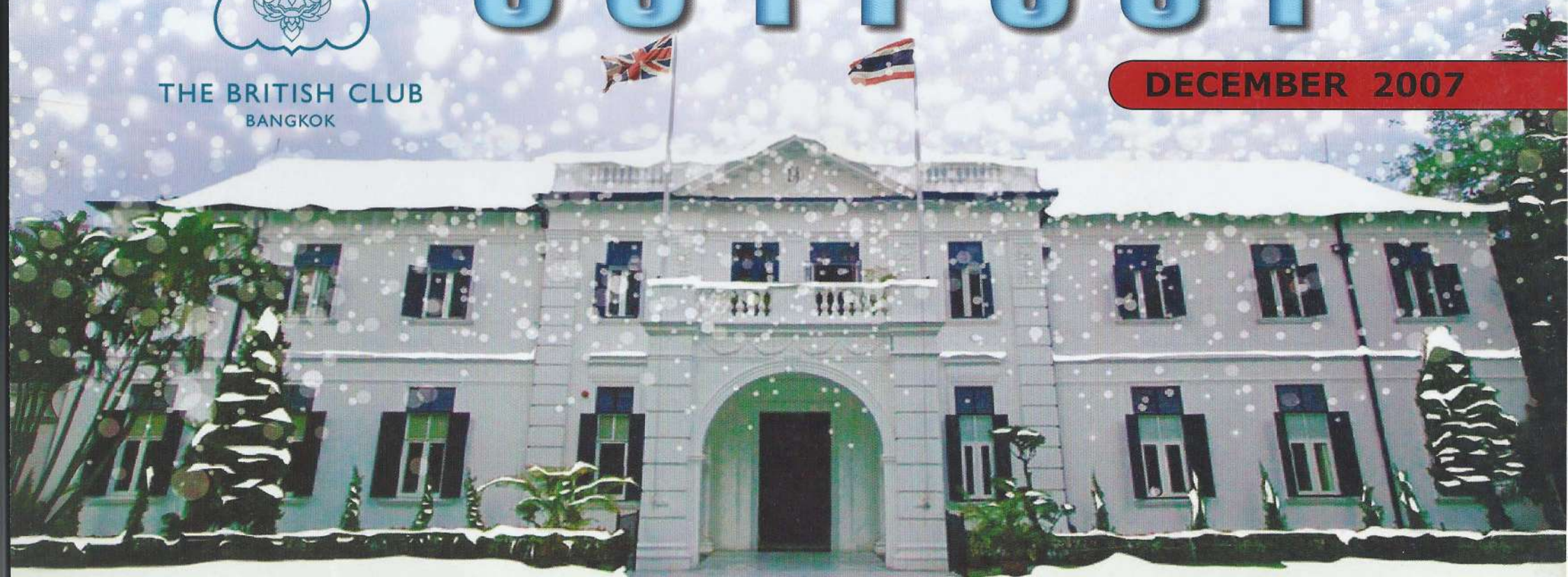




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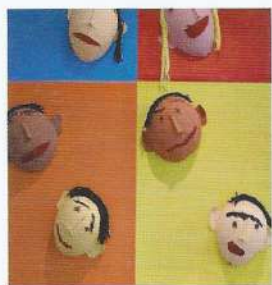
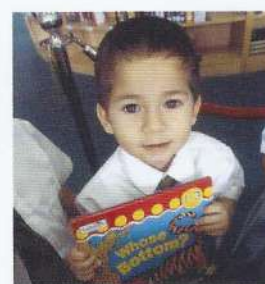
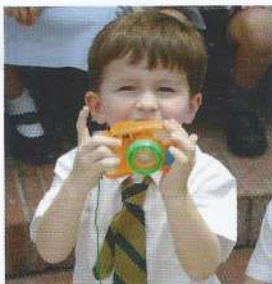
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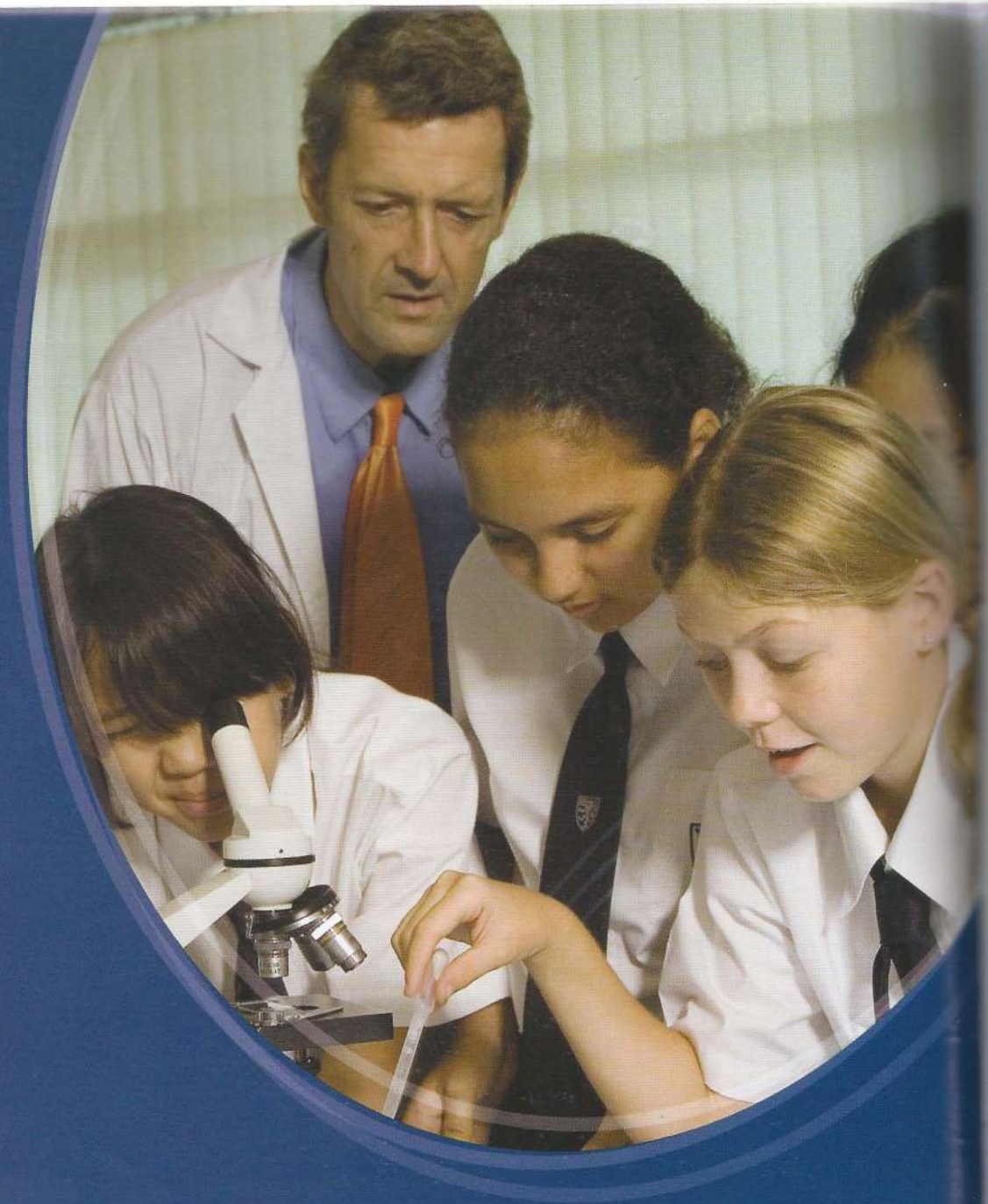


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## A white Christmas at the Club



– one of the unique designs created for the new BC Christmas cards (available at Reception).



Best Wishes and Many Happy Returns to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on the auspicious occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5 December 2007, from the members and management of the British Club.

## The Amazing Mrs Beeton

In this White Christmas issue of *Outpost* you will find, on page 26, an original recipe for Christmas Plum Pudding taken from Mrs Beeton's famous *Book of Household Management*, 1923 edition. To most people who have read anything from her books, Mrs Beeton comes across as a bustling middle-aged matron, rather like Mrs Bridges from the 1970s TV series *Upstairs, Downstairs*. But the real Isabella Beeton never made it to middle age. Her somewhat frenetic life was short and tragic - ruined by diseases that are today cleared up with a simple course of antibiotics. She compiled her big book between the ages of 21 and 25 and was dead by 28.

The daughter of an upwardly mobile printer and the eldest of 21 children, Isabella had married - against her parents' wishes - the dashing and feckless Sam Beeton, a struggling publisher. Sam saw a market niche in the swelling ranks of the lower middle classes, for which he created inexpensive periodicals like *The Englishwoman's Domestic Magazine*. After their first child died he suggested that his young wife become the cookery writer. Mrs. Beeton took over the *Cooking, Pickling and Preserving* column and started a new column, *The Nursery*. These evolved into a series of pamphlets and finally a fully-fledged reference work, *The Book of Household Management*, which was published in 1861.

But how did she come to write the seminal book? She knew next to nothing about cooking or running a household. She lived not in a grand townhouse or country manor, but in a semi on a new estate in Pinner (near Harrow). The answer is she copied everything! She plagiarized a wide range of works going back to the Restoration, but her skill was in finding, organizing and re-presenting the material. What made the whole greater than the sum of its mostly stolen parts was the tone and the point of view. Isabella Beeton was born to organize. She visualized the well-run household as a whirling machine, and in crisp, unadorned English she presented the task of running it as something akin to a profession.

Isabella was never to know the magnitude of her success and iconic status as the world's first domestic goddess. After a series of miscarriages and child deaths she herself died of childbed fever shortly after giving birth to the second of her surviving children. In her biography *The Short Life and Long Times of Mrs. Beeton*, Kathryn Hughes argues that Mrs Beeton was "almost certainly" one of the thousands of young middle-class Victorian women who was infected on her honeymoon with syphilis. Apart from killing all her children but two, it eventually killed her husband at the age of 47.

The fact of her death was kept quiet - it would be foolish to let readers know that the woman they turned to for advice on everything from a chesty cough to a light sponge cake had failed to create a nurturing domestic environment for herself. As more and more spin-offs from the big book appeared on the market, of course it made complete commercial sense to let readers think that she was alive, well, and busy cooking up a storm in her increasingly iconic kitchen.

**Billy Beefeater**

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# Letter from the Chair



**Dear Members,**

By the time you receive this edition of *Outpost*, Christmas will be almost upon us with New Year celebrations just around the corner. The upcoming month is traditionally one of our busiest with a number of events including the annual Christmas Ball, Christmas Day lunch and dinner at the Club and New Year's celebrations. Please do book early for these events as they are very popular and sell out quickly.

You will have received my correspondence last month regarding the opening of the Verandah bar. It's great to have the outlet open and importantly it provides a non-smoking eatery for all members and their guests. I would again like to thank John Boisclair, Bob Merrigan (of ACH Management) and Hammersmith for the pro-bono work they contributed to achieve the professional delivery of this project. The management team headed by Michael and Barry will implement a number of food and wine promotions in future months to enhance the enjoyment of the new restaurant.

On behalf of the General Committee and Club management, I hope all members have a very happy time over the holiday season and safe travels to those of you who will return to your home country to celebrate the festive season with friends and family.

Best regards,

**Dr Stuart Blacksell**

*Chairman*

*BCB General Committee 2007/2008*

## and the CEO's report

**Dear Members,**

The really big news is that the new Verandah is now open for business, having opened in early November.

After a delay caused by the need to replace the building contractors, the team of Bob Merrigan and John Boisclair have assisted the Club in appointing new contractors who have been reliable, skilful and fairly priced in finishing off the new outlet and providing members with a smoke free, air conditioned outlet that is family friendly. Other members have also helped in the final look of the room and I must also mention Martin Hodgson and Kerr Thomson of 'Hammersmith' who donated the very stylish bar top that really improved the overall look markedly. Thank you to all who have helped and if any members are considering any building works at work or home please consider the above mentioned members who have been so generous with their obvious talents.



The Verandah has buffets or carverys 3 times per week, a la carte daily, specials to delight the adventurous and we have not forgotten the kids or those who enjoy a lighter selection. See 'The Verandah Week' on page 11 and look out for our upcoming 'cocktail of the week' promotion. The new configuration can seat up to 60 people and will have a terrace connected by a short walkway before too long so members will be able to drink and dine under the stars on our back lawn and enjoy the balmy evenings. Children (under the control of their parents) are welcome up until 9 pm as long as they are well behaved and do not affect the enjoyment of other diners. The back lawn is just outside so those with energy to burn can play there between courses or while their parents are having a port and coffee.

