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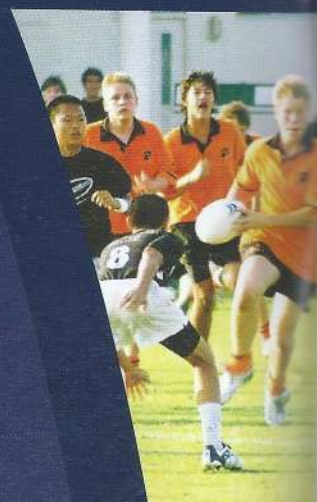
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Young Owen simply can't believe his good fortune. At the Kids' Halloween Party egg-hunt, he found the one-and-only wondrous purple egg! (See pp 26-27)



## Collective Memory

In this Christmas "cracker" Issue of *Outpost* there are of course loads of Christmas activities and events at the Club for both adults and children to enjoy. In fact, it would probably be very difficult NOT to enjoy yourself at the Club this Christmas - you'd have to make a conscious effort!

This Issue is also packed with photos and accounts of events that together weave a tapestry of Club life. In this sense, the humble *Outpost* magazine can be seen as more than just ephemeral entertainment. It is also a valuable record of events and the milieu in which they take place. Sometimes it's the only record.

It seems that the various incarnations of BC governing Committees and Management teams were aware of this, for they have over the years diligently preserved the Club's heritage in the form of leather-bound yearly "books" of *Outpost* magazines - going all the way back at least to the 1970s. The books were kept in a locked archive cabinet in the corridor leading from the Suriwongse Room.

I say "were kept" because an event has occurred that is a potential tragedy for the Club. At some time in the last 12 to 18 months, the lock of the archive cabinet was discovered to have been broken and all the *Outposts* gone . . .

To whoever has these books, the message is simple: You have in your hands a valuable part of the Collective Memory of the British Club Bangkok. Please return them.

If the *Outpost* books are returned before the end of the year, an amnesty applies; that is, no action will be taken in respect of their disappearance. Only a "thank-you" for their timely return.

A Joyful Christmas to All

**The Earl of Tanqueray**  
(filling in for Billy Beefeater)



**Christmas Spirit** at the Churchill - Management and staff getting into the Christmas spirit and showing off the new draught beer pumps on the bar at the Churchill. This Christmas promises to be a cracker at the Club with beer, balls and buffets galore!

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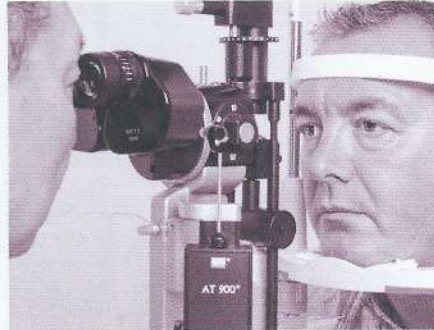
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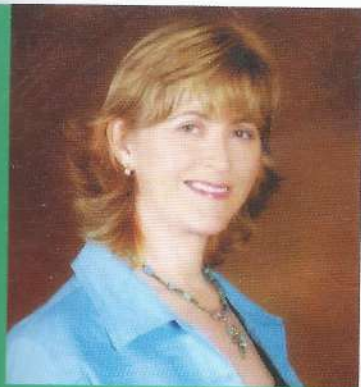
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# Letter from **the Chair**



**Dear Members,**

The Christmas season is upon us and I do hope we will be seeing many of you at the BC Christmas Ball 'under the stars' - unquestionably, the most magical and popular event of the year!

## **Extraordinary General Meeting - December 6th - 7:00 pm Suriwongse Room**

If you are a voting member, we also hope you are planning to attend the EGM on December 6th. This is being held in order to tidy up some inconsistencies but also to propose policy changes in some areas. By now you should have received the official calling notice, sent to all members on 14th November. While this subject may make many of you yawn, some of these changes could affect the way you use the Club so please make sure you have your say! If you can't make the meeting, then do give your proxy vote to another member. Also, don't forget that you can transfer your voting rights to your spouse if desired, and forms for this purpose were included with the calling notice.

## **Club Development**

We are now at the stage of preparing draft plans and concept boards for presentation to members at the earliest opportunity. Due to the imminent EGM and also the onset of the Christmas season, the meeting to present and discuss these ideas with members has to be deferred until the New Year.

## **GC Resignation**

It is with much regret that I must announce the resignation of Andy Flynn from the General Committee. Andy's work commitments have dramatically changed in the last few months, due to unforeseen and significant changes within his company, and he no longer feels he can give the time required. I'd therefore like to thank Andy for his involvement and efforts on the GC to date, and look forward to seeing him around the Club soon.

## **Nominations for Honorary Membership**

Traditionally, there have been two types of Honorary Membership bestowed on individuals considered worthy by the General Committee. One category is for dignitaries (such as Ambassadors of the core nationalities) who are awarded Honorary Membership for their term of office only. The other category of Honorary Membership is for life, and has in the past been bestowed upon members, often of long standing, who the GC believe have merited this honour. However, currently we have no Life Honorary Members in existence. The last one was Alastair Greenlees (G66) who passed away earlier this year having been a member for over 50 years.

Recently, several members have suggested that the General Committee should now consider granting Honorary Membership to a further number of worthy individuals and we are enthusiastic about the proposition. However, frankly, our combined knowledge of the history and background of some of these prospects is limited. Therefore, if you believe that there is someone who deserves this honour, we would like to hear from you. Please send your nominations to [Chairman@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:Chairman@britishclubbangkok.org) to be received no later than December 23rd, 2005 and include a paragraph (as detailed as possible) of supporting rationale. The criteria are set out in Rule 39 of our Constitution below:

Honorary membership may, at the discretion of the Committee, be granted to persons who, in the opinion of the Committee, have either:

- rendered valuable services to British interests and/or The British Club, or
- maintained close connections with British interests and/or The British Club, or
- are such other persons who are citizens of the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand or Canada as the Committee may deem suitable of the privilege.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all of us on the General Committee, to wish you all a very happy holiday season and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

**Angela Daniel**

*Chairman*

*BCB General Committee 2005/2006*



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## A Cracker Christmas!



**Dear Members,**

We are well and truly in the middle of our busy season here at the Club - and it's also the time when the Club is most fun. As per usual we have a host of things lined up for your enjoyment this month.

The biggest event is the Club's Annual Christmas Ball on December 10th. We have a few tables left so if you are interested please book now. Procrastination is the thief of time, so don't delay! The event kicks off at 7pm with an hour of canapes and an open bar of house wines and spirits, followed by Christmas dinner under the stars on the back lawn. Music is provided by the Thai Army Band and our resident Christmas Ball DJ, Mr. Paul Jackson. There is of course a raffle draw with first prize being a return ticket for two to London, sponsored by Etihad Airways. As if that were not enough, there's also a great British breakfast served from the Club's kitchens at 2am. This is the only Ball in Bangkok to be held under the stars and unlike the Guy Fawkes Party it won't rain (oh dear, I've gone out on a limb now haven't I?).

Talking of Guy Fawkes, what a nightmare! We had over 500 members booked and at 2.30pm it poured down. We were just about finished setting up, so we had to dry off chairs and replace table cloths etc. Anyway, all was going smoothly, gates opened and members were starting to fill up the back lawn . . . then it started to rain again - and rain and rain. Everyone piled into the Clubhouse and literally filled every single room. Our catering and entertainment plans were changing so quickly we forgot which plan we were on! I would like to thank the members for their patience and understanding during this event and also the staff and outside performers who really did their best in the trying circumstances. The amazing thing was that all the activities we planned did actually take place in some shape or form!

We have a huge range of entertainment booked for our Children's Christmas Party on Monday 19th December, including crafts, pony rides, a puppet show and a magic show. The Party starts at 2pm and finishes with a picnic tea and the grand finale - a visit by Santa.

We are still taking bookings for Christmas lunch and dinner in the Lord's and Churchill Bar. Children are allowed in the Bar on Christmas day until 6pm. Apart from the Buffet there will be plenty of activities to keep the kids amused at lunchtime and afterwards, so the mums and dads can enjoy their Christmas too! The Bouncy Castle will be fully deployed, there'll be pony rides and of course we expect a visit from Mr. Clause himself. To book please

sign up at the Clubhouse Reception or send a fax or email through to the Club.

This year we have a new line-up for our New Year's programme. We now have the best of both worlds with two boats on the River: one a modern boat with live music and a dance floor; the other a traditional rice barge with Thai Music. They both set sail from River City at 9.30pm and of course we will get a magnificent view of the fireworks at midnight.

On Monday 16th January all the Club's F&B outlets will be closed all day for our annual staff party. However members can still use the pool and the sports facilities. We will reopen as per normal on Tuesday 17th January.

In January we should have received the new wooden tables and "rattan look-alike" chairs for both the Sala areas. They will look much like the furniture around the pool area.

On Tuesday 31st January we will invite all members to a New Year's gathering on the back lawn, especially our newest members. The function is also an opportunity to meet and celebrate the New Year with our 20 years plus members. The Club will provide a cocktail buffet with canapes, there will be three wine companies present for some wine tasting, and there'll also be a jazz band and a barrel of free beer. This is a great way to start off your new year at the Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members for their support over the course of this year. I hope you enjoyed attending the events we organised or just enjoyed popping down to this Oasis in the Heart of Vibrant Bangkok.

Next year we have many plans for improvements here at the Club and we are always looking at adding new events as well.

This year saw many new activities and events for members and at the time of writing we have catered for 360 private members' functions.

See you around your Club,

Merry Christmas!

**Barry Clause**  
General Manager





# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Special Events at the Club this month

### \*\* "HOW LONDON WON THE OLYMPIC 2012 BID"

#### - JOINT DINNER

**Thursday 1st December, 6:30pm onwards,  
Suriwongse Room**

Special joint dinner hosted by the BCCT and the British Club, with Guest Speaker Dr. Santiparb Tejavaniya, Governor of the Sports Authority of Thailand, who is renowned for his experience and expertise in International Sports Administration.

Event cost of 500 baht includes a British Club Buffet Dinner.

