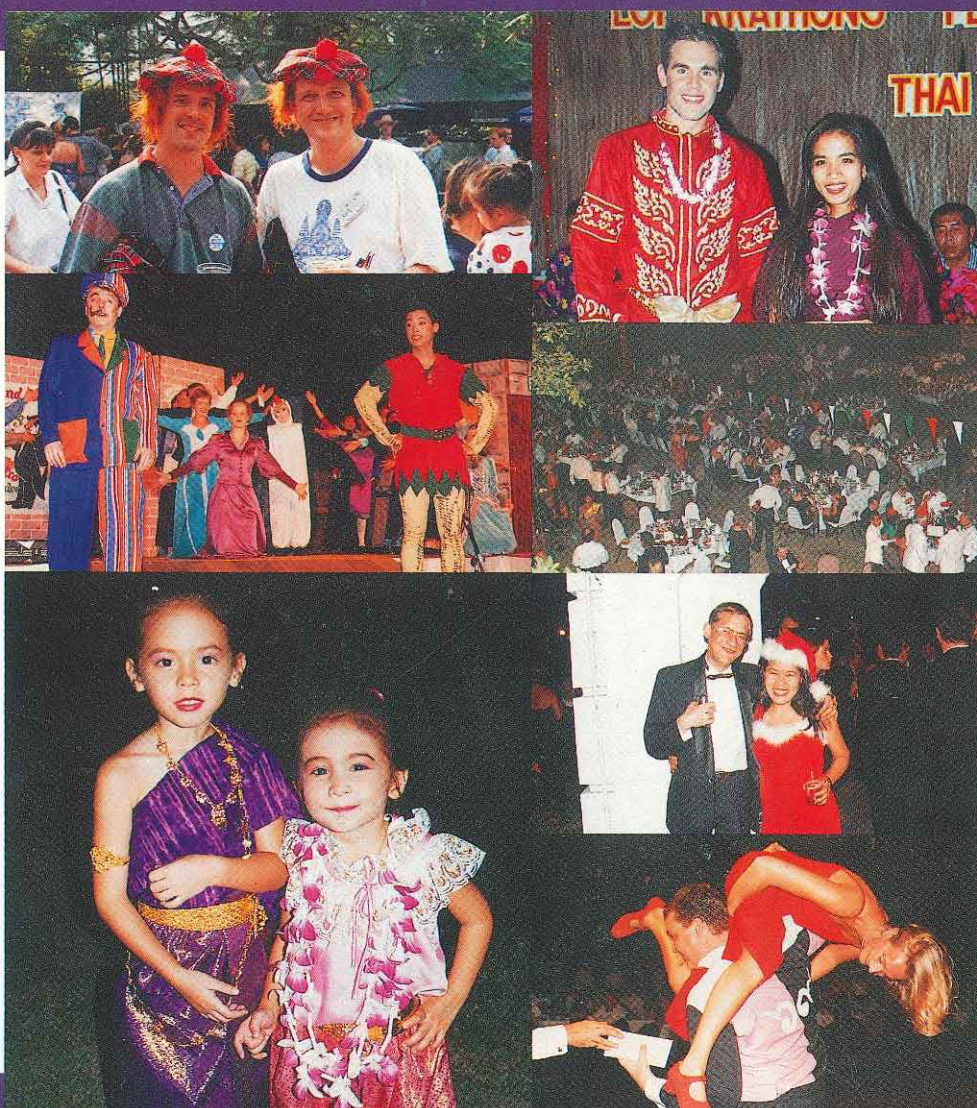




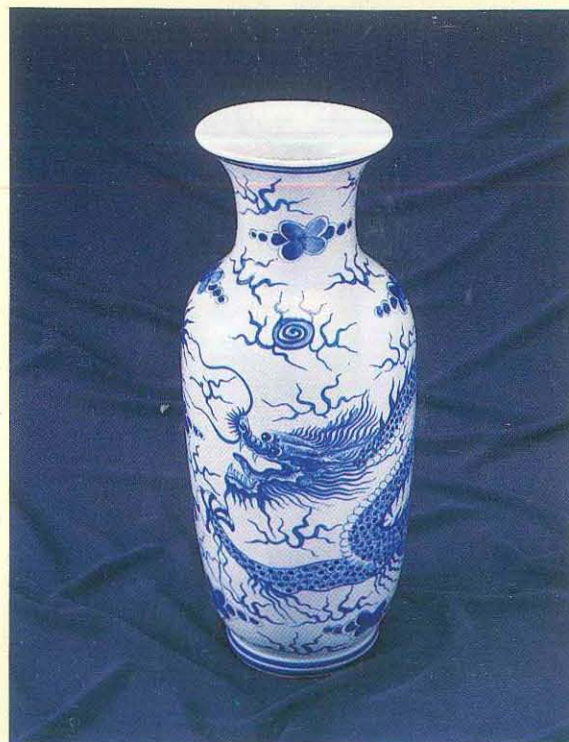
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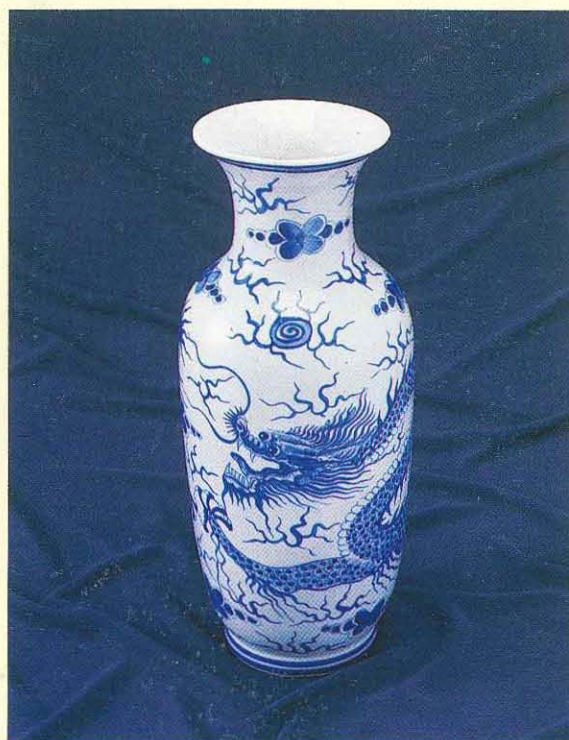


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From the Editor

Welcome to 1997!

The most significant change in the New Year will be the activation of Checkpoint Somchai, aka the automatic gates at both entrances to the Club. No longer will it be sufficient to smile at the guards; now you will have to



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

manoeuvre your car near those card-receptors in order to operate the gate without getting out of the car. Those used to supermarket car parks in Europe should have no problem with this, but persuading a taxi driver to do it, especially in the monsoon season, may prove an interesting test of your

language ability! Pedestrians must also show their card to pass through the stile-gate. Forget your card at your peril! At the time of writing, the new hi-tech member cards were yet to make an appearance but I have heard that by January it will be all systems go. There again, this is Thailand!

As promised, the end of the year was action-packed and reports with pictures can be seen herein to jog some happy memories. Of the many events, the Christmas Ball was my Club favourite, having truly matured in the last few years with outstanding turnouts, it being the best open-air ball in town. And with a winter as fabulous as this one has been so far, the Club witnessed another Yule spectacular. The Christmas Ball was also the first official Club function for our new British Ambassador, Sir James Hodge, who arrived here in September. As an honorary member, the Ambassador is not required to turn up to the cross-questioning and mugshot of a New

Members Night, but I thought it would be a nice idea to introduce him properly to the Club membership, so Sir James has kindly penned his own Outpost write-up for this issue which if nothing else precluded my throwing in a few Scotsmen jokes!

The first issue of the new year would be incomplete without my annual Consistency Awards. I feel obliged to hand the prize for Being Game to Dress Up Daftly to Barry for his national food promo rig-outs during 1996, although some of the BCT came close in one-off performances, especially David Kelham for his 'Krafty Kingfisher' in Flibberty and the Penguin! John Sheehan (Football) again features in the 1996 Sports Contributors list, but this year is joined by Lauren Lambert, Dave Jewell and assorted tennis bods (but especially Shelagh Weekes and Bruce Gordon) on behalf of the Golf, Squash and Tennis sections respectively. However, please note that I cannot guarantee publication in the following month's Outpost of sports write-ups submitted after the 5th and other contributions submitted after the 10th.

Last but not least, congratulations to Sarah Henton who was the first to fax a correctly completed Christmas crossword ("with a little help", it says!) last month. Again, hers was not the first sent in, that honour being held by Brenton Mauriello, but again the first received wasn't 100% right! There's a lesson there somewhere...

Happy New Year, and let's hope you've already forgotten those resolutions!

Gaynor de Wit
Editor

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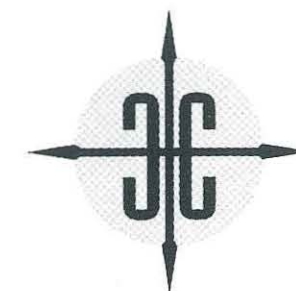
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From the Manager

A very happy New Year to all members and their families from all of the staff at the British Club.

