

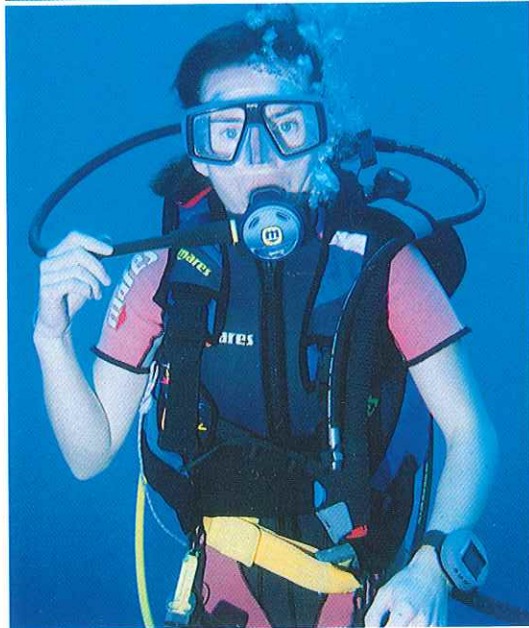


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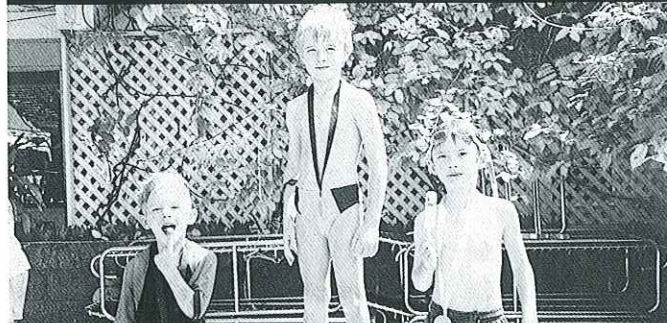
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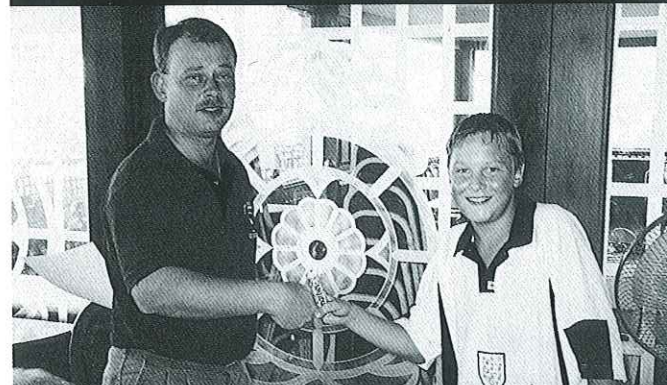
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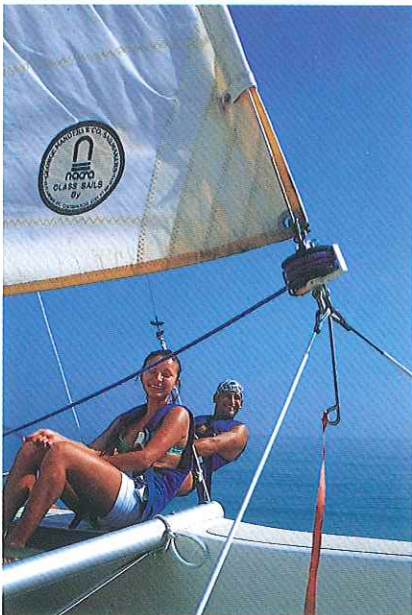


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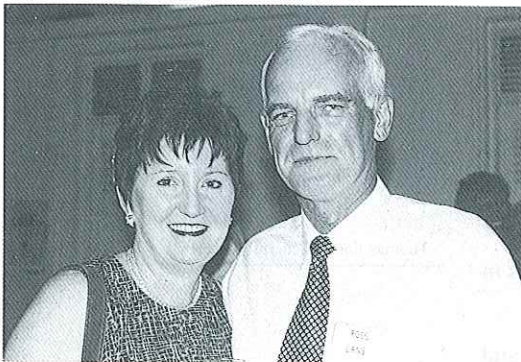


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"Life's a Beach", or so thinks Titanic heart-throb, Leonardo DiCaprio, who's here in Thailand for the controversial filming of his new movie. I was hoping he might give an 'exclusive' to *Outpost* but I suppose I can dream on...! Instead we have committee man, Dugal Forrest, more in the vein of Harrison Ford than DiCaprio, with his "Quest for Lost Treasures of the British Club" (see page 25). Good luck, Dugal, and I hope some of the readers can help.



Some New Members

A mixed bunch turned up for the New Members Night in January to be wined and dined courtesy of the Club and to meet Committee Members and Management - and, of course, to size up the stuff that other new members are made of! Usually fighting shy of the camera, this new influx was pouncing on me to have their photographs taken; obviously not a fugitive amongst them. The photos are on pages 20-22. If you're not there, you'll find yourselves in a subsequent issue.

Much ado was made of the launch of the euro in January and with my own thoughts focused on a spending spree in Paris this spring, I wondered how this new currency was going to affect me, if at all. Eurocka! I cried, when to the rescue came past editor, Gaynor, with some research separating fact from fiction and making it easier for a British-born europhobic like me to understand. It's inside, read all about it.



Finally, I thought I'd share with you this gem of an advert I saw recently in Yangon: a large hoarding warning against the evils of AIDS, with the Ministry of Transport's name blazoned across the top. I can but wonder whether they think the HIV virus is transmitted by road! Also raising a giggle each time I see it is the sign next to the ladies loo at the BC. "Do Not Remove or Empty this Bin". I ask you, who in their right mind would want to...?!

That's all folks, except to say Happy Valentine's Day to one and all.

Sherry Conisbee
Editor

It seems a long time ago now but the final Club event of last year, the New Year's Eve river cruise, went off very well. For the third year in a row we cruised up and down the Chao Praya on the Tubtim 1 and Tubtim 2 boats. The cruise was significant in that it was the Club's 425th function for 1998. Well over one function per day and the total was more than in any previous year. A great result and a credit to Barry, Khun Dong and all of the Club's service staff.

The other point the cruise brought into focus was what to do for New Year's Eve 1999. All of a sudden the new millennium seems so close. A whole range of possibilities arise. Should the Club celebrations be low-key with just the normal river cruise, should there be a special Club Ball on the back lawn or a futuristic "Towards 2000" fancy dress party? Will most Club members be in Bangkok or will most people be out of town or overseas? To help get a feel for your requirements for New Year '99, there is a short survey in this issue. Please complete the form and send it back to the Club to help us in our planning.

By now many of you will have met Damon Nemish. He commenced duties as Sport and Recreation Coordinator at the beginning of January and his photo was on the cover of January's Outpost. Damon has already made a splash around the Club and has organised for the regular school term sports activities to recommence. Damon also has big plans to offer individual training programmes for Club members so pop along and see him when you have time.

Thank you all for putting up with the Club being closed for the day on 27 January for the Club staff party. We all had a great time (pictures next issue). It's always interesting and enjoyable to spend time with work colleagues in a different environment and it certainly helps staff to get to know each other better.

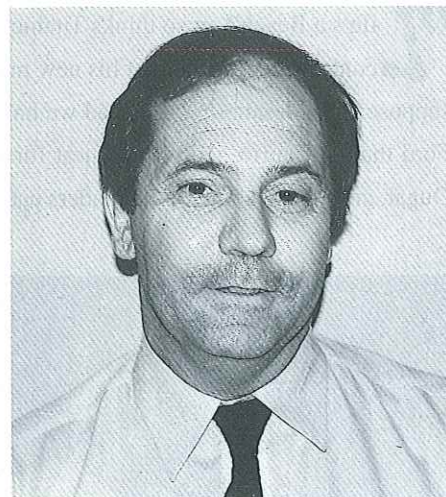
I'm sorry to say that Membership/GM's secretary, Khun Sritong, left us at the end of January. She's off to a new and exciting life with her fiancé in Italy. Sri was a very hard worker and I'm sorry to see her go, but I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her well in her new life. Khun Weena who has been working at reception since November has taken over from Khun Sri as Membership/GM's secretary.

Finally, for this month, some very good news for members:

Happy Hour has been extended to EVERY DAY between 6-8 pm in all Club outlets.

We will provide reduced price drinks at prices hard to beat anywhere else.

Wine Prices: a change in wine pricing policy will mean huge reductions in the price of wine at the Club. Both these initiatives are on a trial basis initially.



Thomas Bain - General Manager


Tom Bain
General Manager



Year End Scramble

Medal Final

In spite of the post Christmas Ball hangovers, all of the quarterly medal winners turned out for the Final on 13th December at Lad Krabang. The Lamb family was out in force cheering finalist Mum on.

Cheryl did a Sandie Shaw playing barefoot and didn't lose her grip unlike son Dale who scored 38 on the front nine and then went completely to pieces on the back nine scoring over 50. David showed off the quality of his Dunlop clubs winning two near pins. Kindly sponsored by **Accor Asia Pacific**, the winners of each of the Flights were as follows:

- Flight A Peter Williams
- Flight B Peter Bond
- Flight C Karen Carter

New Year Scramble

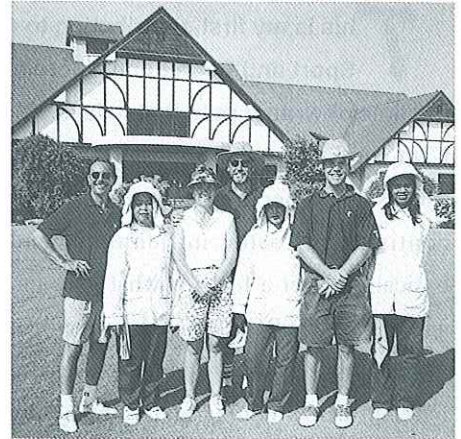
A relaxed scramble and some imaginative scoring by Vice Gareth resulted in a win for the team featuring Roger Fitzgerald,

Martin Conisbee, Karen and John Carter. They came in 6 under par. Edward Snow collected the runners up prize... a smaller tube of Smarties on behalf of his team.

