wednesday 8 October saw the annual presentation of the Long Service Awards, ranging from 5 to 35 years of dedicated service to the Club and its Members. The professionalism and caring shown by the staff helps make the Club so special. I'm sure all Members will join me in congratulating the recipients!



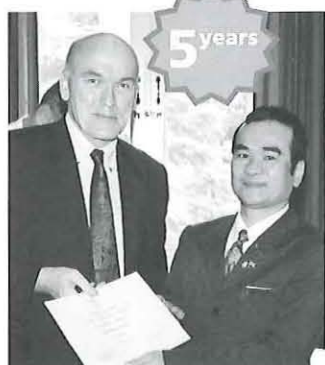
Khun Ruengrit Turiwong, Fitness Supervisor, 5 years



Khun Sangvon Posim, Poolside Waitress, 5 years



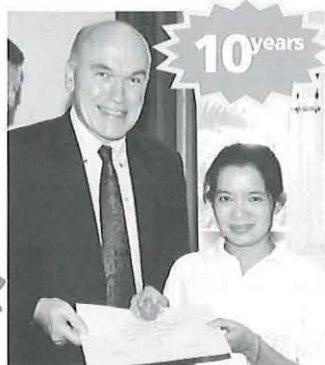
Khun Vichain Khunritsong, Poolside Waiter, 5 years



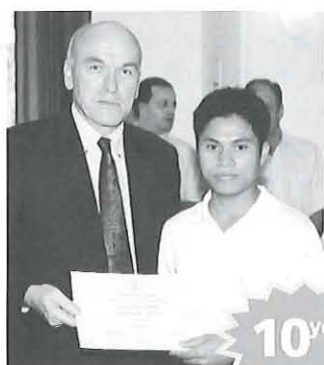
Khun Kasem Modphai, Churchill Bar Manager, 5 years



Khun Sunanta Haboonphol, Steward/Poolside Kitchen, 5 years



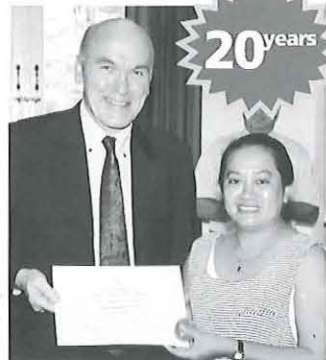
Khun Pradup Kumfeung, Fitness Receptionist, 10 years



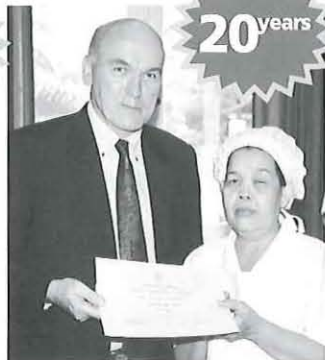
Khun Somboon Chaiprom, Catering Supervisor, 10 years



Khun Wanchai Rittirak, Painter, 10 years



Khun Morakot Sukmai, Poolside Waitress, 20 years



Khun Premjai Ukkrit, Poolside Cook, 20 years



Khun Arpha Unchanbutr, Poolside Bar Manager, a whopping 35 years!



Congratulations to all Award Winners.



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A recent international survey concluded that Americans are winners at business because they take care of their smile. They brush their teeth more frequently than do the Europeans and they have cosmetic dentistry (caps and crowns and veneers) more readily. Maintaining that winning smile gives them an edge over their competitors. It's a reasonable conclusion, because the first thing we notice when we meet people are their eyes, immediately after our gaze drifts to their smile; the whiter the smile the more positive our attitude to the owner of the smile.

There are many products you can buy that claim to whiten teeth, but theirs' is a long and slow process with limited results. For a speedy



white smile there is only one sure-fire way; and it is available right in the centre of Bangkok.

Coffee and tea, soft drinks, red wine, tobacco and some foods, and much of what we happily put into our mouths each and every day strip the gleam from our smiles. Regular brushing, of course, is essential for healthy gums, fresh breath, and to reduce bacteria. The bad news is that brushing alone is not enough to keep that beautiful sheen. You and your dentist have to do more to keep your pearlyies as white as the driven snow.

The BNH Hospital is yet again at the forefront of dentistry art, having imported from the United States the latest in cosmetic dentistry technology: LaserSmile.

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Dentists try to produce miracles but teeth are as individual as their owners, so the degree of whitening will vary.



