

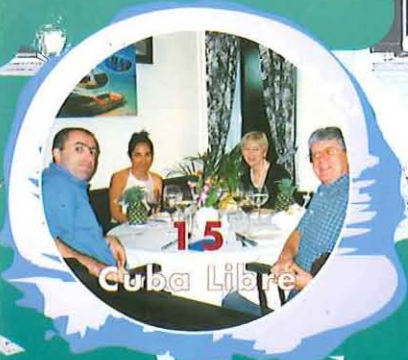


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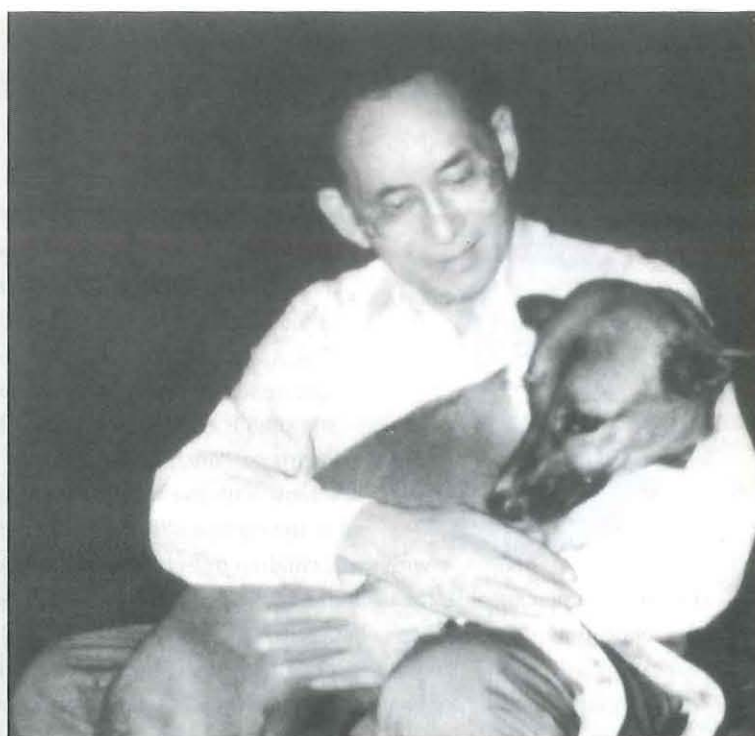


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*Many thanks go to Maria Dela Pena, a year 10 Bangkok Patana student, for designing this month's Outpost cover. Maria spent a fun-filled week with the merry crew at The Creative Partnership to gain work experience. Well done, Maria!*

**2002** has been a mixed year; a spectacular Queen's Jubilee, Paradorn's superb success on court, the Euro being used in most of Europe, the complete genetic map of the fly has been drawn up by scientists (13,000 genes, as opposed to 30,000 in the human!), scandals in the British Royal Family, terrorist bombings, polystyrene krathongs choking the Gulf, no smoking in air-conditioned places.... but at least the British Club is a constant factor in our lives, bringing us peace and joy. On behalf of the team at **The Creative Partnership**, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2003.

**Liz - Ed.**

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## GM'S BRIEF

**Dear Members,**

First, I would like to take this occasion to wish His Majesty the King of Thailand a very happy birthday on the 5th of this month and hope that all Members will enjoy this special day in his honour.

Almost another year gone, but still some great events happening at the Club before the year's end.

The Annual Christmas Ball on 14 December on the back lawn, the Children's Christmas Party on 17 December, the Christmas Luncheon at Lord's and the Churchill Bar are fully booked, but we will offer a sumptuous buffet in the Suriwongse Room in order not to disappoint Members who like to partake of Christmas Lunch at the Club.

On New Year's Eve two big events; a cruise on the Chao Phraya River with a spectacular fireworks display and at the Club, a BBQ buffet Dinner with fireworks in the grounds. We would like to discourage families with small children from joining the Dinner Cruise on the Chao Phraya River.

On the development side, the Clubhouse toilet renovation is in full swing and will be completed towards the year end. Also we have started the renovation of the children's changing room, which will be located at the back of the Silom Sala. The massage room will be located at the back of squash court 3. This area will be substantially improved and will be air-conditioned as well.

In November we introduced new menus at the pool side, Churchill Bar and Lord's Dining Room. We have received a lot of positive feedback on these menus and if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know through the suggestion book or comment cards placed on the dining tables.

On 8 November 2002 the new smoking laws were introduced by the Thai Government and the following areas are now non-smoking: Lord's Dining Room, all air-conditioned function rooms and all air-conditioned toilets and changing rooms. The Churchill Bar maintains the two areas for smoking and non-smoking Members.

On 2 November we launched new security rules at the Club. We understand that these new rules have caused some inconvenience but we really appreciate the co-operation and understanding that we have received from our Members. Updates on security issues will be sent to you on a regular basis.

On behalf of all the staff and management of the British Club we would like to wish all Members a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous and healthy 2003.

Yours sincerely,

**Willem T. P. Penttermann**  
General Manager

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## WHAT'S ON

# The Future's Looking Good

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

**Wednesday, 18 December 2002**  
**at 7.15pm**

The Philippino Christmas Choir will perform in the Suriwongse room. Prior to and after the performance we will serve hot Gluvine (mulled wine) and other beverages on the Front Lawn.

Charge: B 350 for adults and B 195 for children 3 to 12 years of age. Children 3 years and below are free.

## WINE TASTING

**Friday, 13 December 2002 at 7.00pm**

Complimentary Cocktail Buffet will be provided in the Wordsworth Lounge to accompany the wide selection of scintillating wines provided by Nicholas B.C. Co., Ltd.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL

**Saturday, 14 December 2002.**

Meet at 7.00pm for Cocktails on the Front Lawn, followed by a sumptuous dinner served at 8.00pm on the Back Lawn. A 15 piece orchestra will entertain you during dinner, followed by the swinging disco sounds from Paul Jackson until the early hours of the morning.

## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS CAMP

**16, 18, 19 and 20 December 2002**  
**Daily from 9.00am - 4.30pm.**

The camp includes, tennis, squash, swimming, cricket, soccer, games, video and snacks and lunch.

B 850 per day or B 3400 for the 4-day session.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Tuesday, 17 December, 2002**

From 2.30pm to 5.30pm there will be loads of kids' activities on the back lawn. Pony riding, balloon typhoon, face painting, crafts and much more are guaranteed to keep everyone happy!

At 4.30pm a fun picnic will be served on the Front Lawn, with a visit from Santa bearing gifts! Charge: B 395 per child.

## CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

**Tuesday, 24 December 2002**

Buffet Dinner in Lord's Dining Room, with a wide spread of Christmas delights, international food and a Thai corner. This is a perfect occasion to take the family for an evening out.

Charge: B 850 per person and B 550 for

children between 4 and 12 years of age (no charge for children of 3 years and under).

## TRADITIONAL

### CHRISTMAS SET LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, 25 December 2002 from**  
**12.00nn - 4.00pm.**

Either in the Lord's Dining Room or the Churchill Bar, this is always a popular event at the Club. Entertainment for the children with clowns, puppet show and a visit from Santa. Sadly, this is fully booked already!

Charge B 850 for adults, B 550 for children between 4 and 12 years of age and no charge for children of 3 years and under.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

### BUFFET LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, 25 December**

Share good cheer, food and wine with family, friends and fellow Members in the Suriwongse Room. With clowns, puppet show and a visit from Santa, the entire family will have fun.

Adults B 850 and children B 550 between 4 - 12 years of age. No charge for children of 3 years and below.

## CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER BUFFET

**Wednesday, 25 December 2002**  
**at 7.00pm**

Lord's Dining Room will be overflowing with traditional Christmas foods, goodwill and Members. A truly warm and friendly way to spend Christmas Day in the tropics.

Charge: B 850 per person, B 550 for children between 4 and 12 years of age and no charge for children of 3 years and below.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER CRUISE

**31 December 2002**

The Royal Phraya Princess awaits BC Members who want to party into 2003!

Make your own way to River City Pier at 9.00pm. The boat will leave at 9.30pm sharp! The night's entertainment includes live music, International Buffet Dinner, fireworks at Midnight. We will return to River City Pier at 0.30am.

Charge B 2995 per person which is inclusive of 2 hours open bar (standard pouring drinks only). See page 15 for more details.

## FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**31 December 2002**

Celebrate New Year's Eve with the whole family at the Club with BBQ and Buffet Dinner, Disco in the Suriwongse Sala, children's activities at the Silom Sala and a fireworks display at midnight. A perfect family party!

Charge: B 1,100 for adults, B 550 for children between 4 and 12 years. No charge for children 3 and below.

## 2003

## CLUB MANAGER'S NIGHT

**Wednesday, 8 January 2003 at 6.30pm**

Welcome 2003 in with the Club Manager's Night at the Churchill Bar. This is a great evening to catch up with fellow members and check out the latest news and gossip over a few drinks. The ever-popular complimentary curry buffet will be provided.

