



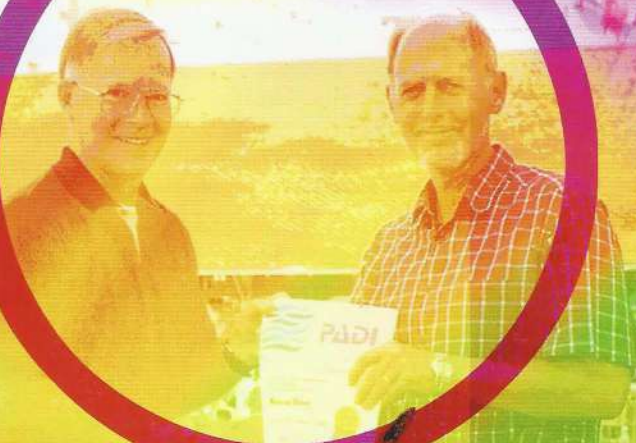
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BARRY'S BANTER

DEAR MEMBERS,

For the Italian food lovers in the Club, we have introduced a pasta buffet in the Churchill Bar on Wednesday nights from 6 pm onwards. Pasta will be cooked to order with your favourite ingredients and sauces, with a selection of salads, for only Bt 120 per plate. Mama Mia!

To make Wednesday nights even more appealing, the Bar accumulator has been revamped. We will draw 3 names at 7 pm for the accumulator itself, then at 7.30 we will make a draw from the Members' cards of those Members present in the bar. The winner will receive his/her choice of our house Whisky, Gin, Vodka or Tequila. The winner can either take the bottle home or leave it behind the bar where we will give ice and mixers free for the duration of that bottle's life. Then at 8 pm a further draw of 3 names will be made for a second chance at winning the accumulator.

On Fridays in the Churchill Bar we have a Curry buffet luncheon and dinner. Enjoy a choice of up to 5 curries, naan, salads, poppadums and dessert for just Bt 200 per person - no need to book, simply show up.

Tiger beer has been introduced in all outlets to go with last month's addition of Singha beer to our draught beer list. Singha beer was sold at a promotional cost with a buy-one-get-one-free special offer.

On Sunday afternoons from 5 pm onwards we now have a special Thai food menu available. Each week we will have up to 5 special dishes available that are not on our regular menu, ie Crab Curries, Pla Chon Pa Sa etc.

Sundays are now filled with a huge range of edible choices - you can enjoy the Lords Carvery from 11.30 am until 2 pm, or the regular poolside BBQ from 12 until 3 pm (Saturday & Sunday) and now the Sunday Thai specials from 5 pm onwards. Don't forget that at 5 pm every Sunday we also sell our cakes at the poolside counter at a discount of 50 %.

Most of the furniture at the baby pool has now arrived but we still have some new loungers and parasols to be delivered. We are also making a new gate for the Silom Sala entrance.



Events this month - we have our regular Bar quizzes, Wine promotions, Video nights etc. We also have a sumptuous Greek Food and Drink promotion on 13th and 14th August to coincide with the opening of the Olympic Games in Athens! The Children's Summer Camp is in full swing and is proving very popular with kids all ages. You can book daily or sign up for the whole week.

By time you read this the new exercise equipment should have arrived in the Fitness Centre - a long-awaited event for the regular gym aficionados - so why not check out (and try out) the new hi-tech machines!

The best kept secret at the Club is probably the massage service carried out by Masseurs Khun Chanpen and his wife Khun Saiphon. They are located by the side of Squash court 3. They charge

Bt 200 per hour for a relaxing and rejuvenating massage. You can book through the Fitness Centre.

The Club still needs new members. If you know of any prospective members please give a call to Khun Aeh & Khun Nong in the Membership department or myself.

The Club functions diary is filling fast for the months of October, November and December. If you need any catering during these months please book now with Khun Ben in the Catering department or myself. Last year we catered over 400 functions for Members, and they keep coming back for more! We create menus to suit your special needs and requests - from formal sit-down occasions to cocktail nibbles - and can do the catering at the Club or at your home/office/chosen venue.

Well that's about it for another month. We have plenty more things happening, so keep your eyes peeled for updates on our notice boards around the Club.

See you around the Club,

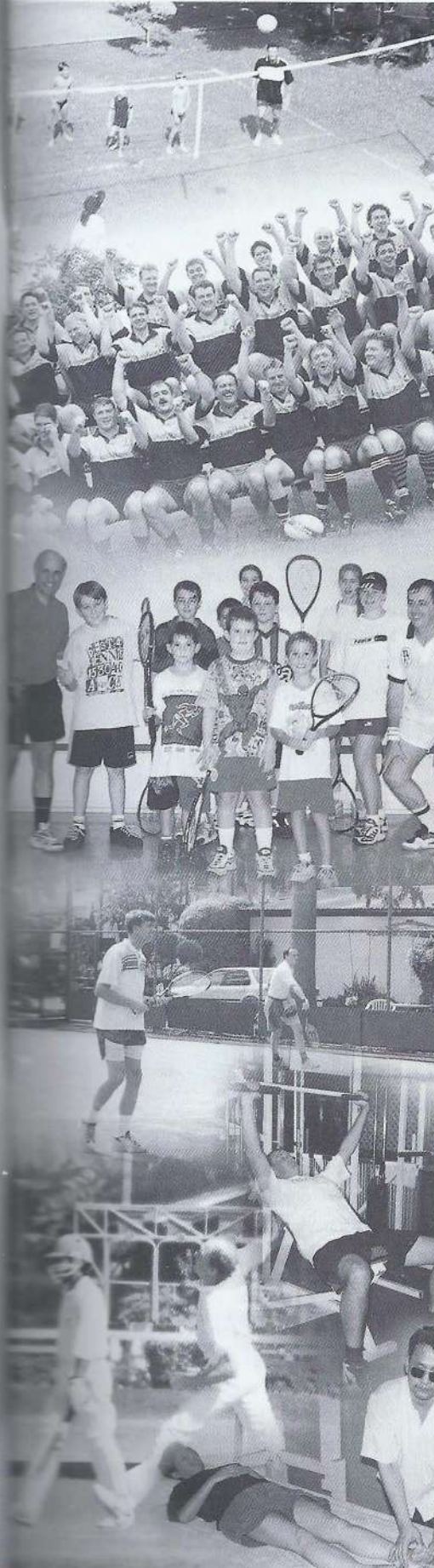
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CALENDAR

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR



SPORTS

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

Saturday

SPORTS

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

Sunday

SPORTS

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

Monday

SPORTS

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

Tuesday

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

6.00pm - midnight Ladies' Night
8.00pm - 11.00pm Friendly Bridge
8.30pm Gentlemen's Spoof

Wednesday

SPORTS

6.00pm - 9.00pm Tennis Mix-in
6.30pm Cricket Nets

CHURCHILL BAR ACTIVITIES

7.00pm Darts
7.00pm Accumulator

Thursday

SPORTS

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

Friday

SPORTS

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

August at a Glance

Summer Sports Camp	9 - 13 & 17 - 20
Wednesday Winners	Wednesdays at 7.00 pm & 8.00 pm
Check-Mate	Thursdays from 7.30 pm
Family Carvery & Grill	Sundays
Underwater World, Pattaya	Tuesday 3
Comedy Night	Thursday 12
Greek Food Promotion	Friday 13 & Saturday 14
Formula 1 Motor Racing	Sunday 15 & 29
Movie Night	Thursday 26

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Venues

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

Opening Times

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

ANOTHER MONTH OF BLISSFUL IDLENESS

SUMMER SPORTS & ACTIVITIES CAMP

August 9 - 13, August 17 - 20

Are the kids getting bored and restless? Missing their school friends? Do you need a couple of hours' break? Then book the little ones in to the Club's Summer Sports & Activities Camp between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm each day. There are loads of fun activities to keep them amused from football to ice skating, bowling to painting... Lunch and snacks are included in the price.

Charge: Bt 950 per day/kid

Bt 3,400 for 4 days/kid

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

Every Wednesday at 7.00 pm & 8.00 pm

Triple chances to win big! The standard Accumulator will now be drawn twice on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm & 8.00 pm from a pool of the total membership. Then at 7.30 pm there will be a bonus draw made up of those Members present in the Churchill Bar... there has to be a winner! And that lucky Member will have the choice of a bottle of House Whisky, Gin, Tequila or Vodka. And to help all that winning booze go down even more smoothly, from 6.30 pm there will be a Pasta & Salad Bar.

CHECK-MATE

Every Thursday from 7.30 pm

Are you board on Thursdays? Need to give your brain a check-up? Want to defeat your enemies from the comfort of the Churchill Bar? Then this is for you! An informal gathering of like-minded Members who are interested in the noble game of Chess. Bring your board and take no prisoners.

FAMILY CARVERY & GRILL

Every Sunday between 11.30 am and 2.00 pm

The Club continues to serve the ever-popular Carvery in the Lord's Dining Room. The cost of the lunch includes soft drinks for the children along with activities in the Suriwongse Room at 1.00pm, leaving mum and dad free to enjoy a relaxing coffee and after lunch drink.

Charge: Bt 300 for adults

Bt 150 for kiddies

UNDERWATER WORLD, PATTAYA

Tuesday, 3 August

A fantastic family day away from the hustle and bustle of Bangkok. Leaving the Club at 8.30 am by air-conditioned coaches, our merry band of Members will visit the new Underwater World, Ripley's Museum, Jomtien Beach for games, fun activities and lunch at Yorkies, and 3D movie show! A full day's entertainment for all. The price includes snacks, lunch soft drinks and ice creams.

Charge: Adults Bt 1,300

Kids Bt 900

COMEDY NIGHT

Thursday, 12 August at 7.30 pm

Join us in the Churchill Bar for an evening of laughter with a compilation of Absolutely Fabulous. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 30 for more details.

GREEK FOOD PROMOTION

Friday 13 & Saturday 14 August from 6.30 pm

In celebration of the Olympic Games, Lords Restaurant is hosting a couple of nights of Greek food. Get into the spirit of the Games with a superb array of all your favourite dishes (and a few more) all washed down with plenty of Retsina and Ouzo. Please book your table at Reception.

