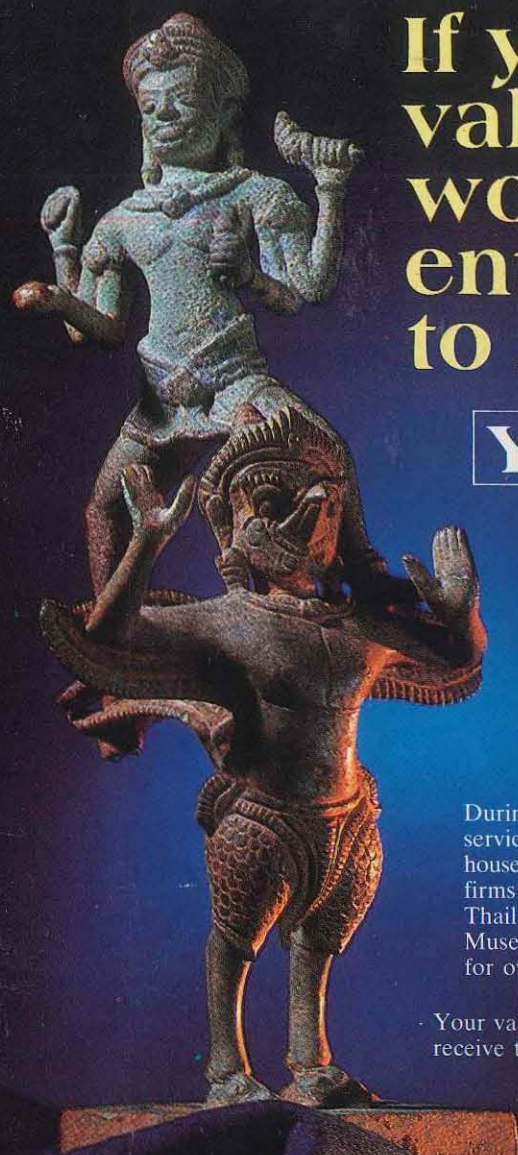


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DIARY

FEBRUARY

Wed 1	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 2	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BCT Club Night : Community Services, Soi 33</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 7.30 p.m.
Sat 4	Intersection Sports Day Family Video	6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 5	Cricket : Colts practice at RBSC Buffet Supper	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 6	Beginner's Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis New Members' Night/Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room St. David's Social Darts. British Embassy Social Club	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Tue 7	Ladies' Golf Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 8	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 9	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>Bambi Meeting at the BC</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 9.00 a.m.
Fri 10	Golf Section AGM – Silom Sala	7.00 p.m.
Sat 11	Neilson Hays Library Children's Hour. Kasem Magic Show Christ Church Bazaar and Fete Family Video	10.00 a.m.-11.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. 6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 12	Cricket : 45 Overs v SCB at Polo Buffet Supper	10.30 a.m. From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 13	Beginner's Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 14	Ladies' Golf Monthly Lecture – National Museum Auditorium – The Ramakien in Thai Culture – Dacre S.A. Raikes Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 15	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.

Thu 16	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BWG Lunch</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 11.30 a.m.
Sat 18	Cricket : TCL Clubs 6-a-side RBSC/Polo Family Video Int. Soc. Golf Hua Hin	6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 19	Cricket : TCL Clubs 6-a-side RBSC/Polo Buffet Supper Int. Soc. Golf Hua Hin	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 20	Beginner's Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room Int. Soc. Golf Hua Hin	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 21	Ladies' Golf Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 22	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 23	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday
Sat 25	Family Video	6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 26	Buffet Supper	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 27	Beginner's Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 28	Ladies' Golf Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.

Note: Non Club events in italics

For further information, see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers.

N.B. March 3rd St David's Ball Siam Intercontinental 7.00 p.m.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank Mr. David Williamson for his services to the Club over the last four years and wish him well in his future endeavours.

A Committee View

IN the March 1987 Club Annual Report the Chairman expressed the need for a long term development strategy and reported that the possibility of a joint new development with Bangkok Patana School was being considered. At the March 1988 AGM, however, Members were informed that the school had decided to proceed with the purchase of a site on Sukhumvit Soi 105, the size of which precluded the development of shared facilities with the Club.

During this period Bangkok was developing rapidly in all directions and it was, and still is, very unclear which direction would best suit any future location for Club facilities. Although possible development with the school had been attractive, the Committee believed that the Club's current central location was still viable for the foreseeable future provided that its services and facilities were maintained and improved to match increasing competition from other Bangkok Clubs, hotel sports complexes, health centres, condominiums and the like. It was the Committee view that the relative value of the current site was unlikely to fall in comparison with out-of-centre locations (especially with the new expressway soon to provide nearby access) and that concentrating on short-term viability would not rule out the possibility of a move (or part move) at a later date when the ultimate development pattern of the city was more apparent.

Members were informed at the AGM that the Committee would place emphasis on revenue generating projects to underpin the financial security of the Club. New facilities under consideration included an accommodation block, a health centre, and a family room, as well as improvements in the Club House including an extension of the Churchill Bar and converting the Silom Room into an air-conditioned, medium size function room. Priority however had to be given to any essential repairs indicated by the recently commissioned structural survey of the Club House.

For the record, discussions with Patana School dated back to an exchange of letters on 26th August 1986. The General Committee expressed its unanimous interest in a joint development and jointly financed a professional survey of one proposed site with the school in November 1986. Unfortunately this site proved unviable and the idea of a joint venture lost momentum when Coopers & Lybrand recommended against such a development in its report to the school. The concept was never dropped however and up until the day that the school chose its site an alternative location was under consideration which might have allowed the Club to lease a shared sports field. Development with the school was an attractive possibility but in reality it was always likely to be difficult legally, and in the end the school's need to make quick decisions terminated the discussion.

No actual proposition was ever formulated by either party.

To our relief, the result of the Club House Survey turned out to be much better than we thought. The building was deemed to have an indefinite life and a list of recommended essential repairs and maintenance items totalled about 2 million baht. By the time you read this the most pressing items on the list will have been done including cleaning out the roof and improving fire precautions, renewing the lightning conductors, damp-proofing the walls, renewing all gutters, building a drainage system to remove water from around the building, and then a complete repainting of the entire exterior. As recommended in the survey the Committee opted for very high job specification returning all finishes to their original condition where possible and using the best quality materials. All wood was stripped and primed, all plaster renovated and treated with fungicide, teak facing boards were renewed, and all heavy duty brass hinges and lead/tin down pipes were laboriously refurbished and refitted. Our contractors, Sawaeng & Sons, have done a magnificent job at a very reasonable cost and the Club House looks really splendid. Remaining items on the survey list include refurbishing the kitchen walls and ceilings, and engineering surveys of the electrical and air-conditioning systems. These are being attended to and are budgeted for in 1989.

The idea of an accommodation block is an old one, and in fact the then General Committee commissioned designs back in 1975. The current concept is to build an accommodation block including new facilities for the Members which will pay for themselves from room rentals. The Committee is carrying out feasibility studies and no commitments or decisions

have otherwise been made. Legal advice has already been sought on such matters as tax implications and building regulations and these do not appear to present any obstacles. An architect will shortly be appointed to produce a design with costings after which financial packages will be reviewed. If the concept looks feasible the Committee will then present its plans to the Members for consideration.

The new building as presently conceived includes 15 to 30 twin-bedded rooms built at 1st (and 2nd) floor level over new Club facilities at the far end of the back lawn where the current staff facilities and Klong are located. Club facilities being considered include a health centre and a family function room which would have access and a terrace onto the lawn (ideal for parties and for Guy Fawkes/May Day type functions as well as general use as a lounge, video, games room etc.) As presently conceived the accommodation would be available to members of reciprocal clubs, all classes of membership and guests paid for through members accounts. It would be ideal for arriving and departing families as well as businessmen bored with standard hotel fare (not to mention prices). The feasibility study will of course take into account the additional operating costs of the scheme and in the short term the project would have to be self-financing. In the longer-term it would be a revenue earning scheme enabling further expenditures which might include field sport facilities.

The provision of field sport facilities is of course an unrelated issue since the accommodation development is planned to be self-financing. Although field sports are popular in the Club and in fact about half the General Committee are enthusiastic playing members, unfortu-

nately the cost of buying or leasing the necessary land, and then developing and maintaining sports facilities on it would be an expensive proposition, even if a site far from the city centre was chosen. In reality no more than 10 per cent of current Members play field sports and the scope for sub-letting or alternative uses would be restricted according to the standard and availability of ancillary changing and social facilities, and the convenience of its location. The Committee is open to practical suggestions as to how the necessary finances might be raised and would encourage interested Sections to get together to formulate proposals. However, it is the current

Committee's view that it would be detrimental to both the general ambience of the Club and to the value of the site (not to mention the feelings of the Tennis Section) to allow building on the two bottom tennis courts which are located on the only part of the property with street frontage, whether leased or sold. The very same proposal had minimal support and faced considerable opposition when muted at the Club EGM in 1986.

As always the Committee would welcome any views the Members have on the future of the Club, and Members will have the usual opportunity to raise items of interest at the Annual General Meeting on 21st March.

DEWI'S DOINGS

'BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA' From the St. David's Society.

First, a date to put in all those brand new diaries which you have all recently acquired:

St. David's Annual Ball

Friday, March 3rd at the Siam Inter-Continental Hotel

Once again our guests by popular demand will be those Male Voices from Hong Kong. They cannot wait to come back to Bangkok. Dancing to 'The Dreams' 'til 3 a.m. of course as well.

Tickets at Bht. 850 can be obtained from Ann Wood on 391-6000 Ext. 24.

We started our social season in early December with a barbecue supper held in the Embassy Social Club. A most enjoyable evening with excellent food and entertainment. We were pleased to receive the Chieftain and Vice-Chieftain of the St. Andrew's Society and were impressed with their speed of recovery so soon after their Ball.

Our golf team is in strict training for the forthcoming inter-Society tournament. Our captain, Mike Mayhew is faced with a selection dilemma - are there enough players? Undaunted, he promises regular practice sessions, a special diet and fitness programmes to make sure we are at peak performance. Our main hope is that Ian Woosnam will be available for the weekend.

