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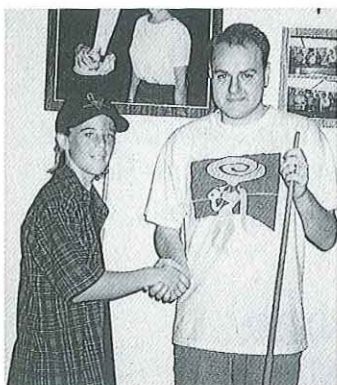
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Entertainment Guide

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VALENTINES DINNER WITH MARTIN PALMER

Come and enjoy a romantic Valentines Dinner in the Surawong Room on Friday 10th February. Barry Osborne has devised an excellent menu, all specifically geared to tickle your fancy! Martin Palmer, raconteur, pianist and wit will entertain you on the piano. The lights will be low, the candles on the tables, bring your love to the Suriwong Room. At Baht 550 pp, 7.30 for 8.00pm, the mood will be set for romance at the

Club. Book Now!

BAR NITE

On a different note, some call it raucous entertainment, the Bar Staff at the Churchill Bar will once again be extended to most (or hopefully all) of the Members of the Entertainment Committee on 17 February. This Night will have a Happy Happy Hour from 7 - 8pm, the JVK Lucky Draw at 9pm prompt and Joe, Bea, Suzanne, Kathy, Dave and Barry behind, in front and maybe all over the Bar.



MRS BALBIR'S INDIAN BUFFET

After leaving you guessing in last months Outpost about the starting dates of this excellent Indian Buffet Promotion, Mrs Balbir will still be around the Club, but especially in Lords Restaurant from February 1st til February 6th. Don't miss it.

RUGBY NO TALENT NIGHT

The British Club Rugby Section is once again putting on their Annual Talent Extravaganza at the Suriwong Room on March 10th. Talent is needed. If you have hidden talents, if you can sing, play in a band, draw, act, dance anything at all, please call Suzanne on 258 7939 or Bea on 258 9509, tell them what you can do. Dress rehearsal on Thursday 9th March after rugby training in the Surawong Room.

Tickets for the night will be available from the Club, sale will start the end of February. Don't forget to book, seats are limited for this very popular event. Come and see what the Rugby Section gets up to and into this year. Tickets Baht 550pp.

From the Editor

Dear Readers,

February already, doesn't time fly. A month for romance with Valentines Day on 14th. Have you ordered your roses yet and bought your cards? Hopefully, we will all get lots of nice romantic messages in our post boxes this month. Of course the romantic dinner at the Club on 10th of this month should be attended by all and sundry. Don't forget to book!

We have just come back from a lovely time on the beach over New Year. With around 30 adults and children around New Years Eve was almost like being at home. Apart from certain elements in the hotel who felt they needed to give our precious offspring (Age range 4 to 14) fireworks to light themselves, everything went rather smoothly. In Holland fireworks are set off every New Years Eve at exactly midnight by everyone who is legally of age to buy them. Every year lots of children and adults lose fingers, eyes etc. The advertisements from the government in magazines and newspapers warning people of the dangers of these fireworks are horrendous. People who have had accidents with fireworks tell their own story of how they had fireworks explode in their hands, pockets, faces. A nephew of mine had a firecracker explode in his pocket! Luckily enough he escaped with just bad burns and was still "in tact" after the event. Thank goodness fireworks at Guy Fawkes in the Club are now so controlled there is no way anyone else apart from the fireworks company can set them off.

How are you doing with your New Years resolutions? Mine are on its way and still hanging in there but then it is only 5th of January when I am



typing this. I have NOT given up smoking, neither has Joe although that was one of his resolutions. Mine were numerous, be nice to husband, children, maids. Go to school (both of them) at least once a month, be home every day when the children come home. Read them a bedtime story every night, resign off every committee I am on now. Organise a teenage 'do' at the Club at least once this year. Do something completely different, see more of my friends, have an enormous woodsale in March, go on holiday to the States to see my sister in law, I will tell you later in the year if any of these resolutions have been acted upon.

Now then, teenagers of Bangkok British Club, how would you like to write to Nigel Oakins and tell him what you would really like to do at the Club. Do you want a disco, a junior committee, a club afternoon or evening once a month? Your parents always tell me, Nigel and members of the General Committee that there is nothing to do for you at the Club. If we don't hear from you that must be a sign that you are quite happy

with 'nothing to do' at the Club and you'd rather do your own thing. Let us know what you want! Now! Write and leave the letter in the Outpost pigeonhole or at reception at the BC or to make it easier for you I have put a questionnaire inside this rag. Parents, please pass this message on to your children.

This month a very different Guess Who this Member is column, but you'd better be quick off the mark as some will find these two people very easy to guess. You have to get them both right to be eligible for the prize.

A few members' contributions as well, a report on the camp out which was enjoyed by everyone (as far as I know).

28th February is Shrove Tuesday, so don't forget to get your pancake mix from the back of the cupboard. I hope there are still strawberries around in February as the recipe this month looks delicious.

The Rugby Section No Talent is rearing its wonderful head again, this year on a slightly different concept but still ... if you feel you have talent of some kind or another, please phone me or Suzanne Partridge now. You don't have to be a member of the section to appear on stage or to come and see what the others are getting up to. Book now as this is quite a popular event and we can only squeeze so many people into the Surawong Room.

See you around the Club,

Bea Grunwell

From the Manager



February already, the AGM just around the corner and all systems go on getting the Yearbook ready with ALL the member's photo's in and ALL members listed in alphabetical order we hope! We should see the end of the major building works this month as well, then we can start to organise ourselves properly so as to establish a decent workshop and efficient stores system. There will be so much benefit for both the membership and the staff when we can get the 'behind the scenes' areas of the club right and working well.

January was a really useful month for the staff at the club as we could 'hit' so many of the little matters which had been building up for some time, as with the heavy programme in November and December there was just no chance to do anything then sort out the immediate problems. Hopefully, the serving area at the Silom Sala will have been redesigned and improved in January and a lot of the cabinets, desks and storage facilities for the new workshop and stores will have been made as well. All in all these months early in the year are

our chance to get the house in order, so to speak.

Of course, romance is traditionally in the air in February and I hope we will be catering for these flights of fancy with a gala dinner and show at the Club in the Surawong Room on Friday 10th February. We will have a splendid gourmet meal created by the F & B manager and Martin Palmer will entertain one and all with his piano playing and his witty repartee. Places are obviously very limited so please do book up early.

On a personal note I must say how much the Staff (and management!) appreciated all the kind gifts and cards we received over the Christmas period. Thank you also for the contributions made in order to pay the staff their bonus. Also a huge thank you to the members who assisted at the events over Christmas, especially the Children's Christmas Party and the Camp Out. Both were really civilized events, I think back to the equivalent parties in 1993 and cringe!

A final thank you to all those who came to the BC Christmas Ball and made the evening such a success, rarely can there have been a crowd of people so determined to have a good time! A special, special thank you to our main sponsors at the Ball, British Airways, Allied Walker and the Holiday Inn Hotel Group, also to all our other generous sponsors a final, thank you! That's it for another month, thank you!!!!

David Viccars
General Manager

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BRITISH CLUB

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on March 21st 1995
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It takes a tiger to catch a dragon

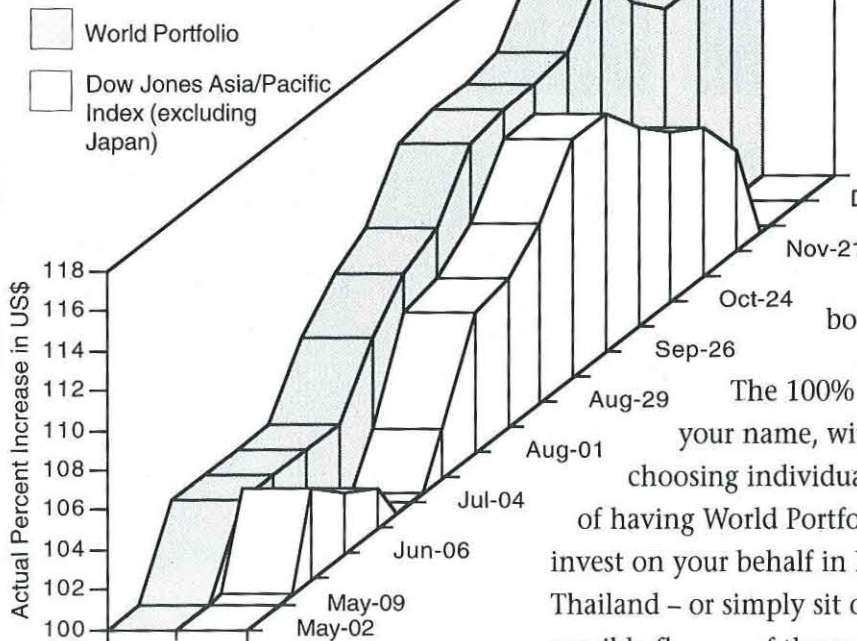


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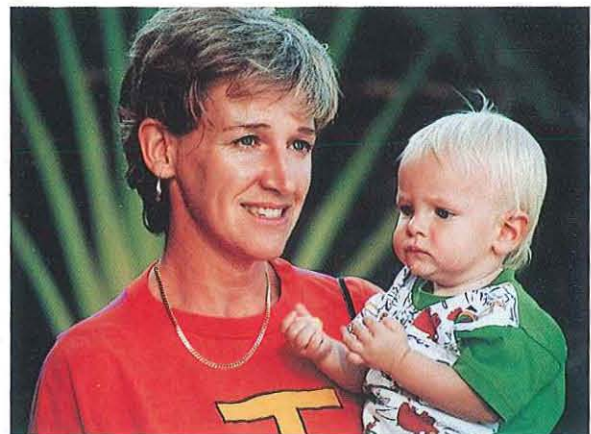
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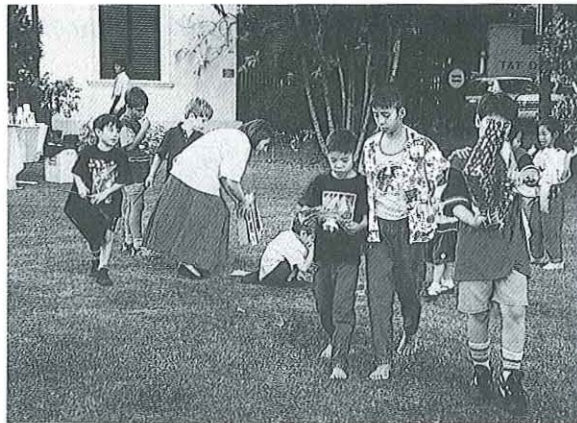
Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party on 17 December was a success. Lots of entertainment with the Goody Goody Show, pony's generously provided by the Bangkok Equestrian Centre, thank you Leif! A bouncy castle from St Johns Play School, Christmas card decorating and cookie decorating. Father Christmas arrived in time and all the children received a present. So as a picture tells a thousand words, here we go!



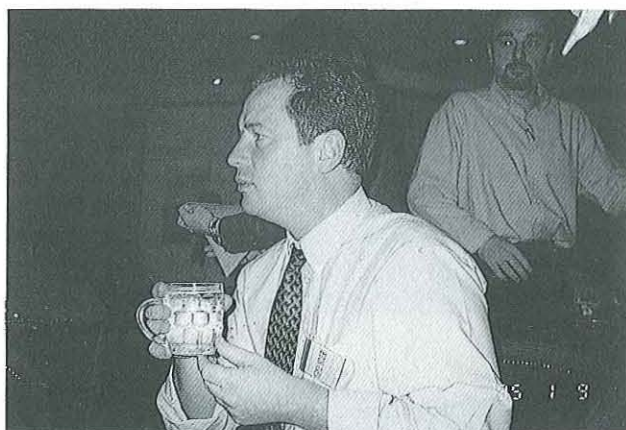
Children's Christmas Party

More photos, happy faces, Father Christmas, lots of food, games, presents. Have a look for yourselves and join us next year!



New Members

New Members Night was held on Monday 9th January in the Churchill Bar. Excellent venue for me as you know, with lots of old members mingling with the prospective members. Lots of nice people and all of them keen to join the sports sections. Maybe an idea to send a representative of all the sports sections to the New Members Night. At the moment they are being snapped up by Rugby and Tennis. It is very helpful for the New Members (maybe you can remember how lost you felt on your first night) to have information about all aspects of Club life.



Ramsey MacPherson a true blue single Scot, intends to keep it that way, so sorry girls. He is the V.P. for Rockworth PLC who manufacture office furniture and by the sound of it will be able to fit out your office completely from partitions to flooring. He has been in Bangkok since February 1994 and did not join before as his office is quite a long way from the Club. Circumstances have changed now and he has already proved to be an active Club member. He is a social member of

the Rugby Section and enjoys Scuba diving. He learned to rollerskate in the parking garage of a Berlin Hospital and was in the Airforce for 10 years. He endeared himself to Mr and Mrs Carson as he managed to pour a full glass of tomato juice over Graham's shirt.

David Murcko has been here for 5 months and this is his first overseas posting. He has travelled extensively in the USA though and has lived in Michigan, New York and San Francisco. He is American and married to Mary who is coming out the end of January. He works for an advertising company whose name starts with Dentsu (sorry the rest slipped my mind). David enjoys all sports but particularly tennis and Mary plays tennis and will be looking for a job here. She was in magazine sales in the States. David is a bit of a workaholic but looks forward to having a fun time in Bangkok.



New Members



Richard Cromwell with an English surname (one could be mistaken) but this man is a thoroughbred Scotsman. He is the new CEO for Hongkong & Shanghai Bank and is married to Rita, they have 3 children. Two are in the UK (21 and 19) and the 5 year old is coming over with Rita soon. They have spent 12 years in Hong Kong. Richard is a keen rugby fan and enjoys playing golf. Rita does a lot of charity work.

