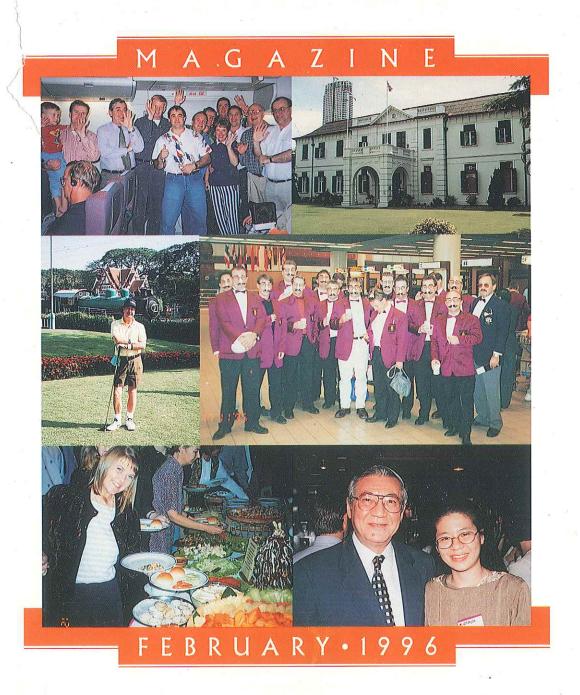


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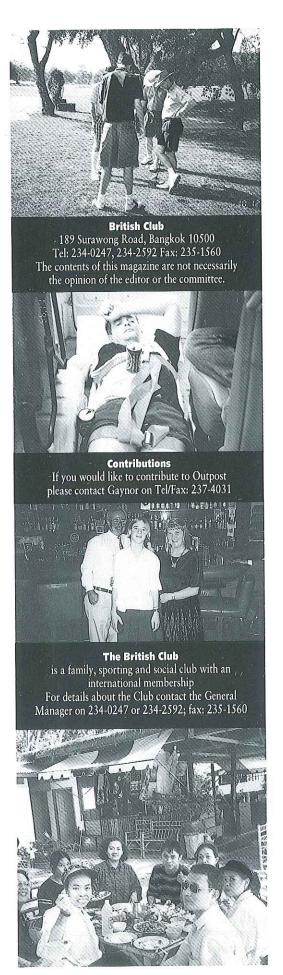


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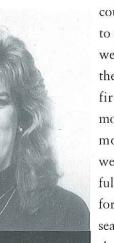


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From the Editor

ands up all those whose New Year resolutions have survived until now!

Yes, here we are in February, the month of agonising over the author(ess) of the mystery 'X's scribbled in Valentines cards and of



course for waving goodbye to the Pig on the 19th and welcoming in the Rat for the year - expect 1,000's of firecrackers before the month is out! Make the most of the gorgeous weather - this is the last full month of winter before the onset of the hot season, usually heralded by showers of Godzilla pro-

portions in early March.

Reflections on the Christmas Ball at the Club were generally very positive - with one of the highest turnouts I've seen for years and a great band, everyone was determined to ignore the brief showers which appeared early on from nowhere. The mood was very much set with the discovery of all those party things on each table that you blow, pull, wave, rattle or pop to produce as much noise and general mayhem as possible, as I hope the pictures in last month's issue showed.

I'm delighted to say that at the time of writing, we've had a few entrants for the Ploenchit Fair caption competition, but we'll publish them (and the winner) next month. I was starting to wonder just how many members actually read the magazine!

This month we continue with our series of exotic cuisine from the BC kitchen with an-

other old fave, beef Penang curry, and at last, the Football section have decided to cater for the deprived women amongst us and display their sexiest shots - NOT. There's also a poem from Trixie with a Valentines connection and an interesting portrait of our beloved GM by accomplished caricaturist, Anthony Knight (Judy Fitzgerald's brother), normally resident in South Africa - amazing the things you promise to do over a glass of wine at a Christmas Ball, isn't it?!

After a very white and cold Christmas in Britain, I needn't have worried about adapting back to Bangkok life as I boarded my 'plane at Heathrow last month - in my small section of the aircraft alone there must have been at least 18 British Club members, and others had been spied in other classes. Made me feel quite at home! Ever with a camera handy, I couldn't resist capturing the unique



Club reunion - not quite the Churchill Bar, but not bad for a Sunday afternoon at 37,000 feet. Methinks the other passengers were undecided as to whether we were a choir about to burst into song or simply completely doo-lally...

Gaynor de Wit

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Gaynor de Wit - Editor

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From the Manager

anuary was a particularly notable month for the staff because it marked the end of the Club's hectic social programme over the festive season. Looking back everything seemed to go remarkably well, in spite of the extraor-

David Viccars - General Manager

dinary rain shower which preceded the Christmas Ball, most events boasted record attendance and so we can feel reasonably happy that we are providing the entertainment (at least over the Christmas season) that members require. Of course one of these regular events is the New Year's Eve cruise and

this always a problem. The event is so popular but so limited, being on board a boat, that we do not have the flexibility to please everybody, perhaps next year there needs to be a rethink about how we make the bookings and how we sell the tickets for this event.

Spring Cleaning

The management and staff can now spend the next few months Spring Cleaning (so to speak!) and sorting out our glassware, linen, tables and chairs etc and all our other property getting ready for the hammering it will all no doubt take next November and December! There are many things to do in the next few months so as to improve our house-keeping, for example we need to take proper stock of our trophies, and indeed all our property, and to implement better control

systems and more regular checks etc. Hopefully we will be able to sort these areas out in the months ahead.

As many Members will already know I handed in my resignation as Club Manager in early December. I have now seen all the Club events round for the third time and I am beginning to lose the necessary enthusiasm to ensure that these functions go as well as the members have every right to expect, after all you can only see the Elephant Round-up so many times without going completely mad! I also feel that although much has been achieved in the management functions and general administration of the Club in the last two and a bit years someone else may now be more successful in taking the Club forward. Plainly the optimum time to change GMs is during the spring, well before the busy months of November and December, therefore a resignation timed to achieve a hand over in March or April is clearly in the best interests of the Club. I will depart with some regrets, not the least of which will be leaving the many excellent staff that the Club employ, but I will be staying in Bangkok so I plan to apply to join the Club as a member... if anyone will propose me and if the Committee then accept my application! It will be most interesting to see, and I hope enjoy, the Club from a members perspective!

David Viccars

General Manager

Management News

Reciprocal Clubs

As a loose insert in this edition of the magazine you will find a list of the Reciprocal Clubs you, as a member of the British Club, may use when on your travels. Please note that certain of our most recent Reciprocal Clubs, such as the Naval and Military in London, are not shown. Keep the map showing these Clubs to hand and ask the Membership Secretary for a letter of introduction to the Clubs you wish to visit next time you are overseas.

New Reciprocal club - Brazil

The Club is pleased to inform members that we have now tied up a reciprocal agreement with our first Club in South America, The Nacional Club in Sao Paulo, Brazil. This city centre Club offers a choice of restaurants, swimming pool and fitness centre, squash courts, games room and ample car parking.

Staff Organisation

- Appointment of Operations Manager

In this magazine you will find a chart showing the up to date staff organization at the Club. You will see that the job being done by Barry Osborne has been retitled Operations Manager thus recognizing that the role he fills is far more than purely F & B oriented but includes wider responsibilities for all departments of the Club, with the exception of Finance.

Scuba Diving - Is Anyone Interested?

We are trying to organise scuba diving familiarization lessons at the Club, perhaps on

Saturday mornings? Is anybody interested? If you are then please see the GM.

