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Meet the New Members



Anne and John Alsbury. Anne is Australian and John is British and they have been in Bangkok for about 9 months. John is with Phillip Morris and prior to Bangkok they lived in Seoul. Anne plays bridge, tennis, golf and expressed an interest in aqua aerobics. She is also on the rewrite committee for the Bangkok Guide. Whilst I didn't get to meet John, I have it on good authority that he also plays golf and tennis.

Bill and Charlotte Maddox. Lt. Col. Maddox is with Jusmagthai and apparently does what the General tells him! He has been here for 1 1/2 years this time and was also here between 1980 and 1984. Charlotte is with the US Embassy, working with the D.E.A. She enjoys cross stitching, reading, golf, and is in the bowling league at the British Embassy. Bill enjoys jogging and golf.



Robin Ajello and Clair de Maurier. Robin is a journalist and is here as General Editor of Asiaweek. Clair is going out of her brain and wants lots of friends. She likes swimming, wants to take up golf and enjoys potting. Robin is going to go to the gym and would like to take up scuba diving. Prior to Bangkok, Robin was in Hong Kong and Clair in Hong Kong and Singapore doing PR work.

Philip Hall has been in Bangkok full-time for about three months but on and off for nearly a year. He is with EDS Zuellig as software support manager. He has travelled a lot in Asia, Europe and Africa and when not travelling enjoys squash and skindiving.





Birgit and Raymond Hunt have been here just four weeks. Raymond is in construction (can't imagine what he will do here!) and Birgit is a teacher. They enjoy skiing, watersports, tennis, classical music and Raymond also paints. Although she hid it well I did deduce that Birgit wasn't British — she is Austrian.



Vanessa and Neil Barrington-Johnson. Neil had been here two months and Vanessa just four days when I spoke to them. Neil is with Shell and is in "supply and trading oil products". He enjoys squash, tennis, badminton, sleeping, working and drinking. Also claims that in Vanessa's case drinking is more of an art form than a mere hobby!

Jora and Arie Bann have been here for six months. Arie is computing manager with Shell. He would like to play chess again but other than that spends his time raising children. Before their arrival he used to read. He likes his wine and claims he has to drink it quickly as it doesn't keep out here — good excuse! Might explain why he enjoys driving in Bangkok. Jora reads, sculpts and paints.



Diana and John Lamond are Australian and have been here for about six months. John is an independent film producer, helped by Diana. Prior to coming here they were in Hong Kong although John has made a film here in Thailand. Diana wants to play tennis, write and get rich (me too!).



Mark Schatten runs his own company, Honeycomb Technologies, and is a relative newcomer to Bangkok having only been here for 12 years! He is married to Supapon and they have two children. He plays squash and golf, is fanatical about antiquities and enjoys photography. Supapon likes dressmaking and tennis.



Clyde Albrecht has been here since September with ABN Ambro Bank. He is from Calgary, Canada. Enjoys hash (running!), golf, tennis, sex, drugs and rock & roll. He wants to know why, when he bought a new car here he was given red number plates for a time and couldn't drive the car after 6 p.m.? Even a police general couldn't tell him! Answers on a postcard please!

Ralph Moyle is from Echusa, Victoria (near Tisdall's Winery and the Murray River for those curious people amongst us). He is married to Inger, who unfortunately wasn't around. He is in Thailand "putting powdered milk into cans". Enjoys sociable, Aussie rules tennis, squash and golf. Aussie rules apparently means having a case of beer on hand at all times. Sounds good to me (and most British Club members I know!). (Pictured with Jack Dunford)



Kevin Chapman has been here for two months with British Gas. His wife and children are still in Edinburgh but he hopes they will arrive shortly to keep him under control. Hobbies include Patpong (oops cross that out!), rugby, whiskey, squash, weight training and after Jack Dunford nabbed him I think I should put cricket as well.



Karen and John Pattaar. John is with Richard Ellis and they arrived in Bangkok three months ago, after spending a year in Hong Kong. Karen is busy looking after their six month old baby but would like to do a course in gemology and also likes tennis, aerobics, reading and swimming. I didn't get to speak to John so if this is wrong it's Karen's fault — he plays cricket, rugby, squash, works hard at being an alcoholic and is a vice-lover!



Robert Thompson has been here for five years on and off. He spends six months here and six months in the UK every year running a variety of companies, mostly connected with petro-chemicals and oil. He enjoys tennis and golf and likes watching rugby. He is married to Chalisa and on the night I spoke to him was the proud father of six day old Wasana. I'm sure he is still a proud father but you know what I mean! Chalisa directs part of his business (the silk side) and in her spare time likes keeping fit and shopping.

C CLUB ROUNDUP

Beating the Retreat

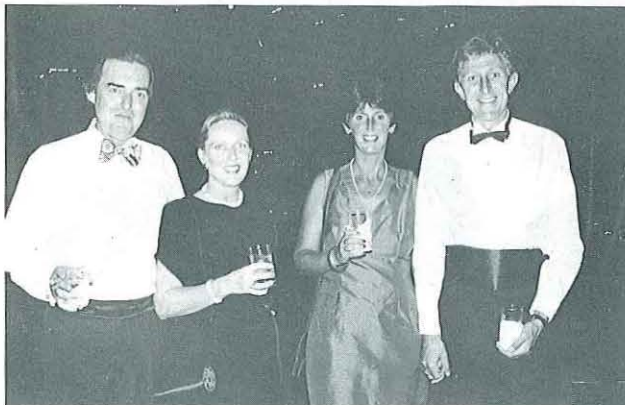


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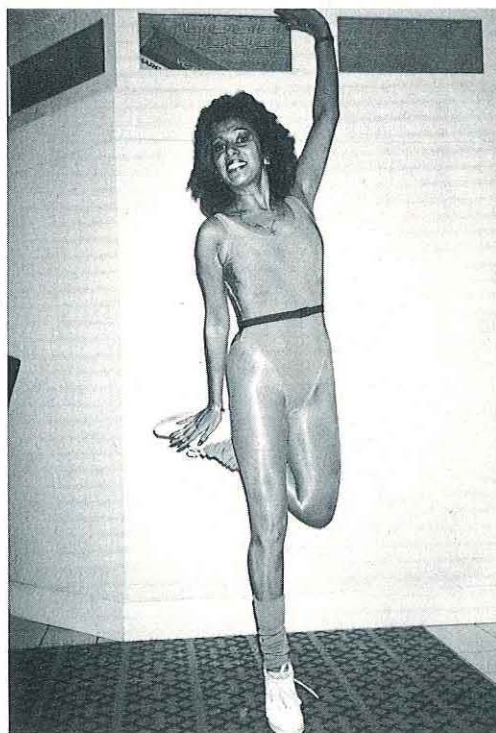
Tickets: Baht 1,300

From: Lin Lintott 2586667 (home) or any Committee Member

HAVE YOU PUT ON A FEW EXTRA POUNDS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS?

