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Chairman RGBB**

FROM THE CHAIR

Those of you lucky enough to escape the extreme summer heat I hope you enjoyed your travels. The summer celebrated the Queen Mum turning 101 and England beating Germany 5-1, life returns normal in Riyadh. Recently our thoughts turned to those that were injured or perished in the tragic events in New York and Washington on 11th September 2001.

Your RGBB board has been reasonably active during the summer months with several initiatives placed on the Board members. Martin Shaw was elected to the RGBB Board of Directors in an open vote forum. The show of hands caused some healthy and welcome comments from the floor but in the main seems to have been well accepted and encouraged, could this be a change for the future! Welcome to Martin, stepping from the BDC he brings a real understanding of what the members expect from the Board. Martin has already impacted the RGBB with his presence and enthusiasm in organising very successful social activities during the year.

Now, for the rest of the year. The calendar continues to fill up and we have a busy year with several events programmed for you as members to participate in. Mick Brown and the Golf Committee are busy putting the final touches to the "British Community Golf Challenge" an event that as well as being a great weekend for British and other golf playing expats.

You will recall the Board committed to pursue membership growth with 200 members as our first milestone. To assist and manage the growth we have recently installed a members support network around the major compounds, posters advertising the RGBB

with member's names, telephone, and e-mail contacts displayed. As Chairman I am pleased to advise we have achieved our first milestone in membership growth, as of the 1st October we have a membership in excess of 200.

John Goldfinch heads a committee to determine the future role of the RGBB and understand what the members want. John has committed to provide his findings to the Board by end of October 2001. During the next few years with your support it is my intention, to establish an operational framework of the RGBB that will benefit both the members as well as furthering UK-Saudi business interests.

Do take a look at the improvements to our "www.rgbb.com" website. Mick Brown and Peter Thompson have put a considerable amount of time and effort in during the summer to improve the contents and quality of the website.

The RGBB Privilege Card continues to grow; Lou Armstrong of the Faisalia Foundation has agreed to take over the marketing of member's privilege card so you can look forward to continued growth in the number of vendors participating.

I am pleased announce we now have a new RGBB Secretary Mrs Louise Blackwood and she is co-located at the British Embassy Commercial Section. Louise will handle membership collection and email to members as part of her responsibilities.

This is your newsletter so if you have something to share with the members we would welcome your contributions. I hope you enjoy the Newsletter and look forward to your comments, good and bad!

RGBB Priviledge Card

The RGBB Privilege card is now well established in the local business community members are able to present cards at

AC Delco Service Centres	Arabian Homes	BAE Systems Beach Dhahran	Cellar Bar Bahrain
Country Club Bahrain	DHL	Kanoo Travel	Kingdom Compound
Norwich Union	Riyadh Intercontinental Hotel	Riyadh Marriott Hotel	
Saudi Automatic Laundry	Zahid Tractors		

Lou Armstrong now has ownership and management for the RGBB Privilege Card. Should you or your company wish to participate please contact Lou via email; larmstrong@kff.com

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