### \*\* "FLOW-ON" WINETASTING

**Friday, 2nd December, 6-9pm,  
Lord's Restaurant**

A spill-over event, with viticultural offerings from 4 or 5 companies who missed out on the "Big One" last month. They'll be trying hard to please, so it could be bargain time. Free canapes by John and (if we're lucky) mince pies!

### \*\* CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BALL

**Friday, 2nd December, 7pm-midnight,  
Suriwongse Room**

A Christmas Ball for the Club's younger members (7-13 years) with formal dress, pre-dinner "mocktail" party on the front lawn, 4-course Christmas Dinner to the sound of Santa's "jingle bells" disco. Cost is 1000 baht per person including lucky draw prizes & present from Santa.

### \*\* BRITSTOCK 2

**Monday, 5th December, 2pm-10pm**

A roaring success last year, the second Britstock features an even bigger and better line-up of Bangkok's hottest bands playing their hearts out. Attendance mandatory for music lovers! Kids entertainment from 2:30 to 6:30pm includes stilt walkers, arts & crafts and all sorts, while the adults sit back and enjoy excellent live music and a few beers on the King's Birthday. A delicious 'British Club BBQ' and full bar available. Tickets 300 baht adults; 150 baht children (not including BBQ).

### \*\* "DOCTOR WHO" DINNER PARTY

**Thursday, 8th December, 7pm,  
Wordsworth Room**

With special Guest Speaker Derrick Sherwin who worked on the show in various capacities from 1967 to 1970. (See opposite page)

### \*\* THE BC CHRISTMAS BALL

**Saturday, 10th December, 7pm until (very) late,  
"Under the stars"**

Highlight of the BC social calendar, the Ball is once again catered by the Shangri-la Hotel. Evening starts at 7pm with an open bar and canapes, followed at 8pm by a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Music by the Royal Thai Army Band followed by a disco with DJ Paul Jackson. Tickets 2,400 baht per head include pre-dinner drinks & canapes, dinner with a half bottle of wine per person, free draught tiger beer all night, full British Breakfast served at 2am and you may be the lucky winner of the star prize - a return ticket to London for two sponsored by Etihad Airways!

### \*\* CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Monday 19th December, 2-6pm, Back lawn**

Activities include children's crafts, the Club's bouncy castle, pony

rides, a puppet show, a magic show and even a children's gym, + more. A picnic tea follows at 4.45pm on the front lawn and then everybody's favourite, Santa Clause, will make an appearance in his Thai-style transport bearing gifts for all the kids. Event costs 420 baht (2 to 12 years) and 100 baht (under 2's and adults).

### \*\* QUIZ NIGHT

**Tuesday, 20th December, 7pm, Churchill Bar**

Join host Rodney Bain for our BC Bar Quiz (See pages 22&23). There's much hilarity and spot prizes to be won as well as bottles of wine for the place-getters, and a Round of Drinks for the last placed team. The Quiz runs over four rounds of 19 questions each, with the ever-popular "Common Denominator". Cost is 100 Baht per person, with teams of 4 to 6 persons.

Don't miss the last Quiz Night for the year. To book please contact Khun Ben or Reception.

### \*\* CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE CLUB

**Sunday, 25th December, 11:30am,  
Lord's Restaurant & Churchill Bar**

*Christmas Buffet Lunch.* Held in both the Lord's Restaurant and the Churchill Bar, the Buffet includes Christmas favourites such as roast turkey, baked hams, roast beef, pumpkin soup, sprouts, Christmas pudding & mince pies.

*Buffet Dinner.* The Christmas Buffet will continue in the Lord's Restaurant for dinner.

*Children.* As this is a family day, children are allowed in the Churchill Bar with their parents until 6pm. There's a host of entertainment for the children at lunch time, leaving Mum and Dad enough time to enjoy their Christmas also; activities include crafts, pony rides, the BC bouncy castle and a visit by Santa.

*Book soon to avoid disappointment!*

Cost of Buffet is 950 baht for adults

(including a complimentary glass of mulled wine)  
and 450 baht for the children.

### \*\* CHRISTMAS SET MENU

**All December (except 25th)**

A delicious Christmas set menu is available throughout the Club and for private parties within the Club grounds. Three courses 450 baht. Two courses 375 baht. See the "Blackboard" on page 29.

### \*\* NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER CRUISES

**Saturday, 31st December, 9pm**

This year, members have a choice of boats and a choice of styles to welcome in the New Year.

*Option 1.* Dine on the Traditional Thai teak rice barge "Wan Fah" (limited to 60 persons). Thai buffet dinner and traditional British Carvery with some favourite BC desserts. Live traditional Thai music and dance. Price of 2,800 baht per person includes Cruise and Buffet, a half bottle of wine per person, Draught Beers, soft drinks and at midnight we will view the spectacular fireworks along the Chao Phraya River.

*Option 2.* Dine and dance aboard the "Chao Phraya Princess" (limited to 160 persons). Thai and European buffet dinner, live music (mood & contemporary) and dancefloor. Price of 3,300 baht per person includes Cruise and Buffet, an open bar of house drinks for two hours, and of course an excellent view of the fireworks at midnight. Check in for both cruises is at 9:15pm at Pier one, River City Shopping Complex; departure at 9:30pm; return about 12:45am back at the River City.

*Places are limited so book soon!*



## 'FROM MIND ROBBER TO RESTAURATEUR'

...A dinner with DERRICK SHERWIN

For Doctor Who fans of my age, **DERRICK SHERWIN** was the lynch pin that connected the Black & White era of Patrick Troughton's incarnation of The Doctor to the Colour era of Jon Pertwee's introduction to the role.

He was at various times from 1967 to 1970 a Script Writer, the Story Editor and the Producer of Television's longest running Science Fiction show, then only in its infancy, so to speak. His first Doctor Who writing was an urgently needed first episode to 'The Mind Robber', which had had to be increased in length at eight weeks notice, and thus he created a fascinating storyline that required only the TARDIS props and a white void! He also wrote 'The Invasion' which starred the infamous Cybermen walking down the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

Derrick has agreed to speak at a Dinner party at the Club in which we will also show excerpts from his stories, at least one episode and a documentary of his years at Doctor Who.

The Event . . . **DECEMBER 8th - 7pm in the Wordsworth Room**

Only 850 Baht (including four course dinner by Executive Chef John James Hogg)



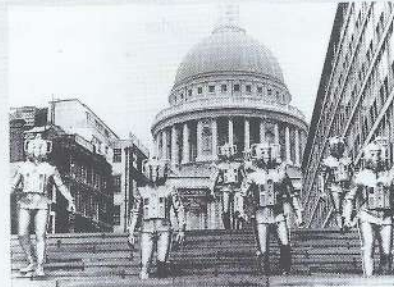
*The new Ten Doctors Logo*



*Derrick Sherwin*



*His White Robot creations*



*His famous Cybermen at St. Paul's Cathedral picture*

Numbers are limited so please book early.

. . . and my title? Well Derrick and his wife, Nong, now run a restaurant in Nongkhai.

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## Anthony Charles Bekenn 1947 - 2005

Born in 1947 in Birmingham, England, Anthony Charles Bekenn, the former Lead Audit Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers and British Club member since 1973, died on October 22 at Samitivej Hospital of heart failure, aged just over 58.

A long-time resident of Bangkok and blessed with a loving family, Anthony Bekenn traced his lineage back through the mid-17th century to the Earl of Annadale, Dumfriesshire. His grandfather was a doctor, but Anthony followed the footsteps of his father, Maxwell George Bekenn, an accountant.

Anthony qualified as a Fellow Chartered Accountant while in the UK in the early 1970s. He began his career practicing with Winnery and Murray (now Ernst and Young) in Birmingham.

Soon after, he came to the Far East and was employed by Coopers & Lybrand in Hong Kong and Singapore and finally with Coopers & Lybrand, Thailand.

In 1974 he took over the joint managing partnership of the local international management consulting and auditing offices.

When Coopers & Lybrand merged worldwide with Pricewaterhouse in July 1998, Anthony Bekenn became the Lead Audit Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Anthony had to take early retirement in October 2004.

He was diagnosed with a weak heart muscle in mid-2001 and had a pacemaker implanted. In November 2004 he was admitted to the ICU at Samitivej Hospital where he was treated medically until mid-February 2005.

Anthony had a strong willpower to fight to live on - wanting to be with his family. But, as time went by, his heart condition worsened and he was admitted to the hospital ICU off and on, and again in late July 2005.

A heart transplant was planned but with complications due to a kidney problem and a repeated lung infection, Anthony was unqualified for a heart transplant and had to pass up an opportunity in early September.

With his affection and concern for his family, Anthony tried to fight on, wanting to come home to be with his family.

His faith was powerful, yet his heart was too weak to carry on. And when the time came, the family was there by his side.

Anthony is survived by his wife Kusuma (Tunn), and two children Christopher and Christina.

Many of his colleagues and staff said, "Anthony was a polite and conservative person . . . and a considerate boss". With a 'kind and gentle' nature, he was liked and respected by staff and colleagues.

In his letter of condolence, David Corsan, a retired senior partner of Coopers & Lybrand London office,

wrote: "His dedication, energy and most important, his integrity, were all one could hope for. He made a good contribution to the firm".

Sandy Gordon, a retired senior partner of Coopers & Lybrand London office, wrote:

"Tony was always a wonderful colleague and a good friend and person in a true sense of the word. He will be sadly missed by me and many others. It is still difficult to believe that someone I have known for so long whose life I have so much enjoyed being a part of is no longer with us."

Anthony was a superb and a kind-hearted family man. He was wholly devoted to his family. There was so much love for his family. All his married life, he treasured his wife and his son and his daughter with love, care, warmth, kindness, affection, and tenderness.

I am thankful to God for giving me such a kind and loving husband in this life.

My teardrops keep falling as I find words for my great loss totally inadequate to express. A dedication to my beloved husband . . .

*Because of you my world becomes a better place to live  
Because of you I know the joys you can give  
Because of you my hopes and plans and dreams come true  
The things that mean the most to me are all because of you*

These words were used on his birthdays and I mean it from the bottom of my heart.

A Church of England Service was performed at Christ Church, Convent Road. Thai religious rites were also held at Wat Tat Thong, Sukhumvit Road, followed by a cremation, presided over by the Royal Privy Councillor, M.R. Thep Devalul.

