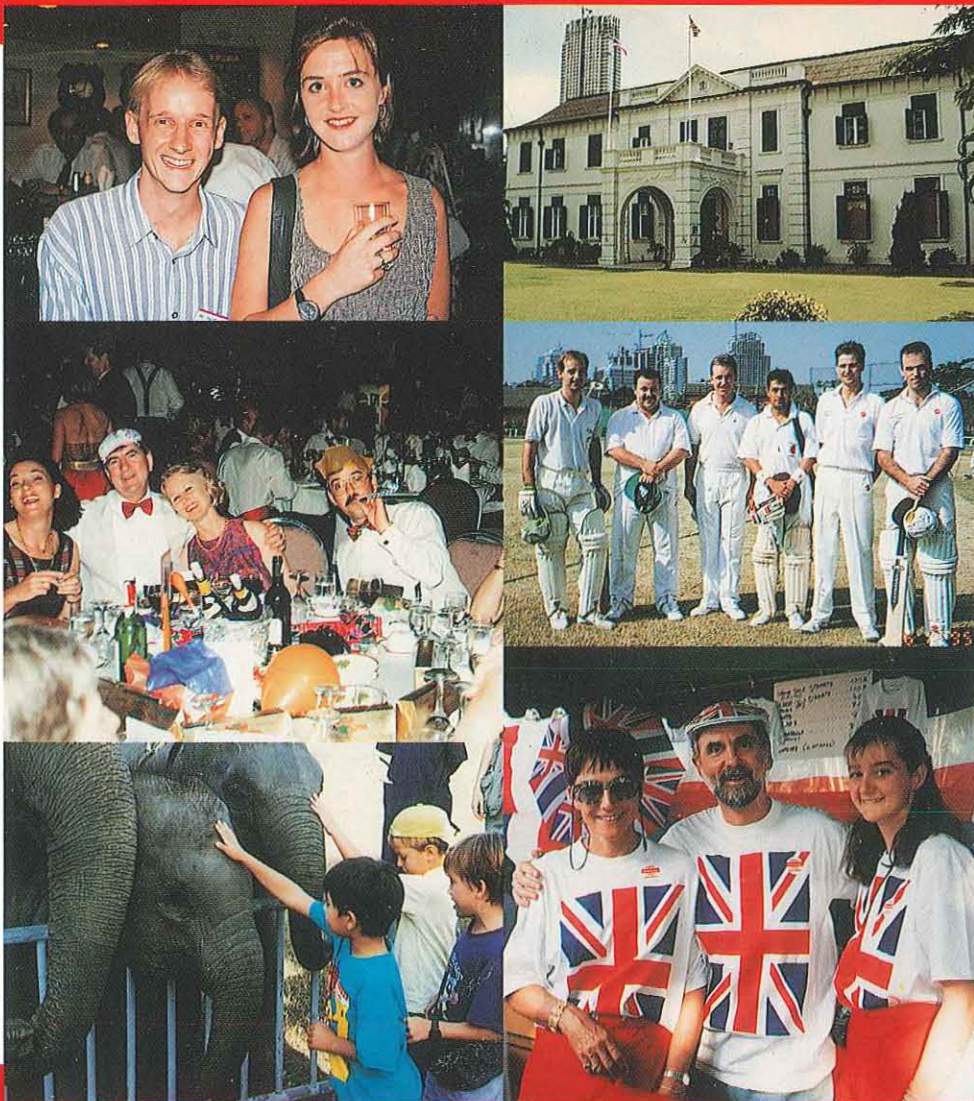




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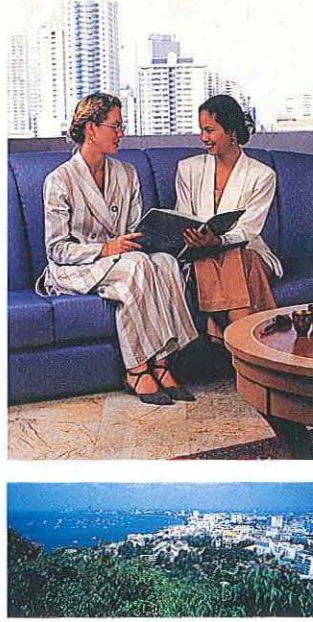
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From the Editor

Another year and another set of resolutions which probably won't see out Epiphany; so much for steely resolve. Welcome to January! Ploenchit Fair was a great success again, as I hope the photomontage herein demonstrates.



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

Latest news is that takings on the day were 7% up on last year, and based on this figure, Carolyn Tarrant and her merry band of organisers, stall holders, prize contributors and sponsors collectively may well have topped the 5 million baht mark, an outstanding achievement. And if you were wondering

what happens to all that money, there's a special explanatory article, courtesy of UKCTC committee (and Club) member John Leicester.

Magic moments

Squeezed in at the last minute were some magic moments from the equally successful Christmas Ball here at the Club - many thanks to the generous sponsors for making the good times roll more smoothly!

This month sees the start of a new series of recipes focussing on local cuisine, kicking off with the recipe for green curry a la BC. Yes, you've tasted it in the bar, now try and recreate the magic in your own kitchen! Also

in this issue is the second of Ron Thomson's (note I spelt it right this time) fascinating series on old English expressions; there is a gruesome reminder of auld dentists past put into verse by Trixie Brann, and I'd like to offer Margaret Miller, crossword compiler extraordinaire, good wishes for a speedy recovery after being flattened by an errant motorbike on Sathorn.

Now for the New Year Consistency Awards: first prize for Submitting Their Sports Report On Time goes to John Sheehan of the Footie section - far and away the most responsible sports writer out there; the **only** one to hit the early deadline (the 1st, in case it had slipped your mind) every month without fail! If the other contributors should like to ask him how he does it I would be more than delighted...

Also, the award for Sporting Inactivity goes to the Golf section for consistently taking photographs totally devoid of any golfing action whatsoever. Indeed, I'm starting to wonder whether the Golf section does little other than hand prizes out to each other - actually not a bad way to spend a day, when you think about it.

Happy reading!

Gaynor de Wit
Editor

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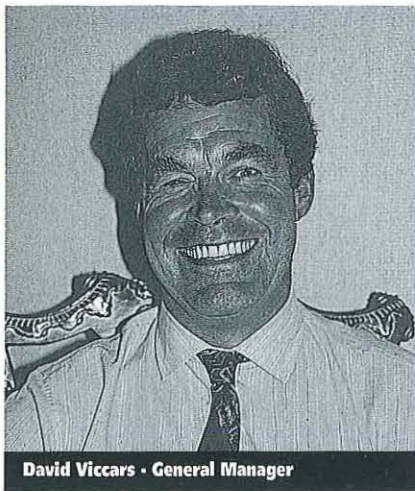
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From the Manager

A new year dawns and with it all sorts of fresh challenges for the Staff at the Club. For example, can we get more customers into Lords, and improve still further on the progress made in that area in 1995; can we



David Viccars - General Manager

get more members to come to the functions at the Club, and if not are we laying on the wrong events etc? And when will we break the all time record of 918 members established in early 1992? All these questions, and many more besides, will (hopefully!) be satisfactorily answered in the months to come. Certainly

the way membership is soaring at the moment 918 members should be achievable very soon.

Security

One matter which really must be addressed in 1996 is the question of security at the Club. We have now provided more lockers, large enough to hang clothes in, at all the changing facilities at the Club. Some of these lockers are available for long term hire while others have been retained for day use only. In order to safeguard your possessions when at the Club I would urge members to either hire a long term locker, by seeing the Membership Secretary, or take advantage of these day use

lockers by signing for a key from the staff in the Surawong Sala for the lockers at Pool Side or from the Receptionist for the Club House lockers.

Another facility recently completed at the Club is the hard court play area by Squash Court 3. Here we now have a basketball facility, a tennis rebound wall, a football area, a badminton court and various other play facilities - true some of the dimensions are a bit reduced - for the kids. This area is floodlit and all the necessary balls, etc, are held by Khun Chamnan and his staff at Pool Side so... play on!

It was very sad that we had to cancel the Children's Camp Out last month. This event really is so popular with the kids, but we do need volunteers from amongst the adults to stay overnight at the Club to help run the event and look after the children. This year our normal team of helpers were all out of town and no one answered the appeal to help. Thus we had no option but to cancel. My apologies to the children.

Lastly the best of luck with those New Year resolutions and a lucky and prosperous 1996 to all our members!

David Viccars

General Manager

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Management News

Lucky Winners One and All

Congratulations to the following members who have won prizes at recent events at the Club:

Mr Brenton Dalheimer

November Member get Member scheme, holiday in Phuket at the Holiday Inn

Mr Phillip Wittke

November Member get Member scheme, a holiday at the Rayong Resort

Mr Jim Napier

'Name the mystery dish' in Lords, a bottle of Beaujolais Nouveau

Mrs Ann Napier

The prize in the promotional draw for the new a la carte menu in Lords in November, a holiday in Manila at the Holiday Inn

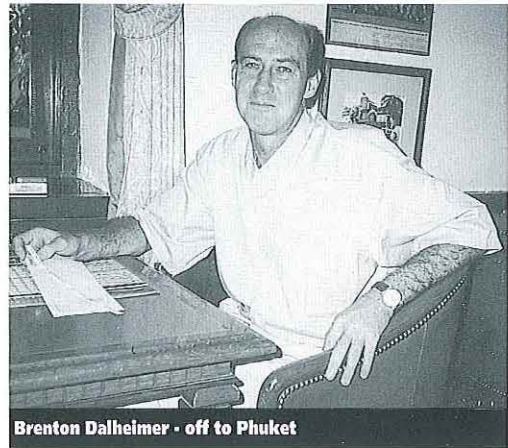
Mr Peter Griffiths

'Name the mystery dish' in Lords, a bottle of Beaujolais Nouveau

Mr Dugal Forrest - Our Chairman **would** have won B5,000 in the **JVK** Draw held in the

evenings!!

Congratulations to all those who won prizes at the Ball but especially **Mr George Dunford** who won the star prize of a Club Class return trip to London for two on **British Airways** with **Hertz** rent-a-car in London and accommodation at the **Holiday Inn Hotel**. A pretty worthwhile package to win!



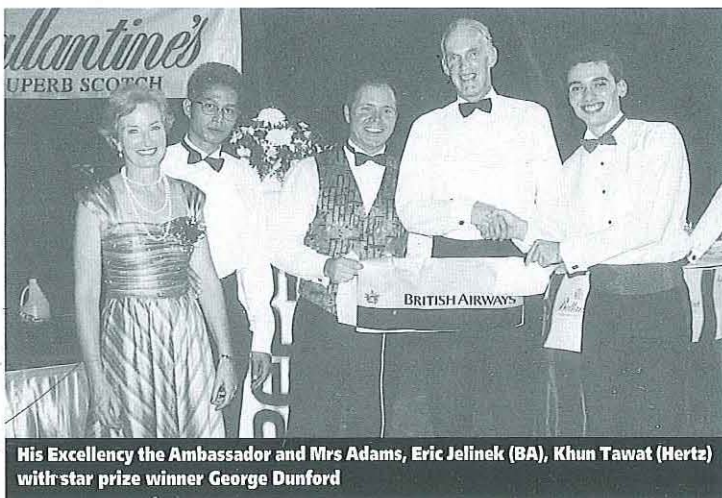
Brenton Dalheimer - off to Phuket

Member Get Member Scheme

The next draw will be made at the New Members Night in February when a holiday at the **Holiday Inn** in Penang will be on offer, propose a candidate for membership now and get your name into the draw. Don't forget that the member who has successfully proposed the most applicants by August 1996 will win a stay at the **Holiday Inn** in Bali!!!

