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Editor

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BARRY'S BANTER

Dear Members,

We have stacks of activities lined up over the next few months!

This month sees the long-awaited return of the St Andrews Society scottish dance practices, every Monday from 7pm, when members can reel and squeal the night away! These practices lead up to the St Andrews Ball held on December 4th. Also on Monday nights we'll be laying on a BBQ from 6-9pm, so even if you're not going to the Ball why not pop along and enjoy a meal at the Club.

This month's feature in Lords is a New Zealand Wine & Dine Supper with guest Chef Glen Prentice and wines supplied by Tom Westbury from Prestige Wine. The dinner costs Baht 1600 per head and wine maker, Rebecca Salmon, will also be on hand to describe the wines and answer any questions. Members will also be able to purchase wines at specially discounted prices.

It's the Club's Big Bang on Sunday, 7th November when we'll be celebrating Guy Fawkes Night with a dazzling firework display. This year soft drinks for the children are included in the price. Khun Suzie will be around to help the kids make their own 'Guys'. There will be other crafts and activities, a magic show, and jazz band for the grown-ups! Plenty for all so book early.

Loy Kratong is also celebrated this month, signalling the end of the wet season. This year we will again celebrate this festival at the fabulous Suan Thip Riverside Restaurant in Nontaburi.

By now you should have received your Christmas order list. Just let us know what you need to make your Christmas special and we'll order for you. Stylish British Club Christmas Cards are also on sale at reception, priced at only Bt 40 Baht each or a special price of 10 for Bt 350.

Children can celebrate Christmas in lively fun-loving fashion with their own Disco on Friday 10th December. No parents please! The Childrens Christmas party is on Wednesday 15th December.

On 11th December is our Christmas Ball, the only ball to be held under the stars and definitely the best in town! We commence with Canapes on the front lawn and an open bar from 7pm, followed by a traditional christmas dinner catered by the Shangrila Hotel. Music is provided by the Thai Royal Naval Band and Paul Jackson's Disco.

We're taking bookings for Christmas Lunch and Dinner and for the New Year Cruise and family N.Y. party.

Details of all of our events are posted at the Club and in What's On in this issue.

Wishing all of you a great time at the Club.

Best wishes,
Barry



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WHAT'S ON

REMEMBER, REMEMBER NOVEMBER!

GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Sunday, 7th November, 4.30pm

Treason and conspiracy are rolled into one fantastic evening of fun and fireworks for the whole family in this traditional re-enactment of the infamous Gun Powder Plot. Fantastic pyrotechnics, a bonfire for the 'guys', and a wonderful BBQ. Bt 600 for adults; Bt 450 for children under 12 years.

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

Tuesday, 9th November

Churchill Bar

Calling all new members! Starting at 7.30pm, join us for drinks, chat and some tasty food as we welcome you to the club. Members who have nominated a new member are also requested to bring their new member along.

NEW ZEALAND WINE DINNER

Thursday, 11th November

Lord's Restaurant - 7pm onwards

Guest Chef Glenn Prentice from Auckland will be teaming up with Peter Fredatovich from Lincoln wines in NZ to offer you the very best wining and dining experience.

Cost: Baht 1,600 per person

VIDEO NIGHT - FAWLTY TOWERS

Thursday, 11th November

Suriwongse Room

Enjoy some British Comedy at its best with a dose of Fawlty Towers on our big screen. The perfect comic relief at the end of the working week.

QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 16th November

Lords Restaurant

Who? What? When? Where? Why? Quizmaster Rodney Bain invites you to enter the BCB Prize Quiz with F&B prizes for the winners and runners-up. Teams of up to 6 players, Bt 100 each per person. Full Churchill F&B and Lords Wine Menu available. Sign up at Reception.

LOY KRATONG

Friday, 26th November

Suan Thip Riverside Restaurant

Enjoy a sumptuous Royal Thai cuisine buffet, feast your eyes on Thai classical dancing, sail your kratong down the mighty Chao Phraya river and watch the fireworks paint a colourful picture across the moonlit sky.

We invite you to join your fellow club members this year at the Suan Thip Riverside Restaurant which, for this magical festival, will transform into a shimmering candle-lit garden of enchantment.

Sign up at Reception

Cost: Adults Bt 1700; Children 3-12 yrs Bt 950; Under 3 yrs Bt 350.

SURVEY

WHERE 'AB FAB' MEETS 'AGATHA CHRISTIE'

Twice a month we put on a selection of British comedies and British detectives on the Big Screen upstairs in the Club House. So far we have enjoyed selections from nearly two dozen programmes - from Jeeves & Wooster to Miss Marple, from Only Fools & Horses to Cracker, from The Sweeney to The Eric Sykes Silent Classics!

Each evening starts at 7.30pm so that people can eat ahead or with the programme, and we aim to conclude by about 9.30pm - so you can get home early!

As we approach the end of 2004, we are planning at the 2005 Season of British Club Big Screen nights - thus we would like YOU to decide what programmes we can bring you. You can either hand this short Survey into the Club General Manager or e-mail to us at paulc@loxinfo.co.th

Thanks,

Paul Cheesman, Steve Eaton & Greg Watkins

BCB BIG SCREEN SURVEY 2005

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Please tick programmes that you would like featured next year - or just add in your own!

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COURT FOR A HUNDRED BAHT!

THE HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP 2004

The BCB Squash Handicap Championships commenced on 7th September with the finals on Sunday 26th. There were 20 entries.

The final of the plate was between Jess and Ken Grimshaw with Ken starting on -20 and Jess on +5. This turned out to be a close match with Jess winning in five sets, 13-15, 15-12, 15-11, 15-13. Ken looked like winning because of his fitness but in the final set Jess played some aggressive shots and came up with some good winners. Ken was a perfect gentleman throughout but sometimes it is more difficult to be consistent when you are playing at a slower pace.

Ken received a trophy and 1000 baht dinner voucher from Sofitel Central Plaza Hotel Bangkok compliments of Martin Reed. Jess received a trophy and 2000 baht dinner voucher from the Landmark Hotel compliments of Marc Sayer.

The final of the main event was one of the best matches I have seen at the BCB. James Quinn started on -4 and Mike Stuttard started on +5 which meant that James had to score two points to every one of Mike's. In the first game there were some great rallies with Mike going for difficult winners which came off every time and he won easily 15-5. The second game James moved that bit quicker and began to get some of the drop shots that he was missing in the first game and managed to win 15-13. The third game Mike won easily 15-2 and it looked as if he was going to win the match as he had won two games by more than the handicap difference which means he would have won from scratch.