## NEW MEMBER'S NIGHT

**Tuesday, 14 January 2003 at 7.30pm**

Excellent opportunity to meet new Members who recently joined the Club. The venue, as usual, is the Churchill Bar.

## BAR QUIZ

**Tuesday, 21 January 2003 at 7.30pm**

Come along to Lord's Dining Room and have an exciting evening with Quizmaster Rodney Bain. Each team should consist of a maximum of 6 participants with a registration fee of B 100 per team player.

## FOOD PROMOTION

**30 - 31 January 2003**

Enjoy the flavours of Canada. Barry and the kitchen team will prepare an excellent selection of mouthwatering dishes from Canada, served in Lord's Dining Room. Rice Pudding with Maple syrup, perhaps!! Charge: B 600 per person for this delicious buffet dinner.

## MOVIE COMEDY NIGHT

**Wednesday, 22 January 2003**  
**at 7.30pm**

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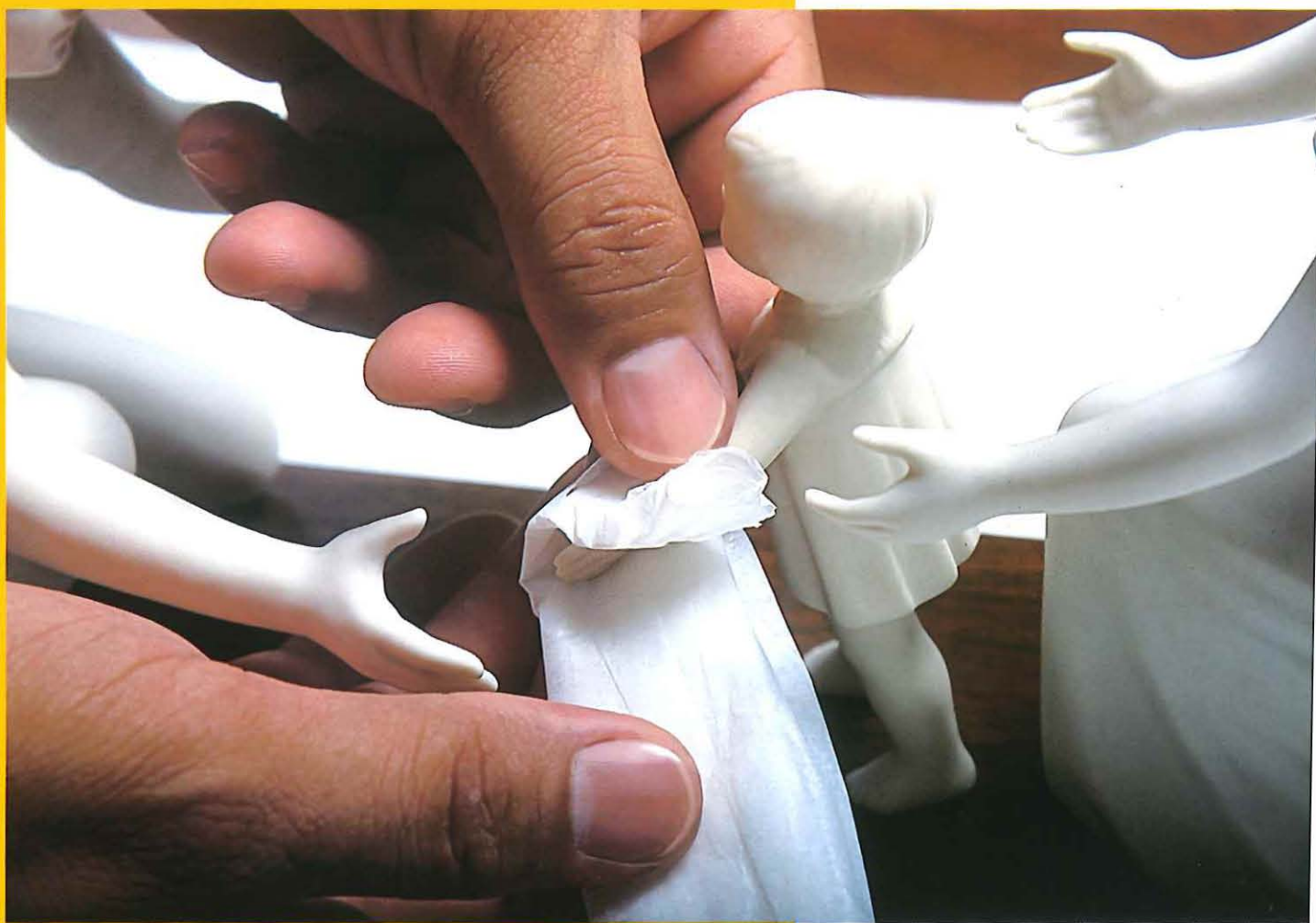
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## SOCCER

# Fabulous First Team Flourish

The British Club First Team played for the first time against the Japanese Allstars 2 weeks ago at KMIT (King Mongkut's Institute of Technology). Although the play was worthy of greatness the final score was not...

The first encounter for the newly re-vamped BC first team was to be an interesting affair. The game was played on the glorious grounds of KMIT on a Sunday afternoon and the majority of the team were playing together for the first time.

After nearly losing my mind waiting for the Pattaya-born minibus driver to arrive, overall I was impressed by the spirit and determination of the players. The Japanese were their usual highly organised, overdramatical selves and sought to make many opportunities, however their disappointing prowess in front of goal was in large part due to two main factors:

1, Mr Barber in goal, and 2, the combinations in defence.

It is by no means a coincidence that Simon Lawther received Man of the Match - his skill and confidence on the ball was invaluable in this new-look team, and the partnership in the centre of defence with new addition to Bangkok, Jay Hearn looked solid throughout. Combine this with Mr

Barber's agility in goal to produce some fine saves, and Travis Parmenter's and Gary Barber's wing back performances, there were some promising signs for next year.

Up front, we had the usual suspects of Darren Wise and the ever vocal Jim Vessey holding the ball up supremely for the bustling midfield, and both came close to opening their accounts.

It was, however, the day of Mr Lawther, a fine individual display and capped with a rare goal - you could not have asked for more from one player!

A final word of mention must go to Gary Barber who produced what can only be described as an unbelievable free kick. If this had gone in it could easily have been goal of the season! Quite outstanding!! Anyone interested in playing for the team please register your interest on Tuesday nights at the Brit Club. See you all soon.

**Simon Mackay**

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# CALENDAR

## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2002

### SPORTS

9.00am - midday	Squash Coaching
9.00am - 1.30pm	BC Swimming Instruction

### SPORTS

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

### SPORTS

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

### SPORTS

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

### CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

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

### SPORTS

9.30am	Aerobics
6.00pm - 9.00pm	Tennis Mix-in
6.30pm	Cricket Nets

### CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm	Darts
7.00pm	Accumulator

### SPORTS

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

### SPORTS

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

### December at a Glance

Wednesday, 18	The Philippino Christmas Choir
Friday, 13	Wine Tasting
Saturday, 14	Christmas Ball
16, 18, 19 & 20	BC Sports Camp
Tuesday, 17	Children's Christmas Party
Tuesday, 24	Christmas Eve Dinner
Wednesday, 25	Christmas Set Luncheon
Wednesday, 25	Christmas Buffet Luncheon
Wednesday, 25	Christmas Dinner Buffet
Tuesday, 31	New Year's Eve Cruise
Tuesday, 31	New Year's Eve Club Party

*See What's On, page 6 and GM's Message for more details*

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Golf	Karen Carter	0 2285 6169
Spoofers	Steve Eaton	0 2237 9262
Rugby	Jon Prichard	0 2662 6376
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St Patrick's	Ian Kane	0 2678 1813 x 1738
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### Venues

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

### Opening Times

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



## RELAXED REGULARS

## A Bit of This, That and the Other

**WEDNESDAY  
BAR ACCUMULATOR**

A new season of the Accumulator started last month (Congratulations to Ruth McDonagh for winning the last one!). Every member (and spouse) has the chance to win the ever-growing cash prize. All you have to do is be in the Bar when your membership number is drawn from the hat. You can't win if you're not there!

**WEDNESDAY DARTS NIGHT  
CHURCHILL BAR**

Join the lads and lasses every Wednesday evening in the bar for a friendly game of 'arrows'. Everyone is most welcome, regardless of whether you can hit the board!

**TUESDAY, BRIDGE NIGHT  
CHURCHILL BAR**

Bid away the evening with our dedicated Bridge group. The No Smoking area of the Churchill Bar is where you'll find them trumping away.

**TUESDAY LADIES' NIGHT  
CHURCHILL BAR**

From 6.00pm til midnight, ladies can enjoy any of our cocktails for B 80 only.

**TUESDAY EVENINGS  
GENTLEMEN'S SPOOF**

Join the gents in the Churchill Bar for this spiffing spoofing bar game.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

Children's Movie Night every Friday evening at the Silom sala at 7.00pm. No charge for the kids.