Lockers

We have recently purchased more lockers for all the changing rooms at the Club. We have enough lockers for all those who want one on a long term basis and we now also have lockers available for day use only. The long term lockers are controlled by the Member-



His Excellency the Ambassador and Mrs Adams, Eric Jelinek (BA), Khun Tawat (Hertz) with star prize winner George Dunford

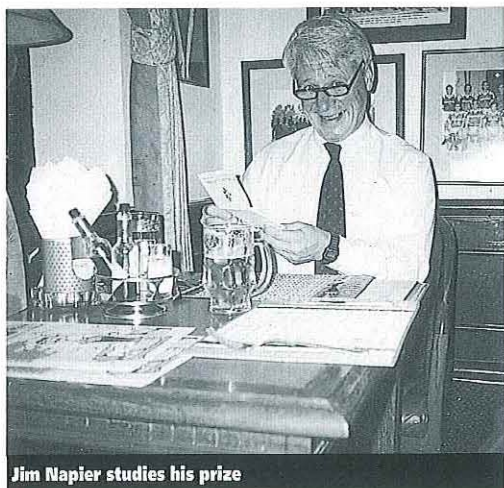
bar on 24th November, but he was not at the Club... it pays to be at the Club on Friday

ship Secretary and can be hired for B50 a month while the day use lockers at pool side are controlled by the Surawong Sala staff and the lockers in the Club House changing rooms are controlled by the reception staff. Simply see them and sign a B100 refundable deposit for a key for a one day use. In light of the recent spate of thefts from the changing rooms you are strongly advised to use these facilities now available.

British Club Year Book

- Members Information

Thank you to those many members who so promptly returned the questionnaires we sent out to confirm exactly what details members wanted to be printed in the 1995/6 Year Book, which is now being put together. The cut off date was 12 Dec and any information



Jim Napier studies his prize

updates received after that date are unlikely to be included in the members details section of the book but will instead be included in an addendum. If you did not return the form to us then we will just have to print what we have on file and hope the details are still correct!

In Praise of Members!!

We must thank Khun 'Fred' Toolcharoen for

very kindly purchasing a new Table Tennis table for use at the Club. It is only just over a year ago since we got our last new table so it just goes to prove how popular the game is. A round of thanks are also due to Jenny Ferrier of Palladio Designs for helping out with the redecoration and general change in emphasis in Lords. The new colour scheme and more tasteful and suitable decorations have been much admired. The fact that the room is now so attractive and the fare on offer so good has meant that Lords is now a very well used and popular part of the Club.

Club Closed

Well, not entirely, but please note that on **Wednesday 10th January 1996** there will be no staff at the Club, instead all the staff will be at the annual staff party. Therefore the Club House will be completely closed on that day. Members can still use the sporting facilities at pool side but please note that there will be no BC staff on duty, this includes pool attendants, etc.

Strawberry Fields Forever

The Club will join the current Beatles revival in January when we will feature strawberries in as many dishes as practical. Visit the Club, taste the strawberries and you might even get a chance to enjoy music from the Beatles!

Car Parking

- British Club Car Passes

Enclosed with this edition is a new car pass valid up to the end of 1996. We will send every member one car pass each. Further passes, up to the limit of two per member, can be obtained from Reception.

Events at the Club in January

Wednesday 10th January

Club closed for the Staff Party
Normal pool side facilities available for use. **No staff on site**

Friday 12th January

The BC at Glyndebourne
On the Back Lawn picnic style buffet supper included
Chamber music from a 4 piece Orchestra
Last Night of the Proms (delayed live - Star TV speak!) from the UK on a large screen
Black Tie - ish
B650 per person

Saturday 20th January

The slaughter of the French, or maybe it will be the English? live on TV in the bar
France v England rugby from Paris
Ireland v Scotland from Dublin
About 8.30pm - Star TV permitting

Monday 29th January

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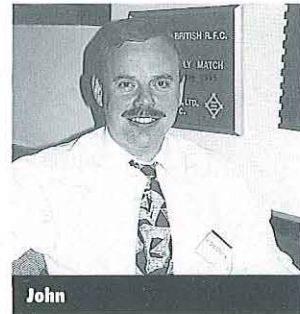
Liz and Alec

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Stewart

Alec decided on joining after playing rugby with the BC for several months; he also enjoys chess, swimming and vegetating. Liz is into mah-jong, water skiing and swimming. They're both from Sutton Coldfield and this is their first overseas posting; they expect to be here with Meinhardt construction engineering consultants indefinitely.

Mr. John Rooney

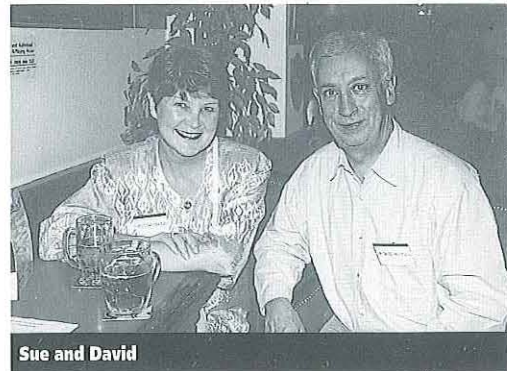
John has joined the Siam Intercontinental Hotel as the S&M manager for a minimum of 3 years, and his wife Eunjoo will join him soon from Korea. A Glaswegian, John has also worked in Seoul and Istanbul; he plays golf and tennis and used to work out in the gym. Eunjoo is into Tae Kwon-do and hill-climbing, which may have to be adapted into condo-climbing here.



John

Mr. & Mrs. David Hawkins

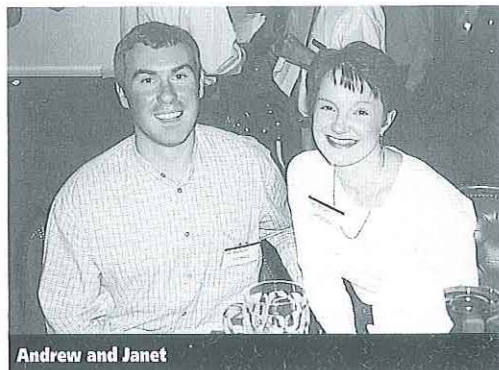
Amazingly, David and Sue were in Turkey at the same time as John Rooney and didn't realise that the other was even in Bangkok until they saw each other at the Club - small world! David is MD at Zeneca pharmaceuticals division (previously ICI), and plays tennis badly; Sue is training to be a C of E priest; she plays badminton and both of them are keen concert-goers. From North Wales, they hope to be here for 2 years.



Sue and David

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew McDonald

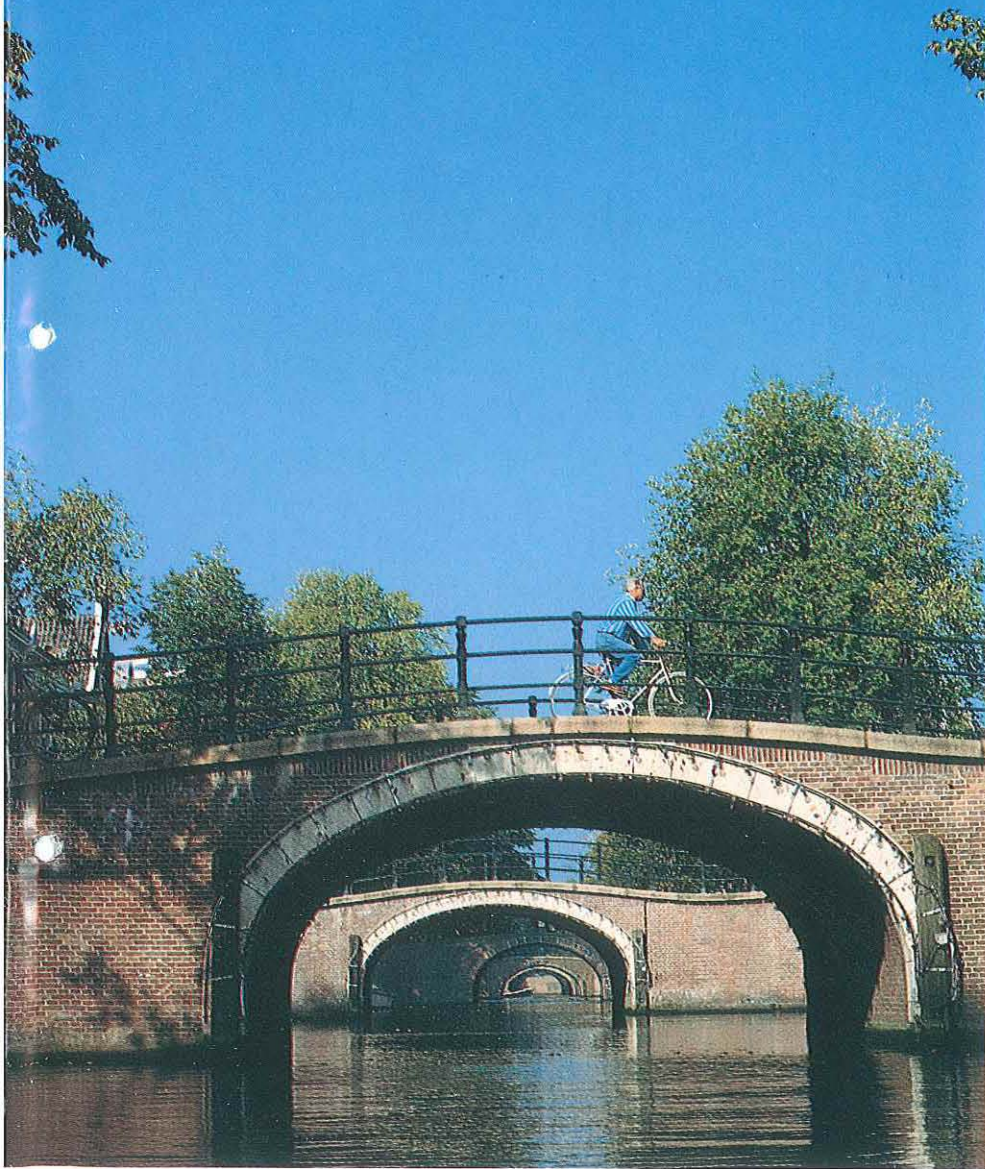
Andrew and Janet are both working for another section of Zeneca, the Colours division, for which Janet has just completed her company-sponsored BSc in Textiles. From Manchester, this is their first overseas posting and they hope it will last upwards of 6 months. Andrew plays football, squash, tennis, swimming, and hifi music while Janet is into swimming, aerobics and wants to learn tennis.



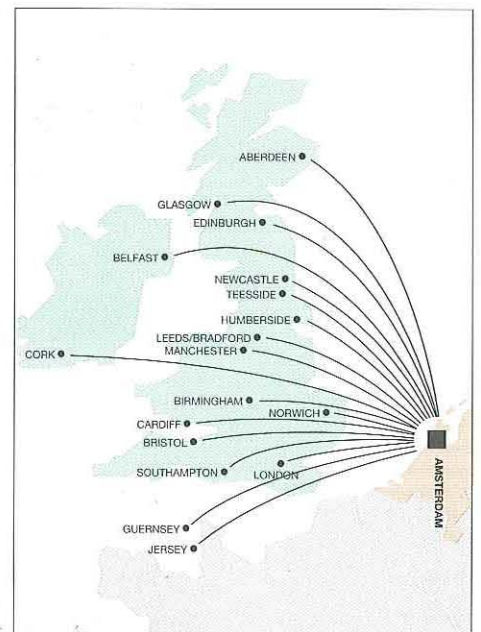
Andrew and Janet

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Robert and Gloria

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carpenter

Gloria worked with a voluntary meals on wheels service in London and is looking for something similar here. She also swims, walks and plays bridge. Robert is Head of Research at Wall Street Securities, he plays squash and bridge, keeps fit and also likes walking. They're from Beckenham in Kent, and they have 2 grown children.