Club Management



The General Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Keith Bell as Manager of the British Club. Mr. Bell, 42 is married to Wantanee and the proud father of young Nina who is just about to go to school for the first time. Keith who hails from Stokesley in North Yorkshire brings with him to the Club a wealth of experience having trained initially as a Chef later becoming a restaurant manager and catering instructor. In 1979 he joined Grand Metropolitan International Services and undertook various working assignments in the Middle East including a six year stint as Support Services Manager for a 4,500 man housing complex in Abu Dhabi before being appointed General Manager of the Singapore Polo Club in 1985. More recently Mr. Bell has been Manager of the Sigma Resort complex in Pattaya. He is a very keen sportsman playing squash, tennis, rugby, etc. He describes himself as an out and about manager and believes a club should be a place which is fun to be in and where members can say they truly belong. He has lots of ideas to keep the mums, dads and kiddies happy. Welcome on board Keith.

B.W. Heath
Chairman

AND NOW THERE ARE TWO

By the time you receive this edition, Kate will be on her way to the airport, heading back to the U.K. Rachel will no longer be with us, having resigned because of work commitments. I would like to thank them both very much for all the hard work that they have put into the magazine each month; it's been a grand quartet. We wish Kate, Richard and Wee William the very best of luck back in London.

That leaves Gill and myself

HELP!

Many thanks to David for all the help, support, tea, scones and good humour that he has donated to the cause over the last couple of years.

Maren

Meet the New Members



Jeremy Pollard: pouring beer for Phil Jackson. Known as Jay, he's fresh from Liverpool and is working for Dunlop. In the past Jay has worked in Korea, Hong Kong and Pakistan and other places that he was too (no surely not) to remember. He is single, plays squash and jogs in Lumpini park with Brian Heath normally half a lap behind.

Christopher and Mary Copplestone: grinning, with David Hall trying. They've come from New Zealand with their four children, 5, 4x2 and 2 years old. Chris is in the fertiliser trading business with anyone who will pay. Mary has come here to get nearer to Nepal, a place that she has ambitions to visit and trek in. They both aim to fly to the moon (and this was early in the evening!).



Michael Worrow: the one who plays footie. He's from Vancouver, Canada, 25 years old and very single! Free on Fridays. Works for Societe' General de Surveillance a world wide leader in the inspection and quality control field "wot a load of cobbles". If we had an ad section his would be "young single male looking for vivacious vixen".



Grant Upton: with Bryan, Michael and Chairman Brian. He's an Accountant at the British Embassy. Bryan Baldwin didn't realise that they had such people! Grant has been here for one year and a bit, likes women and water sports (combined?) Grant is a video fanatic and a casual football player.



James and Linda Payne: came from Michigan 1½ years ago and wish they'd found the B.C. sooner. Jim works for Amway, Linda used to be in the hotel business. They have two sprogs Kelly and Ryan and like swimming, tennis, golf and ice-cream. (Did I look that horrific?)



Rachel Dunne: Bob Coombes' niece, a sailor, boat chef, bottle washer and general factotum; went to St. Andrews iwith Vince Swift; here eating chips! And being proposed to?



Jose Catala: (foreground) hails from Barcelona, Spain, arrived here seven weeks ago. Has lived in Hanover and Argentina too. He's a production manager for the ice-cream section of Lever Bros. Jose gets a kick out of tennis, squash, swimming and multi-flavoured ice-creams. Here talking to David Kennedy.



Stu and Wendy Pryke: friends of Phil Jackson, they were here on holiday from Hong Kong. Stu is a pilot with Cathay Pacific.



Paitoon and Saipin: modelling the new uniforms.

CHRISTCHURCH BAZAAR...FÊTE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH 10am - 3pm.



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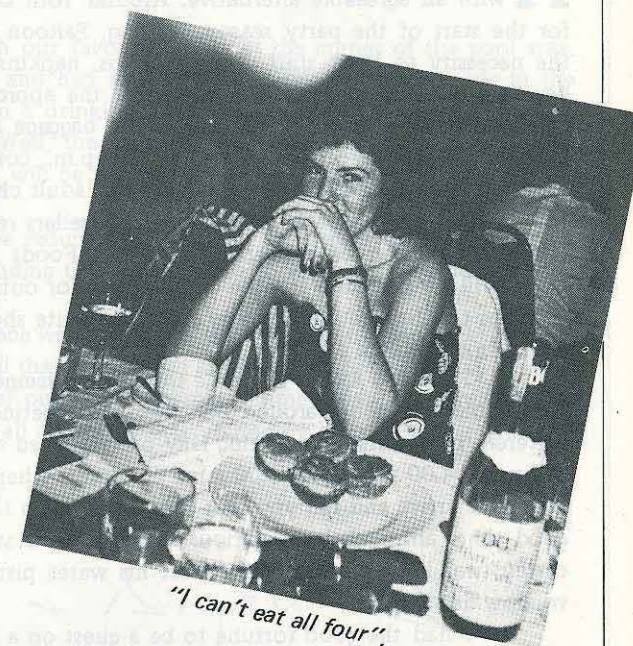
ALL PROCEEDS TO PARISH OUTREACH (GOOD WORK IN THE
COMMUNITY).

CLUB ROUNDUP

The British Club Ball



Stuart Richardson of B.A. presenting the winning ticket Bangkok-London return to the lucky winner Mrs. Hoffman.



"I can't eat all four".



Altogether now



Jenni Howard's lovely legs.



"So that's what German frauleins are like!"

Apologies for the sparse Club Roundup covering December but we were so carried away by everything else that we forgot the photography.

Maren

LEANINGS

AFTER the usual amazing round of Christmas and New Year parties I think that I have come up with an agreeable alternative. Around 18th December we should all arrive at the British Club for the start of the party season. Narong, Paitoon and Saipin will all be in situ therefore alleviating the necessity to book staff. Tables, cloths, napkins and glasses are of course in the store room and beverages can be ordered in advance for the appropriate function. Party-goers must bring sleeping bags, toiletries, changes of clothes (12kg baggage allowance per person) and Alka Selzer. Sleeping bags may be placed on sun-beds after 7.00 p.m., cots in the Wordsworth Room (babysitter provided), older children in the Surawongse Sala and adult children in various bushes around the Club. Parties will be held on the back lawn with the revellers retiring to the Bar after 12 midnight. Turkeys and mincepies etc can be delivered by Choice Foods and Christmas crackers ordered from the BWG. Buses will be provided for the Gin Bay Set for outings to Siam Park for seaside simulation and also for trips to Christchurch services and last-minute shopping. All party-goers will be required to vacate the premises on 2nd January.

I for one would welcome this since I seemed to spend the whole of Christmas week moving from house to house around Bangkok and meeting the same people sporting different outfits and different hangovers. Our Boxing Day party started at 4.00 and ended at 5.00. No, it was not a failure – I mean 4.00 p.m. until 5.00 a.m. You know when you are in for a long night when certain Bangkok bachelors arrive and tell you that they have taken the next day off as a holiday. I think we all had a good time, although I am curious to know, who ate my Pot Pourri in mistake for nibbles, when a certain well-known adult will collect his water pistol and where Barbara Spaziente learnt the art of window dressing!!

I had the good fortune to be a guest on a private yacht recently. Unfortunately, I have not met a millionaire – the owner was not on it at the time. I just happen to be friends with the ship's cook – female. We flew to Phuket and then were dinghied over to the yacht for 3 day's luxury. I was thrilled when we were told that we were sailing to the Similian Islands since I had read the report in the December OUTPOST. Not the type to scuba-dive (or even put my head under water) I cannot report on the wonders under the sea, but I certainly enjoyed life on board and the surrounding views. I was, however, very disappointed when arriving on one of the islands to find piles of rubbish left behind by visitors. Kloster bottles, polythene bags and other unsavoury objects were in full view on the beach, a sight that I have seen many times at beauty spots in Thailand. I am SURE that BCB members take their rubbish back with them to be dumped in more appropriate places.

I was pleased to witness the Fathers and Sons cricket match recently. I think it should be renamed the Lads and Lards however. The sons won the match magnificently and would have done even better if they had played after the beer and buffet.

Full marks to the person who designed the new outfits for the BCB staff. That should stop any hanky-panky or bottom pinching! Man Farang brown or Mangosteen purple is hardly flattering (even on such lovely ladies). Bring back the sarongs and bright colours please.

Bangkok is a quieter place now that the hordes of visitors have subsided. It's not that I mind Aunt Mary's cousin's friend's sister wanting a cheap trip, or even friend's colleagues delivering one jar of Branston pickle in exchange for bed, breakfast and dinner at the Seafood Market, but I wish they would check their laundry before leaving. Having lost countless items of clothing including several meagre-sized bras, I am at a loss as to what to do with a 38C cup taking up a fair portion of drawer-space. Cherokees are invited to apply to PO Box 2475!!

Pamela Rennie

LETTERS

Dear All,

The time has come for us to relinquish our favourite table at the corner of the pool area. We have spent so many happy weekends there and had such friendly service from the girls in the Silom Sala. Bryan only had to raise his hand in a drinking motion and along came a large Kloster. His favourite lunch was satay and "kow pat". Well, the only cow pat he's going to see for a while will be the inedible variety lying in a field and I will be scooping it up in a bucket to spread around my rose bushes.

Life sure will be different – I shall be reduced to watching the tennis at Wimbledon on TV instead of my favourite BC tennis team including that curly haired rock and roller who wouldn't dance a reel with me!!

We shan't know ourselves when the 'phone works properly and we walk to the village without seeing a car let alone a traffic jam. Just think of all that clean, fresh air we are going to breathe.

However, when we are sitting in front of our log fire on mid-summer's day, warmly wrapped in our thermal underwear, we will think of you all and hope that you enjoy your time at the British Club in Bangkok as much as we have.

All the very best for 1989,

Seryl & Bryan Ham

Dear Editor,

I am in complete agreement with C.R. Hasting's letter in the January edition of OUTPOST, and would like to suggest to the General Committee that a referendum be put to the Club members. The question posed should be which would be of more benefit to present and future members, an accommodation block or our own sports ground?