**ART ATTACK CLASSES  
BY VANESSA CHRISTIAN FROM  
1.30PM - 3.00PM**

Start on Saturday, 18 January 2003, B5000 for a 12 week session.

Please register at reception

Sunday afternoon children's activities at 2.00pm at the Silom Room. BC and Kids Care are organising Sunday children's activities followed by a movie.

No charge for this event.

## SPORTS UPDATE

## Parties &amp; Health Just Don't Go Together...

... so all sports training will stop over the festive period and start again in January 2003 on the following dates:

**JUNIOR CRICKET**

*starts from Sunday, 19 January 2003*

Time: 9.00am - 11.00am

Venue: Back Lawn - Cricket Nets

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

Trainer: Mr. Brian Wiggins, qualified Australian coach.

**JUNIOR TENNIS**

*starts on 17 January 2003*

Beginners: age 5 - 8 4.00pm - 4.30pm  
B 3,000

Intermediate: age 9 - 11 years 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
B 4,000

Advanced: age 12 - 16 years 5.30pm - 6.30pm  
B 5,000

Coaches are Zubin and Piyanart Engineer.

All prices listed are for a 10 week session every Friday afternoon.

**JUNIOR SQUASH**

*starts Friday, 17 January 2003*

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

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

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge B 1,900 for 10 lessons.

**TEAKWONDO**

*starts Sunday, 19 January 2003*

Time: 10.30am - 12.00nn

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,800 for 10 lessons.

**AQUA AEROBICS**

*starts Tuesday, 14 January 2003*

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30am - 11.30am.

Venue: Main Pool

Charge: B 2,500 for 10 lessons.

Trainer: Els van den Broecke.

**AEROBICS**

*starts Monday, 3 January 2003*

Every Monday in Squash Court 3 from 9.30am to 10.30am.

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons.

**BANGKOK DOLPHINS SWIMMING SCHEDULE**

*Tuesday Classes start 14 January 2003*

Category	Age	Time
Toddlers	18-24 months	2.00pm - 2.30pm
Non-swimmers	24 months up	2.30pm - 3.00pm
Introducing Strokes	4-5 years	3.00pm - 3.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5-6 years	3.30pm - 4.00pm
Stroke Correction	6-8 years	4.00pm - 4.30pm
Mini Squads	8 years up	4.30pm - 5.15pm

**SATURDAY CLASSES**

*start 18 January 2003*

Category	Age	Time
Parent & Baby	6-18 months	9.00am - 9.30am
	18-24 months	9.30am - 10.00am
	24-36 months	10.00am - 10.30am
Toddler	24 months up	10.30am - 11.00am
Beginners	4-5 years	11.00am - 11.30am
Introducing Strokes 1	4-5 years	11.30am - 12.00pm
Introducing Strokes 2	4-5 years	12.00pm - 12.30pm
Stroke Improvement	5-6 years	12.30pm - 1.00pm
Stroke Correction	6-8 years	1.00pm - 1.30pm

Ability, not age, is the main factor in deciding what course the child should enter. Further information is available at the Fitness Centre.  
Charge: B 3,000 for the 10-week programme.



## TENNIS

# Win Some, Lose Some

## MATCH V THE SILOM CLUB,

SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER



Teresa and Nisa – our only winners! (Apologies for the poor light)

Despite having a good quality team, the BC were thoroughly outgunned by The Silom Club, at The Silom Club, who won all the six Mens' Doubles Matches, and 2 of the 3 Ladies' Doubles. Our only victory was in the top Ladies' Doubles Match where Teresa and Nisa won well. James and Phairoj looked set to win, but a disputed score caused them to lose concentration, and then the match. Thankfully, to save further humiliation, the rains came down at around 6.00pm, although at that time we were ahead in all the 3 matches on court.

Marc Nussaume & Frank Gluck	1 - 8
Michel Le Quellec & Dr. Pongsak	4 - 8
Kh. Phairoj & James Young	5 - 8
Michael Turner & Eiji Hanao	2 - 8
Kh. Kamol & Tom Callahan	1 - 8
Nisa Adams & Teresa Turner	8 - 5
Wan Adams & Eileen Bontje	1 - 8
Kh. Yubharet & Aida Le Cornet	0 - 8

## AND DOWN CAME THE RAIN!!!

*Monthly Mix-In Competition,  
Sunday, 6 October*

A very disappointing turnout of only 7 players, eventually lifted to 8 by 5.15pm. However, lots of fun, and the prizes were



enjoyed, as witnessed in the photograph above. Welcome to new Member Kay Young from Aus, who had to leave before the photo was taken.

## MATCH V JAPANESE ASSOCIATION, SUNDAY, 13 OCTOBER

This match generated more interest among BCTS members than any other match in our calendar. The JA team was on the courts by 8.00am, an hour before the scheduled start and before any BCTS team member had arrived. Such is the keenness and determination to prevail of our opponents in this annual encounter that as usual it was a very close affair.

Brad Weatherstone & James Young	6 - 1
Marc Nussaume & Michel Le Quellec	6 - 7
Bernie Adams & Pat Dean	6 - 4
Michael Turner & Eiji Hanao	6 - 7
Simon Gainsford & Ori Dolev	6 - 7
Nisa Adams & Teresa Turner	7 - 5
Jo Goodliffe & Eileen Bontje	1 - 6
Kh. Yubharet & Kh. Patchanee	0 - 6
Eileen Bontje & Brad Weatherstone	6 - 3
Nisa Adams & James Young	6 - 1
Teresa & Michael Turner	6 - 1
Overall Result: BC 6 - JA 5	

The official match was followed by a series of friendly games until 1.00pm followed by a buffet lunch. Our thanks to the Japanese

Association for hosting this year's encounter, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## OCTOBER LEAGUE WINNERS:

League 1	James Young
League 2	Pat Dean
League 3	Nisa Adams
League 4	Lawrence Lipman

Congratulations to the above winners, who will shortly receive their prizes. Very well done to James, who has topped League 1 in every Monthly League this year.

## EVENTS THIS MONTH

Sunday, 8 British v German Chambers of Commerce annual tennis match

Saturday, 14 Table at the BC Christmas Ball

Sunday, 22 Match v United Nations

## TENNIS ETIQUETTE

In general, any conversation between partners while the ball is moving toward their opponents' side of the net is taboo; once either you or your partner has hit the ball, don't say anything until an opponent has hit it. Even when a ball is moving toward two partners conversation between them should be minimised, with about the only words permitted being such exhortations as to try hard for a ball ("run!") or to let one pass ("out!"), etc. Incidentally, "out" as advice to a partner to let the ball drop does not suffice for the normal "out" call necessary when a ball has landed outside the court.



# TENNIS

## TIP OF THE MONTH

(Courtesy TENNIS QUICK TIPS by Tom Veneziano, tom@tenniswarrior.com)

### Going For Your Shots

'Going for your shots' is a mental attitude. It's the freedom to not worry about failing when you're hitting. In a sense, it is not caring when you are in the process of hitting your shots.

In other words, you're relaxed. A good example of this attitude would be when your opponent's serve is long and you yell "out" as you hit one of the best returns of the match. Since the ball was served long you did not care one whit if you made it or not. As a result, you automatically melted into the ideal mental performance state. You were relaxed and simply went for the shot.

Do not confuse this mental attitude of 'going for your shots' with physically hitting every ball with power. That is not what I mean. It is no more than a relaxed mental attitude that takes confidence and months of practice. Pounding the ball into oblivion is NOT 'going for your shots.' You can be hitting a slow, medium, or hard shot and be 'going for your shots.' It's a MENTAL ATTITUDE not any particular way of hitting.

If you have the ability to hit hard and keep a high percentage of balls in play, by all means go for it. Notice I said HIGH PERCENTAGE. Do NOT 'go for your shots' if you are selecting low percentage shots that you can only make only rarely. To keep trying the same low percentage shot over and over and over again and calling it 'going for your shots' is



incorrect. You must continue to play within the boundaries of the game you possess. 'Going for your shots' does not mean to play with RECKLESS ABANDONMENT. It is playing with CONTROLLED ABANDONMENT.

The CONTROL part is playing within your boundaries and the ABANDONMENT part is adapting a relaxed care free mental attitude when hitting. Sometimes slow, sometimes medium pace, and sometimes hitting hard but always with a relaxed, automatic mental attitude that is the signature of a champion.

## CHECKOUT THESE GREAT TENNIS WEB SITES

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## COMMITTEE CORNER

Your Tennis Section Committee will shortly be putting forward proposals for a revised format for the Monday evening Team Practice, to better suit the objectives of the Tennis Section and make participation more meaningful in practice/improvement terms. Work is ongoing on the upgrade of existing Tennis Section trophies, and on the acquisition of new, modern trophies to be presented to the winners of our major competitions.

