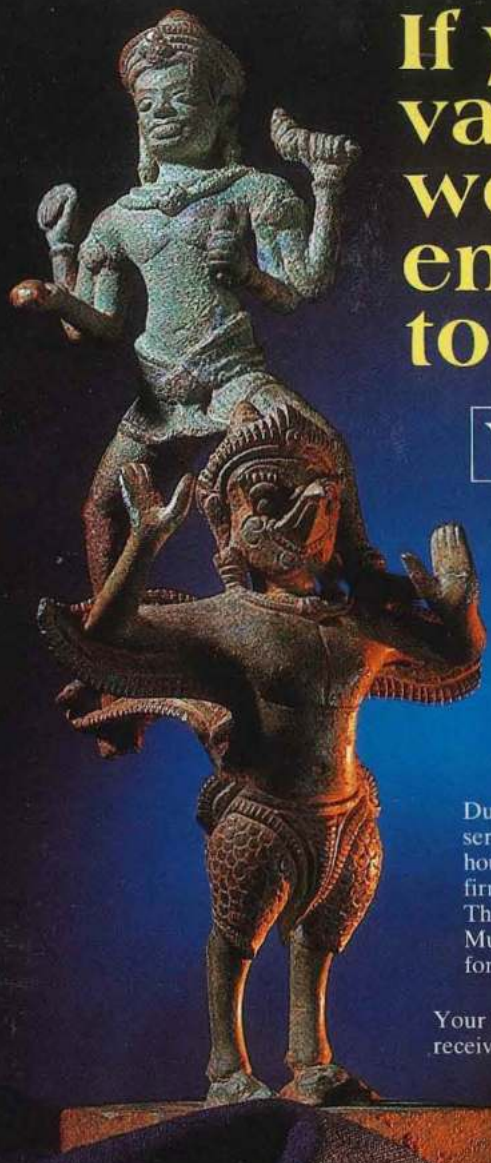


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# DIARY

## MARCH

Wed 1	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 2	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BCT Club Night : Community Services, Soi 33</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 7.30 p.m.
Fri 3	St. David's Ball – Siam International Harry's Piano Night – Churchill Bar	7.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m.
Sat 4	Cricket – 35oves v. Wanderers Polo Ground Family Video	12 noon 6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 5	Cricket ICC 45overs RBSC Swimming Gala Buffet Supper	10.30 a.m. From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 6	Beginner's Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis New Members' Night/Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room Squash AGM	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 7	Ladies' Golf	7.00 a.m.
Wed 8	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 9	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BAMBI Meeting at the BC</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 9.00 a.m.
Fri 10	Harry's Piano Night	8.00 p.m.
Sat 11	Cricket v. SCB 35overs RBSC Family Video	12 noon 6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 12	Colts Practice RBSC Buffet Supper	12 noon From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 13	Beginner's Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 14	Ladies' Golf Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 15	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 16	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BWG Lunch</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday 11.30 a.m.

Fri 17	St. Patrick's Ball – Oriental Hotel Harry's Piano Night	8.00 p.m.
Sat 18	Cricket 35 Chiang Mai Family Video	6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 19	Cricket 45 Chiang Mai Buffet Supper	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 20	Beginner's Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 21	Ladies' Golf Bridge <i>A.G.M. British Club</i>	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Wed 22	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 23	International 6-a-side Cricket RBSC, Polo, AIT Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	9.00 a.m. 8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday
Fri 24	International 6-a-side Cricket RBSC, Polo, AIT Harry's Piano Night	9.00 a.m. 8.00 p.m.
Sat 25	International Cricket 6-a-side RBSC Polo Family Video International Soccer, National Stadium	9.00 a.m. 6.00-8.00 p.m.
Sun 26	International 6-a-side Cricket, Polo Buffet Supper International Soccer, National Stadium	9.00 a.m. From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 27	Beginner's Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour Chess Club : Wordsworth Room	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.
Tue 28	Ladies' Golf Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 29	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 30	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 midday
Fri 31	Harry's Piano Night	8.00 p.m.

Note: Non club events in italics

For further information, see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers.

## FROM THE EDITOR

HERE are times when being an editor has distinct disadvantages. The minus indicators include such occasions as ringing up an old friend and potential author Fred Bloggs and giving a fictitious name; otherwise he mysteriously has meetings all day for a week or hasn't come to work by 3.30 p.m. for two days in a row. There are those tell-tale signs that pencil has not been applied to paper, when Flo wanders into the bar, realises that you're there and too late for retreat immediately becomes engrossed in a serious and lengthy conversation with an immediate neighbour. Then there are the cocktail parties that turn into human dodgem circuits.....

But at the end of the day when the finished article is finally put into my ever held out mit, it's worth the hassle. I hope that you all enjoy this month's bits of brilliance.

P.S. The names on this page are fictitious and bear no resemblance to any living creature.

## Annual General Meeting

MEMBERS are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday 21st March 1989 at 7.00 p.m. in the Suriwongse Room. All Ordinary and Country Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the meeting. The Constitution of the Club does not require any pre-registration of candidates for election to the General Committee or for any biographical information to be given by candidates. However at last year's AGM a suggestion was made from the floor that it would be helpful to the Members if information about the candidates was made available before voting. This was greeted with murmured approval. As an experiment therefore the General Committee has decided to do this for the AGM this year. Any candidate for the General Committee from the Membership is therefore encouraged to obtain a nomination form from the office and submit the brief details requested together with the names of the proposer and seconder. These forms will then be distributed at the meeting.

This will not affect the normal election procedures and as usual nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting before the election is held.

## From the Club Manager

May I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their warm welcome and those members whom I've met since I took up the appointment last month.

My career to date spans 28 years in the hotel and catering industry, initially starting at the bottom washing dishes until I was accepted as an apprentice chef tournant and continued in the kitchens for 12 enjoyable years. Some of my experiences could have been written for "Upstairs Downstairs" or "Fawlty Towers" I recall my first days work commencing on Christmas day 1961; my enthusiasm was soon knocked out of me by my mentor who proceeded to show how a budding chef cleans turkeys and frost-bitten brussels sprouts. There I was sitting in the back kitchen freezing my you know what's off up to my neck in muck and .... thinking that Christmas was never to be the same again.

Following my kitchen experience I advanced into restaurant management, industrial catering, then into Senior Hotel management with Grandmet and finally into Club Management. During my years with Grandmet my responsibilities included housekeeping, front office, maintenance, recreational facilities and in-house security.

As part of my ongoing contact with the membership I will be informing you through OUTPOST of what's happening, all the goings-on around and about the Club.

Commencing Friday evening March 3rd and subsequent Fridays will be Harry's Piano night and an accumulator draw. To explain, we start with a fixed amount of money (to be decided) in the form of a credit to your F&B account. All active members' account numbers will be placed in the hat; at anytime during the evening a number will be drawn - providing the member is present on the club premises he/she collects the credit. If the member is not present the number returns to the hat and the money accumulates each week until a member is found to be present.

P.S. Tables and chairs have been put out on the Churchill Bar verandah for Mums and Dads to enjoy beer with the kids!

## From the General Committee

It is British Club policy not to allow outside commercial companies access to the directory of Club members for the purpose of soliciting (junk mail).

However it is outside the Club's control to stop members doing so. We urge the members to keep the directory confidential to avoid this so called junk mail.

# Meet the New Members



Debbie and Harry Debeer: from Winnipeg, here with Kaitlyn, the youngest new member yet. Harry is with Cargill and plays golf and ice hockey (maybe he could start a new section).



Jan de Jongh and Brian: Jan and Rinske are from Holland. He is here dredging for the building of Laem Chabang port, with the world's largest dredger, Amazon which has a 13,000 h.p. engine and will shift 12.5 million cubic metres of mud in 14 months! (don't let anyone say this is not an educational publication). The de Jonghs have two children and are both rowing fanatics (the Klong maybe?). Jan also admits to liking tennis and snooker, Rinske sewing and reading.



Louise Huits (left) and Rinske de Jongh two Dutch ladies getting acquainted.



Martin Huits with Huge "Cricketing" Salmon. Louise and Martin Huits arrived last August from Holland and have met so many interesting Brits, they decided to join us! Martin works for Philips, Louise plays tennis and mahjong and works in the slums.



Whose supper is it anyway: new manager Keith with Jacko.



Maureen and Ian Hamilton with Ricci Salmon: I promised that I wouldn't print Maureen's favourite occupation. The Hamiltons have three children and are here from Johannesburg. Ian works for Makro, plays squash and golf, Maureen is a tennis player.



Christine and Keith Wilson: they disappeared early before I had a chance to interrogate them!



Maurice and Arporn Broad with Paul "finance" Myers (left) and Terry 'nice photo for once' Adams. Maurice was originally a quantity surveyor now G.M. for a Project Management Consultancy. They were four years in Iraq prior to Thailand. Son No. 1 is 10 months old and a full-time job. Maurice and Arporn both play bridge and darts.



Jim Gray: nearly got away. He's marketing director for Foremost. The rest of the family, Christine and two children arrive at Easter. Nicola and Alistair like ice skating, tennis and hockey. Jim used to be a keen rugby player, now into squash and Sunday cricket and beer teams (plenty of those around Jim) Christine used to play hockey for Leicestershire.

Daniel Coulon: had to dash off and have dinner with the Belgian Ambassador, but apparently likes rugby, rugby and more rugby.

(sorry no photo)



From the front: Harry Parkins, a visitor; Ivor Davies, member 1965-75; Arthur Hawtin, ex-Committee member 1971-81.



Wilfred and Diane Ring (left) with Tony and Caterine Sullivan: Wilfred is building the 2nd expressway with Tony. The Rings are ex-Hong Kong walkers and hope to get to grips with golf here. Diane taught English in H.K. for 12 years.

Tony is a keen sailor and supporter of the life-boat association! Kathy can be persuaded onto a boat on a nice calm day, occasionally. Otherwise she weaves and spins, has done so commercially and hopes to investigate local industries. Her speciality is 3 dimensional pieces on driftwood.



The motley crew (left to right) Robert Reiner, Damian Mallet, John Garden, Big Jim and Rowan Legg.

Robert is 34, single, a happy-go-lucky, manic-depressive footballer and cricketer. He works for Jardine Schindler, and supports Chelsea (much to F. Hough's disgust).

Damian very single at only 19. He's here for a couple of months looking at precious coloured stones; he works for a jewellery maker in London and says he's in training (what for I ask myself) thinks Bangkok is great, the people friendly and he makes Huge feel old.

John from Edinburgh, working for Ben Line, plays rugby, cricket, squash and tennis and finds Bangkok smelly!

Big Jim, an old member married to Jenny of the beautiful legs (Feb. issue) claimed initially that he couldn't be interrogated because of drunkenness (his) BUT when pressed said that he was by profession a rat catcher, his favourite sport was chatting up married ladies, his favourite outfit designer stubble and when serious was a philatelist and a pneumistatist!

Rowan an urban development man with a mission, a pavement merchant, he's building 2 new towns on the Eastern Seaboard. He likes the same sort of things as Rob, Damian, John and Jim.



John and Adrienne Marten with David Hall and the new slim Liz Bruce. John is M.D. of Upjohn. His interests ... um! Adrienne is a skilled reader, Neilson Hays enthusiast, worked as a proof reader in New Zealand, plays bridge and mahjong. John actually hopes to learn golf, likes sailing; his ambition is not to go anywhere or do anything for just 1 day. (go and see Buster, he'll show you how!)



Bill Bruce with Rinske de Jongh.



Asha and Mohan Wijeyekoon. Asha and Mohan are from Sri Lanka but spent the last 9 years in Singapore. He works for Zuellig on the computer software side, likes brandy and beer, snooker and swimming. She is an aerobics instructor with 6 years experience and would like to start a class here. They have two children.



Ian 'going to be a Dad again' Kane (left), David Stewart of the 6013 Caledonian Club and Maurice Broad.

Trevor and Takkina 'Daeng' Joines hid from the camera, but not from she with the pencil and paper. Trevor is from Ascot, plays tennis, squash, footie and cricket but would reveal nothing else on the grounds that it would incriminate him! Daeng likes going bowling.



*Tim Davis, keep trying.*



*Jean-Frederic Nothomb receiving his trophy.*

Final placings were:-

Inter-Section Sports Shield:

- 1st : Tennis Section
- 2nd : Darts Section
- 3rd : Snooker Section
- 4th : Golf Section
- 5th equal ; Cricket Section
- : Squash Section

Winning team members: Julia Freeman, Jean-Jacques Gramond, Jean Frederic Nothomb, Benjamine Bronee.

