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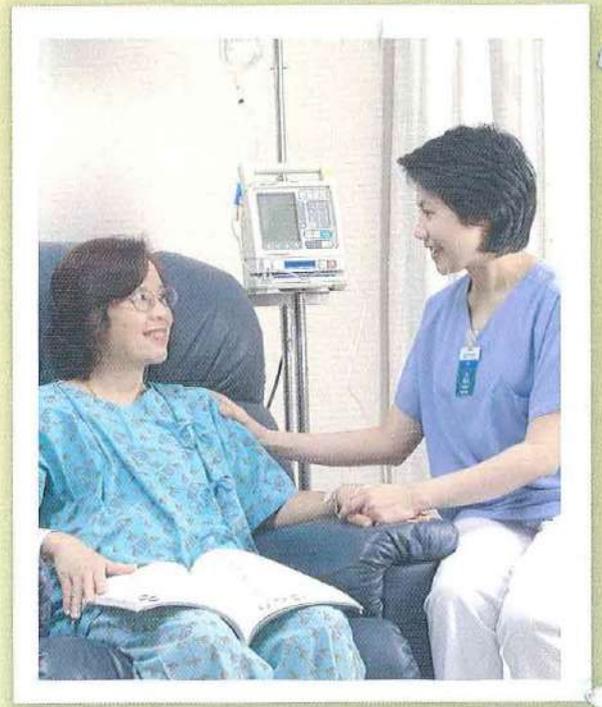
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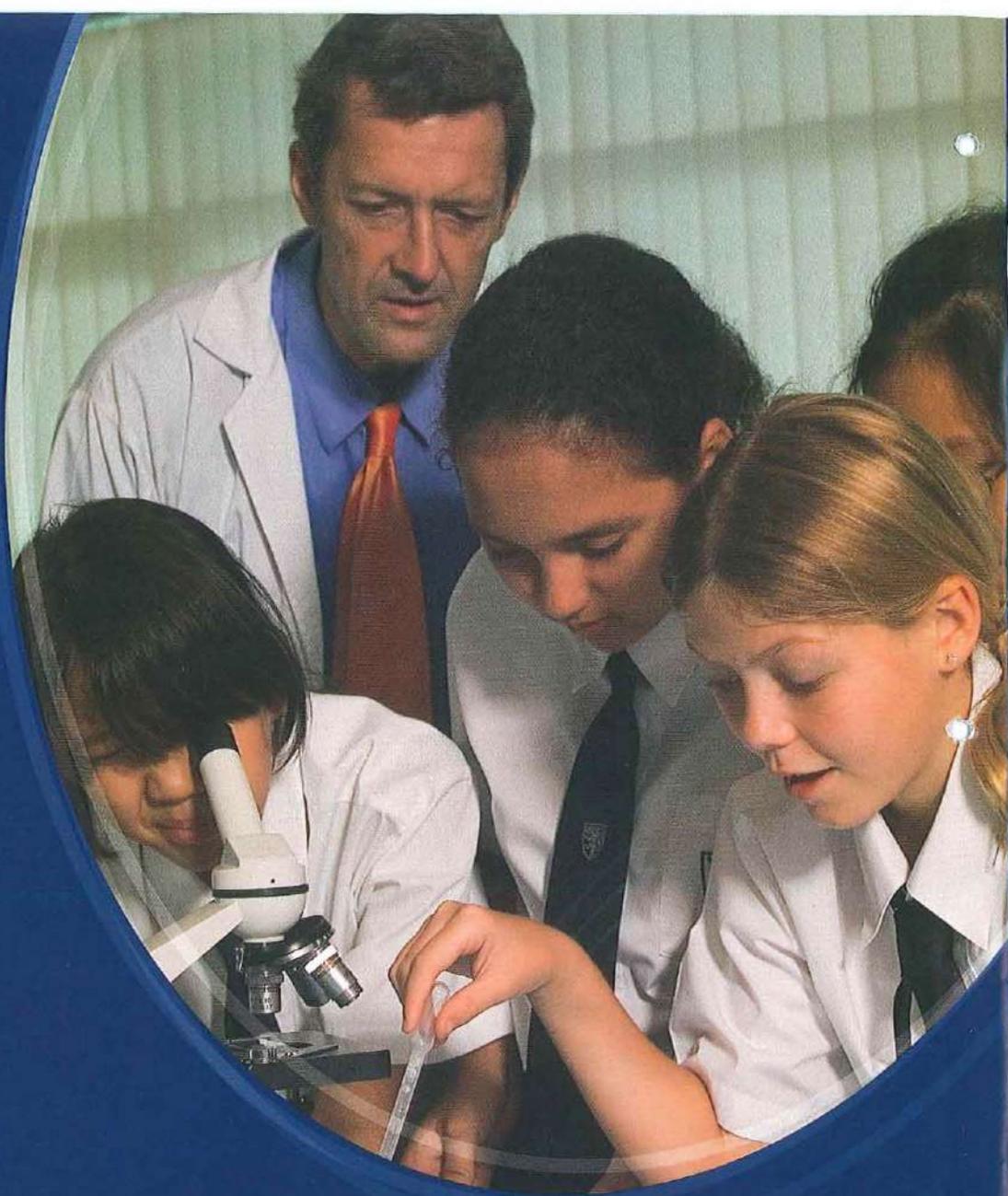
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This month, the British Club pays tribute to the grand old man of science fiction, Arthur C Clarke who died recently, by showing two blockbuster movies based on his books - see page 10 for details.

## The rumours are true

When I heard that the Bangkok Community Theatre was bringing Neil Simon's play *Rumours* to the British Club I was intrigued. I had no idea Simon had ventured into play writing. He's one half of Simon and Garfunkel, right? Wrong! That was PAUL Simon. Oh . . . Well who's this NEIL Simon then? It's not one of those names that jumps out and grabs you and perhaps one could be forgiven (especially if British and under 50) for having never heard of him? Hmmm. Time for some serious research. What if I mentioned *The Odd Couple* (the very funny film starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon as two incompatible divorcees trying to live together) or *Murder by Death* (A massive detective 'whodunit' spoof starring Peter Sellers) do they ring a bell? Both were written by Neil Simon, the former being based on his hit Broadway play.

Well, it turns out that Neil Simon is simply America's favourite playwright - the most successful popular dramatist of his era. Born in The Bronx, New York on July 4th, 1927 of struggling middle class Jewish parents, Simon had apparently a good deal of individual angst and dysfunctional family relationships to cope with, which later provided excellent fuel for both his gags and the insightful observations that underpinned them.

In his long career Neil Simon has produced over 30 Broadway plays, nearly all of them popular, if not always critical successes, and nearly as many movie screenplays, making him undoubtedly the most commercially successful playwright of all time. With his first full-length play, *Come Blow Your Horn* (1961), he began what has become the longest run of hits in American theatre history. He is the only playwright ever to have had four Broadway productions running at the same time and more of his plays have been adapted to film than those of any other American playwright. During his long writing career, he has been awarded Tony Awards for Best Play three times; for 1965, for *The Odd Couple* (1965); *Biloxi Blues* (1985); and for *Lost in Yonkers* (1991), for which he was also awarded the 1991 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. These and many of his other plays have had impressively long runs, including *Barefoot in the Park* (1963-7: 1,530 performances) and *Plaza Suite* (1968-70: 1,097 performances).

Neil Simon's contribution to the arts and to popular culture in the twentieth century was recognized in 1995 when he received Kennedy Centre Honours from President Bill Clinton. As part of his tribute to Simon the President said, "He has written a string of magnificent hit plays unprecedented in the history of the American theatre. Audiences found them so funny that, at first, few people noticed the gentle, deep, and sometimes sharp truths behind the comedy... We saw the flaws and foibles and faults, but always, through them all, the indomitability of the human spirit."

Neil Simon wrote *Rumours* in 1988. It's a fast paced manic farce with rapid-fire dialogue and plenty of physical humour that requires excellent comedic timing to deliver its best . . . See it at the British Club - starts May 22nd.

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stage as  
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Community  
Theatre  
presents  
Neil Simon's  
hilarious  
comedy

"Rumours" at the British Club in  
May - see pages 14 and 15.

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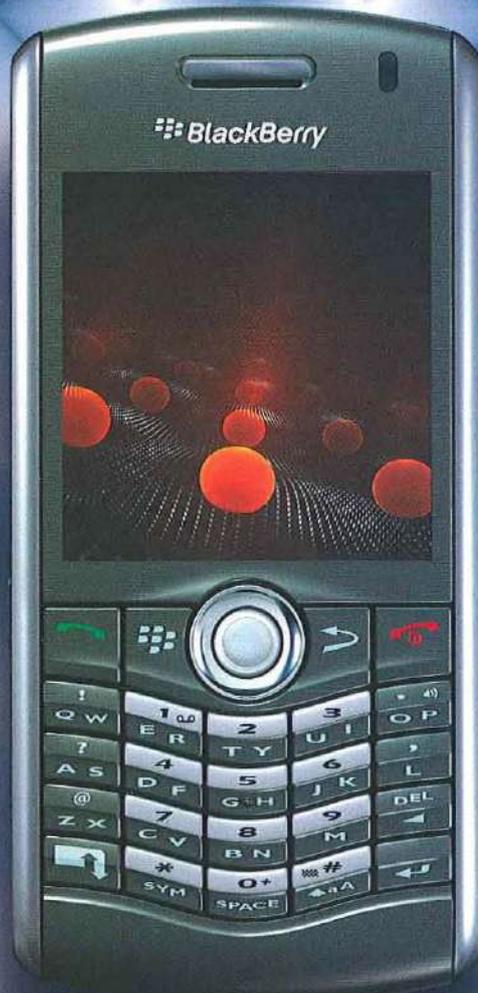
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Dear Members,

Winston Churchill, perhaps the greatest ever Briton, is attributed to many great quotations. One of my favourites is shown here along with a sketch of the great man himself (inset). On the Friday night just before Songkran I revisited Churchill's quote in our Churchill Bar, let me explain why.

On that night I met a country member who, due to travel commitments, had not been to the Club for some 20 months. It soon became clear that he was very pleased with the Club's recent developments; he was impressed by the new Churchill Bar and with the Verandah. Over a few Belgium beers we discussed where the British Club Bangkok stands today. At that point I decided to find my camera and record the Club on that evening. I think the pictures speak for themselves, the British Club Bangkok, circa 2008, should be celebrated.



*"I drank in victory because I deserved it, I drank in defeat because I needed it."*

**Winston Churchill**



The Club has high expectations, and rightly so, but sometimes we may lose sight of the one fact that greets us every time we come to our great Club — it is just that. The British Club Bangkok is not only a magnificent facility, it is a great institution. We have a heritage and tradition that has outlived us all, the Club has remained an oasis of peace and tranquility in the face of considerable change, not all progress I might add, outside the walls of the Club.

Today the Club stands as a tribute to the members, and all those who have worked and contributed to the Club over this time. However, it doesn't end here. There is

an on-going commitment to continuously improve the Club's facilities and services in a manner that will be a credit to our members and those that will join us in the future.

We must keep this ethos at the forefront of all of our planning for the future of the British Club Bangkok. The pace of change within the entertainment industry in Thailand is furious. We have to react in a timely fashion to meet the threats head on. To me, this means a strategically planned, incremental development process that advances the Club each year. We cannot leave the

development process dormant for decades then "bet the house" on an overnight transformation. The risks associated with massive upheaval and changes are too great.

Involving members in shaping decisions, such as those on development, is one of the reasons I wanted to stand for Chairman of the General Committee. I see membership participation in the decision-making process as absolutely central to the principled stewardship of this great Club. Since taking up the role, I have been absolutely amazed at the offers of assistance from the membership. We truly have some supremely talented members who are only too willing to devote their time to the Club's varied causes. Systematic dialogue with all members has been initiated and, all being well, there will be numerous channels whereby all the Club's stakeholders can contribute to the Club's key result areas on a regular basis.

With all this in mind, I want to call on all members, particularly those who haven't been to see the Club in some time, to come to the Club, enjoy the great service and facilities but most of all, rediscover the unique and cherished community that is quintessentially, the British Club Bangkok.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Andrew Roberts**  
Chairman

BCB General Committee 2008/2009

# The CEO's report



**Dear Members,**

As all members should now be aware, a new Club year has begun with the election of the new General Committee and a new Chairman, Andrew Roberts.

I am sure all members join with me in welcoming the new Members to the General Committee and congratulating all on their election for the 2008 to 2009 Club year.

Personally I am looking forward to working with Andrew's new team and hope we can together achieve a lot for the Club to ensure improving standards of facilities, products and services for our members.

Our membership recruitment over the last month has been above that predicted and our total numbers increased slightly when taking into account the natural attrition that takes place as expat families leave Bangkok to return home.

These are some of the challenges that the British Club now faces and we must continually strive for improvements to keep membership of the Club relevant and desirable in modern Bangkok. In addition, a review of membership is certainly due and if there are better ways to package our membership categories they will be explored and communicated to all members.

Phase 1 of our development will be completed over the next few months and in addition the back corridor will be renovated with new notice boards and a brighter and

more welcoming appearance. The outdoor Verandah Terrace on the Back Lawn will be constructed shortly and this will certainly improve the look and feel of that outlook with attractive new furniture and umbrellas to shade those using the facility.

Prior to the rainy season, some old trees will be replaced and a few new garden beds replanted to renew and beautify our unique grounds.

Additional small projects will complete the improvements to the appearance of the Clubhouse. Television reception will improve with an extra channel or two and some new switching will allow for better coverage of sporting events in the Clubhouse, Poolside and outdoors. Look out for the FA Cup Night celebration in the Suriwongse Room and on the front Lawn on Saturday, May 17th.

Please read Barry's page to ensure you don't miss the upcoming events and celebrations he has planned for you.

I would like to congratulate our winners of the quarterly staff awards held a few weeks ago (see page 47) - well done Khun Chatchai (our ever reliable messenger) and Khun Kullada (Verandah and Churchill Bar waitress)! It is really pleasing to be able to recognize and reward staff who show improvement.

I hope all members had a pleasant Songkran and have recovered from the soakings most of us received a few weeks back and I will look forward to seeing you all in the Club over the next month.

**Michael Silcock**

*Chief Executive Officer*

## Know your Committee!

For those who wish to put faces to the names, we have gathered together a motley array of photos, which may help you . . .

For the full General Committee listing with contact email addresses, see the "Getting In Touch" page (p 40).



**Dr Andrew Roberts**  
*Chairman*



**Ms Angela Stafford**  
*Vice Chairman*



**Dr Chris Stanford**  
*Honorary Secretary*



**Mr Dale Lamb**  
*Honorary Treasurer*



**Mr Ali Adam**  
*Committee Member*



**Mrs Sarah Allen**  
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**Mr Gavin Broad**  
*Committee Member*



**Dr Nick Day**  
*Committee Member*



**Mr Warwick Newton**  
*Committee Member*



**Mrs Helen Smith**  
*Committee Member*

## So many events . . . and so little time!

*Dear Members,*

We had a great Easter day here at the Club with over 200 members attending the party on the back lawn. This was by far our busiest Easter period that I can remember and I would like to thank in particular Cadbury for their generous sponsorship. We now have a range of delicious Cadbury's chocolates for sale at poolside. I only wish they would bring Cadbury's Crunchies to Thailand - Crunchies are the only thing I miss about the UK.