**Good News for Wine Lovers!** Over the last few weeks we have been active in increasing our selection of wines and also in reducing our prices. We hope all connoisseurs enjoy the wines, the improved range and our attempt at making the list much more affordable, and therefore utilize our outlets on a more regular basis. The Verandah Menu in particular will lend itself to a glass of quality wine, so I hope our lunch trade improves as members feel confident to bring their clients and work mates to the British Club.

**Xmas and New Year Functions** - Barry has worked very hard on planning all the great Xmas and New Year events for all members so please read his 'Banter' page so that you keep up with all that is going on. We are planning more events and entertainment and hope that our Britstock music day on December 5th will be a great way to celebrate the King's Birthday and lead to more regular musical performances on the back lawn in the future. We are sending out a small flier (The BCB Announcer) from now onwards with the monthly accounts in an attempt to improve communication from the Club.

In closing don't forget that the British Club can hold all kinds of functions, meetings, parties etc and we will cater for you at your home, office or virtually anywhere you require great food, drinks and service. Please book soon to avoid disappointment. Season's Greetings to all.

**Michael Silcock**  
*Chief Executive Officer*



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# Merry Christmas!

Dear Members,

Firstly I would like to wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and whether you are here at the Club or celebrating elsewhere I hope you have a great time.

This is definitely my favourite time of year here at the Club and the added bonus is The Verandah is open! It's a family bar, so now you have the option of where to dine with your family if you do not wish to be stuck at poolside.



On to the events. Don't forget our very own BC Ball on Saturday 8th of December, once again catered by the Shangri-La Hotel. This is the highlight of the Club's calendar. The event begins at 7pm with pre-dinner canapés and drinks on the front lawn, followed by a traditional Christmas dinner served in style on the back lawn with music provided by the Royal Thai Army Band and, later on, Paul Jackson's disco. Tickets cost Bt.2,600 each, which includes a half bottle of wine per person and unlimited free-flow draught Tiger beer, a Lucky Draw with great prizes including some nice dining vouchers from hotels around Thailand, and Breakfast(!) from the Club's kitchens, served at 2am. Last year's party wrapped up at 6am! Book your places for this wonderful event now.

The highlight of our children's calendar is the Children's Christmas Ball on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6.30pm until 10.30pm. The event starts with pre-dinner "mocktails" and canapés in the Wordsworth Lounge followed by a three-course Christmas dinner, without those disgusting sprouts (I hate them!) and then Santa Susie's jingle bells disco and games with prizes for all.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December starting at 2pm we have another party for the kids. This time it is our annual Children's Christmas Party. As usual we have stacks lined up including our bouncy castle, pony rides, a giant slide, kids' activities & crafts with Susie, a magic show, puppet show and lots, lots more, followed at 4.45 with Tea on the Front Lawn and the highlight of the day - a visit from Santa with presents for all. The very next day we will hold the party again for the kids from the Dusit School for the Deaf. So far we have managed to raise 50,000 baht. Once again, if you wish to make a donation to help these kids have a great party then please contact myself or Khun Prem here at the Club.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate King Bumiphon's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday we have our fourth annual Britstock Festival. At present there are 6 bands confirmed with a wide range of music on offer, and there's plenty of kids activities lined up also. Tickets are Bt.350 for adults and Bt.250 for children (price does not include food and beverages). This is a great day out for the whole family and does not blow a hole in your wallet. Christmas Day bookings are surging at present, with over 150 members already booked for Christmas lunch. The cost is Bt.950 Adults, Bt.550 Children, and includes lots of activities for the kids including a



## Bazza's Banter



visit from Santa. We open the buffets at 11.30am on Christmas Day. Please book now to avoid disappointment.

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December we will be hosting our Christmas Carols on the Back Lawn of the Club once again with Darren Jones from Shrewsbury School. The event begins at 7pm and once again there is no charge for the event, food and drinks are available and charged to members' individual accounts, and we would still ask members to book to assist with our seating arrangements. See page 12 for further details.

And finally our last event of the year is the magnificent New Year's Cruise, which this year is even better value. We have a cocktail party on the riverside from 9pm and at 10 pm we board the fantastic Chao Phraya Princess 2, probably the most luxurious boat along the river. The cost for the evening is Bt.3,600 per person and includes the 1-hour Cocktail Party, an open bar with standard pouring drinks for 3 hours, a full Buffet Dinner, Paul Jackson's Disco with midnight count down and more music and merriment through to 2am!!

For any information on this and any other event please contact Khun Koy or myself.

The Verandah is open with a great new menu, plus regular carveries, buffets and theme nights - see page 11 for "A Week in The Verandah".

### --- STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS ---

The Club now has 36 wines on offer and 13 wines available by the glass, from Bt.80 to Bt.190 per glass. We have now LOWERED THE PRICE OF ALL WINES IN THE CLUB. We have wines from France, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile and more! There's something for everyone, so come along and check out our great new wines at even better, LOWER PRICES!!

Time is running out to get your Christmas orders in. If you have lost your copy or need advice on amounts to order, just give me a call.

Finally I would like to thank all our members who have supported us over this eventful year, whether we catered a function for you, or you attended our events or you just made use of our F&B and sports facilities. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you back at your Club very soon.

Hoo Hee Ho-Ho,  
**Bazza Clause,**

(Barry Osborne  
General Manager)





# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Special Events at the Club this month

### \*\* TRIAL BY JURY

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Dinner & show at 7.30pm, Suriwongse Room**

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

### \*\* BRITSTOCK 4

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm onwards, Back Lawn**

We are celebrating the King's Birthday in style again this year with our 4<sup>th</sup> Britstock party. We have six bands confirmed including the Soi Dogs, Maria, Celtic Colours and The Fake Degrees. Apart from the excellent live music we have also arranged activities to keep the kids entertained, including pony rides. The entrance fee is Bt.350 for Adults and Bt.250 for Children under 12 years old. The ticket price for children includes all the activities. Food is not included in the ticket price but an optional BBQ and Thai food station will be available.

### \*\* BC CHRISTMAS BALL

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, Back Lawn**

The Annual Christmas Ball is the highlight of the BC social calendar and the only ball in Bangkok to be held under the stars. The Ball is once again catered by the Shangri-la Hotel. Tickets are Bt.2,600 each, tables of 10 or sharing. The evening kicks off on the front lawn at 7pm with a cocktail reception. The cost includes the cocktail reception, Christmas dinner, Paul Jackson's disco providing the entertainment, unlimited draught Tiger beer, a half bottle of wine per person and the BC breakfast at 2am.

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

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10am, Clubhouse**

See opposite page for details

### \*\* COMEDY AFTERNOON

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 4-8pm, Suriwongse Room**

See page 10 for details

### \*\* FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & CHRISTMAS SONGS

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, Back Lawn**

See page 12 for details

### \*\* MONTHLY BALUT TOURNAMENT

**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, Churchill Bar & Silom Room**

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

### \*\* QUIZ NIGHT

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm, Suriwongse Room**

Yes! It's on a Thursday! See opposite page for details.

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

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm, Wordsworth Lounge & Suriwongse Room**

Our third ever Christmas Ball for the Club's younger members with formal dress, pre-dinner "mocktails" in the Wordsworth lounge, a four-course Christmas Dinner (no sprouts, honest !!) and music provided by Santa's "Jingle Bells" disco. Cost is Bt.750 per person & also includes a present from Santa.

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

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm, Back & Front Lawns**

Activities include children's crafts, the Club's bouncy castle, pony rides, a puppet show, a magic show, giant slide and lots more. A picnic tea follows at 4.45pm on the front lawn and then everybody's favourite, Santa Clause, will make a special appearance bearing gifts for all the children. Event costs 450 baht (2 to 12 years) and 100 baht (under 2's and adults).

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

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 11am, Clubhouse**

See opposite page for details. And the

**DAY-after-ELECTION-DAY-PUBLIC-HOLIDAY-COMEDY**

**(December 24<sup>th</sup>) 4pm, Suriwongse Room:**

THE PINK PANTHER STRIKES AGAIN!

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

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 11am, Verandah and Churchill Bar**

**Christmas Buffet Lunch** this year will be held in both the Verandah and the Churchill Bar and also in a huge Marquee on the back lawn! The Buffet includes Christmas favourites such as roast turkey, baked hams, Christmas pudding and a whole host of Christmas goodies. For menu, see page 27.

**Buffet Dinner:** The Christmas buffet will continue in the Verandah Bar from 6pm until 9pm for dinner.

**Children:** As this is a family day, children will be allowed in the Churchill Bar with their parents until 6pm. There's a host of entertainment organised for the children at lunch time, leaving mum & dad enough time to enjoy their Christmas also. Activities include bouncy castle, walk-around magic and of course a visit by Santa.

Book now to avoid disappointment! Last year we catered for over 250 members and their guests!

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

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> December, starts 9pm with riverside check-in & cocktails**

Say goodbye 2007 and hello 2008 with all your friends from the Club. Welcome in the New Year in style aboard the luxurious Chao Phraya Princess 2. The event begins with a riverside cocktail party from 9pm. We set sail at 10pm and return at 2am. Tickets are Bt.3,600 each and include the cocktail reception, full buffet supper and an open bar for three hours. Entertainment is provided by Paul Jackson's disco. Numbers are limited to 300 members so book now.

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



## RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED QUIZMASTER!

Well not quite but .....  
the Quiz of the Year has arrived ...

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### THE BRITISH CLUB CHRISTMAS QUIZ

We will try to get Rodney to dress up as Father Christmas and Michael and Barry as his elves but I doubt we will have much success ... Barry will, however, be giving out free Mince Pies to all those who attend and there will be much Christmas Cheer and probably more than a little 'Humbug!' from some tables!

The CHRISTMAS QUIZ will not be about Christmas but merely a time for members, Sports Sections, Loyal Societies and Associated Groups to come together in a battle of wits, enjoy good food, have a few beers (or bottles) and a lot of fun! It is even rumoured that the General Committee will put in a team .... Please write all suggestions for their team name on the back of a postage stamp with a felt-tip pen.

There will be the usual format of four rounds each ending with a common denominator and, of course, **Crown Worldwide Relocations** will be sponsoring bottles of wine to be won in-between each round. Prizes in the main quiz will be for first, second, third and second to last.

So if you know your Bethlehem from your Barbados, your Shepherds from your Shoguns, your Angels from your Angelica and what your truelove should give you each day of Christmas then turn up ... 100 baht per player, teams of up to six and **BOOK EARLY** as we are limited to 15 teams!

## THE TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO...

**"It is the end but it has been prepared for"**

A slight change to our plans for the "TEN FACES OF DOCTOR WHO" in December as almost all our regular group saw the Eighth Doctor's sole story back in August, so we will replay the Fourth Doctor story that many people missed then continue with the Ninth Doctor.

December 9<sup>th</sup>: 10am: **GENESIS OF THE DALEKS**

"The Time Lords send the Fourth Doctor (Tom Baker) on a mission to destroy the Daleks before they were created ... but has he the right?"



"Your good is my evil"

"Are you  
my Mummy?"



December 23<sup>rd</sup>: 11am: **An Empty Child/The Doctor Dances**

We come to the finale in our series of past adventures featuring the Ten Faces of Doctor Who with the Ninth Doctor in 'The Empty Child' first broadcast in 2005.

"The Doctor (Christopher Eccleston) lands during the London Blitz, meets Captain Jack and a child who wants to know "Are you my Mummy?"

All children from 8 to 80 are welcome!

## BALUT MONTHLY UPDATE

### LOW ATTENDANCE - LOW SCORES!

The Third BCB Tournament was played by only 7 members in November, and was one of the lowest scoring contests held but still immense fun! The league now reads:

Rank	Player	Average
1	Muntana Merrigan	109.0
2	Arun Gupta	104.2
3	Phil Alexander	100.6
4	Caroline Willbourn	99.4
5	Jeremy Watson	98.9
6	Paul Cheesman	98.3
7	George Okrasa	95.8
8	Simon Davies	95.0
9	Rohit Naheta	94.6
10	John Boisclair	94.5
11	Christopher Poustie	92.3
12	Steve Eaton	92.0
13	Toni Rodriguez	91.7
15	Paul Mason	85.4
16	Bob Merrigan	84.4
17	Steve Mallon	82.8
18	Roger Willbourn	76.8

### BALUT NEWS

- Due to a clash with BRITSTOCK IV, the December Tournament will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.
- The BCB BALUT CUP Tournament will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008. This will be a Black-tie dinner tournament with five rounds to decide the Cup Winner for 2008.
- The BCB BALUT TROPHY will be awarded each September on the basis of a player's best six Tournaments in the past year.
- Framed Score sheets are now on display in the Churchill Bar for the two highest ever scores (160 and 169) and the lowest (38)!!