In the fourth game James played some incredible squash and got to 7-9 when Mike scored 3 more points to bring the game to 7-12 and then James scored 7 in a row to be 14-12 up. Mike wasn't going to give in and scored two more points to bring it to 14-14 with



Peter and James Quinn

Mike on match point and James on game point. Then they had one of the best rallies of the match with James finally hitting a drop volley. Now they were 2 games each. Both players had played very well and retrieved nearly everything with

many long rallies. In the final game James was still running well but Mike lost that bit of speed as he was near exhaustion. James easily won the final game 15-9. The final scores being 5-15, 15-13, 2-15, 15-14, 15-9. James Quinn was now the

BCB Handicap Champion as well as being the Club Champion.

Mike received a trophy and 1,000 baht dinner voucher from Sofitel Central Plaza Bangkok Hotel and James received a trophy and 3,000 baht gift voucher compliments of ACA Pacific Group.

The presentation of prizes was followed by drinks and eats compliments of the squash section. Thank you to all the participants in the Handicap Championships and thank you to those spectators who gave a good atmosphere to the finals.

I would also like to thank David Lines for officiating at the finals. He is an international standard referee.

LEAGUE WINNERS September 2004

Division 1	David Eastgate
Division 2	Shiraz
Division 3	Mike Stuttard
Division 4	Chris Platt

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Sunday 5th December (King's birthday) there will be the Sunday morning mix-in followed by our Xmas party - good food and music and lots of beer. Please keep a lookout for future emails and details.

Next January 2005 there will once again be the annual joint venture pilgrimage to Chiang Mai with Jack "boy" Dunford's wanabee cliketers. Both teams lost last year - the squashies blamed the cliketers for the squash defeat and cliketers blamed the squashies for cliket



Peter and Jess

defeat. The real reason was that we were all well-oiled the night before. It's a great weekend so please let Chris Browning know if you want to play squash and Jack "boy" Dunford if you want to play cliket (any old standard will do, the older the better to match the squad's average age of 63).

HELLOS AND GOODBYES

Welcome back to Phil Hall after a long spell in the Philippines. It is great to see him back at the Club and on the squask comeback trail again.

Marvyn Lewis

LADIES SQUASH

Jayne Mellor's Ladies Squash morning every Wednesday at 10 o'clock. All standards including beginners are welcome. Squash rackets are provided free of charge. All you need is a pair of non-marking shoes.

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Peter and Mike



Peter and Ken



Jess and Ken

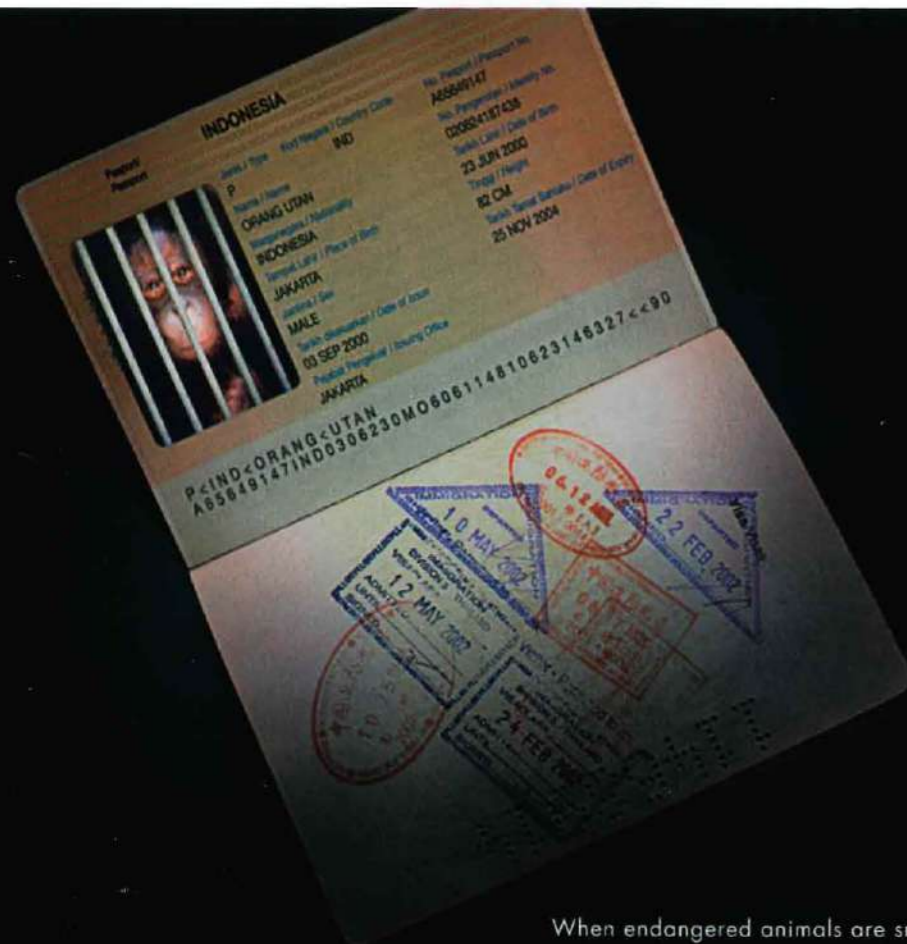
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CRICKET PART I

CLICKET LOVELY CLICKET AT CHIANG MAI WHERE I SAW IT

It has been many long months since the traumatic events at the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club during the weekend of Friday January 16th to Sunday January 18th. While most of the British Club cricket players are now out of therapy and allowed brief, escorted, strolls around the gardens of Doctor Nick White's Institute, it will be many an innings until most of these stalwart gentlemen will be allowed to think about the interplay of leather and willow, let alone actually murmur the dread word "CLICKET" once again.



With the boys (spot the cap!)



Colin & Andre keep their noses clean



We can beat this lot!

As tour scribe, I myself have been subjected to the most intense form of psychoanalysis and psychoactive drug therapy that the modern medical profession has on offer, so that I can at least get the monstrous images from that weekend out of my head and into the public realm.
The annual BC Cricket and Squash tour to Chiang Mai is renowned as a



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CRICKET PART I

joyful weekend of relaxing gentle sporting endeavour amidst the flying divots and golf balls of the Gymkhana Club oval, interspersed with lazy hours spent socializing and "re-hydrating" beneath the spreading boughs of the Club's venerable and majestic trees. Hence the pre-tour preparations of Captain Dunford's attempts to organise fascist paramilitary-style boot camps in the guise of net practice and the like, were treated with the studied contempt that they so richly deserved.