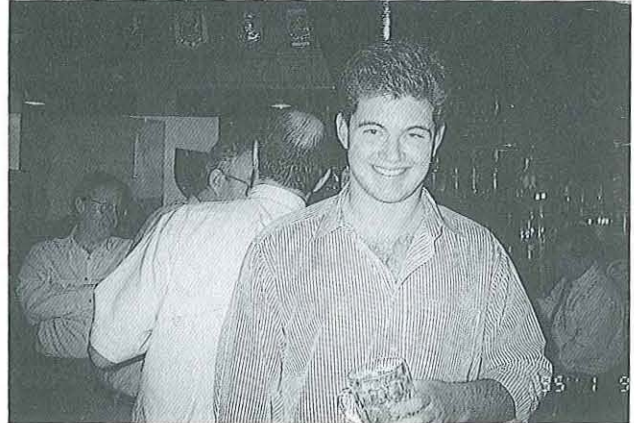
Mrs Patricia Duffy came on her own as her husband (the Member) John was abroad. John is here with T.I.G. and they came from the UK to Bangkok last year. They have 3 sons Andrew (8), Paul (6) and David (2). Pat enjoys aerobics and spends most of her time finding things to do for her active 2 year old. John likes playing golf.



Chris and Della Markey have been here for 9 months. Chris works for Motorola so is right up to date on mobile phones. They have 2 daughters Sarah (9) and Clare (7). Chris was in Dubai and Qatar before whilst Della was in the UK. This is the first time they have lived together for a long time so romance is in the air. Chris is a rugby player and loves anything to do with a ball. Della is a Librarian and set up the Resources Centre for Patana School, she is also keen on computers. She has just finished a degree in Information Library Studies.

New Members

Richard Barton, tall, single, good looking and a rugby player. Of course, what else, works as a stockbroker for Kerry Securities. He hopes to move into their new offices in February. He was in Hong Kong with the same company. He also enjoys squash and is looking forward to an active and good time in Bangkok.



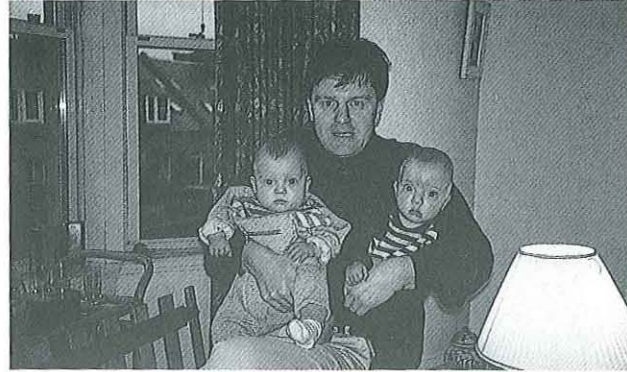
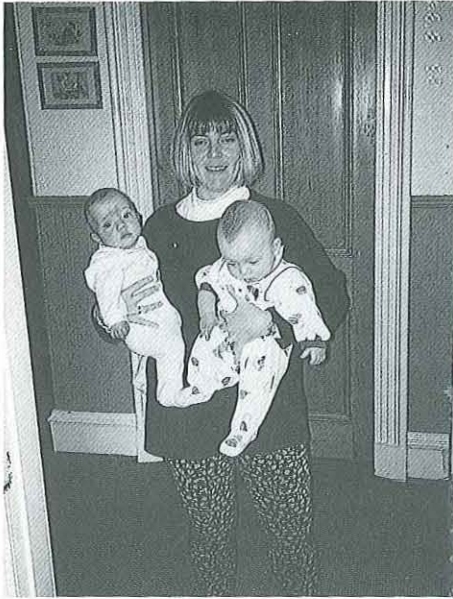
Gill Hunter is the Department Media Director with JWT an advertising agency. She has been in Bangkok for 3 months and was in London before. She enjoys travelling and socialising, swimming and is taking tennis lessons. She is single and hopes to be here at least 2 years. For now she loves every moment of being in Bangkok.

David Steele is in charge of personal products with Lever Bros. He grew up in Pakistan and has been in Bangkok for 7 months. He is married to Andrea and they have two children Jonathan of 7 and Christopher of 6. Both children were born in Japan and Christopher's claim to fame is that he only weighed 600 grammes when he was born and spent a long time in an incubator. David enjoys swimming, theatre and painting and Andrea loves a surprise as she is into home decorating and manages to make the house look new every time David comes home!



Community News

After Members leave for their home countries it is quite often true to say that "out of sight" means "out of mind". Not so with the McFeely's who live in Scotland now and had two additions to the McFeely clan named Charles and Daniel. Jane and Brian are proudly showing them off here and of course Outpost wishes them all the best.



If you receive any information or photographs of old Members of the British Club, please send to Bea Grunwell. I am sure some of the old timers here in Bangkok would appreciate to see their friends are prospering in the UK or anywhere else in the world for that matter.

This is Thailand

Some instructions on a "Peach Cup" recently purchased in Bangkok.

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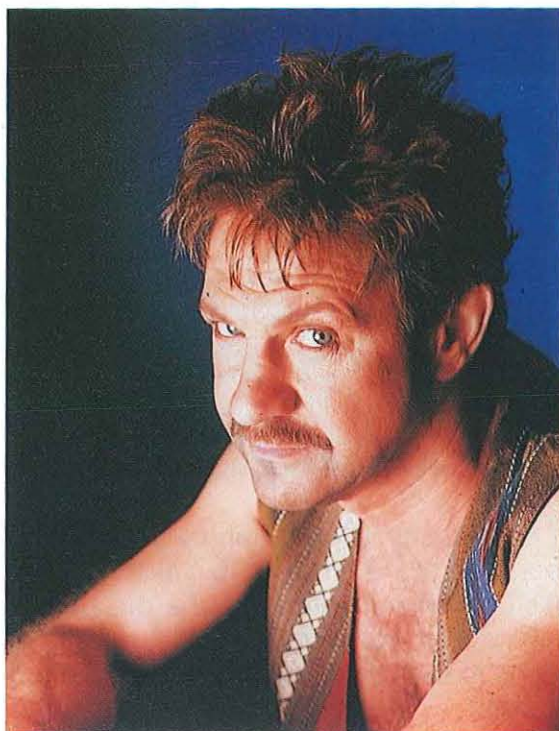
1. It's a fragile product, restrict prohibit press or drop
2. The liquid on the glitter tube without poison content, but in case touched on the eyes, might feel short time uncomfortable, pls clean by water do not break out the glitter tube.
3. This product can resist the heat up to 55 degree C, the alcoholic content do not excess 42%, when pouring into this cup, so no any toxin, pls assurance use it no problem.

HOW TO USE IT

1. According to the cup surface drawing arrow instruct you press down then pull out the drawing cover piece.
2. Bend the glitter tube to make the shape, then put the tube end into the concave area according the arrow instruction, the two end top meet at the same place.
3. According to the drawing 3, the left side and right side set even, then insert down the cup concave point, then enter the upper buckle, and complete it.
4. Need to use again, following the step 1 take out upper cover then take out glitter tube, then enter step 2,3 make order to put back.
5. The glitter tube can use 4-6 hours.

Guess who this is

This month a special Guess who this is column. You have to guess both contenders this month. With excellent make-overs by Lorainne Reimann this may be a difficult thing to do. These people are usually a little more casually dressed when they visit the British Club.



If you know the answer and would like to be eligible for a bottle of wine sponsored by Allied Walker please give David Viccars a ring at the Club. Only answers by telephone are accepted and only 2 names correctly guessed will give you a chance to a bottle. Family members are not able to enter this competition.

Sing Along with Maurice

BEATLESQUASH

By Allan Graham Tator - with apologies to Lennon and McCartney

YESTERDAY Yesterday, squash was such an easy game to play
My shots came off - at least it seemed that way
Oh I believe in yesterday
Now today, boasts and drop shots were a mile away
My length has gone, I got no lets all day
Oh, I believe in yesterday
So, I spoke to George, asked for help and got advice
Practised long and hard, went for runs, but just no dice
Yesterday, now I've lost my touch, it's all away
Progress stopped - no future in the game to play
Oh, how I long for yesterday
That's my say, younger players must now have their day
Sadly I'll watch them from the gallery
Oh, I believe in yesterday

WHEN I'M SIXTY-FOUR

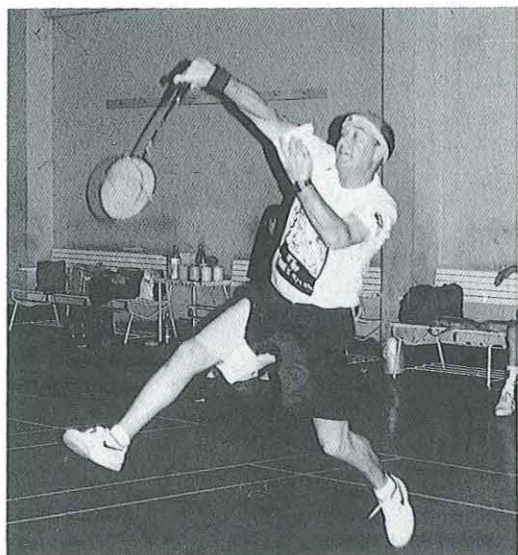
When you get older, losing your hair, many years from now
Will you still be asking me to book court time, buy you lager, bottle of wine?
If we'd been playing for over an hour, would you ask for more?
Will you still play me, will you still slay me, when I'm sixty-four?
Will you still remember our attempts from first September
To get fit for the leagues ahead?
Time was on our side (we thought!)
Now each season starts all too soon
But I've got my pride ...
Now we are older, still playing squash, with a gentler touch
Rallies not so long now and the ball's now red, drink is whisky,
ten o'clock bed. Be my opponent, match me for form, mine for evermore
Will you still play me, will you still slay me, when I'm sixty-four?

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER

I should have known better with a marker like you
Than to play squash on court number two
Marked by you, hey, hey, hey, and I do
I should have realised what a let is for
I was halfway across the floor -
Can't run more (I was blocked)
Then when I tell you that I'm asking, oh,
You turned me down and just said "No..."
When I appeal, you think again (any chance?)
But then you tell me it's "No go"
I should have known better with a man of your class
Than just to say "I couldn't get past"
You looked up, and you said "Up your ..."
I should have realised what a marker you are
Should have known I can't go too far
Now I do, and I say "You're a star!"

Badminton

SOI NARES (BANG RAK) COURTS ARE BACK IN ACTION!



John in elegant balletic leap pose.

Please note that the Soi Nares courts, those just around the corner from the Club, are now back in action after a month of repairs. So welcome back to sweaty Sunday mornings!

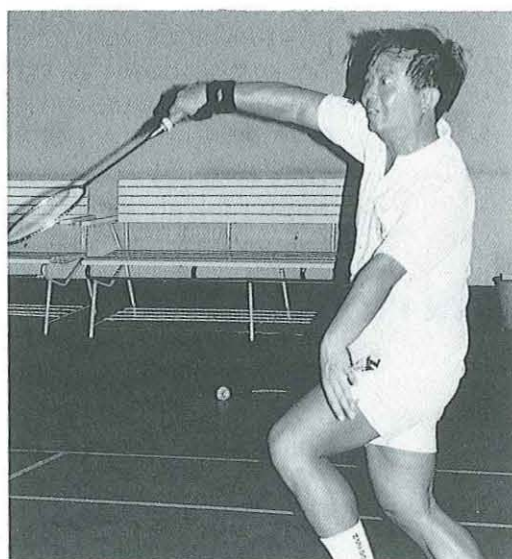
Hopefully you will all have read your fliers sent out before Christmas to all aficionados of the Section, as far as we have your name and Club numbers on record (If you didn't get one, get in contact with a member of your Committee pronto!), which warned you about the above repairs. Apologies that there was little other warning, but as ever we were told too late to put it into January's Outpost.

Re Soi Klang courts - please note that there was a typo on that flier which said that we are only booking this court on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8pm ... of course, that was meant to say 7-9 pm, two hours per night. We're hoping to see more of you at Soi Klang, so please come and join us there.

So, with New Year well and truly a distant memory and 1995 underway, how long did your resolutions last? At time of writing there was little to report from December, save that we fielded a full table for the Christmas Ball - but horrors, no photographs to show for it! - and that there were still people around to play badminton on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. Me, I was well and truly out of it, being down for the big three party weekends that month, having a ball and taking dozens of photos, of course, while you lot slogged it out on the party rounds. Tough life in the tropics, huh?

The only major thing to mention is that by the time you read this, we should have a new

Committee for the Section, with the AGM having been held end of January. I'll try and blag photos off the new Committee for the next issue, so that you know who we all are. If you feel you could contribute towards running the Section, or can suggest a team to play against, or have any other bright ideas I wouldn't have the grey matter to think up, please let us know.



Henry doing the Ramwon with Racquet.

That is it for the news. As for the pictures, this month I'm starting a mini-feature on 'Dance Moves In Badminton'. This issue stars Henry doing the Ramwong in traditional Thai-style on court, note the elegant use of hand movement; and John Leicester in a truly outstanding and energetic ballet move where you leap in the air and attempt the splits while aloft. There's a special name for this movement, but for the life of me I can't remember it. Whatever, it's a spectacular step, only to be attempted with adults trained in resuscitation techniques present. In this particular shot, John is cleverly using the racquet to balance himself while airborne. Look out for the next two men who should be in tutus given their performances in mad March ...

Ciao for now

Lek Farang
xxx



Mel Leddy winning Par Bisque Competition



Angela Poustie winner of the Ambassadors Cup

On the weekend of 3-5 December, the Section travelled to the Lake View Resort at Cha-am to play their golf over 3 different courses. The first day's play was held at Cha-Am Villa where we played a Par Bisque competition. The condition of this course, particularly the fairways, was somewhat disappointing.

