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# Meet the New Members



**Richard Orme**, an eligible bachelor from Malvern, is with the engineering division of Jardine Matheson. He is a Chinese and economics graduate based in Hong Kong and has come here for a six month joint venture project. In his spare time he plays cricket and likes cross country running.



**Donna Carrol and Guy Ouellet** have just arrived from Geneva. They are originally from Quebec but have spent many years travelling because of Guy's work with UNHCR; this included a stint in Hanoi. Donna is a currently unemployed teacher. They both play tennis (here with masks) and board games. Guy likes computers.

**Mark Thomson** (left) is the Marketing Manager for Chico-Thai Plantations which processes pineapples and tomatoes. He's from NZ and has previously worked in Australia and Singapore. His interests include rugby, squash and cricket.



**Rob Montgomery** (right) from Calgary, Canada is the local manager for Dowell Schlumberger; he's also a prop with the BC rugby team. One of his other great interests is ice hockey and he'd be interested in getting it organised here.



**Stuart and Susan Davy** from Manchester and Virginia US respectively, met in the Rose and Crown, Disney World. They've been in Bangkok for 18 months with their two children, two dogs, one cat, two turtles and two birds. Stuart is a golf, darts and beer man when he's not sorting out Berlei Jucker's finances. Susan enjoys quilting, sewing, swimming, reading and travel.



**Carl Smith** considers himself a northerner exiled from Basingstoke. This is his first stint abroad and he works for SGS as contract manager on the Kumagai Gumi road project. He likes people and golf.

**Roger and Cherry Spyer** are here with the Standard Chartered Bank. Roger (on the right) is a sports fanatic who plays tennis, squash, golf and the ukulele; he also water and snow skis. Cherry who was not available for comment hopes to improve her bridge and likes riding.

**Michael Wimbs**, (left) without the B, is from Glen Caple, Scotland mixed with a fair portion of Cork, Ireland.

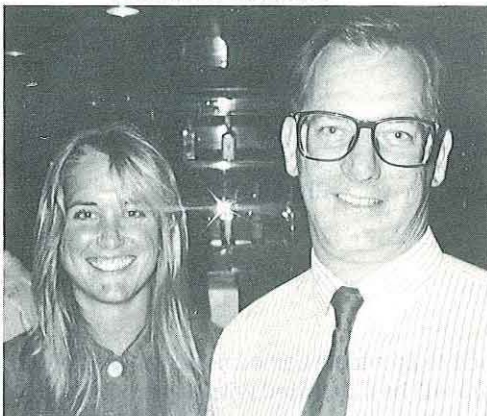
He's a Banker interested in temple rubbings, women and early witterings. Until a recent interaction with a dog, Michael used to run, he now has rabies jabs instead (centre left is Chairman Brian and centre right Ian Mitchell).



**Asha Nagrani and Kishore** run a trading company which specialises in footwear. The family originates from Bombay but Kish and Asha have been in London for many years. Kish plays bridge which Asha is hoping to learn; she also swims and plays tennis. (sorry, the camera missed you - try again next month)



**Jonathan Brooke**, (right) latterly of Hong Kong, is an investment analyst with SEAMICO. Though not in the least bit musical he's mad about Karioki and Thai dancing. His current ambition is to go skiing in NZ.



**Victoria Combe and Timothy Harlow** have been Hong Kong and London based until recently. Tim is GM of Chesterton Thai, real estate agents and Victoria is a journalist working with the Nation. That apart she is very interested in theatre and films. Tim is a sporty fellow playing rugby, football and tennis. In his spare time he likes watching cartoons.



**Udo Leitner and Elizabeth** are here with Touropa Austria, which is exactly what it sounds like it is. Udo likes to relax and occasionally tries his hand at squash.

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Feb. 14	Mon Architecture and Sculpture	Jill Jones
Feb. 21	Khmer Art in Thailand	Monique Heitmann
**Feb. 27	The Art of Sukhothai and Lan Na	Diane Umemoto
March 07	The Art of Ayutthaya	Beverly Frankel
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March 28	Thai Festivals Through the Ages	Ruth Gerson

This lecture series has been designed to provide a basic understanding of the history and art styles in Thailand. Each lecture will be illustrated with a comprehensive selection of slides, and interesting study trips have been coordinated with the lectures.

\*\*Due to Maka Bucha Day, the Art of Sukhothai and Lan Na lecture will be on WEDNESDAY, February 27th.

(Ed: this was submitted late; please ring Sue Shields on 259-0571 for details)

## Kimono My House

**O**N the 21st of December my daughter, Maria, and I took off for lands unknown. We planned to ski in Sahoro, Japan, for three weeks and I must honestly admit I had no idea what the weather would be like or what it would entail to get there. I therefore packed three suitcases which included duplicate sets of ski gear as well as masses of reading matter in English. Well, never again. Not now that I know what wintering on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido is like. It is utterly civilised. The Japanese are outfitted in the most fashionable, attractive ski and apres-ski wear. It snowed every day and we donned our skis outside the front entrance to the hotel in Sahoro and skied down to either gondolas or t-bars to reach any number of well-kept trails. And as for reading, who had time in those glorious conditions.

Enroute we stopped for a couple of days in Sapporo, a little early for the Snow Festival unfortunately. It begins on February 6th this year. The Snow Festival began in 1950 when some junior and high school students made some snow sculptures. At the time, the population was 310,000, just about a fifth of what it is now. While it was just a small-scale event, it caught a lot of people's imagination and it has now become a popular international winter event with gigantic snow sculptures. The main ones at this year's festival befit its international reputation by advertising the Asian Winter Games to be held in Sapporo; 6,680 five-ton-truck loads of snow will be needed to create 353 sculptures. Asahikawa, which is very close to Sahoro where we stayed for our three weeks, also holds a Winter Festival. This year's sculptures include one 70 metres wide and 20 metres high. The World Championship Ice Sculpturing Contest held during the festival has 60 teams from all over the world vying in technique. There is also a snow maze, snowmobile riding course, and many other enjoyable aspects to this festival.

The Soun Gorge at the northeastern foot of the Taisetsu mountain range, the rooftop of Hokkaido, has magnificent fluted cliffs lining the canyon for twenty kilometres rising straight into the heavens from either side of the banks of the Ishikari River running through it. Here are the breathtaking 160-metre precipice of Kobako and the imposing Amagi Crag. Many waterfalls trace wondrous paths down the forge walls and in February these waterfalls freeze into giant, fantastic icicles. There is a ski lift reached from the top of the cable car that climbs to the upper slopes of Mt. Kurodake from the spa in the Gorge. The skiing slopes are broad and the snow is fine powder to provide dynamic ski conditions. The iced-over trees are a beautiful feature of the area. Skiing continues until May, and even summer skiing is possible here.

Asia's top athletes will be gathering in Sapporo at the Second Asian Winter Games from the 9th through the 14th of March. There will be competitions in four categories: skiing, with both Nordic and Alpine events; speed skating; ice hockey; and the biathlon. Competitions will be held at the various indoor and outdoor facilities. Since most of Asia is in warmer zones, the winter sports level is below that of Europe or North America, but in recent years Asian efforts in the area have been remarkable and the games are sure to afford a fine sports experience.

Admission to the Alpine ski events at Mt. Teine is free, and tickets to other events, including the opening ceremony, can be obtained at the Playguides around town.

Again, in March the Winter Universiade will be held in Sapporo, the first time in Asia. Universiade is a word combining University and Olympiade, a sports event in which student athletes from 17 to 28 are qualified to take part.

The popularity of Japanese cuisine is explained by its colourful presentations and use

of a wide variety of ingredients. Browned pork is served over fluffy rice, complemented by crisply fried vegetables.

### **KATSU DONBURI**

#### **Ingredients:**

6 pork loin chops - salt and pepper - 2 egg yolks, beaten  
2 tablespoons water - 3/4 cup fine dry bread crumbs - 1 cup oil - 1/2 pound mushrooms, chopped  
1 large onion, chopped - 2 tablespoons butter - 1/2 cup soya sauce  
1-1/2 cups chicken broth - 6 eggs - Japanese-style rice

#### **Preparation :**

Season chops to taste with salt and pepper. Dip chops in egg yolks mixed with water, then in bread crumbs. Heat oil, add chops, and fry 4 or 5 minutes on each side. Cut meat from

chops in strips and set aside. Melt butter in large skillet. Add mushrooms and onion and saute until tender. Add meat and blend in soya sauce and broth. Bring to boil. Beat eggs and add to mixture. Cook until eggs are firm. Place meat and egg mixture over Japanese-style rice.

### **JAPANESE-STYLE RICE**

#### **Ingredients:**

3 cups rice  
1-3/4 cups water

#### **Preparation:**

Wash and drain rice. Bring rice and water to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 7 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Ninki Mallet Maslansky



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**O**UR objective was to move a van full of furniture from storage to our new flat in Eastbourne. Sheila had hired a little F\*\*t U\*o (being careful just in case) and I a large F\*\*d T\*\*\*\*\* van. I followed the small car knowing Sheila wasn't very experienced in the art of travelling in convoy during a relatively long journey; keeping each other in sight whilst keeping one's eye on the road is quite a challenge.

We managed to get as far as Brighton without significant incident. The weather was fine the view was clear. Our route had taken us along the coast road from Hampshire to Sussex which is a real pleasure on a sunny day.

Sheila claims that there was a car in front that stopped suddenly whilst trying to pull out from a left filter into the moving traffic at an extremely busy roundabout. I am sure she is correct, however, I never saw it. All I saw was the rear of the Fiat appearing to get closer and closer as I plunged into the back. There was a lot of glass on the road but no injuries. Peter next to me in the cab looked up from his book wondering what was going on. "Oh you haven't gone into the back of Mum's car have you, she'll kill you". In fact Sheila got out after we crashed and started apologising to me! I didn't stop her too much just said, "Don't worry it could have happened to anyone".

Isn't it wonderful not to have to leave the cars on the spot, cause an almighty traffic jam and have white paint sprayed liberally round the wheels like you do in some countries I could name. I wonder what the onlookers at the bus stop thought about the drivers of two recently crashed vehicles cuddling each other in the middle of the road. You don't see that often either.