Charge: Adults Bt 600

Kids Bt 300 (including soft drinks)

FORMULA 1 MOTOR RACING

Sunday 15 & 29 live at 7.00 pm

The Hungarian Grand Prix and Belgian Grand Prix are the races shown this month. All races are shown live. See page 20 for full details of the schedule of races up to October.

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday 26 August at 7.30 pm

Miss Marple in A Moving Finger with Joan Hickson is the movie special this month. There is no charge for this event, but Members are requested to sign up at Reception to give adequate notice of seating. The full Churchill Bar F&B and Lord's Wine Menu will be available throughout the evening. See page 30 for more details.

SEPTEMBER

BACK TO NATURE ON THE MAGIC EYES CHAO PHRAYA RICE BARGE

Saturday, 4th September.

Join us aboard the Magic Eyes, a 100 year old teak rice barge, and enjoy a full day of activities and fun whilst learning about the environment. We leave from the Club at 7.30 am for the short journey to Nonthaburi where we board the barge. Once on board we are given a safety demonstration and then the fun begins. Our day out includes canoeing, pottery making at the Koh Kred Island, river critters games, pirates plank games etc. The whole day is designed for the parents to join in the fun and activities with the children.

The cost includes transportation from & to the Club, all activities and meals. Please book early as the Barge capacity is only 30 passengers.

Charge: Bt 1300 per person

SCORPIONS LIVE IN BANGKOK

Friday 10th September

Impact Arena Muang Thong Thani is the venue. We have booked a limited amount of tickets for this concert. The tickets cost either Bt 2,850 or Bt 1,850 each. The cost includes transportation from / to the Club.

The Coaches leave from the Club at 6.00 pm and the Concert starts around 8.00 pm.

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JOHN MITCHELL

Aside from Coaching New Zealand's All Blacks, possibly the toughest job in rugby union, John Mitchell was a former All Black himself and also a stalwart for many years with the Waikato province including a number as their Captain. He moved to the UK in the mid 1990's and performed with distinction as first a player, then player-coach before Sir Clive Woodward selected him as his forwards' coach in 1997, playing a major role in the development of England's finest ever and RWC 2003 winning back row. He is currently coaching the Waikato NPC team.



John Mitchell and the BC Boys

ANYONE FOR LUNCH - THANKS VINNO!

Vince Swift kindly assembled a number of Bangkok's finest rugby scrotes, which could easily resemble a "dirty dozen" and hosted a lunch at The Barbican on Friday 28 May. All enjoyed a lively debate on rugby with Mitch. Returning from a brief business trip to the UK, Scribe travelled direct from the airport and joined as the after-lunch drinks and port was commencing! A fascinating afternoon was enjoyed by all, during which tour rules applied as a number of frank one-to-one discussions took place, both individually and occasionally the discussion involved the whole table. The

collective feeling from talking to all was that whilst Mitch would be a very hard taskmaster, you could not meet a more honest rugby person. He never enjoyed a great relationship with the New Zealand media but then again he is the type of character that doesn't suffer fools at all, let alone gladly!

TIME FOR A FEW DRINKS PERHAPS?

Three hours after Scribe's late arrival, which included consuming countless bottles of wine and port, we all headed off for a final few cleansing ales before heading off home early as we had an early start for mini rugby on Saturday morning. That was the plan and all good plans some how go to pot at one time or another and the famed defence of "I have no clear recollection of that!" Scribe certainly did and a few pit stops were made in a number of our favourite bars before awaking very early and rather wearily on Saturday.

MINI RUGBY COACHING

With many of the BC contingent absent due to the Phuket 10's competition, Mitch was a

welcome visitor to lend a hand or two with the coaching! Arriving promptly at 8:30 am he looked remarkably fresh compared to haggled BC Rugby Section Committee members Hill, Cronshaw and Merrigan. Jon Prichard was still looking ragged after pre-tournament drinks in Phuket on Thursday evening, and was giving an exceedingly poor excuse for missing the long Friday afternoon lunch. Looking like he had been dragged through a hedge backwards and sideways, he then explained to our rather surprised guest that for the evening dinner he would in fact be the MC! After several group photos for sponsor DHL the children were taken for a warm up before JM took each age group for a coaching clinic. To say that their eyes lit up would be an understatement (despite the half term holidays there was good attendance). Scribe was dispatched to the airport to collect



Simon Davies with John Mitchell after his purchase of memorabilia at the auction



John Mitchell and Scribe enjoy a joke

RUGBY COACHING SESSION

our other visiting personality, ESPN Star Sports Justin "Sambo" Sampson, so missed most of the morning activities. After three and a half hours Mitch headed back to his hotel to get himself ready for the evening's event.

DINNER HOSTED BY THE THAI-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

On arrival at the Sheraton Grande Hotel we shared a few more words with John 'Mr. Sensible' Mitchell, who was drinking orange juice whilst the assembled BC crew of Jon Prichard, Bruce Hill, Vince Swift, Bob Merrigan, Keith Cronshaw, Trevor Day, Nigel Wixcey, Keith Rowley, James Crossley-Smith, Roger Fitzgerald, Paul Clifton, Dean Robinson our guest "Sambo" all helped ourselves to beer! We were among over 300 people who had turned up to listen to what the man with "apricot ears" had to say. A few photos were taken before we made our way to the three tables reserved for BC Rugby before MC Jon Prichard sprung into action with his "raconteur" hat on, after which we all tucked into some rather delightful nosh. We enjoyed a little more frivolity from MC JP before John Mitchell took to the stage. At the beginning of his speech he asked that it be considered "off the record" which Scribe will obviously respect, but he talked with passion about his playing career, his coaching career, his time in England, his return to New Zealand in 2000 and his subsequent period as coach of the All Blacks. He took a number of questions from the floor, one of which had been asked during Vinno's lunch the previous day - would he consider other international coaching appointments? His response was that there are only two sides in the world he would consider coaching and they are the ones he has been involved with - New Zealand and England - sits well with the English, a successor to Sir Clive after RWC 2007?

A FEW DRINKS FOR THE ROAD

After enjoying fine company, food and wine, most of the BC Rugby crew headed over the road to pay homage to our longest sponsor, The Long Gun. Scribe, Sambo and JP formed the rear guard and whilst on a footbridge were passed by a rather desperate looking Trevor Day running for cover shouting "Out of the way!



John Mitchell, Justin Sampson and BC Rugby

Turtles head! Emergency!" whilst en route to the Westin Grande to relieve himself. Rumour has it that he was to awake in trap two on level 7 at the Westin Grande at around 4am! Aside from our Trev, a few final cleansing ales were shared together before we all headed home.

MITCHELL AND SCRIBE - ANY COMPARISON?

Aside from the fact that Scribe has hair and does not possess ears that look like crushed fruit, there are surprising similarities between us professionally. We both started our careers as quantity surveyors before moving into the realms of project and facilities management. The fact we both played in the back row is also strikingly familiar, but there the similarities end!

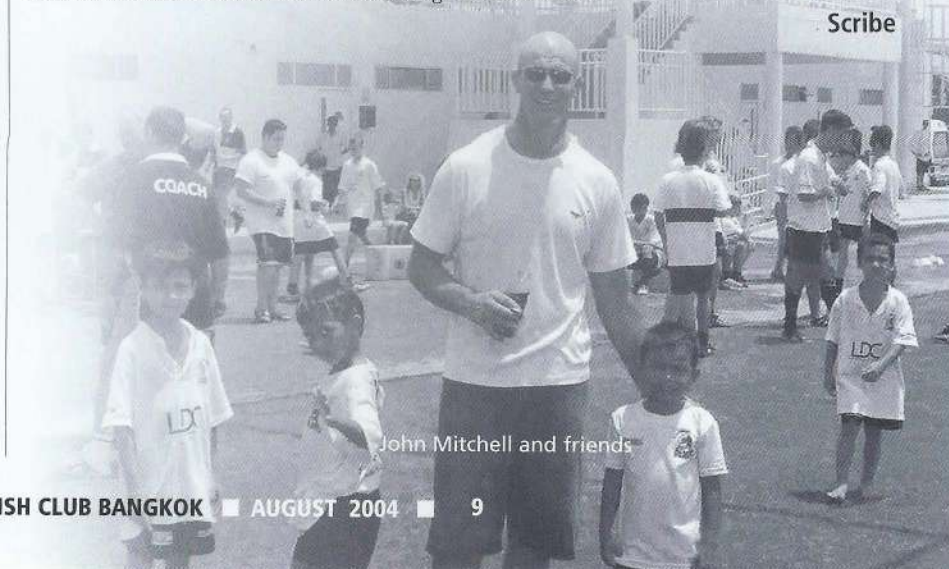
THANKS MITCH!

Most would agree that his subsequent dismissal from the All Blacks was somewhat harsh bearing

in mind during his period in charge he had a win ratio of 87%. If the rumours that his successor Graham Henry was being courted and sounded out before the fateful semi-final loss to Australia in RWC 2003, one can only imagine his winning mentality and tough approach did not sit well with all in the hierarchy of the NZRFU. Since his departure he has taken up a full-time coaching role at NPC level at his beloved Waikato.

BC Rugby hopes to catch up with John Mitchell in New Zealand during the Lions 2005 tour as he has promised show us around the bars of Hamilton. We look forward to the rendezvous! Aside from his very fine company, I think the memory most of us will keep from his visit was the sight of a former All Black and All Black coach, giving up his Saturday morning, gratis, coaching many of our children whilst on a brief three day visit.

Thanks Mitch!



John Mitchell and friends

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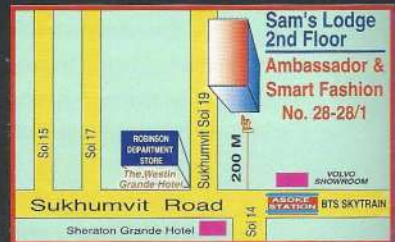
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JUMPED SHIP!

I'd never jumped ship before 18 June this year. I did it on that day along with Mark Smith on the way to completing his Rescue Diver course open water skills.