The last few months have been very busy at the Club with many functions taking place



Tom Bain - General Manager

during the Christmas build-up. Now it is time to take stock and make sure the Club is ship-shape and Bristol Fashion after the rush.

I apologise to members who have been inconvenienced by the delay in the issuing of the new members cards. The hitches are now (hopefully!) behind us

and the new cards are ready to be picked up. The system is now fully operational so please use your cards to open the gates. Those members who have not yet applied for their cards please do so as soon as possible.

This month the new treadmill should arrive and will provide a much-needed facility for our fitness centre members. We have bought a Life Stride 9500 HR, which is the top of the range commercial gym treadmill. It should,

therefore, meet the demands of even our most energetic members.

The Club is currently investigating the feasibility of employing our own Sports and Recreation Coordinator to look after the fitness centre and the Club's sporting facilities. If a suitable person is found, it is hoped that s/he will be able to do for sport what Barry has achieved in the Food and Beverage area. Suitable applicants will be interviewed later this month with a view to making an appointment in the first quarter of 1997.

Members please note that after the busy festive season the Club's staff will be having their staff party on Wednesday 22nd January. On this day members can use the poolside facilities but there will be no staff on site, so there will be no food or drinks service.

We are looking forward to a good year at the Club. Membership levels are high, and we are hoping that despite traffic problems members will use the Club as much as possible and keep the Club busy all year!

Tom Bain
General Manager

Management News

Staff Party

The Club's Staff Party will be held on Wednesday 22nd January 1997. On that day there will be no staff on duty at the Club. The pool, tennis and squash courts will be available for use but there will be no food and beverage service or staff to supervise.

Fitness Centre Improvements

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new treadmill, the Life Stride TR9500 HR. We are told by the suppliers that it should arrive mid- to late-January.

Security Gates

The new security gates system is now fully operational. Those members with new cards can start to use them to open the gates. Members who have not obtained their new cards please do so as soon as possible.

Member Get Member

December's lucky proposer was Marc Hagelauer, who won the Bt 1,000 voucher for Lords Restaurant for proposing Andrew and Sao Hamilton. Incidentally, the draw was made by Marc's girlfriend Rung, but I can vouch that she definitely couldn't see who she'd picked!



Winning proposer Marc with Rung and new members Sao and Andrew Hamilton

Club Maintenance

With all the heavy use over the past few months the grass has died off and the Clubhouse paintwork needs refreshing. Over the next few weeks the ground staff will be busy with spring cleaning and renovation activities to bring the Club and grounds back to their best.

GM's Vacation

I will be on leave from 7th to 20th January. During that time please refer all queries to Barry Osbourne, Khun Woraporn, Khun Chirachada or any member of the General Committee.

Farewells

A New Year farewell to the following members:

Michael and Gina Callan, George and Onchira Cowie, Katrina Dockerty, Peter and Carol Downs, Roy Greenfield, Grogan, Peter Gyde, Kitt and Bubpha Nawani, Carl and Susan Smith and David and Carolyn Wignall.

Goodbye and good luck for 1997!

New Members

Andrew and Nipapat Hamilton

Roll on the Monty Python cheese emporium sketch as Andrew turns out to be a cheese



Sao and Andrew

freak and can wax long and eloquent about the whole subject... he even married the daughter of a major Thai cheese producer! (Marc knows some

odd people - G) Andrew is a telecoms rep with Bechtel International and wife Sao is an administrative assistant at TNT Logistics. Apart from cheese, Andrew enjoys playing squash while Sao prefers the more normal hobby of playing the piano as well as swimming and tennis. The Hamilton party spent the remainder of New Members in Lords utilising lucky proposer Marc's voucher!

Phillip and Ann Beck

Americans Phillip and Ann have already been here a year with only a couple to go; Phillip is



Phillip and Ann

the Regional GM with MSAS Cargo International and is a golfer, with a handicap of 16. Like Ann he also enjoys scuba diving and tennis; they have two children

Mathew, 9 and Natalie, 7, who has already been on the stage having appeared in Flibberty & the Penguin last month. Ann is involved in the handicapped children at Pakkret and the YWCA street boys project.

John Meadows

Previously in the States, Aussie John is here as a Director of computer systems at Thai Prasit Insurance for a couple of years and hopes to play tennis here. His wife Patricia couldn't make it to the New Members Night. They have three children; two grown up and Allison, 15, who is still at school.



John

Christopher Jones

Surprisingly, as Wine Development Manager at Allied Domecq Chris lists wines as one of his hobbies; one would have thought that if you worked with it... A seriously active bod, listing rugby, cricket, squash, tennis, football, badminton and water sports alongside hobbies of theatre, books, history, cooking (listening, girls? - G) and entertaining, and has been white water rafting for charity and hang-gliding over Rio, Brazil. Single and 27, Chris will be here for a couple of years.



Chris

Vincent and Pauline Miles

Being Welsh, Vincent and Pauline counted not only their 15-year South African stint but



Vincent and Pauline

also their 10 years in England as 'over-seas postings'! In the country for only 6 weeks so far, they have already helped at both Ploenchit and ThaiCraft fairs. Vincent is the Customer Engineer and Training Manager at Thai Industrial Gases, although how you engineer customers I dread to think; he plays rugby, a little squash and bridge while Pauline lists her sports as "having kids" (they have 5!) and swimming.

John and Rosemary Imlah

Although both Scottish by birth, John and Rosemary are Canadian and have only just

got around to joining the Club after four years here. Bangkok Canadians will already know Rosemary as President of the Canadian



John and Rosemary

Women's Group, as well as being a swimming coach and Red Cross Royal Life Saving Instructor and Examiner. John is the Hydro Project Director with Italian-Thai Development and plays "Chesterfield rugby" and wrote Rosemary's hobbies as golf and "talking"... They have four grown children.

Lords New Menu Winner!

Congratulations to Ann Napier, winner of the recent Lords new menu promotion for which she takes home the **Ballantine's** bottle of scotch. Well done Ann!



Ann receiving prize bottle of whisky!



New Year, New Courts!

Happy New Year!

January is a new start for we Badmintonians in more ways than one - this month sees the inaugural sessions of the new weekday courts in Sukhumvit Soi 22 (Soi Sai Nam Thip). The courts are located in a small soi off Soi 22, just past the school on the right hand side coming from Sukhumvit Road. I am hoping that the map below doesn't look too confusing; it's actually a very central location between Sukhumvit and Rama 4 near the Queen Sirikit Convention Centre.

We have a court booked every **Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8-10pm**, starting from Tuesday 7th January. Despite being more central, this court is costing us slightly less so in future the BC will provide shuttlecocks inclusive within the normal sticker price... which will save you having to remem-

ber to bring anything except yourselves and your racquets!

Lotsaluv

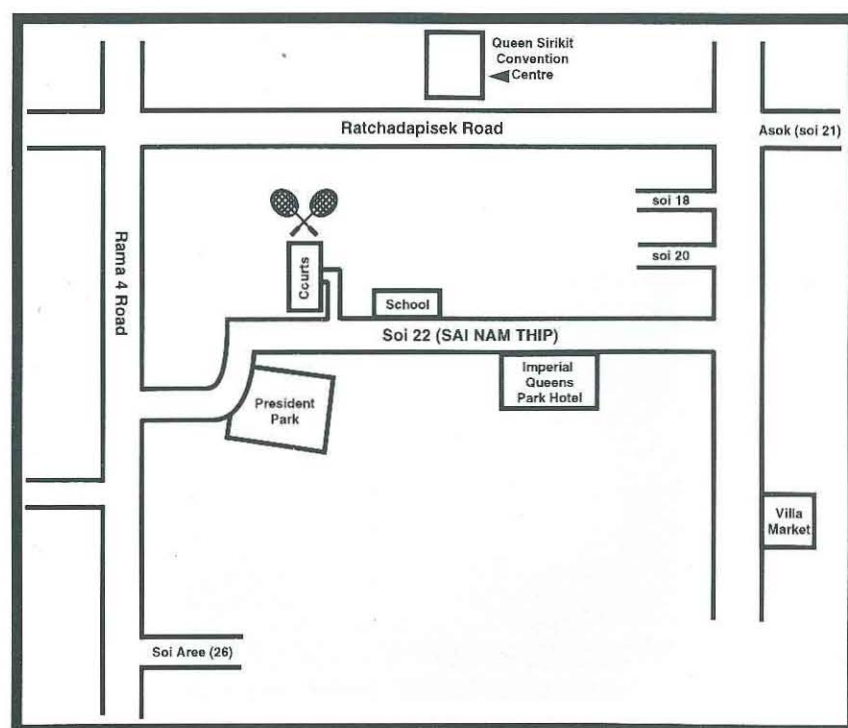
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AGM - 19th January!!