There was some early heckling from said captain on the plane going up to Chiang Mai along the lines of ... "now this round red thing here is called a cricket ball" etc, but as the tour was officially "on" by then, any possible benefit that these asides could have had were lost in a welter of alcohol and amusing badinage from the lads. The traditional weekend's H.Q. was established at the excellent Downtown Inn a mere round red thing's throw from the Night Market and the equally excellent O'Malley's Irish hostelry. Captain Dunford must have been heartened by the fettle and enthusiasm shown by his men for the sporting activities at the Friday evening's gathering. Purists might quibble that it was pool and not cricket that was being savoured, but then they have so much in common. Balls, bits of wood, green stuff, runs (to the loo) drink breaks, and chatting

up the spectating females, so there was every reason to believe that this was excellent preparation for the coming onslaught.

As the evening wore on some of the longer standing members of the team did seem to be indulging in Thatcher-esque economies of veracity when describing their past clicketing deeds. One member of the normally upstanding medical fraternity recollected that he had cracked a mighty 44 off one extended over. In addition a vertically challenged antipodean member of the crew boasted that his googly had accounted for no less than the entire Gymkhana Club team during a clash in the late nineteenth century. But by this stage the late night noodles were weaving their potent magic and we should probably draw a discreet veil over the more lavish of these claims.

Saturday saw the traditional warm up game against the lads from the local schools and colleges around Chiang Mai and most enjoyable this was too. This gentle trot serves three important purposes of course. Firstly lulling the visitors into an entirely false sense of security about their clicketing abilities. Secondly, acclimatising them to the savage January heat and strange obstacle course that is the Gymkhana Club's cricket oval. And thirdly, building a rampaging thirst that will take until 3am the next morning to get under control.



Marro signs yet another autograph

Add in the fact that most of the cricket lads were also a part of Marvellous Marvin's "we was robbed Guv" squash team who played after the Saturday cricket, and you can begin to see the immense physical and mental challenge that a tour of this nature can place upon a band of even the most finely honed Olympians.

It is of course traditional for a bunch of "ringers" from the Gymkhana Club (their real team being safely tucked up in bed with their Horlicks by 10 p.m.) to take us out and get us legless on the Saturday night. This they attempted to do at, yes just what we needed in the northern capital of fine Thai dining, ANOTHER IRISH PUB!!! Well, it was billed as such, but as it was situated many miles out, had no noticeable Irish characteristics and indeed very few characteristics of being a pub, it was a strange choice.

Not to worry, the lads headed off to the Riverside Pub around midnight for some "Fizz Buzz and Ducky Fuzz" just the stuff to sharpen our fielding reactions on the 'morrow, or actually later that day as it now was.

Surveying the BC team who were fielding first on a hot Sunday morn, I was struck by the blinding insight that we may not have prepared ourselves for this fixture with quite the dedication that it merited.

Hang overs, aches and pains, and players who were going to have to leave early, abounded. Meanwhile the Gymkhana Club team seemed to be comprised of a race of Indian and South African mountain men who we had never seen before, certainly not at last night's ersatz Irish Pub, that was for sure.

We got through some good opening overs from Messrs White and Dance including the Doctor's traditional opening ball with all our fielders behind the batsman, but as the morning and heat began to take its toll the run rate accelerated, until by mid way through their innings our opposition were cracking boundaries at an alarming rate.

Their highly professional efforts were somewhat aided and abetted by some rather unorthodox boundary rope antics by Messrs Taylor, Hall and yours truly and some interesting non catches by Wickie Lamb and Grumpy Tissera. Anyway a positively Himalayan total of 295 seemed to have accrued from their efforts when lunchtime arrived and we availed ourselves of a much needed break from our toils.

Despite the Herculean task, we did open our innings rather well with Messrs White, Lamb and Thwaites showing us some stylish shots while keeping the run rate up where it needed to be. Sadly Nick

CRICKET PART I



What a bummer! Dick Wood Trophy lost

Thwaites then had to leave to catch an early plane and despite some heroic cameos by Messrs Lamb, Hastings, Dunford and Geoff Thompson we were only able to compile half of their total by the fall of our last wicket.

So, the Dick Hill trophy was handed back to the Gymkhana lads

following last year's perhaps surprising B.C victory. Captain Jack delivered some beautifully crafted words on the meaning of it all, none of which I can recall at this juncture.

As if on cue, the dusk began to gather across the extensive greensward of the Gymkhanan

Club, moths flitted among the Cassuarinas and the lights from the clubhouse danced their spangled loops. We sat in a circle beneath the darkening trees, drinking ice cold ones and being harangued by "Fines Master" White for the abundant transgressions of the weekend.

Maybe we do live in a harsher, colder world than the one in which we grew up, but there is little to beat "Clicket Lovely Clicket" for making the world whole again.

Contributed by

Barry Daniel

WINE TASTING

RAISE YOUR GLASS

17 SEPTEMBER

Another enjoyable evening with complimentary BC snacks, good conversation and superb wines sponsored by Splendid Surplus, Cannon Pacific and Simple Mind.



Jack and Hild grace the scene

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!



Whilst visiting Thailand to take part in the annual elephant polo in Hua Hin, former All Blacks Stu Wilson, Bernie Fraser and Steve McDowell recently took part in a function at The Four Seasons. ESPN Star Sports Justin "Sambo" Sampson, a good friend of British Club Rugby was the evening's MC and the four of them plus four FB's from the Rugby Section Committee managed to share a few cleansing ales during the course of a fantastic night.

THE ADVANCE WARNING

During Sambo's visit to Bangkok in May, he gave advance warning of a potential evening involving several rugby personalities at a function for which Sambo would be MC. When the plan came to fruition, we were advised that the players would be former All Blacks Stu Wilson, Bernie Fraser and Steve McDowell.

Our last evening with Sambo left us with somewhat sore heads and the infamous "Turtle Head" incident (Viv: no name attributed this time - whoops!) but with plenty of time since to recover, the BC contingent were looking forward to being reunited with our friend from ESPN Star Sports.

DRESS CODE INSTRUCTIONS AND A RENDEZVOUS FOR A FEW LIVENERS

A calling to order was immediately issued with Dress Code instructions of "Club Blazers" after which a clarification of "don't forget the St. George's waistcoats!" was issued. BC Rugby Committee Members Jon Prichard, Bruce Hill, Keith Cronshaw and Bob Merrigan duly met at the Crown Royal for a few pre-function liveners during which a crate of Tiger Beer was consumed before we headed off to The Four Season Hotel for even more alcohol! An argument broke between messers Cronshaw and

Hill over the quickest route to the hotel which "The Lard" eventually won handsomely probably because he was accompanied by Scribe! The dastardly duo of Prichard and Hill followed in what seemed like hours later. "The Lard" reminded them of this fact whenever the opportunity arose throughout the evening.