First, I'll give a little background information. We were on a dive boat I often use, headed for the small island of Koh Sak (north of Koh Larn, the largest inner island neat Pattaya). It is normally a 30 minute ride, but this day the waves were already being whipped up to 1-1.5 meter by the wind. We'd assembled our scuba equipment for a busy day's diving and Mark was looking forward to using his new (and very good) scuba gear. When we were within 400 meters of the island I heard a not so good sound coming from the boat's motor and so looked into the motor compartment and saw lots of water sloshing back and forth below. The boat had just been through some routine dry dock maintenance, but this was not a good sign! Further inspection showed that one of the fuel lines was slowly leaking fuel and the bilge pump in the motor compartment was not working correctly. Not a good sign! The rescue course could become very practical. It was getting more exciting by the minute! Our trusty captain, who I have known for several years, took one look and announced that we were heading back to Pattaya immediately. Right decision! But

what about our Rescue course? They called to another dive boat that would be following us to the same dive site to see if Mark and I could transfer over to them. As we were already heading back to Pattaya, we spotted another boat coming directly towards us. Quickly we disassembled our scuba gear and packed it up for

transfer. The other boat soon came along side and we were able to have our equipment thrown over to their boat. Due to the strong winds and high waves, the two boats were scraping up and down each other's sides and it would have been very dangerous to attempt climbing over. So... they backed off about 50 meters and Mark and I jumped ship into the waves and slowly swam over to the other boat. We both made it safely and they had to pull us up on board. Our first

boat took several minutes to start back up again and continue on to Pattaya.

We were able to complete many of the Rescue course skills at Koh Sak in spite of very limited underwater visibility (2-3 meters) caused by an algae bloom.

Upon returning to Pattaya pier at the end of the day, Mark and I stopped by our first boat to check on its repairs. They had taken the engine apart and I was not too sure if it would be ready for the next day. However, I received a call a couple of hours later that it would be finished in time for diving the next day.

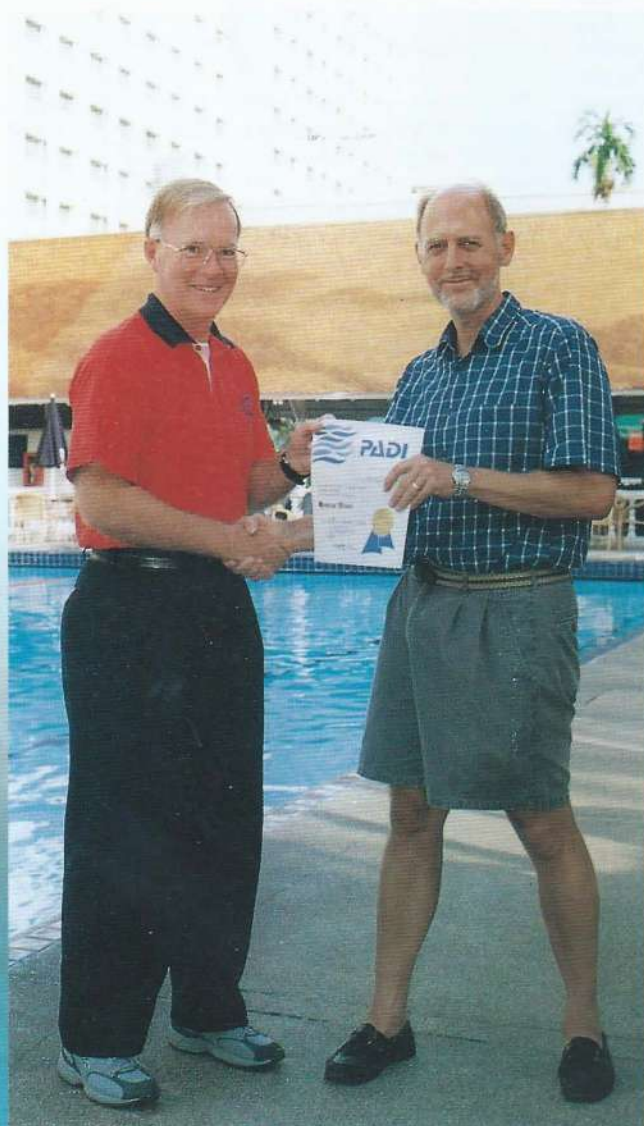
The next morning, sure enough, the boat was ready and we made it out to Koh Sak without having to jump ship again.

Underwater visibility had improved to 5-6 meters and we were able to complete all the Rescue course skills, practice some underwater navigation skills and do some pleasure diving where we spotted a large Hawksbill turtle sleeping in the coral.

Mark is now officially a certified Rescue Diver and wants to continue later with some speciality courses.

He had a challenging and interesting weekend!

Peter Gary
Scuba Section



Mark Smith is being congratulated and presented with his Rescue Diver certificate by instructor Peter Gary.

TOWARDS BETTER GOVERNANCE - A YEAR ON

IT TOOK ALL THAT TIME TO GET THAT FAR AND IF EVER THERE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE INSTITUTIONAL AND ENDEMIC DIFFICULTIES THAT AFFECT THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CLUB, WHICH MAKE THE LIVES OF ITS OFFICERS FAR FROM EASY, THAT HOLD US BACK WHILST THE FABRIC OF THE CLUB DECAYS AND SHOW THAT CHANGE IS NEEDED, THIS WAS A SHINING EXAMPLE. WHILST MY PROPOSALS FAILED TO MAKE PROGRESS THE BALL HAS, IF NOTHING ELSE, STARTED TO ROLL AND A FLAME LIT, HOWEVER IT NEEDS TO BE KEPT ALIGHT IF WE ARE NOT TO FALL BACK INTO DARKNESS.

MEMBERS PRESENT THAT EVENING HEARD AND WERE, I BELIEVE, GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE IDEA OF GREATER REPRESENTATION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS; WHAT FORM THAT EVENTUALLY TAKES WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER WORK, BUT MY ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS TO DIRECTLY ELECT THE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER WERE NOT HEARD FOR ENTIRELY PROPER REASONS, AND WHILST SET OUT IN DRAFT FORM IN AN EARLIER ARTICLE - A YEAR AGO - THEY ARE PUBLISHED BELOW, AS THEY STAND NOW TO FURTHER SEED THE ARGUMENT.

IN SUM, I WAS GOING ON TO PROPOSE THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER BE DIRECTLY ELECTED BY POSTAL BALLOT OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP AND HAD FOUR HEADS OF ARGUMENT.

FIRSTLY, THERE IS AND HAS BEEN FOR YEARS, CONFUSION ABOUT THE ROLE OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT HAS BECOME ENDEMIC, DEMONSTRATED BY AN UNDERSTANDABLE AND WELL INTENTIONED (BUT ENTIRELY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE) DESIRE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB, RATHER THAN TO REPRESENT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB AND SET POLICY ON THEIR BEHALF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMBERS' BROAD VIEWS. THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB IS THE GENERAL MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY AND FOR THAT HE SHOULD, I BELIEVE, HAVE ONLY ONE MASTER - THE CHAIRMAN.

THERE IS A SECTION IN THE RULES HEADED 'MANAGEMENT'. IT SHOULD READ 'GOVERNANCE'. AS THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN HAS OFTEN SAID, THE COMMITTEE IS ELECTED TO GOVERN - SOMETHING IT HAS NEVER DONE EFFECTIVELY IN RECENT YEARS, BECAUSE IT ALWAYS BECOMES TOO INVOLVED IN MATTERS WHICH ARE WITHIN NEITHER ITS REMIT, NOR, I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST, ITS COMPETENCE. THE RESULT IS STAGNATION TOGETHER WITH UNHAPPINESS AMONGST OUR LOYAL STAFF, AS MORE THAN ONE PAST GENERAL MANAGER CAN TESTIFY AND RECENT EVENTS HAVE SHOWN.

A YEAR AGO, IN JULY 2003, I FIRST SENT PROPOSALS FOR CHANGING THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CLUB TO THE CHAIRMAN FOR PUBLICATION. ON 29 JUNE 2004 AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD TO DISCUSS THESE AND OTHER MORE ROUTINE AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.

SECONDLY, I PUT IT TO YOU THAT, HOWEVER WELL INTENTIONED COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY BE, THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS ENTIRELY UNDEMOCRATIC. COMMITTEES ARE ELECTED, SAD TO SAY, BY DEFAULT. A FACT OF LIFE AND NO REFLECTION UPON THEM, BUT RARELY, IF EVER, HAS THERE BEEN A TRUE ELECTION. MANY PEOPLE WITH MUCH TO OFFER SHY AWAY FROM STANDING AND THEREBY CREATE A COMPETITIVE ELECTION, BECAUSE OF WHAT I SAID IN MY FIRST POINT; NAMELY THE FEAR OF WASTING TIME IN THEIR BUSY LIVES, THROUGH BECOMING BOGGED DOWN FOR ENDLESS HOURS IN MATTERS THAT ARE OUTSIDE THEIR PROPER REMIT.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THOSE ON THE COMMITTEE, WHATEVER THEIR GOOD INTENTIONS, PERSONAL AGENDA OR VISION, OR A MIXTURE OF ALL THREE, REPRESENT ONLY THEMSELVES AND NOBODY ELSE. WHILST MEMBERS MAY NOT REALIZE IT, THEY ARE PART OF AN ENTIRELY UNREPRESENTATIVE BODY. THERE IS THE COMMITTEE AND THE MEMBERS - THE PROLETARIAT - AND SADLY ONE HAS TO REMARK, INCREASING ACCOMPANYING SECRECY. IT IS TIME FOR ANOTHER DOSE OF PERESTROIKA, WHICH RID MOST OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD OF THE STRANGLE-HOLD OF CENTRAL COMMITTEES AND ALLOWED THEM TO MAKE PROGRESS. THE DIFFERENCE IS THERE FOR ALL TO MARVEL AT; THOSE FEW NATIONS THAT CLING TO THE COMMITTEE CONCEPT SIMPLY FALL FURTHER AND FURTHER BEHIND. I SUBMIT THAT THE ANALOGY IS VALID. ADDITIONALLY, AND WITH GREAT RESPECT TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELD THAT DIFFICULT OFFICE (WHICH THE CURRENT SYSTEM MAKES FAR MORE DIFFICULT THAN IT OUGHT TO BE)

THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS CLUB IS OUR FRONT DOOR, OUR PRINCIPLE REPRESENTATIVE. YET HE (AND IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN HE THUS FAR, BUT NEED NOT BE SO IN THE FUTURE) MAY WELL HAVE ARRIVED ON THE COMMITTEE ALMOST BY DEFAULT AND THEN BEEN ELECTED CHAIRMAN BY A MAJORITY OF THE NINE OTHERS, PERHAPS FIVE OR EVEN FEWER MEMBERS, OR UNDER 0.05% OF THE MEMBERSHIP. IN SHORT, THE CHAIRMAN HAS NO MANDATE FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB AND THOSE WHO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN HAVE ONLY THE FLIMSIEST OF ONES THEMSELVES. AGAIN, THE ANALOGY WITH THE OLD COMMUNIST BLOC, WHERE THE 'CENTRAL COMMITTEE' ELECTED THE LEADER AND NOTHING WORKED, ARE OBVIOUS.

