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# FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



## DEAR MEMBERS,

It is party time again with a lot festivities and functions going on around the Club. The highlight will be the Christmas - Centenary Ball which will take place on Saturday, 13 December 2003 with lots of entertainment and beautiful prizes to be won.

For all the other activities please refer to the event page of this issue of **Outpost**.

By the end of October we managed to break another record in the Membership with a total of 1,113 Members. Congratulations to the Membership department and a big thank you to all those Members who introduced new Members to the Club. The Member referral program is still ongoing.

On the maintenance and development, the following projects are ongoing or will be completed before the end of the year:

Install air conditioning in Squash Court 3 - completed

Install new lights around the tennis courts - completed

Install new astro turf on tennis court 2 and 3 - will be completed by early December 2003

Repaint the surface of Centre court and Court 1 - will be completed by the middle of December 2003

Install new gutters around the Club House - will be completed by early December 2003

Replace roof above the squash courts and changing roof - will take place between 8 December 2003 and early January 2004

Install a new CCTV system around the Club - will take place in December 2003

Upgrading water supply system at the poolside - should be completed by mid-December 2003.

For those Members who are thinking of organising a Christmas party or Year End Party, please contact Khun Ben Catering Coordinator or Barry Osborn - Operations Manager, who will take care of all your requirements.

I will be leaving the Club towards the end of the year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all present and past General Committee Members who have supported me for almost the past 4 years. Obviously, also a big thank you to all the Members who have supported us over the years and of course all the management and staff I worked together with for this period.

I believe that the Members of this Club should be proud to have such a facility in the centre of one of the largest cities in the world. I am sure that the development plans will come together in the not-too-distant future in order to upgrade the facilities of the Club to make it an even better Club.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish all Members and their families a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous 2004.

Yours sincerely,

**Willem T. P. Pentermann**  
General Manager

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## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

### 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

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	ANZWG 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

Club Manager's Night	Tuesday 9
BC Christmas Ball under the Stars & 100 Years	
Centennial Celebrations	Saturday 13
Christmas Sport's Camp	Monday 15 & Wednesday 17 - Friday 19
Children's Christmas Party	Tuesday 16
New Zealand Food Promotion	Thursday 18 & Friday 19
Christmas Eve Buffet Dinner	Wednesday 24
Christmas Day Luncheon	Thursday 25
Christmas Day Buffet Dinner	Thursday 25
New Year's Eve Celebrations	
Dinner Cruise	Wednesday 31
New Year's Eve with the Family	Wednesday 31

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### Venues

Badminton	Soi Nares, behind Bangrak Police Station
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)





# CROSSWORD

## DOUBLE GRID PUZZLE

Solve the clues A to N and enter the answers in the spaces. Each letter is numbered - transfer the letters in to the correspondingly numbered letters in the grid below and you will find a quotation from one of William Shakespeare's plays. Reading down, the initial letters of the solved clues A to N will give you the title of the play.

A	European river.	1	2	3	4	5
B	_____ Sesame.	6	7	8	9	
C	Do we strike it to correspond?	10	11	12	13	14
D	"Yet _____ man kills the one thing he loves." (Oscar Wilde)	15	16	17	18	
E	Awkward, uncooth.	19	20	21	22	23
F	"_____ misbehavin' " (Old song)	25	26	27	28	
G	Secluded corners.	29	30	31	32	33
H	"He maketh the _____ to boil like a pot." (Book of Job)	34	35	36	37	
I	"The toad wears yet a precious _____ in his head." (As You Like It)	38	39	40	41	42
J	He will show you the way.	43	44	45	46	47
K	"Dear to me as _____ and life is Highland Mary." (Burns)	48	49	50	51	52
L	Can't pen a letter without it!	53	54	55		
M	"Pieces of _____ !" (Treasure Island)	56	57	58	59	60
N	Not those.	61	62	63	64	65

	49	12		64	5	41	10	23		44	2	36	
34	19	61	24		62	16	29	58		43	7	30	4
	52	14	56		17	59	8	39	55		31	21	
9	22	50	45	60		48	53	32	65			25	
1	26	13	51		38	15	40	63	42		57	27	
20	54		35	28	18	3	6	37	33		46	11	47

### Solution November

	1	U	2	N	3	D	4	E	5	R	6	G	7	R	8	O	9	U	10	N	11	D	
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# HELLOS & FAREWELLS

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

Mr. Mark Butler  
Mr. Michael Stead  
Mr. Charles Toomey  
Mr. John Drew  
Mr. Peter Day  
Mr. Peter Evans  
Mr. Terry Paget  
Mr. John Caulfield  
Mr. John Rae

Mr. Phillip Alexander  
Mr. Omri Hartavi  
Mr. Teddy Ridgway  
Miss Gaelle Clemencot  
Miss Thidarat Tanking  
Miss Ariane Baldwin  
Mr. Zeeshan Khan  
Mr. Holger Seller

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

Mr. Leslie Mouat  
Mr. Martin Webster  
Mr. John Hector  
Mr. Hans Jensen  
Miss Marisa Chatnilbandh

## MEMBER'S LETTER

**Dear Willem,**

I cannot allow this opportunity of my present annual "working holiday" in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore to pass without writing to send my very best wishes to the Club and all its Members (and staff) on the occasion of its Centenary Year, and to express my gratitude for the hospitality over the past 34 years.

I first came to Bangkok in October 1945 on a 7 month appointment with the Royal Navy. Ann and I later spent a fortnight's honeymoon here in Hua Hin in May 1948 (we had been married the previous Trafalgar Day in Christ Church, Malacca, but with no entitlement to local leave for a further 6 months). We then spent 6 years in Bangkok with Shell from 1951. Then I was Bridge and Tennis Convenor (there were 8 grass courts at that time!) and our 2 younger daughters were born in the BNH.

Since 1970 I have been here on Shell business trips up until my retirement (25 years ago) when they became working holidays (at 84 this could well be the last one), so have been able to continue my attendance at Tuesday Bridge nights. I gave up tennis 2 years ago when I realised that, whilst my serves and backhands were still working, my forehands were spraying wildly in all directions with even the straight ones all too liable to bounce twice before nestling in the net! I decided there and then to save embarrassment all round (opponents, partners and myself) to hang up my kit and pass my racquet on to our youngest grandson.

The Club has - unsurprisingly - changed in many ways, but the Members are as friendly as ever and long may this continue.

A very Happy Christmas and New Year to all and my very best wishes to the Club for the future.

Yours Sincerely,  
Peter Norman

*Peter, may your annual "working holidays" continue for many more years!*

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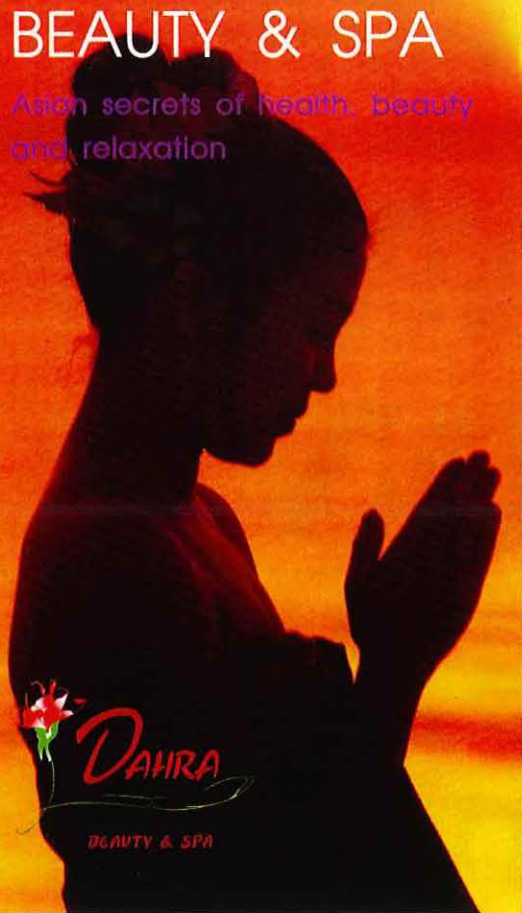
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# AND THE CENTENARY YEAR ENDS WITH A BANG...

## DECEMBER

### CLUB MANAGER'S NIGHT

**Tuesday, 9 December at 6.30pm**

At the Churchill Bar, complimentary curry buffet will be provided. A great evening to catch up with fellow members and enjoy the entertainment of No Fixed Abode.

### BC CHRISTMAS BALL UNDER THE STARS & 100 YEARS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday, 13 December**

This year's Christmas Ball will also be the Centenary Ball. We kick off at 6.30pm with pre-dinner cocktails on the Front Lawn and a quintet from the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra will provide soft background music. At 8.00pm Members and their guests will be invited to join the dinner which will be served on the back lawn. It will be a great evening with entertainment from the Associate Band, followed by the Better Band (Beatles type of music). Bangkok's Paul Jackson will be our M.C. ensuring our Centenary Ball will be fantastic throughout the night. Also during the evening there will be a lucky draw with great prizes. The tickets are Bt 1,950 per person which is inclusive of:

- Pre dinner drinks
- 3 course dinner
- half bottle of wine per person during dinner
- complimentary draft beer until midnight
- a whole evening filled with entertainment
- Breakfast buffet in the wee hours

To secure your ticket for this great year-end event, please send us an email or contact the Club directly.

### CHRISTMAS SPORT'S CAMP

Monday, 15 December and Wednesday, 17 December - Friday, 19 December 2003.

Every day from 9.00am - 4.30pm

Great fun for the kids with tennis, squash, swimming, video, lunch, games and much more. Please register at the fitness centre.

Charge: B 850 per day or B 3,300 for all 4 days.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Tuesday 16, December**

**Join the party on the Back Lawn, at 2.30pm - 5.30pm.**

Includes a picnic on the front lawn, pony rides, Balloon Typhoon, face painting, crafts and a visit

by Santa bearing gifts for everyone. A wonderful afternoon for all the family!