First Aid Training

We hope to be able to run a number of first aid courses at the Club for wives or other interested individuals. The courses consist of 4 hours (only) of instruction and are very much aimed at 'what to do until help arrives'. The instructor is British and is a fully qualified first aid instructor, the cost for a course



is B1,000. Maximum numbers per class are 7 and we ran the first courses from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 27th January and Saturday 3rd February. More courses can be arranged if required. If you are interested than please fax the return slip back to the Club to become registered for one of the courses.

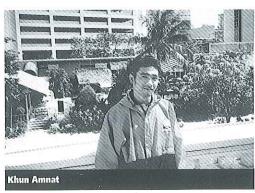
Staff Awards

There was a clean sweep of the December staff awards achieved by the Pool Side staff. Khun Morakot (Sala staff) was recognized as having worked particularly well during the festive season and won the first award. Khun Amporn (Pool side chef) and Khun Sa-ard (Pool side cleaner) shared the second award. Well done to all the staff over the busy festive season.



Pool Attendants - New Member of Staff

With the departure of Khun Paitool as the assistant to Khun Chamnan at pool side we have recruited Khun Amnat ('Nat'). Khun Amnat is a graduate of Srinakarin University and is a qualified PE instructor, he is also a lifeguard, a swimming coach and has good experience in many athletic pursuits. In addition to all this he is also plainly very lucky as he won the star prize, a chunk of gold, in the annual staff New Year raffle!



Charges

In accordance with the provisions in Rule 61 of the Club's constitution, as amended at the 1995 EGM, the General Committee have decided to impose certain charges in relation to members accounts as follows:

a) Dishonored Cheque or Direct Debit: B500 per presentation - as charged by our bankers
b) Telephone call for account outstanding: B250 per recorded call

c) Despatch of Registered letter for overdue accounts: B250 per letter, current charge - B100.

These charges as above will become effective from the January 1996 account, that is from 1st February 1996.

The 1996 AGM

The 1996 AGM will be held on **Tuesday 19th March**. Do make a note of this important date in the Club's calendar and try to attend if you can.

The 1996 Christmas Ball

Following on from the success of the 1995 Ball we have now confirmed that the **1996 British Club Christmas Ball** will be on **Saturday 14th December**, another important date for your diary!

Events at the Club in February

Five Nations Rugby Live on TV

IF Star TV cover the 5 Nations rugby championship we will put TVs in the bar for the following schedule:

3 Feb - England v Wales; Scotland v France 17 Feb - France v Ireland; Wales v Scotland 2 Mar - Scotland v England; Ireland v Wales

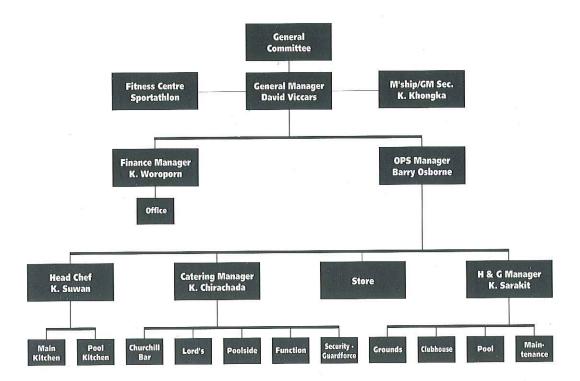
Major International Sports Events

Members may wish to be reminded that they may book the satellite TV system to view any of the major international sporting events such as the Superbowl, Aussie Rules etc, coming up in the next few months

Gala Dinner Theatre

The London City Theatre Company are on an Asian Tour and have agreed to perform 'Insignificance' as dinner theater at the BC on

Staff organisation



the evening of Friday 23rd February. They will also be playing at the Shangri La whilst in Bangkok and are touring major venues in Hong Kong and Singapore. Book your seats early for this opportunity to see a professional London theatre company at knockdown prices! Doors open at 7.30pm, B650 per person includes three course dinner. The following is a press release for the play:

"Insignificance"

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at the BC - Friday 23rd February A New York hotel room. 1953. Albert Einstein attempts to arrive at an important ethical decision while having Marilyn Monroe explain the Theory of Relativity. At the same time, Joe DiMaggio is shouting for his wife and Senator McCarthy is hammering at the door. This is a tale of four great icons of our time cast as real human beings, attempting to find order and reality in a confusing world. In 1982, the play deservedly won author Terry Johnson several awards and time has not withered its infinite variety to appeal, appall, fascinate, mystify and illuminate. It shimmers with ideas, teems with humanity and overflows with wisdom.

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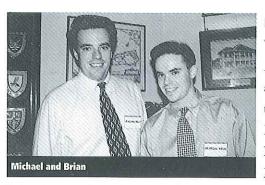
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New Members



Mssrs Michael and Brian Kelly

The Kelly brothers are Canadian and single; Michael manages Panther Computers, building and customising computer hardware and systems. He's 30 and used to play rugby with the BC, but enjoys swimming and sailing more now. His spare time is taken up by a Management Masters at Assumption and playing with Internet.

Brian is 27 and works in investment for the family company, ABICO, which is owned by the Central Group. He enjoys photography and wants to learn to scuba dive; he also used to play rugby but now prefers squash, tennis and golf, but won't be playing any of them until his 5 broken ribs mend after a recent encounter with a truck.



Mr. Mark Bowers

A stockbroker from Saffron Walden, Mark will be with HG Asia for "an indefinite time". Born in Tanzania, Mark has

several hobbies including squash, tennis, golf, cricket, watercolour painting and learning Thai, while his wife, Catherine, enjoys tennis, swimming, shopping and socialising. They have one son, Alexander, who's 3 1/2.



Mr. and Mrs David Took

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David is a lawyer working at Freshfields while his wife gave it up to bring up Penelope, 5, who is at school in Melbourne, so David 'commutes' between there and Bangkok! They

have worked here before and have also lived in Singapore; David is a Lt. Commander in the Australian Naval Reserve and Jennifer is studying Chinese literature at Melbourne University and plays piano.



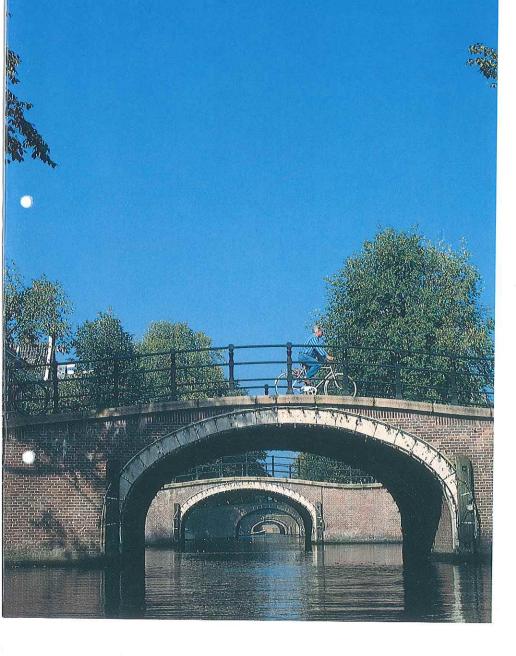
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Henderson

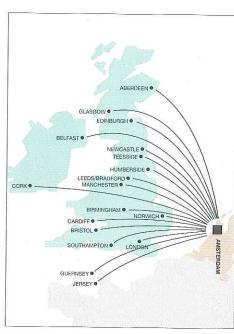
From opposite sides of Scotland, Richard and Elizabeth both swim and dance (although Richard reluctantly) and believe that their hobby of walking in the Scots hills translates to stumbling on Bangkok pavements. Richard is with Krungthai Thanakit while Elizabeth is teaching English; and both enjoy eating, reading, eating and, er, eating, especially Thai food.



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Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Allen

Hard at work and at play, Tony is with Andersen Consulting and Veronica is the VP for IT at the Central Group, and both enjoy tennis, golf, swimming, skiing, snorkelling and eating. Previously in Melbourne, London and other bits of Europe, they expect to stay here indefinitely.