With much physical resistance the car was driven to the side of the road where I pulled sheets of metal off the wheels in order to make it run freely. I rang up both hire firms and the local constabulary and made their day with the story. The police said, "Is the other driver injured?" "No and actually she is my wife." They said "No, no, we mean the driver of the other car". "So do I." I replied. There followed much hearty laughter. Luckily both vehicles could limp on to our destination. Sheila's was a rather draughty journey due to the two inch gap at the top of the rear door but otherwise after some

more vandalism to the wheel arch we made it to the flat.

Picture the scene in front of our beautifully kept front garden at our new address where the total age of our family is probably near enough the age of each single resident. Imagine four floors of windows in the building (all except ours) being represented by a voyeur (meant in the nicest possible way) peeping round the net curtains. If only they could see themselves as we could see them; as part of an audience. We were the new youngsters (authors licence) moving into their usually immaculate, peaceful block with two very smashed in cars still spilling broken glass all over the drive. It must have caused acute consternation. Having met one or two of them since I know they would have had charitable thoughts, until the next event that is.

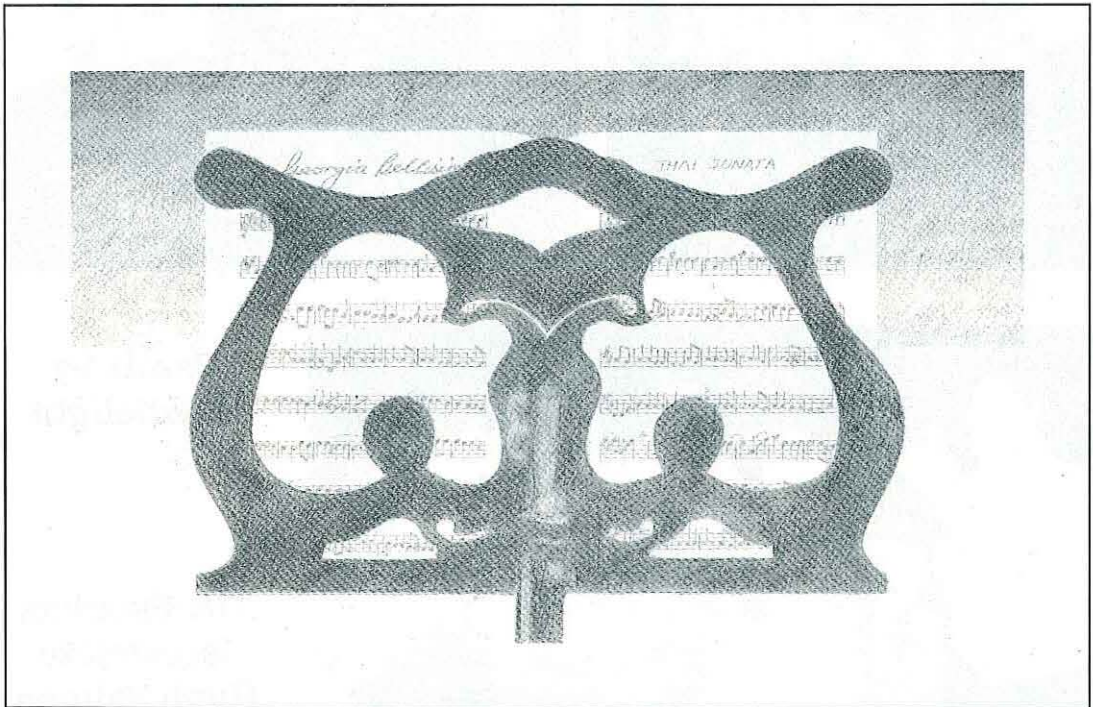
The background to the next part of the story is to do with the failure of my 32 year old MG at the MOT test (remember this is UK we are talking about where they are rather more fussy about what goes on the road). It wasn't too serious a failure (I say this in case you see it for sale on the notice-board), but still one couldn't risk driving it 75 miles.

I therefore hired a trailer to transport it to our abode. So in the midst of shattered glass and written off cars the MG arrived in our auditorium (or front garden). It came on an enormous trailer, parked in the most inconvenient and conspicuous position possible by the long-haired weirdo who had driven the beast. As if this show was not enough the gathered audience then witnessed my extreme remonstrations when the MG decided not to start due to a flat battery (only 5 years old after all) coupled with the starting handle performance which left me a little hot and bothered.

After all that a relaxed evening watching my Mother's tiny black and white TV sitting on our most comfortable equipment, the carpet, took on a whole new meaning.



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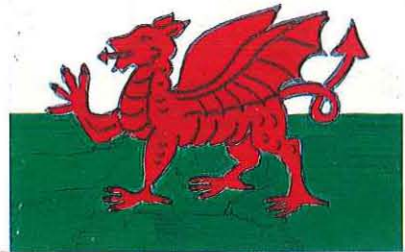


**Jack Edgar**



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Annual Ball



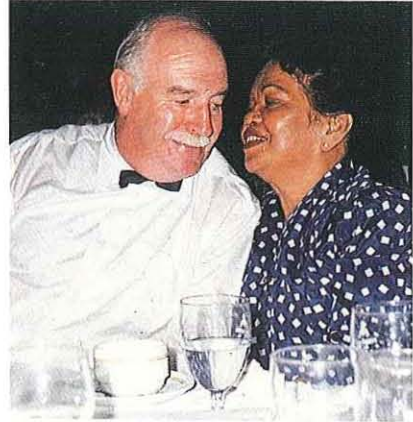
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# The Christmas Ball



*"At last a photo in OUTPOST."*



*"Give us a kiss then."*



*"That's my toe you're standing on."*



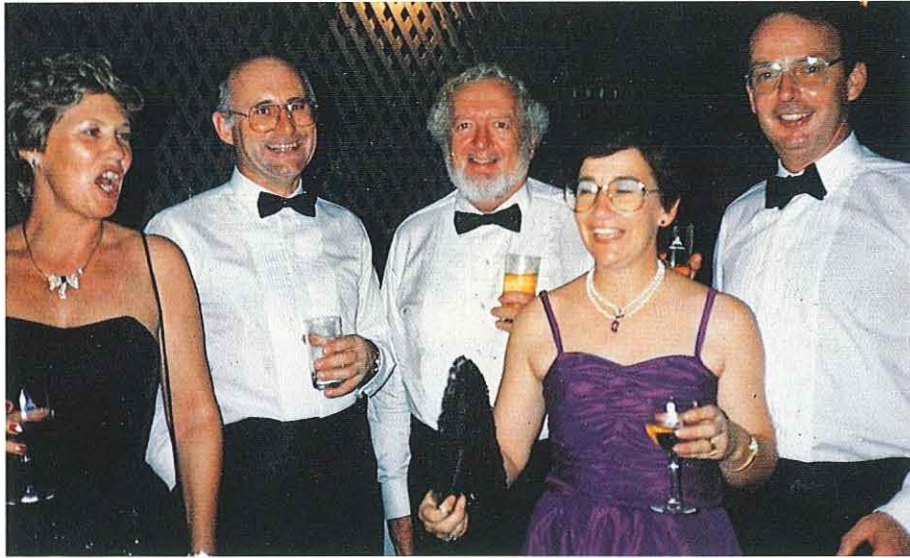
*"Yes, his moustache is from Sogo."*



*"If you're with Jane, you're bound to get into OUTPOST."*



*"It's a great night folks."*



*"No he wasn't Father Christmas."*



*"Show me the way to go home."*



*"Great shirt eh!"*



*"Oh dear! He's off again."*



*"Keep smiling, they'll get it right soon."*

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*Yes, we'll all be there to meet you ..... with music .....*

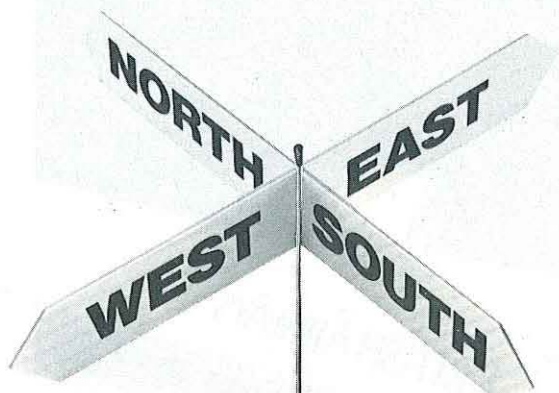


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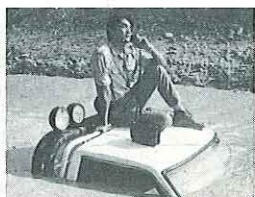
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## Tootsie

**T**HERE is a handful of actors in Hollywood today who are renowned for their obsessive perfectionism. Robert de Niro, for example, who force fed himself into putting on sixty pounds in order to play Jake LaMotte in *Raging Bull*. Or Daniel Day Lewis, who refused to get out of his wheelchair throughout the filming of *My Left Foot*. Or Meryl Streep, whose range of accents only just falls short of the number of pictures she has made. They must be a pain to work with, but, ultimately, their on screen portrayals are compelling.

Dustin Hoffmann shares their reputation for fanatical pedantry. No one who saw his Oscar winning performance in *Rain Man* could doubt that he had spent months studying the behaviour and mannerisms of autistic savants. So goodness knows how he prepared himself for *Tootsie*!

As Michael Dorsey, Hoffmann parodies an actor who likes to get it right. Dorsey is so inflexible that no director will work with him. Even dressed as a vegetable he argues: how can he, a tomato, walk across a stage and sit down?! Faced with the prospect of sticking to his principles and washing dishes for the rest of his career, he is desperate for a part.

And then it dawns on him: if he can't find work as a man, why shouldn't he try as a woman? Disguised beneath heavy make up and sensible frocks, he becomes Dorothy Michaels and auditions for a TV soap. His unusual portrayal of a 'real' woman is so successful that Dorothy rapidly becomes a national heroine.

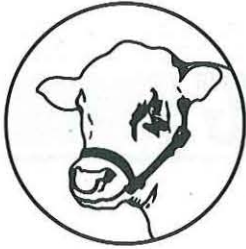
Which is where the problems begin. Dorothy's independent, no-nonsense attitude attracts the determined attentions of her seedy, leading man, while, beneath his make up and curlers Michael finds himself falling in love with Dorothy's best friend, Julie, played by Jessica Lange. "Don't you find being a woman in the eighties confusing?" Julie asks. "Extremely!" chokes Dorothy/Michael.