His ashes were scattered over the serene sea water of the Gulf of Thailand at the Sattahip Royal Thai Navy Base. A portion of his ashes will be taken to the UK to be buried with his father Maxwell Bekenn, at Stratford-upon-Avon Cemetery in April 2006.

On behalf of the family, I would like to express our sincere thanks to those who extended their help and support during our difficult time at the hospital over the past long months.



# Obituaries

Thank you all for your condolences, sympathies, and support, following the sad loss of my husband. The children and I are deeply touched.

Last but not least, my sincere thanks for the continued kind support during my difficult times from day one.

- 1 Mr Pichai Chuensuksawadi (*The Bangkok Post*)
- 2 Mr Sukont Kanjana-huttakij (*PricewaterhouseCoopers*)
- 3 John Hancock (*Baker McKenzie*)
- 4 Andrew Wynne (*Deacons*)

5 Yupin McConnell (*an understanding friend*)

6 Dr Rangsan Rattanaprakarn (*Cardiologist - Samitivej Hospital*)

Thank you, Anthony, for everything. I am most grateful to you, for every single day of my life with you. I am always proud to be your wife. The memories and everything about you go on living in my heart forever. May your soul rest in peace in heaven.

Kusuma (Tunn) Bekenn

## Stephen Roger Haube 1953 - 2005

Although Stephen was born in Port Sulphur, Louisiana, in reality he was a citizen of the world. Due to his father's employment with an international company, Stephen spent the early years of his childhood in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Then a cold and barren land, his favorite pastime was horse riding. Throughout his life, he lived in various countries: Peru, Indonesia, Singapore, Libya, Ecuador, Argentina, Switzerland, Thailand and the USA.

After fleeing from Libya with his family due to political turmoil, he enrolled in Montana International High School in Switzerland, the place where he became an avid skier.

After high school, Stephen continued his studies at Pennsylvania State University at Wilkes Berry, where he graduated in Liberal Arts and Behavioral Psychology. After graduation, at 18 years of age, he followed his father's steps and became engaged in the oil industry as a drilling foreman and mud engineer.

Back in Argentina and working for Occidental Petroleum Corp. in Mendoza, he was married in 1984 to Graciela Ponce, at the time also working for the same company. In the same year, Stephen returned to Pennsylvania State University and graduated with honors with a Petroleum Engineering Degree. After a short stay in Louisiana, he and his family were transferred to Bangkok. In 1993, he joined ETA (Swatch Group) as IT Manager, where he remained under employment until the end.

Stephen was deeply religious. He embraced the Catholic faith with firm belief and further enriched his spiritual strength. This strength and the love for his family helped him bear the ravages to his health caused by this devastating illness that eventually took his life.

Stephen loved adventures and his life was full of them. While in Thailand, he was an avid diver who loved the sea. His most rewarding experience was to dive along with a whale shark in Koh Tao. He also played tennis, obtained a brown belt in Tae Kwan Do, did mountain climbing in Argentina and bicycling.

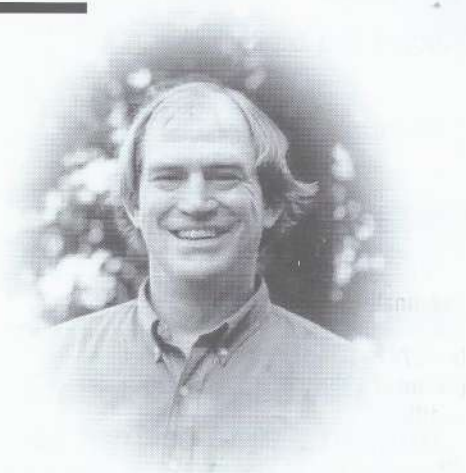
Stephen's curiosity and want for knowledge were constant and unabated. He felt at ease with Physics, Mathematics, Astronomy and Geography. He also loved music and was an avid reader of science fiction.

Never quick to judge, he believed in the goodness of people. He always put aside negative feelings and thoughts, which he considered damaging to the soul. Stephen was an optimist. He truly believed that the world eventually would change and be a better world.

When he was first diagnosed with cancer back in June 2004, he was very distressed and anguished. Not because he saw the end of his life coming nearer, but because he saw that perhaps he would not recover sufficiently to look after his children for as long as he wished. Stephen's life was devoted to his family.

He passed away on October 31st at Bumrungrad Hospital while in the company of his family and doctors. Stephen's cremation took place at Wat Tah Thon on November 2nd, and a funeral mass was held on November 5th at the Holy Rosary Church. As he wished, his ashes were scattered at sea shortly after.

Stephen is survived by his two children, Sebastian James Haube and Jared Stephen Haube, and his wife, Graciela Haube.





# REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

## MONDAYS Wordsworth Lounge

9:00am-12:00noon

## TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

5:30-9:00pm

## WEDNESDAYS Churchill Bar

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

7:00pm and 8:00pm

7:30pm

## THURSDAYS Churchill Bar

6:00-9:00pm

## FRIDAYS Churchill Bar

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

## Silom Sala

7:00pm and 9:00pm

## SATURDAYS Churchill Bar

All day from 10:00am

## SUNDAYS Churchill Bar

All day from 10:00am  
**Lord's Restaurant**  
Noon-3:00pm

## Silom Room

1:30-3:30pm

BWG Mahjong

Friendly Bridge

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

### CHURCHILL BAR ACCUMULATOR

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

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

Chess

THEME BUFFET - **2nd December:** Indian Curries & specialty Indian dishes; 230 baht per person; **9th December:** Soup and Salad Buffet with three hearty soups, freshbaked bread, large salad bar and cold cuts; all you can eat at 230 baht.

**16th December:** Mediterranean Buffet, with delicious classical dishes, including risottos, polenta, Spanish tortilla, paella and pizza; only 225 baht and includes a free class of Italian wine. No buffet on the 23rd, due to the onset of Christmas, but there's a special Christmas SET MENU all month (see page 29)

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

### A LA CARTE BREAKFAST

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

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

## Official Opening Times

10:00am - 11:00pm  
11:30am - 2:00pm  
6:00pm - 10:00pm  
7:30am - 10:00pm  
6:00am - 10:00pm  
6:00am - 9:00pm  
9:00am - 6:00pm

Churchill Bar  
Lord's Restaurant (Lunch)  
Lord's Restaurant (Dinner)  
Poolside Bar (last food orders - 9:30pm)  
Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)  
Fitness Centre (weekends)  
Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

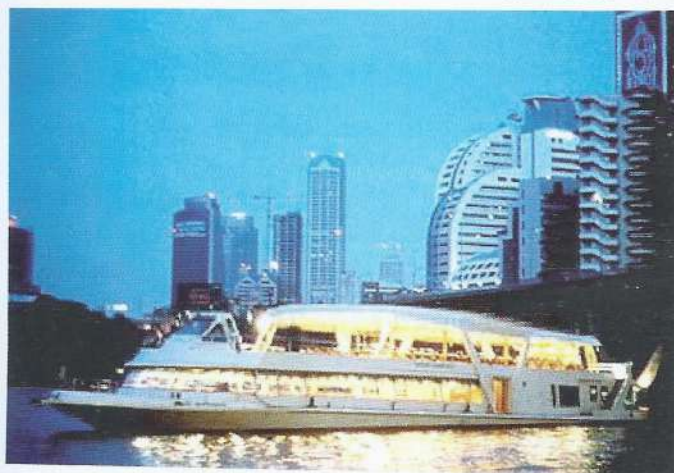


**SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER**

**Two Different**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER CRUISES!**

**Ambience Cruise - Chao Praya Princess**



**Bht. 3,300.-/person**

*Cost includes Buffet Dinner, open bar for two hours, live music (easy on the ear), dancefloor & Fireworks Spectacular at midnight*

**Traditional Cruise - Wan Fah Teak Rice Barge**



**Bht. 2,800.-/person**

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

Check in for both cruises - 9.15pm  
at River City Shopping Complex Pier No. 1

**Leave in 2005... Arrive back in 2006**

**Please sign up at the Reception**



# Fire and water . . .

Rained off!



Candy-floss queue



Guy-making

## Guy Fawkes Night comes on wild and wet

Every now and then Mother Nature conspires to lay waste the best-laid plans of mice and men. However, we were hoping that she'd overlook the British Club on the occasion of our Guy Fawkes Celebration on Sunday 6th November. After all, it had never rained on Guy Fawkes Night - well, not in the 37 years that Khun Arpha has worked at the Club . . .

Everything had started off in a confident mode. We had booked extra entertainment, planned heaps of outdoor activities, and borrowed lots of tables, chairs and tablecloths from a variety of obliging hotels and clubs around the city. With nearly 500 members converging on the Club Sunday afternoon, we were out bright and early that morning throwing lemongrass onto the back lawn, as Khun Aeh had convinced me that this would stop it from raining - and of course I believed her!!

Well, at 2.30pm a heavy shower saturated the furniture and soaked the tablecloths, but by 4pm everything was dried out, the tablecloths were back, the back lawn was re-set, the fireworks were ready, the car park was clear and all the entertainers had shown up. We had even found replacement Candy-floss People as the original guy had called in sick at 2pm. Little did we know how busy they were going to be!

At last the opening. Under a sky of grey and darker grey, Hanni thanked all for coming, ran through the programme, and then announced that we had laid on the British weather too . . . Sure enough, within minutes it started to rain, and rain, and torrentially rain.

It was a case of in with sodden tablecloths (again) and a quick shift to Plan C (or was it D?). Everybody poured into the Bar and the Lords, the Silom Room, Suriwongse Room - in fact anywhere dry. Some members were still stranded at poolside . . . Food stations on the back lawn were abandoned and moved inside. Suzy and her team quickly set up in the Suriwongse Room in an attempt to provide a few crafts to keep the kids entertained. Hanni grabbed her megaphone in an attempt to round up the kids. At this stage members were still helping to carry tables and chairs, whilst others had given up and just sat on the floor.

The kitchen was also now a hive of activity with John and his team muttering a few Fawkes words of their own! Fish and chips were being feverishly fried and wrapped, then carried around the Clubhouse to the now starving members. It soon became apparent that there was no food upstairs so we grabbed plates of burgers, nuggets, more fish and chips and drinks and headed for the Suriwongse Room.

