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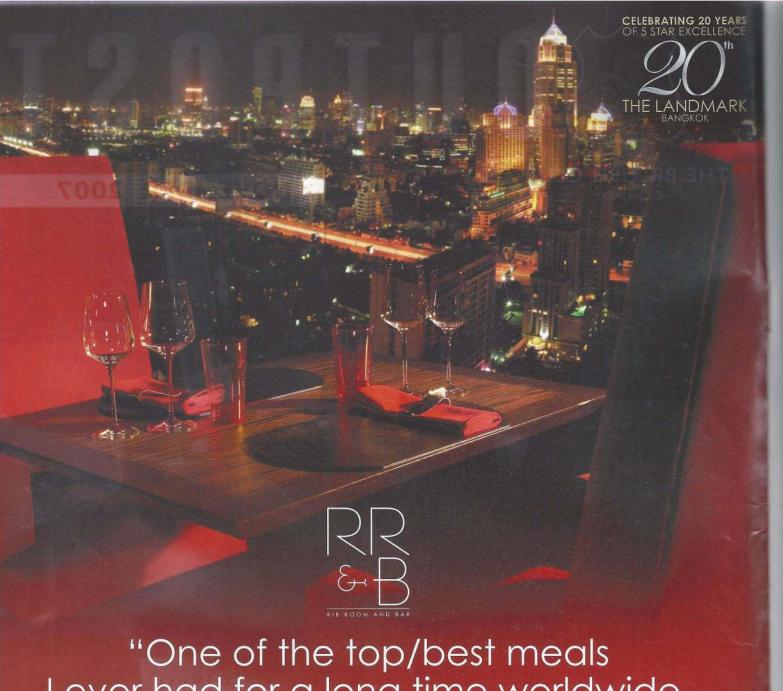


Late Harvest Issue

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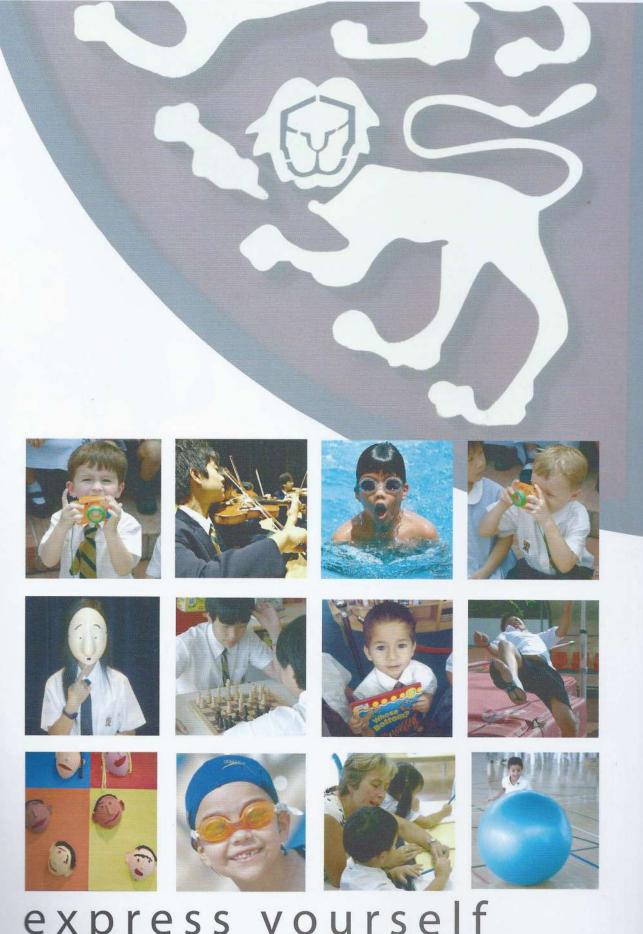
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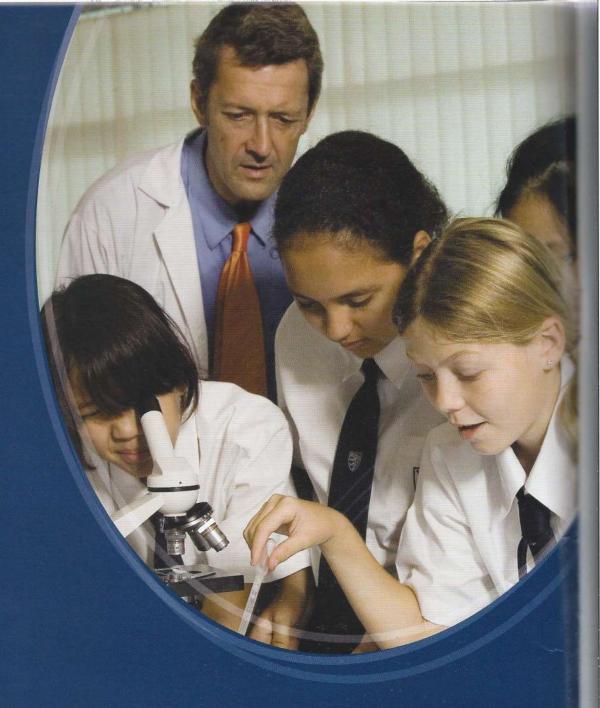
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Oh No! The big FIVE-OH! But one British Club member made the most of her 50th with a Butterfly Birthday Extravaganza designed to sample some of Bangkok's many and varied attractions.

# Late Harvest & the Nobly Rotten Grape

"Late harvest" is a term applied to wines made from grapes left on the vine longer than usual. Procrastination, when applied to grape harvesting, can be a very, very good thing indeed, as strange and wondrous things happen to grapes left to hang around on the vine for months after normal harvest time. . .

In the Northern hemisphere, November is a great time for walking though piles of dried autumn leaves. The process of leaf fall occurs as deciduous trees prepare for winter and a period of dormancy that will see them through the cold weather. Grape vines undergo just the same processes; stems turn woody and leaves a golden-red as the vines begin to drift into a winter sleep. Any fruit still attached to the vine becomes isolated from its nourishment and dehydrates, not only concentrating sugars but undergoing passerillage, the development of complex chemical compounds which significantly affect the eventual flavour of the wine.

Late harvest wines are made all over the world and are famous for their sweetness and rich, full-flavoured character. The wines shown on the front cover of this issue, with their strikingly beautiful autumn colours, were produced in South Africa, but the 'spiritual home' of late harvest wines could be said to be the Alsace region, which has strict rules regulating their production. There are only four permitted grape varieties from which late harvest wines may be produced: Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, Riesling, and Muscat.

While the grapes are hanging around on the vine waiting to be late-harvested, the process of dehydration can be accelerated by the attack of a strange mould called Botrytis, or 'noble rot' which punctures the grape skin causing the grapes to lose nearly all of their water content. Wines made from botrytis-affected grapes are generally extremely sweet, those produced in the Sauternes region south of Bordeaux being among the most famous examples. Sauternes are made from 'nobly rotten' Semillon and Sauvignon blanc grapes. Semillon is preferred due to the grape's thin skin and susceptibility to the botrytis which gives the grape a high sugar content. These wines are noted for the balance that complements the honeyed sweetness.

The infection rate of botrytis is sporadic with vines and bunches achieving full rottenness at different times. This often requires harvest workers to go through the vineyards several times between October and November to hand pick the fully rotted grapes. Sometimes the usable grapes from a single vine may only produce enough juice for a single glass.

Perhaps the ultimate in late harvest wines is "ice wine" where the grapes are harvested frozen. As the grapes are pressed, the frozen water crystals are eliminated leaving the highly concentrated sugar behind. The result is often a very sweet but refreshing wine due to the high acidity. In Canada, ice wine can only be harvested after November 15th, and must be picked when the temperature is -8C or below.

There'll be plenty of late harvest wines - and maybe even an ice wine or two, at the Club's Monster Wine Festival coming up on the Friday 16th November. See you there!

Billy Beefeater

#### Late harvest wine

Staff Service Awards



from South Africa, made from Chenin Blanc.

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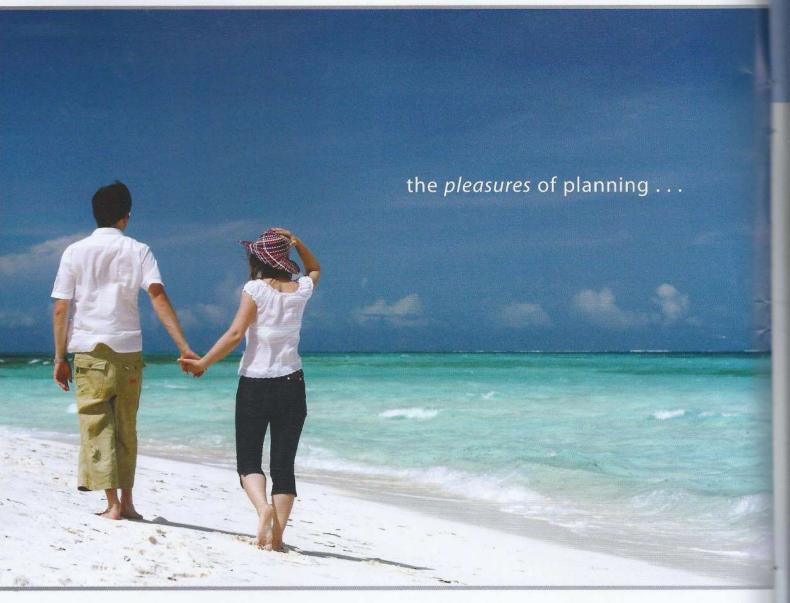
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# Letter from the Chair



Dear Members,

It has been a big month for sport around the world and at the Club. As I write this report, it is the week before England competes against South Africa in the Rugby World Cup final. Good luck to both teams. The Club has been a focus for the Rugby World Cup both with live and recorded games. Scheduling details for sport presentations

can be found on the events calendar on the British Club website (www.britishclubbangkok.org). Please contact the Club management if you have any suggestions of sports that you would like to come and watch at the Club. Congratulations also go to all Geelong Cats supporters whose team won its first AFL premiership in 44 years.

On behalf of the General Committee, I have recently written to you informing you of the progress in the Verandah Bar and the anticipated opening milestones. Michael Silcock, the Club's CEO covers this matter further in his report and we are looking forward to the opening of the bar within the next month. Again, the General Committee and management thanks the members for your patience and tolerance.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

**Dr Stuart Blacksell**Chairman
BCB General Committee 2007/2008

# and the CEO's report

Dear Members,

This is now my third report to you all in Outpost and I must say that the time has flown since starting work here in late August. I now feel much more familiar with the Club and have met a large number of members who have all helped me come to grips with the many and varied tasks that will need attention over the coming months and years. Getting to know all our staff and how they fit into our organization has also been a challenge that I think I have now nearly mastered.



My priority over the last month has been the development of The Verandah, which by the time this magazine reaches you will most likely be open. Since taking over the development from the previous contractors, it has been a real team effort led by member Bob Merrigan and GC member John Boisclair who have kept an eye on the two teams of contractors as they worked hard to improve the standard of finish and atmosphere of the room. The theme is modern and contemporary and we hope members enjoy the different atmosphere as an alternative to our pub style Churchill Bar. The Verandah will be a non-smoking outlet and will allow children, **but only accompanied by their parents.** The outdoor terrace area and the corridor is planned to be finished over the next month which will complete the Phase 1 redevelopment of the ground floor of the clubhouse before Xmas, and allow us to use all outlets effectively over the busiest time of the year.

Barry and Khun Laak have trialled the new Verandah menu over the last few months in the Churchill Bar and it has proven very popular. The children's menu will be the same as poolside and members in the clubhouse will be able to order from both outlets, offering a great range from which to select meals and drinks. Barry has also increased the variety of wine on offer from the Wine List and there are plans to have another more specialized selection of wines for those who are confirmed wine lovers. The Club will contact all members by email with the **official opening date** and the special deals that will be on offer as opening specials in the lead-up to Xmas.

Another recent development has been the decision to replace the synthetic grass on the Suriwongse tennis courts with the same Plexipave surface on our two hard courts. The lighting on the courts will be improved so that no central light pole will be required, meaning that the rugby, football, hockey and any other groups will be able to use these courts for practice and tournaments. I would like to thank the chairmen of all these Sections for their help and cooperation over the last few months. In addition the General Committee has allocated B500,000 to improve the condition of the Salas, Poolside and Fitness Centre and I hope that members will notice some improvements over the coming months. These will be aimed at improving the functionality and appearance of the areas but will not address major issues, which will be dealt with during Phase 2 of the redevelopment.

In conclusion, I again refer you to "Bazza's Banter" and our calendar for all the events and activities we have planned for November and December. Please give them your consideration and put them in your calendars. Sports Camps are back and upcoming highlights include Guy Fawkes, Loy Krathong and the Xmas Ball. Barry and staff will offer an expanded program for the whole family next year, at the Club and as outings, so keep an eye out for all of these and more.

Michael Silcock
Chief Executive Officer



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# Bazza's Banter

# Remember, Remember, our Busy November!

Dear Members,

This month sees our biggest family event of the year, Guy Fawkes night here on November 4th. The event kicks off on the back lawn at 4pm with lots of kids' activities including Guy-making, followed by a bbq buffet supper and a magic show for the kids - and at 7pm the fireworks display followed by the burning of the Guys. This year we have employed a new fireworks company to thrill us! Once again please remember that for safety reasons the Club's Car parks are closed from 10pm on Saturday 3rd of November to 10pm on Sunday 4th of November. However the Club will remain open until 3.30pm, after which it will be entry by Guy Fawkes ticket only. Even though we take all precautions to ensure safety, parents please ensure that your children are with you throughout the release of the fireworks.

Also starting in November we have Scottish dance practices each Monday night in the Silom Sala, led by the St Andrew's Society, so if you are off to the St Andrew's Ball this year why not brush up your Scottish Country Dancing skills here at the Club.