Mr. Charnwuth Nooscho

Charnwuth works for CN Technology Co, which imports sausagemaking machines and other meat processors, and he plays golf, tennis and swims. His wife

Orawan, who was in the UK at the time, swims and looks after their 10 year old daughter, Isariya. Charnwuth frequently drives everyone mad with his favourite hobby: drumming to rock'n'roll music!



Mr. Smith Obayawat

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Smith is 35 and is an architect with the Office of Bangkok Architects. He plays golf, tennis and the guitar, and swims and paints

watercolours in his spare time. Smith studied and worked in the US for 4 years, but likes England and goes there often, which might be linked to his having a girlfriend living in York.



Miss Julie Simpson

Working at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases with Nick White, Julie gets to travel around Thailand regularly. Single and 25, Julie plays squash, tennis and swims, and used to play women's football in Melbourne but I don't think equality has stretched that far here yet. Her hobbies include contemporary jazz dance and reading.



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mann

From Nottingham, Robert works here and in Indochina with National Power, having worked in Singapore and Zimbabwe. He and Lorraine have 3 children: Lydia 15



and Simon 13 are at boarding school in UK while 7 year old Celia is at Patana. Robert's time consists solely of work and the children, but Lorraine is into creative writing and mahjong, is a qualified ESL teacher and would like to work here.



Mr. & Mrs. George Muldoon

George and Linda hail from Kilmarnock and are here for a year with Ericsson. They have 3 children: Christopher 9 and Steven 7, who are at Patana, and Rebecca is 3. George plays squash and volleyball while Linda, a teacher by training, enjoys reading and photography. They feel Bangkok is the other extreme to their previous posting, Riyadh, in terms of rules.



Mr. Steven Thomas

Originally from Woburn, Steven has travelled all over the world but especially in Southeast Asia, and has now settled in Bangkok for 4 years with

Holophane, who manufacture lighting fixtures. He's single and 29, and enjoys golf, squash, drinking and TV. Steven spent Xmas day on Bondi beach just 200 yards from the riots but claims not to have noticed them.



Mr. Philip Russell

2 years at the Economic Affairs Division of SGS is Philip's first overseas posting; he's from Keighley and plays rugby, scuba diving and railways and is a

real ale enthusiast. His wife Barbara works at the British Embassy and enjoys all racquet sports, scuba diving and photography, and has once dabbled in hairdressing but the less said the better.



Mr. Mark Reading

Mark, from Sydney, is in mergers & acquisitions with Price Waterhouse, and has previously worked in Singapore and London. He plays squash and golf while his wife Kerry is into reading and cooking different countries' cuisines. They have 3 sons: Chris, 5, who attends Patana, Sean 2 1/2 and Scott at 3 months.



Describing themselves as "a bit sort of cosmopolitan", George and Jennifer have gone from Scotland to Zambia, South Africa, New Zealand, UK and Bombay before



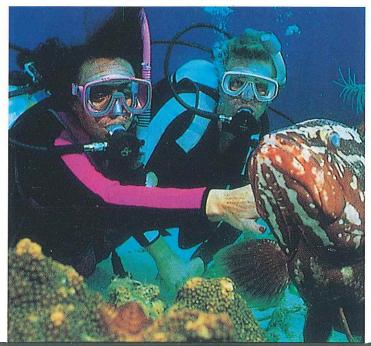
landing here for a couple of years with Thai Special Steel. They have 3 grown-up daughters. George is very fond of all sports and used to play footie and cricket, while Jennifer swims regularly and likes a little golf and bridge but is "fairly hopeless" at them!

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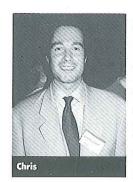
You can tell Duncan and Jane have lived in Switzerland, as they had printed out a potted biography for me! Working for Sulzer, a Swiss engineering company, they expect to be here for 4 years and they have one son, Mark, who's 14. They are keen sailors and met at a yacht regatta off the Isle of Wight, both want to take up scuba diving and Duncan also enjoys swimming and cycling.



Mr. Duncan Page

Both Duncan and his wife Philippa work with Thai Gammon construction and it is because Philippa was stuck on a project in their previous base,

Hanoi, that she was not there that night. Both of them play tennis and golf; Duncan also likes squash, football and rock-climbing while Philippa likes hockey and aerobics, and both are recovering from a recent flood of houseguests.



Mr. Chris Hill

An account manager with Ogilvy and Mather, Chris is 30, single and is from Hampshire. He has already been sent to Vietnam since arriving here,

and has also worked in London, Vienna and Prague. Chris plays cricket and has already played in the TCL, but for RBSC 2 (ahem). He also plays tennis and most other outdoor sports, and reads travel books when he has time.



Miss Vituruch Goodwin

Pictured here with her father, Vituruch was a family member until she came of age recently. She is at Chulalongkorn studying for a Masters in Polymer Science, she enjoys swimmming, tennis, aerobics, watching movies and listening to pop and rock music. She likes England, which I hope she mentioned to the Committee members that night!

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Palk

Although the Australian Embassy is Richard's first diplomatic posting overseas, he travelled widely with the army for 17 years and served with our own David Viccars in Cambodia for a short spell! Richard plays tennis and golf - at least, he has a set of sticks; while his wife Helen plays tennis only. They have two children at Patana, Susannah 13 and Alexandra 12.





Mr. & Mrs. Brian Anstey

Brian is Senior VP and General Big Cheese at AIA, so I'm sure we'll be after him for sponsorship soon! He and Azezah have one son, Michael, 5, and are looking at schools for him. Also in Hong Kong for 15 years and Tokyo for 5, Brian likes the Buddhist way of life, and although he is rarely home before 11pm now, he does enjoy lying on a beach or playing squash. Azezah is into aerobics, cooking and local handicrafts.

Mr. Gary Wyeth

Gary from Weymouth works at BiWater International, and has the (mis-?) fortune to live next door to erstwhile Club GM Keith Bell. Due to stay for "years", Gary, who is 27 and single, likes all racquet sports, especially badminton, golf, drinking and clubbing. Gary has previously lived in Hong Kong, Nepal and all over Europe.



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Mr. Sean Mulraine

Another one out here with Zeneca, this time in finance; Sean is single, 29 and from Kingston. He plays football, squash, tennis and golf and enjoys films, travel, music and G&Ts. Straight in from Jakarta, Sean has also worked in South Africa, Australia and has travelled around South America.

Mr. and Mrs. Brett Steven

Previously in Malaysia, Australia and the US, Brett has already been here for over 3 years and expects to stay for another couple with Hewlett Packard. He is married to Somjit and they have a daughter, Chayani, who is 10



months old. Brett plays golf, squash, sailing, scuba diving and is a Hash runner and photographer, while Somjit plays badminton and wants to learn tennis.





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Tinsel tennis

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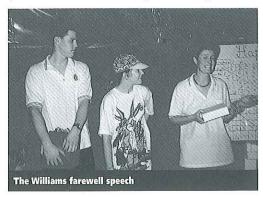
Belated apologies to all those parents who had to get up on their day off to get their juniors to the tournament on Tuesday 5th December! It was well worth it though - all 28 of the Juniors played to the best of their ability and had some very close games.



All wore a piece of tinsel to mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The competition was in 3 groups, the Seniors, the Juniors and the Junior Juniors. Winner of the Seniors was Alex Stamp, with Tom Henton as runner-up. In the Plate, Courtney Williams won with Chris Reed as runner-up.



Winner of the Junior division was Murray Jewell with Paul Stamp as runner-up, and in the Plate, David Lindsay won with Andrew Jones as runner-up. Winner of the Junior Juniors was Rachel Brooke with Imogen McBain as runner-up. (Good to see some keen girls coming into the



competitions!) In the Plate, Daniel Stamp won and James Lanham was runner-up.