The complications of Michael's double life are hilarious. Simply fending off the attentions of a neurotic actress girlfriend for long enough to transform himself into Dorothy is difficult, even with the dead-pan connivance of roommate Bill Murray. Persuading his agent that while Dorothy is not only credible but could go on to bigger and better roles, perhaps even *Lady Macbeth*, Michael is still sane, is trickier. But when Julie's father, Les, proposes to Dorothy it is clear that the game is up.

Ironically, playing Dorothy makes Michael a better man. Once an insensitive chauvinist, he now sees the other side of the coin. In his dress, he falls prey to the injustices of the dating game and the casting cough - and he really doesn't like it! "I was a better man with you as a woman," he tells Julie, "than I ever was with a woman as a man. I've just got to learn to do it without the dress."

*Tootsie* is not a new film. It came out in 1982. The joke behind it is even older: remember Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis in *Some Like It Hot*? But the comedy in both pictures is marvellous. Here it is refreshed but very witty script and a sensitive awakening to the feminine point of view. Dustin Hoffmann's characteristically fine acting works because, good as Michael's disguise is, you can never quite forget that Dorothy is a man.





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## *World Class*

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

For Further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the *OUTPOST* Calendar, please contact Maren White on 258-1481. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month.

\*Wordsworth Room :Silom Room

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
							1  Aerobics - 9 a.m. Accumulator Night - 8 p.m.
	2  Flicks for Kids - 6 p.m.	3  Flicks for Kids - 5 p.m. Tennis Afternoon - 3-6 p.m. Family Buffet from 6 p.m.	4 Aerobics - 9 a.m. BWG Mahjong* - 9 a.m. New Member's Night/ Happy Hour - 5.30-9 p.m. Chess Club - 7 p.m. Men's Tennis Mix-In 6-8 p.m.	5  Duplicate Bridge+ - 7.30 p.m.	6  Ladies' Golf - 7 a.m. Aerobics - 9 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6 p.m.	7  Ladies' Tennis - 8-11 a.m. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon Darts - 8 p.m. BCT Club Night	8  Aerobics - 9 a.m. Accumulator Night - 8 p.m.
	9  Flicks for Kids - 6 p.m.	10  Flicks for Kids - 5 p.m. Tennis Afternoon - 3-6 p.m. Family Buffet from 6 p.m.	11 Aerobics - 9 a.m. BWG Mahjong* - 9 a.m. Happy Hour - 5.30-9 p.m. Chess Club - 7 p.m. Men's Tennis Mix-In 6-8 p.m.	12  Shrove Tuesday Duplicate Bridge+ - 7.30 p.m.	13  Ladies' Golf - 7 a.m. Aerobics - 9 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6 p.m.	14  Ladies' Tennis - 8-11 a.m. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon Bambi Meeting Darts - 8 p.m.	15  Aerobics - 9 a.m. Accumulator Night - 8 p.m. Chinese New Year
	16 New Zealand Waitangi Day Celebration Flicks for Kids - 6 p.m.	17  Flicks for Kids - 5 p.m. Tennis Afternoon - 3-6 p.m. Family Buffet from 6 p.m.	18 Aerobics - 9 a.m. BWG Mahjong* - 9 a.m. Happy Hour - 5.30-9 p.m. Chess Club - 7 p.m. Men's Tennis Mix-In 6-8 p.m.	19  Stamp Collecting* - 7.30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge+ - 7.30 p.m.	20  Ladies' Golf - 7 a.m. Aerobics - 9 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6 p.m.	21  Ladies' Tennis - 8-11 a.m. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon Darts - 8 p.m.	22  Aerobics - 9 a.m. Accumulator Night - 8 p.m.
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Bridge**



**Bridge**

**SACRIFICING**

DEALER : East

East - West Vulnerable

**NORTH**

S - 10 8 5 3 2  
 H - 4  
 D - A 9 8 7  
 C - Q J 5

**WEST**

S - K 4  
 H - A J 10 9 6 3  
 D - Q 5  
 C - A 10 6

**EAST**

S - A J 9 7 6  
 H - K 8 7 2  
 D - 4  
 C - K 9 2

**SOUTH**

S - Q  
 H - Q 5  
 D - K J 10 6 3 2  
 C - 7 5 4 3

The board was played eight times. Top score of 7 points for North-South went to the pair that defeated a East-West six hearts contract. Six hearts does make, as both the spade and heart queens drop, but can go down if west tries to finesse. Six other pairs bid and made four or five hearts for 620- or 650 points.

The bidding at the other table went:-

E	S	W	N
Pass	2D(1)	Double	3D
3S	Pass	4H	5D
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Weak two promising six diamonds and two of the top three or three of the top five honours with 6 to 10 high card points.

Opening lead - Ace of clubs.

North's initial raise of the preemptive bid cramped the opponents bidding space, the sacrifice bid of five diamonds was based on having four good cards in support, a singleton-heart (bid by west), and with five spades, guessed south must be short in spades when that suit was bid by east.

Five diamonds went down two, but doubled not vulnerable gave east-west only 300 points. A good sacrifice which earned north-south 6 points.

Tuesday, December 4, 1990 (3 Tables : 20 boards : Howell Movement)

1st	Jon & Carolyn	64%
2nd	Lapar & Kasai	58%

Tuesday, December 11, 1990

1st	Lapar & Pimpraphai	63%
2nd	Elaine & Darryl	59%
2nd	Sunisa & Kasai	59%

Elaine and Darryl Hennig

# CRICKET



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15 Dec. At AIT. 35 overs vs AIT. Won by 7 wickets.

AIT 120. (Welsh 7-4-6-2; Price 1.4-0-7-2;; Caro 5-1-13-2; Dance 5-0-21-2; White 7-1-14-1)  
BC 124-3. (Tissera 36\*, Dance 35\*, White 30)

Despite the mid-December date, it was real brass monkey weather at AIT for the first league match of the season, hot enough to melt the appendages. With regular captain Bazza Lewis on crutches from an attempted football manoeuvre that might have worked about thirty years ago, it was left to young David Hall to win the toss and elect to field on a pitch that looked far from perfect.

The opening batsmen were given a torrid (= giving off intense heat, ardent, passionate, very unpleasant) time against White and Welsh, both bowling with the torridness and flatulence reminiscent of the Jakarta match at the end of last season. Nick bowled one opener at the beginning of the fifth over, and, with the batsmen ducking and weaving (= interlace, produce by elaborately combining elements into a coherent whole, move waveringly from side to side) from the uneven bounce, Keith induced the other opener into a self-protective wince, resulting in a dollied catch to Jack Dunford at gully.

The third wicket fell when an attempted hook off Keith ended up with the batsman all over the stumps and the stumps all over the floor, so that by the end of the opening bowlers' allotted seven overs each, only 21 runs had been scored for the loss of three wickets. Keith ended up with the remarkable figures shown above.

Bob Lanham, in his first BC league match for ten years, was first-change bowler, but it was Adam Caro, fresh from his five-wicket triumph (= a ceremony in which a general was greeted when returning to ancient Rome having won a decisive victory over a foreign enemy) in Chaing Mai, who struck next, bowling the number four in his second over and the number six in his third.

The AIT skipper in the meantime was be-

ginning to accumulate runs, having hit the first boundary of the match, a six, off Bob Lanham. Jack Dunford and David Hall were similarly treated without the customary respect that such consistently memorable bowling normally commands, and the score had got to 82 before the sixth wicket fell. David Dance, back here for a medical conference and three games of cricket, had two LBW appeals upheld - a rare achievement, as Keith Welsh politely pointed out - to make the score 93 for 7.

The eighth wicket resisted for a while, adding 17 more runs before an unnecessary run-out put an end to the partnership.

Craig Price, brought on in the 33rd over, took just four balls to find line, length and a bowled wicket, but the score had crept up to 116 with a wicket still to fall when Craig's and BC's last over began, the significance of this being that not only would the last wicket secure us one extra bonus point for the wicket, it would also secure us an additional two if we dismissed the other side for under 125 runs.

The first ball of the over narrowly missed being a stumping. The second ball was hit for four. No run off the third ball. But with only three balls left, Frank Hough assured the extra three points by pouncing (= to swoop on and seize something as if with talons or the elbow) on the next ball and stumping the number eleven.

White and Price began the BC reply aggressively, and when Price was brilliantly caught in the covers at the end of only the fifth over, BC had already reached 34. Adam Caro was also caught soon after, with the score on 47.

12 runs later, Nick walked for a catch behind the wicket, even though the umpire did not actually give him out; only halfway back to the pavilion did Nick come out of his trance and realise that in fact he had not hit the ball and should not be walking back to an early shower. However, he wisely decided against walking back out to the middle and explaining that he'd decided he wasn't actually out after all, and faced instead a heavy fine after the match. Dork, as my daughter and her ISB friends would no

doubt say, but there's no dictionary definition to help on this one.

David Dance now joined Andre Tissera at the wicket, and these two gave a flawless display, hitting the bowling to all corners of the field (c. Ed Thanarajaah). The AIT score was equalled in only the 19th over, but another seven balls elapsed before AIT allowed Andre's sweep shot to go for four, the BC batsmen having patiently but vainly waited for the right ball to hit for 6 and the extra (125-run) bonus point.

As it is, we were satisfied with 25 points, one short of the maximum. AIT are not the force they have been for the past three seasons, but even so it was good to get the first victory under our belts, especially at a venue which has not seen a plethora (an abnormal condition in which there is an excess of blood in the body - not now used technically) of BC victories over the years.

Fines were more than usually harsh, particularly for the present recorder of these events, unjustifiably accused of dictating the words 'find of the season' to the *Bangkok Post*; the word "find" was quickly proven to be missing a letter e.

16 Dec. At Polo Club. 35 overs vs Pavilionaies. Won by 6 wickets.

Pav 143. (Fox 6-0-20-4; Lanham 7-0-39-3; Caro 5.5-1-19-1)  
BC 144-4 (White 64\*, Hough 25, Price 24, Fox 11)

It looked as if BC were in for a long afternoon in the field when Pavilionaies won the toss, elected to bat, and proceeded to score freely off opening bowlers White and Caro. The pitch offered no hope to the quick bowlers and the two batsmen looked in fine form.

Nick was replaced after only three overs, having yielded 17 runs, and Jack Dunford, last season's destroyer of the Pavilionaies, was brought on. Two overs later, there was off-spin (= an aerial manoeuvre in which the aircraft rotates about its vertical and longitudinal axis while plunging steeply downwards; for various reasons, not strictly *le mot juste* in this case) at both ends when Bob Lanham replaced Adam Caro.