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AEROBIC EXERCISE CLASSES THE FUN WAY TO TRIM AND SHAPE



AEROBIC exercise classes which were temporarily suspended over the Christmas holidays will recommence on February 3rd, so if you need to get into shape again, come and join the British Club Aerobic group.

The classes are a combination of dance and exercise moves designed to TRIM, SHAPE AND TONE your body as well as exercise your heart and lungs all in a one-hour routine.

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The classes commence with a warm up designed to prepare you for more advanced activities. We then go on to the aerobic section followed by a floor routine to trim and tone every muscle in your body. This is followed by a cool down.

The classes are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

If you would rather skip the aerobic class, then join us at 10.00 a.m. for one hour of calisthenics to TRIM AND TONE.

For further inquiries call ASHA 213-2134.

Three Eggs in the Fountain

HAVING lived in Rome for more than fifteen years dozens of people have asked me to help them see Rome ... and eat. I am more than delighted to do that as I have had a love affair with the city and its food since first I went there in the 50's. Italian cuisine mirrors the Italian civilisation; Rome's restaurants are hallways into its history. So many restaurants are near a monument or a monument in themselves. Most restaurants can be used as viewpoints or stepping-stones in a search to know Rome during anyone of its great eras of glory.

In some restaurants, such as DA PANCRAZIO, which is the first pizzeria I remember ever going to in Italy, one sits amid the ruins of ancient Rome, but a few paces from where Caesar was stabbed to death. The HOSTARIA DELL'ORSO, where I remember spending New Year's Eve 1970, an old inn that once housed Montaigne and Goethe, is not only a de luxe restaurant (where you can eat with golden tableware) but also a veritable museum of Renaissance treasures. At the TRE SCALINI, which no tourist in Rome ever misses, diners have a ring-side seat onto the breathtaking Piazza Navona, and Bernini's great baroque Fountain of the Rivers.

The restaurants may thus be used as starting points for a stroll or view into Rome of the Caesars, as well as Renaissance, baroque, and modern Rome. Naturally, they can also be used for eating. I should point out that there isn't really such a thing as "Italian cooking" — at least for Italians who tend to view their cuisine on a regional basis. The country is just over a hundred years old as a unified republic; to its greater gastronomic glory it has never been completely unified at the dinner table.

The result is regional cooking, so you find

Genoese or Florentine specialties as well as dishes typical of Venice, Piedmont, Rome, Naples, the Abruzzi, and so on. The north tends to cook with butter, the south with oil — a habit stemming from an agricultural reality. In the same way dishes from Southern Italy are characteristically red from the prevalent tomato, while those of the north are most often green as a result of more abundant water and green vegetables. Thus some of the finest, most exquisite plates of one region will be unknown to another.

But in Rome, where the nation gathers to make its laws and struggle toward some solution for the political and social dilemma of man, there are men and appetites from every region. As a result, there are also regional restaurants for every homesick person and lonely lawmaker. Here you can find a 'pesto trenette' (fresh basil, pine-nut, and garlic sauce served on extra-fine egg noodles) from Genoa as well as a 'melanzane alla siciliana' (eggplant with olives, capers, and anchovies) from Sicily. The chefs creating these separate dishes can hardly understand each other's dialect, and neither can most Romans. But it doesn't matter. That is part of the fun of knowing where to eat in Rome. You can emerge from such an adventure with a knowledge of Italian cooking, based on the various regional foods, which is richly varied and grossly misrepresented by most so-called 'Italian' restaurants abroad.

But you must know where to go, what to ask for — and what not to ask for. It's not wise to go to a Trastevere trattoria, specialising in delicious chicken 'alla cacciatore', and demand a sumptuous T-bone steak. You will not get it. The finest steaks come from Tuscany and only a few restaurants (among them IL BUCO and LA FONTANELLA, both NINOS) serve them.

There is no such thing as a cheap, all-

around restaurant. But there are inexpensive little restaurants with specialties that are tasty and well worthwhile. Once you find them, you will return again and again. It is that feeling, more than a thousand coins thrown to the magical powers of the Trevi fountain, that will bring you back.

CARCIOFI ALLA GIUDIA

(Artichokes Jewish style).

One of my favourite things to eat in Rome is an artichoke, especially at PIPERNO, and you should follow it up with their baccala' (codfish). I have found artichokes here at the supermarket at Robinsons.

INGREDIENTS

6 artichokes
Olive oil

METHOD

Remove tough outer leaves. Cut away toughest part of stem, leaving at least 2 inches

remaining. With a scissors cut off the tip of each leaf to form a rose. Gently open each leaf, but do not detach. Place artichoke, stalk up, in cold water to which lemon juice has been added. This tenderizes and opens the leaves for frying. About 20 minutes before serving, dry artichokes. Turn stalk side up, then press and flatten down to squeeze out water. Open each leaf. Bring to a boil enough oil to deep-fry the artichokes. Add artichokes. Lower heat. The oil must be hot enough to brown the artichokes inside and out evenly. It must not be too hot, otherwise the outside leaves will burn before the inside ones are cooked. Turn frequently to cook all around. Have a second deep frying pan with oil. Keep this oil boiling rapidly. Remove browned artichokes to the second pan of oil. Using two forks, turning frequently, open each leaf to allow for crisp frying. When the artichokes are crisp golden brown, remove and drain on brown paper.

Ninki Mallet

Thought for children

SIR, There are about 20 children born in the woman's jail of Bangkok, up to two years old. They have few clothes, no toys and lack baby necessities.

The children are there because their mothers have no one else to take care of them.