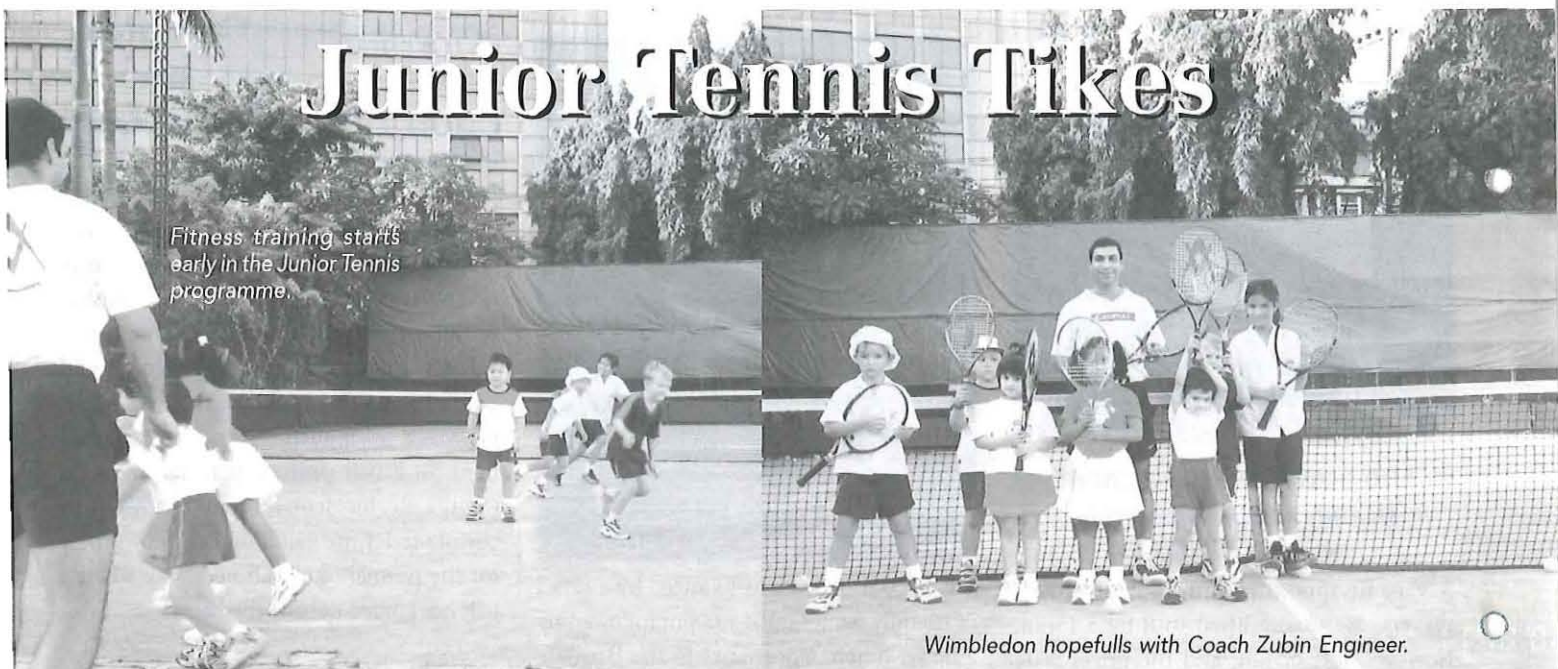
## NEED BALLS FOR KNOCK-UPS?

Used tennis balls are available for purchase in the Fitness Centre at the BC. Dunlop Fort at Baht 40 per can, and Volley at Baht 30 per can of 3 balls.

**Terry Adams**

# Junior Tennis Tikes

*Fitness training starts early in the Junior Tennis programme.*



Wimbledon hopefuls with Coach Zubin Engineer.





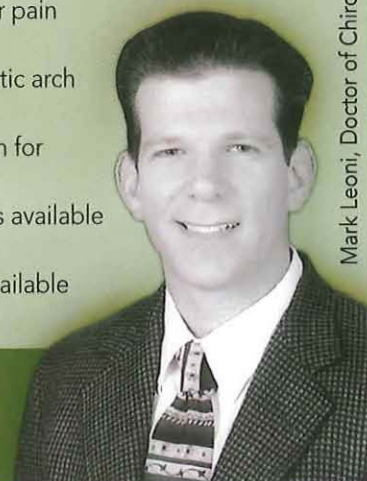
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# Bangkok COMMUNITY Theatre

announces

## AUDITIONS

for the March 2003 production of the Hit Broadway Musical

**F**luent English speaking Men and Women of all nationalities (minimum age 16 years) are invited to audition for BCT's March 2003 production of "Annie!"

We need to cast more than 8 principal speaking/singing roles and also a large chorus of singers and dancers (some with additional speaking and solo singing roles.) As always, enthusiasm is more important than



experience and auditions will be relaxed and informal, so please come and join in the fun! Auditions will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, December 10th (everyone singing) and Wednesday December 11th, 2002 (principals

reading.) Please email [bct@sala.net](mailto:bct@sala.net) with your full name and telephone number for complete information regarding audition/show details and venue. Please note that to ease administration everyone wishing to audition for this show must pre-register. Additionally, if you'd like to volunteer to work backstage or on the production team, please email [bonniez@sala.net](mailto:bonniez@sala.net) or call 01-869-1104.

### EXTRA-SPECIAL EVENT

## Cruising the River of Kings on New Year's Eve

The British Club welcomes Members aboard one of the more luxurious boats cruising the River of Kings, for a night of gourmet food, plentiful drinks, great company and fabulous entertainment! The night will kick off at 9.00pm when we all meet at the landing pier at River City. The boat sets off at 9.30pm, so you must be on time. Live music, two-hours of free-flow house-pouring drinks, fellow Members all raring to go, sumptuous International and Thai buffet dinner, dancing on deck or in the disco....and to top it all off, amazing fireworks to welcome in the New Year!

The boat will cruise up the river, passing Wat Arun, the Grand Palace and a host of other temples and palaces too numerous to mention, heading back in time to see the spectacular fireworks displays set off by the Sheraton, Peninsular, Oriental and Shangri-La Hotels. Sadly all good things have to end, and the boat will dock back at River City at 12.30am, 2003.

As space is limited, Members are advised to reserve as soon as possible. The cost for this extraordinary night is B 2995 per person. As this is really only suitable for adults, children are not encouraged to attend.





## CUBAN FOOD PROMOTION

## Cuba Libre!

To the gentle but rhythmic sounds of the Afro Cuban All Stars Buena Vista Social Club, around 30 Members turned up with healthy appetites for the Cuban Food Festival, held in the Lord's Restaurant on Friday, 25 October.

**L**ord's was decked out with Cuban flags and posters together with tourist handouts on each table, courtesy of the Cuban Diplomatic Representative in Bangkok.

The cocktail menu was impressive, my favourite being the Havana Sunset served in a coconut shell, a delicate mixture of passion fruit and vodka. Sherry opted for the Havana Cooler made with dark rum, mint leaves and ginger ale.

The appetiser buffet was both delicious and well-presented, particularly the avocado and crab dishes. For the main courses the choice was excellent, dishes of note being the Cuban stuffed pot roast and the creamy lobster tails.

Washed down with some very acceptable BC house wine and followed by a variety of creative desserts, including Basque rice pudding (!?), and coffee, this was certainly a meal to remember. Please keep the Food Festivals coming Barry!



*Viva Castro (but what was he doing in Lord's that night?)*



*Sandra Paredes, Emmo Bardi and friend came all the way from South America for the Cuban cuisine!*

**Martin Conisbee**



**WHAT A SPREAD!**



In last month's *Outpost* a trip to the Annual Lopburi Monkey Banquet was advertised with BC member Leonie Vejajiva as tour leader. Leonie is very knowledgeable and active in many aspects of wildlife conservation and is heavily involved in and committed to the Wild Animal Rescue Foundation (WAR). It is to this Foundation that all proceeds from the Lopburi trip will go, NOT the World Wildlife Fund as printed in last month's issue. I do apologise for any misunderstandings this error may have caused. Watch out in a forthcoming issue of *Outpost* for pictures of the Monkey Banquet and trip to Lopburi Zoo.

**Liz Bishop, Ed.**



## MEMORIES

## A Great Family Day at the Club

On Sunday, 10 November 2002 we organised a family fun day at the Club, along with the Neilson Hays Library. Special thanks to Mrs Mariana Atkins and her theatre friends who provided a Puppet Theatre Show "The Nutcracker". The Library hosted a Book Fair during the weekend. A total of about 700 guests showed up on this beautiful Sunday afternoon.





# ...And what a year it was

Take a look and see if you can name all these BC happenings and remember when they were! Let's hope that 2003 brings us all as many exciting, varied and happy events as this year has done.