Charge: B 395 per child

### NEW ZEALAND FOOD PROMOTION

**Thursday, 18 December and Friday, 19 December**

If you love lamb, you'll love this special evening! New Zealand's famous Consultancy Chef, Glenn Dentice from Auckland, in Association with Mr. Peter Fredatovich, Managing Director of Lincoln Wines in New Zealand, will prepare a great culinary evening on Thursday, 18 December and Friday, 19 December in the Lord's Dining Room. An event not to be missed! Included in the price is a five course dinner and a selection of great wines from the Lincoln Estate. Dress is casual-smart - no Wellington boots allowed!!

Dinner B 1,600 per person.

### CHRISTMAS EVE BUFFET DINNER

**Wednesday, 24 December**

A great family evening to celebrate Christmas. Along with the traditional seasonal fare, there will be a visit from Santa for the kiddies. The relaxed atmosphere of the Club is the perfect setting for a wonderful Christmas Eve.

B 850 for adults and B 400 for children between 4 and 12 years of age. Children 3 years and below no charge.

### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

**Thursday, 25 December**

Between noon and 5.00pm, in the Lord's Dining Room, Churchill Bar and Suriwongse Room we will arrange a traditional Christmas Day Buffet Luncheon with a Carvery of many types of roasts, Christmas pudding, mince pies and much more. Includes a visit from Santa with presents for everyone.

Charge: B 850 for adults.

B 550 for children between 4 and 12 years of age.

Children 3 years and below no charge.

### CHRISTMAS DAY BUFFET DINNER

**Thursday, 25 December**

An excellent spread of International Cuisine and Christmas Goodies will be available for your enjoyment. An excellent way to celebrate Christmas Day in your home away from home. B 850 for adults and B 400 for children between

4 and 12 years of age. Children 3 years and below, no charge.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS DINNER CRUISE

**Wednesday, 31 December**

Dinner Cruise on the Royal Phraya Princess awaits you this year. Make your own way to River City Pier at 9.00pm and board for a 9.30pm departure.

Live Music, International Buffet Dinner, Fireworks Display at midnight...what more could you want? We will return to River City Pier at 0.30am.

Charge B 2,995 per person inclusive of 2 hours open bar (standard pouring drinks only).

### NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE FAMILY

**Wednesday, 31 December**

BBQ and Buffet Dinner for all the family, followed by a disco in the Suriwongse Sala and children's activities at the Silom Sala. Dance the night away with Paul Jackson. Fireworks display at midnight finishes the night off.

B 1,300 for adults, B 600 for children 4 to 12 years and no charge for children 3 and under.

## JANUARY

### BAR QUIZ

**7.30pm on Tuesday, 20 January 2003**

Join us in the Lord's Dining Room. Come along and have an exiting evening with Quizmaster Rodney Bain. Each team can have a maximum of 6 participants and a registration fee of B 100 per team player.

### NEW MEMBER'S NIGHT

**7.30pm on Tuesday, 13 January 2004**

Excellent opportunity to meet new Members who recently joined the Club with entertainment provided by No Fixed Abode in the Churchill Bar.

### WHAT THE BUTLER SAW!

**7.00pm on Friday, 16 January 2004**

An exciting evening of Murder à la carte held somewhere and anywhere on the first floor of the Club. Join us in solving this mysterious murder...

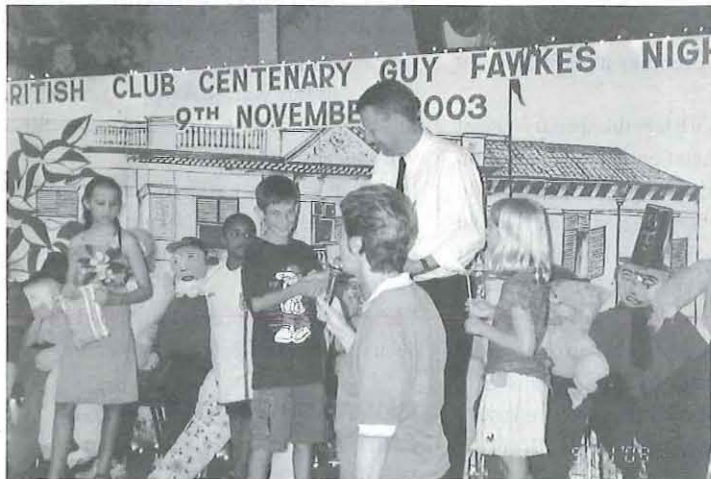
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## MEMBERS' MEMORIES

# GUY FAWKES

Remember, remember the 5th of November... actually, the 9th, but nobody seemed to care that Guy Fawkes was held a few days late. An excellent turn-out of Member-made Guys ending up in a flaming inferno with a fabulous fireworks finale.



## CARE CORNER

# MY NAME IS BEE... ADOPT ME!

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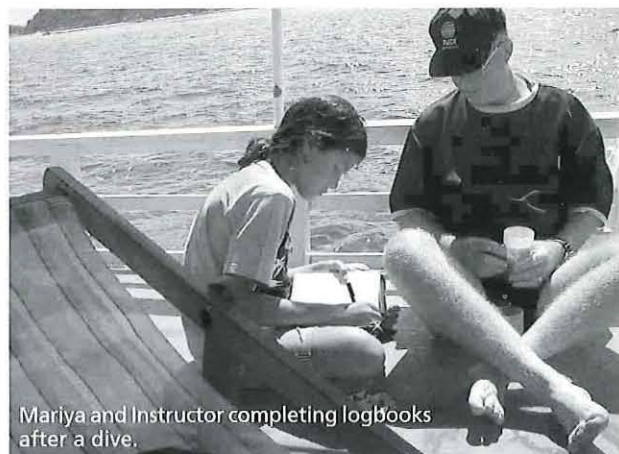
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# DIVE ON DOWN

Peter Peacock practicing navigation in the pool with the compass for his advanced course. ("Lets see, isn't north somewhere between west and east?")

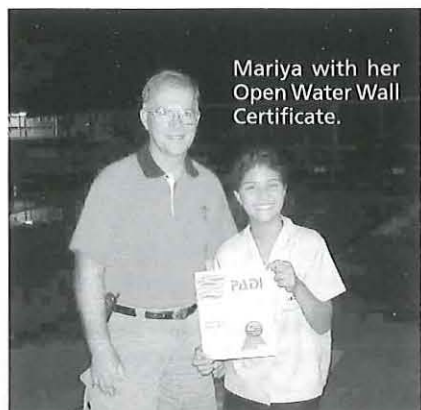


Mariya and Instructor completing logbooks after a dive.

Congratulations to our youngest ever Junior Open Water Diver, Mariya Gainsford and to Advanced Open Water Diver, Peter Peacock. Mariya completed her open water dives at the Pattaya outer islands of Koh Man Wichai and Koh Rin. The diving conditions were much better than normal; visibility was approximately 10+ meters on the second dive. We spotted many types of marine life at the Five Fingers reefs at Koh Man Wichai. Mariya was able to list 22 different species the first day. The last two dives were at Koh Rin Island's North Rock where we spotted several small White Eyed Golden Moray Eels and a very large and beautiful school of Yellowtail Jacks.

Mariya's father, Simon, is also a diver and accompanied us on each dive. The photos of Mariya and I doing our logbooks and Mariya receiving her wall certificate were taken by Simon.

Since Mariya is 10 years old, she must dive with an adult diver until she is 15 years old. They now have their own sets of equipment and are ready to do some pleasure diving together with their older brother and sister later in November. Two weeks earlier, Peter Peacock's Advanced Open Water course dives were more challenging due to limited visibility and stronger currents.



Mariya with her Open Water Wall Certificate.

We started out later in the first day due to some minor problems with the boat's battery and went directly to the new Koh Pai Island ship wreck. Visibility was only 1-2 meters and the current was strong. We toured the top deck for about 20 minutes, but missed the ascent line going up to the surface. On top of that, my old faithful dive watch flooded and Peter Peacock's new underwater light was lost. That was an expensive dive! Peter Peacock was quite impressed by the huge school of perhaps up to 1000 plus 6-8" fish above us during the dive. He was even more impressed when I informed him they were baby barracudas!

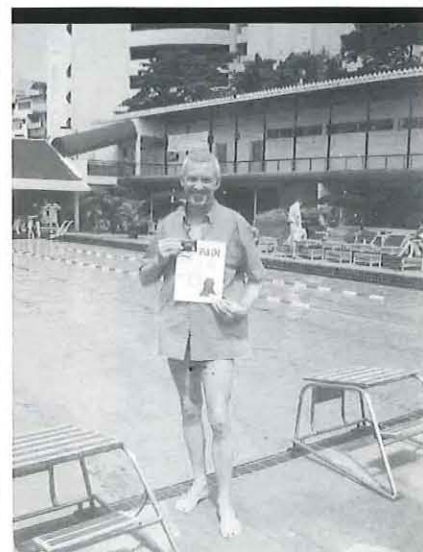
Our next dive was the night dive at Koh Larn. Fortunately, I had an extra dive watch and dive light for us. The current was gone now and we had a very relaxing dive.

The next day included the deep dive to 25 meters followed by the navigation dive in strong currents again. The last dive at Koh Sak Island was for a Search and Recovery dive to retrieve a weight belt which Peter found quickly and brought to the surface using an air lift bag. We had practiced this in the BCB pool several times prior to the open water dive. He found it so fast that I had him find it a couple times. Peter also has almost all of his own diving equipment now and will be doing some pleasure diving before continuing on with specialty courses.

Just a couple words about sun burn prevention and being exposed to strong sunlight while swimming....

I often see very young children brought to the BCB pool and some of them are being allowed to run around in only their birthday suits! Their tender exposed skin can sunburn very fast! Also, I notice that Mom generously applies some type of suntan lotion on the child. But the child is often in the water within as little as one minute.