November  $10^{\rm th}$  is also a busy day for us. Our Membership girls will be at Patana School and Membership, our catering staff and our Bouncy Castle will be at the NIST School for BAMBI's  $25^{\rm th}$  Birthday bash.

In November we are once again celebrating the Thai water festival of Loy Krathong at the beautiful Suan Thip Restaurant at Nonthaburi. We will leave by coach with a police escort to this riverside Restaurant where we have reserved tables in their garden - but don't worry, there are plenty of fans to keep you cool, if need be. Apart from the extensive buffet supper there's all sorts of crafts and activities to keep the kids entertained and there'll be some atmospheric Thai dancing, fireworks

and of course plenty of krathongs to float down the mighty Chao Phraya River.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> we hold our Monster Wine festival in the upstairs rooms of the clubhouse from 6pm until 9pm. There'll be a huge array of wines on offer for all tastes and budgets and at discount prices, so this is a great chance to stock up for the festive season without burning a hole in your pocket. However, please remember that wines cannot be purchased using Member cards.

Continuing in November is a poolside breakfast promotion for all our early birds. Come along at weekends from 7 to 10am and enjoy the Club's all-day breakfast for only 99 baht and this includes a cup of tea or filter coffee - available poolside only during the month of November (well, maybe possibly longer . . . keep your eyes peeled for further notice!!). We've got two new draught beers in the Churchill Bar - Draught Stella Artois (this brings back memories of my school days!) and Hoegaarden a delicious Belgian bitter beer, so next time you're in the Club

why not try a pint or three? Purchase a Ploughman's Lunch in November and receive discounts on delicious Draught Stella Artois. See ON THE MENU (pp26-27) for more details

and more promotions, including Pizza Mania! Also, smokers and others, be sure to take a look at the new Bylaws on p 40, including a new rule at poolside - no smoking in the Children's Pool area.

On sale now we have beautiful new style British Club Christmas Cards designed by our own Club Magazine editor Billy Beefeater and the team from Veritas Graphics. There are two designs and they cost Bt.35 each – see page 30 for a sneak preview. We also have newly designed Birthday cards to replace the old boring ones, and we now offer members a choice of a complimentary birthday cake or two glasses of house wine with their birthday celebration at the Club.

At the end of November and beginning of December we have the company TheatreWorks here with their production of Trial by Jury – see pages 11 and 20 for details. Tickets will undoubtedly sell fast so don't delay – book your tickets now! And for budding painters, talented Club member Louise Truslow is holding a one-day watercolour workshop here at the Club on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> – see page 30.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate King Bumiphon's birthday, we have our fourth Britstock Music Festival. There'll be 6 bands again this year – some old, some new – loads of kids' activities, and at only Bt.350 (adults) and Bt.250 (children), a fantastic afternoon of entertainment.

Tickets are on sale for the Club's premiere event, the Annual Christmas Ball under the stars, once again catered by the Shangri-La Hotel and with music by The Royal Thai Army Band and Paul Jackson's Disco through to the wee small hours. And for the younger revellers, we will be holding our Children's Ball this year on December 14th, with Khun Susie and her crew. So many great events! And so little space! For any & all info on these events and more, check out the Calendar on the Club's website or call Khun Koy or myself here at the Club.

Last but not least, we so far have received 45,000 baht in donations for our Deaf Children's Christmas appeal – and special thanks to the generous ladies at the BWG and St George's Society. We are still needy for more so please if interested contact yours truly.

Regards,

Barry Osborne General Manager



# WHAT'S GOING ON

# Special Events at the Club this month

# \*\* FULL DRESS REHEARSAL — ROYAL BARGE PROCESSION

Friday, 2nd November, Leave BC at 2.30pm

We have managed to secure a limited number of places at the Royal Thai Navy Club to see the Full Dress Rehearsal of the amazing Royal Barge Procession. Unfortunately we could not secure a good enough location this year for the actual procession and The Navy Club is closed on the procession day but we are able to book this magnificent venue with excellent riverside views for the Full Dress Rehearsal. The tickets cost Bt.1,700 for adults and Bt.900 for children under 12 years. The cost includes transportation from/to the British Club, a sumptuous Thai Seafood Buffet catered by the Royal Thai Navy Club, unlimited draught beer and soft drinks. All other drinks must be paid in cash to the Bar staff at the Navy Club. Coaches leave from the Club at 2.30pm and the Barge Procession begins at 4pm.

#### \*\* GUY FAWKES CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, 4th November, from 4 pm onwards

Gates open at 4pm, to ticket-holders only, for an afternoon full of exciting activities and events. BBQ supper from 4.30pm, Guy-making and kids' activities from 4.30pm until 7pm, Fireworks at 7pm, Guy-burning at 7.15pm and lots more during the afternoon. Cost of the event is Bt.700 (adult), Bt.500 (children under 12), Bt.150 (Children under 3) Please note that for safety reasons the Club's carpark is closed from 10pm on Saturday 3rd November until 10pm on Sunday 4th November. There is no alternative parking arranged.

#### \*\* MONTHLY BALUT TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, Churchill Bar & Silom Room

Played under Balut Section Tournament rules. Entry fee is 100 baht charged to your Club account. BC members who are not Section members are welcome to 'try' one Tournament and if they then wish to play each month they must join the section: annual fee 300 baht.

#### \*\* DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT - MORSE

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7-8.30pm, Suriwongse Room We continue our showing of the entire series of Inspector Morse this month with the episode: THE WAY THROUGH THE WOODS. There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating arrangements. Full F&B service is available.

#### \*\* DISNEY SONGS — BANGKOK MUSIC SOCIETY

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm, Suriwongse Room For details see pages 12-13.

# \*\* TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10am, Clubhouse
"The Two Doctors": See opposite page for details.

## \*\* LINKIN PARK - LIVE IN CONCERT

Sunday, 11th November, Leave BC at 5.30pm

We have booked tickets for Linkin Park's first concert here in Bangkok. The Concert will be held at the Aktiv Square, Muang Thong Thani. The gates open at 4pm with supporting acts from 5pm until 7.30pm followed by Linkin Park at 8.30pm. Tickets cost Bt.3,300 each and include transport from/to the Club.

# \*\* DETECTIVE VDO NIGHT — PRIME SUSPECT

Thursday, 15th November, 7-10.15pm, Suriwongse Room This month we will show the fourth episode from the hit British detective series "Prime Suspect" starring Helen Mirren as Detective Jane Tennison. This series went on to run for seven seasons and won a number of BAFTA awards. There is no charge for this event but we ask members to please book in advance as this helps us with our seating

arrangements. Full F&B service is available. This episode runs for 3 hours and 10 minutes.

### \*\* MONSTER PRE-CHRISTMAS WINE FESTIVAL

Friday, 16th November, 6-9pm, Clubhouse top floor

This is the big one! The top floor will be bulging with wine companies offering an intoxicating array of wines at specially discounted prices. Sample your way to Nirvana and a full wine cellar. Khun Laak is busy preparing some exciting pre-Christmas canapés to compliment the wines. Entrance fee is just 100 baht per person.

### \*\* WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am-4.30pm For details see page 30.

## \*\* "CATS!"

Saturday, 17th November, Leave BC at 5.30pm "Cats!" TICKETS SOLD OUT.

# \*\* "TOWER BRIDGE" OPEN PAIRS BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, Suriwongse Room For details see page 12.

#### \*\* QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 20th November, 7.30pm, Suriwongse Room Bangkok's premier Quizmaster, Rodney Bain, will be asking four rounds of 19 questions each ending in the dreaded "Common Denominator". Prizes go to First, Second, Third and 'Second to Last', and in addition, there are also three 'between round' questions where your team has the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. The cost to enter is 100 baht per person.

### \*\* THANKSGIVING BUFFET

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Lunch & Dinner, The Verandah

Celebrate Thanksgiving here at the British Club in our new Verandah Bar. Khun Laak and her team will create a wonderful Buffet Carvery available at both Lunch and Dinner times for Bt.350 (adults) and Bt.180 (children). No need to book - simply show up and enjoy a delicious buffet of Roast Turkey, Baked Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes, Pumpkin pie, Apple pie and lots more.

#### \*\* LOY KRATHONG

Saturday, 24th November, Leave BC at 5pm

Celebrate Loy Krathong in style at the beautiful Suan Thip Garden Restaurant on the banks of the enchanting Chao Phraya river. Tickets for this event cost Bt.1,850 (adults), Bt.950 (Children under 12) and Bt.400 (Children under 3). Cost includes transportation from/to the British Club, a sumptuous buffet supper, activities for children, Thai shows and Krathongs. Coaches leave from the Club with police escort at 5pm.

### \*\* TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 10am, Clubhouse** "Battlefield": See opposite page for details.

#### \*\* TRIAL BY JURY

Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th November and 1st, 3rd & 4th December, Dinner & show at 7.30pm, Suriwongse Room

TheatreWorks presents Gilbert & Sullivan's rollicking musical romp. Dinner Theatre (tickets Bt.950 baht) includes 3-course buffet dinner and show at 7.30pm sharp. Pre-dinner cocktails on the front lawn at 7pm. For more information see pages 11 and 20.

To book for an event send a fax or email to the Club, book online at the Club's website, or sign up at the Clubhouse reception. For further information please contact Khun Koy or Barry.



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# THE TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO -

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Doctor? Doctor Who?

November 11th: 10am: The Two Doctors Yes ... not only the Sixth Doctor but also the Second Doctor

"The Time Lords send The Second Doctor (Patrick Troughton) to visit Prof. Joinson Dastari just as The Sixth Doctor (Colin Baker) pays him a call with semidisastrous but often comical results."

November 25th: 11am: Battlefield We celebrate 44 years of Doctor Who when The Seventh Doctor (Sylvester McCoy) finds a near future Earth invaded by Morgaine in her quest to find King Arthur but all goes wrong for her when The Doctor turns out to be Merlin!



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# SPORT on

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3 <sup>rd</sup>	Soccer	Arsenal V. Man Utd	7.45pm-9.45pm*
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 1st ODI	12.30pm-8pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v Sri Lanka 1st Test	8am-4.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 1st Test	3.30pm-11.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v Sri Lanka 1st Test	8am-4.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 2 <sup>nd</sup> ODI	12.30pm-8pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 1st Test	3.30pm-11.30pm
10th	Cricket	Australia v Sri Lanka 1st Test	8am-4.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 1st Test	3.30pm-11.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	Sunderland v. Newcastle Utd	7.45pm-9.45pm*
11 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v Sri Lanka 1st Test	8am-4.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 1st Test	3.30pm-11.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	Birmingham v. Aston Villa	7.45pm-9.45pm*
12th	Cricket	Australia v Sri Lanka 1st Test	8am-4.30pm
12th	Cricket	India v Pakistan 3rd ODI	12.30pm-8pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 1st Test	3.30pm-11.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 4th ODI	12.30pm-8pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v Sri Lanka 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	8am-4.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	3.30pm-11.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v Sri Lanka 2nd Test	8am-4.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	3.30pm-11.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	Premier League	7.45pm-9.45pm*
18th	Cricket	Australia v Sri Lanka 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	8am-4.30pm
18th	Cricket	India v Pakistan 5th ODI	12.30pm-8pm
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20 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	3.30pm-11.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 1st Test	12.30pm-8pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 1st Test	12.30pm-8pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 1st Test	12.30pm-8pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	Newcastle Utd v. Liverpool	7.45pm-9.45pm*
24th	Rugby	The first ever Prince William Cup	
		Wales v. South Africa	9.45pm-11.45pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 1st Test	12.30pm-8pm
$25^{th}$	Cricket	SA v NZ 1 <sup>st</sup> ODI	3.00pm-11.00pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	West Ham v. Spurs	7.45pm-9.45pm*
$30^{th}$	Cricket	India v Pakistan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 2 <sup>nd</sup> ODI	7.30pm-2.30am

<sup>\*</sup> For final details & times of ALL soccer matches see 'Sports This Week' posters.

# REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

8:30pm-late

WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

7:00pm

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:30-9:30pm

Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

SUNDAYS Suriwongse Sala

11.30-2:30pm

Silom Room

1:00-3:00pm

Suriwongse Room

3:00pm onwards

BWG Mahjong

Spoofing

BALUT TOURNAMENT (First Wednesday of the month)

PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR

Any member could win from Bt 5,000 to Bt 25,000 - prize

increases each week.

BOTTLE DRAW - somebody present in the Bar will win a bottle

of whisky, tequila, vodka or gin.

Chess (First and Third Thursdays)

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

FAMILY CARVERY – Choose from soup, cold cuts, 3 roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's

buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES. Games, videos, crafts, soft drinks

and snacks with Khun Susie. Cost: FREE

Bridge tournament (except last Sunday in the month)

Join us every Sunday for the Family Carvery. Due to renovations, other regular Buffets are not available in November unless advertised at the Club. Please check Club notice boards for the latest information.

# **Official Opening Times**

10:00am - 11:00pm

7:00am - 10:00pm

6:00am -10:00pm

- 6:00am - 9:00pm

9:00am - 6:00pm

Churchill Bar

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

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

Fitness Centre (weekends)

Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)



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





# **BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK**



# **TOWER BRIDGE" OPEN PAIRS TOURNAMENT**

Suriwongse Room, British Club Bangkok Sunday, 18th November 2007

Tournament time: 3.00pm to 6.30pm Dinner & Prize Presentation: 6.30pm onwards (Prize presentation also for London Bridge held in June)

> Bt400 per person Includes buffet dinner and prizes

(Bt700/Pair for advance registration by 16th November 2007)

For more information, please contact the following organisers: Winlock Hsu: tel 081-8119675 or email: winlock@gmail.com Charlene Hsu: tel 081-8369436 or email: charleneewang@gmail.com

# The Bangkok Music Society

# Disney Songs A Magical World of Dreams and Wishes

The magic of the Walt Disney movies and characters has reached and affected all of us. The Bangkok Music Society is pleased to present A Magical World of Dreams and Wishes, an afternoon of Disney Songs interpreted by soprano Dana Garnett and pianist Tony Newman. Their ability to bring the Disney characters to life in song is a treat for the whole family to hear. For your listening pleasure they will perform favourites from Peter Pan, Sleeping Beauty, Aladdin, Winnie the Pooh, Beauty and the Beast, Pinocchio and more. Dana will involve all of you in dialogue and sing-along as the performance progresses.