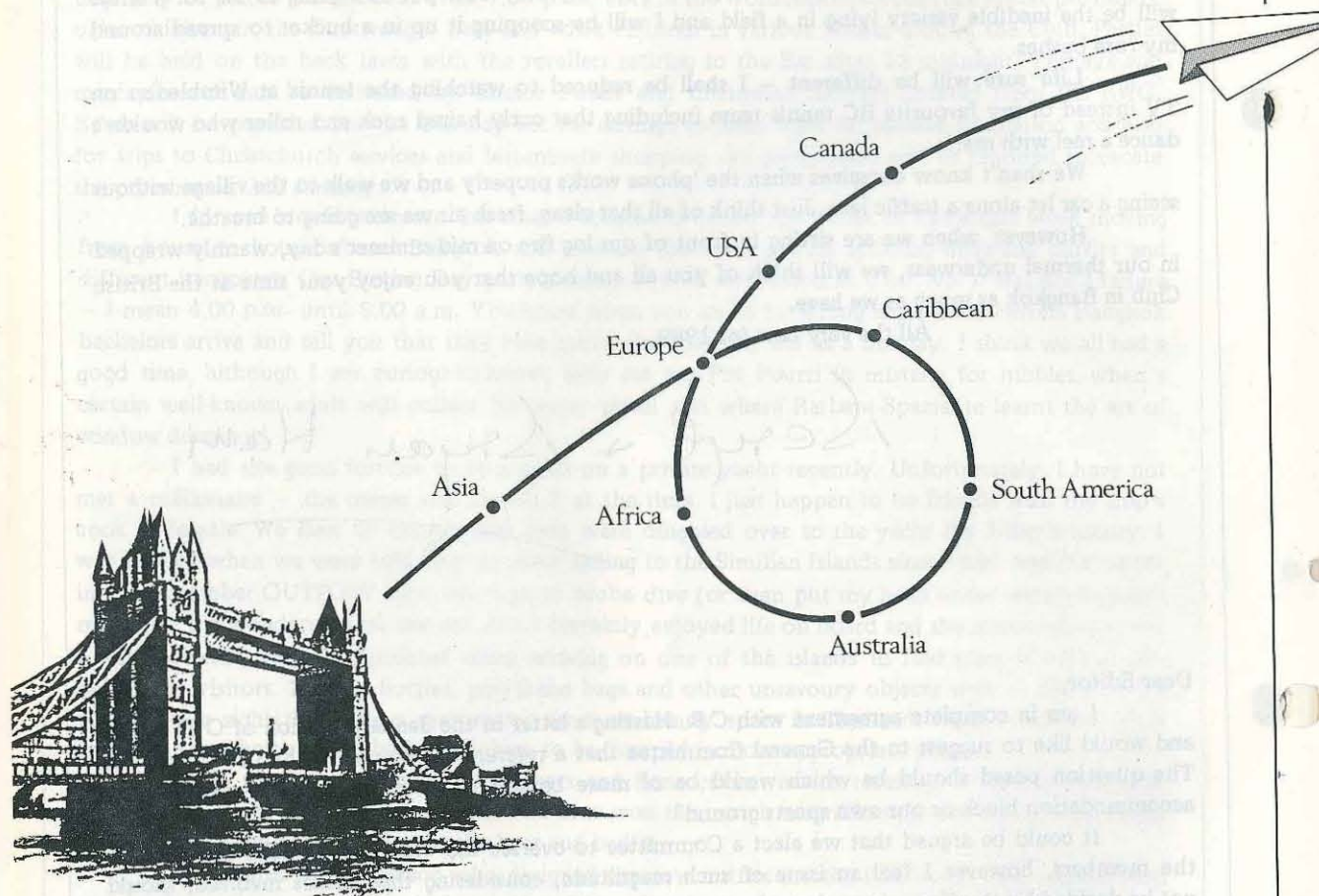
It could be argued that we elect a Committee to oversee the Club and to make decisions for the members, however I feel an issue of such magnitude, considering the monies involved, should not be decided by the Committee alone, but rather should be open to debate by the members.

I would hope that this and Mr. Hasting's letter will jolt the membership out of its normal lassitude. This concerns us all!

Apple Gidley (G59)

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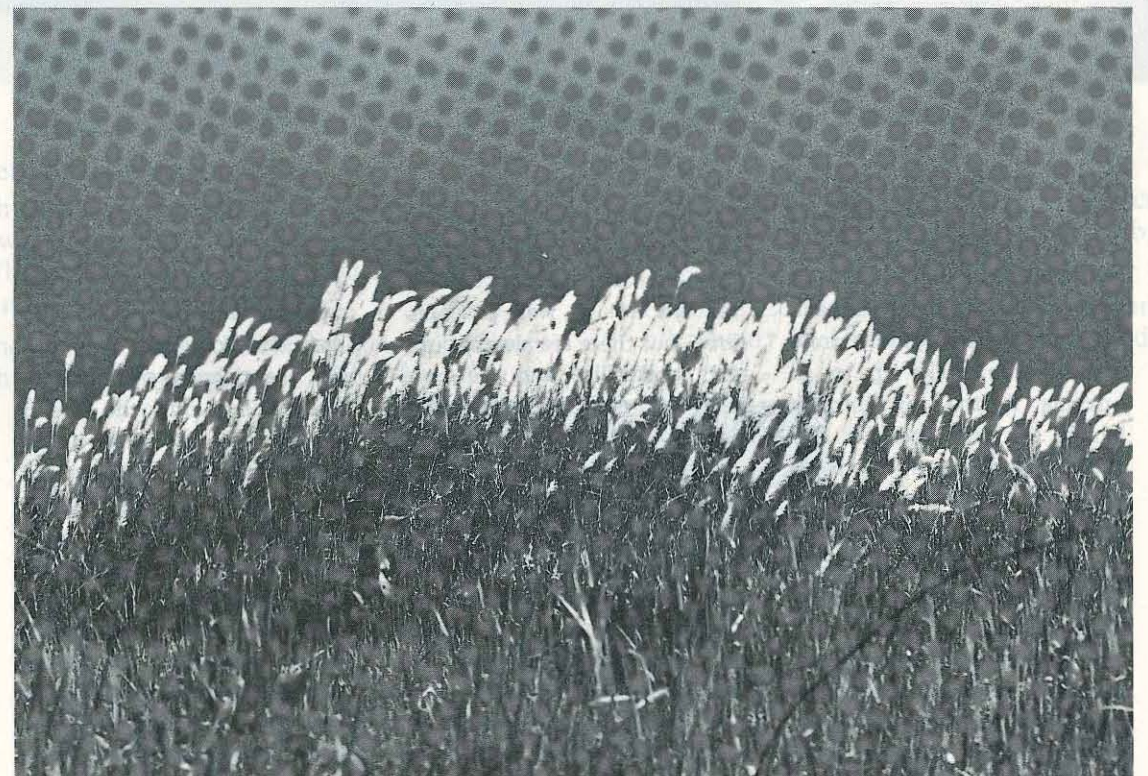
Where to go next long weekend

FOR several years after arriving in Bangkok we wondered where to go for weekends in Thailand with two young children, and without a car. We had some good times in Hua Hin and Kanchanaburi but still felt the need to find what we knew must exist somewhere, really unspoilt undeveloped 'country'.

We tried just getting off a train in a spot where we were sure that no-one had ever got off before; that was a memorable day. The only path led very quickly to a village where we were given very warm if baffled greetings and ushered indoors which turned it into quite another sort of day!

Soon after this we joined

Wildlife Fund Thailand, a very active organisation dedicated to wildlife conservation and the wise use of natural resources in Thailand. We found that they organised conservation field trips and it was excellent to bus straight through Hua Hin to the Mountains of Three Hundred Peaks, Khau Saam Roi Yod Park just



Grassland at one of Thailand's National Parks.

half an hour further south.

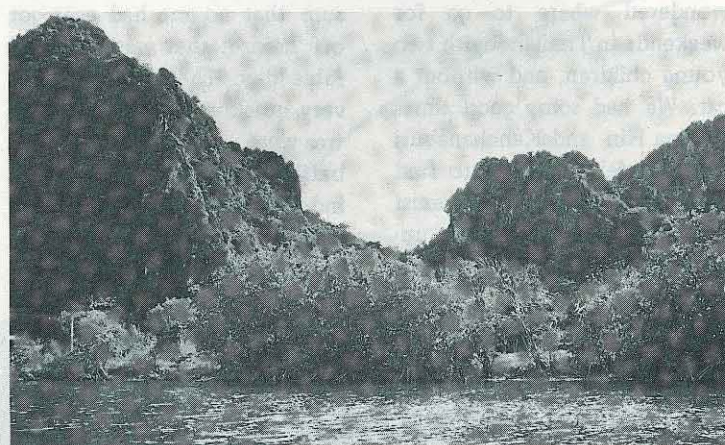
We unpacked our bags at an attractive bungalow at the Park headquarters and after lunch went off by rather exciting little boats, rather low in the water in three groups of eight or so, along the Khao Daeng canal, with limestone hills rising dramatically from the sea and coastal marsh. Our boat ran out of petrol, which added to the fun for the kids and allowed us to really take in the beauty of the place and watch dusky langurs and crab-eating macaques silently silhouetted on the clifftops before dinner on trestle tables outside after dark.

An outstanding feature of this park is its population of serow, a rather odd looking goat antelope inhabiting the rugged hills. Those with excess energy went spot lighting for serow that night and again at dawn. We went on to have a marvelous day. A fishing boat took us down the coast to an idyllic beach from where one walked up to the famous Phraya Nakhon cave, visited by King Rama 5 in 1896 and since used by King Rama 6 and also the present King. It was a staggeringly beautiful dream-like place. Tall spindly trees climbed the rocks up to an opening at the top through which the sun and the fine rain filtered down. Monkeys abounded. A fine golden sala floated on a raised mound of earth. It was a kind of magical place where one hardly dared breathe.

A good deal of research and planning must go into these WFT trips. There is no waste of time on these precious long weekends, but the atmosphere is very relaxed and friendly



Ayesha with a young hoopoe.



The three hundred peaks.