Brian

Mr. Brian Bolton

Brian has been an insurance broker with Marsh and McLennan for over a year already; he's a Londoner and has worked in Milan, Rome, New York, Sierra Leone, Lagos, Trinidad, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Luton, of which he reckoned Luton the toughest place! Brian is single, has 3 children and 2 grandchildren, and he's a member of the St George Society, although he considers New York home.



Ian

Mr. Ian Schofield

Ian was once a deckhand in Iceland, travelled overland from UK to Melbourne and is now in Bangkok for 3 years with Yorkshire Chemicals. His wife Rosemary and their two sons stay in Britain, while Ian improves his squash, swimming and maybe his tennis out here and practises his main hobby, photography.



Brenton

Mr. Brenton Mauriello

Brenton was wearing his special Chinese tie (covered in little pandas) for his new members debut. He works for Diethelm in hospital supplies and hopes to be here for 3 years. From Adelaide originally, Brenton has lived in London and Sydney before here. He's single, 29 and plays squash, tennis, table tennis, swimming and running but on a treadmill only in BKK due to the pollution.

Mr. & Mrs. David Horlock

David believes that his joining as GM brings SGS staff to 1.2% of Club membership! This is a nostalgia posting for him, as he was born and lived here for 18 years when his father worked for MD Anglo Thai Engineering. Due to stay indefinitely, both David and Elaine enjoy travelling, eating, fishing, scuba, snorkelling and beaching it; David also loves swimming and may restart the galas here.



Elaine and David



Julie and John

Mr. & Mrs. John Brown

A well-travelled couple, having lived in the US, Brazil, Singapore, Australia and Holland before Bangkok, always in the pipeline coatings industry. Julie loved Singapore most because "everything worked"! Julie plays mah-jong, and John joins her for tennis and golf. They are from Bucks and have two grown children in the UK.



Graham

Mr. Graham Kean

Previously in Hong Kong, Graham is out here for only three or four months initially with Mouchel, water industry consultants. He's from Cornwall, is 28 and single (girlfriend in UK) and plays squash, tennis, football and scuba. Although he played in Maurice's leaving do round robin he stresses that his somewhat lacking performance was because it was the first time he'd played in years!



Vivek

Mr. Vivek Pathak

Vivek's main hobby is wildlife preservation, although he is still looking for good examples of this in Thailand - he may have a long search ahead. Originally from India, Vivek is here with ABN Amro bank in project finance. He's "single and happy" at 31, and he plays badminton and tennis.



Matthew and Claire

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Burden

The sponsoring of Matthew from JVK by industry rival Peter Young became clear when it was revealed that he plays cricket as well as football as his main hobbies. Claire is more into swimming and clubbing, although has had to restrict some of that to keep Louie, their 6 month old son, entertained. They were in Hong Kong for 3 years prior to arriving in Bangkok.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Popham

Peter and Janet are the newest Clarks duo in Bangkok and, like their predecessors, hail from the west country (North Devon). Peter had previously worked on and off in India for 10 years while Janet stayed on with Clarks in England. Peter is into photography and has just bought a cine camera, and both of them hope to take up golf. They have two grown children in UK.



Janet and Peter



Jeannine and Simon

Mr. & Mrs. Simon Gray

Previously in Singapore and Hong Kong, Simon and Jeannine have been here 3 out of their 14 years of working abroad, but had been too busy to join the Club before. Simon works with First Pacific Davies and enjoys squash and sailing, whereas Jeannine is a teacher by trade and is trying to write a book here. They have two children, both at boarding school in UK.



Thanit

Mr. Thanit Thiraphan

Son of tennis-playing Dusadee, Thanit too plays tennis, as well as snooker and football, and he also enjoys playing his guitar and reading. Thanit is single, 21 and he studies at ABAC. He has previously visited England, Hong Kong and Norway (visiting his aunt), and much prefers the colder climates!

Mr. & Mrs. Rajan Moses

Previously in the US and Hong Kong, Rajan is a correspondent with Reuters in Bangkok and he met Pearl while they were at Penang University together (next to the snake farm!). They have two children: Melanie 16 and Melinda 10, both at Patana. Rajan likes tennis and pubbing while Pearl is into gardening, cooking Malaysian, Indian and western, and Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging).



Pearl and Rajan

Auditions for A.R. Gurney's 'The Dining Room'

BCT's 1996 season will open mid-March with A.R. Gurney's comedy, *The Dining Room*. This play, to be directed by Michael Than, satirises the vanishing lifestyles of the affluent WASPs (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants) of the North-eastern United States. A cast of six (3 males and 3 females) will portray a total

of 57 characters, ranging in age from 6 to 86 years old.

Open auditions will be held at The British Club on Sunday 14th January from 2pm to 6pm and Monday 15th January from 7pm to 10pm.

In addition to the performers, we will be assembling a full production team to put it all together. Those interested should contact Len Johnstone (255-2953 / 266-6334).

New Year's revolution

If nothing else happens in '96, your Chairman has promised to haul her bodily particles out of bed on far more Sunday mornings than has been apparent in the last few months. It is credit to Barry, Wanna, Henry and Katy that the section has thrived with a leader almost in absentia, for which many thanks. We are hoping to hold our AGM within the next few weeks (date unknown at time of scribbling), so any Badmintonian willing to help shucking shuttles and the like please contact any member of the present section committee.

Indeed, it was due to too much work on the part of a couple of members of your committee, and in my case the added factor of a constant stream of houseguests, that the anticipated Club Open Badminton Championships didn't quite happen. I am hoping that with the return of committee members from far-flung corners that this idea will indeed get

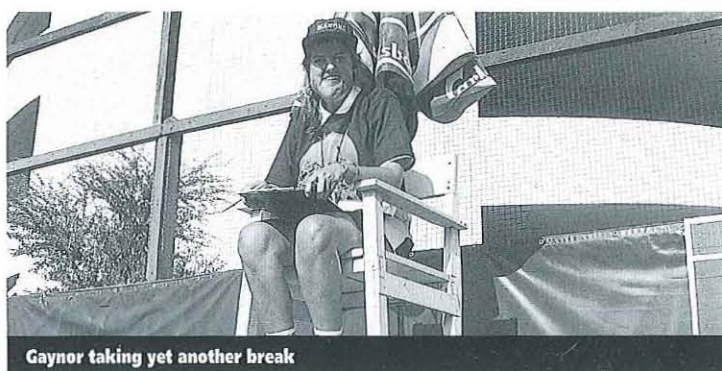


Wanna hiding her shame!

off the ground early this year, and those that gave me their names will still be considered as active players/pairings unless otherwise informed.

November was a quiet month on court in terms of competition, seeing as we were still

flush from our narrow victory over Ciba-Geigy at the end of October, but with many of our number heading away from Thai shores for the Yule break, we decided to wait until January to hold an internal tourney... so here's the plug:



Gaynor taking yet another break

New Year Round Robin

Sunday 21st January

Mark your calendars and tie knots in your hankies, boys and girls, and get down to Nares court to kick off '96 in style!

Lotsaluv

Lek Farang

Anyone interested in swatting a few shuttles, please give one of the following a shout:

Chairperson - Gaynor 237-4031

Captain - Wanna 321-4599

Secretary - Barry (work) 260-1210





Maurice has actually left!

Yes, it's true! I can positively, irrefutably and sadly assure you that Maurice has finally, definitely, undoubtedly left Bangkok at last... but not permanently, we hope. He has been spotted (by ex-tennis section member Brian Walker) in Kuala Lumpur, where else but on a tennis court. It seemed only fitting that Maurice should organise his own leaving tournament; after all, who could have done it better?

Thirty people turned up and took part in a little warm-up round robin, fifteen on each side of the court. You had to hit the ball and



run to the other side of the net, and once you lost three 'lives' you were out. Matthias, Noel, Steve Goode and Shelagh were the winners. The serious stuff of the day followed, another of Maurice's innovations, a five-a-side tournament. Everyone was very wary to begin with but soon the play was fast and furious and great fun. Most of the matches were very close. But unfortunately the rainy season wasn't quite over. A sudden down-pour put paid to the last round matches and there wasn't a clear winner, but no one was too upset as, afterwards, Maurice had invited everyone to a buffet supper and open bar. Maurice is irreplaceable. No one else could possibly put the same time effort and enthu-

siasm into running our tennis section. We'll miss him terribly. But no doubt our loss is someone else's gain. I expect that Maurice is already surveying the tennis clubs of Kuala Lumpur trying to decide which one to endow with his abundant organisational skills!

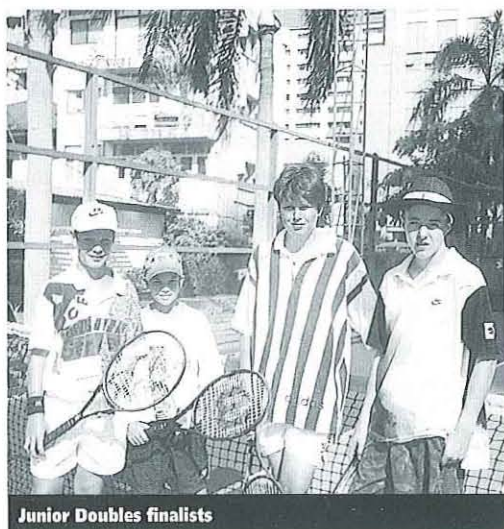
Eileen Cook

Men's Interclub Doubles Tournament

Six teams of five pairs each, competed in this men's doubles tournament held at the Polo Club on the weekend of 11/12th November. The participating clubs were RBSC, Polo Club, Silom Club, Japanese Assoc., Royal Thai Navy and BC. Heavy rain on both mornings threatened to halt proceedings but in the event only caused a delay of about an hour. Teams were divided into two groups and BC were in Group B alongside the Silom Club and the Thai Navy.

Unfortunately, through sickness, injury and absence, many of BC's better players were absent resulting in us fielding a rather scratch team. However, all set to with a will and the reasonable expectation of at least holding our own against the Navy and Silom. But it was not to be. A sterling performance by Kamol and John Cochrane provided our only win of the day, although Surin and Bernie narrowly failed to secure another. Consequently Sunday saw BC faced with the prospect of sixth place if we did not win our match against the Japanese, losers of Group A. But BC could not hold our determined opponents who went on to win by 4-1, only saved from a whitewash by an excellent performance by

Bernie Adams and John Cochrane. At this high level of tennis BC could only compete if able to field a full strength team which may have enabled us to reach fourth place at most. Nevertheless we all enjoyed playing at this exalted level and all of us returned more determined than ever to improve our game. The tournament was extremely well organised by our hosts and an excellent lunch was provided for the players, after which prizes



were presented to the Polo Club as winners with Silom Club runners-up at 3-2. Next year's event is to be hosted by the Japanese Association and we shall endeavour to do better next time.

Bruce Gordon

Graded Championship Finals

At one stage of the competition the organisers wondered if anyone at all would be left in by Finals day on the 3rd, as players were 'scratching' right, left and centre, but a few stalwarts struggled their way through the draw to the bitter end, no doubt lured on by the prospect of the exciting and valuable prizes which awaited them... as well as the honour of winning a BC title of course.