Within only a couple minutes most of the lotion is normally washed off and if it is a sunny day a person can receive up to 150% more UV rays than from direct sunlight due to the reflected light on the water. Suntan lotions need 30 minutes to "bond" with the skin. This includes even those called "waterproof" or "water resistant" for up to 8 hours protection. If at all possible, apply the lotion before coming to the



Peter Peacock with his Advanced Open Water Diver wall certificate and certification card.

pool or give the child a rest break to allow for the 30 minutes. A hat on their heads is a very good precaution. Babies under 6 months should not be exposed to the water with such direct, strong sunlight nor have suntan lotion applied.

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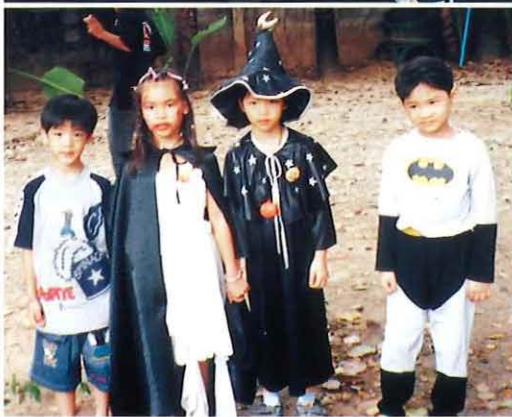


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# MEMBERS MEMORIES - HALLOWEEN

Ghosts and ghouls and goblins and fairies and princesses and Batman and vampires and elves... and they all got on well together! What harmony, what integration, what fun!!





## MEMBERS MEMORIES

# VIETNAMESE FOOD PROMOTION



The Vietnamese Food Promotion was a resounding success with Lords packed to the hilt with starving Members ready to partake of the sumptuous spread. Not only was the food delicious, but Members were treated to a wonderful presentation by the Victoria Hotel Group. Congratulations go to Meilan and Carol Anne for being the lucky so-and-sos to win great prizes!



## MEMBERS' INTERESTS

### The National Museum Volunteers

**December  
2003**

Date: Thursday, December 11th  
Time: 10:00 am  
Lecturers: Pierre Pichard and Donald Stadner  
Subject: Piety, Palaces, and Politics in the Rebuilding of Burma  
Location: National Museum Bangkok Auditorium, Naphrathat Road

### Synopsis:

The military government of Burma embarked in the early 1990s on an ambitious programme of restoring Pagan and other Buddhist sites and recreating ancient palaces throughout Burma. Both Pierre Pichard and Donald Stadner will speak about the rebuilding of Burma that has created controversy from a number of different perspectives, both within Burma and abroad. The lecture will review the combination of politics and piety, where the rebuilding of palaces and temples is undertaken for nationalistic and religious reasons.



# CAPTAIN'S COURT

## BRITISH CLUB CENTENARY TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### THE GAME

Under hot and humid conditions the tennis matches began at about 3pm in the afternoon on Friday, October 31. The 4 courts of the BC were used, as were 4 courts from Silom. The format of the event consisted of 4 groups of 4 teams who would each play 3 round robin matches. Upon completion of these round robin matches the teams who came 1st and 2nd in each group would play off for the CUP and the teams whom came in 3rd and 4th positions in their group would play off for the PLATE.

### THE START

The British Club Lions team (consisting of Brad Weatherstone (C), James Young, Marc Hageleaur, Nisa Adams, Weena Corcoux and Khun Chalatip) got off to a 3-0 start against the Ladies Recreation Club of Hong Kong, although it must be noted that in the mens doubles match James & Marc were down 6-1 in the tie break before eventually winning 12 points to 10.

The British Club Tigers team (consisting of Mike Peschell (C), Khun Phairot, Pat Dean, Lynn Candlish, Blanche Dudley and Angela) faced the Senior Team of Tanglin Club from Singapore at the Silom Club in the first match. The Tanglin Club ladies doubles was quickly beaten by the Tigers ladies, Lynn & Angela, on that very hot and sunny Friday afternoon. Lynn excelled with her superb net game, while Angela was controlled in her tennis style. Both players deserve a big compliment for the success over the Tanglin Club Ladies Team. The men's doubles wasn't as clear-cut as the ladies match, but at the end our tournament-experienced man Phairoj and the Canadian Tiger Pat won the

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match. The third match, the mixed doubles was another successful match played by Lynn and Michael. It was nice to meet, join and play against the friendly Tanglin Club Tennis Team.

### DAY TWO'S MATCHES

After a welcome party on the back lawn on Friday evening, the tennis matches began at 8.30am on Saturday morning. Again 4 courts at the BC and 4 courts at Silom were used.

The British Club Lions team was drawn to play KrungThai Bank, who we knew from recent Interclub matches would field a strong team. After losing the ladies doubles and winning both the mens and mixed doubles, a 2-1 result in favour of the Lions was reached.

The Japanese Association Tennis Club was opponent number 2 for the British Club Tiger Team. This time Lynn and Blanche played the ladies doubles (playing for the first time together) against the experienced Japanese ladies team. The Tigers ladies team won in experience while the Japanese ladies won the match. The mens doubles was played by the Tiger Phairoj and the Tigers Captain Michael. Both Phairoj and Michael won that match with

solid and offensive tennis against the Japanese mens doubles and equalised at 1:1. The breathtaking mixed doubles played by the Tigers Team members, Angela and Phairoj, ended with a Tiger Team victory over the Japanese Mixed Team. The key success factor for this victory - strong nerves.

The final match of the round robin was scheduled for a 12-noon start and the British Club Lions team was scheduled to play the KS Club (Owl Team). Showing some impressive form in all matches the Lions were able to post a 3-0 result, which enabled them to be placed 1st in their group.

Opponent Number 3 for the BC Tigers in this Group was the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. The Tigers ladies team was represented by Lynn and Angela. Both players had a lot of respect for the RBSC team, even though the game had not yet started. And, dear reader, believe it or not, the Tigers ladies team had in the early stage of the match the courage and the strength to show what a Tiger is capable of doing and nearly won against the Giant in a thrilling match.

In the following mens doubles, Phairoj and Michael of the Tiger team had to win their





doubles match in order to equalise against the RBSC team and to give the mixed doubles a chance to play for the winning point against RBSC. Finally, it can be said the target was not achieved due to fabulous playing from the RBSC mens doubles team. The mixed doubles played by Lynn and Michael was dominated by the strength of the RBSC mixed team who won.

Overall, the British Club Tigers were happy to be part of this well-organised event. The three-day-long Tournament gave us all the opportunity to see good tennis and to enjoy the weekend with many other tennis enthusiasts from Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and players of other nationalities.

## THE QUARTERFINALS

The knockout quarterfinals began at 3.30pm on Saturday, but unfortunately due to the way the placing transpired in the round robin matches, the 2 BC teams were drawn to play each other in the CUP competition. The Lions ladies doubles team of Nisa & Weena won 9-3, and then after a very close contest in the mens doubles the Lions team of Brad & Marc secured a semifinal position with a 9-7 victory. After completion of all the quarterfinal matches Saturday evening gave way to a "Roaring 20's theme party" whereby as a minimum everybody had to wear a hat.

A really great night was had by all!

## THE SEMIFINALS

Sunday morning gave rise to a 9am start for the semifinals of both the CUP and PLATE matches - all of which were now to be played at the BC. The British Club Lions team was drawn to play Silom Club, who we knew, as always, would have a very strong team. The ladies doubles matches started very evenly but after the Lions team surrendered a few early chances to gain a lead, the Silom ladies played strongly and came

away with a 9-4 victory. The mens doubles match started very poorly for the Lions (with yours truly still suffering from the previous night's party). Nevertheless, with the experience of James the Lions team was again able to tweak out a narrow 9-7 victory. It all came down to the mixed doubles! Nisa and I knew it would be tough as it was actually like playing a mens doubles, since the Silom lady played exceedingly well in this match. I must say that I have NEVER had to turnaround from the net position and chase so many lobs in all my life! Despite the best efforts of the Lions team the result was unfortunately never in doubt and we ended with a 9-3 loss.

## THE FINAL MATCHES

The final matches of the CUP and PLATE started about 1.30pm in front of relatively large and vocal crowd.

In the CUP final Silom Club was drawn to play Chulalongkorn Alumni, who had not lost a single set throughout the tournament. This record would continue as Chula won both the ladies and mens doubles in convincing fashion with respective 9-3 victories.

Upon completion of this match the PLATE final was still being fought out between the Japanese Association (captained by our very own Eiji

Hanao) and Thana Club (Sunday 01 Team). The Japanese won the ladies doubles 9-6, and after a series of service breaks found themselves up 8-7 and 40-15 (2 match points) in the mens doubles match. However, remarkable fighting qualities from the young Thana players saw the match go to a tie-break which Thana eventually won. Hence it now came down the deciding mixed doubles, which also ended in a thrilling tie break victory for Khun Hanao's Japanese team.

This close, exciting finale really did cap a wonderful weekend of fun, tennis and friendship. We now look forward to the next BC Centenary Tennis Tournament!!!

Note: Commentary of BC Tigers matches was written by Mike Peschell.

## RESULTS OF THE OCTOBER TENNIS LEAGUES

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Winners in the last league were as follows:

League 3 - Steve Goode

League 4 - Simon Gainford

Leagues 1 & 2 did not have enough games played to confirm an outright winner.

Regards

**Brad Weatherstone**







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# IMPROVE YOUR PRE-CHRISTMAS STAMINA

All Sport's activities started again in September 2003, but it is still possible to join in. Costs shown are for a block of 10 lessons, however Members can participate on a week-by-week basis until the end of the year.

### JUNIOR CRICKET

Started on Sunday, 7 September 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

Friday Afternoons (started on 5 September)

Beginners age 5 - 8 years 4.00pm - 4.30pm B 1,500

Intermediate age 9 - 11 years 4.30pm - 5.30pm B 2,000

Advanced age 12 - 16 years 5.30pm - 6.30pm B 2,500

Coach Zubin and Piyanart Engineer.

### JUNIOR SQUASH

Started on Friday, 2 September

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

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

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,900 for 10 lessons

### JUNIOR SWIMMING

The Bangkok Dolphins' Friday and Saturday lessons started early September

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons.