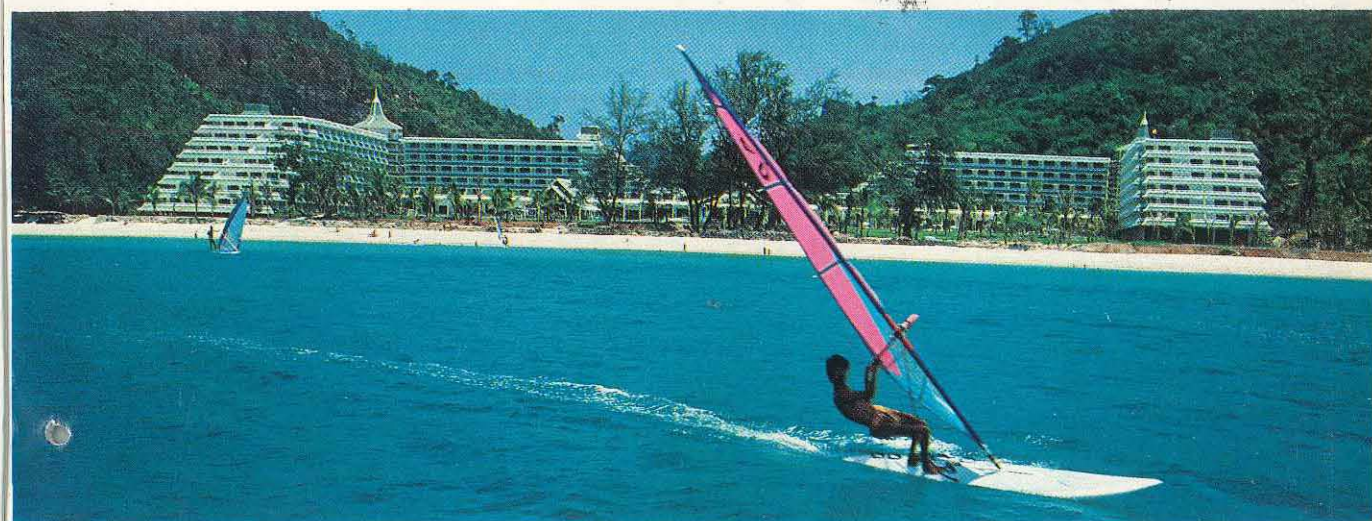
and our children, aged two and six, are always made welcome. The animals one has come to see are not so well programmed, but there are always birds and butterflies and we have seen wild elephants and nearly saw a tiger on other visits to National Parks.

Thailand is so rich in its natural endowment, although of course all her National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries are in danger of being slowly damaged and degraded by the destruction of forests, pollution and the decimation of wildlife. What still exists here is spectacular and we have felt very lucky to be able to see

so much through these WFT trips, which now occur once or twice a month. Their main objective is 'to bring both Thais and foreigners in touch with the richness of nature in Thailand; not only the forests but also the deep mysteries of the sea and the natural environment of the entire Kingdom.'

For details of the conservation field trips and membership, you may call Khun Somsak Deesawai or Khun Chutima Wongsinsanworn at WFT, 255 Soi Asoke, Sukhumvit 21, Bangkok 10110. Tel: 258-3004, 258-6000, 258-9134.

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NEW HORIZONS

The Neilson Hays Library

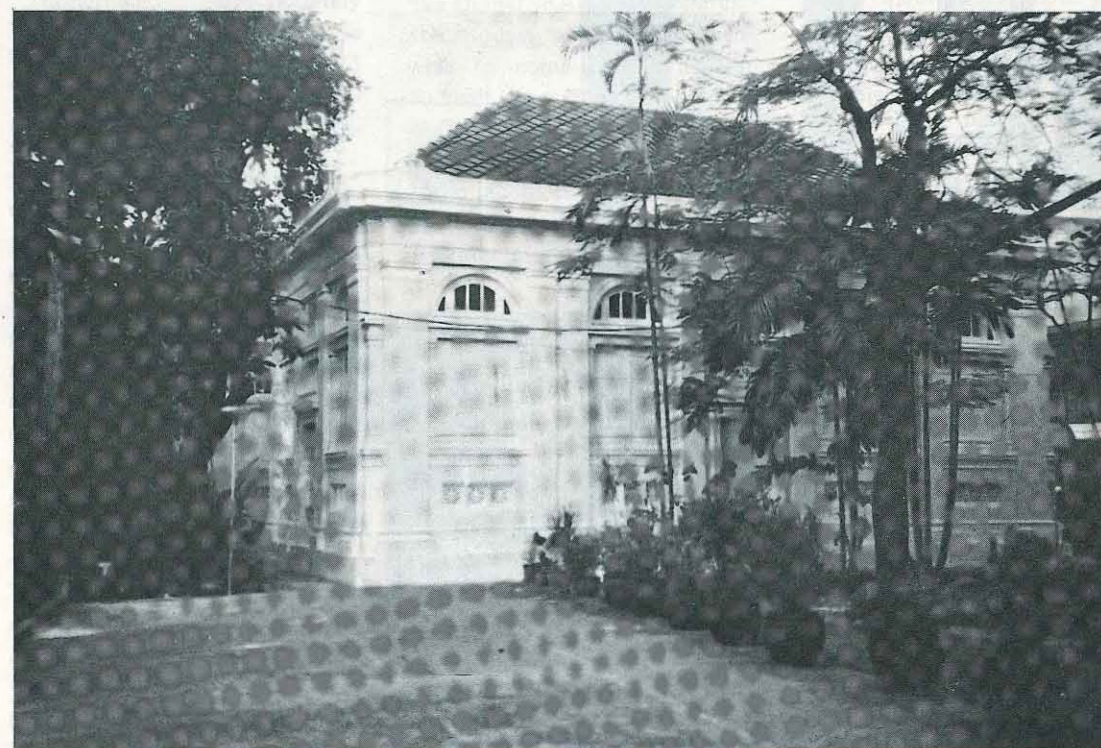
THE Neilson Hays Library, situated just a few doors down from the British Club on Suriwongse Road, has recently celebrated its tenth cycle anniversary. Although the elegant, neo-classical building was not built until 1922, the actual Library Association who made it all possible was founded in 1869.

A hundred and twenty years ago in Bangkok there existed a large foreign community engaged in trade or working as missionaries and one of the ladies' organisations raising money for charity, through

sales of work, was the Ladies' Bazaar Association. In January 1869, the ladies decided to use their money to form a library and so the Bangkok Ladies' Library Association was founded. The library was housed in the Baptist Compound and for the first four years was supported by the bazaars but was then funded by annual subscriptions of 8 ticals, 50 for life membership.

The name of the library comes from an American missionary couple who met and married in Bangkok and both worked tremendously hard for

the library. Jennie Neilson was a Protestant missionary, Danish by birth but she and her family emigrated to the United States. In 1887 she married Dr Thomas Heyward Hays, a medical missionary and Surgeon Major to the Royal Siamese Navy. The couple lived and worked at Bangrak Hospital and were kept extremely busy with the growing numbers of European patients. However they both took a keen interest in various worthy causes and Jennie Neilson Hays devoted 25 years to supporting the library. The Library Asso-



ciation blossomed and in 1904 received royal recognition from the then Crown Prince, Maha Vajiravudh who became Rama VI. He showed his appreciation of the library by donating a book he had written "The War of the Polish Succession". In 1909 the word "Ladies" was deleted from the Association's title to encourage men to join and this resulted in a significant increase in subscriptions.

The actual location of the library moved several times until it was decided a permanent building was required. In 1914 a small property on Suriwongse Road was purchased through the issue of debentures taken up by members of the Association and their friends. Sadly in 1920, Jennie Neilson Hays died and a gift from her estate left enough money to pay off the library's remaining unredeemed debentures.

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the committee comprises a British side and an American side although nationalities also include Australian, Danish and South African amongst current members. The present librarian M.R. Napachari Thongtham, affectionately known as "Khunying" has been with the library for 33 years. She advises and helps the committee in her quiet efficient manner.

The library provides a variety of interests for the expatriate in Bangkok; there

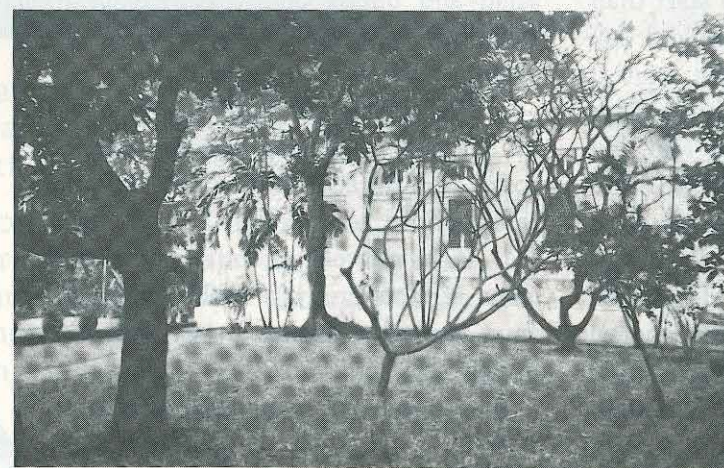
are regular children's programmes on Saturdays, arts and crafts exhibitions are held in the Rotunda Gallery providing a vital showcase for some very talented expatriate wives and in association with the annual SEAWRITE Awards, their guest speaker has been able to come to the library to meet the members.

The building was officially awarded the status of an historical landmark of Bangkok by the Association of Siamese Architects under the Royal

Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Recently, the Library Association had the honour to present its first Honorary Life Membership to Her Royal Highness.

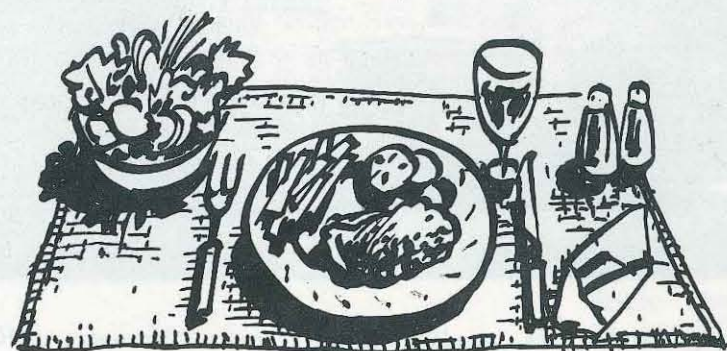
To celebrate its 120th year of foundation, the Library Association has produced a book compiled and written by Rita Ringis and Penny Visman which details the interesting history of the library. Copies of the book are free to subscribers of the library. The future of the library as an institution of worth to the Thai and foreign community and as an historic building depends on the continuing support of the subscribers and patrons. Membership is very reasonable at 750 baht per annum and is open to all nationalities, for anyone who enjoys reading in English. For more information drop into the Library and chat with the Librarians. You won't regret it.