This brought the scoring rate down, and apart from a couple of late overs from Adam Caro, the rest of the bowling was given over to the slowies.

The opening partnership had passed fifty

before the number one batsman got a very thin edge to a ball from Bob Lanham to give Frank Hough a catch behind the stumps.

The second-wicket partnership looked similarly secure as they added a further 41 runs. Then, with the score on 93 and the opener on 58, he was induced to loft a ball to Craig Price in the outfield. Bob was again the bowler.

From this disheartening start (from the BC point of view), there was now a swift turnaround, and wickets began falling at regular intervals. Bob added a further wicket to take his tally to three, but BC's destroyer of the middle order this time was Simon Fox, who captured the wickets of batsmen 4, 5, 6 and 7, with his leg-spin bowling.

Two run-outs brought the Pavilionaies to 141 for 9, and Adam Caro finished off proceedings by bowling the number ten.

This had not been a good catching performance by BC, with several chances going to ground, but ground-fielding was good and helped to keep the score down to manageable levels.

The Pavilionaies opening attack had no more success than their BC counterparts and one of them was replaced after only two overs. White and Hough kept the scoreboard moving quickly as they headed toward what looked like an inevitable fifty opening partnership. Frank, in particular, looked in excellent form, until he was caught off the last ball of the opener's fourth over which had already yielded 13 runs. Frank had scored 25 off 22 balls in a partnership of 46.

Adam Caro was adjudged LBW 17 runs later, and runs were now more difficult to find, with the two star spinners bowling. At the drinks interval, Price was still there with White, and the score was 77 for 2.

The bowling remained tight after the interval, with batsmen struggling to keep up with the asking rate. Pace-bowling produced the next wickets, as Craig was bowled for 24 and Simon Fox was caught and bowled for 11.

The score was now 122 for 4, and only five overs remained to score the last 22 runs. In the event, Brian Lewis, hobbling to good effect between the wickets, stayed with Nick to reach the target with nine balls to spare. Nick carried his bat to score an invaluable 64 not out. One can only speculate on what might have happened if he had been out early.

Another 24 points in the bag, though, and an excellent start to the 35-over league. By the time you read this, we will have played our first 45-over game, a daunting match against a strong



RBSC side, and may well have played our third 35-over game, against the Indians.

## Fathers vs Sons

Sons 152-6 (Dale Lamb 31\*, Duncan Groves 21\*, Simon Hough 20\*, Nigel Howard 15\*, Tim Blackburn 15\*, David Hall 15\*, George Dunford 11; Jack Dunford 5-1-12-3; Prawit Prawit 0.4-0-2-1; Trevor Whalley 1-0-8-1; Howard Shields 4-0-28-1)

Fathers 136-9 (Frank Hough 44, Ron Hall 29\*, Howard Shields 13, Jack Dunford 12; Kit Whalley 2-1-7-2; John Shields 1-0-4-1; David Lamb 1-0-5-1; Tim Blackburn 2-0-6-1; Nigel Howard 1-0-6-1; Duncan Groves 6-1-31-1)

Two big sons, Davids Lamb and Hall, had fathers playing in this match both past their seventieth birthdays. David Lamb, in fact, had the choice of playing for either side, as his son



*L-R : Dale Lamb – best fielder, Kit Whalley – best bowler, Gil Lamb – most senior player, Duncan Groves – best all rounder, Ron Hall – best batsman. At the back David Lamb – Captain of the Sons, Frank Hough – Captain of the Fathers.*

Dale was also playing.

Fathers won the toss and elected to field first, a decision they must have regretted as they were made to toil in the hot afternoon sun. In a 25-over match, there was compulsory retirement after a reasonably lengthy occupancy of the crease, and all the first five Sons took advantage of this to retire not out, Dale Lamb being the top score with 31 off 28 balls. In fact the score had reached 119 in 20 overs before the first wicket fell, when Jack Dunford, brought back for a second spell, unsportingly bowled his

own son and two others in the same over

Some spirited late hitting and fast running by the Sons, taking unfair advantage of a by-now (can you think of a polite word for "knackered", Maren? one that carries the same sort of force?) weary Fathers team, took the score to 152 for only six wickets, leaving the Fathers a target over six runs an over.

This soon seemed out of reach, as openers Church and Groves faced an excellent opening spell from their sons, Oliver Church bowling impressively but without luck, and Duncan Groves bowling his father with his second ball. Robert Church was run out soon afterwards by a Simon Hough throw, the beginning of an excellent afternoon in the field for Simon. John Shields struck next, bowling Jack Dunford. The young Prawit took a good catch off Nigel Howard's bowling to dismiss Howard Shields. Jim Howard was fifth out, caught by Simon Hough off the bowling of Tim Blackburn. Two runs late, Mike Blackburn was bowled by Kit Whalley,

who in his following over - a wicket maiden - had his father caught by Duncan Groves. When Prawit was run out in the next over, the Fathers were 60 for 8 and the game was headed for a very onesided victory for the Sons.

However, Frank Hough and 70-year-old Ron Hall had different ideas, and the last twelve overs of the game saw them add 76 elegant runs. In the end, 152 was just beyond them, and Frank was finally caught (a second

catch for Duncan Groves) going for an unlikely 17 off the last ball.

At a reception after the match, the Sons captain David Lamb was presented with the Ben Line Bashes Trophy, which the Sons have now won six times to the Fathers' four. Duncan Groves was adjudged all-rounder of the match, Ron Hall batsman of the match, Kit Whalley bowler of the match, and Dale Lamb, as wicketkeeper, fielder of the match. As in previous years, many thanks to Frank Hough, who organised the match and the sponsorship.

David Hall

## SOOOOOOOO NEAR, AND YET SOOOOOOO FAR

THE fabulous Pavilionaires, flying high after their momentous Bangkok Sixes victory, came crashing back to reality to swallow the bitter pills of defeat on two mortifying occasions. Both times true to the tragic Pavs' tradition they managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

### PAVILIONAIRES vs INDIAN CRICKET CLUB - 25/11/90 R.B.S.C.

[Bingo Lamb 60, Smelly Snell 27, TinTin Oakins 23, Jumbo Howard 14. Huge Salmon 3 for 27, Wiry Steve Hatherall 2 for 10, Big Phil Moore 1 for 13, and Jumbo Howard 1 for 53]

Bingo Lamb won the toss at high noon on a hot and sultry November Sunday and elected to bat. Smelly opened with Goose Grose against an enthusiastic Indian attack and proceeded to justify Bingo's faith in putting him in at Number 1. Goose at the other end was having a few problems and was comprehensively bowled by Deepak for just 3 runs. Huge Salmon came in at Number three, his usual vision of athletic and sartorial grace and elegance on his way to the crease, and an unusual picture of abject dejection after contributing 8 runs before another comprehensive ball from Deepak. Bingo came in and for the next twenty minutes, he and Smelly gave it some welly. Smelly was still cutting and driving despite the incredible pressure he was under. Rolly Bain had been given the beeper and was sworn to signal the centre if Smelly's expected enfant was imminent. "I don't care if I'm in the 80s or 90s," said the father-to-be "you signal. I'll just get my hundred quickly and retire. Jo will understand." Thankfully young Smell showed more restraint than his father who popped up an easy caught and bowled to the innocuous Vivek after weathering the storm and scoring a good 27. Bingo kept the score going, first with a 27 run partnership with Wiry Steve Hatherall, then with former run-machine and all-rounder Porky Rider, (out with a miscued 7 iron to mid-on for another duck) and finally TinTin Oakins. Capt Bingo flayed a run-a-minute 60 before letting one through the gap from Kishore. Jumbo although in serious pain from his various self inflicted injuries held up his end until TinTin was run out for a flashy 14. The tail didn't exactly wag with the last four batsmen contributing 4 runs in 10 minutes for a total of 167 for 9. "We really wanted 180," said

Bingo "I don't think it's going to be enough." And he was right! Despite some superb bowling from Huge (3 for 27), Big Phil (1 for 13 from 7 overs) and finally Wiry Steve (2 for 20), and a solid showing behind the stumps with two catches and a stumping by Porky Rider, the Indians won with 9 balls to spare, showing total disregard (dare I say disdain and contempt) for the usually reliable Chalky Glattbach (0 for 29 from 5 overs) Jumbo Howard (1 for 53 from 5.3 overs) and Bingo himself (15 from 1 over).

### PAVILIONAIRES vs BRITISH CLUB 16/12/90 Polo Club

[Wiry Steve Hatherall 58, Huge Salmon 23, Big Phil Moore 17, Menace McNamara 14. Tiny Tim Edmonds 2 for 31, Huge Salmon 1 for 36, Ducky Hamilton 1 for 21, Wiry Steve Hatherall 0 for 25]

Bingo Lamb won the toss at high noon on a hot and sultry December Sunday and elected to bat. Although it was only 9 days to Christmas, the BC were in a very uncharitable mood, still smarting from their Sixes defeat at the hands of the Pavs. Wiry Steve opened with Huge against a lively BC attack led by Persil White and a Damn Caro. The boys saw off Persil for an uncharacteristically expensive opening 3 overs for 17 runs, to be replaced by Wily Ratty Dunford. Damn Caro was bowling like Scrooge and runs were hard to come by, but the lads stuck to their task until Lanky Lanham removed Huge with a snick to Hough 'n' Puff, with the score on 52. Menace McNamara held up one end, while Wiry Steve scored a flawless 58, until exhaustion and seeping Mekhong caused a rush of chances, again off Lanky Lanham ... the score now 93 from 19 overs. Dare I say, the Pavs were laughing ... too soon ... as Lanky claimed his third wicket with the rapid demise of Bingo for only 2 runs. Unswayed by his recent run of poultry scores, Porky Rider strode to the crease only to return 6 balls later, caught Ratty bowled Foxy. Ducky Hamilton fared little better bowled by Foxy for 8. Big Phil and Julie Andrews stuck around for 13 runs and looked like going on with it until Foxy claimed his fourth and Big Phil was on his way back to the far pavilion. What looked like a perfect combination of youth (Tiny Tim Edmonds) and experience (Julie Andrews) came unstuck as both were run out. Ginger Hastings couldn't contain himself and came apart at the seams (literally) while JC Charlesworth (the gay blade of the Pavs) stared on in fascinated



*"My God! It's Hell out there!"*

horror. All out for 143, and still 19 balls remaining of the Pavs allotted 35 overs.