Next Outings

- Club Day - Green Valley, Bangna, Sunday, 7th February at 12.00 pm
- Inter Societies - Forest Hills, Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th February (tee off time to be confirmed)
- Johnnie Walker vs Delaneys - Saturday, 20th February at 7.30 am
- Dunlop Cup - Saturday to Monday, 27th February to 1st March (date and time to be confirmed)

Karen Carter



The winning scramble team



Runner up team captain Edward collects his Smarties



British Club Survey New Year's Eve 1999

Please complete the survey below so we know what you would like to see the Club do for New Year's 1999:

Name _____ Club No. _____

1) Please tick the suggestion you most prefer for New Year's Eve 1999:

- i) Traditional River Cruise []
- ii) Black Tie Ball on Back Lawn []
- iii) "Towards 2000" Fancy Dress Party []
- iv) Other (please detail below) []

2) Do you intend to be in Bangkok for New Year 1999? Yes [] No []

3) If you are in Bangkok, are you likely to attend a British Club function? Yes [] No []

4) Other comments:

Fax to Tom Bain 235 1560

Hello to all!

This is my first contribution to *Outpost* as I have been in the position of Sport and Recreation Coordinator since Monday, January 4th - which at the time of writing puts it at 6 days.

I am currently trying to ensure that any successful programmes from last year continue on to the millennium, and basically to get a feel for what goes on, and how, at the BC. I would however like to mention that we are in the process of making the swimming and tennis group lessons a reality - they will have started by the time you read this.

As I have little information regarding any past successes to give to you here, I will take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Canadian and have been a resident of Thailand for the past two and a half years. I am here with my partner Sheila and our son Ronan of 6 months (by the time this is published). We have enjoyed Thailand immensely since our arrival and find Thais to be the friendliest people we have ever been around. We are also very scared to go 'home' during the winter months as we now FEAR the cold Canadian winters (the heat here is just fine).

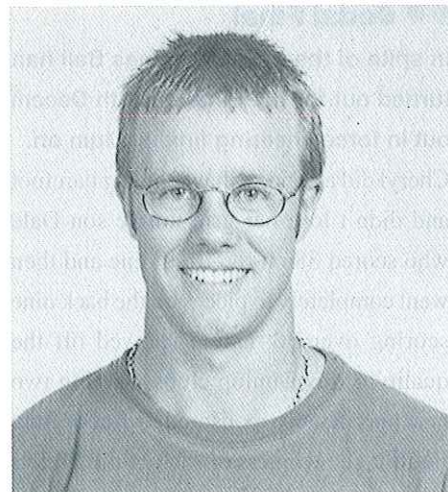
My sporting background is swimming, cycling and running - as you may be able to guess, I compete in triathlons. "Why?" you may ask (sometimes I ask myself!). Actually, I started because I discovered I had diabetes when I was 19 years old. The illness requires a balance of food, exercise and insulin. Triathlon provides a variety in training, which has kept me healthy and happy for years, coupled with a good dose of competition. To deal with my illness, I have read many books on fitness and health, as well as learning about nutrition and food, which are paramount in the life of a person with diabetes.

My training as an endurance athlete will, I hope, bring a new dimension to the British Club. If anyone has any questions regarding health or fitness, please come and speak to me. I like to think of myself as approachable and friendly in nature. Whether you have problems and/or positives regarding the club, please share them with me any time you like.

I will try to use my time here wisely by attempting to build up sections that are not as strong as we would like, and supporting those stronger sections as required to keep them as such. I am on the start of the learning curve and hope you will all help me along the way. Your guidance and support are welcome.

I would like to thank Tom Bain, Bernie Adams, and all those on the personnel committee for giving me the opportunity to work at the British Club. Once again, if there is any sport or recreation programme that you are wondering when/or if it will happen, please drop by the fitness centre and say hello.

I look forward to meeting you all over the next few months.



Damon Nemish - SRC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damon Nemish'.

Damon Nemish
SRC



An Evening With Peter

I was pleased to welcome Peter Withe and his wife Kathy to the BC for an informal meal and a chat on 11 January 1999.

For the uninitiated and those of you who do not read the sports pages, Peter coached the Thai football team during the recent Asian Games in Bangkok and took them to an excellent fourth place out of 23 competing teams.

Peter and Kathy are originally from Liverpool but now consider Birmingham as their home base in the UK.

Peter is 47 years old and his career in professional football has taken him to South Africa, USA and Zambia in addition to top clubs in England including Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa and Newcastle.

His personal trophy cabinet includes two Championship Winners Medals, a European Cup Medal, a League Cup Medal, two Charity Shield

Medals and a host of other silverware. He was capped eleven times for England, was included in the 1982 World Cup squad and scored over 200 goals in top flight competition.

Peter played under 25 managers in his illustrious career including such characters as Brian Clough and Ron Saunders.

Following his years as a player, Peter obtained a worldwide top coaching UEFA

qualification. It is through this route that Peter took up the post as Thai national team head coach back in October 1998, just prior to the Asian games.

The Thai media attention when Peter arrived in Bangkok was intense but the

sights are on the Kings Cup competition with its lead into the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Following that the 2002 World Cup will beckon.

The Thai national team has excellent training facilities and the players are keen to learn and adapt their ball skills more effectively under Peter's watchful eye and through his example.

Both Peter and Kathy have gone through the culture shocks that all new expatriates suffer upon arrival in Bangkok but seem to be coming to terms with most of it, although they miss their three sons who are back in the UK.

Peter is a keen golfer and Kathy is looking to rekindle her interest in tennis and squash. They both like Thai food and think that Thai people are lovely.

Hopefully, we'll see them at the BC again soon.

Martin Conisbee

Il Duce adds:

The Veterans' Seven-a-Side Football Tournament is scheduled for 20th & 21st February in Manila.



Kathy and Peter in the Churchill Bar

benefit to football in Thailand has already been witnessed by sell out crowds of 60,000 attending the last five matches and Bangkok's streets becoming amazingly deserted at match times with everyone crowding around TV sets on the pavement to support their team.

Peter's ambition is to establish the development of soccer in Thailand from the grass roots level. In the short term his



A Gala Performance!

Well the year is starting in earnest. By the time you read this we will have had our AGM and the first interclub Gala with ISB (postponed from 31st January to 7th February) will be taking place shortly.



Aquatics Section Treasurer, Janet Sparks, presenting medals at the November Gala

We are very excited to be holding this auspicious gala as it gives an opportunity for our children to take their swimming skills to the next level. It is one thing to participate amongst friends towards the goal of personal best but quite another to be working as a team. It is an occasion for our children to support one another and gather together some team spirit. At the

same time they build up performance skills and sportsmanship in an encouraging and safe environment. Photos and times will be published in the next *Outpost* edition.

The March Gala is scheduled for the 28th, 9 am START. Catch you then!

Liz Beal

November's Placings

Under 5s

Anystroke:

- 1st Caroline Fieldus
- 2nd Jamie Simpson
- 3rd Gareth Tennison

Piggyback Race:

- 1st Hamish Moffatt
- 2nd Jamie Simpson
- 3rd Caroline Fieldus

Kickboard:

- 1st Caroline Fieldus
- 2nd Annika Law
- 3rd Gareth Tennison

Noodle Race:

- 1st Caroline Fieldus
- 2nd Gareth Tennison
- 3rd Jamie Simpson

5-6 Years

25m Freestyle:

- 1st Cameron Moffatt 30.63
- 2nd Alun Simpson 30.97
- 3rd Nicholas Law 31.40

25m Backstroke:

- 1st Alun Simpson 36.42
- 2nd Cameron Moffatt 36.50
- 3rd Nicholas Law 41.97

25m Breaststroke:

- 1st Cameron Moffatt 33.77
- 2nd Alun Simpson 37.55
- 3rd Alexander Bowers 37.70

25m Butterfly:

- 1st Cameron Moffatt 35.65
- 2nd Nicholas Law 45.88
- 3rd Alexander Bowers 50.44

4 x 25m Individual Medley:

- 1st Cameron Moffatt 3.00.84
- 2nd Nicholas Law 3.27.50
- 3rd Alexander Bowers 3.41.00

7-8 Years

25m Freestyle:

- 1st Kelsey Moffatt 21.99
- 2nd Chris Fieldus 24.45
- 3rd Ashleigh Ward 24.82

25m Backstroke:

- 1st Kelsey Moffatt 25.97
- 2nd Chris Ward 29.20
- 3rd Ashleigh Ward 30.73

25m Breaststroke:

- 1st Kelsey Moffatt 28.37
- 2nd Lachlan Herron 33.27
- 3rd Ashleigh Ward 33.34

25m Butterfly:

- 1st Kelsey Moffatt 27.70
- 2nd Lachlan Herron 28.84
- 3rd Chris Fieldus 31.28

4 x 25m Individual Medley:

- 1st Kelsey Moffatt 2.06.11
- 2nd Lachlan Herron 2.33.47
- 3rd Ashleigh Ward 2.37.57

9-10 Years

25m Freestyle:

- 1st Lauren Mann 16.70
- 2nd Craig Ward 17.20

25m Backstroke:

- 1st Craig Ward 19.69
- 2nd Lauren Mann 22.27

25m Breaststroke:

- 1st Craig Ward 24.63
- 2nd Lauren Mann 26.97

25m Butterfly:

- 1st Lauren Mann 20.62
- 2nd Craig Ward 22.00

4 x 25m Individual Medley:

- 1st Lauren Mann 1.48.62
- 2nd Craig Ward 1.52.94



11-12 Years

50m Freestyle:

1st	Lauren Fieldus	41.78
2nd	Carly Young	44.90
3rd	Courtney Tight	50.44

50m Backstroke:

1st	Gabby Herron	49.98
2nd	Lauren Fieldus	56.16
3rd	Carly Young	56.49

50m Breaststroke:

1st	Gabby Herron	52.07
2nd	Lauren Fieldus	59.60
3rd	Carly Young	59.97

25m Butterfly:

1st	Gabby Herron	21.70
2nd	Lauren Fieldus	24.93
3rd	Courtney Tight	25.25

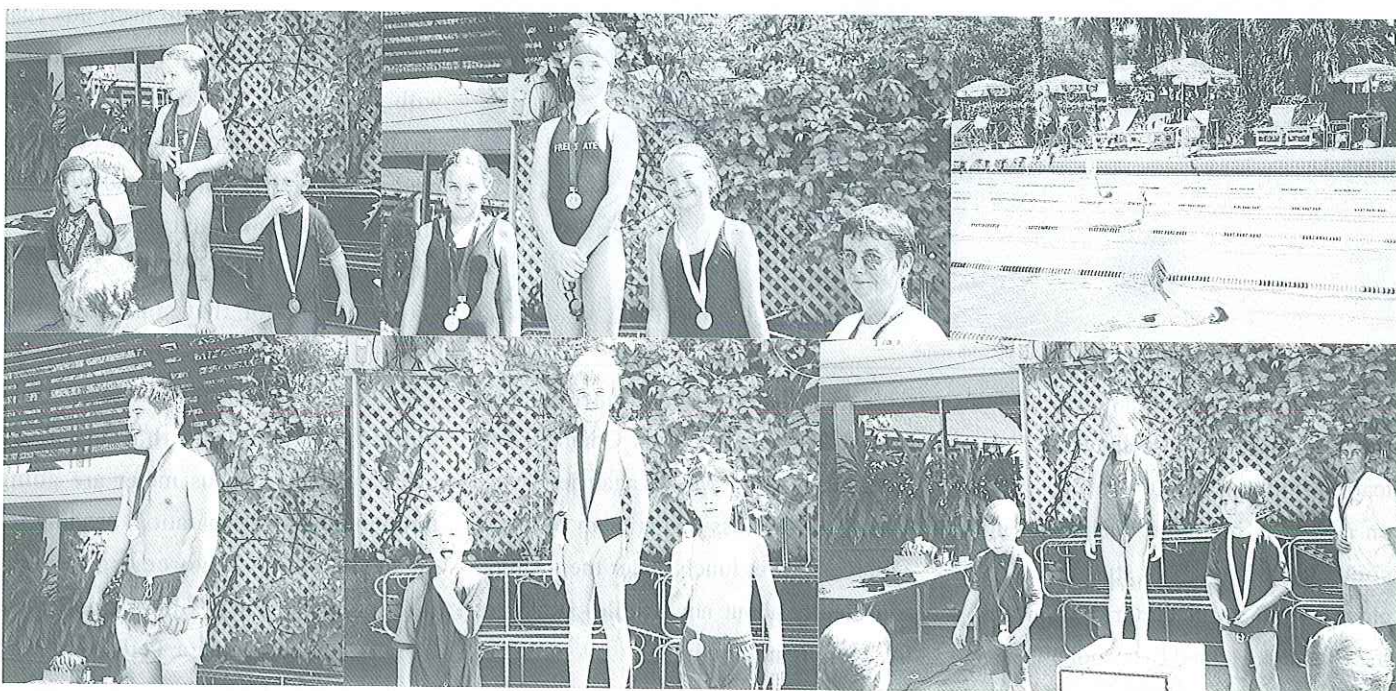
4 x 25m Individual Medley:

1st	Gabby Herron	1.45.67
2nd	Lauren Fieldus	1.53.93
3rd	Carly Young	2.13.25

Gala glory goes to Champions:

Kelsey Moffatt (Tadpoles)

Lauren Mann (Sharks)



Moments from the November Gala

Farewells

Farewell and bon voyage to all members and their families who jumped the BC ship last quarter:

Guy Bondoux, Ian Halliday, A. Morris, Ian Clendenning, James Stephen, Alan Craig, William Gasson, Derek Pott, Duncan Jamieson, John Carnochan, Rene Frei, Gregory Schoenbachler, Alan Jope, Christopher Andrews, William Christie, David Barclay, Rebecca Abrams, Jeremy Dudman, Tawat Yipintsoi, Rudi Spaan, Russell Klingler, Nicola Tudor, Michael Inman, Simon Ingram, and Richard Southall.

An "Au Revoir" to Absent Members:

Albert Terry, Giles Blumsom, Stuart Matthews, Michael Lamb, Mark Reading, Robert Jones, Steen Morch-Petersen, Ian McGovern, Peter McNeilly, Wichuh Mokkhavesa, Sorayut Phataminviphas, Jaap van de Pol, Neville Smith, Craig Plumb, David Overington, Philip Brophy, Hossam Haggag, Mark Partridge, Derek Cook and Frederik Visser-Zijlstra.



One More for the Pot!

Good grief, wonders never cease: since the advent of Blowers as Chairperson of the Noble Order of the BC Tennis Section, the British Chamber—amply represented by Club members—has triumphed over the Germans in our annual head-to-head at the Club.



Après-match relaxation as the early start catches up with some...

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this match is not so much seeing the Britcham team shambling in at such an ungodly hour on a Sunday morning, but going out on court and doing their stuff, eyes half-closed, against our brethren from across the Channel. Helped by a cool breeze and cloudy skies, the Brits managed to battle it out in the Men's, Ladies and Mixed Doubles, scoring no less than three whitewashes with none against, and for a change winning some of the close squeaks that we used to be notorious for losing. Yes, Heinz & co were never able to get a firm grasp on the match, and while the 14-9

score was a marginal improvement on their loss of last year, German Chamber big cheese Paul Strunk was yet again left trying to explain the loss to his team over the delicious buffet lunch under the awning, and blather about new (futile) strategies for winning next year.

The Britcham team comprised: Terry, Wan and Kip Adams, Graham Beal, David Blowers, Kn Ek, Richard Ellis, Bruce Gordon, Marc Hagelauer, Lawrence Lipman, Kn Whitewood, Zandra White, Gaynor de Wit and of course Chamber chief honcho Greg Watkins. The opponents consisted of several ringers from the

Shangri-La, I think, with a few token Germans thrown in for good measure.

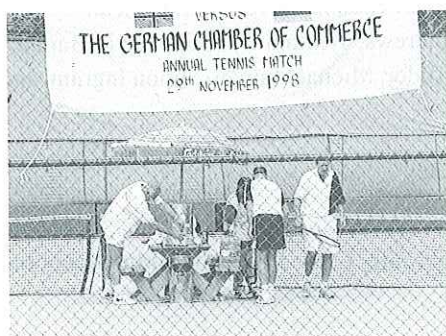
So, one more victory of this nature (or any nature) and the prestigious Chamber Pot is ours to keep! Cease that baying from the balcony, ye mob; restrain yourselves!

Club Christmas Ball

The Tennis Section outdid itself this year at the Club Xmas Ball on 12th December, with a 36-strong turn-out on one table, surely a record! A good night, with lots of popper and blower thingies and silly hats and food and drink and dancing.

Unfortunately this night proved the first serious indicator that something was horribly wrong with my camera, hence the unusually abysmal quality of some of these photos; it turns out that my flash mechanism and focus meter are going through a painful separation, heading for an acrimonious divorce, so several disappointing Xmas films later I have bought me a new camera. Perhaps less use would ensure a longer life for this one....? Anyway, for what they're worth here are some of the memories of that night! Don't sportspeople look different with clothes on?

**Lotsaluv
Me**



The essential refreshment break...



Good heavens, have we won again old chap?!



Greg poised as you rarely see him



Great mirth about yet another thrashing of the Germans!



Paul at a loss for excuses for his team



Some of the players on the popular tennis table at the Club Xmas Ball

Management News

Balinese Food Promotion

Barry has returned from his holiday in Bali overloaded with fresh Balinese ingredients to cook up for you at our February Balinese food promotion. This will take place in Lord's Restaurant on 11th, 12th and 13th February.

Khun Sarakit Pongpaiboon

We have now closed Khun Sarakit's memorial appeal. Thank you to all Club Members who have made a donation. A considerable amount of money has been raised and this has been given to Khun Sarakit's widow, Khun Thimm.

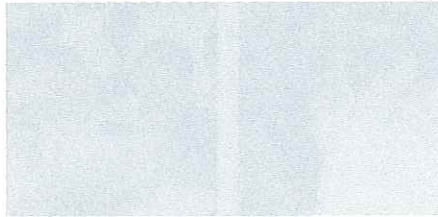
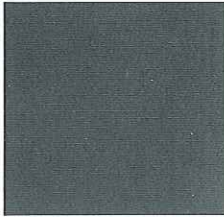
Membership '3 Visits' Trial

From now until the AGM at the end of March, the Club is trialing the relaxation of the '3 visits for each guest' regulation. Visitors books are kept at reception and one in each sala. In order that the trial is properly evaluated, please make sure your guests are signed in, with the visit number, whenever they visit the Club.

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - February

Sunday



7	11 am-1 pm	Badminton - Soi Nares
	12-2 pm	Sunday Carvery - Lords
	3-6 pm	Tennis Mix-In
	5.30 pm	Sunday Carvery - Lords
Swimming Gala with ISB		
1.00pm Squash Mix-In		
12.00 Golf - Green Valley Bangna		

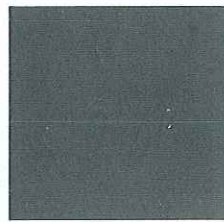
Monday



1	8.00 am	BWG Mahjong
	9.30 am	Aerobics
	7-9 pm	Tennis Team Training

8	8.00 am	BWG Mahjong
	9.30 am	Aerobics
	7-9 pm	Tennis Team Training

Tuesday



2	7 am	Ladies Golf
	8-10 am	Ladies Tennis
	10.30 am	Aqua Aerobics
	6-7 pm	Masters (Adult) Swim Training
	7-9 pm	Soccer Training
	8-11 pm	Friendly Bridge
	9 pm	Gentlemen's Spoof

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Wednes day



3	9.30 am	Body Shaping
	6-9 pm	Tennis Mix-In
	6.30 pm	Cricket Nets

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	6-9 pm	Tennis Mix-In
	6.30 pm	Cricket Nets

Thurs day



4	8-10 am	Ladies Tennis
	10.30 am	Aqua Aerobics
	6-7 pm	Masters (Adult) Swim Training
	6-9 pm	Squash Mix-In
	7-9 pm	Rugby Training
	9-10 pm	Hockey

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	10.30 am	Aqua Aerobics
	6-7 pm	Masters (Adult) Swim Training
	6-9 pm	Squash Mix-In
	7-9 pm	Rugby Training
	9-10 pm	Hockey
Balinese Food Promotion		

Friday



5	9.30 am	Step Aerobics
	3.30-9 pm	BC Tennis Coaching (Tots - Adults)
	5-7 pm	Happy Hour! Churchill Bar
	6-9 pm	Family BBQ
	7 pm	Social Darts

12	9.30 am	Step Aerobics
	3.30-9 pm	BC Tennis Coaching (Tots - Adults)
	5-7 pm	Happy Hour! Churchill Bar
	6-9 pm	Family BBQ
	7 pm	Social Darts
Vin Garbutt, Singer/Comedian		
Balinese Food Promotion		

Satur day



6	9 am-12 am	Squash Coaching
	9 am-1 pm	BC Swimming Coaching
	4.30 pm	Casuals Football - Soi 15
	6-9 pm	Family BBQ

13	9 am-12 am	Squash Coaching
	9 am-1 pm	BC Swimming Coaching
	4.30 pm	Casuals Football - Soi 15
	6-9 pm	Family BBQ
Golf - Forest Hills		
Balinese Food Promotion		

Friday and Saturday BBQ

The alfresco atmosphere of a barbeque on the back lawn outside the Churchill Bar is an experience not to be missed. Every Friday and Saturday evening from 6.00 pm come along and try the appetising food at the BC barbeque. Please note that during the barbeque times, children are allowed in the Churchill Bar.