Full details of Balut on [www.britishclubbangkok.org](http://www.britishclubbangkok.org) under Sports & Games.



## "ONLY WHEN I LAUGH!"

Christmas Blues? Winter Woes? Okay, December Doldrums then? Well come to the Club and enjoy a good laugh with some of the best of British humour on Constitution Day (December 10<sup>th</sup>) ....



### 4.00pm YES, MINISTER!

We start off our best of British comedy afternoon with the twin episode of 'Yes, Minister!' entitled 'Party Games' ... it is Christmas and Sir Humphrey announces that he is leaving "for pastures new, perhaps greener".

*"How are things at the Campaign for the Freedom of Information, by the way?"*

*"Sorry, I cannot talk about that."*

*"Well, I gather he was as drunk as a lord, so after a discrete interval they will probably make him one."*



### 5.15pm 'ALLO! 'ALLO?

It is France, 1942, and René is trying to balance the French Resistance, the German Army and the Gestapo ... all of whom are trying to kill General von Klinkerhoffen in his café!

*"Listen very carefully, I shall say this only once"*

*"Without your glasses, you are even more attractive."*

*"So are you"*

### 6.15pm FAWLTY TOWERS

We take three of the highest points in this timeless series ... The Builders, Communication Problems and Basil the Rat ... poor old Basil!

*"Which one you man with beard?"*

*"Well, of course it's a rat! You have rats in Spain, don't you - or did Franco have them all shot?"*

Show to end by 8pm.

This programme will be shown in the Suriwongse Room with full F&B Menu available ... please book at Membership Services to reserve a seat.



## SPORT on TV

### "LIVE TV SPORT - THE LESS ENERGETIC WAY TO ENJOY SPORT"

TV Sport will be shown on the two screens in the Churchill Bar and selected matches on the screen in The Verandah.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-7.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Soccer	Chelsea v. West Ham	7.45pm-9.45pm*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cricket	SA v NZ 3 <sup>rd</sup> ODI	3pm-10.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	12.30pm-7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	Aston Villa v. Portsmouth	7.45pm-9.45pm*
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	Middlesboro v. Arsenal	8.30pm-10.30pm*
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	India v Pakistan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
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13 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 2 <sup>nd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v NZ (CH Trophy)	8.30am-4pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v NZ (CH Trophy)	8.30am-4pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	Liverpool v. Man Utd	8.30pm-10.30pm*
18 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v NZ (CH Trophy)	8.30am-4pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cricket	Sri Lanka v England 3 <sup>rd</sup> Test	12.30pm-8pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Soccer	Arsenal v. Spurs	7.45pm-9.45pm*
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Soccer	Man Utd v. Everton	7.00pm-9.00pm*
26 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	Australia v India	8.30am-4pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v West Indies 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	3.30pm-11pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	West Ham v. Reading	8.00pm-10.00pm*
27 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v West Indies 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	3.30pm-11pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v West Indies 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	3.30pm-11pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v West Indies 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	3.30pm-11pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket	SA v West Indies 1 <sup>st</sup> Test	3.30pm-11pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer	Derby Co v. Blackburn	8.30pm-10.30pm*

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

To accommodate the most members enjoying different TV Sports, it may be necessary for staff to switch channels on the Bar TVs when a second sport is advertised - please assist staff by moving tables as requested.



*Starting December . . .*

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## A Week In **The Verandah**

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### **Sunday**

Noon to 2pm  
4pm to 6pm  
6pm to 10pm

The Sunday Carvery  
High Tea  
Three Roasts

6pm to 10pm

The Best of British Night!

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday**

4pm to 6pm  
6pm to 10pm

High Tea  
PIZZA NIGHT

Noon to 2pm &  
6pm to 10pm

The Midweek Carvery

### **Wednesday**

### **Thursday**

6pm to 10pm

The Best of British Night!

Noon to 2pm &  
6pm to 10pm

The Friday Buffet

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

4pm to 6pm  
6pm to 7pm

High Tea  
Cocktails Hour

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## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

### Reindeer Treat Pots

#### You'll need:

- Scissors
- Craft glue, glue stick or glue dots
- Terracotta clay pots; 5-12cm
- Plastic eyes
- Red pom-poms (glitter pom-poms are a fun addition!)
- Three shades of brown craft foam, cardstock paper or construction paper; we combined all three to make our reindeer family.



#### Parts pictured for the large reindeer:

- 2 antlers
- 2 large ears
- 2 small ears
- 2 eyes
- one red nose



#### How to Make It:

First, with one shade of brown, cut the antlers to match the size of your pot. If you are making the larger reindeer, use a child's handprint as a pattern. Then, cut the ears with the other brown. We used a lighter shade of brown to add yet another layer to the ears but that's not necessary. Attach the ears to the back of the pot. Then add the antlers. Glue the eyes and nose to the front. Fill the pot with candy, nuts or other goodies. It's that simple!

### Pasta Candles

Made of pasta, these holiday candles will cast a warm glow that won't blow out.

#### Craft materials:

- Manicotti shells
- Jumbo pasta shells
- Lasagne noodle
- Acrylic paints and brushes
- Green glitter glue
- Cardboard egg carton
- Craft knife
- Hot glue



#### Time needed: Under 1 Hour

1. To create the candlesticks and flames, use acrylic paints to colour three manicotti pastas red and three jumbo pasta shells yellow. Next, make holly leaves by gently breaking a curly lasagne noodle into small pieces and then coating them with green glitter glue.
2. While the paint and glue dry, fashion a holder for the candles from a cardboard egg carton by cutting off three of the cups that make up one of the corners (leave the cups attached to one another).
3. Turn the trio upside down and use a craft knife (adults only) to cut off the bottoms of the cups. Paint the holder white. Now fit the ends of the candlesticks into the cups and apply hot glue (again, adults only) to secure them. Then, glue the flames onto the tops of the candlesticks.
4. For each candle, glue together three holly leaves and a couple of red bead berries. Then glue the clusters to the holder at the bases of the candles.

### Tin Can Santa

#### What you'll need:

- 1 empty, clean metal can
- white, peach and pink acrylic paint
- medium pink pom-pom
- 2 small wiggle eyes
- cotton balls
- 6-8 medium white or silver sparkle pom-poms
- 1 sheet of red glitter felt
- 5cm wide x 20cm long strip of white glitter felt
- white craft glue
- hot glue gun



#### How to make it:

1. Paint entire aluminium can with white paint.
2. Paint a section in the front of the can peach (or whatever skin tone colour you like) for the face.
3. Take one cotton ball and stretch it out so that fits all the way around the rim of the can. Glue in place about 1cm below the rim. This is Santa's hair.
4. Lay the strip of white glitter felt on the table. With hot glue gun, fold over edges and tack in place on both sides. This will create a thick and smooth brim for Santa's hat that will not show any uneven cutting lines. Set aside.
5. Position the red glitter felt around the top of the can, above the hair (stretched cotton ball). Glue in place and let dry. You will finish Santa's red hat in a later step.
6. Meanwhile, glue the white felt in place over the top of the red felt and the cotton to form the brim of Santa's hat.
7. Using white craft glue, add Santa's beard by gluing cotton balls all around the can, leaving enough room open for his face.
8. To complete Santa's red hat, tuck the red felt into a cone shape, using hot glue to tack in place if you like. Fold felt over the side of the can and hot glue to the side.
9. Hot glue the silver or white glitter pom-poms to the end of the red felt.
10. Use an extra cotton ball to dab on the cheeks, using a small amount of pink paint.
11. Glue the pink pom-pom on for the nose.
12. Glue wiggle eyes in place.

## CHRISTMAS JOKEES FOR KIDS

**What Christmas carol is a favourite of parents?**

*Silent Night!*

**What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?**

*Frostbite!*

**How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?**

*Deep and crisp and even!*

**What is Santa's dog called?**

*Santa Paws!*

**What do elves learn in school?**

*The elfabet.*

**What do reindeer say before telling you a joke?**

*This one will sleigh you!*



## LOOKING BACK



### Press Conference at BNH a success . . . thanks to Feng Shui & the British Club team!



On 3<sup>rd</sup> October the BNH Hospital hosted a Press Conference to announce the forthcoming Bangkok Breast Cancer Support Group's "Well Women's Workshop". Over 150 members of the media and the international community attended to hear Dr Kris Chatamara talk positively about the advances in the treatment of breast cancer and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle which can help women protect themselves against the disease in the first place. Khun Ying Finola then talked passionately about the Bangkok Breast Cancer Support Group volunteers who support women who have been diagnosed with the disease and she also described the objectives of the "Well Women's Workshop" which would take place at the Arnoma Hotel on 10<sup>th</sup> October.



To make the Press Conference appealing to those invited, highlights included refreshments and a delicious buffet provided by the British Club's Outside Catering Team, classical music performed by musicians from the Royal Thai Navy and head and shoulder massages provided by the Music Association for the Blind. To ensure a successful day and to combat the negative vibes of Wednesdays (which have apparently been deemed unfortunate days in the Thai calendar this year) BNH invited the renowned Feng Shui expert, Professor Kotchakorn Phromchai, to supervise the layout of the Press Conference following the principles of Feng Shui. This meant that Khun Somboon and his team had to rearrange the position of the stage and the direction of the chairs to make sure that there was a positive flow of energy and harmony in the room but once again they did their work tirelessly, with a smile and lots of positive cheerful energy themselves. Thank you Barry and the team for working hard to make the Press Conference a great success.







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# Guy Fawkes goes off with a **BANG!**



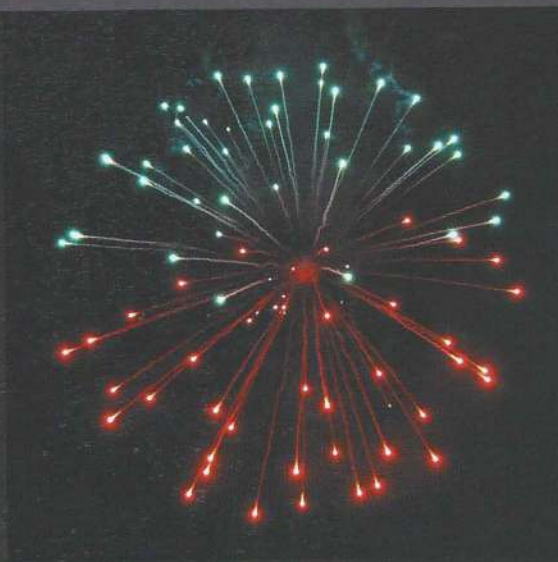
Our Guy Fawkes Extravaganza took place at the Club once again this year on November 4<sup>th</sup>, with over 390 members attending the event. Thankfully this year the weather was fine and not too hot. Khun Laak did a great job with the BBQ and received many compliments for the range and selection of foods on offer. Khun Susie and her team were busy all night helping the kids with Guy-making, face painting, nail painting (very popular) and various crafts. The Bouncy Castle was absolutely packed and we also had football, darts, a magic show and unlimited candy floss for the kids. Many thanks also to the team from BNH hospital who were on hand with the first aid.

Last year's fireworks were rather disappointing so this year we hired

a new company, Siam International Fireworks, which does huge fireworks displays all around Asia and had just finished a spectacular for the Malaysian 50-year's nationhood celebrations. And so the Club was treated to a magnificent display including the biggest starburst shells possible for the site! The fireworks were amazing - the company did an excellent job and we received many positive comments on the whole event. However we do take safety very seriously and there was far more debris falling on the back lawn than we envisaged or wanted. Although no one was injured, I would apologise to anybody who was hit by falling debris. We have met with the fireworks company and are looking at yet another location to place the fireworks so that less debris makes its way to the back lawn.









# LOOKING BACK



## The Royal Barge Processions

Thirty-three members attended the amazing royal barge rehearsals at the Thai Navy Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The rehearsal event was for the celebration of King Bhumibol's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We had an excellent view and were treated very well by our hosts, the food was excellent and the beer and soft drinks flowed as quickly as the Chao Phraya itself.