Huge and Big Phil opened the Pavs attack with Persil and Capt Hough 'n' Puff doing their stuff for the BC. With the score on 46 Huge moved one away, got an edge, and Wiry Steve held one of the greatest slips catches seen at the Polo ground, especially as keeper Porky Rider had thrown himself in front and obscured everything (including the sun). Damn Caro was obviously under orders to hold up his end and let

Persil get the numbers, and thus he did. With some tight spin from Wiry Steve and Ducky Hamilton, and a bit of quick from Tiny Tim (in his first match in a year) the BC runrate slowed. Tiny Tim bowled Cut Price and took a return catch off Foxy, but there were too few runs to defend and too many overs to go. Persil scored the winning run to remain unbeaten on a well compiled and responsible 61 with 9 balls remaining. Enjoy! it while it lasts BC.

Rolly Bain

# GOLF GOLF

## EVENTS for the Diary:

Date	Course	Time	Event
Sunday 3rd Feb	Ekachai	08.56 a.m.	Club Champ II
Sunday 17th Feb	Thai C.C.	08.30 a.m.	Dunlop Cup I
Saturday 23rd Feb	Inter-Soc.	07.30 a.m.	-
Sunday 24th Feb	Hua Hin	07.30 a.m.	-
Saturday 9th Mar	Rose Garden	TBA	BLGS Kitchen Sink
Sunday 10th Mar	Ekachai	10.24 a.m.	Dunlop Cup II
Sunday 24th Mar	Bangpakong	07.51 a.m.	Dunlop Cup III
Saturday 6th Apr	Chulachom Klao	12.00 noon	Club
Sunday 7th Apr	Nakhon Nayok	10.00 a.m.	Club
Monday 8th Apr	Nakhon Nayok	09.00 a.m.	Club
Sunday 21st Apr	Bangpakong	11.00 a.m.	Dunlop Cup Final

### Dunlop Cup

The Dunlop Cup is regarded as one of the premier events of the golfing calendar and it is

almost upon us again.

The format is a four-ball knock out played in conjunction with the event of the day. Start organising your four-ball partner now, so that you don't miss out on the fun.

**Reminder - Inter - Societies - Hua Hin 23/24 Feb.**

The Inter-Societies weekend at Hua Hin in February is not an event to be missed. Apart from the golf, the fellowship is something to behold.

**RECENT RESULTS:**

Rose Garden - 23rd December

This club outing suffered somewhat from X'mas holiday commitments, with only 16 starters, however, the four groups got around in good time. May & Baker were the sponsors and although Brian & Lavita Hughes were not on hand to present the prizes, the booze was welcome and replenished depleted home stocks.

Winners were:

A GRADE				B GRADE			
1st	David Stewart	-	37 points		Judy Farmer	-	37 points
R/up	Alistair Rider	-	35 "		Wan Adams	-	36 "
5th	Derek Pott	-	35 "	7th	Eric Hudson	-	33 "
6th	Udo Quedenfeldt	-	35 "	8th	Dennis Farmer	-	33 "

Railway - 6th January

This event was listed as lefts V rights but with only one left-hander in the group of 20, the event was abandoned.

Results were:

A GRADE				B GRADE			
1st	Eric Hudson	-	38 points		Philip Barrett	-	38 points
R/up	Mary Collins	-	37 "		John Smith	-	34 "
5th	Keith Collins	-	36 "	7th	David Williamson	-	33 "
6th	Derek Pott	-	34 "	8th	Dennis Farmer	-	32 "

Long Drives, Gents' - Eric Hudson, Ladies - Mary Collins

Happy Golfing



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NINE IS REALLY  
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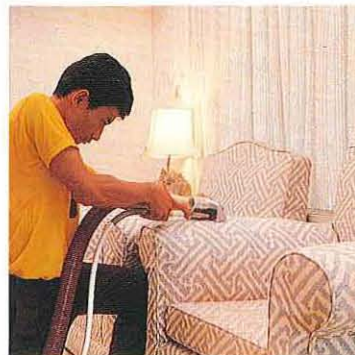
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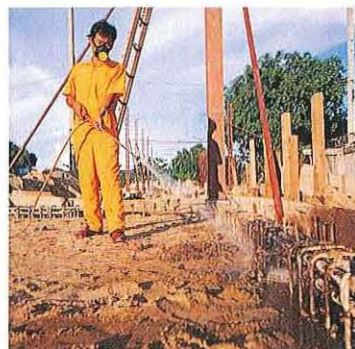
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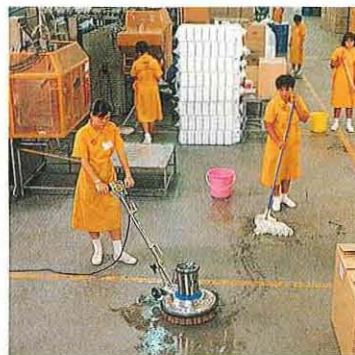
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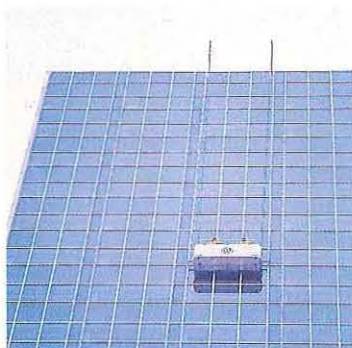
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# TRAVEL LOG

## The Irish Shamrocks. Reflections

**I**T is difficult to remember who conceived this venture; tours are easily finalised over a few beers and quickly forgotten - possibly Captain Houghton kept this one alive as only he had sufficient leave and probably cash! It was natural that the Irish, Vize & Macartney be involved, if only to act as envoys between warring factions which visitors to the Emerald Isle take seriously. An amnesty was first arranged at a high level - the Ayatollah was also informed but we were told he was dead.

The tour was finally subcontracted to the professionals; CPPM golf promotion of Belfast. Their response was highly practical - all courses, hotels & transport booked, do your own thing, you kick off in Belfast at 10.30 p.m. on Monday

20th August and will be flown out when you have had enough, but hopefully by the 30th. We question your ability to play eleven of the top courses in the world so no insurance is included in our modest price of £735, all in, excluding bets and flight damage.

The courses were pre-selected and as a plug to the Irish, it must be noted that Ballybunion is rated as the No. 1 course in the UK, Portmarnock, 3rd and Royal County Down 5th. Lahinch and Royal Portrush rate in the top 10 and Killarney has been chosen for the Irish Open June 1991. The Scots will query, but sad to say St. Andrews draws 17th place. On World ratings Ballybunion falls behind Pebble Beach and Augusta to get 3rd place, with the above Irish courses all in the top 20.

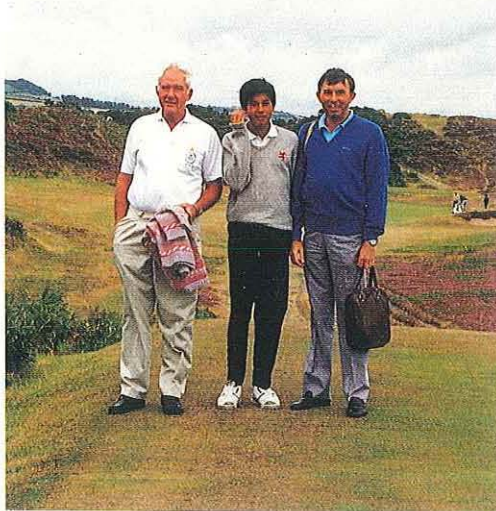
Our selection included eight links courses with only Malone (Belfast), Castle (Dublin) and



*Confident arrival in Belfast.*



*A 30 yd. putt under an angry 'Slieve Donard'.*

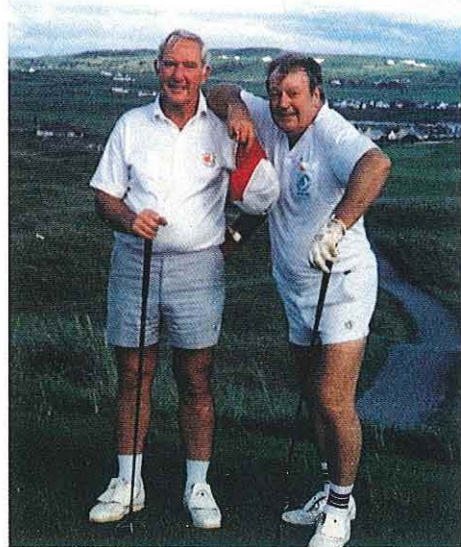


*The Royal County Down 10th.*

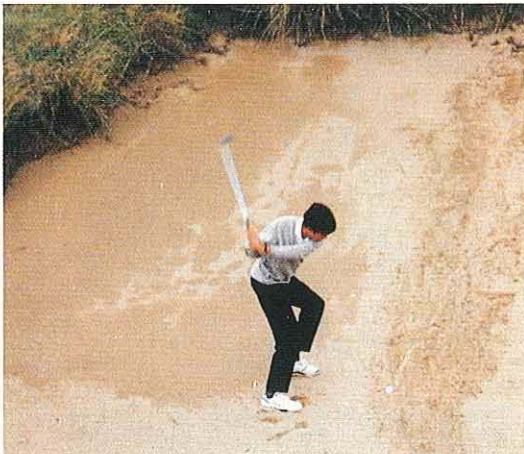
Kileens (Killarney), providing the parks to which the Shamrocks were accustomed.

The party, arriving in Belfast, was depleted due to unforeseen business commitments. However, Barretts by 2, Houghton, Frost & Macartney made the cut and managed to assemble at Belfast airport. BA who gave excellent support in providing the excess baggage caused some problems for Frost by consigning his baggage & clubs direct from BKK to BFS. Once the British customs had been assured that he was not carrying Kalashnikovs in his golf bag they were released, shuttled to Belfast and taxied to the Royal County Down Newcastle, regrettably late for the first encounter with the links on our circuit. The indomitable Frost played in borrowed white wellies with studs, city suit and Bangkok underpants with clubs borrowed from the pro shop; the only claim on BA being a

tweed "duncher" and a Royal Co. Down sweater.