Meanwhile the Candy-floss People had conveniently set up right in the main entrance of the Clubhouse, thereby impeding movement around the stairs and reception area (obviously old hands, having pinpointed the area of maximum foot traffic). But there was nowhere to move them so we left them there spinning their floss like benign sugar-coated spiders.



Khun Aeh grabbed the drenched Jazz Band, wiped off their instruments, and placed them somewhere in the Bar where they managed to play whilst still proudly displaying their Visitor badges. Who said the guards here don't work??

*NOW, what to do with the kids??*

According to the Schedule it was time for the Acrobatic Dog Show! As everybody knows, the show must go on. And so it did - in the Suriwongse Room! Is this the first time we've had a dog show in the Clubhouse? The entertainers did a magnificent job under very trying circumstances. I must admit that I was peering around somewhat tentatively, anticipating much wailing and general annoyance, but was surprised to see that members actually seemed to be enjoying the chaos . . . To say that the Clubhouse was full of noise and action was an understatement. I found myself in the jam-packed Bar talking to Mary-Kate Brown. Just as she was telling me how great everything was going I managed to knock her hand and spill the rather nice glass of wine she was drinking. In the course of an embarrassed retreat with profuse apologies, I then backed into a small child and squashed him into the gap between the trophy cabinet and the wall. At this stage I decided it was better to stay clear of the Bar (well, at least until 8pm anyway).

The rest of the evening continued in much the same vein. The Magic Show was great and we

even managed to make a few "Guys" amongst the paper fight that the kids had decided was much more fun than Guy-making.

Eventually the rain stopped and at just after 7pm the fireworks actually went ahead - viewed from the car park as the lawns were too wet. Although there were one or two eye complaints caused by falling detritus, these were attended to most efficiently by the BNH Medical Team. The fireworks themselves seemed as spectacular as ever, but maybe they lost a little on Artistic Merit as worries about more rain meant quite a few were lit at the same time.

The evening concluded with a display by the acrobatic Fire Juggler, followed by the burning of the Guys accompanied by our traditional fireworks music, which ironically just happened to be Handel's Water Music. Yes, well, that's more than enough water for one night thank you!

The miracle is that, far from being an unmitigated disaster or a series of damp squibs, the evening still happened and all the activities actually took place in some shape or form. I would like to thank members so much for their understanding and support throughout the night; and the entertainers and staff who persevered in difficult circumstances to make sure everyone still had a good time. Finally, I do apologise to anyone I bumped into, spilled drinks over, knocked over or squashed during the course of the evening.

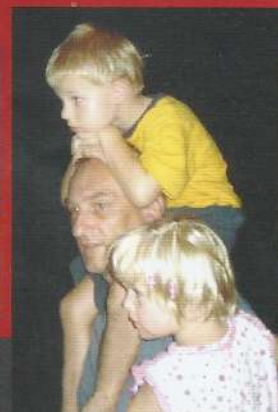
Here's to the next Guy Fawkes when hopefully we won't have to mix the fire with quite so much water!



Fireworks!



Burning the Guy!





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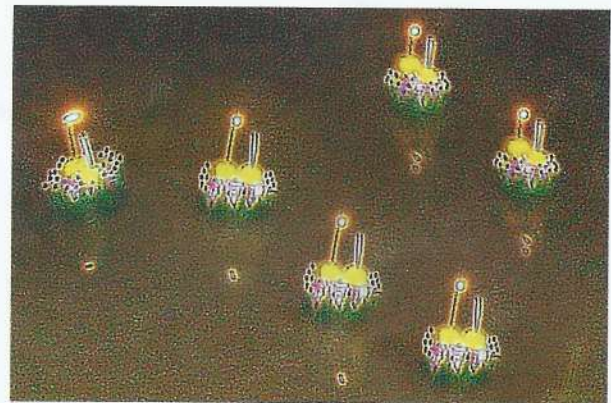
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## LOY KRATHONG...



On Wednesday 16th November, Club members with their families joined together to celebrate the Thai festival of Loy Krathong at the beautiful Suan Thip Garden Restaurant in Nonthaburi. Everybody enjoyed an extensive Thai barbecue buffet dinner as well as children's activities, games and the "beautiful costume" competition. Later on in the evening we all took the opportunity to float krathongs down the Chao Phraya River...





## New Members Night

The New Members Night took place on Tuesday 8th November in the Churchill Bar on a rather wet Bangkok night . . . Did it rain every night in October and November? The band was unable to make it but the rains did not seem to put people off as around 50 members attended. Canapes were provided by the Club and we also had a barrel of beer sponsored by Tiger Beer. The New Members Nights provide an excellent opportunity for members new and old to meet one another in an informal setting. Members of the General Committee are also present as well as representatives of the various Loyal Societies and sporting sections.



*Stuart & Kylie Winters*



*Marilyn August & Bernard Ewencyk*

This month's new members are a cosmopolitan bunch, as their "Tell us about yourself" forms reveal. Australian Stuart Winters is a company CEO and he and his spouse Kylie have a growing young family, the youngest just two weeks old. English-Italian Alessandro Denti and spouse Ciara Buckley, who's Irish, both work for the ILO (International Labour Organisation) and - what a coincidence! - we have another Scottish John! John Duncan works as a Customer Services Manager in the food industry, so he and our celebrity chef should definitely get together for a wee chinwag at some stage. Frenchman Bernard Ewencyk works in the gypsum industry - entirely appropriate as gypsum is used to make, among other things, plaster of Paris! Both Bernard and his American spouse Marilyn are keen tennis players, as is British lawyer Niccola Russo. In fact, the Tennis Section may well be receiving a fresh injection of talent in the near future, as Kylie and Ciara both play and Sarah Duncan is learning. A very warm welcome to all the new members and we hope to see you around in the near future.



*Niccola Russo & Chris Spelman*



*Sarah & John Duncan*



*Ciara Buckley & Alessandro Denti*



*Ian & Amanda Colvin*

In January we will be replacing the regular New Members Night with a New Year's Gathering on the Club's back lawn. Hopefully the rain will have stopped by then!? We will have a jazz band to entertain us, John and the kitchen team will create some tasty treats, three wine companies will come along to offer us samples of their wines, and there'll be an open bar for one hour along with a free barrel of Tiger Beer.

The event is open to all members, and we'll be sending out special invites to all our 20 years plus members.

See you there,  
Barry



# WINE Festival

The annual wine festival held at the Club on 11th November attracted 14 wine companies with some excellent wines, some at bargain prices. The evening turned out to be a great success despite some heavy rain earlier on, which obviously didn't deter the wine-seekers!



## St. Helena Wine Makers Dinner

On Friday the 21st of October, the Lord's Restaurant played host to a wonderful "wine makers" dinner. Robin Mundy presented wines from the St. Helena Estate in New Zealand. To accompany the wines the Club's kitchen put on a five-course meal of gourmet standards using produce from New Zealand, with rump of lamb with gorgonzola polenta and red onion confit as the main course and delicious king fish with New Zealand mussels and smoked salmon broth as the first course. It was a very successful night and the wines proved so popular we have decided to put them on the wine list as a permanent item.





# BC CALENDAR DECEMBER – The Month at a Glance

**Sunday**

**27**

**4**

10:30am-2:15pm  
Squash Mix-in

**Silom Room**  
1:00-3:30pm  
Children's Activities

**Churchill Bar**

All day from 10:00am a La Carte Breakfast

**Wordsworth Room**  
3:00-4:00pm Yoga

**Lord's Restaurant**  
12noon-3:00pm  
**Family Carvery**

3:00-6:00pm  
Cricket Practice

**11**

**Churchill Bar**  
All day from 10:00am a La Carte Breakfast

**Lord's Restaurant**  
12noon-3:00pm  
**Family Carvery**

**Monday**

**28**

**5**

9:00am-12noon  
BWG Mahjong  
  
10:00-11:00am  
Aerobics  
  
2:00-10:00pm  
**BRITSTOCK 2**

6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Squad Training

**12**

9:00am-12noon  
BWG Mahjong  
  
10:00-11:00am  
Aerobics  
  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Squad Training

**Tuesday**

**29**

**6**

8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-In  
  
7:00-9:00pm  
Football Practice

**Churchill Bar**  
5:30-9:00pm  
Friendly Bridge

**13**

8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-In  
  
7:00-9:00pm  
Football Practice

**Wednesday**

**30**

**7**

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

**Churchill Bar**  
Lunch & Dinner  
  
**Carvery Buffet**  
7:00&8:00pm

**CHURCHILL BAR ACCUMULATOR**  
7:30 pm Barry's Bottle Draw

**14**

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

**Thursday**

**1**

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

**Churchill Bar**  
6:00-9:00pm  
Chess  
  
**Suriwongse Room**  
6:30pm  
**JOINT DINNER**  
"How London Won the 2012 Olympic Bid"

**8**

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

**Churchill Bar**  
6:00-9:00pm Chess  
  
**Wordsworth Room**  
7:00pm  
**"DOCTOR WHO" DINNER PARTY**

**15**

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

**Friday**

**2**

5:00-5:45pm  
Junior Tennis  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in

**Churchill Bar**  
Lunch & Dinner  
**INDIAN CURRY Buffet**

**Lord's Restaurant**  
6:00-9:00pm  
**"Flow-on" WINE TASTING**  
  
**Suriwongse Room**  
7:00pm-midnight  
**KIDS' XMAS MINI BALL**  
  
**Silom Sala**  
7.00-9.00pm **Kids' VDO**

**9**

5:00-5:45pm  
Junior Tennis  
  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in

**Churchill Bar**  
Lunch & Dinner  
**SOUP and SALAD Buffet**

**Silom Sala**  
7.00-9.00pm  
**Kids' VDO**

**16**

5:00-5:45pm  
Junior Tennis  
  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in