I'd appreciate if any reader of the *Bangkok Post* could send old toys clothes or anything to:

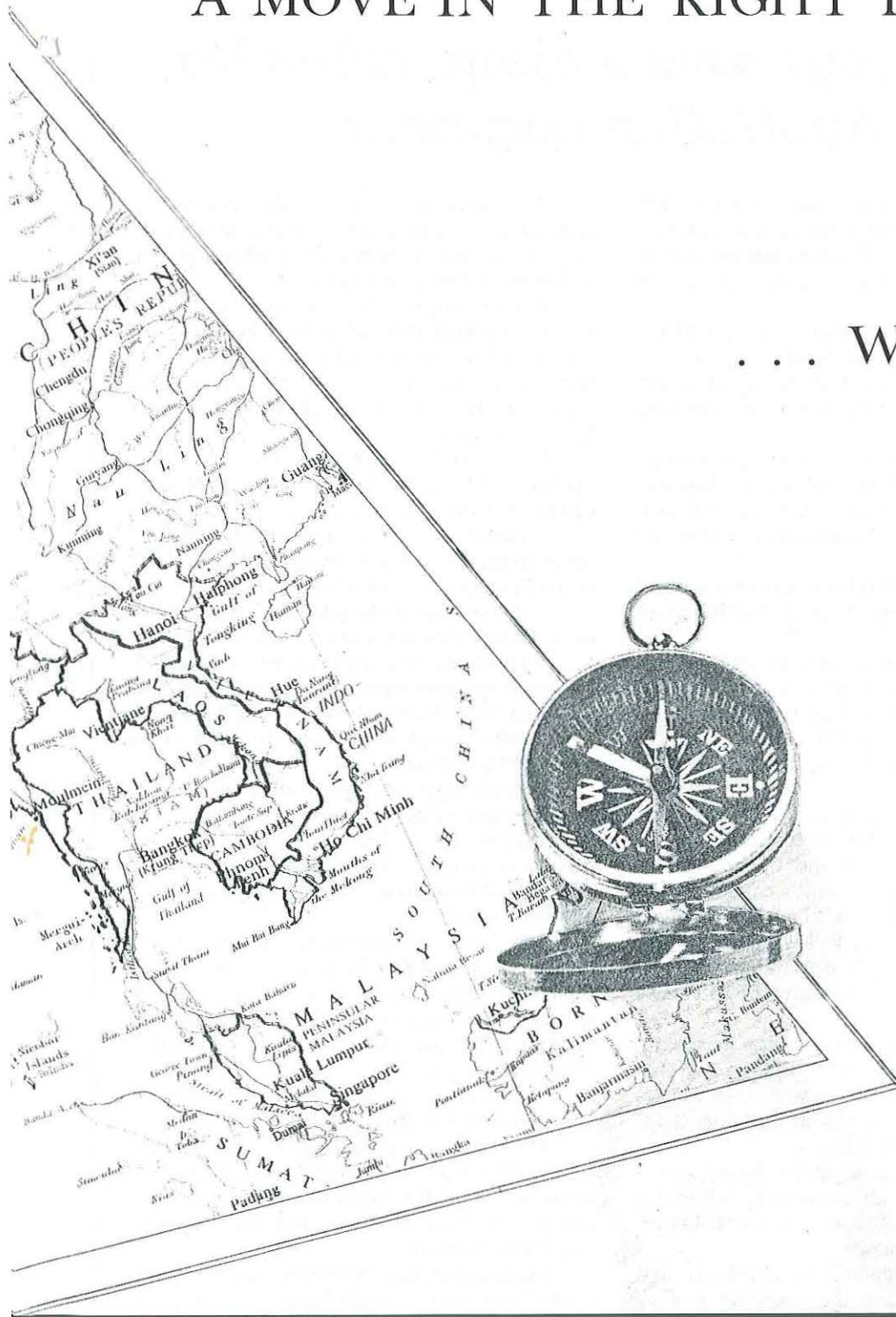
The Children
Lard Yao Womans' Prison
33/3 Ngamwongwan Road
Bang Khen, Bangkok

Marc Bogerd

This letter appeared in the "Bangkok Post" — If anyone would like to make a contribution to the children, could they contact Beryl McHugh at 258-7386 who will co-ordinate the effort and make arrangements for delivery.

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Stonehenge was a giant calendar : Australian engineer

A retired engineer has won a Ph.D. for his explanation of the mystery of Stonehenge — it was a 16-month calendar built by ancient Britons far more cultured than has previously been imagined.

According to Neil Thomas, the pre-Celtic inhabitants of Ireland and Britain were not the herdsmen and hunter-gatherers about whom generations of primary school children have been taught.

They were, he argues, skilled mathematicians who understood the Pythagoras theorem long before Pythagoras was born and who performed prodigious feats of surveying, design and engineering.

Thomas's research is based on concepts first proposed about 25 years ago by Oxford professor Alexander Thom.

According to Melbourne's Monash university, Thomas has developed a detailed and logical explanation of the purpose and mathematical relationships of Stonehenge and four other ancient structures in or near the English county of Wiltshire.

His explanation is that they were built between 2,600 and 200 BC to observe the annual cycles of the sun and the moon and functioned as a giant 16-month calendar.

Thomas, who says he is "about 65", received his doctorate from Monash last month for his thesis "The Proto Civilisation of Albion and Erin" published in this month's edition of the university newspaper.

He told AFP in an interview that its acceptance as "the definitive" explanation for Stonehenge was yet to be established but depended on the conservatism of the archaeological establishment in Britain.

But he said the thesis had satisfied examiners appointed by the university, whom he presumed included a representative of this archaeological establishment.

He said that as a chartered engineer he had developed an interest in the pre-Celtic culture and Stonehenge in the 1970's while researching his Celtic ancestry.

The interest "blossomed" into research for a PhD thesis which he had been able to expand when he retired a few years ago.

The thesis describes a pre-Celtic culture which had a sophisticated grasp of mathematical concepts usually credited to civilisations several thousand years younger.

Thomas argues, convincingly, that it was a culture which devised a 16-month calendar and probably worshipped — in addition to the Sun and the Moon — three Gods which were equivalent to Odin, Thor and Freyr in the later Norse pantheon.

Based on 12 years research deciphering ancient symbols, he believes that 4,500 years ago the ancient Britons had:

- Discovered the special properties of right-angled triangles, supposedly defined by students of the Pythagoras around 550 BC.

- Known about the relationship between a circle's circumference and its diameter.

- Devised a system of symbolic writing that pre-dated the cuneiform script of Sumeria and the hieroglyphs of ancient Egypt by 1500 years; and

- Developed a reliable system of measuring distances and angles.

Thomas says that with accurate tools of measurement based on these units, the ancient Britons became skilful surveyors, designing their monuments, aligning their tracks and placing settlements according to precise mathematical rules.

The rules were centred around special numbers, but notably 3, 9, 11, 22 and 33 and their solar calendar divided the year into 16 months, each of four five day weeks, supplemented by 45 intercalary days to make up a 365-day year.

Such calendars apparently were still in use at least in Roman times, he said.

The calendars' four pagan festivals, which survived the Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans, are still celebrated today as festivals like Candlemass, May Day and August Bank Holiday in England.

Thomas has also described the likely role in pre-Celtic society of the enigmatic Long Man of Wilmington, a giant figure holding two staves and carved into the chalk of a Sussex hillside.

The Long Man, according to Thomas, was a surveyor holding the tools of his profession.

