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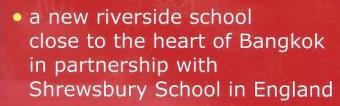


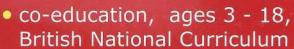


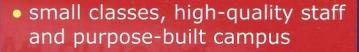
































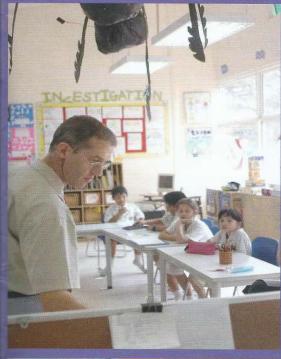


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An Eye for Detail - A bottle of wine to the gimlet-eyed Paul Cheesman for spotting the deliberate mistake in last Issue's article "Remember Nelson". It was a case of right arm, wrong eye. He lost his right eye, you see!

Two Chefs, Two Ronnies and a Bed Push

This Issue of *Outpost* features the marvellously successful BNH Bed Push, an offbeat tale about Two Chefs, and a panoply of items from the mundane to the quirky. In short, it's business as usual!

This month, the recent passing of one of Britain's great comedians is marked at the British Club by a special comedy night (see page 9). Ronnie Barker's remarkable versatility as a performer can be traced back to his time in repertory theatre, where he was able to play a wide range of roles and develop his talent for accents, voices and verbal dexterity. It was during this time that he met Glenn Melvyn, who taught him how to stammer, something he would later use to great effect in the sitcom "Open All Hours". Ronnie broke into radio and by the 1960s had became well-established, providing multiple voices for "The Navy Lark" and working with comedy great Jon Pertwee. He also became a regular face on television, appearing in "The Frost Report", which proved to be a hotbed of British comedy talent, spawning the Monty Python Team and bringing Barker together with his other comedy half - the diminutive Scot, Ronnie Corbett.

"The Two Ronnies" series proved enormously popular, continuing from 1971 until 1986, and regularly pulling in over 15 million viewers. In addition, Ronnie Barker starred in the popular BBC sitcoms "Porridge" and "Open All Hours".

Nothing epitomised Ronnie Barker's talent and professionalism more than the strange tale of Gerald Wiley. The policy of "The Two Ronnies" producers was to accept material from all comers. For some years, one shadowy contributor provided nearly three quarters of the material used for the show. His name was Gerald Wiley and no one had ever met him. Eventually a meeting was arranged and, to the genuine astonishment of all, Wiley was revealed as Ronnie Barker. He had wanted to ensure material was chosen for its quality, not his star status.

Ronnie Barker was a private man with real integrity - when in 1986 he felt that the material was beginning to dry up he quietly retired to run an antique shop in Chipping Norton. Now, that's timing!

Bertie Gilbey (filling in for Billy Beefeater)



We Did It!

On October 8th the Club pulled off an enormous party on the back lawn for the finish of the BNH Bed Push - in the foreground the Harry Potter bed team, fresh from winning the "Best Costume" prize. Congratulations to all involved!

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Letter from the Chair



Dear Members,

Constitution & Rules — **Extraordinary General** Meeting —Tuesday, December 6th, 2005

Many thanks to those of you who have written to us, or posted your comments on the Discussion Forum and thanks again to Paul Cheesman who has

been the moderator for this. Your views and suggestions have been of great help in gauging member opinion, and also in formulating our proposals for Rule amendments and/or additions. However, it is ultimately your vote that will determine any changes. To this end, an Extraordinary General Meeting is planned for Tuesday, December 6th and we would like to encourage all voting members to attend. Many of you have given your support for an update of the Rules, so please do make sure that your vote counts. See page 13 for more details.

CCTV

After some delay, the installation of CCTV will take place this month. The decision on whether to implement this system has been fairly controversial, spanned almost three years of Committee debate, and was finally agreed by the previous GC last March. The main criticism of the system has been that it is not a proven terrorist deterrent. This is generally agreed and is not the reason for its implementation at the Club. CCTV will form part of an integrated security plan and will help with facility management generally. Its main focus is on traceability and will give management a way to track non-member access, on-site incidents/ accidents, efficiency of security staff, theft and petty pilferage, etc.

Subsequent to the contract being awarded, the current GC felt that some of the specifications no longer fitted the current needs of the Club, so implementation was delayed. Since then

Barry has been working with the contractor to fine-tune the requirements and we are now confident that the system to be installed is adequate and suits the Club's current needs.

Club Development

The development initiative continues to move forward. Having reviewed much of the information generated to date and taken on board comments from interested members we are now drafting some outline proposals. These will be posted prior to a Discussion Forum planned in the near future. We hope these proposals consider the needs of the whole membership. They also consider the unique elements that make the club what it is:

- The mix of Club members driven by its founding principles
- The Green Oasis
- The Colonial History

And in addition:

- Security
- The benefits of integrating the site
- The need to upgrade the Kitchens
- Severe lack of office space

The draft proposals aim to maximise use of existing structures and minimise the need for new. These are a starting point and we will need input from you in order to move forward. Look out for the published proposals toward the end of November.

Food prices

We have received various emails and letters regarding the rise in food costs and we would like to assure you that the GC has taken all members' comments on board. As previously mentioned, a full review of our food strategy and pricing policy in each outlet is in progress and we hope to be able to report back soon. Some members have offered their help in this regard and for this we are grateful.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

Regards, Angela Daniel Chairman BCB General Committee 2005/2006

Senior Members Discount

Associate members for a minimum of 10 years, shall on application to and approval of the Committee, pay subscriptions at 50% of the applicable monthly rate."

To date, the Club's membership software programme has not had the ability to alert staff when a member the upgraded membership programme now in development). This is probably one of the reasons why our Rules state that members must 'apply' for the over 60's discount, rather than this happening automatically. However, it has become apparent that some members are not aware of this benefit. Therefore if you are 60 years or over (and are willing to admit it!) and have been a member for 10 years



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Barry's Banter

Off with a bang!

Dear Members,

Last month the Club played host to the Brilliant BNH Hospital Bed Push (see feature, page 10), which started at the BNH with 45 participating beds and eventually ended here at the Club. The event was a marvellous success due in no small part to the work that went into it. In particular, I would like to thank the BC staff who really pulled together and worked into the early hours preparing everything. They pulled off a fantastic party. The back lawn and the Club looked great and all the hard work was worth it when you saw what a great time everybody had. The icing on the cake (and I know winning is not everything but): we, the British Club bed team with its Harry Potter Theme, won for Best Costume. Thanks to Khun Annie and Nat from Strawberry Hills for designing our costumes; thanks to Khun John for bringing loads of props back from sunny Scotland; thanks to Khun Aeh our bed project manager; and a big big thanks to Rosemary Imlah, Sally Vornavarn John Mactaggart and Harry himself, Paul Cheesman, for wearing the costumes during the whole push (and let's just say the costumes were slightly hot, but a great way to lose weight) . . .

November already! Where has this year gone? We're winding ourselves up to a frenzy with loads of activities lined up for you over this special time of year.

Don't forget our Guy Fawkes Night on Sunday 6th November from 4pm onwards. It's promising to be a real rip-snorter, with a giant fireworks display and even more activities to entertain the kids. Due to the pre-event build-up of gunpowder and other things that go 'bang', the Club's car park will be closed from 10pm on Saturday 5th November until 10pm on Sunday 6th November. I appreciate that this does inconvenience members but for safety and security reasons it's a must. We do have very limited alternative parking booked at the Narai Hotel and at the Tower Inn Hotel, which is opposite the Narai, but I would strongly advise members that it would be better and far easier to come by taxi.

We will once again be closing the Club at 3pm then opening again at 4pm to members with pre-booked Guy Fawkes tickets. If you haven't been to the event before, do come along. You're bound to have a cracking good time.