THIRDLY, WHETHER YOU WORK FOR A LARGE PLC OR RUN YOUR OWN BUSINESS, HAVE A FAMILY OR ARE HERE ON YOUR OWN, YOU ALL KNOW ONLY TOO WELL THAT MANAGEMENT BY COMMITTEE DOES NOT WORK. IN THE END A DECISION HAS GOT TO BE MADE AND ONE PERSON HAS GOT TO MAKE IT. WE LAY GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE FAMILY NATURE OF THIS CLUB AND WE ALL KNOW THAT EVEN IN THAT ENVIRONMENT MUM OR DAD HAS GOT TO MAKE A DECISION AND THAT IT MIGHT NOT ALWAYS PLEASE EVERYBODY AROUND THE TABLE, BUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE AND THOSE THAT DON'T LIKE IT HAVE TO PUT UP WITH IT. IT IS A WISE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD WHO LISTENS FIRST, BUT THEN MAKES A DECISION. THE SAME IS TRUE EVERYWHERE AND IN THE END THE BOSS MUST MAKE A DECISION; THOSE WHO CANNOT COME INTO LINE, OR AT LEAST ACQUIESCE, SIMPLY HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH IT. THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFERENCE HERE, BUT FIRST WE NEED TO CREATE A BOSS.

FINALLY, I ASK YOU TO LOOK AROUND THE CLUB. FORGET THE COSMETICS, THE PLACE IS FALLING APART, IT IS OLD, WORN OUT AND "GETTING TACKY", BECAUSE, FOR INSTITUTIONAL REASONS, NOTHING GETS DONE. IT IS NO LONGER SMART, IT IS BECOMING THIRD RATE AND DECLINING. BUBBLES COME UP FROM THE BASE OF THE SWIMMING POOL AND IT IS LONG OVERDUE FOR REBUILDING. THE POOL SIDE IS IN AN APPALLING STATE, THE ENTIRE SQUASH COURT BLOCK NEEDS REPLACING, THINGS BREAK, THE 'LOBBY' IS ENOUGH TO PUT ANYBODY OFF, THERE IS NOWHERE FOR THE YOUNG - SOMETIMES NOT SO YOUNG - BUT LIVELY SET TO GO AND SING SONGS AND HAVE A 'KNEES UP' WITHOUT OFFENDING SOMEBODY, WHILST THE BILLIARD ROOM, TO NAME BUT ONE, IS AKIN TO STALIN'S TOMB ON A HALF DAY CLOSING. THE SCALE OF WORK REQUIRED IS TOO LARGE TO BE

R ON - AND TIME FOR PERESTROIKA

UNDERTAKEN USING EXISTING CAPITAL; NEW CAPITAL TO MODERNISE THE CLUB NEEDS TO BE RAISED AND INNOVATIVE METHODS TO DO SO WORKED OUT, BUT NOTHING MOVES.

IN SUM, MAJOR DECISIONS HAVE GOT TO BE MADE AND INITIATIVES TAKEN, AND SOON, BUT WHETHER OR NOT INDIVIDUALS ARE CAPABLE OF MAKING THOSE DECISIONS OR TAKING THOSE INITIATIVES, THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT DOES NOT EVEN ALLOW THEM TO DO SO. WE ARE GRINDING TO A HALT - AND WITH VERY SQUEAKY BRAKES.

THE PROBLEM IS NOT PERSONAL, IT IS INSTITUTIONAL. WE HAVE NO LONG-TERM PLAN, INDEED AS FAR AS ONE CAN DETERMINE, WE HAVE NO PLAN AT ALL. THERE IS ALSO NO CONTINUITY. NOWADAYS THERE IS NO LISTENING TO MEMBERS, NO OPENNESS, INDEED THERE IS A WORRYING AND PERVERSIVE CULTURE OF SECRECY, AS WELL AS AN 'US AND THEM' POLICY, WHICH, FOR WHAT EVER REASONS IT HAS APPEARED, IS UNHEALTHY. OPENNESS IN ALL OUR BUSINESS - AND IT IS OURS - MUST BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. WHERE HAVE WE SEEN ALL THIS BEFORE?

I SUGGEST THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO CHANGE AND CHANGE RADICALLY. THE RESULTS OF FAILURE TO DO SO WILL BE TERMINAL - AND I SUGGEST SOONER THAN MANY MAY REALIZE. THERE ARE MANY BETTER PLACES TO GO, EVEN NOW, AND THEY WILL GROW IN NUMBER. PEOPLE ARE SAYING 'WHY DO I BOTHER' IN EVER INCREASING NUMBERS. SO FAR THEY ARE GENERALLY ONLY SAYING IT, BUT IF THINGS GO ON AS THEY ARE, THEY WILL START TO SAY IT WITH THEIR FEET IN LARGE NUMBERS. THEY WILL, AS THE SAYING GOES, 'GO WEST'.

WE NEED TO PROVIDE A COMMITTEE THAT REALLY REPRESENTS THE MEMBERS' VIEWS AND NOT ONE THAT REPRESENTS ITSELF, STANDS ALOOF AND BECOMES TOO INVOLVED IN THE EVERY DAY MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB. WE NEED TO PROVIDE OPENNESS IN OUR GOVERNANCE AND NOT A CULTURE WHERE THE COMMITTEE PUTS UP WALLS OF SECRECY TO RESIST CRITICISM AND KEEPS EVEN SOME OF ITS OWN MEMBERS IN THE DARK.

BUT CENTRALLY WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE CHAIRMAN AND HIS SUBORDINATE TREASURER WITH A PROPER MANDATE TO GET THINGS DONE, WITHOUT THE ANVIL OF THE COMMITTEE HOLDING THEM BACK, BUT AT THE SAME TIME LISTENING CAREFULLY TO ITS MEMBERS' WISE COUNSEL. EVEN IF THE CHAIRMAN WERE TO

CHOOSE TO GO AGAINST THE VIEWS OF SOME, OR ALL, OF THE COMMITTEE, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE TO THINK CAREFULLY AND THE ROAD TO AN EGM, IS WIDE OPEN SHOULD THINGS EVER REALLY GO AWRY.

WE NEED TO ALLOW A CHAIRMAN TO SET OUT HIS PLANS IN AN ELECTION MANIFESTO AND TO ANSWER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THEM AT SUBSEQUENT GENERAL MEETINGS, WHERE HE MAY SEEK CONFIRMATION FOR A FURTHER YEAR. MANY MEMBERS OF CURRENT AND PAST COMMITTEES, TO WHOM WE MUST BE GRATEFUL FOR GIVING OF THEIR TIME, HAVE HAD THEIR OWN AGENDAS; BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY WERE - THEIR OWN AND NOBODY ELSE'S - AND THEY WERE AND STILL ARE, ELECTED, GENERALLY BY DEFAULT, WITHOUT ANYBODY EITHER QUESTIONING THEM OR KNOWING WHAT THEIR AGENDA IS.

WE NEED TO ALLOW NEW CANDIDATES FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP, EITHER CHALLENGING THE INCUMBENT OR SEEKING TO ASSUME THE MANTLE, ALSO TO SET OUT THEIR PLANS AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO ANSWER FOR THEM. WE NEED TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN, SUPPORTED BY HIS MANDATE AND ADVISED BY HIS TREASURER AND COMMITTEE - AND OTHERS IF NECESSARY - TO GET ON WITH MAKING DECISIONS.

WE NEED TO PROVIDE A COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENT WHERE A BROADER CROSS SECTION OF THE, CURRENTLY FULL, MEMBERSHIP CAN MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION AND WHICH A FAR BROADER SELECTION OF PEOPLE WILL BE WILLING TO JOIN, AS THEY WILL NO LONGER SEE THEMSELVES BOGGED DOWN IN THE ENDLESS MEETINGS DISCUSSING THE MINUTAE OF MICRO-MANAGEMENT.

WE NEED TO ALLOW THE GENERAL MANAGER TO GET ON WITH HIS JOB, ANSWERING TO AN UNFETTERED CHAIRMAN, AND AN UNFETTERED CHAIRMAN ALONE. MY PROPOSALS ARE SIMPLE, NAMELY A POSTAL A BALLOT OF MEMBERS, TO ELECT CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER.

FOR THE FIRST TIME MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WILL, IF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY, BE PROPERLY REPRESENTED AND THEIR VIEWS EXPRESSED.

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE CHAIRMAN, TOGETHER WITH HIS SUBORDINATE, THE TREASURER, WILL HAVE A MANDATE TO GET

THINGS DONE. IF THEY DO NOT THE ELECTORATE WILL SOON DEAL WITH THEM EFFECTIVELY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE GENERAL MANAGER WILL BE FREE OF INTERFERENCE AND WILL PERFORM WITH CORRESPONDINGLY GREATER CONFIDENCE.

I SUGGEST THAT, IF NOTHING IS DONE AND WE CONTINUE AS WE ARE, BEFORE THE CHILDREN CURRENTLY SPLASHING AROUND IN THE KIDDIES POOL REACH THEIR TEENS, THEIR PARENTS WILL DRIVE PAST THIS PLACE, POINT OUT THE LONG GRASS AND ASK THOSE SAME CHILDREN IF THEY REMEMBER THAT THIS WAS WHERE THE BRITISH CLUB USED TO BE.

