



Monthly Newsletter

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President's Ramblings!



Welcome Back BCS!

Wherever you've been and whatever you did during the summer, I hope it left you happy and contented. And I hope the events the BCS will be putting on over the coming months will add to your enjoyment.

The new committee is in place and is listed on page 3. As ever, we are anxious to hear of your ideas for the coming season, so grab us when you see us and give us your inspiration. Also, we are missing one vital Director, as Chris Aylward volunteered (no physical torture was used) to move up to the position of Secretary. It will be difficult to keep up with last year's quality and I want to thank the 2004/5 committee for all the hard work they put in, especially Carol, the hostess with the mostest. And to those kind and tolerant people who volunteered their houses for BCS nights, you deserve our heartfelt gratitude. Special thanks to Carol and Gary Clark for hosting the AGM in May, a lovely evening for all of us.

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Save the Date

Sat Oct 22nd Taste of the Commonwealth

Sat Nov 19th TBA

Sat Dec 10th Christmas Brunch (daytime)

E mail or Snail Mail

Would you like your Newsletter sent by e-mail? It would save us postage and you would get it much faster.

Let Anil know at the next event sign-in or send him an e-mail to anil_wagle@hotmail.com

Event of the summer was the sad departure of David and Wanda Elmore. They were ever presents in our BCS and more importantly were huge fun to be around. David didn't expect the job offer in South Africa and was happily planning his next year in P.R., selling the new Charger. After a few (7 or 8!) goodbye parties, delays due to South Africa playing the visa game, they finally left late August. Bon voyage David and Wanda, come back and see us when you can. Others leaving this summer included Melissa Lammers, Luis Villalon and Linda Peterson.



All friends who will also be greatly missed. One other event was the downgrading of the British Consulate from Vice-Consul to Honorary Consul, a move to reduce costs. Protests were made (not including a strike!) but no reversal of this decision was said to be possible.

In this newsletter is the date and time of our first event "Pub Night". Please come along, renew old friendships and take a cup or two with the delicious food. To those of you who haven't paid their membership already, please spare Anil a nervous breakdown and bring your membership dues. Alex did a great job last year of getting the membership sorted out and on a database. Please help Anil keep it up to date. So..... that's it for my first newsletter. Look forward to seeing you on September 24th. Now for a beer. Bass of course!

Lawrie Evans
President

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7:30pm 24th September 2005
At the home of Connie and John Emery

AA-15 Calle Palma Sola, Garden Hills, Guaynabo, PR 00966
Phone - 787 273 1914

Members \$25 Guests \$35

Book Now

If your name begins with A-I call Connie Emery 787 273 1914 or Emily (see below)
If your name begins with M-Z call Emily Thomas 787 278 0456

Directions to Connie and John Emery's Home

From Dorado:

1. Take the Buchanan exit off the 22 and follow this along until you get on 20 (Martinez Nadal); stay in the right lane once you get on the 20.
2. Take the first exit (San Patricio-no sign) and turn right at the traffic light (Cingular on the right).
3. Go to T and turn left.
4. Go through the traffic light for Ramirez Arrellano (Garden Hills Shopping Center on the left) and enter Garden Hills on the right just past the traffic light.
5. After the guard gate follow the street straight until you come to the 2nd street on the left and turn left onto Calle Palma Sola.
6. My house is up on the left (park on right).
7. Some balloons will be attached to the mailbox or gate. Watch the small steps as you come through the gate to the front door.

From Condado: 1. Take 26 (Baldorioty) through the Minillas tunnel out toward Plaza Las Americas.

2. Exit onto the 22 towards Dorado.
3. Take the Buchanan exit (this is a left hand exit).
4. Follow this along until you get on the 20 (Martinez Nadal) and stay in the right hand lane once you get onto 20.
5. Continue with directions from #2 above.

From Los Paseos or Baldwin area:

1. Get on 177 and turn right at Ramirez Arrellano (Amigo light).
2. Follow this to the Garden Hills Shopping Center and turn right.
3. The next right is the entrance into Garden Hills.
4. Follow instructions from #5 above (after the guard gate).