### TEAKWONDO LESSONS

Started on Sunday, 7 September 2003

Time: 10.30am - 12.00nn

Venue: Squash Court Number 3

Charge: B 1,800 for 10 lessons

### AQUA AEROBICS

Started on Tuesday 2 September. Lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Venue: Main Pool

Charge: B 2,500 for 10 lessons.

Trainer: Els van den Broecke 01 - 692 0106

### AEROBICS

Started on Monday, 1 September.

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Venue: Squash Court 3

\*\* Sunday classes are held from 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Charge: B 3,000 for 10 lessons

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## RELAXED REGULARS

# MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE REGULARS!

### BAR ACCUMULATOR

Every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Churchill Bar

### DART NIGHT

Every Wednesday in the Churchill Bar from 7.00pm onwards.

### BRIDGE NIGHT

Every Tuesday in the Churchill Bar from 7.00pm onwards

### CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Every Friday evening at the Silom sala at 7.00pm. No charge for the kids

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

2.00pm at the Silom Room. BC and Kids Care organise children's fun activities followed by a movie every Sunday afternoon. There is no charge for this event.

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## MEMBER'S LETTER

Dear Editor,

Maybe I am alone in this, but do other Members not think 1,950 Baht for this year's Annual Ball is a bit steep? In 2000 we hiked the price to 1,600 Baht to ensure we did not make a loss - Bank of Thailand inflation three-year rate since then has been only 4.8% yet this new ticket price is a 22% increase! As we have no air-conditioned ballroom to pay for, what justifies this increase?

Regards,

Paul Cheesman C267



# THE ROYAL BARGES

A spectacular evening on the banks of the Chao Phraya! It was hot and not a breath of air stirred the surface of the river (thank goodness for Barry and his ever-so-refreshing bar!). After a long wait, a hush fell as the barges slowly appeared through the darkness and majestically floated past us into the lights from the Grand Palace. Chanting and drum beats accompanied the rowers... all very awe-inspiring (basically, we were all gob-smacked!).





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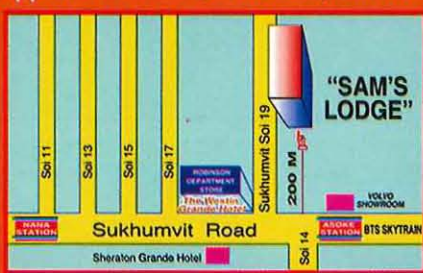
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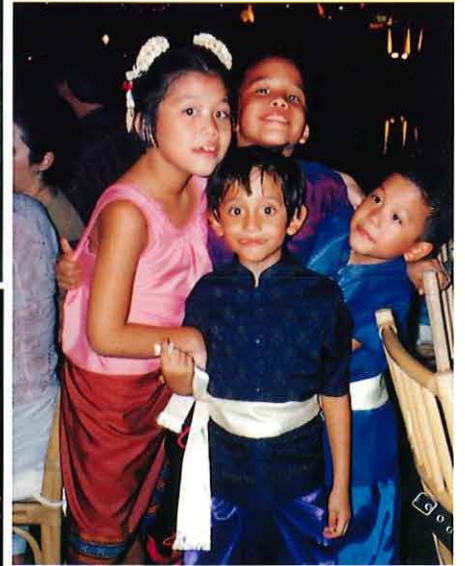
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## LOY KRATHONG



Suan Thip was the venue for this year's Loy Krathong festivities, and what a beautiful night it was! Everyone had a great time - thanks to Barry and his mob for arranging a lovely family trip.





# GREAT BALLS - OH WHAT A NIGHT!

The 13th Pink and Black Ball, held at The Conrad Bangkok, on 11th October

## THE BACKGROUND

The annual Pink and Black Ball is the means by which the majority of funding required for the running of the BC Rugby section is raised. It all started way back in 1991 when the Rugby Section Chairman was a chap by the name of Joe Grumwell and the Captain was a youthful and moustached whipper-snapper called Jonathan Prichard. Joe yet again graced us with his presence, whilst a somewhat older version of JP encountered another evening full of the odd bread roll including the odd piece with a little pâté on it!

It is worth mentioning that it was Joe, at some point during a past Ball, who first received a bread roll thrown during the Chairman's speech. Detailed research has not enabled a clear recollection of what year, but it has been increased over the years to a point where the venue now keeps stale bread rolls, and in some cases small loafs, for a period of up to two weeks ahead of the Ball. Each table is now given a large bag full!

Funds raised go towards paying the cost of practice pitches, match fees, kit, playing tours and rugby tournaments that are entered throughout both Thailand and elsewhere in the region. Let there be no doubt that sponsorship is still required to cover the full year's running costs and if there are any grateful volunteers out there, we'd be delighted to hear from you!

## THE CUNNING PLAN FOR 2003

Times have changed and this year the now finely matured Chairman Prichard, like a strong and smelly English cheddar, put together his latest cunning plan. His calling to order of an organising sub-committee comprising himself, Bruce Hill, Ben Knowles and Scribe with the planning being kicked off at his office on 27th

August in the year of our Lord 2003 - some six and a half weeks before what turned out to be the scheduled date of The Ball.

Shortly before the meeting started, Folly Master Hill found his famed side step and called to say he would be unavailable due to work commitments. The meeting proceeded and JP produced his tried and tested Rugby Ball action plan which is less than one page in content, but lists out all the detailed tasks that are required to be completed. He then proceeded to allocate the vast majority of these to each of us i.e. Ben Knowles and Scribe!

Aside from his outstanding leadership, JP managed to clear both his allocated actions by noon the following lunch time which included a great email which said "well, that's my actions done for another year!" - this left the two poor sods plus one absentee shaking their heads in disbelief! Among the many actions to be undertaken were:

- Targeting fellow teams, schools, sponsors, professional institutions, companies and Spoofers to take up tables
- Confirming hotel venue and Ball arrangements
- Organising table gifts
- Organising "Safety Packs" for presentation to gentlemen at the door on arrival
- Organising contents for "Safety Packs"
- Stuffing contents into said Safety Packs
- Organising food
- Organising beer and wine
- Tasting food
- Tasting wine
- Tasting food again
- Tasting wine again and again
- Banquet set up and table plan
- Cash collection

All was clear until Folly Master Hill received a copy of the minutes the following morning and disagreed with just about everything that had been discussed! Revenge was sweet for Ben Knowles who applied that famed Hill management theory called the Folly Master's Swerve and proceeded with getting on with it! One of the first tasks was to advise our all our existing Sponsors that they would each be allocated two tickets gratis. Next was to advise two of our new Sponsors that they would be given Rugby Blazers as a thank you and to get themselves along to Silom Village for a fitting. One of them, Simon Davies of Jardine Shipping Services, who was featured in the Phuket article earlier this year as the "anonymous sponsor", was quick to take up the offer and got himself measured up before setting off on prolonged business travels.

The other, the "Lard" himself, Keith Cronshaw of Bellwater, was as usual, gallivanting overseas playing golf and fishing somewhere in Ireland and seemed to run out of time to get his blazer made. Folly Master Hill came to the rescue and let the Lard have his old soiled and stained "Slim Jim" blazer, which by divine intervention actually fitted the Lard!

Messer's Prichard and Hill have been doing this for so long, it is almost second nature. Ben Knowles and Scribe are both relatively new to big Balls of this kind and during the lead up were fed a few dummies and missed several passes thrown by the dastardly duo - we shall be better prepared next year!

That aside, we duly got on with our "cunning" campaign and notified the Bangkok community that Bangkok's finest night of the year was about to approach us!







## THE PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS

The first person to make contact and confirm a table was that fine gentleman from Croydon, Mr. Roger Fitzgerald. This was followed by the usual suspects of Simon Dakers and Vince Swift, both BC Rugby Vets. Ben Knowles and Scribe received a barrage of further phone calls and emails with tables literally selling themselves. With support from other BC sports sections, namely Squash, Football plus the odd Spoofer, together with the usual strong support from the Bangkok international school community of NIST, ISB and Bangkok Pattana quickly following, we thought we were on for a record year.

As things turned out, we had a number of cancellations ranging from such nonsense as clashing with the South African Ball to clashing with a stag weekend in Pattaya and something about a cricket function. A couple of other proposed tables fell away due to other drivel, and the words p#\*s up and brewery started to spring to mind. No sooner had we established that there were at least two other major functions the same night in Bangkok than we realised that England was playing Turkey in the final European Football 2004 qualifying match. The latter issue was quickly fixed by arranging a TV from the hotel, but the Organising Committee had to issue a number of calls to arms to fill the targeted number of tables.

LET THEIR BE NO CONFUSION - THE SECOND SATURDAY IN OCTOBER IS THE TRADITIONAL EVENING FOR THE PINK AND BLACK BALL. ORGANISERS OF OTHER BALLS PLEASE TAKE NOTE FOR 2004!

## WINE AND FOOD TASTING

The organisation has become very detailed and refined over the years with many lessons learned and nothing left to chance! First up was selecting a long list of wines from which to choose a short

list! Scribe was travelling and unfortunately missed the wine tasting session which turned out to clash with a Rugby Section curry night in the Churchill Bar at the BC - several taste buds were not able to function due to the curry, a repechage was quickly re-organised with some further delightful and free wine to taste! Finally, a short list was established.

Then on to the food! A list of menu options was received to which a Guinness pie was added. It is no secret that each year a favourite dish of that rascal JP is added to the list and specially cooked for the purposes of tasting, BUT it never reaches the menu, just satisfies JP's appetite for a further year ..... and poor Scribe was again out of town!

In the absence of Scribe, literally tons of food was consumed by the Organising Committee, aided and abetted by Rugby Section Committee members "Shredder" Rowley and "Lard" Cronshaw both adding their considerable weight to clearing at least another half a tonne of food. Just to be different, a combination of the food menus was selected and you guessed it, a re-tasting organised! Following the food re-tasting, which Scribe missed yet again, we thought we would be able to park the issue of the food and move on. How wrong this turned out to be!