Don't miss our Annual Wine Festival on Friday 11th November, where 15 companies will be offering an intoxicating array of wines with unlimited samples. These wines will be on sale at specially discounted prices, so now is the time to stock up ready for Christmas. Entry to this event costs a mere 100 baht per person and the Club will provide delicious Christmas Canapes to accompany the wines.

Before I forget, Loy Krathong! This "moon & water" festival is one of the more beautiful and enchanting events in the Thai calendar and this year our celebrations are once again at the glorious Suan Thip Restaurant at Nonthaburi - on 16th November. The event price of 1,700 baht for adults and 950 baht for kids includes return transportation, a

sumptuous Thai Buffet, games for the kids and of course krathongs to float down the magnificent Chao Phraya, river of kings.

The highlight of the Club's social calendar is our Christmas Ball held this year on Saturday 10th of December. Tickets are 2,400 baht per head and



Fun & Hangovers are guaranteed. The Ball kicks off with a one-hour cocktail party from 7-8 pm, and there's an open bar and canapes, music from the Royal Thai Army Band and a disco from Mr. Paul Jackson, a four course traditional Christmas dinner, a half bottle of wine per person and breakfast at 2am - and it's also the only ball to be held under the stars! Tables are in hot demand so book now to avoid disappointment. We are also planning the very first Children's Christmas Ball - see Hanni's Hot Spot (page 29) for further details.

The British Club Christmas cards are on sale now at the main Clubhouse Reception. These beautiful cards are designed by Club member Louise Truslow and we have only a limited stock left, so get your cards now.

Oh, and we've had a huge response to our Christmas Order list sent out last month, so order now to guarantee your Christmas treats!

As well as all the special events coming up, don't forget our regular Video Nights (this month featuring a program change to celebrate the late great Ronnie Barker), our New Members Night on the 8th and of course our Quiz Night on the 15th. We are still taking bookings for our Visit to the Surin Elephant Round Up; and please come and say hello to us at the Annual Ploenchit Fayre where the Club is once again helping out - it's at Suan Lum Night Bazaar.

If you are hosting a party over the next few months, the Club's excellent outdoor catering service could be the answer to a major headache - just relax and let our expert caterers do all the work, & now presenting new Menus created by our very own celebrity chef John Hogg. If you are interested in catering then please call John or Dong at the Club. To complement your children's parties why not rent our very own Bouncy Castle? At 2000 baht for the first hour and 1000 baht per extra hour, the Castle has proven to be extremely popular with members and we often have multiple bookings for a single day!

As you can see there's no shortage of things to do over the next few months. Have fun, keep safe and I look forward to seeing you soon at this very special Oasis in the Heart of the City.

Regards,

Barry Osborne General Manager

WHAT'S GOING ON

Special Events at the Club this month

** GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Sunday 6th November, 4pm onwards

A premier event, even more exciting this year, with activities and spectacles galore, including BBQ supper, "Guy" making for the kids, bonfire, live music, fire-throwers and a magnificent fireworks display.

NOTE: Club will close 3pm Sun 6th and reopen at 4pm to Guy Fawkes ticket-holders only. Car park closed from 10pm Sat 5th to 10pm Sun 6th.

** NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Tuesday, 8th November, 7 pm, Churchill Bar A great night to catch up with old friends, meet new members and of course members of the General Committee. Sample an array of John's tasty canapes and enjoy free Tiger Beer.

** VDO NIGHT

Thursday, 10th November, Suriwongse Room
"AND IT'S GOOD NIGHT FROM HIM" Don't miss
this special tribute to the late, great, Ronnie
Barker, featuring highlights from "The Two
Ronnies" comedy series (see opposite page).
This replaces the previously scheduled "CARRY
ON CRUISING!" which will screen at a later date.

Thursday, 24th November, Suriwongse Room "4.50 FROM PADDINGTON" (Miss Marple) As advertised in the last *Outpost* for October 27th - in error. This time it really *will* show! Each evening will kick off at 7.30pm, and a full F&B Menu will be available from 7pm.

** ANNUAL WINE TASTING

Friday, 11th November, 6pm-9pm, Clubhouse top floor

This is the big one, with 15 companies offering an intoxicating array of wines at specially discounted prices. Sample your way to Nirvana and a full wine cellar. Free canapes too!

** OUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 15th November, 7 pm, Churchill Bar Join host Rodney Bain for our BC Bar Quiz (*Article p36*). There's much hilarity and spot prizes to be won as well as bottles of wine for the place-getters, including last place. Can Sminky Minky Bang Bang maintain their dominance this month, or will they be pipped by the Spoofers or one of the other pretenders? The Quiz runs over four rounds of 19 questions each, with the ever-popular "Common Denominator". Cost is 100 Baht per person, with teams of 4 to 6 persons. To book please contact Khun Ben or Reception.

** THANKSGIVING BUFFET

Thursday, 24th November, lunch & dinner, Churchill Bar

Celebrate an abundant harvest with traditional turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings, pumpkin pies, pancakes, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, marshmallows and lots of other Thanksgiving goodies.

** WINE MAKERS DINNER -Brokenhills estate

Friday, 25th November, 7pm, Lord's Restaurant

By popular demand – a second Wine Makers Dinner. Sumptuous dining, with 5-course menu complemented by excellent Australian wines. Ever tasted gourmet marinated rump of kangaroo? Now's your chance! (see menu p19)

** NUTCRACKER CHRISTMAS FANTASIA

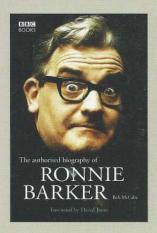
Sunday, 27th November, all day

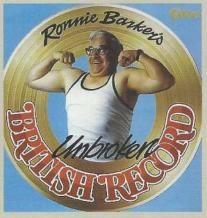
The Little Puppet Theatre's programme includes five performances of "The Nutcracker" throughout the day, plus children's crafts and activities, Christmas bazaar, food for sale and much more (see poster p16).



Charlotte and Georgina celebrate their own special event with friends. Now, whose birthday was it again?

The British Club Comedy Night





THE BEST OF THE TWO RONNIES

Thursday 10th November

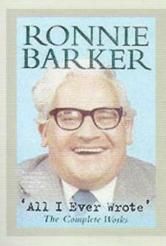
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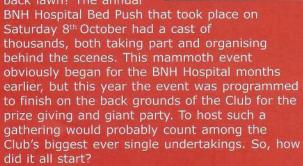




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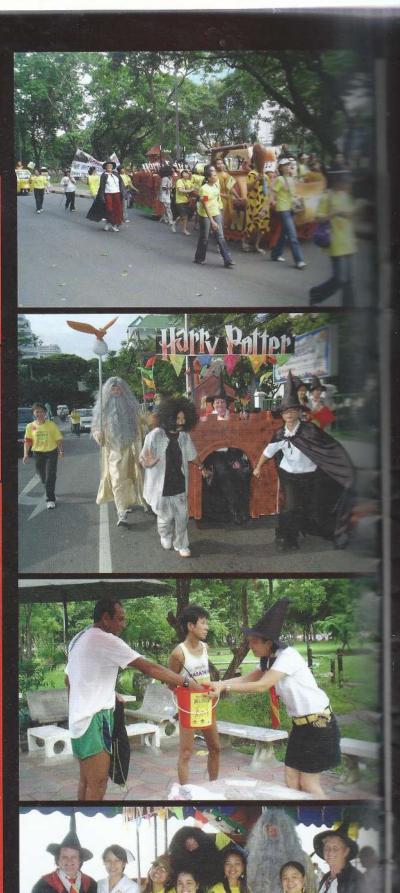
The 2005 BNH Hospital Bed Push has laid claim to being the world, with 45 beds taking part. The provisional total raised this year is 1.6 million baht, which will go to the Thai Red Cross, Caring Hearts Foundation & Aids

as there ever been more people on the back lawn? The annual



Well, the previous year at the end of the Push Party in the St Andrews School I remember mentioning to Angela Stafford, a Club member and Head of the International Centre at BNH Hospital, that the Club would be a great venue for the finishing line and party. I don't remember if I was sober at the time but anyway, a whole year later Angela still had not forgotten and in fact was quite enthusiastic. So, with the General Committee's approval we were given the green light to host this event, much to the excitement of Angela and her team from the BNH who were expecting a very much larger event than last year's. I cannot put in print the reaction of John Hogg and myself after our meeting with the BNH in which we convinced them that it was no problem, of course we could do it . . . I even assured them not to worry, as it would not be raining! Anyway they left happy and confident and John and myself headed for the Pub . . .