Melanie Pomfret



SCOFFERIES

Angus Steakhouse



AFTER one year of writing "Scofferies", if the number of comments (and even one letter) represents the usual minority, then Scofferies should be continued.

The subject of the first article of 1989 may cause a few members to cry "unfair" but I am more than willing to discuss their point of view over a drink in the Churchill Bar.

This year I thought I might alternate Thai noodles with a few Western establishments and where better to start than the Angus Steakhouse (or should I say Steakhouses) for, apart from the original in Thaniya Road, there are now branches in the Night Market in Chiang Mai and in the back road in Pattaya. What originally was formulated as very much a 'fun thing' for the "Portly Partners" has, like many other simple ideas been successful. It is, therefore, very logical to expand and offer the same simple formula to a wider audience. The intention is very much to give good quality

service in a friendly and warm atmosphere.

I commend Angus to you as a restaurant of simple menu — steak, salmon and drunken chicken. The variety of steak cuts come all imported mostly from Scotland, salmon fresh weekly from Norway and local chicken. Over 90 per cent of customers choose steak which is selected from the meat trolley according to your desire for cut and size. It is then charcoal-grilled and served with salad and baked potato or french fries. You pay per gram and so you know exactly what you are getting.

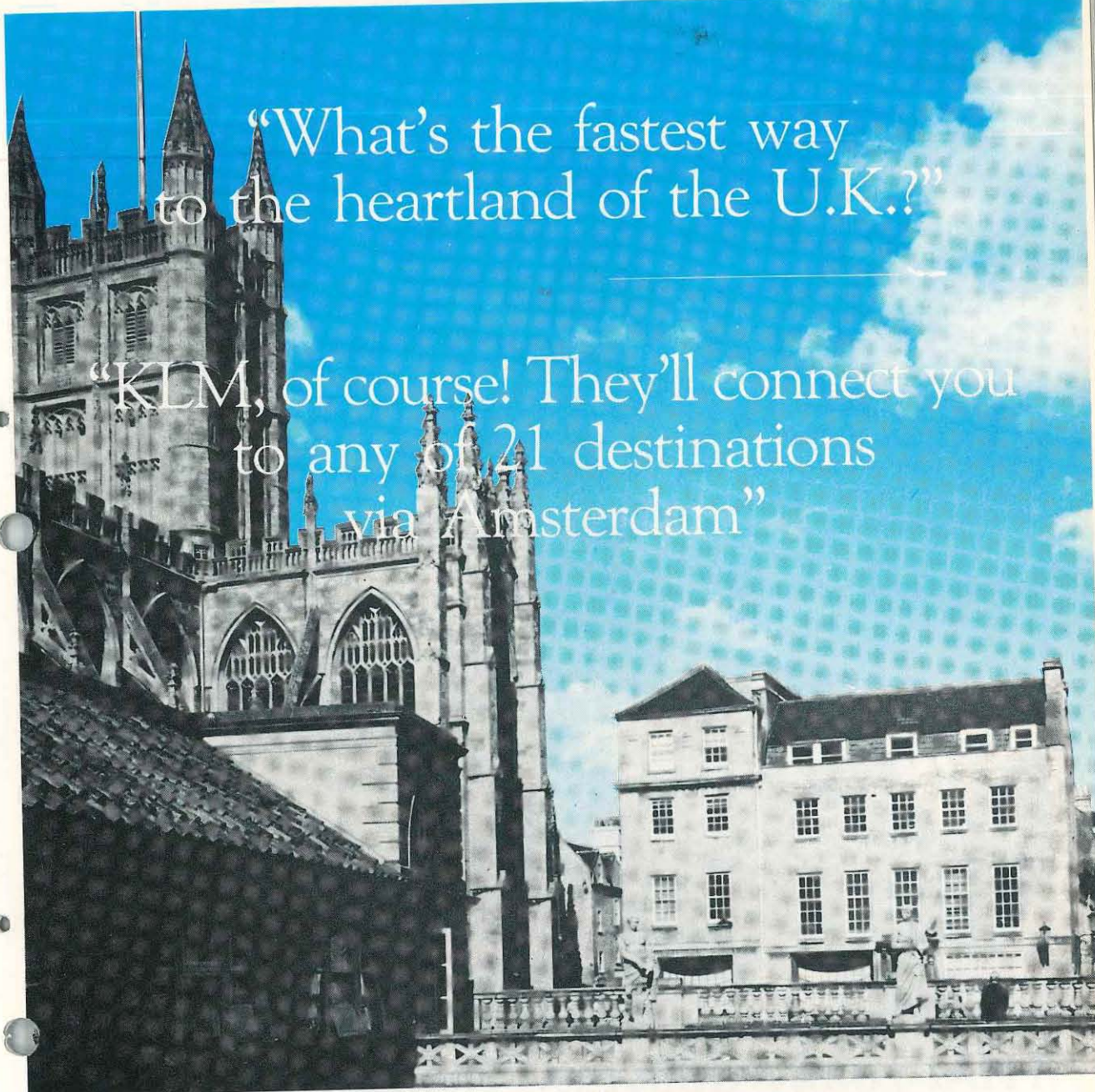
Preceding the main course, a choice of smoked or gravlax salmon, pates and soup is offered. The wines are moderately priced.

It is not cheap, but way ahead in value if you enjoy a really good steak, spud and salad washed down with a good honest red.

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PLENTY Meryl Streep. Sam Neil and Charles Dance.

A thought provoking film with its opening scene set in occupied France, World War 2. Meryl Streep and Sam Neil as British agents come together in a brief and passionate encounter. The scene then changes to the post-war era where the film charts Streeps social rise and eventual emotional disintegration with the haunting memory of Neil always lurking in the background. Meryl Streep is as superb as ever portraying a person whose psyche is forever altered by the horrors of war.

ANOTHER COUNTRY Rupert Everett.

Set in the 20's when Communism reared its head amongst Britain's youth, this story is based on Guy Burgess's latter days at public school. It shows how the seeds of discontent were sown in young men who were disillusioned with the strictures of their class, the public school system and the social mores of the time. The film does not rely on the sensationalism of gay scenes for effect and contains a lot of wonderful photography; it was shot largely in and around Oxford. The acting is excellent and whoever Rupert Everett is (apologies if he is already world famous) I'm sure that we will see a lot more of him in the future.

THE MISSOURI BREAKS Jack Nicholson and Marlon Brando.

This is a cowboy film, but don't let that put you off! Probably set in the late 1800's in Montana, this is a story of horse rustlers with Nicholson leading the gang and Brando as the regulator (law man). There are some wonderfully humorous parts and a few brutal but mercifully short episodes. Jack and Marlon are brilliant but then I'm biased, they can do no wrong in my books. This is a very good, entertaining film.

CLOCKWISE John Clees

This was made quite a while ago I believe but for any Clees fan its a must; a real giggle.

Maren



CHILDREN'S CORNER



MAGIC NUMBER CARDS

YOU NEED

- Seven pieces of card, or paper
- A pen or pencil

Make a set of cards like the ones shown in the picture. Hand someone the cards and ask them to think of any number between 1 and 90, but not to tell you.

They are then to hand you all the cards bearing the number they have chosen.

Even though the other person has not said a word you now know what number they chose.

How do you know? Well, the cards are specially designed so that all you have to do is add together the numbers at the top left corner of all the cards given back to you. Your total will be the number being thought of by your friend.

If by any chance this trick

should go wrong it is because your friend has not given you all the cards bearing his chosen number, or because he has given you cards that do not bear his chosen number, or because you have added up wrongly.

If it does go wrong for any of these reasons simply blame the spectators for not concentrating hard enough – and then try it again with someone else.

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TUMBLING TUMBLERS

YOU NEED

- Three tumblers, or cups

1. Place the three tumblers on a table. The one in the middle is the right way up, and the other two are placed mouth down.
2. Using both hands, turn over the two tumblers that are on the left.
3. Now cross your arms, pick up the tumblers at each end of the row and turn them both over.
4. Turn over the two tumblers on the left – and all the tumblers will now be mouth upwards.

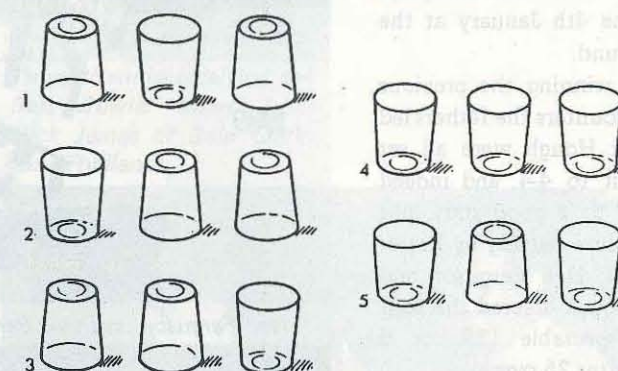
Learn these movements so

you can do them quickly and without thinking.

5. Having done this in front of your friends, you now turn the centre tumbler mouth down and challenge someone to do what you did – turn the tumblers over two at a time and after three moves have all

the tumblers standing the right way up.

No matter how well your friends watched you they will not be able to duplicate your feat – because it just cannot be done. The reason is that their starting position is different to the one you had.



ALL THE SAME

YOU NEED

- Paper and pencil
- A calculator

On a piece of paper you write the number 12345679. (Notice that the 8 is missing). You now ask someone to choose any number from one to nine. Let us assume that three is chosen.

Then you ask that person to multiply the number 12345679 by 27 (it is a good idea to have a calculator handy). Much to everyone's surprise the answer is made up only of the number she chose – in this case the answer is 333333333.