*A totally knackered duo-Lahinch.*

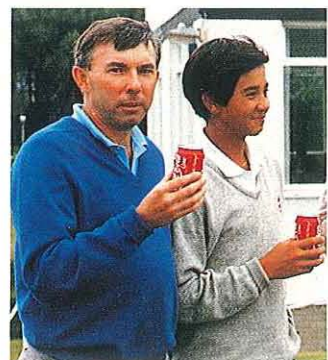


*"Please rake the bunker after use – if you can get out of it!"*

**Day 1:** Royal Co. Down Newcastle. This was a frightening experience. The course is used by Tom Watson before the Ryder Cup and British Open. Only four greens could be seen from the tee box and we failed to identify a fairway within 200 m. of the drive. The mountains of Mourne swept down to the sea and the Ulster drizzle penetrated all but Frost's wellies. The clear unpolluted air pained our lungs and made us over club to the raised, beautifully true greens. 'Yut Yut' was the cry. Frequent lost balls in the

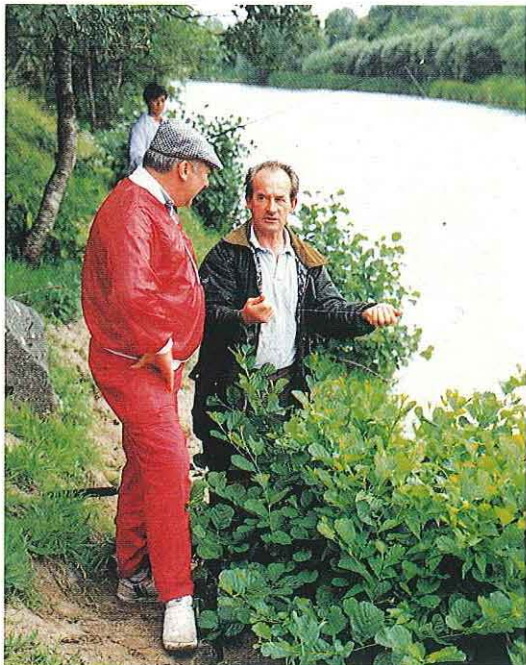


*No. 3. wood, 150 yds – Lahinch.*



*Barretts, Roy and Philip-Royal County Down Beer Hut!*

heather, not wayward shots but just not long enough, resulted in a slow round. We finished at 8 p.m. with only 8 pars within the team and a Frost Birdie at the 16th. The shocked Shamrocks retired for dinner at the Slieve Donard Hotel wondering if they should return to the Rose Garden. Nett Scores: Houghton - 83, Frost - 83, Macartney - 85, Barrett R. - 86, and Barrett P. - 95.



*Frosty and the Gillie, River Moy.*

**Day 2:** The sun was over the Mourne. A traditional Irish fry - bacon, black & white puddings, eggs, mushrooms, tomatoes, liver, soda & potato bread raised morale for the drive to Dublin and Portmanock.

This is Ireland's premier tournament venue, having hosted the Irish open on fifteen occasions; winners are impressive: George Duncan, Abe Mitchell, Hubert Green, Seve Ballesteros, Ian Woosman & Bernhard Langer. The World Cup was won here in 1960 (Snead & Palmer). At the par 3, 15th hole Crenshaw commented. "This has got to be the best par 3 on earth". Cotton took a 9 at the 14th (par 4) to lose the Irish open.

Against a superb back drop of Howth Bay, it was immediately recognised that this could be an easier trip, wide fairways but long. With the sun on our backs and the Frost with new underparts, the pars began to appear but the lost ball problem required a Shamrock committee which decreed "take a triple bogey and leave it". We loved this course (as also do Christie Snr + Jn O' Conner) and will come back for more. Nett scores: Frost - 72, Houghton - 80, Barrett P. - 81, and Barrett R. - 82.

The Frost round was encouraging and gave new heart to the team that the links could be mastered. With a 3 over on the back nine and his second birdie of the tour on the 14th (Watson was recorded with a 9) and 8 pars we wonder why he goes to the USA to learn the game. Macartney adjourned on the 10th to drink stout



*The closing hole of the tour – Royal Portrush – The Survivors.*



*The winner 'Shamrocks 1990'.*



with the Catholic church representatives but recorded a nett 38 on the front nine. The Shamrocks repaired to the Marine Hotel for a feed of fresh fish and bed at 10 p.m. Nobody had yet mentioned sex except that its an Irish triple bogey on a par 3.

**Day 3:** The Castle Club Dublin reciprocates with RBSC yet no Bangkok members had drawn down on the lavish hospitality given to them. We expected and were given a royal welcome and a match. The superb, lush parks course proved a doddle for the sharpened Shamrocks. We were entered in the Wednesday tournament paired with Castle Bangkokians. Bets were heavy & cumulative.

This Dublin Rose Garden with the ball sitting up, holding greens and clubbing advice from our Castle partners really set the Shamrocks green. Philip Barret, led off with a par on the first and turned in a 71. With a little more advice from Uncle Don on the 9th Philip could have gone for a safe par rather than a risky birdie and won the overall (and enough cash to cover the Michlemas term). However he three putted and blew a fortune. The scores reflect the Shamrocks capability on parks: Macartney - 68 (+ Birdie on the 13th for a Captain's prize); Philip Barrett - 71, Frost - 73, Houghton - 73, and Roy Barrett - 74.

The Castle Club threw on an extravaganza party, speeches were incomprehensible and Admiral Houghton (promoted) gave a plaque + lots of Shamrock shirts, and the Castle gave the Shamrocks all but the castle (which is mortgaged to the EEC). All were in bed by midnight, full of Beef Wellington and 13 vegetables all dressed in white sauce.

**Day 4:** The long east to west trip through the Curragh and bogs got us to Killarney for a late tee off. The Agadhoe Heights Hotel looked and proved a winner. Killarney (Kileens) has been selected for the Irish Open and visitors were asked for comments on possible improvements. It was here that Gary Player had his first competitive round outside S.A. Tony Jacklin comments. "It is one of those rare courses on which great golf and visual splendour combine to provide an unforgettable experience".

After the Castle euphoria the Shamrocks were on a low, tired and travel weary. The beauty of Killarney is known, the relaxing atmosphere of playing in shorts and the potential of the hotel for a minor thrash raised morale. No score cards are on record; Frost and Macartney

adjourned on the 10th to discuss the possibilities of poaching salmon and drink with the local gillies. The Agadhoe Hotel produced the local daily catch of wild sea trout and turbot. The wines flowed and the group was left with a smooth tongued young head waiter who managed to peddle them Armanac at 15 punts a shot. A bill of 270 punts awaited the Shamrocks on the plaice breakfast.

**Day 5:** Up the West coast to Ballybunnion. Designed by Trent Jones it is the rave of the circuit and the training ground for Tom Watson who comments "It is the only true test of golf and of the 1st hole. There is a no more natural golf hole in the world, an outrageously beautiful stretch of God's terrain." The old course was selected, the sun was up. The Shamrocks were determined to perform for posterity. The course was demanding, lost balls frequent which rather destroyed the cards. Heavy rain on the 7th nearly aborted the outing but with guts and determination and towels wrapped around the putters the Shamrocks persevered to at least say 'We played the finest course'. It was a Barrett success. Philip netted a 73 and father 77, David Frost, despite 5 pars and a birdie was off the field with 81. On return to the pub a shattered Vize was seen, grotty from Bangkok and a drive across Ireland. With the Irish Champ now on the team, a second round of Ballybunnion was scheduled for 6.00 a.m. the following day. Vize, Houghton and Herbison (a Belfast business partner) set off to "tame" the course whilst the rest of the group spent a few extra hours in bed.

**Day 6:** Across the Shannon to Lahinch, yet another formidable links challenge. It was designed by Tom Morris who naturally commented "Lahinch will make the finest and most popular golf course that I, or anyone else, ever constructed."

Lahinch has hosted Irish & home international fixtures and it's 6,700 yards has proved a formidable challenge ever since to the amateur golfer. As the Irish golf society had decided to hold the National club championship, Limerick V Lahinch to coincide with our slots we had the experience of playing to a gallery of oiled Western Irish supporters. The par five 5th (488 yds), known as the Klondyke, is played up a deep narrow valley over a huge sand dune leaving an equally competitive shot to an again hidden green. The par 3, 6th (the Dell) calls for a blind shot over a ridge to a green hemmed in on three

sides by hills. Again in a stunning Atlantic coastal scene and with champ Vize partially recovered from his jet lag, the increasing internal competition, and good weather the round developed into a straight fight Vize/Houghton, both playing excellent stuff. With our Leslie steady, not giving anything to anybody but with a modest four pars, he turned in a 76. Captain Lloyd, less consistent, but with 5 pars on the front and 3 on the back could only draw. One shot behind was the Frost with pars, and Barrett junior, who failed to register on the front, but finished strongly on the back including a birdie on the formidable 16th, took a 77. Macartney with hip problems finished on the 9th with a nett 38. "Could have won but was reluctant to beat our Leslie," and he retired to the Club House to see who'd won the Limerick vs Lahinch Championship. Roy was back in the field with an 88. He strongly preferred Ballybunnion. It was not clear who won but at the Club an enormous trophy filled with Guinness, champagne and Irish whisky was toted around for all participants.

**Day 7:** Frost, Macartney & Barrett junior went fishing. The river Moy in Ballinia was arranged & a relaxing day was thoroughly enjoyed (also by the salmon).

The ardent golfers proceeded to the fair wind swept county of Connemara to play the Clifden course. It was reported to be a great experience but only two cards were submitted Houghton 81 and Barrett (senior) 93, which seemed like a tough day. The hotel at Clifden was rated "numero uno" on the trip.

**Day 8:** The fishermen and Clifden golfers met up at Rosses point, home of the late Cecil Ewing of Walker Cup fame. Henry Cotton described the 3rd, 5th, 10th & 14th as the most satisfying experience in golf - the downhill drive. Frost came in with an 80, Barrett Junior 82 and Macartney 83. Fear spread that the Shamrocks were wilting and that an evening of Guinness & fish at Arnolds pub in Co Donegal was required to get the show back on the road.