Individual Competition:

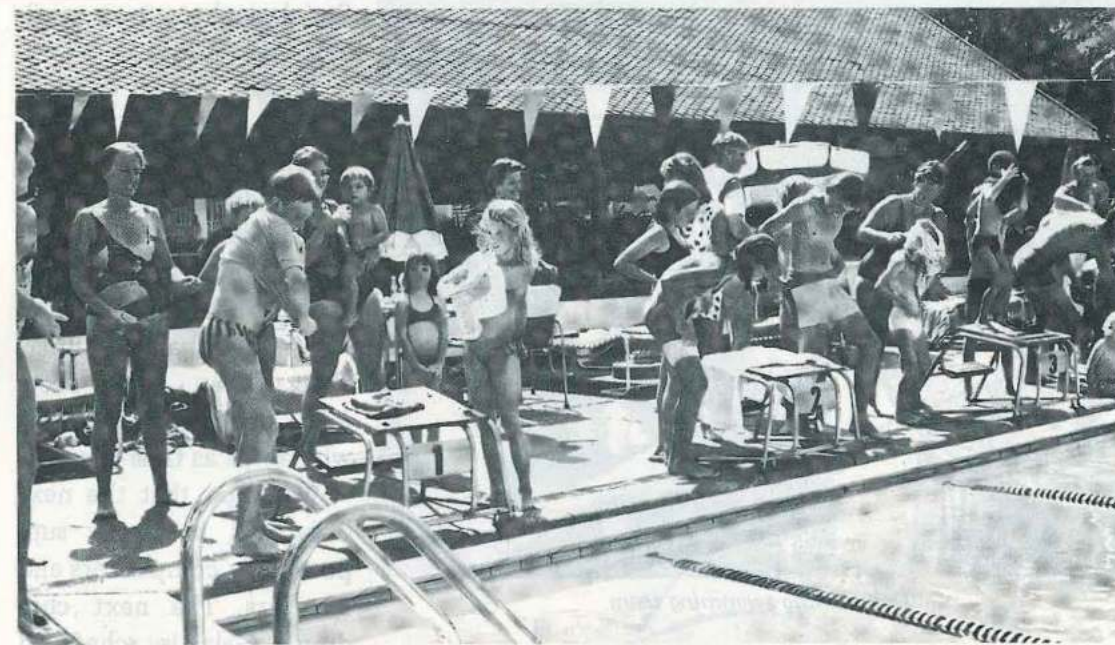
- 1st : Jean-F Nothomb  
(Tennis Section)
- 2nd : Tim Davis  
(Cricket Section)
- 3rd : Frank Hough  
(Cricket Section)
- 4th equal : Goeran Dahl  
(Golf Section)
- : Mike Worrow  
(Darts Section)
- 6th : David Hall  
(Snooker Section)



*Julia Freeman receiving the winners shield for the tennis section.*

An enjoyable and energetic day was had by all and congratulations go to the winners and everyone else for a splendid day's fun. Thanks are due to the members of each section for organising the events and, of course, to the Club's staff for their valuable help and co-operation both before and during the day.

# Family Fun Gala



*The dressing up game.*



*'Where's my supper Mum'.*



*The monster from the deep?*

**A**FTER much cajoling, persuading, and beating, we managed to get five teams together for the Fun Gala held on 15 January. The teams consisted of competitors from Cricket, Squash, Tennis, Swimming and France! Everyone who took part seemed to enjoy themselves and it was great fun watching the dressing-up games and the men being fed baby bottles full of Kloster whilst swimming a length.

The winners were the Swimming Team followed by Tennis, Cricket, French and Golf. Our thanks go to Jim Driver of Citroen and Bob Coombes of



The winning swimming team.

Choice Food for their generous gifts of Citroen products (not a car!) and Steinlager beer (now available at the Club).

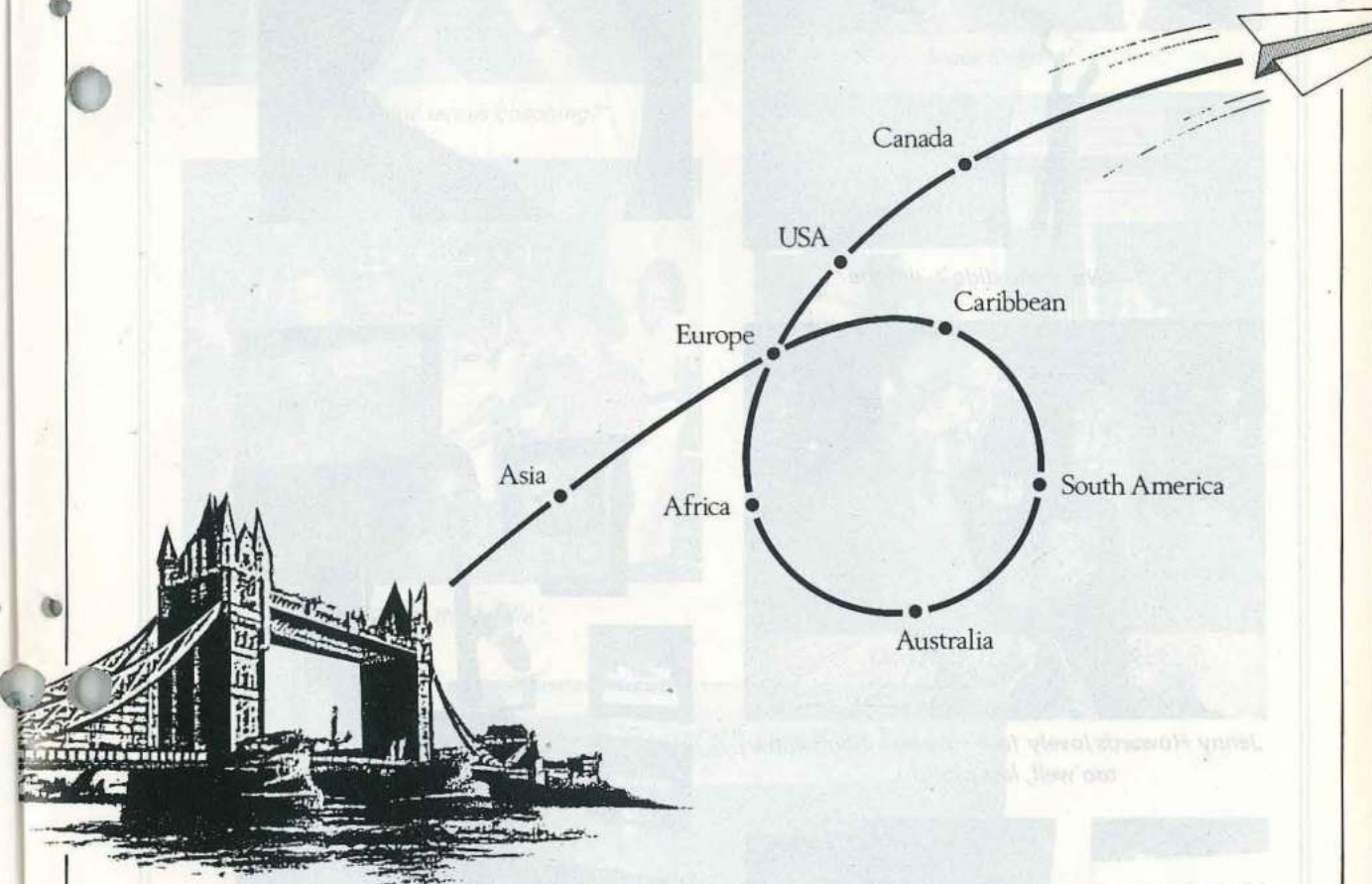
Thanks also go to Mark Reid on the mike, Michele Laven, Gill Hough and all the children that helped us fill the balloons. We could not have managed also without the support of Maren, Hannah de Boer, Tony Laven, Tony Freeman and Rita Dunford who acted as time-keepers.

We hope that the next Gala will be better supported by competitors and sponsors. The next children's Gala is scheduled for 5 March.

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# David's Departure



*'No - she didn't, did she?'*



*'Ya wot?'*



*Jenny Howards lovely face (the legs didn't show too well, last month).*



*'Well ... um ... er yes ... well'*



*'And then he ..... right in the goal!'*



*'Anyone for tennis coaching?'*



*'I use Colgate'*



*'Watch the birdie.'*



*'Don't cry Dave he'll be back.'*



*'Honestly it was that big.'*

# Maori Cultural Group



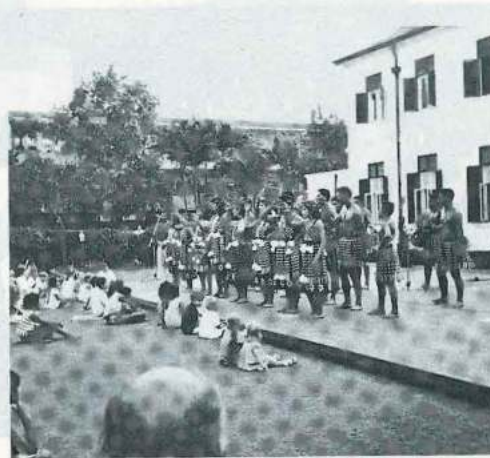
*'Argh!' or who not to bump into on a dark night!*



*'Yummy!'*



*From the balcony.*



*Welcoming song.*



*War dance.*



*The lads having a nosh.*



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# THE BILL DICKEY COLUMN

IT is lovely to be back in Bangkok after an excellent Christmas in the mother country. The British Club looks extremely posh – hardly recognised it but I'm so sad my favourite drinking mate isn't manager anymore, thank goodness he isn't leaving Bangkok. From what I can gather Christmas was pretty good here with plenty of amusement for all. Poor Gill Hough has had her ear bent frequently wishing to know my true identity with all sorts of wild guesses as to who I am. As I have said before I will happily reveal all to the right girl! All the societies are busy organising their annual festivities although how the Irish ever get organised enough to have a ball, I'll never know. The Scots had another bash with lots of entertainment but not from many Scots. Finlay did a fine job on the drums with the American pipers, the Irish singers were very pretty and the Welshman paid tribute to Burns; all a little bizarre. Alex Scoop Forbes gets better every day on the microphone,

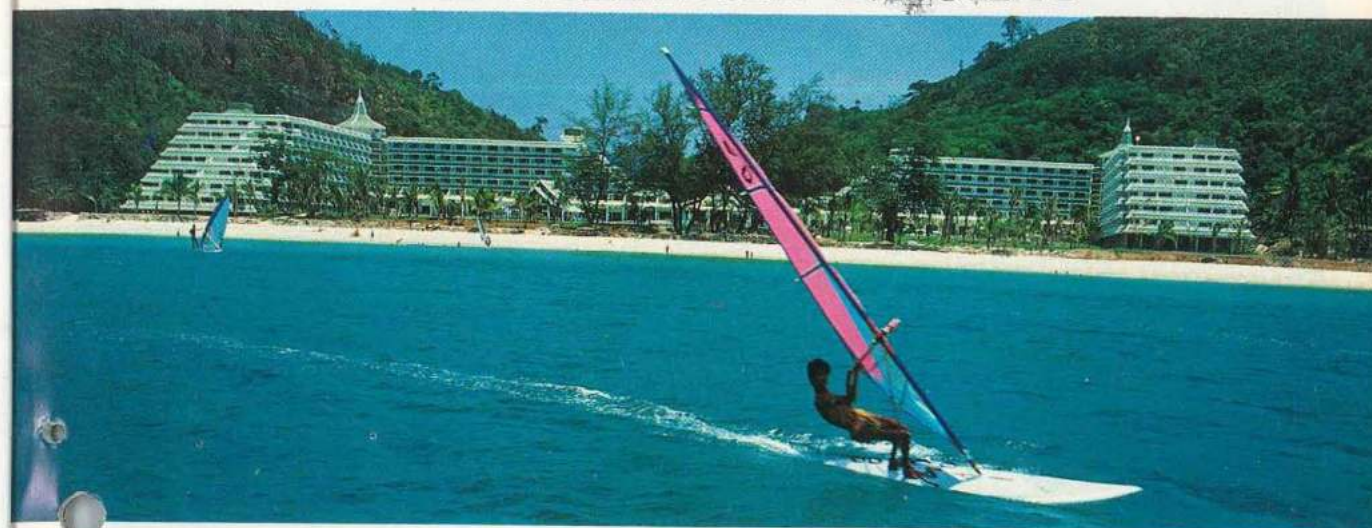
must have got a new joke book while on leave and sold his old one to Bill Bruce. The highlights of the evening included a good rendition of a poem in some obscure language and a pair of knickers found near the chieftain's table. They weren't Alex's. The following week the Australians had their Australian BBQ with the beautiful Jane Verhelst singing. Understood her much better than the m.c. who is actually very funny when you catch on to what he is saying. Someone told me that Mel Leddy & Derek van Bethmann Hollweg were dressed up as punks the other night, obviously born too early. Perhaps we ought to have a punk night at the B.C. The sports teams are not winning every trophy this year but considering their age, drinking habits etc. they do well. The latest sport spoofing which I must try to join one night certainly helps to boost club profits, will there be a team in the international allcomers Spoofing Championships? I always enjoying Pam's gleanings – what a witty little lady!



