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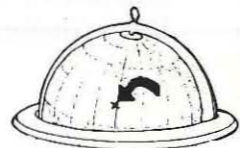
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EVERY DAY!

From the Editor

Dear Readers,

Well, we must have broken the record last month. Was this the first time ever Outpost did not have OUTPOST printed on the front cover? It must have been decided somewhere that Lois' picture was too nice to have a title printed over it. Also some comments about the photograph size have been received and duly noted, I will try and get larger photographs to accompany the articles. I would however ask the sections to bear in mind the length of their articles, not all Members of the BC enjoy sports, some of us just like to use the Club for leisure (lazing 'round the pool, bar etc). So two pages including photographs, unless there is an extra special event going on should really be enough to tell your sports section members about the activities.

Also, the deadlines seem to have moved considerably, I really need all your articles, photographs and contributions by 1st of the month. I know, January is going to be a problem, ok I give in. You can leave your stuff for me at the BC but I must receive it not later than January 5th.

Things are looking up though, people are actually sending in contributions. Some of them are a bit too near the mark for Outpost, so I'll save them for the Rugby Magazine or leave them until the Club is ready for them. Cricket has decided from now on they are going to fill their page quota like Gaynor does for Tennis and Badminton so I look forward to chopping them down to size.

In November the British Club put on a Swimming Gala for the children and as this was the first time we (as the entertainments committee) ever organised one, our grateful thanks must go to Jane Rodgers. Jane jumped in to help and without



have been a completely different set-up. Sorry to all the children who did not receive their medals on the day but I hope their parents picked them up from the club, and hopefully they all received their certificates. There were some excellent swimmers around and I hope everyone enjoyed it. Apologies to those of you who wanted to use the pool.

Hopefully you all enjoyed the Christmas Ball and those of you who joined the BC New Years Cruise survived it once again. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see happen at the Club entertainment wise, maybe we can oblige.

This month we have an Indian food promotion, Mrs Balbir is at the Club to treat us with excellent lunches, dinners and snacks.

Another bar night as well, January 6 will see the Entertainments Committee in action again behind the bar in the Churchill Bar. Come along and be served the British way by Suzanne, Joe, Bea, Kathy, Dave and Barry. It's good fun for us, why not join us. We promise to listen to all your stories whilst leaning on the bar and bring your meals to the table piping hot and we'll even try and remember

what your orders were!

New Members Night was very late in December, it did not take place until 12th, so fortunately I managed to squeeze it in by leaving 2 pages open. No complaints please about nepotism etc.

We are putting on an excellent romantic dinner for Valentines Day early February, this will be on the Friday before Valentines Day (Watch out for the flyer). Please don't let it put you off as it is not Valentines Day yet, it will surely put you in the mood.

Well, I have run out of inspiration so all that is left for me to say is : best wishes for an excellent, prosperous, happy 1995.

Bea Grunwell

BRITISH CLUB YEAR BOOK 1994/1995

It is that time of the year again and if you would like to advertise in the Yearbook please call Bea Grunwell on 258 9509 for the rates.

Some of the pages have already been reserved, so hurry. Don't be left out, The Yearbook is an excellent publication to advertise your company in. Members use this book time and time again, to find addresses and telephone numbers. Ring 258 9509 NOW!

From the Manager



January is the time when the Staff are tempted to take a deep sigh of relief that a hectic (but successful) few months over the festive season have passed for another year. But who can relax because January is the time also for reflection on the past year and to consider how best to proceed in the months to come. So a quick reflection! The Club's finances and administration have improved this year (at least in my perspective!), expenses are generally down, the monthly magazine is now delivered in time - as are the accounts! -, the Churchill Bar menu is generally available for the relevant month, even though the crossword is still always wrong, and we are now almost fully computerised and know how many members we actually have! Believe it or not, but this was far from the case 12 months ago. Cosmetically the Club will be immeasurably improved when all the current building work is complete, we may even begin to look as smart as we sometimes feel! But of course there are still many ways in which we must improve.

For the year to come I would like to see a rebuild of the two gates, I feel that both the Silom and Surawong entrances to the Club are scruffy and do not give the smart and efficient impression we would wish to give people as they come to the Club. But I am well aware that the General Committee have other far more weighty issues of availability of funds (Lords?!!) before we can achieve this. The administration of the Club can still be improved to give members a better service. For example we must improve still further our stock and property control and we must ensure that the

control and reporting systems established last year are enforced. We must do away completely with the 'Mai me' culture, it's just not acceptable to be out of stock in a place like Bangkok! F & B ... this constant area of concern has been largely addressed by the appointment of the F & B Manager. In December the usual stream of 'F' complaints died away to a trickle and the number of users of the F & B outlets increased. This increase could of course have been due to the better weather, but lets be charitable - and I believe more accurate - and say that things are improving, certainly we are doing dramatically more outside catering now than we were a year ago.

So, that's it, a very brief retrospective and a brief look forward. We can do better to serve the interests of all the Members, and we will continue to try to achieve better results, just keep on telling us when we fail!

Some things to look forward to in January:

11 January - this day will be the annual Staff Party so the Club will be closed on that day. The compound will be open for those who wish to use the pool or play tennis etc., but there will be no F & B staff, cleaners or pool attendants on duty, so take care.

6 January - Friday night is party night in the Churchill Bar as the Entertainments Committee look after your every need!

27 January - 6 February - From 6pm on Friday 27 January to closing time on Monday 6 February we will feature an Indian buffet in Lords from the renowned Mrs Balbir, there will be a special bar snack menu as well.

29 January - On Sunday 29th January a Children's Handicraft Day/Workshop will be held in the Suriwong room followed by a cabaret show from "The Giant Jelly Piece Show" from Scotland.

1 February - On Wednesday 1 February a dinner and folk night with a band from Scotland, 'Crooked Jack'.

David Viccars
General Manager

Letter to the Editor

December 1994

Dear Sir/Madam,

A few weeks ago, a notice was posted in the Surawong Sala to the effect that bicycles and roller blades were now banned. As far as I know there was no discussion outside the Committee, no gathering of views, just the decision.

I understand that these activities have been deemed unsafe and so must stop. This has brought into focus a growing concern for me, vis is the British Club a family club which caters for all its Members, including the children or is it a Club which is primarily for adults and only tolerates children?

If the former is true, then I would like to formally complain on behalf of the children that their needs are largely being ignored. Bicycles and blades appeared in the Club to meet a need in these children to 'do' something (I note that skateboards are not included in the ban).

However, this is only the tip of the iceberg. Those of us with older children often have to use heavy persuasion to come to the British Club as it is 'boring'. There is nothing to do. Perhaps there is a feeling that this is a parental problem and not a British Club problem. Perhaps it is. As one of those parents, my solution to the problem may have to be finding an alternative venue where the whole family can be catered for.

It seems to me that there are many families who bring in no little revenue to the Club. The Tennis Section, through their organisation of Junior Coaching every week and monthly tournaments, bring a significant contribution to revenue at weekends. Unfortunately, a lot of these early teenagers find nothing to keep them there after the event. Of course, none of this is relevant if the Club is mainly catering for adults. It does mean that there will be a decline in families coming to - and staying at the Club. I am quite sure that there are people who would not find this anything to worry about. I would like to see somewhere in the Club put aside at certain times for teenagers, where they could go and do things that teenagers like to do. We do have games in the sala for younger children, but apart from the table tennis, there is nothing for the older ones.

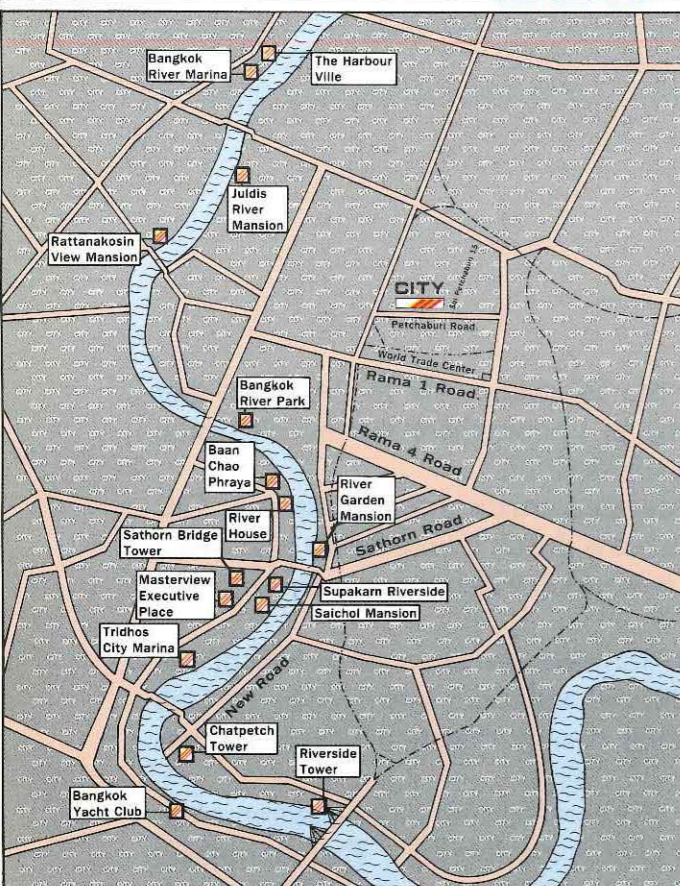
If children are behaving badly and dangerously in the Club, is it too much to ask that those parents are approached and warnings issued rather than a notice appearing ipso facto in the sala?

I would appreciate a reply from our Committee explaining not only the decision but the issuing of it. I would also like to see a firm statement about the type of Club this is. Are children welcome and catered for or are they appendages, only welcome for the ice-creams they consume?

Yours sincerely,

Kate Henton

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The British Club Yearbook

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Management News

RECIPROCAL CLUBS

A further addition to our list of reciprocal Clubs:
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Established in 1977, situated on the beach by the Miri River in Sarawak. All water sports and swimming, tennis, squash, soccer, hockey, snooker etc. See the Membership Secretary for details.

THE ANONYMOUS LETTER WRITER

Dear Whoever You Are! There is really very little anyone on the Staff can do to answer your concerns about usage of the Club unless you can be more specific and more timely! The introduction of membership cards which have to be produced when making a purchase at the Club has eliminated the use of the Club's services by non entitled persons. The only way the system can be circumvented is by the use of coupons. Sending anonymous letters saying that you believe that the Club is being used by non members is not really too helpful! You may be right, or the people of whom you speak may be entitled to use the facilities, either way if you suspect that the Club rules are being broken then please let the Duty Manager know at the time you spot the breach, then action can be taken.
Signed : David Viccars!!!