We are very fortunate to have artists of such calibre presently in Bangkok. Dana and Tony collaborated on an outstanding program of art songs last March at Amantee and donated the proceeds to the BMS Scholarship Fund. We are very grateful that they have agreed to present this concert to that benefit as well. As part of the BMS commitment to raising the profile of young musicians in Thailand the BMS board offers an annual Scholarship

- 1. Encourage the next generation of Thai musicians;
- 2. Help talented, less financially privileged musicians with the cost of music tuition;
- 3. Provide an opportunity for young Thai musicians to raise their profile in the musical scene of Thailand.

Last year's award went to an outstanding horn player from Mahidol University, Chaiyanan Wan-in, to help him to be able to participate as one of seven Thai young musicians in the Asian Youth Orchestra in Hong Kong. He gave a great performance of the Mozart Horn Concerto No 1 on our October program with Tony Newman at the piano. Your support will enable us to continue our support of the young Thai musicians of our community.

## For details of the program, see the poster opposite.

The program will be held on Saturday, 10th November 2007, at 4pm in the Suriwongse Room. Tickets are Bt700 for BMS members, Bt800 for non-members and Bt400 for children and students, with children 3 & under admitted free.

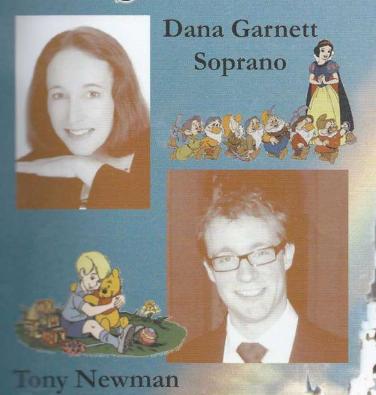
Reservations are required for entrance at the Security Gate. For reservations, a map or further information contact Jack Gittings, 02-526-6435, 086-051-5225, jackajon@hotmail.com.



# The Bangkok Music Bociety Presents

# Disney Songs

# A Magical World of Dreams and Wishes



Piano

Favorites from
Peter Pan
Sleeping Beauty
Aladdin
Winnie the Pooh
Beauty and the Beast
Pinocchio
and more

Proceeds support the BMS Scholarship Fund

Saturday, 10 November 2007, 4 PM The Brittish Glub, Soi 18 Sillom Rd

Members - 700 Baht
Members - 800 Baht
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# TURKEY CRAFTS

Create some amazing turkey masterpieces to show off at Thanksgiving on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November . . . One of these crafts is even edible!

# **Craft Stick**Turkey Greeter



This project is easy to make and uses minimal supplies. Poke the turkey's stick into an upside-down paper cup or hang on the edge of a flower pot.

# What you'll need:

- 10 jumbo craft sticks
- 2 medium wiggle eyes
- Miniature craft stick
- Small scrap of paper
- Sharpie marker
- Felt (white, black, goldenrod, and red)
- Acrylic paint (brown, orange, yellow, and red)
- Scissors
- · Hot glue or white craft glue

#### How to make it:

- Paint the jumbo craft sticks: four brown, two yellow, two red and one orange. Leave one unpainted.
- Cut one-half an egg shape (body) from the goldenrod felt, approximately 6 x 7 cm (2 1/2 x 3 inches).
- Cut a small elongated triangle from the goldenrod felt for the beak.
- From red felt, cut an elongated heart shape, about 2.5 cm (one-inch) long.
- From black felt, cut a simple top hat and a small rectangle for the buckle.
- From the white felt, cut a small rectangle for the buckle a little bit larger than the black one.
- Lay the plain jumbo craft stick on the table.
   This will be your base stick.
- Starting from the right, glue craft sticks into a fan shape, stacking one on top of the other as you go. Our pattern goes brown, yellow, red, brown, yellow, red, orange, brown.
- You should have one brown craft stick left over. This is your turkey's body. Glue it straight up and down onto the middle of the fan shape.
- Glue goldenrod body in place. Next, glue the gobbler (red heart) just above the top of the body.
- 11. Glue the beak in place just above the gobbler.
- 12. Glue wiggly eyes above the beak.
- 13. Glue hat onto top of head, then glue white rectangle on hat and black rectangle onto the white one, creating the buckle.
- 14. Write "Happy Thanksgiving" on a small piece of paper or construction paper. Glue to miniature craft stick, and then glue craft stick to body.
- 15. Allow to dry completely.

# **Apple Turkey** Craft

#### Materials:

- 1 red apple
- 1 large marshmallow
- 5-6 small marshmallows
- 12-14 raisins
- As many toothpicks as marshmallows
- 1 candy corn

#### To assemble turkey:

- Place apple on hard surface with stem up. Take off stem if there is one.
- On each toothpick, you will have 2 raisins and 1 marshmallow. The marshmallow will be at the top (or rounded tip of the pick) and the raisins will be below the marshmallow. (Nearest to the pointed end of the pick)
- Evenly space the toothpicks directly behind where the stem would have been.
- Directly opposite of where the marshmallow/ raisin toothpicks are is where you will place the large marshmallow face.

#### To make the face:

Use 2 raisins for the eyes; push them into the large marshmallow. Use the 1 candy corn for the nose; push the corn into the marshmallow using the pointed end. Mount the head and you're done!!

# **Nut Turkey** Craft

What you will need: Peanut in shell, walnut in shell, un-popped pop corn kernels, wiggly eyes, ribbon, and glue. What to do: Glue the peanut (head) to

the walnut (body). Glue on a popcorn kernel for the beak, and 4 kernels for the feet. Glue on wiggly eyes, and tie a ribbon around the neck.



What happened when the turkey got into a fight? He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

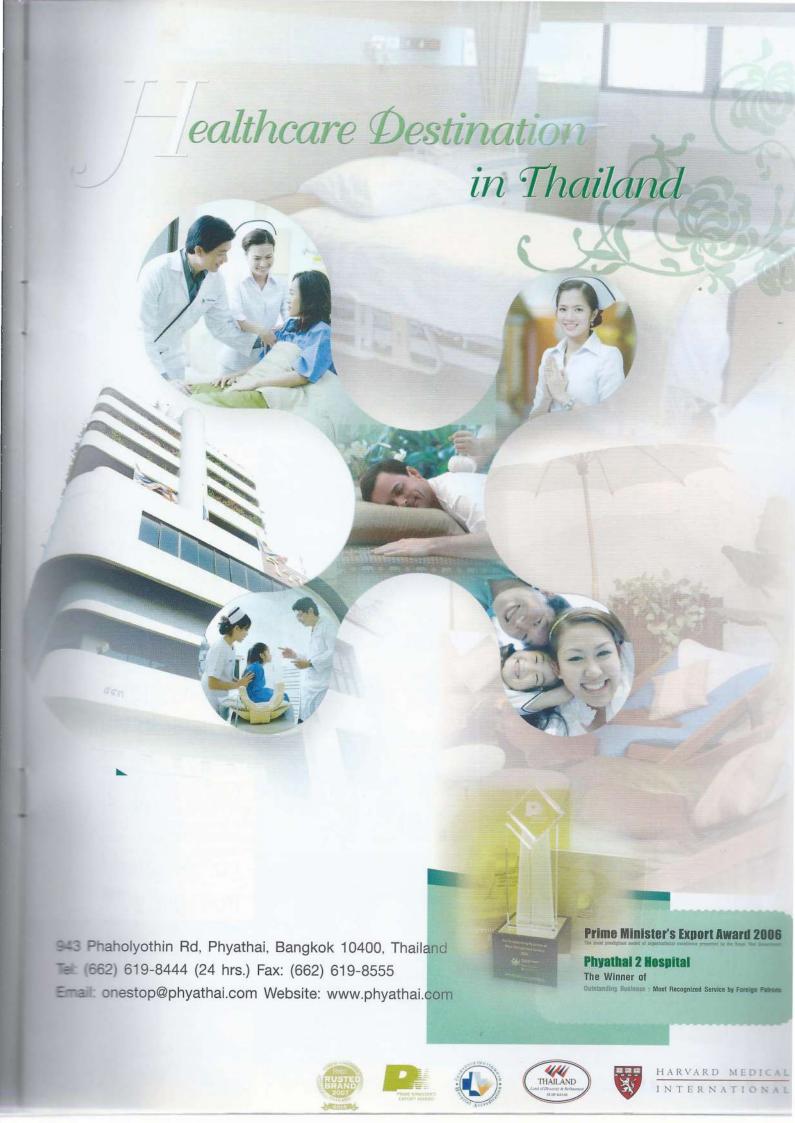
What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter? "Quack, quack, quack!"

If the Pilgrims were alive today what would they be most famous for? Their age!

Why do pilgrims pants keep falling down? Because their belt buckles are on their hats!

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."







we can do it!











The British Club Catering department is shifting into overdrive as we approach our busiest time of the year. So far this year we have catered over 300 events either here at the Club or at other venues around Bangkok, including the British Embassy, British Chamber of Commerce, BNH Hospital and many more. Our catering team can cater to any taste and budget. We can create any menu to suit your needs. Whether it's Thai, British, Italian, Scandinavian or whatever, we can cater it – your wish is our command and our motto is 'never say no'. We can carry out site surveys and meet you at your home or office to advise on menus and set up. We can provide, tables, chairs, PA systems, dance floors and much, much more.

We are always very busy over the Christmas season so please book your event now. Like it says on page 10, the Early Birds get first choice – so if you book early you're much more likely to get the date and time you want! Last year around Christmas we cooked over a ton of turkey and sold over 3,000 of the Club's home-made mince pies, and this year we'll be just as busy.

Don't forget you can also hold your party here at the Club in one of our function rooms, or the Silom Sala, or on the front or back lawn. So why not trust us with your next event, however large or small? For further information on our catering department, please contact Khun Koy or Somboon or myself here at the Club.





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# OOKING BACK











# Shminky Binky strikes again!

It was another good turnout for the 16th October Quiz, with 11 teams filling the Suriwongse Room. Once again the British Club kitchens and serving staff were stretched to the limit - the way they manage to get so many drinks, entrees, mains and desserts to so many people in such a short space of time must surely qualify as a minor miracle!

There was only one new name on the teams board, Trivia Mix, which on further enquiries I discovered to be a reincarnation of Six No Trumps! One would have to rate this Quiz on the "difficult" side, with many team's scores fluctuating wildly from round to round. However, none of this fazed Shminky Binky, who wasted no time in establishing their position with a blistering 39 in the opening round. The Southerners chased hard but in the end had to be content with a second place finish. Coming in third in what must be their finest hour, was the Bookworms. And the BGG's, normally competing for the drinks prize, were right up there with the leaders until the final round - were they, perhaps, inspired to such dizzy heights by their new "helper"? At the other end of the field, the drinks prize was also hotly contested, with Jim's Junkies and the Textile All Stars managing to tie for last place! Rather than go through the messy procedure of a tie-breaker, a special ad-hoc spontaneous General Committee decision was made (quorum of 1) to award the drinks prize to both teams.

Bottles of wine from Crown Worldwide Relocations went to the Barbary Coast Barbarians for guessing how many white pointed stars were on the Brazilian flag; to the BGG's for guessing the population of South Africa; and to Shminky Binky Bang Bang, for guessing . . . well, this particular table question is a bit racy for a family magazine but suffice to say that it was the only question in British Club Quiz history that was preceded by an express disclaimer from the Quizmaster that the question in no way was to be taken as applying to any person present! Oh, all right, here's the question (but if you're offended by questions about SEX, look away now): According to a Durex global sex survey, New Zealand women are the most promiscuous in the world - on average, how many sexual partners (to one decimal place) do they have? And the answer (apparently) is 20.4!

See you at the next quiz - 20th November. Same place, same time.

Billy B.

#### Oh, and the scores:

1. Shminky Binky Bang Bang	128.5	7. Joker's Wild	103.5
2. The Southerners	117.5	8. Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers	99.5
3. Bookworms	109	9. Trivia Mix	99.5
4. Under Par	106	10. Jim's Junkies	94
5. Barbary Coast Barbarians	105	11. Textile All Stars	94
6. BGG's	105		

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# Tipping the Scales of Justice

She may very well pass for forty-three in the dusk with the light behind her!





Jonathan Truslow as the judge and Catherine Harsono as the jilted bride

hat's just a taste of the tongue-in-cheek humour from TheatreWorks' production of the Gilbert & Sullivan musical romp "Trial by Jury" which will be staged here at the British Club in late November. As usual, there will be plenty of British Club members treading the boards and working away behind the scenes. Music Director for the show is long time British Club member, Graham Taylor (who is managing to squeeze in some rehearsals in between his teaching role at NIST) and the Director and Producer of "Trial by Jury" are the same dynamic duo who staged Bangkok Community Theatre's production of "The Pirates of Penzance" at the British Club last November - BC members Angela Daniel and Bonnie Zellerbach.

Angela and Bonnie have a long history of working together. Between them they have directed and produced over 30 productions for Bangkok Community Theatre (BCT) and many of them were staged right here at The British Club. This fall, however, since BCT was already committed to staging the Dickens family classic "A Christmas Carol" at AUA in November, Angela and Bonnie decided to team up as TheatreWorks to present this production of "Trial by Jury" in co-operation with BCT.

If you were one of the lucky ones who saw one of last year's sell-out performances of "Pirates", you will recognise many familiar faces on the stage again this year even though the setting has changed dramatically from a pirate ship to a courtroom (or perhaps that's not such a dramatic change after all?).