The Junior finals were held in the morning with James Young and Shelagh Weekes in charge. The winners were as follows:-

Singles 'A': Alex Stamp

Plate 'A': Chris Reed

Singles 'B': Courtney Williams

Plate 'B': David Rayner

Doubles: Alex Stamp/ Tom Henton

The adult finals were played throughout the afternoon allowing as much resting time as possible for those stars who featured in the maximum three. James and Shelagh were still organising, helped by now by various other committee members. Our thanks to the many people who volunteered (willingly or otherwise) to umpire matches on the day.

Adults

Men's singles 'A': Surin Dunnvatanachit

Plate 'A': Bruce Gordon

Men's singles 'B': Kamol

Plate 'B': Mike Weekes

Ladies' singles: Chalatiip Dunnvatanachit

Plate: Joan Jewel

Men's doubles 'A': Surin/ Bruce

Men's doubles 'B': Bernie & Wat Keller

Ladies' doubles: Chalatiip/Grace Haube

Plate: Wan & Nisa Adams

Mixed doubles 'A': Surin/Chalati

Mixed doubles 'B': Kamol / Zandra Buttar

Plate: Paul Williams/Rita Dunford

By the time you read this the main Club Championships should be under way. We had a very high number of 'dropouts' in the Graded competition. Do try to arrange your matches early this time. We all tend to leave it till the last minute.

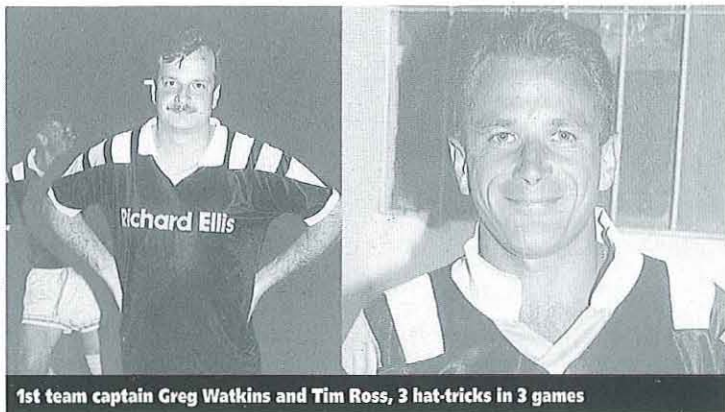
Don't forget the 'Hair of the Dog' party and tournament on January 13/14th!

Eileen Cook



BC thrash Bangkok French 8-1

After a poor start to the new Farang League season, the BC bounced back into superb form with a convincing 7-2 victory over last year's champions, the Italians, followed by an outstanding 8-1 result over an in-form French side. Elsewhere, our teams performed with credit in the annual Manila Soccer Sixes, whilst the Casuals won the annual Patana Tournament for the first time for the BC.



1st team captain Greg Watkins and Tim Ross, 3 hat-tricks in 3 games

The Farang League started with a disappointing result against last season's wooden spoonists, the Scandinavians. BC never took the game as seriously as they should have and suffered the consequences. In the first half we controlled the game, hitting the post twice and bringing some excellent saves from the Scans keeper. The Scans failed to get a shot in against Frank Duggan and at half time the game remained scoreless.

Back of the net!

The second half followed the pattern of the first until Captain Greg Watkins slotted home an own goal to give the Scans a 1-0 lead. With this the BC game plan discipline disintegrated and we reverted to a long ball game against a tall Scandinavian defence. Substitutes Terry Willcox and Christian Parker, on his Farang League debut, could do nothing to reverse the

flow and we fell behind further to eventually lose 3-0. Best performances came from Frank Duggan making two excellent second half saves and overall from Adam Caro.

After losing to last season's bottom side 3-0 we followed this with a 7-2 drubbing of last year's champions, the Italians! On this basis past reputations mean nothing and the League looks extremely competitive this season. Fielding a weak side the Italians were no match for a determined BC team in a very one-sided fixture. Goals from Tim Ross (3), Dave Atkinson, John Cochrane, Vaughan Elias and Marc Hagelauer secured an excellent victory.

The following game against an in-form French team was our best performance of the season. Tim Ross with five goals was outstanding with Keith Dougall grabbing his first hat-trick of the season, won the points for the BC. Our fourth game of the season against a young, lively ISB team showed continuing good form. 1-0 up after 10 minutes through Tim Ross this was followed by an excellent finish from Paul Greenhalgh. ISB pulled the deficit back to 2-1 by half-time but the second half saw the BC pull away to a 6-1 lead with further goals from Tim Ross (2), Paul Greenhalgh and Dave Atkinson. Close to the end ISB scored a second consolation goal to give a final score of 6-2. This result gives Tim Ross the remarkable achievement of scoring three hat-tricks in a row and a tally of 11 goals in 3 games.

Manila Sixes

Our annual trip to the Manila Sixes was memorable for an outstanding performance

from the under 35s who were extremely unlucky not to go all the way to the final. After excelling in the opening group games, where they won two and lost one to a superb Tokyo J League outfit, our boys were robbed in the quarter finals by a weaker Thunderbirds team from the USA. After completely dominating the match BC could not score and lost on a penalty shoot-out. Thunderbirds then going on to the final where they lost 1-0. The old boys also performed creditably and were disappointed not to progress beyond the group games. Outstanding in appearing for both teams was Keith Dougall up front and Alec Forbes in goal who also once again organised a superb trip for which all tourists were highly appreciative.

Patana School Tournament

The annual Patana Tournament was won for the first time by the Club. After winning the opening three games in their group against ISB, Patana Teachers and NOSS, the Casuals could afford to lose 3-0 against their final opponents Foster Wheeler and still progress to the final. This they duly did much to the frustration of Foster Wheeler and then pro-



BC Casuals - Winners, Patana Tournament 1995

gressed to a final showdown against the Bangkok German All Stars. The final was a polished performance by the Casuals who completely dominated the game. In the first half Keith Dougall and Mark

Atkins put Casuals two goals up, the second after an outstanding run by Andy Lazenby. The Germans were restricted to one off target









The Manila Sixes

shot, Norman Bright in goal not being tested. The second half saw the Germans coming back at us but a second goal from Keith Dougall killed them off. In the last five minutes the Germans managed their first real attempt on Norman's goal leading to a consolation score, but once again Keith put the icing on the cake with his third goal of the game in the last two minutes of the match. Well done, BC Casuals.

John Sheehan

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar

<p>Sunday</p> 	<p>Opening Times</p> <p>10am-11pm Churchill Bar 11.30am-2pm Lords Restaurant - Lunch 6-10pm Lords Restaurant - Dinner 7.30am-10pm Poolside Bar 6am-9pm Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat 9am-9pm Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols 9am-5pm Thai Massage - Tue/Sun</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In 3-6pm Tennis Mix-In 5-7pm Children's Video</p>
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>8-10am Ladies Tennis 8am BWG Mahjong 2pm Aerobics 6-8pm Squash Coaching 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49 7-9pm Tennis Team Training</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8-10am Ladies Tennis 8am BWG Mahjong 2pm Aerobics 6-8pm Squash Coaching 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49 7-9pm Tennis Team Training 7.30pm New Members Night</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>7am Ladies Golf 10am Golf - Royal Golf 7-9pm Soccer Training 8-11pm Friendly Bridge 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7am Ladies Golf 7-9pm Soccer Training 7.15pm Soccer v Brazilians - Soi 15 8-11pm Friendly Bridge 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9.30am Aerobics 5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Clubhouse Closed for Staff Party. Grounds open but no staff available.</p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>10-12 noon Ladies Squash 6-9pm Squash Mix-In 7pm Aerobics 7-9pm Rugby Training 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10-12 noon Ladies Squash 6-9pm Squash Mix-In 7pm Aerobics 7-9pm Rugby Training 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49</p>
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Children's Sports Activities

Tennis Coaching
Swimming Coaching

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning
Saturday Morning

Don't Forget!!!

Clubhouse Closed
Wednesday 10th January
Staff Party

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11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
2-7pm **Tennis Tournament**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

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11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

18

10.30am **Golf - Laem Chabang**
11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

15

8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
8am **BWG Mahjong**
2pm **Aerobics**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

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8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
8am **BWG Mahjong**
2pm **Aerobics**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

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8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
8am **BWG Mahjong**
2pm **Aerobics**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
7-9pm **Tennis Men's Team**
7pm 'Cutting Edge' concert at BC

16

7am **Ladies Golf**
7-9pm **Soccer Training**
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
8.45pm **Soccer v RBSC - Soi 15**
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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7am **Ladies Golf**
7-9pm **Soccer Training**
7.15pm **Soccer v Germans - Soi 15**
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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7-9pm **Soccer Training**
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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9.30am **Aerobics**
5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

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5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

18

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

18

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

Venues

Soi 15 **NIST grounds**
Soi 49 **Soi Klang Racquet Club**
Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police Station**

Golf - As advertised

19

9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

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4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton **Gaynor de Wit 237-4031**
Cricket **Peter Young 679-7644**
Golf **Paul Nears 714-9040**
Rugby **Joe Grunwell 262-0220**
Squash **David Turner 279-1234**
Soccer **Peter Rodgers 240-0678**
Tennis **John Kelly 264-2100**

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8am **Junior Tennis**
8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