**Saturday**

**3**

7:00-9:00am  
Adult Tennis Classes  
  
9:00am-1:30pm  
Junior Swimming Classes  
  
9:30am-12noon  
Cricket Practice

**Churchill Bar**  
All day from 10:00am a La Carte Breakfast

**10**



7:00-9:00am  
Adult Tennis Classes  
  
9:00am-1:30pm  
Junior Swimming Classes  
  
9:30am-12noon  
Cricket Practice

**Churchill Bar**  
All day from 10:00am a La Carte Breakfast  
  
**"Under the Stars"**  
7:00pm until (very) late  
**THE BC CHRISTMAS BALL**

**17**

7:00-9:00am  
Adult Tennis Classes  
  
9:00am-1:30pm  
Junior Swimming Classes  
  
9:30am-12noon  
Cricket Practice



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|  | <p><b>19</b> 9:00am-12noon<br/>BWG Mahjong</p> <p>10:00-11:00am<br/>Aerobics</p>   | <p><b>Back lawn</b><br/>2:00-6:00pm<br/><b>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY</b></p> <p>6:00-10:00pm<br/>Tennis Squad Training</p>  | <p><b>26</b> 9:00am-12noon<br/>BWG Mahjong</p> <p>10:00-11:00am<br/>Aerobics</p> <p>6:00-10:00pm<br/>Tennis Squad Training</p>  |
| <p><b>Churchill Bar</b><br/>Churchill Bar<br/>5:30-9:00pm<br/>Friendly Bridge</p>  | <p><b>20</b> 8:00-11:00am<br/>Tennis Ladies Mix-In</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm<br/>Football Practice</p>  | <p><b>Churchill Bar</b><br/>5:30-9:00pm<br/>Friendly Bridge<br/>7:00pm<br/><b>BAR QUIZ NIGHT</b></p>   | <p><b>27</b> 8:00-11:00am<br/>Tennis Ladies Mix-In</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm<br/>Football Practice</p> <p><b>Churchill Bar</b><br/>5:30-9:00pm<br/>Friendly Bridge</p>   |
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## TIED UP WITH SAUER KRAUT

Tuesday 18th October saw yet another unbelievably good Quiz Night at the Club's Churchill Bar. Six teams attended and the competition was fierce at both ends of the scale, with two teams in a tie for first place and a similar tie situation for last place as well. Here's the amazing tied-up score card:

### British Club Bar Quiz, October 18, 2005

#### Team

Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers

Kiss Me Hardy

Sminky Minky Bang Bang

Merchant Bankers

BGGs

Wild Wimmin



| Total  | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3  | Rd 4 |
|--------|------|------|-------|------|
| 128.5  | 31.5 | 36   | 27    | 34   |
| 128.5  | 31   | 31   | 34.5  | 32   |
| 121    | 35   | 26   | 30    | 30   |
| 118.25 | 32   | 29   | 28.25 | 29   |
| 70.75  | 20   | 20   | 11.75 | 19   |
| 70.75  | 20   | 19   | 14.75 | 17   |

The food and beverage department put on a special German snack food menu and new German beers Franziskaner hell and dunkel were launched on the night and are now available as a permanent item on the bar drinks menu.

A great night was had by all, with the Wild Wimmin living up to their name and everyone left looking forward to the next one . . .







## AND THE PIES HAVE IT

On Tuesday 15th November the Churchill Bar was packed to the perimeter for the penultimate Quiz Night, with a record eight teams competing for the glittering prizes - and munching on some delicious pies in the process.

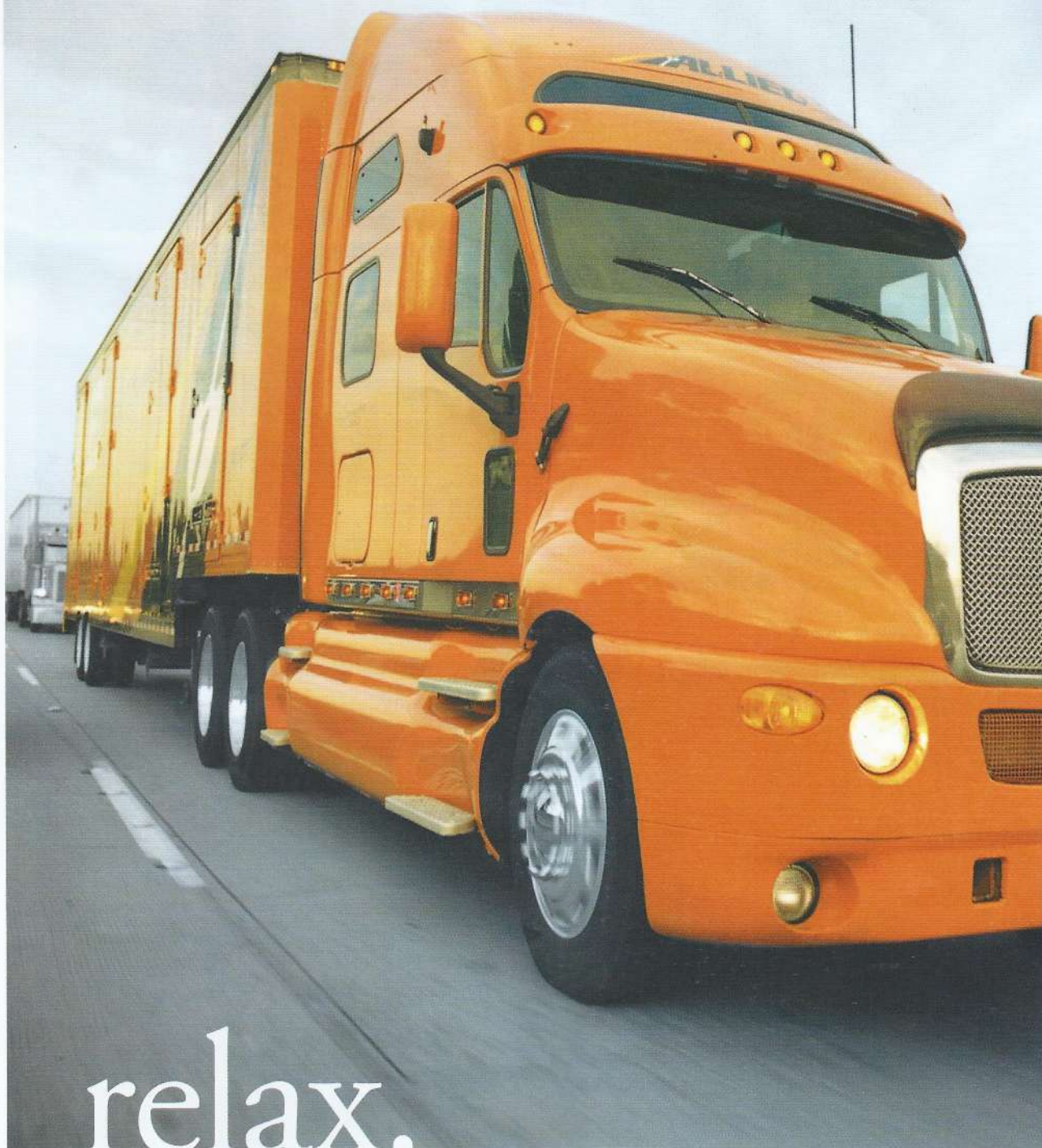
The Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers raced out to an early lead but were pipped at the post by a tenacious Sminky Minky team who took out first place with a whopping total of 149! The Southerners grabbed a well-deserved third place followed by Six No Trumps and the Merchant Bankers, with Norfolk 'n' Chance clinging on to their coattails. In an amazing display of consistency with a score just 1 point higher than last time, the Wild Wimmin snuck in under the BGGs to snatch the last-place drinks prize. . .

**What a night!** Don't miss the last Quiz for the year on December 20th. See you there!





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# HANNI'S HOTSPOT

Well, well, well . . . it's nearly Christmas, would you believe it?

And what a year it's been here at the British Club. Let's hope the boss will stay well and fit to celebrate this one with us. (*If he's sick again, I'll kill him!!*).

Well, for those of you who will be here this Christmas, here's a few brief notes about just some of the events coming up over this festive month. For details on all other events please see the "Special Events" page, John's page and Barry's Banter.

## KIDS' MINI BALL, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:

We're attempting a new event this year at the Club. A Christmas Ball for the much younger members! The British Club Children's Mini Ball will take place in the Suriwongse Room and will be formal dress (shirt and tie for the boys and dresses for the girls). There will be formal invites and even a pre-dinner punch! This event is open to ages 6 to 13, at a cost of 1,000 baht per person. All drinks, dinner, 'Santa's disco' and a gift are all included in the price. The Ball will start at 7.00 pm and wrap up at midnight (before everyone turns into pumpkins!).

Please contact Barry or myself for more details and sign up at reception.

## BRITSTOCK 2, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December:

Co-organized by The British Club, Noriega's (Silom Soi 4) and Tokyo Joes Blues Bar (Sukhumvit Soi 24), this is one for all the family and most definitely music lovers! This was a roaring success last year and will be bigger and better this year. For all you music lovers, this event will be the highlight of your December. We have a line up of Bangkok's hottest bands for you including:

**Cannonball**  
**The Soi Dogs Blues Band**  
 (with a gorgeous female singer????!!)  
**Dr. Blues & The Groove Junkies**  
**The Fugitives**  
**The Drunkun Munkees**  
**Hellenteen & The Wee Man**  
**Miss X**  
**Bangkok Thistle Pipe Band**  
**Haven Children's Home Band**

. . . and this isn't all of them! We also have stilt walkers, arts and crafts, and all sorts of activities for the kids, while the adults sit back and enjoy excellent live music and a few beers on the King's Birthday. A delicious 'British Club BBQ' and full bar will also be available for both members and non members at Club prices. Members can sign up and purchase tickets for this event at The British Club. Non members

may buy tickets from Noriega's and Tokyo Joes. There will be no ticket sales to non members here at the Club.