A scenic drive through Co Donegal was totally lost on the kipping Shamrocks but the promise of a super dinner at Arnolds got the taste buds going while passing through Port-na Blagh. Suffice to say, we were too late, the local cook had gone back to herd the bullocks and even the spuds were cold & burnt. The maid, a Stewart (they own most of Co. Donegal North) was a childhood mistress of Macartneys. Hadn't

seen him since he was eleven and did he know her brother was injured trying to get a bull to serve a cow (religious prejudice says the Frost). The Stewart girl delivered the vino in great style, She had the key! It is the greatest pub in Ireland said our Leslie as the locals were wending their way to first mass.

**Day 9:** The keen and resilient Shamrocks played Dunfanaghy "at sparrows". No caddy carts, no cards, no charge. Frost was reported as saying "Never again will I complain of the quality of caddies in Thailand." Macartney stayed (with his) behind and to settle accounts and prepare six packs & sandwiches. Cards extracted from participants showed, Houghton - 71, Vize - 73, Barrett Jnr - 73, Barrett Snr - 76, and Frost - 80.

The team set off for Portrush knackered. It was clear that the Shamrocks were overextended. Portrush, in retrospect must rank above all other links. After a three hour drive the real final test of links golf was faced; a weather perfect course in prime condition. A reception by Sammy Moore (Queens, Ulster & Coventry rugby) OBE and bar and bow tie who said to Leslie (the North Antrim accent interpretation requires local skills to speak & understand). "Look at the auld Macartney, can't walk, great star hereabouts, see that dance hall over there - he was thrown out every Saturday night, where were you, all you B - ! I've had it all arranged for this morning. Come home after the game for a few jars - the boys will all be there." Alas fatigue did not permit what could have been a giant's (causeway) disaster.

Portrush received three votes as the top venue. Even with Calamity hole, Purgatory (a par 3, Atlantic on 2 sides and a 60 knot cross wind) scores were good:

Barrett Jnr. - 79 (he took Calamity and is awaiting his ball from Cape Cod), Barrett Snr. - 79, Macartney - 82, Frost - 84, and Vize & Houghton - 86.

The Shamrocks finished at 7 p.m. Two points a piece and off to the next gourmet dinner at Dunadry Inn. On arrival - dining room closed, sorry chaps. A bit of local tickling and the head waiter agreed that it was essential to feed the troops. Barrets, Frost & Macartney really lashed into the salmon; Houghton appeared after half an hour in the "tub" in an attempt to gain sufficient energy to lift "fork to mouth!" Vize had foreseen the problem and bought fish & chips on the way.

**Day 10:** Malone. Back to the Parks and what a superbly manicured spread. Good scores were

recorded and an excellent round by Frost. With a 71 he saw off his professional partner and decided to buy his new house beside Leslie (the local resident). Barrett junior (74) Barrett senior (75) and Vize (76) again showed our liking for the Parks. Macartney sloped off to meet his school mates and finished on the 9th to be delivered to the airport before the final party got underway.

Apart from Castle, this was the only venue where social intercourse occurred. Malone Sweaters (wool) were handed out to the Shamrocks and an RBSC plaque was returned together with Shamrock shirts.

The factual report ends as your rapporteur (sensing problems) returned for London and Alderney. The epitaph of the Shamrocks emerged later. In the hands of our "Les" the party adjourned to Crossgar (a small sleepy village of the rich) partook of numerous libations proffered by one of Leslie's mates. Barrett (Jnr.) & Frost were later seen in an Jag XJ in Dounpatrick; Captain Lloyd examined the hosts Ming China at close range, Leslie disappeared to Blackpool and our Frosty didn't make his 50 Punt bed.

The winner of the Shillelagh was reported and later confirmed to be David Frost. Trailing two strokes behind was Barrett Jnr. Well done Philip. He played five rounds below 80 around the circuit, for a young lad he weathered the bull and sporadic drinking like a veteran. His only fear was at the hands of a lady Yank in W. Donegal who wanted to buy him and his "Shamrocks" shirt.

Reports of other such tours in the British Club magazine would suggest that the team's main purpose was to fulfil the fixtures under terminal symptoms of alcoholism, or with delayed starts from unplanned lechery resulting in various degrees of paralysis. For the Shamrocks we can report pristine purity on all counts, although, in defence, it could be said that time did not permit.

We brushed with the beauty of Ireland and passed by its renowned hospitality, friendship & poetry in pursuit of pars and birdies. We did however learn that the great "links" played are so vast and rugged that a golfer is made to feel insignificant in the presence of such a display of nature's power on his behalf - we will return!

#### Summary

At a Shamrocks post-mortem the following comments and decisions are reported:

- The tour was considered to be a huge success and should be repeated with a tentative date, August 1991.

- Ireland should be repeated as we have only scraped the surface of the potential.

- The tour was too intense, too much travel and lacking exposure to the locals ie. drinking and Irish blarney.

- Competitive games against local clubs would stimulate more social intercourse.

It was recommended therefore that:

- A minimum of eight players were required.

- Three "Hubs" of Dublin, Tralee & Portrush be established. Three nights at each hub (in the same hub/pub to facilitate knicker washing) with the objective of playing tough courses more than once.

- The tour organisation be subcontracted.

Valuable experience has been gained and will be passed on to the 1991 organisers. The Shamrocks tour, not including international air travel, averaged at about £1,000/skull for 10 days. This included green fees; (about £20-30) the best of hotels, a bus plus excellent driver - well done Alec: and a modicum of Guinness. The general opinion of the boys was that it was well worth it.

A survivor

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# RUGBY



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## HELLO RUGBY FANS

THE New Year is upon us and the rugby section has begun training again. The numbers remain good and apparently the first few sessions (Tuesday and Thursday - 7.00 o'clock at the B.C.) have not been for the faint hearted - so one player commented when I passed him in the B.C. with his Zimmer. That tough and quite ruthless stalwart Nigel Pearson is now facing disability law suits from several prospective players. When asked to comment he said "basically we're trying to weed out the boys and girls from the men"!! The club does have a major competition in the form of the Hong Kong 10 aside tournament in March (see the notice board), and it is imperative that we send the best, most fit and rugged team possible which is where Mr. Pearson comes in. The other night a player broke his leg at training and on investigating Nigel was heard to have said "don't just lie there do press-ups"!!! A party of 20 are going (along with most of Bangkok) and then on to watch the 7's. The team at the moment reads - Grunwell, Meggison, Grunwell, Meggison, Grunwell, Meggison, with reserves Grunwell and Meggison. Should we be going? I hear you ask (that's me off the trip as boot cleaner).

Now there have been rumours of a coup within the section and Papa Doc Grunwell and Ton Ton Macoute Meggison's paranoia is rising. No one really knows what's going on but Grunwell claims to have seen members of the Chilean Junta along with CIA in the Patpong area where he lives. he promises to pay back the club funds used for his psychiatric bills as soon as he is paid for his part in Cuckoo's Nest 2. The AGM should be interesting with so many imaginary (or are they???) adversaries appearing and Messrs. Grunwell and Meggison there in disguise (raincoats and dark glasses with nothing underneath). There is no truth in the rumour that their friends are pressing for a secret ballot!!! Xmas and New Year celebrations were eventful - Mr. Meggison went off to plague Australia and Mr. Grunwell played Santa Claus

in Lumpini Park but was had up for discrimination against all males and females under 16 and over 28.

## **The last game of the year: Old Vajiravut College - 16th December 1990**

The B.C. fielded three new players - Gary Weston from New Zealand, Ian Mackenzie (spelt IAIN according to his wife) fae Scotland, and his Dutch buddy Mr. Otten from eh....eh.....anyway welcome and capable additions to the team they were. The game, not only the last of the season but the last for Monteau and Bompon, was a disaster and marred by disgraceful undisciplined behaviour by the B.C.. And here I have to express an opinion.

Whining, malingering, people (about 1/3 to 1/2 of the participants that day) in the guise of players do nothing but damage to the team morale, the spectators enjoyment, the referee's job and the spirit of the game. There is an old adage known to those of us fortunate enough to have been taught the rudiments of proper rugby football. This is not a reflection of ability but of attitude to - and respect for the game.

When things don't go your way and everything you can imagine is going against you (this creates the challenge which is the very ethos of the game in case you didn't know!) then SHUT UP or do something about it!!

The other concept of good rugby practice that too many forget, is that no matter who or how handicapped the referee may be in your eyes, he is in charge and when you take to the pitch you accept this with gratitude - for there would be no game without him. If you cannot accept this "style" (this differs all over the world) and you cannot compensate for this in your play then LEAVE - you have neither the mental or physical maturity to cope with the game. In the same vein it is bad practice having scored, to charge around screaming, gesticulating and kissing like some backwoods hillbilly unable to conduct themselves in a sportmanly manner. Never mind what goes on in other ball sports, by

playing the game to these high standards we can differentiate ourselves positively, win or lose from other teams. END OF SUBJECT.

We hope to see IAIN and Gary regularly this season along with the tireless Gordon Bell who returned to occupy the scrum half position

again. Try scorers were Brown and Podholer. The final score was 24-8 against the B.C.. We look forward to a re-match with the College and to the continued use of their excellent facilities.

Simon

## SQUASH SQUASH

TO begin with the administrative highlight of the B.C. Squash calendar, the A.G.M. of the Squash Section, will be held on the 20th March at 7.00 p.m. At worst, this is a good occasion to get free drink and food supplied to you by the section. At best, it is your chance to air your views about the way the squash section works, you can ask questions, make criticisms, throw bread rolls (free remember), get elected to the committee, take over the writing of the Squash report for "OUTPOST" - but to do any of this you have to turn up at the meeting! An opportunity too good to miss! The prizes for the Guardian Assurance November league will be presented, as will the prizes and the shield for the ICI January league and last but not least the team prizes for the "Harold Mercer" competition, which will be held in February. There is a risk that if you win a prize and don't turn up to collect, it will be recycled!

Photos in this month's report include the finalists in the B.C. "Rod Carter" Open, Khun Peerapong and Khun Narongrit. The former won in a good match with some fine squash on display for all those lucky enough to be there. There's a nice photo of Keith "5 o'clock shadow" Denner looking very pleased to have gotten one hand on the trophy even if it was only to present it to Peerapong!

As you can see from the next photo and as mentioned in the last "OUTPOST" report we were hosts to the TSRA annual competition. No prizes for guessing the sponsor, thanks again to Kodak.

The final photograph is a picture of an enormously tall Bernie Adams presenting a picture of his favourite massage parlour to two extremely small members of the Singapore Cricket Club when they visited (and thrashed) us in mid-November.