Yes, the Badminton section will be holding our AGM on Sunday 19th January, in the Silom Sala after the normal Sunday morning session at Soi Nares.

We are in need of some enthusiastic new committee members as most of the present committee will be unable to fulfil a full-time role in the coming year, so please come along after the mix-in on the 19th and volunteer your services.

Put it in the diary!



Chiang Mai Adventures

On 30 November a small number of British Club Squash members congregated in Chiang Mai after arriving by various modes of transport, i.e. plane, pick up truck, motorbike. One unnamed member did not arrive at all because he had a puncture on his bicycle just north of Don Muang airport.

The team, consisting of Michael Prinz, Marvyn Lewis, Paul Taylor, Wayne Needoba and Prince Michael, had arrived to defend the proud undefeated 1990s record of the BC Squash Club of played 0, lost 0.

Alas, no unbeaten record goes on forever and BC narrowly lost the first day's match 3-2 to Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club with victories by Michael Prinz and Prince Michael. Highlight of one particular match involved 'Elephant Foot Taylor' destroying part of the Gymkhana Club's newly laid floor by putting his right foot straight through the floor while trying to perform a Bernie Adams-like trick shot. The match resumed on the last remaining court without any further embarrassment. Apologies to the Gymkhana Club, bill to be sent directly to P. Taylor, Mae Sariang. The BC team were well entertained and dined at the Gymkhana Club for the early part of the evening.

After further light refreshments the BC team were up at the crack of dawn (10:00am) to test out another set of squash courts against the Chiang Mai Sports Club. No problem this time but again the BC lost (4-1) with only Michael Prinz victorious.

The composition of both teams had a certain familiarity about them and proved to be good

competitive squash players and excellent hosts.

We will gladly welcome them back for a return match later in January.

Marvyn Lewis.

Tony Austin Cup

Congratulations to David Bryant, victorious in the Mens Over 45 Championship for the third year in a row. David beat Richard Heng (RBSC) in the final, and is living proof that being an airline pilot is good for your squash! (We're all jealous really)

Upcoming Events

Watch out for the sign up sheet on the noticeboard for the **Fun Tournament** on Sunday 19 January followed by drinks and food in the sala. This is the Squash Section's celebration for the festive season and all are welcome. It will be a low-key affair with the emphasis on fun, so I hope all of you can make it.

The Harold Mercer Cup is contested every year between teams (as selected by the organisers - so in theory all the teams are equal!!) and will begin in February. This year will see the introduction of designated playing times so that all team members will play their matches on the same evening.

Happy New Year to you all

Dave Jewell



First Team Report

November saw the delayed start of the renamed "Bangkok International Soccer League" and the British Club struggled to make their mark. Four matches were played at the new venue of Chulalongkorn Stadium, a wide and very bumpy playing surface that as yet BC have had trouble adapting to.

BC 1-0 Thai Sikhs

(Bercumpus)

An excellent debut for new boy Bryce Bercumpus who grabbed the only goal of the game to earn BC a win in their opening game of the newly named Coca Cola International League. Also making their league debuts were Mel Birkinshaw and Barry Crawford.

With absence of last year's top scorer, Tim Ross, BC chose to play David Atkinson up front partnered by Bryce. BC had most of the possession in the first half but created very few clear chances. Efforts at goal were restricted to a few long range shots. The breakthrough came 10 minutes into the second half when Atkinson got clear of his marker and unleashed a fierce right foot shot from just inside the box that the Sikh goalkeeper did well to get down to. However, he was unable to hold onto the ball and the ever-alert Bercumpus was first to react to the loose ball and drove it into the net from close range. A difficult opening game with both teams working hard throughout, but BC probably just deserving their win.

BC 4-0 Siemens

(Atkinson, Ross(2), Hagelauer)

A fine performance by the BC who proved far too strong for the Siemens side. Two goals in

each half and plenty of other chances which should have resulted in an even higher scoreline. Dave Atkinson was unfortunate not to add to his opening goal with a superb right foot shot from 25 metres out which came back off the inside of the post. Marc Hagelauer should also have had a second when he found himself clear on the right hand side but somehow squeezed his shot into the side netting. Ross's first league game of the season saw him grab a brace.

Siemens never really threatened the BC defence, marshalled well by skipper Terry Grogan; the only real moment of concern was dealt with by 'keeper George Everest who came out to collect the ball which had beaten the central defence. Elias replaced Birkinshaw and Sanders switched for Randall in the second half causing no ripples in the defence at all.

Andy Gibb made his league debut late in the second half replacing fellow debutante Russell Chalon who partnered Tim Ross up front for most of the game.

BC 0-4 Brazilians

The less said about this game the better. BC were outclassed in almost every department and even the usually super-reliable George Everest had what for him was a nightmare. But to be fair, luck also deserted the BC who perhaps on another day may have at least kept the score down to one or two.

Willie Carruthers was sent off for hacking down the Brazilian's man of the match and although he protested his innocence, the most telling comment came from him after the game when he complained that if the midfield had been doing their job he wouldn't have

been on his feet by the time he got to Willie. The Brazilian's second, direct from a free kick, went straight through a disorganised BC wall and their fourth beat George when the dreadful Chula outfield produced a last-second "bobble". But apart from a few long range efforts from Adam Caro and Tim Ross and a half-chance that fell to Terry Grogan, nothing really went right for the BC.

The only solace from the evening came from the reminder that BC lost its first game 3-0 last year but still won the league. There will need to be much more effort, however, if that feat is to be repeated.

BC 2-1 Shell

(Ross, Atkinson)

Two goals in the last three minutes saw the BC scrape through 2-1 against a 10-man Shell side who had a man sent off for kicking mid-way through the first half. The BC deserved credit for fighting to the end but the result was a little harsh on Shell, who even with a man short played most of the football. The evening started badly when George Everest declared himself unfit with what, in a family magazine, can only be called a very painful and tear-raising injury. Although stalwart reserve keeper Alex Forbes was on the bench, Terry took the decision to give Ian Sanders a go between the posts. He looked confident enough in the opening minutes but a thigh strain saw the end of Bill Randall after just 15 minutes. Alex came on for Ian in goal who then took Billy's place in defence.

BC did little in the first half to inspire any confidence and even after Shell were reduced to ten men their keeper, who looked sharp,

rarely had to exert himself. Half time gave the players a chance to show what sound thinkers they are. "Now that we are playing two up front they have twice as much chance as catching us offside," said ex-captain Greg Watkins, only to be matched in the shaft of wisdom front by Colin who noted that "as always, as soon as Shell were reduced to ten the whole structure of the game changed."

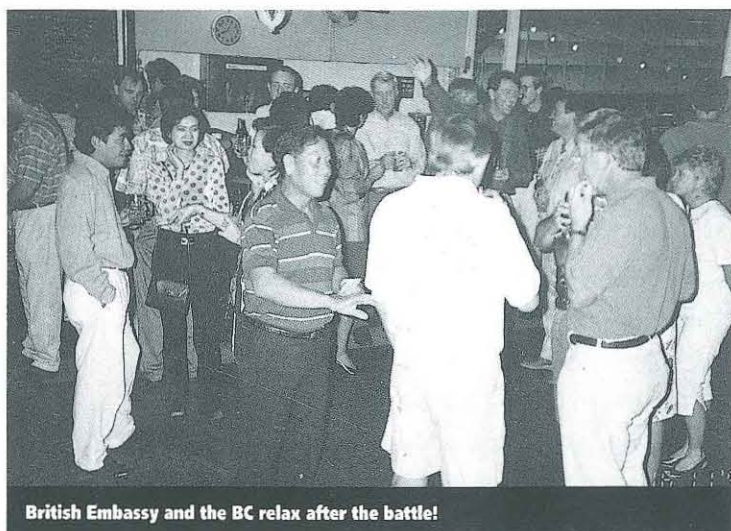
No doubt inspired by such thinking, the BC soon found themselves fighting to hold off a Shell side fast gaining in confidence. The caustics on the bench were not surprised when Alex was left completely unguarded and wrong footed at the near post. 1-0 to Shell. Surprisingly Shell took off their gangly but effective centre half, the only non-Thai in the team, and replaced him with someone about half his height. This was a mistake and Dave Atkinson turned in a good centre from the right to equalise with three minutes to go. Then with barely seconds to go, Tim Ross fired in from the left catching the Shell keeper out of place and BC had scraped a very valuable win. Quite why the keeper thought Tim might cross when he had shot at goal every other time he touched the ball was a mystery, BC were not complaining. Tim and Dave picked up somewhat unnecessary bookings but three wins from four games is not bad a start to the season and Terry now has a much needed chance to strengthen and sharpen up his squad before the season re-starts in the new year.

Twelfth Man



Whitewashed by the Embassy!

Happy New Year folks, hope everyone was able to spend Xmas and New Years Eve with loved ones. Of course there probably wasn't too much imbibing of the amber and not-so-



British Embassy and the BC relax after the battle!

amber liquid. Having to write this report in December, without any knowledge of what the New Year brings, really does seem strange; also writing about last year's events but that's the way publishing and deadlines are!

