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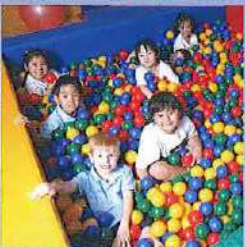
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British Club in the 1970's - Nigel Overy CBE details his return to a somewhat more diverse British Club with a new swimming pool installed and slowly emerging policies for 'Associate Membership' and a 'Long Range Plan' for Club development. (pages 34-35)

Fzzzitt . . . BANG! – Fireworks can be fun

The birthplace of fireworks is generally recognized as China – in the 10th century or before. The story goes that a Chinese cook accidentally mixed three common kitchen ingredients: Potassium nitrate (salt petre), sulphur and charcoal, and ignited it. The result was fizzing flames. Some bright spark also found out that if the mixture was burned when enclosed in a bamboo stem, there was a tremendous explosion. The loud sound made by firecrackers was perfect for chasing away evil spirits and to celebrate victories in battle. While the first application of this technology was for entertainment, it wasn't long before 'gunpowder' came to be used in warfare – with ever-increasing effectiveness and killing power – spawning a multi-billion dollar arms industry that made the fortunes of many, including one Alfred Nobel . . . But I digress.

From China, fireworks came to the West, through adventurous explorers. The earliest recorded use of gunpowder in England, and probably the Western world, is by the Franciscan monk Roger Bacon around 1240. By the 16th century, nearly every British monarch retained their own 'Fire Master' to put on fireworks displays. James II was so pleased with his coronation display that he knighted his Fire Master. Fire Masters became a much sought after commodity all over Europe but many of them were killed or grievously injured, for their profession was a dangerous one.

Up to the 19th century, fireworks lacked a colour range, until Pyrotechnicians began to use various metallic salts to make brilliant colours: strontium burns red; copper makes blue; barium glows green; and sodium, yellow. Magnesium, aluminium, and titanium were found to give off white sparkles or a flash.

Due to their capacity to maim, seriously exploding fireworks have (mercifully) been banned from sale to the general public, and big fireworks displays left to the professionals. Even a standard 6-inch starburst shell has an explosive diameter larger than a football field. The largest 36-inch shells weigh over 500 pounds, are fired out of enormous mortars to heights approaching 2000 feet and explode with a similar explosive diameter. A forerunner of these giants, called 'Fatboy', failed to launch during a 1970s test in the US – it totally destroyed its mortar and left a crater 10 feet deep. In this context, it's easy to understand the safety precautions taken by the British Club on Guy Fawkes Night!

CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Are you under 14? Can you paint or draw a Christmas picture for the front cover of December's *Outpost*? Simply send your pictures to Khun Ben in the office by 20th November. The winning design will be featured on the front cover and there'll be a special prize for the winner. It doesn't matter how young you are or how good an artist you think you are, as long as you're under 14 you can enter – it's all just good fun.

Billy Beefeater

Fire and Water –

November 5th sees one of the British Club's



biggest events: The Guy Fawkes (and Loy Krathong) Extravaganza – one festival is celebrated with fire, the other with water.

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Letter from **the Chair**



Dear Members,

We are delighted that Simon seems to have settled into Club life so well and has had the opportunity to meet so many of you already. While, of course, he needs time to become fully up to date with Club operations before any significant changes or improvements can be made, the GC is already working with

Simon on what we consider to be the current priorities:

- Progressing the Phase 1 & 2 Development plans
- Integration of upgraded new membership/finance software programmes & implementation of P.O.S. system
- Development and implementation of an integrated communications/branding and marketing plan (including review/upgrade of website, promotional material, signage etc.)
- Development and implementation of a comprehensive new member recruitment strategy
- A review and consolidation of all Sports sections procedures/policies
- Upgrading our service & standards generally

Phase 1 Development Pan

Thank you to those of you who sent us your comments regarding the three companies short-listed to do the interior design of our two new Clubhouse facilities. Based on in-depth interviews with the three companies and with members' comments being taken into consideration, the General Committee accepted the DRSC's (Development Rolling Sub-committee's) recommendation to award the contract to 'Profile'. This company has a good deal of experience in

designing for hotels and the hospitality industry in general, as well as for historical buildings such as the Residence at the British Embassy Bangkok. The General Committee are now working closely with Profile on further developing the design concepts, and we hope to have designs to show the membership later this month. At the time of writing, the Project Management and the Construction tenders had not yet been awarded. There is no "Development Corner" this month as, with the way things are moving, it would already be out of date by the time you read it! Therefore, please check the Club notice board for regular up to date news on the project timeline and for more information on the tender awards.

New Menus

New Menus for both the Poolside Salas and the Churchill Bar were launched last month, and while there are not dramatic changes, the comments and requests from members following the F&B Survey undertaken earlier this year were reviewed and have been specifically incorporated. In particular, attention was given to providing better value for money generally and additional healthier options at Poolside. A more varied and healthier children's menu was already implemented some months ago. The menus will be continually reviewed and upgraded, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please let our GM, Barry, have your views.

The busy season is now upon us, with many events and activities happening at the Club this month and next including Guy Fawkes Night/Loy Krathong, and of course, the best bash in Bangkok – the BC Christmas Ball! I do hope to see you at one or more of these events in the near future.

Best regards,

Angela Daniel

Chairman

BCB General Committee 2006/2007

Postscript by **the CEO**

Dear Members,

First of all I would like to thank everyone, both members and staff alike, for welcoming me so warmly to the British Club, Bangkok. I have had the opportunity to meet so many people - apologies if I don't remember everyone's name - and hope to meet many more over the coming weeks and months.

In the club industry I have been consistently amazed at the extraordinary number of voluntary hours of work dedicated to clubs by the various committee members and the number of additional hours put in by paid staff. The British Club is no different and this bodes well for the immediate and medium term future in which there is a great deal of development work to be undertaken.

I look forward to working with the committees, staff and, most importantly, members in order to achieve some of the goals already set, establish some new targets and ensure that we enhance your enjoyment of this wonderful facility. Please do not hesitate to let me have your views on how we can accomplish this.

Simon Roberts

ceo@britishclubbangkok.com





BANGKOK PREP

Bangkok International Preparatory & Secondary School

A British Curriculum School



Bangkok Prep's philosophy is based on a simple conviction: it is that true education nurtures a life-long love of learning, a striving for the highest standards, not only in academic work, but also socially and spiritually. This empowers individuals to take their place as productive members of society at work, and in peace and harmony with themselves, the community and the environment in which they live.

Bangkok Prep's mission is to create a learning environment that enables students to realize their full potential through the application of the school's philosophy. Consequently, it is committed to offering a stimulating and challenging education which promotes a love of learning as well as spiritual and moral development of personal responsibility for one's own learning.

Maintenance of this learning environment requires high standards of behaviour, courtesy, tolerance, respect, an awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity. It is also rooted in the concept of the school as a community, actively involving parents and other community partners in school life.

An International Outlook

Bangkok Prep is very like the Sukhumvit Community that surrounds it, in that the school is truly international, representing 25 different nationalities.

Such a diverse mix opens students up to other cultures and ideas and encourages them to speak English - Bangkok Prep School's main language of instruction, communication and interaction.

Bangkok Prep's enthusiastic teachers are native speakers, mainly from the UK but also from Australia, Canada and the USA. There are also specialist EAL (English as an Additional Language) teachers, who support students who may need support with their language skills, as well as native-speaking teachers of Thai and other modern languages.

Location, Location, Location!

Bangkok Prep enjoys what is probably the best location in the city. Right on Sukhumvit Road itself and just a couple of minutes from Thong Lo BTS station, the school offers a welcome sight of greenery in the middle of the city. The expansive site shaded by mighty trees creates a wonderful atmosphere for children to work, play and interact.

As the area is also home to many of Bangkok's expatriate residents, and enjoys excellent transport links, travel time to and from the school is reduced considerably. This means that parents have more time to spend with their children and can become more involved with school life.

Top-class facilities

The school boasts some wonderful facilities that challenge children, mentally and physically. As well as a 25-metre swimming pool, the facilities at the school provide for football, cricket and many other sports.

Inside the school is a large, airy and welcoming library, computer laboratories and specialised rooms for Science and CDT. Music also features strongly as both a curricular and extra-curricular activity.

Great care has been taken to ensure that all classrooms at Bangkok Prep School are bright and cheerful places where students are happy to create and learn. Outside, the lush grounds encourage students to meet and interact with each other in a safe and secure environment.

Something for everybody . . .

Dear Members,

'Remember Remember the 5th of November' - Guy Fawkes tickets are going like hotcakes! This is one of our biggest events of the year, so be sure to book your tickets now. I would like to once again remind members that the Club's car park will be closed over the course of this event.

Also in November we have The Bangkok Community Theatre's latest swashbuckling production of the Pirates of Penzance. Tickets are disappearing fast, so please contact us now for availability of seats. And on the 24th of November there's our Annual Wine Tasting with 15 companies taking over all three rooms of the Clubhouse. This is an ideal opportunity to stock up your wine racks for Christmas & New Year and to sample some special Christmas canapes created by Khun Laak to complement the wines. The cost of entry is 100 baht per person.

Christmas Day bookings are filling up for the Lord's and Churchill Bar so book now to avoid disappointment. On Guy Fawkes and Christmas Day children are allowed in the Bar under parental supervision. The Christmas orders are also starting to come in now. Please remember to send them in quickly to avoid disappointment.

**PARKING RESTRICTION - GUY FAWKES
PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SAFETY REASONS THERE
IS NO CAR PARKING ALLOWED IN THE CLUB FROM
10PM ON SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER UNTIL
10PM SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

This month we are running a unique and exciting competition for the children. We are asking you to paint or draw a Christmas picture for the front cover of December's *Outpost*. Simply send your pictures to Khun Ben in the office by 20th November. The winning design will be featured on the front cover and there'll be a special prize for the winner. It doesn't matter how young you are or how good an artist you are, as long as you're under 14 you can enter - it's all just good fun.

Also this December we have a new event. On December 14th there will be a Christmas concert on the back lawn with music arranged by Darren Jones and the Shrewsbury School Choir. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided to keep us warm on a chilly December night.



On December 1st we will hold our Second Children's Ball. Last year's event was well attended by over 40 kids. The cost is 750 baht per child - see page 25 for more details. On December 18th we will be having our Annual Children's Christmas party with a special appearance by Santa, and December the 9th is the date for our Christmas Ball this year once again catered by the Shangri-La Hotel. Tables are filling fast so book now.

Hip-Hop classes! Yes we're getting trendy here at the Club. Hip-hop lessons begin from November 18th. The classes are 400 baht each - see page 33 for more details.

STOP PRESS: We are delighted to announce that Etihad Airways has sponsored two return tickets BKK-LON-BKK for our Christmas Ball on 9th December. Thanks Etihad! The only way you can win is to be there!



Well that's about it for another month.

See you around the Club soon.

Regards,

Barry Osborne
General Manager

Sponsors needed

One of the best things about Christmas can be watching the joy that it brings to children. This year we are hoping to repeat the success of last year's Annual Children's Christmas Party for the deaf children of the Suthisan School for the Deaf.

We have hosted this amazing event for the past 6 years and this year we hope to find enough sponsors to do it again. Basically, we need to raise sufficient cash to put on a *second* Christmas party that follows our own Club Children's Xmas Party and which recreates the fun and excitement all over again - this time for 100 deaf students.

Last year through great sponsorship we managed to raise 80,000 baht, which gave us not just enough for the kids' party but also through the generosity of reduced prices at Dream World we took a different group of students on a fun-filled day out to Dream World and Snow Town. The Club's staff also pitched in to provide presents for the kids.

If you're able to help us put a bit of fun into these children's lives at Christmas, please do contact Barry or Ben. All donations, no matter how small, will move us closer to our goal.