Whilst watching the rehearsals we were informed that the Navy Club was now able to open on the Day itself so on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November we were back once again at the Navy Club to watch the Royal Barge Procession proper. We had equally good seats and another excellent Thai and seafood buffet with yet more beer and wine. Amazingly, even though we only had two days to promote the event another 33 members came along!





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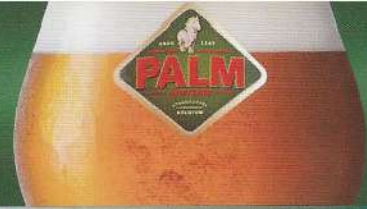
## New Members Night

Our latest New Members Night took place in the Churchill Bar on Tuesday 16th of October, with around 60 members attending the event. Khun Laak once again catered a delicious canapé buffet including our ever-popular BC baked ham. There was free Tiger beer available and live entertainment from our very own Pipe Section led by BC member Angus McKernan.

The New Members Night was a great success and it was good to see so many long term members also in the bar on the night. The next members night will be the Members New Year Gathering, which will take place on the back lawn in late January.



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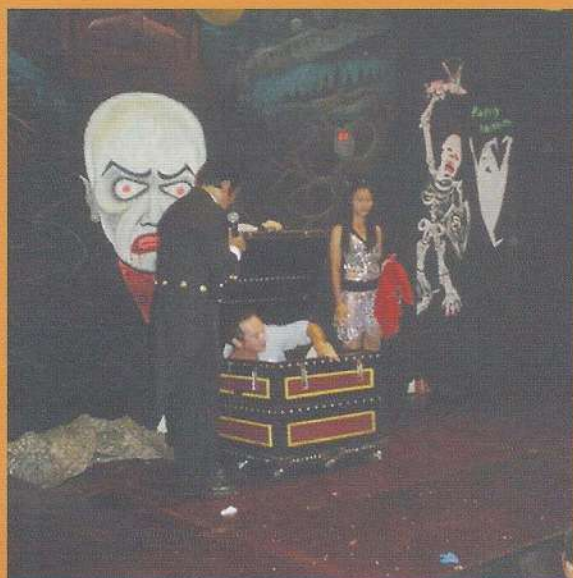


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## Haunted Halloween Party

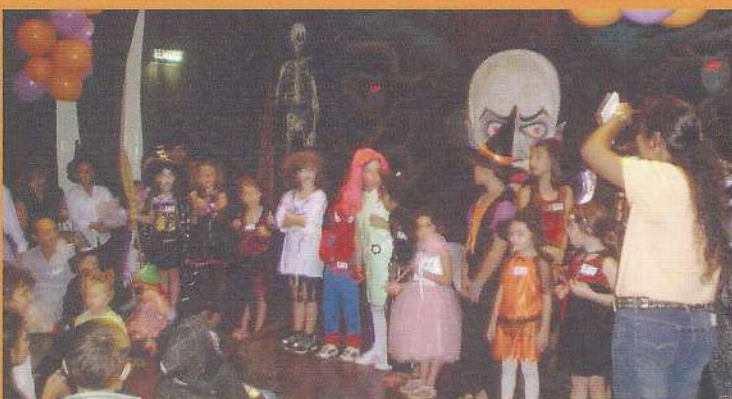
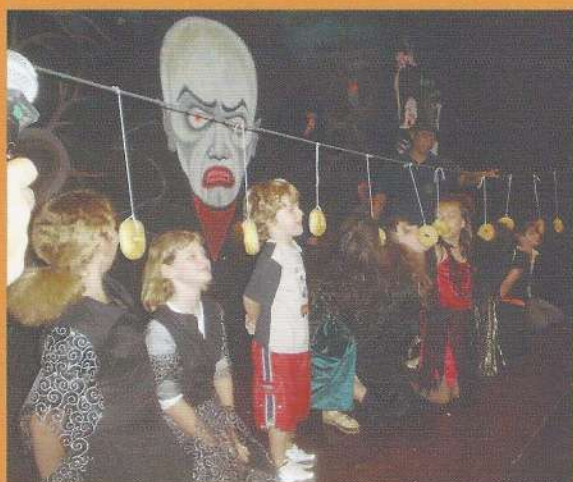
Halloween took place three days early this year down at the Club, on Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>, and over 100 children and parents attended this spooky affair.

The Suriwongse room had been brilliantly transformed into a haunted castle for the event with a definite Hogwartish theme and plenty of ghoulish decorations. Khun Susie acted as MC throughout and led the kids through a programme of egg hunting, doughnut eating, a magic show, spooky crafts, apple bobbing, fancy dress and lots more. The highlight of the day was definitely allowing mums and dads to join in the doughnut eating.

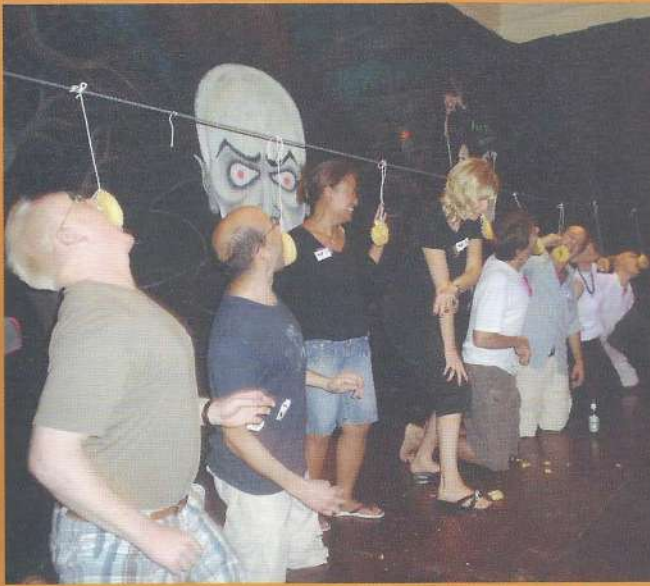
Lunch included pizzas, fries, nuggets and spaghetti, and there was a free flow of red, green and delicious grape Fanta. As this was clearly not enough sugar, all the kids received prizes for the egg hunt and an ice cream prize each for the fancy dress. The CEO was also on hand to present October Outpost's cover artist, Oliver Jan Knapp, with a special framed copy of the cover, which features a happy pink-faced vampire out for blood.

At 1pm we closed for an hour to clean up the room and then re-opened to show a family movie, along with free casper cake, more ice cream and yet more Fanta.

That night there was another party for 50 people from the American Chamber of Commerce scheduled for the Suriwongse room, so the room had to be quickly restored to its 'normal' state - the amazing decorations that took 2 days to put up took just 20 minutes to remove!!









# BC CALENDAR DECEMBER – The Month at a Glance

**Sunday**

<b>30</b>	<b>Poolside</b> 11:30-3:00pm <b>Poolside BBQ</b>  Silom Sala Lunch & Dinner <b>Family carvery</b>	Silom Room 1:00-3:00pm Children's Activities  3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice	<b>2</b>	10:30am-2:15pm Squash Mix-in  <b>Poolside</b> 11:30-3:00pm <b>Poolside BBQ</b>  <b>Silom Sala</b> Lunch & Dinner <b>Family carvery</b>	<b>Silom Room</b> 1:00-3:00pm Children's Activities  3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice  <b>Suriwongse Room</b> 3:00-6:30pm Bridge Tournament	<b>9</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b> 10:00am <b>TEN FACES</b> <b>DOCTOR</b>  <b>Poolside</b> 11:30-3:00pm <b>Poolside BBQ</b>  <b>Silom Sala</b> Lunch & Dinner <b>Family carvery</b>
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**Monday**

<b>31</b>	9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong   Riverside Check-in & cocktails at 9pm <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER CRUISE</b>	6:00-10:00pm Tennis Match Play	<b>3</b>	9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong  6:00-10:00pm Tennis Match Play	<b>Suriwongse Room</b> 7:30pm <b>TRIAL BY JURY</b>	<b>10</b>	9:00am-12noon BWG Mahjong  <b>Suriwongse Room</b> 4:00-8:00pm <b>COMEDY AFTERNOON</b>
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**Tuesday**

			<b>4</b>	8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In  9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic  10:00-11:00 Aqua Aerobics  5:15-8:15pm Squash Mix-in	7:00-9:00pm Football Practice  <b>Suriwongse Room</b> 7:30pm <b>TRIAL BY JURY</b>  <b>Churchill Bar</b> 8:30pm-late Spoofing	<b>11</b>	8:00-11:00am Tennis Ladies Mix-In  9:00-10:30am Ladies Tennis Clinic  10:00-11:00 Aqua Aerobics
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**Wednesday**

	<b>5</b>	<b>Back Lawn</b> 1:00pm onwards <b>BRITSTOCK 4</b>  5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis  6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in	6:00-8:30pm Cricket Practice  <b>Churchill Bar</b> 7:00 & 8:00pm <b>PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR</b> 7:30pm Bottle Draw 	<b>12</b>	5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis  6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in  6:00-8:30pm Cricket Practice  <b>Churchill Bar</b> 7:00pm <b>BALUT TOURNAMENT</b>
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**Thursday**

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**Friday**

	<b>7</b>	2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes  5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis	6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in  <b>Silom Sala</b> 7:00-9:00pm <b>Kid's VDO</b>	<b>14</b>	2:00-5:30pm Junior Swimming Classes  5:00-6:30pm Junior Tennis  6:00-10:00pm Tennis Mix-in
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**Saturday**

<b>1</b>	7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes  9:00am-1:30pm Junior Swimming Classes  9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice	<b>Wordsworth Lounge</b> 1:00-2:00pm Yoga  <b>Suriwongse Room</b> 7:30pm <b>TRIAL BY JURY</b>	<b>8</b>	7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes  9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes  9:30am-12noon Cricket Practice	<b>Wordsworth Lounge</b> 1:00-2:00pm Yoga  <b>Back Lawn</b> 7:00pm <b>BC CHRISTMAS BALL</b>	<b>15</b>	7:00-9:00am Adult Tennis Classes  9:00am-2:00pm Junior Swimming Classes
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# On the menu . . .

It's Christmas time! And featured opposite is the British Club's marvellous Christmas Day Buffet menu for lunch and dinner, available not only in the Churchill Bar but also in the stylish new Verandah – pictures below. This month we also feature an amazing 1923 Christmas pudding recipe from Mrs Beeton, Britain's original celebrity chef. OK, so you don't want to cook your own pud? Never mind! Our modern celebrity chef, Khun Laak, has been busy making her famous and exquisite Christmas Pudding – it's available on Christmas Day at the Club, or just order one by filling out your Christmas order form.



## Mrs. Beeton's Traditional Christmas Plum Pudding

From *Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management*  
1923 Edition (Page 494)

**Makes 2 Christmas puddings**  
Sufficient for 8 or 9 persons)

### Ingredients:

- 8 oz moi sugar (use soft brown)
- 8 oz chopped suet (or modern day equivalent)
- 8 oz sultanas cleaned
- 8 oz raisins halved and stoned

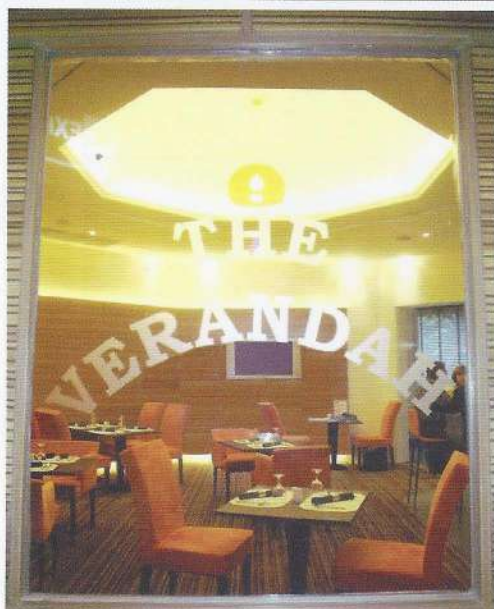


- 4 oz currants washed and dried
- 4 oz shredded mixed candied peel – Cut your own or use ready cut
- 4 oz of plain flour
- 4 oz breadcrumbs
- 2 oz almonds blanched and shredded
- the grated rind of a 1 lemon
- 3 eggs
- a salt spoonful of nutmeg grated
- half a teaspoon of salt
- quarter pint of milk
- 1 small wineglassful of brandy (optional)

### Basic Method:

Mix all the dry ingredients together, stir in the well beaten eggs, milk and brandy (if used). Turn the mixture into 2 well greased basins, and steam from 5 to 6 hours.