Happy Hour

We have extended Happy Hour to 6-8pm EVERYDAY in ALL outlets. Enjoy the cheapest drinks in Bangkok here at the BC!

Vin Garbutt

The popular singer/comedian, Vin Garbutt, will be visiting the Club on

Friday, 12th February. Vin last appeared at the Club two years ago and went down very well. B450 includes the show and an excellent fish, chips 'n' mushy peas supper.

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11 am-1 pm **Badminton - Soi Nares**
12-2 pm **Sunday Carvery - Lords**
3-6 pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5.30 pm **Sunday Carvery - Lords**

Golf - Forest Hills

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11 am-1 pm **Badminton - Soi Nares**
12-2 pm **Sunday Carvery - Lords**
3-6 pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5.30 pm **Sunday Carvery - Lords**

Football - 7-a-Side, Manila

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11 am-1 pm **Badminton - Soi Nares**
12-2 pm **Sunday Carvery - Lords**
3-6 pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5.30 pm **Sunday Carvery - Lords**

Golf - Dunlop Cup

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8.00 am **BWG Mahjong**
9.30 am **Aerobics**
7-9 pm **Tennis Team Training**

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Venues

Soi 15	NIST grounds
Soi Nares	Behind Bangrak Police Station
Aerobics	Surawong Room
Golf	As advertised

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7 am **Ladies Golf**
8-10 am **Ladies Tennis**
10.30 am **Aqua Aerobics**
6-7 pm **Masters (Adult) Swim Training**
7-9 pm **Soccer Training**
8-11 pm **Friendly Bridge**
9 pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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7 am **Ladies Golf**
8-10 am **Ladies Tennis**
10.30 am **Aqua Aerobics**
6-7 pm **Masters (Adult) Swim Training**
7-9 pm **Soccer Training**
8-11 pm **Friendly Bridge**
9 pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

Opening Times

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

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9.30 am **Body Shaping**
6-9 pm **Tennis Mix-In**
6.30 pm **Cricket Nets**

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Sports - Contact the following:

Aquatics	Liz Beal	262-9351
Badminton	Anant Leighrahathorn	654-0002-29
Cricket	Nick White	246-0832
Football	Matt Duke	545-5555
Golf	Bernie Adams	861-0608
Rugby	Jon Prichard	662-6376
Scuba	Peter Gary	634-7792
Squash	Peter Corney	381-7240
Tennis	David Blowers	285-4721-2

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8-10 am **Ladies Tennis**
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6-7 pm **Masters (Adult) Swim Training**
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Live-aboard dive trips and special courses
abound in February. See the Scuba page for
full details.

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9.30 am **Step Aerobics**
3.30-9 pm **BC Tennis Coaching (Tots - Adults)**
5-7 pm **Happy Hour! Churchill Bar**
6-9 pm **Family BBQ**
7 pm **Social Darts**

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6-9 pm **Family BBQ**
7 pm **Social Darts**

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9 am-1 pm **BC Swimming Coaching**
4.30 pm **Casuals Football - Soi 15**
6-9 pm **Family BBQ**

Football - 7-a-Side, Manila

7.30 am Golf - Johnnie Walker vs Delaneys

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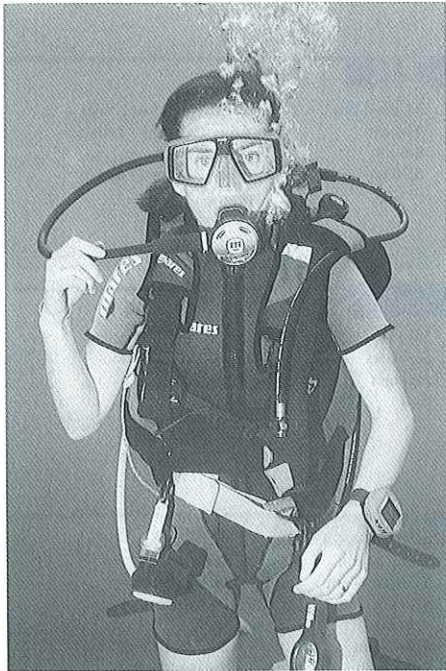
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Golf - Dunlop Cup



Courses to 'wet' the appetite!

This new year of scuba diving will be very active. There will be several live-aboard dive trips. The first will be to the Similan-Surin islands up to Burma and the second to the Koh Phi Phi-Krabi area. These will be in late February/mid March.



Specific dates and information will be posted. Others will be announced later. Several PADI Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water, Rescue and Discover Scuba Courses are scheduled along with Medic First Aid and Scuba Review courses to get the divers back up to peak proficiency.

I will also be teaching scuba diving part

time at the British Patana School starting this semester. Since so many of the Patana School students' parents are members of the British Club, we should be able to work closely to have both students and parents diving together as a family.

For February, I will be offering the courses shown in the table below.

To sign up or for further information of course descriptions, contact: Peter Gary at 634-7792-9, 233-9048, fax 236-6727, 634-7791 or Email: petergary@usa.net

Medic First Aid Course Description

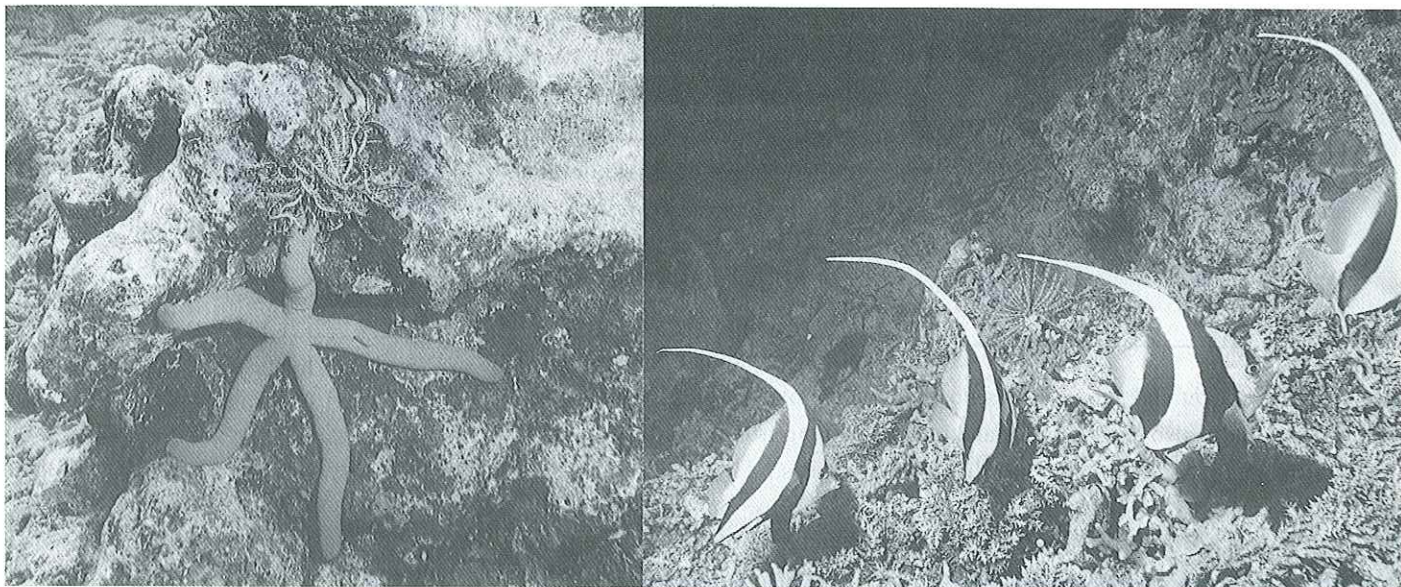
PADI MEDIC FIRST AID is a basic training course in emergency care. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and other important emergency care skills are combined into one eight-hour course which allows the graduate to function with one consistent set of priorities in a medical emergency. Students learn the same priorities of care and approach to the patient used by professionals. This

approach results in a continuity of care as the patient is passed on to paramedic, nurse and doctor.

Emphasis in the PADI MEDIC FIRST AID training program is on the development of the Primary and Secondary Essential Skills of Patient Care: Setup, Primary Assessment, Rescue Breathing, One Rescue CPR, Choking Management, Control of Bleeding, Shock Management, Continuing Cycle of Care, Illness Assessment and Injury Assessment. Students of PADI MEDIC FIRST AID learn the skills of patient care in the same sequence they are actually used.

The training is accomplished in seven modules of instruction, with each module being divided into segments. Each segment of learning reinforces the priorities of care and approach to the patient. PADI MEDIC FIRST AID training uses seeing, hearing and doing to make learning easier and more enjoyable. Numerous uses of the information in practice sessions help to create retention. As a result, students develop confidence in their ability to respond and perform these simple skills in an actual emergency.