THE NOVEMBER MYSTERY MEMBER

Well done to Mr Peter Downs who correctly identified the old sea dog featured as the November mystery member as Mr George Cowie. There is a bottle of Allied Walker wine waiting to be collected by Mr Downs as a result. We have now run out of photographs, as this seems to be a very popular column in Outpost, please send your piccies to Bea Grunwell c/o British Club, they will be returned in pristine condition.

THANK YOU'S

A big thank you to all those who helped run the children's swimming gala, especially to Mrs Rodgers who really ran the whole show for us. Also a big thank you to those who took stalls at the BC Christmas Fayre, another success!

BRITISH CLUB CHRISTMAS BALL - PRIME SPONSORS BRITISH AIRWAYS AND ALLIED WALKER DISTRIBUTORS

This year tickets for the BC Christmas Ball sold so fast that we had to lay on extra tables! Last year we had some 345 at the Ball, this year well over 400 tickets were sold. A huge thank you to our sponsors as follows:
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THE 1995 MEMBERS DIRECTORY AND YEARBOOK

Members will by now have received the check lists sent out by the Club to verify that the information we intend to print in the 1995 Yearbook is correct, and importantly, it is what you want to be published. For example, if you do not want your home address or telephone number printed THEN PLEASE TELL US and as soon as possible!

THE SPECIAL INDIAN FOOD PROMOTION FROM MRS BALBIR

That well known Bangkok restaurateur and specialist cooking instructor Mrs Balbir will be bringing her own unique style of Indian cuisine to the Club from 6pm Friday 27th January to 11pm Monday 6th February. In this period we will be featuring a delicious Indian buffet for lunch and dinner in Lords, with a wide variety of daily changing dishes. The Churchill bar will be featuring a range of special Indian bar snacks in the same period ... not to be missed.

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FITNESS CENTRE

Following on from members evident dissatisfaction with Club Performance Systems, who have been managing our Fitness Centre since the introduction of this facility, the company were given formal notice to improve their service. As the performance remained below the required level Club Performance Systems have been replaced as the British Club Fitness Centre management by Sporhaton Ltd. This change is effective on 1 January 1995. Should members have any more comments about the Fitness Centre then please inform the GM without delay.



Dear Members and Friends,

The history between India and Great Britain is really a love story. One, an exotic young girl, the other, Albion, the gallant, dashing in his East India Company regalia. Upon marriage, her dowry becomes his and from this day on are his to administer and control. He goes one step further, changing her life to conform to his habits and ideals. Their union lasts for a considerable period, but Albion becomes more rigid with age, staid and self-satisfied while his wife blossoms with a sense of her own identity. Painful marital upsets occurred and separation

TABLE TENNIS TABLE

Thank you to Mr Gautrin for donating a new Table Tennis table to the Club.

YEARBOOK 1995

Don't forget if you would like to advertise in the yearbook, or if you have any old photographs of the Club and life at the Club to give Bea Grunwell a ring on 258 9509 for further details. Advertising rates are now available.

The Yearbook is a very popular item on the British Club Calendar and is given out to all Members at the Annual General Meeting in March. It is used over and over again as it has the Members list incl. telephone numbers and addresses in it, which is very useful to get in touch with fellow members. This year we're back to the old format which includes photographs. So don't hesitate get in touch with Bea for competitive rates!

A Message from Mrs Balbir

and a divorce ensue. After the first flush of freedom, India realises she was more influenced by Albion than she had ever known. They had shared much through the years and interchanges many customs, habits, traditions, food and language. Now in their mature years, they regard each other with respect and a certain fondness.

(The above was paraphrased from Jennifer Brennan's cookbook "Curries and Bugles")

I certainly have a fondness for things English and therefore I am delighted to be cooking for you here in the British Club, I hope you find the curries delicious and the samosas special, and do try the Jewel in the Crown - Chicken Tikka Masala.

Mrs Balbir

New Members

New Members night was very late in December due to the King's birthday on the 5th. Although it was still a bank holiday weekend lots of new members turned up with spouses and proposers and the Churchill Bar (did anybody hear me?!) was buzzing with activity.

Marie Elias very kindly interviewed two new members, thank you very much and I hope I caught everybody else. The camera worked, cheers all around.



Mr. Terence Moore aka Terry is the GM for Ashwin Dyeing & Finishing, they dye polyester and cotton fabrics for export and the home market. He has been here for 3 years and lives in Kanchanaburi. His family lives in the UK and he has 2 grown-up children. He loves fell running which is difficult in Kanchanaburi so he keeps fit by running round the mountains.



John and Janet Vivian are from New Zealand and have been here for 6 weeks. Before Bangkok they lived in Kuala Lumpur. They have 2 children Brooke and Jared, both in Patana School. John likes squash and really any sport and Janet enjoys playing tennis.



Carol and Mark Twycross are Australians from Brisbane and have been here since February. Mark is with McConnell Dowell and is their Thailand Manager. They have 2 children a girl 13 and a boy of 11 both go to Patana school. Mark likes tennis and watching rugby. Carol likes aerobics and was a fashion designer (children and adults) in Oz.



Giles Blumson is the Financial Controller of the Hongkong Bank and has been here for 5 weeks. His wife Jacqui and 2 daughters (4 and 1) are coming to Bangkok in January. He enjoys squash, tennis and a little bit of soccer, he is a trainee spoofer and used to be a keen shooter and wine connoisseur in the UK.

New Members



Susan and Robert Taylor have been here for one month. They came from the UK originally and have since lived in Hong Kong, Melbourne, Taipei. They have been expats for 14 years. Robert is an engineers with Parsons Brinkerhoff. They have 2 grown up sons, one in Hong Kong working and the other in Melbourne at University. Susan used to enjoy walking until she came to Thailand and Robert likes playing darts and is a very sociable chap.



Dr. Pichai Buranasombati is, according to himself, the product of a British upbringing. He went to school in the UK between 1955 and 1964. He is a widower and has 2 sons aged 13 and 15 at school in UK. Their names are Juk and Jee (together this means ticklish in Thai). Pichai is a Fashion School director, runs a fashion magazine but his main project is a ballroom dancing school opening shortly. There will be proper British examinations with bronze, silver and gold stars etc. He used to play golf but now keeps fit dancing.



Muir and Lesley Miller have an 18 month old son called Hamish, who has settled down very well and is swimming already. Muir is Project Manager with North West Water. Their first impressions: Much more civilised than Kenya where they went on holiday. Muir is a keen rugby man and is a wing forward, he was captain of a team in Southampton. Lesley likes playing the piano, swimming, badminton and embroidery. She is very impressed by the warmth of the Thai people.



Lesley and Terry Grogan (hurray for the lady member) have been here for 9 months. They have a baby son called Conor (13 mths) and Lesley is expecting a new baby in June. Terry is a Project Manager with Nishimatsu Construction and they were in Cairo before. Lesley teaches computer software from home and has no time to do anything else. Terry tries to play football, golf and wants to play rugby. (Joe please call him, Lesley begged on the NMN).

New Members



Woodrow and Judith aka as Woody and Judy Reeder from USA have been here for 1 month. Woody is with AIA (American International Assurance Company) - they are BC's neighbours who kindly let us all park our cars in their car park at Guy Fawkes Night. They were in Seoul, Korea before and have 2 children in the US, a married daughter of 26 in New Orleans and a son aged 19 at Louisiana Tec Uni studying veterinary medicine. Woody's grandfather was a Scot and he looks forward to coming to the St. Andrews Ball this year. He enjoys walking and tennis and Judy and he are learning to play golf. Judy enjoys crafts, needlework and shopping.



Hendrik and Elsa Bjornsen have been here since October 1st straight from the clean, fresh (cold) air of Denmark. Hendrik is the Finance Director with Maersk, they have 3 children aged 13, 9 and 5. The eldest goes to Patana and the other two go to the English language Centre on Silom to improve their English and will then join their brother at Patana.



Timothy and Diana Howard have been here since September and October resp, they were in Kuala Lumpur before. He is the Managing Director of Balfour Beatty. They have 4 children between them aged 17, 16, 15 and 13 all in the UK. Diana enjoys tennis, riding and long lunches. Tim likes tennis, some golf and looks forward to the children coming out for their holidays.



Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala saw many more children participate than we anticipated. So medals were in short supply, but were delivered to the Club the following Monday afternoon. All the children did an excellent job swimming their lengths, ages ranged from 4 to 14. Jane Rodgers was a proper life saver (thanks Jane), all the time judges, line judges, place judges thanks for helping. Without keen and energetic parents (and even a few non parents) events like this could not happen. Special awards for this November Swimming Gala went to Clare Edwards, Stephanie Chapman, William Hare and Frederic Lemieux for extra special efforts made during the Gala. Congratulations to the four of you. There were so many gold, silver and bronze medal winners that to mention them all here would fill up both pages, so here follows a selection of photographs.



Scott, James, Rory, Guy, Flora, Adam, Katie, James, Patrick, Brooke, William, Michael, Jareb, Henry, Roxanne, Lauren, Stephanie, Stephanie, Kate, Jared, Kieran, Edward, Fiona, Bianca, Alastair, Gabrielle, Thomas, Thomas, Edward, Gordon, Michaela, Nicole, Shadin, Duncan, Reto, Frederic, Jessica, Matthew, Christopher, Wanaporn, Joshua, Jane, Courtney, Ben, Megan, Penny, Alex, Clare, Katrina, Catherine, Hannah, Aaron and Saartje.

Swimming Gala



Scott, James, Rory, Guy, Flora, Adam, Katie, James, Patrick, Brooke, William, Michael, Jareb, Henry, Roxanne, Lauren, Stephanie, Stephanie, Kate, Jared, Kieran, Edward, Fiona, Bianca, Alastair, Gabrielle, Thomas, Thomas, Edward, Gordon, Michaela, Nicole, Shadin, Duncan, Reto, Frederic, Jessica, Matthew, Christopher, Wanaporn, Joshua, Jane, Courtney, Ben, Megan, Penny, Alex, Clare, Katrina, Catherine, Hannah, Aaron and Saartje.

Tennis

A cocktail of events to kick off '95; a generous helping of concentrated action with the start of the Club Championships on the 10th and the Weekend handicap tourney on the 14/15th, a nip of Junior Round Robin on the 8th, all mixed with a dash of culture with the Ayutthaya trip, still scheduled for Sunday 22nd.



Second prize Sports Dayers say "Cheese!"



An Evening Foursome - Royal Cliff Hotel

Sign up, sign up, for all of the above and the men's or ladies doubles leagues, too! Hope you all had a good Christmas/New Year, now straight on with the show... Onto November's notables (thanks mostly to Maurice who was actually at most of these events):

3-Way Match: BCB v British and German Chambers of Commerce - Sunday 6th November
This match was won by the British Chamber of Commerce for the first time in 4 years, with the result being decided in the last match of the morning.

