



# The Social Whirl



## October means Curry Night

We had an extremely busy time in October, not least, of which was the organising and implementation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual British Community Golf Tournament. You will be aware that over SAR 200,000 was raised on the day and we challenged ourselves even further by having the dinner and award ceremony that very same evening. After the Charity

Dinner on 10<sup>th</sup> October in HMA's Gardens we came back down to earth with Curry Night on 17<sup>th</sup> October. It was later discovered that on the same evening we were up against two or three other 'events' so that may have explained why the numbers struggled a bit. We did eventually manage to get a good crowd in for the UK's National dish but I couldn't help thinking, that with everything else that had taken place in the month, some people had just ran out of steam! The same cannot be said of Liverpool Football Club however, who went the whole of October not losing a game and finishing the month top of the Premiership and Mr Houllier picking up the Manager of the Month award. And we all know what happened after that! !

*It's November and that can only mean one thing, it's PIE NIGHT ! !*

Shafi's Pie Nights are now legendary in the Riyadh cuisine-scene; if you haven't been to one yet check out the 2003 events calendar in this issue of RGBB News. We managed to entice 80 members and their guests to this evening and Shafi didn't disappoint! Bloomin' marvellous, beef & mushroom pie, chicken & sweet corn pie, fisherman's pie & Shepard's pie were all cooked to perfection. Mick Brown was MC for the evening and a big roar went up when he welcomed the newly weds of Mr & Mrs Stephen Wagstaff to the dinner who had just flown in from their Cypriot honeymoon the night before. Sultana, the DJ, promised to keep the volume down and she managed to get to 10.30 pm before she inflicted the Macarena on us all. Great Night, Great food.

They think it's all over – It Is Now! –  
Festive  
Carvery Night

The Festive Carvery Night closed out proceedings for 2002 in great style on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December just before the mad rush up to KKIA for the festive getaway. This night will now also be known as the time we discovered Bart's Boys – an interesting selection of kabbayyan who pumped out some great music for the diners. A wee bit too loud to start off with, but the dance floor soon filled and everyone seemed to appreciate the live music for a change. The numbers frequenting these Dinner Evenings has never failed to impress and after suspecting low numbers (as we had just come off the back of the Pie Night) we were actually delighted to welcome over sixty people to the event. We plan to use Bart's Boys more in the future as they were so good.

It seems like a long time since the last magazine went to press, when we reported on the Summer Charity Fundraiser. Pressed to give us a short run down on the activity over the winter months, Martin Shaw delivered enough material to fill a magazine all by itself. Herewith a brief reminder of the events we've enjoyed (or missed).



September Kicks off with the a Fish Night After all the excesses of the summer holidays we tried to gently settle back into things with a very health conscious menu for the fish lovers amongst us. The response for tickets was overwhelming and I apologise now for the fact that the numbers were allowed to creep up over the norm' and we ended up having a whopping 94 members and their guests in the room. This was an all time record for the dinner evenings since the inception of this monthly event two years ago. However, it was too many people I recognise that fact now and can assure those loyal followers of the Dinner Evenings that we will revert back to the tickets distributed on a first come first served basis to a comfortable maximum. Not withstanding the high numbers on the evening, the food was quite delicious and for fish lovers everywhere I cannot recommend this evening strongly enough.