Jack Taylor

C CHILDREN'S CORNER

BUILD THEM UP

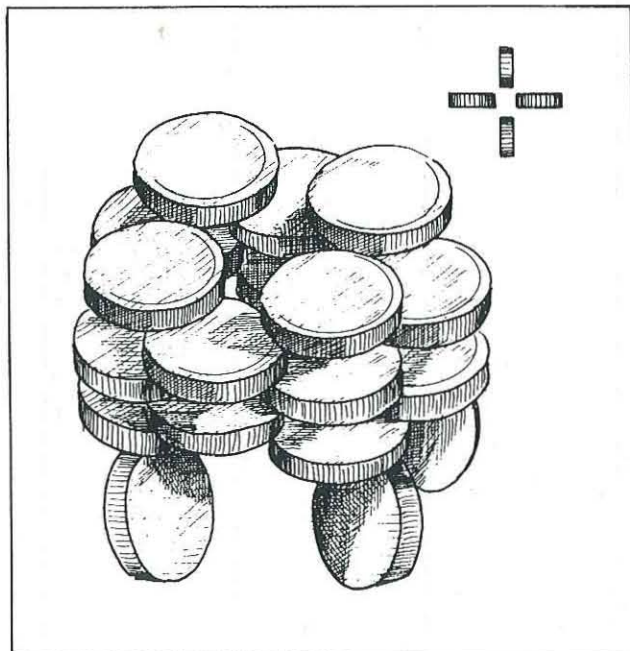
YOU NEED

- A set of draughts, or checkers

See if you can do this. Take four draughts and stand them on edge on a table-top. Now see if you can stack the other draughts on top of the first four to make a tower like the one shown in the picture.

It is not easy – and it will take a great deal of patience, for they have an annoying habit of dropping all over the place! But it can be done – so keep on trying.

See how many draughts you can stack up before they all fall down. You could even have a competition with your friends to see who can build the highest tower. It should keep you all busy for ages!



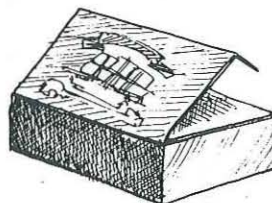
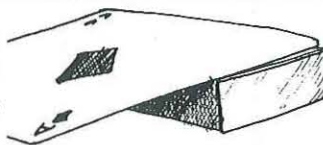
MAGIC MATCHBOX

YOU NEED

- A playing card
- An empty matchbox
- Glue

You show a playing card, wave your hand over it and it changes into a matchbox!

This trick, although quite amazing, is very easy to do. All you need is a special matchbox with a playing card glued to it. The card is glued



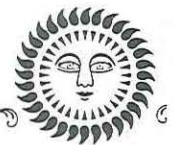




to one side of the box and then folded over, as shown. A matchbox cover is glued on the back of the card so when it is folded the matchbox appears to be quite ordinary.

Keep the card opened out while you show it to your audience. It looks like an ordinary playing card.

Pass your hand over the card and secretly fold it over. You can now show what appears to be an ordinary matchbox, and there is nothing else in your hands. It seems that you have caused the card to change into a matchbox. It must be matchic!

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 Fiona Mulligan — 286-5385. The deadline is the 5th of the preceding month. *Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room," + "Silom Room, and # "Suriwongse Room."

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 Children's Painting Lessons 1-3 pm Flicks for Kids — 6 pm	2 Flicks for Kids — 5 pm Tennis Afternoon 3-6 pm Family Buffet from 5 pm	3 Aerobics — 9 am BWG Mahjong* — 9 am Happy Hour 5.30-9 pm	4 Ladies' Golf — 7 am Bridge+ — 8 pm	5 Aerobics — 9 am Tennis & Squash Club night from 6 pm	6 Ladies' Squash — 9-12 noon Darts — 8 pm BCT Club Night	7 Aerobics — 9 am Accumulator Night — 8 pm
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AEROBICS AEROBICS



PELVIC LIFTS

THIS is a great exercise for the Glutes Maximus (buttocks). It also works to strengthen the lower back.

Lie back on the floor with your feet a little more than hip distance apart. Now lift your bottom off the floor. You must squeeze your bottom as you lift. Do not lift too high. Your shoulder blades remain on the floor at all times. You should not go any higher than Kathy is doing in this picture. It is not how high you lift but how well you squeeze that will show results.

Do 40 Reps.

KNEE TOUCHES

Once you have done 40 Reps of the pelvic lift go on to opening and closing the knees. In the same position as above you touch your knees together and open them.

40 Reps.

KNEES TOGETHER LIFTS

The third variation is that you bring your knees together and lift and squeeze as in pelvic lifts. 40 Reps.

I am sorry that we are not printing any pictures of the last two exercises, but to really show how it is done we would have to have taken some awkward photos. A couple of months ago Norma got teased quite a bit about some of her ... shall we say positions!

CRICKET CRICKET

CRICKET as they say, who ever they are, is a funny old game.

December saw the start of the TCL 45 over league with BC, the champions, opening their defence against the much feared AIT side. Perhaps "the much feared Rangsit" would be a more apt description for even though the AIT team has always been highly capable it is the arid wastes and unreliable wicket upon which they play that strikes terror into visiting teams. But our pre-Christmas jaunt saw none of this. No, to our astonishment, we were presented with a verdant, lush pasture and the sort of benign batting wicket that is normally reserved for that great cricket field in the sky.

This unexpected phenomena posed vice captain Simon Fox, always a good tosser, with a difficult decision when forced to determine whether to bat or bowl. (The normal skipper was at that moment still fighting his way through the million or so cars that were also heading out of town in that direction.) On the sound of a "Tally Ho" he concluded open space was the answer and so to the field we took.

For the third time this season Nick White made the quick breakthrough bowling the opening bat with the first ball of his second over. A fine start but, joyously, more was to come. In his second over, Tony Allen, making his debut induced the always dangerous Naveed Afroze to drive the ball ferociously to mid-off where Brian Lewis (who had by now arrived) threw himself with great athleticism to his left and caught the missile one handed. (The thud of the ball against the ribs accompanied by the resounding echo around the ground may bring into question some of the more descriptive passages of this report — Ed.) But, even more joyously, more was still to come. Tony, breaking all BC rules about opening bowlers not taking more than one wicket, quickly picked up another two. One, an electrifying (true-Ed) leg side stumping by "Elbo", and the other caught and bowled. So well was the opening attack performing that both were kept on to the first drinks break at 15 overs when AIT had managed only a meagre 31-4.

Upon completion of their allotted 9 overs apiece the aggression of Nick and Tony gave way to the guile and subtlety of Bob Lanham and Jack Dunford who took us to the next drinks break at which time the score stood at 76-5. But even more was to come, as both spinners totally bemused the tailenders bundling our hosts out for a miserly total of 101 — and this one a fine batting track. Surely the best bowling performance produced by BC in a long time.