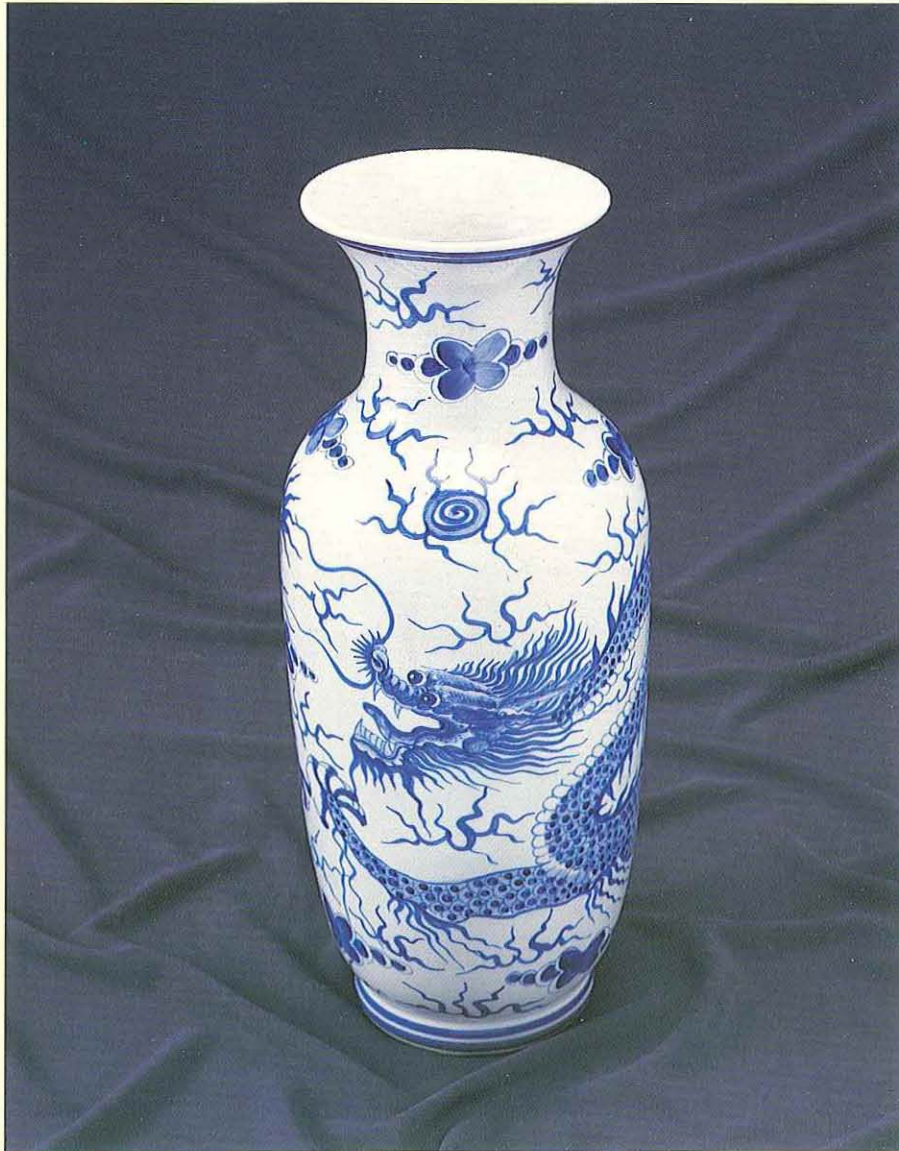
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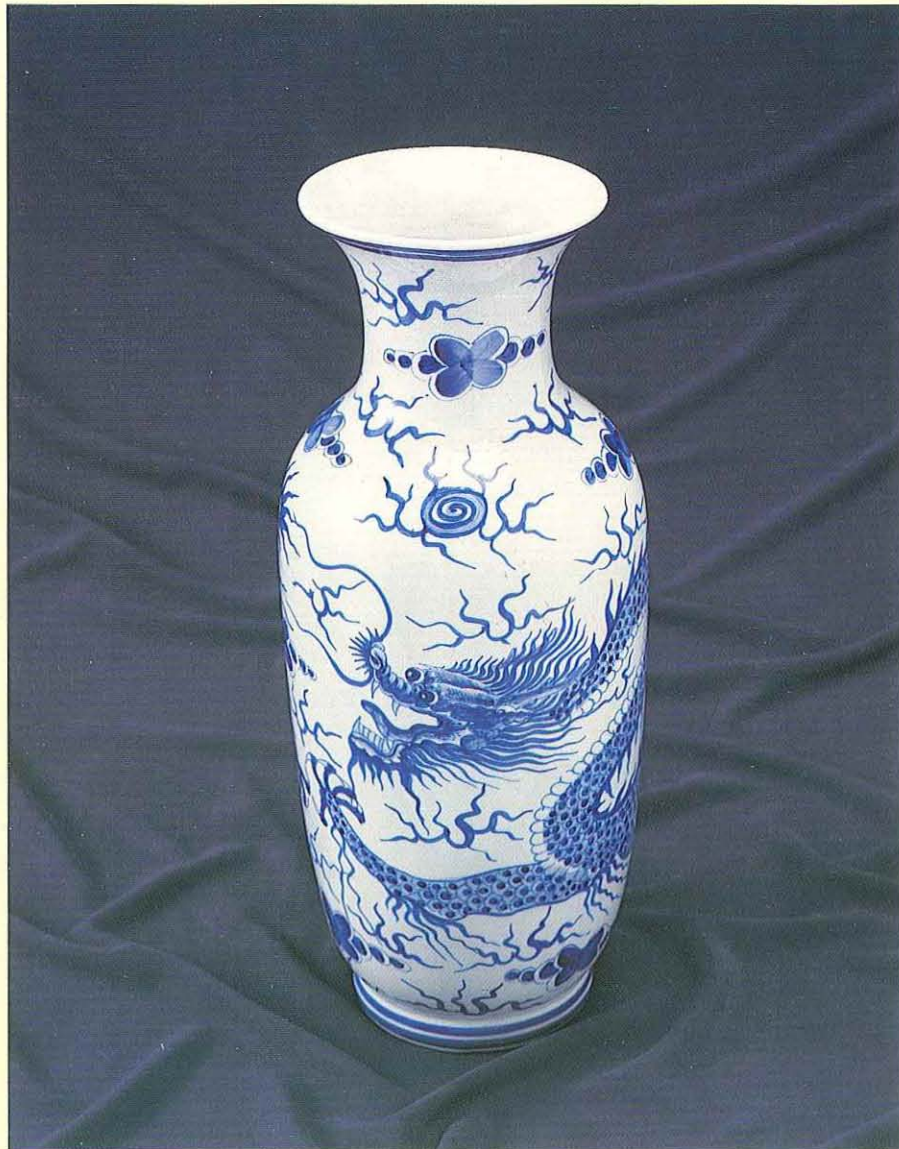
Non-BC Sports
Ladies Golf
BCLG **Wil Agerbeek 259-7019**
LIGIT **Eileen Cook 295-4596**
Hockey **Lois Carson 258-5295**

8.30pm Live Rugby on Star in the Bar



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Closely fought events

Rysome Bowl

This competition was held at Muang Kaew Golf Club on Saturday 4th November. The format was a Pairs Better Ball Stableford competition and again was very well attended. It was a very close fought event with 3 married couples in contention: the Adams, the Hughes and the Leddy's, with only one



Winners of the Rysome Bowl - Mel and Judi Leddy

point separating each pair. Mel and Judi Leddy just came out on top which was quite felicitous as it was Judi's birthday. The event was sponsored by **Castrol** who provided some beautiful prizes from Jim Thompson - many thanks to Bryan Baldwin for his sponsorship. Here are the results:

- Winners** Mel and Judi Leddy
47 Stableford points
- Runners up** Bernie and Joan Adams
46 Stableford points
- 3rd place** Brian and Lavita Hughes
45 Stableford points
- Near Pins** A. Southcombe, D. Haworth,
B. Adams and E. Southcombe
- Long Drives** Ladies S. Forrest
Gentlemen C. Gething

4th Medal

The Final Medal event took place on Saturday 18th November at the usual venue, the



Runners-up of the Rysome Bowl - Bernie and Joan Adams

Royal Golf, which was in very good condition. Again we would like to thank **Riche Monde** for their sponsorship of all our Medal Competitions throughout the year.

- Flight A** Alex Southcombe 69
- Flight B** John Pollard 73
- Flight C** Carolyn MacDonald 70
- Near Pins** D. Southcombe, P. Nears,
N. Wixley and D. Forrest
- Long Drives** Ladies L. Hughes
Gentlemen G. Lamb



Alex Southcombe receives his Johnnie Walker prize

Some provisional dates for January:

- Tue 2nd Jan** Royal Golf 10am
 - Sat 13th Jan** Muang Kaew 8am
 - Sun 28th Jan** Laem Chabang 10.30am
- Hope to see you there

Judi Leddy

Eighth time for Peerapon

Sunday Mix-in: November

A very successful day, with 24 keen squash players joining in. Unfortunately, due to the interruption of the Tony Austin Cup final, which took an hour, the overall winner could not be decided. Many thanks to David Jewell for organising the event.

Rod Carter Open

The first semi-final was played between Khun Peerapon and Ralph Tye, Peerapon winning 3-0. The second semi-final, however, was won by Khun Narongrit with a walkover caused by a misunderstanding. Khun Peerapon was in the final for the eleventh year in a row. With his success this year, he has won the title 8 times - not a bad effort. He beat Narongrit 3-0 (9-2, 9-7, 9-3). The final



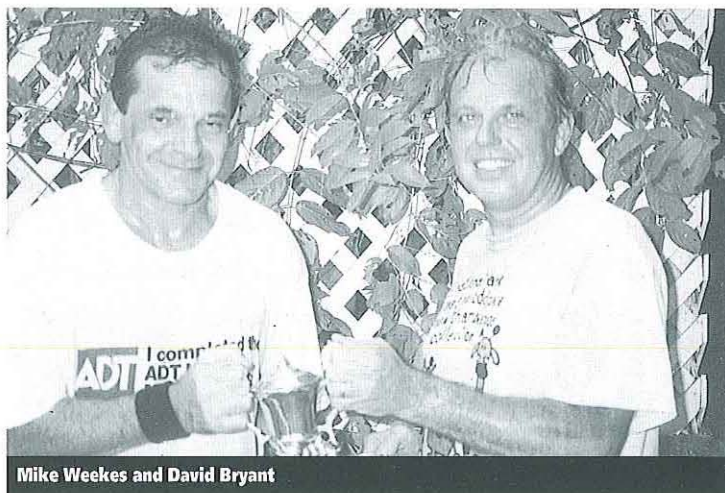
Khun Peerapon and Khun Narongrit with prizes

was scored by Phil Hall and refereed by Martin Reed.

Tony Austin Cup

The semi finals were between David Bryant and Richard Heng, which David won in 5 and Mike Weekes and Ignacio Serrano, which Mike won in 3. A thrilling final between Mike and David kept the audience on the edge of their seats for almost an hour. David

eventually won the tussle 3-2, (8-10, 9-7, 9-3, 9-10, 9-6).



Mike Weekes and David Bryant

Squash Committee

Marc Hagelauer, who was seconded onto the committee when Paul Taylor was moved to Mae Sariang, has had to resign due to work commitments, replaced by Phil Hall.

King's Cup

This is the Thailand Squash Open, organised by the RBSC and was won by Khun Peerapon, 3-2, over John Thompson.

Ladder Draws

September was won by Christian Rasmussen, with David Hedge second. October was won by Barbara Overington from Mike Lamb.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held after the Sunday mix-in on 4th March. Please put this date in your diary as we would like as many people to attend as possible.

Barb



One run short in the TCL Sixes!

Welcome back to the Cricket section for the first time in 1996. As we swing into a new year the cricket season gets under way in Thailand. Nothing's changed much in the off season - on the international scene the world champion Aussies carved up the Pakis by blitzing them in the first two test matches and sportingly conceding the third to offer encouragement to a team down on form. The



BC A team

Poms too have been surprisingly good in South Africa in the first two tests, escaping with a couple of draws with skipper Atherton hitting a tremendous 185 not out to save the second test...

On the local front, the season kicked off in November with the TCL Sixes competition with the BC entering 2 teams in the 12 team tourney. The Pavs were led by the ageing Skippy Young in the absence of newest Pav - the effervescent section treasurer Barney Phillips, and the BC A-team led by new skip Brian 'Sparkles' Diamond.

Both teams did very well during Saturday, winning their pool games fairly easily. The

Pavs however struggled during late afternoon quarter final action, going down to the less fancied Indian Cricket Club (ICC). Less fancied they may have been but they did fancy Skippy's gentle right arm trash which was pelted to all parts of the field or should I say all parts out of the field!!

In contrast, the BC boys strode into the cup semi-finals with great ease. Adam Caro, vice skipper Steve Sloman and the diminutive Andre Tissera were firing on all cylinders, brushing aside opponents and establishing themselves as outright favourites to take the trophy last won by the BC in 1993.

Sunday's competition was split into 4 divisions - the spoon, bowl, plate and trophy finals. The Pavs kicked off the day at 12.30 playing ABAC, who decided they would show a half hour or so late - not too interested to play, having been knocked out of the trophy comp. by the BC the evening before. Well, they generated enough interest to beat the Pavs who committed the cardinal sin of bowling 9 wides! That's 36 extra runs in sixes cricket. ABAC themselves did not bowl one wide. ABAC ended up losing the plate final to Chiang Mai who had been beaten by the Pavs on day one.

Cleaned up

The BC cleaned up ICC quite easily in the trophy semi-final, setting up a meeting with arch-rival RBSC 1, led by the dynamic duo of Luke and Larn Thongyai - local lads who learned their skills in Australia (naturally!). The game was a thriller with the RBSC batting first and setting up a big score with Luke smashing BC spin bowler Simon Pearce-Higsons continually over the fence to notch

up a mild 28 runs off 6 balls. They finished with 72 runs in their 5 overs setting the BC a huge task of 14.5 runs per over.