"HELLO, MY NAME IS STU WILSON..."

Upon arrival, the dignified group of BC FB's helped themselves to a marvelous selection of fine New Zealand wines and approached the wonderful buffet like animals approach a feeding trough. It was therefore no surprise when we bumped into fellow Committee member Keith "Shredder" Rowley who was inappropriately dressed with no blazer or waistcoat.

Being so stunningly dressed has its advantages as when the famous four entered the function room Stu Wilson immediately headed to the assembled FB's and introduced himself "Hello, my name is Stu Wilson, you lot look like rugby blokes, fancy a beer or would you prefer wine?" Stu immediately complemented us on our marvelous dress at which point Sambo arrived he was asked by "The Lard" why he was not wearing his Club Blazer presented during his visit in May. After some useless excuse Scribe chirped in with "



Six FB's (forwards) and two girls (backs)

Omar the Tent maker will be in tears at the fact that you are not displaying his handywork!"

The famous four freely circulated away and signing autographs plus having their pictures taken and like the BC FB's, happily consumed copious amounts of liquid! Before too long it was time to earn their corn and Sambo assembled the former players in a somewhat relaxed setting, a small stage with all four sitting on bar stools - how remarkably refreshing!

TOURS, BUCKINGHAM PALACE AND THE MISSING CROCKERY

Sambo lead off with reading out profiles of each of the former All Blacks and asking them each a series of questions. We learned of both Stu and Bernie's banning from the amateur game during the 1980's - Stu for writing an autobiography and Bernie for contributing to it! They talked about the overseas tours and of a wonderful per diem of 45 pence each day whilst on tour in the UK in the late 1970's and off a visit to

Buckingham Palace! Stu told a marvellous storey of how during a visit to meet Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, an assembled collection of All Blacks managed to fill their pockets with cutlery, crockery, glassware, ash trays from the room and exited the room feeling good about themselves. On the way out a Footman mentioned to one of them that they had learned from previous visits to leave out damaged or broken wares as the knew it would all vanish!

AND YOUR GREATEST INFLUENCE?

It was quite difficult for both Bernie Fraser and Steve McDowell to get a word in edgways as Stu Wilson was in full flow - running around the function room like a rabbit on speed! Feeling that Bernie should perhaps participate a little more, Scribe asked him who was his greatest influence. Bernie talked about his background in Fiji, the influence of his father and the fact that they kept a picture of Nelson Mandela on the wall in the family home. One day Bernie's father turned to him whilst pointing at



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RUGBY

the picture of Madiba saying "make sure you don't end up in jail like that bloke!" The whole room fell to their knees in laughter - a great tag line at a time the beer and wine was kicking in to everyone. Shortly afterwards the famous four concluded their show to cheers and clapping signing a few more autographs, having a few more photos taken and signing Scribe's beloved rugby ball.

JOIN US FOR A FEW DRINKS MORE!

Once the events were concluded we asked the famous four if they would care to join us for a few

drinks more and proceeded to climb into a fleet of taxis and headed off to a few bars where the stories and jokes continued well into the early hours. Somewhere along the way, Scribe realised that he had left his rugby ball in the function room and despite several attempts at contacting the hotel, Scribe's spoken Thai managed to desert him and was only able to utter complete nonsense. We carried from bar to bar until closing with none of us having a clear recollection of how we managed to get home but we extend our thanks to Sambo, Stu, Bernie and Steve for a great evening of true rugby camaraderie. We hope to see them all again in Bangkok soon.

THE MORNING AFTER - NEVER AGAIN OR ALMOST!

The morning after was somewhat of a blur! Thankfully Scribe had booked a day's leave fearing that a reunion with Sambo would lead to a late



Scribe educates Bernie Fraser on some fundamentals of Spoofing!

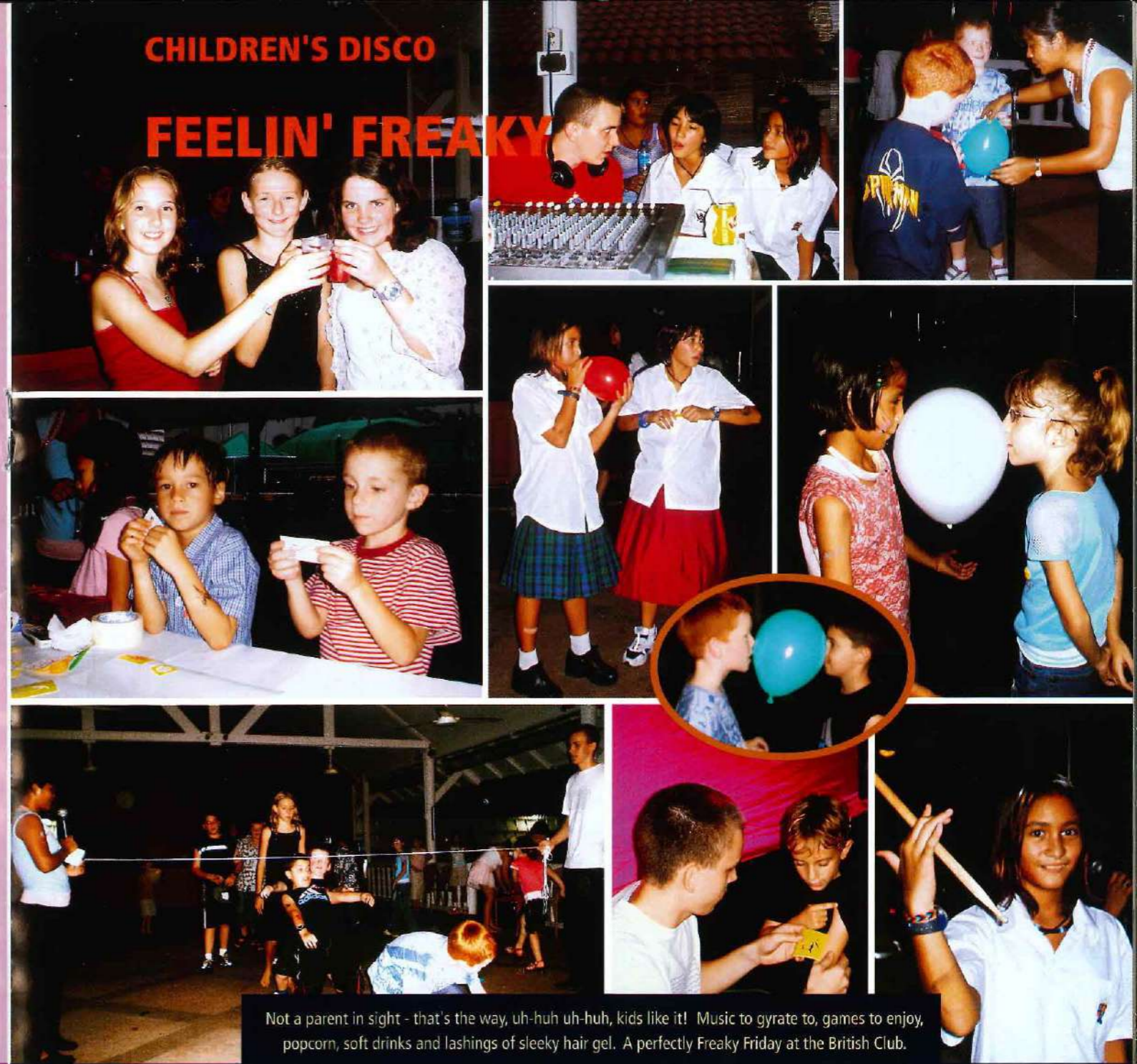
night or early morning. Poor old Rugby Section Chairman Jon Prichard had completely forgot that he had a game of golf booked in the morning and was apparently in a sorry state on the golf tee at 6am! Not bad when you have only arrived home at 3am! Bruce Hill was allegedly missing in action for a few hours in the morning whilst "The Lard" acquitted himself very well, getting to the office early, emailing off photos taken the previous evening and even