Nick and Craig Price opened our response in a promising if not exactly aggressive fashion before the side's doctor, having just advised his colleague to continue with due caution, slashed at one outside the offstump giving the ball the merest deflection to the wicket keeper. 39-1 at drinks. But regrettably more was to come, as Craig, Andre Tissera and "Elbo" were quickly removed, the latter two without having troubled the scorer too greatly. At 46-4 we looked in a spot of bother but "Bambi" Spyer and Brian dug in and made steady progress, taking the score to 64 at drinks. Yes, you're right, more was to come as Brian, Simon and Tony quickly deserted the side's banker, the latter two not troubling the scorer too greatly. At 79-7 the only question was could "Bambi" who was, as one might say, holding his end up, plus our two remaining batsmen (we were one player light all day) see us home safely as AIT's hunters closed in? Regrettably not, despite some lusty blows by Bob Lanham and "Bambi's" defiant stand.

AIT 101 all out	(Dunford 9-0-24-4 Allen 9-0-24-3 Lanham 9-1-24-2 White 9-2-13-1)
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BC 93 all out
(Spyer 26, White 17, Lewis 11)

AIT won by 8 runs.

Only 102 to get on a perfect batting track but as they say cricket is a funny old game ... although it didn't seem so at the time. A few

beers later, however, the whole thing seemed rather hilarious. Whether it was the unexpected green sward, the idyllic batting conditions, complacency or just a hangover from the previous weekend's concern about our wayward deer

being mercifully hunted down we shall never know. What we do know is the champions have now got their work cut out if they are going to retain the title.

DARTS DARTS

THE year '91 (treble 17, double top) finished with the Lions in 6th position and the Unicorns 8th in the Johnnie Walker Darts League 3rd and 4th Divisions respectively.

During December, yet again, the Lions maintained their inconsistency with 2 wins and 2 defeats, unfortunately one of the losses was in the Leagues knockout cup. However, the Lions rounded off '91 (treble 19 double 17) on a high note with a 12-5 victory over Nashville and a star performance from "lucky" Jim who has still to get a mention in the local chronicles.

All in all, due to team members' business commitments and holidays, the much depleted Lions squad held their heads with pride — as do all Lions when in groups!

Lions Statistics so far:—

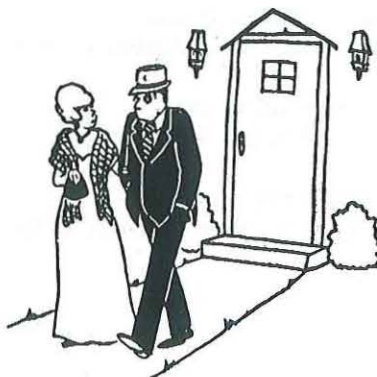
Tons: Frank 48, Ott 6, Middy 24, Paul 7, Jim 16, Dave 10, Peter 1

Finishers: Frank 27, Ott 7, Middy 22, Paul 8, Jim 10, Cathy 2, Peter 3, Dave 7

Rogues Gallery: Frank 3, Jim 8, Paul 2, Nee 1, Middy 3, Dave 2, Ott 2, Peter 2, Cathy 1

In the near future it is hoped to move the darts ochee from the Churchill Bar to one of the upstairs rooms at the British Club, this is intended to provide more space and less distractions to the Churchill Bar regulars.

The new year '92 (treble 20 double 16) is now upon us and once again the plea goes out for more darts players. The British Club has two teams, the Lions and Unicorns entered in the Johnnie Walker Darts League 3rd & 4th Division and we play every Thursday evening. Each team requires a minimum of 6 players per match, which some weeks proves difficult to muster, so if you fancy yourself on the ochee contact either Lion Frank 391-8693 or Unicorn Orin 399-4582 ... anyone is welcome.



"Because somewhere between your third and fourth drink your conversation went from thought-provoking to just plain provoking."

GOLF GOLF

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 12th January	Bangpakong	11.35	"Bogey"
Sunday 26th January	Bangpakong	11.35	Club Championship I
Sunday 9th February	Rose Garden	TBA	Club Championship II

Recent results:

Rose Garden — Sunday 15 December — Medal Final

Congratulations to Dave Stewart the redoubtable winner of our medal competition who managed a net 73 off of a single figure handicap; and to Philip Barrett, runner up.

Calbeck Dimple sponsored the main stroke play event, providing many excellent, but not all liquid, prizes; many thanks.

Winner	A Division	D. Stewart	net	73
R'up		L. Vize		75
Winner	B Division	C. Branston	net	75
R'up		P. Barrett		75
Winner	C Division	R. Bain	net	78
R'up		P. Speed		82

Bangpakong — Sunday 29th December — Aggregate Stableford

A fine assortment of sports bags from our sponsor May & Baker Ltd., whom we thank, rounded off an excellent outing of golf. The competition was between teams of four whose aggregate (i.e. total Stableford points counted against others; the teams were not known until after play when a blind draw was taken.

Winning team, with 138 points:

L. Vize, Mary Collins, L. Houghton, S. Davy.

Runners up, with 133 points:

P. Barrett, E. Hudson, R. Bain, N. Staub.

Third place, with 123 points:

Sally Voravarn, B. Hughes, K. Decho, R. Barrett.

Brian Hughes.



One more for the collection.



And I've only just started!



I can't look at those pants.



This proves us all wrong!



Guess who won the airticket?



I can't believe those shorts either!

LADIES' GOLF LADIES' GOLF

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

On the 17th December after the Captain's Day competition our AGM was held at Anna Consantine's house. Thank you Anna for the use of your house. The following are the new committee for 1992

Captain
Vice-Captain
Handicap Secretary
Membership Sec.
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Lavita Hughes
Debbie Arbogast
Wil Agerbeek
Penny Whalley
Sharon Plumlee
Gill Hough
Lynda Hunt
Hank

For my sins, I am to be Captain again, thank you to the old committee for your support during 1991 and welcome to all new and "old" committee members. We are a big committee this year, with our membership list growing everyday we need as many hands as possible.

On the 12th December 62 of us including husbands had a splendid day at Bang Prakong, this was our annual round-up with the FLOGG group. This year BCLG will be the hosts. The return journey was especially enjoyable with the bloody marys, sandwiches, guitar, singing etc. etc. those of you that missed this day, make sure you don't this year.

This year Debbie and Lynda will be solely responsible for starting.