## The Verandah Awaits . . .







# Christmas Day Buffet

The Verandah & The Churchill Bar



## Soup

Cream of Broccoli & Stilton crouton

## Salads

Caesar Salad  
Chicken & Cranberry Salad  
Pasta Salad  
Potato & Egg Salad  
Mixed Salad  
Assorted mini Quiche  
Pate & Toast  
Mini assorted Crostini  
Smoked Salmon

## Carvery

Roast Rib of Beef  
Roast Turkey  
Honey Baked Ham  
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Chipolata/Bacon  
Bread Sauce  
Yorkshire Pudding  
English Mustard  
Cranberry Sauce

## Hot Dishes

Roast Potato  
Savoyarde Potato  
Baked Pumpkin  
Peas and Carrots  
Brussels Sprouts  
Cauliflower/Broccoli cheese

## Kids

Mini Pizza  
Chips  
Chicken Nuggets  
Sausages  
Mini Hot Dog

## Desserts

Christmas Pudding  
Mince Pie  
Mini Lemon Meringue Pie  
Mini Carrot Cake topped with Strawberry  
Mini Crumble  
Mini Mango & Sticky Rice

## December Fruit Fiesta

### Apple and Cranberry Juice

#### Ingredients

1 cup Apple Juice  
8 oz Cranberries  
1-2 tsp Clear honey  
3 oz Syrup  
½ cup Soda

#### Method

Blend all ingredients until the juice is mixed well.  
Pour over ice cubes in a glass and add fruit decoration.



### Cool Raspberry Soda

#### Ingredients

8-10 oz Frozen Raspberries  
1-2 tsp Clear honey  
3 oz Syrup  
1 cup Fresh Orange  
1 scoop Vanilla ice cream  
Crushed ice  
Soda water

#### Method

Place all ingredients, except soda and ice cream, in a blender. Blend thoroughly and pour into glass, top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and add soda + raspberry decoration. Serve immediately.





## LOOKING BACK

“ An old wine-bibber having been smashed in a railway collision, some wine was poured on his lips to revive him. ‘Pauillac, 1873’ he murmured and died. ”

*Ambrose Bierce*



## Wine Tasting

Despite the October wine tasting taking place earlier than usual, Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>, more than 70 members attended and enjoyed a wide range of wines. Six companies presented wines from a range of countries including Australia, New Zealand, California, France and South Africa, among which was an interesting wine called Rhino Park where money raised from the wine sales goes to help fund rhino conservation.

The Club purchased some Rhino Park and Jackaroo wines and these are now on sale in the Club's outlets. Many thanks to South Africa Winery, Nicholas Wines, Prestige, Grand President, Festive Wine and a newcomer to the British Club, Demaply, for coming along and presenting their wines at discounted prices for our members. As usual the tasting was officially over at 9pm, but a few hard core die-hards managed another 45 minutes before heading off to the bar.





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# RUGBY

The British Club Rugby Section continues to deliver splendid rugby with the annual Ambassadors Cup event as the highlight.

## Ambassadors Cup

British Club 12 vs. Southerners 18

Bangkok Pattana, November 10, 2007

A thrilling Ambassadors Cup against the Southerners Rugby Club was played at Bangkok Pattana. The Cup match was well played, for the third year in a row and, thanks to excellent refereeing by David Vickers, also played in a good spirit between the two rival teams.

Nineteen minutes into the second half, the Southerners scored a try after breaking through a very strong British Club defence. The Southerners fly-half skimmed through the defence on the left and dived over in the corner. With the British Club under the cosh at 12-9 at half-time and down to 14 men, the team still played well and was able to keep the game controlled. The British Club restored pride by kicking a penalty with 8 minutes to go and a prolonged and fierce attack from the British Club kept the Southerners in their own 22, but the BC were not able to capitalize on this pressure. Final score was 18-12.

The event continued with a function hosted by the Section at the British Club where beer and food were served to all players. The referee David Vickers picked Khun Mark, the British Club's open-side flanker, as player of the match saying the reason we play is to develop rugby in Thailand and even though he was on the losing



side he helped a great deal to keep the score down by hard work and strong tackles. The Southerners picked British Club Team Captain and centre Morcar McConnell as best player and the British Club gave the reward to fullback Kirk.

Yours in rugby,  
**Magnus Andersson**  
Rugby Section Club Captain

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# BC Christmas Ball

Saturday, 8th December 2007



*Cocktails on the front lawn at 7.00pm followed by dinner at 8.00pm on the back lawn.*

*A 20 piece orchestra will entertain you during dinner followed by the swinging disco from Paul Jackson until the early hours of the morning . . .*

**Tickets Bt.2,600 / Person**

Please sign up at Reception





## Squashy Bits



*The Gallery*

Sorry there were no squashy bits last month but I have been on the road again. I saw England play rugby against Samoa in Geneva, Tonga in London, Australia and France in Bangkok and then South Africa in Oslo (paying baht 450 a pint for ordinary beer in an ordinary pub!) ... so a bit of catching up to do here . . .

### Rod Carter Open

This is the premier event of the BCB's busy squashing calendar with all the best players in Thailand invited and some attractive prizes at stake. This year there were 48 entries, including 12 from the BC, and the tournament was so well-organised by Peter Corney that there were only two no shows. Remarkably for Bangkok, all players were on time for their matches or at least made other arrangements if they could not be on time. All matches were marked by willing volunteers, Steve Tostevin refereeing every round, with the prize money and lucky draw sponsored by **ACA Pacific Group, Pearl Oil and the Huntsman Pub (Landmark Hotel).**

The finals took place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October and play began as ominous dark clouds loomed over the Club House adding to the electric atmosphere. Over 40 spectators turned up and they were treated to some great squash against a background of heavenly pyrotechnics and thunderous applause.

David Lines played Steve Bell in the Plate final but Steve was at a double disadvantage from the start because, whilst he had hardly played the past 4 years, David was really in the groove after coaching the Thai national team every day for months. Although Steve put up a great battle for lengthy periods, David's play was so tight that the result was never really in doubt with David running out a comfortable 3-0.

The main final was between Thailand's top two ranked players, Chatchawin, and Apirom both approaching the peak of their game as they prepare for the SEA games in December under David's tutelage and both former winners of the Rod Carter. Purists in the crowd were somewhat taken aback when Win took to the court sporting a Welsh tea towel around his head ... the less cultured wolf-whistled ... but this seemed only to inspire him whilst surely securing his role in the next Pirates movie.

According to veteran Peter Corney "This was a great game. Win played the best squash I have ever seen him play. He was very focussed and determined. As their coach, David Lines is always telling them 'It is where the ball finishes that counts'. Both players are so quick, that



*Thunderous Applause*



*Marvyn's Fans*

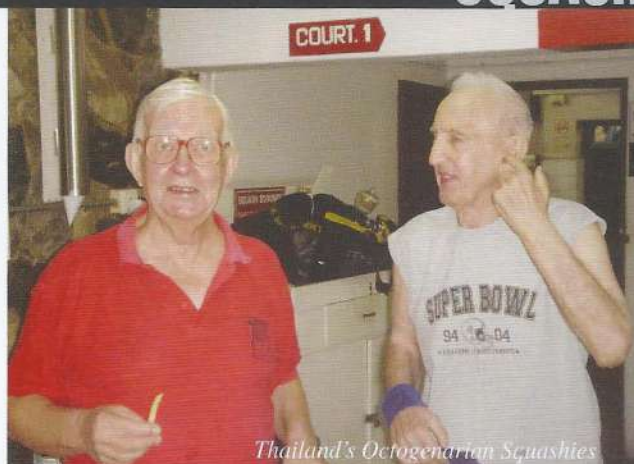


*Welsh Tea Towels*





Pierre Pays Up



Thailand's Octogenarian Squashies

the only way to win the point is to hit perfect length and they both showed the ability to do this. Apirom never gave up but when Win is playing with the intensity he showed on Sunday it would take a very, very good player to beat him". Win won 3-0!

Final honours: **Rod Carter Cup** (15,000 Baht) **Chatchawin Tangjaitrong**, **Runner up** (8,000 Baht) **Apirom Na Nakorn**; **Losing semi finalists** (5000 Baht each) **Kitipong Santilert** and **Tosaphol Comekopngakaen**; **Plate winner** (5,000 Baht) **David Lines**, **Plate runner up** (2,500 Baht) **Steve Bell**, **Lucky draw** (5,000 Baht) **Peter Corney**.

Thanks to everyone - Peter, the sponsors, the officials, the players and all who turned up to watch - for a great tournament.

## BCB V British Club Singapore

The British Club Singapore paid the Club a quick visit on 22nd October and Peter Corney reports: "The BCB were still smarting from the defeat inflicted on them earlier in the year and David Lines was determined to get revenge, the BCB winning in style 7-3.

David Lines (3-2), Neil Evans (3-0), Nan (3-0), Charles Whiteley (3-0), John Vivian (3-0), Rit (3-1), and Marvyn (3-0) were all strong, whilst Chris Vennell (2-3), Peter Corney (1-3) and Da (0-3) all went down to strong opponents.

The match of the day was that between David and Steve Settle with neither giving an inch and both playing their hardest until the end with David eventually winning 3-2. All matches were played in great spirit and everyone enjoyed the drinks and eats afterwards.

## Great Squashy Tips

Former BC #1 James Quinn was in touch the other day and passed on some great squashy tips he had recently received from his new coach, four time world champion Azam Khan:

1. Always stay in the middle of the court and generally keep your opponent at the back.
2. Hit the ball away from your opponent - don't hit it back to him.
3. Always watch your opponent - be aware of where he is and anticipate his next shot.
4. Keep on your toes and don't be caught flat footed.
5. Keep thinking during the rally.

And I always thought squash was difficult!

## SEA Games

The SEA games squash matches will be held from 7th to 12th December, probably at the Rajapruke Club. At the time of going to press there are still rumours of a glass-walled court being imported and set up at one of the premier shopping centres for the tournament, but nothing is confirmed and you will need to watch out for the final details. Plan to get along to support the Thai team, coached by BC Skipper David Lines and including our very own top lady player Khun Nan. Peter Corney will be refereeing.

**League Winners:** Congratulations to the winners of September League # 223: Division 1 **Ja Chaturan**, 2 **David Lines**, 3 **John Drew**, 4 **Ruengrit**

And October League #224, Division 1 **David Lines**, 2 **Suharsh Mittal**, 3 **Ruengrit**

Happy Squashing.