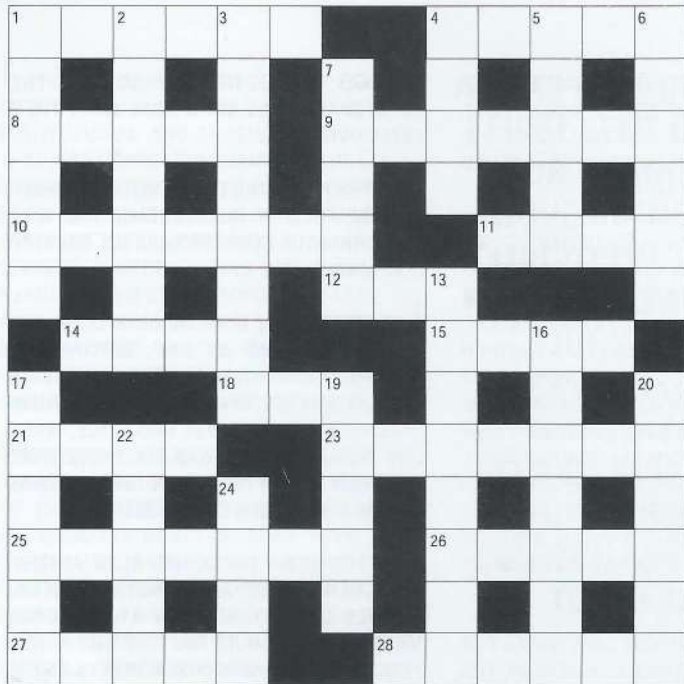
FOR TOO LONG THERE HAS BEEN APATHY. MOST MEMBERS EITHER DO NOT ATTEND OR, IF THEY DO, SAY NOTHING AT GENERAL MEETINGS. SOME HUFF AND PUFF AND HAVE A FEW, SOMETIMES NERVOUS, MOMENTS AT THE MICROPHONE, BEFORE DEPARTING AND SPENDING THE NEXT 364 DAYS COMPLAINING, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, ABOUT THE FOOD, THE COMMITTEE, THE GENERAL MANAGER, THE BAR FLIES, MOBILE PHONES, PRICES, UNCLE TOM COBBLEIGH AND ALL, BUT IN THE END DOING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT IT AND ALLOWING THE INCIPIENT DECLINE TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

I SUGGEST THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO DO THAT SOMETHING. WE NEED TO RID OURSELVES OF THE INSTITUTIONAL AND ENDEMIC STRAIGHT JACKET OF THE INEFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE THAT WE HAS STRAPPED US, BOTH COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS, FOR YEARS AND I ALSO RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THAT WHATEVER DIFFERENT VIEWS MAY HAVE BEEN, OR STILL BE, WE NEED TO BURY THOSE DIFFERENCES, PUT AWAY PERSONAL AGENDAS AND BECOME ONE FAMILY AGAIN.

MY PROPOSALS HAVE THREE BENEFITS: AN EASIER LIFE FOR THE CHAIRMAN, AND MORE EFFECTIVE LIFE FOR THE COMMITTEE AND A FAR BETTER CLUB FOR THE MEMBERS. ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU; ASK RATHER WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR CLUB.

**Ian Webb
W173**

GET THE GREY MATTER WORKING



Compiled by Margaret Miller

CLUES

Across

1. Is it useful when bending the elbow!
4. Opera stars - quartet in sad disarray.
8. Barely sufficient.
9. To be lucky, take your glasses off before you look at it! (3,4)
10. Are they all grinders?
11. The fibber somehow made a resting-place for the beast.
12. "He made a swan-like _____, fading in Music." (Merchant of Venice)
14. Somehow, it's a wine!
15. A place in the Church.
18. "Everyone as they like" - as the good woman said when she kissed her _____. (Jonathan Swift)
21. Ship around - on your body!
23. Use it to spread the latest news. (3,4)
25. Noisy when anxious?
26. A short month with a space visitor for a musical group.
27. Nick - sounds very hard!
28. "A _____ for the ass and a rod for the fool's back." (Book of Proverbs)

Down

1. Twigs usefully handled!
2. In Britain, some say, he will be the Third.
3. Eat pitch? Lamentable!
4. "The _____ with silver-sandalled feet, crept like a frightened girl." (Oscar Wilde)
5. Was this Shakespeare heroine musical?
6. He sometimes keeps guard in a box.
7. In sea for an aromatic plant.
13. Dash to the open ground and find the famous prison.
16. Supplied on a niggardly scale.
17. Shades less than trees.
19. It was Bing's dream Christmas.
20. This man is chivalrous and well-bred!
22. Wound one's pride - or, accented, a fabric!
24. Make one and you are testate.

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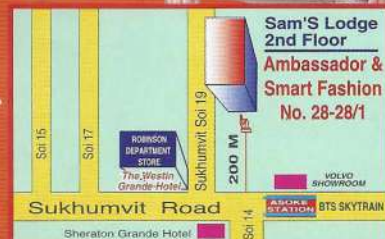
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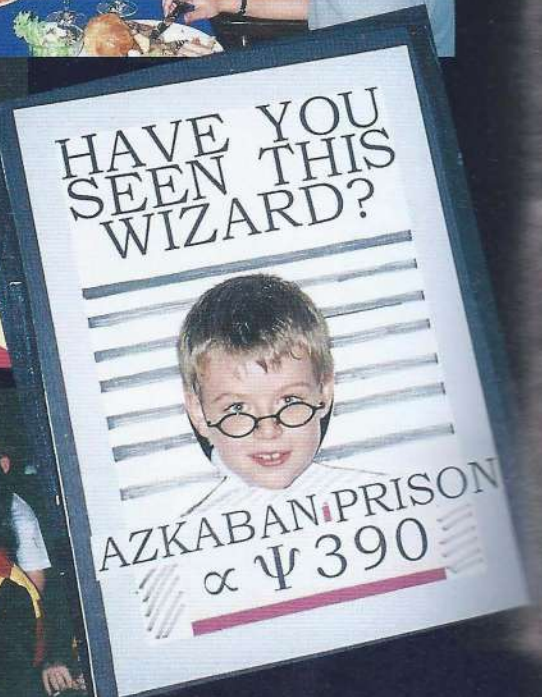


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Witches and warlocks and school boys and school girls filled the hallowed halls of the Club last month for what proved to be a great evening of fun and entertainment. (Mums and dads were safely ensconced in Lords enjoying good old fashioned British boarding school fare!). What a magical time was had by all!



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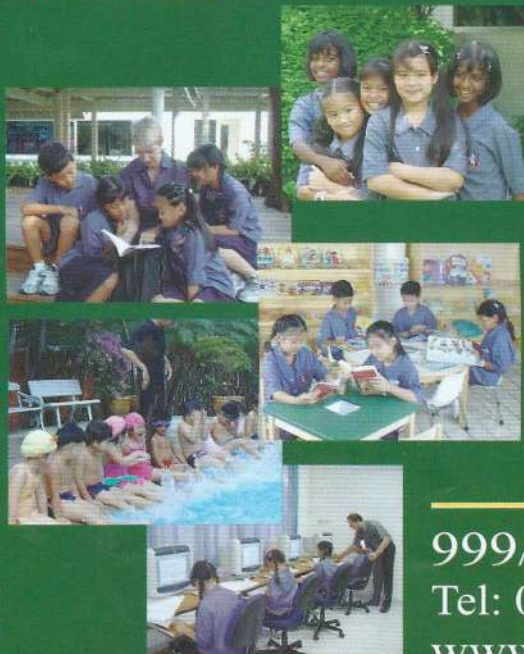
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HELLO THERE SAMBO!

Coinciding with the visit of John Mitchell was that of ESPN Star Sports TV personality Justin "Sambo" Sampson who paid a visit to Bangkok to watch the BLMRU Senior Side, receive his coveted BC Rugby Blazer and perform the role of auctioneer during the New Zealand Thai Chamber of Commerce dinner.



186 & 187 Sambo receiving his BC Rugby Blazer from Rugby Section Chairman Jon Prichard.

THE BACKGROUND

When planning a second Rugby Tens tournament earlier this year, Club Captain Eddie Evans suggested that we invite ESPN Star Sports TV personality Justin "Sambo" Sampson as our special guest and to say a few words to the visiting teams. Eddie and Sambo had played professional rugby together in Japan for many years and the pair would often meet up at the Manila Tens tournament. Sambo was contacted and plans were made including getting Sambo a BC Blazer made with possibly the largest dimensions ever known by the blazer maker. Allegedly, the seamstress outsourced this task to "Omar The Tent Maker" who performed the task admirably including some of the key dimensions noted below:

Chest - 53 inches
Waist - 52 inches
Hips - 52 inches

Scribe queried the sleeve measurements as they were a tiny 26 inches in comparison to the above and with the tournament being cancelled and several months were spent trying to find a mutually convenient time for Sambo to come to Bangkok to collect his coveted blazer. The visit to Bangkok of John Mitchell offered the right kind of opportunity and Sambo made plans to visit on 29th May and to attend the New Zealand Thai Chamber of Commerce where MC Jon Prichard was to Shanghai Sambo into performing the role of auctioneer!

AIRPORT COLLECTION & MINI RUGBY

Despite feeling decidedly average, arriving early for mini rugby and greeting John Mitchell, Scribe then headed to Bangkok Airport to collect Sambo, and after the late arrival of his plane from Singapore we headed back to the playing fields at Bangkok Patana School. Due to the joys of Bangkok's traffic the journey took close to an hour and a half, and by the time we arrived there was only time for Sambo to say a quick hello to John Mitchell before he departed and to say a few words to the Senior Lions.

BLAZER PRESENTATION

During the half time break of the Senior Lions match, BC Rugby chairman Jon Prichard gathered the lads together and rattled off some words of thanks as only he can, as he presented Sambo with Omar The Tent Maker's latest work of art in handing over his BC Blazer. Sambo may have grown a wee bit since the dimensions were confirmed but the snugly fitting blazer was worn with pride and a promised made to wear on TV, subject to the approval of his producer. As we have yet to witness we can only assume that ESPN Star TV producers do not share our taste in colour appreciation! Sambo was then dropped off at his hotel before being collected again several hours later.

PRE-DINNER DRINKS

Saturday 29th May 2004 will forever be remembered by Scribe as a dreadful day for traffic. Aside from being caught in a major jam in the morning, the traffic was to play another role. First Scribe was late in collecting Sambo for the evening's function and then got snarled again heading to join the BC Rugby Brigade for pre-dinner drinks at the Penny Black. Luckily time allowed for a few cleansing ales before going over the road to the Sheraton Grande for even more pre-dinner drinks.