Junior Round Robin - Sunday 13th November
(Thanks to Shelagh for this report)
This event attracted all of 21 players, with the three courts booked in full use for the two hours from 9-11am.. which makes me feel better about hearing the mutterings about no-one ever being able to get a court. We the organisers are getting better at working out how to make sure everyone gets the right number of games - unfortunately Maurice's little book which has the combination for every number of players from 2 - 32 assumes an elastic number of courts, so Kate and I still had to fiddle about to make it balance. Luckily we had not been to the Patana Ball the night before - we had sat up drinking and playing Trivial Pursuits instead. Anyway, it worked ... and as usual the ever willing parents did a great job umpiring.
The girls are getting braver: Cara McNeilly, Jane and Helen Cooper and Nicola Clark joined in and did not let the side down. However, perhaps the winning scores will come next time. This time the winner was Tom Henton with 14 points, followed by Chris Kelly (October's winner) with 13 and Michael Rayner with 11. Tom automatically jumped to the top of the Junior Ladder, as will any future Round Robin winners. The morning's efforts sparked a flurry of activities with 3 ladder matches being played in the midday sun and more

challenges being laid out for the coming week. We are hoping this enthusiasm will last.

Wheelchair Tennis/Charity Tournament - Sunday 13th November



The athletes and the rest of us



Big smiles from the players

Tennis

At 2 pm under a scorching sun there was a demonstration of the remarkable skills from some members of the Wheelchair Tennis Club of Thailand, which in some cases displayed more agility, speed and reach than some of their more able-bodied colleagues on a tennis court, ahem. The bloke with the green cap was amazingly strong.



Giving the pep talk

Some of our number tried out the seats for size, including Alessandra and Rita, both of whom managed quite capably, which is more than could be said for Matthijs van den Broek, one of the promoters of the sport, who ended up arse over tit, having rolled over backwards in one of these specially adapted chairs trying to 'run around' a backhand! Serves him right!

The Charity Tournament (in aid of the above-mentioned WTCT) took place immediately afterwards, with the standard bullying of poolside relaxers to cough up for a good cause. The competition was an American tournament format, and was won by Kate Henton and Owen Williams, well done you two! The raffle winners were David Ingham, Dave Bryant and Uli Fiehn.

BCB v Royal Navy Saturday 19th November

One of the most outstanding away matches, with the scenic courts on the banks of the Chao Phraya overlooked by the majestic Grand Palace, quite a venue. This was the third match against them in '94, having been defeated in the previous two, so they graciously forgot to keep score on this occasion ... but this time we went and did rather well and the results would have been close!
We were all treated to dinner afterwards in the officers' quarters of the Royal Navy Social Club, with the rather cultured accompaniment of a string quintet from the Royal Thai Navy Band. Singing and storytelling by both sides followed, all good fun and a remarkable experience for the thirty or so members of the British Club who played and stayed for the evening's entertainment. This club know how to entertain!



Alessandra tries it out for size



Beauty and elegance on wheels

BCB v Penang Sports Club Sunday 20th November
Renamed the Penang "Spots" Club after a slight misprint on the banner, this team came to us thoroughly trashed by the RBSC on the previous afternoon. However, it seems that overnight they had regrouped, and fielded a strong team against us! The final score was 18-5 in their favour, with our winning combinations being:

Angelo (new member) and John Lee (also a fairly new member), Maurice and David Henton, Eileen and Carol A, James and Bernie, Christine and Bernie. Celebratory pat on the back for winning two there, Bernie!
Lunch afterwards was attended by over 50 people (this a record? -G.) and was brought to a close only by virtue of the fact that they had to dash off back to Penang by train/plane.

The "Spots" Club were a friendly crowd who reminded us that it was high time we visited Penang on tour - very possibly in the May Bank Holiday of this year ... keep eyes peeled for details.

It has been noted that visiting teams are always happy to play the British Club as the last match of their stay in Bangkok - it's nice to leave on a high note with happy and victorious memories!!



More reach than most of us ...

Please note that the match against our counterparts in Singapore was postponed due to them deciding not to come to Bangkok after all, fickle souls.

Graded Championships Finals Saturday/Sunday 26/27th November

Apart from the apathy in the plate competition, due in part to the too-tight deadlines and a lack of court booking space, the main competition produced some good matches and certainly a very entertaining day of finals on the Sunday. Indeed, it's been a long time since I've seen so many people of the Tennis Section in one place, over fifty at one point. The biggest crowds were there to watch the singles at the end - still a very popular sport (or should that be "spopt"? -G) - for which they were rewarded by a superb battle for the men's singles between the two outstanding teenagers at the club; Owen Williams and Fabian Lefebure, erstwhile doubles partners of similar (high) standards. This match bubbled away on No. 1 court for three long sets, and after some really first class tennis ended with Fabien clinching it in the final set by 6-4. Meanwhile on Centre court, Chalati inched the ladies singles away from Anki, followed by stamina-burst Bruno surpassing an excellent James Young to grasp the men's singles in three long sets.

Tennis

Full results:
 Ladies Singles Chalatip bt Anki 6-4, 6-1
 Men's Singles A Bruno bt James 7-6, 6-7, 6-3
 Men's Singles B Fabien bt Owen 3-6, 7-5, 6-4
 Men's Singles C David S bt David H 6-2, 6-3
 Ladies Doubles Kaye S/Jenny F bt Carol G/Jaree 6-2, 6-2
 Men's Doubles A James/Bernie bt Pat/Bruno
 Men's Doubles B Robert/Peter bt (played Chris & Carol for a laff & the latter (the soup twins) won)
 Mixed Doubles A Joy/Bruno bt Carol/Chris 6-4, 6-2
 Mixed Doubles B Kay/David bt Anki/Magnus

Well done to all those earning their bit of Benjarong!

That weekend in Pattaya - 22-24th October
 Remember I said I'd get you some juice if there was any? Well, there wasn't, but here's a bit of a report on it anyway:-

Around 30 people stayed at the Royal Cliff for this Chulalongkorn weekend for a couple of days of real tennis, eating, and more tennis. There was a mix-in on the Saturday afternoon; dinner on Saturday evening at the Pan Pan Italian joint in Jomtien; a children's treasure hunt on Sunday morning and a tennis tournament on Sunday afternoon - phew!

First to finish in the treasure hunt were Sarah Henton, Courtney Williams and Hannah Elliott, but the two with the most points were David Weekes and George Henton. The Sunday event was won by Carol A playing with Mike Weekes, beating Owen Williams and Maurice Lamb in the final.

Also in late October was the Bangkok Inter-Club Men's Doubles Tournament, noted last month, which should have a mostly-photo report of its very own somewhere in this mag.

Onto November's ladder, and there was more movement this month, in part because of the Graded Championship singles matches played. After many moons, Bruno finally unseated Surin in the top spot, congrats to him, and Oud steadily climbed the ladder to 10th place gaining the only other active member position prize. The lucky draw winner was one half of the Graded Champs Ladies doubles team - Jenny Ferrier, obviously it's her month.

Don't forget next month - PANCAKE MADNESS RETURNS!!

Welcome to '95
 Lotsaluv
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Graded Champs: Mixed Doubles 'A' winners Joy and Bruno delicately displaying the ceramics



Royal Cliff - A gripped crowd in awe



Doing as the pros do: back on the left leg, raise the right, elbow out ... it's Scottish country dancing!



Shelagh's "computer cake" for the birthday boy

Badminton



Badminton Ballet Steve Rees (Part 1 of a series)



Receiving the BC plaque after lunch

Roll in the New Year with the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Section on Sunday 22nd at 2pm at the Club! There will be free booze and light food, so please stay for a few minutes after your Sunday shower to vote in the new committee, etc!

The AGM is to be held after the normal Sunday session at Soi Nares (Bang Rak) and there will be finger food available - fingers make tasty snack, dontcha know? - not to mention the laying on of serious liquid refreshments ... so don't miss out on this splurge by the Section, it's THE important day on the committee calendar!

There is no match or internal competition planned for this month due to the usual severe cases of Revellus Recoverus frequently encountered amongst BC'ers, as well as loads of people staggering back from seasonal leave, but next month there will be an internal competition, probably of the Round Robin variety, on the 19th February, the standard third Sunday of the month.

But looking back at November last year, the event to watch was the match against Unocal. You may remember (once the drink wears off way back in July that after a close match, we were pipped at the post by this crowd ... well, we must have either improved or the revenge aspect came into play, but this time we did a far better job with an 18-8 victory over this fun and friendly group of players. In total, we won 6, drew 7 (still a close match) and lost 1, nota bad performance.

A great big thank you to Khun Thanasak from Unocal, who not only managed to round up a team when some of his best were away, and directed them around the courts, he was also involved in some of the best matches of the day, including a ding dong with Khun Jaeng against our own Anne and Phil, which ended in a 17-15 scrape, and then with Khun Kamhaeng against Nick Lamb and Marion, which went to 17-16 in the second game of the set, with both matches being drawn overall. The rest of our shower included: Anand, Barry, Carol, David, Gaynor, Georgina (welcome back after quite a break), Henry and Katy, Kosol, Peter, Steve and Wanna. Well done, team!

Footnote: Where was Alex, I hear you say? Well may you

ask - he was, er, entertaining lots of skirt-wearing men when he wasn't reading in church that morning - sounds like a day in the life of your average regional bishop these days, eh?

This month's Tatler page photo is that showing the wedding of erstwhile player Robert Jones and his lovely wife, Marion McDermott (one of our good 'uns), which happened oop North in Bolton, Lancs on 6th August 1994. Those fine upstanding men in uniform are the wind ensemble of HM Royal Marine Band from bonnie Scotland, who provided the accompaniment and plenty of hot air on the occasion. Congratulations to those two!

Finally, did anyone else realise that this is the twenty-fourth column I have scribed for this Section - that means two whole years! Getting bored of me yet? I'm taking bets as to how long anyone's New Year revelations, sorry, resolutions last ...



Society Pic: Badmintonians Robert Jones and Marian McDermott were spliced 6/8/94 - Congrats!



... well they look like a winning team! Hutton, Hough, Young, Caro, Diamond, Clark and Canham

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Cricket Section for the first time in 1995!

Well the season is now upon us and despite only reaching the semi-finals of the TCL 6's tournament and a postponed Chiang Mai tour the flannelled fools of the BC are looking forward to a successful season.