Forthcoming Competitions

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| 4th February | — | Start of the XL ectic sponsored by JJ. This will be for a period of 4-6 weeks. |
| 11th February | — | Better Nine — strokeplay, score will count for LGU medal No. 1 |
| 18th February | — | If not a holiday — Starters Choice |
| 25th February | — | LGU Medal No. 2 — Strokeplay. |

KITCHEN SINK — sponsored last year by DUNLOP and KUWAIT OIL will be held on 29th February at Muang Ake (to be confirmed).

A very short note this month because our weekly golf competitions stop until our boarding school children return to the UK.

cheers,

Lavita

17th December



Best improved golfer in Bronze II Division receives the Keith Collins Trophy — Diana Taylor.



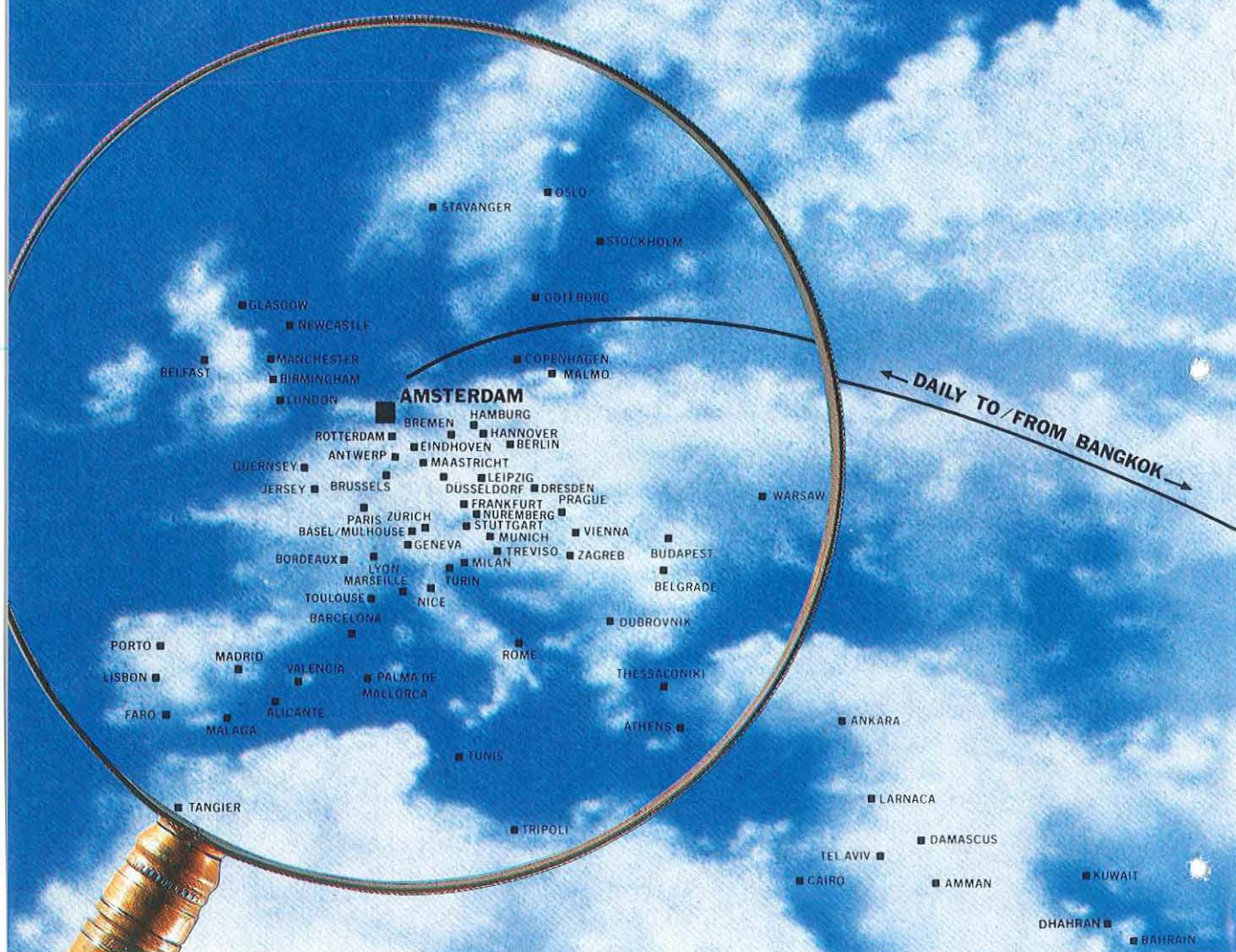
Winners of some of the championship prizes! Left to right: Hank, Inge, Diana and Lynda.



For once the captain was speechless! She received a present from the members in appreciation of all the work done in '91!

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BCLG AGM — 17.12.91 — Thoughts of some members!!



"Looks like a sunny cool day, out there!"



"This meeting could go on for hours — don't they know we're hungry!"



"... and as for your local rules...!!



... did someone say handicaps ...?



"If they don't belt up soon, I'll just have to say something."



... there is a funny side to this British Group after all!!!



"I hope no one noticed I didn't take any minutes".

RUGBY RUGBY

HELLO everybody, we hope you have all recovered from the celebrations and wish you all a very happy new year. It will be a very exciting year, Hong Kong is coming up of course and this time we will have three months to plan. We will try and organise some gatherings again, 'Ladies Night out Dinners' and of course Ladies Nights Out, no doubt the boys will be organising their own Boys Nights Out. Anyone fancy a rugby weekend away with the boys training on the beach and the ladies browning on the beach, please let us know and we see if we can get a good deal from some hotel or another.

PATTANA SCHOOL BALL

The Rugby Section sent a very puny delegation to the Patana School Ball, Sue Edwards was not impressed at all. A table of 7 was all we could manage. Well, you have missed a good do. Every table was decorated with two helium filled balloons and it did not take the rugby boys long to work out that helium does funny things to the vocal cords. Joe Grunwell and John Prichard kicked off, they sounded like Donald Duck and Minnie Mouse. Soon after Meggo found out and he was absolutely gassed out of his mind by the end of the evening. Further decorations included some 500,000 balloons suspended from the ceiling of the ballroom, it looked very nice. We all wondered when we came in for our meal, how the hell could we get them down. Well, the band finished and down they came. A cacophony of bangs arose, whilst high heels and fingernails and even some bodies squashed, squeezed and trampled the balloons. Joe Grunwell went up in a lift to get some down from the ceiling, unfortunately Micky Wheeler pulled the plug on him when he was at the top so it took quite a bit of persuasion to let him down.

HONG KONG

The British Club has now officially been invited to the Hong Kong 10's, you'll all be pleased to know. Now for the bad news, sponsors will be needed once again. Those of you who can mange

to let your companies sponsor the BC, give the committee a ring.