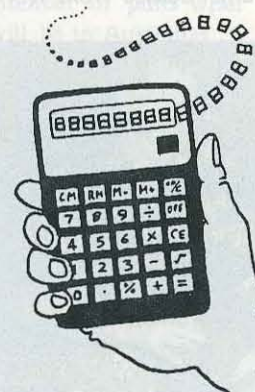
The secret lies in the number you give to multiply

the large number. Whatever number from one to nine is chosen, you multiply the chosen number by nine and that is the number you give.

So, if five is chosen you tell the person to multiply the large number by 45 (5×9) and the answer will be all 5s.

Here are the answers for the chosen numbers one to nine:

$12345679 \times 9 = 111111111$
 $12345679 \times 18 = 222222222$
 $12345679 \times 27 = 333333333$
 $12345679 \times 36 = 444444444$
 $12345679 \times 45 = 555555555$
 $12345679 \times 54 = 666666666$
 $12345679 \times 63 = 777777777$
 $12345679 \times 72 = 888888888$
 $12345679 \times 81 = 999999999$



CRICKET



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The Bashes

Sons break fathers winning streak

THE 8th annual Fathers vs Sons Ben Line Bashes Cricket Tournament was played on the 4th January at the Polo Ground.

After winning the previous three encounters the fathers led by Frank Hough were all set to take it to 4-4, and indeed were off to a good start, but then resolute batting by Fraser McDonald, Neil Ferguson and Simon Hough steered the sons to a respectable 159 for 5 wickets after 25 overs.

The sons skipper David Dance marshalled his team well and produced some fine bowling particularly by young James Rennie, and the excellent fielding restricted the Fathers to 120 after 25 overs.

Comments heard after the game

An Hough is enough for one match, Uncle Jimbo et moi (not being pretentious) are miffed that we did not win an award for the best opening partnership. Anyway I thought the handsome young man who won the best BATMAN award was great any friend of Batman is a friend of mine.... ROBIN (Mel Leddy)

Only the second game of Cricket in Thailand should have stopped after the first. Actually I enjoyed it so much - you know fielding at long leg both ends into an afternoon



Neil Ferguson receiving Ben Line Trophy for Best Batsman.



Son David Dance receiving Ben Line Bashes from Norman McDonald.



The Dunlop Trophy presented by David Lamb to his son Dale for Best Fielder (Lambie Snr was not on the trophy Selection Committee).

sun, not allowed to bowl then asked to open the batting, and withdrawn from the firing line after 10 balls! EXHAUSTED! Can't wait to carry the oranges for the Pavillionaires on Saturday Big Jim H.

Did I come to Thailand to start playing Cricket again after 10 years? That said, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I think the lad (David) may have a future in cricket - after all he did run me out Brian Dance.

Ow! Wot no cucumber sandwiches Jack (Broken Finger) Dunford.

What a day! The fathers were finally convincingly defeated by a team of eleven midgets and three umpires! Their embarrassment dwindled as the beer began to flow: It all goes to show that the team weened on Coke and Fanta will win the day. The match was enjoyed by all Why did I even bother 2 overs 10 balls faced and five hours standing in the boiling sun - who said cricket was fun All in all a great success and I look forward to next year when the boys will win again .. the fathers will be a year older and X number of pints wiser (and I will be in Australia) Tim Thanks for a great Dinner! Blackburn

THE BOYS DONE GOOD!
.... Captain Dance.

Jolly Good, the chaps played jolly well. (Actually I didn't see much of it I was too busy scoring and listening to the comments of the crowd) Scorer Hall. Many thanks to sponsors ... BEN LINE, WELCOME, BAIN CLARKSON (THAILAND), DUNLOP and to FRANK HOUGH for orga-

nizing the day.

Sons 159-5 (McDonald 26 Ferguson 37 Hough 34)

Malbari, 1-2, Rennie 1-7, Hough 1-5)

Fathers 120 (Leddy 20, Howard 23, Lamb 17)

J. Rennie 1-7, Ferguson 1-7
Best Batsman ... Neil Ferguson

son

Best Bowler James Rennie

Best Fielder Dale Lamb

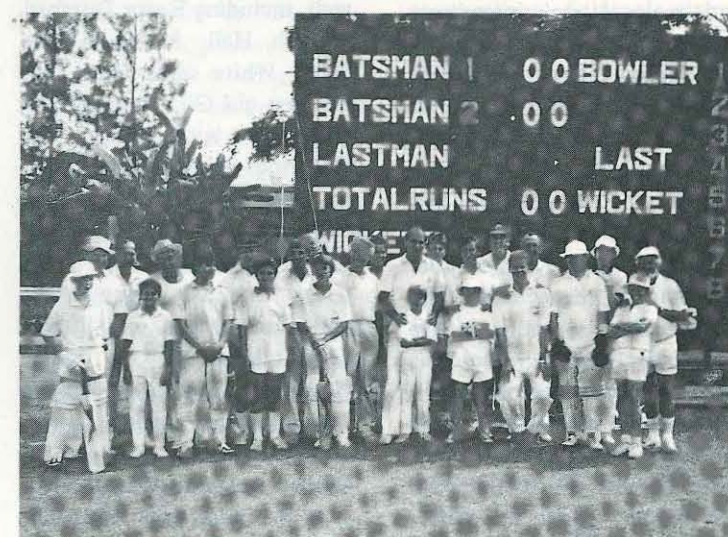
Man of the Match Fraser McDonald.



James Rennie receiving the Best Bowler award from Nick James of Bain Clarkson (Thailand).



Fraser McDonald winner of the wellcome trophy for best all rounder presented by Craig Rennie.



BATSMAN 1	00	BOWLER 1	
BATSMAN 2	00		
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TOTAL RUNS	00	WICKET	

Pavs at Play



Chips, Chalky, Bingo, Huge, Bertie, Bully-boy, Tin Tin, Tiny Tim, Ginger, Porky and Badger.

A dark brooding sky, heavy with threat and portent, could not deter the eager band of lads, who had answered the call to play for Queen, Club and Bingo Lamb. For Saturday January 7th at The Royal Bangkok Sports Club was the first venue for the long awaited Paviliones' debut. On arrival the main topics for team chat, seemed to be the unseasonable weather and a local rag's premature (and wildly inaccurate) description of the team as a "motley crew". The managing editor (Tin Tin Oakens) was subjected to a good deal of abuse from his fellow team-mates. Then blazers were donned and the team could not recall a similar mid-January drenching. The superstitious cast furtive glances at Bingo, wondering whether the stories of Lamb's Luck were more than mere tales to frighten wee bairns. Peter Davies, the RBSC skipper, finally arrived, the golfers

finally vacated the pitch, and after a third inspection of an increasingly muddy ground, and a reduction in overs, Bingo won the toss. Now Bingo had a theory. "It can only get worse," he announced sagely, "We'll bat!" Champagne popped and sprayed. Hearts, hats, glasses and bats were raised in joyful unison. A couple of Masters from the other team turned up to wish the boys well, including Ratty Dunford, Goliath Hall, Moley Adams, Persil White and Frank and his best girl Gil. Their support and help with scoring and umpiring was much appreciated. Now the Paviliones were embarrassed by such an abundance of talent that it could never fit into just one eleven, and the pavilion was littered with talents such as Jumbo Howard, Rolly Bain, Nobby Twemlow and Jacko, striving to hide their disappointment in another bottle of Moet.

With rain still streaming

down, Tin Tin showing lots of opening dash, became the first Pavilioneaire to score a run, and then unfortunately the first Pavilioneaire wicket ever to fall, run out on Chalky Glattbach's call. He was not a happy boy. Huge Salmon, looking every inch the Test player, strode to the wicket where he remained for all but the final ten minutes, collecting 39 electrifying runs, the Pavilioneaire's highest score ever. The pitch was horrid. The ball propped and stopped and spun. Chips Parry followed Chalky to the crease after the latter's eventful 7 runs, and was in splendid form before skying the ball to Freeman-Greene at a wide-ish mid-off. Skipper Bingo followed, but lasted a mere seven minutes, cracking a six, a four and a single from the nine balls he faced. He hung his head in shame as he faced the long walk back, clean bowled by a lollipop full toss. Oh Bingo, how could you! Tiny Tim Edmonds poked around for a slow 7, while Huge continued to swat singles to off and on. Porky Rider looked as threatening as the weather, but like the rain, he blew over very quickly, bowled by that old perennial Mr. Malbari. Huge was finally out caught, and Ginger Hastings leapt into the fray. He and Badger Thompson wagged the tail for an impressive 22 run stand that brought the total to 119. Ginger was out on the last ball of the innings after second top scoring with a more than useful sixteen. By now the sun was shining, the pitch was

beautiful and getting better all the time. So much for Bingo's theories.

After a quick top-up the lads were back in the field. Alas, the rest of the day is not a happy story for the Paviliones. Tiny Tim and Huge opened the bowling, and were well supported by Bully-boy Whittaker, Badger, Chips and Chalky. Bingo rolled his arm over and gave away 13 runs in his only over. Unfortunately, support from the field was less than exemplary. Bertie Williamson had been straining at the leash, having been unable to display his batting talents, and perhaps it was his over-enthusiasm (rather than his shampoo over-indulgence) that was responsible for his THREE dropped catches. Most surprising as Bertie usually catches everything. Badger performed like an acrobat to catch Heath off Bully-boy's bowling at deep cover, while Chalky picked up the only other wicket to fall when he caught and bowled Frazer for a superb 65. RBSC won with eight overs to spare.

The second half of the double header was played on the beautiful surrounds of the Polo Club. The lads were slightly subdued after the setback of the previous day. Bertie Williamson, Ginger Hastings, Tin Tin Oakens and Chips Parry were missing, (Bertie was dropped for the rest of his career) and were replaced by Jumbo Howard, Fletcher Minor, Nobby Twemlow and Mister G. Heynes (an American). There was still no room for Rolly or Jacko, who were consigned to the scorer's desk. The opposition Scribblers were

led by that scourge of journalism and fashion, the ebullient Edward Thangarajah (or E.T. as he often signs his by-line).