Club members and husband and wife thespians, Jonathan and Louise Truslow, take leading roles once again. Jonathan has traded in his form-fitting pirate tights for a Judge's wig this year and Louise has abandoned her career as a pirate maid for that of "Trial by Jury's" legal counsel. She still gets to wear a wig but this time it is white and powdered!

The romantic leads (Tenor Brent Poling and Soprano Catherine Harsono) who stole our hearts last year as "Pirates" star crossed lovers will again grace the stage this November; however, this time they play the defendant and the jilted bride in a case of breach of promise. How times change! Many other familiar faces fill out the rest of the cast.

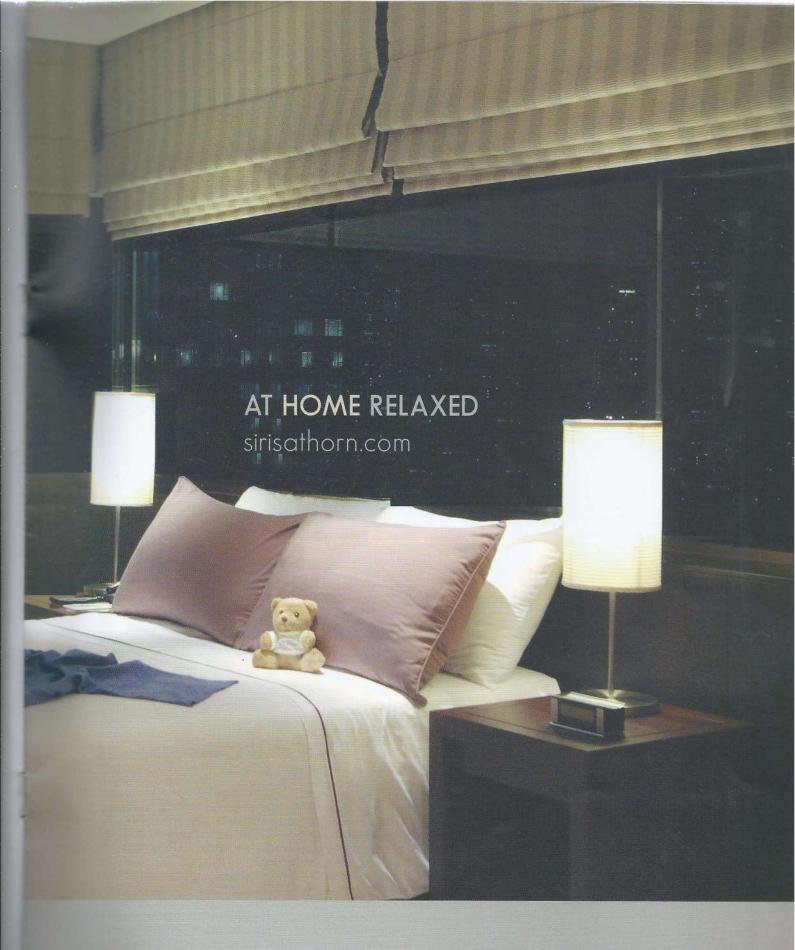
Similar to the updated version of "Pirates", this production of "Trial by Jury" has been generously emancipated — it is in fact "The Truth and Nothing Like the Truth!". Much of the action will take place around the audience, and may even include some audience participation. British Club Members can look forward to a great evening's entertainment and also a delicious 3-course buffet dinner prepared by our Head Chef, Khun Laak, and her team. There will be six dinner theatre evenings from Wednesday, November 28th to Saturday, December 1st and then again on Monday and Tuesday, December 3rd and 4th.

The evening will begin with cocktails on the lawn at 7:00pm (not included in the ticket price) and follow with dinner & show at 7:30pm. Tables seat 10 people (cosily!) and if you have less in your group you will probably share a table with others. Tickets are limited so book early at reception to avoid disappointment! For more information, please visit the TheatreWorks website at www.sala.net/theatreworks or email: theatreworks@sala.net

There is a great deal of G&S information readily available on the internet, so if you'd like to learn more about "Trial by Jury" (before coming to see it of course!) read the story; enjoy some of the parodies; or even download midi files - you can visit any number of websites. One that is easily accessible is: http://math.boisestate.edu/GaS/trial/html/index.html

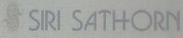


Major-General Stanley's daughters will be up to their old antics in "Trial byJury"



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# Angela's Butterfly Birthday Extravaganza in Bangkok





The Butterfly Princesses



Where can I take you?



The Butterfly Birthday Party moves to the Golf Centre

Reaching the age of 50 can be a daunting prospect for some, but I decided it was time to become a 'butterfly' and enjoy being fabulous, fantastic, fit, funny and flirty at 50. So I organised a Butterfly Birthday Extravaganza designed to sample some of Bangkok's many and varied attractions . . . First off, FOOD, in the form of lunch at the Naj Restaurant, a beautiful old Thai house serving Royal Thai Cuisine, on Convent Road. The room was decorated with butterflies and all partygoing friends gave butterfly themed presents or wore butterfly accessories - see Kim Young's hand painted butterfly fingernails. After a delicious and relaxed Thai banquet everyone enjoyed a yummy Black Forest ice cream cake and played 'Pass the Parcel'.

At 2.00 o'clock it was time to walk beyond the Naj Restaurant to the Ruen-Nuad Massage Studio for either a foot massage or a Thai traditional massage - 22 masseurs had been booked to be on stand-by waiting for the Butterfly Party to arrive.



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More dancing at Karaoke Lounge



w's present - Dr Ted



Winner of pass the parcel



Did she hit a window?



Amazing Kim's fingernails



One hour later everyone reappeared in dreamy relaxed mode ready to pile into one of the colourful tuk-tuks that had been ordered to take us to the next destination - the Wilding Golf Performance Centre on Sukhumvit Soi 19. The convoy of 8 tuk-tuks decorated with colourful balloons certainly drew attention as they sped through the busy Sunday afternoon traffic along Rama IV Road and past the Queen Sirikit Centre.

John Rae, the head instructor of the Wilding Centre, looked a little perturbed when the 22 strong Butterfly Party arrived and he found that only 4 had held a golf club before and a few had indulged rather heavily during and after the meal, but he quickly organised everyone into 4 teams and had them taking turns to play on a 9-hole golf course (the easiest one). Wilding had only been open for 6 weeks and is the first training centre of its kind in Asia. After an hour and a half most teams had just about managed to get onto the third hole - quite an achievement all things considered. Next John demonstrated the Centre's Fantasy Golf Courses which were truly amazing and everyone took turns at trying to reach the green on the Niagara Falls Course and the New York City Centre course. Great fun and most either landed in the water or broke windows in the skyscrapers.

The caravan of tuk-tuks were lined up at 6.00 pm to take the group on to its final destination - the Bai Mai Ra Reung Karaoke Lounge near Asoke BTS station - where 12 of the original set sang their hearts out in a sound proof room and danced the night away until it was time to go home, a little tired but very happy.

What a fabulous and Fantastic Fiftieth Birthday - one to be remembered and perhaps repeated each year!

Angela Stafford



Butterfly presents



Whose shoes are these?

# BC CALENDAR NOVEMBER - The Month at a Glance

10:30am-2:15pm At the Club Clubhouse Sun Squash Mix-in from 4:00pm 10:00am Europcar **GUY FAWKES TEN FACES OF CELEBRATIONS DOCTOR WHO** Poolside 11:30-3:00pm Poolside BBO **Poolside** www.europcar.co.th 11:30-3:00pm Poolside BBQ Car Park closed from 10pm Silom Sala on Saturday, 3rd of November, Lunch & Dinner Family carver 9:00am-12noon 6:00-10:00pm 9:00am-12noon Mon **BWG Mahjong** Tennis Match Play BWG Mahjong Why settle for the second, when you already have the BEST! 8:00-11:00am Tue 8:00-11:00am 5:15-8:15pm Door to door service of vehicle with Chauffeur and Short Term rental. Tennis Ladies Mix-In Squash Mix-in Tennis Ladies Mix-Long Term rental or full maintenance leasing for company executives with irresistable rates. 9:00-10:30am 7:00-9:00pm 9:00-10:30am All new fleet of late 2006 Football Practice Ladies Tennis Clinic Ladies Tennis Clinic Reservation: 02 696 8240 Exampleini Station info@europcar.co.th 10:00-11:00 Churchill Bar 10:00-11:00 Aqua Aerobics 8:30pm-late Aqua Aerobics Spoofing 5:00-6:30pm Churchill Bar 5:00-6:30pm Wed Junior Tennis 7:00 Junior Tennis BALUT 6:00-10:00pm 6:00-10:00pm TOURNAMENT Tennis Mix-in 7:00 & 8:00pm Tennis Mix-in PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR 6:00-8:30pm 6:00-8:30pm Cricket Practice Cricket Practice 7:30pm Bottle Draw 8:00-11:00am 7:00-9:00pm 8:00-11:00am Suriwongse Room 8:00-11:00am Thu Tennis Ladies Mix-in Rugby Practice Tennis Ladies Mix-in 7:00-8:30pm Tennis Ladies Mix-in **DETECTIVE VDO** 5:15-9:00pm 9:00-11:00pm 5:15-9:00pm 5:15-9:00pm NIGHT Squash Mix-in Hockey Practice Squash Mix-in Squash Mix-in Morse Churchill Bar 7:00-9:00pm 9:00-11:00pm Churchill Bar 6:30-9:30pm Chess Rugby Practice Hockey Practice 6:30-9:30pm Chess 7:00-9:00pm Rugby Practice 2:00-5:30pm 5:00-6:30pm 2:00-5:30pm 6:00-10:00pm 2:00-5:30pm Fri Tennis Mix-in Junior Swimming Junior Swimming Junior Tennis Junior Swimming Classes Classes Classes 6:00-10:00pm Silom Sala 5:00-6:30pm Tennis Mix-in 7:00-9:00pm 5:00-6:30pm Leave BC at 2:30pm Junior Tennis Kid's VDO Junior Tennis ROYAL BARGE Silom Sala PROCESSION 7:00-9:00pm Kid's 6:00-10:00pm **Full Dress** VDO Tennis Mix-in Rehearsal 7:00-9:00am 9:30am-12noon 7:00-9:00am Wordsworth 7:00-9:00am Sat Adult Tennis Classes Cricket Practice Adult Tennis Classes Adult Tennis Classes Lounge 1:00-2:00pm Yoga Wordsworth 9:00am-1:30pm 9:00am-2:00pm 9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Junior Swimming Suriwongse Room Junior Swimming Lounge Classes 1:00-2:00pm Yoga Classes 4:00pm Classes **DISNEY SONGS** 9:30am-12noon 9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice Cricket Practice

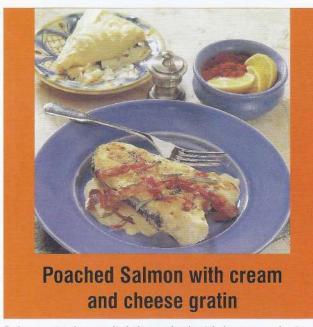
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# On the menu . . .



This November is a busy month full of promotional and culinary highlights. Featured on this page: a sensational poached salmon dish, a fantastic fruit strudel, a coffee-banana latte & a phenomenal fruit smoothie made with natural yoghurt and honey.

And this month we have a jam-packed 'Khun Laak Recommends' board, complete with delicious Ploughman's and Frenchman's Lunches, as advertised below.



Salmon steaks are lightly cooked with bacon and wine, smothered in cream sauce and flash-grilled

# Ingredients: (Serves 4)

small onion, chopped 4 parsley sprigs 1 bay leaf whole black peppercorns 150ml white wine lean streaky bacon rashers, rinded salmon steaks, about 900g in total 10ml (2 tsp) plain flour 15g (1 tsp) butter, softened 1.5ml (1/4 tsp) salt Pinch of paprika 120ml (1/2 cup) double cream lightly whipped (1/2 cup) grated Parmesan Sage leaves, to garnish Parmesan, paprika and lemon, to serve

# **Culinary Dates to remember**



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Give thanks in our new Verandah Bar. Don't miss the lunch & dinner Thanksgiving Buffet Carvery, which features roast turkey, baked pumpkin, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, apple pie and lots more.

And for directions on how to cook your own turkey, see page 34.

**Every Wednesday** from 7pm-11pm, Pizza Mania grips the Churchill Bar and there's free drinks to be had - See the poster below.

## Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Put the onion, parsley, bay leaf, whole black peppercorns and wine in a small pan. Bring to the boil, then cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Leave to cool.
- Cook the bacon rashers in a non-stick frying pan until lightly browned. Arrange the fish steaks in a greased shallow ovenproof dish. Place the bacon on top.
- Strain the infused wine into the dish through a sieve, discarding the cooked onion and herbs, Bake in the oven for 12-15 minutes, or until the fish is just cooked
- Remove and reserve the bacon rashers. Strain the fish cooking liquid into a pan again through a sieve, and bring to the boil.
- Blend the flour and the butter to a paste in a small bowl. Whisk into the pan of stock and simmer for 3-4 minutes. Season with salt and paprika. Fold the cream into the sauce.
- 6. Transfer the fish to serving platters. Pour the sauce over the fish and sprinkle with the grated Parmesan. Place under a preheated medium grill for 3-4 minutes, or until lightly browned. Serve straight away sprinkled with the reserved bacon cut into strips and garnished with sage leaves. Serve with extra Parmesan, paprika and lemon slices.



# Pear, Plum and Blackberry Strudel

175g (60z) ready-made puff pastry

A little plain flour for puff out

300g (11oz) White marzipan

350g (12oz) ripe but firm pears, chopped 225q (8oz) ripe plums, thickly sliced

blackberries 50g (2oz)

3 x sheets filo pastry (we like Cypressa Fresh Filo

Pastry)

15g (1/2oz) unsalted butter, melted 15g (/2oz) golden caster sugar 25g (1oz) flaked almonds

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan) mark 6. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface and cut into a 15 x 30.5 cm (6x12in) rectangle. Cook on baking sheet for 12-15 min, turning over once, until golden. Cool on the baking sheet.