Heavily soiled or aging teeth may need more than one session, and some people may have an allergy to the gel. However, the dentist will be able to give advice on the suitability of your teeth, and how much whiter your teeth will be. As long as good dental hygiene is maintained, providing your enjoyment of coffee and tea is reasonable, the effect is long lasting.

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BRUCE'S FOLLY - OH NOT ANOTHER ONE

As we commence the planning of the British Club Thailand Ten's tournament for April 2004, Scribe thought it wise to reflect on the marvellous event held earlier this year and in particular, the role of a certain Bruce Hill - who has recently been seen in a cameo role rather similar to that of a conquering Roman General. Marcus Mucus springs to mind as it was so unsightly!

Those of you who may have attended the British Club Centenary Ten's would perhaps have noticed from the event programme that the idea of the event was suggested by Bruce Hill at a rugby section AGM in 2002. Following the general acceptance of his idea, the Cen 10's affectionately became known thereafter as "Bruce's Folly". And Folly it was as Bruce's sidestep left poor Ben Knowles with quite a lot to do!

At a rugby section committee meeting that followed the successful staging of "Bruce's Folly", the Fat Boy as he quite often referred to, announced that he wished to resign after a somewhat busy year involved with the rugby section. It was a year that was preceded by many years "previous" during which Bruce had been involved as both a player and as a committee member, always putting his social organisation skills to good use!

This decision was believed to be aided and abetted by the fact that Fat Boy was sporting a somewhat bruised liver as a result of looking after Jeff Probyn for five days, during which it is widely believed that he managed only 12 hours sleep during the former England prop's stay in town.

After he had recovered from the Probyn visit, Bruce did briefly come out of playing retirement at the Pattaya 10's in May. A few of the more pleasant photos accompany this article.

At the rugby section AGM held in early June he almost got away with his resignation threat, but alas, he made another suggestion - more of which later!

As the "Fat Boy's" chief culprit in arms, rugby section Chairman Jon Prichard had noted in the Cen 10's programme, "Bruce was born 13 and a half stone and has no neck...", I had always thought of Bruce as being an out-and-out man of the front row union. Imagine my surprise one afternoon at the British Club whilst watching a televised rugby match, the "Fat Boy" admitted that his rugby life had in fact started amongst the girls on the wing!

To be fair to him, this was in response to Scribe sharing an inner-most secret of my own - that I am part Welsh! I do believe that our beloved Fat Boy was so shocked and felt so sorry for me that he simply had to share his own dark secret of his start in the noble game of union!

As mentioned earlier, Bruce is known for making somewhat bold statements at Rugby section AGM's - the latest of which was also seized upon.

Bruce noted that as much of the focus of the rugby section was now in developing our Thai players, that perhaps this should be extended into schools where rugby is played, by holding coaching clinics and the like. What

Bruce had perhaps intended to be his farewell speech turned into his latest downfall, as Chairman Jon Prichard immediately proposed to the AGM that a new position of "Youth Development" be created on the rugby section committee and proposed that this position be filled by Bruce Hill! The proposal swiftly being seconded by Scribe, and passed unanimously from the floor, Fat Boy has (we hope!) extended his stay on the rugby section committee for a further year and we await with baited breath to Bruce's announcement next year!



With the game but three minutes old, Bruce is tired and confused. Is he telling a story about fishing or does he think he is an Aussie Rules goal umpire?



Fat Boy in motion.



One for the ladies...



In need of refreshment, our hero heads towards the beer tent just before kick off.

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THAI NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ERIC RUSH DINNER

When rugby sevens master Eric Rush recently visited Bangkok, the local Kiwi community turned out en masse to hear what the great man had to say. The BC Rugby Section sent a small delegation too!

THE BC CREW

BC Rugby Section committee members Jon Prichard, Bruce Hill, Ben Knowles, Keith Cronshaw and Bob Merrigan together with team captain Eddie Evans recently attended an evening with New Zealand 7's master Eric Rush. The evening was hosted by the Thai New Zealand Chamber of Commerce (TNZCC) at the JW Marriott on 27 September.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

When Chairman Jon Prichard learned that Eric Rush was coming to town, he quickly recorded the event in his infamous "Palm Pilot thing" and booked a table. It wasn't until early September that he bothered to advise the other members of the BC Rugby Brains Trust of the evening when issuing his three line whip to attend the function. He was advised by the TNZCC that the dress code for the evening was to be smart casual, but a collective decision was made that we would attend with BC Blazers. Imagine our surprise when we entered the pre-function drinks area and witnessed the Kiwi interpretation of smart casual dress - we were passed by two Kiwi cousins dressed in surfing shorts and Hawaiian shirts! We were then greeted by some smart Alec announcing, "I see that the band has arrived!"