The Scribblers started slowly, but then their openers Shammy and Stephen cut loose with a string of boundaries and they were averaging 5½ runs per over when Peter Stephen was adjudged LBW to the bowling of Huge Salmon in the 10th over. Bully-boy replaced Chalky, who had been bowling a touch wide, and then proceeded to bowl even more expensively. Finally Tiny Tim was brought into the attack, he bowled with pace and spirit, knocking over Altaf's middle stump with his third delivery. It was during Tiny Tim's second over that Bingo really came unstuck. Shammy lofted a catch over mid off, and in the process of dropping the catch (which then went for four) Bingo pulled his hamstring. He replaced himself with Chris, a passing Nigerian, and many said this was Bingo's best decision over the two days. Harsh but fair? Shammy was finally out to a brilliant catch by Fletcher Minor for an aggressive 77. His dismissal started a collapse, but at 180 for 3, the horse had already bolted. Jumbo picked up three wickets from Porky's stumpings, (7 overs, 3 for 38) and Tiny Tim added a third when he bowled Mike (7 overs, 1 maiden 3 for 23). The Paviliones also managed a total of 32 sundries, which helped the Scribblers to a sizeable 206 from their allotted 35 overs.

Bingo was in a dilemma. Hobbling around with his batting list, he eventually nomi-

nated Chalky and Fletcher Minor as the opening pair. Fletcher Minor bravely stuck it out for fourteen balls before the Scribblers finally had one of their many appeals upheld, the only Pavilioneaire ever dismissed for a duck. The appeals were more numerous than the runs, and Chalky was sent back on a contested LBW decision. Bingo was carried to the pitch, where he gritted his teeth, put his head down, and with Chris (the passing Nigerian) as a runner, put together a 75 run partnership with Huge. Bingo, without the inconvenience of running, whacked 37 including six boundaries, before being bowled again by a lollipop toss. Substitute captain Huge was bowled by Shammy for 40, quickly followed by Tiny Tim, who was out for 5, going for the big one. Mr. Heynes (the American) was obviously influenced by his country's national sport, as he tried for one homer to many. The light was getting very dim when Porky smote E.T. for the Pavilioneaire's single six of the day, and the match was concluded by the light of the streetlamps and tennis courts at 6.10 p.m. The Paviliones had managed only 159. Shammy was the Player of the Match with his 77 runs, and impressive bowling figures of 7 overs, 3 maidens, 4 for 18. Oh well, the lads have a long month before the next match, to reflect, to conduct post mortems, to wait for Bingo's hamstring to mend, to have their blazer's fitted, to save up for fines and shampoo tariffs, and perhaps even for a little practice.

CRICKET REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1989

17 Dec. Marshall Trophy vs RBSC. At Polo Club. Won by 102 runs.

BC 203. (White 54, Price 43, Semple 28, Hough 16, Salmon 14, Hall 11*)

RBSC 101. (White 12-2-32-4; Parry 3-0-14-3; Dance 10-2-26-3)

British Club fielded one of its strongest sides for this annual Marshall Trophy fixture in which they were going for their third straight win. Last season's regulars were joined by former opening bowler Jeff Parry, now back for a spell in Thailand, and newcomer Hugh Salmon. The latter it was who immediately showed promise of becoming a British Club immortal by producing the first finable offence of the game, forgetting one of his boots and having to go home to collect it.

Frank won the toss and was so overcome he needed half an hour to make the decision to bat first. "Tony" White and Lindsey Semple were soon among the runs, and scoring at almost a run a ball; the fifty came up off the first ball of the tenth over in our first half-century stand of the new season. When Lindsey was caught behind for 28, with the score on 62, Craig Price came in and continued the good work, although some tighter bowling managed to bring the run-rate down below 5 an over. When Nick and Craig had added 51 for the second wicket, and Nick had completed his own fifty, Nick was caught in the deep by one of the British Club's newest members. David Pounce joined Craig, but was unlucky to play a ball that spun back towards his wicket and just dislodged the balls. Frank Hough then managed to get beyond one run for the first time this season, and soon had his score boosted by four overthrows; he added another four (for some reason given prominence in the next day's *Bangkok Post*), before being caught for 16. It is, incidentally, the *Post* which is responsible for Tony and David's new names. Craig, meanwhile, looked to be on his way to 50, but was caught in the deep just seven runs short. Jeff Parry made his customary short but dramatic appearance at the wicket, and then two stumpings removed Hugh Salmon and Terry Adams, with the end of the 45 overs rapidly approaching. David Hall managed an unbeaten eleven, while Jack Dunford scored 7 off six balls before being bowled and Geoff Thompson



Captain Frank Hough receiving the Marshall Trophy from Eric Morris; RBSC Captain Ravi Seghal in the background.

was last man out off the first ball of the final over with the score on 203.

There were some doubts about whether, on the fast Polo ground, this was enough, especially as RBSC had a very strong top-half batting line-up. This was to reckon without the rough tough Hough behind the stumps, who, with White and Pounce both swinging the ball, snapped up the first four wickets with only 32 on the board. Pounce, in fact, had two wickets in two balls as the RBSC skipper was caught behind first ball. Three more wickets fell before fifty was reached, all to the opening bowling pair, as the scoring rate slowed to a crawl, only 22 runs coming off the 16 overs following the fall of the third wicket. Then the number nine began to hit out to good effect, forcing a bowling change from the opening pair to the dreaded Hall/Parry partnership. At this point, BC fielding, which has got off to an immaculate start to the season, including good catches in this match from Hugh Salmon at backward short leg and Jeff Parry at mid-off, started going to pieces, with several dropped catches and a missed stumping. Then Jeff took a good return catch

and in his next over polished off the innings by bowling the last two men. The final total of 101 meant that we had won by more than 100 runs. Also, and despite numerous victories in the last two years, it was the first time we had bowled the Sports Club out since May 1982, when Ben Piper took the winning catch with the Sports Club 8 runs short of BC's 138, also a Marshall Trophy game and the prelude to a run of 13 defeats to the Sports Club ending only in March 1987.

With a Marshall Trophy victory, tradition demands that the BC skipper dances around the Churchill bar with the Trophy lid on his head, but on this occasion Frank was going instead to some sort of murder-in-the-dark function (no, I'm not making this up), and it was left to the traditional stalwarts to do the honours. These younger folks don't know the traditions of the club; a perusal of back issues of *OUTPOST* ought to be required reading for all new cricketers; I don't know why the Archives member of the BC committee doesn't do something about it.

18 December. 35-over league vs Indian CC. Lost by 5 wickets.

BC 156-5 (Semple 47, White 45, Adams 12, Hough 12, Dance 10)

ICC 160-5 (Dance 7-1-28-2; Semple 7-1-42-2; Hall 6-5-0-29-1)

For our first league match of the season, which this year is being run as a 35-over league and a 45-over league, we had Craig Price, Jeff Parry and Jack Dunford, all front-line bowlers, absent for a variety of unlikely reasons, including, in one case, a decision to play for the other BC team in the 35-over league. Nevertheless, Frank was a little perturbed at having only seven players at the ground when he won the toss, and he was forced to opt for batting first, not a decision he would normally have taken. As it turned out, his fears were unfounded; before Frank was back in the pavilion to announce his decision, the guilty parties turned up cheerily reading the juicy bits out of their medical journal (*The Tatler*) and quoting the wittier bits of the Hippocratic oath to each other. But it would be cruel to reveal their names.

Dr. Nick White opened the batting with Lindsey Semple, and once again they were soon among the runs, the fifty partnership coming

up before the end of the ninth over. At the 17-over break, they had taken the score to 90 without loss, with Nick looking set for his third fifty of the season. Then, however, he was out LBW straight after the break, and the momentum could not be kept up. Lindsey was next to go, three runs short of fifty and with the score on 113. The rest of the batsmen never really got to grips with the slow pitch and outfield, and Terry Adams, Dr. Dance and Frank Hough all took some time to reach double figures and then be out. Frank's dismissal was somewhat unusual; looking to retain the strike at the end of an over, he called for a quick single before the ball had reached him, and was then bowled. Surely the umpires and non-striker would not have the cruelty to recount this dismissal for the edification of the rest of the team, he no doubt, but vainly, thought as he made his way sheepishly back to the pavilion.

Dr. Davis and David Hall were the not-out batsmen at the end of the 35 overs. The last 18 overs had failed to capitalise on the great start and had added only 66 runs, for a rather disappointing total of 161.

BC hopes soared when David Dance bowled the opening batsman with just five runs on the board, but the next wicket did not come until the twelfth over, when, with 50 runs already on the board, David Hall took his first wicket of the season and Frank his eighth catch to dismiss the number three. Lindsey Semple, whose first three overs were a little expensive, then made amends with a double-wicket maiden to make the score 53 for 4. With so few bowlers available, Frank Hough was then forced to yield the wicket-keeper's apparel to Tim Davis for his first bowling stint since last February. The fifth wicket, in the meantime was adding another 54 runs and was only very slightly behind the clock. It was clear that unless we could get some wickets, the Indians were now favourites for victory, although it was going to be touch and go. When the fifth wicket fell, caught backward of point by Lindsey Semple off David Dance, the match was delicately poised, as they say, but in the event it was our last success, and our total was passed in the 33rd over.

As holders of the 30-over trophy, this was a disappointing beginning to the season, but it had been an exciting match which could have gone either way. Perhaps if we had bowled first?

8th January. 45-over league vs AIT. At AIT. Lost by 5 wickets.

BC 181-8 (Dance 63, David 34*, White 32, Parry 10)

AIT 185-5 (Dunford 8-0-43-2; Price 4-0-20-1; Dance 7-2-39-1)

The AIT ground, its pitch now much improved over previous seasons, has not been notable for many BC victories over the years, and this match was no exception. Frank won the toss for the third time in a row and, with what on paper looked like a very strong batting side (perhaps we should have played on paper), elected to bat. Unlike the previous two games, there was no spectacularly fast start to this innings, as AIT's accurate bowling kept all the batsmen pretty well pinned down. By the first drinks break after fifteen overs, BC had struggled to 59 for the loss of Lindsey Semple and Craig Price. Soon after the break, BC lost opener Nick White, quickly followed by newcomer David Walwyn and Frank Hough. David Dance and Jeff Parry then began to rebuild the innings, but by thirty overs there were only 103 runs on the board. Three overs and six runs later Jeff became the fifth batsman to be clean bowled. Tim Davis now came in, and although he began extremely cautiously, his partnership with David Dance soon began to increase the run-rate. David was bowled just two overs before the end, having made 63 off 91 balls. Tim then became much more aggressive, scoring twenty runs off the last 12 balls he faced and finishing the innings on 34 not out.