If you haven't tried any of their products yet, go and try some today - they are by far better than that awful American Hershey's chocolates.



We also had a good Songkran here at the Club with many members enjoying the Songkran buffet that we catered on April 14th and Reed and his team also organized some water games for the kids. See pages 18-19.

We have plenty of exciting events coming up this month - see What's Going On page 9 for details. One of the highlights is our trip to the premiere of the new *Indiana Jones* movie - we have booked the whole VIP cinema at Siam Paragon on May 22nd for the worldwide release. Tickets are Bt.1000 each but there are only 32 seats in the room and guaranteed no annoying mobile phones going off. We also once again have the BCT here performing a wonderful version of Neil Simon's "Rumors" comedy - tickets could sell very fast so best to book now. On The 17th of May we will be showing the English FA Cup Final live on the big screen in the Suriwongse Room. Again this year there is no charge for this event and an optional F&B service will be available and kids games will also be organized with penalty shootouts on the front lawn.

The Sunday carvery is proving very popular with families and I strongly recommend advance bookings. We have a regular mid-week carvery each Wednesday, lunch and dinner times, and themed buffets each Friday. In May we have a Pasta buffet, Spanish buffet, Curry buffets and a Middle Eastern buffet lined up. Also in June we will organize a Balinese promotion using the ingredients I recently brought back from my trip. Khun Laak is at the moment scouring through the Balinese cook book looking for interesting recipes with which to tempt us.

The Club's car park will be closed from 10pm on Friday June 13th until 10pm Saturday June 14th for the Club's party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 82nd birthday and it is also a joint event with the Neilson Hayes Library's Book Fair and street vendors' party. On June 27th from 10pm until June 28th 10pm the car park will again be



closed for the annual Canada Day celebrations. The car park closures are for safety reasons. No alternative car parking is available so I suggest members use taxis of which there is no shortage in Bangkok.

Also check out the flyer with this month's edition for the St David's Society and Neilson Hays Library joint venture Murder Mystery Dinner held in the Library on 'Friday the 13th' of June. Space is limited to only 56 places so please book early to avoid disappointment.

And now I must unfortunately turn to matters unsanitary. Last month we had to close the baby pool on a busy Sunday as a child had pooped in the pool. Please note that toddlers are required to wear baby nappies at all times and they are available for sale in the Fitness Centre. Also please note that there are baby changing facilities available at poolside. We have had incidents of babies being changed on the tables in the Sala - please respect others who are dining and change babies in the proper location.

Don't forget that the Member-Get-Member Scheme is still going and we are still desperate for new members - Contact Membership Services and Khun Weena for full information on the Scheme. Also, if you are planning a function or an event and need a caterer then look no further than your Club - we cater over 400 functions and over 100 events per year and are extremely flexible. For further details of our catering services contact Khun Somboon or myself.

If you are traveling outside of Thailand then do not forget that as a member it is possible for you to use over 160 reciprocal clubs worldwide. To avail yourself of this excellent opportunity and for a full list of reciprocal clubs, contact Khun Weena or Noi in Membership Services. Many of the reciprocal clubs also have accommodation available at extremely attractive rates.

Regards,

**Barry Osborne**  
General Manager

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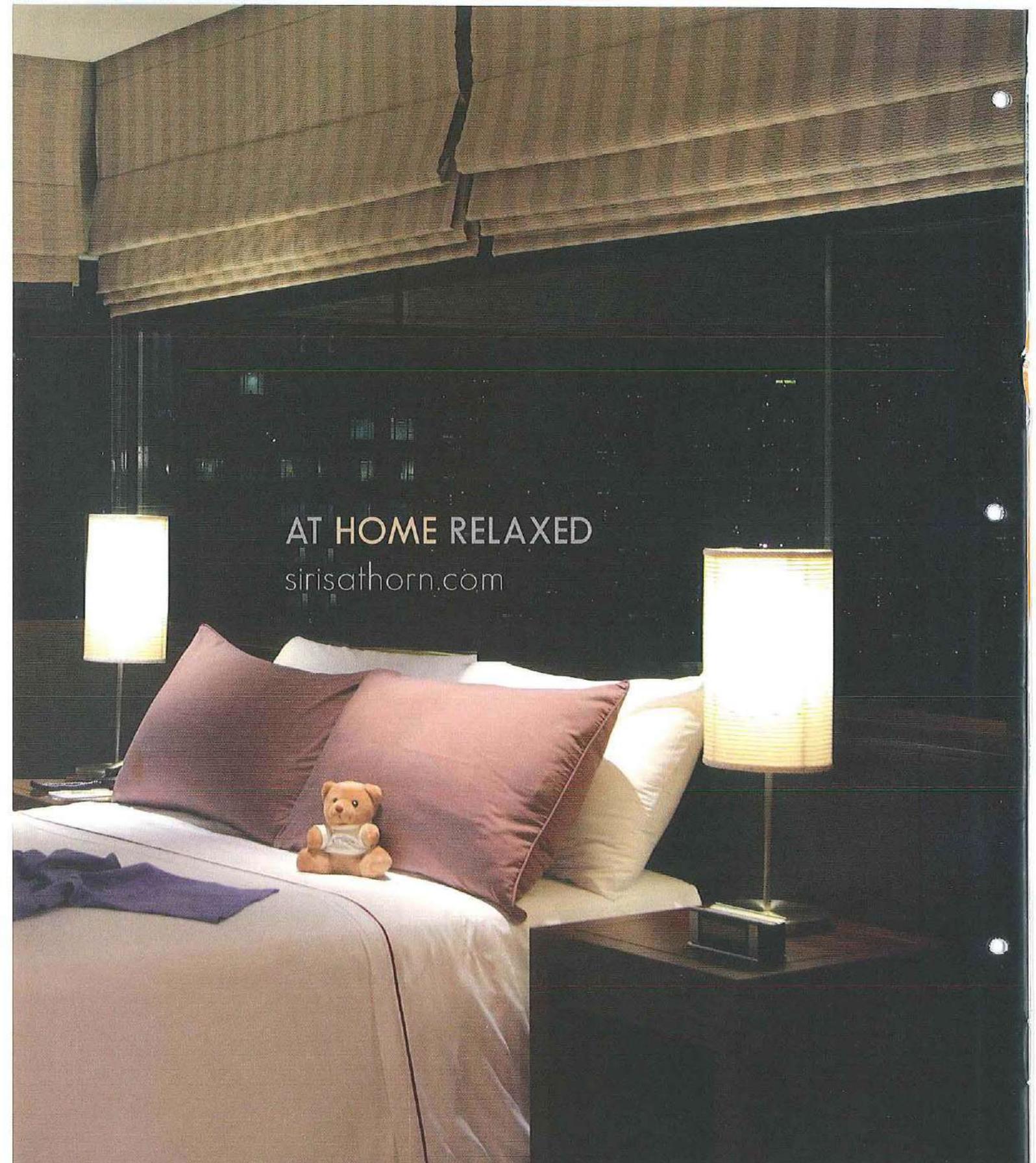
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## TUESDAYS Churchill Bar

8:30pm-late

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### The Verandah

From 6pm

VOUCHER OFFER (from May 16th) – Buy one meal and pay 50% for a second main course meal (A la carte only - Conditions apply)

## WEDNESDAYS The Verandah

From 6pm

VOUCHER OFFER (from May 16th) – Buy one meal and pay 50% for a second main course meal (A la carte only - Conditions apply)

Noon-2pm & 6-10pm

THE MIDWEEK CARVERY - Choose from soup, two roasts carvery with potatoes & vegetables (Bt.250) and salad (Bt.285) (Voucher offer does not include carvery)

### Churchill Bar

7pm and 8pm

PRESTIGE WINES ACCUMULATOR

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

7:30pm

BOTTLE DRAW – somebody present in the Bar will win a bottle of whisky, tequila, vodka or gin.

## THURSDAYS The Verandah

6-10pm

THE BRITISH CHIPPY MENU - Voucher offer.

## FRIDAYS The Verandah

Noon-2pm & 6-10pm

THE FRIDAY 'THEME' BUFFET – **2<sup>nd</sup> May:** PASTA BUFFET – Enjoy a soup, a range of salads and a plate of freshly cooked pasta; Bt.250 per person.

**9<sup>th</sup> May:** SPANISH FOOD BUFFET – Enjoy a soup, a range of salads, tapas and main course items created by Khun Laak, the Club's executive chef; Bt.300 per person.

**16<sup>th</sup> May:** T.G.I.F CURRY BUFFET – This famous buffet consists of a soup, curried dishes, a range of salads and naan bread; Bt.250 per person.

**23<sup>rd</sup> May:** KHUN LAAK'S MIDDLE EASTERN BUFFET – Enjoy a soup, a range of salads and main course items such as koftas, lamb shakareeya and many more dishes created by Khun Laak, the Club's executive chef; Bt.300 per person.

**30<sup>th</sup> May:** T.G.I.F CURRY BUFFET – This famous buffet consists of a soup, curried dishes, a range of salads and naan bread; Bt.250 per person.

## SUNDAYS The Verandah

Noon-2pm & 6-10pm

THE SUNDAY CARVERY - Choose from soup, cold cuts, three roasts carvery, with potatoes and veggies, hot dishes, children's buffet, fresh salad bar and a range of desserts. Adults Bt.350; children Bt.180 including fee Coke/Sprite.

### Silom Room

1-3pm

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

### Suriwongse Room

3pm onwards

Bridge tournament (except last Sunday in the month)

## Official Opening Times

The Verandah

11am - 11pm

Fitness Centre (Mon-Fri)

6am - 10pm

Churchill Bar

10am - 11pm

Fitness Centre (weekends)

6am - 9pm

Poolside Bar

7am - 10pm

Thai Massage (Tues-Sun)

9am - 6pm

(last food orders - 9.30pm)

# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Special Events at the Club this month

### \*\* WEEKEND at KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK

**Leave BC on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May; return on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

We are off back to Khao Yai for another fun-filled family weekend packed with adventure. We leave the Club at 6pm and arrive at the Eco Valley resort at around 9pm. On Saturday we will visit the stunning Khao Yai National Park, Thailand's oldest, to look at the hell narok and hell suwat waterfalls and the national park headquarters - and there is also time to ride elephants. In the evening we have arranged activities for the kids and a bar quiz for Mum and Dad. On Sunday we will visit the Grandmontre Winery for a tour and lunch at their excellent restaurant, arriving back to the Club at around 6pm on Sunday evening. The cost of the weekend is Bt.7000 for adults, Bt.5000 for children under 12 years old and Bt.2000 for children under 3 and includes all transportation, 2 nights accommodation, all meals, entrance to National Park, elephant rides, winery tour and soft drinks at Eco Valley resort. This trip is limited to 60 places so book early to avoid disappointment.

### \*\* MONTHLY BALUT TOURNAMENT

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 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. All players who play six Tournaments in each year will be eligible to win the BCB Shield. See page 11 for more.

### \*\* TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR C CLARKE (I)

**"2001: A Space Odyssey"**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, Suriwongse Room**

We will be showing the classic Sci Fi movie "2001: A Space Odyssey" as a tribute to Arthur C Clarke who passed away recently. This classic film is produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick who co-wrote the screenplay with Arthur C Clarke. There is no charge for the event but we ask members to please sign up in advance to help us with the seating arrangements. Full F&B service will be available.



### \*\* TURKISH GRAND PRIX

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7 pm, Churchill Bar & Verandah**

Join us in the Churchill Bar and the Verandah for the latest race of the 2008 grand prix season coming live from Istanbul @ 7pm race time. Come early to reserve the best seats.

### \*\* TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR C CLARKE (II)

**"2010: The Year We Make Contact"**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, Suriwongse Room**

We will be showing the classic Sci Fi movie "2010: The Year We Make Contact" as a tribute to Arthur C Clarke who passed away recently. The film, released in 1984 and directed by Peter Hyams, is a sequel to "2001: A Space Odyssey" and is based on Arthur C Clarke's novel "2010: Odyssey Two". There is no charge for the event but we ask members to please sign up in advance to help us with the seating arrangements. Full F&B service will be available.

### \*\* ENGLISH FA CUP FINAL 2008

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May, from 8pm, front Lawn & Suriwongse Room**

You are invited to book for grandstand seats to watch the 2008 FA Cup Final live here at the British Club. This is an event for the whole family. We start off the evening at 8pm with our kids' penalty kick competition on the front lawn, culminating in the final shootout during half time with prizes and medals for the winners. Also from 8pm onwards in the Suriwongse Room fans can purchase traditional pie & chips and fish & chips suppers whilst eagerly awaiting the kick-off at 9pm. Entry to this event is free with optional F&B service available.

### \*\* QUIZ NIGHT

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, Suriwongse Room**

As usual Bangkok's premier Quizmaster, Rodney Bain, will be asking four rounds of 19 questions (on a range of subjects from Asia to famous people) each ending in the dreaded "Common Denominator". Prizes go to First, Second, Third and 'Second to Last', and in addition, there are also three 'between round' questions where your team has the chance to win a bottle of wine sponsored by Crown Worldwide Relocations. So, get a team of friends (up to six) to come along and join in the fun - at least one Club member per team - or just pop along to see if we can fit you in. The cost to enter is Bt.150 per person.

## \*\* "RUMOURS"

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, Dinner & show at 7.30pm, Suriwongse Room**

Bangkok Community Theatre presents Neil Simon's hilarious comedy "Rumours" as Dinner Theatre in the Suriwongse Room from May 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 28<sup>th</sup> (but no performance Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>). The evening starts with pre-dinner cocktails on the lawn at 7pm (not included in the ticket price). Tickets Bt.1000 include 3-course buffet dinner which commences at 7:30pm. Tables are for 10. If there are less than 10 in your party, you may share with others. Tickets available only in advance from May 1<sup>st</sup> at Reception. Bookings can be made by fax, email or in person. Also open to the general public through BCT. For more information please visit the BCT website at: [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org), email [rumours@sala.net](mailto:rumours@sala.net) or call 087-598-1915.

## \*\* INDIANA JONES & THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7pm, Paragon Cineplex**

The new "Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" movie opens worldwide Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is the first Indiana Jones movie to be released in 19 years and is the most hotly anticipated movie of the year. We have booked our own VIP suite with luxury seating for our own private viewing of the movie at the Paragon Cineplex. The cost of the event is Bt.1000 per person and includes entrance to the movie in the VIP private cinema, luxury seating, private check-in, welcome drink at the lounge before the movie starts and a complimentary large Pepsi and popcorn. We have booked our movie to start at 7pm. There is only seating for 32 in the cinema so please book now to avoid disappointment.