The BC definitely had the fire power with the likes of Caro, Sloman, Boony Miller, Diamond and of course the all-rounder of the tournament, Tissera. Caro and Tisseroid got off to great starts but wickets fell as more risks were taken in the run chase. The BC fell behind the required rate until Sloman and Diamond got together for a valuable partnership. However, the task was just a little beyond the lads, with 4 runs required off the last ball for victory a slashing straight drive by skipper Diamond failed to find the ropes and the BC fell short by one solitary run... The RBSC were worthy winners but the BC showed they will be a force this season.

Also played recently was a British Club invitation XI v. Yokohama Cricket Club from Japan. The BC team made up of half-RBSC and half-BC lads just beat the lads from the land of the rising sun. I was unfortunate to have missed this one, having opted for the peace and quiet of bagpipes and jugs of Pimms in the Churchill Bar after the all-night St Andrew's Ball (Scots are crazy!). Deadly Derek Clark and Brian Diamond reportedly batted well before a collapse almost saw the Yokohama boys snatch victory.

As mentioned in earlier reports, there will be two sides this year: the Pavs playing the 25-over league, for the not so serious or not so young - whichever category suits you, and the 50-over league for the completely insane and those with an ability to last all day in 38 degrees sun in the middle of April!!

Nets are underway - so I'm told? 7pm Wednesday nights and 2pm Sundays when there are games on.

Please get along because captain Brian Dia-

mond loves people training and is from the old school of those who train get picked - being a diplomat he refuses bribes...

Fixtures for January/February are:

25 over league

Sunday 14th January

Polo Ground v. RBSC (1) 10am

Sunday 21st January

AIT Ground v. Southerners 10am

Sunday 28th January

Polo Ground v. Scribblers 10am

Sunday 28th January

Polo Ground v. YTSA 2pm

Sunday 4th February

AIT Ground v. ICC 2pm



BC Pavs

50 over league

Saturday 6th January

Polo Ground v. RBSC (1)

Sunday 4th February

Polo Ground v. YTSA

Saturday 6th February

Polo Ground v. ABAC

Saturday 17th February

Polo Ground v. RBSC (2)

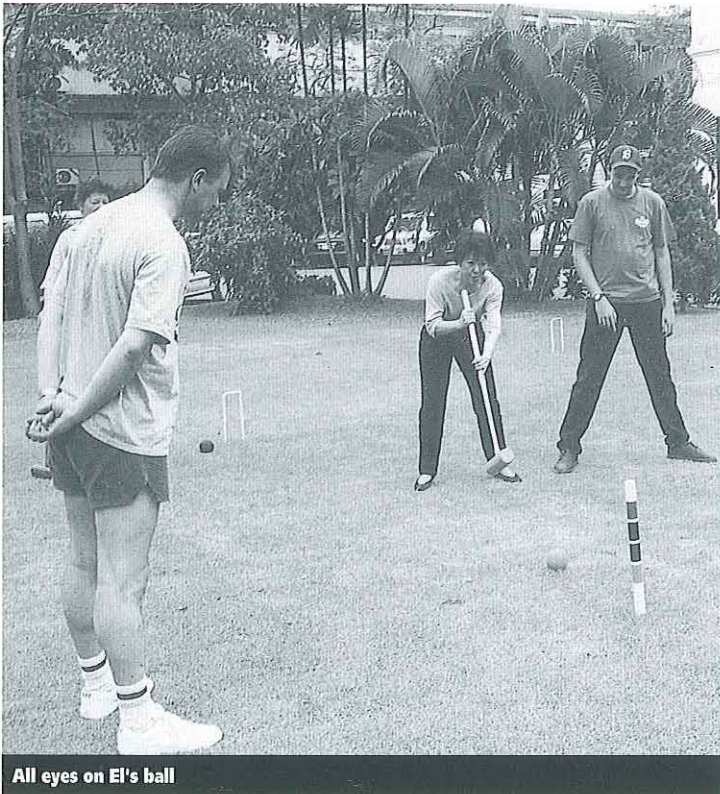
That's all for now and we look forward to your company next month...

Bichie Renaud



Allied Walker croquet evening

With a fine turnout of 20 keen mallet wielders, the second Allied Walker Croquet evening of the year got under way with a couple of keen novices (Jane Fordham and



All eyes on El's ball

friend Katie) taking on what turned out to be a duo of outstanding Roqueters in the form of Andrew Kerr and Paul Kane. The latter prevailed fairly easily, as they tended to do throughout the whole night. Not even the inaugural plate winners Chris and Kathy Sewell could stop them with Kathy almost failing to pass the first hoop!

Summarily despatched

After despatching Ian Webb and Mary McMillen to the bar in the other semi, it was left to Kathy Haworth and Nonie Adams to try and thwart the obviously semi-professional Kerr/Kane duo. After a fine final, the

girls were pipped at the post and the boys walked off with the bottle of Ballantines courtesy of Allied Walker, while the girls consoled themselves with a couple of bottles of fine wine.

Many thanks to all who participated and lets hope we see a few new faces at the January night (date to be confirmed at this moment, but watch the notice board and flyers).

Summer events

Talking of 'summer events' please do sign up for our 'Glyndbourne Evening' on the 12th January. To be held on the back lawn, with the backdrop of the Last Night of the Proms on the large screen, it is an opportunity to



Harrisons, Griffiths and Wanna going pukka

picnic the night away to the sounds of a string quartet and pretend we're all back in England on a hot summers night - See you there!

Dave Haworth

Rose Bowl

The Rose Bowl matchplay competition between BCLG and FLOGG was recently held at Muang Ake. This year, unfortunately, FLOGG could not put up a full team as most of their players were away on home leave, so names were drawn out of a hat to form two teams, one led by Alexi and the other by Jeffrey. Approximately twenty people took part in this competition and the winners this year were the team led by Alexi... only just, they won by a slim margin. Congratulations! We hope next year to see the match return to its usual venue, the



Sponsors seen here with Joan Jurgens

Rose Garden, and a full team from FLOGG. Thank you Alexi and Jeffrey for your sponsorship.

Lavita Hughes



The winning team

Each Monday, the ladies of the British Women's Group gather in the Wordsworth Room to play the Chinese game of Mahjong. At 12.30 the ladies eagerly file into the new-look Lords dining room to savour the culinary delights of 'Khun Barry'. And a lovely treat enjoyed also is the free glass of wine. Many thanks to the BC for maintaining such high standards in Lords.

Trixie Brann



BWG Mahjongers in the Lord's



Recipe

Green chicken curry à la BC

To kick off the new year, Khun Suwan, Head Chef at the BC, has contributed his special recipe for green chicken curry, which is apparently simple to make and will serve a party of 10 hungry horaces!

Ingredients:

- 1kg diced chicken breast
- 200g green curry paste
- 1.5kg young coconut milk
- 500g young eggplant (the round ones)
- 2 pcs red chilli
- 50g fish sauce
- 100g sugar
- 1 pkt sweet basil leaves

Method

- 1 Saute green curry paste, add the coconut milk and cook for 5 minutes
- 2 Add the diced chicken breast to the sauce and boil for a further 5 minutes
- 3 Add the young eggplant and sliced red chilli to the sauce, and simmer until cooked
- 4 Add the fish sauce and sugar
- 5 Sprinkle the sweet basil leaves prior to serving

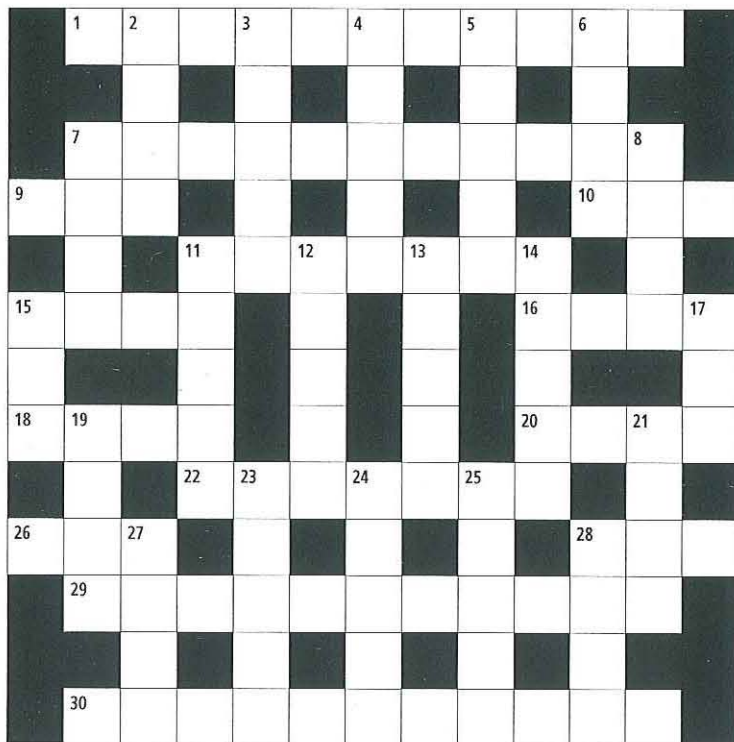
It's caption competition time!!

One of those magic moments from the Ploenchit Fair, this, and an ideal opportunity for you to tell me what Ramsey might be saying to Pauline...

Yes, I would like you to send in your caption for this photograph, and all (printable) entries will be printed. For the best caption, there's a special New Year's gift.



Crossword



Again thanks to Margaret Miller for this crossword with a local flavour!

The winner of the Christmas crossword competition will be announced in the next issue.

Across

- 1 One (Roman!) bitch blurs in confusion - makes a popular Bangkok rendezvous (7,4)
 7 People are when they return to live in their own countries
 9 Pass in the mountains
 10 Its residence is not unknown to married men at times!
 11 Little hit on common smell for another Bangkok rendezvous
 15 Girl who used to be a small change in India!
 16 Sailor's knot
 18 Gentle run for Copperfield's nickname
 20 Turn the seat round - to this direction
 22 Put soot out and get a copy from 1 across!
 26 The vehicle in front
 28 One out of hell is pretty fast!
 29 These discrepancies can be caused by scene if Fred is around
 30 Many Bangkokians take it at the weekend (7,4)
- 12 This is to buy a beer for a pal!
 13 "We're _____ see the Wizard" (3,2)
 14 Cry in Scotland to salute in England
 15 Skill if a rodent is around
 17 Exercise to keep this
 19 Change dear - and enjoy 22 across
 21 You'll 2 down if you're half these over!
 23 Certainly not 17 down
 24 Making a song and dance of it
 25 Pensioner citizen loses one for a Continental gentleman
 27 Cowardly lady from Argentina!
 28 Beat about a letter from Greece

Down

- 2 Dance after a session in the bar?
 3 Topper for a lady
 4 They do it to tease in 11 across!
 5 The old Cockney wife with a ball
 6 Not in mint condition
 7 Nothing ran around for a horse
 8 Information about narcotics
 11 Cinderella is one - and Robinson Crusoe - in short

Last month's solution

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UKCTC - Where the money goes

People are often curious as to what happens to the substantial funds raised during Ploenchit Fair each year. The 1994 Ploenchit Fair raised approximately 4.8 million baht and slightly more than this was allocated to a wide variety of projects in Bangkok and the provinces during 1995.

All projects are approved by the United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities (UKCTC), which meets each month to consider new proposals for assistance, to review progress of current projects and to oversee the disbursement of funds. Emphasis is given to self-help projects and those which help communities over a long period of time, particularly



educational, medical and communal projects. General cash allocations are never given.

Approved

Once an application for help is approved, a committee member is assigned to liaise and coordinate the project until completion, always ensuring that proper financial records and invoices are kept. The Committee is voluntary and consists mainly of long-time residents from the British Community in Bangkok.