The season kicked off in late November with the T.C.L. 6's competition at the RBSC Polo grounds. The British Club were 1993 champions and although severely weakened due to the absence of four players from last season's magnificent seven the boys still hoped to produce a strong performance.

Representing the BC this year were Brian Diamond, Derek Clark, Steven Canham, Adam Caro, Peter "Iron Gloves" Hutton and Peter "Skippy" Young. Also included in the squad was the evergreen cricketer of cricketers "Superbat" Lord Frank Hough OBE (Out Bloody Early!). Frank was busy with St. Andrews duties but did manage to show up on Sunday afternoon during tense finals action.

The 6's competition consisted of 9 teams - 6 players a-side - 5 overs of "lets hit the cover of the ball" cricket. Its great if you find cricket dull as the games last around 45 minutes, however this form of cricket does tend to make traditionalists like Sir Jackson Dunford - BC stalwart and Thailand's leading wicket taker (please return some of them Jack!) - cringe in his Aladdin costume. On that note, if all the theatre hullabaloo is over can somebody please guide Mr. Dunford towards the cricket nets. The boys need to increase their confidence whilst batting.

The BC qualified for Sunday's quarter finals (the top eight went though) with indifferent performances on the Saturday. With much amazement Skippy Young actually showed up on time for the first time in three years of this competition. Staying home on Friday night however did upset his normal performance and he played like - dare I say it an Englishman - yep, really, it was that bad!

Performances Saturday:

Game 1
ABAC DEFEATED BC
 BC 54 - extremely lousy batting ABAC 55 - with 2.5 overs to spare!

Game 2
BC DEFEATED YTSA (Young Thai Sikhs!)
 BC 89 - Strong performance by A. Caro and P. Hutton YTSA 60

The BC qualified fourth best at the end of this day. Sunday saw the BC with a real chance of progressing through the final rounds. In a quarter final match the BC would meet rivals the RBSC. The lads decided to stick with the winning formula from Saturday's second game by opening with Young and Caro with man-mountain Peter Hutton to follow. Young of course produced a greatly

improved performance from the previous day because he had been out most of the previous night. A crisp 27 from Skippy and a authoritative 33 from Adam Caro set up a total of 70 for the RBSC to chase. The RBSC have one good hitter - David Currie - an Aussie of course, and if he was disposed of early the BC should cruise to a comfortable victory. Well, on attempting his third six in succession off DEADLY Derek Clark bowling slow off breaks. David hit it straight down Skippy's throat who through impaired sight pulled in - well - a blinder.



"Iron Gloves" Huton obviously more interested in the on field action than paper reports of another English demise

Predictably the rest of the RBSC side crumbled without so much as a whimper. Tough luck.

So it was into the last four - a superb achievement despite having three 'new guys and two Englishmen. The BC would meet a strong ABAC outfit in the semi final which turned into a slightly heated affair when BC vice captain Brian THE DIPLOMAT Diamond was sent off for swearing at an umpire - c'mon this is cricket - a man's game not football! Maybe that's a rule the English should push for as Australia would end up with no-one on the field by the end of the second day. The BC battled well in this game, however, a total of 53 runs would never be quite enough although, the ABAC side are renowned for choking under pressure. The game went down to the final over with ABAC needing only 8 to win. They hit the winning boundary with 2 balls to spare. A dropped chance by Skippy Young during the last over didn't help their chances. It was a tough chance it must be said, but considering the sensational crowd pleasing "caught and bowled" he pulled off two overs prior to this, it should have been a piece of cake.

The ABAC boys went on to win the final of the tournament, which was some consolation and they are most welcome to the trophy if the Rugby Section would care to return it - there is more than one sports section, Mr. Grunwell!!! Anyway a good time was had by all.

On the horizon for the cricket section is:

JANUARY FIXTURES

- Sunday 8 January - BC vs ICC - Polo Grounds
- Sunday 22 January - BC vs RBSC - RBSC Ground
- Sunday 29 January - BC vs RBSC

Please note the Chiangmai Tour has been postponed but we hope to arrange new date for February and maybe even an overseas tour. And last but not least

On the International front for all those who have been living on another planer lately, Australia comfortably defeated the Poms during the First Test in Brisbane - here we go again! AUSTRALIA 426 (Slater 176; Waugh 140) and 8/248 declared (Tufnell 4/79). ENGLAND 167 (9 runs less than Slater) and 323 (Hick 80 and Warne an ordinary 8/72). A nail biting 184 runs, take heart, the chances of Warne doing that again are slim and the chances of over-generous Australians not enforcing follow ons is likewise.

Please remember - nets - Wednesday nights and when no games Sundays 2.00pm.

Thanks for joining us,

Richie Benaud

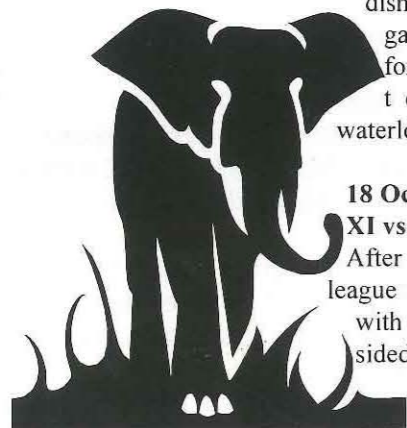
Elephant Returns in Triumph

Highlight of October was the annual football pilgrimage to Chiang Mai for the traditional tournament with the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club, Chiang Mai University, the Casuals and the BC 1st XI. Although three sides tied on points the BC 1st XI came away victorious with a superior goal difference thanks to some fine goalscoring performance from the Casuals against the two Chiang Mai teams. The tournament trophy, a metre high teak Elephant, now sits resplendent in the Churchill Bar for all to admire.



Greg and Peter discuss disciplinary action over Paul Greenhaigh's latest red card

After the superb September start to the Faring League against the Sports Club, October started



dismally with all games cancelled for two weeks due to the waterlogged pitches.

18 October 1st XI vs YTSA -6-0

After the rainstorms league action resumed with a stirring one sided game against the Young Thai Sikh

Association. On a pitch resembling a paddy field BC got off to a great start courtesy of Tony Green. By half time the game was won with a further goal from Tony and a Terry Grogan Special. The second half followed the pattern of the first with further goals from Terry Grogan and Frank Hough. The final goal from Adam Caro was outstanding with Adam dribbling all the way from the half way line before finishing with a flourish!

22nd - 24 October

Chiang Mai Tournament

		W	D	L	F	A	POINTS
1.	BC 1st XI	2	0	1	5	2	4
2.	Gymkhana Club	2	0	1	8	6	4
3.	University	2	0	1	6	4	4

4, Casuals 0 0 3 3 10 0

A party of 50 people including wives, children, girlfriends and boyfriends descended upon Chiang Mai for the holiday weekend. The overnight train journey was its usual sociable occasion, Frank, Peter, Alec and Jane played bridge, other tackled and many just drank too much. Tracey admitted that "living with Paul Greenhaigh is a dream come through" - poor dear. Anna "I'm Paul Gamble's girlfriend" announced the following morning that "she thought the earth had moved" then she realised it was just a set of points! The site of a hairy Alan Craig clambering up and down the top bunk ladder is not easily forgotten.

We all arrived safely in Chiang Mai the next morning and after a speedy check in we transferred to the Gymkhana Club for the first game/ Due to inclement



Debate over refereeing standards

weather the 1st team had been unable to play the Casuals the week before, so a shortened game was arranged, the 1st team winning 2-0 with goals by Frank Hough and Mark Hagelhauer.

In the afternoon both sides had to return for a second game with neither performing well, perhaps due to the morning exertions. The 1st XI went down 1-0 in a bad tempered game against the University which saw Paul Greenhaigh, Alex Forbes and on University player



James Howard performs

all receive red cards. The result came down to an own goal smoothly volleyed past Norman by John Sheehan. The Casuals looked to be well beaten by the Gymkhana Club at 0-4 until Mark Atkins drilled home a penalty and Paul Gambles expertly chipped the keeper from 35 yards. Result 2-4.

Tempers had settled down for the Sunday matches. The 1st XI outclassed the Gymkhana Club 3-1 with goals from Mark Hagelhauer, Vince Swift (1 goal, 2 toenails) and Frank Hough. As a result the University had to beat the Casuals by four clear goals to win the tournament and to the dismay of the BC spectators and in spite of a sound performance from new goalkeeper Steve Heaps it was already 0-3 at half time. Needless to say within 20 minutes of the restart it was 0-4. Then to the cheers of the massed hordes on the touchline guest substitute Mark Hagelhauer came on to score the goal which brought the Elephant back to Bangkok. Result 1-4.

Overall a fine tour enjoyed by all. On the field of play special praise should go to Captain "El Greg" Watkins and Peter Hockley, soundly supported by Vaughan Elias and Nigel Oakins. On the Sunday evening, Master of Ceremonies James Howard continued his masterful tradition of entertainment, this year well supported by Chief With Jill Hough on behalf

of the ladies. On the Sunday morning Marie "Shop until you drop" Elias, organised a tour of retail factory outlets before the football, which was appreciated by all.

Peter Hockley is to be thanked for arranging transport and special thanks to Andy Marshall from Transpo International (see Outpost advert) for kindly transporting the Elephant free of charge back to Bangkok.

25th October - 1st XI vs Bangkok German All Stars - 3-3

A disappointing result and our first hiccup in the Faring league campaign. The game started brightly until the German keeper was sent off after 20 minutes. In spite of the man advantage the Germans competed well on a bumpy pitch which discouraged good football. After 25 minutes a Vaughan Elias lob bounced over the stand-in keeper leaving Mark Hagelhauer an easy tap in. Half time 1-0. Early in the second half the Germans equalised before Mark Hagelhauer set up Paul Greenhaigh for a fine finish 2-1. Two minutes later, the same combination repeated the trick 3-1. BC then had numerous chances to extend their lead but failed to do so. A rare mistake from Neil Torrance with a weak punch out gave the Germans the chance to pull one back to 3-2. Further chances for BC were missed by Frank Hough and Adam Caro and with two minutes remaining the All Stars scored a third goal to share the points.



29th October Gerry Stewart XI vs BC Select 1-5

A happy game but a sad occasion marked the departure of Gerry Stewart to pastures new. On behalf of the Football Section we wish Gerry every success in the future.

The game started well with both sides playing attractive open football. After a Frank Hough shot was handballed Gerry stepped up to slot in an accurately taken penalty. Ten minutes later Tony Green completed a spot kick at the other end with Mark Hagelhauer and Captain for the day Adam Caro, making it 3-1 at half time. Fine performances from Paul Gambles at centre half and John Sheehan in goal kept the Stewart XI at bay in the second half leaving Mark Atkins with an easy header and Tony Green to complete the 5-1 result.