Rysome Bowl

Sponsored by Castrol

The event was played at Vintage on 3rd November and was sponsored by Castrol. The format was a pairs better ball stableford. The Rysome Bowl was presented to the winners by Bryan Baldwin of Castrol. We had a good turnout for the day which also some new members turn up for the match. The results as follows:

Winners: Don Robertson & Frank Crocker (52 pts)

Runners Up: Greg & Lauren Lambert (47 pts)

Chris Gething & Peter Griffiths (46 pts)
Near Pin: Phil Salisbury (Guest), Chris Gething, Don Robertson, Geoffrey Lamb
Long Drive

Ladies: Lauren Lambert

Men: Chris Gething

BCGS vs The British Embassy

Talk about complete annihilation! We lost the Emirates Cup and the BC Challenge Cup. Considering all of this, it was still a great day. This match was played at President on 16th November and followed up with a yummy BBQ back at the British Club. The results as follows:

Handicap 1 - 20

British Embassy 193 pts vs BC 180 pts

Winner: Bundit (42)

Runners Up Alastair MacDonald (40), Richard Wells (39)

Handicap 20 and above

British Embassy 531 pts vs BC 493 pts

Winner: Steve Pritchard (37)

Runners Up: Charles Lutz (37), Les Mouat (34)

Near Pin: Samkosol, D Forrest, R Scobie,



The Emirates Cup goes to the British Embassy



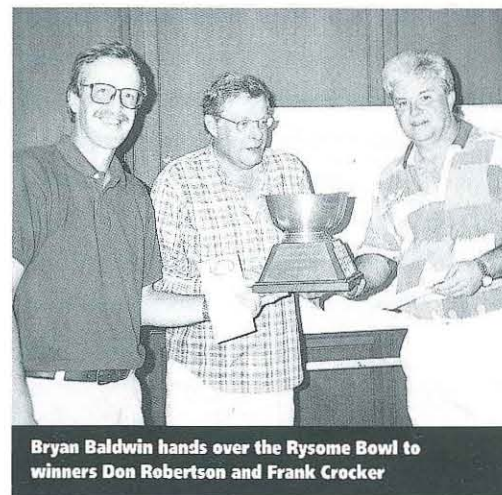
The BC Challenge Cup also goes to the British Embassy

J Wallace

Long Drive

Ladies: Annelies

Men: D Atkinson



Bryan Baldwin hands over the Rysome Bowl to winners Don Robertson and Frank Crocker

Fixtures in Early 1997:

Jan 5 President - Club event

Tee off 7.30am

Jan 12 Royal Lad Krabang - Medal 1

Tee off 11.42am

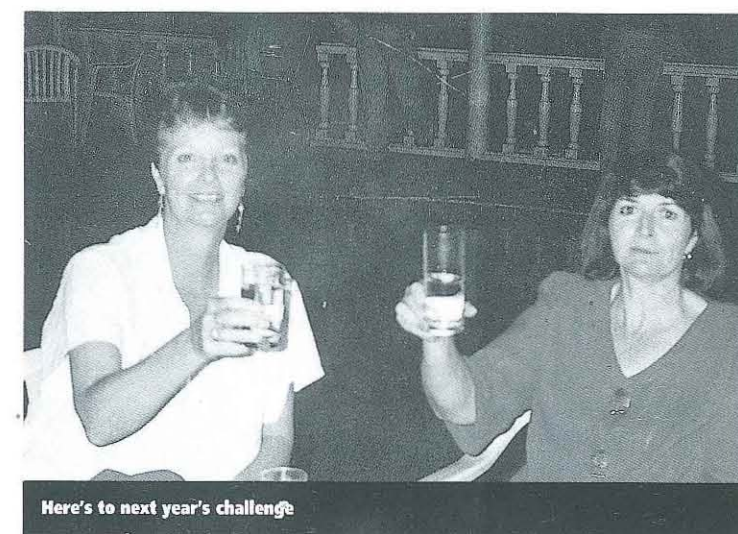
Jan 26 Kiarti Thani - Club Championship Rd 1

Tee off 11.30am

Feb 2 Vintage - Club Championship Rd 2
Tee off 7.30am

All these are confirmed bookings; however, it is best to recheck with your newsletter and/or the Golf Section notice board.

Well another month has bitten the dust; just where does it go? They say that as you get older the years go faster - I'm beginning to think THEY are correct.



Here's to next year's challenge

Keep up the good golfing,

Lauren Lambert

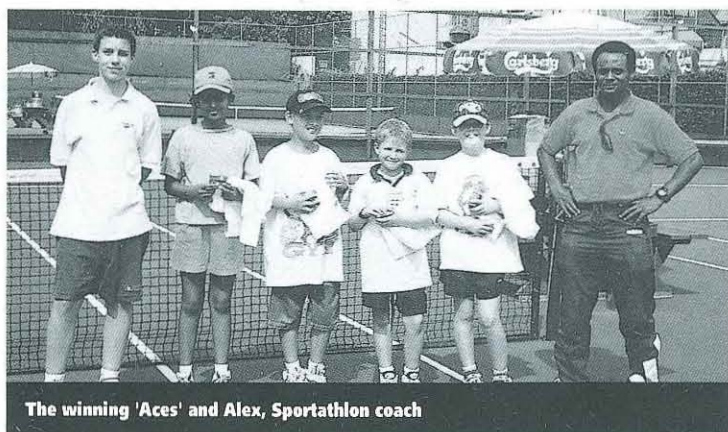
NB Please note that the Golf Section AGM will be held on Wednesday 5th February at the BC Silom Sala at 7.30pm.

Club Championships

Have you entered the Club Tennis Championships? Entries are open to all members of the British Club; every level of ability is welcome. Make this highly sponsored event memorable!

AIG Graded Championships

The Graded Championships were held at the Club over the weekend of 16-17th November. Although entries were down on previous years some excellent tennis was played in all grades. Having all the semi-finals and finals



The winning 'Aces' and Alex, Sportathlon coach

played on Saturday and Sunday created a great deal of spectator interest and added to the atmosphere of the tournament.

The final of the Men's 'A' grade singles proved to be a nail-biting marathon between James Young and Richard Ellis. After 3 long sets which kept spectators on the edge of their seats, James finally managed to claim the title. The ladies titles were taken by Janet Vivian and Raymonde Marshall. Look out ladies we have a rising star who is going to be a serious threat in the future. Nisa Adams, a very promising young player, is already making her presence known.

Men's A grade doubles was won again by

none other than those two English gentlemen, Bernie and James (I think the socks had something to do with the nifty footwork around the court). The Ladies doubles was "unquestionably" (!) won by Janet and Robyn although the opposition did leave a few questions unanswered (loved the t-shirts). Other doubles titles went to Khun Voratthep and Paul in the Men's and in the mixed doubles Nisa and Bernie proved too strong for Grace and Bruce. Hannah and Les took the final mixed doubles title beating Kate and David in a closely fought three-setter. Congratulations to all the winners.

Prizegiving was held in the sala after the final games. Thanks to our generous sponsor **A.I.G.** who donated the winning trophies and to **Sportathlon** for runners up prizes. Look out all those winners, you'll be facing serious competition next time after the runners up have made use of their coaching lessons. A great tournament that was enjoyed by both players and spectators. Many thanks to the organisers and a special thanks to our resident Wimbledon umpire, Peter Norman, for his fine efforts in umpiring. Full Results:

Men's Singles:

- A 1st: James 2nd: Richard
B 1st: Voratthep 2nd: Keerawut
C 1st: Andrew 2nd: Paul

Ladies Singles

- A 1st: Janet 2nd: Nisa
B 1st: Raymonde 2nd: Wan

Men's Doubles

- A 1st: Bernie & James 2nd: Richard & Ken
B 1st: Voratthep & Pual 2nd: Terry & Andrew

Ladies Doubles

- 1st: Janet & Robyn 2nd: Kate & Zandra

Mixed Doubles

- A 1st: Bernie & Nisa 2nd: Bruce & Grace
B 1st: Les & Hannah 2nd: David & Kate

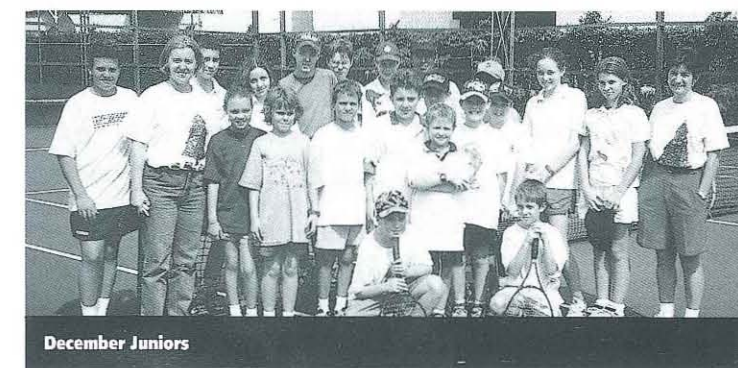
Zandra White

Junior December Tournament

Sunday 8th December.