Activity	Location	Start Date	Start Time	Class Size
Rescue Diver	BCB	Tue, Feb 2	19.00	4 students
Open Water Diver Course	BCB	Fri, Feb 5	19.00	4 students
Advanced Open Water	Pattaya	Sat/Sun, Feb 13-14	08.00	4 students
Medic First Aid	BCB	Sat, Feb 20	08.00	8 students
Scuba Review	BCB	Sat, Feb 27	10.00	4-8 students



'Stars and Stripes' courtesy of BC Diver, Sarah Allen

Who should take the course:

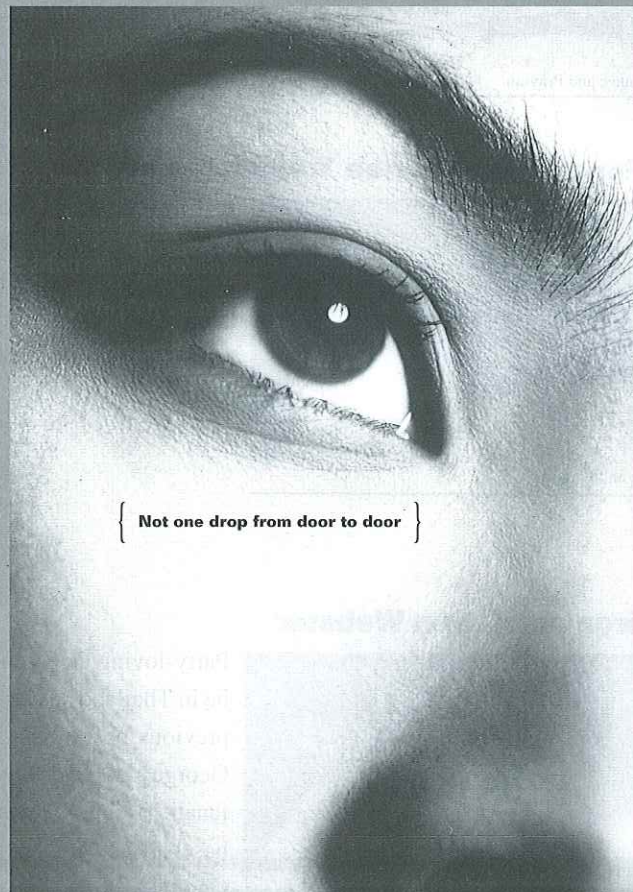
- Mothers with infants and small children
- School teachers
- Baby-sitters
- Persons caring for elderly and sick patients
- Supervisors at work and of sport activities
- Persons working, playing or located more than 5 minutes from professional medical assistance or hospital
- PADI Advanced Open Water Divers continuing to Rescue Diver

Minimum age: None
Course length: 8 hours
Cost per student: 4,000 Baht
Location: British Club
Certification: Valid for two years

No pool activity is used in this course.

Peter Gary

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Glenn and Sandra Collins



Glenn and Sandra

Australians Glenn and Sandra have been here for 9 months and are looking forward to 3 more years. Glenn is General Manager at National Australia Bank, while Sandra keeps herself busy as Treasurer of the Australian-New Zealand Women's Group and Creative Director at the NZ-Thai Chamber of Commerce. They have one child, aged 5, attending school here. Glenn plays tennis, cricket and Aussie Rules Football and enjoys reading, computer games and travel. Sandra also enjoys tennis and travel. Judging from my conversation with them, there's more to this couple than their form indicates... !

Prayuth and Suwannee Sritonyachote



Suwannee and Prayuth

Thais Prayuth and Suwannee are both handy at tennis so hopefully we'll see them a lot in the Sala and on the courts. Prayuth is an employee with Metrorundun Co., Ltd. and Suwannee works at Beiersdorf (Thailand) Co., Ltd. Welcome to the Club.

Dr. Pongsak and Panee Yuktanandana



Panee and Pongsak

Dr. Pongsak is a physician at Chulalongkorn University whilst his wife, Panee, is with the Noppong and Prasart Law Office. Both are keen (and top notch!-S) tennis players, seeded No 2 in the mixed doubles of the Club champs.

George and Gwen Webster



Gwen and George

Party-loving George is MD with Castrol (Thailand) Ltd. and he and Gwen are hoping to be in Thailand "as long as possible" - they obviously like it. A well-travelled couple with previous postings in Vietnam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Canada and South Africa, Brits George and Gwen have two children back home, aged 28 and 25. George says he's a gym fanatic (well for 3 months anyway!) and likes to follow all sports such as American football, baseball and ice hockey (are you sure you're not from the other side of the Atlantic, George?-S). Ah yes, he supports Wolverhampton Wanderers as well, wants to play golf and he collects model cars. Gwen likes reading, Mahjong and gardening when they have a garden, and she tells me she also wants to take up golf.

Tom Sorensen



Tom

With previous postings in Jakarta, Nairobi and Copenhagen, this is Tom's second time around in Bangkok where he's a Director with Jumbo Shipping. No spouse, yet, but he's still looking - with 10 more years here, hopefully Thailand will turn up trumps for him! He quotes his nationality, wrongly I hope, as "a Woman from Venus" (what do the BC Rules say about the admission of Aliens?-S), although I suspect this is the criteria for his future 'intended'. A keen Hasher, Tom says he is too busy for hobbies but hopes to get back on the squash court soon.

Neville and Ann Melliush



Neville

Neville, who is Managing Director of Nevann (Thai) Co., Nevann International Co. and McNally Impex Trading Co., says that after 27 years in Thailand he has no intention of leaving. With that much business to attend to, I doubt he'll get the chance! Neither British-born Neville, nor his wife Amaraluksana (Ann), have listed any sporting interests but as this is Neville's third time of joining the BC, obviously the Club holds some fascination for him! In fact, he says joining the BC could be described as a hobby!

Nigel and Joy Robinson



Nigel and Joy

KPMG Chief Executive Nigel and wife Joy are British and fairly new to Bangkok. This is their first overseas posting and they expect to be here for 3 years. Nigel enjoys wines, reading and keep-fit and Joy likes cooking and art. Children Clare (12) and William (7) are Patana students and both play piano and violin.

James and Susan McClain



Susan and James

Americans James and Susan have been in Thailand for a year and are expecting to stay until 2002. James has recently retired as Chief Enforcement Officer with the US Immigration Service and Susan is still at the American Embassy as an Immigration Officer. They have one adult son and in addition to a host of temporary postings and official trips to such places as Cuba, Brazil

and Hungary, they list previous postings as Hong Kong and Mexico. James likes TV, movies, jazz and pop music, travelling and treadmill walking. Susan enjoys taking a dip. They both enjoy a good book!

Seda Ertuna



Seda

Sociable Seda, a student at Mahidol University International College, has been here for over 13 years and expects to stay at least another two. Of Turkish nationality, Seda has previously lived in Kenya, Ethiopia, Iraq and Turkey. To keep trim, Seda swims and enjoys Thai Martial Arts. She also likes watching movies, reading, stitching and playing on the computer. She especially

enjoys taking sightseeing trips to the beach, festivities and social gatherings.

Graham Taylor



Graham

Long-time Bangkok dweller Graham is with the New International School of Thailand. He admits to no sporting interests but more than makes up for this in musical talent. Previously he was Head of Music at The British School in Muscat and in his free time here he is organist at Christ Church Bangkok, Musical Director of the Bangkok Music Society Choir and a Bangkok Community Theatre member.

Becky Baynam



Becky

A Form 1 teacher at Harrow International School, Brit Becky enjoys tennis, squash, ten pin bowling, roller blading, aerobics and cycling. Pas-

times are jigsaw puzzles, theatre-going, film-watching, reading science fantasy books, ballet, other forms of dancing and choral singing. An 'All Singing Dancing' type of gal! Single Becky - although I think she's looking to change this - has lived previously in Korea, Greece and Israel, and has been in Thailand for 18 months with several years to go.

Roland and Elena Hoehn



Roland and Elena

Filipino Member, Elena, is MD with EFG International Co. Ltd. and husband Roland is a Director with Asia/Stiebel Eltron. They've clocked up 10 years in Thailand already and are planning to stay! Their 2 children, aged 9 and 10, are studying at St. John's International School. Elena enjoys dancing and organising parties and is planning to learn Tennis and Golf. She is also Hospitality Chairman and youngest member of the Soroptimist International Club of BKK, a charity organization focusing on women's welfare worldwide. Roland, pictured here with his eyes open (he'll get the joke-S), is a great soccer player despite his penchant for beer and wine!

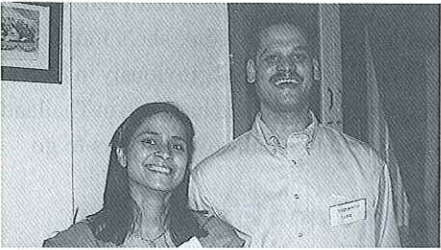
Patrick and Anne Burrows



Patrick and Anne

Brits Patrick and Anne are relative newcomers to Bangkok and expect to be here for 3-5 years in their first overseas posting. Patrick is Finance Director with Lotus Supercentre (Tesco) and to counteract the effects of socialising and drinking which he says he enjoys, he plays golf and tries to keep himself fit. He's also a Playstation fan. Anne enjoys aerobics, yoga and gardening, and is keen to take up golf again if she can fit this around looking after their 2 year old son, Thomas.

Sudhansu and Suman Soni



Suman and Sudhansu

Member Suman and husband, Sudhansu, have been in Bangkok for 4 years and are both with Rainbow Gems Trading, Suman as Export Manager and Sudhansu as Director. They have a baby daughter, Sanidhya. Suman enjoys painting and Sudhansu likes swimming and tennis and is a connoisseur of good food and drink!

Ross and Susan Lang



Susan and Ross

Aussies Ross and Susan are well established in Bangkok having been here five years already (what took you so long to join?-S). Ross is Project Control Manager with Bilfinger & Berger, and Susan keeps busy as membership liaison for the very active Australian-New Zealand Women's Group. They have 5 children, 3 grown-ups in Australia and two boys, 11 and 9, who are studying in Bangkok. Susan has started golf lessons, so hopefully will soon be challenging Ross on the golf course. Ross lists his pastimes as spending time with his family and internet/computer stuff! Susan enjoys Mahjong, films, reading, socialising and is hoping to learn Bridge.

Michael and Masa Unsworth



Michael

Brit Michael is Co-CEO with Merrill Lynch Phatra Securities and his wife, Masa, is a teacher. They have two grown-up children, Tania (20) a university student, and Tessa (17) at boarding school in Hong Kong where Michael and Masa were previously posted for 3 years. They enjoy travelling and playing tennis and both have an interest in art, antiques and music. Michael adds sailing to his list of sporting pursuits.