CALENDAR

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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8-10am Ladies Tennis 8am BWG Mahjong 6-8pm Squash Coaching 7-8pm Happy Hour FOOD PROMOTION MRS BALBIR'S INDIAN BUFFET LUNCH & DINNER	7am Ladies Golf 8pm Friendly Bridge 7-9pm Football Training 7-9pm Rugby training 9pm Gentlemen's SpooF MRS BALBIR'S INDIAN BUFFET LUNCH & DINNER	6-8am Early Bird Tennis Mix-In 9.30am Aerobics 5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix In 7-8pm Happy Hour 7pm Cricket Nets Practice	10am-12 Ladies Squash 7-9pm Rugby Training 7-9pm Badminton 6-9pm Squash Mix-in
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OPENING TIMES

10am - 11pm CHURCHILL BAR
11.30am - 2pm LORDS REST. LUNCH
7.30am - 10pm POOLSIDE BAR
6.00am - 9.00pm FITNESS CENTRE MON/SAT
9.00am - 9.00pm FITNESS CENTRE SUN/HOLS
9.00am - 5.00pm THAI MASSAGE EVERY DAY EXCEPT MON

VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BC EXCEPT:
CASUALS FOOTBALL - BKK PATANA SCHOOL
BADMINTON (SUNDAYS) NR BANGRAK POLICE ST.
GOLF - AS ADVERTISED
RUGBY MATCHES AS ADVERTISED
ALADDIN - SIAM CITY HOTEL

JANUARY 1995

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GOLF Lavita Hughes 259 3617
RUGBY Joe Grunwell 262 0220
SQUASH Barbara Overington 258 7306
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TENNIS Maurice Lamb 272 4530

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HOCKEY Lois Carson 258 5295

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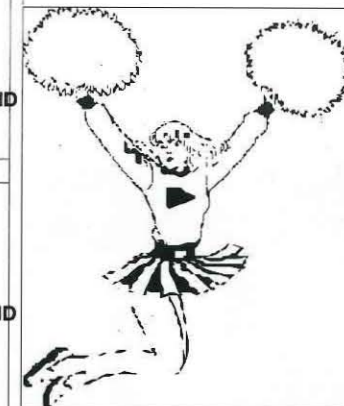
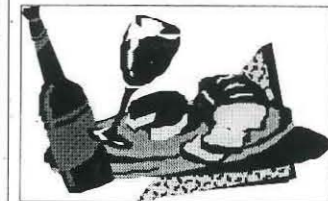
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27 JAN - 6 FEB
MRS BALBIR'S INDIAN
BUFFET LUNCH & DINNER

1 FEBRUARY
DINNER AND FOLK NIGHT WITH
CROOKED JACK

3 MARCH - ST DAVID'S BALL



Golf

20th November 1994 - Royal Golf and Country Club

17 Members took part in the last medal for the year. The Royal Golf and Country Club was in superb condition, however, it was a very slow round for some members.

Winners for the medal were:

Flight 0 - 13	No Players	
Flight 14 - 24	Paul Nears	Net 69
Runner Up	Heoff Lamb	Net 70

Paul Nears together with Mike Poustie join the past medal winners in the final on 18th December. If you are a past medal winner, make sure you are there, but if you cannot attend please advise the Captain, so that the runner up in your flight can take your place. As usual, Caldbecks were generous with their prizes these were given out as follows:

Flight A

1st	Geoffrey Lamb	Net 70
2nd	Gerry Fisher	Net 73
3rd	James T-Glover	Net 81

Flight B

1st	Paul Nears	Net 69
2nd	Lavita Hughes	Net 74
3rd	Brian Hughes	Net 78

Flight C

1st	Mike Poustie	Net 78
2nd	Liz Southcombe	Net 80
3rd	Angela Poustie	Net 81



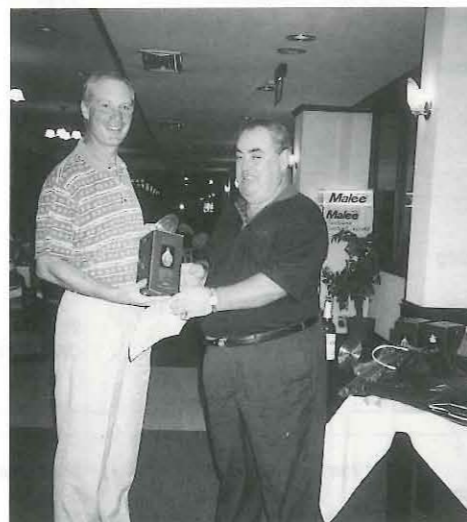
Long Drive and Near Pin Winners

Near Pins #4 - Mike Fisher, #8 - Geoffrey Lamb, #12 - Gerry Fisher
 Long Drives Men: Alex Southcombe
 Long Drives Ladies: Angela Poustie

Many thanks to Caldbecks for their continued support.



Paul Nears receiving his prize from R. Sparks



Mike Poustie and Ron Sparks



Ron Sparks and prize winner Geoff Lamb

Golf



Mike Baker presenting Ron Sparks with the Runner Up prize in Flight A. Ron scored a par 36 on the back nine.



The respective team captains, George Atkinson and Eric Hudson together with Ben Hudson.

British Club vs British Embassy
 Bangpoo
 6 November 1994

Sponsor: British Gas

A good gathering was had for this annual event, particularly from the Embassy, who proved to be just too strong the entire day.

The British Club Trophy: Embassy 538 to 533.
 The Emirates Cup: Embassy 203 to 198

The Barbecue held at the BC after the days golf was very well attended by players and their respective spouses, from both groups. The day was a stableford competition with the winners being:

FLIGHT A

0-20 h/cap	Steve Kitching	46 points
	Ron Sparks	43 points
	Dave Atkinson	39 points

FLIGHT B
 20-27 h/cap

George Atkinson	38 points
Neil Buttery	37 points
James Atkinson	37 points

FLIGHT C
 28+

Gill Hough	43 points
Mel Leddy	35 points
Judy Leddy	35 points

TECHNICAL PRIZES

Nearest the Pin George Atkinson, Ian Attwood, Dick Fruin

Nearest Water (Men) #14 N. Stalps
 (Ladies) #14 Janet Atkinson

Nearest Water #7 Dave Denyer
 Nearest Green #16 David Stewart
 Longest Putt #18 Doug McNelly

Our sincere thanks to Mike baker of BRITISH GAS for sponsoring this event.

The British Club Yearbook

Once again it is time to draw your attention to the fact that the British Club is publishing it's Yearbook/Memberships List 1995.

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By advertising in the Yearbook you will support the British Club and let other Members know about your business!

Squash

Is a game of squash the acid-test of an individual's personality? Does the real character of an individual become manifest during the sweat and exertions of the noble game?

It is said that to find out the true nature of a business associate you should get him away from his desk (or in the case of Bangkok - his car and his mobile phone) and out onto the golf links. There, amidst relaxed tranquillity (and toxic chemicals) the best terms for any business deal can be struck.

A game of squash doesn't require such a chemically dense environment as a golf course, particularly if you discount the copious amounts of ethyl alcohol that tends to get consumed after the event. However, it has to be admitted that negotiating the fine points of a business deal is a little difficult, while you're desperately trying to get enough oxygen into your lungs to stay alive on court.

Not so good for conducting business deals then, but the squash court is probably a good forum for uncovering the raging beast that hides beneath the svelte suiting of the opponents. And judging by the savage cries one hears echoing around the courts, "raging beast" is an apt description: "Aaagh, my knee", "Blast, my ankle", "Damn, that bounced", "You jammy bugger". These are all fairly standard fare. In addition, the more poetic followers of the little black ball may extend to: "You great wally", "What a nellie", "you big girls blouse".

Perhaps the moment when the personality of the player is most stripped of its civilising restraints is during the call for a "Let". Here, black can become white. Two plus two can equal five. And the air can turn blue with the heat of "colourful" debate.

I've been witness to a fair degree of talented theatrical expression during "Let" calls on the courts of the British Club. This is particularly true during finals or matches when the balcony is being appealed to. However, these theatrics have always fallen short of an incident that occurred during a match in the Sydney league. Here, upon having a "Let" disallowed, a burly Australian gentleman rapidly exited the court, climbed the stairs to the viewing gallery and set about the umpire with his racquet.

On second thoughts, perhaps the toxic wastes of Thailand's golf courses are safer than the squash courts after all. For those of us still willing to risk the occasional visit to the courts, here's the latest news and information.

- a) The Rod Carter Cup (BC Open) was won, once again, by Peerapon defeating Ralph Tye, David Bryant (the ageless aeronaut) won the Tony Austin Veteran's Cup by beating Khun Burapa.
- b) Coming up is the Harold Mercer team competition during the month of March, 1995. Details will be posted on the notice board by the courts. Also the squash AGM will be held on the last Wednesday in March.
- c) The "Mix-In" is every first Sunday of the month. A charge of 30 Baht per player is made to join in.
- d) From January onwards all entrants into the various squash competitions (eg Harold Mercer etc) will be automatically charged 100 Baht on their monthly fees.
- e) Ladies Squash mornings are now held every Thursday morning 10am, until noon. Please call Lyn Cook on 258 5646 for details.

Happy Squash-ing,
Barry Daniel

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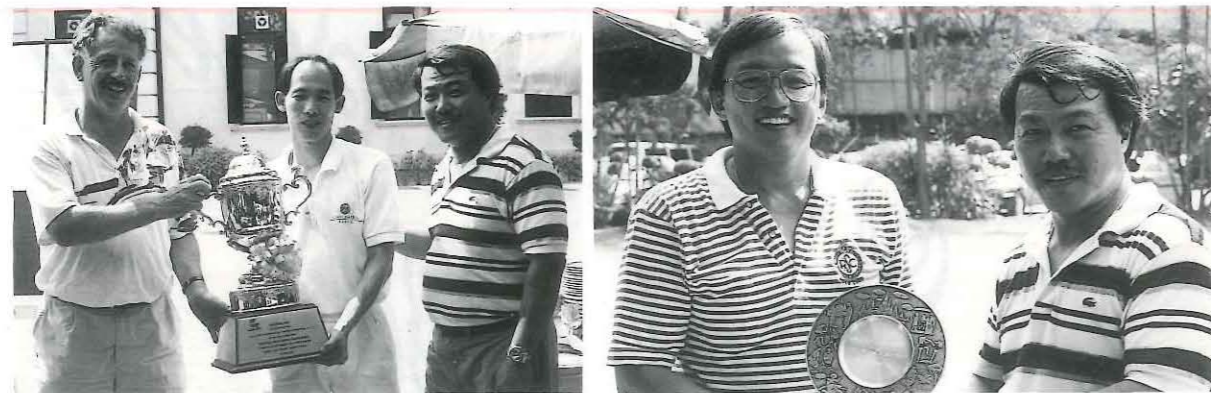


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Khun Sucharit presents the Colossal Cup to Khun Chanchai, Silom Captain
 Khun Suthirapan collecting the runner up plate for the Polo Club

Bangkok Inter Club Men's Doubles Tournament

Over the last weekend in October six strong teams of men from clubs around Bangkok prepared to face each other in this men's doubles Round Robin competition. The format was based upon the Ladies Inter-Club Tournament held in February 1994 and like the latter, produced some of the finest tennis seen here at the British Club. And with the generosity of one real tennis aficionado, Khun Sucharit of Colossal International and RBSC, there was a magnificent trophy - later nicknamed 'The Colossal Cup' - to play for.