The section was divided into 2 flights, the winners being:

Flight 'A'	Paul Nears	+4	Flight 'B'	Mel Leddy	+9
	Dugal Forrest	+2		Brian Hughes	+7
	Geoffrey Lamb	+1		Judi Leddy	+3

Technical Prizes: Nearest to Pin:

Mike Poustie Mike Sinkinson
K. Poosit Chris Gething

Longest Drive:

(Men) Simon Edmonds
(Women) Lavita Hughes

The second day was our annual event against the Golfers Cocktail Lunge to play off for "The Cup" was held at Springfield Golf & Country Club. The completion took on a Match Play - Full Handicap - One on One concept. Unfortunately the Cocktail Lounge were too strong on the day, winning convincingly 12 1/2 points to 4 1/2 points. Our own Golf Section played for a Stableford Competition. Again the players were divided into two flights.

Flight 'A'	Neil Buttery	38 Points	Flight 'B'	Angela Poustie	32 Points
	Dugal Forrest	35 Points		Judy Leddy	31 Points
	Geoffrey Lamb	35 Points		Sriwan Forrest	29 Points

Technical Prizes: Nearest to Pin:

Paul Nears Eric Hudson
Brian Hughes Mel Leddy

Longest Drive:

(Men) Paul Nears
(Women) Sriwan Forrest

The third day saw the Over 20 Handicaps compete for the Ambassador Cup. This event was won by Angela Poustie.

The Medal Final was played on 17th December at Royal Golf and Country Club and was generously sponsored by Inchcape Calbeck McGregor. Having qualified during the year players in the three flights competed for the medal final.

Winners: Flight 'A' Dugal Forrest **Flight 'B'** Alex Southcombe **Flight 'C'** Brian Hughes

For those who haven't heard from Alex, he shot a round of 78 (nett 60) which did not give his opponents much of a chance. Those not competing in the Medal Final competed in a Stableford event. The winner was Geoffrey Lamb. Technical prizes for the day:

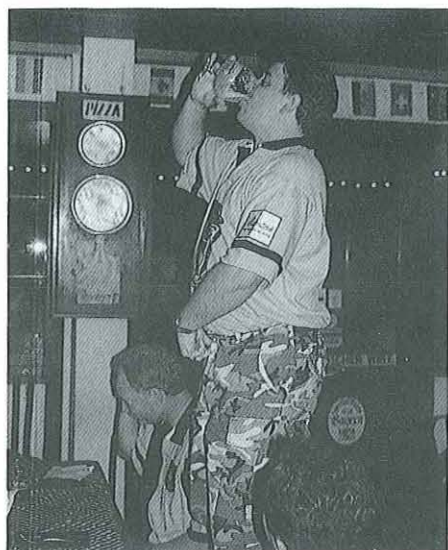
Nearest Pin:

Paul Nears James Young
Jeffrey Hughes Geoff Rydon

Longest Drive

(Men) Geoff Rydon
(Women) Lavita Hughes

Rugby



From the moment we met at the airport on Friday the weekend was a roller coaster ride of action and emotion, elation and tears. The mixture of people within the tour party complemented each other

perfectly, we had experience and youth, speed and strength, volatility and stability. Some of the younger chaps were very grateful that some of the older members had volunteered their time so readily and sacrificed their valuable weekends in the interest of supporting the team



and lending the benefits of their considerable experience. These admirable men with their selfless attitudes laid the foundations for the tour and helped draw the team into a committed, cohesive collective of players and supporters, together in support of the common good. We all knew that we would try our best and accept victory with humility and defeat with gladness in our hearts, knowing that at the end of the day rugby was to be the true winner whatever the outcome of individual games.

Thirty men assembled in the battle pink of the British Club. The weekend, we knew was going to be daunting. There would be ups and downs and swings and roundabouts. Ultimately there lay ahead of us a challenge to be relished and relish it we were going to do.

On arrival in Chiang Mai several of the party became quite exited at the prospect of visiting a new town and absorbing the culture, architecture and heritage that Chiang Mai is famous for. Luckily we were well endowed with gentlemen who had visited the North of Thailand before and they unselfishly proposed to show the newer players the best sights and sounds that they had

experienced. However, realising that the schedule for the weekend was to be hectic and physically unforgiving we went to bed early to prepare ourselves for the opening ceremony the next morning.



Our first game was against Malaysian Stars, Sukom. In an exiting match of nail biting suspense and tension, a game that combined the parry and thrust of raw competition with the verve and flair of true talent we emerged at the final whistle with a 0-0 draw. Our other game for the day was cancelled so we had time to repair to the hotel. Saturday afternoon was spent discussing some of the weaker points of our first game and preparing a strategy for the matches the following day. In the evening the Tournament organizers invited us to a banquet where we had the opportunity to make new friends and bond together under the banner of sport, celebrating the Corinthian values of competition. Most of the younger chaps then went to bed, happily



Rugby

Exhausted after the days events. Some of the others went for a quiet nightcap where the conversation inevitably turned to their own playing days. Memories were shared and moments re-lived before eventually it was time for then too to retire to bed for a well deserved rest before the next day's activities.

Sunday dawned with a brilliant sunshine. After breakfast we arrived at the stadium to face the formidable Royal Thai Navy in the first game. A super game ensued as we matched the strength of the Navy



with a mesmerising mixture of sophisticated moves and innate agility. Our speed was unleashed as again and again we breached the defence lines of the seamen. The Bangkok British Club won the game 12-0 and the whole party was proud of the uncompromising performance that secured our victory. In our second game, against previous rivals, Sukom we once again launched into a breathtaking combination of passion and power, delivering another victory to our new fans in the crowd. However, the day was beginning to take its toll as fatigue and strain took its inevitable toll on bodies stretched to breaking point with the non stop activities of the previous two days. Our third match saw us in the semi final against the Thai Airforce. Although we started with the same drive as before men were starting to go down. More were replacing them but eventually there were not enough to man the trenches and the Airforce's superior firepower resulted in an honourable defeat to the ultimate tournament champions.

That night at the post tournament dinner we reflected on the weekend. Cherished moments were plentiful and a wealth of memories would return to Bangkok. As conscientious ambassadors for the British Club we were delighted to receive the prize for the best presented team but that was no consolation for losing the semi-final. However, the general consensus was that we had done our duty and we could be justifiably proud of ourselves, both as a team and as individuals. We performed on and off the pitch with honour and endeared ourselves to locals and fellow competitors alike. Hospitality was splendid, rugger was magnificent, but some of us were now beginning to feel quite homesick and ultimately we

were looking forward to be return to Bangkok and be reunited with friends and families. Tired but content we arrived back to next year's trip to the north.

It would be impossible to single out individual tour members as each tour member contributed to the success of the weekend in their own, unique way.



However, Joe Grunwell's performance in the preparation and organisation of the weekend was outstanding. Simon Dakers kept the party's spirits up off the pitch with his endless antics, boundless enthusiasm and jocular behaviour. The stars of the team itself were indubitably Nigel Townsend for his brilliant tackling, Graham for his tactical astuteness, Wai for his barnstorming, elephantine rampages down the pitch, and Andy Leach and Jez, whose deceptive pace and guile on the ball consistently left the opposition in floundering disarray.

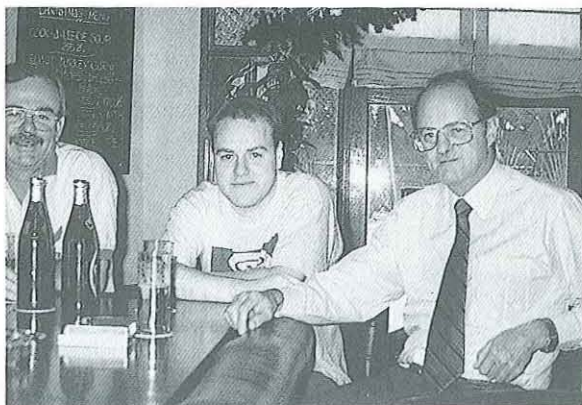
Thank you to our sponsors Ballantines, who manufacture fine whisky, Thai Gammon who build solid buildings, and Acumen who offer excellent advice. Thank you also to all the families in Bangkok bereft of fathers, brothers and sons for the weekend. None of us enjoy being away for so long and we were all very glad to return safe, sound, sore but satisfied.

Richard Barton
Tour Scribe



Don't forget the No Talent Night on 10 MARCH in the Surawong Room. We need people with (or without talent) who can perform on the stage. You can recite a poem, sing a song, dance, play the guitar, draw caricatures, act ... anything goes. We do need the stars of the show as well of course, so don't forget to sign up to for the ANNUAL RUGBY EXTRAVAGANZA - THE NO TALENT NIGHT

Snooker



Billy Shaddon with a couple of BC 'hard drinkers'.



Trixie and Billy after a few beers.

On Friday 23rd December 1994 the final took place of the 'Kings Cup' snooker tournament at the Thai-Japanese Stadium here in Bangkok.

Billy Shaddon, the 24 year old from Crackmannanshire, Scotland, beat James Wattana in the semi-final which resulted in Billy going into the final against Nopachorm, the exiting young Thai player.

After this tournament was over a police escort had been arranged to take Billy and all the snooker players and officials back to the Bangkok Palace Hotel, where Billy was to be married to his pretty young fiancée Tracy Johnson, also from Scotland.

Tracy and I had spent most of the day waiting in queues at the British Embassy, translating offices and the Foreign Affairs Office, gathering documents to legalise their marriage. By the time we arrived at the stadium, hot, thirsty, hungry and exhausted, the final was already underway. To Tracy's horror, Billy was 3-1 down! then 4-1 down!! It was at this point that we had to leave, because the hairdresser, make-up lady and manicurist had been booked for 4pm. We spent the next hour and a-half nervously sitting in the usual Friday afternoon traffic. Which was worse than normal as it was Christmas shopping time for all of Thailand, let alone Bangkok.

Some of the players were to fly back to the UK that evening, were waiting for news of the final, but were disappointed to learn that Billy was struggling. After a long cold beer and a large cheeseburger, it was time for us to get changed for the wedding.

Tracy had hand-carried her raw silk wedding dress all the way from Scotland without Billy seeing it. Her matching shoes came from Ireland. I left

Tracy being pulled around by the hairdresser and manicurist, while I went downstairs to check that all was ready.

Meanwhile, back at the stadium, Billy realised that he'd have to pull the stops out if he was to win. He braced himself, used his lucky green chalk to prepare the tip, bent over the baize, readied his cue arm and played. Then it was police escort time and his wedding. I met him in the foyer of the hotel, he beamed and said "Trixie, I won! A quick beer later, we phoned his mum and dad to tell them the good news, they were too choked to speak!

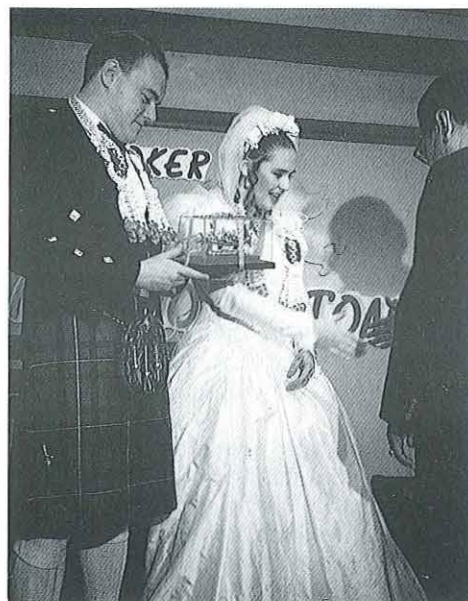
He then asked me what the dress was like, as if I'd tell! Is Tracy happy with it? Never you mind, I said, you'll have to wait a while longer to find out.

One of the officials from the Snooker Association of Thailand escorted Tracy downstairs, I was trotting behind making sure that the magnificent dress didn't get trapped in the lift. Tracy was shaking like a leaf by the time we arrived downstairs. How I wish I could have captured the expression in Billy's face, when he first saw his bride-to-be in all her wonder, he had tears in his eyes when he said "Tracy, I just can't believe how beautiful you look, you're unbelievable!" Then, Billy, with Tracy on his arm walked across to the reception area, where everyone stood and applauded as the very handsome couple went to their places. The TV cameras were there, and a host of reporters charged around with flashing cameras. After the food and drink, came the presentation of the King's Cup, runners-up prizes and by the time the Thai dancers arrived, Billy and Tracy were married Thai style. The new young spokesman representing the Thai Government gave a short speech, as did Khun Sindhu, the President of the Snooker Association of

Snooker



Tracy having fun at the BC with the BWG Ladies Snooker Section.



The happy couple receiving gifts from the President of the Snooker Association of Thailand, Khun Sindhu.

Thailand. Billy and Tracy held the microphone briefly, to express their gratitude to all who'd organised the wedding and reception.

The end of a very exciting and perfect day. The following Monday - Boxing Day - Billy and Tracy honoured us by joining us at the British Club. Tracy played a game of snooker with the ladies of the BWG Snooker Section. Billy showed Mike Brann, Doug Mather and Graham Wainwright how snooker should be played. Mike Brann did manage to win one frame though!

That night Billy took his bride and a very full purse back to Scotland, where another reception had been organised by their parents.

We'd like to congratulate Billy on his big win and wish the newly-weds every happiness for the future.

If Billy qualifies, he'll be back in Bangkok in March for the Pro-Am Championship. Unfortunately, Tracy won't be here, she told me that she couldn't leave here horse again!

On behalf of Billy and Tracy a very big 'thank you' to the Snooker Section of the British Club for your kindness and hospitality, thanks to Doug and Valerie Mather for the wedding gift.

Now, on a sad note, Mike and Trixie Brann have made the decision to resign as Chairman and Secretary of the Snooker Section. This was not an easy thing to do, as you all know how we love the game of snooker, but after two years struggling to keep things going without support, this decision was inevitable.

Trixie Brann

Soccer

MIXED FORTUNES IN NOVEMBER

After the glory of Chiang Mai the football Club came back to earth with a bump with a disappointing early November Farang league loss to the French. Form soon returned against the Italians but was again sadly missing against the Indians at the end of the month. In between we visited Manila for the annual Carlsberg International Soccer Tournament. In spite of some fine individual performances and gutsy football we were unable to achieve the results to bring back any silverware. Christmas cheer returned in December with a 100% Farang league record.