2. Reduce the oven temperature to 180°C (160°C fan) mark 4. Roll the marzipan into a rectangle just a bit smaller than the pastry, then put it on top. Cover with the pears, plums and, finally, the blackberries.

3. Layer the filo pastry over the fruit, brushing with melted butter as you go. Tuck the filo edges under the cooked pastry base, then brush the top with remaining butter and sprinkle sugar and almonds.

4. Put the strudel in the centre of the oven and cook for 40-45min. Cover loosely with foil towards the end of cooking time if the pastry is browning too quickly. Allow to cool for 10min before serving the strudel warm with chilled cream.

326cals, 15g fat (2g saturates), 44g carbs (33g total sugars) per serving



with up to 4 toppings to choose from

\*HAM \*CHICKEN \*BEEF \*MUSHROOM \*BELL PEPPERS \*ONION \* OLIVES \*TUNA \*ANCHOVY \*SPINACH \*SALAMI \*SWEET CORN \*PEPPERONI

# Each additional topping add Baht 15.-

And Get A Complimentary

1/2 pint of local draught beer

1 glass of outback chase Red or White wine

1 glass of soft drink

# November Fruit Fiesta

## **Banana Latte**

fresh milk 1/4 pint ½ pint fresh coffee 1 medium ripe banana 10 oz syrup 4-6 ice cubes 2 tbsp fresh cream Top up with chocolate powder



Method

Blend milk and coffee together and reserve, cut banana in chunks and place all ingredients in blender for 15 seconds then pour drink over ice cubes, top with fresh cream and cocoa powder.

# POOLSIDE EARLY BIRD

BC Ploughman's





Frenchman's lunch

(with BC homemade chicken liver pate) and

Enjoy a pint of delicious, cool

Stella Artois

@ discounted price

20 baht discount on 1 pint 10 baht discount on 1/2 pint

# END SPEC Includes a cup of tea or coffee BAvailable from 7am-10am

## Pineapple Smoothie

medium sliced Pineapple

medium ripe Banana cut into chunks

300 ml natural yoghurt 2-3 tsp clear honey

4-6 ice cubes

scoop vanilla ice cream

#### Method

Prepare the pineapple discarding the plume, skin and hard central core and cut into chunks. Blend all ingredients, including the ice cubes, until smoothie.

Pour into glass. Top with ice cream and chocolate powder.

# WINE TASTING

WINE

God, in His goodness sent the grapes
To cheer both great and small;
Little fools will drink too much,
And great fools not at all.

ANONYMOUS





T'was a gloomy night with a miserable & persistent drizzle, reminiscent of the Yorkshire Moors, but luckily the temperature here was 20 degrees warmer so we still got a great turnout for the Wine Tasting on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Despite the atrocious Friday night traffic, over 70 members came along and enjoyed a range of wines from the Asian Food Company, Prestige Wines, South African Winery, Festive Wines and Ital Asia. All the companies did good business but Ital Asia were particularly busy as they were also giving out rather generous samples of their new Broker Gin! Many members enjoyed a glass or three and I think more gin was sold on the night than wine.

Khun Laak once again created a range of delicious canapés for the event, but this month was so busy that as soon as the canapés were topped up the dishes were empty again!

In fact the wine tasting was due to finish at 9pm but at 9.45pm a few brave members managed to carry on their own private tasting with left over samples 'donated' by the companies.

If you wish to sample a delicious Broker gin & tonic then it is available in the Churchill Bar at Bt.60 per glass. And don't forget our Monster Pre-Christmas Wine Festival held at the Club on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> where 15 companies will present their wines. Cost per person is Bt.100.











# Gelebrate Loy Kratholy n Style at Suan T



Saturday, November 24th, 2007



On the night of Loy Krathong Suan Thip transforms into a shimmering candle-lit garden of enchantments



Cost: Adults B. 1,850.-Children 3-12 yrs B. 950.under 3 yrs B. 400.-



Includes return transport from BC departing at 5 pm, a sumptuous buffet of Royal Thai Cuisine, Krathongs, Thai show and games.



COACHES LEAVE AT 5 PM.

Please sign up at the Reception



# **BALUT - BOTH HOME AND AWAY**

# HOME

The Second BCB Tournament was played with 14 members on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the field was dominated by two of our lady members ... Muntana Merrigan who achieved the single Highest Score of 133 and the Highest Aggregate Score of 545; and Caroline Willbourn who took the second prize with the second Highest Aggregate Score of 497. Congratulations to them both.

The league now reads:

Rank	Player	Average
1	Muntana Merrigan	109.0
2	Paul Cheesman	107.2
3	Arun Gupta	104.2
4	Phil Alexander	101.9
5	Caroline Willbourn	99.4
6	Jeremy Watson	98.9
7	Steve Eaton	97.8
8	Simon Davies	95.0
9	Rohit Naheta	94.6
10	Christopher Poustie	94.4
11	John Boisclair	92.4
12	Toni Rodriguez	91.7
13	Bob Merrigan	84.4
15	Steve Mallon	82.8
16	Paul Mason	82.4
17	Roger Willbourn	76.8

The next Club tournament is on Wednesday  $7^{\text{th}}$  November.

# **AWAY**

## 27th STC INTERPORT BALUT CHAMPIONSHIP



We have one team going to the Sarawak Club in Kuching for this annual event. It is being held from 23rd to 24th November 2007 and will feature teams from 30 or so Clubs from around

Asia. Our team consists of Caroline Willbourn, Steve Eaton, Roger Willbourn [Team Manager] and Phil Alexander [Section Chairman].

Full details of Balut on www.britishclubbangkok. org under Sports & Games.

# STOP PRESS

### 169 WORLD RECORD

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, British Club member Simon Davies equalled the world's highest ever Balut score when he threw 169, just 14 short of maximum. Simon equals a record set by the late Glen Foster of the Singapore Cricket Club. Kristian Bonnichsen, of the Tanglin Club, who held the current living highest record of 166 flew up to Bangkok on the 16th to congratulate Simon on his achievement.



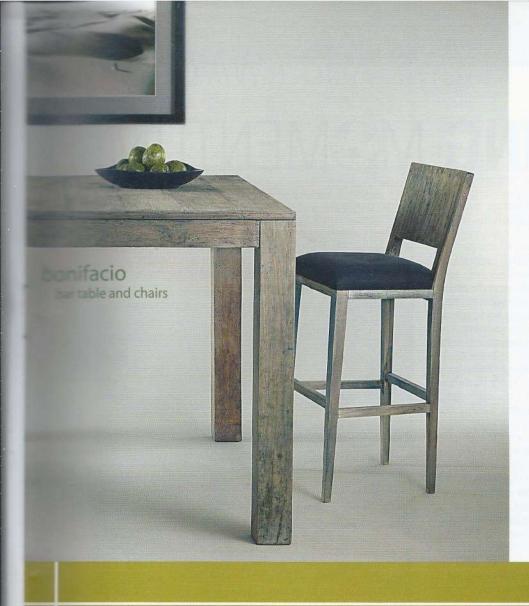
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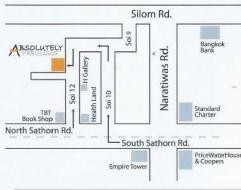
At the British Club Saturday 17th November 2007 9.30am - 4.30pm B2,300 (including lunch and refreshments)

Contact Reception to reserve a place

For more information email: louise@louisetruslow.com







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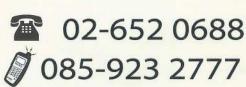
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# **GATHERING M®MENTUM!**

Co here goes once again and welcome to another instalment from the life of the BC Football Section.

A busy time here in Bangkok, but the story of the period, if not the year, has to be the self destruction operation going on at Chelsea in the UK.

Much to the amusement of just about everybody not connected with the club, Chelsea decided to part company with their most successful manager and appoint a manager whose only claim to fame is winning the North Israel Ladies' Netball Championship or something. Whilst we are sure things will shake down, this carefully considered move must ring a few warning bells to a number of clubs with similar rich uncles. Let's hope the former prime minister of Thailand doesn't do something equally daft, particularly after Manchester City's fine start to the season.

We will watch here with interest.

Meanwhile at the BC things seem remarkably quiet by comparison. The chairman did try to sign up this out of work former Chelsea manager, but unfortunately he declined. As a result, it looks as though we are stuck with Joe and Jamie for a little while longer.

So, what has been happening here in Bangkok?

# Casuals League

September saw the start of the Casuals league with a difference. As the league continues to grow, a decision was made to split the league into 2 divisions.

Participation was to follow the results of last year, which many of you may remember was a storming mid-table place for Joe and his lads. As a result, the BC joined several teams required to play off for the somewhat dubious opportunity of playing with the big boys in division 1 or being the big fish in the smaller division 2 pond.

Having been selected for the play offs, the BC secured a fine win against the Japanese. The heady heights of the top division were in sight until the spot in division 1 was cruelly torn away after a gallant defeat against Cosmos.

The second division beckoned and on 29th September the casuals, attired in their brand new kit, blasted off the new season with ..... a draw! Perhaps the first division was a little out of reach after all. Still a long way to go and still undefeated!

## Vets and friendlies

August saw the playing of the annual Scotland - England game now named after Alex Forbes, a former BC captain and regular player until his untimely death a couple of years ago. Once again, a hard fought match ended with England coming out on top this year.

As usual, a great time was had by all and I understand that a few of the players had a beer after the game

Other friendlies were arranged and thanks to all who do take the time to organize some of these. It's not easy, but you are appreciated despite what may be said to you on the football field.

Of particular note was a night out somewhere in the Thonburi jungle. As a pre-season warm up, it was decided to take all of the lads to a pitch about 500 miles from town. The pitch was pretty good and the excellent turn out surprised everyone although we are still unsure how many didn't find the place and how many never



Europe versus the Japanese

#### Vets

Since the last report, 3 Vets tournaments have been held with very mixed results.

In August an undefeated team of Frogs (Winking that is) and the BC went on to win the thing. Funnily enough, the Winking Frog lads reckoned it was their support that helped clinch the title. The BC lads disagreed claiming that the backbone of the side was BC based. Derek (in goal) decided that with no goals conceded, he was the main reason for the result. Regardless, well done to all.

September saw the team back in its normal mid-table position. However the October tournament saw the BC lads once again at the top.

Starting somewhat slowly with some early narrow victories, the team improved during the afternoon until the players surprised even themselves by reaching the final. Unfortunately facing up to Cosmos (them again!) in the late afternoon gloom, the team finally succumbed to a cracking 20 meter shot that would have made goal of the season on Match of the Day. A second late in the game, when it was so dark that no one could see resulted in a very gallant 0 -2 loss and second place.



Vets Champs, August 2007 - British Frog

## Training

Training nights continued as usual throughout the summer although for the first time ever a night was actually lost because of rain.

With a full turn out, the heavens opened and about 4 inches of rain fell in about 20 minutes (slight exaggeration). A couple of the lads did venture out, but the more sensible majority stuck with the beer. The adventurers returned a little wetter to join them without kicking a ball.

Despite this minor set back numbers continue to swell and the section committee is now looking to see how the additional players can be accommodated



Eddle and Jim at training. The BC's youth and not so youth policy. Tree for bed Jim!

## AGM

good turn out for the AGM resulted in a lively debate, some good food and yet again a few beers.

The minutes are available for anyone interested, but the main items confirmed follow:

#### Chairman and Treasurer:

Rener Rodgers

First Team Manager and Captain:

**Emile Rowland Jones** 

Casuals Team Manager and Captain:

Joe Connolly

Fixtures and Coordination:

Orris Jolly

## The meeting also agreed that the Section would participate in the following events:

- The Chang League
- The Casuals League
- Fiend es as appropriate
- BOCT masters
- RESC 7 a side
- 2 Manila tours

# **UP Coming events**

#### Casuals

With the season underway, the Casual teams will be playing most weekends at Patana School. Anyone wishing to get involved should contact the section or Joe and everyone is more than welcome to come and watch. It's actually not bad entertainment and drinks and snacks are available.

The run up to Christmas follows:

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> November - SCI Liver

Sat 10th November - Vikings

Sun 18th November - BSL Youth

Sat 24th November - TFKA Irish

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> December - BKK Utd.

Sun 9th December - Patana

All games kick off at 4.00pm.

#### Vets

For anyone wishing to join the Vets league, again you're more than welcome. It is held at Harrow School on the first Sunday in every month - kick off at 12.00. When you can, just turn up and ask for us.

And of course, one of the events of the year (for those of you who don't already know) is the Jim Howard Trophy tour which kicks off for Manila on 16th November.

For those who do not know the format, the actual tournament itself starts on the Sunday at 12.00 and is open to anyone who is old enough and can still stand up (although that too is an option)

Prior to that, a little light entertainment is laid on from the Friday evening onwards and flights and hotel rooms can be arranged through the section. It's a tough tour, but with team work, we should get through it.

# Sponsors

Finally, a word about our new sponsors.



Our new Casual Sponsor

This year the BC casuals will be wearing a nice new set of white kit provided by Chris Rodgers, the owner of "Oh my Cod!", a delightful fish and chip restaurant adjacent to Khao Sarn Road. And for anyone in the area in need of real fish and chips or a nice pie, it is strongly recommended. We reckon that it's the nearest you'll get to Harry Ramsdon's although Chris believes it to be better than that.

Thanks for your support Chris.

So, that's it for now - more to follow. The next edition will have an update on the Vets, Casuals, news about the upcoming Chang league and of course a full report on the exploits of our gallant adventurers in Manila.

Until then enjoy your football and for those of you interested,

Hope to see you soon. The Football Section

Cooking your festive turkey to perfection

There's a lot of tears on Christmas Day (and Thanksgiving!) because, quite frankly, turkey is the hardest meat to cook to perfection. All I can suggest is to do as much as possible the day before and try to get your timings right. It's worth taking 5 minutes to write a plan, working back from sitting down to the perfect turkey meal, to what you can get done the day before.

