



## Message from the Chairman of the BBG Jeddah

I hope everyone had a nice break over the Hajj holidays – quite a number of breaks have come in quick succession what with Ramadan, Xmas and Hajj and, apart from Easter, this is the long slog before the summer comes.

We had a very successful evening meeting in January at the Intercontinental Hotel to which we had invited Wahib Binzagr – the meeting was well attended. Partly to capitalise on this success, we are planning to invite Dr Saleh Magram, Prof. at King Abdul Aziz University and Deputy General Manager of National Water & Environment Technology Co Ltd. He will do a presentation on “The Water Problems of Jeddah and what is being done to solve them” – we have also made this meeting an evening one so that members and their spouses (or *is that spices?!!!*) can attend as well.

Looking forward, we are also planning to invite Khalid Juffali – perhaps in March – as well as an expert on the Environment in the near future.

The State of the Nation, which will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March, is now in the advanced stages of planning and details of the arrangements for tickets will be announced soon.

We are now in discussion with the ABJ about the arrangements for the Sports Challenge and, again, will come back to you imminently. The Survivors Ball is still planned for mid May 2004.

I’m pleased to advise that the existing Committee has been re-elected for 2004. However, since then, Kevin Havelock our Vice Chairman, has informed us that as he wishes to step down since he’s leaving the Kingdom soon. I would like to thank Kevin for his contribution to The BBG over the past year or so. We have asked Ian Mackey, from The British Council, to join the Committee to fill gap left by Kevin – welcome Ian! We have also elected Brian Hawley as the new Vice Chairman.

For the record, these are the members:

Nasir Pasha (Chairman)

In the Kingdom for the last five years and currently working for Bank Al-Jazira. Prior to coming to Jeddah, worked for many years with Citibank as well as Nomura Bank in London. Married to Wasia and we have three girls (Zoya 14, Shyanne 9 and Sabina 9).

Brian Hawley (Vice Chairman)

General Manager of Zedan and been in the Kingdom for many, many years.

Joe Murphy (Treasurer)

Is a Senior Partner in the professional services firm Ernst & Young (formerly known locally as Whinney Murray & Co.) Has been in the Middle East region since 1986, in

such countries as Oman, Jordan and Dubai before coming to Jeddah in 1997. Joe is married to Fiona and has two daughters, Aleisha and Madeleine

Steve Ryalls (Honorary Secretary)

Senior Estimator for Allied Engineering Enterprises Saudi Arabia Ltd. I have been resident in Jeddah for 7 years and have a construction-orientated career that spans 36 years. Age 54, married to Barbara who lives here in Jeddah and have 2 grown up children, who live in the UK.

Dawood Taylor

(Events Organiser and Sports Co-ordinator) Assistant General Manager and Head of Takaful Ta’awuni (Islamic Life Insurance) Division, Bank Aljazira, since 1999. Lived in the Kingdom since 1974, mostly in Jeddah. Originally from “Geordie Land”. Very happy to be back supporting the members. Age 51 (don’t feel like it!) and married to Nabila (Saudi) with five wonderful children, eldest Dina has just graduated from American University of Sharjah.

Paul Adamson

The Chairman of the Business Development Subcommittee and has been in the Kingdom for a while; works for Norwich Union Insurance. Married to Barbara and expecting their first child soon (Inshallah!)

John White (Publications)

John has been in the Kingdom for 20 years and is Group Marketing Services Manager for The Yousuf M.A. Naghi & Sons Group of Companies. Married to Tina. John has three children Symeon (22), Alex (20) & Mary-Anne (13) all of who spent their early years at school here in Jeddah and are now in the UK, working, at University and Boarding School respectively.

Chris Phipps (Membership Secretary)

Chris is the Country Commercial Manager for the Kingdom for British Airways and has been with BA since 1985 although he has only been in the Kingdom since late 2001. Married to Debbie and they have three children Lucas 14, Devon 10 and Jordan 8.

Carsten Pigott, the Consul General is an ex officio member of The Committee.

Finally, may I remind you that the 2004 subs are now due and must be paid before the 15<sup>th</sup> March. The BBG Directory is also being prepared and details of people who have not paid by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2004 will be excluded. Moreover, tickets for the State of the Nation will NOT be available to members whose subs are not current at the time of purchase of the tickets.

I hope that you can make it to one of our forthcoming events.

Nasir Pasha  
Chairman