1st XI vs Bangkok French 0-1

A dull game and a disappointing result against a lively French outfit. We never looked like scoring and can have little complaint over the final result. Certainly not the kind of game to interest our Outpost readers!

1st VI vs Italians 3-0

With Captain 'El Greg' side-lined with an eye injury Captain Vice Peter Hockley was able to Captain the Club for the first time in the Farang League. Big Willie Carruthers and Chris Davin also returned from holiday.

The game started badly for BC with Tony Green leaving the field with a knee injury and shortly after Vaughan Elias pulling a Chairman's muscle! Paul Greenhaugh came into midfield and Nigel Oakins up front with Terry Grogan reverting to fullback.

Fifteen minutes before half Marc Hagelauer zipped around the Italian fullback and calmly slotted the ball inside the left hand post. Shortly after Nigel Oakins rifled a 25 yard shot into the corner. Halftime 2-0.

The second half saw more BC pressure and Nigel scoring his second goal courtesy of a defenders clearance against his knee. In a blatant piece of hattrick 'round of drinks' evasion Nigel shortly left the field after claiming to have a groin strain!

Manila Nomads 6-a-side tournament

The BC fielded two teams in the annual Carlsberg sponsored event. An over 40's team and an under 40s team. In our case the latter with an average age of 38!

Both BC sides suffered from lack of preparation in terms of fitness (but when do they not?) and awareness of the 6-a-side game, which is perhaps more akin to Tuesday night training football than the eleven a side game we are most used to.

Neither side progressed beyond the quarter finals. The 'youngsters' as a result of losing their first and last matches, the former through cold starting

and the latter as a result of the need to score goals to improve their goal difference and getting caught on the break.

The old boys started well but lost in a game they only needed to draw 0-0 to go through but fell foul of a soft goal which lost the match and the tournament.

Our thanks go to Alex Forbes for organising the trip in his usual efficient manner and to Expatriate Financial Services for their kind sponsorship but not for Paul Gambles footballing performance.

1st XI vs Bangkok Indians 0-0

A bad tempered ill disciplined match with the Indians emerging as clear moral victors. The Indians set out from the beginning to disrupt and destroy the rhythm of a clearly superior BC team. As the game wore on and remained goal-less so the opponents confidence increased and BC players became increasingly frustrated and prone to retaliation and complaining.

Five yellow cards were shown to BC players with Marc Hagelauer receiving a second yellow card which resulted in dismissal. Close to the end BC had a chance to capture the points which resulted in dismissal. Close to the end BC had a chance to capture the points with a penalty from substitute Frank Hough but the Indian keeper saved well.

At the end of the month the Committee expressed grave concern in their meeting over the number of yellow and red cards accumulated in the Farang League. This is likely to seriously impinge upon our attempt to win the league.

Casuals vs HMS Tamar, Hong Kong 2-2

December was a Christmas cracker month for the football section starting with an excellent draw against the highly rated Hong Kong touring outfit. In an extremely competitive game two excellent first half goals from Paul Greenhaugh and Adam Caro sealed a fair result.

1st XI vs Brazilians 2-1

Our first ever game against Farang League newcomers the Brazilians. A far cry from Rio de Janeiro the team comprises largely British players many of whom are well known to us, having played previously for the Casuals. A number of Brazilian players being Patana teachers added spice particularly for Peter Hockley.

The first half was shaded on balance by the Brazilians. With greater motivation and energy they did not allow the BC to settle on the ball constantly harassing us into hurried movements and loss of possession. Chances were few at either

end with strikers being denied any space for anything other than half chances. After 20 minutes slack defending allowed the Brazilians a free header from a corner which beat Neil Torrance but John Sheehan was able to clear off the line. Shortly after Paul Greenhaugh had to leave the park with a strained groin to be replaced by Nigel Oakins. At the Brazilian end Willie Carruthers was unlucky not to score with his head his effort being scrambled clear. Five minutes before half time, Brazilians broke clear, the ball was crossed and in the resultant melee a Brazilian forward rifled an unstoppable shot past Neil Torrance. Half Time 0-1. The second half was a tribute to BC teamwork, fitness and discipline. In recent matches the team had allowed itself to be upset by opponents tactics and had suffered as a consequence in loss of rhythm and accumulation of yellow cards. Captain Greg Watkins pre-match warning on discipline was well heeded and the team performance benefitted as a result, although yellow cards were awarded to Vaughan Elias and Chris Davin.

BC pressure on the Brazilians told after 15 minutes with Vaughan Elias prodding home from short range after a goal mouth scramble. Such was the exertion he was shortly after substituted by Richie Crooks. BC pressure continued unrelenting interspersed with counter-attacks by the Brazilians which rarely troubled Neil Torrance. After another goalmouth scramble Nigel Oakins fired a low shot past the Brazilian keeper to secure the points. In the last ten minutes Steve Golsby replaced an exhausted Adam Caro but the result looked in no doubt up to the final whistle.

Casuals vs Jools 3-2

Against an extremely competent Jools side including BC regulars El Greg, Alex, Chris, Adam and Marc, Casuals were delighted to take the points thanks to a fine hat trick from James Reid and excellent defending. The traditional post match liquid celebration at Soi 4 was well attended and enjoyed by all.

1st XI vs ISB 3-0

A very one sided game against a 9 man ISB side played with seasonal joy under the soft halo of Christmas floodlights at Soi 15.

Neil Torrance never had a shot to save and the weakened school side managed one corner and two free kicks in our half. The first half was much more competitive with ISB doing extremely well to keep the game scoreless. In the second half the gates opened with marc Hagelauer scoring our first from a Terry Grogan cross. Peter Campbell added to our tally from a Frank Hough Cross with Marc scoring a second volley late into the game. Richie Crooks scooped shot over the cross bar was the subject of much Christmas jeer in the post

match celebration.

A TALE FOR HOGMANAY

Many years ago in Scotland when Messrs Torrance, Forbes and Caruthers were still wearing kilts from Mothercare, the Pope decided to take a holiday in the Highlands.

In spite of being staunch Rangers supporters Alex and Willie kindly agreed to look after the big man by taking him on a fishing trip out on Loch Ness. For a change in Scotland it was a scorching hot day as the three of them rowed out into the middle of the loch and started fishing. After 20 minutes they were getting very thirsty. Alex being the kind sort of chap he is, using words he has used many thousands of times since, chirped up "Would anyone like a beer?" "I" said Willie. "That's very kind my son" said the Pope. To the pontiff's total amazement Alex jumped over the side of the boat and ran across the surface of the water to the edge of the loch and returned immediately with three cold beers. As they gratefully quaffed their cans of McEwans the Pope complimented Alex on his faith (but not his choice of beer).

Twenty minutes later they were getting very thirsty for the second time. Again using words he has used many times since, Willie exclaimed "I suppose its my round next" and without waiting for an answer, over the side he jumped and trotted over the water returning with three more McEwans. Again the Pope was shocked and made a mental note to check up later whether Loch Ness had a history of miracles.

Twenty minutes later the Pope was getting extremely worried. Having spent the last 15 minutes praying he hadn't caught a thing and was building up for his turn. "Can I fetch you gentlemen a beer" enquired the Pope. "Aye" said Willie. "That's very kind" said Alex sweetly. With a final prayer and a huge act of faith the Pope stepped off the side of the boat. Splash... and with a despairing grab at the side of the boat, down he went to the bottom of the loch.

"Och Willie" said Alex "shouldn't you have told him about the stepping stones?" "Stepping stones Alex?" replied Willie "I didn't know there were any."

Footnote: There are those in the BC Football Section who maintain that Willie still walks on water today on the football pitch, especially at Soi 15 in the rainy season!

CALENDAR

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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8-10am Ladies Tennis 8am BWG Mahjong 6-8pm Squash Coaching 7-9pm Badminton 7-9pm Tennis Top 20 Training 8pm New Members Night Tennis Swiss Coaching Mrs Balbir's Indian Food Promotion	7am Ladies Golf 8pm Friendly Bridge 7-9pm Football Training 7-9pm Rugby training 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof	6-8am Early Bird Tennis Mix-In 9.30am Aerobics 5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix In 7pm Cricket Nets Practice Mrs Balbir's Indian Food Promo Crooked Jack Dinner/Cabaret	10am-12 Ladies Squash 7-9pm Rugby Training 7-9pm Badminton 6-9pm Squash Mix-in Mrs Balbir's Indian Food Promotion
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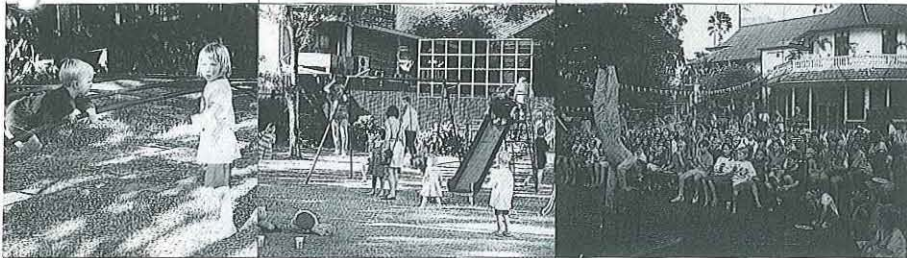
10am - 11pm CHURCHILL BAR
11.30am - 2pm LORDS REST. LUNCH
7.30am - 10pm POOLSIDE BAR
6.00am - 9.00pm FITNESS CENTRE MON/SAT
9.00am - 9.00pm FITNESS CENTRE SUN/HOLS
9.00am - 5.00pm THAI MASSAGE EVERY DAY EXCEPT MON

VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BC EXCEPT:
CASUALS FOOTBALL - BKK PATANA SCHOOL
BADMINTON (SUNDAYS) NR BANGRAK POLICE ST.
GOLF - AS ADVERTISED
RUGBY MATCHES AS ADVERTISED
ALADDIN - SIAM CITY HOTEL

FEBRUARY 1995

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Contact the following to join Sections:

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CRICKET	Peter Young	679 7644
GOLF	Lavita Hughes	259 3617
HUGBY	Joe Grunwell	262 0220
QUASH	Barbara Overington	258 7306
FOCCER	Peter Rodgers	240 0678
TENNIS	Maurice Lamb	272 4530

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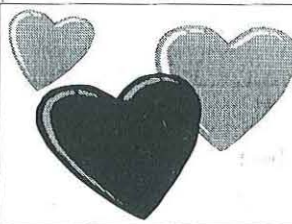
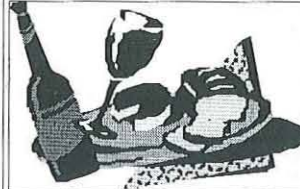
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VARIETY SHOW AT THE BC

3 MARCH - ST DAVID'S BALL



Tennis

After the completion of the Graded Championships at the end of November, December has been a relatively quiet month on the tennis courts with a Children's Round Robin Tournament on 4th December, the Christmas Party on 10th December, the bi-annual Team Tournament on 11th December, and the Children's Tennis Party on 17th December.



JUNIOR TENNIS LADDER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

The ladder began at the beginning of November and the month saw a lot of activity, particularly in the last week. It was great to see so many challenges! The monthly winner for November was Chris Kelly. Nick Rendall and Darren Rayner won the prizes for the most 'jumps' up the ladder and Courtney Williams won the prize for the girl in the highest position. The monthly winner for December was also Chris Kelly. Graeme Jewell won the prize for shooting up the most places and Cara McNeilly was the best placed girl. I've been very impressed by the sportsmanship and good humour shown by the ladder players. Keep challenging.

Elaine Kelly
252 5314

JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN 4 December 1994

Despite the long weekend holiday, 15 players turned up for the December Round Robin. We decided on two leagues allowing for a more even mix of players and thereby not allowing much time for breakfast in between matches. Some of the players did not stop from 0900 until 1200. We decided then to begin next month at 0800 instead. Particularly in the hot months this will be necessary.

Winner of League B was Graeme Jewell, with David Lindsay and Hannah Morrison in joint second place. David and Hannah had a play-off and David joined Graeme in the overall final. Winner of League A was Chris Kelly, with Tom Henton as runner-up. Chris and David then played Tom and Graeme in a close match. Tom and Graeme emerged triumphant in the final. It was a great

morning's tennis, with non-stop activity. The umpires were great - especially since they are press-ganged into service often before the first cup of coffee of the day!

ROUND ROBIN 8 January 1995

Again we were still in the holiday time - just, but even so, 14 players turned up. Unfortunately not all at the same time ... we are very sorry for the confusion over the start time, it was definitely set up for 0800, but obviously the BC signwriters decided that was too early in the winter and took it upon themselves to delay it by an hour. Mai pen rai ... it all worked out in the end, with 2 leagues of singles using all the courts and all the tired parents as umpires. The winner of League A was Chris Kelly with Michael Rayner a close runner up, winner of League B was David Lindsay (so hopefully that made up a little for being dragged out of bed!) with Murray Jewell as runner-up. Lots of you have signed up for the Club Championships which is great news - good luck!

Shelagh Weekes/Kate Henton

**THE NEXT JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN WILL BE
ON SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY AT 0800!**

CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 10th December



The Christmas party on the back lawn was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the social calendar! After a glass of mulled wine we enjoyed some superb savoury dishes prepared by the British Club, followed by a delicious array of delectable desserts provided by some of the culinary experts of

the tennis section.

Following the success of last year's silly games, no-one expected the committee to think up even sillier ones, but with the use of a few matchboxes, hula hoops and traffic cones, they did just that. By popular demand the "gourd" game and the "very long balloon game" from last year were included and it was noted that a couple of the successful partnerships from last time were first on the floor. Watch out for the video.

Eileen Cook

JUNIOR SECTION Christmas Party Saturday 17th December

Phew! - we take our hats off to Maurice ... All those tournament days when we have just strolled into the sala and signed up... On December 17th, Shelagh and I slunk into the Club just after dawn (or so it seemed) to prepare for the Junior Christmas Tennis Session. The younger group played games of skill (or not) for an hour, winning stickers for successes and being treated to Shelagh and I throwing tantrums if the dreaded words "it's not fair" were heard!