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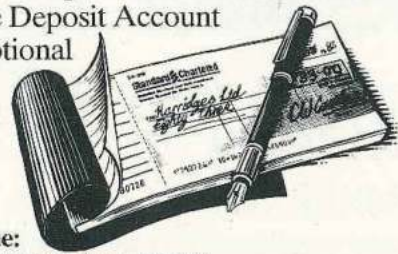


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## GLEANINGS

I was hoping to report and wax lyrical about the Picnic on the Lawn that was scheduled for 27 January. I was most upset when it was cancelled through lack of support. I had assured the powers that be that it would be a huge success because it was something different, not a holiday weekend and a bit of culture and that it couldn't fail. How wrong can you be. The excuses I heard were incredible. "I don't like sitting on the ground"; "I've got a back ache" and "I don't like picnics". Come on you lot - a change is as good as a rest and you would have enjoyed it - guaranteed. It is a shame when the same old people put in a lot of effort only to find that the media are becoming mediocre. The Family Swimming Gala and Sports Day had about the same support - enough said!!

It is sad that our own David Williamson has left us. Shame. He certainly did a lot for the Club over the four years that I have been here. His farewell bash in the Churchill Bar certainly went with a swing, although some of us had a meeting at the Church (I hope you are suitably impressed) and missed most of the excitement. At least we know that his neatly kept hair is not a wig. I have seen him on the beach, after golf, after St Andrew's etc and have never seen a hair out of place. I don't know what happened on that particular night, but his hair was certainly standing on end when I arrived!! I am sure we will still see a lot of 'Mr Juicy' but we will certainly miss his inimitable personality around the club. Good luck to the new Manager. I hope that you are as approachable as David.

I am thrilled that a few people have suggested that I write articles for the local rags. I am sure that I could not do worse than some of them. What about that Miss Manners? They must be short of articles to put that load of old cod's wallop in. Mind you, I have thought of doing a Ms Malmanners out of protest. It can't be a serious article can it? And as for those who write to Anne Landers - euthanasia would be the best advice to give half those people. I have friends that were at University and during the boring lessons they used to write letters to Patience Strong and Virginia Ironside just for a laugh. I hope for the sake of humanity that current letters are from a similar origin.

The New Zealand Night was a big success this year. Could it be the free wine and beer that brings the Bangkok ex-pat community out of mothballs. I loved the Maori dancing and got to thinking that maybe we ought to have an all-male Patpong. Can you imagine what the men would think if we went down there regularly to watch scantily dressed males performing with their numbers pinned on (or tied on!!). After their dancing they could come and sit on our laps, whispering sweet nothings in our ears and all we would have to do is buy them a Coke!! It doesn't have the same appeal somehow, but we could always say that 'We do the best business during an evening in Patpong,' or 'I don't really like it but it has the best bars in Town' or 'I didn't want to go, but the rest of the crowd were going down'. I wonder what Miss Manners would make of that!

Pamela Rennie

## It is easy to get involved in diving adventures

YOU ARE A CERTIFIED DIVER .... NOW WHAT?

YOU probably felt very proud when you received your first diving certificate. You realize however that your initial certification is really only a "license to learn" diving. You are also aware that there are courses available to help you learn much more about underwater activities.

A newly certified diver is considered competent to dive without supervision provided the activities, the diving area and the diving conditions approximate those in which the diver was trained. The stated qualifications limit an entry level diver severely. Openwater I divers are only qualified to do what they did during the training and under similar circumstances. Divers who choose to do more than this are diving beyond their qualifications, unless supervised by qualified persons.



More training will increase your qualifications and, therefore, your opportunities. You will be able to do more, to dive in other than the ideal areas associated with entry level training, and you will have fun while you are accomplishing these objectives. This is what the NAUI Openwater II Scuba Diver course is all about.

### HOW TO HAVE MORE FUN?

You may have discovered by now that diving is not really an end in itself after

the initial learning experience. Diving is really just a means to allow you to pursue endeavours in the world beneath the water. The important point, however, is that diving is most enjoyable when you have a dive objective. What you want to do is to discover an underwater pursuit and become proficient enough to ensure a reasonable degree of success.

Take advantage of an infinite variety of NAUI Specialty Courses to gain an introduction to new diving interests. Learn what it takes to participate safely in specialized activities. See what equipment is available to accomplish diving goals. You can focus in on aspects of diving that interest and best benefit you.

If you are not sure which activities might provide enjoyment and satisfaction for you, you should go in for the excitement provided by the NAUI Openwater II and Advanced Scuba Diver Courses.

Your instructor will give you opportunities to experience popular activities. You can then decide which of them you would like to further develop by completing the respective NAUI Specialty Courses.

Another way to have fun is to dive at sites which offer a variety of things to see and do. You will have much more fun in a diverse, interesting area than you will in a boring, sterile one. During your Openwater II Course, you will be introduced to a variety of good diving locations in your region. These sites will add to your enjoyment for years to come. Be introduced to night diving, search and recovery, light salvage, wreck diving, etc.. or other local interests. These introductions plus discovering new dive sites are fine ways to have fun, to learn to enjoy diving even more, and to become a better diver ... all at the same time.

### THE OPENWATER II COURSE

If you are a new diver wanting to gain experience while increasing your diving abilities, getting oriented to new dive sites, and having more fun, this is the course for you. It is an all - openwater, mid - level, continuing education certification course for divers who have successfully completed a NAUI Openwater I Course or have equivalent training or experience.

The course consists of six openwater dives involving at least 12 hours of instruction. You will review basic skills, learn much more about envi-



ronment, navigation, dive planning, and dive leadership. The course is likely to include an orientation to some of the following subjects:

- Search and recovery
- Light salvage
- Hunting and collecting
- Non-penetration wreck diving
- Fresh water or ocean diving orientation
- Boat diving
- Night or low visibility diving
- Exploration and underwater mapping
- Research diving

Upon successful completion of the course, you will be certified as a NAUI Openwater II Scuba Diver and will be considered competent to plan dives and to accomplish underwater tasks similar to those contained in the course provided the diving area and the tasks approximate these of the training completed. You will also be qualified to enroll in the NAUI Advanced Scuba Diver Course and in all NAUI Specialty Courses.

While you will receive an

introduction to some of the specialty areas of diving, you will not receive enough training to be considered proficient in them. But you will have a good idea of the interests you would like to pursue and be qualified to participate in all of the NAUI Specialty Scuba Diver Courses.

After your Openwater II course, you may wish to take a NAUI Scuba Diver Course to further expand your capabilities and to receive more in-depth introductions to diving specialties. I will tell you more about the Advanced Scuba Diver Course in another OUTPOST magazine.

### NAUI OPENWATER I

If you are not a certified diver, regular courses are organized every month by a qualified NAUI Instructor - Dive Master at the BRITISH CLUB. The NAUI Certification is your ticket to the underwater world. It is an Openwater diving license. So, if you are ready to discover a new world of wonderful scenery, colourful fish and beautiful coral, COME AND JOIN THE NEXT NAUI OPENWATER I SCUBA DIVING COURSE. All details and information concerning this training are displayed on the events board.

If you are willing to register, please leave your name and phone number (office and home) in the envelope marked "Scuba Diving" on the events board, in order for me to get in touch with you. For any information phone CHRISTIAN: 2795373.

Christian Bouteillier

# The Morris Dance



**T**HE origins of Morris Dancing are lost beyond recall. The very name – “MORRIS” – English sounding, common place and homely, is a corruption of something else. It could derive from “MORISCO” – the Moors of Spain – or it could be an older derivation still, from the Roman word “MORIS” meaning customs . . .

In the same way the original purpose of the dances themselves has been lost though intelligent conjecture and comparison with other cultures can provide a basis of understanding. Clearly their origin is pagan: in the 14th century when the word “MORRIS” (or as it was variously spelt MORRIS, MORES, MORRICE, etc) first appears in written records, the dances were performed mainly in the Spring, the time of fertility. This is reflected in the actions of some of the dances – striking the ground with sticks – in the names of dances – eg “Bean Setting” – and in the customs – for instance going to the woods on May Day for greenery and freshly peeled sticks or wands. Animism is another example of the pagan: some Morris sides

today have hobby horses and/or a dancer dressed in an animal skin, though the latter is not common. There are other, more sinister, hints of paganism: there is a suggestion in at least one dance of human sacrifice.

Whatever the origin and meaning of the word “MORRIS” it is most unlikely that MORRIS DANCING started up as a new phenomenon in the 14th century. It may well have been a new form of dance imported from the Continent (hence the reference to the Moors), this form itself having pagan origins. But there would have been indigenous dances in England onto which the new form could have been grafted. Alternatively “MORRIS” may have evolved solely from dances native to England. This is a very grey area. The recent popular writings on “MORRIS” gloss over this problem. It is unresolved and will remain the subject of conjecture.

Often associated with MORRIS is the Mummers Play. This is an allegory of death and renewal and was performed at Christmas (mid-Winter). I do not know whether MORRIS was performed at Christ-

mas or at harvest time in earlier centuries or when this practice began. It is certainly widespread in England now. The MORRIS “season” in England today roughly coincides with the cricket season – April to September – with many sides having a special Boxing Day fixture. There are other similarities with cricket: most Morrismen today dress in an all-white costume and their corporate name is a “side”. The “sides” were organised village by village and in the 18th and 19th Century like Bill Tidy’s “Cloggies,” would sometimes dance against each other – the loser buying the supper. Today not many villages support a Morris side. There are town and city sides or sides based upon an area e.g. The White Horse Morrismen in Wiltshire.

The costume of the modern MORRIS man has evolved slightly from early times but it would certainly be recognisable to a 14th or 15th century dancer. In those days to judge by contemporary pictures the MORRIS man was more colourful and flamboyant than now. A 15th century stained-glass window shows the MORRIS man with bells but

no handkerchiefs. This is not of course conclusive. The lack of handkerchiefs may have been an oversight or this particular side depicted may not have used them. I do not know when Hankies came in but by 1583 they had certainly arrived. In that year Philip Stubbes in his “Anatomie of Abuses” writes of “their belles jynghing, their handkercheefes fluttering above their heads like Madde men ....”

It is sometimes said, that the bells and handkerchiefs were used originally to frighten off evil spirits. This may be true but no-one knows for certain. Today the bells serve to emphasise the rhythm of the dance and the handkerchiefs to give grace and form to the hand movements.

To sum up these brief and rudimentary thoughts on the origins of MORRIS it would be fair to say that it certainly has pagan roots. The Encyclopaedia Britannica suggests ancient Indo-European derivation. The meaning and beginnings of the word MORRIS cannot be fixed. This is the problem of something whose customs and “rules” have been handed down entirely by word-of-mouth. Until the very end of the 19th century when Cecil Sharp came on the scene (of whom more later) there had never been an attempt to record in written form any MORRIS dances. A handful of villages in the Cotswolds claim to trace an unbroken line of MORRIS sides back to the Middle Ages but in most villages MORRIS had died out completely by the mid 19th century or had only a fitful



15th Century Stained Glass Window taken from a Country House.

existence – sides being disbanded and then being revived a generation later. It is easy to see in these circumstances how things became distorted, changed and the meanings and origins completely forgotten. None of this detracts in the least from the enjoyment derived by modern dancers from the MORRIS, if anything the sense of mystery adds to the attraction.

Today, when it is considered at all, we tend to regard MORRIS as part-and-parcel of “Ye Oldye Merrie Englande” and one might presume that it was, from the 14th century onwards, widespread, popular and a common occurrence. In fact it seems likely that its position was much more equivocal. To begin with, the MORRIS had an uneasy relationship with the Church.

There were two reasons for this: on was the undoubted pagan connections and rituals, animism was very common in early MORRIS, but probably a more powerful objection was the revelry and general carryings-on of the MORRIS men. In modern parlance they were, it seems, pretty frequently “Out of Order”. ‘Hardlyngne and Synne’ (c 1303) comments primely:

“Daunces, Karols and Somour games

Of many Swych come many shames”

An undated letter to the Church wardens in the Archdeanry of York, inquires ominously:

“Whither hath your Church or churchyard been prophaned by ..... Lords of Misrule, Summer Lords, Morris Dancers?”. Philip Stubbes (1553) already quoted: “They strike up the Devil’s Dance with all; then march this heathen company towards the church and churchyards, their pypere pyping, their drummers thundering, their stumps dancing ... in the church like devils incarnate”.