# 2002 IN REVIEW

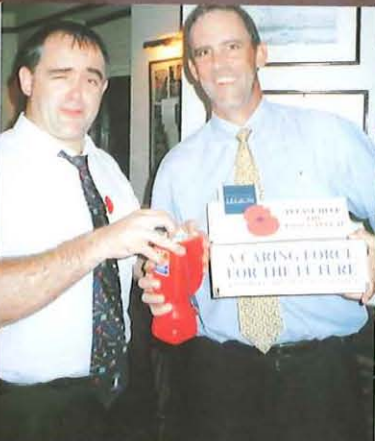
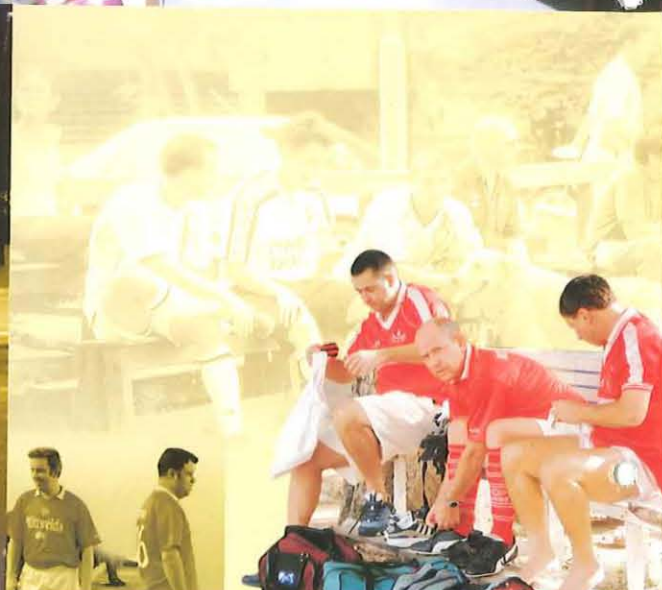




# 2002 IN REVIEW



BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK



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## MEMBER'S CONTRIBUTIONS

# The Silk Threads of Light

**T**he many facets of China with its mysteries and rich cultures have intrigued many over the centuries. Back when Marco Polo travelled the Silk Road of China in conquest for the wonders of the East to our present time, travellers from all over the world continued to find China to be one of the most fascinating countries to explore. I am one of the many curious individuals in search of new avenues to the abundance of China's treasures.

One of my latest discoveries is the well-known embroidery artwork of Suzhou. I have known the existence of this artform for many years. On a recent visit to China, I came across a new concept of Chinese embroidery which evolved from the ancient traditional technique to a new marriage of the East with the West.

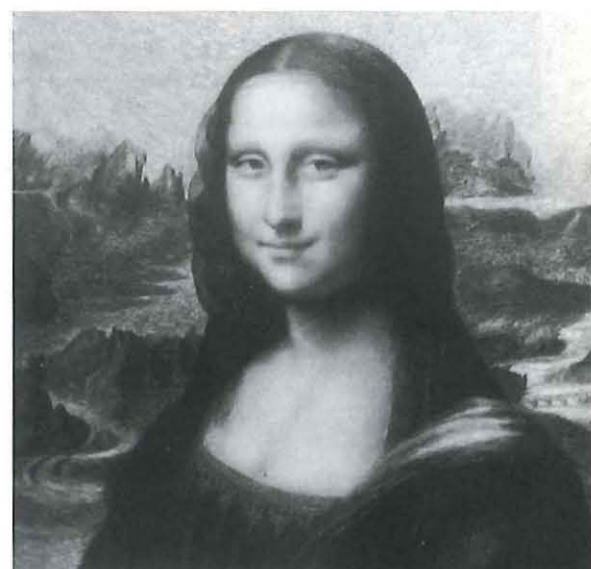
Embroidery in old China was once an activity of leisure by maidens in their own chambers. Every great mansion maintained its traditions and techniques which had been taught and passed from mother to daughter, daughter to sister-in-law and so forth. Seldom will any of these techniques be shared with another outside of the four walls of the ladies' chambers. The needles were like hair and just one or two pieces of fine silk embroidery floss could be passed through. The artwork produced was sophisticated giving vibrant and brilliant effects.

Themes chosen for the embroidery work was often related to the nature, landscape and still life in the surroundings. With every needlepoint of silk thread, the embroiderer was able to capture the essence of their culture and inheritance into fabrics. These embroideries became a unique heirloom of much significance in the family's heritage. As time went by, embroidery was used in making fashionable motifs for garments. The stature of the person was reflected from the pattern, colour and symbol chosen for the embroidery on their garments and the material used. The ranking of the officials in the courts were determined by the number and kind of symbols used, for example the symbol for the emperor of China is the dragon and the number nine is lucky.

In the eleventh century (771 B.C.E.) woolen threads were used, in the Han dynasty (206 B.C.E. - 220 C.E.) the development of silk fabrics and silk handicrafts increased the variety and creativity of silk embroideries, and in the Tang dynasty (618 - 907 C.E.), being one of the most prosperous stages of China's history, rapid progress was made in the development of silk embroidery skills. Emperors of the Tang dynasty gave embroidered gifts to their favourite subjects and in diplomatic exchanges. In the Song dynasty (960-1279), literature, art, science, and technology had improved and progressed. During this time, embroiderers began to borrow ideas from works of great artists and a lot of fine embroidery artworks were produced.

Suzhou had a historical reputation of producing fine scholars and artists. Today, Suzhou remains the centre of education for artists near and far. The once secret and unique traditional technique in embroidery that could only be found within the boundaries of a lady's chamber were opened to all to enjoy and learn. The Chinese government realised the importance of preserving the foundation of this culture and therefore founded the Suzhou Embroidery Technical School in 1952. Yang Shouyu was one of the teachers at the time who had dedicated a majority of her time in teaching the different embroidery techniques. Yang Shouyu (1896-1981) graduated from art school, Changzhou Normal University's Painting and Design Department. Being an associate professor at the National Academy of Fine Arts, she believed that embroiderers needed to be trained in painting in order to produce the finest quality embroidery, so she encouraged her embroidery students to learn painting first. This theory was a breakthrough in the development of Chinese traditional embroidery. Yang pioneered the idea of altering traditional Chinese embroidery techniques to blend with the Western concept of brushwork and colouring of oil painting and sketching. She named this technique the 'random stitch embroidery'.

I managed to meet one of the students of Madame Yang who was dedicated to developing the embroidery artwork. Luckily, I managed to convince this artist to let



me have a few of these one-of-a-kind collectibles. With much satisfaction and pride I now have a treasure from China to remind me of this adventure.

**Anne Haywood S396**



## MEMORIES

# A Wet Day at the British Club



Monday, 7 October 2002 was probably the worst rain the BC has encountered over the past few years. The Club was basically paralysed from 6.00am until 3.00pm that day. Not only the Club, but throughout Bangkok, it was extremely wet, to put it mildly.

## 197th Battle of Trafalgar Celebrations at the BC



Ian Webb, Master of Ceremony, and guest speaker, Sir James Hodge.



Royal Thai Army Orchestra performed extremely well during the night.



Everyone enjoying a great night.



# Memories of Halloween

They reckon a picture tells a thousand words, so here's a few million of them!



Many thanks to Nestlé for their generous sponsorship of this memorable event.



## ACCUMULATOR NIGHT

## And the Winner is.....

**W**ednesday, 6 November saw the Churchill Bar heaving at the seams with Members eagerly anticipating the drawing of the last in this session's Accumulator. B 26,000 was in the kitty for this period and it had to be won. Drawing took place every 30 minutes with some rather well-known names being pulled, but alas, the lucky Members were not present.....so the draw went on. Finally, at 9.00pm, after much swilling of alcohol and partaking of the delicious complimentary buffet, THE name was drawn. Congratulations (albeit envious ones) to Kevin and Ruth McDonagh! A new Accumulator has already started, same time, same day, same place.... with the ever-popular No Fixed Abode, led by Frank Crocker, playing the night away.



Ruth McDonagh couldn't have been happier at winning.



Complimentary Curry Cuisine Cooked by the Club's Cordon Bleu Kitchen.



Ever-hopefuls



Despondent losers



No Fixed Abode



## GOLF SHOTS

# Sweet Tastes of Success

## JUNE MEDAL

### AT ROYAL LAD KRABANG

There isn't much that will drag the British Club golfers off the golf course but back in June, the monthly medal was put on hold as it clashed with the World Cup Final. When we eventually gathered to play the delayed medal, there was a great turn out and some excellent golf.

Royal managed to squeeze us in with a one o'clock tee off. The course was absolutely packed and it was clear from the start that we would struggle to finish in daylight. With the light fading fast, those who started on the 10th found themselves playing the last hole as a 14 ball. With 28 people making their way to the green in the dark it was a miracle that nobody got a ball in the teeth!

Only one group failed to finish their round but it was decided that these players would be given a gross bogey on the last hole to ensure that the competition was completed. In spite of the very slow play and lack of light, there were some very good scores. Dick Taylor carded a two under net 70 and Gareth Sampson scored an impressive net 65. Mike Staples picked up two near pins with Kevin Jones and Dick Taylor taking the remaining two. The long drives went to Pat Dean and Vicky Jones. While both A and B flight saw convincing victories for Gareth and Dick, C Flight couldn't have been any closer with three players scoring net 75. Ray Hughes continued his winning streak taking C flight on a countback from Edwin Ferner and Vicky Jones.