Let's start with the stuffing. Fry the onions and bacon, gently in the olive oil and butter for 4 minutes. Now add the fennel seeds, which I bash first in a tea towel with rolling pin to crack them. Add the sage, crumble in the chestnuts, add a little seasoning and cook for a further 3 minutes, on a medium heat, until the ingredients have all flavoured each other. Season to taste. Pour it out onto a tray to cool quickly. Once it's at room temperature, pop it into the fridge until chilled. Put the stuffing mixture back in a bowl, add the sausage meat and egg and mix together. Add the bread crumbs to lighten and bind. The mixture should hold together but not be sloppy. Place the stuffing in an ovenproof dish and cook for about 45 minutes or until cooked thoroughly.

Preheat your oven to 190°C/375°F/gas 5. Now remove any giblets from the turkey. Rub the inside and outside of the turkey with salt, tucking the skin under to make it look nice.

Cover the turkey loosely in aluminium foil and place in the oven for 3 hours. Feel free to baste whenever you like after the first 30 minutes. For the final 50 minutes of cooking, remove the foil so the skin can crisp up nicely. At the same time, scatter your chipolatas, parboiled potatoes and bacon into another roasting tray and use some of the turkey fat to coat well. Once the turkey's done, take it out of the oven, put it onto a plate and, most importantly, let it rest for at least 30 minutes before carving. During resting, you have time to do your vegetables and make the gravy.

To make the gravy, skim off most of the fat, put the roasting tray onto the bob at a low heat to simmer, and stir in a good tablespoon of flour. Keep stirring until thickened. After about a minute, add a pint of chicken or turkey stock, a little to start with, until it's all mixed together. Bring to the boil and simmer until it coats the back of a spoon.

Serve the turkey with the stuffing and the gravy, along with your choice of vegetables

# Ingredients:

### for the stuffing . . .

- 2 red onions, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 rashers streaky bacon, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 25g butter
- 1 tablespoon fennel seeds
- a small bunch of fresh sage, leaves picked and
- 150g tin chestnuts, drained, or even better, 1 pack vacuum packed chestnuts
- 500g sausage meat
- 1 large free-range or organic egg, beaten
- around 200g fresh breadcrumbs
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper for seasoning

#### for the turkey . . .

- 4.5kg fresh turkey
- 8 chipolata sausages
- parboiled potatoes, for roasting
- 8 rashers of streaky, smoked bacon



# Khun Laak's Tip

Reheating: If you wish to reheat your festive turkey, goose or any poultry product, do not put directly into your oven as this will dry out your bird.

Place your turkey in your cooking tray on a bed of vegetables, with some bay leaves, onions, carrots etc. Add some stock into the tray also, then cover the tray and the bird with foil. Place in a pre-heated oven – medium heat – and the bird will re-heat by steaming and the meat will remain moist. Don't throw your stock away - after this it will make an excellent gravy to accompany your bird.

Then again, if all this is just too difficult and tiresome, and you just want to relax and put your feet up this Christmas, simply fill in your British Club Christmas catering form and order your own cooked bird! Just pick up a pen and take the stress out of Christmas!! And there's no need to muck about with turkeys at Thanksgiving either - just come along to our Thanksgiving Buffet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November!

# The Pink and Black Rugby Ball



Happy cocktails!

his year's big event, The Pink and Black Ball held at The Amari Watergate Hotel on the 30th September, was an impressive night and a tremendous revival of Bangkok's prime event. Many thanks to all of our sponsors: Air Astana for providing the prime prizes for the Raffle; Manarco Recruitment for providing drinks and cocktails during the reception; The Amari Watergate Hotel with David Cumming and his staff for organizing the event in a superb way and also generously contributing with prizes for the Raffle; Energy Spa for their promotions and prizes; without sound and light equipment from Russtainment, the Ball would not have been the success it was; and Pepe Lopez for providing enough Tequila to turn the Ball into a storming party. I myself, although being a Swedish Vodka lover, have to admit that Tequila is the number one elixir and in combination with David Cumming's games - a sure bet for a lively party! And last but not least, many thanks to the 300 guests who attended this event and made it the great success it was.

The Amari Watergate's Hotel Band entertained during dinner, and they were accompanied by loud singing and dancing even during the dinner! Meanwhile, the rugby players and BC membership section helped out as raffle ticket sellers, and as usual managed to extract some money from just about everyone - after all, there was a plethora of excellent prizes to be won! In due course, the raffle prizes were distributed to the lucky winners, with Air Astana's two return tickets to London as first prize together with spa treatments at Energy Spa in Bangkok and hotel nights at Amari Hotels all over Thailand - and a table full of Ipods, portable DVD players and a wide screen TV.

The entertainment highlight of the evening was the Amari Watergate's Hotel Band and DJ Robbie Love alternating music styles during the whole night. The dance floor was packed from the dinner until 5.30am, with the only breaks being for the Club Captain's speech, and the door prize and raffle draws!



The evening is still young



Vince and his lady friends



Pink is colour of tonight







Our Japanese friends enjoying their drinks



Scrumhalf Magnum practising his English

At 3am Organizer and Team Captain Morcar McConnell called for a traditional English breakfast. A breakfast planned to cater for 150 persons had to be considerably extended to satisfy the long queue of hungry people. Again the Amari Watergate staff was excellent not only in providing high quality food and beverage but also excellent service.

Finishing around 6.00am, the last guests rumbled home to the everlasting tunes of DJ Robbie Love's music selection. A fabulous night where everyone enjoyed themselves - in the true spirit of the British Club Rugby Section!



First, but not the last, Pink and Black Ball

## Fixture report

BC Development/Thomburi 15 vs. ABAC 12 ABAC University, September 28, 2007

BC Development/Thonburi qualified second in their group of the 3rd National division and moved into the knockout stages in its first year - a huge achievement when the aim was just to win one or two pool games. They had to play ABAC, which is a big and established university with many experienced players from Kings College and Vadjirahvudh College. So it was a challenge, especially considering the British Club first team had had a practice match against ABAC the previous weekend and had only managed a 15 - 10 win.

ABAC came in full of confidence as they had had this close game against the British Club and have 4 players in the British Club 1st XV. BC Development/ Thonburi went into the game with no pressure - they had achieved more than they had hoped for and could just play and enjoy the game no matter the result. ABAC in the first half came out with the usual Thai style fast paced game, running everything. BC Development/ Thonburi tried their best to slow this down, playing the well-drilled forwards' game as coached by the British Club Rugby Section senior players. ABAC came close but never managed to breach the BC Development/ Thonburi defence. ABAC did, however, kick 4 penalties to lead at half time by 12-0. It looked as if the game was lost. BC Development/Thonburi just couldn't get possession.

After a spirited talk by the Team Captain X, the team came out in the second half flying!! ABAC barely touched the ball in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, with the BC Development/Thonburi forwards picking up and driving from every phase, tiring the ABAC pack down and sucking in their backs. Once there was a small gap the ball was swung out wide to the centres where Captain X ran in from 25m out!!! BC Development/Thonburi had 20 minutes left to pull off a huge upset. The forwards drove hard for the line, ruck after ruck, but ABACs pack worked tirelessly defending wave after wave. After long periods of pressure and as the time was ticking away fly-half Magnum decided to go for the points and tried a drop goal from 20 meters out. It was successful! With 5 minutes to play BC Development/ Thonburi needed a try to win.

BC Development/Thonburi had to run everything now. The structured game plan had gone - they were going for the win!! The ABAC players were run off their feet. BC Development/Thonburi could sense victory and with one last surge from the forwards they scored under the posts with 1 minute to go. Magnum slotted the conversion and the game was almost in the bag, 15-12. A massive upset!! From the kick-off the forwards caught the ball cleanly, set up a maul and slowly edged down the field letting the clock run . . . The scrum-half checked with the referee if time was up. The referee answered that this was the last play. He simply picked the ball up from the maul and walked into touch to huge cheers from the crowd. Everyone loves the underdog!

BC Development/Thonburi O vs. Physical Education College Bangkok 25 Thonburi University, October 8, 2007

The Semi-final in the 3rd National Division was against the favourites for the league, the Physical Education College Bangkok. It was a game too far, the PE College being too fit and strong and well drilled. BC Development/ Thonburi managed to keep the score down to 5 - 0 at half time. However, the big PE pack and swift backs slowly increased the tempo and the lads simply couldn't keep up, the PE College ending the game with a 25 - 0 victory. All in all, an excellent first season.

British Club 22 vs. Royal Thai Navy 32 Royal Bangkok Sports Club, October 4, 2007

After being given a bye by the Srinakarinvirot University, the British Club had to beat the Royal Thai Navy to make it through to the semi-finals of the British Council or drop down to the semis of the 2nd Cup. The game was at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club at 6 pm. This made it hard as half the BC team had work that day. The Navy had been at the ground warming up since 4 pm, while the majority of the BC team turned up just before the kick off. A typically unprepared and slow start by the BC gave the Navy a quick 22-0 lead with only 20 minutes gone. It was looking like the 5-time league champions would cruise to another victory. Leading from the front Captain Morcar McConnell and Vice Captain Wai started making huge tackles and chasing everything down by themselves, which started to have an effect on the rest of the team, slowly waking the BC team up and managing to shut the floodgates for the remaining 20 minutes.

After a very strong team talk from the two captains me regular BC team came out for the 2nd half completely changed from the team that started! Everything started and the BC started to play the best rugby mey had played in years, making the once-feared and unbeaten Navy side for the last 5 years look extremely merage. The pressure showed as the Navy fell apart eming the BC score 4 tries; however, more importantly,

only converting one. With the score at 25 - 22 and 5 minutes to go it looked as if the Navy was on the verge of losing for the first time in 5 years in the TRU league. The BC forwards bashed their way to the Navy line, the victory was on, the BC had an overlap, the ball was swung wide, the Navy fly half all on his own gambled and went for the interception - 90 meters later he was touching down under the posts! He converted his own try and that was it - the Navy won 32-22. The British Club, however, could hold their heads high. The whole team played extremely well and everyone at the game knew who was the better side on the night - even the Navy players acknowledged this and came over to the BC players and paid their respects after a very hardfought game.

## **Upcoming Events**

The 1st XV will continue playing the regular fixtures but this month there is an event worth mentioning. The British Club Rugby Section is proud to host the Kedah State team from Malaysia on November 25-27. A weekend of activities off and on the field are planned for the Kedah State team which have contacted the British Club Rugby Section to get assistance with their preparation for the Malaysian National League soon to start.

With two teams entering the national competitions and the prime social event, the Pink and Black Ball, being held during the same month, I need to express special thanks to Team Captain Morcar McConnell for his hard work organizing the Pink and Black. His creativity and excellent partnership with the function's section at Amari Watergate Hotel proved to be an excellent combination resulting in the most successful ball for many years. In addition, Vice Captain Vorawut (Wai) Vaidyanuvatti's endless energy, both in training and organizing our rugby teams, are very valuable in achieving success on the rugby field.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Rugby Section's mentor and supporter, Vincent Swift, for his support not only for the Pink and Black Ball but also for being available to provide advice and directions for the Section's committee.

Lastly, I would like to introduce a new supporter of our rugby team: Dhanwanthhrie (Tiny) Goonetilleke, Regional General Manager for Air Astana in Asia and the Pacific, whose passion for rugby and new ideas about how to develop the potential of the British Rugby Section are most welcomed. Welcome to the Section Tiny!

Yours in rugby, Magnus Andersson Rugby Section Club Captain

# Regular Sports, Games & Activities

#### **Aerobics**

Monday 10:30-11:30 Wednesday 10:30-11:30

#### **Agua Aerobics**

Tuesday 10:00-11:00

#### Bridge

Sunday 3:00pm-6:30pm Tournament play in Suriwongse Room (except last Sunday of every month)

#### Chess

Thursday 6:00-9:00pm - Churchill Bar (1st & 3rd Thursdays of every month)

#### Cricket

Wednesday 6:00-8:30pm Practice - Back lawn

#### Football

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

#### Hockey

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

#### Pipe Band

Monday 7:00–10:30pm Practice - upstairs Clubrooms Wednesday 7:00–10:30pm Practice - upstairs Clubrooms

#### Rugby

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

#### Spoofing

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

#### Squash

Tuesday 5:15-8:15pm Mix-in 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-2:00pm junior classes

#### **Tennis**

Match Play
Monday 6:00–10:00pm
Mix-in All Standards
Wednesday 6:00–10:00pm
Friday 6:00–10:00pm
Sunday 4:00–6:00pm
Ladies Mix-in
Tuesday 8:00–11:00am
Thursday 8:00–11:00am

#### **Tennis Coaching**

With Nelson Thein . . . Friday 4:00-6:30pm: Junior tennis Saturday 7:00-9:00am: Adult tennis

#### Yoga

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm Sunday 2:30-3:30pm

# Sports/Activities Price List

Aerobics Aqua Aerobics Cricket Massage Squash

Squash courts Swimming Tennis

Adult Tennis
Junior Tennis
Tennis courts
Tennis knockers

Yoga

Bt 4,000 for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 500 per session
Bt 3,000 for 10 sessions: drop-in Bt 400 baht per session
Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 600 evening if lights needed
Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session
Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 for 1 hour; group session
Bt 1200 per 45 min
Bt 50 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

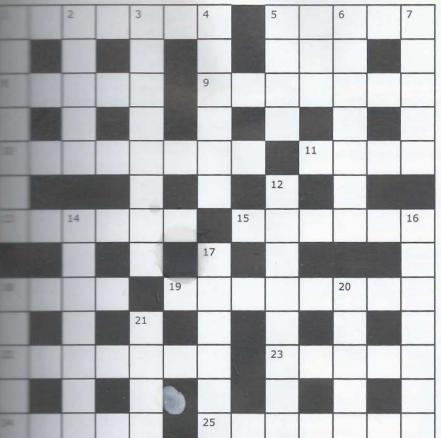
Bt 3,500 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning – beginner to advanced) Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Friday)

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 300)

Bt 2,500/month for 10 sessions; drop-in Bt 300 per session



# Puzzles

#### Across

- 1 Everybody was in debt?? . . . Permitted!
- "For life . . . is just our chance o' the of learning love," (Robt. Browning)
- 8 Dance of the 60's.
- "Your rooms at was beastly -more like a whore's than a man's." (Rudyard Kipling)
- 10 This china is delicate.
- 11 Rapid abstention from food?
- 13 "A good, honest and painful\_ (Samuel Pepys)
- 15 "It shall be called Bottom's Dream because it hath no (Midsummer Night's Dream)
- 18 Pass it for a dollar in the USA.
- 19 Dished up again? No . . . kept in store!
- 22 Sounds as if you can sing well for this list of prices.
- \_ time." 23 "Go down to Kew in (Old English song)
- 24 Set alight or sacked.
- 25 Aim rail for speedy correspondence.