A letter dated 9 August 1652 from an aggrieved citizen to the local JPs shows a MORRIS side from another village definitely going over the top. It is worth quoting in full for the interesting light it throws on Cromwellian England and for the wonderful sense of outrage conveyed by the writer – across three hundred years one can almost feel him quivering with indignation:

“To the worshipfull, the Bailiff and Justices of the town at liberties of Much Wenlock,



The Bangkok Morris Men (and some ladies), after their first performance at St. George's Ball 1988.

certifying that all we whose names are subscribed inhabitants of the Parish of Astley Abbots do certify that upon Monday in Whitsunday week, being the 7th of June last passed, there came a MORRIS dance forth of the Parish of Broseley with 6 sword bearers and a rude company of followers through ye whole body of this our said Parish being uninvited or desired by anyone in the said Parish that we do know of. And coming to Nordley unto the house of Richard Pensham, a licensed ale seller, calling for what drink they pleased left most part thereof unpaid and not only insulted the people of the house but also all the rest of the neighbours and people there present. The leader of them, or Lord of Misrule, was William Holmes Junior, the Vice, called the Lord's son, was John Johnson Junior. The most abusive were Thomas Leigh, Swordbearer, who formerly and also in ye last service at Worcester bore arms against ye Parliament and John Evens (words indecy-

pherable) a revolted Parliament soldier, as he professeth and says he will now continue a cavalier as long as he lives". (August 9, 1652).

Another point is the lack of mention of MORRIS in English literature or history books. It does appear, but very rarely. From my, admittedly limited reading I cannot recall mention in Shakespeare; only one in Milton ("Comus"); nothing in Hardy or Trollope where, especially the latter, it might have been found. Pepys, the great observer and tireless inquirer, gives it a line in his diary. On 1 May 1663 on his way home at about 7.30 p.m.: "In my way in Leadenhall Street there was MORRIS dancing, which I have not seen a great while".

This is tantalizing. Being Pepys he probably talked to the musician and dancers, found out where they came from, what they did, what dances they were doing and what if anything they understood of the origins of MORRIS. Unfortunately, he had

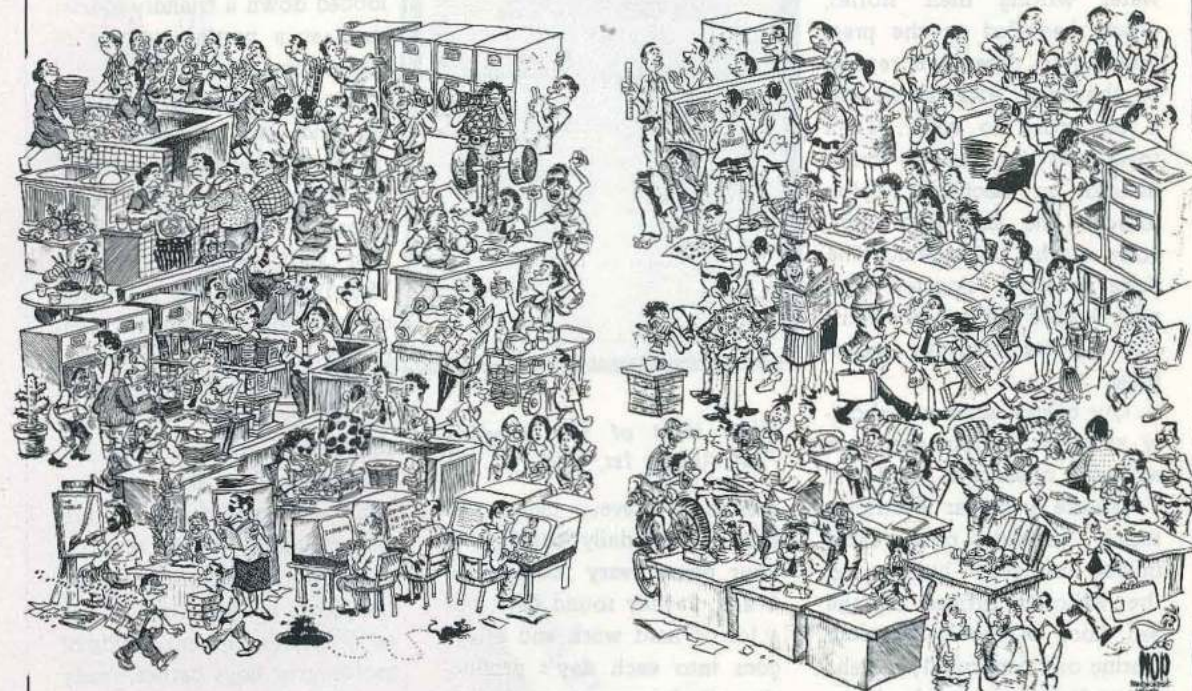
other things on his mind at the time - the settling of a family estate which was worrying him a lot and, much worse, he had become insanely jealous of his wife's "Dancing Maister", believing that there was some affair between them. Morris does equally poorly in the history books: there is nothing in the index of G M Trevelyan's 4 volume "Social History of England" or in Feiling's "History of England". Admittedly in English history MORRIS dancing should only occupy a footnote, but in the books mentioned it does not even rate that much which is disappointing, to the enthusiast at least.

There is little doubt that by the mid 19th century MORRIS was ailing. To take an example, Oxfordshire was one of the heartlands of MORRIS dancing but Flora Thompson's book "Lark Rise" which displays such minute and total recall of a part of late 19th century Oxfordshire mentions it not at all. The reason must be that there was no MORRIS, not at least in that area. There is very little published material on MORRIS for the period, there may have been a late Victorian revival but it seems that rural depression and the continued movement of population to the towns was killing it off. At this point, 1899, Cecil J Sharp, the father of modern English MORRIS dance, appears.

In Part II, The Revival of MORRIS started by Sharp, The Music, The Dances, MORRIS Today.

Richard Green

## SPECIALS



## A day in the Life of the Bangkok Post

**T**HE *Bangkok Post* has been around for donkey's years - well, 42 years and 7 months, to be exact. It has become such an institution that our myriad readers in Bangkok and throughout the country look forward to reading it every morning at breakfast, in the car, in the office, or anywhere they can spare the time to bring themselves up-to-date on happenings around the world.

Our readers expect to receive the *Post* regularly and early. And we don't disappoint them. Every morning our teams of delivery "boys" charge around Bangkok on their motorcycles, popping the day's news hot from the presses into the familiar Blue Box on almost every gatepost. In major cities around the country, agents ensure their own early deliveries. There have been massive

floods, fires, coups d'etat, disasters large and small, but none have caused us to miss a single edition.

Mind you we've had some near misses. When the *Post* first moved into the U-Chugalug Building (Crutchley insists this is the correct name) in 1973, one of those regular short circuits started a fire on the 9th floor. The flames crept downward towards the newspaper while the boys from

the fire brigade discovered to their alarm that their hoses and ladders only reached the 2nd floor. Eventually ingenuity and masses of water doused the flames. Reporters sat amid the smoke and dripping water writing their stories, others had fled to the press building to type their reports on the floor. After all we had a big story to cover. Then there was the time a truck nudged an electricity pylon through the first floor windows of the U-Chugalug. The driver quickly relocated himself. Despite the lack of electricity, we scrambled out a newspaper.

Our biggest scare was shortly after we computerised our editorial operations in 1981. To ensure a regular electricity supply, we had a power cable linking our press building to the editorial offices on the 3rd floor of the U-Chugalug. During one particularly violent storm, lightning scored a direct hit on the cable, shot straight through the safety cut-outs before they could react, blew every computer terminal in the office and almost electrocuted everyone in sight. For the next 72 hours our technicians struggled amid the wreckage to get something operational. Luckily the machinery the computers replaced still worked. After dusting off the cobwebs and with a little coaxing, we eventually limped a newspaper onto the presses.

Fortunately such problems happen rarely. Over the years we've learned to put out the *Bangkok Post* like a smoothly run machine. Stories and photos pour in, editors and artists ensure deadlines are met, the



First issue of the *Bangkok Post*, August 1st, 1946.

presses roll every night, and presto! The daily paper is at your home every morning by 6 a.m. It may sound easy, but a lot of hard work and effort goes into each day's production of the newspaper. Nor is a reporter's life one of great excitement and charging around shouting "Hold the presses." It can be very time consuming and monotonous trying to coax even the smallest story out of someone who doesn't want to know.

(Ed: No comment)

Mind you reporting does have its bizarre and wonderful moments. Like the *Post* correspondent who visited a border outpost in Nan province a few years ago. He was given a particularly good time by the soldiers, but all too soon it was time to leave. He bade the soldiers farewell, and set off with his guide down the hill. Suddenly there was a loud whistling sound. The two men

dived to the ground as something exploded with a deafening racket just past them. Shaken, the reporter stood up and looked back at the camp, where the soldiers were waving and smiling. It seems they had lobbed down a friendly mortar shell as a parting gesture of friendship.

Most people think of reporters and editors when they picture a newspaper. However, the editorial team only constitutes 20% of the *Bangkok Post* staff, which approaches 750. During the day regiments of salesmen hunt down companies wanting to advertise, silky-voiced Classified salesgirls charm potential advertisers, bilingual circulation people sell subscriptions, teams of accountants keep track of bills and payments, while at night production personnel keep the press rolling. And in the early morning gloom, herds of motorcycle boys gather, ready to deliver the daily paper.

Although the *Bangkok Post* operates around the clock, we like to think the day begins at 6 a.m. with the arrival of Bob Boys, a veteran newsman and the *Post*'s day editor. International news pours into the office 24-hours a day via the teleprinters of 3 major news agencies - United Press International, Associated Press and Reuters. Bob's job is to sort through all the stories coming in and select the most newsworthy for the day's paper.

By 9 a.m. some of the morning reporters and news editors are in, following up previous day's leads. Most, however, are out on the beat, chasing down stories. Outlook editors Dave Pratt and Juke

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have arrived and are planning the section's day. During the morning the Outlook staff arrive, begin writing, editing and laying out the pages. Their section has priority, having a 7 p.m. deadline to meet. Khun Bandhit, the business news editor is also in, planning the section's stories, and examining the financial data coming over the teleprinters.

Noon(ish) the afternoon editor arrives in the friendly shape of Roger Crutchley, closely followed by the dummy for the next day's newspaper. (The advertising department closes its books at noon to give the editors time to prepare the paper.) Crutch gets up, coffee cup in hand, and wanders off in search of sustenance. Now the day begins to move.

By 4 p.m. most of the reporters have returned and are writing their stories or are on the phone checking facts. The evening news editors Veera, Sonchai and Pichai have arrived and are beginning to crack the whip. Business is buzzing. Outlook is frantically trying to finalise its pages. The 6 p.m. national anthem heralds the start of the evening news conference at which all the day's stories are discussed, the big news identified and allocated to pages. Deputy editor Peter Finucane is in the chair, having successfully negotiated the early evening problems.

Bob Boys has long gone. Crutch muses over another cup of coffee. Bernard Trink puffs his pipe in the corner. Outlook is winding down, signing off the final pages.



*The Bangkok Post gets through in all conditions.*

The sub-editors are hard at work, tapping out their stories. Sports editor Edward Thangarajah and his staff are at their desks cranking up the sports machine.

By 9 p.m. the Outlook plates are loaded onto the main press line and it's time to roll out another edition. In the Business section, the remaining editors finalise their pages, trying to beat their midnight deadline. The foreign news editor scours the teleprinters for news up-dates and late-breaking stories as the pages of the main section head into the paste-up room. Phones continue to ring as new information is added to existing stories.

The witching hour sees the few remaining reporters adding the final touches to stories, and hanging around for any late developments. The night duty editors are pushing hard to finish pages. Some subs make changes to stories in the paste-up room, harrasing proofreaders for corrections. Edward is still cranking out sports stories. Business is rolling on the second press line. Two sections down, one to go.

Just after 2 a.m. the duty editor signs off the final plates, watches them loaded onto the main press. The chief printer signals the start of the final run. For the next 3 hours the presses will rumble out 45,000 copies of the *Bangkok Post*. But it's not all over. The duty editor and production staff wait in case any changes are needed. The printers scurry along the press line, checking printed copies, changing alignments and adjusting ink flow.