## THE INCIDENT!

Now we all know how dangerous email can be! How many of us have been caught out by not reading inflammatory comments way down the email trail? This is especially so, when what is to some nothing more than cheeky fun within the company is received by the outside world in less than amusing terms - well I do believe that over the years, world wars have started for less than what the little email incident we encountered with approximately ten days left to the Pink and Black Ball!

In short, and without mentioning names, in the space of two short hours, the Ball venue was cancelled, an alternative venue found, confirmed, the person responsible for sending the offending email severely rogered by the venue GM, the alternative venue cancelled and the Ball was back to where it started! A number of stunning emails were exchanged within this period - some of which were simply marvellous and will be framed and hung somewhere! Suffice to say, the temporary cancellation notice from JP, which was subsequently withdrawn, was exceptional even by his fine literary standards.

## THE FORGIVEN

The lesson: always read what is emailed out very carefully before sending - especially if there is a long internal trail and you do not want to be bashed up by fifty or so men dressed in pink and black blazers!

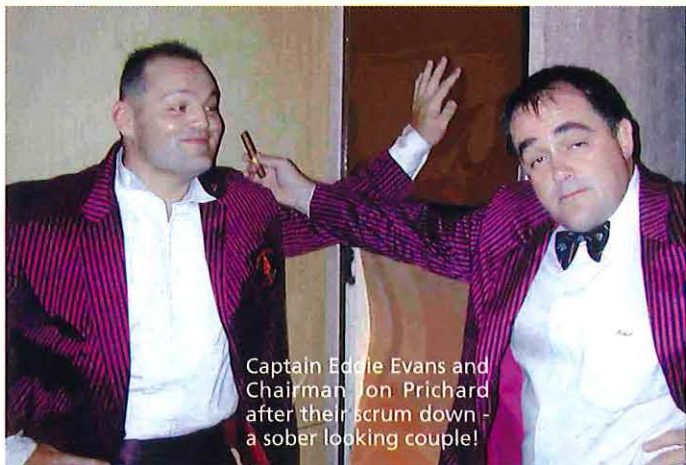
With the incident put aside, there was a commitment to go the extra mile, to provide the best food possible and (we hope!) to turn a blind eye to any damage caused by the boisterous behaviour of the usual suspects - yes the committee.

## COLLECTING CASH & FINAL PREPARATIONS

Those guests to the Ball who are members of the British Club simply charge their accounts, so for members it is very easy and therefore there is no excuse not to attend in 2004! For those who are not members, a special visit is made for the collection of loot, and Folly Master Hill, Ben Knowles and Scribe spent the final few days wondering around Bangkok with our swag bags collecting cheques and dosh! For the avoidance of doubt, "Shredder" Rowley, our Rugby Section Treasurer, has confirmed that he has counted all the "incoming" and none of the swag has been lost on the tortuous journey around Bangkok collecting it all!

The Folly Master undertook supervision of the final preparation and whilst this was done the poor FB had to encounter absolutely zero in the way of air conditioning. As it was heating up, and feeling that he should at least make the effort to appear sort of smart (aside that is from displaying his latest rugby tour shirt creation made for RWC 2003), he went to his room to have a shave. Realising that he had forgotten his razor, he then proceeded to make that time-honoured traditional "cock-up" of shaving with a hotel razor kit! Where do they get these things





Captain Eddie Evans and Chairman Jon Prichard after their scrum down - a sober looking couple!



from? Where are they made? Why don't they work? This was a wrong move on his part, as he ended up with his face looking like it had more leaks than Alistair Campbell's Department of Spin at 10 Downing Street. Despite his cuts and bruises, the Folly Master turned his attention to supervising the last points of order and was joined belatedly by Scribe, Ben Knowles and JP.

Meanwhile Ben Knowles was busy running through a few of his well-crafted lines as he took the moment to have a little last minute MC

rehearsal. After realising that the only remaining item to be completed was the delivery of the kegs of beer for the evening, and which a telephone call duly confirmed was on the way, it was decided it was time to adjourn to another place to watch Fiji Vs France - yes our Pink and Black Ball had overlapped with the first weekend of RWC 2003 too!

After watching a right royal dust up between Fiji and France, it was time for a final wash-and-brush-up, no shave being needed for the Folly Master, before being on parade at 18:30.

## THE EVENING ARRIVES

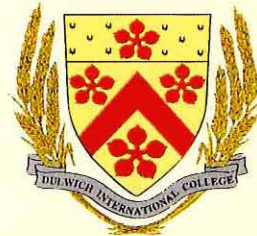
And so the evening arrived. Our trusted army of helpers stood guard at the entrance door, which was especially important this year as a large number of tickets left for members at the British Club managed to walk out of their pigeon holes, through the BC car park, pass our increased security and vanish into thin air somewhere in Bangkok. The Folly Master drafted in several of his front row union just in case we had some unexpected visitors with these

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For most of the 20th century many people thought that getting a tan was a healthy and relaxing activity. But, even on cloudy days the sun's rays damage your skin and body in many ways.

The effects are varied: sunburn, sun stroke, impairment to your immune system, formation of cataracts, and various skin cancers, the most deadly being malignant melanoma. And if this does not convince you then it also prematurely wrinkles and ages the skin.

But you have not booked that expensive resort in Krabi to return home as white as you left, and there are some sensible precautions you can take to reduce the sun's damaging effects.

Wear wrap around sun-glasses, the best lens colours to choose are, brown, amber, green, or grey. And they should block 99-100% of the sun's dangerous UV rays.

Seeking the shade is better than sitting in full sun, but the UV rays will be reflected from light surfaces, from sand and water. This reflected light is nearly as damaging to your health.

It's common sense not to lie on the beach during the hottest time of the day, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Before and after these times bathe for only 30 minutes, increasing gradually. Never fall asleep in the sun. Use a high factor sun blocking agent of at least 15 sun protection factor (SPF), for it to have its greatest effect apply it 20 minutes before you go into the sun and re-apply often. Water and sweat reduce the efficiency of sun blockers (even water resistant ones) so re-apply often. When walking or just lazing wear clothes that have a tight weave, with long sleeves, and legs and wear a hat or cap.









Remember the slogan, "Slip, Slop, Slap" Slip on a tight weave shirt, slop on the sun block, and slap on a hat.

Children need protection from the sun, it has been reckoned that a total of half a lifetime's exposure is acquired before the age of twenty. Just applying sun blockers is not sufficient protection for children, again let the 'slip, slop, slap' be your guide. Children need to be protected with tightly woven clothes, not forgetting legs and arms, and should always wear a cap; one with a neck protector is best.

Take these simple precautions and you can acquire your tan and remain healthy in the process.

## Safety Tips

### Safer Sun Bathing

-  Protect children from sunburn and ultraviolet rays, always use a high factor sun blocker and cover up as much as possible.
-  Always use a sun blocker, work down gradually from a high factor say 15 (or higher) to a factor of 8.
-  Reapply sun blockers regularly every three hours and especially after swimming, even for water resistant screens.
-  Soak up the sun's rays only when it is low in the sky, before eleven in the morning and after three in the afternoon.
-  Sunburn happens even on cloudy days and in the shade, so do not forget the sun blocker.
-  Protect your eyesight with good quality UV resistant lenses. Ensure they block 99% of the UV rays.
-  Alcohol will cause drowsiness and may induce cat-napping: avoid excessive alcohol when laying in the sun and do not fall asleep.
-  Remember the advice 'slip, slap, slop'; it might save your skin and your life.

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# BRITISH CLUB GOLFERS WIN AGAIN!



Kevin and Bryan hitting on the birds!

Only last month I reported that The British Club Golfers had completed a grand slam in their matches against rival teams. I am happy to report that we continued our winning ways in October beating the Lighthouse to retain the MERC Cup. We also enjoyed four days of golf in the Pattaya area and played our last major of the year - the Castrol sponsored Rysome Bowl.

## BRITISH CLUB VERSUS THE LIGHTHOUSE

Chuan Cheun was the venue again this year for the MERC Cup sponsored by Peter Ford from **MERC**. This is an annual match and one that the British Club have tended to do well in. With our trophy cabinet bursting at the seams we were determined to continue our run of victories.

The format of the day was pairs matchplay with a difference. We are used to playing the traditional better ball matchplay format but in this match, the combined score of each pairing would determine whether a hole was won or lost. With some of the British Club partnerships made up of husband and wife this was to prove a real relationship tester! Imagine if you will, that you play a hole perfectly. You are on the green in regulation and your par is guaranteed. You then turn to see your partner hit not one but three balls into the water and the hole is lost. You can imagine the frustration that this format could cause. (This example is not based on real events and is no way a reflection of my lovely husband's performance on the 18th hole!!!)

Our determination to win certainly paid off and in the end we enjoyed a comfortable 6 to 2 victory. Our star players on the day were Mike Staples and Pat Dean who had the lowest combined net score with 145. Guy Snow and Edwin Ferner also proved to be a very useful pairing with a net 147. Third place went to the Lighthouse pairing of Audel Delphans and John Pollard with 148.

The British Club players also picked up their fair share of Technical Prizes. Near Pins were won by Pat Dean, Karen Carter and Guy Snow. Karen Holloway and Andy Flynn won the Ladies and Mens long drives respectively and Vicky Jones sank the longest putt.

## THE OCTOBER MEDAL AT ROYAL LADKRABANG

We were back at Royal for the October Medal and, judging by the great scores on the day, the course was in fantastic condition. Captain Larry and Vice Captain Kev were both in Perth watching England beat South Africa in the Rugby World Cup, so Mike Staples and Bridget Snow were in charge of proceedings.

Karen Holloway won A Flight with a magnificent gross 78, net 66 - her lowest ever score, I believe. Mike Staples was second with a very impressive gross 80 net 69 and Karen Carter was third with a gross 88 net 70.

It wasn't just the A Flight players that were burning up the course. Harland Bulow won B Flight with a gross 88, net 67. Edwin Ferner was second with a gross 92, net 68. (They seem to take it in turns to win the medal!) Barry Ashman also scored under par with a gross 94, net 69.

In C Flight, Bryan Baldwin continued the trend of playing below handicap. He was the clear winner with a gross 104, net 69. Orin Baldwin was second with a gross 110, net 75 and Diane Bulow was third with a gross 112, net 79.