Pol. Col. Yanaphon and Sukunya Youngyuen



Yanaphon

Yanaphon from Thailand and wife Sukunya have 2 children, Monique aged 6 and Mark aged 2. Yanaphon admits to liking a game of snooker and tennis and swimming are sporting favourites for both of them. Nice to meet you at New Members Night and welcome to the Club!

Tim Brown and Ying Kantasa



Tim and Ying

British Tim is with Thai Shell and has been here for 18 months. Girlfriend Ying is a nature-loving student who helps out in the family business and enjoys cooking and dancing. Adventurer Tim has worked previously in Holland and Oman, and says he likes travelling, trekking, climbing, mountain biking, rafting, diving - in fact anything in the great outdoors. Those are just additions to his main sporting interests of tennis, squash and golf. He also swims, runs, plays volleyball, badminton, table tennis and the piano! Is this man real?!



BC Cricket is Back

The pads were brushed, the bats dusted, the whites were washed, the boxes disinfected, and the BC lads were ready for the season. The season however was not ready for them, and unseasonal precipitation kept them out of the nets until last month.

Every Wednesday night a strange group are to be seen at the opposite side of the back lawn hurling an opaque round object out of the inky gloom at a few thin sticks of wood. A sweaty and oddly attired gentleman stands in front of the thin sticks waving a larger stick at the opaque object. If he hits it, he grunts with satisfaction in a strange tongue. If he misses, the hurlers all shout abuse at him. If they hit the thin sticks (which they do very rarely) they howl with delight, while the oddly attired gentleman says something which isn't in the dictionary. It is indeed a peculiar spectacle for the girls at night school who watch with fascination from the classroom above - instead of turning in, or whatever it is they turn there.

But this nocturnal ritual soon proved worthwhile as you will see.

On December 20 1998, 11 good men and true... well 11 blokes anyway, assembled at the Polo Club to do battle over 50 overs with the Thai Sikh team. With one nervous eye on the sky, and the other on the rippling sinews of his super-fit selection, our Dutch Captain of the day, Michael Dukker, tossed the euro, called Brussels, and

elected to bat. Farndon sprinted a few extra 500 metre laps of the ground to loosen up and White finished his breakfast. They strode out and soon had the crowd entertained with some exhilarating shots (none of which made contact with the ball). Despite this over 50 had been accumulated before White lunged after a wide and was caught up to no good in the gully. Farndon, mourning the loss of his partner, departed soon after with a damaged fetlock. This brought together our captain, and the shy, retiring, antipodean - the very reverend David Grabau. Both proceeded, in business-like fashion, to set about the bowling, and put on a potentially match-winning stand of several hundred (Grabau 63, Dukker 45). As the final overs approached there was a flourish in middle with cameos, as ever, from John (I think I'll have a go) Williams, Lou (I'll have a go at this one) Coulthard, Steve (Forward defensi... No, I'll have a go) Duckworth, and Steve (I'll have a beer) Canham, and a total of 230 for the opposition to ponder. After brief and inspirational words of encouragement from our captain (in Dutch), BC took the field. Their openers

started well and were well up with the run rate as the sky began to darken and warn of unseasonal rain. Then with quiet words of gentle encouragement behind from the Reverend, who had taken the gloves of office, Williams found inspiration with the ball, and the BC forgot how to field badly. A brilliant Dukker run-out started it. Catches stuck in an unprecedented way, and wickets began to fall. Good seam bowling from Williams (5 for 45) and Duckworth (3 for 3 Aaargh!) on a placid wicket proved irresistible, and the BC eventually cruised to a comfortable 100 run victory (and all this in the absence of the Galaxy's finest batsman Android Tissera, or the world's slowest ever bowler Sir Jackson Dunford). The post-match in-depth analysis, lubricated by cans of Australian herbal brew, concluded that it had been a good day, that 50 overs would have been a lot to bowl, even for men at the peak of their athletic prowess, and that, if we could get a full strength team out for the 10 January Marshall Trophy encounter with the RBSC, then we had a pretty good chance of getting gold or silver.

Nick White



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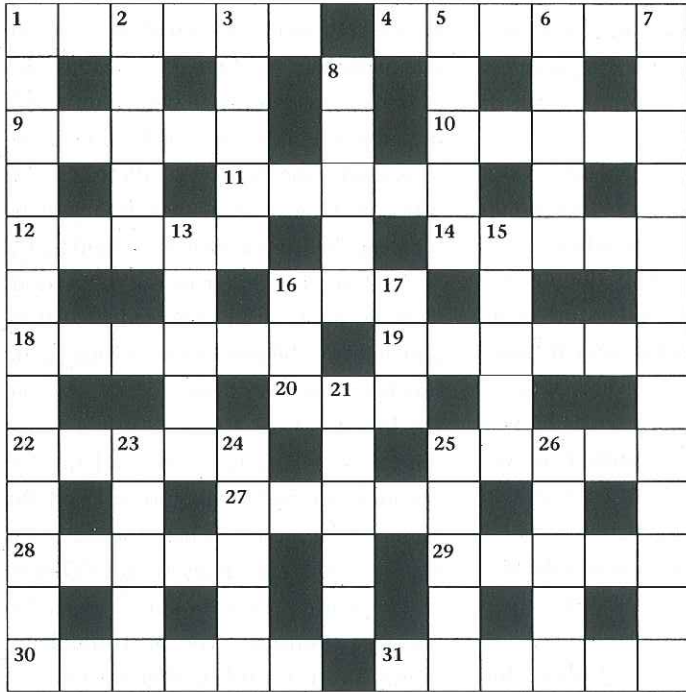
Trip to Fatima Self Help Center

Tuesday, 16th February 1999, 09.00-11.30

The Fatima Self Help Center is an initiative started by the Good Shepherd Sisters who were concerned about the hopeless lifestyle of young girls and women struggling to break out of a downward spiral of poverty, debt and exploitation. For the past seven years, the ladies at the Center have been producing embroidered cushion covers, table cloths, placemats, napkins, children's dresses and a variety of other handicrafts, becoming as self-sufficient as possible. This visit will give you the chance to see the ladies at work, have coffee and buy the handicrafts.

Contact: Alex Constantine
tel: 258 4998/5652 or fax 260 3563

Have fun with February's clues



Don't be foxed by February's crossword contribution from Margaret Miller. With pencil and rubber to hand, don your thinking caps and fathom out this general knowledge teaser with its couple of Royal mentions. The solution will appear in the March issue of *Outpost*.

Clues

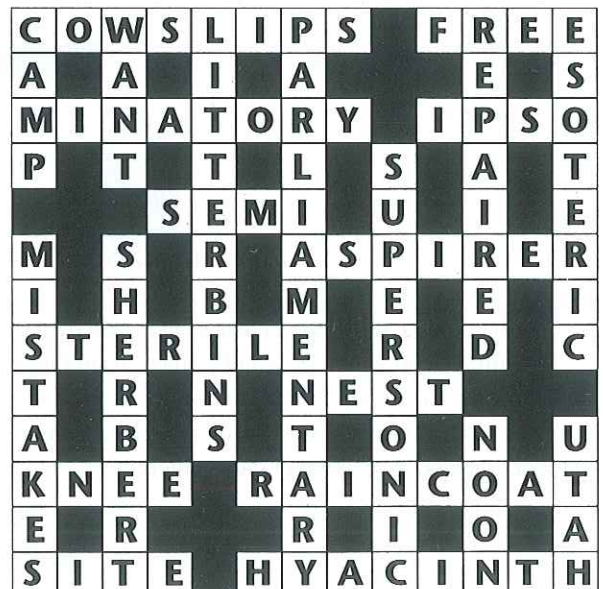
Across

- 1 One of a Society of Friends
- 4 What Guy Fawkes tried to do to the Houses of Parliament (4,2)
- 9 What a bird on the golf course!
- 10 Fountain in which to put three coins
- 11 The beef with Yorkshire Pud!
- 12 "Lifteth the ____ out of the dunghill! (Book of Psalms)
- 14 Topic going around is of sight
- 16 Back of the boat
- 18 Homes in the frozen north
- 19 Truly rural
- 20 Essential opener
- 22 Complicated rites - but one attempts
- 25 The mass of TV, radio and the press
- 27 The way to get spliced!
- 28 "Chicken and curses always come home to ____" (Southey)
- 29 There was a long, long one in the old song
- 30 Unidentified person
- 31 You'll see lots of them in the kilt!

Down

- 1 The monarch who was not amused (5,8)
- 2 Angel wandering around - the corner
- 3 "What ____ woman knows" (Barrie)
- 5 Bingo!
- 6 Strew around to grip
- 7 Great-great-great grandchild of 1 Down (6,7)
- 8 Employees to lean on
- 13 Does this idle insect hum?
- 15 The mucilage for fake gems
- 16 "____ me no more - thy fate and mine are sealed." (Tennyson)
- 17 1st person singular of 22 across
- 21 Follow on
- 23 It was in the cargo with the apes and peacocks in Masefield's Quinquireme
- 24 The old devil!
- 25 Some heavy music
- 26 The Spanish fleet lost an article - what a performance!

January's Solution



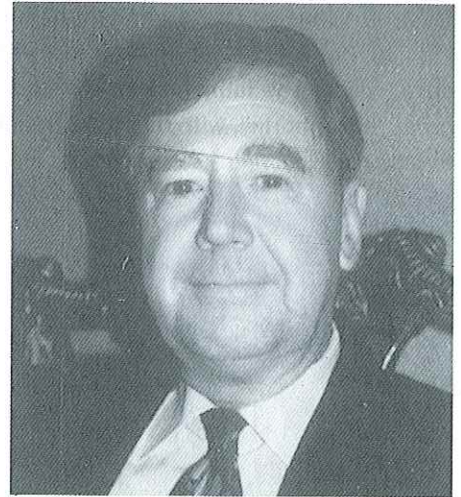
The Club's Centenary

The Club is due to celebrate its Centenary in early 2003 and whilst this may seem a long way off at the moment, there is much to do and arrange if we are to celebrate the occasion in the manner in which it should be celebrated.