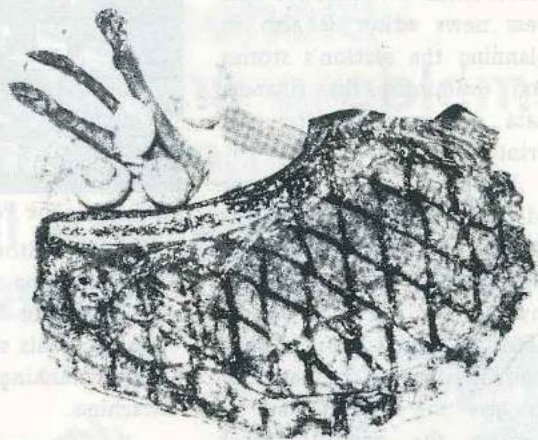
By 4 a.m. the first copies of the *Post* are loaded onto vans and shoot off to Pattaya and Bangkok's suburban outskirts for further distribution. Other vans head to the airport to put loads onto the first planes to Chiang Mai, Hat Yai, Phuket. The motorcycle boys are sorting out their spoils, ready to roar off into the gloom.

At 6 a.m. it's all over. The paper is gone. It's quiet at the press building. The circulation supervisors sit down for a well-earned rest, or watch Bob Boys stride up the street ready to start another day at the *Bangkok Post*.

John Leicester

# SCOFFERIES

## PRIME BEEF



WHAT is it about so many expats that they forget the value of things? A pound for a pint is quite O.K. but 45 baht is huge amount for a beer. Dinner for two at home for 25 pounds doesn't raise an eyebrow but 1,100 baht is outrageous unless it's on the company.

I make these comments to prepare you for the Prime. In baht terms it is expensive, in Sterling not, but in either currency I recommend it as value for money.

It is set in a quiet sub-soi off Soi 11, in a very pleasant house with large grounds so parking is no problem. The house is rich with wood panelling, and by utilizing most of its unusual design, it seats in excess of sixty, very comfortably. There are different rooms, areas, alcoves etc as one would expect.

I can confirm that it is the only restaurant in Bangkok using exclusively PRIME quality beef, freshly imported by air from America. I had dinner there recently and must confess it was indeed a delight to be in such warm surroundings, with good company, excellent service, food and wine.

You must take your own company but Khun Sornchai, who has had more restaurant experience in Bangkok than most, will supply the rest, be it a succulent rib-eye or a big juicy prime rib. Khun Suwat, of Seafood fame, is greatly involved, and being a stickler for quality has insisted on a limited menu, ensuring all items to be at their best.

My only complaint was that the garlic was overdone in the otherwise excellent Caesar salad. If you want excellent food in very fine surroundings, take your own company and about 15 pounds each and (sounds better than 1,500 baht) hot-foot-it to the Prime.

Bon Apetit  
Bob Coombes



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# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## A MAGIC EGG

### YOU NEED:

- An egg
- A pin
- Fine dry sand
- Tissue paper
- Glue

This stunt takes a little bit of preparation but it is well worth the effort. Take an ordinary chicken's egg and make a hole in each end of it with a pin. You will have to push the pin through the shell several times at each end to make the holes big enough.

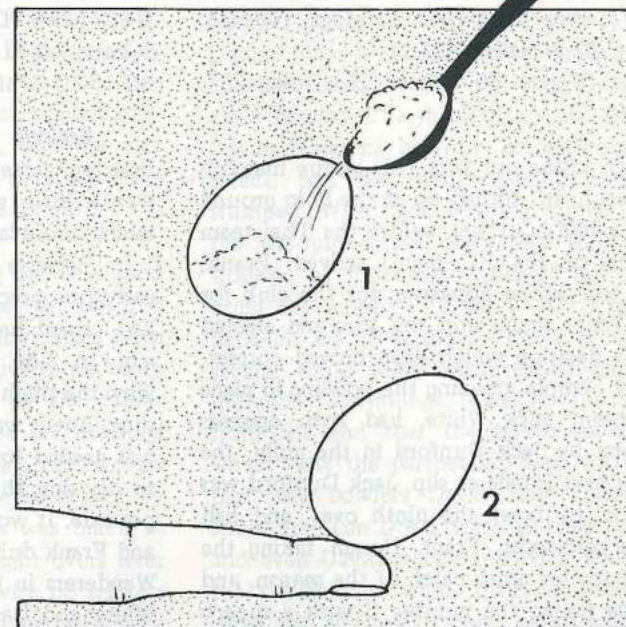
Blow through one of the holes and the contents will be forced out through the other hole. Make sure you have a saucer handy to catch the contents as they come out of the shell. (Keep the contents in the fridge for baking or scrambled egg later.)

Wash out the inside of the shell by placing it under warm running water. Handle the egg very carefully for the shell is quite fragile.

When the eggshell is completely dry pour some fine dry sand into it (1). A heaped teaspoonful is about enough.

Seal the holes in the shell with glue and tissue paper. The tissue paper should be of a similar colour to the eggshell so it will not be seen (or it can be painted the same colour).

This special egg can be used to perform some remarkable balancing feats (2). Because the sand always runs to the bottom of the egg it will remain balanced in whatever position you place it.



## FLOATING SALT CELLAR

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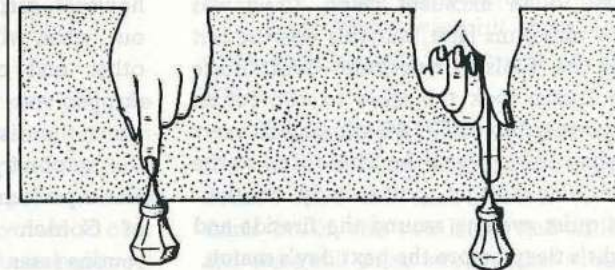
- A salt cellar
- A toothpick

At the dinner table you place the tip of your finger on the top of the salt cellar - and the cellar sticks to your finger by magic.

What your audience do not see is the fact that you have

secretly pushed a toothpick into the top of the cellar. By holding the toothpick between finger and thumb as shown it looks as if the cellar is stuck to your fingertip.

After showing this trick it is fairly easy to pull the toothpick out and drop it on your lap without being seen. No one will ever guess your secret.



## CRICKET



## CRICKET

14 January. Polo Club. 35 overs vs Thai CC. Won by 8 wickets.

TCC 101 (Price 5.1-1-10-3; Dunford 7-2-13-3; Semple 7-0-27-2; Hall 4-0-22-1)

BC 105-2 (Dance 30\*, Price 26, Bulte 25\*, Semple 16)

After losing our first two league matches of the season, BC turned up at the Polo ground and had a half-hour net before the Thai team (and some of the BC team) arrived. Frank, who had son Simon appearing for the club for the first time, again won the toss and elected to field, a decision which soon proved correct, as Lindsey Semple, opening the bowling in place of the absent Nick White, had both openers caught, one by Jack Dunford in the gully, the other by David Dance at slip. Jack Dunford was brought on to bowl the ninth over, and had immediate successes, Frank Hough taking the number 3 for his ninth catch of the season, and Craig Price taking the number 5 with a superb catch at cover-point. The hat-trick failed to materialise, but Jack's next over brought a further success when the Thai number 4 was bowled. David Hall claimed the next success just before the drinks interval, taking an extremely difficult return catch to leave the Thais on 43 for 6. The Thai number five played well after the interval, and doubled the score for the seventh wicket, while his partner at the other end blocked everything and made just one run. Craig Price then polished off the innings and the Thais were all out for 101.

Price, in good batting form, and Semple made an opening partnership of 39 before Semple fell to an excellent catch. Craig was also caught nine runs later, but this was the last success for the Thais as newcomer Geoff Bulte and David Dance took the score to 105 for an unbeaten partnership of 57. BC still had 16 overs to spare when they passed the Thai total, so the team were able to get home early to their families, a quiet evening around the fireside and a good night's sleep before the next day's match.

15 January. RBSC. 45 overs vs Wanderers. Won by 10 wickets.

WCC 129-9 (Dunford 6-0-27-3; Dance 8-2-13-2; Salmon 7-0-31-2; Price 6-0-27-1)

BC 130-0 (White 68\*, Price 56\*)

Sounds good, doesn't it? And it is our first ten-wicket win ever, believe it or not. There was a little sand in the vaseline, however; of which, more later.

Because the entire team had gone to bed early (see preceding report), no-one knew that it had rained heavily during the night from 1.27 a.m. to 2.36 a.m. So no-one could understand why the pitch was under water on Sunday morning. But it was, and a delayed start of 1½ hours was needed for the pitch and some of the players to dry out, thus reducing the match to 37-overs per side. It would clearly be a good toss to win, and Frank duly made it five in a row and put the Wanderers in to bat on the drying wicket. Nick White and David Dance kept the opening batsmen very quiet indeed, only six runs coming from the first eight overs, but as so often lately, it was Jack Dunford who took the first wicket, Frank Hough stumping the number 2 by a considerable distance.

Now about that sand... The tendency of the ball to pop up was causing the batsmen considerable difficulty, and attacking shots were almost always in the air, providing the BC team with one of their most intense catching-practice sessions ever. Not, however, one of their most successful, as catch after catch was put down, some of them very easy indeed. This increasingly unbelievable non-catching performance was, however, surpassed by an even stranger non-run-out, when with both batsmen stranded down the other end of the pitch, our wicketkeeping skipper was unable to figure out how to overcome the disadvantage of bulky gloves, pick up the stationary ball and remove the bails. This was a performance that reminded older members of Gordon Burles' famous standing possum routine (see "OUTPOST" April 1984). (Another

gem from that same "OUTPOST" reads: "With Terry Adams occupying the crease, 111 never looked enough and BC passed the total with four wickets down").

The non-run-out failed to deter further non-catches, and a dozen chances had gone begging by the time the 37 overs were finished and the Wanderers had survived a late onslaught and kept their last wicket intact, denying us not only the final bowling point, but also the newly-introduced two-point bonus for bowling a side out under 150. Surprisingly, some catches were held (by Messrs Price, Dance, Davis and Parry) and there was even a run out, but the vast majority of the team left the field pointing at the clouds and mumbling about the brightness of the sun.

Nick White got the batting off to a good start with a straight drive for four off the first ball, and then he and fellow opener Craig Price settled down and played relatively patiently on the rapidly-improving pitch. By the drinks break, having survived a couple of dropped catches, Nick was on 48 and Craig on 28, and the fate-tempting words "BC have never won by ten wickets" were uttered. This was taken as something of a challenge, and eight overs later the Wanderers' total was passed with no wickets down, both batsmen having passed the fifty mark, and achieving on the way a new record for a BC opening stand, breaking the four-year-old record of 113 set by Craig Price and Terry Adams against the "Post".

One again, BC had eleven overs to spare at the end and this meant yet another early night, although some of the senior players, especially the smug ones who had just made record-breaking partnerships, stayed around almost till evensong to discuss tactics.

21 January. AIT. 35 overs vs AIT. Lost by 3 runs.

AIT 183-8 (Dunford 7-1-38-3; Walwyn 7-0-18-2; Dance 7-1-43-2; White 7-1-28-1)

BC 180 (White 94, Dunne 28)

George and Jack Dunford provided the second father-and-son pair this month to turn out for a BC side; as they made the long drive out to AIT, they could not have predicted the high drama they would both be involved in over the final minutes of this match. Amazing game,

cricket; all human life is there; more dramatic than "Eastenders", more pulsating than "The Mousetrap", more nail-biting than the weather forecast...

Frank lost the toss and was surprised when AIT elected to bat first. The BC fielders were determined to wipe out the memory of last week's dropped catches, and the fielding around the wicket was very sharp, keeping the AIT openers down to 2 runs per over. Then David Dance took a double-wicket maiden, the first another catch behind by Frank, the second clean bowled. The third wicket put on 34 before David Walwyn, bowling his off-spin to good effect, had the other opening batsman well stumped. With Jack bowling at the other end, the off-spin attack soon had AIT in further trouble, as four more wickets fell quickly to bring the score to 75 for 7. AIT's lower order batsmen are no pushover, however, and BC has several times been frustrated by big stands at the end of an innings. It was not until four overs from the end that the eighth wicket fell, by which time the partnership was worth 67. BC's part-time bowlers David Hall, David Sinclair-Jones and Tim Davis, were all tried to no effect, and even David Dance and Nick White came in for punishment when they returned. 78 runs came off the last 8 overs as an exhausted BC side chased hits well beyond the boundary on a day which seemed exceptionally hot. Some say that AIT really is hotter than the grounds in Bangkok, but the effects of playing a team half our age may have something to do with it.