Karen Carter, Tom Magarry, John Rae and Jim Dance won a Near Pin each. Karen Holloway won the Ladies long drive and Mike Staples won the men's. Mike also sank the longest putt.

Congratulations to all the winners.

## A WET WEEKEND IN PATTAYA

At the end of the APEC week, the BC golfers took advantage of the Chulalongkorn day holiday and scheduled four days of golf in and around Pattaya. Each round was a one-off stableford competition and players could play as many of the four rounds as they wanted. All those who played two or more rounds were eligible for the eclectic competition that we ran over the four days. We also introduced the 'Million Dollar Challenge' which would continue over the weekend. Each player has the opportunity to enter the challenge for a small fee of 100 baht. At the end of the round the player or players that get on each par three in regulation win the pot of money. If no one wins then the money is rolled over until the next game. As you can imagine, this adds a certain amount of pressure as you tee-off on the par threes.



Pete Gale wins at Siam Country Club



Kevin wins the eclectic



Karen wins A Flight



No tongues!



## DAY 1 BANGPAKONG RIVERSIDE

Bangpakong was the perfect course for the first day of our Pattaya epic. It is situated between Bangkok and Pattaya and gave those of us fortunate enough not to have to work the next day a head start on our journey to Pattaya.

The game at Bangpakong set the trend for the weekend - rain, rain and more rain. By the time we completed our round there were some very soggy golfers. Brian Brook made it through the rain to win with 38 stableford points. André Tissera was second with 37 points and Bryan Dodd was third with 36 points.

Jo Goodliffe picked up two near pins and the Ladies Long Drive. Andy Flynn won a near pin and the mens long drive. Brian Brook got the remaining near pin and Val Ashman sank the longest putt.

Nobody rose to the 'Million Dollar Challenge' and the money rolled over to day 2.

## DAY 2 PATTAYA COUNTRY CLUB

Golf in Thailand is, more often than not, a very hot and sweaty experience. We tend to use our umbrellas for shade rather than their more traditional purpose. Our round at Pattaya Country Club was certainly an exception. As we teed off there was a fine drizzle falling that made us all think of home. As we played our round we looked skyward in the hope of spotting some patches of blue - there were none. As we completed our first nine, the umbrellas came down but five minutes later, normal service was resumed. I have never been so cold and wet for so long on a golf course in Thailand.

As the scores came in it was clear that the rain had affected the golf. Larry Goodliffe was our winner on countback with 34 points. Bryan Dodd was second, also with 34 points. Nick Andrew (visiting from Indonesia) was third with 31 points. Peter Gale won the mens long drive and Karen Holloway won the ladies. The Near Pins were won by Bryan Dodd, Jo

Goodliffe and Larry Goodliffe (x2). Brian Weavin sank the longest putt. Once again the 'Million Dollar Challenge' was rolled over to the next day.

## DAY 3 PHOENIX

As we arrived at Phoenix for our third day of golf we were greeted by blue skies, dry fairways and bunkers that resembled bunkers not lakes. This was, I'm afraid, not to last. Half way through the round it absolutely chucked it down. Would we ever play another round without rain?

As most golfers left the course seeking shelter from the downpour, the hardy BC Golfers played on. Bridget Snow was obviously unaffected by the rain and scored a solid 37 points to win. Pete Gale was second with 34 points and Bryan Dodd was third with 34 points.

Vicky Jones won two near pins with André Tissera and Gareth Sampson winning one each. André also won the mens long drive and Sophie Colligan won the ladies.

## THE 'MILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE' WENT UNCLAIMED.

After the game at Phoenix, we enjoyed our traditional BBQ at the Bang Saray Club. The food, as ever, was excellent and the beer and wine flowed. I won't mention Larry running naked along Bang Saray beach - there may be children reading this!

## DAY 4 SIAM COUNTRY CLUB

Siam Country Club is one of the oldest courses in Thailand and, as such, mature trees line the fairways making this a tough course. This was reflected in the scoring on our fourth and final day.

We enjoyed a rain-free round of golf - hurrah! The course was feeling the effects of the wet weather of the previous three days. Pete Gale coped the best with the tough conditions winning with 31 stableford points. Larry Goodliffe and Karen Holloway were second and third respectively both

scoring 30 points. Larry just edged Karen out on countback.

Jo Goodliffe, John Pollard, Karen Holloway and Vicky Jones won a near pin each. Kevin Jones and Karen Holloway won the Mens and Ladies long drives and Kevin also sank the longest putt. With the final round of the wet weekend in Pattaya completed, the results of the eclectic competition were as follows:

1st Kevin Jones net 62

2nd Larry Goodliffe net 65 & Pete Gale net 65.

This round was final 'Million Dollar Challenge'



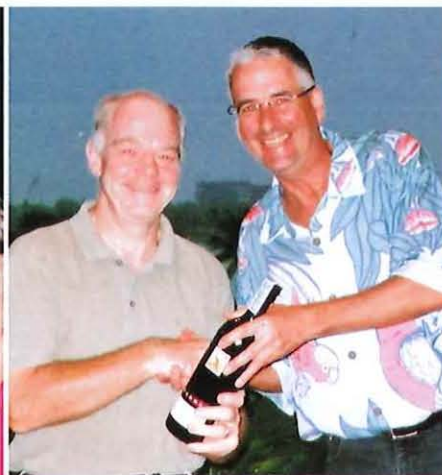
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Sophie and Gaew enjoy the sunshine



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Brian wins at Bangpakong



Bridget tames the Phoenix

of the weekend and with two par threes played, John Pollard was the only player still in with a chance. As he played his third par three, the group ahead peered through the trees to see if he had made the green. Unfortunately for John, his ball landed on the fringe and the money was safe.

In future, we plan to play the 'Million Dollar Challenge' in medal games and away weekends. When the pot reaches 10,000 baht and is unclaimed 5,000 will be donated to charity.

### THE RYSOME BOWL AT SUPHAPRUEK

The Rysome Bowl is our last major of the year and is very kindly sponsored by **Castrol**. We would like to thank Keith Hales and **Castrol** for their continuing support of the British Club Golf Section.

The Rysome Bowl is a pairs, better ball stableford competition and this year it was played at Suphapruek. It was a beautiful day for golf and the course was in good condition. But would this lead to some low scoring? In a word - yes.

The result was very close with only one pint between each of the top three pairings. As they played the final hole, Pat Dean and Adrian O'Brien were just behind their playing partners Val Ashman and Carol Ann Eastgate. Both pairings had been scoring well and were in with a chance of a top three finish. Adrian was bunkered with his tee shot and needed to hit a great shot to be in with chance. He didn't hit a great shot; he hit

an amazing shot straight into the hole for Eagle. This was enough to secure victory for Pat and Adrian.

### THE RESULTS:

1st Pat Dean and Adrian O'Brien	47 points
2nd David and Cheryl Lamb	46 points
3rd Sophie and Shaun Colligan	45 points

Roy Barratt won two near pins. Pat Dean and Paul (from **Castrol**) won one each. Paul also won the men's long drive and Karen Carter won the ladies.

As we gathered in the clubhouse after the game, the prize giving was slightly delayed as we watched the second half of the New Zealand v Wales Rugby match. This was a particularly stressful time for Sophie Colligan as she found Wales leading the match after half time. While Sophie was delighted that her team were winning, she was slightly concerned that she had promised to run round the golf course naked if Wales won the match! Fortunately for her, New Zealand returned to form in the second half to win.

The British Club Golf Section would like to wish all its members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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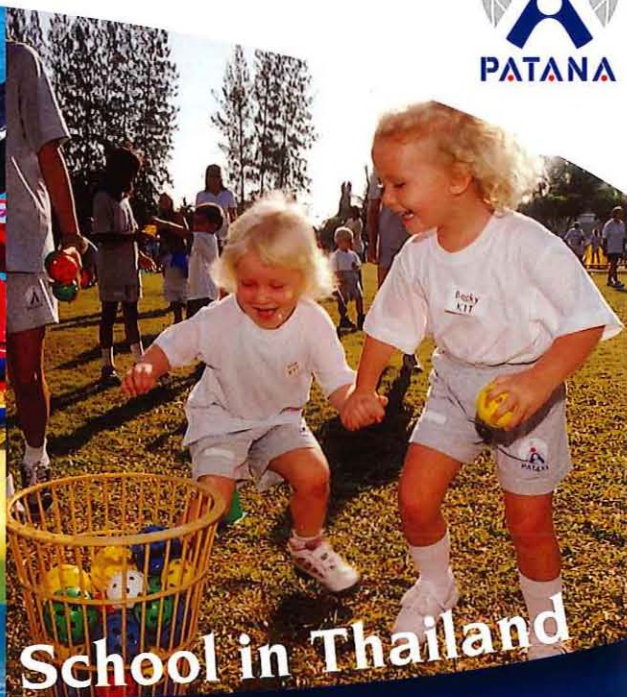
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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Whilst it is now over two months since the Centenary Tennis Tournament was held, the full story should be set out for posterity. Some short time after taking over as Chairman of the Tennis Section Committee in March 2003, Terry Adams approached Brad Weatherstone, the similarly newly elected Tennis Captain, and the two of them decided that, come what may, being the biggest sports section at the BC in terms of number of members, the Section must hold a major event to celebrate the Club's centenary - the fact that the Rugby Section had already done so in great style, was an added incentive. A format was outlined - 16 teams, with as many from overseas as we could get, plus of course a BC team. Four pools of four teams playing each other in a 'round robin' with the top two from each pool going forward to the Centenary Championships and the bottom two into the Centenary Bowl Championships. Each match would comprise a set of mens doubles, ladies doubles and mixed doubles. We would have a Centenary Brochure. We would have very nice trophies and replicas for the winners. But of course this takes money, which we didn't have. So, a meeting of all Tennis Section Members was called on a Sunday evening in March, and a disappointing but not unexpected 12 people turned up. Terry had prepared a presentation which was shown on the big screen. It was met with general acclaim, volunteers were called for and were forthcoming; Gisi and Paul would look after the 3 social events we had planned (although Paul warned of business travel interrupting his efforts); Chris to produce the



Winners of the Bowl - Japanese Association Tennis Club - Bowl presented by Khun Yubharet on behalf of the Delegation of the European Commission in Thailand.

brochure; Wandee plus just about everyone to help with the fund raising; Yubharet to source the trophies and centenary shirts; Brad and James Young to organise the tennis; and Terry to look after the sourcing of teams, team control and liaison with the BC. Lip offered his services where needed, and he ended up doing good work with both Yubharet and Terry. A Tournament Steering Committee was thus formed.