After the singles matches there was still time, and enthusiasm, so a quick longest rally competition was held. Winners of each group were Alex Stamp and Chris Reed, David Lindsay and Andrew Jones, and James Lanham and David Weekes.

Because it was Christmas there were special bonus prizes. David Weekes and Rachel Brooke stretched the concentration of their umpire with the longest game by far, with deuce after deuce. Karen Dwight wore her tinsel "with the most dash"! Andrew Jones listened to our plea at the start of the competition and was never short of a ball when

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serving! Sarah Lindsay was a very patient stand-by player, ready to play if there was a gap to fill, and David Weekes showed good sportsmanship in a game which could have gone either way, and in the end went against him.



There was still time (everyone went on and off the court so efficiently) for a doubles competition at the end in each group. Congratulations went to David Lindsay and Alex Stamp, Andrew and Matthew Jones, David Weekes and James Lanham, and to runners up Darren Rayner and Chris Reed, Murray Jewell and Duncan Morrison, Meghann Phillips and Daniel Stamp.

It was a great morning full of enthusiasm and we have to thank all those parents who helped with the umpiring for the younger set, and adjudicating the older groups. The Seniors also joined in and helped with the Junior Juniors - much appreciated. Thanks also go to Sportathlon and to Bob Rayner for providing some extra prizes for the event.

Shelagh Weekes and Kate Henton

Adult 'Tinsel Tournament'

- Sunday 17th December.

Well, it was a terribly energetic way to get into the Christmas spirit - 36 of us charging around the tennis courts looking like Christmas fairies! (Maybe a bit of exaggeration there!), but a big thank you to everyone who participated and made it so much fun. Our congratulations go to Carol and Dick, who eventually won the tournament, closely contensted by Nikki and Roger, and Rita and Owen, who all received magnificent Christmas gifts!...while the rest of us enjoyed the mulled wine and mince pies.

The day ended on a sad note though, as we had to say farewell to two families who have contributed so much to the Tennis Section. Noel, Carol, Owen and Courtney leave Bangkok to return to Australia to finally settle down, whilst Francois and Kim move initially to Kuala Lumpur, but they say they might be back!! We wish them well in the future and will miss them a lot.



Events

Next junior tournaments Sunday 4th February at 8.00am and (provisionally - please check notices) Sunday 10th March at 8.00am. **Ongoing - Club Championships**: keep playing your matches. Finals day, Sun 17th March. **Championship Prize giving Dinner** - Saturday 23rd March.

Don't forget... Second Sunday of every month we have a friendly tournament. Sometimes this will start at 2.00pm. Please check the booking sheets for confirmation.

Diana Howard

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar



Opening Times

10am-11pm **Churchill Bar** 11.30am-2pm Lords Restaurant - Lunch **Lords Restaurant - Dinner** 6-10pm 7.30am-10pm **Poolside Bar** 6am-9pm Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat 9am-9pm Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols Thai Massage - Tue/Sun 9am-5pm

10.30am Golf - Khao Kheow 11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In 3-6pm Tennis Mix-In 5-7pm Children's Video



Wednesday 14th February is Valentine's Day so show somebody you love them

Monday 19th February is Chinese New Year. 1996 is the **Year of the Rat**



8-10am Ladies Tennis 8am **BWG Mahjong** Aerobics 2pm **Squash Coaching** 6-8pm Badminton - Soi 49 7-9pm 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training** 7.30pm New Members Night



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7am **Ladies Golf** 7-9pm Soccer Training 8-11pm Friendly Bridge **Gentlemen's Spoof** 9pm



Soi 15 **NIST** grounds Soi 49 Soi Klang Racquet Club **Behind Bangrak Police** Soi Nares Station

Golf - As advertised



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



10-12 noon Ladies Squash 6-9pm Squash Mix-In Aerobics 7pm **Rugby Training** 7-9pm 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49

8.45pm Soccer v Siemens - Soi 15

10-12 noon Ladies Squash Squash Mix-In 6-9pm Aerobics 7pm 7-9pm 7-9pm **Rugby Training** Badminton - Soi 49

7.15pm Soccer v French - Soi 15



9.30am Aerobics 4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching JVK Lucky Draw 9pm

9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching JVK Lucky Draw



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

Live rugby on Star TV in the bar

Junior Tennis 8am Golf - Muang Kaew 8am 8-11am Tennis Coaching

4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15

Children's Sports Activities

Tennis Coaching

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning

Swimming Coaching

Saturday Morning

Don't Forget!!!

Friday 23rd February **Gala Dinner Theatre** "Insignificance"

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In 2-7pm Tennis Tournament

5-7pm

Children's Video

Golf - Wuang Ake

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In

3-7pm Tennis Mix-In 5-7pm Children's Video

10.30am Golf - Laem Chabang 11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In

3-7pm Tennis Mix-In 5-7pm Children's Video

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8-10am **Ladies Tennis**

8am 2pm

BWG Mahjong Aerobics

6-8pm

Squash Coaching

7-9pm 7-9pm

Badminton - Soi 49

Tennis Team Training

BWG Mahjong 2pm 6-8pm

Aerobics Squash Coaching Badminton - Soi 49

8-10am Ladies Tennis

7-9pm

Tennis Team Training

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8-10am **Ladies Tennis BWG Mahjong**

8am 2pm

Aerobics **Squash Coaching**

6-8pm

Badminton - Soi 49 7-9pm

7-9pm

Tennis Men's Team

Ladies Golf

7-9pm

Soccer Training 8-11pm Friendly Bridge

9pm

5-8pm

6-9pm

Gentlemen's Spoof

Squash Coaching

Tennis Mix-In

7-9pm

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Ladies Golf Soccer Training 8-11pm Friendly Bridge

9pm

Gentlemen's Spoof

7am

Ladies Golf

7-9pm **Soccer Training**

8-11pm Friendly Bridge

9pm

Gentlemen's Spoof

7.15pm Soccer v Italians - Soi 15

7.30pm Golf AGM

9.30am Aerobics

8.45pm Soccer v Brazilians - Soi 15

9.30am Aerobics

9.30am Aerobics 5-8pm **Squash Coaching**

Tennis Mix-In 6-9pm

5-8pm Squash Coaching

6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

10-12 noon Ladies Squash

6-9pm

Squash Mix-In

7pm 7-9pm 7-9pm

Rugby Training

Aerobics

Badminton - Soi 49

10-12 noon Ladies Squash

6-9pm Squash Mix-In

Aerobics 7pm

7-9pm **Rugby Training** 10-12 noon Ladies Squash 6-9pm Squash Mix-In

Aerobics 7pm

7-9pm

Rugby Training Badminton - Soi 49 7-9pm

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9pm

9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm

Sportathlon Tennis Coaching JVK Lucky Draw

9.30am Aerobics

Sportathlon Tennis Coaching 4-9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

Badminton - Soi 49

7-9pm

Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton Cricket

Gaynor de Wit 237-4031 Peter Young 679-7644

Golf Rugby

Tennis

Paul Nears

Joe Grunwell 262-0220 David Turner 279-1234

714-9040

Squash Soccer

Peter Rodgers 240-0678

John Kelly 264-2100

8am **Junior Tennis** 8-11am Tennis Coaching

4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15

Junior Tennis

8-11am Tennis Coaching

7.30pm "Insignificance"

4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15

Sports - Contact the following:

Ladies Golf

BCLG

Wil Agerbeek 259-7019 Eileen Cook 295-4596

Non-BC Sports

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Lois Carson 258-5295

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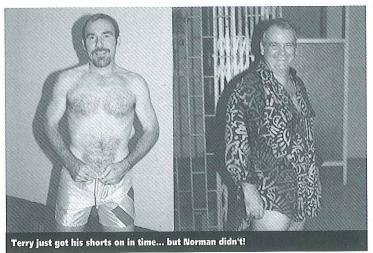
Double figure demolition

esult of the season so far is the 10-0 demolition of the Thai Sikh Association in the Farang League. The BC 1st team have scored 31 goals in the last four Farang League games and look well poised to mount a serious challenge for the championship as the second half of the season approaches.