### THE RESULTS:

#### A Flight

- 1st Gareth Sampson net 65
- 2nd Andre Tissera net 72
- 3rd Bryan Dodd net 74

#### B Flight

- 1st Dick Taylor net 70
- 2nd Larry Goodliffe net 73
- 3rd Kevin Jones net 73

#### C Flight

- 1st Ray Hughes net 75
- 2nd Edwin Ferner net 75
- 3rd Vicky Jones net 75



"Hey, hey, we're the Monkeys"

## OCTOBER MEDAL

### AT ROYAL LAD KRABANG

A very wet start to the day meant that some people did not turn up for the October medal, however others arrived unannounced so there were 18 players braving the elements. We were joined on the day by two guests, Michael Lamb and Tom Leahy who hope to be playing with us more regularly, if work allows.

Conditions improved and the winning scores in all three flights were good. Gareth continued his winning streak in Flight A with a net 67 but was closely challenged by Bryan Dodd with a net 68 and David Lamb with a net 70.

In B Flight, Larry Goodliffe took the cup with another net 68 but his was a more

comfortable win with his nearest challenger, David Henton, scoring a net 73. Bridget Snow, in third place, could only manage a net 76. C Flight was won by Mick Murphy with a net 74. It was nice to see Mick back from Taiwan. Ray Hughes was denied a hat trick of medals and finished with a net 80. Edwin Ferner was third with a net 86.

The near pin prizes were won by only two people who clearly were playing steadily. Eric Hudson won on the third and seventh, and Bryan Brook on the thirteenth and the seventeenth. It was good to see Eric playing with us again and lovely to welcome his nine year old son Ben as well.

The long drive for the men was won by André Tissera, and Bridget Snow took the ladies long drive. Bridget was the only lady there but still had to keep the drive on the fairway in order for it to count – well done Bridget!

## CLUB DAY AT KRUNG KAVEE

We returned to Krung Kavee last month for Club Day. This was a Stapleford competition which saw some great scoring. As Jo Goodliffe arrived she made it clear that this was her favourite course and the site of two of her best ever rounds of golf. Great things were expected and she did not disappoint. Jo scored a very impressive 39 points but was to be thwarted by Guy Snow who sneaked into first place with 40 Stapleford points. Third place went to Tom Mackay with 38 points.

Liz Mackay won two near pins on the day



Mike settles in for a long day at Royal



## GOLF SHOTS

with David Henton and Jo Goodliffe picking up one each. Jo proved just how much she likes this course by adding the ladies long drive to her list of prizes. The men's long drive went to Eric Hudson.

With the golf out of the way, we gathered out on the veranda of the club house for a few well earned beers as we watched the sun set. The perfect end to a great days golf.

### THE MERC CUP - BRITISH CLUB VERSUS THE LIGHTHOUSE

The first Saturday in November found us at Chuan Cheun Golf Club in Pathumtani for the annual match against The Lighthouse. The British Club were the holders of the MERC Cup having won last year and we were determined to put up a strong defence.

The format of the day was pairs matchplay. Twenty two BC golfers took part making eleven groups, all teeing off the first hole. Needless to say this took a little bit of time and it was touch and go as to whether the final groups would finish. With a 10.30 am start time you don't expect to be finishing at dusk but it was pretty slow going with the final groups having six hour rounds!

As the competition reached it's climax, it was clear that the British Club had done more than enough to retain the cup. In fact, we trounced the Lighthouse 7 matches to 4. A fantastic result completing a hat-trick of victories for the BC. Unfortunately, our Captain Phil Hall couldn't be there to relish this great victory, but Karen Carter did a great job in his place.

There were some great scores from the BC golfers and accusations of banditry were rife! Kevin Jones scored a lifetime best net 65 and Eric Hudson carded an equally impressive gross 72. Karen Holloway won the ladies long drive and David (surname unpronounceable)



*Karen Carter in disguise at Krung Kavee*

from the Lighthouse won the men's. Dick Taylor picked up two near pins and very generously donated one of his bottles of whiskey to Kevin for the lowest net score of the day. Eric and Yurachatr picked up the remaining near pins at the 6th and 14th respectively.

It was pointed out to me that Eric was moving house that day and had to leave early. If my

memory serves me correctly, early turned out to be around 6pm so I can't imagine that he made much of a contribution to the move! In his absence however, his near pin prize went to the players with the biggest losing margin. They were on the Lighthouse team and their defeat was at the hands of Jo Goodliffe and Bridget Snow. Well done girls. Perhaps the all-male Lighthouse team would have fared better if they had some members of the fairer sex on their side!

**Vicky Jones**



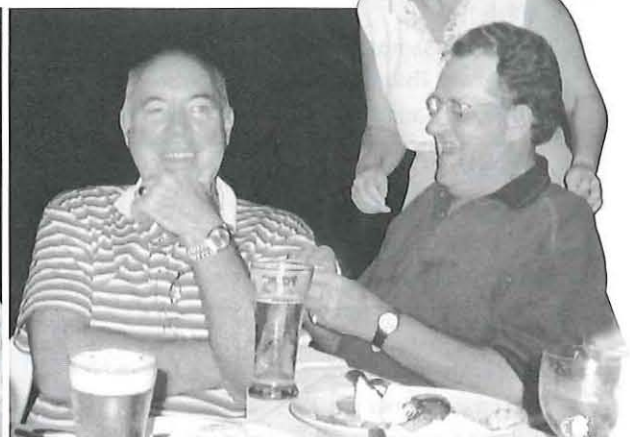
*Ben Hudson, a Tiger in the making*



*The British Club win the MERC Cup*



*Liz has got balls!*



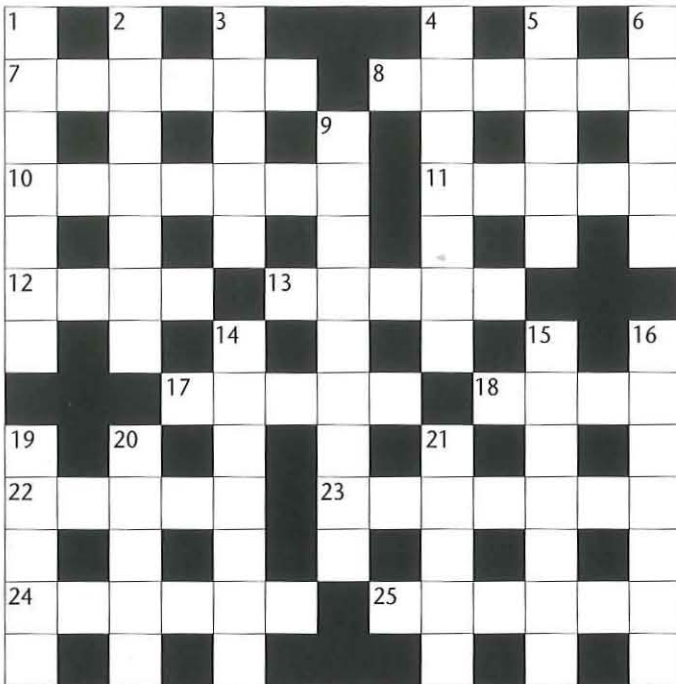
*Tom celebrates with a beer or three*

Karen and  
Guy divvy up  
the winnings



## CROSSWORD

## Sing-a-long-at-Christmas



Compiled by Margaret Miller

## ACROSS

7. "God bless the \_\_\_\_\_ of this house...."
8. "In Dulci Jubilo, Let us our \_\_\_\_\_ show."
- 10 & 9 Down. ".... How still we \_\_\_\_\_" (4, 3)
- 11 & 6 Down. The only two things the little American girl wanted for Christmas.
12. "Will reach the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Earth."
13. "We \_\_\_\_\_ 20 Down of Orient are...."
17. What the budgie said to Santa in the song!
18. The 3 Downs do this.
22. What Bing's dream Christmas was.
23. "Good Christian men rejoice.... Now ye hear of \_\_\_\_\_ bliss."
24. "\_\_\_\_\_ from the Realms of Glory."
25. .... and His \_\_\_\_\_ was a stall."

## DOWN

1. What the Virgin Mary became in 9 Down. (1, 6)
2. ".... \_\_\_\_\_ the brightest Heaven of invention."
3. "Ring out, wild \_\_\_\_\_ to the wild sky."
4. When she got 11 Across and 6 Down she could enjoy these!
5. Long ago it accompanied many of these songs.
6. See 11 Across.
9. "Oh Little Town of \_\_\_\_\_"
14. "Lul La, Lul La, Lullaby, Babe...." The Virgin sang \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The Archangel's warning to the waiting world. (2, 5)
16. "In Bethlehem in Jewry this \_\_\_\_\_ babe was born."
19. We do it on oath.
20. See 13 Across for these Rulers.
21. "Oh Come let us \_\_\_\_\_ Him."