Special Events at the Club this month

** GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Sunday, 5th November, 4pm

Gates open from 4pm to ticket-holders only, for an afternoon full of exciting activities and events. BBQ Supper from 4.30pm; Guy- and Krathong-making from 4-7pm, fireworks at 7pm and Guy-burning at 7.15pm – and more! For a full run down of all the day's activities please contact Khun Ben or Barry. Cost of the event is 450 baht for children under 12 and 600 baht per adult.

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** PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Wednesday 8th to Tuesday 14th November, Dinner Theatre starts at 7pm, Matinees at 2.30pm, Suriwongse Room

Bangkok Community Theatre presents Gilbert & Sullivan's rollicking musical romp. Dinner Theatre (tickets 1000 baht) includes 3 course dinner and show, which starts at 7.30pm sharp. Pre-dinner cocktails on the lawn at 7pm. Show-only matinee tickets are 600 baht. For more information see October Outpost, pages 30-31, or visit the BCT website at www.bct-th.org

** NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

Tuesday, 14th November, 7pm, Churchill Bar

Join us for a fun night where we'll welcome our newest members to the Club. Music by 'No Fixed Abode' and tasty canapes by Khun Laak. The evening starts at 7pm with a free barrel of Tiger Beer to help get things going. New members' night is also a great chance to meet up with members of the General Committee, members of the Sports Committees and of course to catch up with old friends. No need to book - simply show up and join in our last new members' night of 2006!

** DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - MORSE

Thursday, 16th November, 7-9pm, Suriwongse Room

Join us for our latest episode of Inspector Morse - THE INFERNAL SERPENT: Inspector Morse examines the tangled web of evidence surrounding the mysterious death of an eminent environmentalist killed moments before he was due to give a highly controversial lecture. Full F&B service available. Please sign up in advance to help us with seating.

** QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 21st November, 7:30pm, Churchill Bar

Get a team of friends together and come along to join in the fun. There are 4 rounds of 19

questions, all rounds ending in the dreaded "common denominator". There are also 3 spot rounds where you have the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person. Teams of up to six persons.

** DOCTOR WHO VDO NIGHT

Thursday, 23rd November, 6:30-8:30pm, Wordsworth Room

Special 43rd anniversary double bill, including the very first episode screened in 1963. For details, see opposite page.

** CHRISTMAS WINE TASTING

Friday, 24th November, 6-9pm, all upstairs Club-house rooms

This is the Big One! 16 companies confirmed already, offering an intoxicating array of wines at specially discounted prices.

Sample your way to Nirvana and a full wine cellar. Khun Laak is preparing some exciting Christmas canapes to complement the wines. Entrance fee is 100 baht per person. To book, sign up at the Clubhouse reception or contact Khun Ben or Baz for further details.

Why not head down into the Churchill Bar afterwards and enjoy our famous 'T.G.I.F' Curry Buffet for only 250 baht?

** DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - FROST

Thursday, 30th November, 7-9pm, Suriwongse Room

Join us for our latest episode of Frost - CONCLUSIONS: Inspector Frost has plenty on his plate when an MP's son is involved in a hit-and-run accident and a casino robbery takes place on the same night. But the crisis situation is exacerbated when a police officer goes missing and an armed robber turns up on his patch. Full F&B service available. Please sign up in advance to help us with seating.

UNFRIENDLY BRIDGE EACH SUNDAY!

The British Club Bridge Section holds an

OPEN PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Each Sunday at 3pm (except Last Sunday)

See page 10 for details!

THE BATTLE RECOMMENCES NOVEMBER 23rd



Ashes notice.

In Affectionate Remembrance
of
ENGLISH CRICKET
which died at the Oval
on
29th AUGUST, 1882,
Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and
acquaintances
R.I.P.
**N.B. - The body will be cremated and
the ashes taken to Australia.**

Sporting Times 2nd September 1882

The 73rd Ashes series will start at 8am (Thai Time) on Thursday 23rd November 2006 from the Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba in Brisbane, Australia as England start their defence of this "little trophy".

The Five Test series is:

1st Test	Thursday 23.11.06 to Monday 27.11.06 Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane	8.00am to 3.30pm
2nd Test	Friday 01.12.06 to Tuesday 05.12.06 Adelaide Oval	8.30am to 4.00pm
3rd Test	Thursday 14.12.06 to Monday 18.12.06 W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth	10.00am to 5.30pm
4th Test	Tuesday 26.12.06 to Saturday 30.12.06 Melbourne Cricket Ground	8.00am to 3.30pm
5th Test	Tuesday 02.01.07 to Saturday 06.01.07 Sydney Cricket Ground	8.00am to 3.30pm



Ashes urn.

For the 8am/8.30am matches the Churchill Bar will open from 7.45am serving breakfast for those watching ahead of going to the office and those aiming to make a day of it! HOWZTHAT!

LONGEST RUNNING SCI-FI PROGRAMME IN THE WORLD!

It's official – the BBC's award winning series Doctor Who has gone into the Guinness Book of Records as the longest running TV Sci-Fi series, officially beating Star Trek by three years!

Doctor Who by numbers

Since it was first broadcast on 23rd November 1963 there have been 10 different "Doctors", 723 different episodes, 34 companions (you know, the sidekicks who scream a lot!) and 203 alien species inhabiting 223 alien planets. The programme has had 17 different title sequences but all with one basic theme tune. Whilst there have been only six different blue police boxes used there have been seven consoles and nine different interiors.

The highest number of viewers for any single episode was an amazing 16,100,000 people making up 68% of all TV viewers on 20th October 1979 as Tom Baker (the Fourth Doctor) fought in the 'City of Death' filmed in Paris – this episode also cameo-ed John Cleese and Eleanor Bron. The booby prize came ten years later on 6th September 1989 during 'Battlefield', which attracted only 3,100,000 viewers to see Sylvester McCoy (The Seventh Doctor) play Merlin filmed at Hambleton Old Hall in Leicestershire.

43 years

2006 is Doctor Who's 43rd birthday, so to celebrate the event we will show the following double bill, designed to end early so children can get to bed.

Thursday 23rd November 2006 6.30pm-6.55pm **AN UNEARTHLY CHILD**

Set on a foggy night in October 1963, two teachers set off to check on one of their students who apparently lives in a police box in a junkyard. There they meet the grandfather of 'an unearthly child' – a child who thinks the UK uses decimal currency, and cannot do mathematics using "only three of the dimensions". With the startled words "But it was a police box" the two of them are thrown into a journey which has lasted on UK TV for 43 years.

7.00pm-8.35pm **THE THREE DOCTORS**

The Time Lords, The Doctor's own people, are fighting a running battle with a universe of anti-matter - "an enemy equal and opposite to our own" declares the Chancellor. When they see The Third Doctor is equally struggling in the battle they decide to send him some help ... himself and himself! Crossing their time streams the First and Second Doctors join forces with the Third Doctor ... and play the magic flute!

Children of all ages from 8 to 80 are invited.



*The Doctor
...wonderful chap, all
of them*



*Doctor Who ... in
colour*

72 NO TRUMPS!!!

Sunday 1st October 2006 saw 72 avid Contract Bridge players squeeze into the Suriwongse Room for the inaugural event of **The British Club Open Pairs Tournament**. British Club Bridge Section Chairman Jeremy Watson acted as the Tournament Director and Winlock and Charlene Hsu arranged the tournament with lots of help (and lots of tables) from the Bangkok Polo Club, and, of course, the British Club.

The afternoon started with 'English tea and scones' at 2pm but the real action of the day was opened at 3pm by Jeremy (who is, apparently, certified by the American Contract Bridge League). Thirty-six pairs contested 18 tables and played on, and on, and on until the winners were finally declared just after 6.30pm. The event was made special by the added support of the Contract Bridge League of Thailand, and supported in person by their President, Admiral Prasert Boonsong, who was from 2000-2002 Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy.

Contract Bridge is played on preset sets of cards with teams playing either North-South or East-West and moving up or down tables each set. No talking is permitted (except when bidding), guaranteeing no cheating and certainly some excellent 'hostile bridge'. As with all games of bridge, one person each game is 'The Dummy' so is free to go and get more drinks!

After three and one half hours of play, two winning teams emerged ...

North-South : Vallapa Svangsophakul & Apisai Makmitree

East-West : Charlene Hsu & Sally Watson

Our congratulations to them, and especially to Charlene and Sally being British Club members.

The **British Club Open Pairs Tournament** will now be held EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON (except the last Sunday of the month) from 3pm with a fee of 100 baht per person. This event will actually complete the week for bridge players in Bangkok in that one can now play bridge every single day of the week somewhere in town.

For more information on the weekly events, please contact the following organisers:

Winlock Hsu: tel 08 1811 9675 or email: winlock@gmail.com

Charlene Hsu: tel 08 1836 9436 or email: charleneewang@gmail.com



"IN ASSOCIATION WITH ..."

The General Committee is pleased to announce that the BANGKOK MUSIC SOCIETY has successfully applied for Associated Group status and was granted such on 3rd October.



Bangkok Music Society

BANGKOK MUSIC SOCIETY

The Bangkok Music Society supports the performance and appreciation of music in Thailand and its membership attracts music lovers of all nationalities. The range of musical styles is wide, from the classics to jazz and musicals. The BMS offers opportunities to attend or participate in regular in-house concerts and larger public performances. Local artists are encouraged, and the BMS sponsors annual scholarships for young talented Thai musicians.

The BMS Choir rehearses weekly throughout the season on Wednesday evenings, again with a wide variety of music including performances of major choral works, opera, sacred and secular music, Broadway hits, through to international folk songs. New members are always welcome in all voice parts.

Full details are on their website: <http://www.bms.in.th/>

Paul Cheesman

Honorary Secretary

General Committee 2006/07

ICC FINALS



ICC CHAMPIONS
TROPHY
INDIA 2006

The 2006 ICC Champions Trophy finals are at the start of November and we will show each One Day match LIVE in the Churchill Bar. The schedule for play is ...

QUALIFIERS

Date	Match	Venue	Times*
Wednesday Nov 1	Semi-Final 1	Mohali	3.45pm-Midnight
Thursday Nov 2	Semi-Final 2	Jaipur	3.45pm-Midnight
Sunday Nov 5	ICC Champions Trophy Final	Mumbai	3.45pm-Midnight#

*subject to change

See Clubhouse posters and 'Sports This Week' emails for final team and time details.

*** NOTE: Due to a clash with our Guy Fawkes Extravaganza, members will be able to watch the final only from 7:30pm, unless they have a Guy Fawkes ticket.**

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge
9:00am-12:00noon

TUESDAYS Churchill Bar
8:30pm-late

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

SUNDAYS Lord's Restaurant
Noon-3:00pm

Front lawn
1:30-3:30pm

Suriwongse Room
3:00pm onwards

BWG Mahjong

Spooing

CARVERY BUFFET Bt 250. Choose from 3 roast joints, 3 potato styles, 3 veggies. Also with fresh salad (Bt 280).

THANKSGIVING BUFFET - Wednesday **22nd November** - Menu consists of soup, roast turkey, sweet potatoes, mash, pumpkin pie and ice cream; 280 baht per person.

PERNOD RICARD ACCUMULATOR

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

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

Chess

THEME BUFFET - 3rd November: TEX-MEX BUFFET-with empenadas, quesilladas, fajitas, tacos, nachos and more; 250 baht per person.

10th November: GERMAN BUFFET - with baked ham, pork knuckle, sausages, German potato salad, apple strudel and lots more; 280 baht per person. Also available while stocks last: Paulaner German beer.

17th November: ITALIAN BUFFET - A range of pizzas and salads + pasta cooked to order with your favourite sauces; 250 baht per person.

24th October: T.G.I.F.CURRY BUFFET - with six assorted curries + breads, sambals, rice & dessert; 250 baht per person.

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

FAMILY CARVERY - Choose from 2 soups, cold cuts, 3 roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts.

Adults Bt 350 and children Bt 200 (includes soft drink)

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

Bridge tournament

Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm
11:30am - 2:00pm
6:00pm - 10:00pm
7:30am - 10:00pm
6:00am -10:00pm
6:00am - 9:00pm
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)
Fitness Centre (weekends)
Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)



The Early Birds get **FIRST CHOICE!**

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

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

Email Barry Osborne on GM@britishclubbangkok.org



THE BRITISH CLUB'S
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Children's Christmas Party



Monday, 18th December



2 - 6 p.m.