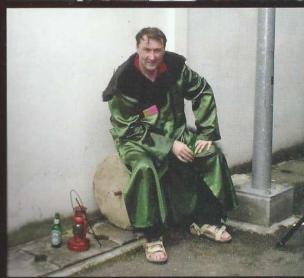
Well, October rolled around and the week of the Bed Push dawned overcast and soggy. On the day before there was the odd bit of rain. OK, it bucketed down. But were we worried? Not a bit of it! The whole staff here rallied around and













everybody busied themselves with getting the Club ready for one our biggest ever events. John was in charge of the Catering, Hanni with the Security, Noo and his team set the whole of the back lawn, Kasem and Dong organised the staff for service, Somboon and his gang raced around Bangkok trying to get more tables and chairs. That left Khun Aeh to organise our Harry Potter themed bed. John Hogg had managed to get hold of wigs and props and Khun Annie and Nat from Strawberry Hill, who designed our new staff uniforms, kindly gave up their time to sponsor our costumes - in fact they even came along to cheer us on!

So we had a theme but now we had to assign people to be the characters. Rosemary Imlah kindly volunteered to be Professor McGonagall, John Mactaggart became Prof. Dumbledore, Sally Vornavarn transformed into Hermione and Mr. Paul Cheesman was prised off his seat in the Churchill Bar and into the seat on the bed as Mr. Potter himself! As for myself somehow I was cast as Hagrid (not quite sure why). The rest of the team was made up of Khun Aeh, Cookie, Khun Ben, Amornmak, Rit - in fact anybody we could grab.

Anyway, to cut a long story short, we all had a marvellous day! In fact I think it was even better than last year. The Push went smoothly and we all had a rest in the park before heading back to the Club for the finishing line. Our bed, though, was in worse shape than we were - it began to fall to bits somewhere at the top of Silom Road and only just made it to the Finish.

Once we got back to the Club though our work was just beginning, but it didn't matter if we were slightly overwhelmed - everybody just joined in the fun. If people couldn't find a seat then they just pulled up a mat and sat on the grass. Paul Jackson entertained with the Disco, and food was provided by the Sukothai Hotel, Holiday Inn, Six Degrees Bar and of course the Club. The atmosphere was fantastic and the community and good-natured fun about the whole event.

Then it came to the prize giving. The Bangkok Community Theatre once again won for Best Bed and rightly so. Then the prizes for best costumes . . . I was in the process of telling the staff that it didn't matter whether they won or not; it was the taking part that counted . . . but just then we were announced as the winners for Best Costumes . . . so we forgot about all that cobblers and revelled in our success! In fact we are now already planning next years bed!

Anyway the night wore on, people decided to dance on the tables, nobody wanted to go home and . . . it never did rain.

Barry Osborne



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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

to vote on Constitutional amendments will be held on Tuesday, December 6th, 2005 at 7:00 pm in The Suriwongse Room

Please reserve this important date in your diaries!

he General Committee are calling an Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday December 6th in the Suriwongse Room at 7:00pm. All Ordinary and Country members are invited to attend in order to approve and vote on some proposed amendments to the Club's Constitution & Rules. The amendments are being proposed in order to eliminate some current inconsistencies, ratify some previous GC policies, and also to bring the Rules into line with more modern practices. This exercise is certainly not intended to over-regulate the Club, but rather to enhance the friendly atmosphere, encourage F&B sales and make our membership generally more worthwhile. The outcome of this EGM will affect almost everyone, either because there will be a change to the current Rules, or because members will vote to uphold the Rules as they stand, and therefore they should be enforced. So please do plan to attend and therefore have a say in the future development of your Club.

If you are eligible to vote, but cannot attend the meeting, you may give your proxy vote to another Ordinary or Country member. Proxy forms will be sent along with the official notice. Only one proxy vote may be held by each member.

Please also note that members may nominate their spouse to attend the meeting and vote on their behalf, provided that they are paying subscriptions at the rate applicable to married members, and that the spouse is eligible for Ordinary or Country membership in their own right. If you wish to nominate your spouse, an application form must be sent to the Club at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. These forms will also be distributed to all Ordinary and Country members along with the Official Notice.

If you are not sure whether you are eligible to attend, please contact the General Manager or Membership Department for clarification.

Healthy Swimming AND POOL AWARENESS

Dear members,

To prevent unnecessary contamination in the swimming pools at your Club, please follow the instructions below carefully. A clean pool means safety for you:

PLEASE do not swim when you have diarrhoea. This is especially important for kids in diapers.

PLEASE do not swallow the pool water.

 PLEASE practice good hygiene. Take a shower before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.

 PLEASE take your kids on regular bathroom breaks, or ensure that small children are wearing waterproof diapers (available for sale in the fitness centre).

PLEASE change diapers in a bathroom, and not at poolside.

PLEASE wash your child (especially the rear end) thoroughly with soap and water before swimming.

If our pools become contaminated, they will be temporarily closed for chemical adjustments. This is a nuisance for everyone, and can be prevented with your cooperation. Please help us keep your pools clean and safe.

THANKS!



The British Club Bangkok

The Annual Christmas Ball



Saturday, 10th December

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Traditional Christmas dinner and all the trimmings'

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MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

5:30-9:00pm

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

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

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:00-9:00pm

FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

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

Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

SATURDAYS Churchill Bar

All day from 10:00am

SUNDAYS Churchill Bar

All day from 10:00am Lord's Restaurant

Noon-3:00pm

Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

BWG Mahjong

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CARVERY BUFFET Bt 230. Choose from three roast joints, three potato styles, three veggies. Also with fresh salad (Bt 270).

CHURCHILL BAR ACCUMULATOR

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

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

Chess

THEME BUFFET - 4th November: Soup and Salad Buffet with three hearty soups, fresh baked bread, large salad bar and cold cuts:

11th November: Indian Curries & specialty Indian dishes; 18th November: Mediterranean classical cuisine, including risottos, polenta, tortilla, paella and pizza. Next Friday buffet brought forward to-

24th November (Thursday): Thanksgiving Buffet with traditional turkey, stuffing & all the trimmings, pumpkin pies, pancakes, marshmallows & lots of other Thanksgiving goodies.

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

A LA CARTE BREAKFAST

A LA CARTE BREAKFAST

LUNCH BUFFET - Choose from starters and soups, cold cuts, three roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts. Adults Bt 330 and children Bt 180 (includes soft drink)

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

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9:00am - 6:00pm

Churchill Bar

Lord's Restaurant* (Lunch)

Lord's Restaurant* (Dinner)

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

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

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Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

The Nutcracker Christmas Fantasia



Come and enjoy a fun-filled event for the whole family! The Little Puppet Theatre's

"The Nutcracker"

Children's crafts and activities
- bouncy castle, face painting, clowns, candy art, cookie decorating Christmas bazaar, food for sale and much more

Suriwongse Room & back lawn SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2005

Showtimes: 10:00, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00 and 3:00

250 Baht per ticket
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"Come spay with us!" That was the invitation issued by Soi Dog Rescue (SDR) to a number of veterinary professionals around the world, and accepted by more than 30 of them from as far afield as Denmark, UK, USA, Australia and New Zealand.

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By John

... No Shade, No Shine, No Butterflies, No Bees, No Truits, No Flowers, No Ceabes, No Birds -NOUTHUER!