Chill winds blew, Rachel huddled in her warm jacket, David ordered hot chocolate and Matthew wrapped himself in towels. Yes, it was the Christmas tournament and temperatures were down to about 20 degrees! Twenty Juniors still managed to leave their beds and join the competition, although the 08:00 start is still a struggle. We were really pleased to welcome newcomers Leigh and Gemma Gammons, and hope that they will be able to resist the pull from the Badminton section!

As usual, we had three groups playing, but this time under names with a seasonal flavour. There were 8 in the 'Prancers', 7 in the 'Dancers' and 5 in the 'Red Noses'. They had a Round Robin in their groups. Meanwhile everyone was also in a vertically arranged team, and individual scores in the Round Robin went towards the team score. Once the Round Robin was over, teams played together in doubles matches against the other teams, and again put their scores towards the overall result. Not complicated at all really.....but I am beginning to feel that Kate's liking for difficult crosswords has something to do with her ability to cover the whiteboard with words and numbers going up and down! The teams appeared well balanced at the start of the event, but by the end the overall winners of the Round Robin, just happened



to be in the same 'vertical team'. Sandy Wijeratne won the Prancers, (Tom Henton and Luke Jezeph were just one point behind), James Lanham won the Dancers (by a clear margin from Bart Newijn), and new player, Leigh Gammons, won the Red Noses (after a draw with visitor Nicolai). Each of these winners belonged to the appropriately named 'Aces' team, who went into the doubles competition with a clear lead, and ended up winning overall with 74 points. The 'Beckers', with 50 points, took second place.

The competition finished at 1pm, with ice creams for everyone. A big thank you to all the parents who have tirelessly umpired at the monthly competitions throughout the year, and suffered the early morning start. The next events is on 5th January at 0800. The 5th January is also the closing date for Club Championship entries. The categories are Under 16 singles (boys and girls), Under 16 doubles (mixed or single sex), 11 and under singles (boys and girls), 11 and under doubles (mixed or single sex). The cut-off date for age is the 1st January. (So if you turn 12 after this date you are still eligible for the 11 and under section if you wish).

Shelagh Weekes

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - January

Sunday



Opening Times

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**

Monday



Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton **Gaynor de Wit 237-4031**
Cricket **Peter Young 679-7644**
Golf **Geoff Lamb 326-0381**
Rugby **Joe Grunwell 262-0220**
Squash **David Turner 279-1234**
Soccer **Peter Rodgers 240-0678**
Tennis **James Young 714-9040**

Tuesday



Venues

Soi 15 **NIST grounds**
Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police Station**

Golf - As advertised

Wednesday



1

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

Thursday



2

6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**

Friday



3

9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**

Saturday



4

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

5

7.30 am **Golf - President**
11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In-Soi Nares**
24-6pm **Tennis Tournament**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

6

8am **BWG Mahjong**
2pm **Aerobics**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

7.30 pm New Members Night

7

7am **Ladies Golf**
2.30pm **Ladies Squash**
7-9pm **Soccer Training**
8-10 pm **Badminton - Soi 22**
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

8

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

9

6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
8-10 pm **Badminton - Soi 22**

10

9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**

11

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

Children's Sports Activities

Tennis Coaching
Swimming Coaching

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning
Saturday Morning

Don't Forget !!

To get out and about while
we have the good weather!

12

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares**
11.42 am **Golf - Royal**
3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

13

8am **BWG Mahjong**
2pm **Aerobics**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

14

7am **Ladies Golf**
2.30pm **Ladies Squash**
7-9pm **Soccer Training**
8-10 pm **Badminton - Soi 22**
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

15

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

16

6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
8-10 pm **Badminton - Soi 22**

17

9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**

18

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

19

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares**
3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

20

8am **BWG Mahjong**
2pm **Aerobics**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

21

7am **Ladies Golf**
2.30pm **Ladies Squash**
7-9pm **Soccer Training**
8-10 pm **Badminton - Soi 22**
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

22

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

23

6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
8-10 pm **Badminton - Soi 22**

24

9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**

25

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

26

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares**
11.30 am **Golf - Kiarti Thani**
3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

27

8am **BWG Mahjong**
2pm **Aerobics**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

28

7am **Ladies Golf**
2.30pm **Ladies Squash**
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6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

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6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
8-10 pm **Badminton - Soi 22**

31

9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**

Sports - Contact the following:

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

Ploenchit Fair

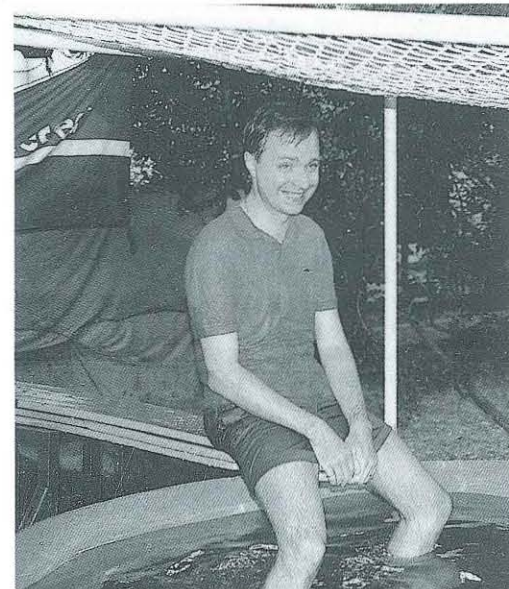
Ploenchit Fun!

November's Ploenchit Fair was another great success as thousands of people streamed through the gates of the British Embassy for a day of fun and games, beer and champagne, rides and stall games, prizes and near-misses. All the profits of this overwhelmingly popular event go to Thai charities, so people can let their hair down for a good cause! Many thanks to the new Ambassador, Sir James Hodge, for allowing us to continue using the beautiful grounds of Residence, and to all those who slaved in the heat running stalls.

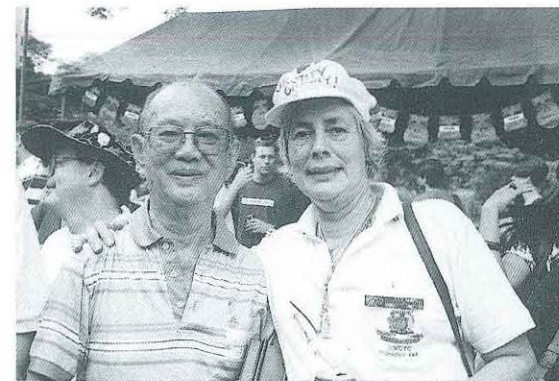
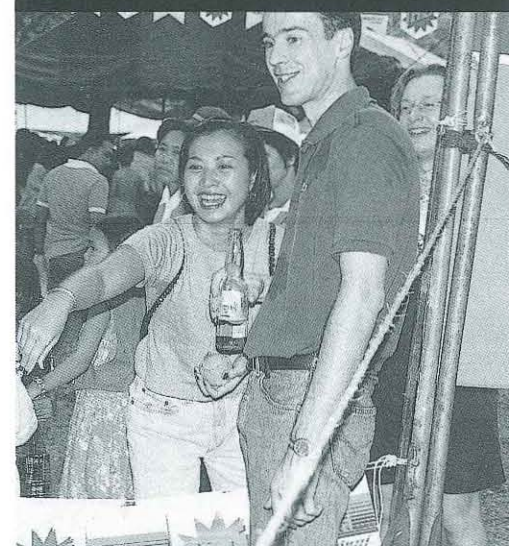
Gaynor de Wit



From left to right: Eric Jelinek, (British Airways), Phyl Xumsai (Executive Director, British Chamber of Commerce), Lady Frances Hodge, winner Mrs Lena Patterson and Carolyn Tarrant (Chairperson, UKCTC).



The look of the condemned!



Loy Krathong Evening

Sukhothai Comes to Surawong

At the Loy Krathong festival at the end of November was a fabulous display of Thai dancing and sword fighting on the back lawn, with the large troupe dressed in spectacular outfits moving gracefully to the music from the traditional band. It is the only night of the year in which the Club staff dress up in northern costume and beautiful they looked as they joined the main procession. After a Thai buffet with some northern specialties,

there was a competition for the most authentically dressed child and lady, with a special prize given to Barry Crawford for his regal turnout! The evening ended with the gentle bobbing of lights as krathongs were floated on the swimming pool. A serene ceremony and an enchanting evening for all those present.

Gaynor de Wit



Children's Christmas Show

Flibberty's Fan Club

Early December saw four nights of the children's show 'Flibberty and the Penguin' by the Bangkok Community Theatre staged on the back lawn of the Club. TV crews joined the crowds watching the story of one boy's attempts to find a baby penguin's lost parents. Not a pantomime *per se* but a highly entertaining show with a fair amount of audience participation, and certainly most of the kids were on the edge of their seats as the

dastardly Krafty Kingfisher tried to avenge the theft of his dinner, as were some of the adults! Minor technical hitches with the sound system made way for some great individual performances by the leading players, beautiful costumes and great entertainment all round by a cast of young and old.