Jack Dunford



Plate Finalists

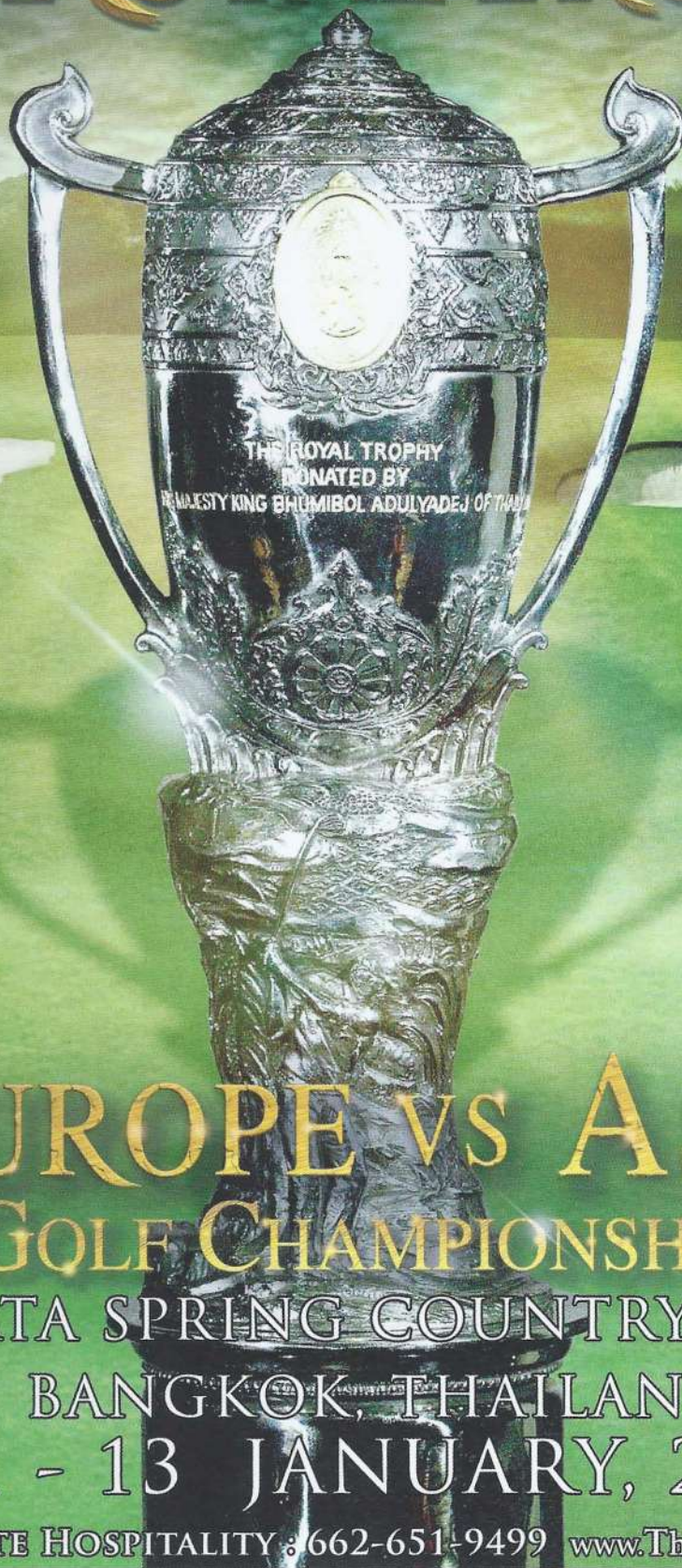


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### **The end is in sight...**

The end of the golf year that is, but the beginning of winter, a short but very welcome season for golfers. On an episode of Northern Exposure I saw years ago, the onset of winter was greeted by everyone wishing everyone else a 'bon Hivert'. Well if they are glad to see winter in Alaska, think how happy we should be for a bit of cool weather!

Lots and lots of golf this month; our match against the Lighthouse, the Millward Brown Firefly Medal, the Intersocieties annual golf competition and our Club Championship - our only gross competition, which really gives those low handicappers a chance to shine. There is, of course, a prize for the best nett score too and in fact lots of prizes for best day, etc, but it is first and foremost a competition to show who can really come in with the lowest scores.

### **Seara Sports Matchplay Competition**

Maureen lost out to Frank 3 and 2. Hard luck to Maureen who played well on the day, but congrats to Frank who played well under handicap. They had an enjoyable round of golf and a nice lunch, which is what it's really all about. Rosemarie beat Dave Lamb, a considerable victory that one, as Dave is a matchplay master. Coming soon: Pat v. George and Rosemarie v. Brian Dodd.



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### **Match against the Lighthouse**

Sad to say we came second to our friends the Lighthouse. We thought we had won and were just about to celebrate, but a re-count showed that we were a few points down. The Lighthouse are great fundraisers for local charities and they did a little rallying on this particular day, with a few fines - Ray got stung for 500 baht for three putting from 18 inches, Andy also got clobbered, but everyone paid up with good grace. A contribution from each player helped swell the pot too. They run an ongoing competition with a cumulative prize for anyone who gets on all four par three greens. We were able to join just for



the day and our Vice Captain, El B, managed to do this very nicely. One of the Lighthouse players did likewise and won a considerable prize for his efforts, half of which goes to charity, so congratulations to both.

Well we are all full of good intentions for next year; no doubt we will be following Tiger's lead and toning and strengthening down at the gym (usually lasts about four days into January) so watch out; I have a feeling next year is going to be our year.

## Millward Brown Firefly Medal

The eagle has landed - again. Peter S. must be getting low on golf balls, so he decided to win another nest of them with his second eagle in a few months. We were happy to see John and Tracey back with us and welcomed them as new associate members. John also got an eagle; not unusual for him as Karen C (his sister) told us that he makes a habit of it. Both John and Tracey took his and hers Long Drives too. This month's winner was Maureen with nett 70, George a close second with nett 69. The reason the ladies get two extra points on Royal is that it is rated 72 from the reds by the Ladies Golf Union and 70 for the men, even though on the card it is rated with only one stroke difference. Well done Maureen, she played really well - no luck involved! However, George has just bought a new driver, which he unleashed at the Intersocieties (see below). It was a bit like trying to tame a wild horse for the first couple of drives, but he sure has it broken now. Even the bad shots were good and the good shots went a mile, so look out next month - a force to be reckoned with.



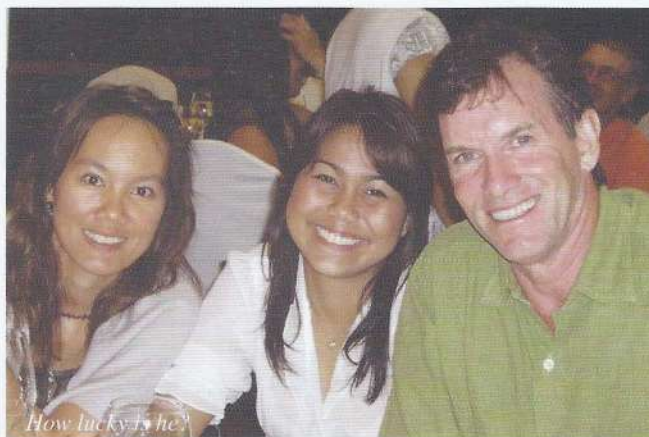
Winner and runner up

## The Intersocieties Golf Competition

Many of our golfers were there this year for the above. The numbers were really high with about 150 golfers plus several family members. This took a huge amount of planning and it was planned to perfection. The course was very difficult, so the scores were moderate (a few exceptions, one of whom was our own David H who scored 80 points over two days - amazing!) and some of us who didn't manage to score 40 points over the two days. No I'm not mentioning names; we know only



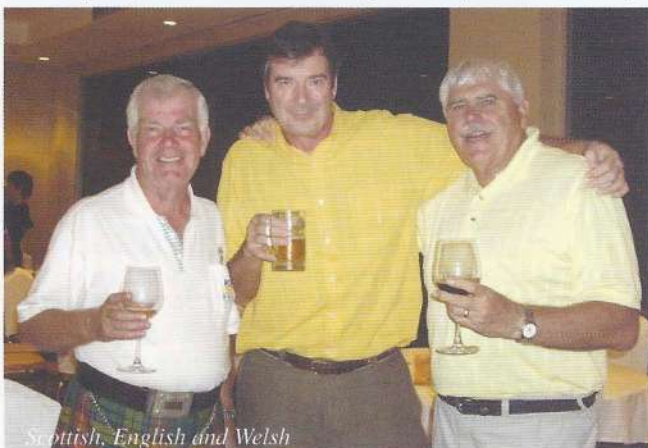
Guess who?



How lucky is he?



Feeling no pain!



Scottish, English and Welsh



Check out the glasses...



too well who we are. By the way David is no longer Ace as Brian Dodd scored a hole in one on Sunday, so the title moves on. I am planning to take it myself, but then I also plan to win the lottery and co-star with Brad Pitt in a movie so I won't be holding my breath. The accommodation on the golf course is excellent, so put Pattanna on your list of must play courses for 2008. I have included some photographs of the party on the Saturday night and as you will see there was plenty of Sanuk going on. Some imbibed a little more than they should and didn't make it on Sunday; some did, but looked as if they should be hooked up to an IV in ICU somewhere. Some people really can't hold their booze. Me? I was tucked up with a good book by 10pm and joined Mr. and Mrs. Skinner for a hearty breakfast on Sunday. The St. Andrew's Assoc., who hosted the event, also took the cup this year, followed by St. Pat's only two points behind. A wonderful event, if you didn't make it next year, do try and get there in '08.

### British Club Championship

Firstly, many thanks to our sponsors MBMG International for their generous sponsorship of this event. What a fantastic weekend we all had at Forest Hills. Some of us even played good golf, but everyone had a great time. Here's a quote from Frank Coffey, author and sports columnist: "Golf is a game to be enjoyed. On a blue-sky day replete with puffy white clouds, strolling down a fairway with friends is a little bit of heaven on earth". I know we could add some comments about five balls and tutting caddies and yes maybe it does sound a little sad to those who don't play the game, but IT'S TRUE. That is exactly what it felt like at Forest Hills, beautiful weather, breathtaking scenery, good company. Even the breakfast there has improved with someone to cook your eggs or an omelette - perhaps as a result

of Harland putting one of their rubber fried eggs in the toaster in a bid to heat it up last year; the resulting fire obviously had an impact. The results were not a huge surprise with Brian Dodd men's champion and Karen Holloway taking the ladies', but there were some surprises; Belinda found her true form and with the help of her new Cobra driver (same model as George's) played some amazing golf and came in with nett 68 on both days. As she nearly drove the green on one of the par 4's it is not surprising that she played under handicap and with that kind of distance a low handicap is in sight. Meanwhile she dropped to 24 overnight. Gaew had a slightly dodgy first day but got back to her usual steady golf on Sunday to come in runner up. Belinda came in third. In the nett competition Gordon and Jenny won the cups - well done Jenny, first time she played Forest Hills, so quite an achievement. Congratulations to Bryan and Karen, our new champs.

The Championship is our only true gross competition, which gives our low handicappers a chance to show their skill, but it is fun to play in the nett comp. and ensures that everyone has a good time. There are also prizes for best gross and nett on each day, so everyone has a chance to come away with something (other than a hangover).

We went out to dinner on the Saturday night to Vina Cotto, which is a beautiful restaurant on Gran Monte vineyard. The food is excellent and the setting, surrounded by grape vines and overlooking a huge lily pond is delightful; the air was cool and clear and the sky was full of stars. Aaaaahhhhhh....

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Bon Hivert!

Valerie



## The Bangkok Music Society

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Presents

## Nativity Scenes

Friday, 7 December 2007, 8 PM

Christ Church, Convent Road (at the corner of Sathorn Nua, near BTS Sala Daeng and MRT Silom)

Laud to the Nativity by Ottorino Respighi  
Accompanied by Wind Ensemble with  
Catherine Sam Harsono as the Angel,  
Dana Garnett as Mary and  
Audwin Thomas Yap as the Shepherd

and 'O Holy Night,' as well as Sing-along Carols

Be sure to come to hear the Choir under the  
direction of our new conductor,  
Michael Rassinger from the RIS Swiss School.

Program also includes Christmas favorites, such  
as 'Do You Hear What I Hear,' 'Carol of the Drum'

Tickets are 600 Baht, 500 BMS Members, 300  
Students

To have tickets held for you at the door or to receive a map or further information, please contact Serena Tan-Storah,  
081-828-4904, [serena@loxinfo.co.th](mailto:serena@loxinfo.co.th).

Details are also available at [www.bangkokmusicsociety.org](http://www.bangkokmusicsociety.org).





# Regular Sports, Games & Activities

## Aqua Aerobics

Tuesday 10:00-11:00

## Bridge

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

## Cricket

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

## Football

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

## Hockey

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

## Pipe Band

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

## Rugby

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

## Spoofing

Tuesday 8:30pm until late - Churchill Bar

## Squash

Tuesday 5:15-8:15pm Mix-in  
Thursday 5:15-9:00pm Mix-in  
And 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month 10:30am-2:15pm

## Swimming

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

## Tennis

### Match Play

Monday 6:00-10:00pm

### Mix-in All Standards

Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm

Friday 6:00-10:00pm

Sunday 4:00-6:00pm

### Ladies Mix-in

Tuesday 8:00-11:00am

Thursday 8:00-11:00am

## Tennis Coaching

With Khun Pierre...