The server your completed crosswords to Barry Osborne as possible after receiving Outpost. Entries must by the 10th of the month. The author of the first entry drawn out of a hat will win a bottle of wine.

Lations to the winner of the October crossword, Val who last won the crossword exactly two years ago, Camber 2005.

## **Detaber Solution**

Blithe, 4 Spirit, 8 Childe, 10 Dombey, 11 Snail, 12 West, 15 Excelsior, 17 Traveller, 20 Aura, 21 Noel, Ducte, 24 Honour, 25 Extend, 26 Sweets, 27 States.

1 Buchan, 2 Icicle, 3 Hods, 5 Pool, 6 Robber, 7 9 Endeavour, 10 Dissolute, 13 Extra, 14 Women, 16 17 Trance, 18 Robert, 19 Glades, 22 Quit, 23 Exit.

sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached without guessing. Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

Ratione: 'Difficult'

section times: < 15mins - you don't belong on this 16-30mins - sublime; 31-60mins - well done;

than 60 mins - keep practising . .

Fax or deliver your completed sudoku to Barry was as soon as possible after receiving Outpost.

must be received by the 10th of the month. The the first correct entry drawn out of a hat will win the of wine.

and ations to the October sudoku winner, Stephen - his first win.

#### Down

- Just Naive.
- "Let me have no \_\_ \_\_, it becomes none but tradesmen." (Shakespeare)
- Hound at the gate.
- Do lice get put around? Yes, to be obedient!
- Marco maybe gave his name to this game!
- Not accurate.
- Put up.
- 12 Singer in the Alps.
- 14 Get better . . . or get back.
- 16 Decimal somehow pertains to the art of healing.
- 17 Famous Swiss meeting-place.
- 18 It is a case for a businessman.
- 20 Aston's Football Team.



## **IMPORTANT BY-LAW CHANGES**

#### Preamble

Following on from the General Committee meeting held on 8th October, the General Committee gives notice of the following Bylaw changes:

#### AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS 3(b)(c): CLUB OPENING HOURS

(b) The General Office shall be open weekdays from 8.30 am to 6.00 pm, and closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

(c) Membership Services shall be open daily from 8am to 6pm.

**RATIONALE:** The change in these Bylaws reflects the new working practice now in force as the result of opening the Membership Services department on the ground floor of the Clubhouse and the introduction of the POS system.

#### CLUB NO SMOKING POLICY

ADDITION TO BYLAW 8: CONDUCT OF MEMBERS Smoking is not permitted in the Clubhouse except for inside the Churchill Bar. In addition smoking is not permitted in the following areas: around the children's swimming pool, in the children's playground, in any toilet or changing room, in the massage room, in the Fitness Centre, close to any food preparation area, on any playing court. Members who do smoke are asked to be considerate to non-smokers and pay particular regard to the proximity of children.



**RATIONALE:** This new Bylaw is to reflect changing attitudes towards smoking and to bring the Club into line with current Thai legislation.

These changes to the Bylaws will be in full effect from mid-November 2006. A copy of the revised Bylaws (to October 2007) is available online on the "Members' data and documents" section of the Club website which is at www.britishclubbangkok.org.

#### **Paul Cheesman**

Honorary Secretary BCB General Committee 2007/08

### **MEMBERSHIP** REVIEW

The General Committee is conducting a review of our membership. The review has been brought about by concern at the steep decline in attracting new members over the past two years and by the blatant abuse of existing membership categories.

The review will look at all aspects of membership and in particular:

- SPORTS MEMBERSHIP an option for field sports players to allow these sections to grow without the need for Non-Member Players.
- COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP with modern transportation is this category still relevant?
   It is also much abused with members registering upcountry but staying in Bangkok.
- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP many single members have a spouse and/or children using the Club – should we move to individual membership for each partner in a family?
- TERM MEMBERSHIP Many expatriate contracts now last only one or two years; do we need a new category to cover this group of prospects?
- CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP Should we open our doors to the corporate world allowing companies to buy membership?

A Members' Open Forum will be held to allow members to air their views. Ahead of that if you have any comments please send them to the CEO clearly marking the mail 'Membership Review' and it will be passed onto the Review Sub-Committee.

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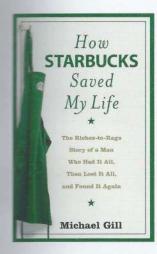








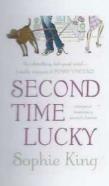
# Book Reviews



#### HOW STARBUCKS SAVED MY LIFE

By Michael Gates Gill ISBN: 9780007255450 Hardback (Harper Element) Bt.575

There's quite a buzz going around about this new book. A high-flying businessman loses it all – fired by the young advertising company executive he himself mentored to success, his family is destroyed by his extra-marital affair that results in a new son at the age of 63. With his own business collapsing, he is diagnosed with brain cancer and, desperate and badly in need of health insurance, he applies for a job at Starbucks. If you can get past the constant and rather saccharine references to his privileged upbringing and previous lifestyle, it's an interesting story of how a man's life is re-calibrated by working and becoming friends with people from completely different ethnic and social backgrounds. Gill's personal journey forces him to question his ingrained assumptions, prejudices and habits and it's difficult not to feel sympathetic to his experiences.

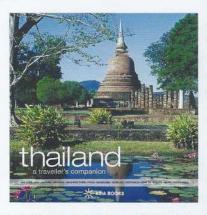


SECOND TIME LUCKY By Sophie King ISBN: 9780340922682 Paperback (Hodder) Bt.350

From the author of 2005's "The School Run", King's second novel is a frothy concoction just right for a relaxing read by the pool

with a cocktail and twirly umbrella.

Once Bridgewater House was the stately home of Lord Pearmain – now the Lord lives in one of the apartments, just an ordinary neighbour to the newly divorced mother-of-three, the legendary screen goddess of the forties and the American PhD student. Over an eventful summer their children, a burglar, a friendly dog and a very capable cleaner – and at least one ghost – will transform all the esidents' lives. Light-hearted with pleasing and mell-drawn characters, this is easy to read and there are a few twists in the tale to keep you guessing. Innocent fun!



# THAILAND: A TRAVELLER'S COMPANION ISBN: 9789814217347

Hardback (Asia Books)

Bt.895

This sumptuously illustrated, large-format guide provides background information on the environment, history, architecture, art and culture of Thailand. New features include a directory of hotels, restaurants and shops accompanied by fully updated maps. This is aimed more at someone who is posted to Thailand for the first time or retiring here, looking for inspiration about how best to appreciate this wonderful country.

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#### Big Win for BC Tennis Junior

British Club junior player Charlie Roberts, won the Under 8 Boys Singles at the TrueVisions Junior Tennis Tournament at Nightingale Tennis Centre, Ram Indra on September 23rd.

Over two hundred of Thailand's aspiring junior tennis players aged between 8 and 16 took part in both boys' and girls' tournaments over four days under the auspices of the Lawn Tennis Association of

Charlie (ranked 3) beat the number 2 ranked player nationally, 8-5 in the final, winning four matches over 2 days in the 32-boy main draw. TrueVisions interviewed Charlie on camera and showed part of his match on TrueVisions Channel 62 during the "Sports Update" Show.

The ten finals were contested in the full heat of the day, yet the soaring temperatures and midday sun did little to hamper the quality of play, and some exciting matches were contested. Qualification places for the end of season "Junior Masters Series" were also up for grabs, with points being allocated over the year-long series of tournaments and the top four in each age group qualifying for the final tournament in November.

Charlie qualified for the "masters" by winning this tournament and will play with the three other top ranked 8-and-under juniors in the finals.



Charlie in action

#### Quote of the month:



He has handled everything in his playing career and private life with a lot of class. So many people are intrigued by scandal, but I believe a person with the personality and image like Tim's is much more special.

Roger Federer, on Englishman Tim Henman who ended his stellar career -- highlighted by reaching the Wimbledon semis four times and a World No. 4 singles ranking -- with singles and doubles Davis Cup victories against Croatia.

#### POST CARD FROM NEW YORK By Yubharet Visitsunthorn

One of the Grand Slams that I have always wanted to attend is the US Open. This year, it was held at the International Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow (next to Shea Stadium) from August 27th to September 9th, and t really is a marriage of sports and commerce. The big sponsors are AMEX, Lexus, and Chase Bank, along with a host of the biggest names in sports equipment including Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Lacoste, and Wilson). The whole experience is an expensive one: figure \$50 for food and drinks; a ground pass for the first two days is \$45 and gives access to all matches except those played on the Arthur Ashe center court. A pass for the entire two-week event, with reserved seats in the lower promenade of Arthur Ashe, costs more than \$2,700; count on another \$300 for parking if you come by car. Those who cannot afford to see the matches can always opt for the qualifying matches which are held August 21st-24th and entrance is free. The Grand Finale on Sunday the 9th, at the Arthur Ashe stadium, costs upwards of \$200, with courtside tickets up to \$8,950. Apart from the Arthur Ashe stadium, the Louis Armstrong and the Grandstand Court holding 5,000 seats are the Center's second and third largest venues.

American Express handed out free radios to its cardholders this year and lent free mobile mini TV screens to watch the matches on other courts, live from 6 courts, and there is a free Pedi cab service from the subway station to the main entrance. Giant screens are set up at Madison Square Garden and the Rockefeller Center so New Yorkers can follow the action of the main matches at all times.

One of the commentators, Patrick McEnroe, describes the world No.1 Roger Federer as the best ever: he always looks as if he has so much time and has great balance and anticipation. His forehand swing is actually shorter than most players but so violent and precise that the ball just accelerates as it hits the court. He can stay at the back, use his slices and wait for his opponent to miss. He uses spin and depth, the whole court, high and low, short and wide. With so much variety, he literally dissects his opponents. The No. 2 ranked player, Rafael Nadal has a different personality. If Federer is a dancer, Nadal is a bull, intense and raw; physical strength and endurance are among his trademarks.

While doubles events are not normally televised, they are always fun to watch. I had the opportunity to watch the mixed doubles and was so impressed with the mixed doubles of Mark Knowles (Bah) and Zi Yan (Ch). The pair is ranked 3rd and won the French Open championship this year. They did not reach the final at the 2007 US Open, knocked out by a pair from Bulgaria in the semis, 6-7, 4-6.

Thanks to Ori, who always finds the time and resources to attend all the Grand Slam and ATP events on a regular basis, and who advised me to buy only general admission tickets which allowed me to see a variety of matches. The first day was a learning experience, the second day was much better as I knew where to look for the best matches, and the third day was graduation: I found the best spots to watch without getting sunburned and paid only \$30 (buy one, get one free ticket inside the Shea Stadium) equivalent to \$100 worth of seats inside the Arthur Ashe. A truly memorable experience!



Ladies' twice weekly mix-ins.... come one and all!!

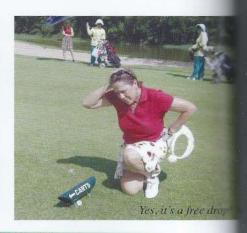




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#### Millward Brown Firefly Medal

There were some very good scores posted this month; notably flight A winner, David (Ace) Humphreys - he keeps the 'Ace' title until someone else comes up with a hole in one! David's creditable and comfortable win with a nett 67, could actually have been somewhat better as his front nine was a gross 36. He managed to come back in 48 however, so the handicap cut wasn't quite what it could have been. Well done David. Second was el Bandito with 70 and third Roy with 71. Belinda won flight B with a nett 71 (reduced to 69 as the course is handicapped at par 74 for the ladies); Harland, who is playing very well at the moment, was second with 70; and Maureen, who has sorted out a thing or two and got the drives back on track (a long way down the track) came in third with 73. Near pins went to Barry, David H., Ged and Belinda. Long drives to Roy and Bee and the longest putt to Dianne. She deserves a prize for taking in the ugliest kitten in Thailand, (Harland's words), which is at her home awaiting a permanent loving home; ugly cat fans contact Dianne direct.

#### **Seara Sports Matchplay Competition**

There are several quarter final matches still to be played, but Peter Skinner is already through to the semis.

In the Plate, Harland and Gordon had their replay match and Gordon pipped Harland to the post. They drew previously on the same course; Royal Golf and Country Club and I think it was a relief that a result has finally been achieved. El B. is a hard man to beat, but Harland made him fight to the bitter end. So now Gordon plays Mike Staples. David Humphreys is already through to the semi finals, which will be played before the end of November.

#### **British Club v. the Scandinavians**

It is with a sad heart that I have to report our loss of the large and shiny trophy back to our friends from the North. It was a great match and very close, but they won by one point and they fielded an excellent team. Preparations will be made early next year to gather our best players, who will hone their skills in readiness for the taking back of the trophy next September. So, a very early call to arms for all our top players to turn out for all the inter-assoc. matches next year. Names will be named

A personal congratulations from Dianne and I, to Klaus and B.J. who played against us in the two-man scramble format. They managed a nett 62 ... we didn't! Well

some to our Captain Peter and his partner Rosemarie, beat Scandies-for-a-day Mike and Roy.