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A Puzzle for you- Sudoku

So what is this craze that is sweeping Britain, compelling people to tear out pages from other people's newspapers when they're not looking, incessantly counting from 1 to 9 then screaming "But now I've got two 5's" Well, Sudoku (pronounced soo-doe-koo) is a number puzzle and almost every British newspaper carries at least one Sudoku puzzle every day. The rules are very simple unlike some of the puzzles. You are given a 9x9 grid of little boxes which is divided into 9 smaller mini-grids 3x3. Each row, column and mini-grid has to contain each number from 1 to 9, once and only once. The difficulty level of the puzzle is graded according to how many numbers are already placed in the boxes. Here's an example of a medium level, give it a try. The solution will be given in the next newsletter. Have fun and don't drive the people around you demented.

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		9						
	2			1		5		6
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7	4				9	1		8
6		4		3			1	
				9		4		
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BCS Membership

1. A Regular member is any British Commonwealth citizen, or any person whose father or mother was born in the British Commonwealth who is over 18 years of age. The spouse of such a regular member is also considered a Regular Member of the Society. Regular Members may cast votes in Society matters.
2. A Family Member is the unmarried son or daughter of a Regular Member, under 18 years of age, and who resides in the household of the Regular Member. Family Members will also include the unmarried sons or daughters of Regular Members, who are over 18 years of age and are full-time students. Family Members have no voting rights in Society matters.
3. An Associate Member is any person not eligible for membership under the definition of a Regular Member or Family Member. Associate Membership is limited to twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total Regular membership at any one time. An Associate Member may cast votes on Society matters.
4. Associate Membership is for 1 year only and is renewable at the discretion of the Board as long as they are contributing to the spirit and welfare of the Club.

**Copies of the Articles & Bye Laws for the BCS are available from the Secretary-
chrisadorado@prtc.net**

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The Politics of Cow

Democratic

You have two cows.
Your neighbor has none.
You feel guilty for being successful.
Barbara Streisand sings for you.

Republicanism

You have two cows.
Your neighbor has none.
So?

Socialist

You have two cows.
The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor. You form a cooperative to tell him how to manage his cow.

Communist

You have two cows.
The government seizes both and provides you with milk.
You wait in line for hours to get it.
It is expensive and sour.

Capitalism, American Style

You have two cows.
You sell one, buy a bull, and build a herd of cows.

Bureaucracy, American Style

You have two cows.
Under the new farm program the government pays you
To shoot one, milk the other, and then pours the milk down the drain.

American Corporation

You have two cows.
You sell one, lease it back to yourself and do an IPO on the 2nd cow.
You force the two cows to produce the milk of four cows.
You are surprised when one cow drops dead. You spin an announcement to the analysts stating you have downsized and are reducing expenses.
Your stock goes up.

Japanese Corporation

You have two cows.
You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk.
They learn to travel on unbelievably crowded trains.
Most are at the top of their class at cow school.

Iraqi Corporation

You have two cows.
They go into hiding.
They send radio tapes of their mooing.

German Corporation

You have two cows.
You engineer them so they are all blond, drink lots of beer, give excellent quality milk, and run a hundred miles an hour.
Unfortunately they also demand 13 weeks of vacation per year.

Italian Corporation

You have two cows but you don't know where they are.
While ambling around, you see a beautiful woman.
You break for lunch.
Life is good.

French Corporation

You have two cows.
You go on strike because you want three cows.
You go to lunch and drink wine.
Life is good.

Russian Corporation

You have two cows.
You have some vodka.
You count them and learn you have five cows.
You have some more vodka.
You count them again.
The Mafia shows up and takes over however many cows you really have.

Belgian Corporation

You have one cow.
The cow is schizophrenic. Sometimes the cow thinks he's French, other times he's Flemish.
The Flemish cow won't share with the French cow.
The French cow wants control of the Flemish cow's milk
The cow asks permission to be cut in half.
The cow dies happy.

Irish Corporation

You have two bulls.
Employees are regularly maimed and killed attempting to milk them.

British Corporation

You have two cows.
When you feed them, they form an orderly queue.
But you feel upset because the E.U. gives all the money to French cows
So you go down to the pub.