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## *From the President*

*Dear Members,*

The three functions that were held in May, and mentioned in the previous *Newsletter*, went very well. Although, I would have liked to see a lot more members attending than did show up. This lack of support leaves the General Manager with a problem as he, and the Ladies Committee, devote a lot of 'man-hours' in preparing the Menu and decorating the Club, only to have just a handful of members in attendance, e.g., the Latin Night saw 17 participants consisting of just 5 members, 4 spouses and the rest were guests! Many thanks to the Ladies for all their efforts.

The Club's Individual Golf Championship saw 9 members competing for the Trophy and the 2010 Manila Club Champion is Mr. Keith Perrin - well done, Keith! Other results,

Runner Up: Mr. Jan Frostrom.

Nearest the Pin: Mr. Andrew Chislett.

Longest Drive (Men): Mr. Derek Ramsay Jr.

Longest Drive (Ladies): Ms. Ruth Owen.

A Tournament of this type cannot be held without Sponsors and our sincere thanks go to the main sponsor GuardAll Electronics (Mr. Derek Ramsay). Other sponsors were; Coral Beach, Lago De Oro, Forth & Tay, Howzat, Nomad Sports Club, The Manila Club and Big Apple Resort. Many thanks to all. A pictorial record may be seen on the website, [mc@manilaclub.org](mailto:mc@manilaclub.org).

Looking forward on the events side, we have the Swedish Mid-Summer Party on 26th June and we are planning another Quiz-night for the middle of July (gives you enough notice to 'mug up' on the O.E.D, Websters/Chambers and the World Atlas).

I'm sure that you are aware that the World Soccer Cup is in full swing. Unfortunately, similar to many other establishments in the Philippines, we have lost the 'satellite feed' from South Africa. It is understood that those lucky enough to have Sky Cable can watch most of the games on Channel Balls.

Mind you, the timing is not exactly great as most matches appear to be arranged for a 2.30am (Philippine time) kick-off.

'News From the Kitchen', previously on the back page of the Newsletter, will now be found on the website.

On the premises front, I can advise that the Trustees have spent so many hours inspecting so many 'possibles' that their heads are 'beginning to spin!' Those so far seen are either not suitable location or condition wise, or the financial commitment required is outwith the current capability of the Club.

The Trustees have not given up on the search, but have agreed that a 'fall-back' position should be created and will be approaching our current Landlord to ascertain if it is possible to extend the lease on 4402. Dallas St."



*James Du Vivier*



**Brian Richard Neil Murray**  
**1929 – 2010**

We record with deep sorrow the death at his home, from cancer, of Brian Richard Neil Murray on 19 June 2010, aged 81.

Brian was born in 1929 in Argentina of Scottish parents; at the age of two he left with them for the U.K. At eighteen, he began his two years of (then compulsory) British military service, as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers, and he was attached to a cavalry regiment: the 4/7 Dragoon Guards. This brief period as a youngster gave him a lifelong interest in military affairs, whether great or small, British or foreign.

After earning degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering, he went to Spain to join the local branch of the English Electric Company, and in 1958 he was posted to Manila to open the Company's branch here, whose agents were Theo H. Davies (Far East). From there he joined Edward J. Nell & Company. After that he opened his own consultancy, which he ran for the rest of his life.

When Brian arrived in Manila on 28 March 1958, one of the first things he did was, of course, to join The Manila Club, then in San Marcelino Street, Ermita, and initially he lived there in one of our 29 *en suite* bedrooms. He was a loyal and frequent user of the Club, for many years a Board Member, twice Vice-President, then President in 1978, and a valuable member of the Membership Committee from 2000 to 2009. On 15 January 2009 the Board of Trustees elevated Brian to Honorary Membership. In 1971 he was elected Chieftain of the Manila St. Andrew's Society. He was also a founding member of the British Businessmen's Association, and he continued, as a member of the British Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, following its incorporation in 2001. Despite his deteriorating health, he bravely attended two of the Chamber's functions as recently as last April.

To his widow, Leslie Ann, and to their children, Gregory and Alison, we offer sincerest condolences from all Trustees, Members, and Staff.

*Requiescat in Pace*