Of particular relevance now is the collection of material for inclusion in the publication we are planning to produce and the memento museum we would like to inaugurate. I should like to ask each and every one of you to contact the Club if you believe you may have something suitable for inclusion in either of these projects or, indeed, know where suitable material may be found. What we are looking for is any historical or anecdotal contribution which may be appropriate for inclusion in the publication and any item associated with

the Club or its history which may be suitable as a museum exhibit.

For our part, we are in the throes of trying to contact long-standing members and ex-members for such materials and should any member have information which could help us in this respect, I should be grateful if you could pass it on to Tom Bain.



Dugal Forrest

Dugal T.M. Forrest
Vice-Chairman

Euro Feature - continued from page 26

Some Frequently Used Abbreviations

EU - European Union

This name for the member states comes from the Maastricht Treaty in 1992. The name for the original group of six was the European Coal and Steel Community, which then became the European Economic Community (EEC) after the signing of the Treaty of Rome in 1957, a name you still heard in the '70s and '80s, despite the 'Merger Treaty' of 1967 establishing the name 'European Community.' The 15 EU member states currently comprise: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the UK. Negotiations are under way with Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia.

EC - European Commission

This is the huge bureaucratic organisation based in Brussels from which all daft ideas emerge... as well as many good ones, of course. The EC does things on behalf of the EU. The two terms are often (incorrectly) used interchangeably. It doesn't help that the EU's previous incarnation, the European Community, had the same initials as the Commission.

ECU - European Currency Unit

A weighted basket of currencies used as a financial system for trading and contracts for nearly twenty years. The ecu is not, however, a full currency in the legal tender of the word... which is where the euro comes in. The euro has replaced the ecu as a unit of currency in trade.

EMS - Economic and Monetary System

Launched in 1979 and comprising three key elements: the ecu, the ERM and short-term credit facilities for central banks to fund currency purchase in order to maintain exchange rates. The EMS was the 'logical' forerunner to EMU.

EMU - Economic and Monetary Union

The establishment of the 'Single Market' five years ago always aimed to introduce a single currency via converging the monetary policies of those countries involved and at the same time further removing barriers to trade between European countries.

ERM - Exchange Rate Mechanism

The successor of the 'Currency Snake', the ERM was another mechanism to limit exchange rate fluctuations of EU

currencies, by insisting that the individual member nation's Central Bank intervene on the currency markets to buy/sell their currency in order to maintain the exchange rate differentials to within a set range in relation to the other EU currencies.

ECB - European Central Bank

Based in Frankfurt, the ECB became fully operational on the 1st of January this year and will preside over monetary policy in Euroland, with the main objective being price stability. The ECB replaced the European Monetary Institute, established in 1994 to lay the groundwork for the single currency.

ESCB - European System of Central Banks

Far from becoming redundant, Euroland's Central Banks will be there to implement the ECB's monetary policy and manage the euro zone countries' official foreign reserves. The Central Banks along with the ECB will form the ESCB.

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The economic and finance ministers of the 11 participating countries in Euroland who, as a Council of Ministers, will decide on the exchange rate policy for the euro.

Heightened Europhoria

In case you were wondering, Euroland has nothing to do with EuroDisney. But it has everything to do with the new European single currency, the euro, which was launched on the currency markets on 4th January 1999 amid great "europhoria", with over US\$ 3 trillion of transactions in the euro in the first two days alone.



By the end of week one, the euro was trading at 1.157 US dollars. But what impact if any will all this song and dance coming out of Europe have on your life? How does one separate the europhoria from the eurobore-ia? Read on.

The Euro - What is it?

Put quite simply, by mid-2002 the euro will be the European equivalent of the dollar in the US, a single currency to eliminate currency exchange losses and ease both intra- and inter-regional trade, thus bringing the EU countries nearer to the fabled Single Market. Better economic integration, in terms of free trade across internal borders and greater ease of trade with outside countries, who will deal with just one currency instead of 15, should boost the GNP of all participating countries.

For the moment, however, it is simply a wholesale currency traded on currency markets and used in the trade of goods and services and in the field of accounting and finance.

The key word to learn is Euroland = euro zone = the 11 countries participating in stage 1 of EMU, who on 1st January 1999 had the rate of their national currencies irrevocably fixed to the euro. All the TLAs you need to know (Two/Three-Letter Abbreviations) and any other essential

jargon are explained on the previous page, under Dugal's message.

What Does It All Mean for Me?

If you work for a European company or one that does business with any country in Euroland, it means a lot: several aspects of your business—accounting and finance, contracts and sales and marketing—may be affected if not revolutionised. Think of preparing accounts in two currencies, think of trading in a new major world currency, think of quoting your product in euros, think of the elimination of much European currency exchange transaction and thus exchange losses.

As an ordinary member of the public, however, it means very little at the moment, because the euro doesn't become legal tender as a retail currency, i.e. notes and coins, until 1st January 2002. However, once it does hit the streets, it has just six months to take over... by 1st July 2002, it's bye-bye forever to the Deutschmark, French franc, Spanish peseta, Dutch guilder, Italian lira, Irish punt, etc. Those of you wishing to show your grandchildren what your currency looks like had better put some examples away over the next couple of years before it becomes museum fodder.

Why Isn't Britain In On It?

The decision of successive UK governments to "opt out," first from the ERM and then stage 1 of EMU, has less to do with the infamous "Black Monday" run on the pound a few years ago and much more to do with maintaining sovereignty over monetary policy, i.e. the right of the British Government to decide national economic policy as it sees fit, and not to be dictated to by the ECB.

Put simply, EMU imposes a unified monetary policy (control of inflation, fiscal deficit, money supply, etc) on all participating nation's economies in order to maintain your currency's exchange rate in relation to the euro. The British government, like that of Denmark, Norway and Greece, has decided at this stage not to give up its sovereignty over economic policy.

In being forced to gear national monetary policy primarily towards maintaining exchange rates, difficulties may well emerge in the next year or so in certain Euroland nations—like Germany, trying to combat rising unemployment and a sluggish economy, and conversely like Ireland, a dynamic economy trying to avoid overheating and thus pressure on prices (inflation).

Haven't You Heard?

If you'd never heard of the euro before the 4th January, then join the millions of Europeans also in the dark. A survey in France estimated that most respondents didn't know the name of their upcoming new currency, and another in Italy in '98 reckoned that just 13% knew that the euro would be replacing the national currency. And this despite some ECU 25 million (US\$ 28.6 million) of European taxpayer's money spent by the EC in 1998 alone trying to 'sell' the euro to the people, not to mention what individual member governments coughed up on their own marketing ideas. There's a long way to go. For while the launch of the euro doesn't appear to mean that much to Mr and Ms J. Public right now, wait until the year 2002, when the euro starts circulating, when you will hear wails of indignance as the beloved Euroland currencies, to which we have all grown so accustomed, face extinction... then the *real* fun will start!

Gaynor de Wit

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Angkor Wat Revisited

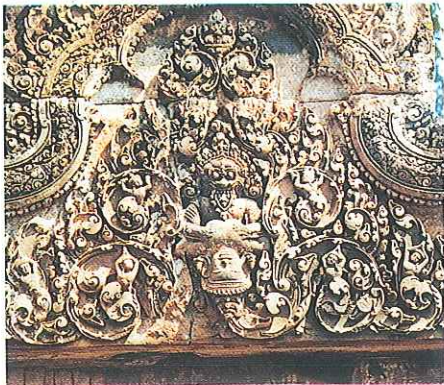
The BC organised a second visit to Angkor Wat, following the very successful initial visit, with Bangkok Air Tours and their subsidiary, Pink Rose Holidays in Siem Reap.



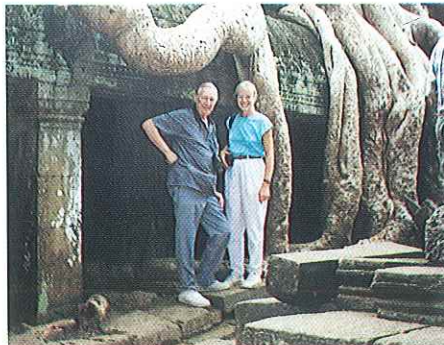
The sun rising over Angkor Wat

Although there were only seven takers, this proved to be a blessing in disguise, because we very quickly got to know each other and found we were a compatible group. In Siem Reap we found that we had our own guide and a mini-bus to ourselves so we could make our own pace. We were to go to Don Muang to catch our Bangkok Airways flight at 8 am on Friday, 23rd October. After proceeding to the departure lounge we quickly sized each other up - none of us had met before - and introduced ourselves. In fact this wasn't very difficult because most of the other passengers were a group of Japanese, also with the same company! The members of our group were Hessel Frausen, Peter McNeilly, Gary Woollacott,

Ian Morrison and Rosemary Fitzgerald, yours truly and my younger brother's wife Carol, who had especially flown out from London for the trip. My brother Richard and Carol have visited us many times, last year bringing their 3 children when we did the slow train Bangkok to Singapore with several stop-overs. Carol has been telling me for years that it was one of her dreams to visit Angkor Wat, but I was not willing to arrange a trip whilst the Khmer Rouge were still active in the area. However this year the BC, the Siam Society and the FCCT all arranged group tours. I sent the dates of them all to Carol to see if any would fit in with her busy singing engagements, and the BC came up trumps!



The intricacy of some of the carvings

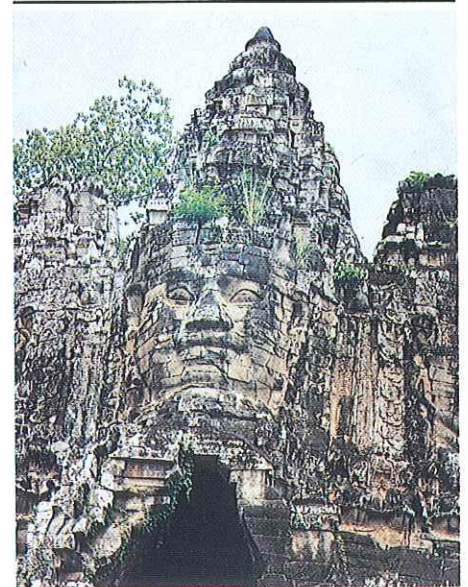


Incredible root structure and a reminder of how old Angkor is, and that it was lost to the jungle for hundreds of years

On arrival at Siem Reap we were met by our very efficient guide Anon Yin and our mini-bus, and taken to our Hotel to check in before the first of our visits. She spoke



Apsara or celestial nymph. Notice the two lovely ... earrings!!