RBSC pick up their plate

The teams were split into two groups, with the Royal Navy, the RBSC and the British Club in one, and the Silom Club, the Polo Club and the Japanese Association in the other. All of Saturday was taken up with these teams playing each other within their respective groups.

Right from the word go it was evident that the perennially strong Silom Club were going to be up there in the running ... and that the British Club definitely weren't. Indeed, the BC boys were vying for the title of 'most games taken in a lost match' during the first day of play, sigh. By end of play



All teams on the lawn

Saturday, the final was set for Silom Club and the

Polo Club to do battle; the RBSC and the Royal Navy vying for third and fourth place, with our shower playing off against the Japanese Association for the penultimate and ultimate (sixth and absolutely last) place.



Eventual victors Silom Club regrouping on Saturday evening



And the Silom Club receive a plate too!

Of the final itself; the Silom Club got off to a roaring start with two excellent matches to take a commanding 2-0 lead in the best of five match. Then an outstanding performance by the Polo Club in the ensuing two matches added to the suspense by taking the final to a 2-2 draw with one match to play. This was played out by Khun Peerapong and Khun Chanchai (captain) for the Silom Club and Khun Boonkiat and Khun Vipong for the Polo Club, and went to an exiting third set before the Silom Club clinched it at 6-4, thereby winning the tournament for 1994.



Japanese Association with plate

Other matches in the final of note were the over-40's, starring captain Khun Suthirapan and the young- and (good!) looking Pan for the Polo Club and Khun Noppadul and Khun Komkrit for Silom which was a match of solid tennis with good humour running throughout; and the over 50's starring Khun Kosol and John (Polo) against Khun Boonthan and Khun Soontham (Silom) - over 50 they may have been but they would have shown up some of our younger players in mobility around the court! The play was most impressive and especially that they could all keep up such a high standard after three sets.

The British Club, despite playing 'valiantly'

(Maurice's word), generously came last, with the umpire on that court kindly calling out the score in English all day for the benefit of our lit and the Japanese Association.

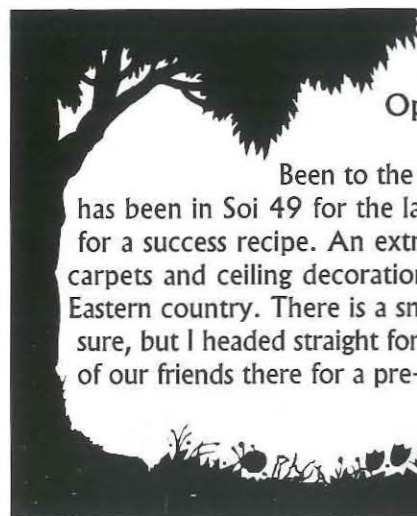
Eighty people attended the sponsored buffet, and the prize-giving followed, with Khun Chanchai raising the mighty Colossal Cup for the first year. Well done to the Silom Club.



Thanks must go to the sponsors of the event, namely Santa Fe Transport International, Dunlop Thailand, SAE Thailand and Coca Cola (Thailand) for their invaluable support; thanks again to Khun Sucharit of Colossal International for the trophy, and last but not least a big hand for Maurice Lamb for all his superb organisational and administrative abilities in scheduling all the matches and keeping track of all the scores.



Royal Navy Captain with plate



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Been to the 'new' Cedar Tree Restaurant yet? Well, it's worth a visit. The restaurant has been in Soi 49 for the last 25 years, so experienced chefs and a real family run business makes for a success recipe. An extra room has been opened and the restaurant had a general clean up of carpets and ceiling decorations, it truly makes you feel as if you have truly landed in some Middle Eastern country. There is a smoking and non smoking area, a welcome change for non smokers I am sure, but I headed straight for the smoking area the evening I was supposed to meet husband and some of our friends there for a pre- Rugby Ball dinner. Gentle music playing, fancy electric candles on the table. Maybe the owner is worried we smokers set fire to the place not only with our cigarettes but with the real candles as well. I was the first to arrive from our group and was welcomed by Rafik the owner and Anna. He complimented me on my name and after that could really do no wrong! A be-fezzed waiter came to ask what I would like to drink and my Perrier came accompanied by a basket of 'fresh vegetables from our garden', all crips and fresh, something to nibble on. I started on a cucumber and as I hate eating on my own, started making some notes and this is the only reason you are actually reading this.

After a change of batteries for the candles, the others arrived and Anna advised us on what we should eat. She recommended for 6 of us to have 10 mezzes and 3 main courses to share. The mezze was delicious and for those of you who have never encountered on of these culinary delights, a mezze is a selection of dishes which in the Cedar comes in 5's, 10's or 15's depending on how large your appetite is. Prices are per person, so beware this can get rather out of hand. We had Hummus (cream of chick peas), Babaghanouch (cream of egg plant), Tabule (parsley salad with cracked wheat), Fatuch (Lebanese salad), Kebbe (cracked wheat stuffed with marinated beef), goat cheese puff pastry, Falafel and some zaziki (yoghurt). Some of these dishes were cold and some hot, all were however tasty and nicely presented. Where needed Anna was ready with an explanation on the ingredients. Having dunked and dipped with piping hot pitta bread, had some beers, some general chit chat we went on, on to the main meal. Shawarma, chicken with garlic and a piece of lamb. Chicken with garlic was just that, roasted breasts of chicken accompanied by a pungent garlic puree which kept all but the mozzies away from my side the rest of the night. The Shawarma consists of a round of pitta bread filled with a delicious concoction of sliced lamb marinated in something that obviously had garlic, cinnamon and lots of other things in. The lamb was tender and must have been the favourite of all of us. It came accompanied by a rice dish, which was cooked in yoghurt and some almonds was not to everyone's taste but could have easily been missed out as by then the tummies were getting rather rounded.

Polite and non-intrusive service made us want to linger for the Cedar's special cardamom coffee, not made for the faint hearted amongst us, this is a strong cup of Turkish coffee. The cowards round our table went for tea and we shared on Bakhlava between the six of us. Not a highlight, but then the only wonderfully scrumptious Bakhlava I have ever tasted came straight from a Greek plane brought home by the Greek husband of a friend of mine and prepared by his mother's own fair hands. All in all, a delicious meal, good service and well worth a recommendation. It is worth reserving a table, especially during the weekend as the place can get pretty packed. Cedar also does take-away and all of the above can be ordered in advance and picked up later. Phone 391 4482.

After all the excesses of Christmas and New Year Outpost thought it might be an idea if we published "The one-day wonder diet". Take time every month to detoxify your body from the inside out and your skin will look better for it. Stock up on fresh fruit and give your digestive system a break from the 'baddies' such as caffeine rich tea, coffee and chocolate, and fatty and rich food.



The one day wonder diet

You won't need a will of iron to stick to our quick detox diet because it will leave you pleasantly full. But even though it's not a fast - which means taking water only and isn't advised unless medically supervised - it should only be done for just one day.

What you need to do When you wake, stretch and breathe deeply for five minutes. Then, first thing, have a large

tumbler of filtered water with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice, and a kiwi fruit.

Breakfast 350ml (12 floz) cranberry juice and mineral water half and half. Half a melon sprinkled with 25g (1 oz) mixed sunflower and pumpkin seeds.

Mid-morning 350ml (12 fl oz) filtered water and 2 bananas - make sure you chew them thoroughly.

Lunch One glass of additive-free vegetable juice, such as Biotta Organic Vegetable Cocktail from health food stores. (Check the juices salt level as some have very high levels). Half an avacado dressed with 5ml (1 tsp) each of olive oil and cider vinegar. (Avocado is often though of as a high calorie villain but it makes a filling snack packed with nourishment which helps lower cholestoral levels too!)

Mid Afternoon 350ml (12fl oz) additive-free grape juice and water mixed half and half. One small bunch of grapes.

Evening Meal Start with 350ml (12 fl oz) filtered water, then eat as much fruit as you like such as apple, mango, pawpaw, pear, kiwi fruit, grapes and plums. About an hour before bed, have a small tub of live yoghurt mixed with a little dried fruit.

R U L E S T O R E M E M B E R
* Don't follow a detox diet if you have a kidney disease,

diabetes, an eating disorder, such as bulimia or anprexia, or if you are pregnant.

* Any spots or blemishes are a sign that the detoxification process is working.

* If you notice a slight headache or have a coated tongue, don't worry. These are symptoms that show that your body is detoxifying. Try to manage without a painkiller as your liver has to work hard to process it and a whole day's cleansing will be wasted. As your body detoxifies itself, the side effects should diminish.

* Detoxification is likely to make you feel worse before you feel better - persevere.

* Don't follow this diet for more than one day at a time and always leave seven to 14 days in between detox diets.

* Don't eat oranges or grapefruit - they can be too acedix.

* Wash fruit before eating.

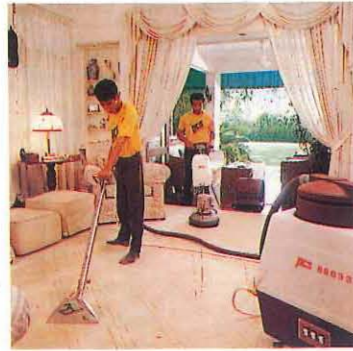
* Chew fruit well. Eat slowly.

* Dilute all fruit juices half and half with water.

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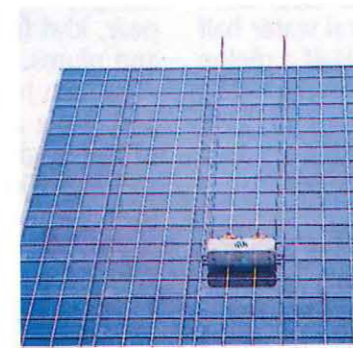
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Annual St Andrew's Ball visit from Amanda and Nigel Pearson



New addition to the Hollis family - Hugo Hollis



Chairman Nigel Oakins visits the Christmas Fayre



And so did Santa and lots of children



Some of the stalls at the Christmas Fayre



Beautiful children dressed up in Thai costumes to celebrate Loy Kratong

Ploenchit Fair

Did we have fun or not? The British community's annual "bash" in the grounds of the British Embassy — Ploenchit Fair — was a wonderful success.