Thomas Hood, NO! (1844)



Dear Members,

Christmas is just around the corner, so get your orders in early. Just drop your filled-in Christmas order sheet that was in last month's Outpost, at Reception and we will do the rest. If there is something special that you would like that is not on the order form, just let us know and we will surely accommodate all your requests. Please note that if you email your order and we don't call you to confirm within 24 hours then please call us back to ensure your order has been logged.

What's on in November:

Lord's Restaurant:

Sunday at the Lord's is a lunch buffet with starters, soups and desserts alongside the three roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes and kid's food and fresh salad bar. Priced at 330 baht for adults and 180 baht for kids with free soft drink.

Saturday breakfast buffet has been cancelled as we were just not getting the patronage to warrant putting on a buffet.

Churchill Bar:

The Wednesday Carvery, Lunch and Dinner, with three roasts, potatoes and veggies at 230 baht and with fresh salad bar at 270 baht, is the perfect complement to the Wednesday Accumulator.

Friday Buffets - lunch & dinner at the Churchill Bar in November:

Friday 4th November - Soup and Salad Buffet; with three Hearty Soups to choose from, fresh baked breads and a large fresh salad bar with cold cuts - all you can eat at 230 baht. Friday 11th November - Indian Curry Buffet; with specialty Indian dishes and music. So head into the Churchill for a curry after buying all your Christmas wine stock from our yearly wine tasting with special reduced prices, up in the Suriwongse Room.

Friday 18th November - Mediterranean Buffet; with delicious classical dishes from risottos, polenta, Spanish tortilla, Paella and Pizza to name but a few. Buffet priced at only 225 baht includes a free glass of Italian wine . .

Thursday 24th November - Thanksgiving Buffet; we are bringing the Friday buffet forward one day to celebrate Thanksgiving. With traditional turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings, pumpkin pies, pancakes, corn on the cob, baked potatoes, marshmallows and lots of other Thanksgiving goodies, so come and join us at the Churchill Bar this Thanksgiving.

Special at the Churchill:

We now have John Smiths on draught and we were the first pub in Thailand to have Bass beer on draught also.

We have now moved all the pumps onto the bar itself, to help increase customer awareness of the products available and also to give the traditional British pub look and feel.

We have also introduced Franziskaner Hefeweizen dunkel/dark beer; and Franziskaner Hefeweizen hell/light German beer in bottles. These are both rich smooth beers that go down very well.

Poolside:

The poolside team has introduced a few new tasty cool drinks made with different flavors of tea & coffee and also a high-energy drink made with Guarana and fruit. Try out these delicious drinks for a welcome change from the norm.



PIES, PIES, PIES.

There is now a special Pie menu, which has been created by our chefs and is available at the poolside from the main kitchen. Check out the blackboard special for details.

Un and coming events to look out for:

Sunday 6th November: Guy Fawkes! Starts 4 pm with an afternoon full of activities and events.

BBQ supper starts at 4.30 pm. Tickets Bt.600 adults & Bt.450 children under 12 years.

Friday 11th November: Annual British Club Wine Tasting Extravaganza. Take this opportunity to stock up on some specially reduced wines for Christmas. There will be over 15 wine companies in the Club on this night with some great deals in time for the party season. Then head down to the Churchill Bar for the Friday night Indian Curry Buffet.

Tuesday 15th November: Churchill Bar Quiz Night. Get a team together now, or just come along to watch the fun. See article on October Quiz Night, page 36.

Wednesday 16th November: Loy Krathong. Held again this year at Suan Thip Riverside Restaurant. This is the Club's third visit to this beautiful riverside restaurant and spaces are limited to 100 so book now to enjoy this special day on the Thai calendar. Tickets priced at 1,700 baht for adults, 950 baht for kids 3 to12 years, and 350 baht for kids under 3 years. This includes a sumptuous international and Thai buffet with beautiful Krathong show and you will have the opportunity to float your own krathong on the river. This year we have requested special krathongs that are not harmful to the environment to be made for us. The ticket price also includes return transport to and from the Club with a special police escort to ensure all is well on the night.

Friday 25th November: Wine Makers Dinner with Brokenhills Winery. For those of you who missed out on last month's wine makers dinner, we will be hosting another one this month with help from Bangkok Fine Wines and the Brokenhills Estate in Australia. Please see the menu opposite. Spaces are limited to 50 persons. To

reserve a place just call the Club's Reception.

PIES, PIES, PIES.

We are very proud of our pies here at the Club, so much so that we have decided to showcase them on the blackboard monthly special.

This month we will have a delicious choice of pies for you to choose from, with fillings like chicken tandoori and beef masaman, lamb and mint pie, salmon and mixed mushroom pie, chicken, pumpkin and red curry pie and don't forget desserts, mixed nut pie, strawberry pie and blueberry and apple pie to name but a few.

Fruit Carving: Last month we held a fruit carving class for one of our members, Khun Joy and the Indonesian women's group. The class was a great success.







And here's some we did earlier



Leigh Gilligan

25TH NOVEMBER, 2005 @ LORDS RESTAURANT



1st COURSE

Roasted Australian Mulloway and Mussel with a Pearl Barley, Porcini Mushroom Broth Amanda's Brooke Sauvignon Blanc 2004



2nd COURSE

Australian Rabbit with Lemongrass and Basil Infused Farces, Salad of Micro Greens with a Balsmico and Rocket Greens Dressing Margaret's Bluff Chardonnay 2004



3rd COURSE

Cream of Blue Veined Cheese with Walnut Croutons Bundie's Patch Mc Laren Vale Shiraz 2001



INTERMEDIATE COURSE

Duo Of Citrus Sorbets



4th COURSE

Marinated Rump of Australian Kangaroo with Crispy Polenta and Creamed Spinach Red Wine Reduction Crombolo's Block Mc Laren Vale Coonawarra / Cabernet Sauvignon 2001



5th COURSE

Caramel Sponge and Apple Upside Down Pudding with Wild Berry Compote and Rosemary Sauce Anglaise "Sweet Nothings" Botrytis Semillon 2002



Coffee or Tea Petit Fours

Baht 1,800 per person

Cocktail reception on the front lawn at 6.30 pm. Colombard Chardonnay 2004. Shiraz Cabernet 2003. Charles Steiner NV Brut.



BC CALENDAR NOVEMBER — The Month at a Glance

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A Tale of Two Chefs

Commentary by Barry Osborne



t all started when I received a phone call early (well, early for me) one Thursday morning from Greg Watkins at the British Chamber of Commerce to see if we might be interested in a Joint Venture Dinner & Talk with British Celebrity Chef Keith Floyd. Of course the answer was 'yes' and so we arranged a meeting with Khun Lilly from Burasari Resort who had actually brought Floyd over.

Khun Lilly and her family have a boutique hotel and several restaurants in Phuket and are naming their restaurants "Floyd's" - Keith is going to be producing Menus and training staff. They also plan to open a "Floyd's" in Bangkok . . .

Anyway, we met with Khun Lilly and planned a Night with Floyd on Monday 26th September. We only had one week's lead time but I guaranteed that between us and the British Chamber we could get 100 guests. Well . . . within three (3) hours of that meeting we had over 120 people booked and a Night with Floyd had now become Two Nights with Floyd.

The Menu for the evening was created by our very own Celebrity Chef, who as of yet is still waiting for his own TV Show and Big Break.

So, the question was . . .

would two many chefs spoil the broth?

Actually we weren't really worried, as everyone knows that chefs are mild mannered and never lose their tempers, right?

The staff ran around requisitioning tables and chairs from various hotels and generally worked hard at getting the Suriwongse Room looking spot-on. The problem was, every time they set up I would come in with "just one more booking" or "a wee change to the seating plan". Let's just say that the seating plans for the evening took a while!

Anyway the day came, we managed to hold a complementary cocktail party with Canapes in the Lord's and on the front lawn, Keith mingled with the guests and the fun began.