## \*\* MONACO GRAND PRIX

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm, Churchill Bar & Verandah**

Join us in the Churchill Bar and the Verandah for the latest race of the 2008 grand prix season coming live from Monte Carlo @ 7pm race time. Come early to reserve the best seats.

## \*\* MONTHLY WINE TASTING

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm, Suriwongse Room**

Join us for our regular monthly wine tasting completely free of charge and featuring wines from all over the world. Four companies will be here to let members try unlimited samples of their wines. Members can also purchase wines at specially discounted prices and the Club will create a range of canapés to compliment the wines. What a great way to start your weekend - free wines in the comfort of your Club.

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.

## BRITISH CLUB BALUT ... THE RACE CONTINUES

With the Inaugural British Club Bangkok Balut Cup now in the past, the race is on for the **British Club Bangkok Balut Shield**.

The Shield year runs from September to August and each section member has to pass the "six tournament" hurdle to qualify: thereafter only their best six results will score.

The **BCB Balut Shield** league now reads:

### QUALIFIED PLAYERS (6 Tournaments minimum)

Rank	Player	Tournaments played	BEST SIX Average
=1	Paul Cheesman	10	101.6
=1	Steve Eaton	8	101.6
=3	Roger Willbourn	7	98.9
=3	Steve Mallon	7	98.9
5	Jeremy Watson	6	98.7
6	John Boisclair	9	97.0
7	Christopher Poustie	6	95.1
8	Arun Gupta	6	92.9
9	Tony Rodriguez	6	91.3

### QUALIFYING PLAYERS

Rank	Player	Tournaments played	BEST SIX Average
1	Cartoon Merrigan	2	108.0
2	Caroline Willbourn	4	102.6
3	Phil Alexander	4	97.5
4	Bob Merrigan	5	96.8
5	Muntana Merrigan	5	96.2
6	Simon Davies	4	95.8
7	Rohit Naheta	3	94.9
8	Ben Willbourn	3	94.6
9	Bob van Es	1	92.8
10	Bruce McLaren	2	92.3
11	George Okrasa	5	91.1
12	Tom Merrigan	3	89.9
13	Paul Mason	3	87.7

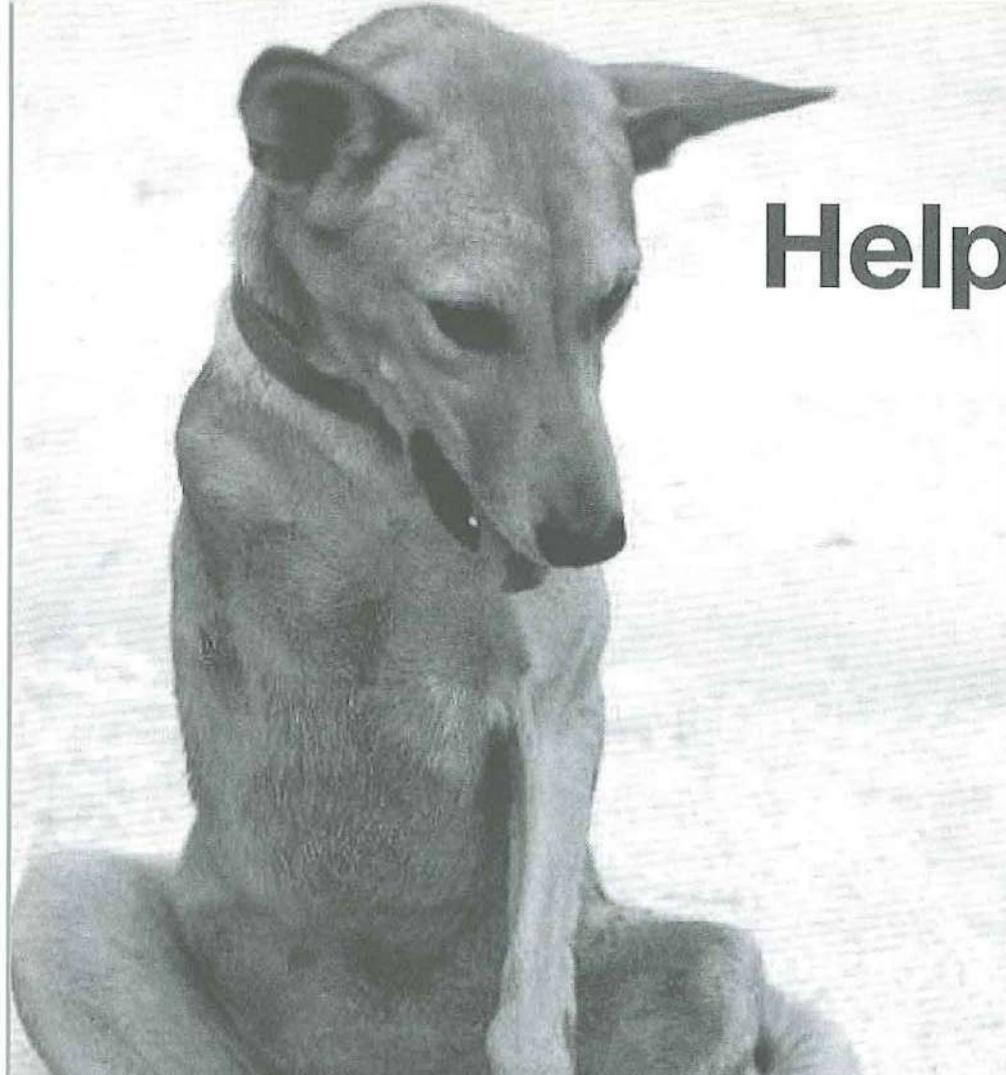
The next tournament is 7<sup>th</sup> May.

### ...& THE WORK STARTS

The British Club has accepted the invitation to host the 28<sup>th</sup> STC Interport Balut Competition, an international event to be held this 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November, attracting up to 160 players from SE Asia. To this end the 28OC (28<sup>th</sup> STC Interport Organising Committee) has been established and consist of:

Phil Alexander (Organising Chairman)  
Paul Cheesman (Organising Secretary)  
Roger Willbourn (Master of Ceremonies)  
Bob van Es  
Stephen Mallon  
Steve Eaton  
Tony Rodriguez

The 28OC will start seeking Sponsors and Supporters for this prestigious event over the next few weeks.



# Help save lives...



## become a muttketeer sponsor!

Your sponsorship will help to cover sterilisations, vaccinations, treatments and much more to help street animals lead better lives. Sponsorships also make perfect gifts for family and friends, so go on...

**JOIN TODAY!**

### Choose one of these options:

#### Ruffos Package

For US\$ 20 (THB 800) per month you will receive a certificate of sponsorship for your chosen animal and monthly updates with photo via email.

#### Pawthos Package

For US\$ 30 (THB 1,200) per you will receive a certificate of sponsorship for your chosen animal and monthly updates with photo via email, plus special occasion cards.

#### Tailamis Package

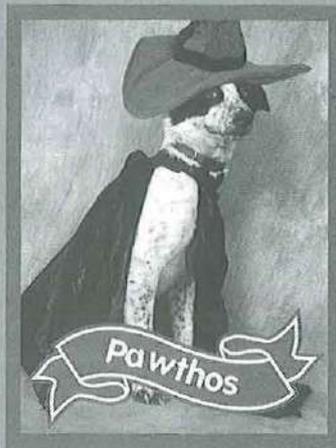
For US\$ 50 (THB 2,000) per you will receive a certificate of sponsorship for your chosen animal and monthly updates with photo via email, special occasion cards plus a free gift from SCAD.

#### C'Atagnan Package

For a one-time donation of US\$ 100 (THB 4,000) or over you will receive a certificate of sponsorship for your chosen animal and a warm, fuzzy feeling inside.

Our Muttketeer Motto is: "All for One? No, Some for All!" It means that the funds will go to help all the deserving cats and dogs in our care. For more information, please see [www.scadbangkok.org](http://www.scadbangkok.org) or email: [sponsorship@scadbangkok.org](mailto:sponsorship@scadbangkok.org)

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# SUSIE'S Kids Korner

Join me in the Silom Room every Sunday!

## ACCESSORIES CRAFTS

### Cereal Box Tote Bag

Fishing for a new carryall? Grab an empty cereal box and create a one-of-a-kind design.

#### CRAFT MATERIALS:

- 1 empty cereal box, any size
- Scissors
- Assorted decorative paper, such as construction paper or scrapbooking paper
- Paintbrush
- Latex glue

**Time needed:** About 1 Hour

#### Directions:

1. Cut off the box's top flaps.
2. Draw a 10- by 2.5-cm (4- by 1-inch) oval centred on the front and back of the box, about 2.5cm from the open end. Cut out the ovals to create the handles.
3. Tear your paper into various shapes.
4. Using the paintbrush, apply a small amount of latex glue to the back of a piece of paper, then smooth the paper onto the box. Spread more latex glue over the paper to help seal it in place. Repeat until the entire box is covered, folding the papers over the edges of the box where necessary. Let the glue dry, about 20 minutes.
5. To help the tote close easily, use the tip of the paintbrush handle to score a line down the middle of each side of the box, and then bring the edges together as shown to crease the fold.



### Rubber Band Belt

Kids - create your own rubber band finery by simply repeating the loop knot shown below and adding beads. Wear it with a dress, jeans - or even quadruple-wrapped around a wrist or ankle as a bracelet or anklet.

#### CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Colourful rubber bands (we used 15 6cm x 1.5mm (2 1/2- by 1/16-inch) bands for a 75cm- (30-inch) long belt)
- Clear beads (we used 50) with a 5mm (3/16-inch) or larger hole (available in multipacks at craft or bead stores)
- 1 large bead with a 5mm (3/16-inch) hole (for clasp)
- Scissors

#### Directions:

1. Use a loop knot to attach 2 rubber bands.
2. Add a bead, or several, to the second band. If you like, tie spacer knots between the beads. Leave enough space at the end to attach the next band. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until the belt is the length you want.
3. To create a clasp, thread the large bead onto the last band on one end and knot it to secure. Leave the loop for decoration or cut it off. On the other end, thread a small bead onto the last band and knot it so that you have a loop that fits securely over the big bead.



## KIDS' COMPUTER JOKES

**What do you call a computer superhero?**

*A Screen Saver.*

**Why did the computer cross the road?**

*To get a byte to eat.*

**Who chases computer criminals?**

*A hacker-tracker.*

**What do you get if you cross a computer with an elephant?**

*Lots of memory.*

**What do you get when you cross a dog and a computer?**

*A machine that has a bark worse than its byte.*

**Why was the computer so angry?**

*Because it had a chip on its shoulder.*

**Why did the computer get glasses?**

*To improve its websight.*



**Why did the computer sneeze?**

*It had a virus.*

**Where do computers go to dance?**

*The disk-o.*

**Where do cool mice live?**

*In mousepads.*

## Rumours about "Rumours"!

Have you heard the rumours? Well, they're true! Bangkok Community Theatre (BCT) are back at The British Club with another great evening of dinner theatre. In May they will stage Neil Simon's hilarious comedy "Rumours" for six nights in The Suriwongse Room.

As usual, there will be plenty of British Club members onstage and working away behind the scenes, too. The Director and Producer of "Rumours" are the same team who staged TheatreWorks production of "Trial by Jury" at The British Club last November and Bangkok Community Theatre's production of "The Pirates of Penzance" in November 2006 - BC members Angela Daniel and Bonnie Zellerbach. Other talented British Club members fill out the cast and crew, including Kathy Clegg, Pippa Harker, Elise Meleisea and Jack Dunford.

BCT has a long history with Neil Simon comedies at The British Club starting with "Plaza Suite" in 1994, "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" in 1998 and most recently "The Odd Couple" (female version) in 2003. Every four to five years, it's time for another injection of that wonderful Neil Simon humour - and "Rumours" has arrived right on schedule.

So what is "Rumours" all about? Stuff and nonsense really, with a lot of laughter thrown in between. The play takes place at the home of Charley and Vivian Brock on the occasion of their 10th wedding anniversary. However, as the first guests (Chris and Ken Bevans played by Elise Meleisea and Severin Herbert) arrive at the house, they hear a gun shot. They find Charley, a city politician, upstairs bleeding from a head wound, Vivian and the domestic staff missing, and a kitchen full of half-thawed food. The other party guests begin to arrive and to protect Charley's reputation from scandal, the Bevans do everything they can to keep the truth from leaking out until they can figure out exactly what has happened. The madcap scheming and cover-ups escalate until they eventually explode with great hilarity when the police (played by Jack Dunford and Anna Khendry) arrive towards the end of the play.

Clearly, Neil Simon has cooked up a recipe for fun with this ridiculous combination of characters and events. British Club Members can look forward to a great evening's entertainment and also a delicious 3-course buffet dinner prepared by our Head Chef, Khun Laak, and her team. There will be six dinner theatre evenings from Thursday, May 22nd to Saturday, May 24th and then again on Monday, May 26th to Wednesday, May 28th. There is no performance on Sunday, May 25th.

Ticket price including dinner and show: Bt.1,000 per person. Cocktails on the lawn will be served from 7:00pm (not included in ticket price) followed by with dinner & show at 7:30pm. Tables seat 10 people (cosily!) and if



BCT's hilarious staging of "The Odd Couple, Female Version" in 2003.

you have less in your group, you will probably share a table with others. Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment, either at reception or by email at [eventbooking@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:eventbooking@britishclubbangkok.org) or by fax to the Club at 02-235-1560. For more information about the play itself, please visit the BCT website at [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org) or email [rumours@sala.net](mailto:rumours@sala.net).

### Come and join in the fun!

BCT welcomes new members of all nationalities and particularly would like to encourage more British Club members to get involved. If you are interested in joining the group, either in front of or behind the scenes, please do get in touch. You can check the BCT website [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org) for more information and how to make contact. BCT also has a monthly Club night on the first Thursday of every month which is usually held right here at the British Club. Everyone is welcome to join in. It's a great opportunity to socialise, meet new friends and generally learn more about theatre.



"Rumours" will play at the British Club from May 22nd.