Children 2 - 12 years

@ Bt. 450

Under 2 years @ Bt. 100

Adults @ Bt. 100

Crafts

Bouncy castle

Pony rides

Puppet Show

Magic Show

Picnic @ 4.45 p.m.

Santa appearance @ 5.15 p.m.



Simple Paper Krathongs

Materials:

- Coloured paper plates (preferably green)
- green coloured paper
- pink/blue coloured paper
- yellow coloured paper
- Styrofoam sheet (about 1 inch thick)
- Latex glue
- Incense sticks
- Thin yellow candles
- Assortment of small flowers
- Small toothpicks, cut in half



Instructions:

1. Cut a small circle out of the Styrofoam sheet and with glue, stick it onto the inside of the paper plate. The Styrofoam circle should be about half the diameter of the plate. **It would look nicer if you could use coloured paper plates.*

2. Using the given stencils, cut out as many coloured "petals" as you may need.

3. Starting from the perimeter of the paper plate and working your way towards the inner side of the paper plate, start gluing your "petals" onto the plate, beginning with the green ones as "leaves" first. Decide how many layers of leaves you would like and glue the green petals accordingly around the plate, working

towards the inside of the plate.

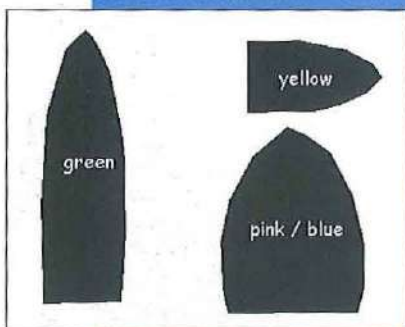
4. Using a pencil, gently roll the tip of each petal over the pencil, to give them a slightly curved edge.

5. Continue on with the yellow and pink/blue petals. Glue only 1 layer of coloured petals onto the Styrofoam circle, leaving most of it free.

6. Insert upright into the Styrofoam center, 2 (or 3) thin yellow candles, 3 or 4 sticks of incense and the halved toothpicks into various spots.

7. Try to attach the assortment of small flowers onto the toothpicks.

YOUR KRATHONG IS READY TO FLOAT! Note: if you are floating your krathongs in a public area, sometimes people put little coins as a symbolic offering, or you could put in a little fish-food or dried bread for the fishes and birds as offerings to them!



stencils for "petals"



Word & Letter Play

Animals in Hiding

Q There is an animal hiding in each sentence below. Can you find the animals? Example: There's a bee in "I'll be eleven next month." Hint: You'll have to look in three words to find some of the animals.

1. We can go at six o'clock.
2. It's nice to do good deeds.
3. Take soap and a towel.
4. Most rich people wear fancy clothes.
5. You can keep the watch or sell it.
6. Use a ladder.
7. It will be a rainy day.
8. I came late.
9. Tell me if I should start now.
10. Will a map help you?

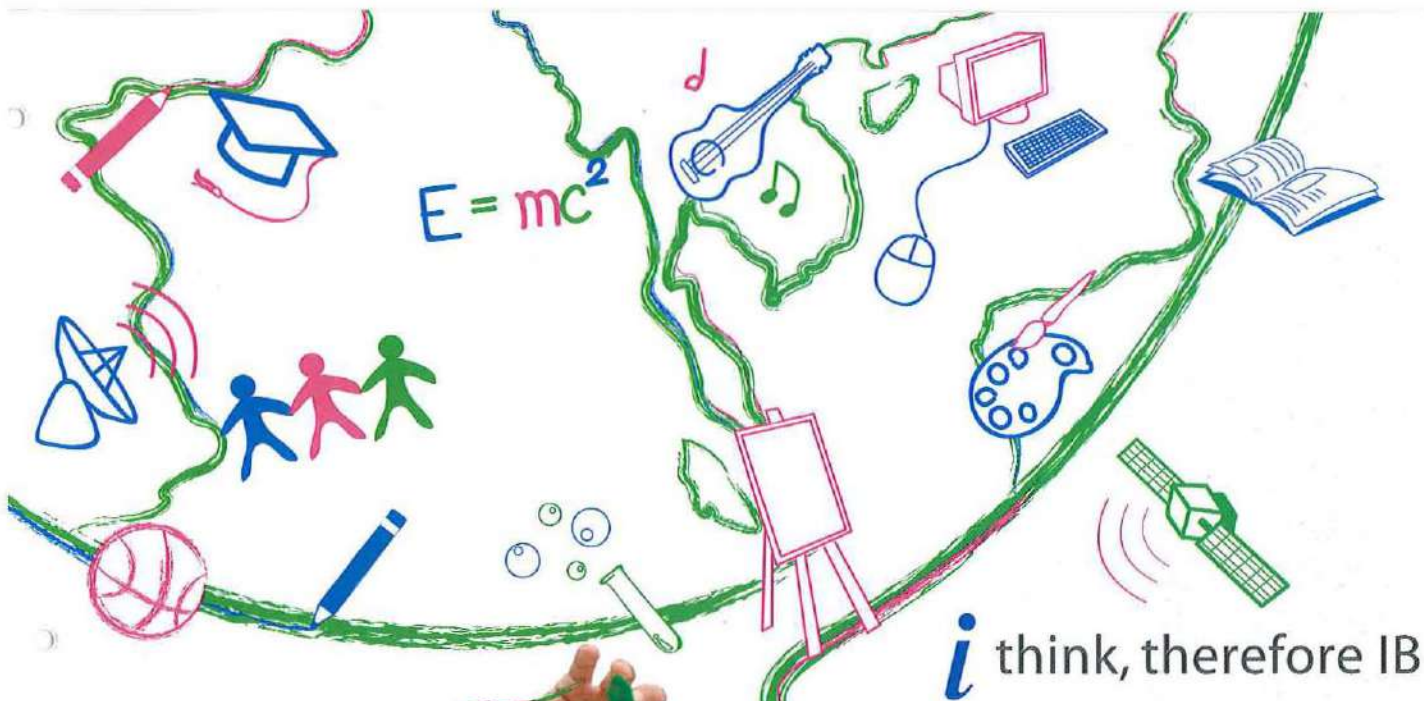
(Answers bottom right)

HALLOWEEN

JOKE'S Kids Can Tell

- Why did the ghost go into the bar?
– For the boos.
- What kind of dog does Dracula have?
– A bloodhound.
- Did you hear about the cannibal who was expelled from school?
– He was buttering up his teacher.
- What did the mother ghost say to the baby ghost?
– "Don't spook until you're spooked to."
- What did the skeleton say to the bartender?
– I'd like a beer and a mop!
- Did you hear about the guy that lost his left arm and leg in a car crash?
– He's all right now.
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
– Frostbite.
- What goes "Ha-ha-ha... THUD!"
– A monster laughing its head off.
- What's big and green and goes "Oink, Oink?"
– Frankenswine.

V 1. goat, 2. dog, 3. panda, 4. ostrich, 5. horse, 6. seal, 7. bear, 8. camel, 9. fish, 10. llama



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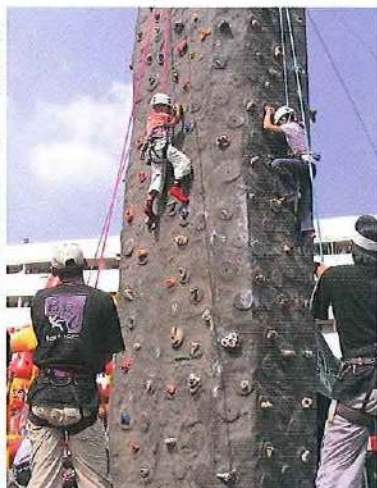
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The Ploenchit Fair

Saturday 18th November at BEC-TERO Hall – Suan Lum Night Bazaar
All the Fun of the Fair from 10.00 am – 8.00 pm

The British Community's annual fund-raising blockbuster event for Thai charities will be held again this year on Saturday 18 November.



Ploenchit Fair is arguably the biggest Fair in Asia and is a traditional day for all the family and has been part of the social scene in Thailand since the first Fair was held in the British Embassy in 1956. Everybody comes to Ploenchit Fair – you will be guaranteed to meet all your new and old friends, buy everything and anything you need, enjoy fine international cuisine, totally exhaust your children with the variety of attractions on offer, enjoy our varied entertainment programme on the big stage throughout the day, sip Champagne and Pimms, win many of the thousands of prizes and go home rich in the knowledge that every baht you spend will go towards those less fortunate than yourselves. BCTFN have distributed approximately 34 million baht to various self-help projects throughout Thailand since Foundation status was approved in 1999.

For Kids – Once again we will have the all time favourites the Ferris Wheel, Rocket, Carousel, Asian Tigers Giant Air Slider, Thomas the Tank Engine, Slam Dunk, Giant Wave, Jumping Castles, Shooting Gallery and the Climbing Wall. Many games stalls, the colouring competition,

puppet show and the Ploenchit clowns and M&M's mascots will be in the grounds. Father Christmas will be paying an early visit to the Fair for our younger members and new this year, Toys "R" Us will help with your wish list for Christmas. For both Kids and Dads – try out Paint Ball from 'For Ex-Pats' who are eager to join us with a colourful splash this year.

For Dads – All the usual old favourites are confirmed – Coconut Shy, Darts, Water Splash, Football Shoot, Mini Golf to name but a few and not to mention whiskey galore to be won on our Bottle Boys stall. Nestle Pirate's Treasure Island is full of great prizes and Castrol Honda's motorbike raffle is back. If you haven't got your Grand Raffle tickets, the British Chamber will be manning the stall – 30 top prizes to be won including tickets to London!!!

For Mums – The Petticoat Lane bazaar, where you can browse in air conditioned luxury, will have over 100 outlets for all your Christmas needs, handicrafts and 'bits of nonsense'. Boots, our favourite High Street chemists, have a range of tempting special offers, Central Food Hall will have British products and Bingo is back



with a bang, as is British Council's Used Book specials. You can also visit our Hospital outlets to check out your family's health or wander along and have your fortune told!

Our Cuisine – Mexican with Attitude from Coyote is new this year in the Main Hall as well as Bangers & Bacon from Bunters together with our old favourites, 'A Taste of Asia' dishes from the Pathumwan Princess and Dusit Thani, Big John's Pies, Indian specialities, Au Bon Pain, Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks. Walls Ice Cream, popcorn, candyfloss and Pepsi throughout the grounds.

O'Reilly's Wine and Guinness Bar, Robin Hood's, John Smith's and Asahai bar in the main hall and the new Chang Bar in the outside fairground, B-Bar with rum cocktails and the Paulaner will

quench your thirst and provide liquid refreshment all day.

Ploenchit Fair opens at 10.00am and has a full entertainment schedule on the main stage so there's no need to go home until 8.00 pm, even if your money runs out – ATM's are in the night bazaar area!!!!

Security – Lumpini Police will be on duty all day, having completely checked the grounds before opening time, and will be on duty at the gates assisting the Standard Chartered Bank. Chubb Thailand will also have staff in attendance. The Fair Committee urges all ladies to leave their handbags at home – just bring a money belt – we will provide plastic bags throughout the Fair and there is a left luggage station when they get too heavy to hold!



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Oooh . . . That's an 'ard one!



As they sat down to devour the usual delicious pre-Quiz special dishes (including the amazingly good value roast lamb dinner at 150 baht) the six intrepid teams that contested October's Bar Quiz on the 17th could be reasonably sure of securing a prize – hefty F&B vouchers for first, second, third and second-last, as well as three bottles of wine from Crown Relocations as table prizes. The new teams from September had melted away like snowflakes in the sun, leaving mostly hardy perennials to contest the spoils.

For some reason, this particular Quiz seemed to contain more than its fair share of diabolically difficult questions, and the common denominators would prove to be the downfall of some high-fliers . . .