Keith introduced himself upstairs, welcomed everyone to the Club and announced that he had absolutely nothing to do with the Menu. He needn't have worried as, by all accounts, the food created by chef John and his team turned out to be one of the highlights of the evening. One of the other highlights in this tale of two









chefs was "Floydie's" most colourful talk about his life and TV career - full of memories. He recalled the time as a child he first saw his uncle beheading a chicken and his amazement that the bird still ran around. And the ups and downs of his career, including one particular spell in Australia trying to advertise some awful turkey noodles. And then there was the time he was on holiday in China and he saw his very own shows on TV there - 20 years after they were first recorded . . .

The evening finished with drinks in the Bar . . . but there was still another day to go. The following night was a smoother affair, following a similar format but with a slight change to the Menu.

In total we catered for over 260 people over the two nights. These nights don't happen by themselves - I would like to thank all the staff who made this promotion a success; and thanks also to Greg & all at the British Chamber - I look forward to another joint venture soon - and of course to all the members who attended this colourful and memorable night.



Mussel and Garden Thyme Soup



Lemon Sherbet



Pan Seared Australian Monkfish Fillet Roasted Pumpkin Salad and Minted New Season Potatoes

> Granny Smith Apple and Lemon Custard Flan with Italian Merengue and Raspberry Compot

> > Coffee or Tea Petit Fours



Wine List

Champagne & Sparkling Wines

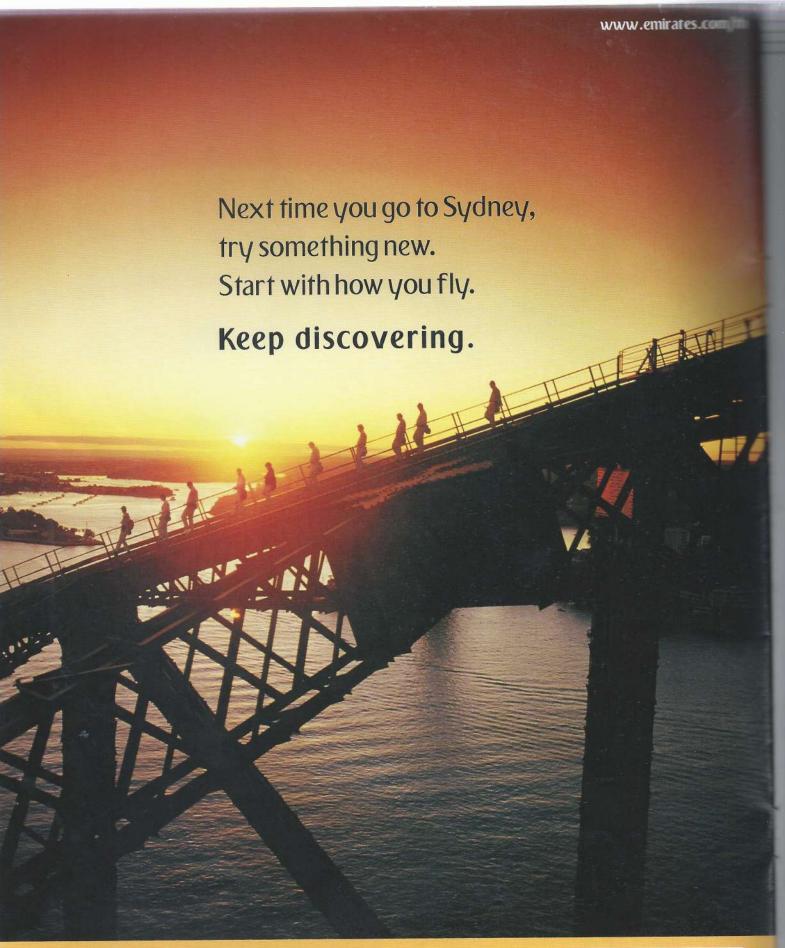
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2. Andre Brut	850

White Wines

3. Oak Vineyards Chardonnay	750
4. McGuigan Black Label Chardonnay	650
5. Crate No.31	550
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Regular Sports, Games & Activities

Aerobics

Monday 10:00-11:00am - Squash Court 3

Agua Aerobics

Tuesday 10:30-11:30am Thursday 10:30-11:30am

Bridge

Tuesday 5:30-9:00pm - Churchill Bar

Chess

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

Cricket

Tuesday 6:00-9:00pm Practice - Back lawn Thursday 6:00-9:00pm Practice - Back lawn Saturday 9:30-12:00pm and 3:00-6:00pm Back lawn

Fencina

Sunday 12:00-1:00pm (all ages) - Suriwongse Room

Football

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

Gymnastics & Dance

Sunday 10:00-11:00am (classes for 7 years & up) - Suriwongse Room

Hockey

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

Rugby

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

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Thursday 5.15-9.00pm Mix-in And 1st Sunday of every month 10:30am-2:15pm

Swimming

Tuesday 7:30-8:30am Adults training Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm Junior classes

Tennis

Squad Training

(Top 20 men, Top 20 women) Monday 6:00-10:00pm Mix-in All Standards

Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm Friday 6:00-10:00pm

Ladies Mix-in

Tuesday 8:00-11:00am Thursday 8:00-11:00am

Adult Tennis

Saturday 7:00-8:00am Beginner class Saturday 8:00-9:00am Intermediate/ Private and semi-private (2 persons) classes also available

Junior Tennis

Wednesday 5:00-5:45pm or 5:45-6:30pm Lessons with Nelson Thein Friday 4:00-6:00pm Lessons with Nelson

Sunday 3:00-4:00pm in Wordsworth Room

Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics Aqua aerobics Cricket Massage Squash courts Swimming Tennis

Adult Tennis Junior Tennis Tennis courts Yoga

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons

Bt 300 per lesson

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

Bt 200 per hour

Bt 30 per 45 min

Bt 3,000 per 10 lessons

Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 900/ hour; Bt 500/30 min.

Semi-private w/ Coach Nelson for 2 - Bt 1,500/hr; Bt 800/30 min. Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning-beginner to advanced)

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

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

Bt 300 per lesson

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

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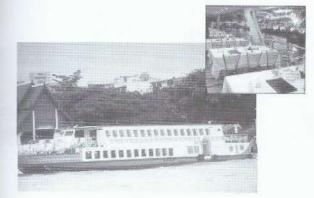
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TWO DIFFERENT

New Year's Eve Dinner Cruises!

Disco Cruise - Chao Phraya Princess

Bht. 3,300.-/person



Cost includes Buffet Dinner, open bar for two hours & Fireworks Spectacular at midnight

Traditional Cruise - Wan Fah Teak Rice Barge



Bht. 2,800.-/person

Cost includes Buffet Dinner, a half bottle of wine per person, draught beer, soft drinks, Thai music & Fireworks Spectacular at midnight

Check in for both cruises - 8.30pm at River City Shopping Complex Pier No. 1

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HANNI'S HETSPOT

Recent events:

REPAIR ON THE TENNIS COURTS: Recent repairs to the tennis courts (centre and court one) took place early last month. This was to repair the loose surfacing on the courts. Not that there was a major problem, merely wear and tear, which needed repairing before water damage kicked in. So if you were wondering what the slight discolouration in certain areas was, now you know!

SPORTS CAMPS:

Another two sports camps took place over the half term holidays in October. Yet again a roaring success, with an extra special treat. Pizza, popcorn and an all night sleepover in the 'spooky' Suriwongse Room!! . . . of course, we all got loads of sleep, honest!!

AMNAT'S PERSONAL TRAINING:

Amnat is now up and running his one-toone personal training programmes here in the B.C. gym. These programmes involve an introductory health screening and fitness test ABSOLUTELY FREE. Also Amnat will talk to you about what you require from the programme before he begins designing a personal programme for your specific needs (weight loss, toning up or getting fit). Sessions will be charged at 600 baht per session and in blocks of 10, once or twice weekly, or whenever convenient for you. Please feel free to come in and talk to me or Amnat if you're interested.