People were concerned that we would not be able to raise sufficient sponsorship, but Terry and Brad said we must 'give it a go'. Terry displayed a listing of all Tennis Section Members (the assembled dozen each volunteered to contact various members to ask for sponsorship). Terry soon produced a "this is what you get and what we are seeking" sheet, and the search for sponsors began. We were

delighted with the responses received, and within two weeks it was clear that we were in business.

Terry then emailed all the Regional-based BC Reciprocal Clubs and a massive email correspondence then ensued. At the death, after a period of three months, we had received commitments to attend from two clubs from Singapore, one from Malaysia and one from Hong Kong. It was then time to approach our local Thai opponents, and using the good offices of Yubharet in particular, and also of Dr. Pongsak, we were eventually able to obtain confirmations from a further 10 teams, making a total of only 15. So, a second BC team was formed to complete the lineup. However, with only a week to go, one of the Singapore teams cried-off. We were able to put together a team appropriately called "The Three City Slickers" as it comprised two players from each of Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore.

Regular Steering Committee Meetings were held, and at one of those Gisi came up trumps with a business contact of hers. "Head", the sports goods people, were shortly to introduce a new range of tennis garments in Thailand, and would like to donate a number of tennis shirts to our design - of course, we bit their hand off, and Gisi was immediately put in charge of "Shirts" in addition to "Social". It was far from plain sailing, we had a number of hurdles to overcome on the way, but eventually after a massive effort by the few number of people involved, supported and aided greatly by the BC Management Team, plus others such as David Henton (who had been drafted to assist Terry



Winners of the Cup - Chulalongkorn University Alumni - Cup presented by Khun Oud of Tok Kwang.





and Lip) things came together and the Tournament commenced on time in the afternoon of Friday, 30th October.

By then Berni Adams had been persuaded to undertake the dual and vital roles of Tournament Referee and of MC at the social events. He did us proud with both!

The Tournament was officially opened by BC Chairman David Quine, and the trophies on display looked magnificent - well worth the efforts needed to win them. Team photographs were taken, and the tennis began. Despite a few early glitches things quickly started running like clock-work, and this continued throughout the tournament.

The "Welcome" Party on the Friday evening was well attended, and without the use of too much bullying the various team members did mix with each other and did have a very sociable and relaxing time.

Saturday saw the completion of the 'round robin' pool matches and the first of the Quarter Final matches. Both of the BC teams qualified for the Centenary Tournament proper by winning all their pool matches, but unfortunately were drawn against each other in the Quarter Final - at least we had one team playing on the Finals Sunday!

The "Roaring Twenties" Theme Party lived up to its name and was indeed a truly roaring success. All Gisi's massive efforts paid-off; the décor in all three of the Clubhouse upstairs function rooms looked magnificent; the atmosphere was delightful, thanks to the lovely table decorations and flower arrangements and particularly to the Royal Thai Navy 5 piece Band in the Suriwongse Room and the marvelous Trio in the Wordsworth Lounge; the menu and the food quality were superb and we received compliments from all of the 100 people who came along.

Everyone attending had to wear a hat, and a good number of people, including the party poopers team from Hong Kong, had donned fancy dress. MC Berni kept the party lively, and interjected from time to time with questions or competitions where the door prizes we had received could be won. The most keenly contested prize was for the best fancy dress. The two best candidates were Terry Adams in his mixed-up ensemble of a top hat and tails (without the tails), dickie bow tie, and underneath an old-fashioned gents swimsuit in wide green and white hoops, and Hanao San, dressed as a mixed-up Samurai with swiveling eyes and a top-

knot haircut! Berni could not separate these two, who were both awarded first prizes! The evening drew to a somewhat alcoholic conclusion around midnight, with some of the remaining 'party poopers' having to play in the semi-finals at 10.00am that same day!

The weather had held all weekend for us, and the Finals Day was bright and hot. Finalists eventually emerged. Whilst the Championships Final was one-sided, the Bowl Final was a very tough and tense affair with two of the three sets going to long third-set tie-breaks before there was a winner and a very very disappointed losing team. The presentations were made and those remaining retired to the Front Lawn for a very welcome relaxing ale or two - especially for the exhausted organising team.

At the end, the key Organisers who had put in so much effort in ensuring the success of the tournament all declared that the result was worth the effort, but would not be around to do it all again in another 100 years!!

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This tournament was played in September and 16 members participated. The handicaps proved to be reasonably accurate with many matches going to three. Chris Browning played Shiraz Poonevala in the final with Chris starting at -3 and Shiraz at +4. Shiraz jumped to a 10-0 lead in the first game only to have Chris fight back with some great squash to win 15-12. Chris then won the next game quite comfortably 15-8. The final game was much closer with Shiraz fighting to 14-13 after being 10-13 down but Chris once again fought back to win 15-14. Chris Browning therefore became the BCB Squash Section Handicap Champion for 2003 defeating Shiraz Poonevala 15-12, 15-8, 15-4. This completed a great double for Chris who also won the Don Johnson Club Championships.

In the shield event Ja (T. Chatarun) played James Crossley Smith with James winning 15-10, 15-12, 15-14. This was played at a later date without any spectators, but I believe it was an exciting, close match with some spectacular rallies.

## ROD CARTER OPEN AND PLATE 2003

This event was sponsored by **ACA Pacific Group** (Peter Corney), **Premier International Healthcare** (Steve Bell) and the **Sofitel Central Plaza Bangkok** (Martin Reed).

There were 34 entries with two late entries which came after I had already left for Australia, so unfortunately they had to miss out. Once again this was the most popular tournament for the year with 11 players from the BCB and players from Clark Hatch, Muscle and Muscle, RBSC, Rajapruek, Siam Cement, Tongtara Hotel and Vajiravuth College. The competition commenced on the 6th of October with the finals being played on Friday 17th October.

The BCB best results were David Lines through to the semi finals where he lost to Poowis, and Steve Tostevin through to the semi finals of the plate where he lost to Sompong.

The final of the plate was played between Sompong and Akom. This was a very entertaining match which was well worth watching. In the first game Sompong raced to a 6-0 lead and then Akom fought back to win the game without losing another point. Both of these players were young and fit and fast with Sompong being the fitter of the two. Akom appeared to be down and out through exhaustion on many occasions but kept fighting back to make it a very competitive match with Sompong eventually winning 6-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-6. Sompong won a trophy and 3,000 baht gift voucher, compliments of **Premier International Healthcare**. Akom received a runner up trophy and a 1,000 baht voucher for dinner for



This is much better than the winner's trophy!



Chris Browning and Shiraz Poonevala - winner and runner-up of the Handicap Tournament

two at the **Sofitel Central Plaza Bangkok**.

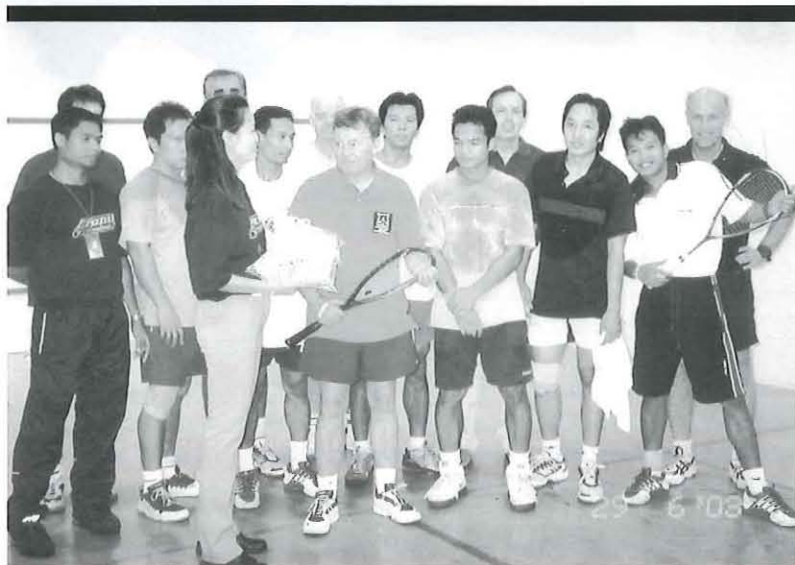
The final was played between Poowis and Tossapon. There were some great rallies but Poowis, the Thai number two, had too much class for Tossapon who played some very good squash. Tossapon does not often get the opportunity to play the top Thai players, which prevents him from attaining that next level. The final score was 9-2, 9-1, 9-4. Poowis was presented with a trophy and 3,000 baht gift voucher compliments of **ACA Pacific Group** and Tossapon received a trophy and a 1,000 baht voucher for dinner for two at the **Sofitel Central Plaza Bangkok**.