The blue living room set for Neil Simon's "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" staged by BCT at the BC in 1998

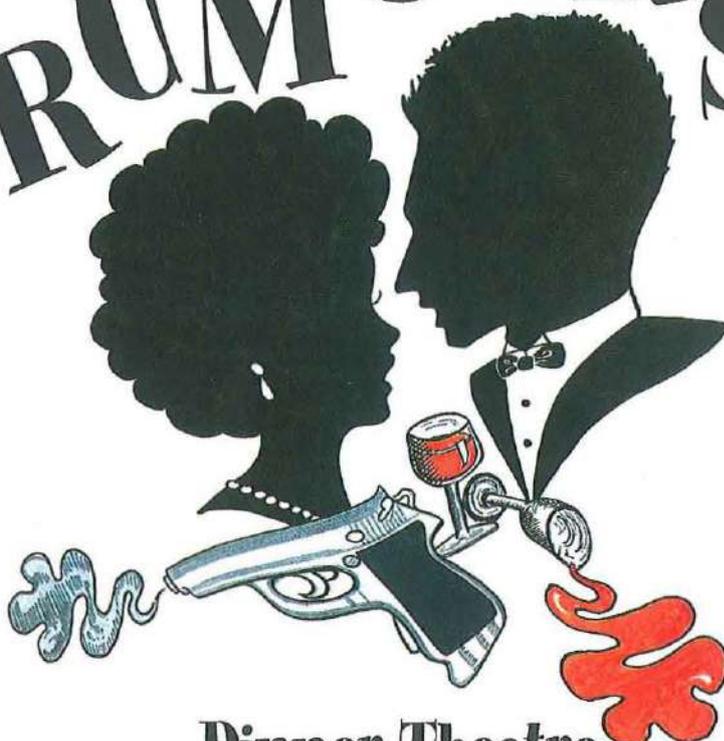


**Bangkok Community Theatre**

presents

**Neil Simon's comedy**

# RUMOURS



**Dinner Theatre**

**in the Suriwongse Room**

**at 7:30pm on**

**Thursday - Saturday, May 22nd, 23rd, 24th**

**Monday - Wednesday, May 26th, 27th & 28th, 2008**

(no performance on Sunday, May 25th)

**Tickets, at B1,000 include a 3-course buffet dinner.**

**Cocktails served on the front lawn from 7:00pm (not included in the ticket price)**

**Dining Tables are for 10. If there are less than 10 in a party, tables will be shared.**

**Tickets available only in advance from May 1st at Reception.**

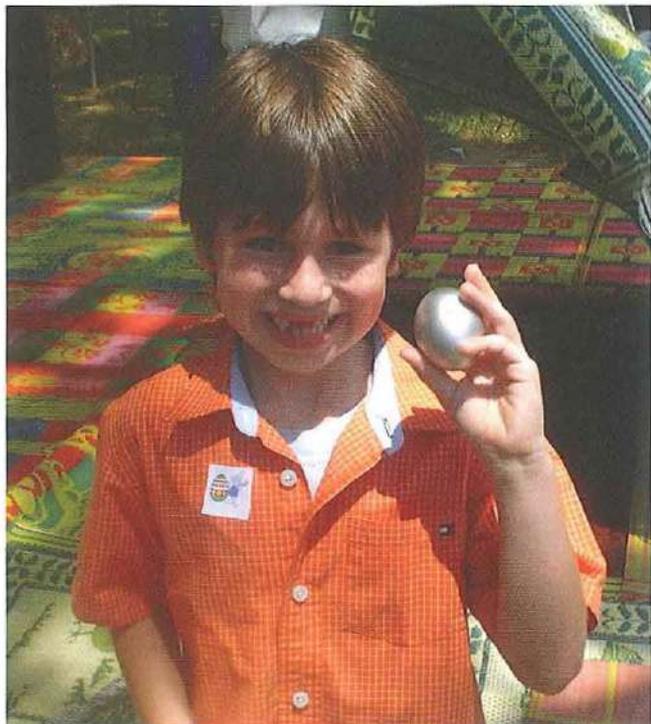
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**Also open to the General Public through BCT. For more information, please call BCT on 087-598-1915 or visit the BCT website at [www.bct-th.org](http://www.bct-th.org) or email: [rumours@sala.net](mailto:rumours@sala.net)**



LOOKING BACK

## Easter Sunday Fun Day Egg-stravaganza



We had a marathon Easter here at the Club this year, with over 200 people converging on the back lawn for the Easter Sunday Fun Day Egg-stravaganza. It was a very hot day but there were plenty of liquids available to cool everybody down and the master cool fans worked overtime. There was a wide range of activities to keep the kids entertained including egg painting, face painting, cookie decorating and lots more . . . First event of the day was the BC egg hunt. We had over 400 orange eggs hidden around the back lawn and this year we had five special prizes: two for the Green Eggs, two for the Silver and of course the star prize for the Golden Egg. All attendees won a prize whether they found eggs or not.

All prizes were generously sponsored by Cadbury Adams and not only did they sponsor excellent prizes for all, but they also came along on the day and handed out free samples of their delicious chocolate to all members around the whole club.





The lucky winner of the coveted golden egg was Master Dominic Upson who won at his first egg hunt, and walked away a very happy young man indeed. Other activities included the Club's bouncy castle, a magic show and walk around magic also. Apart from over 200 on the back lawn just under 100 members piled into the Verandah and the Churchill for our Sunday brunch of three Roasts and a huge buffet with a selection of desserts. Once again there were activities arranged for the kids and chocolates and soft drinks galore. At 2pm the movie "Wallace and Gromit and the Curse of the Were-Rabbit" began upstairs in the Silom Room – and actually I think this movie was a bigger hit with the parents than the kids!!



All in all it was an excellent Easter day with the Club brimming with activity. This year we sold over 500 of the Club's hot cross buns and all our Easter novelties also sold out. Many thanks to all members who attended on what felt like the hottest day of the year so far and also a big thanks to Khun Lek and Cadbury Adams for making this the best Easter possible at the Club.



## EASTER ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY CADBURY

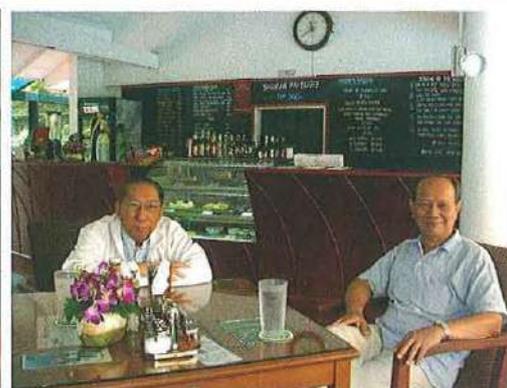


## LOOKING BACK

# Songkran at the Club

The Club's kitchens were busy this Songkran creating a sumptuous Thai buffet of foods from all regions of the Kingdom, some well known dishes and others slightly less well known. The Buffet was very popular and it was great to see so many members at the Club over Songkran, enjoying the relative tranquillity of the Club's environs.

Songkran here at the Club was a fun time for kids too. Despite the ban on water fights and water apparatus being brought into the Club, Khun Reed and the boys in the Fitness Centre organized some official Club approved games to keep the kids amused - let the pictures speak for themselves . . .

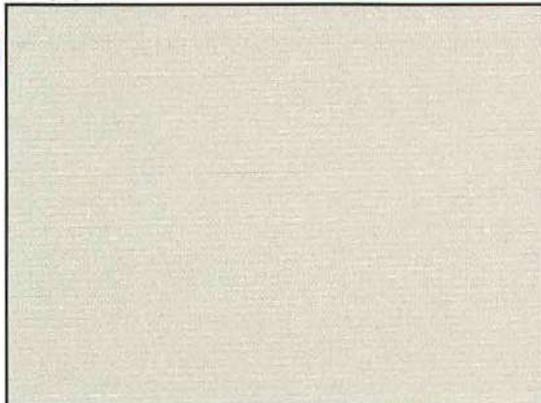


# LOOKING BACK



# BC CALENDAR May – The Month at a Glance

**Sunday**



**4** 9:00am  
Tennis Team Practice  
10:30am-2:15pm  
Squash Mix-in  
**Poolside**  
11:30-3:00pm  
**Poolside BBQ**  
**The Verandah**  
Noon-2:00pm,  
6:00-10:00pm  
**THE SUNDAY CARVERY**

**Silom Room**  
1:00-3:00pm  
Children's Activities  
2:30-3:30pm Yoga  
3:00-6:00pm  
Cricket Practice  
**Suriwongse Room**  
3:00-6:30pm  
Bridge Tournament  
**WEEKEND AT KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK**  
Return to BC 6:00pm

**11** 9:00am  
Tennis Team Practice  
**Poolside**  
11:30-3:00pm  
**Poolside BBQ**  
**The Verandah**  
Noon-2:00pm,  
6:00-10:00pm  
**THE SUNDAY CARVERY**  
**Silom Room**  
1:00-3:00pm  
Children's Activities

**Monday**



**5** 9:00am-12noon  
BWG Mahjong  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Match Play

7:00-10:30pm  
Pipe Band Practice

**12** 9:00am-12noon  
BWG Mahjong  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Match Play

**Tuesday**



- Short Term Rental (daily, weekly, monthly)
- Long Term Rental
- Rental with Chauffeur
- Limousine Service

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**6** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-In  
9:00-10:30am  
Ladies Tennis Clinic  
10:00-11:00am  
Aqua Aerobics

5:15-9:00pm  
Squash Casual Mix-in  
7:00-9:00pm  
Football Practice  
**Churchill Bar**  
8:30pm-late  
**Spoofting**

**13** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-In  
9:00-10:30am  
Ladies Tennis Clinic  
10:00-11:00am  
Aqua Aerobics

**Wednesday**

**1** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-in  
5:15-9:00pm  
Squash Mix-in  
6:00-8:30pm  
Cricket Practice

7:00-9:00pm  
Rugby Practice  
9:00-11:00pm  
Hockey Practice

**7** **The Verandah**  
Noon-2:00pm,  
6:00-10:00pm  
**THE MIDWEEK CARVERY**  
5:00-6:30pm  
Junior Tennis  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in

7:00-10:30pm  
Pipe Band Practice  
**Churchill Bar**  
7:00pm  
**BALUT TOURNAMENT**  
7:00 & 8:00pm  
**PRESTIGE WINE ACCUMULATOR**  
7:30pm Bottle Dray

**14** **The Verandah**  
Noon-2:00pm,  
6:00-10:00pm  
**THE MIDWEEK CARVERY**  
5:00-6:30pm  
Junior Tennis  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in

**Thursday**

**2** 2:00-5:30pm  
Junior Swimming Classes  
5:00-6:30pm  
Junior Tennis  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in

**WEEKEND AT KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK**  
Leave BC 6:00pm

**Silom Sala**  
7:00-9:00pm Kid's VDO

**The Verandah**  
12-2pm, 6-10pm  
**PASTA BUFFET**

**8** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-in  
5:15-9:00pm  
Squash Mix-in  
6:00-8:30pm  
Cricket Practice

7:00-9:00pm  
Rugby Practice  
9:00-11:00pm  
Hockey Practice

**15** 8:00-11:00am  
Tennis Ladies Mix-in  
5:15-9:00pm  
Squash Mix-in  
6:00-8:30pm  
Cricket Practice

**Friday**

**3** 9:00am-1:30pm  
Junior Swimming Classes  
9:30am-12noon  
Cricket Practice

2:00pm  
Squash Handicap Mix-in

**WEEKEND AT KHAO YAI NATIONAL PARK**

**9** 2:00-5:30pm  
Junior Swimming Classes  
5:00-6:30pm  
Junior Tennis  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in

**The Verandah**  
12-2pm, 6-10pm  
**SPANISH FOOD BUFFET**  
**Silom Sala**  
7:00-9:00pm  
**Kid's VDO**  
**Suriwongse Room**  
7:00pm  
**TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR C CLARKE**  
2001: A Space Odyssey

**16** 2:00-5:30pm  
Junior Swimming Classes  
5:00-6:30pm  
Junior Tennis  
6:00-10:00pm  
Tennis Mix-in

**The Verandah**  
12-2pm, 6-10pm  
**T.G.I.F. CURRY BUFFET**

**Saturday**

**10** 9:00am-2:00pm  
Junior Swimming Classes

9:30am-12noon  
Cricket Practice

**17** 9:00am-2:00pm  
Junior Swimming Classes  
9:30am-12noon  
Cricket Practice

<p>2:30-3:30pm Yoga</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice</p> <p><b>Suriwongse Room</b> 3:00-6:30pm Bridge Tournament</p> <p><b>The Verandah &amp; Churchill Bar</b> 7:00pm <b>TURKISH GRAND PRIX</b></p> 	<p><b>18</b> 9:00am Tennis Team Practice</p> <p><b>Poolside</b> 11:30-3:00pm <b>Poolside BBQ</b></p> <p><b>The Verandah</b> Noon-2:00pm, 6:00-10:00pm <b>THE SUNDAY CARVERY</b></p>	<p><b>Silom Room</b> 1:00-3:00pm Children's Activities</p> <p>2:30-3:30pm Yoga</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice</p> <p><b>Suriwongse Room</b> 3:00-6:30pm Bridge Tournament</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:00am Tennis Team Practice</p> <p><b>Poolside</b> 11:30-3:00pm <b>Poolside BBQ</b></p> <p><b>The Verandah</b> Noon-2:00pm, 6:00-10:00pm <b>THE SUNDAY CARVERY</b></p> <p><b>Silom Room</b> 1:00-3:00pm Children's Activities</p> <p>2:30-3:30pm Yoga</p> <p>3:00-6:00pm Cricket Practice</p> <p><b>The Verandah &amp; Churchill Bar</b> 7:00pm <b>MONACO GRAND PRIX</b></p> 
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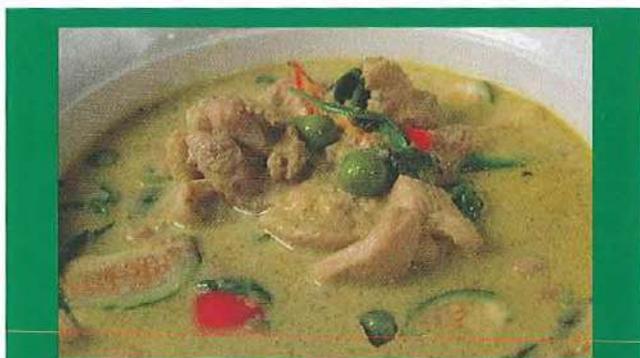
# On the menu . . .

KHUN LAAK RECOMMENDS	
1. pumpkin saffron soup with NZ Mussel	95
2. Garden salad of mixed leaves with pan-fried shrimp	180.
3. Spaghetti with spicy lamb sauce and fresh rosemary	220
4. calf liver with mashed potatoes and deep fried onion rings	250
5. Turkey Ham and sweet leek Pie served with carrots, french beans and croquette potatoes	180.
6. Grilled salmon with mango salsa served with mixed salad and baked potato	280
7. Mixed sausages with onion gravy and mashed potatoes English, lamb, pork and venison sausages	350
8. Braised lamb chop with peas, carrots and mashed potatoes	350
9. Grilled snout fish with mango sauce leek and potato confit french beans, carrots and asparagus	480.
10. Banana and spiced bread butter pudding with hot custard	85.
11. Rhubarb and strawberry Brulee	95
12. Mango and ginger cake with hot custard	85
13. Summer fruits pie with hot custard (Blackberries, Strawberries, Pears and Rhubarb)	95

The "Khun Laak Recommends" board shows the way in May with a great variety of healthy cuisine to tempt all palates and pockets.