Friday 3:30-5:30pm: Junior tennis

(Contact Amnat or Rit in the Fitness Centre for more details)

## Yoga

Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Sunday 2:30-3:30pm

## Sports/Activities Price List

### Aqua Aerobics

### Cricket

### Massage

### Squash

### Squash courts

### Swimming

### Tennis

### Adult Tennis

### Junior Tennis

### Tennis courts

### Tennis knockers

### Yoga

Bt 3,000 for 10 sessions: drop-in Bt 400 baht per session

Use of cricket nets - Bt 300 day/Bt 600 evening if lights needed

Thai massage/foot massage - Bt 250 per hourly session (except Mondays)

Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 for 1 hour; group session

Bt 1200 per 45 min

Bt 50 per 45 min

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

Private coaching with Khun Jang - Bt 550/hour

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

Bt 3,000 for 10 lessons (Friday)

Bt 30 per hour am/Bt 90 per hour pm

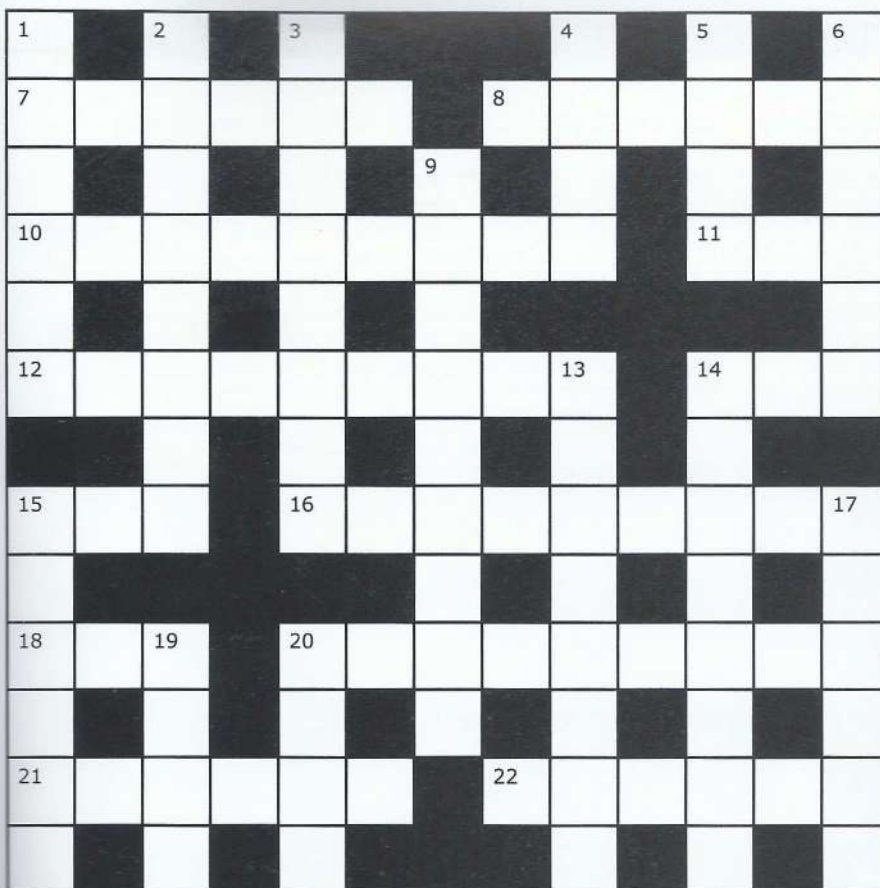
Hourly knocking sessions with - Khun Kaew (Bt 500), Khun Tom (Bt 400),

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

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



# Puzzles



## Across

- 7 Elgar's "\_\_\_\_\_ Variations".  
 8 Nationality of a native of Warsaw.  
 10 Drained to emptiness.  
 11 Muslim Festival . . . "\_\_\_\_\_ Ul Fitr".  
 12 A tree that sheds its leaves.  
 14 One of Fido's four!  
 15 "Now, Infidel, I have thee on the \_\_\_\_\_!" (Merchant of Venice)  
 16 Complicated and petty set of procedures.  
 18 "One old \_\_\_\_\_ without a handle!" (Lear's Nonsense Rhymes)  
 20 It will deliver your money.  
 21 Grounds of the Learning Establishment.  
 22 Anchorless.

## Down

- 1 Traditional tale.  
 2 Tot taken at bedtime.  
 3 Burn slowly.  
 4 "Men whose visages do cream and mantle like a standing \_\_\_\_\_." (Merchant of Venice)  
 5 "God . . . shows sufficient of His light for us in the dark to \_\_\_\_\_ by." (Robt. Browning)  
 6 "An institution is the lengthened \_\_\_\_\_ of one man." (Waldo Emerson)  
 9 "The \_\_\_\_\_ man on earth is he who stands alone." (Ibsen)  
 13 Sudden panic rush of animals.  
 14 Fruitful and abundant.  
 15 Seize the plane!  
 17 The gallery in which the reporters sit has become the fourth \_\_\_\_\_ of the realm." (Thos. Macaulay)  
 19 "There is plenty of time to win this \_\_\_\_\_ and thrash the Spaniards too!" (Francis Drake, 1588)  
 20 This is one!

## November Solution

**Across:** 1 Allowed, 5 Prize, 8 Twist, 9 College, 10 Eggshell, 11 Fast, 13 Sermon, 15 Bottom, 18 Buck, 19 Reserved, 22 Invoice, 23 Lilac, 24 Fired, 25 Airmail.

**Down:** 1 Artless, 2 Lying, 3 Watchdog, 4 Docile, 5 Polo, 6 Inexact, 7 Erect, 12 Yodeller, 14 Recover, 16 Medical, 17 Geneva, 18 Brief, 20 Villa, 21 Kind.

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

There were no entries received for the November crossword and so the wine bottle remains corked for another month at least . . . Actually the last crossword was rather difficult, even with the help of Google!

## SUDOKU

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

**Rating:** 'Difficult'

**Solution times:** < 15mins - you don't belong on this planet; 16-30mins - sublime; 31-60mins - well done; longer than 60 mins - keep practising . . .

Good Luck! Fax or deliver your completed sudoku to Barry Osborne as soon as possible after receiving Outpost. Entries must be received by the 10th of the month. The author of the first correct entry drawn out of a hat will win a bottle of wine.

Congratulations to the November sudoku winner, Eileen Bantje - her first win.

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2					6			
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Quote of the month:

“In tennis the addict moves about a hard rectangle and seeks to ambush a fuzzy ball with a modified snow-shoe.”

**Elliot Chaze**

**ON FOOT FAULTS:** *In response to a complaint from a disgruntled, longtime BC member, here's some basic info on foot faulting for the average player.* Unless you are willing to run the risk of spoiling what is supposed to be a pleasant game of social tennis with friends and/or long-time opponents and partners, DO NOT call foot faults. This advice comes to you after some "serious" online investigation and with input from club players around the world. However, tournaments that involve rankings, money, etc, are a different matter, and it's usually up to the referee or umpire, if there is one, to make the call. A warning is always given in advance. But basically, our advice is to relax, have fun and remember that if your opponent is foot faulting, he or she probably isn't benefiting from it anyway so you're better off leaving well enough alone....

**Here are the rules concerning foot faults:**

**The server must stand behind the baseline, between the centre mark and the sideline.**

A 'foot fault' is called if any of the following happens before the ball is struck:

- The feet touch the ground inside the baseline,
- The feet touch the wrong side of the centre mark OR
- The feet touch the wrong side of the imaginary extension of the sideline.

A foot fault is the same as a fault on a serve so the player is given the chance of a second serve.



## Bangkok Mixed Doubles Invitational Tennis Tournament

Held on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007

### TOURNAMENT REPORT

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational Mixed Doubles Tournament was held at the Asia Tennis Academy at Mung Thon Thani. The entire event was organized, sponsored and hosted by long time tennis fanatics, BC Club members and many times BC tennis champions, Khun Surin and Chalathip Dunnvatanachit.

As in previous years, the event proved to be outstanding in every respect, from choice of venue, quality of tennis played and the continuing generosity of our hosts in providing prodigious amounts of food and drink throughout the day for all players and their supporters. As last year, the weather was ideal too, hot but with just enough cool breezes to keep us all refreshed.

Eight participating teams took part (6 last year) being: RBSC 'A' Team, RBSC 'B' Team, Polo Club, British Club, Japanese Association, Piyarom Club, Armed Services Team and Health Ministry Team. Each team was made up of a maximum of 15 players from which 5 pairs were chosen for each match played. Pairs were selected on a combined age basis of 70, 80, 90, 100 and 110 respectively, with a 30-year minimum age for ladies and 35 years for men.

The format consisted of 2 groups of 4 teams, each group playing 'round robin' with group winners going on to a finals playoff and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners-up from each group vying for the remaining 4 positions.

With the festive season already upon us, Captain

Phairoj did exceptionally well to recruit a stronger team than last year with most of our top players in attendance.

For BC Men: Captain. Phairoj, Tennis Chairman Marc N, James Y, Frank G, Bernie A, and Bruce G acting as 'backup'.

For BC Ladies: Zandra W, Yubharet V, Sasaluk C, Wandee B, Eileen B, Tip W, Ruedee V, Nu R and Laurine D.

Drawn in Group 'A', BC had the toughest of opening matches against RBSC 'A' Team, which we duly lost 1-4. BC's sole winning pair, James and Ruedee played a very good match indeed to romp home winners at 8-3, so saving us from a whitewash. No disgrace in that, as RBSC were the favourites and eventual winners for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running.

BC then went on to play Piyarom, winning comfortably at 4-1. BC Winners were Marc & Laurine, Bernie & Yubharet, Frank & Sasaluk, Phairoj & Wandee. We followed by playing the ARMED Team in the mid-afternoon, winning a closely fought match at 3-2. BC's winning pairs were James and Ruedee, Marc and Laurine, Bernie & Sasaluk.

The BC's final match was played against Group B team MOPH, which by dint of some excellent play all round, we managed to win by the narrowest of margins at 3-2. BC's winning pairs were Frank & Tip, James & Ruedee, Phairoj & Wandee.



Best BC pair on the day was undoubtedly James and Ruedee who won all 3 of their matches.

Magnificent trophies and prizes were presented to all participating teams by our host Kn. Chalathip together with various goodies from RC Cola and other sponsors, all for sharing amongst team members.

Captain Phairoj and his BC Team are to be congratulated for securing 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall; our highest placing ever in this event, closely behind Polo in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with RBSC 'A' Team once again worthy winners.

The event is still clearly one of the best Bangkok Vets events of the year and best of all the year's Mixed

Doubles events.

Our thanks are again due in full measure to both Khun Surin and Khun Chalathip for providing us with another full day of the most enjoyable tennis. Thanks are also due to all those behind-the-scenes volunteers such as Khun Jang and the rest of her organizing team who somehow always manage to run the smoothest of operations, setting such a good example to all tournament organizers.

**"An event that will remain in all our memories long into the future and on."**

**Bruce G.**



## COACH'S CORNER By Marcel Petit

"Different Strokes (I mean, Balls) For Different Folks" could almost be the title of this column which is all about enjoying the game of tennis from the moment you pick up a racket. Remember when you were a beginner and the ball seemed to come at you too fast, or bounce too high, or seem too heavy to hit back?

These are some of the issues we can no longer ignore and which we should think about. In order to thrive on the court, we have to take differences between players and levels into account. We all have different potential, different desires. To each his tennis, and TO EACH, HIS OWN BALL!

Did you start skiing on an expert slope? Did you learn to swim in deep water? No, I don't think so, and in any case, I hope not, for your sake...

And yet in tennis, situations such as these are often the norm. I am a beginner and I start off with a standard tennis ball; it's heavy and there's quite an unpleasant feeling when I hit it. The ball bounces quite high and I can't swing properly ...and I have the feeling I'm always late.

There exist, however, different types of tennis balls, that allow both young and old - and in accordance with his or her physical and visual abilities, to begin to hit the ball right off the bat, in other words, to start rallying and having fun with a partner.

In my opinion, the notion of "evolution" is of the utmost importance. I learn to ski on beginners' slopes, and progressively, I make my way towards steeper ones, ones with moguls, etc.



# TENNIS

## WE SHOULD APPLY THE SAME PRINCIPLE IN TENNIS USING DIFFERENT KINDS OF TENNIS BALLS.

We have balls for beginners, intermediates and expert players: let's use them!

Looking left to right: the straw ball, the foam ball, the "mini tennis" ball, the "intermediate" ball and the last one, on the right, which you all will recognize: the classic yellow ball.



Each of these balls differs in pressure, diameter and weight; each is a teaching tool that allows players to rally right from the start and to hit the ball getting a pleasant sensation; each one allows players to work on mastering the basics.

In 1998, as Athletic Director of a tennis academy that had more than 500 children and 300 adults, I used these different balls and was able to note that on every level – from beginner to advanced player – everybody had more fun and made more substantial progress than had they played with the classic yellow ball. We saw tennis "differently."