Events coming up:

As we are entering the busy season (again? . . . still waiting for the 'post Christmas Iull' Barry promised me!!) there are tons of activities and events coming up for all ages. In this hotspot and only mention a few of them, so keep your sees peeled for notices and posters around the as well as regular e-mails to keep you undated. Here's a quick glimpse:

OWN A PONY DAY: Although a date has wet to be confirmed, we will be embarking on an all-day adventure to 'Phoenix Riding Academy'. This whole day will involve an early morning departure from the British The day consists of an informative talk and some 'pony tips' from the fully

qualified British Horse Riding Instructors, before the children are taught and practice tacking up and riding their chosen pony. They will also feed them, wash and groom them, and finally put



them to bed. This is an excellent day for the children, as they will have their very own pony to bond with and take care of throughout the day. There will be two separate trips to the Academy, one for ages 4 to 7, and one for ages 8 to 12. There are only six ponies available, so booking will be on a first come first served basis. Don't forget to check your emails for cost details and finalized dates.

- **GUY FAWKES, SUNDAY 6th** NOVEMBER: One of the Club's finest annual events, Guy Fawkes Night is not to be missed this year. There will be spectacles and activities galore! We will have an amazing fireworks display, fire throwers, superb live music from one of Bangkok's finest bands 'The Soi Dog Blues Band' (with an extremely good guest singer!) and prizes for the best 'Guys'. All the children will have the opportunity to make their own Guy before throwing it onto the bonfire. Although we won't be wearing woolly hats and mittens, this will be as traditional as we can make it!
- THE BRITISH CLUB MINI BALL, FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER: A new event this year, but a great idea we think! Seeing as the Christmas Ball is such an enjoyable event for us, we thought we'd hold a junior ball this year too! This will be an evening treat for children aged 6 to 12. There will be formal invites, a predinner punch and a traditional Christmas three course dinner! After dinner "DJ Santa" will be providing some festive tunes from within the depths of his grotto. Things will wind up at midnight with a gift for all who attended (before they turn into pumpkins!). Tickets will cost 1,000 Baht per person and will include all drinks, dinner, the disco and surprise gift. Dress code will be shirts and ties for the boys and dresses for the girls.

If you require any more information on any of the above-mentioned events, please contact myself, Barry or Reception.

Back in business with the golf section!

ello there; back again with the updated report for your favorite sport - GOLF!!!!! First thanks to Andy Flynn who spent heaps of time writing up our monthly golf section article for the Outpost for many moons, as well as being our events starter. Due to his busy business schedule, he no longer can afford to spend time writing the articles any more. Ed Ashman and I, Orin Baldwin, will replace Andy as writers for now. There were a few month's updates missing, so a quick note on past events should quickly bring you up to date with the latest happenings.

Before giving you updates on our golfing adventures, let us say farewell to Bryan Baldwin, for good, as he peacefully joined those in heaven late July; Bryan was a great supporter of our golf section over many years and, though not such a good golfer himself, he loved playing golf - he is sadly missed by us all. We also say farewell to Bridget and Guy Snow who worked tirelessly on the Golf Committee for many years. They are back in England, but hopefully they will pop in to see us from time to time. Well, I shouldn't chit-chat and take up too much space . . . So, here are the results recapped from August:

Monthly Medal	A-Flight	Net	B-Flight	Net
28 August 2005:				
- Winner	Bryan Dodd	74	Maureen Gibson	70
- Second	Gaew Khongyoo	75	Charmaine Adams	73
- Third	Jitda White	76	Peter Skinner	76

Monthly Stableford

7 August	Overall Winner	Pat Dean	36 pts	
	Overall Runner up	Mike Staples	35 pts	
	Overall Third	Andy Flynn	34 pts	
4 September	Overall Winner	Carole Ann Eastgate	37 pts	
	Overall Runner up	Gaew Khongyoo	37 pts	
	Overall Third	Peter Skinner	37 pts	
	Gaew and Peter just mis	sed out on count back		

Congratulations to all our winners. Carole Ann Eastgate said it was the best game she had played for a long, long time. Its goes to show that everyone has the opportunity to win - just be on your top form on the day! Easy to say but not easy to do!!

The MERC Cup

'Your Favorite Team' vs Lighthouse. This event was played at Mueng Ake on Sat. 8th October. Our team very much set our heart on taking back the Cup. However, it was a tough challenge and we congratulate the Lighthouse on its well fought win. There is always next year!!!!!

The Volvo Cup



The BC retains the Volvo Cup!

The highlight of September was the annual match against the Scandinavians at Legacy on Saturday, 10th September. It was an exciting event and the scores were very close indeed. To the utmost delight of our captain, Pete Gale, and all team players, we fought well and retained the cup. It'll rest proud for another year in the trophy cabinet!



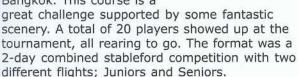
Captain Pete Gale, gracious in defeat



'When bunkers attack'

Juniors & Seniors: 1st - 2nd October

This weekend away took place at beautiful Phoenix, Pattaya. Only an hour and a half from Bangkok. This course is a





Those members 50 and above took part in the Seniors Cup. 'Old in age, but young in heart', a suitable motto for the Seniors who produced some fantastic golf.

DAY 1: As players all met at the clubhouse, groupings were handed out and all started to prepare, possibly with a bacon sandwich. All the preparation seemed to pay off as some great golf was played.

As the first day came to a close the scores were tight with Mary leading the pack, followed by John Pollard in 2nd and Barry Ashman in 3rd. But would it stay like that?

DAY 2: Knowing what needed to be done, the 11 Seniors headed towards the tee on day 2, ready to slug it out. The quality of golf definitely matched the determination and the final scores were well-earned.

As the results came in, Mary held on to her overnight lead for a great win with 74 points. Second was Barry Ashman who played a great 2nd round. And in third, only one point behind was Orin Baldwin who rallied after day 1 to post a great 2nd day score. Congratulations to all winners!

The Juniors Cup:

The Juniors Cup is a chance for the youthful in the club to go head to head; when I say



a happy group of golfers, minutes before tee-off.



Preparation begins early on day 1



'Boys in Yellow'. Andy and Henry with one of the many beautiful views of Phoenix

'youthful', I mean those 49 and below (where else can a 49 year old be called a junior I ask?). Always a heated competition, helped by the scorching weather, the Juniors brings out the best in the players and is always great fun. The ages varied from the very young (Henry, our newest and youngest junior at 14) to 49 (No need for names, just check back next year for the Seniors results!).

DAY 1: As the 11 juniors headed towards the 1st tee, we knew it was going to be a long, hot day. The course was as picturesque as ever and played difficultly as well, in particular the greens which fooled us all. However, that didn't stop everyone, with some very respectable scores being posted at the end of the day. Perhaps it was the youthful energy of the juniors which helped them battle through the day, or maybe the promise of a cold beer waiting at the 19th.

Khun Mam led after day 1 with a fantastic 41 stableford points, but a number ran close behind with scores in the high 30's.

DAY 2: There was no drop in temperature, nor the level of golf on day 2. It seemed that everyone wanted this cup and only some superb golf would secure it. When the dust had settled there was, however, a clear winner. Khun Mam held on to her solid lead to round off a great weekend in 1st place. In 2nd was Mike Staples and 3rd was Gaew.

Congratulations to Khun Mam and well-done to all winners. A special congrats to Henry who, as the youngest junior, had a great weight on his shoulders. He not only broke his new handicap on day 2 with 37 points, but also won longest drive on day 1!

These weekend events are a lot of fun. We get

to play on many challenging and beautiful courses outside of Bangkok with a variety of formats. We may not be as good as Tiger Wood or V J Singh, but I bet we have much more fun. So come and join us!





Winners from the Seniors and Juniors.
Well done!

Squashy Bits

The Quest continued . . .