arranging prints to be made. He then surpassed himself by sending them down to Hua Hin and via Sambo arranging for them to be signed! The prints arrived back later that evening by which time the FB's had reassembled for a few cleansing ales and Scribe had managed to retrieve his beloved rugby ball from the Four Seasons. By the end of the evening we were in a sorry state again!

Scribe

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MEMBERS' LETTERS

Dear Editor,

May I congratulate Baz on another culinary success ... SUKI SATURDAY!

I have now been there twice and each time it gets better! It is just like being at Coca or MK but much cheaper and much more fun!

Every Saturday lunchtime SUKI SATURDAY offers a wide range of vegetables, meats, seafood to cook on the table with Chinese cabbage, Shitake mushrooms, chicken, pork, fish and shrimp balls, fresh oysters, scallops, prawns, head of salmon, various kinds of offal, and even Wantons! All with Barry's own secret sauce!

Starters include a plate of Roast Duck or Crispy Pork Lion and a choice of Dim Sum, and for desserts you can get mango rice, ice cream and even fresh strawberries!

On top of this it is great value with prices from 10 baht to 45 baht a dish!

I hope other members will take the opportunity to enjoy this each Saturday.

Regards,

Paul Cheesman
C267

Editor's Comment:

Always nice to receive such letters in praise of the deserving BC kitchen team. The Club's Friday night curry is delicious too. I tried it for the first time on the night of the Eagles concert. Really tasty - as was Don Henley - and well worth the 200 baht. Don came a bit more expensive. Sherry

For Clarity

Regarding the latest missive from your correspondent, Bert van Walbeek, I would like to make the following comments.

Any correspondence between Bert and members of the general committee remain between Bert and those members. If he wants them to respond via Outpost he should speak to them directly. Speaking as a general committee member, though, I am unaware of any outstanding correspondence between the general committee and Bert.

Readers of my infrequent but informative and entertaining emails will know that the French language and I are not on speaking terms, so I will leave that point moot.

I wrote a letter to the editor of Outpost as an individual club member in response to a letter written to the editor of Outpost by another individual member. If Bert wanted a more personal response he should have written a more personal letter.

Every Member of the club is able to voice an opinion; the last couple of issues of Outpost would suggest that Bert is aware of this. Every member of the club can take an active role in the management and direction of the club by involvement in the general committee or sub committees.

As to the remainder of Bert's letter, I have some difficulty in discerning the arguments put forward so I shall leave comment on that to those of greater perspicacity than I.

Tony Wright (W204)

Editor's Comment:

Let's hope this correspondence is now closed. Sherry (C242)

CAPTAIN'S NOTES : CHIANG MAI

As you will have seen from the splendid cicket prose (see Part I), Emporium Daniel is a more accomplished writer than cricketer and it befalls me to add a few cricket facts for the record.

Apologies first though, for the slight delay in getting this to the Outpost Editor. The problem was that when I sat down to do this several months ago and pulled out the score sheets kindly sent to me by Peter Dawson ... I discovered that I had no less than four copies of the (admittedly superior) Chiang Mai innings, and none of our own. Unfortunately by this time the Dawsons were on their hols and it was only on their return that Ann, clearly the brighter half of that famous scoring partnership was able to send the rather depressing BC score sheet. Since then I have been trying to get them to add up!

The defeat: Whilst stoically accepting full responsibility for our humiliating defeat, there were militating circumstances. In addition to ignoring all my advice and example about pre-tour training and pre-match moderation, the team was

considerable weakened at the last moment by the withdrawal of two of the three batsmen who had last year scored 40 not out. Nigel Grocock and Brian Palmer both had wimpy excuses and will need to bring lots of dosh when they show up again next year. Actually we were smugly confident that we didn't really need them because they were replaced by "Pounce" Dance, BC's own "Beefy" of the 80s flown in specially from the UK with the luvly Rache, and young Dale Lamb who with George brought the average age of the team well down under 50 and ... we were promised ... was not a chip off the old block. We even had Jack Glattbach in reserve with the luvly Hild, both looking ten years younger when we last saw them after the war.

Then, having won the toss on a hot and steamy morning, it was my boys, average age 45, who persuaded me against all my better



Dale needs to go!

instincts not only to invite Chiang Mai to bat first but to play 40 instead of the traditional 35 overs. I won't labour the point ... Chiang scored 295 for 4, 50 off the last 10 overs.

Fielding: Emporium casually refers to a few fielding misdemeanors but actually none were more entertaining than his own. As you may know, ED is a mediation and yoga expert and, when I posted him to Third Man and Long Off, I knew he would be quite content



Paul's LBW NOT close up

to just take in the atmosphere for a few hours and admire the beautiful trees and idyllic surroundings of CMGC ground. All it required was for his teammates to politely call to him whenever the ball hurtled in his direction, as it seemed invariably to do, and ED would slip seamlessly from meditation to yoga mode. This involved standing with legs apart, knees locked, keeping the back straight and extending the hands towards the ground ... all in perfect balance ... but unfortunately not usually in line with the bouncing red missile coming at him, which usually went straight through his legs or bounced off various parts of his anatomy, thereby explaining the rather serious medical condition described in his report.