The conditions appeared to be to the liking of the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers, who raced away to an early lead and by the 3rd round looked to have the Quiz sewn up (again). But . . . both the Spoofers and 2nd round leaders Jim's Junkies crashed in the fourth round, leaving the way open for the Southerners to nip through for second, with Six No Trumps the winners by a nose. Congratulations and well done to the Trumps on their first Quiz win after many a try!

The Table Questions were once again utterly fascinating and (almost) unguessable: For those who didn't know, there are 66 places called "Fairview" in the USA, and the record for the number of push-ups in 24 hours is 46,001! And at one time workers in England paid no income tax – until 1799 that is, when the government had the bright idea of introducing it.

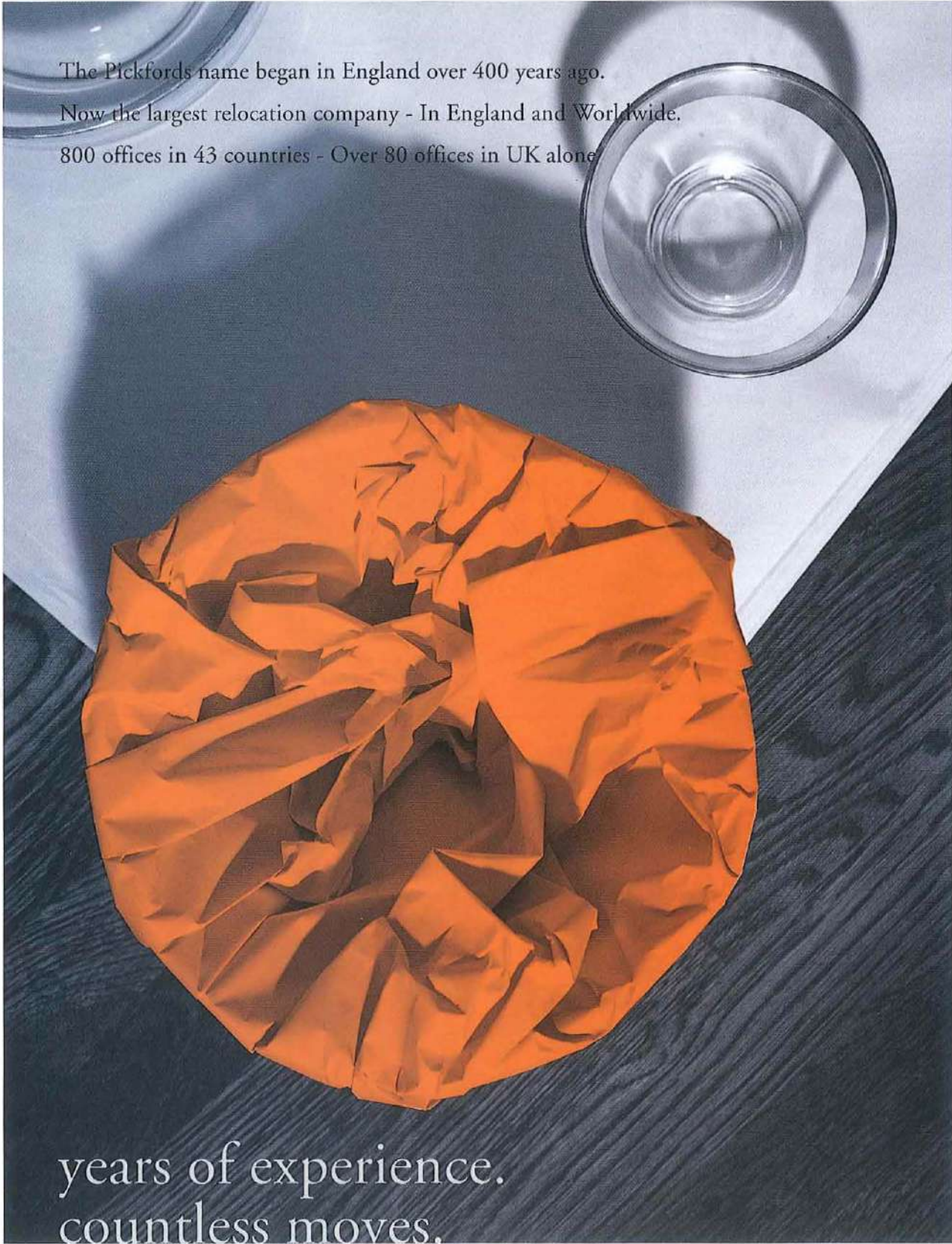
And the question nobody got right was . . . Where did the game of bridge originate? Well, England of course . . . Nope . . . Turkey, actually.

Oh, and the scores:

1. Six No Trumps	107.5	4. Jim's Junkies	93
2. Southerners	107	5. Bookworms	90
3. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	104.5	6. BGGs	71.5

REMEMBER --- NEXT QUIZ --- **NOVEMBER 21st**

Teams of 4-6 --- 100 Baht per player --- 7.30pm kick off



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Roger Kimber looks back on . . .

THE ST DAVID'S SOCIETY MURDER MYSTERY GAME EVENING

– SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

Barry said, "trust me" . . . the Tennis Club did one and it was a great success. Having tried in vain to contact some of the organisers for their advice, the decision was made... "oh heck", we shall just have to get on with it.

Actually, the decision had been made during the summer break and the "St David's Society Death in Venice Murder Mystery Evening" was announced to the world in the September edition of Outpost. That left just four weeks to plan everything; find actors, decide on the menu and, of course, make sure some "guests" could come and join in the fun. But from the moment the dust was literally blown off the plastic wrapping of the box, I wondered what we had let ourselves in for. Basia to the rescue! Only she had had any previous experience of putting on an event like this, so we were not completely "running blind".



We need not have worried. What started out as a potential nightmare was a great success. The St David's Society Murder mystery game evening was a wonderful event. Teamwork ensured that all the pieces of the jigsaw fell into place at the right time. Although with less than two weeks to go, we still had received just a handful of willing sleuths only and Barry's advice to hold it in the Lord's Restaurant looked like a master stroke of good fortune – we may be able to "dress it up", spread out the tables a bit and say, oh well, that's something we will just have to put down to experience.

Naturally, it did not turn out that way and in the end we were seriously worried that we would not have enough room. 45 sleuths, six actors and actresses and the scene was set. Basia had done an exceptional job and thanks must go to her team of Karen, Philippa, Kerri, Rab and Mair for acting out the drama that had most people laughing, joking and somewhat baffled. Four



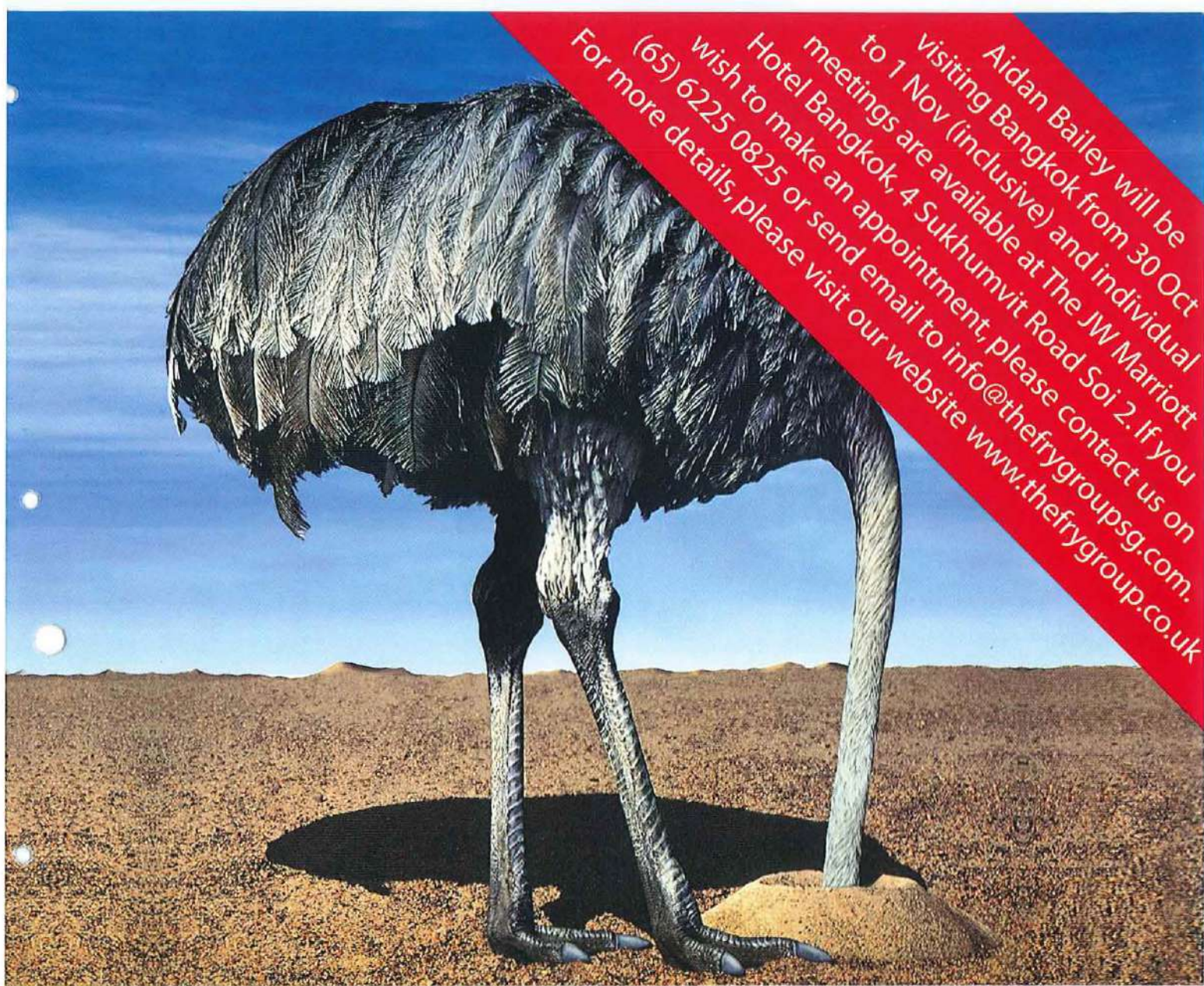
courses and three scenes and yours truly was completely lost. Out of seven teams, we did find a winner – whether that was down to pure luck, guesswork or clever detective work we shall never know. The champagne flowed and everyone was happy.

The British Club and in particular the Lord's Restaurant staff must be congratulated for managing the evening. Okay, the gazpacho soup may have been a bit too spicy, but the lamb was perfect and the room superbly presented. Thanks also to Prestige Wine for laying on the wine tasting and keeping everyone merry, especially Kim's table who really went to town with fancy dress masks!



We received some nice e-mails thanking the St David's Society for a memorable evening and asking to be put on the mailing list for the next one. For that, we won't have to contact the Tennis Club or trust Barry's advice. 'Beat that' they say – we'll try our best!!

Oh, and yes.... don't forget the St David's Society Christmas Dinner on 12th December (see page 28). Promises to be another great evening!



Aidan Bailey will be visiting Bangkok from 30 Oct to 1 Nov (inclusive) and individual meetings are available at The JW Marriott Hotel Bangkok, 4 Sukhumvit Road Soi 2. If you wish to make an appointment, please contact us on (65) 6225 0825 or send email to info@thefrygroupsg.com. For more details, please visit our website www.thefrygroup.co.uk

“Yes, my finances are under control.”

Of course they are. Aren't they? How many people do you know speak about how they save and manage their money? How many speak about their future - and how they have provided for their children's education? How many really save up for their holidays? Few if any; it's more fashionable to speak about what you have spent your money on (or borrowed to buy things with). Well let us ruffle your feathers. The simple facts about financial planning are that it is not fashionable, everyone pretends they have enough, nobody really knows what they have let alone what they need and absolutely nobody is prepared to admit that. The reason for this is that financial planning is easy to ignore. Most people do it subconsciously but many do it intentionally.