TRAINING

Training is every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 p.m. onwards. Get yourselves in shape to be selected for the HK 10s.

Bets have been taken on by several people, they all say that they will be fitter than Slap (not too hard eh!) by the end of March. Micky Wheeler in conjunction with Nigel Pearson are setting up a training programme to get all you fat slob in shape.

British Club vs Bearn (France)

British Club 18 — Bearn 4.

Grant Fox, Michael Lynagh, Gavin Hastings, Alan Old, Barry John and now, Joe Grunwell, Names synonymous with "goal-kicking perfection."

Joe "The Boot" Grunwell gained his entrance to the hall of rugby greats with a breathtaking display of eye-hand-foot co-ordination when BC played a hard bitten team of devious French Vets at Vajirawudh University.

This Yorkshire lad, in the twilight of a glorious rugby career which has taken him from the green grass of Harrogate to the battle fields of Hat Yai, summoned up the type of display usually immortalised in verse by Max Boyce (ugh Ed). Whether out of hand or at goal, Grunwell caressed the leather with the loving touch of a master (WILL THIS DO JOE?)

BC managed three tries to one, but it was Grunwell's impossible goal kicks the crowd will remember.

A French touring side, composed of skin heads, Dubroka punch-a-likes, and a centre so old that even Steve "Fatty" Rees fancied his chances, troubled BC more because of their Galic rule bending ploys than rugby ability. Their touring philosophy: Don't push unless we push, don't hit only we can and don't we're fragile" threw BC in the first quarter.

Despite the massive presence of a Jon

"Michael Jones" Prichard in the back row, the delicately sophisticated French back conjured the first score, stretching the BC's cover defence and then breaking tackles to the line! Thomo wasn't even playing.

But with memories of Agincourt, Poitiers and Waterloo stirring the loins, BC stormed back.

With greyhound like pace, lock Paul Meggison sped after a kick-ahead and grounded for the first BC score, Grunwell converted. Micky "Punch today" Wheeler picked a ball from the base and ferreted his way over with the French back row and scrum half along for the ride ... strong man that Wheeler! Grunwell converted.

BC capped the day with a one man try dragged from rugby legends. Nigel "Start me up Smith" and Bill McLaren would have "veritably creamed themselves".

Rees, at second centre, taking the ball on his own five yards line spotted the opposition centre was at least 65 years old, jinked past the cripple ... this was champagne rugby at its best.

And then for the long gallop home. (What the crowd did not know was that this fine young man had already been suffering a severe bout of the gut-gallops for 12 hours).

Weakened by a recent illness, the sturdy

English athlete out paced the French OAP's for a 95 yard score. Grunwell converted. The game ended on a sour note when Wheeler, sickened by the French laissez faire attitude to basic laws, wound up a monster right at the base of the scrum.

Hunt stepped in to restrain Wheeler and wrapped his arms around the scrum half's chest. The effect: a straight jacket with Wheeler helpless in the face of three French forwards wanting to revenge Crecy. The skipper was not impressed.

However, bad tempers were history when both sides met in the bar. Haymakers were swapped for affectionate taps on the back and the cursing words of general abuse were replaced by harmonic rugby odes and songs.

1992 FIXTURES

Jan	28	Biarritz (Fra)	Home
Feb		Welsh Guards (HK)	Home
Feb		Bangkok French (BKK)	Home
Feb	28	Singapore 7's	Singapore
Mar	28	Bermuda (BER)	Home
Apr	1/2	Hong Kong 10's	Hong Kong
Apr		Scottish over 40's (SCO)	Home

Paul Hunt

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SQUASH SQUASH



NO leagues this month but thanks again to ICI for sponsoring the January league, winners will be announced in next month's *Outpost*.

This month should be the Harold Mercer Trophy which is the annual three people per team competition in memory of Harold. Sign up sheets are on the board so hope plenty of you will be able to take part in this interesting event. All standards welcome.

Last month saw the departure from Bangkok of two more Squash Committee members. Suzanne Olsen (and husband Tom) went off to Mexico. We wish them "bon voyage" and thanks to Suzanne for all her hard work and enthusiasm in trying to keep us fit and trying to put added stimulus into the ladies' squash in the club. Tom finally managed to get to number one on the ladder before he left so congratulations to him. Presumably they play squash in Mexico but those big floppy hats must get in the way (and probably when you're playing squash as well).

Sian Turner, another of our keen lady-players, who had been on the Committee organ-

ising tournaments and such like, also left Thailand to return "down under" where we are reliably informed they do play squash. So thanks Sian for all your efforts, have a nice return home.

In July it will be our 95th league, so we are anxious to get a sponsor to provide the necessary shirts to celebrate the occasion in style. So anyone who would like to sponsor the league please let me or Alexis Welsh know or put a note in the Squash pigeon hole at the Club. Thanks in advance.

Every squash player soon learns that the game isn't truly over until it's been analysed back in the sala, bar or changing room (or all three). This is where players compare excuses for bad shots and see who can exaggerate their best ones the most.

To help improve this important aspect of your game you must learn the real meaning of intelligent-sounding comments such as the following, if you have more or other favourites let me have them for publication (anon or otherwise).



My footwork wasn't up to scratch.
My shoelaces kept coming undone.

I was experimenting with an unorthodox grip.
I tried to strangle my opponent.

I think my reverse-angle shot needs a bit more practice.

The ball came off the side wall and up into my shorts.



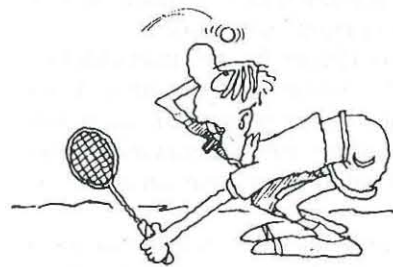
I think my follow-through needs some work.

I hit my nose as well as the ball.



Given another two games I'd have caught him easily.

In about two years I might be as good as my opponent.



My positional play was a little weak.
Most of the time I was in the wrong place.



My attack wasn't on form.
I kept missing my opponent.

I'd anticipated the angle but the ball died in the nick.

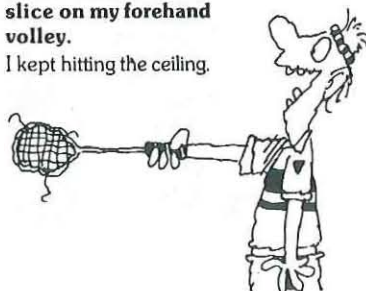
The ball fell in the corner and I couldn't get to it.



I played a brilliant defensive boast.
I got lucky.

That rally in our third game was the best.
I won the point.

I was a bit heavy with the slice on my forehand volley.
I kept hitting the ceiling.