Gaynor de Wit



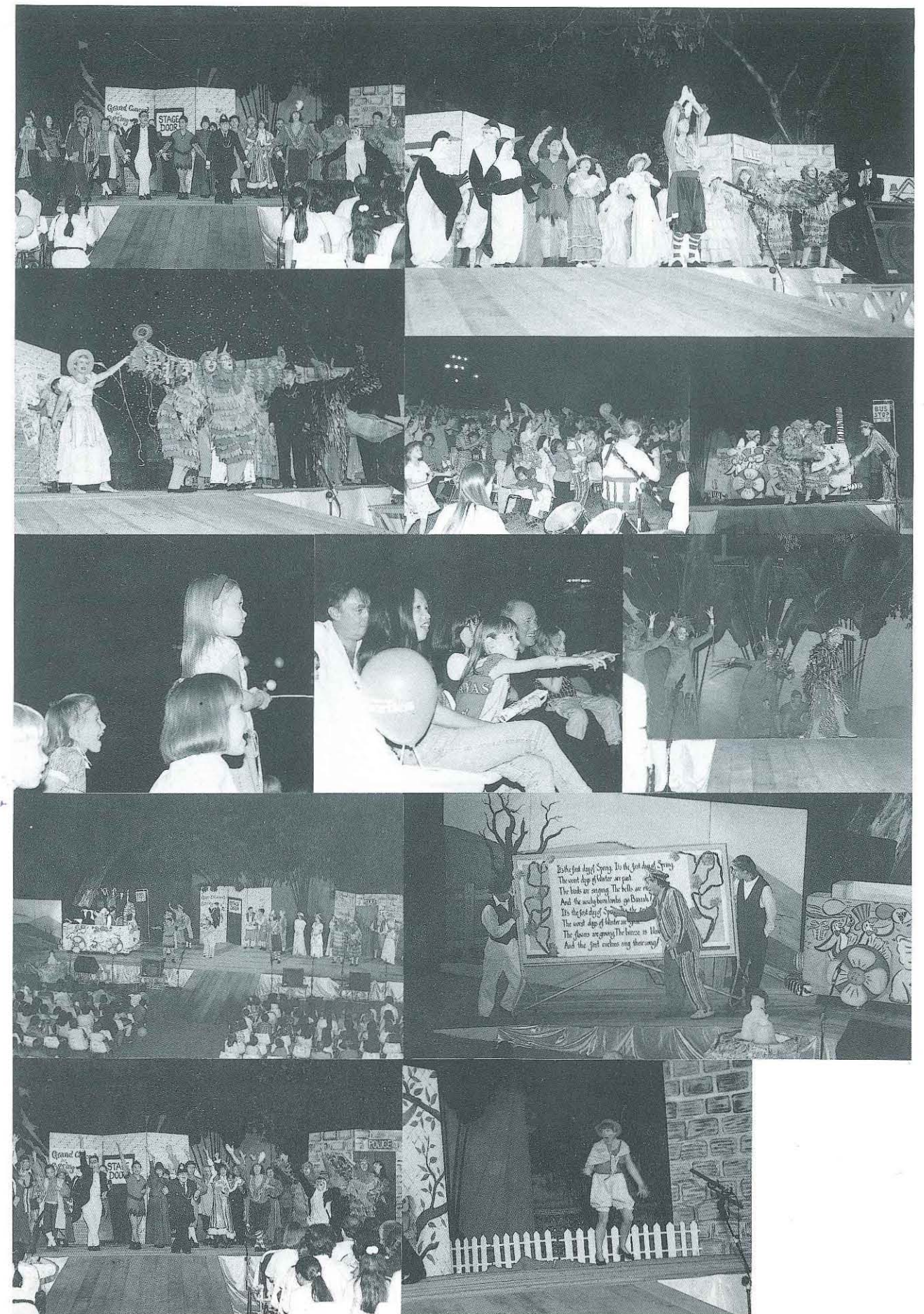
Krafty sitting on the job

Pure Vaudeville!

Junior Macarena!

Making like a flower

Producer Louise joins the cast on the last night



Christmas Ball

Macarena Magic!

Definitely the highlight of the Christmas Ball was the amazing group rendition of the Macarena which we were twice blessed with during this fabulous evening under the stars! As in '95, people were soon popping, tooting, blaring and rattling away on the toys found in the bags of goodies at their seats, which seems to set the mood for the evening, and the weather helped with not a trace of rain all night. A marvellous turnout of over 500 were treated to cocktails on the front lawn followed by an

excellent Xmas dinner by the Holiday Inn, free beer courtesy of **Carlsberg** and free soft drinks courtesy of **Pepsi** and **Green Spot**. The Asian Band were back with a range of singers and the DJ kept the crowd hopping in between sets (and doing the Macarena). And there were still several takers for the curry breakfast at 3am!

Gaynor de Wit



Lady Frances and Ambassador Hodge (1st left, 3rd right) enjoying pre-dinner drinks



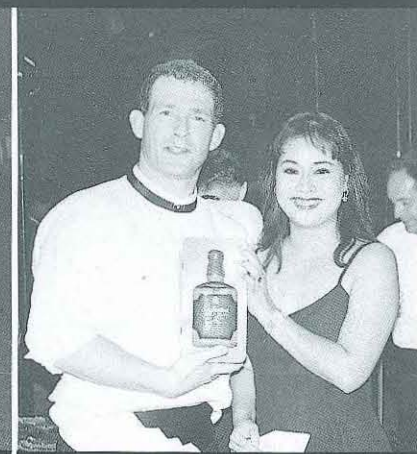
Tom displaying the evidence (black bras)



I won!



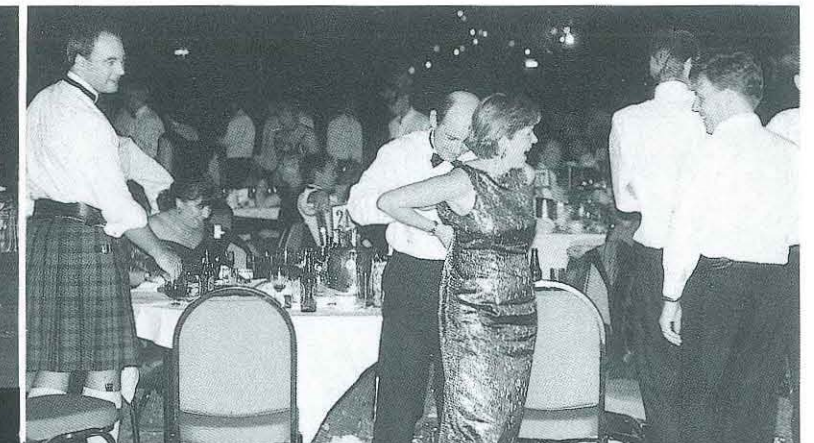
The kilt which magically turned into trews