## SPORTS CAMPS AND CHILDREN'S OUTINGS:

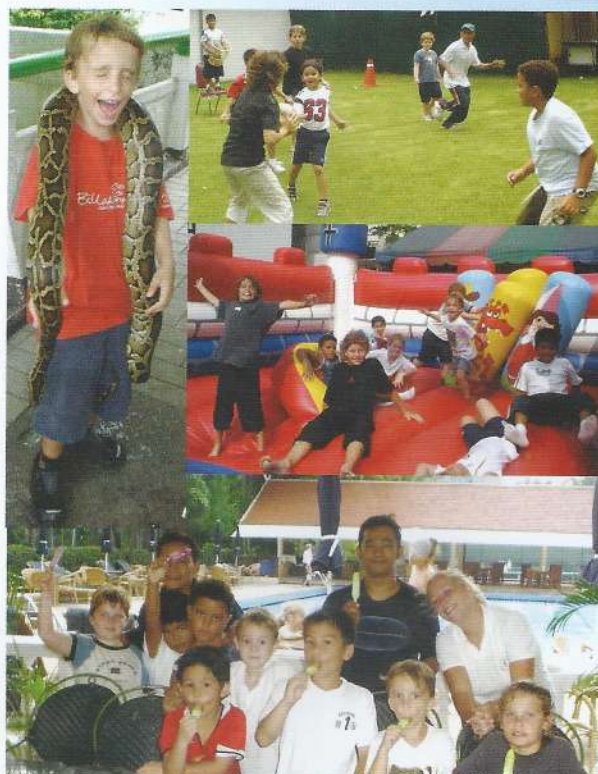
Don't forget our Christmas sports camp too. Sports camp will be on 21st, 22nd and 23rd December this year, with a trip to Dreamworld on Christmas Eve. The Dreamworld trip includes a visit to 'Snowtown' and an ice cream. Below are some photos from our October 19th-21st camp, including William being extra-brave with a large boa constrictor!

## HORSE RIDING:

Regarding the horse riding, there has been a great deal of interest. The first 'own a pony day' will take place on Saturday 21st January and is a great day for the kids. This particular day will be open to children aged 7 and over and there are 8 places available. There will be a repeat trip at a later date for the little ones (6 and under), for which there will be only 6 places available. The waiting list is growing by the minute, so book while you can. The more interest there is, the more trips we will run.

On this day, the kids will get to groom, tackle up, feed and ride their very own pony before putting them to bed (aaaahhhhh!).

The cost of the day is 1,600 baht including transport. Children have to bring their own lunch and drinks. Remember, space is limited, so sign up soon!





## Hogwarts Halloween Party

A splendid time was had by all who joined us at this spooky extravaganza. There were ghouls, wizards, witches & warlocks, Draculas, pirates, Harry Potters, and even Batman made an appearance, as well as a couple of mutant ninja turtles - and I'm sure I spotted Tutankhamen in the company of some rather weird-looking undead ethereal things . . .

The party started at 11am with an egg-hunt on the back lawn. It was definitely a day to remember for young Owen, who won a special prize after he found the purple egg!! The marvellous magic show followed with loads of activities as well, including popcorn and puppets, face painting, mask-making and apple-bobbing. Then on to a fiendish feast of 'deep fried rats ears' (chicken nuggets), 'bloody worms' (spaghetti), 'bloody fingers' (frankfurters with tomato sauce) spider's web pizzas and juicy eyeballs - to name but a few. Along with this came the 'feely game' where all sorts of horrid items had to be identified only with the hands! Other treats included purple candy-floss and blood red popcorn!

The children then had to 'work for their pudding!' Doughnuts were strung up at varying lengths for the children to eat, but hands were NOT to be used! With hands firmly behind their backs, things were not so easy! There was sugar everywhere, as you can imagine, especially with the mum's and dad's race!! Well done to Teddy, who was by far the speediest doughnut eater!



*"So, what am I supposed to do with these eggs?"*

Then it was time for the fancy dress competition, although I must say, this was a tough job. All the costumes were amazing! Well done to Ellie, Maud and Imagen for coming 3rd, 2nd and 1st. For the boys (also a tough one), well done to Mark T, Lathan and Dalton for 3rd, 2nd and 1st.

The day was rounded off with a Casper sponge cake, more red popcorn and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on the big screen.

Thanks to everyone who came for making it such a fun day for all! Let's see if we can make next year's even scarier!!









## By John

What will go into the Christmas stocking,  
while the clock on the mantelpiece goes tick-tocking?  
An orange, a penny, some sweets, not too many ...  
Another of fun, and its very near done ...

*Eleanor Farjeon, Christmas Stocking*



### Dear Members,

Welcome to another page of food and beverage delights and surprises for the month of December. We have specials on throughout the Club and we are sure to be kept busy with all the Christmas orders during this festive month, so get your orders in early.

Just drop your filled-in Christmas order sheet that was in last October's Outpost magazine, at reception and we will do the rest. If there is something special that you would like that is not on the order form, just let us know and we will surely accommodate all your requests.

Note: if you email your order and we don't call you to confirm within 24 hours then please call us back to ensure your order has been logged.

### What's on in December:

#### Lord's Restaurant:

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

#### Churchill Bar:

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

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

**Friday 2nd December** - Lunch and Dinner; Indian Curry Buffet; with specialty Indian dishes and music. 230 baht per person. Why not head into the Churchill for a curry after buying all your Christmas wine stock from our "flow-on" wine tasting with special reduced prices, in the Lord's dining room?

**Friday 9th December** - Soup and Salad Buffet; With three Hearty Soups to choose from, fresh baked breads and a large fresh salad bar with cold cuts - all you can eat at 230 baht.

**Friday the 16th December** - Mediterranean Buffet; with delicious classical dishes from

risottos, polenta, Spanish tortilla, paella and pizza to name but a few. Buffet priced at only 225 baht includes a free glass of Italian wine.

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

The pumps are now all up on the bar itself, to help increase customer awareness of the products available and also to give the traditional British pub look and feel. (See front cover for a graphic illustration!)

We have also introduced Keffenwiser German beer and Keffenwiser dunkel in bottles and available behind the bar; this is a rich smooth yeasty beer that goes down very well.

**Poolside:** Have you tasted the new tasty cool drinks made with different flavors of tea and also a high-caffeine drink made with Guarana? Available at the poolside. Try out these delicious drinks for a welcome change from the norm.

**Thank you** to every one who attended the St Helena Wine Makers Dinner for helping to make this event a huge success. See write-up and photos on page 19.

### Christmas Set Menu & Buffet:

Christmas is here and if you would like to celebrate or have a private party at the Club why not try the special Christmas menu that the kitchens have prepared? (see opposite) John will be happy to create an even more "extra special"





menu should you require it for inside and outside catering. The set menu is available throughout the Club for the whole of December (excluding Christmas Day).

On Christmas day itself the Club's kitchens have organized a very special Christmas lunch and dinner buffet, priced at 950 baht for adults and 450 baht for kids, with smoked salmon and asparagus, avocado and prawns and Parma ham, to name but a few of the delicacies on offer; and for the main course, traditional Christmas turkey with all the trimmings, honey baked hams, ribs of grain fed roasted beef, a huge array of salads and appetizers; and don't forget our rich Christmas pudding with real brandy sauce and our home made mince meat pies. There will be a good selection of food and desserts for the kids and all outlets will be open for families to enjoy.

So come and pull a cracker at your Club and leave the cooking, washing up and organising to us.

Merry Christmas!

**John and the team**

## Churchill Bar Black Board Christmas Set Menu



### **Starter**

**Cock-a-leeky Soup**  
Scottish style broth of chicken, leeks and rice

*Or*

**Avocado with prawns, smoked salmon, melon and cocktail sauce**



### **Main course**

**Traditional roasted butterball turkey with all the trimmings**

*Or*

**Prime roast rib of grain fed beef with Yorkshire pudding**

*All main courses served with roast and mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts,  
roasted pumpkin and carrots, roast gravy sauce*

### **Dessert**

**Rich Christmas pudding with brandy sauce**

*Or*

**Homemade apple and mixed berry crumble with custard sauce**

**Tea or Coffee**  
**Mincemeat pie**



**Three courses 450 baht**  
**Two courses 375 baht**



#### **Note:**

This menu is available all month (except 25th) throughout the Club and for private parties within Club grounds.



# Regular Sports, Games & Activities

## Aerobics

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

## Aqua Aerobics

Thursday 10:30-11:30am

## Bridge

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

## Chess

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

## Cricket

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

## Football

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

## Hockey

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

## Rugby

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

## Squash

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

## Swimming

Saturday 9:00am-1:30pm Junior classes

## Tennis

### Squad Training

(Top 20 men, Top 20 women)  
Monday 6:00-10:00pm

### Mix-in All Standards

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

### Ladies Mix-in

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

### Adult Tennis

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

### Junior Tennis

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

### Yoga

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



## Sports/Activities Price List

### Aerobics

### Aqua aerobics

### Cricket

### Massage

### Squash courts

### Swimming

### Tennis

### Adult Tennis

### Junior Tennis

### Tennis courts

### Yoga

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons

Bt 300 per lesson

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

Bt 200 per hour

Bt 30 per 45 min

Bt 3,000 per 10 lessons

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

Semi-private w/ Coach Nelson for 2 - Bt 1,500/hr; Bt 800/30 min.

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Saturday morning-beginner to advanced)

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

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

Bt 300 per lesson

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



# BCB VETS TRIUMPH OVER TOURISTS FROM SINGAPORE

On Saturday 12 November 2005, at the Harrow International School campus, the BCB Veterans took on a strong visiting team from the Singapore British Club.

With the knowledge that our visitors would have been "socializing" on the Friday evening we went into the game thinking that we could keep the score against us in reasonable proportion. To our shock and amazement, and somewhat against the run of play, we were 3 : 0 up in the first 15 minutes.

In fact one of our shots on goal was so strong that it broke Andrew Warburton's finger (it makes for a good story anyway). Andrew was keeping goal for his old Singapore team.

British Club Singapore were unable to turn the tide due to an exceptional performance from our keeper Mike Dudine (BCB man of the match) and at half time BCB were 6 : 0 up.

The BCB team was an intricate mix of age, skill and experience blended to perfection by the manager (modesty gets you nowhere). With Danny Poole having a blinder in a defensive midfield role, defenders John Drew, Peter Rodgers and Matt Duke letting nothing pass them, and new member Terry Boulton having an excellent debut, the team purred like a Rolls Royce in the first half.

Glen Martin, an ex-BCB player now playing for the Singapore BC, could not believe his eyes at the quality of our football and the score line, but we would not let him change teams at half time!

Being the proverbial game of two halves the Singapore lads came out in the second half with far more purpose (and possibly clearer heads). They put the BCB under pressure and eventually scored a goal.