But if you feel like cooking up a storm in your own kitchen, by popular demand we have reprised one of our tastiest recipes from days gone by.

Or if you're too hot and bothered, just relax with a fresh fruit slushy!



## Gaeng Kiew Wan Gai (Thai Green Chicken Curry)

### Ingredients: (per person)

- 150 grms Chicken meat or bone in, cut up
- 2 cups Coconut milk (or coconut cream)
- 1 tbsp Kiew Wan curry paste
- 2 tbsp Palm sugar
- 1-3 tsp Fish sauce
- 3-4 Kaffir lime leaves, torn
- 3-4 Red chili peppers, sliced on a bias
- 5 each Solanum torvum (Makua Pung) and Crisp egg plant (Makua Proh), quartered
- ½ cup Thai basil leaves, picked
- Chicken stock, optional

### Directions:

1. Place a pot on the stove and bring coconut milk to a boil and reduce heat.
2. The coconut milk will start having a sheen on the surface, which means that the coconut fat is beginning to separate from the coconut milk. At this time add the curry paste and spread and stir to cook over medium heat until the curry paste is cooked and fragrant. Do not use too high a heat.
3. Add the chicken pieces into the paste and stir to cook.
4. Bring the liquid to boil and boil until the chicken is cooked. Adjust seasoning of the cooked curry with fish sauce and palm sugar. Then add the eggplant, cook one more minute and add the sliced chili peppers and basil leaves. Stir and take the curry off heat. Serve with steamed rice.

## May Fruit Fiesta

### Pineapple Slushy

#### Ingredients

- 150 g Fresh Pineapple
- 1 oz Syrup
- 3 oz Pineapple Juice
- Cracked ice

#### Method:

Blend all ingredients together until slushy and pour into glass.



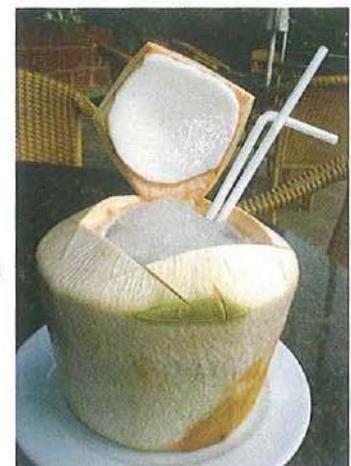
### Coconut Slushy

#### Ingredients

- 1 Whole young coconut
- 1 oz Syrup
- Cracked ice

#### Method:

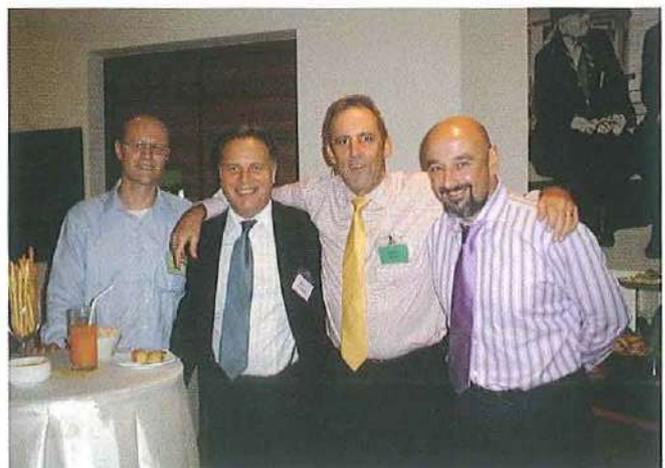
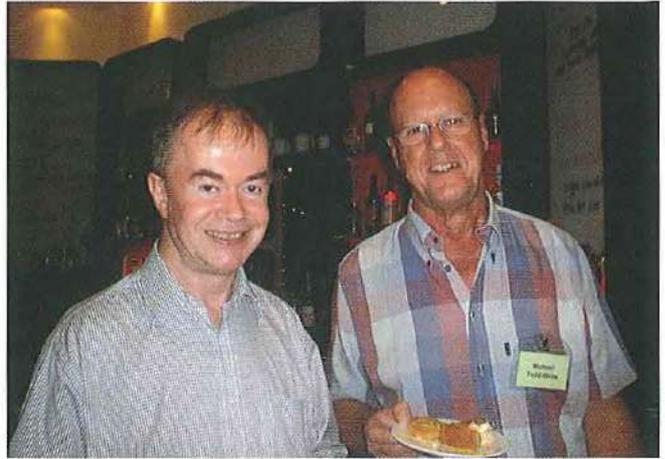
Blend all ingredients together until slushy and pour into coconut.



# New Members Night

Our latest New Members Night was held on the first of April in the Verandah bar. Eleven new members attended along with their proposers and seconders, and representatives of 12 sports Sections and Associated Groups. It was also a night for the members to meet the New General Committee.

Khun Laak did an excellent job with the complimentary buffet and a great night was had by all. The New Members Nights are held bi-monthly and are also a great opportunity to catch up on the gossip with old friends. See you at the next New Members Night to be held in June.





With Reed Passmore

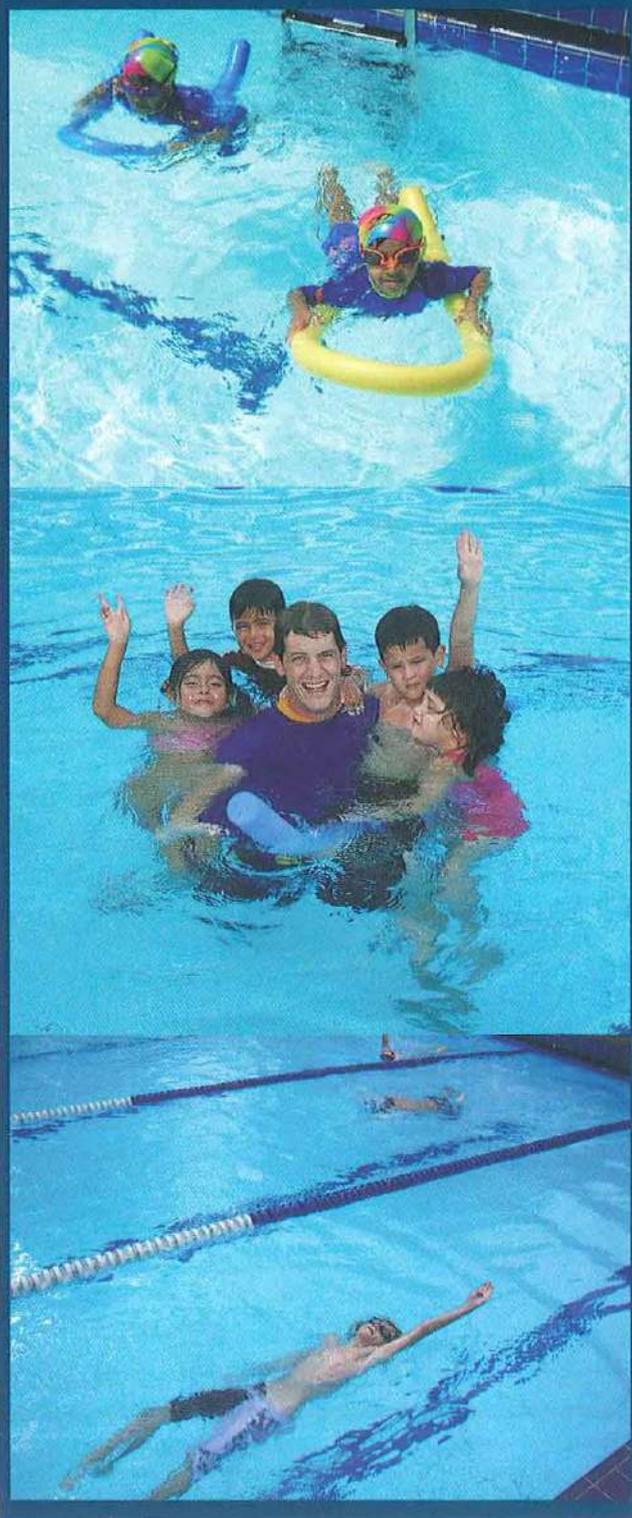
**Dear Members,**

I hope you all had a happy and healthy Songkran. The weather is heating up so it's a great time to stay cool down at poolside.

April was another busy month with numerous activities, swimming and day trips.

### Just a reminder that:

Swimming lessons will start again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of May . . .



## Monthly health and fitness tip:

**Keep Active:** Make it a daily challenge to find ways to move.

- o Climb the stairs rather than take the escalators or lift
- o Walk to The British Club
- o Play with your kids
- o Kick a ball with friends

### Upcoming activities & events

- Football Camp - to be run over 6 weekends
- Inter-Section Olympic Challenge - start putting a team of 6 together
- Monthly Ten Pin Bowling Competition
- Regular gymnastic classes
- Taekwondo
- Boxing sessions / Boxing team

*If you are interested in any of these activities please contact me as they will depend on numbers*

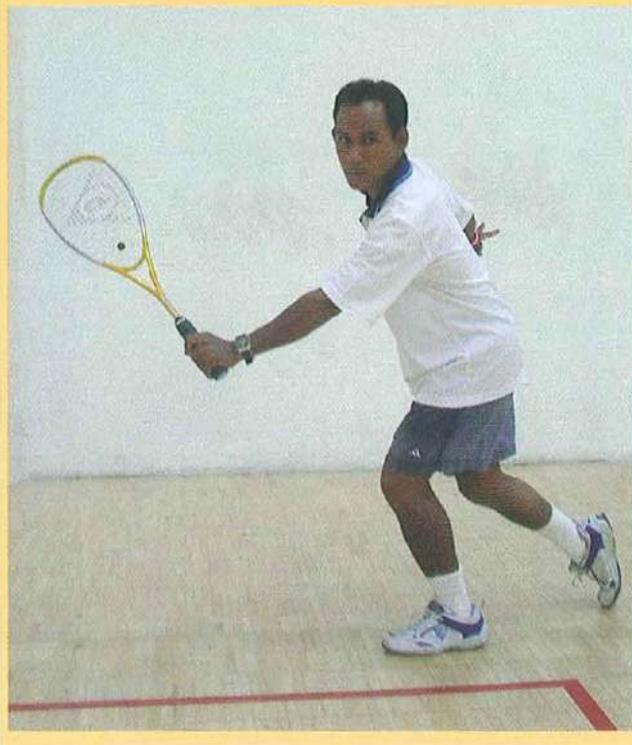
### Squash Coaching at the British Club

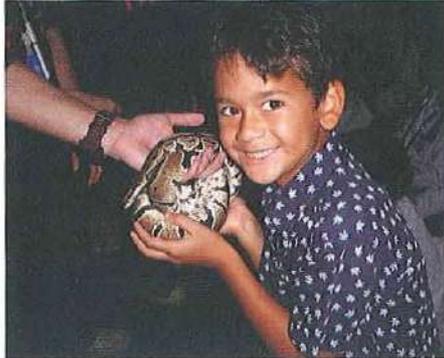
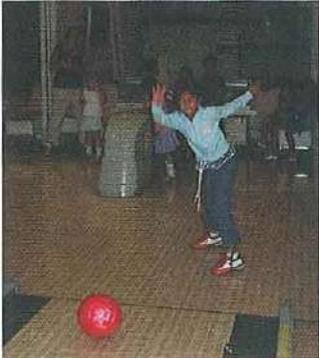
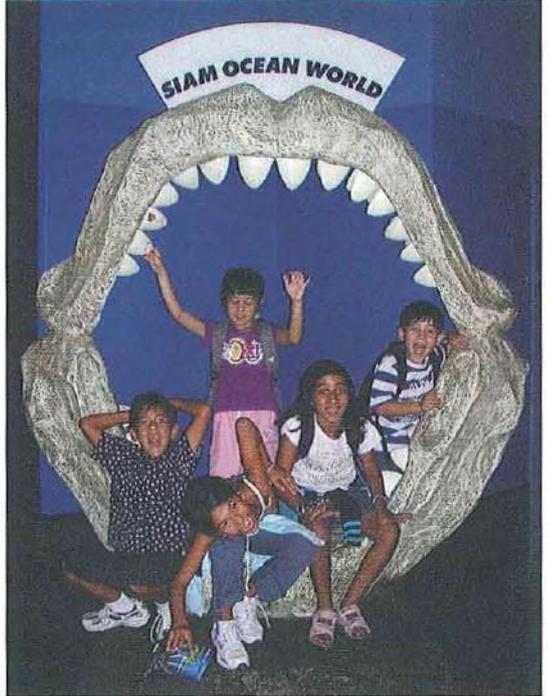
Khun Ruengrit (Rit) has worked at the British Club for 12 years and has been playing squash for 6 years.

If you need coaching, a practice match or a knocker, Khun Rit is here - 6 days a week.

Baht 300 per session

Contact the Fitness Centre to book times





## Sports Camp

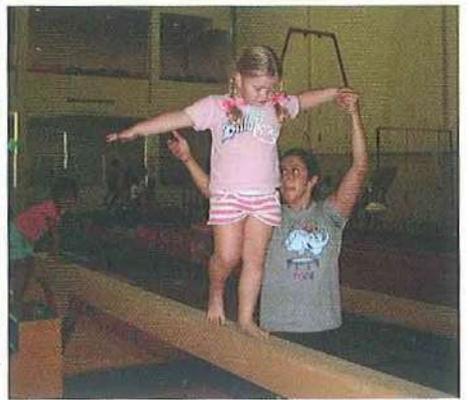
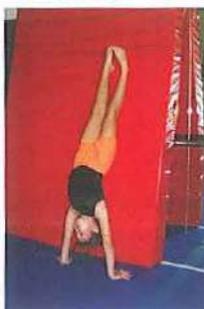
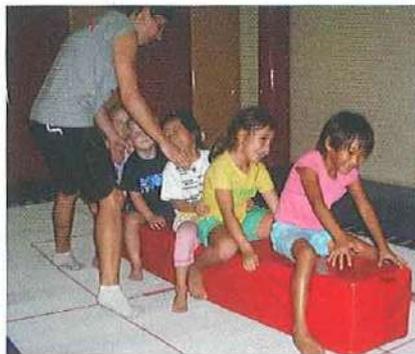
For our second Sports Camp of the year we travelled all over Bangkok for gymnastics, horse riding, ten pin bowling, football, swimming and my highlight Siam Ocean World. See the photos on this page.

Gymnastics proved very popular and we were lucky enough to have three great instructors on the day. It was very positive to see so many children of differing ages. It was also a lot of fun.

Siam Ocean World was amazing. We had front row seats to an underwater magic show, played with snakes and counted sharks. After a big Mac lunch we all went ten pin bowling in a VIP room (with bumper gutters so we were constantly knocking down pins) - a fun day had by all.



The British Club is running an Inter-Section Olympic Challenge in June. Sections will each field a team of 6 that will compete in numerous Club sports.