MC & AUCTIONEER AT THE SAME TABLE

With Sambo having been Shanghai-ed into performing the role of Auctioneer and JP revelling in his task as MC, we enjoyed fine company, food and wine over dinner with some highly amusing banter being exchanged together with the odd tour story to boot and before we knew it, John Mitchell's talk has concluded, JP had moderated a question and answer session and it was time for Sambo to demonstrate his auctioneering prowess. Sambo was raised in New South Wales and must have attended the odd cattle market auction as he displayed a fine ability in the auctioneering process and raised approximately THB 140,000.

A few more glasses of wine were consumed before heading for final drinks at The Long Gun before Scribe dropped Sambo off at his

hotel and headed home - still managing to get caught up in the Bangkok traffic during the early hours of Sunday morning!

THANK YOU SAMBOSEE YOU AGAIN AT THE PINK AND BLACK BALL?

Many thanks to Sambo for coming to Bangkok to collect his Blazer and to ESPN Star TV for allowing him to do so. Aside from enjoying Sambo's company for the day, we continue to be in touch and have asked him back as our special guest for the 14th Annual Pink and Black Ball, which will be held at the Grand Hyatt Erawan on Saturday 16th October 2004. Whilst Sambo has yet to confirm his participation, we are hopeful he will be able to join us for the one of Bangkok's finest evenings. Watch this space for further updates.

Thanks again Sambo!
Scribe

BC Bys BC Rugby section members Bob Merrigan, Vince Swift and Jim Howard together with John Mitchell and Justin "Sambo" Sampson.



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General David Quine demonstrates the art of Fan Dancing to the winning Division of Sminky Binky Bang Bang.









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DATES - 2004

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	August 29	Belgian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	Sep 12	Italian Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	Sep 26	Chinese Grand Prix	LIVE AT	1pm
	Oct 10	Japanese Grand Prix	LIVE AT	7pm
	Oct 25 (Mon)	Brazilian Grand Prix	Recorded at	Noon

SQUASH

SOFITEL SUNDAY MIX-IN

This used to be one of our most popular and enjoyable squash events. Due to the poor turn out since the start of the year, it was decided at last month's committee meeting to reschedule the Sofitel Sunday handicap mix in by changing the KO time to 10 o'clock in the morning.

The idea being that it would give everybody more options say for Sunday lunch at the BC and other afternoon activities. Once again Sofitel Central Hotel Ladprao kindly agreed to donate prizes thanks to Martin Reed

Amazingly on Sunday 4 July we had 12 people turn up, including 4 ladies, which was more than expected. Peter Corney turned up in case we were short but seeing that we had sufficient numbers then decided to head over to the badminton mix in where there was a grand turnout of 2. Colin Hastings turned up at 2 o'clock just a little bit too late.

The winners were, and you don't have to be a rocket scientist to work this one out, Duncan and David Blowers. Each received a Bt 1,000 Food and Beverage voucher from Martin Reed - it is also good to see how much his behaviour has improved now that his wife Pam is back in town!

WE DIVIDED UP INTO TWO GROUPS OF SIX PLAYERS; TOTAL SCORES AS FOLLOWS :

GROUP 1

David Eastgate	48
Mark Smith	57
Duncan Ramsay	60 (perfect score)
Jack Dunford	only 42 (that will teach you to go out drinking late in the Music Bar with "Marvo")
Jayne Mellor	54
Khun Alisa	5 (retired)

GROUP 2

Marvyn Lewis	66 (PS thanks for paying for all the beers)
Neil Evans	33
Nick Mellor	68
David Blowers	74
Khun Sara	56
An McKernan	47



The Sofitel Sunday handicap mix in will be held on the first Sunday of every month at 10.00 am, charge of Bt 30 per player. Please make a date for Sunday 1 August.

LEAGUE WINNERS JUNE 2004

- Division 1 - Ja
- Division 2 - Shiraz
- Division 3 - Charles Whiteley
- Division 4 - No winner
- Division 5 - Roger Winter
- Division 6 - Alan Fitzsimmons
- Division 7 - Jayne Mellor

The new points scoring system were used for the first time in June and it is encouraging to notice that a higher number of games, except Division 4, were played. Even more encouraging

SQUASH

is that there has been an increase in the number players in June and even more in July resulting in the fact that we have now 7 leagues. It has been rumoured that Colin Hastings is on the verge of a comeback, squash that is; let's hope that he will have had his alarm clock repaired in time.

BC V CAPITOL CLUB

Please refer to last month's Outpost for the match report.



FISH AND CHIP DINNER.

Caption: Now, which way was it to the squash court?

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Handicap Knockout Tournament starting in August. A great fun tournament for all standards.

Please check the squash notice board for details or Peter's emails.

LADIES SQUASH

Jayne Mellor has now started a regular Ladies Squash morning every Wednesday at 10.00 am.



Please encourage your wife or girlfriend, but not both, to come along and join in and have some fun. It lasts for a couple of hours and is followed by chat in the Sala, a cup of tea and a Marie biscuit!

Response to date has been quite good with around 4 ladies turning up on a fairly regular basis. All standards, including beginners, are welcome. Squash rackets can be provided free of charge, all you need is a pair of non marking shoes. Football boots are not acceptable under any circumstances.

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TENNIS

SAYING GOODBYE TO BRAD

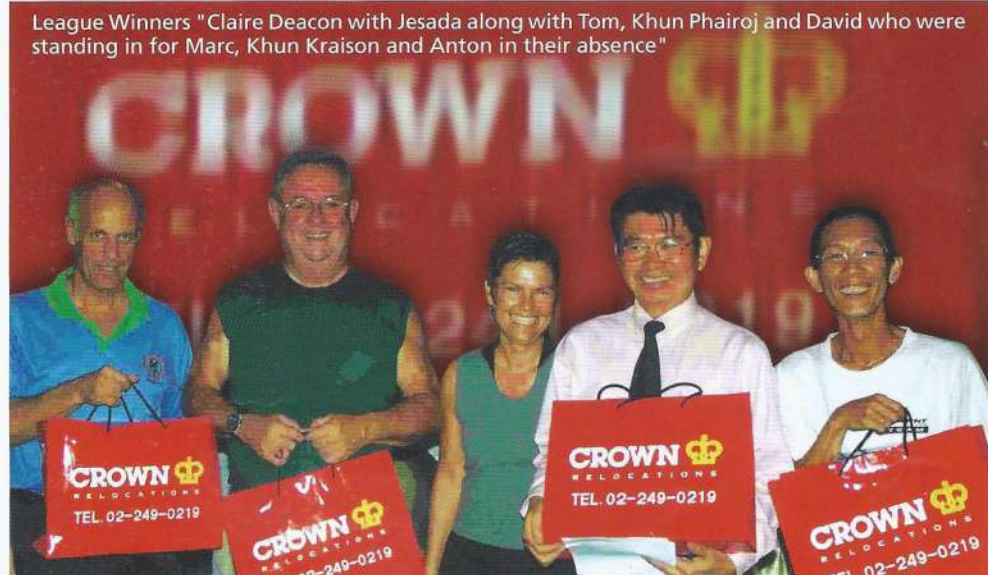
AND VLAD AND WARMLY WELCOMING A NEW BCTS CHAIRMAN

Two stalwarts of the Tennis Section are saying goodbye to the British Club this month and returning to their home countries. Tennis Section chairman Brad Weatherstone is leaving after three years in Bangkok and is turning over the reins to our very energetic new chairman Jesada Tanking.

Meanwhile Vladislav Oros, a regular (and highly competitive) player at our thrice-weekly mix-ins, played one last doubles match at the club on Sunday July 4 just a few hours before catching a midnight flight to Bratislava. Now that's dedication! Vlad, who worked as Economic and Commercial Affairs Counsellor at the Slovak Embassy in Bangkok, is taking up a Foreign Ministry position in the Slovak capital.

Brad is also resigning as Men's Tennis Captain - a position still to be filled. However, he's best known to club members for his amazing achievements at the BC's annual tennis Championships. Brad is currently the club Champion in men's singles as well as part-holder of the men's and mixed doubles titles. Moreover, he has won these titles for the last three years, albeit the mixed which he won only two years!

While we are all sorry to see Brad go, it will make a pleasant change for someone else to have a chance to win the top prizes at our 2005 tournament! Brad is currently Chief Financial Officer of the Thai branch of Alcatel. He will leave



League Winners "Claire Deacon with Jesada along with Tom, Khun Phairoj and David who were standing in for Marc, Khun Kraison and Anton in their absence"

Bangkok on 16 July to return to Sydney where his wife, Linda, is due to give birth to their first child on 22 July.

As befitting a BCTS Chairman, Captain and three times men's champion, Brad was given a rousing send-off at a Sunday farewell party at the Silom Sala on Sunday July 11. This not only gave the Committee and members a chance to express their gratitude for the sterling work put in by Brad but also allowed us to introduce our new chairman, Khun Jesada. The party also allowed Miss Claire

TENNIS LEAGUE RESULTS

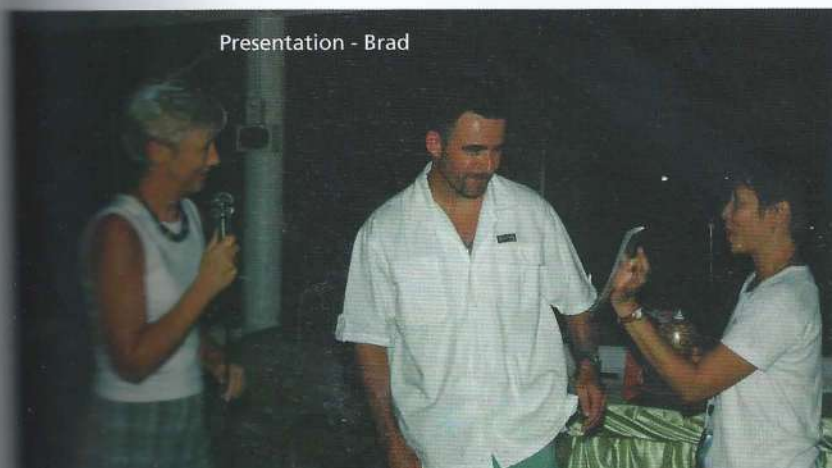
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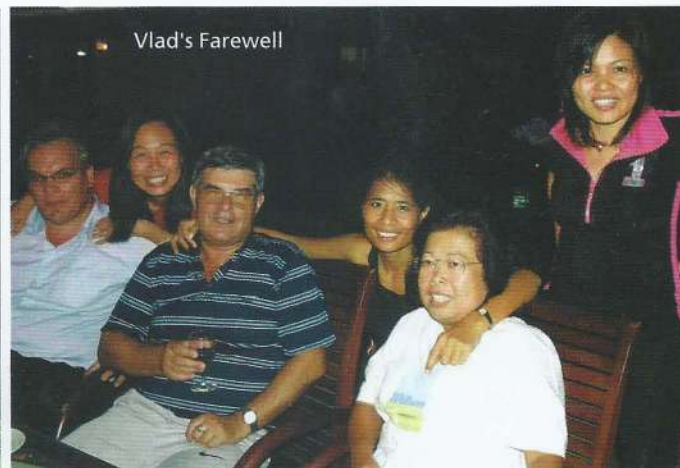
The following persons were the winners of their respective divisions.