British Ambassador Christian Adams and his wife Pauline must have wondered whether they had done the right thing in opening the Embassy gates at 10 a.m. on Saturday November 19 when thousands upon thousands of people poured into the normally peaceful Embassy compound.

But the day went exactly as everyone expected: hot and sticky, too many people, too much food and drink, and tons and tons of fun and entertainment.

The Adamses were everywhere from making teas on the lawn to drawing the lottery prizes; Ploenchit fair organiser Carolyn Tarrant made sure everything (and everybody) worked and occasionally socialised in her MBE hat; and hundreds of volunteers from the British community and Embassy ensured a totally successful day.

In the final analysis, all the hard work paid off. Takings during the day will probably reach 4.8 million baht, 20% up on last year. Organisers of the Fair, the United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities (UKCTC) will now spend the next 12 months allocating all this money to a wide variety of deserving Thai charities.

A big thanks to all the volunteers and helpers for a good job well done.

To remind you just what happened, John Leicester took some photos of our boys and girls during the Fair.



Ambassador Adams makes the tea



The MBE hat



Would you want to buy anything from these persons?



Ploenchit Fair



Keith tries to sing...



... and so does Dr. Penguin



Nice one, Eric



Even nicer one, Brian



Where's our Norman?



Snelly goes one better

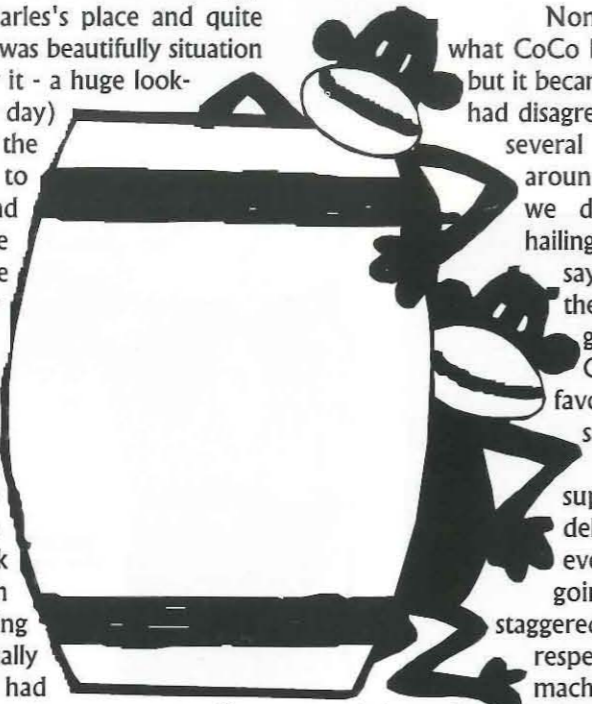
Did I hear correctly? Was it true? Andrew was announcing we had been invited to his friends villa for the weekend on some obscure island. Don't get me wrong folks, I love Bangkok really but a chance to escape - I mean - get away was not to be missed. Andrew somehow knew I was please about this by the way I was doing cart-wheels over the marble floor of our wee apartment (not a sight, I might add for the faint hearted). What to wear, what to pack, I could be ready in 10 minutes, give or take a second or two.

After quite a long drive and the odd ferry we arrived at Zara and Charles's place and quite exotic it was. The villa itself was beautifully situation on the beach with - wait for it - a huge look-out point where (on a clear day) you could see tight across to the mainland. We were shown to our exquisite rooms and informed cocktails would be at 6.30 before the rest of the guests arrived for their party.

Unpacking, showering and shaving (and that was only me) we duly presented ourselves on the verandah at the appropriate time. Zara was stunning in a beautiful shocking pink caftan, so was Charles. Ah well, there was no accounting for the seriously rich and equally serious eccentric. Andrew had already forewarned me that there was no telling what the pair of them might or might not get up to. After guzzling some delicious champers (always amazes me how everyone else's booze tastes much better than mine) we all trotted up to the look-out points while a fleet of waiters appeared from nowhere to set up the bar, which was wrapped around Zara's prize pal tree - totally unique, I remember thinking at the time.

At the look-out point what greeted our eyes, was truly spectacular. Four yachts and a number of smaller vessels were gliding their way over from the main land but the best form of transport was a small sea plane which had sneaked in from the right and was already docking at their pier. Heaven, how the other half lives. Thank goodness I'd packed the old Chanel which really did not owe me any favours as it had stood the test of time but it could

still be depended on to hold its own in a crowd. The evening progressed well (10 out of 10 for Zara) until she produced her - wait for it - pet monkey who was overfed, bad tempered and suffered from a great deal of flatulence. CoCo, the monkey's name, had a party piece of climbing up the palm tree, grasping one of the coconuts, twisting it off and hurling it into the waiting hands of the waiters below, who would then lob the head off the nut and whisk up some exotic cocktail for the guests, who had been watching the show with wrapped attention.



None of us were quite sure what CoCo had been fed on that day but it became obvious that something had disagreed with the poor beast as several times, while leaping around in the branches above, we didn't just get coconuts hailing down on us. Needless to say, Andrew and I skipped the cocktails and opted for a glass of Charles' Famous Grouse (a particular favourite of Andrew) in the safety of the inside bar.

The food was superb, plentiful and quite delicious, but around 2.30 everyone started to make going away noises and slowly staggered, sorry, walked to their respective floating and flying machines. Andrew and I decided we'd make a day of it and thanked Zara, Charles and CoCo, who was now draped around his neck like a well worn fashioned fox fur that my granny used to sport on Sunday morning, for such a lovely evening.

Our room was beautiful and overlooked the sea which resembled black ink. The thoughtful maid had opened our French doors to let the evening air breeze through, but unfortunately (unbeknown to her) a million mosquitos had decided to breeze through too and stay as well. The wall were black with the mini vampires and the next 30 minutes found me bashing and trashing around trying to demolish the more aggressive mozzies who were hell bent on Kamikaze diving at us.

I finally managed to get it down to 12 by leaping up and down on the bed, swatting away with a spare pair of Andrew's drawers, but what with

Andrew's dry and abusive comments about how I looked and if only he had brought his camera with him for such an occasion, which continually flowed during my performance, I decided enough was enough and after telling him I hoped he would be eaten alive, I brushed my teeth and hit the sack.

I awoke the following morning feeling slightly the worse for wear and slowly opening each eye to see if it still worked, heard the distinct sound of laughing and splashing outside. After wrapping a sheet around me I decided to have a peek over the balcony. Andrew (the traitor who was always good at getting up in the morning, excuse the expression) was swimming with Zara, who looked resplendent in a one piece 'Marie Helvin' black costume. Charles was on a lounge sipping what could only be a rather marvellous looking Bloody Mary with all sorts of foliage hanging out of it.

Zara was pouring tea when I arrived and on handing me my cup she had a strange grin on her face as if she knew a secret that I didn't. "Had a good nights rest, Lynne?" she asked still with this strange smirk on her face.

Charles was winking and nudging CoCo was by his feet making short work of an over ripe banana.

It all looked tranquil an inviting so after a quick shower and an even quicker cup of coffee, which the maid had brought in earlier, I popped on my (old faithful) Marks and Sparks cozzie and went down to meet the new day.

Andrew in the ribs saying something about it being the sea air that does it ha ha. Andrew and I didn't have a clue what they were talking about and it was only that evening on the way home that I got thinking, that their bedroom was right next to ours and they must have heard the noise of The Mudies versus The Mozzies, the laughing and giggling and me jumping up and down on the bed like a possessed hen. They must have thought that Andrew and I were .. well you know. I certainly wasn't going to enlighten them as to the real story. I mean it was only mosquitoes really. Well you chaps believe me, don't you? No? Oh, that's my story and I am sticking to it anyway, so there. O.K.?!
Lyn Mudie

11th January 1995

The Club will be closed.

On 11th January 1995 the Annual Staff Party will take place and the Club will be closed.

You will still be able to use the pool, squash courts and tennis courts but there will be no sala staff, bar staff or pool attendants on duty. So if you visit the club, please take care.

Christmas Ball

The Annual British Club Christmas Ball was a huge success. Well over 400 people attended, the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza did the catering, drinks were flowing, music was played by the Non Commitments, Hot To Trot and DJ Hans Konings. Many, many sponsors helped make the evening a success, they are listed below in no particular order, apologies if I have forgotten anyone. Thanks to all of you who attended but a very special thank you to all the generous sponsors for their support.



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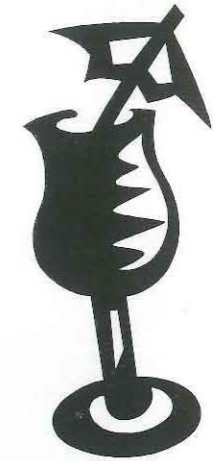
Elephant Round-up

The Elephant Round Up trip to Surin undertaken by 60 older and younger members was an experience to say the least. The only discomfort was finding on the way back, there were reclining seats and no beds. Apologies for that one, we did try! The BC catering was excellent, the school showers adequate, the picnic in the afternoon relaxing, the elephant ride through town exiting, the round up itself well, to see over two hundred elephants in one place, on one field, doing absolutely nothing but walk and eat the sugar cane and bananas laying around was for me the highlight of the trip. Will we do it again next year? Certainly if you ask!!



Bar Night

In November the Entertainment Committee tried their best to entertain the crowds in the Churchill Bar. After being asked by one of the lady bartenders if "Sir, would like a drink", sir replied "Why would you want to buy me a drink?". It was all explained later on, chit chat went on with customers from behind the bar and whilst serving hungry clientele sat at the tables. The staff coped well with the amateurs, thank goodness they were there to lend us a hand. It certainly is hard work and really all the members should take a turn working behind the bar for just an hour or two. A few suggestions; bring your memory (membership cards and who do they belong to, the photo's are just slightly out of date sometimes), who ordered what, when and where, take some comfy shoes, a bright smile and off you go. We are having another bar night on 6th January to welcome you all back to the Club, please come along and buy a drink and wish each other a happy New Year, if you have not already done so! See you then!



Bea.. I'm tired, I need a cuppa, leave me alone!



Suzanne and Dave right in the swing of it all



Kathy ready to serve you!

Guess who this is



An idyllic picture of a '60's person looking 'dozy' somewhere in the Greek Isles reflecting if there is life after death. Long hair has disappeared and this dish now leads a hectic life (incl. wife) in Bangkok.