Among the 35 projects financed over the past 12 months are:

Rural Area Medical Aid Society

This dedicated group of doctors, nurses, dentists, students and aid workers have been visiting the rural poor once a month to provide medical help, cancer screening, dental care and minor surgery for 15 years. UKCTC pays all their pharmaceutical bills.

Medical School Scholarships

Five final year medical students from Siriraj Hospital were sent on a 6-week study course to Guys and Kings Hospitals in London. UKCTC and Glaxo are joint sponsors.

Manorom Christian Hospital

Purchase of a mobile x-ray unit.

Princess Mother's Personal Project

Setting up of rice and water banks in remote villages under the supervision of the Princess Mother's Foundation. So far 2 villages have been set up, and 6 more are under way.

Princess Mother's Medical Volunteer Foundation

Assistance towards building two day-care centres. Provision of two TV sets and education videos to train northeastern children to speak Thai prior to entering primary school.

St. Vincent de Paul

Provision of a drinking water tank for a village in Phanom District. Setting up of a water bank for hilltribe villagers in Kamphaengphet. Construction of a library area plus provision of handicraft materials to provide AIDS-infected women and widows with better living standards.

Assistance to the Deaf, Khon Kaen

Provision of a special FM transmitter and

hearing aid equipment for children with speech potential at this special school under VSO aegis.

Aberdeen House

Construction of a security wall surrounding a pre-school centre in Chiang Mai.

Rural Ear Nose & Throat Association

Purchase of a suction machine to replace one donated 8 years ago.

Huay Sarn Nok School, Mae Hong Son

Repairs to the roof of this remote school, plus provision of a dynamo for electricity and a rice bank for the village.

Good Shepherd Sisters, Nong Khai

Providing a water purifying system for the Huay Sai Centre as local water supply is polluted. Providing training materials to teach young unemployed girls handicrafts.

Association of the Deaf

Purchase of a projector and equipment to teach sign language.

Human Development Centre

Purchase of a plate maker to train slum community boys to do printing work.

Centre for Village Vocational Building Technology

Purchase of moulds and equipment from England to train people in Udon Thani and nearby areas in making roofing tiles, paving slabs and other concrete products.

Dear Ladies

Equipping 35 schools in the Kamphaengphet area with First Aid rooms.

Kavilla School for the Mentally Retarded

Purchase of a copy printer to prepare inexpensive school books and teaching materials for mentally retarded children.

Fountain of Life Centre, Pattaya

Assistance with repairs to the Centre building, which offers job training to former pros-

titutes and is run by Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Low Vision Centre

Printing booklets to distribute to hospitals giving help to the partially sighted.

Phud Hong Leper Colony

Allocation to build a new classroom in an old school building within the colony in Nakhon Si Thammarat.

St Joseph's Home for the Aged

Payment of food bills and operational expenses for geriatric inmates in Betong. UKCTC has supported this home for many years.



McKeans Hospice

Purchase of prosthetic devices, wheelchairs, suction machine and a sidecar to transport invalid patients.

Foundation for Slum Care

Provision of equipment to run a creche and day care centre to enable mothers to work. Equipped a mobile clinic for communities living under bridges.

Video for Mentally Handicapped

Production of special text books and video for distribution to schools dealing with mentally handicapped children.

John Leicester

British Club Christmas Ball 1995



The elephant round up in Surin

On 17th November 1995, 75 members converged on Hualampong Station to catch the 9.00pm 'express' sleeper to Surin. All went well until the train arrived in Surin shortly after 5.15am, when the guard suddenly remembered that he hadn't woken anyone up! A rather worried GM was waiting on the station and couldn't understand where everyone was as not one BC member had emerged and the train was ready to depart! Anyway, everyone eventually made it off and 5 minutes later we were at the School dining hall, tucking into a freshly prepared, good old fashioned BC English Breakfast, washed down, in some cases, with good old fashioned English Tetley beer! BC staff members travel to Surin ahead of the members so the trip is very well catered for at every stop!



Shady picnic scene

After breakfast at 7.15 we moved off to the Elephant Show Ground. It really is a most impressive and polished show: 230 elephants of all shapes and sizes demonstrating their agility, strength and prowess in a whole host of ways. The weather was super and the shaded seats were the best in the house. At midday people made their way back to the buses, either by foot or by elephant, some got

there quite fast, others less quickly!

We then had a 45 minute trip through beautiful countryside to one of the most tranquil places in Thailand, Prasat Ban Pluang, a 12th



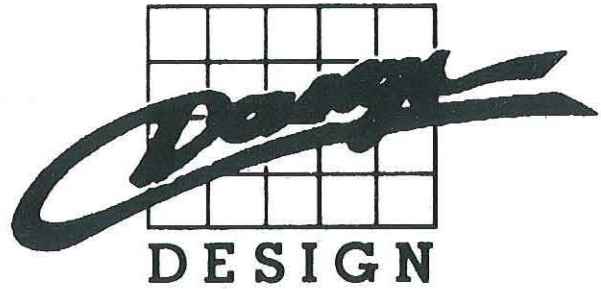
Say hello to the gentle giant

Century shrine built by the Khmer's, set well off the beaten track in a lovely and well preserved park. The BC bar was set up and as we were the only people there it made for a most mellow and relaxing few hours munching sandwiches. Not too many people can boast of drinking Strongbow Cider and Tetley beer on the Cambodian border!

Sadly the time came to make a move and in late afternoon we returned to Surin to give the kids the chance to ride on the elephants and visit the fair in town. This was followed back at the School by a delicious BC Thai buffet and then it was back to Bangkok on the 9.44 'express' sleeper. Everyone slept like logs!

A tiring trip but so worthwhile, well done the Staff for making it all so comfortable and so easy for us.

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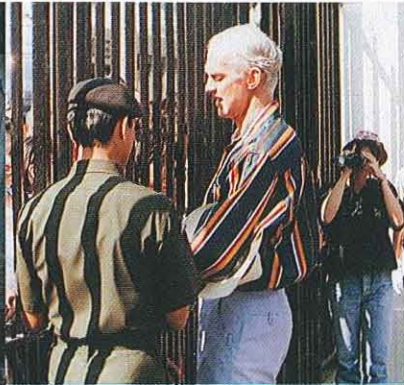
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Ploenchit Fair round up



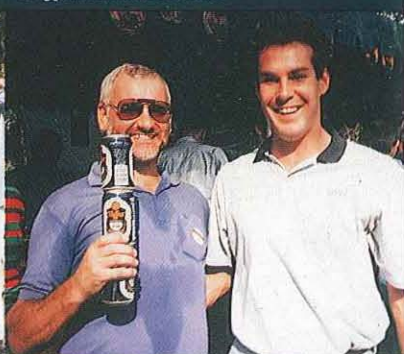
The Ambassador caught trying to get in early!



Ramsey showing his class!



A typical afternoon table



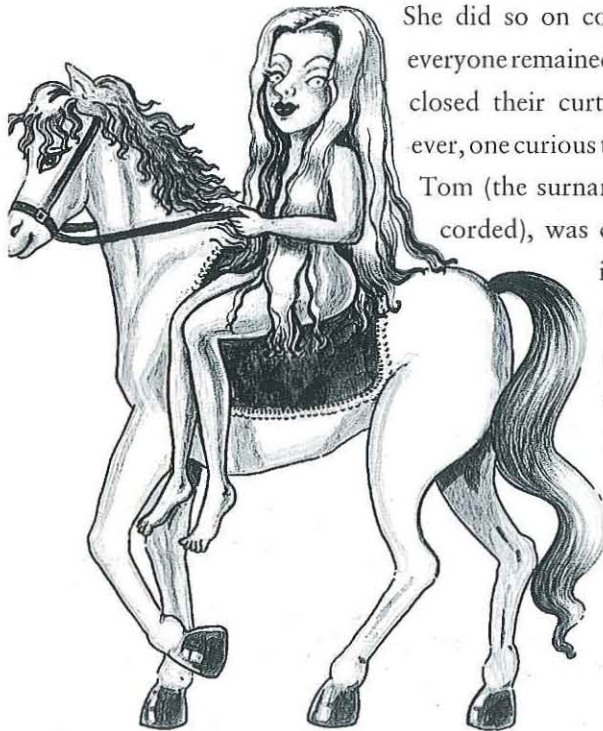
Barry... is that you??!

Adages

Peeping Tom and the Monies

Peeping Tom

Who was the original Peeping Tom? To find out, we have to go back to the year 1040, when Leofric, Lord of Coventry, imposed new taxes on his tenants. His wife, Lady Godiva, implored him to remove them. He said he would do so only if she would ride naked through the town of Coventry.



She did so on condition that everyone remained indoors and closed their curtains. However, one curious tailor, named Tom (the surname is not recorded), was caught peeping at her ladyship and subsequently went blind. He became known as "Peeping Tom of Coventry".

Dollar

The dollar is probably the most common form of currency in use in the world today. The first American dollars were struck after the War of Independence in 1794. The name 'dollar' almost certainly derived from the old German word "Thater", meaning 'valley'. Silver coins mined from a valley known as "Joachim's Tal" became standard international coins, and other coins like them became known as "Thaters". The actual dollar

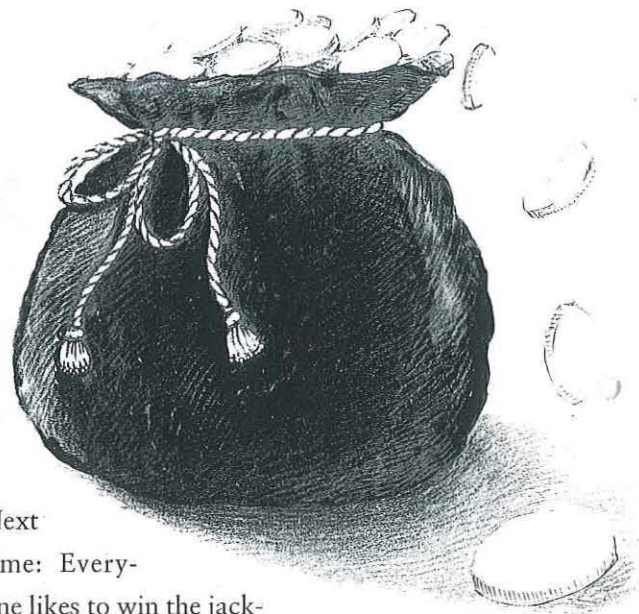
sign, interestingly, is believed to be simply the 'U' of the United States superimposed on the 'S', giving \$ (although modern printing fonts now use only one vertical line).

Florin

The old, predecimal two-shilling piece was known as a "florin". This was because the design was copied from the silver coin of the city of Florence.

Tanner

The six-pence was known as a tanner, and actually survived for eight years after decimalisation with a value of 2 1/2 (new) pence. It was named after a famous engraver at the Royal Mint in the 1700's by the name of John Sigmund Tanner.



Next time: Everyone likes to win the jackpot, but where did "jackpot" come from? Also, why do we say "Touch wood"?

Ron Thompson

A guide to safe faxing

And now, the modern woman's guide to that issue close to everyone's heart and which can be the cause of so much misunderstanding, frustration and heartache...

Q: Do I have to be married to have safe fax?

A: Although married people fax quite often, there are many single people who fax complete strangers every day.

Q: My parents say they never faxed when they were young and had to write notes to each other until they were twenty one. How old should someone be before they fax?

A: Faxing can be enjoyed at any age once you learn the proper procedure.

Q: If I fax something to myself, will I go blind?

A: Certainly not. This is an old wives tale and there is no proof to substantiate this myth (as far as we can see).

Q: Do you have to be a member of a computer club to fax?