It was rather unfair to pick on David Hall in this context because



Nick's first ball



Paul's fast ball

it is through no fault of his own that a boundary rope represents to him a fairly substantial barrier. It was very unfair for his teammates to fall about laughing when he fell backwards over the boundary rope as he intently watched, with relief, one of the many sixes hit off Grumpy Tisseroid's bowling passing safely about a hundred miles over his head.

Dale Lamb unfortunately proved to be exactly a chip off the old block when in one amazing incident he knocked four other competing fielders out of the way for a skier with huge shout of "Mine", and then proceeded to let it fall vertical through his hands without even touching his nice new wicket keeping gloves.

Bowling: This year Professor White took a wicket (a rather dubious lbw) which happens on average about once every three seasons, spurred on no doubt by bowling in tandem once more with the infamous Pounce. To be fair, from a distance one could see the similarity with the old days, but

due to a few loose pistons and worn gaskets, to be honest, the combination was a trifle less threatening than the old days. Rache has promised major overhaul and we all look forward to Return of The Pounce 2 sometime in the future.

The bulk of the wicket taking was as usual left to Thailand's Leading Wicket Taker (234 now boys, and still counting!) and surprise, surprise Grumpy took the other wicket to fall.

295 for 4 off 40 overs wasn't that bad! After all we had smashed 209 for 3 off 32 overs last year and we only needed a repeat performance, plus a bit.

Batting: Wots up with these squashes? Once again we had a batsman with a plane to catch. Nick Thwaites wearing one of the most pretentious upper-crusty public school caps ever seen on a British Club playing field, actually looked like a batsman. But retired after 10 minutes for the airport without even attempting the quick 40 not out we needed. BC was still

in the hunt as Professor White and young Dale Lamb prospered in a stand of 70, but when Dale was out, no one else looked in form. The Tisseroid scored a few without ever looking his usual fluent self, but apart from White who, according to the rules, retired on 50 not out, the rest was such a sorry story and that he was able to return to complete his innings at 127 for 8 and still 13 overs left. He was eventually out for 60 and, in a gesture of immense generosity, CMGC allowed BC's 12th man, Geoff "Tommo" Thompson, to bat as a replacement for the late departed Thwaites. Well at least that made things look more respectable ... Messrs Thompson and Dunford (Sr) put on the second biggest stand of the

innings, 25 for the 10th wicket. Pants! 173 all out, defeat by a whopping 122 runs. But what a great weekend. We'll be back for more in January.

Scores: CMGC 295 for 4 (40 overs), David Walker 51, Steve Penny 50 no, Wally Poh, 53 no, Hassan, 51 no, Nick White 1 for 37, Jack Dunford 2 for 67, Andre Tissera 1 for 60, British Club 173, Nick White 60, Nick Thwaites 3 rt, Dale Lamb 18, David Dance 4, Andre Tissera 14, George Dunford 7, David Hall 0, Paul Taylor 4, Colin Hastings 0, Barry Daniels 0, Jack Dunford 14, Geoff Thompson 11 no. Chiang Mai won Dick Wood Trophy by 122 runs.

Jack Dunford
Captain

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TENNIS

MORE ABOUT MIX-INS

CAPTAIN'S COURT

After the Tennis committee meeting on October 7th, it was decided that the Sunday morning "Captain's Choice/Team Training session will be only played on the Center Court. The time will be from 9am to 1pm. This court will be used to encourage the club's top players to play together to decide on the best player pairing for upcoming matches with other tennis clubs. Both top grade men and lady players will be encouraged to come. However since we only have one court (for now) this morning session should be limited to only 8 players. Both the men's and ladies' captain will be inviting players to participate in this training session by email or telephone.



Khun Jesada, Chairman of the BC Tennis Section with Mr Yuji Suganuma, Chairman of Japanese Association and Tennis Club



Players enjoy lunch following the match

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Here are some of the recent match results:

BC vs Japanese Association Sunday 19th September				BC vs Doctors Saturday 9th October			
	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles		Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Japanese	6	6	7	Doctors	5	1	3
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The Monday night is for the "Team Practice" Mix-in session. That night will have 4 courts reserved from 7 to 10pm for "official" (paid up) tennis team players. On Monday nights we will monitor the turnout by the "best" players in the club to determine how many courts are reserved for this training session. For now, the two hard courts will be 'reserved' for the top tennis players and the two "grass" courts will be used by the other beginner or intermediate level club players who would like to practice for tournaments. The top players of the club (i.e. top 15 men and top 10 lady players) will be determined by the position on the Club's Tennis Ladder position. The Tennis Ladder will be brought up to date by the middle of November. Full set matches will be played on Monday nights. For the "Social" Mix-in sessions on Wednesday and Friday nights, we will encourage all levels of players to come to participate. The number of courts reserved for mix-in will be monitored. If we need more (or less) courts to meet the players demands, the bookings will be done accordingly by the committee. The tennis committee is approaching the Club to hire a full time Tennis Coach or Sports and Recreation Director to monitor the tennis for the club. We are planning to use this person(s) to arrange the matches during the

mix-in sessions so that players will play at an equal level of playing ability as often as possible. This will ensure both competitive and 'fun' tennis at the club for everyone. There will be occasions where the better players will be playing with the intermediate level players while waiting for a top level game. This will be helpful to give the intermediate or beginner players some experience from the top players. For now, these "social" mix-in sessions are limited to 8 games. This rule applies only IF there are people waiting to play. If there are not enough players to fill all of the courts available, then full sets can be played. This can be on a case-by-case basis as the evening progresses. On the Wed and Fri mix-in sessions any level of players will not be able to reserve only the hard courts and it must truly be a mix-in while using all courts available. The Sunday afternoon mix-in session is being monitored by the Committee to see how successful this time is. The past 2 months have been both school holidays and raining season, we hope that the Sunday afternoon session's attendance will improve over the next few months.

Pat Dean
Men's Team Captain

UPCOMING INTER-CLUB MATCHES

Sunday 21st November, 08:00 - 12:00 hours at the British Club

against Singapore Recreation Club, lunch on the lawn.

Sunday 12th December, 08:00 - 12:00 hours at the British Club

against German-Thai Chamber of Commerce, lunch on the lawn.

Saturday 6th November, 15:00 - 18:00 hours at the British Club

against Brad Weatherstone (ex British Club No. 1 tennis player).

Saturday 27th November, 15:00 - 18:00 hours with British Club Squash Section

New players welcome

We want to encourage you to take full advantage of the tennis facilities offered by the Club to all Members. While any member can casually use the courts by booking through the Fitness Centre, there are also many organized events arranged by the Tennis Section Committee. If you are interested, feel free to talk to any member of the committee.