We needed to score at well over five runs an over, and although the scoring rate did go rather well, the innings was not yet into its second half hour before David Walwyn, Frank Hough, David Dance and Tim Davis were all back in the tent and the scoreboard read 45 for 4. With a brittle-looking batting line-up to come, this looked like one of those many occasions when we would be thoroughly outplayed by AIT. Nick White was still there, though, and going well; perhaps if someone could stay with him?

In strode Nicky Dunne, hero of the hour. It's the wrong verb for Nicky, but strolled doesn't have the same timbre. At the 18-over drink break, the two Nicks had added 70 runs and were still going strong; what's more we were

now well ahead of the run-rate. Nick White was on 54 and Nicky Dunne on 21, and it was beginning to look as though they would see us home. Three overs later, however, Nicky was caught and bowled for an excellent 28, probably his best innings for BC, certainly his most timely.

Now it was just a matter of the later batsmen staying there while Nick White cantered home. Geoff Bulte, David Hall and David Sinclair-Jones stayed for a short time without making many runs but the score had crept up to 160. Jack Dunford came in at number nine with the job of staying in; there was ample time – six overs – to get the 24 runs needed for victory. Slowly the scoreboard moved up towards the AIT total, past 170, past 175. Into the 32nd over and only eight runs needed for the win. Nick scores a single – 177; Jack scores a single – 178; Nick scores a single – 179. Last ball of the over. Jack plays an attacking shot too early, and is caught.

George Dunford, who had been quietly shaking in his boots at the thought of having to go in (on second thoughts, and in the interests of journalistic accuracy, that should read “noisily shaking”), now found all his worst fears realised. But it would be real “Boys Own” stuff if he pulled it off...

Jack had been out off the last ball of the over, so George went to the non-striker's end. Five needed, and Nick to face.

No run from the first ball. Second ball there's a loud appeal for a leg-side catch behind. Umpire Tim Davis, unmoved, turns towards the pavilion with his arms outstretched – a wide. Four needed. Nick had already scored 9 fours in his innings, which now stood on 94. Just one more hit, and we could all stop biting our extremities.

Next ball again down the leg-side ... Nick swings, makes contact ... and is caught behind. Ah well, someone has to win.

Thus also Nick narrowly failed to carry his bat, and narrowly missed his maiden century for BC for the 6th or 7th time (depending on what your definition of “narrow” is). His 94 came off 96 balls, and his 130 minutes in the hot sun followed a full 35 overs in the field. Then he wonders why he always pays such high fines.

An honorable nought not out for young George, but a pretty dismal batting performance all round apart from Nick and Nicky, the only

two to reach double figures. It means that we are virtually out of the 35-over league now, unless disaster overtakes the Scribblers and AIT, who currently have 100% records.

22 January. RBSC. 45 overs vs RBSC. Won by 7 wickets.

RBSC 118 (Salmon 8.5-0-26-4; White 9-1-17-2; Dance 9-6-3-1; Parry 4-0-13-1; Dunford 9-0-38-1)

BC 122-3 (Price 35, Extras 27, White 24, Dance 22\*, Semple 13\*)

Frank lost the toss for the second time in the weekend and was once again surprised by the opposition's decision to bat first, this time on a very heavy and humid morning where the ball was clearly going to move a lot early on. So it proved, and the opening RBSC batsmen found batting very difficult indeed. David Dance and Nick White bowled their allotted nine overs straight through without a break, and by the end of the 18 overs, RBSC had scored just 24 runs and had lost three wickets, all caught by Frank Hough, who is already headed for a record-breaking season behind the stumps. Only two scoring shots off the bat had been taken off David's bowling, and six of his nine overs were maidens. Only one chance went begging, and that was when Nick White standing at slip to David's bowling, and having seen the opening batsman pad up to about a dozen consecutive balls, decided that the time was ripe for an appeal on the next ball; he duly leapt some four feet into the air as the ball reached the batsman, yelled out a Tarzan-like “Howzaaaat” which he strangled mid-yell as he saw the ball take the edge of the bat and fly past his right ankle at what otherwise might have been a fairly catchable height.

Craig Price, Hugh Salmon and Jack Dunford continued to keep the batsmen quiet, but it was beginning to look as if there would be no more wickets in the second session as the 4th wicket pair, both of whom were dropped early on off Jack, added 66 runs. Then the RBSC skipper went for a big hit; his straight drive was clearly six-bound when Tim Davis reached up and took a great two-handed catch above his head.

After the second drinks break wickets began to fall rapidly, with a good catch taken at slip by David Dance and a run out from a smart piece of Lindsey Semple fielding. But when the final over, from Hugh Salmon, started, we still needed two more wickets to secure full bowling bonus points. The first ball saw Craig Price take another good catch at long on, and then Hugh bowled the last batsman with just one ball to spare.

Despite those two or three dropped catches, this had been a good all-round performance from BC, with all six bowlers bowling well, six good catches and a run out, and some very keen ground fielding.

Craig Price and Nick White got the BC innings off to a good start by putting on 67 in under 12 overs before Nick was caught off a skier for 24. Poor Hugh Salmon, who had sat in the pavilion with his immaculate buckskin pads on throughout the 130 runs of his last outing for BC and 67 runs this time, finally got his chance and was bowled third ball. Craig followed three balls later, but these three wickets for seven runs were the last, as David Dance and Lindsey Semple saw BC safely through to victory. Aided by six unhit boundaries behind the wicket, BC passed the RBSC score in the 27th over.

12 February. Polo. 45 overs vs Scribblers. Lost by 36 runs.

Scb 203-8 (Dunford 9-0-33-4; Hough 6-1-20-3) BC 167 (David 44, Dance 34, Bulte 21\*, Dunford 17, Hall 12, Price 10)

This was it, the big match of the season. The might of the British Club against the unbeaten Scribblers. Us or them. Death or glory. Sydney or the bush.

Two plays cried off late, one on the morning of the game, and with the combined strengths of the BC and Pavilionaires teams to choose from, we took the field with only nine players Rob Reinder arrived in time for the second over, but no amount of frantic telephoning before and during the game could rouse the young Scot who had been asked to turn up as twelfth man (not exactly an unrefusable offer, admittedly), or indeed any other player, and BC fielded the entire 45 overs with one man short.

Nick White was off trying to catch a few more fascinating diseases in blackest Africa

(there's a joke about black and white in there somewhere, but I'll leave the excruciating puns to the footba' section). So it was Craig Price who took the new ball with David Dance. The first three Scribblers batsmen all boasted formidable averages this season, and the innings provided some of the best cricket we've seen this year. Honours were just about even early on. 37 runs but no wickets came off the first ten overs, then Jack once again took a crucial wicket in his first over, the number two being well stumped off the first ball he faced from Jack for 23, his lowest score this season. Eight overs later Jack trapped the number three leg before, and followed this by taking a return catch from the other opener soon after. At this stage there were good grounds for optimism, with ten fielders dismissing the top three batsmen and holding the run-rate to around four an over.

The rest of the innings, however, did not quite go to plan, as each succeeding partnership chipped in a good few runs. Jack made it four wickets by bowling the number four, but both Parry and Price bowled well with no reward. A few difficult chances were put down, but there was some good fielding from BC, and the next wicket was a run out from a Terry Adams throw from gully. Frank Hough had ceded the pads to Tim Davis and now joined the attack. His first ball was despatched for four, but then things got better, as he grabbed the last three wickets to fall. David Dance, suffering from a painful back, bowled well but could not dislodge the last batsmen. Only four runs came off the last four overs, and the final total of 203, although worth maximum batting points, did not look excessive.

The BC innings got off to a poor start, with the first three batsmen Adams, Price and Hough back on the Kloster within 25 minutes and only 20 runs on the board. Then David Dance and Tim Davis began to dig in, and by the 15-over break the score had reached a respectable 53. After the break both batsmen began to score freely, with Tim hitting the ball particularly hard. He was finally out caught behind having made 44 in a partnership of 77; this was his highest score for the club, and a very impressive innings. Jeff Parry came in to play the kind of innings which is now expected of him; he was bowled third ball. David Dance went soon afterwards, and with the score on 115 for 6, it

was beginning to look like a lost cause.

This was to reckon without the lower order batsmen. Geoff Thompson and David Hall saw us safely to the second drinks break at 30 overs and 124 runs, but Geoff was bowled straight after the break. Soon after, David Hall was tragically run out at the non-striker's end in a freak dismissal just as he looked likely to win us the match. Rob Reiner, at number 10, lasted 8 balls before being bowled, and that should have been it, except that somewhere around the tenth over of the BC innings, Geoff Bulte had wandered into the ground to watch the cricket, and had been swiftly sent home to get his kit. He got back in good time to take his place at number eleven.

There then followed an extraordinary last-wicket partnership between Geoff and Dunford, who scored at a run a ball, with shots all around the ground. From 131 for 9, the target of 230 soon actually began to look achievable. The Scribblers were clearly relieved when Jack was finally bowled, having put on 36 runs with

Geoff, who finished on 21 not out, including four fours.

A good match then, played with good humour on both sides. The result means that we are now out of the running for both leagues, and the Scribblers have won the 45-over league (the Indian CC can, mathematically, overtake them, but it's highly unlikely).

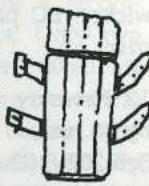
League tables, club averages and national averages are all displayed on the club-house notice-board. Club members Nick White and Ravi Sehgal are currently engaged in a neck-and-neck tussle for top scorer this season; both are in the 500s, 200 ahead of the next best. Jack Dunford is Thailand's leading wicket-taker so far, with 24 wickets. Nick is also involved with two other tussles in the Club career figures: he and Jack Dunford are both looking to be the first player to reach 100 wickets, both being on 96 at the moment; and he and Craig Price are aiming for the 2000-run mark for the club, with current totals of 1839 and 1816, respectively.

David Hall

## CRICKET LOVERLY CRICKET



### RBSC 5th INTERNATIONAL CRICKET SIXES 23/24/25/26 MARCH 1989

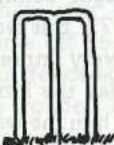


Come and watch the B.C. team in action against Test Players. Thirty plus teams from at least 10 countries. Exciting 6-a-side format.

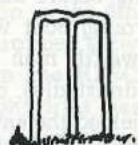
23/24 March - preliminary rounds at AIT, Polo & RBSC. Sat. 25 K.O. rounds at RBSC and Polo Clubs

### SUN. 26 FINALS DAY AT THE POLO CLUB

Entrance free! The B.C. will have a Member's Bar open at the Polo Club with all your favourite staff in attendance. Bring your family and friends.



### A GREAT DAY'S CRICKET IN THE SUN!



## DARTS DARTS



1988 yet again saw the Darts Section sporting two teams

- 1) The Lions allegedly the more serious players
- 2) The Unicorns continuing their quest for fun through the league season.

Alas neither team featured highly at the end, the Lions coming 7th in the Section and the managing to pull off second last.

However, competing in the league not only lends a competitive note but takes us to places in Bangkok that we might otherwise never have seen!

Interested? Qualification for joining either team? Must enjoy the game and must be free to play on Thursday evenings.

Please contact Anne Douglas on 311-1324.

## GOLF GOLF



### THE BANGKOK ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY Annual Golf Championship

THE Bangkok St. Andrews Society held its 1989 Golf Championship at the Railway course on Saturday 21st, January.....

Some 45 members and guests took part in this event competing for a wide range of prizes generously provided by our sponsors. Winners of the major prizes were as follows:-

Leonowens Trophy	- Lowest Gross	- Dugal Forrest
Gerson Table	- Lowest Net	- Alec Forbes
Ladies Cup	- Lowest Net	- Margaret McEwan
Nestle Basket	- Best Stapleford	- Alistair Rider

Prize giving took place at the Burns Night Ceilidh which was held at the Narai Hotel that same evening.

A good day was had by all and our thanks are due to our sponsors whose generosity, as usual, helped to make the event a most enjoyable one.



### STAMP COLLECTORS (Philately is too serious!)



THERE must be members of the BC who collect stamps. If so and you would like to know of other members who indulge in this fascinating pastime, please let me know. Maybe we can begin another activity within the Club. Tel: 391-8691 (H), 392-1066 (O).

P.S. Jimmy Howard is a collector also.

Patrick Windeler

# LADIES' GOLF



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WE have a very busy schedule for the next month with the Astral Cup Competition over two weeks, after which we look forward once more to a visit from the Zambian Ladies' Golf team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Penny Whalley for being a very enthusiastic Captain. She took over from Wendy Binns 18 months ago when Wendy left unexpectedly for Hong Kong. Penny has been super, putting lots of effort into keeping us together when we went through a period of uncertainty, with differences of opinion over the venue for our weekly outings. She hosted two really super Captain's Days, 1987 and 1988, donating prizes, food and drinks. From us all, thank you Penny.