### League 176 Winners

Div 1	Nick Thwaites
Div 2	Shiraz Poonevala
Div 3	Morten Knudsen
Div 4	Chris Platt

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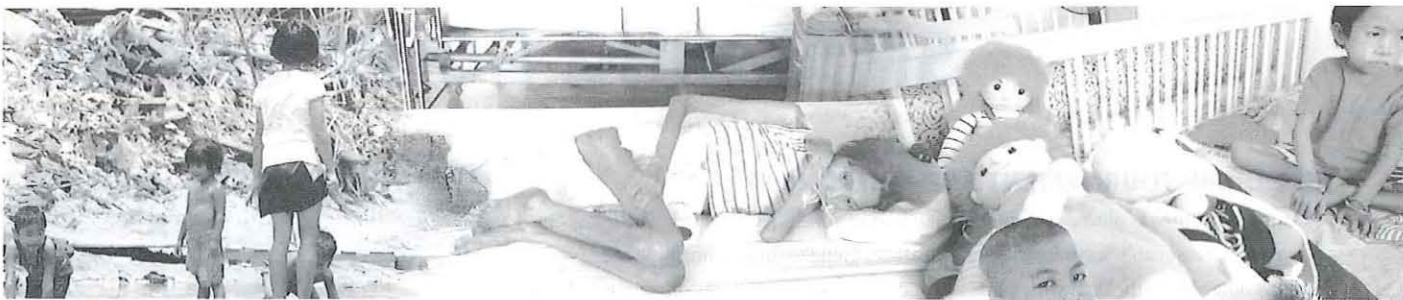
Div 1	Jamie Heywood
Div 2	Dick Anwar
Div 3	T. Chatarun (Ja)
Div 4	Ray Coleman



BC v Riverine Club



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missing tickets - thankfully this was not to be needed as nobody turned up, and in any case, there would simply have been no place for them to sit.

Having booked first, the Fitzgerald's were not to be outdone by anyone else, and ensuring that they got full value for money, arrived precisely after the beer was hooked up! At the time of going to press, Scribe was unable to confirm or deny the vicious rumour that has been circulating Bangkok that they had both arrived with the beer truck - allegedly Judy was seen driving the truck into the Conrad and Roger, despite his dodgy knees, acted as drayman in the unloading of the 18 kegs of beer that were to be drunk in the evening.

Gradually, all our guests, chums and buddies started to arrive and the pre-function area filled up very quickly. There was the inevitable last minute collection of cash and exchange of tickets, but all appeared to be in good order and the hotel staff did a great job in keeping up with the intake of drinks.

There then followed the cutting of the ceremonial entrance ribbon and the call to arms to get sat down was duly made.

## THE FORMALITIES COMMENCE WITH MC BENNY BABY

MC Benny Baby got events underway and explained to the assembled masses the running order for the evening. He briefly looked a little lost until he realised that he would not need his turntables to spin any vinyl, for 95.8 FM DJ Russell Jay was present to take care of that. Benny was simply to act as Bangkok's answer to Ali G in MC mode for the evening and in his own hip-hop way got proceedings underway.

The evening started with the singing of both the Thai and the UK National Anthems with respective toasts to HM The King of Thailand and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. MC Benny avoided the temptation to hold several toasts in favour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in also toasting the Queen of Australia, New Zealand or Canada!

A minute's silence was held in memory of absent friends killed so tragically a year previously in Bali particularly those involved in rugby from Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia. This was followed by a fabulous spiritual rendition of Swing Low Sweet Chariot sung by the lovely KJ - a most appropriate way to remember rugby friends.



## FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

The food arrived and some on Scribe's table stated that it was some of the best tuck they had ever tasted in Bangkok - The Conrad was living up to its promise to go the extra mile, and those choosing the beef were particularly impressed. British Club Chairman David Quine decided that he could not offend any of the assembled guests, so rather than taking a choice, ate the entire main course menu selection on offer, comprising of beef, fish, vegetarian and vegan - does he have his eye on another term? I personally think that he has a huge appetite as he demonstrated on the starter course by polishing off the starter of Scribe's missus whilst her head was turned!

Between courses and during a pee-break, thankfully in the hong nam, Trevor Day performed the old chestnut of "I hear poofs can't tap dance" and then proceeded to do a fine impression of Gene Kelly through the lavish bogs, down the staircase and back into the ballroom.

## THE SPEECHES - SERIOUS PROTECTION REQUIRED

By now the stale bread rolls were being delivered to the tables, literally by the bucket load. Several of the assembled tables, approximately 50 metres apart, decided to let fly at each other before the speeches even started. In the black corner, Trevor Day, now seated after tap dancing back to his table, was leading his merry men and bombing Keith Cronshaw's table residing in the pink corner. Whilst our Trev marshalled his troops in fine style, despatching able lieutenant's to the dance floor to refill their bags, return to the table and then bombard the pink corner, the Lard was scrambling around the floor on his hands and knees like a five year old, and did not use the resources on the table to full effect. On balance, Trev's table shaded the encounter.

Throughout all this MC Benny was break dancing to avoid being hit and did a fine job ducking and diving, bobbing and a-weaving whilst keeping things loosely in order.

First we had the prizes for the best-dressed woman and the best-dressed man. The ladies award went to an unknown from the British Club Soccer table whilst the men's award went to Bruce Jackson from Samui Simians.

Then we had the presentation of flowers to wives of the Organising Committee led by Sue Hill and followed by Aree Prichard, Gilly Knowles and Muntana Merrigan. Trevor Day then stood up in front of the assembled masses and presented



some flowers to and declared his true love for his wife Viv, before adding a brief rendition of Stevie Wonder's "I just called to say I love you" further demonstrating his Gene Kelly ability this time through song.

The speeches started with Captain Eddie Evans, who was a little surprised to be welcomed by Monty Python's "The Lumberjack song". Eddie tells us that many of the "chicks" in Bangkok now get him confused with a youthful Elvis Presley. This is largely due to his ever increasing sideburns and Scribe takes great pleasure in singing a rendition of "Viva Las Vegas" every time we meet before ducking the expected left hook!

Eddie made mention of the victory at the Manila 10's for the second year running plus our win at the Phuket 10's. He also made mention of finishing runners-up both at our own Centenary 10's and the Pattaya 10's. He paid tribute to the ever-increasing Thai component of our squad who duly stood up to take a well earned bow. He returned to his seat again to the tune of "The Lumberjack Song" and not to be out done by our Trev, proved he too could dance by jiving Elvis-style back to his table.

Then, Chairman JP entered sporting fireman's helmet and a boxing groin protector! Whilst he was busy with his speech, MC Benny Baby was taking cover behind the speaker's podium. JP thanked our Sponsors for the year (Bellwater, NET, The Long Gun, Construction Professionals, Jardine Shipping Services and Transpo). He then reflected on a great year of achievement of the team on the playing field with special thanks to Captain Eddie Evans, his Vice Captain Morcar McConnell and Khun Dakorn for the recruitment of our Thai contingent. Looking forward to another successful year in 2004, JP also thanked the army of helpers from his office and also the rugby section committee of Hill, Knowles, Rowley, Cronshaw and Merrigan.

This was conducted whilst being pelted by hundreds of bread rolls, including the odd loaf plus an interesting roll with some rather tasty pâté on it. He then taunted several tables for their poor throwing ability before handing over his fireman's helmet to MC Benny Baby, who was by now being pelted big time - JP did not hand over his cod piece though I doubt that MC Benny Baby would have accepted it!

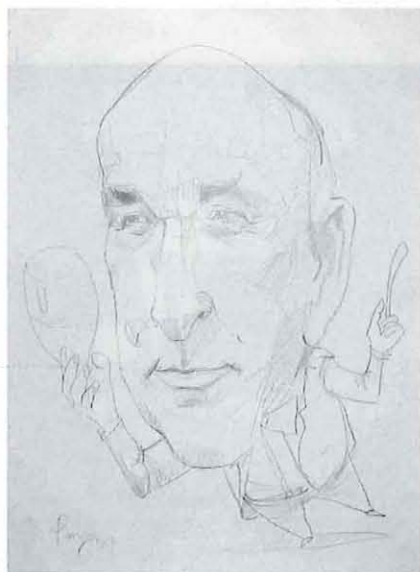
DJ Russell Jay then took over for the remainder

of the evening and I hear from various sources was still going strong at 4am!

## VIROQUA FROM VANCOUVER VERSUS THE BUTCHER OF BANGKOK... OUCH THAT HURT

Whilst the evening progressed, the beer flowed a-plenty, the wine ran out and the BC soccer section took their seats to watch Turkey Vs England. Meanwhile, a side bar had formed and an interesting discussion took place between Messer's Cronshaw, Evans, Prichard and Scribe. Suddenly Eddie "The Viroqua from Vancouver" Evans and Jon "The Butcher of Bangkok" Prichard took to their corners and formed a scrum over some minor disagreement. Neither Keith Cronshaw nor Scribe was interested in making the tussle a WWF tag team match and continued our discussion on fly fishing several feet away. Unfortunately Scribe's left arm was caught between the two wrestlers and the three of us "danced" around a while before Scribe could free his arm. At this point considerable combined weight went through some ornate panelling for which the bill has yet to be received. Rowley: read it and shred!

At this point, and for some strange reason, British Club Chairman David Quine and Scribe decided to have our caricature portraits sketched and whilst Scribe's took an age and made him resemble a 12 year old school boy, DQ's ten minute effort was as you can see, rather life like!



## TIME TO GO HOME

The witching hour of 3 am duly approached, yet there was no real movement to head off

home. The crowd were by now dancing on the tables and for the first time in living memory, The Folly Master suggested to Scribe that it was time to go home, so we headed off.

## OUR THANKS

Our thanks must start with all those who attended and made the evening a truly memorable one. Several weeks after the 13th Pink and Black ball and whilst a large contingent of the BC Rugby Section was on tour at RWC 2003 in Australia, many were still recovering from the splendid evening.

Our thanks also go to the late-comers who helped us hit our targeted number and also make the evening the successful night it turned out to be - see the comment below.

"We had a great evening. In four years in Bangkok this was the best ball we attended, including two previous Pink & Blacks. Well done, great atmosphere, good setting, excellent music."

## Adrian Watts

Secondary School Head, New International School of Thailand

To the wives of the organising committee, big thanks for sparing so much time in six and a half short weeks - we promise to take even longer and be more diligent with our planning next year!

Thanks again to our Sponsors, without whom it would be not be possible to do as much as we have done this past year. So thanks to **Bellwater, NET, The Long Gun, Construction Professionals, Jardine Shipping Services** and **Transpo**. Please get your cheques books ready for next year!

To our playing squad, keep up the effort and we look forward to the remaining rugby in 2003 and for commencement of the 2004 season.

Scribe





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