. . . Last month we determined that Don Johnson worked for the Borneo Company but the origins of the Parra Handy Plate remained shrouded in mystery. As we were going to press the Club received the following message from David Fisher:

Regarding the article in the magazine this month under Squashy Bits, would you please pass on this information to Jack Dunford about Don Johnston. I came to Thailand in 1965 and worked for the Borneo Company Ltd where I met Don who worked in the offices of the Borneo Company but for New Zealand Insurance Company. He was an Englishman and from what I remember a very nice person. He donated the squash cup whilst he was here although I do not remember him as a particularly good player just a reasonable athlete who did play. There was no trophy and he was an organiser who decided to give a cup. His last known address was Little Meeching, Heathfield Road, Burwash, Sussex but this is from years ago!

Thanks David!

I decided to look through the Club Minute books to see if I could find anything else about Don Johnson but the only reference I could find was on 20th October 1966 when it was recorded that he did indeed donate a squash trophy. There was no mention of his name on any committee lists and I think we can lay this part of the quest to rest. Don worked for The New Zealand Insurance Company at Borneo, was a good bloke and a squash player who retired back to Blighty. I haven't had a chance to chase Arthur Philips and friends this month but should they dig up any further details we can tag them on at a later date.

I love reading through the old minutes and 1966 was an exceptional year being the one when the swimming pool and first squash court were built. The Committee was given a hard time by some members who saw their male-only drinking retreat threatened by building a family facility nearby. Indeed the preferred location on the back lawn was rejected so that it could be located as far away as possible not to disturb members in the bar! The contract was signed in January for baht 1,170,000, towards which the Club borrowed baht 750,000 from the Standard

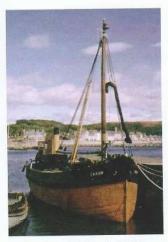
Chartered Bank. The contract went a little over time, but there was eventually a soft opening on 12th August followed by the formal ceremony/ party presided over by the British Charge D'Affairs on 3rd September. (The pool is therefore 39 years old and not 42 years as reported in last month's Outpost!). The squash court was built two feet too narrow and had to be reconstructed. The contractor insisted that he had followed the committee drawings and the official committee let-out was that the contractor had been given American squash court dimensions! In case you have ever wondered why there is an odd pillar two feet from the end of the balcony on squash Court 1, now you know! The first Don Johnson competition is recorded as 1967 so we can assume this was fairly soon after the final opening of the squash court.

Over the following months the minutes contain topical reports of tiles floating off the pool and in March 1967 it had to be closed for repairs. This was only a decade before I arrived in Bangkok and yet the BCB 'servant' titles were still Butler, Boy (#1, #2 etc), Coolie (#1, #2 etc), and "Indian Guard". If the poolside hadn't been built they probably still would be!

My next task is to read the 1973 minute books to look for any information about the Parra Handy Plate. But meanwhile, Barry Daniel thinks he may have the answer . . .

The Tumescent Bits: Who indeed was this "Para Handy" after which our eponymous squashing plate for second raters is named? I recall a 1960's black and white BBC series named the "Vital Spark", the whimsical story of a Highland tug boat of that name and her hapless crew of drunks and ne'er do wells. The captain of this folly was none other than Peter (Para) Handy played by Roddy McMillan in the original series. Para Handy was a quintessential second rater who could be relied upon to stuff up the simplest cargo delivery assignment, week after week, in a blaze of Scotch Whisky and misunderstandings.

He was created around 1902 by one of Scotland's greatest Victorian writers, Neil Munro, whose biographical notes suggest he had a strong streak of the lovable Para Handy in him. Could this have been the inspiration for naming said plate for first round squash failures? Lexicographically, if someone who can pop round to unblock your sink is termed "handy" then we can assume that someone who



The Vital Spark 1963

is a dead loss at sink clearing, or indeed squashing, could well be "para handy".

Whatever, it seems a highly appropriate name for our loser's plate, but this of course begs the intriguing question, who was the well read British Club member who came up with this inspired piece of nomenclature???

Speaking of second raters of the hollowed black balls, I myself was lucky enough to play the venerable game at the most venerable of locations, at Lord's Cricket Ground a couple of weeks ago. The two courts there share accommodation with the famed "real tennis" court, a game much loved by Henry the Eighth and indeed the present Duke of Clarence. The

changing rooms are lushly panelled in ancient wood and the shower heads are of the chunky, stainless steel type that issues an abundant outpouring of hot water. A luxury that seems hard to find in modern Britain.

While the history of real tennis may stretch back well beyond that of our own squash, it is true to say that their balls will never bounce as energetically as ours.

Thank you Baz. Who indeed did name and donate the trophy? The Quest must continue ...

September also saw the finals of the BCB Squash Handicap Shield and Plate. The final of the Shield was held on Sunday and Peter Corney reports:

It was won by David Eastgate defeating James Quinn, 14-15, 15-10, 15-9. It was an excellent final played in great spirit.

David played one of the best matches I have seen him play and his excellent retrieving and patience was a big factor in his win. The match was highly entertaining with some long exhausting rallies. Well done to both David and James.

By some strange quirk of the draw and a couple of strategic no-shows, no less than yours truly played the Handicap Plate final against Sara, one of the rapidly improving ladies. We decided to play this secretly one afternoon and with a handicap difference of 22 points I discovered very early in the match that if I played nicely then Sara was surely going to win! Chivalry had to be put aside and thankfully there was only one witness to see me bully my way to my first rather dubious squash honour in 27 years of





James Quinn receiving the Runner-up

trying, 15-11, 15-10. To demonstrate how it could so easily have worked out differently, Sara won "one-more for the beer" 15-0.

This month is League #200, a special landmark. I think the first one I played in was about # 18 in 1978. In those days there were only 4 leagues per year, so presumably the first league was played in about 1974, which means we are also celebrating around 31 years of continuous competition. I'd love to know how many hundreds (thousands?) of members have taken part! Great stuff!

Happy Squashing.

Jack Dunford

And now, the Squash

Congratulations to the winners of September League #199, Division 1: Ja Chaturan, 2 Mike Stuttard, 3 Chris Browning, 4 Ruengrit.

And congratulations to Da on winning the Ladies Handicap League. Her handicap is automatically docked one for winning. Sounds like a good system!

am very pleased to start off this month's tennis section report with the news that Marc Nussaume has volunteered his services as Tennis Section Club Captain. Not only that but he has persuaded Envique Valero and Mam Tabyang to serve as his vice captains. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to their new positions.



Their work has started straight away with the selection of the British Club team taking part in the 6th Annual Inter Club Invitational Club Tournament at the Pyarom Sports Club, as I write this article. This is a very tough tournament with many ex national champions taking part. Jesada has been working very hard behind the scenes with the organisational aspects of this competition. Marc and Jesada attended the recent meeting of representatives from the Clubs to finalise details for the event. A full report of this event will be included in *Outpost* next month.

Last month a men's team competed against the Japanese Association Tennis Club on their courts, off Sukhumvit 71. A

different format was used for this fixture. This involved singles matches between the top eight men available from each Club followed by two doubles matches for each of four pairs.

In the singles matches Enrique Valero got us off to a good start with a win against the Japanese number one. James Young lost a marathon set to the Japanese number three but Marc Hagelauer defeated the Japanese number four. Marc Nussaume pulled off a fine victory in a tiebreak against the Japanese number two.

The less experienced trio of David Eastgate, Philip Mock and Nut Watanaparin found it difficult adjusting to the faster pace of the courts and all went down to their opposite numbers. Our British Club junior boys champion, Jamorn Teo, shrugged off his inexperience against a very experienced Japanese player recording an excellent victory in his first senior match for the Club.

In the doubles the experienced Japanese pairs proved too strong for David and Philip, and Nut and Jamorn. James and Marc Hagelauer lost a close doubles but Marc Nussaume and Enrique played well together recording two wins against the Japanese number one and two pairs.

The match result was a 9-6 win for the Japanese men. The format for this event proved to be popular with the players from both teams and we will certainly be keen to arrange similar fixtures against our other regular opponents.