First prize winner of the Gold Seal

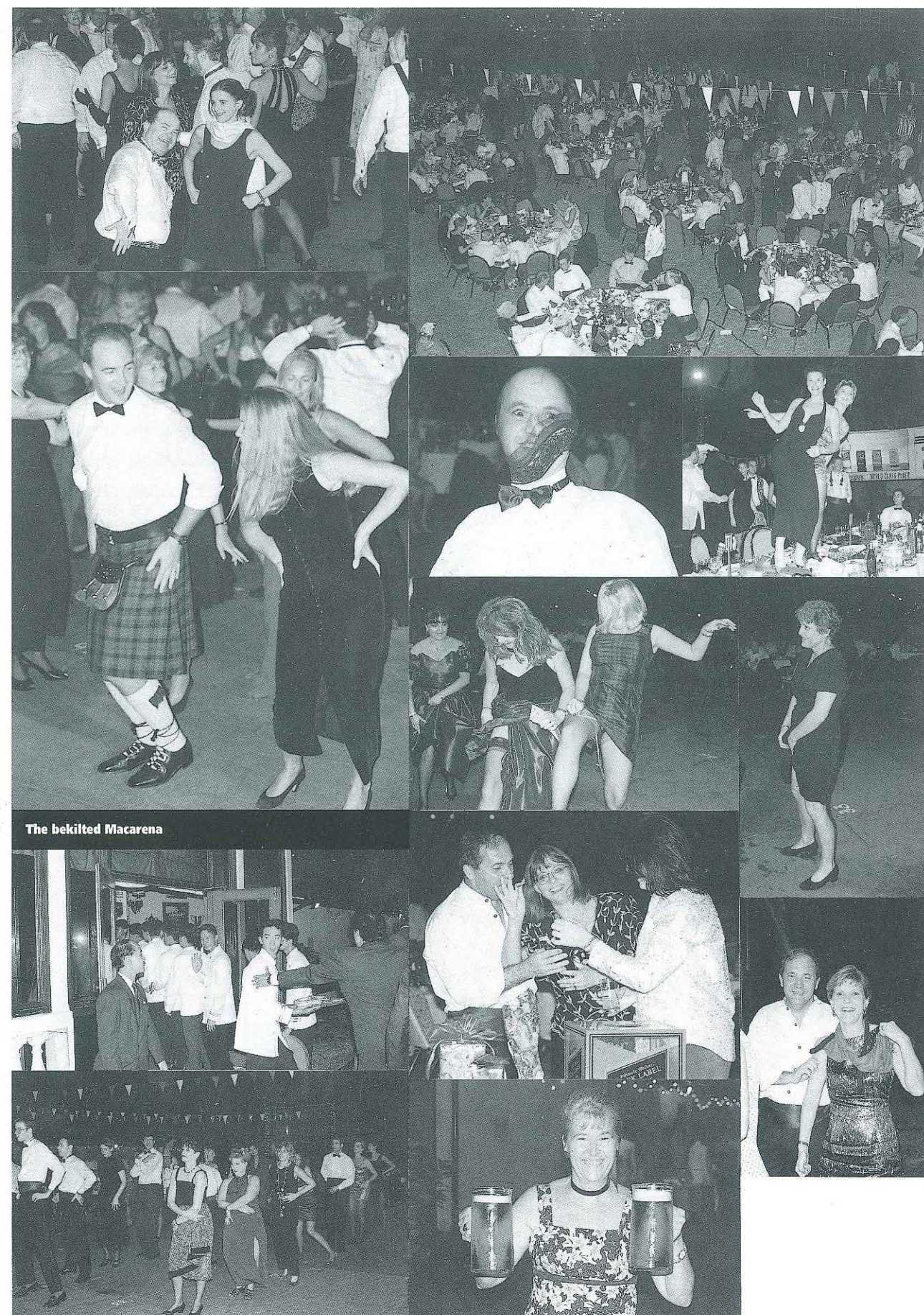
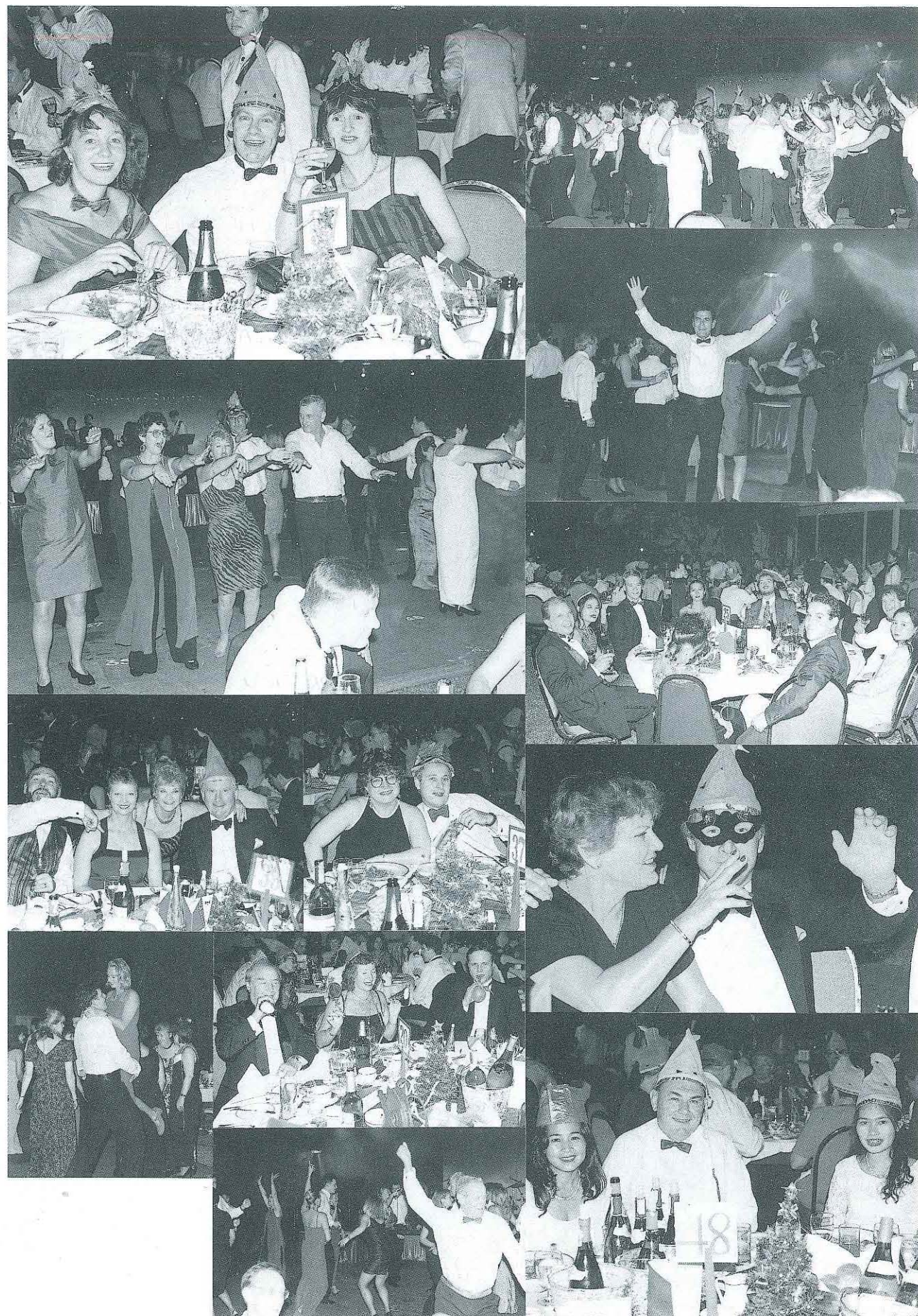


Married 50 years that day!



Some people would do ANYTHING for a spot prize!





The bekilted Macarena

Crossword

That's Show Biz!



Clues

Across

- 1 How and where it went (4,3,4)
- 7 John Osborne was one of these young men
- 8 Bob 18 Across was a Great one in one of his old movies
- 9 Star of old films - Alan _____
- 10 ... and another - Gene _____
- 11 If the show folds, it's a _____
- 12 A movie was East of here
- 14 One of these finished off Cleo
- 16 Was Gershwin in the right one when he wrote this?
- 18 See 8 Across... and be optimistic!
- 20 They won a Eurovision Song Contest
- 21 Eight musicians - or a piece for them
- 22 First Murderer
- 23 Perry Mason's secretary was Miss _____ Street
- 24 George Burns' famous prop
- 25 Shakespeare pleases you (2,3,4,2)

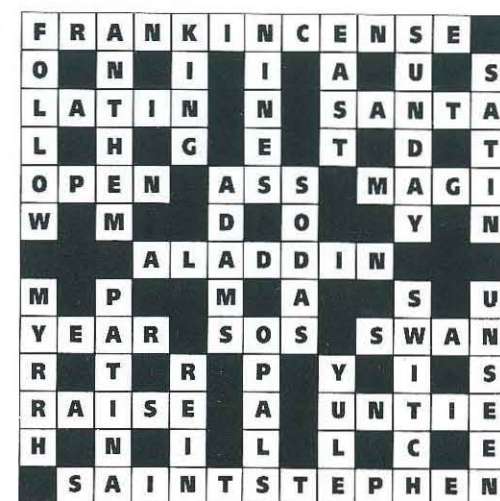
Down

- 1 Actress Shelley
- 2 They were Mutant
- 3 Star of old British films - Leslie _____
- 4 London's Call of the _____
- 5 He wrote 'Perchance to Dream'
- 6 One will keep the camera steady
- 12 Actors are said to have a large one!
- 13 Bette Davies knew all about her
- 14 Heroine in Private Lives
- 15 One of the kids in Bedrock!
- 16 One flown by those Magnificent Men
- 17 Ham actors do
- 19 Richard Gere's new film "_____ Fear"
- 22 In "Julius Caesar," he was a friend of Brutus

Tip the hat and flip the cane and get stuck into this entertainment puzzler courtesy of Margaret Miller!

Congratulations to Sarah Henton who, with "a little help", succeeded in getting the first correctly completed crossword to me early in December. Brenton Mauriello, you were so close - first to fax but with a clue wrong! A bottle of wine shall hopefully have winged its way to Sarah before Christmas, although whether her parents would allow her to drink the whole bottle without their help remains to be seen

December's Solution



Meet the New British Ambassador

H.E. Sir James Hodge KCVO CMG

The British Ambassador to Thailand automatically becomes an Honorary Member of the Club and is not required to turn up to New Members Night. However, the new Ambassador has kindly agreed to write a few words to introduce himself and his family.

Frances and I are delighted to be in Thailand. We were honoured to be asked to become honorary members of The British Club and we look forward to using the facilities and, especially, to meeting members during our time here.