The older group played an hour of tennis games and an hour of skills games. Twenty-four children plus Pichet and Bee and the odd drafted adult (thank you Owen and Angie) were divided into the Agassi, Becker, Sampras and Edberg teams. We cannot thank Mike Dwight, Alistair Olver and Elaine Kelly enough or umpiring whilst Shelagh and I had simultaneous nervous breakdowns sorting out the drop-outs and non-shows. Each team amassed points from games and skills activities.

The Beckers won with 103 points, followed by the Agassis with 97 points, the Sampras with 88 points and the Edberg team with 83 points. Proceeding were completed with brunch, prize giving and exchange of festive greetings in the Sala. Many thanks to all who took part, Juniors and non-Juniors.

Younger group: Carla Young, Raphaelle Moor, Reto Urech, David Weekes, George Henton, Joshua Hastie, Jessica Hastie and friend, Sarah Lindsay, Fergus Morrison, Stalwart helpers - Sarah Henton and David Lindsay.

Older Group: AGASSI : Tom Henton, Simon Chisholm, Anthony McGill, Naomi Lyon, Duncan Morrison, Helen Cooper. BECKER: Chris Kelly, James Crocker-White (a special mention for James because he enjoyed it so much ...!), Lachlan McBain, David Lindsay, Jeremy Crocker-White, Joshua Hastie (sorry we could not give you more games, Joshua, you were a great runner!) SAMPRAS: Michael Rayner, Nathan Lyon, Kate Sayeg, Darren Rayner, Jane Cooper and Karen

Dwight. EDBERG: Ben McGill, Chris Reed, Nick Sayeg, Courtney Williams, Sarah Henton and Tom Olver.

Finally a farewell message to Ben and Anthony McGill, Kate and Nick Sayeg, Robert and Catherina Tilby - good luck to all of you in the New Year in your new homes and new schools!

Kate Henton

TEAM TOURNAMENT

For the team Tournament there was a surfeit of Englishmen and Colonials, but few Celts and Rebels, and so the English took on the Rest of the World and were victorious by the narrow margin of 82 games to 80.

The Christmas Party on the back lawn was once again ably organised by Eileen Cook and was enjoyed by all. Photos are circulating amongst the various blackmail circles of Bangkok, but may eventually find their way into the columns of Outpost.

Meanwhile, the November Singles League was completed in December, with the winners being:

Division 1	Insufficient Matches played
Division 2	Owen Williams
Division 3	Oud Bunjapamai
Division 4	Insufficient Matches played
Division 5	Mike Weekes
Division 6	Marie Goode

Competition for the Ladder positions has increased during the months of November and December and the prizewinner of the bottles of wine as at the end of December are as follows:

1st	Bruno Straub
15th	Tawat Keller
30th	Colin Monk
45th	Not active
60th	Not active

The lucky draw winner (500 Baht) was Megan McBain and another 500 Baht went to Oud Bunjapamai for the most number of challenge matches played on the ladder (eight) during the month of December.

In February we can look forward to a Children's Round Robin Tournament on 5th February, Swiss Coaching on 5th and 6th February, a Four Square Round Robin Tournament on 12th February and the Mardi Gras Fun Tournament and Pancake Races on 26th.

Maurice Lamb

A black and white photograph of a cricket match in progress on a large field. Several players in white uniforms are visible, some in the foreground and others further back. In the background, there are several tall, modern buildings, likely apartment complexes or office buildings, under a clear sky.

A black and white photograph of a cricket ground. In the foreground, a large, tall, rectangular scoreboard stands on a wheeled platform. The scoreboard displays the following information:

BATSMAN 5	16	BOWLER 1	2
BATSMAN 6	14		3
LASTMAN 7	3	LAST	4
TOTAL RUNS	119	WICKET 5	6
WICKETS	4	BB 7	3
OPPONENTS	199	TOTAL PERS	34

A person is sitting on a small stool in front of the scoreboard. The background shows a grassy field and a fence.

AUSSIES RETAIN THE ASHES ! AUSSIES RETAIN THE ASHES !

The opener to the 50 Over competition would be against league big boys the Volvo Scibblers - yeah good name.... The venue - the Royal Bangkok Polo Grounds - a BARKER-BENNETT straight drive from Wireless Road. Just briefly the much heard about Joe Barker - Bennett made a huge impact on the game - but more about his Bothamlike performance later. Ten o'clock Sunday mornings is not a great time on the best occasions but to face the prospect of chasing a small red missile around in the sun makes the thought even more horrific. Some like Brian Diamond - the responsible vice captain and the evergreen Dr. Nick White take the favourable choice of a quiet Saturday night at home with a video. Unfortunately Saturday the 7th of January coincided with Kiwi Dave Rendall having a party and the return to Bangkok of that Scottish Git Simon Frederick Dakers who of course insisted on a quiet dinner at the Angus followed by just one or two quiet drinks - " C'Mon Youngy just come out for a little while " Ooooooh Nooooooooo ! " So whilst Rendall the number 3 bat whopped it up at his place Barker Bradman and the undisciplined Skipper got caught in the vicious evil social web that Simon Dakers likes to weave !

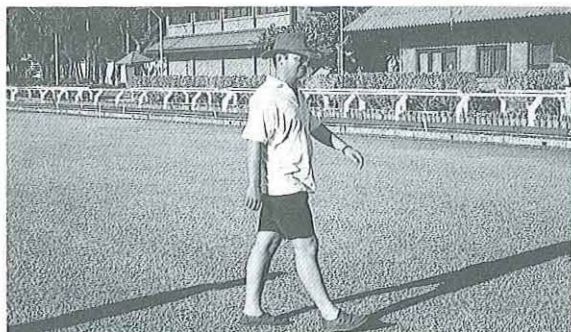
Skippy lost the toss and kindly let them choose to bat - which is what we wanted anyway. The Scribblers have a reputation for big scores - 306 against us in the 92/93 50 Over league final - /and 220 in the league fixture of 93/94 off of about 45 overs. They had also just hit 260 plus the previous day in just 40 overs with their star opener hitting a modest 151. Oh Dear !

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Cricket

discomfort. The ball was tossed to new cap Simon Pearce-Higgins who like Joe B-B has a funny name but totally unlike Joe B-B is modest and doesn't rave on about the 32 sports he's played in 22 different countries.

Simon is a classy spinner who bowled tightly keeping the Scribbler openers at bay for 10 overs and in the duration dismissing one of them. It must



"Cowboy Joe" after a brief but controversial umpiring stint

be mentioned that the dismissal was the result of one of the best catches I've ever seen in cricket - at any level. The unlucky batsman went for an off drive whilst the team score was on 87 - 13 short of the big ton unlucky guy should of realised you don't try anything remotely risky on the Australian devils number.

However the catch - and it was an absolute blinder by BC allrounder Adam Caro diving full length to his left - backwards - and somehow the ball found its way into his hand whilst going at a million miles an hour. Super catch that !

Another new cap - Barney Phillips - was bowling quite tidily at the Rama IV Road but with no success however importantly keeping the run rate down. So the stage was set for something dramatic to happen - 32 overs gone 1/109 . Could the BC get some wickets and keep the opposition to a reasonable total or would we be chasing something big like 300 plus.

Having used his frontline bowlers Skippy decided to give himself a trundle - a brave decision indeed but since there was no bowlers left apart from Joe Barker-Botham who would take up the attack from the other end,- he had little choice.

Well the move paid off and in an inspired spell of 8 overs the very very fortunate Skip snagged 6 wickets for 35 runs with some of the worst bowling since Ian Botham used to deliver trash to teams who had mistaken him for a quality bowler.

Skippy dished up his full repertoire - full tosses , long hops and the occasional grubber - all to spellbinding success. I don't know about the Scribblers being shattered but I can tell you that 10 BC boys were sickened with the display - Jackson Dunford who kindly umpired was particularly upset. Which is surprising because Youngy was basing his attack on the Dunford rules of bowling - lots of garbage and plenty of chaps on the boundary !

Anyway the Scribblers were all out for 199. After a quick luncheon interval the BC took up the run chase. Dr White was out early trying to push the score along and the BC were in minor problems at 1/5 but a steady second wicket stand from the ageing Dave Rendall and the DIPLOMAT Brian Diamond saw the BC cruise to 70 without further loss before two quick wickets fell - both of the aforementioned gentlemen were back in the Pav. at 3/79.

Rendall made a commanding 38 and Diamond a steady 24. Valuable contributions after White's early demise. It must be said that David KIWI Rendall has probably the most impressive looking bat in the whole of Asia. Fluorescent pink, green and yellow all over the blade makes this weapon look particularly hideous !

New boy Simon P-H looked good early but fell to their spinner in a moment of brain lapse and at 4/88 the BC Boys were in deep poop!

Lord Frank Hough OBE joined Caro at the crease and to be brutally honest if these lads didn't fire it would take something extra special.

Frank and Adam accumulated runs at ease during an entertaining 34 run partnership before Linford Christie sorry Frank was run out trying the optimistic if not stupid third run.

5/132 soon became 7/153 with John Chesterman and Steve Canham offering token support too the now in form Adam Caro. Chesterman described himself as a " VILLAGE CRICKETER" I think village idiot would be more appropriate. John stick to the golfing and real estate son.

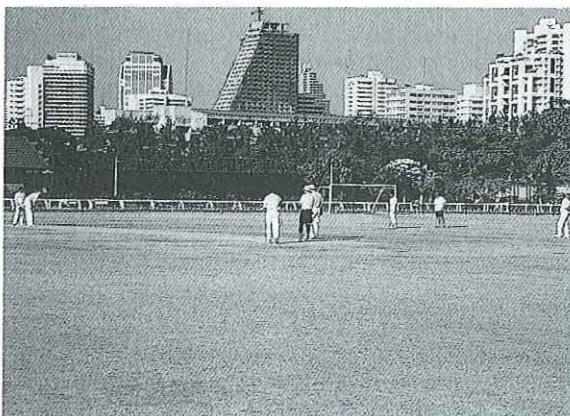
Then it happened. Joe Barker- Bennett aka Joe Barker Bradman Botham Bennett strode to the wicket. The BC Innings in tatters with only Phillips and Skippy to follow. Well to everybody's delight Joe dominated a 47 run eighth and unbroken wicket stand that had us all in total disbelief. We had heard it all from Joe - quotes like " I play a bit " and " I've hit many half centuries " and of course the favourite " I am the hardest hitter of a cricket ball I have ever seen " but today Joe produced the goods to support Adam Caro and see the BC home to victory in the 50th over.

Cricket

Joe not out 26 and Adam a chanceless 65 not out. A good first up victory against a very competitive side.

BC 7/200 Defeated
SCRIBBLERS 199

As mentioned earlier Australia have retained the Ashes by settling for a draw in third Test in Sydney. A rather amusing piece of writing landed on my desk the morning after the match. Here it is just for you suffering Poms !



The consolation one supposes is that only the appalling weather, drizzle and gloom, of which the colony is renowned, saved the day on this occasion.

As our distinguished party now seek safe passage along the coast to the quieter climes of South Australia John Major must act. A visit by one of her Majesty's gunboats into Sydney Harbour and a brief salvo of fire directed

towards that notorious penal encampment of the "THE HILL" would raise English spirits no end.

RAIN SAVES THE CONVICTS

- Prisoners hold out under fast bowling barrage.... In a dramatic last day of third test the prison colony in Botany Bay just managed to survive an intense period of devastating fast bowling from Angus Fraser and hang on for a draw. One has to question though the wisdom of teaching these miscreants the noble game. Their forefathers were not shipped out to this fatal shore to pursue such pleasurable activities. The fact that their sons are now able to defy the imperial might of her Majesty, albeit only in a game of cricket, must cause for concern in the corridors of power.

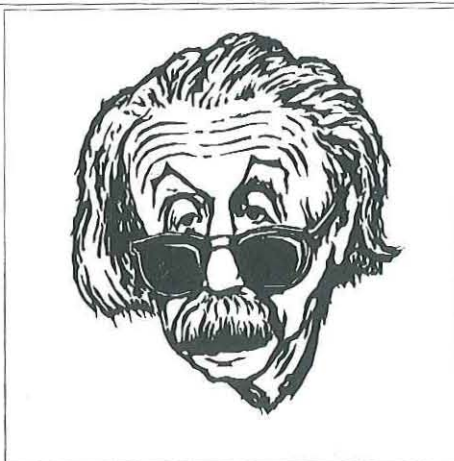
February fixture : BC V RBSC 2

12/FEB at the RBSC Ground.

Training

**Wednesday nights and Saturday
afternoons - not Sundays as previous.**

Bye for now
RICHIE



Peter Young aka Richie
after finishing writing this article

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

OK Guys, I get the message ... no more favouritism towards the tennis section or any other section, part, person connected to the British Club! 2 pages including photographs and that is it from March onwards.

L.O.L.

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**THE LIGHTHOUSE CLUB
CHARITY BUILDER'S BALL
25TH FEBRUARY 1995**

The Lighthouse Club is a CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY RELATED CHARITY who's aims are to raise money to increase safety awareness on Construction sites in Thailand, offer training courses to Thai Nationals to further the Safety cause and to provide a fellowship for all construction nationalities to get together and discuss the "building business" in Thailand.

ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE INAUGURAL DINNER DANCE

VENUE	The Delta Grand Pacific Hotel, Sukhumvit Road
DATE	On Saturday 25th February 1995 - 7.30pm onwards
WHO CAN COME	Anyone, members, guests, Joe Public
WHAT'S PROVIDED	A great nights entertainment with two bands, live shows, great gnosh, loadsa'beer, wine, whisky and all ya'mates
DRESS CODE	Pretty frocks and smart suits (D.J.'S not necessary)
COST	Baht 1,000 each person (table reservations available)
WHAT TO DO	Fill in this form and fax to CONTECH 238 4076



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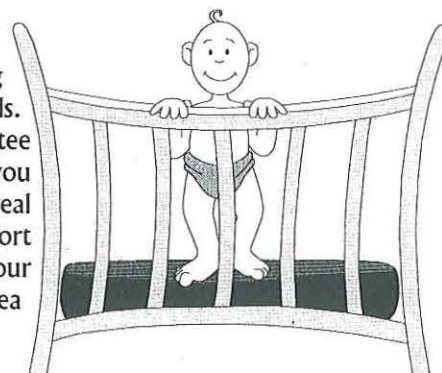
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ADDRES:

I would like to reserve: Tickets Table(s) (8-10 persons/table). Payment by cheque (payable to "LHCBKK" or cash before 11th February 1995. Send to: CONTECH PROJECT MANAGEMENT (THAILAND) CO LTD. Tel: Jon/Sunisa 2367708, 2358547 for more information.

Children's Corner

Lots of parents have told us recently that there is absolutely nothing to do at the British Club for young people aged 12 and upwards. We'd like to help, but it is such a long time ago the General Committee were at that age themselves, that they really have no idea what you want. If you read Outpost this month you can see that there is a real concern that there is nothing on offer for you, so please make an effort and fill in this questionnaire. Parents if you read this pass it on to your children and please leave it at the Club for the attention of Bea Grunwell or fax it to me on 258 9509.



This questionnaire is not for him!!

Name : Age:

Club No: Telephone:

What are your hobbies?

Do you play sports?

Are you interested in arts/crafts? Yes/No If yes which

What about theatre?

What would you like to see happen at the Club for your age group?

What do you think is missing at the British Club, why don't you want to come to the Club.

Do you think there are good things at the Club and if so list them. (If there are too many of them use a clean sheet of paper ... sorry, joke!)

Are you interested in having your own Junior Committee? If yes, would you like to sit on that Committee? What I had in mind is starting a Junior Committee with the help of one or two adults, with a meeting maybe every three to four weeks at the Club to discuss what you would like to happen during the next months or so. This would then have to be passed on to the General Committee and hopefully we will then see some Teenage Happenings at the Club.

Most of the events organised for children at the Club are for all age ranges, what do you think of this?

If you have any other suggestions please write them down or give me a ring if you want to know anything else.

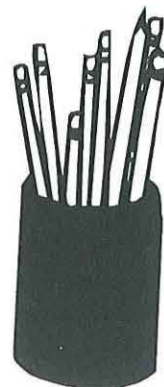
Children's Corner

JAM JAR LID TEST

You can set up this very simple experiment at home to find out just how clean or dirty the air is where you live. The experiment takes a week to do, so be patient. You have to set up the equipment outside, but remember to bring it inside at the first sign of rain, as water will spoil the result of your experiment.

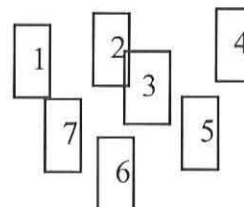
What you need:

Bottle tops
Small labels or stickers
Pencil
Sheet of white paper



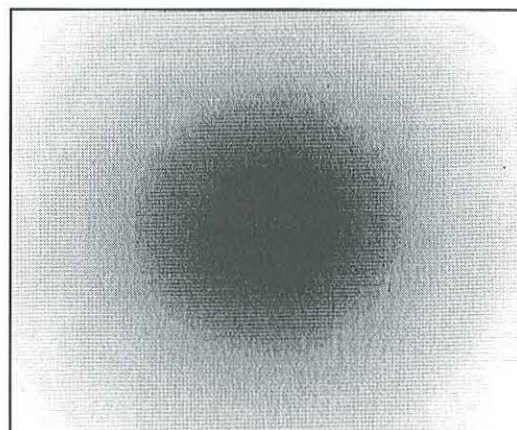
Setting up the experiment

1. Write the numbers one to seven on the card, as shown. Stick labels to the jam jar lids and number them from one to seven.
2. Lay the jam jar lids on the card matching the numbers. Then out the cards and the lids outside in a sheltered place.
3. Leave the card outside for a week. At the end of the first day take away lid number one. Each day take away one more lid.
4. The seventh day
At the end of the week, take away the last lid. If the air is dirty (which it will be in Bangkok), the patches where the first lids were will be darker than the other.



SPECKS OF DIRT

The experiment works best if you live in a large town or city. The air is dirtier there because of all the vehicles, chimneys and factories. How often do your windows need cleaning, or your car.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- * Use the car less. Ride a bicycle or use public transport.
- * Turn off lights and don't waste hot water. The less gas and electricity we use, the less fuel power stations burn and the less pollution they cause.

Management News

FITNESS CENTRE

As we have a new company looking after the Fitness Centre for us we are especially keen to hear any comments from members who use this facility. Should you have any suggestions or wish to raise any matter concerning the Fitness Centre then please inform the GM without delay.

FITNESS CENTRE - HOT OFF THE PRESS

The new instructors in the Fitness Centre are doing a good job why not give it a go and work off some of those extra festive "Year of the Pig" calories! Khun Sak is in charge of the team, and has come back having been a notable success at the Club some years ago, he is assisted by Khun Dead and Khun Tong. They are a good team.

MEMBERS ACCOUNTS

Sadly the members accountant, Khun Chanya, will be leaving the Club at 1 February. Khun Chanya has been with the Club since July 1992 and has given the Club sterling service but has now decided to start a family, indeed her baby is due in the next few weeks. We wish her well in the future. Plainly, there may well be a difficult period as the staff adjust to the departure of Khun Chanya, all we would ask is that if you suspect your account is wrong please ask for clarification and the staff will be only too happy to help.

MRS BALBIR'S INDIAN FOOD PROMOTION

Mrs. Balbir's Indian Buffet promotion has proved really popular. Both Lords and the Churchill Bar have been busy with members munching their way through various Indian delicacies, the promotion ends at close of business on the 6th of February so if you have not had a chance to sample the delights of Mrs Balbir's Indian cuisine then you still have a few more days to enjoy this feast, or to make a repeat visit!

VALENTINE'S DINNER SHOW

We plan to hold a romantic candle lit dinner and show in the Surawong Room on Friday 10 February to celebrate Valentine's Day. That well known showman Mr Martin Palmer will be on the piano and will regale the diners with his 'Noel Coward' style of entertainment. It should be a great evening so please book early as numbers are limited.

FEBRUARY TELEVISED SPORT IN THE CHURCHILL BAR - RUGBY

There is lots of live sport on Star TV this month so for the rugby fans amongst the membership we will be showing the 5 Nations matches from the UK live in the Bar on the evenings (roughly 9.00pm start) of Saturday 4th February when England take on France at Twickenham and Scotland host Ireland. On Saturday 18th February Wales play England at

Cardiff and France host Scotland. For the diary the dates for March are 4th (Ireland v France and Scotland v Wales) and the 18th (Wales v Ireland and England v Scotland).

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

This is an opportune time to say thank you to all those marvelous people who did so much to help out at the Club over the last festive season. The Children's events in particular were the successes they were, largely due to the efforts of the Grunwell's, the Partridge's, the Haworth's, the Carson's and all those other kind volunteers to numerous to mention who gave their time so willingly. On behalf of all the staff, THANK YOU!

GUESS WHO THIS IS

The dish of the month was Dave Haworth and the first person to phone in with the correct answer was Peter Downs. He can collect a bottle of wine courtesy of Allied Walker from the General Manager.

GUESS WHO THIS IS ... COMES TO AN END

Due to a lack of photographs of members unfortunately this popular column has come to an end this month. Please, please, please if you have any youthful photographs laying around, let's have them so we can use them in the Outpost. They will be returned to you asap.

THE 'NEW' BRITISH CLUB LEAFLETS AND SANTA FE THAILAND

Although the Club leaflets were produced some little time ago we should express the gratitude of the Club to Santa Fe Thailand for sending copies around the World on the Club's behalf and for including copies in the welcome packs for new arrivals in Thailand. While mentioning Santa Fe Thailand thanks also must go to them for their support of the Club at the Christmas Ball and for their support to the sports sections of the Club.

THE JVK JACKPOT

Well done to Mr Stuart Edwards for winning the B5,000 JVK Jackpot on Friday 6 January, it pays to be at the Club on Friday nights!

AWARDS

We are sure you will be interested to know that Dacre F.A. Raikes O.B.E. whom you may know as an old time Bangkok resident and British Club member, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Music and Education at Srinakarin University recently. The presentation was made by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. Congratulations to Mr Raikes on receiving this prestigious award.

Management News

SILOM SALA

We have now found a reasonable quality plastic beaker for use at the children's pool, therefore, unless a glass is specifically requested, all drinks served at the Silom Sala will be served in plastic beakers.

SURAWONG SALA

A new tapwater filter system has now been installed at poolside to purify all poolside drinking water, ice and the water used for making tea, coffee etc.

HAVE A VERY HAPPY YEAR OF THE PIG

The Management and Staff wish every member a prosperous and happy Year of the pig! Why not celebrate the auspicious occasion of the Chinese New Year with one of the range of special dishes which will be served in the Churchill Bar in February.

STAFF AWARDS

Last month's staff awards went to Khun Nimit and Khun Somboon.



Khun Nimit

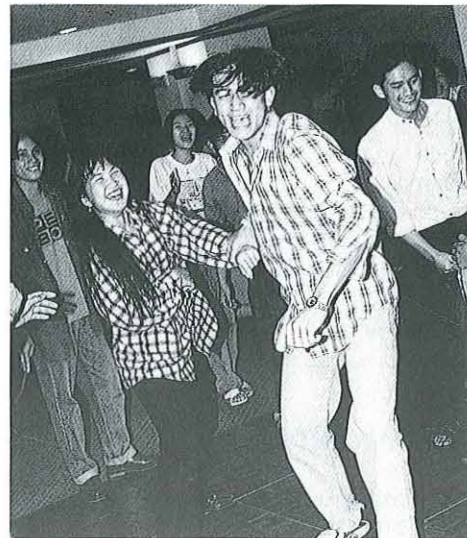


Khun Somboon

Staff News

The 1995 Staff Party Report by the GM

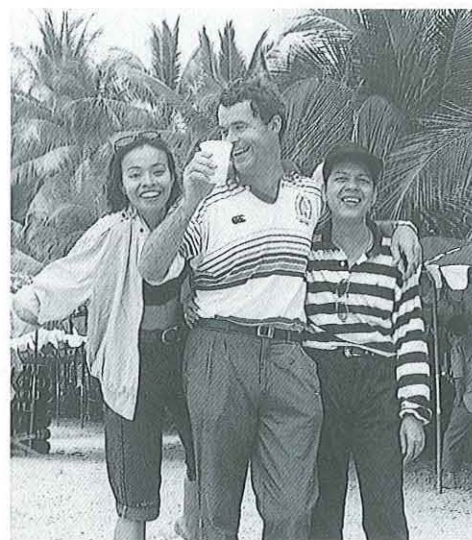
On 11 January 1995 the Club was closed for the annual staff party as a relative newcomer to the Club and as a Staff Party 'virgin' I approached this day with a certain degree of trepidation! The plan was to spend the day at Baeng Saen on the beach and then to return to Bangkok for a party in a private room which we had hired at the Holiday Inn in the evening.



Dancing the night away!



Dunk the Manager



Khun Orasa, Khun Somsak. Khun David



Barry gets a dunking!

The 50 or so of the Staff who decided to go to Baeng Saen left the Club at 8.30 in the morning and were all in a very 'happy' mood by the time the GM and the F & B Manager arrived at the beach shortly after mid day, having elected to make the trip to the coast by car. The two Farangs

Staff News

were promptly thrown into the sea and a boisterous couple of hours ensued with various other members of staff taking an involuntary swim! Khun Varin cooked an excellent lunch for us all - before succumbing to the virtues of that well know river bordering the country in the North West! All the staff had a go banana boating and jet skiing and we left the beach a very merry and very soggy little group! The least said about the bus journey back to town the better, suffice to say that the staff danced the whole way back only pausing to top up the beer supplies and answer the ensuing calls of nature!

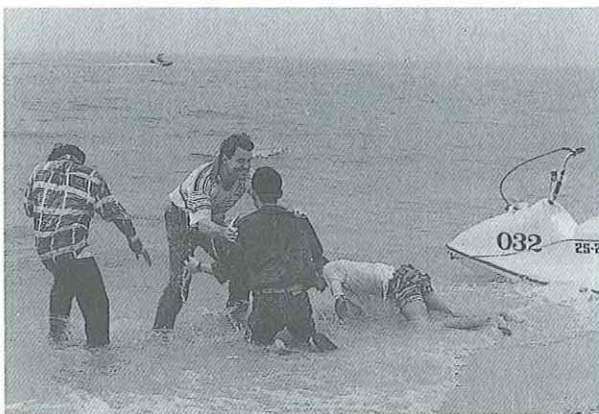


Musical Chairs causes allround hilarity!



Lunch on Baeng Saen Beach enjoyed by all

The Club staff descended upon the Holiday Inn at about 7.00pm and really did dance the night away! The last revellers left the Hotel at about 2.00 the following morning having had a serious party! The whole day was a great success and Khun Orasa organised the day superbly. The sense of nervousness felt before the day turned out to be entirely without foundation, roll on the staff party for 1996!

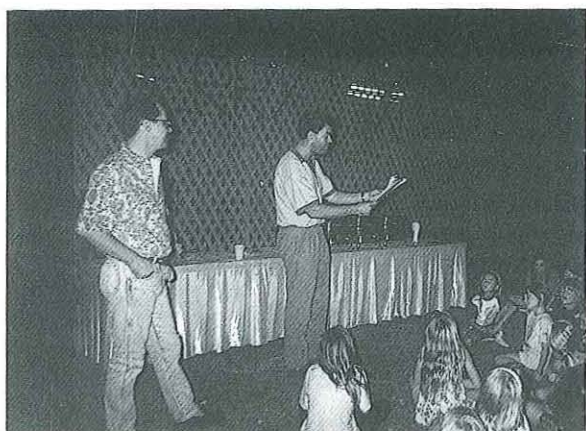


David: "Wait until I get my hands on you!"

