

Polar Bears seen on Arabian Homes Compound By Son of Gatecrasher



I thought that I would jot down a few words on the monthly dinner, held on the 27th February, the steak night.

Firstly, I will say that the food and service was excellent, well done Arabian Food Supplies. The servings were of ample proportions; no doubt some diners would be amply proportioned if they attend the rest of this years dinners. I felt like a cattle baron as I returned to my table with a very large "T" bone steak, it was more akin to a "T" junction, this journey was undertaken with a degree of apprehension as it was rumoured that cattle rustlers were afoot.

Secondly, the ambience, the Plaza under the stars at the Oasis restaurant. An oasis, in the summer perhaps, but at the end of February, no! It was so cold that a polar bear stole my scarf to keep warm. One enterprising resident set up a stall hiring out sweaters and jumpers, however, some diners preferred to chill out rather than be seen in one of Val Doonican's cast offs. Someone else saw a brass monkey in the gents enthusiastically searching for something! One benefit of a BBQ is the cooking method; shades of a Viking funeral, the Barbecues were not only on the largish size but also mobile. On completion of cooking they were wheeled amongst us, a sort of fiery drinks trolley, and a truly magnificent sight to see all the diners leaning towards the heat just like flora tracking the suns movement across the sky. I would advise Martin Shaw to conduct an inventory of all moveable wooden objects as I am sure that I spotted a sun lounge amongst the flames.

That's all from me; hope to see you all at the next dinner, a curry night, now, that will be a warming experience.



THE WAY FORWARD

Inaugural Social Tennis Evening

I do hope that these pictures that were taken at the inaugural Social Tennis Evening go some way to capturing the great fun that was had by all who were able to participate. This evening derived itself from suggestions in the paper developed by the working group that was chaired by our old mate John Goldfinch entitled "The Way Forward". As most of you will remember, the working group was asked to come forward with ideas that the RGBB should adopt to enable it to move forward and progress in these ever changing times. Thanks to Paul Gent & Karl Pacey who organised the troops and then got everyone back for a meal in the restaurant.



Inaugural Social Squash Evening

Further to the "The Way Forward" and to prove that some of us never sleep we saw November give way to the Inaugural Social Squash Evening. Squash enthusiasts young and old (sorry Gerry) pitted their squash skills against each other in what proved to be a great afternoon. Or they would have done had there been more than three members register for the event! We will not be deterred though and plan to try again in 2003!