Finding time for someone to lecture you about the impossible sums you need in order to fulfill your dreams is not easy. Our world is full up with 'here and now' opportunities so why volunteer for a reality check? Our answer? Because you can! It's not that painful and you might even end up pleasantly surprised given your expatriate status. We already have over 100 years experience with British Expatriates and we can share some success stories with you to get the ball rolling. Don't pretend it's all under control if it's not.

For an informal exchange on how to get the best out of what you earn, call Aidan Bailey on 6225 0825 or send an email to info@thefrygroupsg.com

BC CALENDAR NOVEMBER – The Month at a Glance

Sunday

Are you a budding Turner?
Or maybe an emerging Dali?
Well, if you're 14 or under,
here's your chance! The
**Outpost CHRISTMAS ART
COMPETITION** - See page
three for details.

5 10:30am-2:15pm
Squash Mix-in
Churchill Bar
3:00pm
Bridge Tournament
Lord's Restaurant
12noon-3:00pm
Family Carvery
3:00-6:00pm
Cricket Practice
Silom Room
1:00-3:30pm
Children's Activities
At the Club
from 4:00pm
**GUY FAWKES &
LOY KRATHONG
EXTRAVAGANZA**



12 **Lord's Restaurant**
12noon-3:00pm
Family Carvery
Silom Room
1:00-3:30pm
Children's Activities

Monday

6 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

13 9:00am-12noon
BWG Mahjong
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Match Play

Tuesday

7 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In
9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic
7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice
Churchill Bar
8:30pm-late
Spoofing

14 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-In
9:00-10:30am
Ladies Tennis Clinic
7:00-9:00pm
Football Practice

Wednesday

1 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in
6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice
Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
Carvery Buffet
7:00 & 8:00pm
**PERNOD RICARD
ACCUMULATOR**
7:30pm Chivas Regal
Bottle Draw
CHIVAS

8 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in
6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice
Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
Carvery Buffet
7:00 & 8:00pm
**PERNOD RICARD
ACCUMULATOR**
7:30pm Chivas Regal
Bottle Draw
CHIVAS
Suriwongse Room
7:00pm
**PIRATES OF
PENZANCE**

15 5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in
6:00-8:30pm
Cricket Practice

Thursday

2 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics
5:15-9:00pm
Squash Mix-in
7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice
9:00-11:00pm
Hockey Practice
Churchill Bar
6:00-9:00pm Chess

9 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics
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Churchill Bar
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Suriwongse Room
7:00pm
**PIRATES OF
PENZANCE**

16 8:00-11:00am
Tennis Ladies Mix-in
10:30-11:30am
Aqua Aerobics
5:15-9:00pm
Squash Mix-in
7:00-9:00pm
Rugby Practice

Friday

3 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes
5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in
Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
TEX-MEX BUFFET
Silom Sala
7.00-9.00pm **Kid's VDO**

10 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes
5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in
Churchill Bar
Lunch & Dinner
GERMAN BUFFET
Silom Sala
7.00-9.00pm **Kids' VDO**
Suriwongse Room
7:00pm
**PIRATES OF
PENZANCE**

17 2:00-5:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes
5:00-6:30pm
Junior Tennis
6:00-10:00pm
Tennis Mix-in

Saturday

4 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes
8:30-11:15
SOCATOTS
9:00am-1:30pm
Junior Swimming
Classes
9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice
Wordsworth Lounge
1:00-2:00pm Yoga

11 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes
8:30-11:15
SOCATOTS
9:00am-2:00pm
Junior Swimming
Classes
9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice
Wordsworth Lounge
1:00-2:00pm Yoga
Suriwongse Room
2:30 & 7:00pm
**PIRATES OF
PENZANCE**

18 7:00-9:00am
Adult Tennis Classes
9:00am-2:00pm
Junior Swimming
Classes
9:30am-12noon
Cricket Practice



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<p>From 10:00am-8:00pm at Suan Lum Night Bazaar PLOENCHIT FAIR</p> <p>Wordsworth Lounge 1:00-2:00pm Yoga</p> <p>Suriwongse Room 2:00-5:20pm HIP-HOP CLASSES START!</p> 	<p>25 7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes</p> <p>9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes</p> <p>9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice</p>	<p>Wordsworth Lounge 1:00-2:00pm Yoga</p> <p>Suriwongse Room 2:00-5:20pm HIP-HOP CLASSES</p>	

On the menu . . .

Culinary DATES TO REMEMBER



Friday, 10th November: Join us in the Churchill Bar at lunch & dinner time for our **German Food Promotion**, which features a Buffet of German culinary delights including baked ham, pork knuckle, sausages, German potato salad, apple strudel and lots more. Just 280 baht per person.

And now available in the Churchill Bar at lunch & dinner and also in bottles (@ 195 baht) Dark, Wheat and Lager **Paulaner German beer**, whilst stocks last.



Wednesday, 22nd November: Give thanks once again in the Churchill Bar . . . Don't miss the lunch & dinner **Thanksgiving Buffet**, which features roast turkey, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, ice cream and plenty more. And still just 280 baht per person.



Poolside Pick Me Up

Ingredients:

- Fresh carrot
 - Carrot juice
 - Fresh apple
 - Crushed ginger
- (all well shaken)

White Mocha

Here's a change from the usual Mocha coffee -

Ingredients:

- Espresso coffee
- White chocolate Sauce
- Whole hot milk
- Topping with whipped cream and milk foam



For **Cocktail of the Month**, see page 43.

The following dish is not (yet) on the menu at the Club . . . so you'll just have to make it yourself! Here we go . . .

Crispy Salmon (Serves 4)

- 1 x Aioli
- 850 ml chicken or vegetable stock, lightly seasoned
- 8 baby bulbs of fennel, stalks removed and herby tops reserved
- 4 x 220 gram salmon steaks, scored
- 1 small handful of fresh mint, ripped
- 1 small handful of basil, leaves picked
- extra virgin olive oil
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 100 g. green beans, tops removed
- 100 g. snow peas
- 100 g. garden peas
- 250 g. New potato

Directions:

First, make the aioli. When you've done that, bring your stock to the boil in a large pan then add your fennel and allow this to boil for 4 minutes while you heat up a non-stick frying pan. Take your salmon steaks and, if you fancy it, you could finely slice a little of your mint and basil and push this into the score marks. Pat the salmon steaks with a little olive oil, season and place skin-side down in the frying pan. Leave them for 2 minutes to get really crispy then check how they're doing. They'll want around 4 minutes on the skin side and 1 minute on the other. You'll get an idea of how they're cooking as you'll see the salmon change colour.

When the fennel has had 4 minutes, add the green beans and the broad beans. Give them a further 2 minutes. By this time you will probably want to turn over the salmon steaks for their last minute. Add the peas to the other vegetables and cook for a final 2 minutes. Don't be tempted to overcook the salmon - remove it from the heat. Divide the vegetables between 4 bowls, rip over the mint and basil, ladle

over some of your hot cooking stock and place the salmon on top. Serve with a dollop of aioli. Fantastic!



Aioli

- 1/2 small clove of garlic, peeled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 large egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- approx. 285ml extra virgin olive oil
- approx. 285ml pint olive oil
- lemon juice, to taste

When I make aioli I use two olive oils: one that is a bit more expensive, a bit more peppery and a bit more gutsy; and a second which is a bit more bland but still nice and mellow. By blending the flavours in this way you achieve an olive oil flavour that isn't too strong or too peppery. Aioli is great with cold roast pork. Basil aioli is good with pink grilled salmon and lemon aioli works well with crostini in fish broth.

Directions:

Smash up the garlic with 1 teaspoon of salt in a pestle and mortar (if you don't have a pestle and mortar you can very finely chop the garlic). Place the egg yolk and mustard in a bowl and whisk. Then start to add your olive oil bit by bit. Once you've blended in a quarter of the olive oil you can start to add the rest in larger amounts. When you've added it all, you can add the garlic and lemon (to taste) and any extra flavours such as basil, fennel tops, dill, chopped roast nuts. To finish, just season to taste with salt, freshly ground black pepper and lemon juice.



Children's Christmas Ball

Friday, 1st December
6.30 p.m. ~ 10.30 p.m.

Baht 750

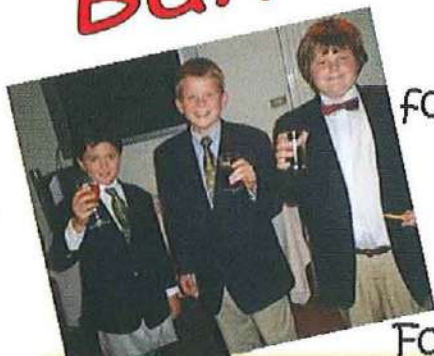


Second ever Christmas Ball
for the Club's younger members

Formal Dress

Pre-dinner 'mocktails'
Four-course Christmas dinner
(no sprouts!!!)

Music by Santa's 'jingle bells' disco
and everyone gets a present
from Santa



Please sign up at the Reception



A photograph of two women jumping joyfully on a bed in a hotel room. The woman on the left is wearing a white sleeveless top and a white skirt. The woman on the right is wearing a light-colored short-sleeved crop top and striped shorts. They are both smiling and have their hair blowing in the air. The background is a textured, light-colored wall with a lamp visible on the right side.

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New Zealand Wine Makers Dinner



Does anyone still think that New Zealand is the land of dowdy whites and muted reds? Well, if you attended the wine makers dinner on 11th October at the Lord's, that misconception would have been well and truly put to rest as diners were treated to a most impressive array of world-class wines from no fewer than three prominent NZ winemakers.

Leading off was the superb and fruity Babich Black Label Sauvignon Blanc 2005, followed by three beautiful reds showcasing five different grape varieties: a Lincoln Pinot Noir, a Trinity Hill Syrah and the Babich "Irongate" Cabernet Merlot Franc. Following up was the amazing Lincoln ice wine made from late-harvested frozen grapes – a process that accentuates sweetness but also acidity, to give a balanced intense flavour.

Dancing in duet with the wines was the carefully conceived 6-course menu from the British Club's kitchens. Crispy tasty salads and subtly spiced soups gave way to terrine and sherbet to titillate the palate, culminating in the magnificent rack of lamb which was, well . . . 'perfect' comes to mind.

This British Club wine dinner presented a rare opportunity to taste some genuinely high-class wines in a fine dining context, with commentary by the winemakers themselves. Judging from this offering by the New Zealanders, not only have the French and Californian winemakers cause for concern, but neither should the Australians rest on their laurels!

Congratulations to Barry Osborne, Khun Laak and her team, and all those who put in the hard work to bring to fruition yet another exquisite wine dinner, quite possibly the best yet.

The New Zealand Wine Makers Dinner was sponsored by Tom Westbury and Prestige Wines, with visiting wine makers Joe Babich from Babich Winery, John Hancock from Trinity Wines and Peter Fredatovich from Lincoln Estate.



**The St David's Society
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**800 baht members
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To reserve your table please contact Roger Kimber
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Christmas starts here
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Cooking up a Treat II

Our second cooking class led by head chefs Khun Suchon and Khun Laak swung into action on Tuesday 10th of October in the Silom Sala. Before long, members were rolling spring rolls and making satays, tom yum, phad Thai, green curry and learning how to peel a mango without leaving too much flesh on the skin.

Members were encouraged to ask questions and given tips on where to buy the ingredients rather than going to expensive places such as Villa and Tops. A lot of interest was expressed in a market tour so we are planning a trip to the Khlong Toei Market shortly after the Christmas season.

Members got to taste their recent creations, cooked and served for lunch, along with a glass or two of Thailand's finest wine.

On this page is the recipe for one of the tasty Thai dishes featured in the cooking class: Phad Thai (Thai noodles).