BCB rallied and with tiring legs managed another fine goal scored by Adrian Watts from a free kick.

The match ended at 7 : 1 to BCB but could have been much closer if our goalkeeper had not been in such fine form.

We entertained SBC after the match at the Lookie Lookie Bar in Sukhumvit Soi 33 where Brad laid on some superb food from his new restaurant, TENDERLOINS, also in Soi 33.

Man of the match awards (forfeits) were given out for both teams and to cap the day off we were able to watch England's rugby victory on the Lookie Lookie big screen TV.

Many thanks to Brad for the good service and to Danny Poole for helping me with the arrangements for the match and the evening entertainment. We look forward to a return match in Singapore.

BCB Squad : - John Drew, Steve Beer, Andy Fricker, Matt Duke, Peter Rodgers, John Henderson, Martin Conisbee, Matt Riley, Gordon Montgomery, Adrian Watts, Eric Jordan, Danny Poole, Terry Boulton, Peter Minshall, Brian Abbott, Ian Leybourne, Andy Lazenby, Mike Dudine

BCB Goalscorers : - Adrian Watts (3), John Henderson, Brian Abbott, Terry Boulton, Matt Riley.

**Martin C. Conisbee**  
Chairman/BCB Veterans Manager



## Squashy Bits

**I** spent most of this month travelling and have had little time to pursue my quest to find out the origins of the Para Handy Plate. In fact I have made no progress at all. There have been no more suggestions from members and my perusal of the Club minute books have proven fruitless.

However, as always, the minutes made an interesting read. Squash Court #2 was opened on 22nd January 1971 and was apparently designed to accommodate 120 spectators. The Club only had about 350 members at that time which speaks volumes for the popularity of squash in those days . . . and its subsequent decline. Eighty could sit in the generous bleachers and another 40 could stand in the side gallery. The latter facility has probably never even been noticed by most players but, although hasn't been used for years, it is still there. Sometime during 1971 it was put to good use when the Club entertained Aftab Jawar, an international squash player. He spent the whole day coaching and then played exhibition matches against the best players in Thailand. Apparently his only complaint about the new court was that the floor was rather hard; but he admitted that most floors feel hard if you run about them, as he had, for 10 hours!

The only other references to squash in the minutes concern details of cleaning and repairs, but it is nostalgic to remember the introduction of green non-marking balls in 1973 at 14 baht a piece!

Congratulations to the winners of League # 200: **Division 1 David Eastgate, 2 Chris Browning, 3 Peter Corney, 4 Chris Platt, 5 Frank Flatters, Special Division John Vivian.** All competitors will be receiving a shirt for this one, generously sponsored by Etihad. The Squash committee has also now received the design of the new Squash Section shirt by Joey Aung. It's a cracker and we all look forward to wearing it soon.

Last month saw the Rod Carter Open Championship played on the Club Courts, which attracted some of the best players in Thailand. Peter Corney filed the following report:

**"The Rod Carter Open commenced on the 18th October with the finals being played on Saturday 5th November. There were 38 entries with one no show and one member delayed in the UK.**

**The event was kindly sponsored by ACA Pacific Group who provided cash prizes and trophies.**

**In the semi finals of the plate James Quinn beat Peter Corney and Sompong beat Charles Whiteley, which set up an exciting Plate final. Sompong raced through the first game 9-0 with only three handouts. After a talk by David Lines during the break, James came back to win the next game 9-2. The next 3 games were much closer with some very good rallies. Sompong looked to be tiring at 8-6 down in the fifth game with James on match point but unfortunately James played a bad shot and lost the serve. Sompong then made four high risk shots in a row to take the fifth game. The final score was 9-0, 2-9, 9-4, 8-10, 10-8. Sompong won 3,000 baht plus a trophy and James won 1,500 baht plus a trophy. (I watched this exciting match from a reasonably busy gallery and, having lost to James in the Handicap competition, only now did I discover that he is left-handed! ... JD)**

**In the semi finals of the main event, Poowis defeated Nattakit, a much improved Vajiravuth College player, 3-0 in a fast and entertaining match. In the other semi final Sumit defeated Chattaporn from Vajiravuth College. This was a very close game which went down to the wire with Sumit finally winning 3-2.**

**In the final Sumit managed to stay with Poowis for the first couple of points in each game but then Poowis took charge and once again won the Rod Carter Open. It was a good game to watch with some great court coverage and excellent shot making but Poowis who is the current Thai Number 2 was always going to win. The final scores were 9-1, 9-2, 9-1. The losing semi finalists received 2,000 baht each. The losing finalist 4,000 baht and a trophy and the winner received 8,000 baht and a trophy.**

**Thanks very much to Steve Tostevin and David Lines who assisted in refereeing and marking for the semis and finals. Next year we expect the Thai number one to also play so if you want to play against and see the top standard players in action then enter the tournament and watch the finals"**

Bit short this month, but will try to do better next month with a report on the Annual Squash Christmas Mix-in and Party.

Merry Squashing.

**Jack Dunford**





*Sompong, Plate winner*



*James Quinn, Plate runner up*



*Sumit, Rod Carter runner up*



*Poowis, Rod Carter winner*



*The winners and losers*



## The rain fell, but never dampened our spirits!

*Ed Ashman and I have had a good review from our fellow golfers for our first write up! Thanks from the bottom of our hearts for the encouragement folks. It means a lot!!!*

A bit of news from your committee: we are saying goodbye to Adrian O'Brien, one of our committee members and an excellent golfer, who will be moving and working in Melbourne shortly. Adrian - thanks for your contribution to the committee and endless support of the Club. We all wish you, Mook and Olivia the best of luck and we will miss you.

We welcome new members Tom Cerami and Peter and Belinda Skinner who recently joined our Golf Section.

### Dunlop Cup

As one of the British Club major events, the Dunlop Cup is always a great competition with some interesting formats. This event, kindly sponsored by David Lamb, was held over the long weekend, 22nd - 24th October. This coincides nicely with David's birthday, which we are always glad to celebrate with him. It was also Barry's birthday - they were born on the same day, same year, and are fondly known as "the twins".



*Twins celebrate their 120-something birthday*

This three-day competition took place for the second year running at Springfield Golf Club, Hua Hin. The format for the first day is pairs, stableford better ball, the top four teams going through to the cup, the bottom four entering the plate. The 1st team in each competition after day one would then play 4th and 2nd would play 3rd in match play. The winners of each match would then go on to play each other in the final for top honours, leaving the others to slug it out for 3rd and 4th.

#### Day 1:

Day 1 saw some very respectable scoring, with all teams within 6 points of each other and no less than 3 teams scoring equal top with 43 points. The final stableford points after day one were:

|            |                                |    |              |                              |    |
|------------|--------------------------------|----|--------------|------------------------------|----|
| <b>Cup</b> | David Lamb / Peter Skinner     | 43 | <b>plate</b> | Ed / Barry Ashman            | 40 |
|            | George Okrasa / Maureen Gibson | 43 |              | Harland / Diane Bulow        | 40 |
|            | Mike Staples / Pat Dean        | 43 |              | Roy Barrett / Val Ashman     | 39 |
|            | Adriend O' Brien / Pete Gale   | 42 |              | Gaew Khongyao / Karen Carter | 37 |

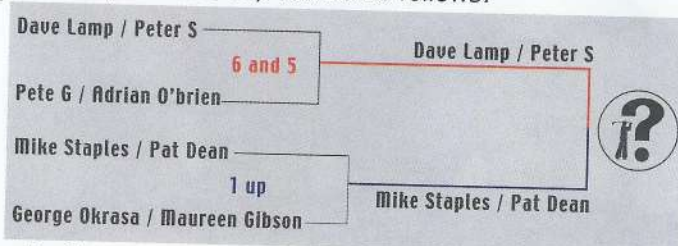
Everyone was in good spirits at the end of the first day and most of us headed for the Mai Tai bar for a few pre-dinner cocktails with the pleasant prospect of two more days of golf on Springfield; not the easiest of courses, but the most beautiful in the area.

#### Day 2:

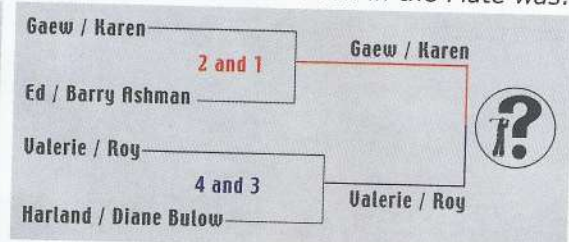
Sunday started off fine and we all got off to a good start, but unfortunately storm clouds gathered and we all got fairly wet; nevertheless we fought through the weather. All matches were competitive with some very narrow margins of victory.

Sunday evening, we gathered at Dave and Cheryl's apartment on the beach and then made our way down to one of the beach restaurants. The rain drifted away and so did the beer and a few games of boules were played (some people just have to be playing ball games!).

After day two the Cup looked as follows:



And the situation in the Plate was:



#### Day 3:

Sunday night a storm blew in and it poured with rain all night. However, it takes more than that to put us off, so we headed for the club early Monday morning. Unfortunately, there was no sign of the weather clearing up and a sortie was sent out in a golf cart to check on whether the course was playable - no chance! There was more standing water than fairway. Rain was badly needed in the area, so we tried not to be churlish and headed off home before the traffic had time to pile up.



The finals of the Cup and Plate will be held before the A.G.M. and presentations will be made then, so watch this space for the results. Good luck to all finalists and well played to all participants. Technicals on day one and two went to Karen Carter, Mike Staples, Adrian O'Brien and George Okrasa - well done! Meanwhile, thanks again Dave - we still had a great time.

## Monthly Medal

Between our always-enjoyable weekends away, we play our Monthly Medal, which was held on 30th October at our regular course, Legacy. Those familiar with the course whereabouts know that before or after the event you can pop in to see your favourite wild animals - tigers, giraffes, lions, etc - as the course is located next door to Safari World. Nothing like the roar of a lion on your backswing to get you swinging through the ball.