New Weekly Schedule:

Monday

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Team Practise Mix-In
("Official" Tennis Team Players, 1 hard court for men & 1 carpet for women)

Wednesday

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Mix-In
(All Grades of Players)

Friday

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Mix-In
(All Grades of Players)

Sunday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Captain's Choice/
Team Training session
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Mix-In
(All Grades of Players and now including Juniors)

HELPING THE NEEDY

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Saturday 20 November from 10.00 am - 8.00 pm.

HISTORY

Contributions to Thai charities by members of the British community reach back to the war years, when this annual event. The Ploenchit Fair, began as a garden fete in the British Club to raise money for charity. The first Fair was held in the gardens of the British Embassy in 1957 and in 1968, because of its huge success, a committee of British people from a cross-section of the community was formed to organise and disburse the funds raised on a monthly basis.

Initially it came into being to allow the British companies and community to repay the hospitality of Thailand at grass root levels with one huge effort for charity - maximising resources - and proved a successful and enjoyable way to raise funds whilst promoting British interests in Thailand.

Successive British Ambassadors hosted the Fair until 2001, when because of the September atrocities in the USA and the very necessary stringent security rules that came into effect, the Fair had to move to a site given by His Majesty the King, the Dusit Palace, Royal Plaza.

FAMILY FUN DAY

The theme of the Ploenchit Fair is a British family fairground and over 2,000 members of the British community voluntarily organise and run the 100 stalls and attractions and British companies and organisations, together with international 'friends', donate goods and materials and help meet the cost of the Fair. Maximum attendance was in the year 2000 when over 25,000 people visited the Embassy gardens on Fair Day, thus enabling this Foundation to allocate funds for projects to over 40 different charities throughout Thailand. Today the Ploenchit Fair is arguably the biggest event on the British Calendar and is known and admired throughout S.E. Asia.

2004 PLOENCHIT FAIR

By kind courtesy of Mr. Brian Marcar, this year's Fair will be held in the BEC-Tero Hall, Suan Lum Night Bazaar on Saturday 20 November from 10.00 am - 8.00 pm.

For further information, please contact the British Community in Thailand Foundation for the Needy (BCTFN) as under.

Carolyn Tarrant, MBE
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SEPTEMBER MEDAL - KHAO KHEOW

Despite the oppressively hot & humid September weather and the seemingly endless 1 hour drive each way from Bangkok to this Pete Dye designed course near Chonburi, the event always seems to attract a healthy number of the membership every 2 months that we play here. For those that know the course, we play on tracks A & B and to add to the terror of the course, the lads play off the yellow tees and the ladies off the reds. Pete Dye has designed a classical course here which includes an island green par 3 (our 17th hole) and some very tough narrow fairways with many involving water! Our range of handicaps this month ranged from scratch to 37, so we had a complete cross-section of players divided into 3 flights, which meant everyone had a chance to win the prizes available. This was also the last medal event for Kevin & Vicky Jones before moving south to Singapore and for those that played in Kevin's group, it might well be a round to remember for a long time. Those of us not fortunate enough to be playing in the group were enlightened at the prize giving ceremony by our captain & MC for the day, Pete Gale. Suffice to say that Kevin provided much entertainment and his 'have-a-go' and "of course I can reach the par 5 in two shots" will be greatly missed by the BC golf Section. Without causing too much embarrassment, other incidents that occurred were:

Karen Carter hit her ball into the water whilst taking a practice swing! Joom White incurred a 2 shot penalty because she hit the flag-stick whilst putting!! Kevin's piece de resistance was to put a ball into the drinks hut about 50 yards away from the 9th green.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

	Flight A	Flight B	Flight C
1st	John Rae	Bridget Snow	Harland Bulow
2nd	Bryan Dodd	Pete Gale	Edwin Ferner
3rd	Mike Staples	Vicky Jones	Mam Tabyand

Technicals went to: Joom White, Chris Browning, Andre Tissera & Adrian O'Brien for near pins, Karen Holloway & John Rae for long drive and Andre Tissera for the long putt

CLUB DAY AT LAM LUKKA

Your scribe did not participate in the hastily re-arranged club day event at Lam Lukka on 3rd October but sources and spies placed on the course advised that Gaew had another storming round and won the Bogey event with an impressive +5. Bogey is a format whereby you play against the course in a matchplay, so to win by 5 is an impressive score on what is a tough but fair course. Other minor placing went to Peter Bond and Bryan Baldwin in 2nd and 3rd places respectively.



Chris & Adrian - near pin winners

England 2, Wales Nil



Farewell to Kevin & Vicky

PLEASES AND THANK YOU'S

The Thank You's: Another month and another departing couple from the British Club golf section. This month, Vicky & Kevin Jones will be relocating to Singapore after more than 3 years of (very) active membership within the section. Our thanks start with Vicky, as she has been writing the Outpost articles. This has made my job as scribe even harder, as she has set such a high standard of interest and content. Many thanks also to Kevin as he has been vice-captain (2003) and was our current captain in 2004. What many people don't see is the hard work that goes on behind the scenes on the committee and both Kevin & Vicky have put in more than their fair share of effort to make the golf section work so efficiently. Good luck to you both in Singapore and we look forward to seeing you in Bangkok once you have worked out how expensive golf in Singapore is!!

The Pleases: Please check out the website at <http://www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety> to find out all the latest information about the BC golf section. It has results, handicaps, competition status, a calendar of events and plenty more to keep you updated.

KENDRA'S CORNER

Our very own rules secretary Karen "Kendra" Holloway answers your rules questions:

You take a practice swing. You step a little closer to the ball and take another. Whoops - you accidentally hit the ball with that practice swing! What were you thinking? What you're now thinking is: Do I have to count that? And, is there a penalty? The answer depends on whether the ball was already in play.

If the ball is on the teeing ground and you have not yet made a stroke at the ball, then the ball is not yet in play. And accidentally hitting the ball with a practice swing in that situation does not result in a stroke or a penalty. However, once you've made a stroke at the ball on the teeing ground, the ball is considered in play until you hole out. Then the question of whether a practice swing that makes contact is a stroke or penalty (or both) is covered under Rule 18, "Ball at Rest Moved."

And here's the ruling: If you accidentally move a ball in play with a practice swing, it's a one-stroke penalty. You must replace the ball to its original position and play it correctly. Failing to replay the ball from its original



Volvo Cup: we retain the trophy



September Medal Winners

position results in a total penalty of two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. So be careful with those practice swings!

19TH HOLE

We are back at "The 19th Hole" As any of you that play golf in Thailand know, the 19th Hole is an integral part of a round of golf. It is the place where you get the opportunity to relive & embellish the day's events as well as trying to explain to your partner how you missed the putt that just cost you the next rounds of drinks. This month's willing victim of interrogation is Mike Holloway. So after (quite) a few beers and the odd Jack D & Coke, this is what he came up with:

Q: At what age did you start playing golf?