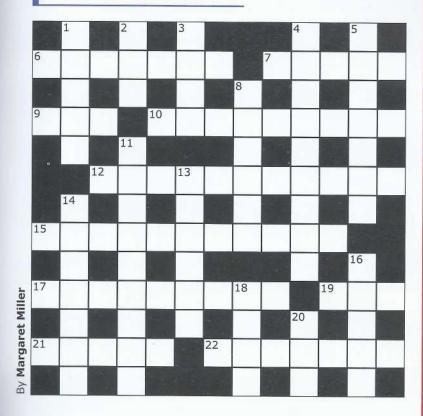
Despite the inclement weather the Wednesday and Friday mix-ins have continued to be very well supported. There is a real mix of players. Some players are playing matches for the first time together with players that have many years of tennis experience behind them. Remember the emphasis is on fun and joining in and a warm welcome is assured. After each mix-in the evening is finished off with some food and a few drinks and it is not unusual for this to extend well beyond 10pm. Unfortunately we have had to put the price up to 80Baht each for the evening but I am sure you will agree this is good value for the chance of four hours of tennis and a snack at the end of the evening. Why not give it a try!





Crossword Competition

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



October Solution

Across: 1 Contest, 4 Adore, 7 Donegal, 8 Snout, 10 Pity, 11 Snide, 13 Sere, 14 Ego, 15 Chef, 16 Abyss, 17 Spur, 20 Malay, 21 Ostrich, 22 Adage, 23 Treason.

1 Code, 2 None, 3 Startrek, Down: 5 Diningcar, 6 Roundhead, 9 Overboard, 10 Pressgang, 12 Composer, 18 Miss, 19 Chin.

Clues

Across

- 6 Met. conditions in the war out East.
- 7 A note that goes to and
- A fruit you don't care a bit for!
- 10 It is said to have caused . the demise of Kitty.
- 12 H.M.S. Edinburgh, for example? (7,4)
- 15 But it will not be marked "Private Entrance"! (1,6,4)
- 17 Dragged down or succeeded. (6,3)
- 19 Keats wrote one on a Grecian urn.
- 21 Double this for Peter Pan's land.
- 22 Drawing a box with a hole in it.

Down

- 1 Suit what the athlete wants to.
- 2 Porker's pad.
- 3 An old-time admirer.
- 4 You can't get off before this (5,4)
- 5 Fix the rear end for a bird!
- Reptile hanging around in the lounge?
- 11 Called it off.
- 13 She was a shoe-fetish ladv!
- 14 His stature makes him smarter.
- 16 I do it differently not having any sense.
- 18 An apartment in the U.K. dull!
- 20 "And the rest" to Caesar.



Be the first person to enter the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Ben and receive a bottle of wine. Just to prove that the first four times were not a fluke, he's done it again! October's winner was John Sands (pictured) cementing his awesome reputation as the fastest crossworder in the East.

Funny . . . I have a distinct feeling of deja vu.

LOOKING BACK

Wine, Wit and Wild Wimmin

he monthly Bar Quiz took place as usual in the Churchill Bar on Tuesday 20th September and despite some twit (who shall remain nameless but could have been me) organising another event on the same day we still managed to get six teams, including the Wild Wimmin team were co-opted from the wine tasting. The Wild Wimmin really did live up to their name and in fact won the first bottle of wine (as if they hadn't had enough already) in the first spot round.

Meanwhile, the hapless Patricia Klewtripond, her son Paul and John Mactaggart had been persuaded to make up a team with John Hogg, Hanni and yours truly, and with that handicap they were well and truly doomed!

We also welcomed another new team (called Chrisless) that included crossword whiz and September's wine bottle winner Val Ashman along with husband Barry (so where was Chris anyway?). Whatever, Chrisless were obviously not clueless (or cryptic) as they also won a bottle of wine in the spot round . . .

Quizmaster for the proceedings was, as usual, the inimitable Mr. Rodney Bain. The Sminky Minky Bang Bang team took an early lead, which they never relinquished, despite the efforts of the Gentlemen Spoofers who were in turn hotly pursued by The Merchant Bankers (looking to foreclose no doubt).

However, clearly the smartest (and most rowdy) team was Marie Rose and those Wild Wimmin. Having primed themselves at the wine tasting, they breezed into the Quiz and not only did they win a bottle of wine but they were also smart enough to rob Norfolk `n' Chance of last place, thus securing a round of drinks bought for them by champions Sminky!

So who were the real winners?

Anyway, if you want to join in the fun simply show up on the night or sign up at Reception - the more the merrier!



















Wine Tastings

embers were treated to two wine tastings last month. The first was a special "African" tasting on 20th September, sponsored by Mr Bob Lee of the African Winery. The South African wine maker Pieter Dreyer was also present to answer members' questions about his excellent wines from the Raka Estate. Piet was voted one of South Africa's top wine makers in 2004 and his pinotage received a top 10 award from the ABSA Wine Board. About 45 members attended this event. John Hogg and his team even created some South African canapes (honest!) to accompany these excellent wines.

The regular wine tasting on 30th September also attracted around 45 members who sampled wines from Italthai Wine Co Ltd, African Winery (making another visit, for those members who missed the first tasting) B,B & B Co Ltd and finally Village Farm Winery who produce some of Thailand's finest wines. As usual the wines were all available for members to buy at specially discounted prices, and accompanied by some excellent canapes.

Don't forget our big wine sale here at the Club on November 11th. We have already 15 wine companies confirmed. The cost of this event is just 100 baht per person, so instead of traipsing around all over town on fruitless searches, here you can peruse and sample a huge range of wines at discounted prices - all in the comfort of your own Club.











Tex-Mex Night ...

Friday 14th October was Tex-Mex Night at the Churchill Bar with special guest dancers all the way from Mexico - the Reggaeton Connection. A great night was had by all present, with delicious Tex-Mex food and fantastic margaritas and cocktails by special guest bar tender Rachael.

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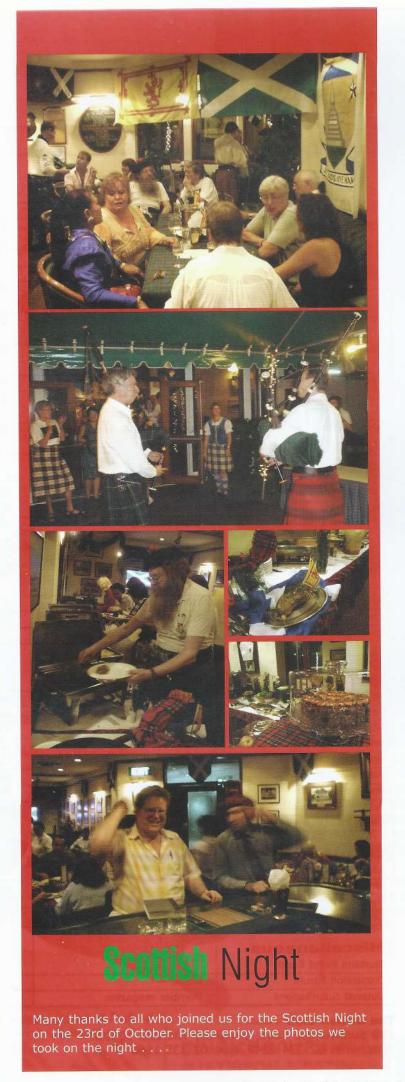
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- 2. Bernard Ewenczyk & Marilyn August

- Glades Buliboli
 Timothy Brett
 Ian & Amanda Colvin
 Gabrielle Boller
- 7. Frederic Do & Judith Assenline
- 8. Stephen & Alison Holroyd
- 9. Ian Woodward & Alison Butts
- 10. Roy Benbanisti
- 11. Thomas & Laurie Cerami
- 12. Anthony & Mariella Wood
- 13. Alessandra Denti & Ciara Buckley
- 14. Simon & Teresa Oxley

and GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to

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- Uff & Sille Ostergaard
- 3. Gregory & Anna Raymond
- 4. Jean Michael & Evelyne Klich
- 5. Ian Summer
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