Phad Thai (Serves 4)

Ingredients:

- 8 oz (250 g) rice noodles (Kwuy Teow Sen Chan)
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 5 garlic cloves (kratiem), minced
- 2 shallots
- 1/4 cup dried shrimp/prawns
- 1 whole egg
- 1/4 cup 1-in (2.5-cm) lengths chopped chives
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 1/2 cup fried tofu

Sauce:

- 1/4 cup (2 fl oz/60 ml) fish sauce (nam pla)
- 1/4 cup (2 oz/60 g) palm sugar
- 2 tablespoons tamarind juice (ma-kaam piag)
- 1 tablespoon paprika or Thai chili powder
- 2 tablespoons dried unsalted turnip, cut into small pieces

Garnish:

- 1/2 cup bean sprouts
- 1/2 cup chopped chives
- 1/4 small banana blossom, cut into strips (optional)
- 1/2 lime, cut into wedges
- 1/4 cup (2 oz/60 g) ground roasted peanuts

Directions:

1. Soak the rice noodles in cold water about 5-10 minutes or until soft. Drain, and set aside.
2. Heat a large skillet until hot, then add the oil, garlic, shallot, stir-fried until garlic and shallot golden brown, add fish sauce, palm sugar, tamarind juice. Stir-fry the mixture until thoroughly combined.
3. Add the noodles and stir-fry until translucent. It may be necessary to reduce the heat if the mixture is cooking too quickly and the noodles stick.
4. Turn the heat to high, add the egg, stir in the tofu and turnip and cook until the egg sets, stirring gently. Thoroughly combine the mixture, and continue cooking over medium-high heat for about 2 minutes until most of the liquid is reduced.
5. Mix in the chives, peanuts and bean sprouts. Place on a serving dish, arrange the bean sprouts, chives, banana blossom and lime attractively and serve.



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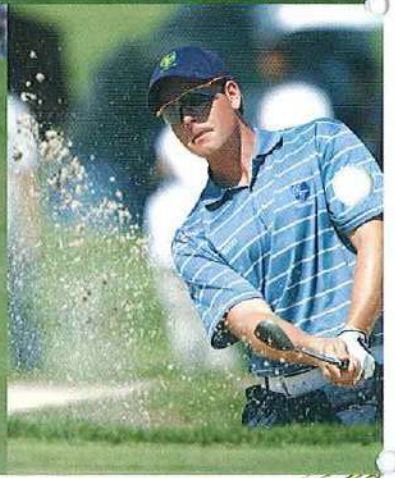
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LOOKING BACK

WINE TASTING

The latest wine tasting on September 29th saw over 60 members attend and enjoy wines from Australia, California, New Zealand, Thailand and a host of other countries. The wines were sponsored by Prestige Wines, Global Premium, Mae Cham Thai Winery, South African Winery, Cititex and Paradox wine accessories.

Once again Khun Laak and her team presented a range of tasty canapes to complement the wines. Afterwards many members made their way down to the Churchill Bar to enjoy the Friday 'TGIF' Curry Buffet, and perhaps just one or two more drinks, before heading off home.

And don't forget, the Big One is coming: The British Club's Wine Extravaganza will occupy all upstairs rooms in the Clubhouse on Friday, November 24th. We now have 16 companies confirmed, so if ever there were an ideal opportunity to stock up your Christmas wine cellar, this is it!



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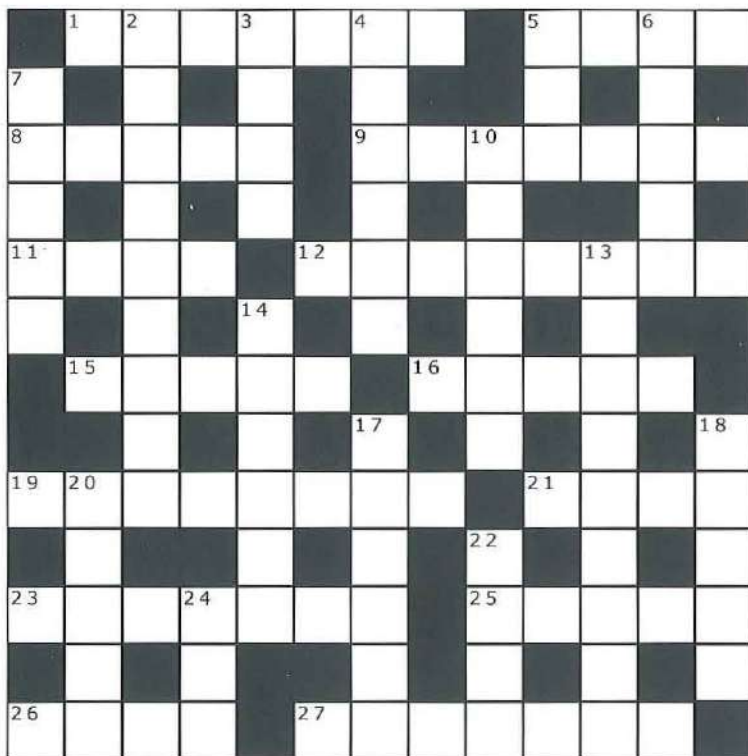
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Crossword Competition

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



October Solution

Across: 1 Orchid, 4 Potter, 8 Icedman, 10 Babies, 11 Never, 12 Emma, 14 Semi, 15 Smashhits, 17 Rehashing, 20 Rear, 21 Dali, 22 Melba, 24 Endear, 25 Author, 26 Tommys, 27 Starer.

Down: 1 Oliver, 2 Creams, 3 Ivan, 5 Omar, 6 Tribes, 7 Russia, 9 Newspaper, 10 Bethsheba, 13 Amber, 14 Stand, 16 Orient, 17 Random, 18 Gather, 19 Mirror, 22 Mary, 23 Aunt.



Be the first person to submit the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Ben and receive a bottle of wine.

The winner of the October crossword competition, after a short hiatus, is champion crossworder John Sands. John hasn't been in to collect his wine, so in the meantime we commissioned a painting of what the event could have looked like.

Congratulations to the five finders of the five Halloween pumpkins hidden in the October edition of *Outpost*: Sam Ressin, Purvi Doshi, Kit & Alex Zellerbach and Silong Valero – winners of free tickets to the BC Children's Halloween Party.

And don't forget our Christmas art competition. Anyone under 14 can enter and the winning work will appear on the front cover of December's *Outpost*. See page three for details.

How's your geography?

Across

- 1 Commercial city of Pakistan.
- 5 It was a country between the Gold Coast Colony and Nigeria.
- 8 It has been a trouble spot in Iraq.
- 9 Malaysian resort first settled by the Portuguese.
- 11 European currency.
- 12 An English Range.
- 15 A County in Eire.
- 16 Island in the South Pacific.
- 19 City on Mexico's Pacific Coast.
- 21 It used to be Persia.
- 23 It certainly is this on the Equator! (4,3)
- 25 Sea to cross from Russia to Turkey.
- 26 Thailand once was.
- 27 The world's largest ethnic group.

Down

- 2 Island continent.
- 3 Nationality of a Native of the Middle East.
- 4 English East Coast River and Estuary.
- 5 The crop of Assam.
- 6 A town in Germany.
- 7 Famous landmark in 10 down . . . Westminster _____.
- 10 Samuel Pepys wrote of the "Great Fire" in this city.
- 13 Natives of West Africa's largest country.
- 14 Large village on the North Shore of 4 Down.
- 17 A drink from "North of the Border".
- 18 A limbless reptile found in most countries.
- 20 Subcontinent town sounds DEAR to a French girl!
- 22 Resort on the West Coast of Scotland.
- 24 A sweet edible tuber from the tropics.

Regular Sports, Games & Activities

Aqua Aerobics

Thursday 10:30-11:30am

Bridge

Sunday 3:00 onwards - Churchill Bar
(except last Sunday of every month)

Chess

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

Cricket

Wednesday 6:00-8:30pm Practice - Back lawn
Saturday 9:30-midday - Back lawn
Sunday 3:00-6:00pm - Back lawn

Football

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

Hockey

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

Rugby

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

Socafots

Third ten-week course: 9 September to 11 November
Saturdays on the Front Lawn:

8:30-9:00am: Walking to 2 yrs
9.00-9.45am: 4-5 year olds
9.45-10.30am: 3 year olds
10.30-11.15am: 2 year olds

Snooking

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

Squash

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

Swimming

Friday 2:00-5:30pm junior classes
Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm junior classes

Tennis

Match Play

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

Tennis Coaching

With Nelson Thein . . .

Wednesday 5:00-6:30pm: Junior tennis

Friday 5:00-6:30pm: Junior tennis

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

Yoga

Saturday 1:00-2:00pm in Wordsworth Room

Sports/Activities Price List

Aqua aerobics

Cricket

Massage

Squash

Squash courts

Swimming

Tennis

Adult Tennis

Ladies Tennis

Junior Tennis

Tennis courts

Tennis knockers

Yoga

Bt 350 per session

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

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session

Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 per 45 min; group session

Bt 1200 per 45 min

Bt 30 per 45 min

Classes with Bangkok Dolphins - Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons of 30 min

Private coaching with Nelson Thein - Bt 800/hour

Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour

Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning - beginner to advanced)

Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Ladies clinic Tuesday mornings)

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

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

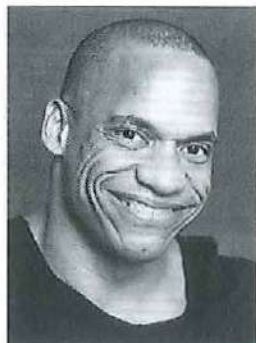
Hourly knocking sessions with - Khun Kaew (Bt 500), Khun Tom (Bt 400),

Khun Phon (Bt 300), Khun Champ (Bt 250)

Bt 250 per lesson

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

Starting this Month . . .



Shake Your Bootie!

Come on down to **Beginning Hip-Hop** classes at the British Club with Bill Calhoun - American director, producer and choreographer. Bill's also an award-winning Dance Trainer!

Classes start November 18th

9-12 years old - Saturday 2-3:00pm

13-16 years old - Saturday 3:10-4:10pm

16-100 years old - Saturday 4:20-5:20pm

Venue: Suriwongse Room

Price: 400 baht



The 1970's

In this sequel to "The 1950's" articles earlier this year, Nigel Overy CBE details his return in the 1970's to a somewhat more diverse British Club with a new swimming pool installed and slowly emerging policies for 'Associate Membership' and a 'Long Range Plan' for Club development . . .



The British Club in 1981. Photos courtesy Brian Brook.

When I returned from Singapore in July 1971 the sought-after swimming pool had at last been installed and was separated from the front tennis courts by a sala running from the driveway to the squash courts. The billiard room had been re-sited on the top floor of the main building. The Front Bar, Cinema Room and Rotunda Lounge were no longer referred to as such. There were no other major changes, although some effort had been made to improve the general appearance of the Club. The *tical* had become the *baht*, and *Nai* had been replaced by *khun*; the Chinese staff carried Thai names.

Most of my colleagues from the 50's era were no longer around but it gradually became apparent that there was a greater diversity of nationalities using the Club. It appeared that they had become Ordinary Members as a result of various General Committees ignoring the basic rules for qualification for membership. The rules were intended to convey that 'gentlemen' from Great Britain and Northern Ireland acceptable to the General Committee were eligible and freedom was extended to the Committee to permit others "of British descent": a Dutch immigrant to Australia could hardly have qualified under this category but one such had been granted Ordinary Membership; nor was he alone in this regard. On the other hand others with similar background had been turned down by the management of the day. Unfortunately with annual elections of a General Committee it was inevitable that anomalies would arise where individual prejudice or bias could produce variable decisions. It was clear that the rules needed to be revisited.

In 1974 a Sub-Committee was set up under Tom Barratt to review the membership position. From a count of the nationalities of the Ordinary Membership it was clearly apparent that the dominant number came from the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand and we decided that these nationalities, together with Ireland, would be pivotal in our recommendations to the General Committee. Our discussions were wide-ranging and included the position of ladies, the name of the Club, and a consideration of statements to be made to prevent race, colour or creed being used as a bar to

membership. We recognized that as the Royal Bangkok Sports Club by this time had been obliged to apply a waiting list for membership many expatriate arrivals would be without an acceptable meeting place to socialize among people of similar background: we therefore decided to recommend a new category of 'Associate Membership' and to delete the 'British descent' rule.