## Golf Report for March 2008

### Seniors and Juniors Matches – Wangjuntr

Those of us new to the BCGS thought this was actually a competition for the seniors against the juniors, but, we were wrong. These were two separate competitions for separate trophies played over the same two days and this year we played at Wangjuntr Golf Resort at the beginning of March.

When we mentioned to others we were playing at Wangjuntr the normal response was bewilderment as not many people have played there. The course is situated on the 344 road going down to Rayong about 2½ hours drive from Bangkok. At the moment there are two 18 hole courses, the Highland and the Valley and another course, the Jungle, is currently being constructed. There are various types of accommodation, a hotel, a lodge and a number of villas. We were housed in the villas each of which had two double rooms and two single rooms plus a sitting room and a number of bathrooms. There was a certain amount of confusion when we arrived as to who was sleeping where(!!) but it all got sorted out with good humour on our side and total incomprehension on the part of the staff, who were not very used to having a party of farangs turn up.

On the Saturday we played a bogey match against the course, ie we had to play below handicap on each hole to beat the course, and we played



*Junior winner Frank, Captain Maureen and Senior winner Ray*

the Highland course, which was just that. We needed buggies to drive the two kilometres to the start of the course and to drive from greens to the next tees. We needed ropes and crampons to climb some of the hills, and on other holes, those people suffering from vertigo had a tough time teeing off 50 metres above the fairway. In all it was an extremely challenging course which was reflected in the outcome with the course beating half the field by more than eight holes each. It is a course which merits playing again some time, when we have all recovered, so that hopefully we will remember how

not to play some of the holes.

On Sunday we played the Valley course as a stableford competition and added or deducted our score from the previous day. We thought the Valley course would be easier as the gradients were less extreme but it was an equally tough test of golf technically. It took some of us half the game just to catch up with our dreadful scores of the previous day.

Only one person beat both courses and emerged the winner of the Juniors section and that was Frank Fawkes. Hold on a moment - Last year he won the Seniors trophy! Retirement must suit him, he is looking younger every day! Runners up in the Juniors section were John Carter and Gaew Khongyoo. Ray Harries won the Seniors section, with Maureen Gibson and Barry Ashman as runners up. Ray was clearly celebrating before his photo was taken as his shirt seems to have got a little wet.



*Wangjuntr Highland Course, Hole 14*

### March Hassell Stableford – Subhaprueck

Eighteen players including one guest took on the very slick greens at Subhaprueck for the monthly stableford competition. Three people scored 34 points: Andy Flynn, Val Ashman and Frank Fawkes, but they were beaten by the winner, Peter Gale who scored 35 points. He definitely had a game of two halves making only 11 points on the first nine holes. He then woke

up, realised he was seven shots off his handicap and became determined to make up the deficit. He nearly achieved it and was just one shot short with an amazing 24 points on the back nine.

### Club Day – Lam Lukka

It can be a bit of a bind to get to and back, but from time to time the effort is worthwhile. Lam Lukka is a magnificent golfing venue with 4 x 9-hole courses imaginatively named A, B, C and D. The shorter but tighter C & D was our challenge for the day, but for a change the prizes were awarded for our net scores over only 9 holes – selected by the toss of a coin after completion of the round, the coin coming down "Heads", for C course. Thus the podium finishers were: 3rd with net 37 Frank, 2nd net 36 Barry & 1st on countback net 36 Maureen. Spare a thought for Peter Bond with a net 31 on course D – who was it that tossed the coin!

### March Millward Brown Firefly Medal

We welcomed two new members to the Golf Section for the monthly "Firefly" at Royal, unusually for us both single figure handicappers. David is new to Thailand and was still getting used to the compulsory caddies, hot and humid conditions, frequent drinks stops and chirpy playing partners. Phillip is a veteran of all such distractions, and won flight A with a gross 73, net 69, leaving PS & JC to a countback fight over 2nd place net 72's, PS prevailing. Flight B was also won comfortably, by Simon Fisher with a gross 96 net 70, from Yurachatr net 73 and Peter Gale 74.

### Thailand Ladies Amateur Open

Congratulations to our current Ladies Club Champion, Karen Holloway, who qualified (via even more demanding

requirements than our Club Championship) to take part in the prestigious Thailand Ladies Amateur Open in March at the tricky Green Valley Golf Course, playing against the top amateurs from across the South East Asian region (including Australia!). The standard of play was extremely high and added to that was the media attention, with the event being televised. Karen says she was extremely nervous before the start but very determined. She was delighted to make the cut and finish just outside the top 50. She played with some astonishingly good, teenage, players who aimed to hit the par 5 greens in two shots and who finished their rounds with scores of gross 68. Well done for a great achievement, Karen

### Next Month

Look out for the report on one of the highlights of the year - the Dunlop Cup played at Black Mountain, Hua Hin.

Brilliant Karen



### Events for May are:

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>: *Eclectic at Majestic Creek, Hua Hin*  
 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>: *Hassell Stableford at Krung Kravee*  
 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>: *Club Day at Kiarti Thani*  
 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>: *Match versus The Wanderers at Royal – for the Magpie Putter*  
 Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June: *May Millward Brown Firefly Medal at Royal.*

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Hole 1 at the Wangjuntr Highland Course



Phil modelling BCGS club shirt



Simon (bottom right) joining in the post match meditation

## Tennis Report for March 2008

True to form, the month of March has proved to be the busiest of the year with events of one kind or another virtually every weekend, all as detailed below. However the Annual 2008 Championships Finals dominated proceedings with a near record of over 210 individual entries generating a contribution of around Bt.42,000 to the Section's funds, so enabling us to upgrade trophies and prizes etc.

### BC 2008 Annual Championship Finals



**Ladies Doubles Final:** The Annual Championship Finals kicked off smartly at 8am on Saturday morning 15th March with the Ladies' Doubles featuring last year's holders, sisters Mint and Mooky against Nisa and Laurine. Although the outsiders put up a good struggle with some fine tennis, there was not much doubt about the outcome with the sisters running out winners at 6-1, 7-5, being the stronger pair.

**Ladies Doubles Plate Final:** This year's Ladies' Plate featured Ratt and Fiona against experienced pair Tip and Jirapa who ran out easy winners at 6-0, 6-2. This pair should have been featuring in the main event but got spun into the Plate through failing to play in time. We have to readdress the rules to prevent this happening in future as the objective of the Plate event is to provide winning opportunities for our less gifted players and not an easy way to pick up prizes.

**Ladies Singles Final:** The Ladies' Singles followed with the sisters again competing against each other for the BC title and the outcome was much the same as last year too. Mooky has greatly improved her game since then with considerable gains in both power and control but Mint's game has matured particularly in shot selection and consistency, all of which proved once again to be the winning formula at 6-3, 6-3. With both titles in her pocket for the 3rd year running it's going to be a while yet before anyone can catch up with Mint and they will have to work very hard indeed to do it.



**Ladies Singles Plate Final:** Yubharet got her title after a hard struggle against an error prone Jirapa who let both sets slip away to her more consistent opponent at 6-4, 6-3. Percentage tennis won the day here.

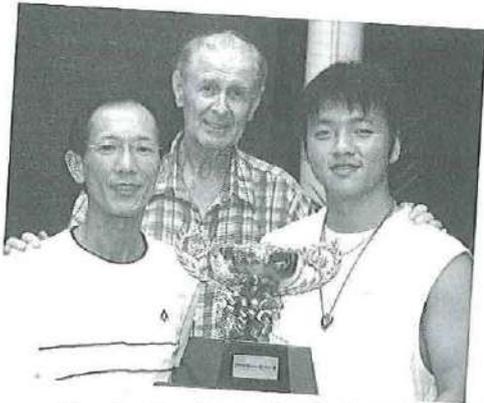


**Men's Singles Final:** The Men's Singles Final started at 1pm. and was between two new faces, Pierre Sequire and Frank Gluck, both French. Pierre, a 26 year-old professional, was the No.1 Seed and favourite but Frank acquitted himself very well under extreme pressure. At one point in the first set it looked as if he might have got the break to go ahead but couldn't quite make it. Although giving away more than 20 years Frank hung in there and traded shots, winners and points with Pierre all the way into the second set but heat and fatigue began to take their toll. From then on Pierre just raised his game revealing just a few of his many talents to run out a comfortable winner at 6-2, 6-2. None of our current top players can get anywhere near his level of skill and all court game which is simply at another level.



**Men's Singles Plate Final:** Giant-killer Kitty struck again this year with a brand of persistent tennis that brought Adrian to his knees in real quick-time. He had no answer to that ball which just kept floating back no matter what he tried. Power tennis was definitely not the answer here and no more needs to be said!

The next 2 events proved to be the best of the Championship's Finals matches



**Men's Doubles Final:** Played between holders Phairoj and Nut and the Marc N/Marcel combo, this match was wide open with even bets both ways. The first set reflected this with little to choose between pairs in a finely fought and entertaining show of skills by all four players. Phairoj and Nut built up a first set lead of 4-1 before their opponents raised their game to get back on terms and then lead 4-5. At that point the holders moved up a gear, reeling off the next 3 games to take the set at 7-5. Play went with the serve until at 5-5 the holders got the break they needed taking Marcel's serve to give them a winning lead to serve out the set at 7-5 on Nut's serve. The second set ran to 3-3 before Phairoj and Nut stepped on the gas again, clinching the set and the Championship title at 6-3. Worthy second time winners indeed.

**Men's Doubles Plate Final:** Having played near flawless tennis against semi-final opponents Bruce and Kamol to secure a surprise place in the final, the father/son combo Pornchai and Thanayut had to be favourites against Kitty and Thongchai. In the event the favourites came up well short of their potential, falling victim to hard man/soft ball Kitty, more than ably assisted by hard-hitting partner Thongchai. Their

hard/soft, hard/soft ball combination destroyed their opponents' consistency, causing them to make many unforced errors due to misjudgment of the ball's pace. Their tactical mastery took them to a well earned 6-4, 6-2 victory. As they say "Use Your Head in Tennis".

**Mixed Doubles Final:** Last event of the day the Mixed Doubles was quite the best of all, keeping spectators on the edge of their seats until the last ball had been struck. Marcel and Natasha ran away with the first set at 6-2, Natasha displaying both power and skill all round the court as she managed to neutralize Mint's greater dexterity and experience. Of the two men Marcel proved to be the steadier with fewer errors than James who made a rather shaky start. At that point it all looked to be going one way. However the second set proved otherwise when both James and Mint raised their game and concentration to



normal levels as they began to impose their greater firepower and dexterity onto the game. Putting pressure on Natasha yielded dividends in the form of more errors from both her and Marcel as he had to try harder to cover her. Predictably the set went to James and Mint at 6-2 in a complete reversal of the first set. James and Mint kept up their momentum into the start of the final set, building up what turned out to be an unassailable lead of 4-1 before their opponents managed to snatch another game. Thereafter the outcome was never really in doubt, the holders again taking the set at 6-2. It will be a while before this pair is dethroned.

**Mixed Doubles Plate Finals:** Only Phairoj and Wandee stood between Kitty cleaning up on all three Plate titles this year, which would have rendered a true measure of his application and consistency. That he just failed to achieve all three in spite of his and partner Raamphai's best efforts, was more to do with rule bending than anything relating to his prowess, which was a pity. Needless to say Phairoj and Wandee were and should have been in a different class, running out winners at 6-2, 6-2.



*Unimpressed spectator*



*Group of happy winners*

**Round-Up:** Play finished more or less on time and we proceeded to the Silom Sala where the BC had once again laid out an excellent 'Pig-on-Spit' Buffet which was highly rated by one and all. Trophies and prizes were duly presented to winners and runners-up of both main and plate events with MC Bernie again in charge of proceedings. In spite of our best efforts there were still some glitches in presentations and although these were quickly sorted out on the night it is clear that we need to have another look at arrangements before next year.

**Championship Sponsors:** In closing we would like to thank all our sponsors who so generously supported our efforts with both cash and gifts, all much appreciated. In particular we would like to mention the very large

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# 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

Thursday 6:00–8:30pm Practice - Back lawn  
Saturday & Sunday mornings – Junior cricket practice

## 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 Casual Mix-in  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month 2:00pm Handicap 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  
**Ladies Mix-in**  
Tuesday 8:00–11:00am  
Thursday 8:00–11:00am  
**Team Practice**  
Sunday 9:00–11:00am

## Tennis Coaching

With Khun Pierre...  
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## Yoga

Sunday 2:30–3:30pm

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Private coaching with David Lines - Bt 700 for 1 hour

### Squash courts

Bt 50 per 45 min

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British Club Swimming lessons – Bt 325 per session, Bt 3,250 for 10 lessons

### Tennis

Private coaching with Khun Jang – Bt 550/hour

### Junior Tennis

Bt 5,500 for 10 lessons (Friday)

### Tennis courts

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### Tennis knockers

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### Yoga

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

## Double Diabolical Sudoku

April was a busy month, Sudoku-wise, with 12 entries received and times ranging from a record 12 minutes to three hours. A couple of you got stuck on Puzzle No 1, resulting no doubt in long periods of suffering & frustration, before eventually getting it out in 2 or 3 hours or so! Hardly surprising then that the average time for Puzzle No 1 was 63 minutes, while Puzzle No 2 averaged a mere 40 minutes.

Here are another two minimal Diabolical Sudokus. As usual, each Sudoku will have its own draw and for each a bottle of wine goes to the skilful – and lucky – winner.

Fax or deliver your completed sudoku/s to Barry Osborne as soon as possible after receiving Outpost. Entries must be received by the 10th of the month (but we will extend the deadline in the rare event that Outpost is late out). The author of the first correct entry (for each Sudoku) drawn out of a hat will win a bottle of wine.

## April SUDOKU WINNERS

It's the ladies again! Congratulations to Meilan Henderson (H243), the winner of the draw for the first puzzle. How does she do it? This is Meilan's fourth sudoku win!

The winner of the second diabolical sudoku draw is Fiona Ramsay (R084) – again! Congratulations Fiona on two in a row!

Now, just in case you might be thinking that the sudoku draws are a little bit "sus", let me reassure everyone by outlining the -

### Immaculately scrupulous drawing procedure

This is carried out with the utmost care by Billy Beefeater personally as follows: All the sudoku entries are stacked randomly and allocated a number, from 1 to x (however many entries there are). Each number is written on a 2x2cm square piece of paper. Each square is folded in half and placed in Billy's black polyester camera tripod bag, which is totally opaque and very long (as you can imagine, being a tripod bag). Billy then reaches in and twiddles all the little pieces of paper around at the bottom of the bag for one minute so they are thoroughly mixed and then – being sure to clear his mind of all thoughts and psychic connections – grabs one piece! The number on that piece of paper is the winner of Sudoku No 1. The square is then returned to the bag and the twiddling process repeated, followed by the grab and out comes the winner of Sudoku No 2. The utmost care is taken to maintain the integrity of the process at every stage so that Fate is allowed to take its course!