A: No, but if you are and you are logged on, just choose fax and follow the directions and what joy you will have.

Q: There is a place on our street where people go and pay for fax. Is this legal?

A: Yes! Many people have no other alternative to satisfy their faxing needs and must pay a "professional" when their need to fax becomes too great.

Q: What does it mean to be Bi-faxual and is it dangerous?

A: A Bi-faxual person is one who faxes both professionally and for personal pleasure. There is no risk of any accidental transmission as long as a cover sheet is used each time.

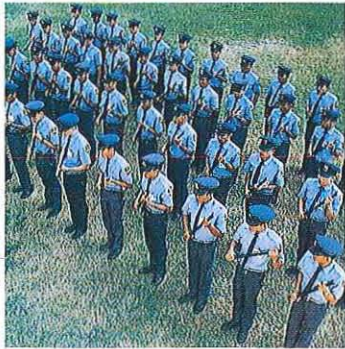
Q: What should I do if I become 'anxious' and transmit prematurely while faxing?

A: Don't panic! This is a common problem for people who have not faxed in a while. Just relax, take your time, and start over again (most people don't mind if you try again).

Remember, faxing can be safe and enjoyable for anyone as long as you use a degree of common sense and follow the proper procedures.



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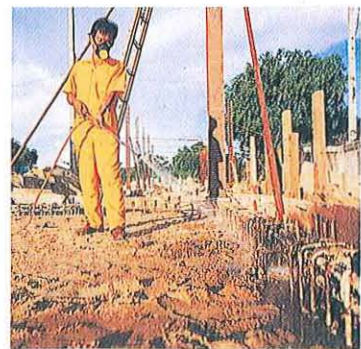
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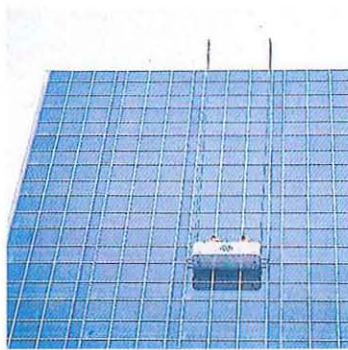
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She filled the syringe, I shuffled my bum
The needle sunk in, my face went numb
I think she was feeling 'down in the mouth'
My feet were up north, my head down south

Did I consent to having this filling?
I can't stand much more of this drilling
Three weeks later, I'm scared to my boots
She's still messing around looking for roots

"There is an obstruction, I can't get through".
If she drills any deeper, I'll develop a flue
"Please clean your mouth, and go to x-ray.
Come back next week; don't forget to pay".

I go back next week, she dons her mask
What is she doing? (Better not ask)
She drills again, she's after the nerve
Oh saints be with me, and please preserve

"Rinse your mouth out, here's a tissue,
And now we'll discuss the next issue".
Oh no we won't dear, I've had enough
Don't touch me again, I might get rough

When I come back in my next life
I'll be a dentist as well as a wife!
And when she walks boldly into my place
I'll strap her down then ask, "Remember my face?"

Trixie Brann

British Women's Group

British Women's Group
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Our voluntary committee meets monthly to organise a calendar of events which includes monthly coffee mornings and luncheons with a guest speaker on a variety of subjects, and sporting and recreational pursuits such as tennis, bridge,



mahjong, craft activities and golf.

We can provide you with support and information on living in Bangkok whether you are a newcomer or longstanding resident and also the opportunity to join fund-raising activities or charity work if they are of interest to you



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Weekly activities include tennis, golf, bridge, mahjong and Kiwala toddlers. As well as the regular weekly activities, there is a constant flow of other events, such as trips away, guest speakers, demonstrations, lunches, coffee mornings, pub nights, shopping trips and lots more... there is something for everyone!

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Total blackout

Thousands and thousands of people around a good slice of Asia blinked and squinted on the morning of Tuesday 24th October to watch that impressive solar spectacle, the total eclipse, and residents of Thailand were no exception. From Had Yai to Chiang Rai people were straining necks as the demon Rahu swallowed the sun all of a couple of minutes. The fireworks which accompanied and rounded off the eclipse in this country were deafening but added a traditional local flavour to the event as Rahu was scared off and the sun emerged again.

All types of light filtering devices were spotted, ranging from the solar-specs (resembling the 3-D specs popular in yesteryear) sold in department stores to welding masks and exposed b/w negatives, and even computer

floppy disks, the light from the receding solar surface intensified.

Despite the horror stories about traffic between Bangkok and the Nakhon Sawan, Lopburi and Korat regions and the bleary eyes from early morning starts, and all for two minutes of entertainment, those that made it into the 70km band of the umbral shadow saw a remarkable, once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon. Those that remained in Bangkok saw mackerel clouds appear from nowhere to largely obscure the whole event, and although the partial eclipse was definitely visible it was not as dramatic as totality.

Gaynor de Wit

Farewells and Welcome Backs

The Club finally waved goodbye to some of the big names in November, including Committee member Joy and husband Mahmoud Masood, who have transferred to Singapore, and Maurice Lamb, aka Chairman Mau of the Tennis section (see Tennis report) as well as the main Committee and the Bridge section, who has gone to organise Malaysian tennis from his new Kuala Lumpur base.

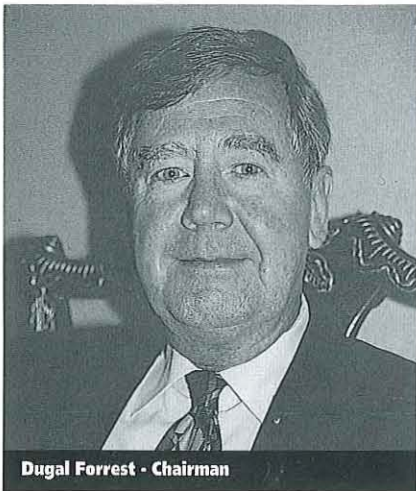
Also joining the exodus were Michael and Susan Baker, William and Siriwan Caddy, Ian and Jeanette Elliott, Richard and Mary Fruin, Jeremy Harrison, Sara Knaggs, Ian O'Sullivan, Bob and Carolyn Pounds, Woodrow and Judith Reeder, Brian and Ute Walker and Ian Willcox.

I'm delighted to say that we do have a returnee to report this month - welcome back Andrew Lush!

From the Chairman

A happy and prosperous 1996 to you all. I hope everyone managed to have a thoroughly enjoyable Festive Season.

As a new year dawns, I am sure it is only natural to wonder, with perhaps a little trepidation, what it may have in store and I find myself feeling this way about the Club. The indications are, mark you, that the oncoming year promises to be a very positive one but there is always that little nag at the back of one's mind, wondering.



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

Membership numbers are riding high and should, I reckon, reach the 900 mark this month. A great effort by you, the membership and, I hope, an indication that our revised joining rates and the Member-get-Member scheme are proving their worth. The next draw, by the way, is scheduled for 5th February, so if you want the chance of a holiday in Penang, get a new member!

Security

There has been a spate of senseless thefts in the Club of late and we are trying to reduce the risk of these in the future. Firstly we have installed day-lockers in the changing rooms

and I would urge everyone using the facilities, whether at poolside or in the Clubhouse, to avail themselves of this free service. The introduction of one day only vouchers has proved remarkably successful in discouraging the repetitive use of the Club by non-members which seems to have happened so often in the past. We are now considering a much tighter control of the access points of the Club which should, once and for all, deny access to all persons other than those with a right to be there. More of this as and when details are available.

The Club is there for you all to enjoy and, judging by the lack of suggestions or complaints that have come our way over the past few months, most of you are, indeed, doing just that. I hope this happy state will endure and that we may continue to provide you, our members, with the type of Club you wish it to be. If, however, there are matters you would like to see changed or suggestions you would like to make which you feel could benefit the Club in any way, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention. After all, that's what we are there for!

Dugal Forrest

Chairman

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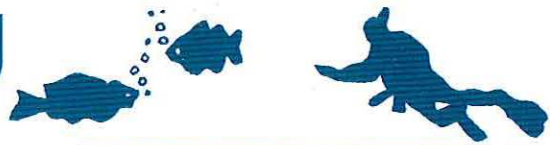
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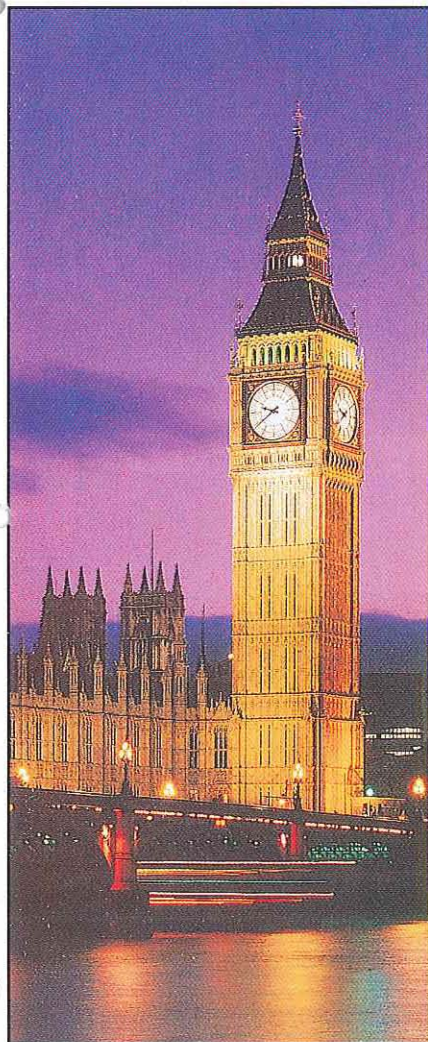
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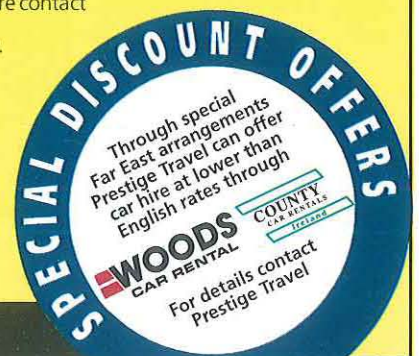
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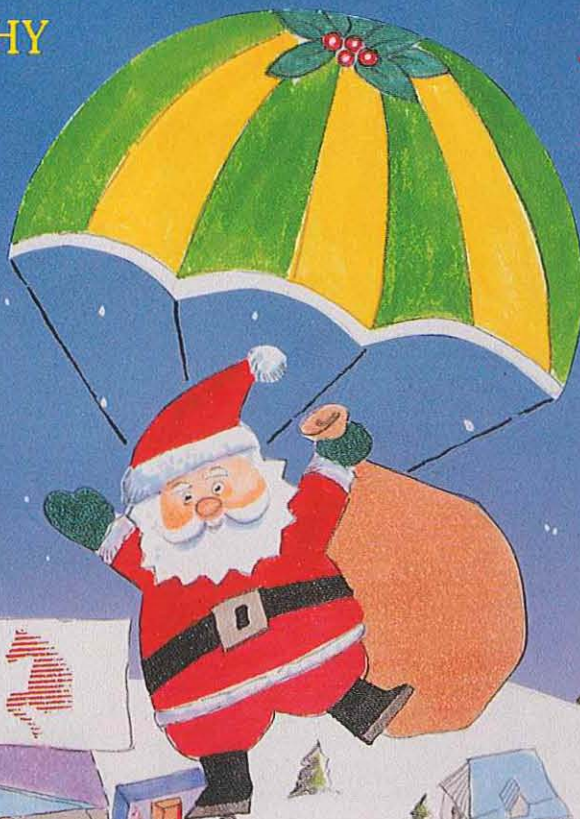
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