By a sorry coincidence, but helpful to our proposals, our discussions became more pertinent to the General Committee when an Australian diplomat of Polish descent was barred from membership giving rise to an explosive outburst by the then Prime Minister of Australia, Gough Whitlam, charging discrimination by the Club and an order to the diplomatic service to resign membership by its staff, an order which fortunately was largely ignored.

In the event the General Committee discarded our proposals regarding the 'British descent' clause, Ireland and the position of ladies but put forward our remaining recommendations to the membership at an Extraordinary General Meeting in early 1975. The proposal regarding Associate Membership was passed at that meeting but failed by six votes to secure enough support to put this before the obligatory confirming meeting. The remainder went through without difficulty.

After a year as Vice-Chairman I was elected to the Chair in 1976 following the retirement of Hugh Docherty. After exhaustive deliberations with all concerned and a seemingly endless series of Extraordinary General Meetings in early 1977 the Committee proposed two major policy changes. The first was a re-airing of the proposal to introduce non-voting Associate Membership as a category of qualification. It had not earlier been appreciated that by confining full membership to stated nationalities and retaining the 'British descent' clause the Club was left with no flexibility to accommodate those who clearly had a community of interest with the Ordinary Membership. Although there was much lengthy discussion at the meeting this significant rule change was finally passed with only eight votes against and was re-confirmed as required at the Annual General Meeting where it was carried by 170

votes for to 8 against. It may be relevant to remind the current membership that this category was to be filled by special Committee invitation only, was confined to sixty individuals, and only to those having "close affinity with British interests and/or the interests of the Club membership": this qualification was intended to preserve the general character of the Club. The intention was that no potential candidate should be made aware of a possible invitation to join the Club, as refusal by the Committee would be a severe embarrassment to both his sponsor and his candidate. Unfortunately later Committees decided to use this category as a way of raising money and hence introduced membership canvassing.

The second item of major importance was the need for the Club to allocate its slender reserves in a logical manner. I had been greatly concerned over the haphazard manner in which projects were being carried out according to the whim of the Committee of the day. A Long Range Plan of Action was long overdue. My colleagues and I set about analyzing the use of the Club's physical facilities to determine a direction that would better utilize the space available and enhance income for the Club. There were priorities that could not be overlooked. One of these was the Main Bar where members were constantly falling through the floorboards, at times an hilarious affair but one which could have serious repercussions if injuries resulted in claims being made. The Club was lucky in having an Australian member, David Abotomey, a building conservation expert of international reputation who volunteered to crawl under the foundations to determine the cause and extent of the rising damp problem. His findings were ominous. Although this was more in the nature of a maintenance item, the extent of correction work required put it into the category of a capital project. Although temporary measures were adopted to secure the immediate position, it was decided to include this item as a major priority in a long-range plan.

We finally developed a plan that covered twelve items in descending degree of priority, knowing that it could take some years to complete. It might be of interest to the present membership to know that the second item on this list was the building of a new office and storage complex and that it has taken 25 years for this subject to be raised again. It is fruitless now to iterate the items covered in this plan other than to state that the cost of implementing the plan, at 1977 prices, was estimated at 6 million baht. The resolution to adopt the Long Range Plan, with one additional item agreed at the meeting, was put to the vote in February 1977 and was passed with one vote against and one abstention. After the frustrated attempt at the end of the 50's I was delighted at this result, the culmination of untold late hours of work by the Committee.

After four intense years of work at the Club and satisfied that the Club had been set on a rational course I was anxious to give more time to my employers' affairs. I stood down from the Committee at the 1978 Annual General Meeting.



Looking towards the Suriwongse gate, over the grass tennis courts, which were often waterlogged during the wet season.



The 1981 Christmas Ball. The first was in 1978.



View of the recently completed Silom Sala.

However I had made a fatal error of judgement the effect of which was to appear within two years. At my last meeting I stated that the Long Range Plan, although carried by an overwhelming vote, would not be taken as a mandatory requirement for future Committees to follow as circumstances could change and a revision of priorities might become necessary. I assumed that the commonsense of my successors would enable them broadly to implement the programme laid down with minor variation. It was not to be. Successive Committees followed their own pet projects and this, combined with financial mismanagement, meant that over the years Club funds were badly used and haphazard development continued. Today I feel I have to apologize to my colleagues on the Committee and various connected Sub-Committees for the pressure I put them under to secure a firm base for Club development.

Quote of the month:

“I feel old when I see mousse in my opponent’s hair.”
(Andre Agassi)

After a two-month hiatus, the tennis section is back in action - busy on court and behind the scenes, organizing a host of events guaranteed to please the most demanding of tennis enthusiasts. In the coming weeks and months, we’ve planned friendly mix-ins and matches, both at home and away, at local clubs eager to host the British Club. We’re even looking ahead to an exciting weekend of competition in early December in Singapore where we will compete against the Singapore, Tanglin and American Clubs.

In recent months, you may not have read about us in these pages but we’ve been quite active right here at home. Our Oct. 8th Extravaganza gave 32 club members ranging in age from 11 to 70+ a chance to test their competitive skills in an all-new format imported directly from Paris via Jakarta. Upon arrival, players picked a number or a letter from a hat, and then were paired randomly for three sets. No person played with or against the same person twice. Players kept individual scores, with the four highest men and women again paired for the semi-finals. If participants could ONLY manage to turn up at our announced starting time, we might even be able to squeeze in a quarterfinal round!! A quick survey suggested that the format was a real hit among Club members and organizers alike, especially since the latter avoided the nasty task of making the pairings on the basis of skill and/or experience, as well as assigning courts.

After three gruelling rounds featuring both shutouts and long, drawn-out tie-breaks, Eileen, Natacha, Julia and Zandra emerged as the top four women. Enrique, James, Andrew and Phairoj earned semi-final berths among the men. The first semi-final saw Eileen and Enrique in a tough battle against Andrew and Julia, who lost 3-6 under a blazing noon sun. In the other semi-final, James and Natacha took no pity on Zandra and Phairoj, winning 6-1. It’s a rare day indeed to see the veteran Thai bow out so unceremoniously. But we know he’ll be back!! The final turned out to be less than spectacular. Play got underway with fine hitting, poaching, overheads and strong serving, but disaster struck at 2-1. Natacha miss-hit a blistering serve from Enrique and it bounced off the racket frame into her left eye. Papa Marc administered ice for several minutes, and the gutsy young teen returned to the court amid cheers from the many spectators gathered in the sala. But the pain was too much, and our young champion was forced to retire, handing victory to Eileen and Enrique. It was great disappointment for

Natacha and James, but we certainly expect to see them back on centre court in the near future.

Winners took home vouchers worth 1,000 baht for use at British Club’s own ‘Lord Jim’ restaurant, or for treatment at the Leaf Spa. Finalists won a glass candy dish and day books from Marc Hagelauer’s popular Food by Phone. Booby prizes – a set of six glasses - went to Chris and Oui for their determination and fun attitude.

The tennis section was thrilled to welcome surprise newcomer Simon Roberts, the British Club’s recently appointed CEO. Roberts, who arrived early and incognito to many, showed off real skill and a fierce competitive spirit, despite not having touched a racket for more than four months. “I’ve only been here for a week, and already in one morning of tennis, I had the opportunity of meeting 40 new people,” Roberts told the Outpost after a delicious lunch on the lawn. “It was a great chance to interact with all the tennis section people. Everyone can see that I’m not just a tie.” (we think he meant a ‘suit’?) The tennis section is delighted to have Simon among us and we hope he will become a regular participant in all our special events. .

In September, the British Club played a friendly away match at Piyarom, a gorgeous facility located out at Sukhumvit 101/1. It was our first time ever to play at the luxurious, five-star, all-Thai facility that also boasts a lovely swimming pool and driving range. The BC sent about 20 of its best players to compete against 40 players from Piyarom. Alas, we lost by a hair, 12-13, despite winning a final match on an outside court, that, had it counted, would have evened the unfortunate score to 13 all. Some BC members were rankled by some questionable calls in the final match which Nut and Ton lost 7-9, but for the most part, the play was fair and fun and we all look forward to a revenge match in the near future. This event marked the first time we were able to see professional tennis coach Marcel Petit in action. Marcel is one of the club’s newest members and for years, was one of the top junior coaches in France. His past experience also includes being a referee on the international junior tennis circuit. The tennis section hopes to enlist his support in the coming months. Many thanks to Tip, Mam, Angela, Eileen, Emma, Noi, Natacha, Na, Anais, Nu, Yupharet and Jeab for their participation in what turned out to be an excellent outing for all. Meanwhile, we are eagerly awaiting a rematch!!.

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct. 28th - Away match at the Royal Navy. Excellent tennis guaranteed in a royal setting with BC members receiving royal treatment on and off the court. Don't miss the lovely reception to follow.

Nov. 4: British Club's Junior Championships. See box below.

Nov. 5: 8am - Home match against the Philippine tennis group.

Nov. 11: 3pm start. Away match at the Polo Club.

Nov. 18: Home match against the Japanese Club - 3pm-8pm.



Four finalists: Enrique, Eileen, Natacha, James



Winners Eileen & Enrique (Bruce our MC in the middle)

FEEDBACK AND SUPPORT NEEDED FROM TENNIS SECTION MEMBERS

Maintenance:

- Lighting: lighting has never been up to the standards approved by the BC. We are currently looking at a number of solutions to improve the substandard lighting.
- Grass courts: players' opinions about the grass courts are badly needed.

Court booking: We want to improve on the current court booking system. The tennis committee believes better use of the courts is needed at peak times. (Advance booking versus on-site booking, knockers' restrictions, cancellation and waiting lists) Members are welcome to give us their ideas and proposals.

Coaching: The tennis committee strongly believes that a club of the calibre of the BC deserves a more comprehensive coaching program for both children and adults. (Coach and knocker selection and pricing, coaching programs, and Club involvement and coordination.

Feedback to Marc Nussaume at marcnus@hotmail.com

BC JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

NOVEMBER 4, 9am start

Open to all juniors who have NOT participated in any BC adult championship events. FOR THE FIRST TIME, we are introducing a mini-tennis event for any junior of any age who can hold and/or swing a racket. Give the kids a taste of fun competition in a healthy family atmosphere right here on the grounds of the BC. Categories are under 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 (subject to change depending on the number of participants).

Enrique's Tip of the Month

Serve toward the middle of the court: In doubles you can be a little more predictable when you serve. The wider you serve, the more angles you give the receiver, and this also forces your partner at net to hug the doubles alley. If you're going to serve out wide, never do it on a planned poach, and use it more as a change of pace. Instead, serve into the body or down the T. Your opponent returning serve will have difficulty creating angles or pulling the ball back down the line. This will keep the returns toward the centre of the court and give your partner opportunities to pick off volleys.

Marilyn August

The Ryder Cup spirit spilled over to us here in Bangkok – watching the European Team playing at their best in the rain gave us golfers a great deal of inspiration!!! Playing in the rain is really not an obstacle; rather it's the way we move our hips and swing our golf clubs!!! So folks, take a grip.... check your hips turn and elbows swing and remember what your Pro and psychiatrist said!!!.But hey! Let's face it, some of us have talent and some don't and at our level it's the spirit that counts!

September Medal at Royal – Lad kra bang



Well deserved Robert-Medal

While a few golfers from either side of the pond were about to start a bit of a singles match-play, here in Bangkok on the opposite side of the globe, as our Captain of Vice (Peter Skinner) said, a true test of golfing talent was underway. He personally took a great deal of inspiration from what was happening in Ireland, playing like he had just skulled 12 pints of Guinness,

Darren Clarke style. While a few players had actually been inspired by the golf, Robert Gray carded a Banditesque Net 65 to win Flight B (welcome to Flight A); second, Gordon Milne 69; and Roy Barret, carding a respectable Net 70, won Flight A; second, Pat Dean 72.