The match against the Thai Sikhs at Soi 15 was one-sided and extremely efficient in the

Greg models his 'Y fronts'

way the opposition were crushed. 3-0 up at half time, BC looked to be cruising for a comfortable victory when they launched an awesome spell of 13 minutes of football



within which they scored six goals with ruthless efficiency. Goals scorers were Tim Ross

(3), Dave Atkinson (3), Terry Grogan, Paul Greenhalgh, Keith Dougall and one own goal. Debutante goalkeeper George Everest was never troubled and Captain Greg Watkins was able to introduce four substitutes with no disruption to team rhythm.

After five games, the Farang League record looks as follows:

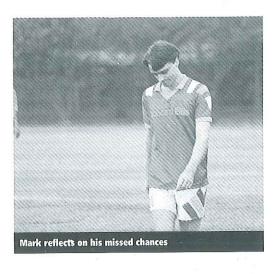
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Goal scorers are as follows:

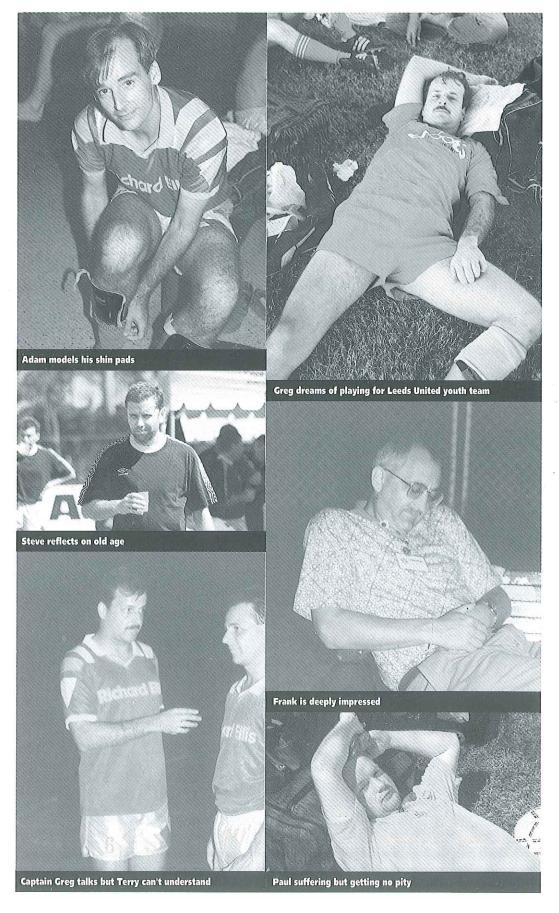
- 14 Tim Ross
- 5 Dave Atkinson
- 4 Keith Dougall
- 3 Paul Greenhalgh
- John Cochrane, Vaughan Elias, Marc Hagelauer, Terry Grogan

For a change we thought it might be interesting for our readers to see the alternative "off the park" side of football. In the same way as visitors clamour to view inside Old Trafford, we take a look behind the scenes at the BC Soccer Section.

John Sheehan









Cool play in Hua Hin



"The Bell" Competition v. the Bangkok Golfers' Cocktail Lounge

The first event of the weekend was a competition for "The Bell" against the Bangkok Golfers' Cocktail Lounge at Palm Hills. Even though we were playing in the middle of the day, the weather was delightfully cool which made a nice change. 24 members took part and despite the competition being won by the Cocktail Lounge, 7 matches to 2 with 2 matches drawn, the British Club remained in good spirits because a Stableford competition was run amongst our pairs - the prizes being bottles of alcohol!



Here are the results:

- 1 **Di Lamb** (40 pts) and **Pat Barker** (32 pts) Total 72 points
- 2 Chris Gething and Mel Leddy (they won their match)
 Total 70 points
- 3 Paul Nears and Bernie Adams (they also won their match)
 Total 68 points

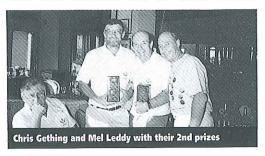
Near Pins were: David Barker, Paul Nears and Lavita Hughes (2)

Men's Long Drive

Bernie Adams

Ladies' Long Drive Joan Adams

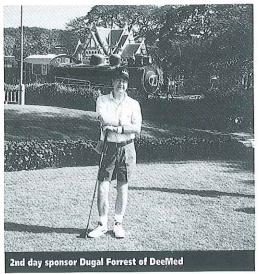
That evening we were invited to a barbecue on the beach at the home of one of the Cocktail Loungers, Ben Penputt, where the food was delicious and the drink flowed



endlessly. Apart from a few fireworks going off in the wrong directions, a great time was had by all.

The DeeMed Trophy

This competition took place on the Sunday at the beautiful old course of The Royal Hua Hin. The event was very kindly sponsored by Dugal Forrest who donated the Trophy and lovely prizes. It was a match between the



Committee and the Members, the team with the highest average Stabelford points being



the winner. The Members team won by a very small margin of 27.8 points to 27.2. The prizes went to the individuals in the winning team with the highest Stableford points, namely: Pat Barker, Mike Corey, Joan Adams, Brian Hughes, Peter Talbot, Nigel Wixcey and Dave Stewart. Pat Barker as the member with the most points (40) collected the Trophy on behalf of all the Members.

Near Pins: Peter Talbot, Mike Corey, Stephen Forbes and Geoffrey Lamb

Men's Long Drive Ladies' Long Drive

Ambassadors Cup

Mike Corey

Lavita Hughes

This competition is for players with handicaps of 24 and over and was sponsored by Mel Leddy on behalf of Ciba Geigy. The Cup



was won by Stephen Forbes with 30 points on a cutback from Di Lamb who also had 30 points. Apart from donating the prizes for the 3 winners, Mel also gave all competitors a tube of Voltaren Emulgel and a document case. There was also a separate strokepley competition for those with lower handicaps which was won by Mike Corey.

Here are the results:

Ambassadors Cup

Stephen Forbes
 Di Lamb
 Pat Barker
 Stephen Forbes
 points
 Pat points

Strokeplay Competition

Mike Corey net 69

2 Paul Nears

net 74

3 Dave Stewart

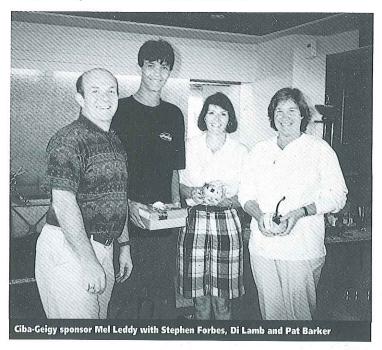
net 74 cutback

Near Pins: Mike Corey, Chris Gething, Alex

Southcombe and Bernie Adams

Men's Long Drive Ladies' Long Drive Paul Nears

Lauren Lambert



All in all this was a very enjoyable weekend and we would like to thank Dugal Forrest and Mel Leddy for sponsoring two of the competitions and donating such lovely prizes.

Medal Final

This was the last competition of 1995 and was held at the Royal Golf Club on Saturday 16th December. The Medal Final had 3 Flights with 11 members taking part and there was also a separate Stableford Competition for other players. As with all our other Medal events this one was again sponsored by Riche Monde/Johnny Walker. The weather was much hotter but the course was again in excellent condition and the results very close. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Chung and Riche Monde once again for sponsoring this competition



throughout the year.