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.

		1		4				
2							6	
				8		5		
			2			1		
	8					4		
3			6					
	4			5			7	
			3				2	

**Rating:** 'Diabolically Difficult'

**Solution times:** You tell us! Write down your time next to your completed puzzle(s) – be truthful now!

		1	4					
			5				3	
9								2
	5					4	8	
	3			2				
				9				
1				8				
			7			5		
2								

**Rating:** 'Diabolically Difficult'

**Solution times:** You tell us! Write down your time next to your completed puzzle(s) – no fibbing!

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contributions made by Tennis Section members including Khun Oud Bunjapamai as Lead Sponsor with his 'TKI Perpetual' after which the Tournament is now named, Marc Nussaume's 'VeriSign', Patrick Dean's 'Seara Sports Systems', Marc Hagelauer's 'Food by Phone', Khun Sasaluck's 'FBT Sports', Khun Chalati's 'RC Kola', John Bleho's 'Bleho Media', Khun Jirapa with 'L'Oriel', Ori Dolev with 'Malka Amil' and Dennis Schohn with 'Softel'.

We should also make a special mention of Dunlop who under new ownership this year, very generously presented us with all the balls used throughout the Tournament.

Lastly we would like to thank BC management and staff for assisting and supporting us in many different ways over the whole three months of Tournament play.

### **Pattaya Condo Team Match**

On Saturday afternoon 22 March we entertained the Pattaya Condo Team for the first time in many years on our home ground. Previously over more than 10 years all matches have been played away in Pattaya during the course of our annual tennis weekend there in the month of June. Clearly high time for them to pay a call on us.

Regrettably but as usual they were somewhat deficient of lady players and the 3 who eventually turned up were very late, which left BC ladies with little to do in terms of competing. This was compounded by the fact that more BC ladies turned up than had listed. In spite of our best efforts most ended up playing amongst themselves, which was very disappointing for them and we will certainly have to be very careful in future to avoid a repetition. The Condo team cited the difficulty of persuading ladies to give up their Saturday afternoon shopping just to play tennis so maybe we have to confine ladies play to Sunday mornings only.

After consuming a very plentiful and enjoyable BC buffet, the Condo Team presented us with a splendid gold framed picture of His Majesty King Bhumibol playing tennis as a young man and BC reciprocated presenting an engraved BC plaque.

We now have to set about preparing for our next weekend visit to Pattaya for 2 days of tennis, beaches, eating and nightlife, most probably sometime in June so watch this space for dates if you want to join in the fun.

### **Maldives Team Match**

On Monday 24th March a men's social group of Maldivians visited us for the 3rd year running. Unfortunately we had only 3 days notice so no time to put out a flyer but as luck would have it we just managed to gather enough players to present a credible team. Format was entirely informal with pairs and matches made up as we went along. The standard of play was more or less in line with normal Monday night mix-ins but with the brave exception of Dao, our few visiting ladies were frightened away by the all male cast. For a change the final score gave our guests a margin of just one in their favour. It sure was their lucky day!

BC provided us with an excellent supper in such copious quantities that we were able to feed the 5,000, so most visitors, players and guests left the proceedings with a smile on their face. The Maldives Team presented us with a very nice Art Book of the Maldives Islands, which can be viewed by members upon request to B.G.

Next year we are all hoping for invites back to the various hotels including Hilton, Sheraton and Hyatt, all owned by this Group!

### **BB Courts Tournament**

On 25th & 26th March, Marc, Prasit, Nut and Marcel all participated in the 'BB' Courts Tournament just off Rama 3 where competition was severe at all levels. Regrettably their survival was rather disappointingly short-lived, none making it past the 2nd Round. But we are sure they all gained something from their tournament play experience.

### **Veterans Tennis Association of Thailand (VTAT) Team Tournament**

Over the weekend of 29th/30th March we entered a team of 8 men and just 2 ladies in the annual VTAT Tournament held this year at the Asian Tennis Academy, an ideal venue for this type of event with 16 teams competing. Members of BC's team were Phairoj (Captain), Marc N, James Y, Hanao E, Tom V, Bernie A, Pongsak Y, Bruce G, Andrew R. with ladies Wandee B and Tip W.

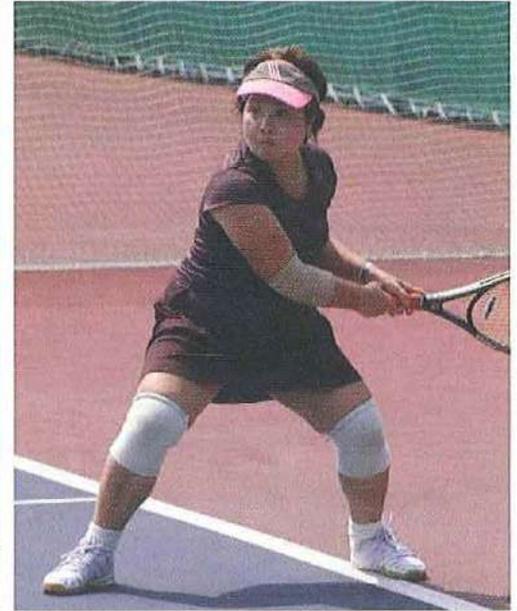
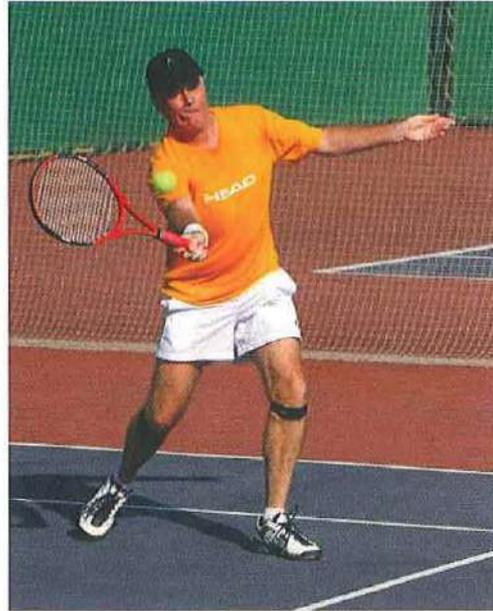
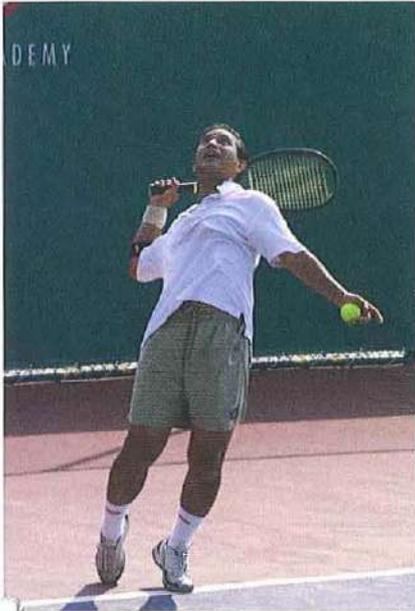
Each Team had to provide 5 pairs for 5 different categories, being Men's Over 40, Combined 100 & 120 with Mixed 90 & 110. As usual BC pulled one of the hardest draws, being in Group A with little prospect of picking up a win in any of the 4 categories. Our first opponents were Mungthon locals who were able to field a complete team compared to just 3 pairs for BC. Bruce and Andrew, Phairoj and Tip produced wins whilst Bernie and Wandee could not quite make it, leaving Mungthon winners with 1 win and 2 W/Os.

Thereafter as first Round losers BC were consigned to Group 'C' and from there had some chance of winning that Group. And so it proved to be with wins against Nakon Suwan at 4-1 on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday wins against PrePac and RC, both by 3-2, all very close matches. James and Pongsak proved to be BC's hot pair with first class performances of power tennis blowing their steady opponents seriously off course. Bernie and Hanao provided a reliable backup winning all 3 of their matches as did Phairoj and Tip taking all 3 of the 90's mixed events. Andrew and Wandee won their match against Nakon Suwan but thereafter struggled to find their form as did BG who played out of his skin with Pongsak, his partner of years ago, to score a most unlikely win in the 40+ category, also against Nakon. However things returned to normal on Sunday when he couldn't return a ball, fortunately for him and partner Tom Van, all in dead rubbers.

The 3 wins against RC ensured we collected the very nice trophy for Group 'C' kindly presented by Khun Somchai of KVC Soap fame together with Bt.1,800 vouchers for Sunday Buffet Lunch at the Tawana Ramada Hotel for the whole team. A set of doggie bags was also provided for the take-away brigade!

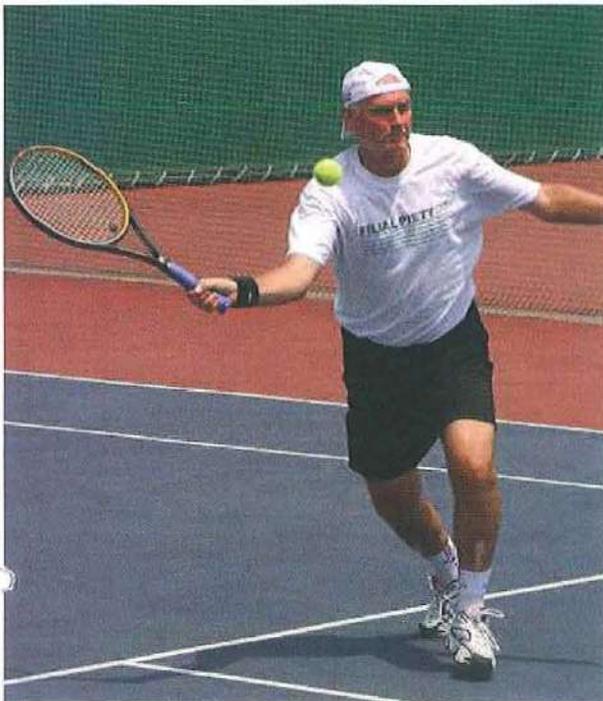
As usual the standard of tennis was very high and with some of our best players absent we did well indeed to come away with a trophy of any kind. General Surayud, a previous long time chairman and now president of the VTAT graciously presented the trophies to the winning teams for each of the 4 Groups being 'A'-Invincibles, 'B'-Nana, 'C'- BC, & 'D'- Paco.

It's good to be able to report that this very large tournament was very well run with plenty of good food and drink, thanks to RC Cola and the many other sponsors too numerous to mention here. We all came away smiling but very tired indeed through 2 long and very hot days on and off the courts and looking forward to meeting up again with fellow team members at a Tawana Ramada Sunday Lunch Buffet.



Pongsak. 'I look to the heavens, from James, with both 'touch' and 'taste' whence cometh my ball'

Wandee in motion



Who ever said Bernie needs to watch the ball?



BC 'VTAT' Team Members with 'C' Group Trophy

## New Year Events for 2008/09

April 1st sees us enter the New Tennis Year, which kicks off with our AGM and the appointment of a new Tennis Committee. Last year's AGM was a disaster with very few members in attendance. The process is democratic and if players show no interest in their own affairs then they will get pretty well exactly what they deserve. No more or less, so please do not complain after the event as the AGM provides all with a forum to come forward.

**The AGM Date will be posted very soon. SEE YOU ALL THERE.**

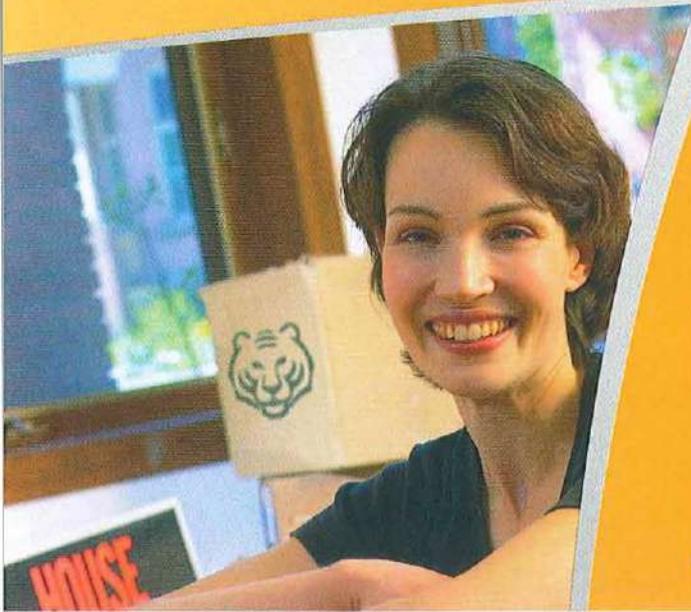
Next stop! An entirely new Interclub Tournament at Piyarom Club between the hosts, Silom, Krung-Thai, Thai Arms, Nana, Port Authority, Japanese Assoc and BC over week ending 17/18th May with money prizes and trophies to first 4 teams. To get into the top 4 we would need all our best players to commit to both days without recourse! Any takers?

And whilst you are all still thinking about that one, the following weekend 24/25th May is this year's 2008 Men's Interclub to be held at Rama Gardens. **Gentlemen, line up please.**

BG

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# Squashy Bits

This month Jack Dunford is still continuing with his World Tour so he has employed the services of a ghost writer who shall remain anonymous. This was conditional on the writer not even coming close to mentioning Wales again winning the GRAND SLAM 2008, Cardiff City (we are on our way to Wembley again, not since 1927), Shane Williams, Wales and Joe Calzaghe (valley boy). This must be the Year of The Sheep.

## Riverine vs BCB

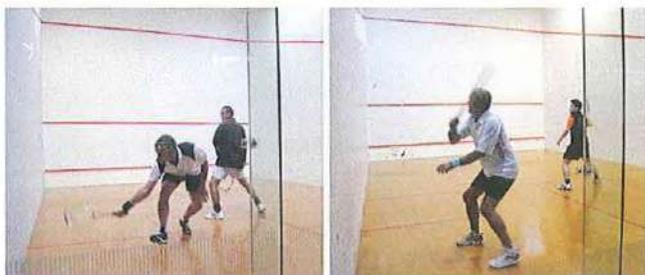
In February we took a team of eight to the Riverine Club to play a combined Riverine/rest of Bangkok team.

Unfortunately, due to many of our Superstars being away, we had a weaker than normal team and finished up losing 6 matches to 2.

Our team in order were David Lines, Charles Whiteley, Brian Ross, Steve Tostevin, Ken Grimshaw, Walter Grey, Peter Corney and Da.

Our winners were Peter Corney winning a hard fought match 3-2 and Walter Grey, a new member, winning 3-1.

RC	BCB	ผู้ชนะ
คุณ กิตติ วัฒนชัย	3-2	1 Mr. David Lines
คุณ กิตติ อภิชาติ	3:0	2 Mr. Charles Whiteley
คุณ วิเศษ	3:0	3 Mr. Brian Ross
คุณ วิชาญ	3:0	4 Mr. Steve Tostevin
คุณ ชาญ ภิรัตน์	3:0	5 Mr. Ken Grimshaw
คุณ วิวัฒน์	1:3	6 Mr. Walter Grey
คุณ วิภากร	2:3	7 Mr. Peter Corney
คุณ วิภากร	3:0	8 Ms. Khin Da
	6-2	



## March League

Winners were: Division 1 - David Lines; Division 2 - John Vivian; Division 3 - Bill Randall.