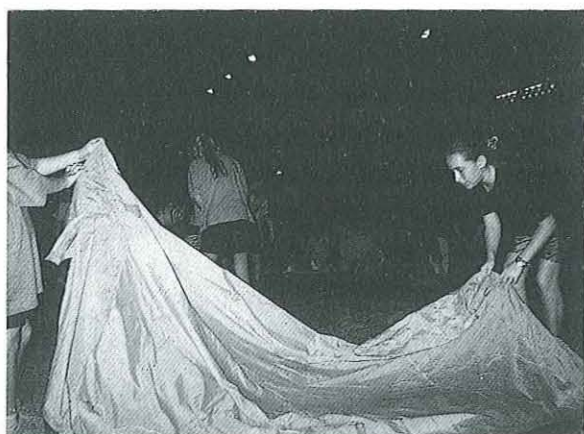


Having a sabaj dee time

Camp Out



Most children were in their tents by 3am, I don't know if they were asleep but it certainly seemed quiet. During the night we kept the fire going as it had cooled down quite a bit. So in the morning lots of pale faces with shivery, sleepy bodies were woken up, yes you read that correct, we did have to wake them up at 6.45! Breakfast was had and at 9am the first parents arrived. The last children still had not been collected by 11.45am, but that's another story. We hope that all the children enjoyed it, we certainly did!



If the photographs were anything to go by, the camp out was a disaster. But as I am not that lucky with photographs, they don't mean a thing. With lots of helpers and around 70 children the camp out this year was a lot easier than the one last year. David organised a treasure hunt, where the children had to answer questions by reading signs etc all over the club. For instance did you know that you can find out about the Neilson Hayes Library opening time inside the club? A lot of them did not know where the Silom gate was, that there were two Sala's even! There was a tent erecting competition, a Club song composed on the spot and performed whilst marching on the back lawn and an aerobics session with Kathy Haworth, with most of them starting off but only about 20 finishing. There was a camp fire of course, some songs, stories and a midnight snack of French fries and Mars bars.

Club song

British Club are the best (2x)
We are better than the rest (2x)
Mr Viccars is the boss (2x)
if he dies it will be a loss (2x)
I like camping on the lawn (2x)
we can stay awake till dawn (2x)
BC food is the pits (2x)
It is full of grizzly bits (2x)
This year's campout is great fun (2x)
Better than a mozziebite on the bum (2x)



This is Thailand

Happy Mammaries.

For those of you who spend hours sitting in the most well supported of all Bangkok clubs, namely the Rot Thik Club, here is a pastime that will help to while away the time. As you wait at whatever junction you intend to negotiate look around at the numerous adverts that adorn the streets. Study them and note the subtle flaws in their message.

I sat on Sathorn Nua the other day and my gaze was drawn to an advertisement at a bus stop. It was explaining the pleasure and comfort gained from using particularly popular brand of ladies underwear. It featured a number of ladies displaying various types of mammary support. They were all very attractive, the ladies that is, and did an excellent job in uplifting morale. There was also a familiar face and torso of an obviously well endowed lady. Her name, Marilyn Monroe. She was wearing a low cut dress, sufficiently revealing to support the stories we read in our youth. Yes, it's true gentlemen. She did not wear underwear at least not the lift and separate variety. That's like asking Salmon Rushdie to advertise the Koran

So, as you sit in the Rot Thik Club each look around and see how many unusual approaches to advertising you can see about town.



Dave Lee L99

The Party Spirit

I walked into a pub in Cambridge one day. As I approached the bar the landlord spoke. "What would you like to drink," he asked. I looked at him and after a few seconds I replied, "A pint of your best bitter please." Very soon a pint of bitter was placed in front of me. I tasted it and remarked on what an excellent pint it was.

"Good," he replied. That will be one pound and fifteen pence please."

I looked at him astounded. "I beg your pardon I said. "That will be one pound and fifteen pence please." he repeated. "I terribly sorry" I said. There seems to be some sort of misunderstanding. You see I came in to ask the time and you offered me a drink. I really don't think that you can expect me to pay for it."

"I most certainly do expect you to pay for it," he exclaimed. "And right now." "I am sorry" I said apologetically. "It's a question of words. You see, you asked if I would like a drink. You should have asked if I would like to buy a drink."

A dispute was about to erupt into fisty cuffs at the bar when a man sitting in the corner rose and quietly addressed the landlord.

"My dear sir," he started, "I am a lawyer. I understand your predicament and sympathise with you. However the gentleman at the bar is quite correct in his assesment of the facts. Should he or your good self decide to pursue the matter through the courts he would most certainly win."

"I see," said the landlord. He turned to me and spoke.

"Sir," he said, "As the landlord of this establishment I have the prerogative to refuse service to any member of the public whom I deem fit. I am sure the learned gentleman here will bear witness to my statement. Therefore, I request that you leave the premises now and do not return." I left the pub. Blast! I thought I still didn't get the time. I turned and went back into the pub. The landlord saw me as I approached the bar.

"Get out," he ordered. "But landlord," I tried to explain but the landlord interrupted. "I told you to leave my pub." "I'm sorry lan...". The landlord interrupted again.

"Well then," he said waving a finger in my face. "Well then you must have a double."

I looked somewhat surprised, said, "thank you," and pointing to the man in the corner said, "Whiskey, and he's a bloody lawyer."

Harry Gant-B'stard, 1994

Reciprocal Arrangements

THE COLOMBO SWIMMING CLUB

After landing at Colombo Airport around 10ish in the evening and having had a superb flight with Cathay Pacific, we were surrounded by helpful taxi drivers (all of which reckoned they knew Sri Lanka like the sacred cows themselves). We finally chose a chappy who recommended a cheap and cheerful guest house in the heart of Colombo and after tearing off with our cases, he produced a car and were promptly whisked away like the proverbial bats out of you-know-where.

Around 40 minutes later we arrived at our wee guest house which had around 15 young porters all waiting to (yet again) whisk our cases off the taxi driver and show us to our room just in case we may have changed our minds. The room itself was spacious, sparsely furnished but spotlessly clean. There was a fan however above our beds, which, when operated took of like a veritable tornado with the fear of (if it did loose its moorings) would have happily (if annoyed) decapitated Andrew and myself. We slept like babies that night but then again we always find that duty free plays a great part in sending us of the the 'Land of Nod' don't you?

Waking up fairly early the following morning and jumping out of the bed which played God Save the Queen every time you moved (funny how I never noticed it the previous night) I drew back the curtains to greet the morn and came face to face with about 4 dozen crows (shades of Hitchcock "The Birds" of which there are plenty in Sri Lanka) all swooping and knocking 7 bells our of 2 local cats that happened to be passing their nests. We decided to don our laced up walking boots to explore Colombo and find our real destination, The Swimming Club of Colombo, which is our reciprocal club to the British Club of Bangkok.

Armed with our very own BC membership cards and looking like Hillary and Tensing for our expedition we were pleasantly surprised to discover the Club was the next street up from our guest house and as we wandered down a gently curving driveway which was well shrubbed, Andrew and I slowly walked into a time-warp and a very delightful one it was too. The entrance of the club was stoutly defended by two 4 inch bore (mirror polished) brass cannons on either side of two huge columns supporting the door way of the main club itself which reminded one instantly of by gone colonial days, with its structure and appearance. Lazy fans set in high vaulted ceilings did little to disturb the air but the beautiful sea breeze from the close by Indian ocean that rushed through massive French windows on all sides of the club was cool and welcomed.

The reception was done in ancient teal and a well worn (but polished to perfection) parquet floor. Silver cups and sporting trophies were displayed on both walls of a grand winding staircase. We were greeted by an old Sri Lankan gentleman who welcomed us to the club, inspected our BC cards, requested us to sign the visitors register and proudly proceeded to tell us how long he had worked at the club. This was since he was a boy, probably around about the time of the pyramids by the look of the dear old man.

We were well received and proceeded to have a wonderful afternoon at the club enjoying a most delicious Sri Lankan menu of fresh fish and vegetables. We ate outside in lovely surroundings which overlooked well kept gardens, a massive swimmingpool and of course the Indian Ocean. We had hoped to stay there but were informed (by a lady who goes there every year from Guernsey, Channel islands) you have to book well in advance, and I mean well.

We met some very interesting members of the club who were vert keen to hear about their reciprocal club e.g. us at the BC - Don't worry folks we kept the flag flying and still think our very own British Club is a hard act to follow.

Lynne Mudie

Tit for Tat

HOT DOCKERTY

Holding hands across the bar
this affair won't get far
I don't care what they all say your nose
is red, hair gone grey

It will all be over in a while
then we'll see your toothy smile
hold me close, have no fear
while my belly is full of beer

You 'orrible lot, what do you think?
How low did your minds really sink?
We're not having fun, or an adventure
he's just shoving back these new
dentures!

Trixie
Club Scribe



Summer Fruit Compote with Lemon Balm



Serves 6-8 Preparation 25 minutes Cooking 10 minutes

225 g (8 oz) granulated sugar
600 ml (1 pint) water
small handful fresh lemon balm leaves, washed and torn
grated zest of 1 lemon
juice of 2 lemons, strained
900 g (2 lb) prepared summer fruits, eg
strawberries, raspberries, peaches, plums and cherries
lemon balm leaves and borage flowers to garnish
Greek yoghurt, optional

1. Dissolve the sugar in the water over a gentle heat, then boil for 4-5 minutes. Remove from the heat, stir in the lemon balm and leave the syrup to cool, allowing the lemon balm to infuse.
2. Once cool, strain the syrup into a serving bowl, then stir in the lemon zest and lemon juice.
3. Add the fruit to the syrup, mixing gently. Cover and chill thoroughly before serving.
4. Garnish with lemon balm leaves and borage flowers. Serve with Greek yoghurt if liked.

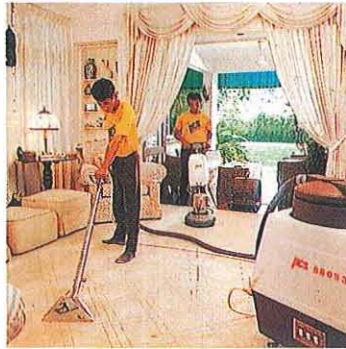
Nutrition content per serving (8 servings)

Protein: 1g Fat: 0g Dietary Fibre: 7g Carbohydrate: 35g Kilocalories: 138

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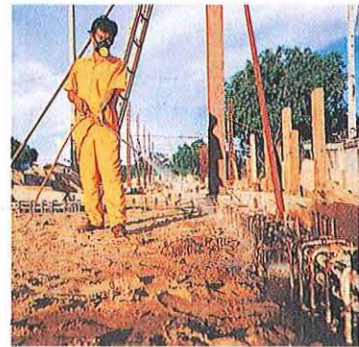
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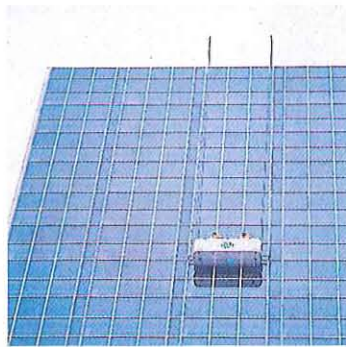
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CLUB NEWS

MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Member,

You will recall that at the last AGM changes to Rule 54 of the Club's constitution was agreed. This change was incorporated into the Club's Constitution and Rules Booklet and circulated to all members. The changed rule allows your Committee to increase monthly subscriptions on an annual basis by no more than the rate of inflation in Thailand as published by the Bank of Thailand using year-on-year figures.

This year the Club has become more cost effective than in previous years. As will be evident when the Club's accounts have been audited, and are presented to the membership, costs have been reduced in many areas, while certain incomes have increased. However, the fact remains that the Club is still operating at a loss and we are using new members payments to supplement our operations. The Committee is also mindful that there is a requirement to reduce the monthly subscriptions for our more venerable members and feel that the rates for temporary membership should be increased. Proposals will be made to the membership at the next AGM to bring these changes about. Thus all our regular receipts will be adjusted and brought into line with the wishes of the membership.

This year the inflation figures as indicated by the Bank of Thailand are 5.49%. When applied, with 7% VAT, to our monthly subscription rates, the new rates are as follows:

Family	Baht 1180	(Old rate B 1120)
Single	Baht 944	(Old rate B895)
Up Country	Baht 338	(Old rate B321)

The Committee have decided to make these rates effective as from 1 January 1995. Please note that if you currently pay your subscription by Bank standing order then the difference between your current payment and your future payment will be reflected as a debit on your monthly account until you sign a standing order form for the new amount. The required form is attached to the letter (which all members should have received by now) for your action and return to the Club. More standing order forms are available from reception.

I trust that you will be content with these arrangements and that you will see that this increase in subscriptions is justified by the inflation rate and is but one part of the Committee's strategy towards balancing the accounts of the Club.

Nigel Oakins
Chairman

Whisky

All you need to know about whisky and never dared to ask ...

SILLY NAMES

There is no need to invent your own when you can choose from the following real ones:

Blue Hanger, Gee Gee, Glen Tosh, Grog Blossom, Kittle Castle, Mac King Gay Ghost, Monster's Choice, Old Age, Old Barrister, Old Cobblers, Old Crypt, Old Fella, Old Label, Pheasant Plucker, Pig's Nose, PlusFours, Queen Size, Red Capsule, Red Tape, Regal Butt, Royal Pheasant, Scotch Pillar, Sheep Dip, Tee Tee, Twinkle, Upstairs, Wat Tyler and Wham's Dram.

Suggest the silliest ones of all are derived from the names of fishing flies.

PHONEY NAMES

Foreign brands of so-called 'Scotch whisky' can be made by mixing small quantities of exported malt with large quantities of home-made-heaven-knows-what and selling them under authentic-sounding names, e.g. Captain Jock (Greece) and Loch Ness Scotch Whisky (Italy)*, both of which have been suppressed following legal action.