Division 1	Marc Nussaume
Division 2	Khun Kraison
Division 3	Jesada Tanking
Division 4	Anton Bontje

Vlad's send-off party at the Silom Sala was a more modest but no less entertaining affair. It was attended mainly by fellow mix-in players and enlivened by bottles of fine Austrian wine and Czech brandy, courtesy no doubt of the Slovakian diplomatic pouch. Vlad's farewell gifts included hugs and kisses from the more glamorous members of the mix-in crowd and a large, framed caricature of himself with tennis racket and trophy!



Presentation - Brad

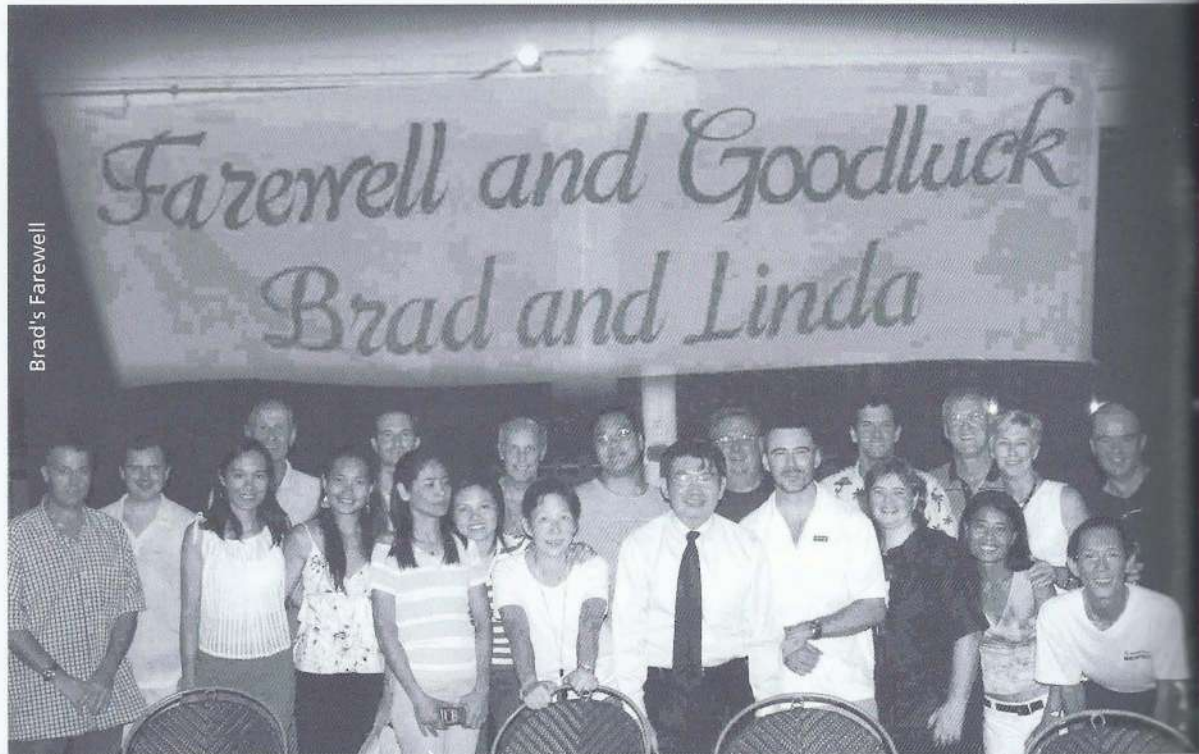


Vlad's Farewell

TENNIS

THE TENNIS SECTION COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW TENNIS PLAYING MEMBERS

We want to encourage you to take full advantage of the tennis facilities offered by the Club to all Members. While any member can casually use the courts by booking through the Fitness Centre, there are also many organised events arranged by the Tennis Section Committee. If you are interested, free to talk to any of committee.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday:	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (All Grades of Players)	Mix-In	Friday:	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (All Grades of Players)	Mix-In
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (All Grades of Players)	Mix-In	Sunday:	4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (All Grades of Players and now including Juniors)	Mix-In

SPORT'S UPDATE

TAKE A WELL-EARNED REST

The school summer holidays are upon us once again (doesn't time fly?) so regular sporting activities have been put on hold until September. Full details of activities, classes, dates and costs will be announced in the September issue of Outpost.

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BRITISH CLUB GOLFERS BACK ON WINNING FORM!

Normal service was resumed during June and July as the British Club Golfers beat the Japanese Association and the Londoners in their successful defense of the Honda and Emirates Cups respectively. To find out more about our winning ways, read on!

CLUB DAY AT KRUNG KAVEE

Saturday 13 June saw the British Club return to Krung Kavee for first time in a long time. This is a great course and the food served in the clubhouse is always excellent. In spite of the lure of some great Thai food, we had just 15 players for this Club Day. I suspect a number of us were still recovering from the drama of the club championships (or injuries sustained at the championships) and were feeling a bit 'golfed out'. Those who did play enjoyed a great day of golf on a course that proved to be challenging. Edwin Ferner was our winner with 36 stableford points having beaten Andy Flynn on countback. This was Andy's last game with us for a few weeks and it was nice to see him leave on a high.

The Near Pins went to Tom Macgarry, Karen Holloway and Karen Carter (x2). Karen Holloway also won the Ladies Long Drive and Brian Brook won the Men's. The Longest putt prize went to Bridget Snow.

JUNE MEDAL AT ROYAL LAD KRABANG

The June medal was played a week early this year to make way for our annual match against the Japanese. We had 22 players for the medal and the majority found it pretty tough going. The course was very sandy and the greens were not up to Royal's usual standard. In fact, only two players played below handicap.

Gareth Sampson was our winner in A flight with a net 72. Brian Brook was second with a net 77 and Karen Holloway was third with a net 78. Karen just edged out Ed Ashman who also had a net 78 but lost out on countback.

In B Flight, Tom Macgarry was playing his last medal with us and

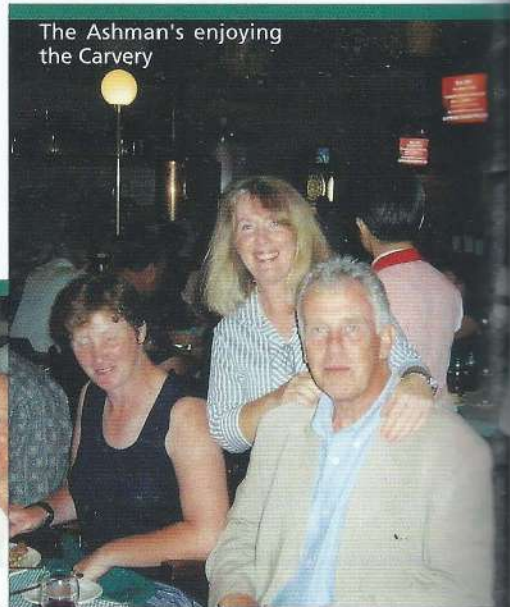


Enjoying the BBQ after the Japanese match

I am delighted to report that he was our worthy winner with a fantastic net 66. Bridget Snow was in second place with a net 75 and Kevin Jones was third with a net 78.

Mike Poustie was the only other player to shoot a sub par round and he was our winner in C Flight with a net 71. Peter Bond was second

The Ashman's enjoying the Carvery



Enjoying the BBQ at the BC



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Fuji-san with the BCGS members

with a net 72 and Edwin Ferner was third with a net 73. We were delighted to welcome Mam Pickup as a guest on the day. She has since become a member of the golf section and we look forward to seeing her play with us regularly.

Pat Dean, Mike Poustie, Karen Carter and Gareth Sampson won a Near Pin each. Karen Holloway won the Ladies Long Drive and Ed Ashman won the Men's. Bridget Snow sank the Longest Putt once again!

BRITISH CLUB V JAPANESE ASSOCIATION AT ROYAL LAD KRABANG

Our annual match against the Japanese Association is one that we always look forward to. This is a hotly contested fixture that is always played in great spirit. Having wrestled the Honda Cup away from the strong grip of the Japanese last year, we were not ready to give it back just yet. The Japanese had fielded a strong side as they always do. We were initially concerned that we wouldn't be able to field enough players to play head to head matchplay but our fears were unfounded. By 6pm on the Friday before the game we had what was shaping up to be a very competitive team. I am happy to report that by the morning of the match this was still the case! (Thank-you Maureen Gibson for stepping in at the eleventh hour!)



Bridget and Sophie - and two suspicious looking chaps

As the early match results came in, it was clear that the Japanese would not annihilate us as they have done in past years and we dared to hope that we might just scrape a win. As more results came in, our Captain Kevin's grin got wider and his trips to the window to shout 'Oi! Did you win?' to passing BC players got more and more animated. By the time all of the results were in it was clear that the Honda Cup was staying at the British Club for another year.

The British Club beat the Japanese Association 10 ? to 6 ?.

Tom wins 'B' Flight



Enjoying the hospitality at the Londoner

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PLAYERS WHO PLAYED FOR THE BRITISH CLUB.