Here are the results:

Flight A

Winner

A. Southcombe

Runner-up B. Adams

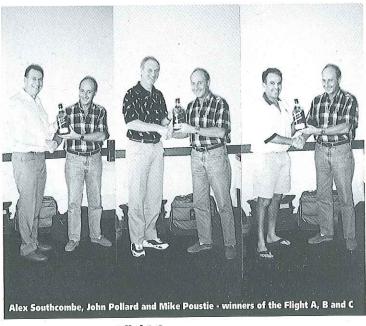
Flight B

Winner

J. Pollard

Runner-up

C. Gething



Flight C

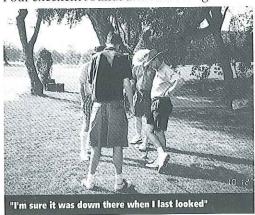
Winner

M. Poustie

Runner-up C. McDonald

Winner of the Stableford Competition was

Di Lamb - Congratulations, Di, what a week! Four excellent rounds and two outright wins.



Near Pins: D. Baker, M. Poustie, D. Lamb and B. Adams

Men's Long Drive

J. Pollard

Ladies' Long Drive

G. Hough

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Dates for your diary (not yet confirmed so may change)

Sunday 11th February

2nd Club Championships - Khao Kheow

Tuesday 13th February

Golf A.G.M. - British Club

Sunday 18th February

Kitchen Sink - Muang Ake

Judi Leddy

Poppy Sales

British Legion Poppy Sales 1995

Members may be interested to know of the amounts collected in November towards the work of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The various contributions were:

British Club 1,082.25

Remembrance Day Service 7,067.00

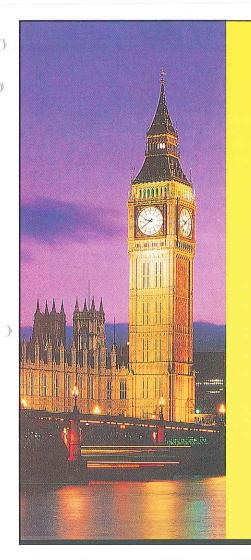
British Embassy 4,140.75

Donation for Wreaths 17,500.00

British Council 888.50

Total 30,678.50

Deducting the actual cost of the poppies and wreaths (Baht 11,885.43), the total profit realised was Baht 18,793.07. The British Legion would like to thank the members for their contribution to this very worthy cause.



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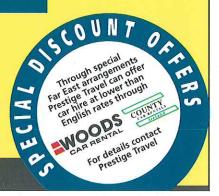


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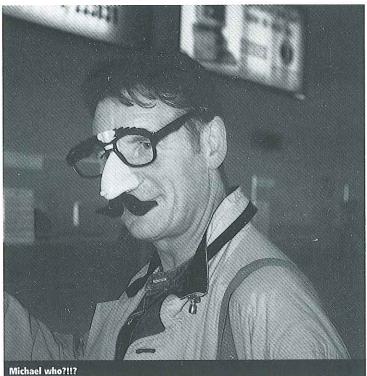
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Hanoi taken by force

t was an eager 20 highly tuned athletes who met on Friday 17th November at Don Muang Airport for the first ever visit by an overseas rugby team to Hanoi. An advance party of Mssrs. Grunwell and Partridge had



been sent ahead supposedly to recce suitable grounds. I would like to say the flight passed quickly and uneventfully but unfortunately I was sitting next to Trevor 'Song Master' Day who kept the pilot amused with his full volume commentary.

On arrival at Hanoi airport it was a close call as to who was more surprised to see us, fully attired in pink and black blazers - was it Michael Palin or the immigration officers? After giving Michael all of our autographs, we were eventually allowed into the country, minus our plastic stick-on noses and glasses. We were met by our excellent hosts, the

Hanoi Dragons, with a coach full of beer which really set the trend for the evening. Having been lectured on the coach on what it was not possible to do in Hanoi, the British Club responded to the challenge and went on to prove Hanoi Dragons wrong on every single count, from bar diving to cyclo riding. Apart from a remarkable speech by Phil Russell and Henry Young taking a quiet walk in the park, we survived the evening.

Big match

Day 2 saw the team assemble for the big match and, having waited over an hour for the coach, we discovered the hotel had thoughtfully parked it in a side street so as not



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to block the traffic (well, bicycles). Nevertheless we found the ground. Ominously we passed through a display of downed Ameri-



can aircraft at the main entrance.

The game was played in extremely good spirit; however, in the 1st third of the game the British Club put out what was probably one of their worst displays of rugby ever, and managed to go 12-0 down. In the 2nd period we recovered and the tour spirit began to come to the fore. Unfortunately the refereeing while not biased was very poor but with British Club experience with local refs we were able to overcome this and by the end of the 2nd period were only 12-5 down and back in the game. It should have been 12-7 but for reasons known only to himself, Graham Carson, having scored under the posts managed to have his conversion attempt charged down!

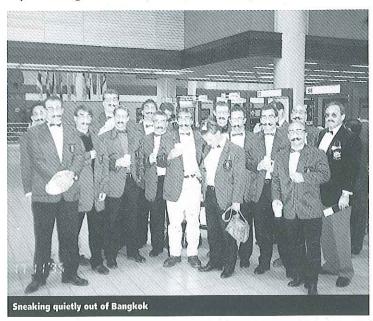
Excellent tries

In the final period of the game the British Club really poured on the pressure with excellent tries coming from John Saunders, Henry Young and Rod Kerr. Final score: British Club 28, Hanoi Dragons 12. The only unfortunate incident was a nasty injury to Trevor Day which resulted in him heading back to Nana Plaza on the first 'plane on Sunday; happily Trevor is now recovering. Our hosts provided superb post-match entertainment and the BC managed to perform particularly well at singing and snake-eating. The only shadow over the evening was the inexplicable choice by the Hanoi Dragons of Peter "I've never won a line out" Hutton as man of the match.

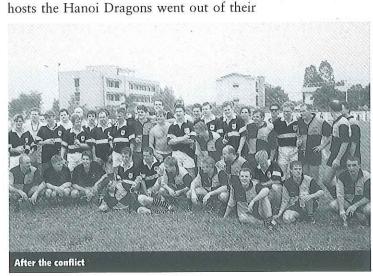
Sunday was a wonderful cultural day, with a trip up country to an idyllic series of caves and lakes and we were all rowed in small boats through caves to one of the most isolated and beautiful parts of the world. The ensuing banana fight probably added little to the ambiance of the surroundings but it cer-

tainly amused the locals.

The less said of the return journty on Monday morning the better, and we certainly



should not mention who had their pink customs slips and who didn't! All in all it was a very successful tour and our



way to provide excellent entertainment and assistance and we would also like to thank our sponsors Ballantines for their superb support.

See you in Hong Kong.

Guy Hollis





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Staff let their hair down!

t was with the usual sense of trepidation that we turned our minds at the weekly staff meetings to the annual staff party: where to go, what to do, etc. The staff were asked and the choice came back as Koh Samet - were they all mad, do they know how far it is, surely when we work out the timings they will realise the lunacy of this plan and choose Bang Saen, Cha Am or somewhere closer?, etc, etc; those were the thoughts going through my mind! Anyway, work out the timings we did and still the response was Koh Samet. Even so, I was convinced that on the day we would get only about 10 staff but I agreed and the plans were put into action.

How wrong can one be, as at 6am on 10th January there were 64 staff on the bus all raring to go! The GM ate a considerable



amount of humble pie! Off we went to Ban Pae to get the boat to Samet; the GM and the Operations Manager went by car and thought we had made good time to be at Ban Pae by 11.00, but the bus was there waiting for us! Much beer had already been consumed as the first three comatose characters proved, and more were to follow!