All good bluffers should claim to have sampled some of the following currently available overseas:

Duck Scot (Brazil), Gaylord (Germany), Old Windjammer (Italy), Camerone Cream of the Glen (Malawi), Kilt (Spain), King Victoria (Japan), Auld Piss (Ecuador).

* Italy is easily the world's biggest importer of bottled malt whisky. No-one knows why.

NAUGHTY NAMES

A good parlour game is to dream up names of whiskies NOT marketed by the Distillers Group Guinness plc. Try the following for starters: Queen's Council, Sub Judice, Auld Arbitrageur, Sounders' Special Reserve, Numbered Account, Glenzurich, Backhander, Scots Headquarters, Services Rendered, Dementia Praecox and Knight's Farewell.

'SCOTCH' - a warning

Scotch Whisky is defined in European Community legislation as (among other things) 'Whisky which has been distilled in Scotland'. This gives due recognition to the unique qualities of Scottish water, air, peat, climate, industrial regulations and so forth. There are two things to avoid, however, viz;

1. Calling Scotch whisky 'Scotch', which is considered vulgar.

2. Calling malt whisky 'Scotch whisky', which is not merely vulgar but also wrong, since the law allows Scotch whisky to be distilled from various inferior cereals as well as malted barley.

Refer any disbeliever to the report of the 1908 Royal Commission - 'Whisky is a spirit obtained by distillation from a mash of cereal grains

saccharified by the diastase of malt' - and point out that only the peculiar genius of the great and the good could make such a nobly enjoyable thing as whisky sound so horribly unattractive. Amaze your audience by remarking that the value of whisky currently maturing in casks in Scotland far exceeds that of all the Bank of England's gold reserves.

TYPES OF MALT

Malt whisky can be bought and bluffed over in three varieties, these are in descending order of affordability;

1. VATTED MALT

Expensive. Usually comes with an ornate label rich in scrolls and colicues. A bottle of vatted malt contains malt whiskies from two or more distilleries - as opposed to a single malt, which is the unique product of one. The malts used are, you may safely say, often selected out of a suspicion that they're not quite good enough to make it on their own - though of course you must add (before you get sued) that some vatted malts are 'very good indeed'. Some people say they're bland, characterless and off-puttingly syrupy in flavour, but that is just their opinion.

What's lacking in a bottle of this sort is very often more than compensated for by adjectival overload on the label, where such words as 'fine', 'Royal', 'reserve', 'extra specia', 'old', and even 'auld' proliferate. Unfortunately, it is often quite hard to find the bit where they tell you it's a mixture. What you need to look for is the missing word, in this case 'single' or 'unblended' and the missing information: the name and address of the distillery. Don't be misled by the word 'pure', you wouldn't really expect it to have industrial effluent in it, after all.

Note that the age on the label must by law apply to the youngest whisky in the mixture, so a bottle of 8 year old vatted malt will contain whiskies that are, ooh, eight yours and a fortnight old, at least.

2. SINGLE MALT

Even more expensive. There are over a hundred single malt whiskies, of which no more than half a dozen or so are likely to be available at your local store, unless your local store happens to be in St. James', or you live in Elgin (q.v.). These will probably be the ones you see heavily advertised.

Malts come in a bewildering variety of ages (8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25 and even, this is pushing it a bit, 50 years) and proof strengths (70, 80 and 100). To be on the safe side, claim to enjoy best a brand matured for 12 years and bottled at a proof strength of 80, it's the sort professional zealots usually go for.

Anything less than this, you maintain, is best kept for people like your daughter's latest boyfriend; anything more is suitable only for people who need to be impressed, such as your bank manager (but not our bank manager, who is a splendid chap with a bottle of Bell's Islander for visitors).

Pick a more-or-less unheard of name - Old Puleney, MacPhail's, Glen Scotia, Gelesk, Glenturret, Scpa, Caperdonich, Ben Nevis, Cragganmore - and insist that it is the only one worth drinking. Explain why by lavish association of peat, pot-stills and water.

Alternatively, simply say, 'Oh, it has to be a Glenlivet' - but not The Glenlivet - 'for me, every time'. This will open whole new bluffing vistas.

Another virtually impregnable pose is to announce that the only malt whisky you'd be prepared to spend your hard-won earnings on is one which comes from a distillery that carries out every single process - from barley-steeping to cooperage - on the premises, using time-honoured methods dating back to the misty, romantic days of the Industrial Revolution. There aren't many that do this; indeed, as many Islay distilleries do it as in the whole of the rest of Scotland. As there are (at present) around 120 distilleries in the rest of Scotland and seven in Islay, the chances are that your companion's choice of tippie will not be the real Real Stuff. You will, of course, then proceed to reveal why it isn't - drinking as many samples as you can get away with in order to illustrate your exegesis.

Keep this going until you've convinced your listener that single malt whisky is the sine qua non of the distiller's art. It isn't, however, this distinction belongs to...

3. SINGLE CASK MALT

Utterly pocket-crippling. In real life, supplies of this spirit are only available to the likes of merchant bankers, ageing rock stars, senior government advisers, judges and advertising executives, diocesan bishops, chat-show hosts, emirs and exisemen - that is to say, all those who deserve it least - but that shouldn't prevent you pretending to have a secret source who is a thirty-third degree Freemason. We can all dream.

Single malt is the produce of a single distillery - but of several distillations, blended together in an effort to ensure product consistency. The phrase "ten-year-old malt" can cover up to twelve months' production from a number of stills. A single-cask malt, on the other hand, is the result of only one distillation, its unique character stamped on it by all those variable factors, in their most extreme form. It is ferociously expensive, even if you can't get hold of it - which, on the whole, you can't. But don't let this put you off; if you're looking for a sure fire way of winning your spurs as a whisky advocate, this is it:

THE ULTIMATE BLUFF

... Having first assured total privacy, take an empty whisky bottle from which you have removed the label (make sure the glass isn't embossed with the trade mark of whatever it contained previously) and fill to about two-thirds (more would be vulgar) with an ordinary malt, or, if you haven't been able to raise a mortgage to buy one, one of the paler (hence more interesting looking) blends - J&B Rare or Cutty Sark will do.

Invite your guests to sit down while you produce the bottle and pace the room - premier cru bluffing, like porridge eating, is best done this way - as you prepare your prey with a long story about how you have an understanding with the distillery (choose one of the obscure ones, just in case) that ensures your supply is distilled only from barley grown by the Findhorn Community, kilned with peat laid down during the Early Bronze Age and cut from a croft adjoining a raised beach, then steeped in water drawn immediately after a light Spring shower with a West-South-Westerly breeze, fermented with one particular yeast, used previously for the brewing of Fowler's Wee Heavy* and vaporised in the pot-still dented by Alasdair 'Thumbs' MacFadyen during the Disruption of 1843; matured in oak casks which formerly stored a Golden Oloroso made only by Jesuit Fathers in the Ximenez region of Spain, and hand-bottled (hence the lack of anything so commercial as a label) by the seventh son of a seventh son of the MacGrimmons of Skye... Or something like that.

Then pour two drams and, pausing only for some such appropriately ethnic valediction as Sliante mhath, sliante mhor** take it off. To ensure success, instruct your victim to do so in one go, pressing the spirit against the hard palate with the tongue before letting it slide down the gullible gullet. We guarantee this cannot fail; it renders the bluffer in no fit state to argue the matter. Whether he or she actually enjoys it is, of course, entirely irrelevant. If on the other hand, you actually do have your own supply of single-cask malt, we can only presume that you didn't obtain it by being the sort of person who got where you are today by sharing the finer things of life with your fellows. Take it to your corporate-hospitality box at Covent Garden and drink it all by yourself. And we hope it chokes you.

* A lethally drinkable brew sold, in the interests of public order, in nip bottles.

** Pronounced Slarngy var, slarngy vor - Good health, great health!

Final Countdown

We published a letter from Kate Henton in the last issue of Outpost in which she asked for a 'firm statement about the type of Club this is' and "whether children are welcome". Apart from giving the obvious answers of a) it is a family club, b) yes, children are welcome, I thought it would be a good idea to canvass further opinion. Not this time from the parents who are the members but from the kids themselves.

Now I doubt that many of our youngsters read this column, but from feedback I know a lot of parents do. So please ask your offspring to write to me, care of the Club, and let me know what they would like to see done for people of their age. I speak from experience when I say adults rarely have a good grasp of what makes teenagers tick, and we are so far removed from pre-teenagers in age that I bet their thoughts would surprise us all.

We know for sure that there is a wide variety of opinions on just what facilities the Club should offer its Members, (just take a look at the comments on the Lords dining room proposals) so let's add to the list the thoughts and requirements of our junior members. And let's do it firsthand. If any kids take the trouble to write to me, I promise to produce a summary of their thoughts for publication in a future Outpost. I shall also make sure that the general committee is aware of their feelings.

Since I am in such a democratic mood I thought I'd pass on for discussion the view, of at least some on the general committee, that we should actively look for greater participation from women, in the make-up (pardon the sexist pun) of the general committee. The idea is that voting membership should be transferable from husband to wife, in a family membership, thus broadening the franchise for women. If it gets through the general committee it may come up for debate at the A.G.M. If you have a view on this (or any other topic for that matter) then please share it with other by writing to Outpost.

Happy Chinese New Year to all our Chinese members.

Nigel Oakins
Chairman



QUOTES OF THE MONTH

It's about 90% strength and 40% technique. Johnny Walker, world middleweight wrist-wrestling champion, on what it takes to be a champ.

Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life. Brooke Shields, said to demonstrate why she should become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign.

If a person is innocent of a crime, then he is not a suspect. Attorney General Edwin Meese.

John Sununu (then Governor of New Hampshire): You're telling us that the reason things are so bad is that they are so good, and they will get better as soon as they get worse? James A Baker: (then Secretary of the Treasury): **You got it.**

I've gone where the hand of man has never set foot. Movie mogul Sam Goldwyn

Sorry, the traffic was bad. Mother to GM at BC after collecting her children 4 1/2 hours late from the Club after the Camp Out.

The chairs in the cabin are for the ladies. Gentlemen are not to make use of them till the ladies are seated. Instructions posted in a river cruise ship, Suir River, Ireland.

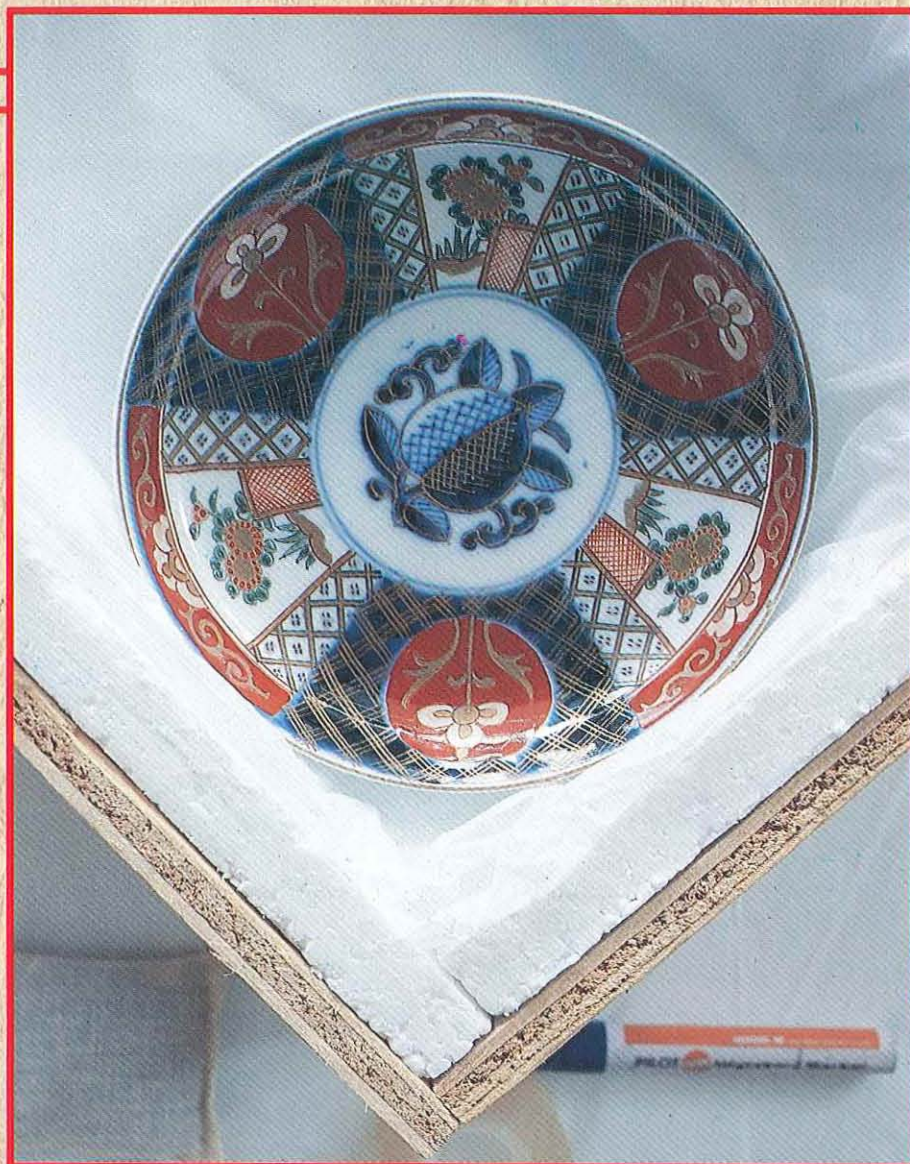
You should hear her sing. She is a female Lena Horne. Producer Joe Pasternak.

If I wasn't talking, I wouldn't know what to say. Chico Resch, New York Islanders goaltender.

If I told you the truth, I'd be a hypocrite. Michael Curtis, Hollywood director, when asked his opinion of a producer.

It's a question of whether we're going to go forward into the future, or past to the back. Vice President Dan Quayle.

Don't confuse me with the facts, I've got a closed mind. Earl Landgrebe, Republican Congressman from Indiana and Nixon supporter, when told about incriminating conversations on the Watergate tapes.



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