End of Year Round Up - Bangphra - 13th December 1988 - Joint B.C.L.G. and FLOGG. A coach load of B.C.L.G. and FLOGG enjoyed a great day at Bangphra, starting early morning on the coach with Bloody Marys, smoked salmon sandwiches, grog and mince pies. Golf was incidental, everyone won a prize, but Gai did manage 33 points. Well done Gai. After lunch, the return trip was equally enjoyable with festive drinks etc, and the Swedish contingent (with tinsel halos) singing Christmas Carols. Everyone returned to Penny's house later than expected for "coffee" and snacks. A great day which hopefully will be repeated this year as another joint venture: B.C.L.G. and FLOGG. As the girls said, "A truly memorable day out".



Captain's Day at Penny's house. Margaret McEwan presenting thankyou flowers from the BCLG.

## Competition Results

January 17th	Stroke Play Best Nines		
Flight 'A'	Winner	Gai Pitre (19)	35½
	Runner Up	Odile Monteau (18)	37
Flight 'B'	Winner	Trish Blackburn (29)	35½
	Runner Up	Sriwan Forrest (23)	39½
January 24th	Par Bisque		
Flight 'A'	Winner	Florene Studebaker (22)	+5
Flight 'B'	Winner	Benjamine Bronee (30)	+5
January 31st	L.G.U. Medal		
Silver Division	Winner	Margaret McEwan (16)	83 nett
" "	Runner Up	Joan Jurgens (12)	84 "
Bronze Division	Winner	Trish Blackburn (26)	68 "
" "	Runner Up	Florene Studebaker (22)	75 "

Well played Trish - super score.

# SQUASH



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THE January leagues saw one or two surprises, Pieter Fangman will have a gap on his sideboard if the January cup should have been, instead it went to Dave Bennington - Well done Dave. Our man TB thought he was galloping away with Division 2 but fell at the last hurdle - best excuse could find was that his dad had kept him out all night. Our previous rising star Craig Rennie has done 'U' turn and looks like dropping back into Division 2.

However Wally of the month was unquestionably Andy (I can't make up my mind) Hawkins. First he was on the ladder then he wasn't then he nearly was but his challenge was declared null and void. Then finally he made a proper challenge - and lost, so the only place the ladder co-ordinators felt they could enter him was at the bottom. Someone did suggest that we actually placed him eight places below the last person on the ladder but that would be a little unfair as you can only challenge seven places up. KEEP CHALLENGING ANDY!!

## 74th league

Results were:-

Division	1	Winner	
"	2	"	- Dave Bennington
"	3	"	- Brian Roche
"	4	"	- Mel Leddy
"	5	"	- Jack Dunford
"	6	"	- Ian Mitchell
"	7	"	- Tim Davis
"	8	"	- Don Murray
			- Robert Deladrier

Well done everyone. March league is the 75th one and will be kindly sponsored by Canadian Airlines.

A team of 6 ladies from the Hong Kong football club visited us for a match during the month. Unfortunately the majority of our lady squashies were either away or unable to play so we had to field a team of 1 lady and 5 men.

However we only just won 4 games to 2 and the matches went like this:-

1. James Nichols	lost to	Bobbie McGraw	2-3
2. Tony Laven	beat	Heather Dayton	3-1
3. Mike Geary	lost to	Linda Dixon	0-3
4. Jorgan Toft	beat	Leslie Glancy	3-2
5. Andy Hawkins	beat	Cilla Bell	3-0
6. Yvonne Johass	beat	Rita Ayton	3-0

## SQUASH INTERPORT MATCH SINGAPORE

We have now put together a visit to Singapore to play return matches with some of the teams which visited us during 1988. We are looking for as many players as possible - All Standards Welcome full details as follows:-

Date leave Bangkok early Thursday April 13th.

Return late Sunday April 16th.

Flight — Cathay Pacific Airlines  
 Price — £ 4,600 per squash playing team member.  
 £ 5,600 any non playing club member.  
 Fantastic Value as this includes 3 nights Hotel  
 Hotel — Furama Singapore  
 Program — April  
 Thursday 13th Match — Chinese Swimming Club  
 Friday 14th Match — British Club Singapore  
 Saturday 15th Match — Singapore Cricket Club  
 Sunday 16th Match — Tanglin Club  
 Closing Date  
 As we have to confirm total numbers to the Airline, Hotel and strength of team etc we must have all names by 12 March.  
 We would like as many people as possible to make this visit a great success. Any questions contact Tony Austin or Tony Brazenell.

Next Competition Intersociety match Sunday 23rd April details on Notice Board.

PS. DON'T FORGET THE AGM Monday 6th March.



"What do we do about flushing the toilet?"

# SOCCER



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Hi Gang!

Back in harness after the mid-season break. A big thank you to A.N. Other, or was it 'Trialist' for standing in. Didn't he do well. His identity is to remain almost as closely guarded a secret as that of Bill Dickey. Had a great time in Scotland and managed to take in a good few games at both senior and amateur level. The roar of the crowd on a Saturday afternoon still holds appeal and as long as there are players like Charlie Nicholas and Theo Snelders (who?) around, the game will flourish. It was not all spectating, however, as I kept in trim with games for two of my old (which is now the operative word) teams, the Singapore British Hotspurs and the Hermes (yes m not p) of Aberdeen.

We are now well into the second half of the Farang League season and results are still 'iffy'. However, two new-

comers with potential have been unearthed in Tony Blunden and Nigel Oakins, so the news is not all bad. Add to that the fact we organised and hosted an eight-team tournament with an international flavour and it has been a significant period in the sections development.

## MATCH REPORT

The second part of the season kicked off with a great game against the Scandinavians who are usually enjoyable to play against. In a ding-dong match, the play flowed and, on reflection a two-all draw was a fair result. The Scans took the lead but this was short-lived thanks to a rasping shot from Frank Hough from a tight angle on the left. We then had our best spell and took the lead with another piece of Hough magic. Taking the ball with his back to the goal on

the right-hand edge of the box, he pivoted on a 10 baht note and drove a fierce right foot shot off the left-hand post into the net — a great goal. Midway through the second half the Scans levelled however but it was an unusual goal. Their winger hit a flashing low shot past Craig Rennie, but the ball went through a hole in the side netting after crossing the line and the referee adjudged it had gone past the post and awarded a goal kick. Well we are British and so we told him it was a goal, but he didn't want to believe us and we had the novel experience of arguing with him in favour of us losing a goal and a point. Sanity prevailed and he awarded the goal. I feel our action gained us a degree of respect from the crowd but wonder whether any other team would have displayed the same sense of sportsmanship. Anyway, the final score was 2-2 and Man of the Match was, you've guessed, Fleet-footed Frank.

Our next game was the return against Daimler Benz who are challenging the Germans in the race for the League. We started the game on a 15 minute high and scored the opener through goal-a-game Hough. Unfortunately, it was downhill from there. A short pass back from yours truly saw a nippy winger intercept and somehow squeeze the ball past Rennie from the tightest of angles. Unusually for a Club renowned these past two seasons for



Combined British Club and Singapore select teams before the international which finished 1-1.

fighting spirit, our heads went down and Benz then took the initiative. Rennie made an excellent save, but from the resulting kick-out which found the opposition surprised by the speed of counter-attack, kerpow! the old 1-2 and it was 2-1 to Benz. We never really got back in the game and Benz added a third late in the game. Big depression and no Man of the Match award.

The gloom was to be lifted by our next result, however, when we tackled the bottom team, the Swiss Mountaineers, who certainly gave themselves an Everest to climb going in 5-0 down at half-time. With all vestiges of league honour gone, we took the opportunity of introducing new blood in the shape of Tony Blunden and we welcomed back the Big Apple megastar, John Gidley, several positional changes were made and in a blistering first-half performance we scored five. Frank Hough opened the scoring after a tenacious run by Bennington and then Vince Swift, whose powerful runs from the back were creating havoc, laid on two for John Gidley. Further disaster for the Swiss came when a relatively minor altercation with the referee Augusto Romero led to the red carding of the mid-field general. This was followed by the goal of the game when Gidley, latching on to a through ball, hit a perfectly placed shot-cum lob over the advancing keeper's head from 35 yards to complete his hat-trick. A goal in a thousand proving when you are hot you are hot. Frank closed the first

half scoring when the full back let a lob go over his head and with calm composure the bane of the Bulgarians (ask him about it) ran on and slotted home. In the second half we gave all four of our substitutes a run to keep them match-fit and this, not unnaturally disrupted our rhythm. Hough completed his hat-trick. The Swiss received a consolation goal and relative newcomer to our side, Vic Lane, had the misfortune to be sent off after only ten minutes for an innocuous attempt to re-enact the deeds of the Boston Strangler on a mild-mannered Swiss full-back. Despite the sendings off, it was never really a dirty match. At the post-match celebrations a close vote saw debutante Tony Blunden narrowly lose out to the Gidley goal machine for the coveted Man of the Match title.

One other league game at the time of going to press saw us take a bigger dive than a Japanese Kamikaze pilot in WW2 (or was it Jacques Cousteau). We appear to be developing an attitude problem (sloppiness) and kick-off time saw us missing three of our key players for the preferred starting line-up. Two were later to show. Missing also due to work commitments were Pomfret, Gidley, Rennie and, for the second half, Hough. It is little surprise then that we failed to perform and in as inept a performance as I've seen since joining the BC, we went down to our heaviest defeat this season - 3-0. One bright spot was the debut of Nigel Oakins at centre forward who looks a useful addition despite lacking match practice.

### THE BRITISH CLUB INTERNATIONAL 7 A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT:

It is a measure of how far we have come in the section that for the first time we were able to host a football tournament and welcome two overseas teams in the shape of the British Hotspurs and the Dutch Club both from Singapore. It was particularly pleasing to be able to return the hospitality the Dutch gave us at their tournament in May last year. The other invited teams were the RBSC, Unocal Thailand, Shell Thailand and the German All Stars with ourselves and the Casuals making up the eight. Unfortunately, in order to coincide with the travel arrangements of our visitors, the event clashed with the British Club Sports Day and we were very disappointed with the co-operation received from the main committee when we suggested a postponement of this, particularly since several other sections were lukewarm about the date. It appeared the Sports Day switch to a weekend slot was merely an attempt to 'get it over with' rather than to present properly a popular feature in the Club's calendar and I gather it ended more prematurely than in previous years. Consider this hard-hitting criticism or sour grapes as you like, but it deprived us of two key players in Frank Hough and Mike Worrow and effectively killed our hopes of success on the playing field.

Success comes in many forms, however, and the one day extravaganza of football

was hailed by all teams as an enjoyable and well run tournament. Two groups of four playing a round robin followed by sudden series and play-offs gave us 18 games of football and the finalists were involved in 100 minutes of football. The Casuals team were actually out of their depth losing 5-0 to all three teams in their section Shell, Hotspurs and RBSC before losing the 7th/8th place play-off 3-1 to the Germans. Grant Upton got their only goal and, despite the heavy defeats, I think they all had a good time (even goalie, Mark Twemlo). Another potential player was unearthed as Gordon Bell had a great tournament.

The top team did better opening with a 1-1 draw against Unocal. Frank's son, Simon, took over Dad's serving role and victory was denied as a result of a cruel deflection off my bulging thigh which ballooned over Rennie's hand. A game we were on top in but not a bad result as Unocal had a National League player and an ex-Thailand youth squad player in their side. The second game saw us lose 1-0 to the Dutch of Singapore although again we had the best of the play. In game three with skipper Pomfret out through injury, we played some great possession football and goals from Vic Lane and Keith Denner saw us home 2-0. It was not enough to secure a semi-final place, however, as Unocal and the Dutch both defeated the Germans and drew with each other. In the fifth and sixth place play-off the younger legs of the RBSC gave them the



Gill Hough receiving a bunch of (stolen) flowers for her sterling work keeping the 'scores on the doors.

vital edge and a 1-0 victory. The final was between the British Hotspurs, who at that stage had a 100 percent record and not conceded a goal, and a lively young Shell team. In a pulsating game of high quality, especially considering each team had played four twenty-minute games, the Hotspurs took the lead only to have victory snatched from them with a Shell goal late on. Five minutes of extra time was allowed for and it separated the men from the boys with the boys from Shell having the edge on fitness and scoring two more to take the first ever BC International 7's Trophy and some other nine medals.