*Khun Peerapong and Khun Narongrit — finalists of the "Rod Carter" competition.*



*Keith Denner, his five o'clock shadow and winner Khun Peerapong.*



The Dunlop draw for December resulted in prizes as follows:

1st Prize	1,000 Baht	Dunlop Voucher	-	Tom Olsen
2nd Prize	500 Baht	"	"	Phil Evans
3rd Prize	500 Baht	"	"	Suzanne Olsen

This was all a bit embarrassing because, I can tell you but don't mention it to anyone else, it was Mrs. Olsen who drew out the ticket with Mr. Olsen's name on it. How she saw through the brown paper bag that had been placed over her head at the time, to keep it fair, we will never know. It became even more embarrassing when Mrs. Olsen's name was drawn out later (fortunately not by Mr. Olsen) as the third prize winner! Anyway I blame all of you squashies out there who are not playing enough ladder matches to prevent this kind of nepotism - please don't let it happen again, you were all too busy enjoying Christmas or something.

Whilst on the subject of Suzanne, I am pleased to report that she has been dragged, screaming and protesting on to the Squash Committee and is determined to get more ladies playing squash at the B.C. She will therefore be organising a FREE ladies Round Robin tournament on 26th February in the morning. FREE means you won't have to put court stickers on and you'll get free drinks to keep you going, replace lost sweat (sorry perspiration, I forgot it was ladies) etc! There is no escape, if you play squash or have ever even looked at a squash racquet, she will seek you out and persuade you to play. So, to make life easier for her and for you, why not just sign up on the notice board, we are sure you will have a good time.

February will be a busy squash month with the handicap tournament and the "Harold Mercer" team trophy so, see you in court.

Mel Leddy

# TENNIS TENNIS

## TENNIS SECTION

### REPORT ON "TWO DAY TOURNAMENT" - 15/16 DECEMBER 1990

THE weekend of 15 and 16 December saw the gathering of 34 club tennis players to contest the British Club "Two Day Tournament."

Starting at 12 noon on Saturday the tournament format was a knockout competition each



*Ladies' Singles Winner Terry Merry.*



*Bernie Adams and David Haworth, Men's Doubles Winners. Bernie was also Men's Singles Champion.*



*Mixed Doubles Winners Barry and Judy Shaw.*

match one set plus a plate competition for first round losers. The main tournament consisted of Men's and Ladies' Singles plus Mixed Doubles, and this was supplemented by a Men's and Ladies' Doubles tournament to guarantee a full weekend of tennis.

After a slow start blamed variously on the Bangkok traffic and lack of Alka Seltzer to combat the excesses of the previous evening, all first round matches were completed on Saturday afternoon. With over 30 matches to be played on Sunday before the finals, careful scheduling was required on the sidelines, and Dave Haworth (showing all the attributes of a future committee member) did a fine task, getting all the matches played on time. And so to the finals....

The Men's Singles final was contested between Bernie Adams and Brian Roche. Bernie had plucked victory from the jaws of defeat against Dave Haworth in an early round and conquered a cramp stricken Bob Merry in the semifinals. Brian Roche meanwhile had been showing good form in defeating Barry Shaw and narrowly edging out Bill Wright in a fine tie break semifinal. The final saw Bernie justifying his number one seeding and in a close contest he overcame Brian Roche 6-4.

The Ladies' Singles final was an all Irish affair between Terry Merry cheered on by her crowd of supporters (twin daughters, maid and husband) and Sandra Thornton with her deft racquet skills. Terry had beaten Jenny Salmon and Julia Freeman in yet another tie break before reaching the final, whilst Sandra plun-

dered the ambitions of Sarah Freeman and Thamtip Cowie.

With the luck of the Irish evenly spread on both sides of the court, Terry came through to win 6-3, based on skill and raw talent.

The Mixed Doubles tournament had several powerful husband/wife pairings, including Barry & Judy Shaw and Bob & Terry Merry (plus supporters). These two pairs fought their way through to the final and in an extremely close tie break the Australian pair - Barry & Judy Shaw - narrowly defeated the Anglo-Irish Merry combination.

The tournament, generously supported by Dunlop (Thailand) Ltd, was considered a great success, and the participants thoroughly enjoyed the quantity and quality of tennis over the weekend. Thanks to David Ingham for his fine tournament organisation off the court, and for the poor quality of his tennis on court

### RESULT OF THE FINALS

Men's Singles	Bernie Adams	beat	Brian Roche	6-4
Ladies' Singles	Terry Merry	beat	Sandra Thornton	6-3
Mixed Doubles	Barry & Judy Shaw	beat	Bob & Terry Merry	7-6
Men's Doubles	Bernie Aams & Dave Haworth	beat	Barry Shaw & Henry Cherdumphai	6-4
Ladies' Doubles	Terry Merry & Sandra Thornton	beat	Kathy Haworth & Judy Shaw	6-3
Men's Plate Winner	-		John Sands	
Ladies' Plate Winner	-		Judy Shaw	
Mixes Doubles Plate Winner	-		Bernie & Joan Adams	

### CLUB TENNIS

The tennis section is keen to increase the amount of "Club Tennis" played, whereby players can pick-up games with other members without prior organisation.

Therefore in addition to the traditional Wednesday Club night, Sunday afternoon between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. has been reserved for Club Tennis. So just turn-up with your racquet. See you there.

# AEROBICS

## INNER THIGH PUSHES

THIS is an exercise that concentrates on the adductors (the inner thigh area) which is a hard to work muscle.

Lie on your left side with your right foot on the floor. Bend your left knee and bring it in with the inner thigh facing upwards as in Pic. 1.

Now press the leg out till your knee is straight as in Pic. 1. remembering to keep the inner thigh facing upwards. Also remember to resist as you push out and don't snap your knee. Bring your knee in again and push out.

Start with 20 Reps. Build up to 40-50 Reps.





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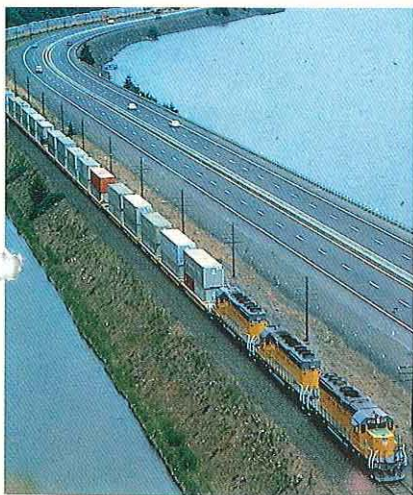


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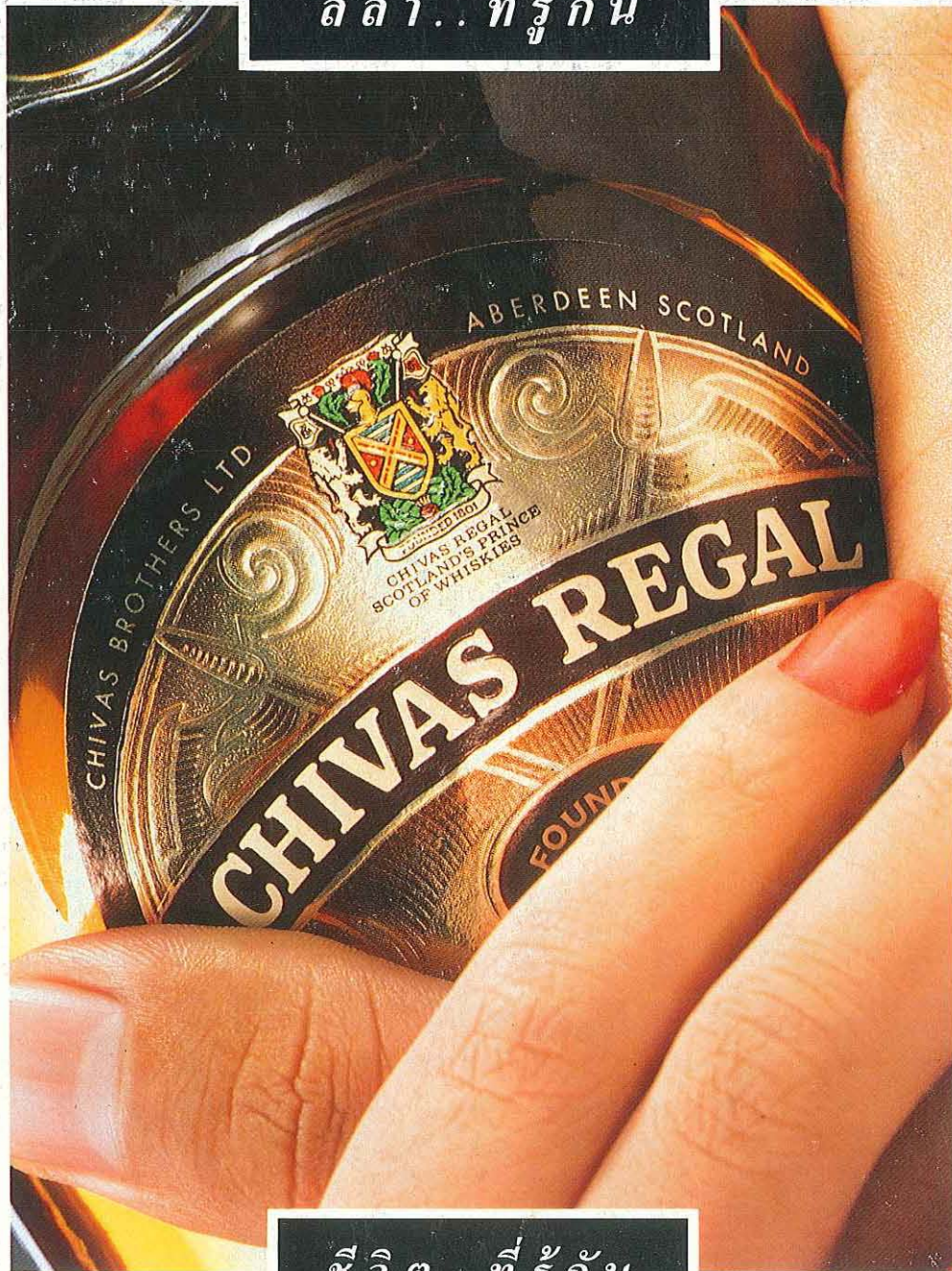


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