On the boat over to Samet the Operations Manager, in a rather ill-planned attempt to change out of his jeans, managed to display a side of his anatomy few of the staff would have seen before! This rather set the tone for the rest of the day as the Mekhong and beer flowed. The poor tourists, who had no doubt paid lots of money to laze around on this



quiet little island, must have been more than a little peeved when a megaphone-wielding Khun Chirachada, acting as the Pied Piper, led the ragbag assortment deep into their midst!

We managed 4 hours on the beach during which time the GM was thrown in the water several times, along with most of the rest of the staff, everyone had a go on the 'banana' boats, and after much fun and games and a super seafood buffet it was time to drag unwilling souls to the mainland and back to Bangkok. We stopped for a meal and yet more liquid refreshment on the way home and the trip was made yet more exciting by a puncture, but we eventually arrived back at the Club at 11.30pm. A long day, but what a good one!

All my worries were misplaced as it was a super day and so well attended. Thanks to all our suppliers (who sponsored the trip) for making the day possible and to Khun Chirachada for her impeccable organisation throughout.

David Viccars

Recipe

Penang Nua - Beef Penang Curry

rom green to red, this month's dish is the popular Penang curry as drummed up by our very own sous-chef, Khun Chalong. Another one for big appetites, this recipe feeds ten people; ideal for a dinner party with a difference.

Ingredients

- 1 kg beef fillet
- 200g chilli paste
- 1.5 kg coconut milk
- 50g fish sauce
- 100g sugar
- 1 pkt lemon leaf
- 1 pkt fresh red chilli

Method

1 Slice the fillet into strips and quickly saute in the chilli paste.

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- **2** Add the coconut milk stirring continuously and simmer for five minutes.
- **3** Add the fish sauce and sugar, simmer for a further five minutes.
- **4** Add half of the lemon leaf and red chilli. Stir in the sauce.
- 5 Sprinkle with the rest of the chilli and lemon leaves and serve with steamed rice.

Farewells

he end of the year saw another exodus from the Club and from Thailand. During December we lost the following people: Clyde and Karen Albrecht, Surussawadee and Voravut Champhun, the dynamic Dalton duo (Pauline and Peter), Peter and Anne Gangsted, Darryl and Elaine Hennig, David and Kathleen Low, Colleen and Robert McFeeter, Roy and Carol

McGregor, Mark and Virginia McMahon, Alastair McManus, George and Valerie Morrow, Kevin and Deborah Murphy, Peter and Maureen Sobic, Juthamas Tangsantikul and the Williams tennis team (Noel, Carol, Owen and Courtney). Whew! Fortunately, there were lots more new members to make up for this depletion in membership!

CSB Yard Sale

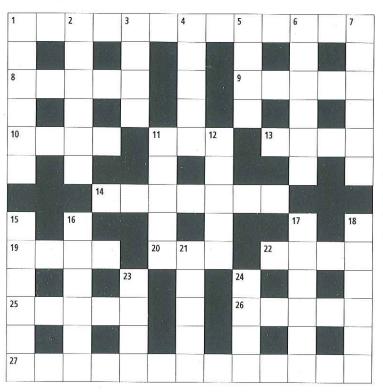
Saturday 9th March 1996 - 10:0am - 2:00pm

Need to clean closets? Need to get ready for summer holidays and get rid of excess items? Join us at the CSB Yard Sale - families with used items only and non-profit organisations.

Admission: 20 Baht Children: FREE Refreshments: Available!

For table space please contact Community Services of Bangkok on 258 4998 or 258 5652 600 Baht per table space ($36" \times 36"$ - card table size)

Golf Crossword



A local favourite, golf, here tackled in this sporting crossword by Margaret Miller.

Sorry to report there were no winners of the Xmas crossword bottle of plonk due to a total lack of entrants. Is there anyone out there?

Across

- 1 Call to the bar, but after 27 Across you might be unsteady (5,2,6)
- 8 Right in the low joint, but a good one helps to make 15 Down...
- 9 These must go down too...
- 10 ...and for both, fix these on the globe
- 11 You'll never make a 15 Down in this!
- 13 You might get one at the 'Varsity for one of 18 Down
- 14 Not one little vicar around, but he was a colourful character on course from USA
- 19 You can press with this, but better not when approaching the green
- 20 Sounds like a letter for your 8 Across
- 22 You may if you take a penalty
- 25 Material for an army exercise
- 26 Blake's was burning bright
- 27 Sounds as if it's around! (8,5)

Down

- 1 Might do this with embarrassment after taking 11 Across
- 2 For Him and Her
- 3 An act both ways
- 4 Nothing round after the first of February, but it petrified
- 5 Sounds done up but is intent
- 6 Let ten go crazy it can sting!
- 7 Galloway is one for handicapping
- 11 You do this for your friends if you pay for 1 Across
- 12 The winner on a compass point but it might disturb your 9 Across
- 15 Welcome wild-life in 27 Across watch it!
- 16 You must not hit the ball when it is
- 17 Gal with crazy fur but thrifty
- 18 People who indulge in them should be good ones too
- 21 One better than 15 Down
- 23 You might make this by moonlight if you're 16 Down
- 24 One of the United ones in the country of 14 Across

Last month's solution

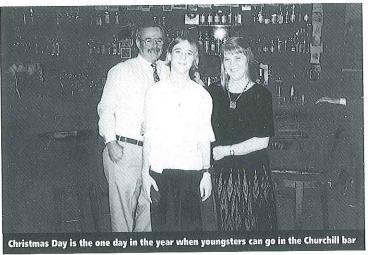
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Xmas lunch and New Year's Eve cruise

his picture is one of the rare memories of the Christmas lunch at the Club, which by all accounts was highly successful. Lords was

Lord's on Christmas Day

packed with over 50 people, including around 10 children, and most tucked into traditional Christmas fare washed down with copious wine donated by the Club. Santa entered the



fray at one stage, dishing out free presents and expressing general goodwill all round, as the champagne flowed like water all afternoon. The party-goers only filed out at around 6.30pm, just half an hour before the 40+ Xmas dinners turned up for the evening session, a similar party but apparently not quite as rowdy!

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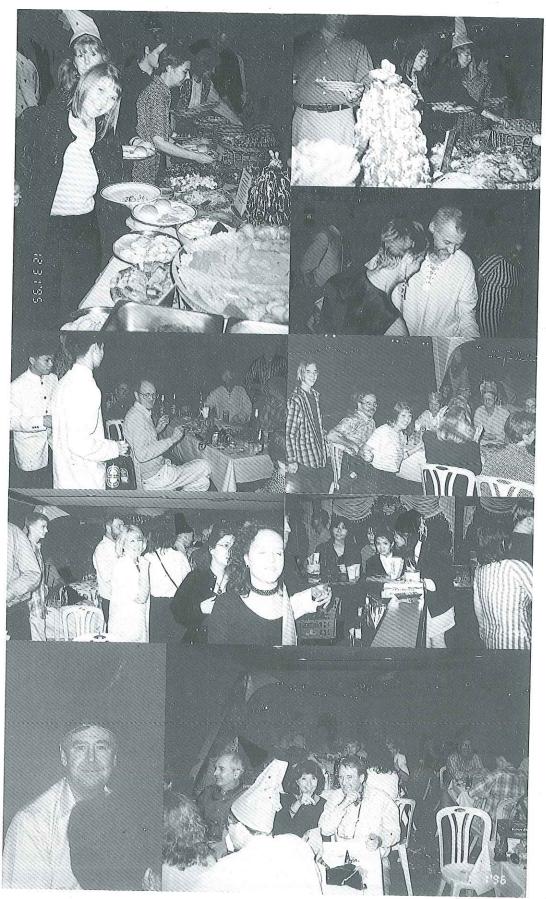
New Year Cruise

As ever, the alcohol flowed thick and fast on this popular annual event, the New Year Cruise up the Chao Phraya. Over 200 people crammed onto the newly-refurbished cruise boat to ring in the new with an excellent and artistic buffet courtesy of the Club's own F&B, good company, much dancing and the



incredible firework display held by the prestigious riverside hotels at midnight. With the angled glass windows in the downstairs lounge section it was possible to watch the fireworks in comfort and with reduced noise, but most chose to stand on the roof in the open air, however the worse for wear for drink they may have been! It was a long day for the staff, who had left the BC with supplies at 3pm on the Sunday and had unpacked it all again 12 hours later at 3am. Many thanks to the Club staff for helping to make this a memorable night.