Club Day at President Country Club

Here showed true spirit as many members braved the flood to get to the golf course. This course is not one of our regular venues, but our booking secretary; Kaca (Karen Carter) thought we needed a challenge and a change. It was a two ball scramble format and as we know scrambles are always fun if not always successful. It is amazing how supportive and kind we are to each other – unless we happened to be married, of course, hence the Ashmans insulted each other all around the course, came in last, but are still together. The course is long



We got technicals



Prince Charles and Mary

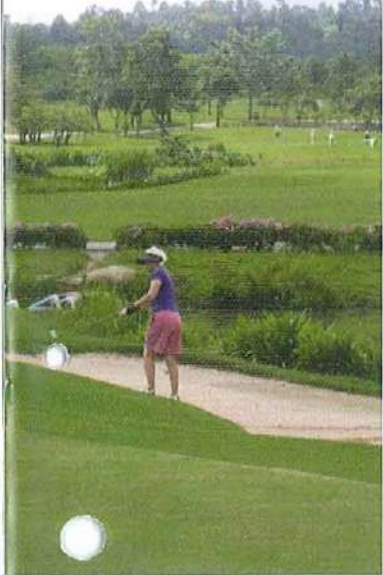
and fairly flat, but there was not much roll due to the wet conditions. However, Charles loved it as it gave him a chance to let some of his irons out of the bag - apparently he usually manages with a driver and a sand wedge. Mary hits the ball a country mile, so it must have been a charming little round for those two! I could not remember much about the game (at home!) but heard that it was a good outing, with well deserved winners: "Prince Charles" and Mary. Complimentary photo taken by our VC's Mrs, Belinda. Thanks.

Maureen and Gaew played their matchplay, sponsored by Seara, and Maureen won, though Gaew went away with her usual armful of technicals.

Away weekend – Soi Dao Highland Golf Club, Chantaburi 7 & 8 October

Surprisingly, 11 crazy golfers submitted to the challenge..... amidst the flood scare as Chantaburi was announced a flash flood hazardous zone!!!! The beautiful golf course is in the highland of Soi Dao district, surrounded by mountains and near the border of Cambodia approx. 4 hours drive from Bangkok. We (Orin – driving, Bon and Gaew) encountered 2 patches of flooding in Chantaburi approx 30 cm deep on the road, not to mention the depth by the road sides where the houses were located below the road surface! My heart sank as I heard water gurgling and beating underneath and as expected it came inside the car a little. Luckily the others went in high 4 wheel vehicles and did not suffer the same fate. The golf course is high enough to be out of the flooding zone. We saw a few streams running through the golf course with strong currents rushing down from the mountain to the low lands as we played and prayed that when we returned to Bangkok, we would not have to go through the flood again.

As per last year, 3 teams competed against each other: **Thai Chics** - consisting of Yurachat, Gaew, Bon and Orin, **Farang Fillies** – Karen C, Belinda, Carol Ann and Laurie and **Senior Men** – Captain Brian Brook, Tom and Bob. The format was; add the highest & lowest stableford points scored on each hole over 3 days. At the



Best bunker shot-Soi Dao



I'm well covered - Soi Dao



Walking in the rain-Soi Dao



Oops I slipped!-Soi Dao



I needed nuts!-Soi Dao



Air shot-Soi Dao



Hips swing-Soi Dao



I can dance-Soi Dao

end of the game on the first day, everyone came in with tracks of mud on their faces, legs, shoes and clothing but still in high spirit! But the fun began after we quenched our thirst with wine and ate delicious food, and then watched Karen who took up the floor and showed the other 100 hotel guests, how to dance to her favourite Thai song "Bow rak si dum (Black love ribbon)". The stress and strain of playing under such wet and soggy conditions disappeared as we unwound late into the night under the beautiful full moon sitting in the midst of a white blanket of clouds.

Second day we started early; it was clear with no rain in sight. Each team had an equal chance of winning after the first day as there were only a few points difference between 1st Farang Follies, 2nd Thai Chics and Senior Men 3rd. The scores were better all round, although Senior Men managed to outdo us ladies by a mile. So here is the result: 1st Senior Men 116, 2nd Thai Chics (on count back), 3rd Farang Fillies 103 points. We departed the hotel at about 3pm, all had a "Bon Voyage" journey home with no obstacles or floods, happy having thoroughly enjoyed each other's company and fellowship much more than the golf.

Future fixtures for November and December

- November:
 Sun 12th: Medal - Royal Lad Krabang, tee off 11.30
 Sat 25th & Sun 26th: Away weekend - Club Championship at Phoenix Pattaya
 Tee off both days at 11.12 (to be confirmed)

Away weekend in December:

2nd & 3rd December: Majestic Creek Hua Hin. Saturday is our annual match against GCL, followed by the traditional yummy BBQ at Ben's House on the beach..... . On Sunday will be The Committee v the Rest for the DeeMed trophy. Tuesday 5th is a public holiday for the King's Birthday, so some might want to stay on and make it a long weekend, and therefore those travelling back to Bangkok on Sunday night should have a reasonably good journey.

- Sun 10th Matchplay Final and Stableford - Venue to be confirmed.
 Sun 17th Medal at the Royal Lad Krabang.

Great and fun events you should not miss, especially away weekends, so please sign up.

We also welcome new members to our fun and adventurous events - let our Captain, Brian

Brook or Vice Captain, Peter Skinner, know of your wishes to join or send an email to bbrook@loxinfor.co.th or bcgs2002@yahoo.co.uk Please check our website for further details: <http://www.geocities.com/bcgolfsociety/>

**Val Ashman
 Orin Baldwin**



Good shot Bob!

Squashy Bits

I've had another busy travel month, at one point flying to New York for lunch on Tuesday, back to Bangkok for meetings on Friday and then off to Geneva on Saturday. Unfortunately this means I missed lots of good squash at the Club and had to push the door down when I got back to get past all the trophies Da had won whilst I was away!

I did however get back just in time to see the Club's new squash captain David Lines lead his team to an impressive victory over the Singapore British Club.

But first, the annual BCB Handicap Tournament and Plate, which commenced on 18th September with the finals on Sunday 24th September. Peter Corney reports:

BCB Handicap Tournament and Plate



Neil Evans struggles



Winner David Lines

There were 14 entries with handicaps ranging from -6 to -42 and the match of the tournament would have to be the one between Da and Neil Evans.

Neil won the first game and was 14-12 in the second with 3 match points. Da returned the serve with an excellent drive down the wall which even James Quinn would have trouble retrieving. She then served into the nick to make it 14-14 and Neil tinned the next shot when he had the chance for a winner. Da then went on to win the next game 15-12 to go through to the final of the Plate.

In the final of the Plate Da on -6 played Kit Kulvichit on -18. Both players agreed to play best of 5 games and Da went on to win a hard fought match 15-5, 15-14, 15-12. Da is very fit and never gives up even when losing 6 or 7 shots in a row. Da also won player of the tournament for her game against Neil.

The final of the main event was played between James Quinn on -42 and David Lines on -40. They also both agreed to best of 5 games format. This was an absorbing match with many long rallies and superb running by both players. The difference between the two players was the unforced error count which ultimately cost James the match. David Lines

won 3-1 with the scores being 15-12, 15-9, 14-15, 15-12. The match was played in excellent spirit with both players conceding points when they considered a call was incorrect.

Thank you to all participants and to all finalists who provided great entertainment for the spectators. There have now been adjustments made to the scoring system to give the lower handicap players a fairer chance of winning. In future the lower handicap player will commence on +8 when the handicap difference is greater than 10.

To celebrate the beginning of Tom's 9th decade, the inaugural Tom Annas annual handicap Squash Mix-in was held on Sunday 1st October. Again, Peter Corney reports:

Tom Annas Annual Handicap Mix-in

There were a total of 10 entrants ranging in handicaps from -8 to -42. For this competition the new handicap scoring system was used with some players starting on +8, requiring only 7 points to win.

The handicapping must have been reasonable as in Section 1 two players tied for first and in Section 2 three players tied for first. In Section 1 Chris Vendell and Da tied on 57 points but Da went into the playoff as she beat Chris in their match.

Da's Days ...



the Tom Annas ...



Handicap Plate

Handicap Player



vs. Singapore - before . . .



tense gallery



after . . .

In Section 2, Peter Corney, Colin Hastings and Charles Whiteley tied on 56 points and young Tom had to draw the name for the playoff with Da. Colin won the draw and subsequently lost 15-10 to Da in the final. Colin's handicap was -30 and Da's -8, Da starting on +8 and Colin on -22.

There were drinks and eats and prize giving on completion. Da won a very fine trophy donated by Tom Annas and 2,000 baht donated by ACA Pacific Group. As runner up Colin won a dinner for two from the Sofitel Central Plaza Hotel and 2,000 baht from ACA Pacific Group. Peter Corney and Charles Whiteley also won a dinner for two from the Sofitel as equal winners in their section. Everyone then settled down to some solid drinking and eating to climax a very enjoyable afternoon.

David's Lions beat Singapore

There was an air of excitement about the Club as our squashies prepared take on the Singapore British Club on 7th October. With new captain David Lines in charge there was a sense of change and anticipation. No one was more excited than David himself, revelling in his new responsibilities, pacing up and down, rallying his troops to new heights of endeavour.

The BC team is slightly youth-deficient but, reassuring this day was the fact that man-for-man Singapore looked even older. This was probably something to do with another fact that most of them had not got to bed very early the night before and

may have slightly over-indulged in the alcohol department. But rather disconcerting was the fact that they all looked the same, not just because they had rather snazzy uniform shirts on, but because most of them were all bald and would not have looked out of place on the Milwall terraces beating up the opposition from Derby.

Fortunately appearances deceived and they turned out to be a nice bunch of guys who didn't want to give too much trouble on the squash courts before they started drinking again. BC got off to a flyer and after 7 matches already had the day sewn up 6 games to 1. James Quinn, David Eastgate, Charles Whiteley, John Vivien and Nick Mellor all won magnificently 3-0, and Marvellous himself won 3-2 after looking in danger of losing. Apparently he had forgotten his favourite red jock-strap and it required sympathetic support from the gallery to rouse him to victory. Peter Corney somehow managed to lose 3-1.

The last three games were closer, possibly because hangovers were at last beginning to wear off. Captain David played very well to beat a handy looking baldy half his age but both Da and Phil Evans lost well-fought close matches 3-2 and 3-1 respectively, Da 9-8 in the 5th game.

Well done lads. Well done David. There was a great atmosphere that day which bodes well for the future. I'll be getting hold of David for a Squashy Bits interview during the month ... so watch out for that next time.

League Winners

Congratulations to the winners of August League # 210: Division 1 **David Lines**, 2 **Peter Corney**, 3 **Ruengrit**, 4 void, no-one turned up to play Da again!

Happy Squashing.

Jack Dunford

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HELLOS

Welcome Aboard!

Please join us in welcoming the following new members and their families. We look forward to seeing them around the Club.

1. Graeme P. Harlow
2. Bruce A. Madge
3. Frans & Antonella Remmerswaal
4. Jeffrey D. & Elizabeth Provencal
5. John-Paul & Anh Thu Simon

and GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to . . .

1. Alan & Helen Mills
2. Barbara Dirnberger
3. Geoffrey & Chompupun Thompson
4. Richard & Theresa Thomas
5. Paul & Franca Caputo
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11. David & Sue Chaplin
12. Michael & Susie Hague
13. Simon & Judith Fisher
14. Gregory Jones
15. Mark & Julie Lacy

ACCUMULATOR JACKPOT!

There was more than the usual excitement in the Churchill Bar on Accumulator night, the 27th of September, with a large jackpot in the offing. Congratulations to the winner Mr Bill Wilcox, a Club member since 1983, who now has 25,000 baht extra in his Club account!



Cocktail of the Month November 06

Apricot Cooler

- 1 oz Apricot brandy
- $\frac{3}{4}$ oz lime juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ oz Grenadine syrup
- 1 dash Angostura bitter
- Soda water

Shake brandy, lime juice & grenadine.
Strain into ice-filled fancy glass, top with soda and add angostura bitter



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