## Solution to November crossword



Compiled by Margaret Miller



# Up, up and away

The sky really is the limit during the air balloon trip over Chiang Mai

**I**t was 5am as we emerged bleary-eyed from our hotel room in Chiang Mai. It was still dark outside, we were entering the world only known to milkmen and dustmen (sorry, milk persons and domestic waste disposal experts). The atmosphere was subdued in the lobby as we waited for the last of the stragglers to appear. One last head count and our adventure commenced, we were taking our first flight in a hot air balloon.

Driving to the 'launch pad' in Floraville Doi Saket the chatter picked up as realisation of our airborne journey sank in and the much needed caffeine fix kicked in. By the time we arrived, the sun was just starting to make a welcome appearance to take the nip out of the air.

The field was empty apart from two over-sized picnic baskets and surprisingly not much else. Then it all kicked off - action stations. The balloon staff went into overdrive as the balloons came to life.

What looked like an over-sized sleeping bag and a large industrial-sized fan were placed by each of the baskets. In the blink of an eye, the balloons started to take shape as the huge fans filled them with hot air.

A large propane gas cylinder was then ignited, shooting a sideways towering inferno into the vast 6,500 cubic metre space. As the air heated up, the balloon started to rise, taking the basket with it. It wasn't long before both balloons were inflated and ready to go. Our Dutch captain, known only as Eagle, gave the signal for us to board. After an ungraceful leg-up, I was standing in one of the four compartments and raring to go onwards and upwards.

There were nine of us altogether in the larger balloon in five separate compartments and five in the smaller one. Ground crew held the edges of the basket as the balloon tugged us skyward. One last blast and as the crew

let go, slowly but surely our balloon came off the ground. We were finally airborne and heading straight towards sunrise, leaving Doi Saket behind. The rays of sunlight illuminated the hazy morning mist sweeping over the sleepy countryside. It felt like we were actually inside daybreak. The captain controlling the altitude and rate of ascent punctuated the silence by brief blasts on the gas. As we gently drifted at wind speed, the paddy fields and temples came to life before and below our very eyes. The panoramic view was stunning, rendering some passengers speechless.

As the sun continued to rise, the landscape colours changed from fiery orange to lush green. A carpet of vibrant paddy fields stretched out before us, dotted with homes and temples. Buddhist chanting drifted up from the morning worship as we watched life unfold from our privileged viewpoint.

Being suspended seventy metres above the Earth is a truly breath-taking experience. At some points when the wind speed dropped, we hung motionless, suspended in mid air. It really felt like you could reach out and touch the world below. After one peaceful hour our pilot started to look for a suitable place to land. Surrounded by wet paddy fields, it was no easy task. Finally, we spotted a small dirt track by a house. From where we were it didn't look big enough to land a mouse let alone a 33-metre hot air balloon. Thankfully,

our pilot inspired confidence, we were in safe hands. Pulling strings to open vents to turn the balloon, we prayed that the wind would co-operate and take us in the right direction.

Some unsuspecting villagers had gathered below to watch and they were enlisted to help with our landing. A 50-metre rope was hurled over the side of the hand-made rattan basket. A local woman raced through the paddy field to come to our rescue and made a grab for the line. Her whole family (and dog) proceeded to pull

us down. With our knees bent we braced ourselves for a bumpy landing which never came. Gracefully, we touched down right next to a lime orchard with perfect precision. By this time everyone had come to watch and we felt like minor celebrities.

The retrieve team who had been following us on the ground throughout the journey sprang into action. The balloon deflated and came floating softly back to Earth as us weary travellers sipped and nibbled our champagne breakfast. The balloon was flattened on the ground and rolled up into a ball. The retrieval staff had the fun job of squeezing the material back into its bag. Their technique was to sit on it and bounce, just like packing a suitcase.

We would highly recommend this trip to anyone of any age or persuasion. It would make a great anniversary or birthday present. You could even pop the big question up there if you so wish. Visiting relatives would certainly go home with some great stories to tell after a hot air balloon trip in Chiang Mai. The whole trip takes about four hours leaving the rest of the day to sightsee around Chiang Mai. The staff are professional, really passionate about what they do and are happy to answer any questions you may have. George and I would be happy to chat to anyone thinking about such a trip; we'll spare you the 150 photos we took!

Story by **Kelly May**

Photos by **George Dunford (D183)**



Kelly trying to be as graceful as possible getting out of the basket.



"Champagne darling, ra ra ra, we've just been hot air ballooning, ra ra ra."



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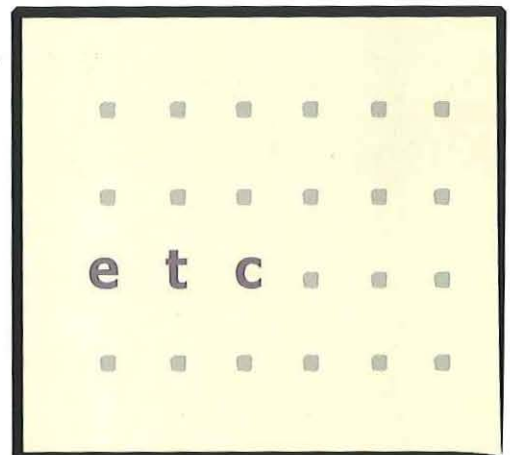
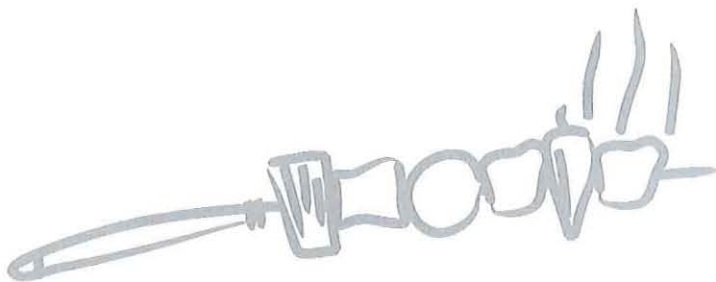


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## SQUASH

# Superbly Spirited Squash

## THE 165TH LEAGUE ENDED ON 31ST OCTOBER.

### THE WINNERS WERE:

Division 1	Jamie Heywood
Division 2	Steve Bell
Division 3	Dick Anwar
Division 4	Tom Livingstone
Division 5	Simon Davies

### ROD CARTER OPEN

The Rod Carter BCB Open Squash Championships commenced Tuesday 8 October with the finals being played on Friday, 18 October. The event was very successful with 32 entries from 10 clubs. There were only two no shows for round one. The games were played in very good spirit and the BCB players benefited greatly from playing opponents from other clubs.

The final of the plate was between Sompong from the Hilton International and Chataporn. This was a close and exciting match with Chataporn being the slightly fitter player winning 3-9, 9-3, 4-9, 9-7, 9-5.

In the main event, Steve Bell, our sole remaining player, lost his semi-final to Poovis Poonsiri who is the current Thai number one. Steve put up a credible performance but was hampered by his back injury. The other semi final was won by Peerapon Poonsiri over a very fit Tosaphol from the Muscle and Muscle Club. This was a surprise win as Peerapon is 47 years old, but he still managed to defeat his young and very fit opponent with guile and skillful shot-making. So, once again the final was a father and son affair with Poovis defeating his father easily 9-0, 9-3, 9-0. Steve Bell gave Poovis a much harder game in the semis and, had he been in the other half of the draw would probably have been in the final.

Overall the championship was a great success with many close matches being played with tremendous enthusiasm and good spirit.

### BRITISH CLUB V VAJIRAVUTH COLLEGE

The annual match against Vajiravuth College took place in October. The College team was of a very high standard, with two of the top Thai players representing them. The average age of their players (around 18!) also reflected the youthfulness, and fitness of their team. By comparison, the British Club team had an average age of at least 40 (with apologies to those 'youngsters' who helped to drag it down from an even loftier height)! However, the British Club team competed extremely well, but inevitably found the competition a little too tough.



The overall match score was 10-3 to Vajiravuth, although this could have been closer as a number of games were narrowly lost 3 games to 2. The winners for the British Club were Steve Bell, David Eastgate and Mark Siaw (a guest player from the British Club Singapore). Many thanks to the following players who competed in the match, and who contributed to a most enjoyable day.