(Thanks to Trixie Brann for the pictures)



British Women's Group
is a friendly and informal group of women
who warmly welcome anyone wishing to join us

Our voluntary committee meets monthly to organise a calendar of events which includes monthly coffee mornings and luncheons with a guest speaker on a variety of subjects, and sporting and recreational pursuits such as tennis, bridge,



mahjong, craft activities and golf.

We can provide you with support
and information on living in Bangkok
whether you are a newcomer or longstanding
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Expatriate Women living in Thailand.
The group provides a friendly atmosphere in which to meet women of all ages and backgrounds: married, singles, with and without children. The combined experience of our members also provides a great resource for both old and new members needing to find information quickly or that is difficult to find.

Weekly activities include tennis, golf, bridge, mahjong and Kiwala toddlers. As well as the regular weekly activities, there is a constant flow of other events, such as trips away, guest speakers, demonstrations, lunches, coffee mornings, pub nights, shopping trips and lots more... there is something for everyone!

Membership is open to Australian and New Zealand women and women married to Australian or New Zealand men. In addition, women closely associated with Australia or New Zealand may be eligible for membership.



Australian-New Zealand Women's Group

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Reflections

My love for you is not the same as before
The fact is my darling, I love you more
Years and years have rolled on by
And now I have time to think and sigh

There were times when I wanted to walk away Sometimes I was tempted to shout and say "What on earth am I doing in this place?"

That was the time when you kissed my face.

I've weighed up the pros, weighed up the cons
Now I've decided that I'm where I belong
When I'm feeling sad, you dry my eyes
You hold me close and smother my cries

When I'm feeling glad you laugh with me You're the only one, don't you see We've both changed over the years You've washed away all of my fears

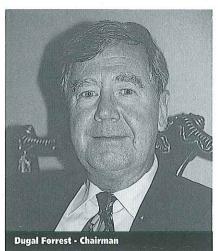
My face is lined, your hair's going grey
But, my dearest, I still need to say
You are in my heart and on my mind
You are, as always, my valentine.

Trixie Brann



From the Chairman

s you will see from his own section in this issue, regrettably David Viccars has decided to move on. It is perhaps a reflection on the way the job is structured that we find it hard to keep



good management for more than a couple of years or so. It is certainly not an easy job, carrying as it does a great deal of responsibility and report-ability but very little in the way of authority and perhaps the time has come for us to take a long hard look at it all and see if we can come up with a role a little more in keeping with

modern practices and, perhaps, more in line with what a good encumbent may reasonably expect. There is little doubt that it is a job that attracts many applicants when it becomes vacant but, in recent times at any rate, once an appointment is made, it is not long before much of the initial enthusiasm seems to wane and before we know it the job is vacant again. Obviously, we shall be spending much of our time finding a suitable successor to David over the next couple of months and it should go without saying that if there is anyone out there who would like to be considered for the job, they should submit an application without delay.

Regrettably, I have to advise of a further resignation. Doug Mather, who has served this Committee well since being seconded into the House & Grounds portfolio in the middle of 1994 has decided he can no longer continue. Thank you, Doug, for your support and for

your efforts in keeping the Club in such fine fettle.

On a brighter note, I am delighted to report that our membership numbers continue to increase. Hopefully this reflects the effectiveness of both the adjustment of joining fees and the membership drive that have recently been introduced. Keep 'em coming!

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Looking back on the festive season, it is gratifying to see the Club's activities being so very well supported and obviously enjoyed by many. Attendances at all our major functions were at capacity and there is no doubt that the Entertainments Committee, David, Barry and the entire Club staff did a wonderful job and a very large vote of thanks is due to them all. Inevitably, I suppose, when large functions are being organised, some people will be disappointed or dissatisfied with something or another but usually, if one is to be absolutely honest, the causes behind most such complaints can be laid squarely at the feet of those making them and the larger a function becomes, the more likelihood there is that someone somewhere will find something to beef about. Having said this, however, please rest assured that all our functions and the ways they are organised are kept continually under review and whenever possible deficiencies are brought to light, due consideration is always given to ways by which they may be avoided in the future. So please, if you have a constructive complaint or suggestion, make sure we get to know about it otherwise you will only have yourself to blame if it happens again!

Dugal Forrest

Chairman



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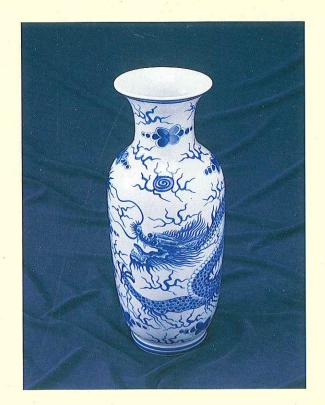
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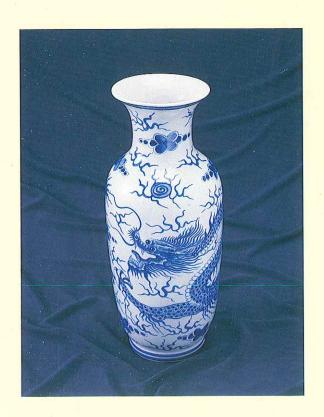
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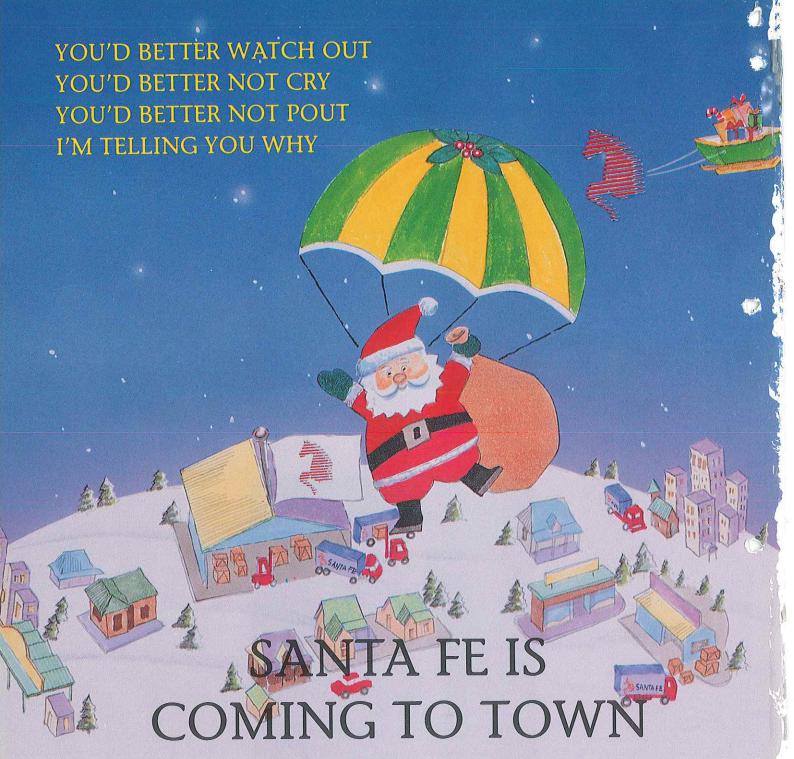


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