Relatives are excluded from this competition. If you can guess who this member is, please phone David Viccars at the Club with the answer and a bottle of Allied Walker wine will be awaiting your pleasure.

This is Thailand

Gods don't call back



While setting up a new company, I tried to reach many of the BC members who's companies, I still believe, could be potential users of performance improvement programmes in order to achieve incremental profits. I sometimes wonder if you really know what it means to get through to you, if at all!

HGL 1 : "APYGLKY, KA"
 BvW : Good morning, is this the "Happy Go Lucky Company?"
 HGL 1 : "APYGLKY, KA"
 BvW : Can I speak with Mr. Who Cares?
 HGL 1 : (Total silence)
 "Fuer Elise", electronic version
 85 seconds later
 HGL 2 : KA!!
 BvW : Good morning, is this the Happy Go Lucky Company?
 HGL 2 : Segun na ka.
 In background "Farang, farang....."
 "The Sting" electronic version
 45 seconds later
 HGL 3 : Whattauwant?
 BvW : Can I speak to Mr. Who Cares?
 HGL 3 : Whattauname?
 BvW : Bert van Walbeek
 HGL 3 : Howdouspell?
 BvW : B from Bangkok
 HGL 3 : Ah, you call Bangkok?
 BvW : Khun Bert
 HGL 3 : Howdouspell?
 BvW : B, E, R, T
 HGL 3 : Heeee?
 BvW : B from Bangkok, E..
 HGL 3 : Ahh, Khun Bird
 BvW : Yes, that is great
 HGL 3 : Whatsucompny?
 BvW : MotivationAsia
 HGL 3 : Heeee?
 BvW : M from Manilla
 HGL 3 : Ah, you call Manilla
 BvW : No, from MotivationAsia
 HGL 3 : Whatduwan?

BvW : Can I please speak to Mr. Who Cares?
 HGL 3 : What is the purpose of your call?
 BvW : I would like to talk to him about motivational techniques.
 HGL 3 : Heeee? Justamomen "The yellow rose of Texas" electronic version
 30 seconds later
 HGL 3 : Hold the line, let me check if he is in!
 BvW : Thank you!
 "The yellow rose" second part
 23 seconds later
 HGL 4 : Office Mr Why Care, can I help you
 BvW : Good morning, can I speak to Mr. Who Care
 HGL 4 : This is not office Mr Who Care, this is office Mr Why Care!!!
 BvW : yes I hear, can I please speak with Mr Who Care
 HGL 4 : Whattauname?
 BvW : Bert van Walbeek
 HGL 4 : Howdouspell?
 BvW : B from Bangkok
 HGL 4 : Ah, you call Bangkok?
 BvW : Khun Bert
 HGL 4 : Howdouspell?
 BvW : B, E, R, T
 HGL 4 : Heeee?
 BvW : B from Bangkok, E from..
 HGL 4 : Aaah, Khun Bird
 BvW : Yes, that is great
 HGL 4 : Whatsucompny?
 BvW : MotivationAsia
 HGL 4 : Heeee?
 BvW : M from Manilla
 HGL 4 : Ah, you call Manilla
 BvW : No from MotivationAsia
 HGL 4 : Whatduwan?
 BvW : Can I please speak to Mr WhoCares?
 HGL 4 : What is the purpose of your call? (I would like to talk to Mr. Who Cares!)
 or... He is not in (What time does he come back?) He is out of Country!!
 or... I don't know if he is in the office.. (Oh, he just stepped out...) or... Is it in regard with advertisement?(No motivation!) Mai Kowchai
 or... He has a small meeting with PR Manager.. (Lucky him!) No this is

Happy Go Lucky Company.
 or... He is out for lunch (At 4pm?)
 He always come back late from lunch!
 or... Are you a personal girlfriend? (No I am boyfriend!) He no have boyfriend!
 or... This is so confidential our PR is handling that... (No, don't.. To late, already connected)
 or... He is very busy, can it wait till next month? (Does profitability have to wait?)
 or... He has no time, many visitors from overseas! (Another SVP on a seagull trip?)
 or... He is on the phone with his wife! (Yes of course, another "who-gets-the-car-battle!?)
 BvW : I would like to talk to him about motivational techniques
 HGL 4 : Heeee? Justamomen
 BvW : No thank you, I'll call back later

Now who is complaining about time wasted in traffic?

Did you know that daily in Bangkok around 600.000 times, 3 minutes are squandered on listing to the electronic versions of the Sing and other songs.

That is: 1,800.000 minutes, or 30,000 hours or 3,000 10 hour working days.

Time measurements in the office will show you, that you too, spend at least 180 minutes per day on or around your phone, about the same time as the average daily battle in traffic.

That is of course, if you don't have a person to defend you against all callers, but in that case, why care anyhow about new opportunities, after all you are (still) working for a company called: Happy go Lucky.

Sorry for having dared to disturb you....

Bert van Walbeek

V15

Final Countdown



Dear Members,

It's that time again when we all reflect on the successes and excesses of the past twelve months and look forward to the new year and all the hope and promise that it brings. I won't bore you with my personal wish list for 1995 other than to say it is probably unattainable and as usual I will not emerge as the better person that I strive to be. But enough of the philosophy and please pass me the 'Alka Seltzer' so I can clear my head to address an issue that I believe is fundamental to the future well being of the British Club.

It will soon be time for our Annual General Meeting and as promised, at least to my wife and family, I shall be standing down as Chairman. (I hasten to add that this event will not have any bearing on the Club's future). At the A.G.M. a new Committee will be elected and with it will come a new Chairman. I have nothing but respect for all that have worked with me in the past two years of my chairmanship, but it is my deep desire to see more people coming forward to volunteer their services in playing a small part in the way the Club is run.

The Club is in great shape all round - financially, physically and on the management side. The new Committee need not get bogged down in the nitty gritty detail of sorting out the little things. It can instead

now take a long term view and start putting into place a vision that will lead the Club into the next century.

A glance through the roster of Members will highlight the number of talented and successful men and women eligible to stand for election to the General Committee (not enough women unfortunately as the Club's rules only allow one spouse as voting member and most families chose the male). Unfortunately, few if any will come forward and submit themselves for election to the Committee.

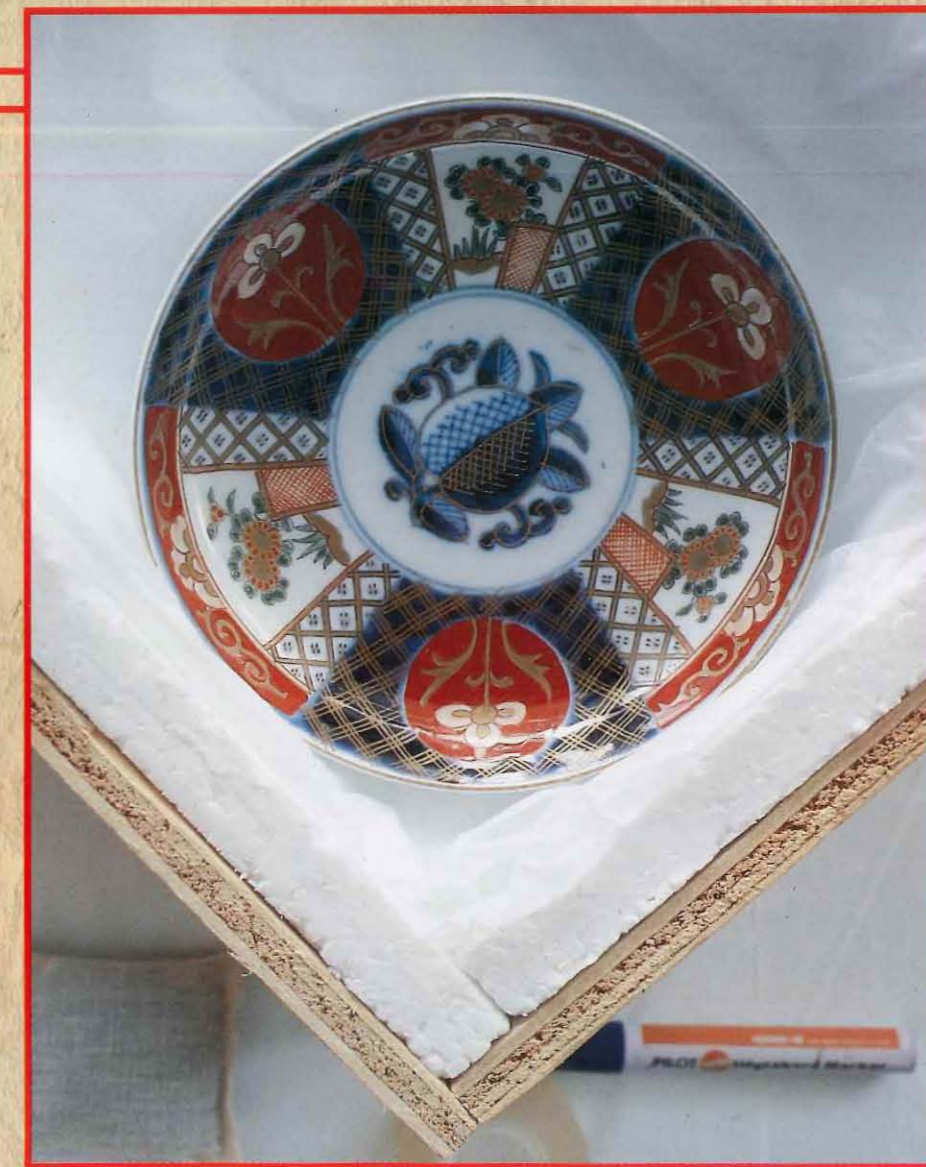
I know the excuses, and yes in most cases they are genuine, but please this year why not take a different view. If you are just here for a few years on contract or are a long term stayer, you definitely have a role to play. If we can get a healthy list of people willing to stand for election, we can get a lively and dynamic new committee. If we can't get such a list, then the Club will rely yet again on the five or six, dedicated and dare I say it, perhaps now exhausted, stalwarts who have put in so much of their time.

This year I plan, before the A.G.M., to send to all Members the details of all candidates for election to the Committee together with a resume of what they may be able to offer the Club. I hope you would consider adding your name and qualifications to this list. There is nothing to lose and a lot to gain from having a good selection of new candidates for the Members to choose from.

If you are even vaguely interested then please call me for more details. My direct office number is 240 3678 and my home number is 258 8228.

Let me wish all Members, staff and everyone associated with this great Club a very successful, prosperous and above all, healthy 1995.

Nigel Oakins
Chairman



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