Glenn Mills  
David Eastgate  
John Vivian  
Tom Livingstone  
Marvyn Lewis  
Rit (Fitness Centre)  
Timmy Weeks

Steve Bell  
Mark Siaw (British Club Singapore)  
Peter Corney  
Alex Brenneisen  
Charles Whiteley  
Jonathan Bell

Steve Bell

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## BRITISH CLUB CENTENARY

## 2003 at a Glance

Supplied by Sarah Allen

**January**

Friday 17 - Music Through the Century  
Monday 20 - Staff Outing

1 - Bank Holiday (T & E)  
6 - School Starts  
16 - Teachers' Day (T)  
25 - Australian Ball

**February**

Saturday 8 - BC British Street Party

1-3 - Chinese New Year  
8 - New Zealand Ball  
17 - Maka Bucha Day (T)  
18 - Teachers' Day (E)

**March**

Food Promotion (tbc) - Food of the Century

Sunday 16 - BC Tennis Championships

8 - St. David's Ball  
15 - St. Patrick's Ball

**April**

Saturday 26 - BC Centenary Book Launch  
18-20 - Rugby Tournament

6 - Chakri Day (7 Holiday)  
13-16 - Songkran  
18 - Bank Holiday (UK)  
26 - St. George's Ball  
26 - Dutch Ball

**May**

Thursday 15 - Exhibition of Photography  
16-18 - Khao Yai Trip

1 - May Day (UK)  
1 - National Labour Day (T)  
2 - Early Holiday (Schools)  
5 - Coronation Day (T)  
15 - Visakha Bucha Day  
17 - British Embassy Ball

**June**

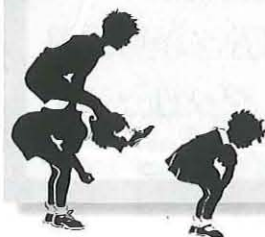
Friday 2 - Theme Dinner

6 - Last Day of School

**July**

No events scheduled

1 - Mid-Year Day (Banks)

**August**

BC Sports Camp

12 - Mother's Day, H.M. The Queen's Birthday (T)  
25 - Bank Holiday (UK)

**September**

Saturday 13 - Family Sports Championships

**October**

BC Treasure Hunt

Saturday 11 - BC Pink & Black Rugby Ball  
Wednesday 15 - Trafalgar Night

5-14 - Vegetarian Festival, Phuket  
23 - Chulalongkorn Day

**November**

Sunday 2 - Guy Fawkes Night

Saturday 8 - Fashion Show  
14-16 - Surin Elephant Round-up  
Saturday 8 - Loy Kratong

Ploenchit Fair (tbc)  
29 - St. Andrew's Ball (Dance Practices on 3, 10, 17, 24 & 26)

**December**

Saturday 13 - Centenary Gala Dinner

5 - Father's Day, H.M. The King's Birthday (T)  
10 - Constitution Day (T)  
25 - Christmas Day  
31 - New Year's Eve



# The British Club Centenary 2003

**N**ext year The British Club, Bangkok celebrates its 100 years of activity. The Bangkok in which the Club was founded was very different. Back then klongs were streets, traffic consisted of absolutely anything which floated and the first paved road was less than 5 years old. Attitudes, cultures and times change and the British Club has weathered them all! We're in the final production stage of our very own British Club Centenary book, which will be available in April 2003. English writer, John Hoskin, who has many years of experience in this part of the world, has over the last 2 years written the book. Photographs and production of the book is being done by Mark Standen who recently completed the Royal Bangkok Sports Club Centenary book. The British Club, through out its 100 years, has been a base for fun, social life and activities. For our Centenary year the Club has arranged a year of activities for all members and families. Below is a short description of each event. These are all being managed to give the ultimate pleasure and fun to everyone whilst keeping a theme of our Centenary.

## JANUARY

### Friday 17 - Music Through the Century.

An evening of Thai and farang music recalling the romance, pleasure and leisure of the last century. Arrangements and compositions by Dnu Huntrakul, one of Thailand's leading Thai composers.

### Saturday 18 - Music for the Family.

On the back lawn, an afternoon of musical instruments and activities for families and children.

## FEBRUARY

### Saturday 18 - British Club Street Party.

Encompassing all the groups, societies and clubs we have worked with over the last 100 years. Games, fun and sports embracing all the cultures and countries which form the Club. An afternoon for everyone!

## MARCH

### Food Promotion.

Food from the Century for all the family

## APRIL

### Saturday 26 - B.C. Centenary Book Launch.

Launching our very own book, reflecting on the history of the Club and Anglo-Thai relations.

## MAY

### Thursday 15 - B.C. Exhibition of Photography.

Our very own exhibition of photography through the century, including present day photographs taken around the Club over the last year. Photographs of your family may be available for purchase.

## JUNE

### Friday 2 - Theme Dinner.

A special evening of food and wine.

## JULY

### Holidays

## AUGUST

### B.C. Sports Camp

Our traditional sports camp for family who are in Bangkok for the summer

## SEPTEMBER

### Saturday 13 - B.C. Sports Championships for the Family.

Come along and show your strength in this family sports day!

## OCTOBER

### B.C. Treasure Hunt.

A Treasure Hunt with a difference, covering a century of history with clues posted on our web site - Who will get the treasure?

## NOVEMBER

### Saturday 8 - B.C. Fashion Show

A display of fashion, from the top names in Thailand

## DECEMBER

### Saturday 13 - B.C. Centenary Gala Dinner

Our traditional Christmas Dinner but even bigger. Dancing, music composed for the event and fireworks will finish our Centenary year in style.

We hope to see you at these events; they have all been arranged with care and attention to detail and will be unique to the city. Please take time to enjoy our centenary year with us and we look forward to enjoying a laugh with you all.

Regards

**Sarah Allen**

General Committee  
British Club, Bangkok

# Hello and Goodbyes

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

Mrs. Victoria Hohorst  
Mrs. Linda Ciantanni  
Mr. Thomas Magarry  
Mr. Graham Richardson  
Mr. Charles Overs  
Mr. Stuart Morris

Mr. Simon Waller  
Mr. Gregory Jones  
Mr. Brad Kirk  
Mr. Nicholas Merritt  
Mr. James Seaton  
Mr. David Collins

Farewell and good luck to the following departing Members and their families:

John & Stella Gearing  
Luke & Helen Williams  
Mrs. Sophie Ellis  
Mrs. Ruby Agarwal  
Mr. Danny Pauw  
Mr. Bradley Smith



## NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

The Churchill Bar is the place to be for new Members, and what a jolly mob we had at the last New Members' Night in November. Newcomers to the Club came to meet each other over a drink (or two) and introduced themselves, via Outpost, to the full Club membership. This is always a good evening and I'm sure all will agree that this was an especially successful night! All Members are welcome to come along and join in the merriment (remember, as it's always held on a Tuesday, it's also Ladies' Night).

### TREVOR & LINDA ADAMS

#### British

Arriving only a few weeks ago, after years of living overseas in some very exotic places, Trevor, Linda and daughter Kim (at Patana) seem to be enjoying life in Bangkok. Trevor is here with the British Embassy and in the 3 years that the family hopes to be here, is looking forward to scuba diving his way around the coast of Thailand.



### KEITH CRONSHAW & KRISTINA KAMSAETER

#### English & Swedish

Already in Thailand for 2 years with Bellwater (Thailand) Ltd., Keith enjoys the odd round of golf (didn't own up to a handicap, though) and music. Just as well, really, because Kristina (not present) plays the violin/viola and loves singing. They have lived in loads of countries but this is the first SE Asian posting. Judging by his good humour on New Members' Night, I guess he's pretty happy here!



### NEIL & JENNI JONES

#### British



OK, so their name tags appear to be wrong! Happy souls, Neil and Jenni balance fun at the Bar with squash, tennis and swimming. They lived in KL and are continuing their love of travelling with a 2 year stint in Bangkok. Neil is with Triumph Motorcycles - I wonder if he has a sidecar for 2 year old Charlotte!

### CALLUM LIANG & ZOE BRITTAIN

#### British



A few months into their planned 3 year stay, Callum and Zoe are well settled. Zoe is a teacher (of what she didn't say!) and Callum sells rubber consumer products.... They both play football and tennis and are desperate to improve their game. They intend to travel around Thailand with an aim to climbing the 5 highest peaks, and Zoe would also like to go rock climbing in Krabi - go girl!

### JOHN & PIPPA HARKER

#### British

Sadly, John was on conference calls with GE Capital Finance all night, so Pippa and friend braved the traffic to attend. With 2 little ones at home, Pippa decided to sell farang-size swim-wear from home. Never one to sit and do nothing, she founded and presided over the St. George's Society in Kansas, was leading lady in Singapore's production of Chang and Eng (it toured Thailand a few months ago) and is an avid participant in amateur dramatics. Both John, being a good Scotsman, and Pippa enjoy socialising and imbibing, and joined the Club for the sake of the kids.



### RICHARD & HILARY BARTON

#### British

The Barton family moved from Singapore three and a half years ago and have just realised the benefits of joining the British Club (they were at RBSC for 2 years, but find the BC much friendlier - too right!). Richard is MD of Spirax-Sarco, but is actually a frustrated Elvis impersonator, spending as much free time as possible in Radio City getting tips from the Thai Elvis. Hilary grounds herself with yoga and helping at the American Women's Charity Shop. They both want to discover the people and culture of 'up-country' Thailand. Son John, pictured, is a keen and aggressive rugby player, but sadly for the BC team, he's only here on holiday....