A: 16

Q: What is your current British Club handicap?

A: 10

Q: Who would be 3 other BC members to make up your perfect 4 ball?

A: Any 3 members would make for a perfect round....that was diplomatic!

Q: What has been your most memorable golfing moment?

A: A round of level par 72 earlier this year

Q: Which golf professional would you most like to play 18 holes with & impress with your swing & why?

A: Ian Woosnam - more to do with my 'swing' - I believe he has a very positive attitude to the 19th Hole.

Q: If you hadn't become an amateur hacker on the golf course, what professional sport would you have taken up & why?

A: Kicker in American football - good money for less than 1 minute of playing time per week.

Q: Who has been the biggest influence on your golfing career to date?

A: Sally, my wife, for putting up with my frequent absences.

Q: Which is your favourite golf course & why?

A: Lam Lukka - very challenging and always in good condition.

Q: If you were Sergio Garcia's coach, what would be the one thing you would suggest that he change about his game?

A: His caddy!! I'm the right man for the job.

Q: Who is the most famous person you have ever met?

A: Charles A. Lindbergh

Q: Which rule in golf would you change & why?

A: Rules....what rules? Rule 26-1c I don't see why you should have the option to drop on the opposite side of the water hazard.

Thank you for being so honest and good luck in your next BC outing..

VOLVO CUP - 11TH SEPTEMBER

Another summer has passed and it was time to take on the blond haired & blue eyed Viking element of Thailand again in the annual battle for the Volvo Cup. This trophy has been fought over for many years between the Scandinavian Golf Society and The British Club golf section and too date, the Vikings hold the upper hand but the tide is turning so too speak.

This year's venue was again at The Royal Golf & Country Club where the conditions were perfect for a fairly and closely fought battle between 2 highly competitive groups of players, with both sides desperately wanting to win this prestigious trophy. The British Club as the holders were keen to put on a good show and this resulted in a strong team of 27 players with the wide range of ages & handicaps. Our youngest participant being Sam Holloway, again representing the BCGS and forging the way forward for the future generations of players by breaking into the team as a junior player.

Without boring you with the format and the individual scores, suffice to say that Team British Club ran amok and avenged the many years of suffering that the British endured from the 8th century Viking invasions as well as Bjorn Borg & Abba. A great day was enjoyed by all and we are now looking forward to defending our trophy again next year..

British Club 686 pts vs 639 pts Scandinavians

Andy Flynn

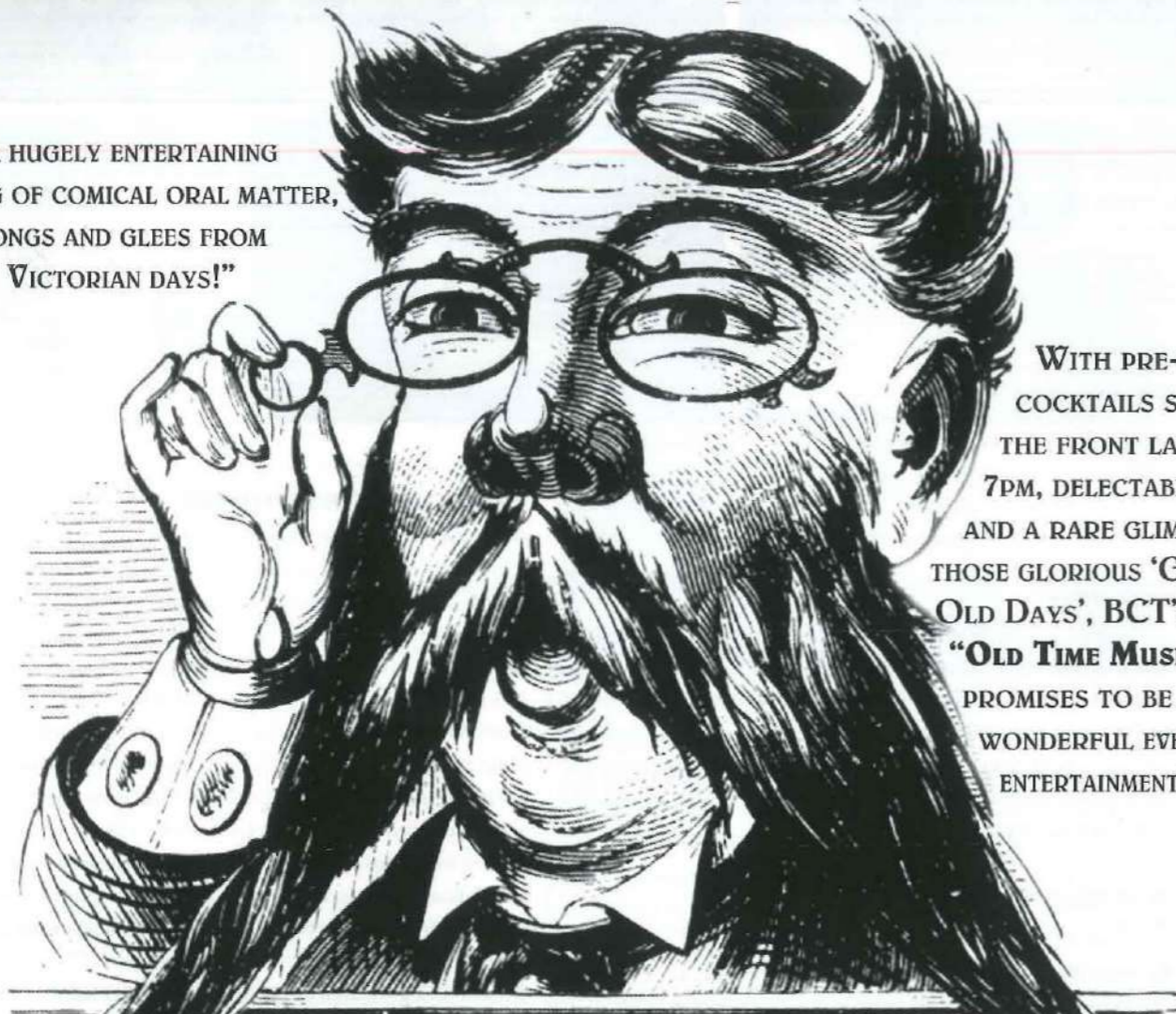


Spot the golfers

Footnote:
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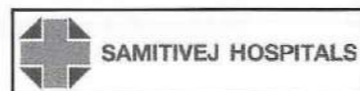
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