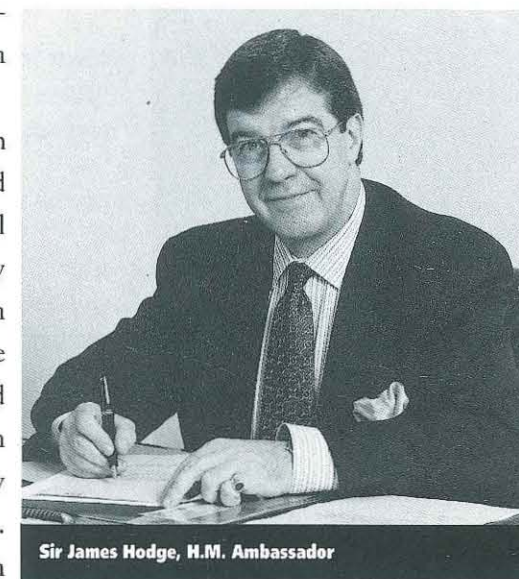
I was born in Edinburgh and educated there. After university, where I specialised in Mediaeval Studies, particularly Old Norse, I joined the Foreign Office in 1966. A year later I went to Tokyo where I had two years of Japanese language training and then worked as the Embassy's press officer. Back in London I headed the Economic Section in our United Nations Department before going overseas again, to Lagos where I ran the Aid Section in the High Commission before spending two years in Chancery studying the Nigerian political scene. Another spell in London, working in the Personnel Department and it was back to Tokyo. A year doing economic work (largely concerned with attracting Japanese investment to the UK) was followed by four years as Commercial Counsellor, helping to promote the interests of British companies in the demanding Japanese market. We then went to Copenhagen where I was Deputy Head of Mission, responsible for coordinat-

ing the work of the Embassy. Four years as Head of Security Department in London were followed by a year at the Royal College of Defence Studies. I then went to Peking as Minister, no. 2 in the Embassy, where we stayed until moving to Thailand in September.

Frances is from Liverpool and went to school and university there. We met in London where she was teaching and were married in Tokyo during my first posting there. Frances is a keen

tennis player and hopes to get involved in tennis section activities at the Club, while I play only a little tennis but hope to take up golf here; my hobby is watching cricket and I am a member of Middlesex Cricket Club. We have three daughters; Cathy (23), graduated from University College London in 1995 and now working in London for a magazine publishing company, Fiona (21), in her third year at Edinburgh University studying economics and statistics and Claire (17), in her last year at boarding school in England and facing A levels this summer. We hope that they will spend holidays with us in Thailand.

Sir James Hodge



Recipe

Leafy Green Calzoni

This recipe is one from the popular Italian food promotion held in Lords at the end of last year, the 'Calzoncelli', or 'leafy green calzoni'. Calzoni is like a pizza dough turnover and can be stuffed with all sorts; the recipe serving four people follows:

Ingredients

1 quantity of traditional proved pizza dough*

1 beaten egg, to glaze

tomato slices & marjoram sprigs, to garnish

Filling:

500g (1lb) cabbage or spring greens

3 tbsps olive oil

2 onions, chopped

440g (14oz) canned tomatoes, drained

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1/2 tspn dried oregano

salt and pepper

Method

1. Trim and discard hard stalks from cabbage or spring greens. Wash well and cook in a large saucepan (with just the water that clings to the leaves) for 10-15 minutes until tender. Drain well and chop finely.

2. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a saucepan; add the chopped onions and cook until soft.

3. Chop tomatoes and add to pan with the garlic and oregano and add salt and pepper to taste. Cook for 20 minutes until thick.

4. Grease 2 baking sheets. Knock back the risen dough and knead briefly. Divide dough into 2 equal pieces; roll out on a lightly floured surface to circles of 25cm (10") in diameter. Lightly brush with remaining oil.

5. Mix tomato mixture with the cooked greens. Divide between the 2 pieces of dough, confining mixture to one half of each circle.

6. Dampen edges of dough with water and fold over to cover filling, then seal well by pressing with a fork. Place on baking sheets, brush with beaten egg and make 2 or 3 air holes with a sharp knife.

7. Bake for 20 minutes until golden. Cut in half and serve hot, garnished with tomato and marjoram as required.

* Note that this step may be easily eliminated by ordering your dough from the British Club! (Nothing like a good plug! - G)

Committees!

Here's a nice New Year thought for all the committee buffs in the Club (not just the General Committee). This poem was drummed into us by our English master at school, one Hector McIvor. Needless to say, he disliked committees!

A committee of one will get things done
A committee of two will do
A committee of three will wait and see
A committee of four will talk for evermore
A committee of five will skive
A committee of six will not mix
A committee of seven is the opposite of heaven
A committee of eight will wait and deliberate
A committee of nine is a waste of time
A committee of ten - well, amen!

Ron Thomson

From the Chairman

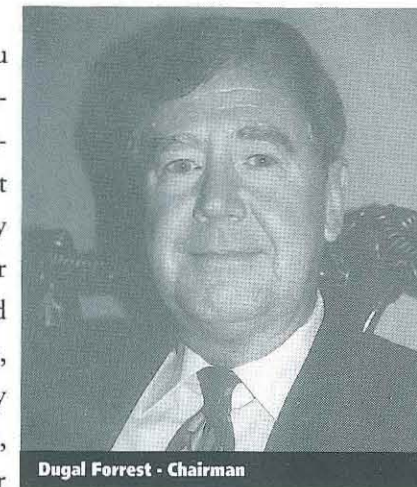
Well, that's it for another year. The old year is already receding into history whilst the new year rises ahead of us with all its hidden secrets to reveal.

For the General Committee this holds as true as for anyone else, particularly this year since, I am very sorry to announce, Des Keane, our Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, has decided he can no longer remain with us. During his time in office, Des has done some sterling work both for the General Committee as well as for the membership at large. He has kept the Club accounts in very sound form and has always maintained a close control over expenditure with the result that the Club's finances have rarely been in better shape. Furthermore, he was responsible for setting up the "Policies and Procedures" manual which now offers incoming new committee members a complete bible on how the Club is operated; something which in years gone by was, surprisingly, totally lacking. Thank you, Des, from all of us and our best wishes go with you in your new jet-setting ventures. We are now searching for a replacement for

Des to take over the Treasurer's responsibilities as from the beginning of this year. Anyone interested?

I sincerely hope that you all enjoyed the festive season and that the Club managed to contribute to that enjoyment. It has certainly been a very busy time for the Club and I feel it would be appropriate here to say, on behalf of all of us, a very big thank you to Tom, Barry and all the staff for their magnificent efforts. Very well done, we salute you all.

Finally, may I wish everyone a successful, happy and healthy 1997 and may the Club continue to make a significant contribution to your time here.



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

**Dugal Forrest
Chairman**

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Barry Osborne Operations Manager



**Tom
Bain**



**Barry
Osborne**

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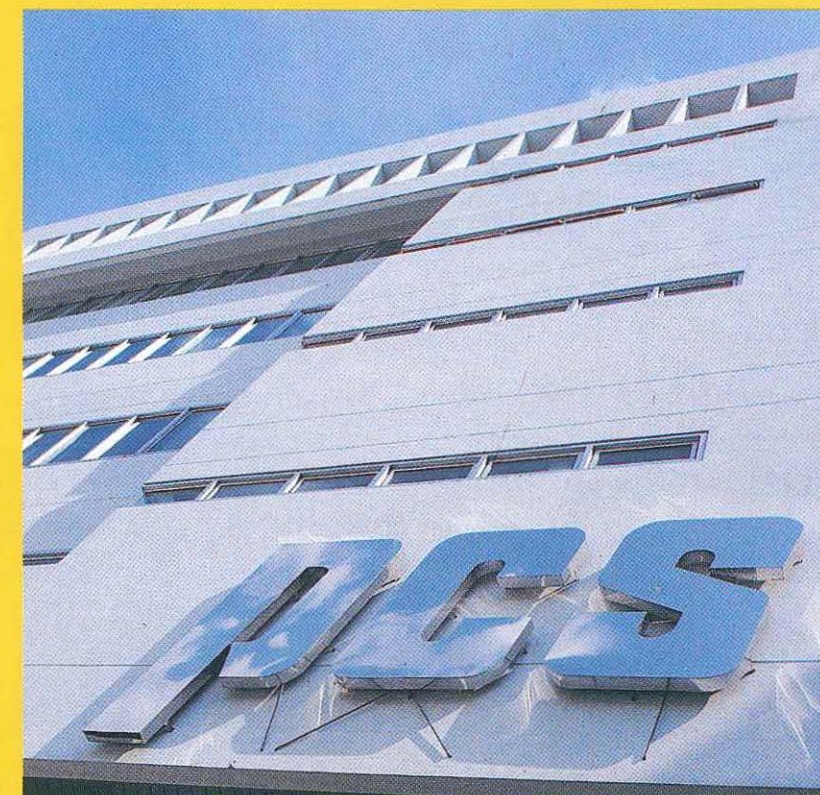
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