However, our victorious pairings were:

- Ed Ashman and Mike Holloway
- George Okrasa and Don MacKenzie
- Peter Gale and Shaun Colligan
- Brian and Yurachatr Brook
- Ashley Kennell and Doug Lynch
- Bryan and Orin Baldwin
- Pat Dean and Sophie Colligan
- Peter Bond and Chris Brownings
- Diane Dube and Rafael

The additional 1 ? points came from the halves achieved by Kevin Jones and Roy Barratt, Mike Staples and André Tissera and David Lamb and David Williamson.

After the match was completed, we all ventured back to the British Club for the traditional post match celebrations and prize giving. This was a great evening thoroughly enjoyed by all players. The BBQ was excellent and the wine and beer flowed freely. A particular highlight was the performance of Danny Boy by a member of the Japanese team. The chap who sang was a trained Opera singer and his voice had so much power I'm sure they heard him in Sukhumvit!

We look forward to playing the Japanese Association again next year.

BRITISH CLUB VS THE LONDONERS AT BANGPAKONG RIVERSIDE

No rest for the wicked. Hot on the heels of our stunning victory against the Japanese was our annual match against the Londoners. Buoyed by our victory the previous Sunday, we went to Bangpakong in confident mood and fully expected



Brucie gracious in defeat

BRITISH CLUB GOLFERS BANGKOK



Mike wins 'C' Flight



Mike Staples - one of our biggest winning margins

to hang on to the Emirates Cup for another year. 76 players turned out for the match, 30 from the British Club and 46 from the Londoners. With 35% of our regular players out of the country for this fixture, just getting 30 people was an achievement! In spite of the discrepancy in numbers it was decided that head to head matchplay was possible and the format was better ball matchplay off 7 handicap.



Sophie drinks from the "coffee pot"



Bernie and Charmaine win big!

Kevin gratefully receives the Honda

This meant that there were 15 groups out on the course competing in the matchplay and 16 players from the Londoners team playing a separate competition. There was some fantastic scoring on the day and there were some inspired British Club pairings. Sam Holloway made his debut for the British Club and showed maturity beyond his 12 years in his match with his dad, Mike Holloway, against Tony Cain and John Pollard. Tony and John are a very experienced matchplay pairing and leave many opponents quaking in their golf shoes. Not so Sam Holloway. He remained cool under pressure and he and Mike secured a fantastic victory for the British Club.

Another great performance came from Shaun Colligan who shot a net 59 to record the lowest ever score in competition from a British Club player (as far as we know). He and Pete Gale continued the winning form they showed against the Japanese to beat their opponents in what proved to be a close match.

As the results started to flood in, it was looking good for the British Club. The Londoners then came in with a flurry of wins. With only two matches still out on the course, it was 6 v 6? Would Big Bad Brucie's trusted anchor men secure victory for the Londoners or would

the British Club triumph? We would have to wait until we got to the Londoner to find out the result. As we tucked into the delicious carvery each team was wondering if they had done enough. Who would be celebrating and who would be crying into their Yorkshire pud?? I am delighted to report that the British Club won both the remaining matches to secure an 8 v 6? victory over the Londoners.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS. THEY WERE:

Pete Gale and Shaun Colligan
Adrian O'Brien and George Okrasa
Guy Snow and Keith Meadmore
Mike and Sam Holloway
Ashley Kennell and Doug Lynch
Mike Staples and Gareth Sampson
Karen Holloway and Ed Ashman
Bernie and Charmaine Adams
And well done to Sophie Colligan and Bridget Snow who halved their match.



Gareth wins 'A' Flight

Ed Ashman, Mike Staples, Doug Lynch and Guy Snow won a Near Pin each. Maureen Gibson won the Ladies Long Drive and Sam Holloway won the Men's. Guy Snow sank the longest putt. Thank you to the Londoners Committee for organising a fantastic match on such an easy course! We look forward to doing battle again next year.

Vicky Jones



Keith and Guy crush the opposition

Sir,

AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE MY FIRST REACTION TO BERT VAN WALBEEK'S LETTER IN THE JULY OUTPOST WAS TO TRY TO ANSWER, AND PERHAPS REFUTE, EACH POINT THAT WAS RAISED. ON REFLECTION THOUGH, IT IS APPARENT THAT BERT HAS A BROUGHT UP A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN A CONCILIATORY AND MORE CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

GOOD MANNERS ARE OFTEN A MATTER OF OPINION, AND CAN DIFFER MARKEDLY FROM ONE GROUP TO ANOTHER, ONE TIME TO ANOTHER AND FROM ON NATIONALITY TO ANOTHER. GOOD MANNERS IN ANY GROUP OR CULTURE THOUGH, GENERALLY ALLOWS THAT A QUIET WORD IN THE EAR OF THE PARTY THOUGHT TO BE OFFENDING BRINGS ABOUT A CHANGE IN THEIR BEHAVIOUR AND HENCE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. CERTAINLY, THE CULTURE OF TOLERANCE AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR THAT ARE THE HALLMARKS OF GOOD MANNERS AT THE BRITISH CLUB WOULD DICTATE THAT A SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM OF THIS SORT WAS FOUND IN A QUIET AND PLEASANT WAY.

ASSUMING THAT THIS IS THOUGHT TO BE THE PROPER WAY TO RESOLVE THE SORTS OF ISSUES THAT BERT BRINGS UP, THE QUESTION OF WHO OR WHAT PARTY SHOULD WHISPER THE ADVICE COMES TO MIND. IS IT THE JOB OF THE STAFF ON DUTY, THE DUTY MANAGER, THE COMMITTEE, OR SOMEONE ELSE? PERHAPS, DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN CULTURE, LOCATION OR ACTIVITY THESE PEOPLE DID NOT FEEL AFFRONTED BY THE BEHAVIOUR, THAT BEING THE CASE THEY WOULD SEE NO NEED TO SAY OR DO ANYTHING. CERTAINLY THE

PERSON/S WHO FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN SLIGHTED OR INCONVENIENCED SHOULD, I THINK, MAKE AN EFFORT TO CORRECT THE SITUATION, EQUALLY THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN A QUIET AND WELL MANNERED WAY.

THE COMMITTEE ARE NOT THE CLUB POLICE. THAT JOB GENERALLY SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE MEMBERS THEMSELVES. THE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO TRY TO MAKE MEMBERS' TIME AT THE CLUB AS PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE NOT ALWAYS PRESENT AT THE CLUB, AND EVEN WHEN THEY ARE THERE THEY ARE NOT WALKING AROUND LOOKING FOR TROUBLE SPOTS, THEY RELY ON THE MEMBERS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED. BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE IS ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBERS, THEY GENERALLY WILL NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST A MEMBER UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN A COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST THAT MEMBER BY ANOTHER MEMBER.

I DARE SAY THAT THE COMMENTS MADE BY BERT WITH REGARD TO THE LACK OF GOOD MANNERS, SPECIFICALLY ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE, ARE MADE AS A RESULT OF FRUSTRATION BORNE FROM AN APPARENT LACK OF ACTION. CERTAINLY THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS REGARDING THE SALA AREAS AND THE COMMITTEE IS WORKING TO ADDRESS THEM. IF ANY MEMBER HAS SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS THEN THE BEST APPROACH IS TO ADDRESS THOSE COMPLAINTS TO THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL ENDEAVOUR TO RESOLVE THEM.

A WELL MANNERED CLUB SUCH AS OURS RELIES ON THE MEMBERSHIP TO SET THE STANDARD, AND THEN ENFORCE IT BY EXAMPLE, AND WHERE THAT DOESN'T WORK, BY 'A QUIET WORD'.

**Tony Wright
W204**



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 Mr. Daniel Fegan
 Mr. Ashley Garside
 Mr. Richard Marshall
 Mr. Michael Pease
 Mr. Steven Purser
 Mr. Geert Warlop
 Pol. Col. Yannaphon Youngyuen

**FAREWELL AND
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THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE UNTIL DECEMBER IS

Thursday	Showing	Thursday	Showing
12-Aug	A compilation of Absolutely Fabulous With Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley	28-Oct	The best of Minder With George Cole & Dennis Waterman
26-Aug	Miss Marple in A Moving Finger With Joan Hickson	11-Nov	The best of Fawlty Towers With John Cleese & Prunella Scales
9-Sep	Monty's Python's Now for something Completely Different With Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin	25-Nov	The pilot & first episodes of The Champions With William Guant and Alexandra Bastedo
23-Sep	The First episode of Cracker With Robbie Coltrane	9-Dec	The best of Yes, Prime Minister With Nigel Hawthorne & Paul Eddington
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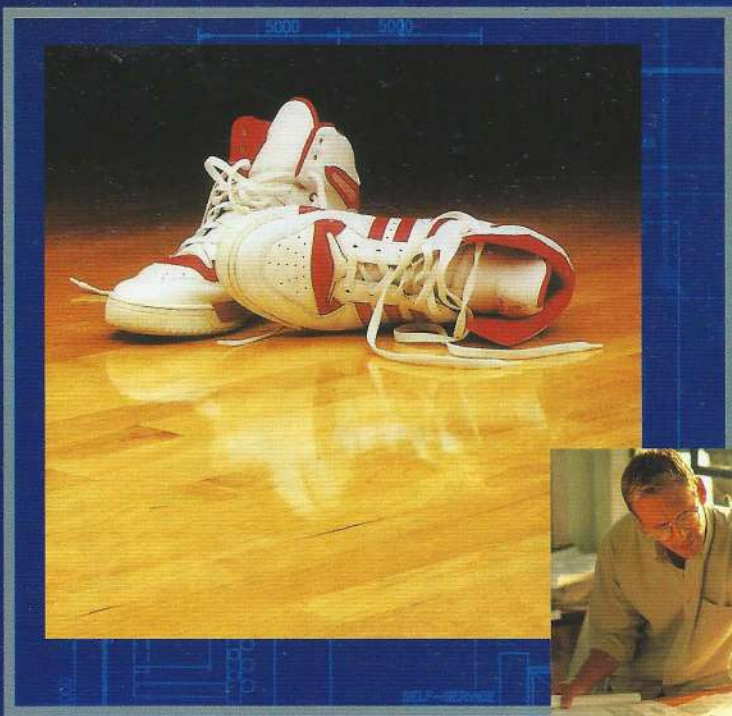


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