At this point we turned around and realised that we were perhaps slightly over dressed! John Pollard, the TNZCC Chairman, duly arrived dressed in an All Blacks rugby jersey and a pair of jeans! Looking around we noticed that the ever reliable "Marvellous" Marvyn Lewis of the BC Squash Section had not let the side down sporting a rather challenging Hawaiian shirt that even turned a few Kiwi heads and required heavily shaded sun glasses to avoid the glare. If he could only add the words "dude and bru" to his Welsh tones, he would surely pass as a surfer!

TRADITIONAL MAORI GREETING

Soon we were called to our table and, on entering the function room, were greeted by the Bangkok Maori Group standing in silence, at which point a Kiwi lady proclaimed "I am not used to seeing my husband half naked and dressed only in a grass skirt in public" inferring that she was only used to this behind closed doors at home! A traditional greeting was then



Members of the Bangkok Maori Group welcome guests to the TNZCC function.

performed for Eric Rush and after observing that quaint custom of nose rubbing, the Bangkok Maori Group then entertained us with a traditional song.

Eric then joined them as they proceeded to perform the Haka. Not having witnessed this so close before, collective hairs were standing on the back of the variety of necks on our table including four front "fat neck" forwards. A truly remarkable sight, and Mr. Rush only knows one way to perform the Haka - with great passion.

GREAT RUGBY PLAYER AND PUBLIC SPEAKER

Now, Eric Rush is a truly outstanding rugby player who, down the years, has been a great ambassador for All Black rugby. Having started his career as a flanker before reverting to a position on the wing, he was told he was too small to play international 15-a-side rugby. He then managed to carve out a career in 7's that has lasted over ten years. The 7's format now has its own IRB sponsored international circuit and Rushie has been synonymous with the All Blacks 7's and ranks alongside Waisale Serevi of Fiji as a master of the 7's game.

Outstanding rugby player apart, Scribe was not really expecting Mr. Rush's speech to be side splitting but it was full of wonderful stories including his beginnings in northern part of New Zealand's North Island, his schooling, his continued lack of selection for representative schools rugby and a supportive father who continued to encourage and told his son not to take heart with the lack of selector wisdom and to stick to his guns.

We then heard of his early days at Auckland, his entry into the All Blacks Squad for whom he was to appear thirty times including ten test matches before concentrating on the 7's format. Particularly amusing was his story of a visit to

Buckingham Palace and an alleged exchange of banter between several of his teammates and the late Princess of Wales.

KIWI MEN AND SHEEP!

He then admitted what the rest of the world has long known - that apart from New Zealand being known as "The Long White Cloud" is also a land where sheep sh*!#ing is a long-held tradition. Apparently from the age of 14, all Kiwi men go through a ritual with a young sheep (no mention of wellies!) and then continue this forever more. He then went on to explain that the largest export market for New Zealand lamb happened to be England - so who were the fools!

THE FUTURE?

In closing he answered several questions from the audience and admitted that the potential of being the first New Zealander to play Sevens rugby at the age of forty held a certain challenge for him - the master is currently 38. We hope to see him back on the field in the not too distant future and may well see him at the Hong Kong 7's next year.

Following his speech he kindly signed autographs for probably everyone in the function room before mingling easily with all the guests. He even willingly had his photo taken with members of the BC table and even obliged a request from Scribe to speak via mobile phone to a friend who is a great fan in Sussex, England!

TRADITIONAL BC EXIT

After consuming our allocation of wine plus a few extra bottles and the traditional bottle of port smuggled in, the BC contingent exited in conventional fashion led by Rugby Chairman Jon Prichard on bent knees to the tune of "Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, it's off to work we go, ..." except we paid a visit to one of our sponsors!