Belinda and I were very pleased to win a Volvo golf bag each for near pins; those bags are built to last (they probably sustain little damage should a car hit them at eigh speed). Edward is still using the one he won when be was ten (nine years ago). Thanks to Scandanavian Captain, Kristian, for the generous prizes and very good company.

#### Club Day a Kiarti Thanee

As many of our team were down in Phuket playing in their own version of the Ryder Cup, a small, but select group gathered to play an informal 'Club Day'. Tom and Laurie brought their guests and our friends, Rick and Maureen, along and we also welcomed Max, who may soon be joining the Golf Section. We played a better nine, blind draw, competition and the results were pretty good. Kiarti Thanee is not especially easy and the sanded greens added an extra dimension, but still many of the group managed to get 18 points, either going out or coming in. Laurie played very well indeed, coming in with 36 points, but Tom won on countback. Neither had realised that we were playing a competition, so it just goes to show - relax and you play better!

David Humphreys took the long drive for the guys, Maureen for the gals and near pins went to Carole-Ann, with a very near, near pin, two went to Tom and the fourth to Roy.

Valerie

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# **By Marcel Petit**



Tatiana Golovin

#### Stress Managment

This month we're going to talk about stress - and frankly, there's nothing more "natural" than feeling some stress ahead of a big match. Last September, another French coach and I watched the match between France's Tatiana Golovin and Ahsha Rolle of the United States. This was the US Open and Golovin had a lot at stake: she'd hired veteran Mats Wilander of Sweden as her coach, had been training hard and seemed to have assimilated some new elements into her game and her life. On that day, she found herself up against a very talented and eager Rolle, who was out on the court with nothing to lose. Golovin dropped the match 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 and fled from the court. My friend and I agreed on one main thing: she'd shot too many looks over at coach Mats during the match, a definite sign of overexcitement. She stayed tense throughout the entire match and never managed to let go and play her game and this was only partly because her dogged opponent was in particularly fine form that day. Golovin was not prepared for this scenario and never found a way to dissipate her

stress. She played the points quickly, never taking stock and accepting reality. At her post-match press conference, she told reporters she'd "had a long wait before the match." True or not, it really didn't matter.

#### Here are 9 tips on how you can manage match stress:

- 1. PREPARE WELL: give your all during practice. Pack your own tennis bag and check its contents; get there early to familiarize yourself with your surroundings. Warm up and finish 15 minutes before your match is scheduled to begin. At the "sign-in", ask the umpire about the match format and scheduling.
- 2. AVOID PRESSURE: Find a quiet spot by yourself where you can concentrate. During changeovers, close your eyes or put a towel over your head.
- SING A SONG: Before the match, listen to some music on your Ipod; between games, sing a song in your head.
- READ: Read a good book the night before a big match to help you fall asleep. If you have to wait before a match, think about SOMETHING ELSE. Grab a comic book, a magazine or...your homework.
- RELATIVIZE: Don't exaggerate the importance of the match you're about to play. Imagine what the scene would look like from Mars. In 100 years, what will remain of the significance of this match?
- BREATHE: During the five-minute warm-up, remember to exhale each time you strike the ball; between points and during changeovers, remember to breathe deeply from your stomach
- SMILE: When you're in trouble or up against the unexpected, SMILE: this will confuse your opponent and show that vou are not "weak."
- MENTAL IMAGES: If your stress level is really high, try closing your eyes and conjuring up a pleasant image a vacation, a family member, a great meal...
- PHILOSOPHY: Have fun, seriously.

These nine tools can help reduce anxiety in case of hyper stress - just try them. And now, happy stress to all...

#### From a disgruntled reader:

A long-time British Club member notes that many tennis players, including some of the Club's best, commit foot-faults on a regular basis, but are never called on it. I wonder when the Tennis Section will start paying attention to this breach of

mat do you think? The Tennis Section welcomes any comments on this issue.

## The Insiders' Guide to Private Members' Clubs

Private members' clubs in the Asia-Pacific region could have few more eloquent or convincing champions than Stephen Simmons. Shunning the ephemeral attractions of modern, businessmen's hotels, he delights in the idiosyncrasies and histories of 28 of the region's clubs. Their comfortable individuality becomes his antidote to the luxuriance and 'sterility' of 'globally homogeneous' hotels. While the uncovering of an extraordinary web of reciprocal links should be sufficient enticement to the clubs' members, this book will be fascinating to anyone with an interest in the region or who would simply enjoy a peep behind the doors of some secluded and rarefied places.

That there is an abundance of verandahs with great views, swimming pools, some impressive wine cellars and restaurants serving superb food may not be so surprising, but the clubs individually and variously also comprise or possess; memberships of between 400 and 10,000, including one with 71 nationalities and one boasting 84 reciprocal links; founders as diverse as ladies, the military, 'bohemia', journalists, sailors, racegoers and merchants; means of access as unusual as a sampan, a tunnel, or a network of jungle pathways; facilities which number a racecourse, a golf course, 7 cricket wickets, a 400-metre seafront, a ten-pin bowling alley, a stage, fireplaces and even a bar displaying 47 malt whiskies; an Egyptian skull, the head of a 371-lb swordfish, some magnificent art and medal collections and a library of 25,000

The British Club



As a general rule it was stade, followed by formal colonisation, which through large numbers of Europeans to Asia. Thailand was different, at the sum of the last centry Bangslow was already a major port, described in WA Graham's Siam, published in 1912, as being "the largest city in all Farther India having a population of new 350,000", Took from the northern forests and from the borders with Burnas attracted the trades but distribus diplomacy by King Rama V prevented colonisation. Despite there being no colonial power, there were, by 1912, over 1,000 European's fixing in the capital, most of whom were British and nearly all of whom were involved, in one way or another, with teath. The British Clob was founded in 1903 by the earlier arrivals



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of this British contingent, most of whom were businessmen working for one of the great banking or teak trading houses such as The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which opened for business in Bangkok in 1886, Anglo-Thai, He Bonneo Company or the Bonnaby Yarding Company, Louis I Leonowers, the son of Anna of The King and i Farm was one of those Bounders and a rather husy one; he was also the owner of the Oriental Flotel, now considered by many travel sviries to the the best hold in the world. As the British Chlav was largely a business club, sportsmen tended to join The Royal Bangkok Spons Chub and it was not until 1919 that the Chub hought two adjacend land. Thereather, the nature of the Club began to change as younger men joined and formed spons to making a younger men joined and formed spons to making as younger men joined and formed spons to making a younger men joined and formed spons to making places such as Chiang Mai in the north to compete with teams from the Cymhibana Club. The Club prospered and grew and by the 1930's was considered to be one of the cornerstones.

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Sports facilities
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3 Squart Courts
Gyntrasturi
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Children's Pool

Miscellaneous Thai Massage Readon Room

Accommissionation. The Club can arrange discounted accommodation for visitors or the Nasai Hole beginning at 802,200 per right or all the 2022 Hose, one of the smart new micro hotels which have spend in Sociation beginning as 802,900 per right. Both are good hotels and one within 2 minuter.

The British Date

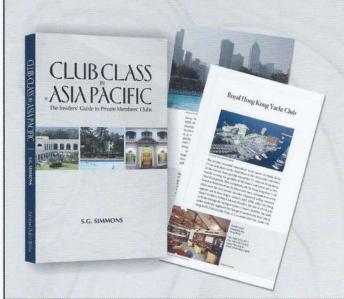
books; mentions in the works of Rudyard Kipling and John le Carré; a club whose current membership includes British royalty and one which used to be regularly graced by a royal saxophonist; and, as a fitting testament to their durability, one which has even survived an earthquake.

Satisfying the primary aim to provide an entertaining compendium, Club Class does so with such beautifully observed insights that it could only be the work of someone who has considerable personal experience of both private members' clubs and the region. Elegantly illustrated by many atmospheric photographs, the only disappointment is that it is limited to a somewhat curious roll of 28; but then this is a book about sublime idiosyncrasy.

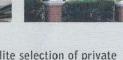
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#### **Welcome Aboard!**

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- 1. Pramila & Ashvin Srivastava
- 2. Graeme Harlow
- 3. Frans & Antonella Scarabelli

# and GOODBYES

#### Farewell and best wishes to . . .

- 1. Steven Barnett
- 2. Warren Martin
- 3. Charles & Vivien Ley
- 4. Peter & Angela Goodchap
- 5. Simon & Judith Fisher



# Building teams and building leaders

by Al Lock

There are a lot of people out there offering team-building training. Harvard defines a team as "A group of people working together towards a common goal". Seems like a pretty good definition, doesn't it?

Well, if we accept that definition, shouldn't team-building be focused on people who work together? Not on people who are in the same organization but never see each other? Shouldn't we focus on people who have the same goals? Putting salesmen and accounts payable people together probably isn't that effective. Although they may share the same "big picture" goal, the goal they work towards every day is probably pretty different.

It has been my experience that effective team-building that can be taken back to the office must start with those two criteria being met. Working together and a common goal. A program can be very effective that does not meet those criteria, but it isn't team-building. It's something else. "Spirit-building" or a "Camaraderie" program... but not team-building.

You'll notice in the title that I mentioned building leaders as well as building teams. It's been my experience that the key to building leaders is building teams. Great leaders are team leaders. They have to know how to build a team that will perform, that will help them take their organization where they want it to go. In the October 1, 2007 Fortune Magazine, there is an article called "Leader Machines". It's about how leading companies build leaders. And in that article is a sidebar about the best sources for leaders. The very first group mentioned in that sidebar is Special Forces. And it discusses the strengths of Special Forces in building leaders through teams.

One of the rules of training that Special Forces ignore is the idea that "there is no place for failure in adult learning". Haven't you learned as much or more from your failures than your successes? In both my time as a trainer in the US military (in the US Army Special Forces as it happens) and my time as a trainer and consultant in the corporate world. I have found that failure has a definite place in adult learning. Failure gets people to recognize a need to change or improve. Failure forces examination of why the failure occurred. And failure brings on creativity to succeed. Failure is a part of life. To ignore it in adult learning would mean making adult learning an artificial experience. If we want to build great teams and great leaders, they must have the opportunity to learn from failures, in training as well as in life.



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# Staff Service Awards

On Friday 5th October we held a party for The Club's Staff in the newly decorated Suriwongse Room. The party was to celebrate staff birthdays in the last quarter and also to announce the winners of the Staff Awards. The winners are chosen from front and back of house. This quarter's winners were Khun Nittaya who previously worked poolside but who now works in the Churchill Bar, and Khun Prasarn who works in the stores but who also helps out for functions. Congratulations to them and keep up the good work. They each received a Bt.2000 bonus and a certificate presented by Club CEO Michael Silcock. The Club's kitchens laid on a tasty spread of Thai cuisine and there was a piece of birthday cake for all. The parties are held every three months and in December we will announce the Employee of the Year award.











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#### Here's a sneak preview of just some of the dishes to expect on the new Verandah Menu . . .

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Spiced Pumpkin Soup With French bread and Black Pepper Croutons.	60
Onion Soup	70
Beef Consommé with sauté Onions and a cheese Crout	
<b>Khun Laak's Fish Soup</b> With Garlic Bread and Aioli	120
SALADS	
Plum, Ham and Cheese Salad Served with crispy Greens and a Dijon Mustard and Mayonnaise Dressing.	190
Grilled Summer Chicken Salad	180
With assorted Grilled Vegetables and Balsamic Vinegar D	ressing.
Mango, Avocado and Smoked Chicken Salad With crispy Greens, Beetroot and a Lemon, Olive Oil and Wholegrain Mustard Dressing.	180
Smoked Salmon and Asparagus Quiche Served with a Crisp Mixed Salad	150
MAIN COURSES	
<b>Lamb and Eggplant Moussaka</b> With Greek Salad and Garlic Bread.	250
Grilled Dory Fish with Prawn Mornay Sauce Served with Croquette Potatoes and Broccoli.	280
Mushroom Stroganoff served with Rice Pilaff Lamb Curry served in a Tortilla Shell with	160
Rice Pilaff	250
<b>Chicken Maryland</b> with Pineapple, Banana, Corn and Bacon, served with home fried Potatoes.	170
Chicken Kiev	170
Served with home fried Potatoes and Garden Peas.	
Gloucester Pie Lamb, Apples and Vegetable Pie topped with Carrots and mashed Potatoes.	210
BAR SNACKS	
Beef Empanadas Filled with Chilli Con-Carne served with a Guacamole I	120

Quessiladas	160
Filled with Smoked Salmon, Sour Cream and Dill.  Hommous	135
Served with toasted Garlic Pita Bread.	205
Nachos Crispy Tortillas with Onion, Tomato Salsa, Jalapeno and Melted Cheese.	205
GRILLS (on Blackboard)	
Lamb Chops	655,-
Served with Onion Confrit and Couscous with Mint Yogh	nurt.
Grilled T-Bone Steak	530
With Café de Paris Sauce, sauté Mushrooms, grilled Tomato and Home Fried Potatoes.	
Grilled Salmon Steak	300
Wrapped in Prosciutto served with creamed Spinach Yoghurt and Salad Greens.	
Pork Chop and Apple Sauce With grilled Beef Tomato, grilled Mushrooms and Home Fried Potatoes.	270
Snowfish Steak	480
With Beef Tomato, grilled Mushrooms and Home Fried Potatoes.	
DESSERTS	
Bread and Butter Pudding Served with hot Custard	55
Blackberry and Apple Crumble Served with hot Custard	85
Rhubarb Crème Brulee	100
Home Made Apple Pie Served with hot Custard and Ice-Cream	80
English Sherry Trifle	65
CHEESE	
Selection of Cheeses Mature Cheddar, Danish Blue, Brie served with Crackers and Grapes.	240

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