I think I sprained something early on.
My opponent won.



I didn't know whether to use a lob or a cross-court volley.
I'd been picking my nose and wasn't looking.

I overhit that last length.
I smashed the gallery window.

I don't know which is best—my forehand or my backhand.
I don't know my left from my right.



See you in court
Mel Leddy

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TENNIS TENNIS

Visit from Singapore Swimming Club

December saw a visit from the above, which provided a good Sunday morning's tennis. As usual we were soundly beaten (16-5), but there were some fairly even sets and a few good wins on our side. A mention to Judy & Barry Shaw who had a good victory against their number two pair and to David Ingham & Sandra Thornton who won their "mens" singles — I don't think the losing men were impressed at all!

Other News

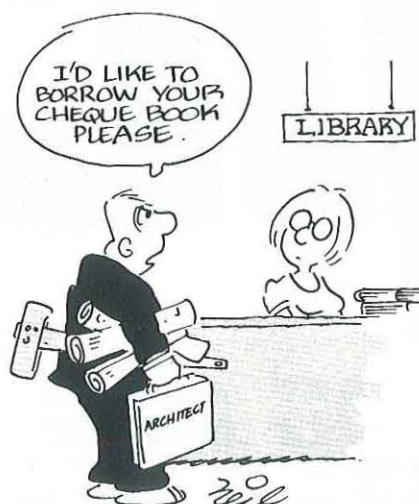
At the time of writing, we were putting the final touches to the club championships (which should be well underway, by the time you read this), with Sponsors, etc. If any other organisations would like to contribute any further prizes please contact Jane McFeely (number at back of *Outpost*) as soon as possible.

There has been some criticism recently of the present committee, some of which is justifiable and some which is definitely not. Please don't forget that we all do this on a part-time basis and volunteers are always appreciated. Also, although this is the "Tennis section", it should be stressed that it is open to any Club Member, who

wishes to play or participate in the activities of the section. There are no additional subscriptions payable, just small contributions for events and tournaments which contribute to prizes and other outgoings. It is not "an elite group, open only to friends and acquaintances", and does not try and "monopolise courts at peak times." The section is only as strong as those who support it by their regular participation and it is the current committee's feeling that when it comes to matches against other clubs, it is not just the strong players who are chosen to play, but also those who actively support the section by playing in Round Robins and Mix-ins. Please don't forget also that it is often difficult to contact some players due to either absences or the vagaries of TOT, which often leads to some players being overlooked. We hope this has clarified the present situation and we do hope to keep our supporters more in touch with flyers, etc., in the future.

PS. Many thanks to the printers for filling in the hole in December, by rerunning the account of our trip to Singapore — we know it was good, but surely not worth a reprint so soon!

PPS. We hope that the ladder will be into full swing by now and the weekend tournament was a success.



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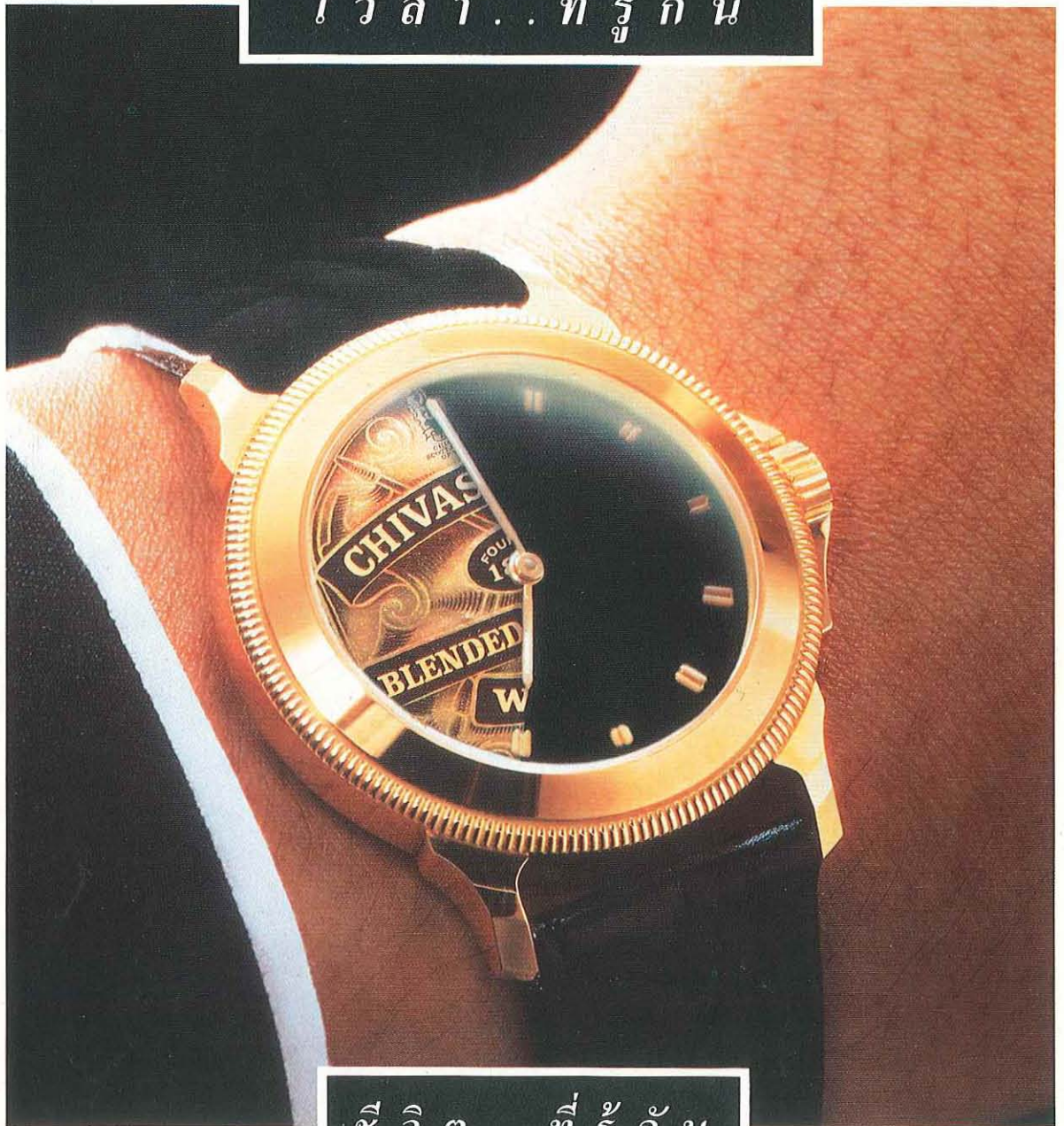
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