It was a sticky day; hot and humid. A good excuse for playing badly, but that didn't stop some golfers coming in with great scores:

|          | 1st                       | 2nd                     | 3rd                      |
|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| A-flight | Karen Carter<br>net 68    | Andre Tissera<br>net 71 | Gaew Khongyoo<br>net 76  |
| B-flight | Charmaine Adams<br>net 77 | Orin Baldwin<br>net 81  | Maureen Gibson<br>net 85 |



Karen comes out tops in A-flight



Andre is all smiles



Well done to Charmaine!

Congratulations to both our winners.

Technical prizes for long drives and near pins went to Andre T., Maureen G. and Gaew K.



The three teams ready to do battle

## Soi Dao

Another away weekend event was played at Soi Dao on 5th & 6th November. Soi Dao is approximately 4 hours drive from Bangkok; it borders Cambodia and is surrounded by mountains, and is ranked as one of the top 10 most beautiful courses in Thailand. "Soi Dao" means 'picking stars' . . . and on a clear night you can almost touch and grab stars from the sky and wake up to see mist hanging over the mountain tops - it's somewhat heavenly. However, this time we weren't that lucky; no stars to be grabbed, but when the British Club comes around the heavens open! Peter and Belinda thought they must be jinxed, as it appeared the storm had followed them from Hua Hin. The

first night, after a perfectly lovely afternoon of golf, we were kept indoors; no clear skies, as the night was pitch black with stormy rain. But it did not dampen our spirits. After the first day of tough competition we unwound with delicious food, wine, lots of laughter and dancing to live music provided by the next table (karaoke)!!! To Peter and Belinda's delight and the rest of the golfers, the next day was perfect - nice and cool with no sign of the previous night's rain. They were not jinxed after all! We had an exciting golf format - combined stableford with 3 teams: Ying Farang (Farang Ladies - Karen C., Carol Ann and Brenda), Ying Thai (Thai Ladies - Gaew, Mam and Orin), and Farang Men (Pete G., Peter and Tom).

**Day 1:** It seemed that results were influenced by high levels of Heineken in the blood: Ying Farang took an overwhelming lead of 85 packs...noooo... 85 points; Ying Thai were second with 75 points (very sober by the way); and Farang Men were last with only 62 (obviously not enough H. levels!).

**Day 2:** Obviously Heineken levels still played an important part in perfect and smooth swings but not so much where putting was concerned. All teams were highly competitive - on Heineken levels, no doubt!!! Ying Farang managed to win with 147 points, followed by Farang Men on 135, the same score as Ying Thai; however, Farang Men came runner up on count back. Well, in the end it did not matter who won. We all had fun; recharged with high-quality air, refreshed with nature and the beautiful surroundings accompanied by a memorable weekend of golf.



Team Ying Thai



## BRITISH CLUB VERSUS KRUNG THON TENNIS CLUB

Last month the British Club were very kindly entertained by Krung Thong Tennis Club. As the map seemed to be extremely complicated, the British Club Team departed from the Club in a seven-car convoy at 1:30pm. Under the excellent guidance of Khun Chalathip and Panee the team arrived right on time for the 2:00pm start.

It was obvious that Kung Thon had gone to a lot of trouble, welcoming us with balloons, flowers and a lot of food and drinks. The only problem was there were no home players to greet us. Either there had been a communication problem or perhaps they thought we would not find their courts so easily!! When they did arrive we found out that they actually planned to play until midnight - a bit too late for the majority of us.

We were hoping for the best after Chalathip and Natacha won a friendly match 6-0 but we were soon to find out that their team was really too hot for us, especially their men.

The match was made up of 6 mens doubles, 6 ladies doubles and 6 mixed doubles. Our best pair Enrique and Marc could do nothing against their top pair. Pat Dean and Pongsak (who was injured) lost a close set. Our top ladies pair also lost but the ladies did manage to win overall 4-2. After the mixed sets the final match score was an 11-7 win for Krung Thong.

After the official match we played a lot of friendly sets with the British Club pairs coming out on top, most of the time. Natacha Nussaume managed 4 wins partnering Jirapa, Wandee and Na. Ori and Andrew put up a good show for the men with Andrew almost managing the midnight finish!!

At 8pm it was time for the presentation of the trophy to Krung Thon, for this year, but we let them know that we were looking forward to winning it back next year, on our home pitch.

## THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INTER CLUB INVITATIONAL CLUB TOURNAMENT

The British Club team also took part in the 6th Annual Inter Club Invitational Club Tournament at the Pyarom Sports Club. This proved to be a very tough tournament with many ex national champions taking part. Both Jesada and Marc Nussaume put in a lot of time organising the team and the arrangements.

The unavailability of some of our top players certainly hits us hard in tournaments of this calibre. Despite some spirited performances by all our players our final position in the tournament was 8th out of 9 teams.

The Pyarom Sports Club entertained us very well throughout the weekend and donated free passes for all competitors in the event to use their facilities for a day. Khun Chalathip played a leading role in the organisation of the whole tournament, at the Pyarom Sports Club, and donated soft drinks for all the players, officials and spectators.

Jesada very kindly donated some of his dried fruit produce to players from all the Clubs involved in the tournament and Jirapa also contributed some beauty products courtesy of L'Oreal. Khun Sasaluk also deserves mention for providing the British Club Team with a team shirt each for the tournament.

Thanks must go to all the players who gave their time for this event, as there is always a lot of waiting time between games.



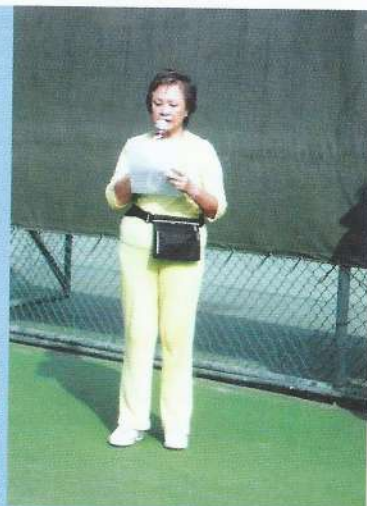
*The British Club Squad (absent Andrew & Wandee who were unavailable for the photo)]*



*The presentation of the trophies. Khun Mam collecting our British Club Trophy*



*The opening ceremony - 6th Inter Club Invitational Club Tournament*



*Khun Chalathip addressing all the players at the opening of the 6th Inter Club Invitational Club Tournament*



# Crossword Competition

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Clues

#### Across

- 1 For an interval of rest, again I step out.
- 4 A profit once more.
- 7 Tell you again - a tree fell on it!
- 8 Took it the wrong way.
- 10 Have a good look at the Lord!
- 11 A boy who may reconnoitre.
- 13 Downfall complete.
- 14 A famous First Lady.
- 15 Modern hautboy.
- 16 Highest adult male voice.
- 17 The Miss who regretted she was "Unable to lunch today".
- 20 Commence a binge somehow . . .
- 21 . . . and the one who did it.
- 22 Carry off secretly, you say - but it's very hard.
- 23 It was once with Old Lace to make a popular play.

#### Down

- 1 It sounds like a shower - check!
- 2 The favourites are up for a pace.
- 3 Laughed secretly.
- 5 Make one understand one won't be given tick! (3,6)
- 6 In which you peevishly tell sick jokes (3,6)
- 9 It excites the risible faculty!

- 10 Show at Christmas in Britain.
- 12 He left instructions before he departed.
- 18 Stupefy! It's crazy going up!
- 19 Bob, Joe, Richard - among them is another boy!

## November Solution

**Across:** 6 Weather, 7 Minim, 9 Fig, 10 Curiosity, 12 Capitalship, 15 Asecretdoor, 17 Pulledoff, 19 Ode, 21 Never, 22 Cartoon.

**Down:** 1 Befit, 2 Sty, 3 Beau, 4 Firststop, 5 Pintail, 8 Lizard, 11 Cancelled, 13 Imelda, 14 Astuter, 16 Idiot, 18 Flat, 20 Etc.

Be the first person to enter the correct entry for this month's puzzle to Barry or Khun Ben and receive a bottle of wine. November's winner was *Robert Boulter*, who duly received his well-deserved bottle of wine. Unfortunately the Club's camera was locked in a cupboard at the time so...it was time to improvise. Bob, if you win again, we promise to take a proper picture!

"So, what's this purple stuff then?"

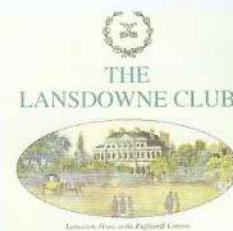




# Reciprocal Club Benefits

***As an active British Club Member, you are entitled to enjoy the full use of other associated Club facilities around the world. This month we feature the reciprocal club ...***

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*The Adam Room*



*A twin-bedded room*

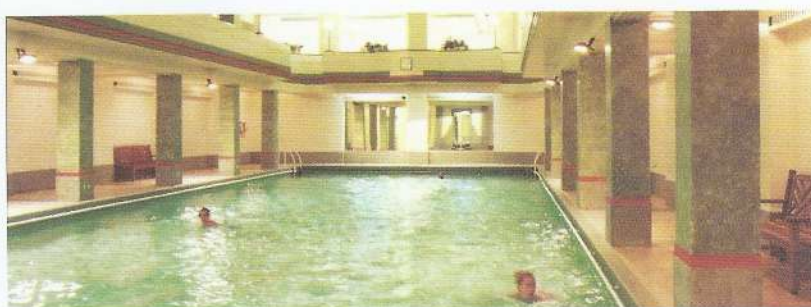
*The Dining Room in Art Moderne style*



*The elegant Georgian Ballroom*



*The Round Room*





# HELLOS

Due to the introduction of a new system for processing membership applications, there are no "HELLOs" to go in Outpost for this month, but we'll be back to normal next Issue!

# and GOODBYES

Farewell and best wishes to . . .

1. Wellington & Wakami Chu
2. Eric & Catherine Lai
3. Amna & Shaheen Bhasin
4. Rachel & Jose Hizon
5. Pinky & Kimir Shah
6. Rachel Berman
7. Mortien & Tarradee Porsild

*The Undead were out & about at the Bed Push last October . . . More photos in the next Issue*



## Trafalgar Night

Many thanks to all who joined us on the 200th anniversary of Trafalgar celebrated with a special buffet in the Churchill Bar on Thursday the 20th of October.

Please enjoy the photos we took on the night.





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