This month Division 1 was very hotly contested with only 4 points separating the top 5 positions. David 36, Ja 34, Neil 34, Chris Vennell 32, Charles 32, and Rit 20. Charles was deservedly relegated with 32 points! - must try harder next time Charles.

John Vivian breezed through in Division 2 and is now up with the big boys.

Rather disappointingly there were no matches played in Divisions 4, 5 and 6 but thanks for the money anyway.

## Sofitel Central Plaza Hotel Handicap Mix-in

On Saturday 5th April we held the Sofitel Central Plaza Bangkok Hotel Handicap Mix-in. Seven players turned up and the results are below:

David Lines (-39), Chris Vennell (-37), Marvyn Lewis (-28), Peter Corney (-26), Anantana (-30), Brian Ross (-29), and Da (-20).

Peter Corney won the decider against Marvyn, after Peter had brutally forced him to play immediately after finishing his game with David Lines, to finish up with 86 points to Marvyn's 85 and Brian Ross on 85. It should be noted that Peter beat David 15-1 and he also beat Marvyn 15-10 after being 5-1 down in the final match. It should also be noted that Marvyn won more individual matches than anyone else.

## Farewells

John Speake has returned to the UK with his family to take up skiing. We will miss his cheerful face around the Club - no one ever spoke a bad word about him. We wish him and his family good luck for the future.

## Hello's

We welcome Walter Grey and Mark Fowler to the squash section. Walter is a very keen squash player and has already taken up coaching lessons with David Lines. Maybe in one year's time BCB will have their first American squash number 1 with a Yorkshire accent.

## Next Month's Outpost

Next month normal service will resume and Jack Dunford will be back to update us all with his latest holiday adventures and family updates from New Zealand.

Also, the ladder - has anyone noticed that Da has been on top of Jack Dunford for over one month! Jack will reveal all in next month's issue of Outpost.

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## Rugby Report for March 2008

March was an active month for the British Club Rugby Section with the team organizing a friendly fixture against the Royal Thai Navy and visiting Chiang Mai to play in the Chiang Mai 10s with the aim of building a strong team for the yearly 10s season coming up soon.

The Section's officers, Magnus Andersson Club Captain and Morcar McConnell Team Captain, also attended a social event at the Bangkok Breakfast Club. This is an important part of the Section's efforts to foster relationships with both new and old social societies in the region.



*A well deserved rest*

### Fixture report

Royal Thai Navy 16                      British Club 18

Satthahip Navy Base, March 8, 2008

Although playing against one of the best teams in Thailand, we were able to secure a win against the hard-playing sailors at the navy base in Satthahip. The sailors had a chance to snatch the win and cause an upset with a penalty kick five minutes from full-time, but their experienced fly-half missed the shot by a whisker.

Instead, the visitors had to rely on an experienced back line and intercept tries. It was great to have our old experienced back line playing before the 10s season starts.



*Club Captain  
Magnus Andersson  
on a snowmobile  
in Lapland*

### Tournament Report

Chiang Mai 10s, March 15, 2008  
 Chiang Mai Suas 5                      British Club 21  
 Prince Royal's College 0              British Club 21  
 Prince Old Boys 17                      British Club 12  
**Final:**  
 Prince Old Boys 15                      British Club 12

The British Club was invited to participate in a small 10s tournament in Chiang Mai. This is an event we always try to join as it is a good way to contribute to the development of rugby in Northern Thailand. This year we played 3 matches against various teams. We lost the final against a very hard and aggressive Prince Old Boys. The tournament was well organized and we were well taken care of by our friend Bond who recently opened a restaurant serving delicious Northern food.

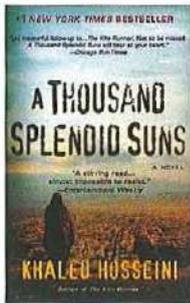
All in all a very good tour - we had a chance to integrate new members into the team. Our main goal for the upcoming months is to practice 10s rugby in order to be well prepared for the upcoming 10s tournaments.

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



*Double tackle*

# Book Reviews



## A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS

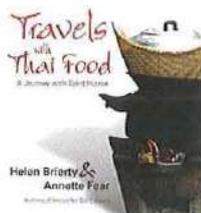
By Khaled Hosseini  
 ISBN: 9781594483073  
 Paperback (Riverhead Books)  
 B2S price: Bt.275

People who devoured Khaled Hosseini's much loved debut, "The Kite Runner", might approach "A Thousand Splendid Suns" with trepidation as second novels are notoriously difficult beasts and often lead to disappointed fans. However, this follow-up is, in many ways, more assured and better written with some critics hailing it as even more absorbing than the first.

Once again the rich and violent history of Afghanistan provides a backdrop that informs and saturates the story but where "The Kite Runner" focused on two Afghan boys struggling to live decent lives, this is the female counterpart. Miriam is an illegitimate woman whose father marries her off to a rough and uneducated man who forces her to wear the burka and hide upstairs when visitors arrive. Laila is the child of a neighbouring family who is brought up, by contrast, in a more liberal tradition, allowed to have opinions and ambitions.

In a society where women are valued only for reproduction, Miriam's marriage becomes a prison following a series of miscarriages and she lives a life full of mental and physical abuse and devoid of hope. Years later, her husband Rasheed takes Laila, who is now alone through a series of tragedies that befall her family, as a second wife.

Hosseini's depiction of the horrors the characters live through - violence, misery and abuse - are harrowing but the slowly growing friendship and solidarity of the two wives from different generations is deeply moving and takes the reader to a more positive ending than might have been expected given the successive oppressions of Soviet invaders, Mujahideen, Taliban and cruel husband. All in all, a story of hope and redemption and well worth picking up, especially as there will be a 20% discount offer throughout May as B2S' Book of the Month!

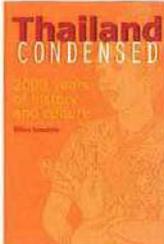


## TRAVELS WITH THAI FOOD: A Journey with Spirit House

By Helen Brierty & Annette Fear  
 ISBN: 9781741105513  
 Paperback (New Holland)  
 B2S price: Bt.795

Now here's a Thai cookbook with a difference! Helen Brierty & Annette Fear are respectively proprietor and head chef of the well known Thai restaurant and cooking school in Queensland, Australia. Back in 2005, in the midst of one of their cooking classes, Annette Fear mentioned she was once again travelling to Thailand to explore street food and regional specialities. One of the students commented she would love to tag along and so their Spirit House Tag-Along Tours to Thailand were born.

Part cookbook, part guide book this is a great way to connect your developing interest in Thai tastes with the culture of everyday life and traditions here in Thailand. It can be quite a challenge to approach a food stall on the streets of Bangkok without knowing what to ask for but reading this book will give you insight and confidence into all that's on offer. Illustrated throughout, as one of my Thai colleagues in the B2S office remarked, the food looks "very Thai" which I guess means authentic - very reasonably priced too.



## THAILAND CONDENSED: 2000 Years of History and Culture

By Ellen London  
 ISBN: 9789812615206  
 Paperback (Marshall Cavendish Editions)  
 B2S Price: Bt.495 less 20% - now Bt.396

Whether you are new to Thailand or a long time resident, there's something for everyone in this handy little reference. Ellen London, who lives here herself, has put together a sort of Thailand Miscellany that both informs and entertains at the same time - so if you can't tell the difference between the Lanna and Sukhothai kingdoms or remember which king spent 27 years as a monk before succeeding to the throne (Rama IV by the way), then this is for you.

But the book does more than just provide a list of kings and kingdoms; it brings together a wealth of information on religious philosophy, art and architecture, culture, language, literature, festivals and celebrations. With chapters that also cover Thai folk tales and proverbs (nearly all using the growth, production, cooking or eating of rice as a metaphor or so it seems) and the recent history of Thailand's international relations and position in the 21st century, this is an accessible and insightful guide to all things Thai, just great to dip into.

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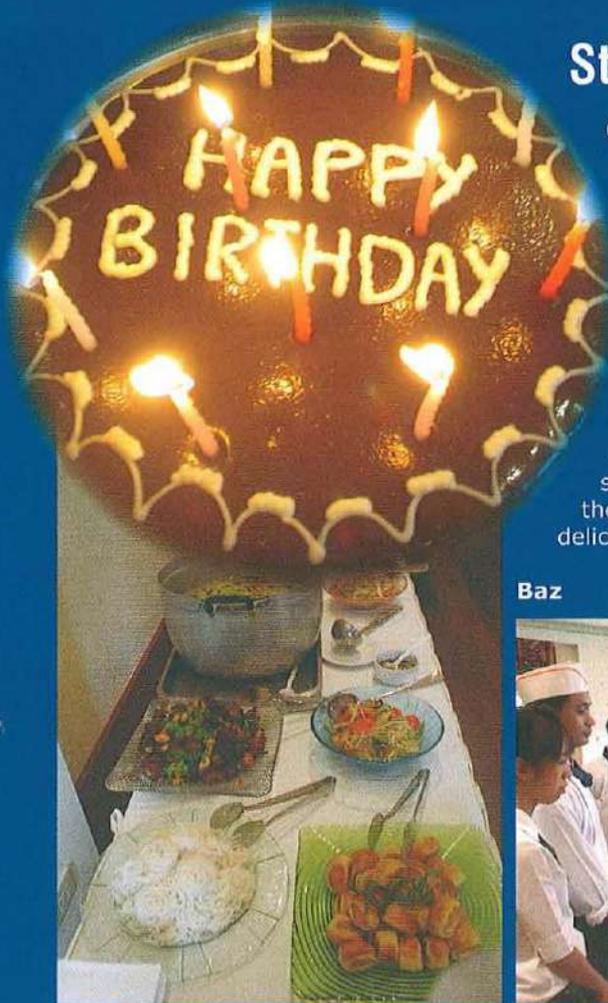
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## Staff Service Awards & Birthday Party

On April 1st (after 12, so no fooling!) we held our staff Quarterly Birthday Party in the Suriwongse Room, combined with the Staff Service Awards, designed to reward staff members who have performed well over the last 3 months. The winners are chosen by Khun Michael, Prem and myself. The winner from Back of House was Khun Chatchai who is the Club's Messenger and who also helps around the Club on other activities and from Front of House the popular Khun Kullada who works between the Verandah and Churchill Bar. Each of the winners received a Bt.2000 cash prize. There was also a birthday cake for those staff members who had birthdays over the last quarter and Khun Laak created a delicious buffet also.



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## The most important person in training

by Al Lock

There are a lot of people involved when training is run in a company. Human Resources Directors, Training Managers, supervisors, trainers, participants, administrators... maybe even the Managing Director.

Now, with all the people involved in training, which person do you think plays the biggest role in the success of the training?

Maybe you think it is the participant, and they obviously play a pretty important role. If they don't take responsibility for their own learning and actively try to learn whatever subject the training is working on, the training can't succeed.

Maybe you think it is the trainer, that a good trainer can train anyone. And the trainer does play an important role, but not nearly as important as commonly perceived.

The most important person to the success or failure of corporate training? Is the immediate supervisor of the participant.

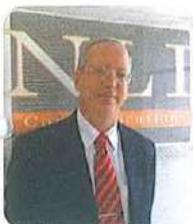
A few years ago, a study was done on this very issue. It studied the

impact of three people at three different time frames. The trainer, the participant, and the participant's supervisor. The result?

The most important activity to the success of training was the action of the supervisor before training. Second most important was the actions of the trainer before training. Third most important was the actions of the supervisor after training. Fourth most important was the actions of the participant during training, and fifth most important was the actions of the trainer during training.

In other words, support by the participant's immediate supervisor before and after training had more of an effect on the likelihood that the training would actually be learned and applied. The preparation of the trainer was more important than how personable they were in conducting training, and the participant's actions during training are more important than the trainers.

If you want your training to be successful, ensure that immediate supervisors support it both before and after training and that the trainer is well prepared, and the likelihood of successful training goes way up.



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Babies and Mothers Bangkok International		<a href="http://www.bambiweb.org/">http://www.bambiweb.org/</a>
Bangkok Music Society		<a href="http://www.bms.in.th/">http://www.bms.in.th/</a>
Bangkok Community Theatre		<a href="http://www.bct-th.org/">http://www.bct-th.org/</a>
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British Women's Group		<a href="http://www.bwgbangkok.com">http://www.bwgbangkok.com</a>
Committee for Coordination of Services to Displaced Persons in Thailand		<a href="http://www.ccsdpt.org">http://www.ccsdpt.org</a>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Samitivej Wellness Center</b></li> </ul>	
Wellness1 For 50 years old and over	11,000 Baht
Wellness2 For 40-50 years old	8,500 Baht
Wellness3 For 30-40 years old	5,500 Baht
Samitivej Executive Program (Male)	45,000 Baht
Samitivej Executive Program (Female)	58,000 Baht
Pre-Exercise Program	2,500 Baht
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Liver and Digestive Institute</b></li> </ul>	
Live Disease and Hepatitis Screening	4,900 Baht
Urea Breath Test	2,400 Baht **
Gastroscopy	8,500 Baht
Colonoscopy	12,500 Baht
Gastro - Colono Endoscopy	21,000 Baht
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Eye Clinic &amp; Super Vision Center</b></li> </ul>	
Glaucoma Screening Program	850 Baht *
LASIK (2 eyes)	65,000 Baht *
Cataract (per 1 eye)	40,000 Baht *
Multifocal Lens (per eye)	74,000 Baht *
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Diabetes Clinic</b></li> </ul>	
Annual Check up for Diabetic	5,500 Baht
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Women's Health Center</b></li> </ul>	
Thin Prep	1,500 Baht
Thin Prep + HPV	3,700 Baht
HPV Vaccine (1 shot)	4,500 Baht **
HPV Vaccine (3 shots)	12,000 Baht **
Digital Mammogram	3,700 Baht
Bone Density	1,990 Baht **
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Samitivej Esthetics Institute</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Facial Treatment with Laser</b>	
Exelo2 (3 times) "Laser Care"	45,000 Baht *
+ Recovery mask (3 times)	5,000 Baht *
+ Tri Action Mask (3 times)	9,500 Baht *
<b>Facial Treatment</b>	
Iontophoresis (11 times)	8,500 Baht *
Phonophoresis (11 times)	8,500 Baht *
Mask (11 times)	17,000 Baht *
Dermalift (11 times)	12,750 Baht *
Radio Frequency (RF) (11 times)	18,700 Baht *
Oxy-Life (11 times)	12,750 Baht *
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Child Health Institute</b></li> </ul>	
Cool Kids Program	1,400 Baht

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