A great day and thanks to all our participants and supporters but particularly to Gill Hough who manned the score board, our two referees, Khun Sukit and Augusto Romero and last but not least, the Shell Company of Thailand for the use of their football field. The Shell staff did an excellent job of serving drinks and snacks and we even had a Shell nurse in attendance.

### BC BANGKOK VERSUS SINGAPORE SELECT

On the day after the tournament, we had a match against the select from the two Singapore teams. To give you an idea of the quality of the Singapore team they could call on two ex-players from the Dutch and English First Divisions plus two more semi-professionals. We were missing the injured Mike Pomfret, out of town John Gidley, Jim Howard and Andy Maynard and, for the first half due to a mis-communication, Vince Swift. I dished out criticism for lack of commitment earlier on and this game was the total opposite. Quite frankly, absolutely everyone played out of their skins and gave it everything. Singapore opened the serving with a brilliant solo goal from ex-Feyenoord player Mike Manstick, but then the tough got going. In the second half, we were well on with Hough, Worrow and Swift to the fore (if only they had been available the previous day). With five minutes to go we deservedly scored the equaliser





Mike Pomfret presenting BC trophy to the Shell captain.

when a long range shot from Dave Wallace sailed over the goalie's head into the corner. Make no mistake, this was a great result to the Club.

In the evening, we hosted a reception for the visitors at the Club and they were genuinely impressed by the weekend's events which will enhance our prestige in the region. Whilst criticising the decision on the Sports Day, I must be fair and thank the Club for their support in hosting the Soiree and also indicate that our visitors felt the staff were very helpful and obliging.

#### CASUALS CORNER

Only one game apart from the tournament and that was a full scale trial against the league squad. In fact we jumbled the sides a little bit and the game ended 1-1 with goals from Hough for the big team and Captain Marvel, Peter Downs for the Casuals. It was an extremely enjoyable game to play in and very beneficial as it unearthed hidden talent such as Tony Blunden and Nigel Oakins. Whimp of the Match went to 'Scoop' for trying to insist on extra time

to deprive the Casuals of a deserved moment of glory.

#### POST SCRIPTS:

Phew! What a month! If the article appears unduly long. I apologise, but it's been an action-packed period and there is more to come with the RBSC Floodlit Tourney on the horizon. We have been invited to Singapore in May again for the Windmill Cup and so the ground work for that will need to be done also. We're thinking of asking the Club for a budget for a full-time Secretariat in the Section. Incidentally, we would like to wish the new Club Manager, Keith Bell, well in his new position.

Unfortunately this month we lose two of our members. Mark Twemlo has, for the last two years, been a popular figure around the Club and we shall miss his conviviality, conversation and infectious laughter. He will be returning to Bangkok from London on business trips so it's goodbye, but not farewell. Our other departee is the controversial Andy 'Woodentop' Massey. Andy never did get around to

joining which 'miffed' a few folk, but his contribution to football, rugby and darts has been welcomed and indeed perhaps he has given more of his time to Club activities (and spent more money) than some full members. Andy moves to Budapest with the Foreign Office.

Bon Chance and Bon Voyage to you both.

Finally - Thank God you say!

What do you call a toilet at the zoo? A Zulu.

An Irishman, Scotman and a Chinaman were working in a coal mine. The Irishman was in charge of digging, the Scotsman was in charge of transporting the coal back from the face and the Chinaman was put in charge of supplies. The Irishman discovered that he needed some more tools and so he sent the Chinaman who was in charge of supplies to go and get them. Three hours later, the Chinaman had not returned so the other two set off to look for him. As they rounded a blind corner in the mine-shaft the Chinaman jumped out on them from behind a post and shouted "Supplies".

What did the grape do when the elephant sat on it? It let out a little wine.

That's it for now folks. Back next month. Remember, silence is what you don't hear when you listen. See you around.

Scoop

# TENNIS TENNIS

The last month has been a busy one for the tennis section. Many matches were played in the ambient temperatures of the cool season. We also were well represented in sporting fixtures held at the BC namely the Swimming Gala held on the 15th January and Sports Day on the 4th February.

Congratulations to: **Phyl Xumsai** and friend **David Martin** from the UK

**Brian Roche**

**George Dunford**

**Andrea Sill**

**Julia Freeman**

**Sally Dunford**

**Mark Freeman**

for participating in the Swimming Gala in which we placed a well earned second.

Congratulations to the following people representing the tennis section for their valiant efforts in winning the Sports day competition

**Jean Frederick Nothomb**

**Benjamine Bronne**

**Jean Jacque Gramond**

**Julia Freeman**

The January Round Robin drew 16 participants and again took the form of a team event. The final outcome being a win by the team comprising of:

**Dick Chessman**

**Isobelle Nothomb**

**Julia Freeman**

**Rowan Legg**

On Sunday the 29th January a tennis club from Sydney visited the BC and after initial rain play got underway to produce some entertaining and enjoyable tennis. It was neck and neck throughout the whole days play with Sydney finally clinching the deciding game giving them a 13-12 set victory.

The boys from the Australian Warships, HMAS Derwent & HMAS Stuart visited the BC on Saturday the 11th February with a specific request to play some "ladies" at tennis. This was duly arranged with an enthusiastic team fronting up to represent the BC. Unfortunately due to transportation problems (or was this just an excuse) a very small team turned up to represent the warships. Nevertheless some interesting tennis took place.

## COMING UP IN APRIL

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# CHESS CHESS



FOR those interested I have included this month some historical background on the game as well as the usual problem.

## A Brief History of Chess

Chess, as we know it, is about five hundred years old. The present moves of the chess men have remained about the same since the mid-1500s.

But chess itself is much older. We don't know exactly when civilisations began to substitute war games and board games and armchair strategists for war itself. There is evidence that the 8 by 8 board was in use even before the Romans came to Britain, though for what games it is not certain. The chessboard of 64 squares and its two chess armies was in use in the Sanskrit areas of Indo-Pakistan about AD 550. Its aim then, as it is today, was to capture the opposing king. It is this singular objective that distinguishes chess from other games.

In Sanskrit chess the pieces may have represented the four arms of war – the chariot, the elephant, the horseman and the foot-soldier – plus a king and minister. Today the corresponding names are rook, bishop, knight and pawn, together with king and queen.

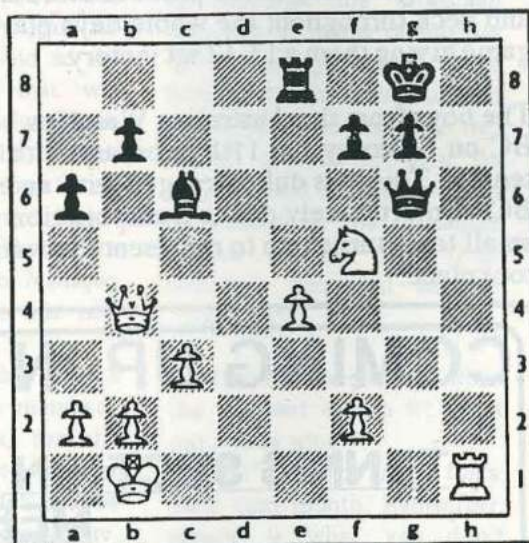
We know something about the four-handed game of Chaturanga – played around AD 600 – in which dice were thrown. That a dice has six sides and chess six differing pieces may be no coincidence. If you threw one you moved the pawn. Two meant the horseman could move. Three – the elephant, and so on ...

Chess came to Europe in three ways. From Northern India it was passed on to Persia – it has been suggested as a gift between kings. Possibly it was taken back to the Caliphates of Baghdad by Arab traders journeying to Persia, or by the Arab conquerors of Persia (AD 640-650). The Arabs, as they expanded west under the impetus of the Islamic faith, took it along North Africa and the Moors introduced the game into Spain. Independently the crusaders brought it back to Western Europe as they returned from the Holy Land. And the Mediterranean traders carried it via Asia Minor through the

Balkans and the Greek Islands to Italy. It was in cities of Italy that chess underwent revolutionary changes in the late 1400s and first half of the 1500s. Only the rook and the knight moves of early chess survived intact. All the other pieces increased their scope.

Another European influence on the game is the change made from the pieces being the symbolic representations of the elements of an army to the trappings of a royal court. The elephant of India became a bishop to the British, "un fou" or court jester to the French, "ein laufer" meaning a runner or messenger to the Germans, and so on .... The term queen (or lady in other languages) is a European conception. It must show the greater outward importance of the woman in European councils! In older times and other lands this piece was the minister and had a more limited motion than the king.

## This Month's Problem



White to move and mate in two (Answer below)

The secret of good players is that they consider every possible option even those that at first look ridiculous.

Answer:  $\text{R} \times \text{Q}$  then  $\text{N}-\text{e}7$  mate!  
 $\text{Q}-\text{f}8$  check, if  $\text{K} \times \text{Q}$  then  $\text{R}-\text{h}8$  mate!

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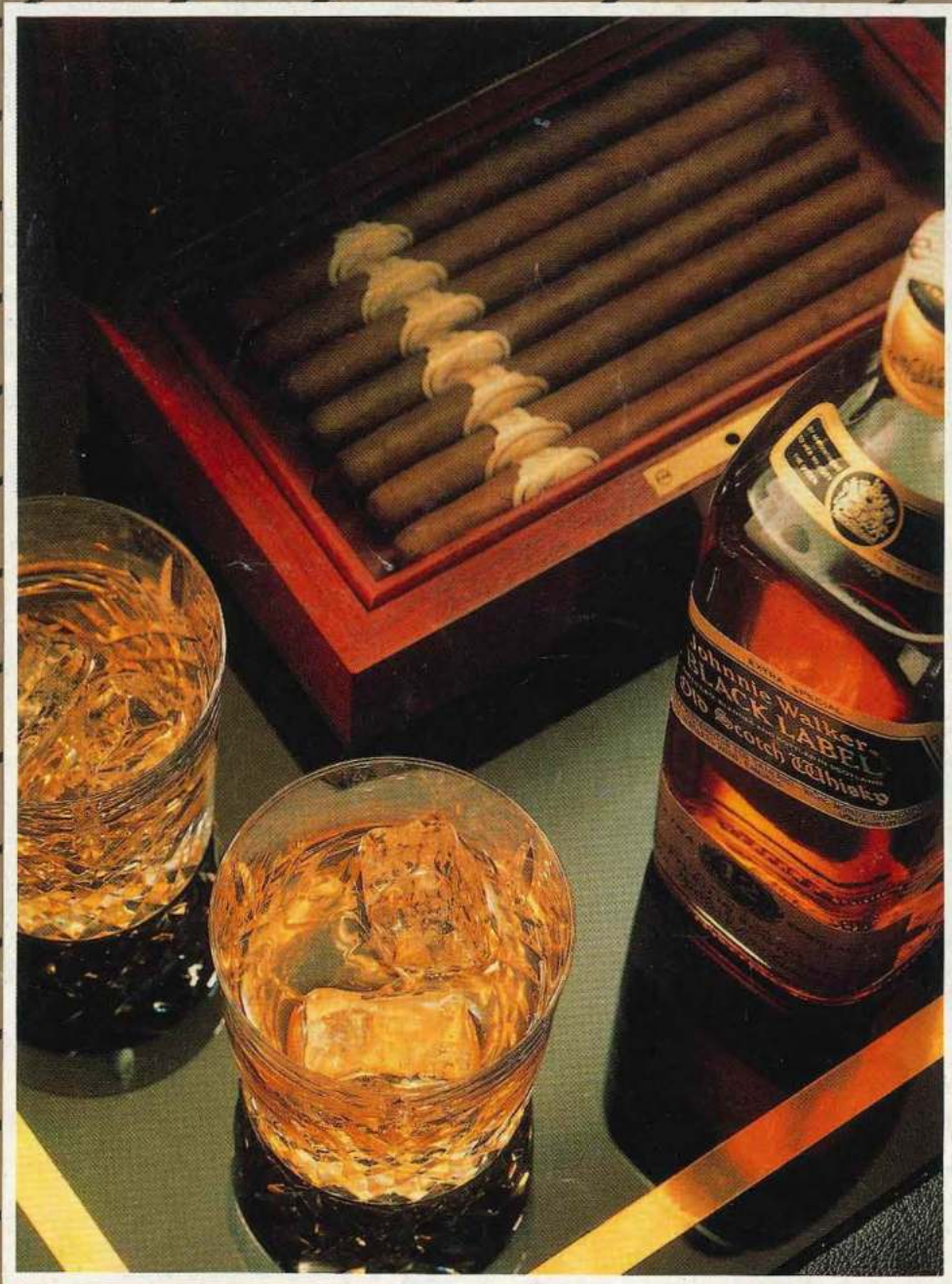
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