The South Gate entrance to Angkor Thom



Ta Keo temple mountain



The seven of us with our guide and our transport behind us. The Hotel Nokor Kokthlok was a good 3-star.

perfect English and was incredibly knowledgeable about the architecture and stories depicted in the carvings. She was also very patient with all of us as well as efficient. She works as a freelance guide as the company she previously worked for had folded, presumably due to the recent problems in Cambodia combined with the region's economic problems, and was on the books of the Rose Company. We all agreed we could thoroughly recommend her to anyone wanting a guide to the ruins. During conversation she casually told us that she had lost her father and 5 brothers in the killing fields.

Our first site visit was to Angkor Thom, or great city, built as the Royal capital in 1200. Our approach was via the South Gate, which is quite spectacular. Angkor

Thom is surrounded by a 100 metre wide moat with 4 entrances. The causeway had 54 giants on either side; on one side are the "goodies" and on the other the "baddies", although inevitably given their recent history, several had lost their heads. The entrance gate itself, with its 4 heads facing different directions and some magnificent carvings, left us all a bit awestruck, and made us drool at what was to come.

It is not possible or interesting to try and describe all of the wonders that we visited, but perhaps our photographs courtesy of Carol, Gary Woollacott and yours truly, will give some idea of what you can see. One misconception, or perhaps inaccurate statement, is that this was a trip to Angkor Wat. It was in fact a trip to see the monuments and temples of Angkor, of which the monument of Angkor Wat is the most spectacular if only because of its sheer size and the incredible square gallery of bas-relief carvings. Angkor Thom, as mentioned earlier, was the Royal capital city with its own magnificent monument, the Bayon, as its centre. There were the Preah Khan monastery and lovely temple of Neak Pean. All these are part of Angkor. Close by is the temple of Phnom Bakheng

built on a hill where we were taken to see the sunset and which provided a magnificent view of Angkor Wat.

On our second morning we went to the beautiful temple of Banteay Srei, some 25 km from the town. It is known as the jewel in Khmer art and which was, I think, everyone's favourite with its lovely pinkish sandstone and intricate carvings.

There was the lovely temple of East Mebon and Ta Prohm and..... One can go on and on about the splendour of this remarkable place, but you have to visit it yourselves to really appreciate how awe-inspiring it is. None of us who were lucky enough to make this trip will forget it, and I think all of us would like to go back with more leisure to re-examine the marvels we saw. On our last morning a few of our intrepid spirits got up early after convincing our driver to take them to see the sunrise over Angkor Wat, and then it was off to the airport for our return trip.

I hope that if our General Manager arranges another trip, those interested in one of the wonders of the world will go along.

David Turner

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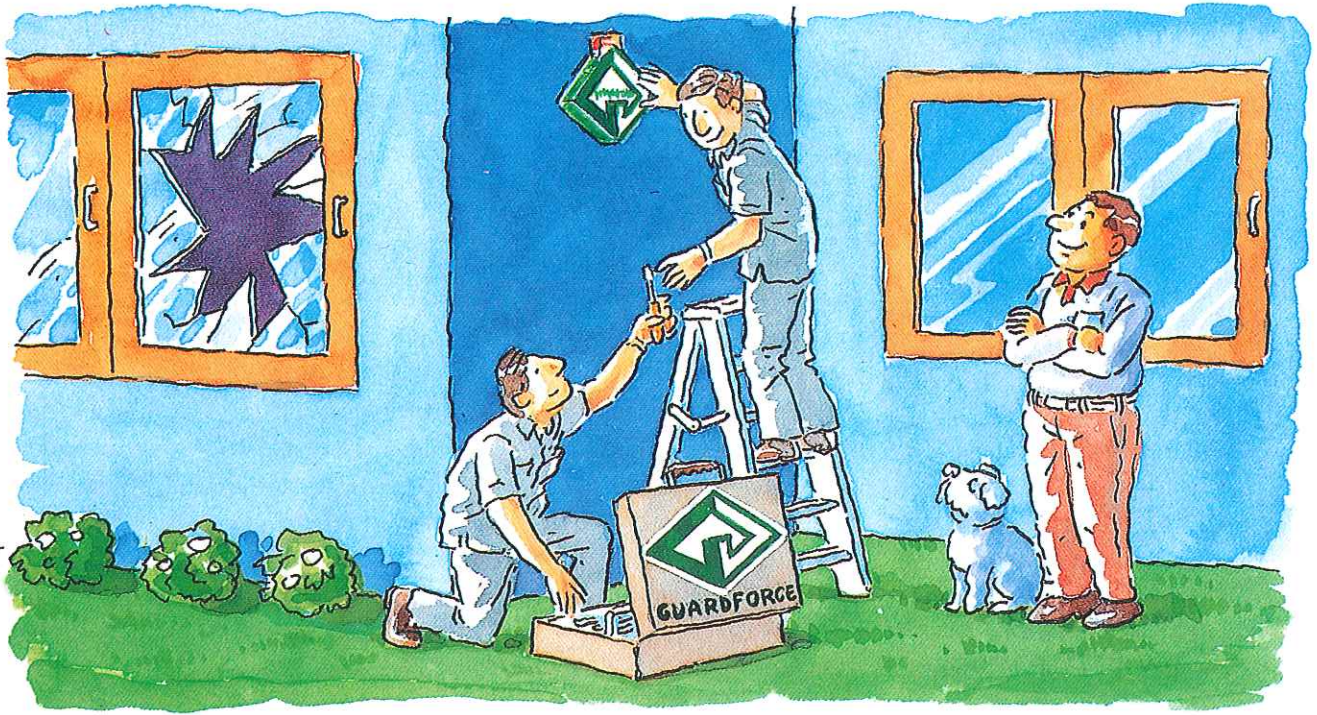
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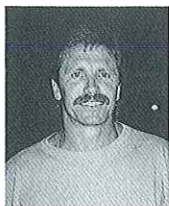
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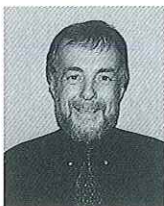
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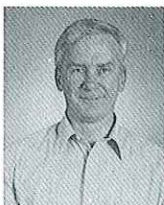
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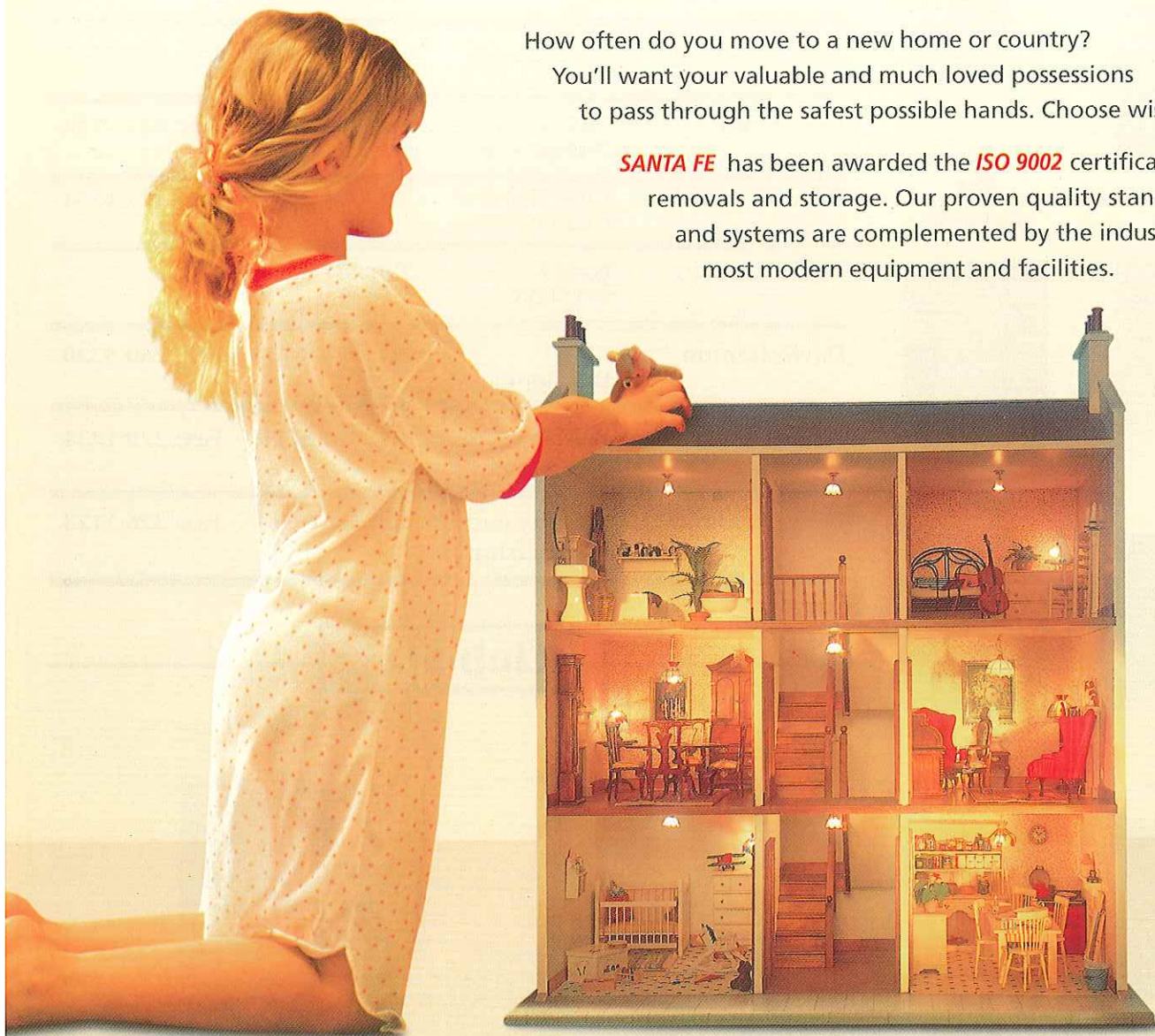
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