Four runs an over did not seem much of a

SOCCER SOCCER

WITH Scoop still away enjoying the festive spirit in Native Scotland the onus of writing this usually long and informative report had to be delegated. After scouring the tanks of footballers for journalistic experience and expertise we were in the end lucky to find someone who could write. The only two conditions stipulated (which were readily accepted by the captain since otherwise he would have had to write this lot) was that I can play in any position I choose in every match, and that this article remains anonymous.

target for the youthful AIT team, even less when Nick's first over yielded 8 runs, including a wide, two misfields and two overthrows. But then the rate slowed; David Dance's first three overs cost only one run, and the openers were kept fairly quiet. A change of bowling brought instant success, with Jack Dunford taking two wickets in his first over, and Craig Price taking a wicket first ball at the other end. At 49 for 3 off 12 overs, the match looked to be swinging back our way, and at the 15-over drinks break, with the score on 62 for 3, we were definitely in with a good chance of winning. The second session, however, proved disastrous. Ten overs went by with the score kept down to just about four an over but with no further wickets; then quite suddenly, both batsmen began attacking the bowling with great ferocity, and 42 runs came from three overs. David bowled one of the batsmen just before the 30-over break, but by then the partnership had put on 115 runs in 62 minutes and AIT were only 18 runs short of the target with 6 wickets and 15 overs remaining. One more wicket fell after the break, but it was too late, and AIT passed the BC total with almost 13 overs to spare, for a fairly comprehensive victory.

On this showing, and with all their matches to be played at AIT in front of their own supporters, AIT look as though they will be hard to beat this season. By the time this report appears, we will have played them again, in the 35-over league, so next month may have a different tale to tell

Match Report

The last report left the B.C. with just one match to play in the first half of the Farang League against old rivals The Indian Cougars. The Indians had a good season, beating Daimler Benz, and a victory over us would have placed them in the top spot. The departure of Scoop to Jockland and the inability of Steve Martin to tell the time meant that M & M (no not the chocolate drops) Massey and Maynard played as fullbacks.

Work commitments up country for John Gidley meant that an embarrassing situation was alleviated with the captain being able to return to the front line in his place and Dave Bennington appearing from nowhere just a minute before kick off after his long absence, to play on the wing.

Matches between the two sides have always been hard fought encounters and this one turned out to be no exception. The game opened at a lively pace with the B.C. pressing hard. Colin (did you see my letter in the OUTPOST) Hastings yet again returning from retirement with new British Airways shorts which appeared to greatly strengthen his ball control. He completely cut the Indians midfield general out of the game with an excellent display of tight marking (must be the shorts). With no body to pass to and create the play for them, the Cougars began to struggle. About 15 minutes into the game the B.C. did the unheard of and actually scored first unbelievably (for Scoops information) in the oppositions goal ... Mike Pomfret spurred into action by the knowledge of Gidleys performance last week, latched onto a ball down the wing and showing pace cut into the area to slot the ball under the advancing keeper from a narrow angle. This is only the second time in the league this season that we have gone ahead from the start, and from the kick off we looked determined to stay ahead. Continued pressure soon told again when the Indian fullback misdirected his pass back and Pomfret was able to snatch the ball away from the keeper and walk it over the line for his second. 2-0 the score at the turn around and although in the second half the Indians came back more aggressively it stayed like that. The entire defence and midfield played extremely well in closing down and keeping out the opposition to leave Rennie with a clean sheet and no

broken bones. Over the traditional lemonade celebration drink Andy Massey was voted the man of the match. Maybe he's actually found a position he can play well in.

At the halfway stage of the Farang League the B.C. have 9 points and are 4 behind the leaders. Although there's a lot of ground to make up, it is still possible to win the league and I'm sure the lads have been training hard over the Christmas and New Year in preparation.

No Casuals matches to report on though I hear Peter Downes is planning an active start to the year. Anybody wishing to play should give him a call.

INCIDENTALLY

.... have you read Colin Hastings letter in the January edition of this magazine I agree wholeheartedly with his views and trust that if you feel the same you make your opinion known. A sports field would be a great asset to the club, providing a venue for Interport and visiting team matches, and allowing those who would prefer to play a friendly game or two of soccer, rugby, cricket or even hockey to participate on a regular basis.

Well Scoop should be back next month and as per the agreement I will be playing every match in my favourite position. Maybe I'll be mentioned in the match reports. I was going to end this article in the time honoured fashion with a terrible joke which I'm sure is the only part of it 95% of you normally read (the other 5% being the players themselves who only look to see if they have been named) but unfortunately the source of Scoops inspiration has disappeared. With luck he'll discover a new source with which to entertain in Scotland, but then of course he'll have to translate as well as photocopy.



"Good heavens, we don't all go around carrying ghetto-blasters, you know."

SQUASH SQUASH



DURING December the final competition of the year took place which was the handicap shield and plate. Due to its closeness to Christmas and the New Year only 20 people entered the competition.

However it was all good squash and the handicap systems made it a great leveler with those at the bottom of the ladder knocking out players towards the top of the ladder.



The two finals were between Mel Leddy and David Scott for the shield won 3-0 by David Scott and Bryan Baldwin and Art de Boer for the plate won this year by the flying, Dutchman Art de Boer 3-1. Congratulation to both winners and to all the losers. Next year we will start the competition in the first week of the month in the hope that more players can join in.

Bryan Baldwin and Art de Boer with their trophies.

AGM: Important date for your dairy

6th March is the Squash section AGM when we review the year and elect a new committee. Please come along and let the committee have your views. This is the best opportunity on the squash calendar to present your suggestions and comments. The committee are elected to serve the needs of the squash playing members of the club and your participation can only improve the quality of the squash at the Club. New ideas are always welcome and the committee look forward to a well attended meeting. 'Drinks free'

Forthcoming Events

A ladies team of approx 6 players will be visiting us from Hong Kong on Saturday 6th February and we need 6 BCB lady squashies to play them. A sign up sheet will be on the notice board or alternatively contact Tony Austin or David Bennington.

Next club competition will be the Harold Mercer Memorial Trophy in February.

SWIMMING SWIMMING



RESULTS OF THE SWIMMING GALA

held on Sunday 13 November 1988

		Freestyle	Back	IM
- 7 Girls	Anna Freeman	26.30	-	1.14.18
	Harriet White	27.81	34.45	1.15.49
	Aurelie Deladrier	31.14	44.40	1.29.41
- 7 Boys	Alex Stamp	24.71	31.04	1.09.06
	Robert Rennie	28.27	32.61	1.12.03
	Andrew Scott	29.74	37.38	1.11.19
	Adrian Harris	30.13	37.93	1.13.90
	Frederick Mounier	33.13	-	-
	Michael Coutts	47.31	-	-
	Cristof Ramaciotti	47.41	-	-
- 9 Girls	Candice Driver	49.62	62.55	2.15.21
	Sandrine Mounier	58.68	1.09.84	2.47.55
	Sonia Stewart	1.05.55	1.12.59	-
- 9 Boys	Jonathan Coutts	1.22.85	-	-
- 11 Girls	Rebecca White	47.75	57.59	2.09.17
	Claire Stewart	49.05	1.04.27	2.16.21
	Angie Hastings	53.41	1.07.85	2.37.53
	Rebecca Briggs	58.14	-	-
	Lisa Dumont	1.03.00	1.18.90	2.37.08
- 11 Boys	James Rennie	42.31	56.23	1.58.72
	Andrew Kwong	42.87	53.67	1.56.60
	Mark Freeman	43.48	55.08	-
	Alexander Ramaciotti	45.90	1.01.07	2.15.09
- 13 Boys	Guillaume Dumont	49.23	1.06.20	2.27.80

IMPROVERS OF THE MONTH

Five children had improved times for their Freestyle. Well done to all of them, especially Adrian Harris and Aurelie Deladrier being the top boy and girl out of all the age groups.

Adrian Harris	4.87 secs
Aurelie Deladrier	2.86 secs
Mark Freeman	2.13 secs
Robert Rennie	1.73 secs
James Rennie	1.29 secs

TENNIS



TENNIS

Calling all Tennis Players!!!!

With the arrival of the new year the Tennis section is being revitalised. Come and join in and participate in the many activities that we have lined up for you in 1989.....

Club days continue as follows.....

Monday	8-10am	Beginners
Monday	4-6pm	Ladies
Monday	6-8pm	Men's night
Wednesday	from 6pm	Mixed
Thursday	8-10am	Ladies

A **Round Robin Tournament** will be played on the last weekend of each month. Watch the notice board for details.

Coaching for beginners (and for those wanting to brush up on their game) is available. Contact Jane Windeler, phone 391-8691, for details.

Remember the **Club Championships** are taking place in February with the finals to be played on the weekend of the 4th-5th March. The prize giving and dinner will follow the last final. For those wishing to attend the dinner there will be a sign up sheet at reception.

Come and join the tennis section for fun and frivolity. All members welcomed. For details phone any Tennis Section Committee member:

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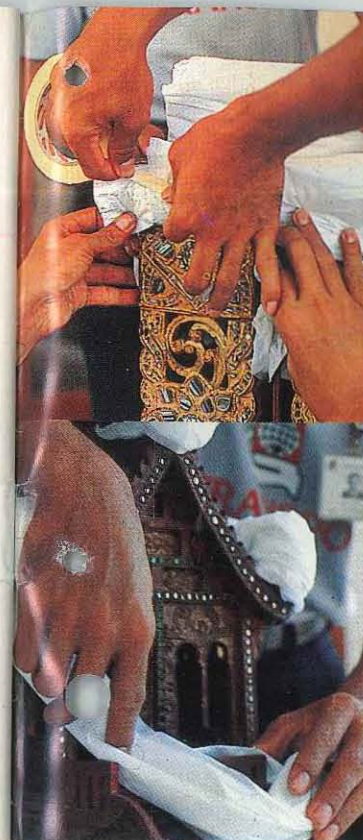


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