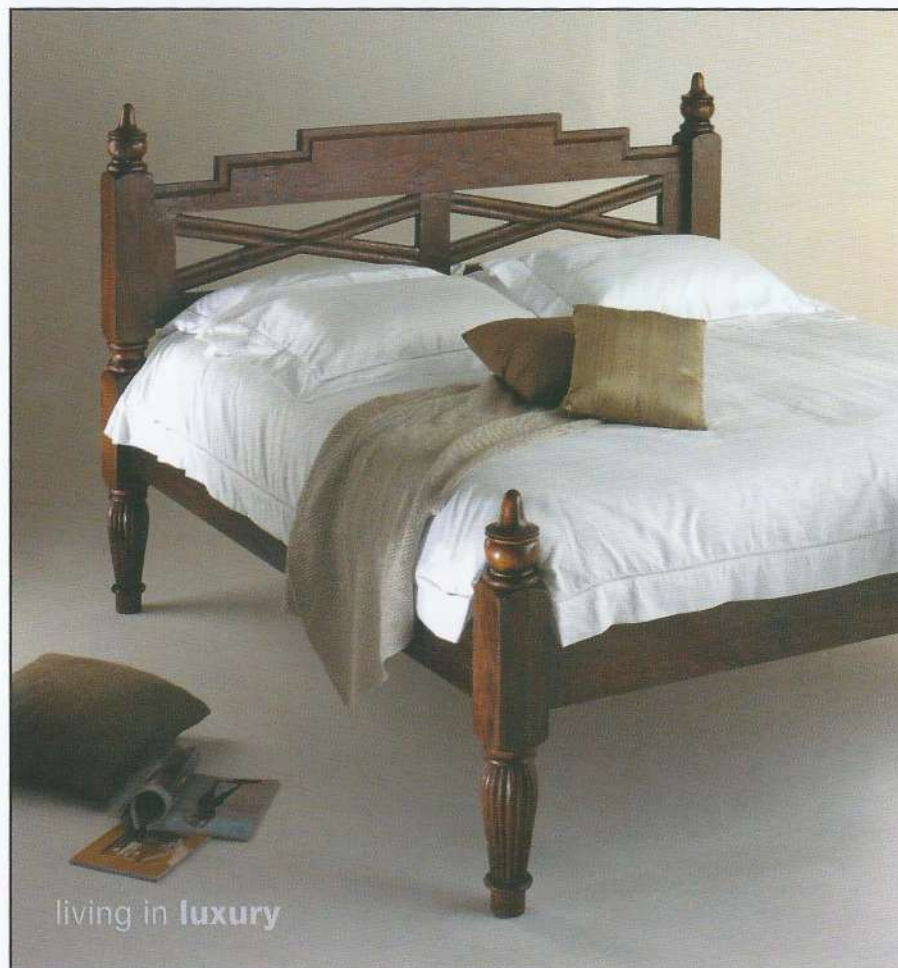


We also tested the mini tennis ball and the intermediate ball with ATP players ranked in the top 300, as well as with young French hopefuls ETA and ITF, and we noted important results in games played in the service box, and with regard to stroke adjustments that we had trouble teaching using regular balls.

In France, tournaments for the 7-8 age group are played with mini balls, and for the 9-year-olds, with intermediate balls. This allows our young players to learn through rallying and to better master their strokes – which of course, is the key to longevity in tennis (injury prevention).

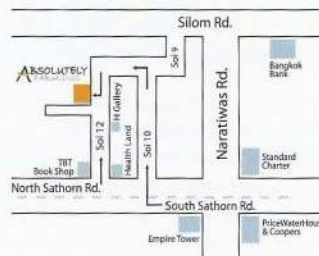
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# Children's Christmas Ball

Friday 14th December

6.30 pm.-10.30 pm.

Baht 750

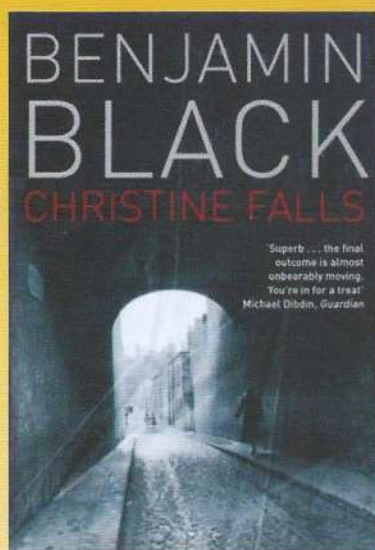


Our third Christmas Ball  
for the Club's younger members -  
*Formal dress,*  
*Pre-dinner "mocktails"*  
in the Wordsworth lounge.  
*A four-course Christmas dinner,*  
(no sprouts, honest!!)  
and music provided by  
*Santa's "Jingle Bells" disco.*  
Includes a present from Santa.





# Book Reviews

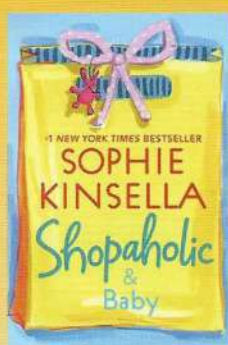


## CHRISTINE FALLS

By Benjamin Black  
ISBN: 9780330451437  
Paperback (Picador)  
Bt.375

Benjamin Black is the pen name of acclaimed author John Banville, who won the Man Booker Prize in 2005 for his novel, *The Sea* – but don't let that put you off. If there was any justice in the world, this crime thriller should have won prizes too! Quirke's pathology department is his own gloomy realm: always quiet and always under his control. Until late one evening after a party he stumbles across a body that should not be there – and his brother-in-law falsifying the records. But as his curiosity about Christine Falls and her death grows, he uncovers a dark secret at the heart of Dublin's high Catholic network – a secret that has the power to split asunder his own family.

I cannot remember reading a more gripping, beautifully crafted thriller. The numerous characters are each distinct and credible and the final outcome is bleak, creepy and almost unbearably moving. But what really impresses is the startling originality of his imagery – if you've never been to Dublin before, his descriptions of 1950s tenement dwellings and pub culture will convince you otherwise! Acute and absorbing, I bet you'll be tempted to stay up all night to finish this satisfying treat.



## SHOPAHOLIC & BABY

By Sophie Kinsella  
ISBN: 9780440296768  
Paperback (Dell)  
Bt.275

Now available in mass-market paperback format, the latest in the wildly popular Shopaholic series from Sophie Kinsella is a five star winner! Becky Brandon (nee Bloomwood) is pregnant. She couldn't be more overjoyed – especially since she discovers shopping is a cure for morning sickness. But when her celebrity obstetrician turns out to be one of hubby's glamorous, intellectual ex-girlfriends, Becky's perfect world starts to wobble. She's shopping for two, but are there three in her marriage?

With plenty of the usual laugh out loud moments, you'd have to have a heart of stone not to warm to airhead Becky and her escapades. Fans will fall in love again with the regular cast while those new to Kinsella's sparkling characterisations and deft plotting will soon see why so many people enjoy the Shopaholic novels.



## THAILAND: 9 DAYS IN THE KINGDOM

ISBN: 9789814217187  
Hardback (Editions Didier Millet)  
Bt.1750

This stunning, pictorial volume showcases the work of a team of 55 international and Thai photographers, comprising photojournalists, hi-tech photographers, wildlife and undersea photographers, aerial photographers, landscape photographers, portraitists and other specialists in a variety of techniques and styles. Meeting in the kingdom for a week of photography throughout the country, photographers were given carefully selected assignments to match their talents and the editorial need of the book. They capture every aspect of Thai life, commerce, industry and culture, to create a unique photographic record of the nation.

Thailand: 9 Days in the Kingdom showcases the best of their endeavours.

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*University Club of Chicago*



*Cathedral Hall*



*Exterior*



*View from the Gallery*



*Swimming pool*

Established in 1887 by university graduates who wanted a special place where they could enjoy intellectual pursuits, the University Club of Chicago was founded for the purpose of fostering an appreciation of literature and the arts. College or university graduation remains the basic requirement for membership.

The Club occupies an impressive 14-storey neo-Gothic building in the heart of downtown Chicago, directly across from Chicago's spectacular urban landmark, Millennium Park, which includes promenade, enormous sculptural and architectural features and a performance centre. The Art Institute of Chicago and Orchestra Hall, (home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra) are very close by, and only minutes away are the Field Museum, John G. Shedd Aquarium, the Chicago Theatre district, State Street shopping and the world famous Magnificent Mile.

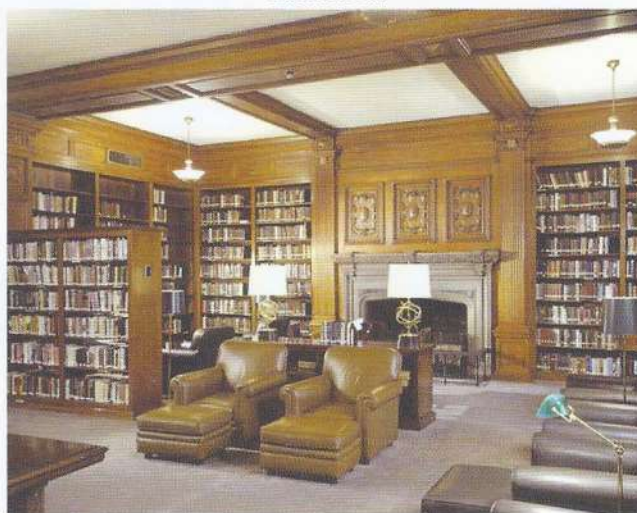
The Club has a dress code applicable at all times for members and guests. The minimum standard of dress in the clubhouse is informal business attire – strictly no denim or t-shirts.

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## **Tokyo American Club: Temporary Closure due to Redevelopment**

The Tokyo American Club has advised that it will close from 26<sup>th</sup> December 2007 through 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and apologizes for any inconvenience to visitors. (For more information, see the Club's redevelopment website at <http://www.tokyoamericanclub2010.org/welcome.html>)



**Celebrate**  
**King Bhumiphon's Birthday**  
**BRITSTOCK 4**  
 Wednesday 5th December 2007  
 Start at 1 pm



Celebrate the King's Birthday in style again this year with the British Club's 4<sup>th</sup> Britstock party. We have 9 hours of excellent live music - and plenty of activities to keep the kids entertained.

**Programme order:**

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**\*\* The Bstards \*\***

**\*\* The Cruisers \*\***

**\*\* Celtic Colours \*\***

**\*\* Maria \*\***

**\*\* The Fake Degrees \*\***

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**\*\* The Cruisers \*\***

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**\*\* Dog \*\***

**\*\* The Fake Degrees \*\***

**Entrance fee - Bt.350 for Adults and Bt.250 for Children under 12.**

The ticket price for children includes all the activities. Food is not included in the ticket price but an optional BBQ and Thai food station will be available.

# Behavioral Training

by Al Lock

"Behavioral Training" is a hot topic in the Organizational Development world right now. With the shortage of people with management skills and leadership talents, organizations are finding that they must develop their own talents internally. Of course, as pointed out in the October 1, 2007 issue of Fortune Magazine, this is not a new trend in many leading companies in the world.

Behavioral training is based on the principles found by behavioral psychologists in studying behaviors and how they affect people. Behavioral training is intended to help people modify their behaviors. Just as skills are knowledge based, behaviors are typically experience based. People act in a certain way because of their previous experience, as well as antecedents (what leads to the behavior) and consequences (what occurs because of the behavior).

So, how do we train behaviors?

Well, the first step is to identify what behaviors you want to train. In very observable, measurable terms. For example, let's say you want to increase teamwork within your sales team. What observable, measurable things would show that? How about an increase in sales filed for split or team commission?

Next, we have to make sure that antecedents and consequences in the business place support the behaviors we want. If our sales commission system encourages single sales and creates a competitive atmosphere between sales people, then it will be very difficult for any training to have an effect on increasing teamwork.

OK, we've got a targeted behavior. We've got antecedents and consequences that support that behavior. We have a group of willing participants who are open to modifying their behavior and who recognize what is in it for them. Now, we're ready to deliver training that provides them with an experience that shows them the value of the new behavior. Active training that allows them to experience what is in for them and let's them internalize the lessons.

Are we done? Not at all. Behavior modification requires follow-up, reinforcement and positive consequences. To successfully have behavioral training "take", we need to follow-up with those participants, help them through rough spots, encourage them, coach them, give them positive reinforcement and most importantly, they must experience positive consequences to their new behavior in the workplace.



*Editor's notes: Al Lock is the managing director of NLI Communication Ltd., a training consultancy that specializes in delivering custom-built communications and behavioral change training to corporate clients.*

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