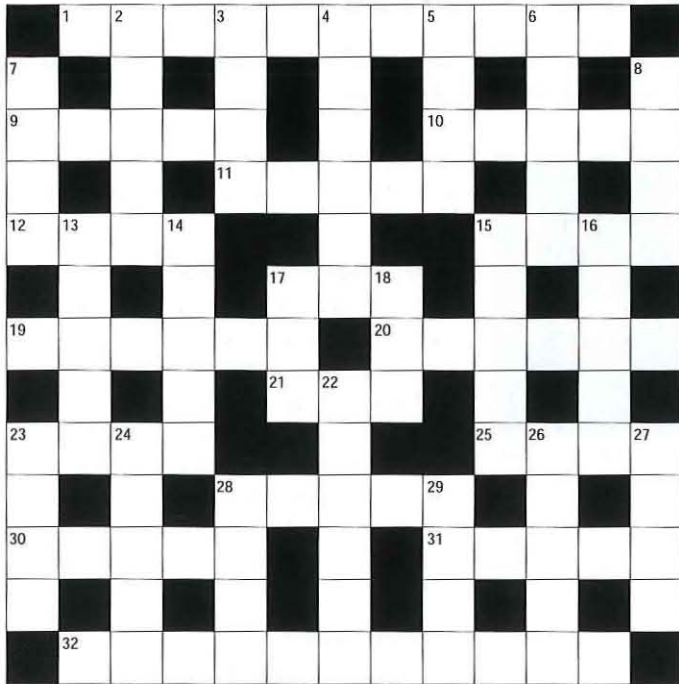
There is no doubt that Eric Rush will go down in history as one of the best proponents the 7's game has seen. He also is an uncanny after dinner speaker and a good bloke to boot! We look forward to his return to Bangkok and perhaps when he hangs up his boots professionally, we'll manage to persuade him to pull on a pink & black jersey and turn out for the BC!

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PS: You can probably tell that Scribe is a fan!

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RESOLVE THE UNKNOWN IN NOVEMBER



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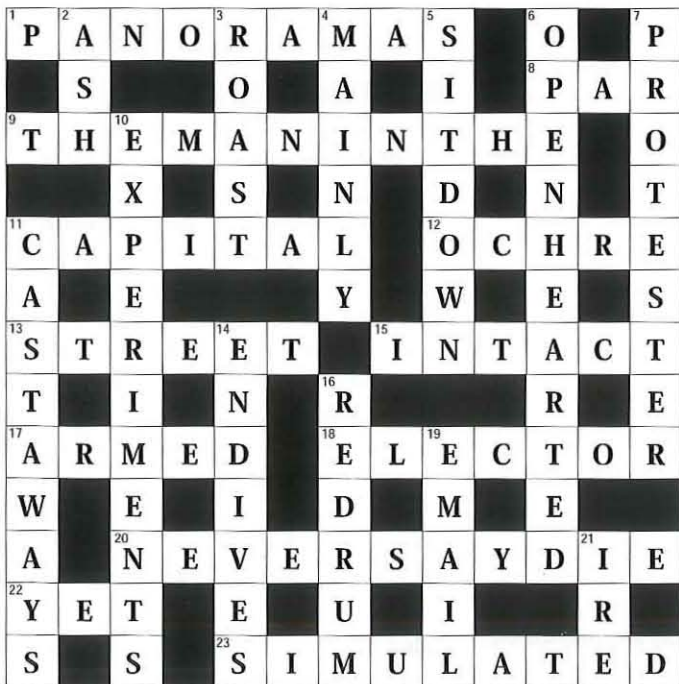
ACROSS

1. Secret resistance - on London's tube?
9. "As soon believe a _____ or an epitaph." (Byron)
10. He was known as "The Pelvis."
11. Full of desire.
12. In the altogether.
15. In addition.
17. Are around for a period of time.
19. Revoke - or ring again.
20. Tax on a new car - round one's neck!
21. Pay for services.
23. Absorbed - sounds as if you'd packed a parcel.
25. Little dwellers in the village pond.
28. Might be a well-preserved 9 across!
30. Quite enough.
31. Fruit of the oak.
32. You can pop into these Uncles!

DOWN

2. A boy comes back to be a wanderer.
3. A golden bird.
4. She was a hot tap-dancer!
5. Rove around and be finished.
6. Part of your anatomy that's orange!
7. "My soul... which like a sleeping _____ doth float." (Shelley)
8. Just solo for a capital.
13. A Muslim man of learning.
14. The first woman on a holy book? Just a happening!
15. "Such laboured nothings _____ the unlearned." (Alexander Pope)
16. Begin a sudden movement.
17. A mischievous creature.
18. A winning serve.
22. A Devonshire part - no longer Othello?
23. Bob, Bing and Dorothy took one to Utopia long ago!
24. She gives her dad the pip!
26. Sounds like a bloomer but makes bread...
27. ... and sounds as if this Province of Pakistan did wrong!
28. Equidistant from both extremes - or just stingy?
29. Pull that American!

Solution October



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