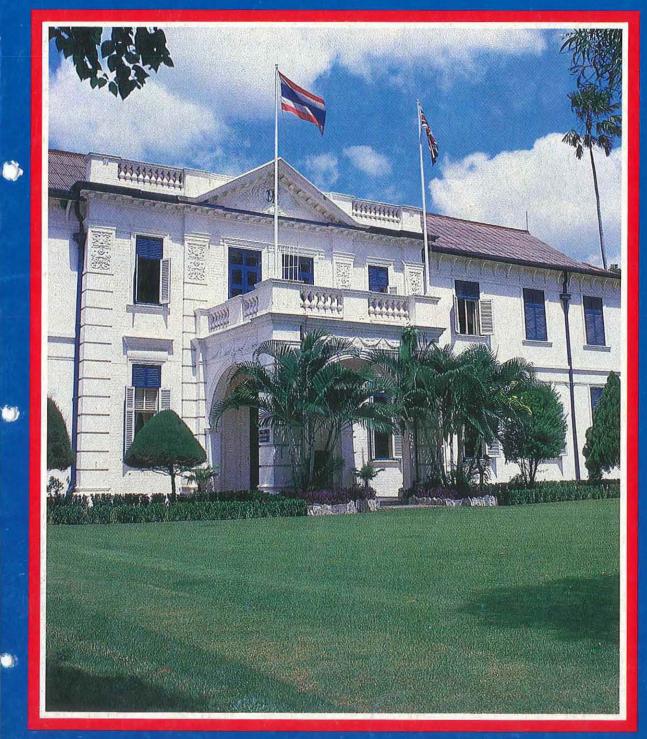
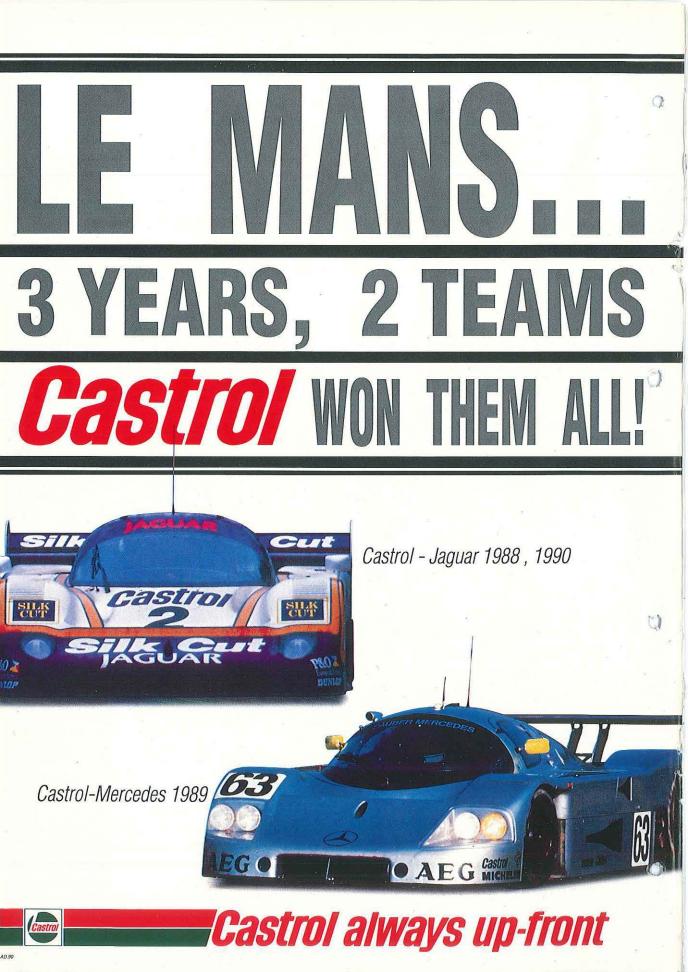


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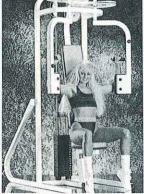






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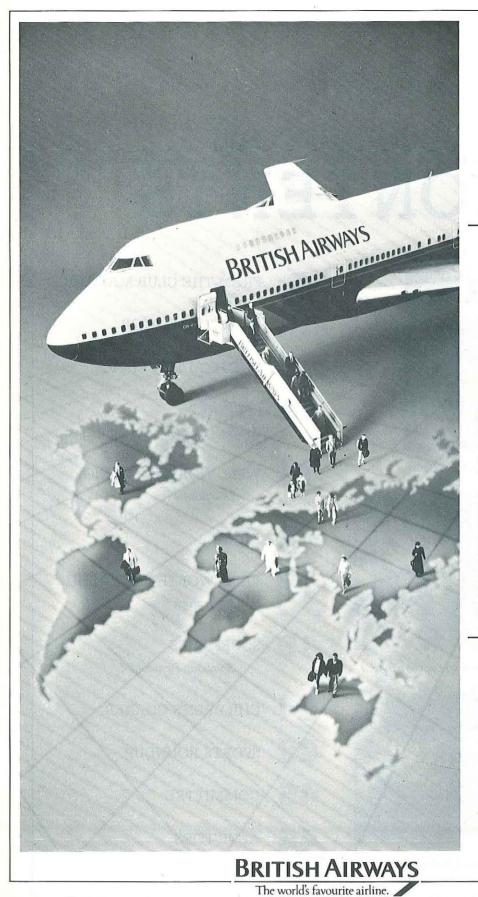


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## ROM THE CLUB MANAGER

- 1) To all those ladies out there who may have some free time on their hands, are adept at cooking and would enjoy making a little something extra. I am looking for someone who can pickle English style onions, beetroot, mixed pickle, pickled eggs etc..etc. If you can and have some time, please give me a call.
- 2) I have started to collect a library of boarding-school prospecti from Europe and the U.K. So, if you are thinking of boarding-school for your children, look no farther than your Club. Drop in to see me and you can browse through details of 30 to 40 top schools. These will be added to and updated on a regular basis.
- 3) NO SHOES AROUND THE POOL

May I remind Members and their guests for the reason behind this rule.

You could unwittingly bring in dog excrement on the soles of your outdoor shoes and a baby or young child could through crawling around on their hands and knees get it into their eyes, this can lead to blindness.

- 4) Parents are reminded to exercise control over their children especially when using the new equipment around the children's pool, and please ensure they use their own changing rooms and not the adult ones unless they are with you. Thank you.
- 5) The staff monthly bonus awards come to an end, I would like to thank those Members who took the time to fill in the questionnaire on the service staff.

The final month goes to Khun Narong who you may or may not know depending on whether you have used the outside catering services. His ability to make every occasion complete especially over the festive periods, is always very much appreciated.



Congratulations and my own personal thanks to him for his hard and loyal work over the years.

6) Finally, the Friday night ACCUMULATOR keeps rolling on. At the time of printing, if not won, it stands at B.12,750, plus you can listen to one of the best piano players in Bangkok Mr. Eric Rosser.

## ROM THE EDITOR

W ELL it's been a rum old month what with the British Club and schools being open again and not having to duck anymore when driving past the US Embassy. All the businessmen who were forbidden to fly for a few weeks are now charging around the globe at an even faster rate of knots, desperately trying to catch up. They no longer have time to leave the airport to go and meet people – clients come to them for a quick chat at the check-in-desk as they make ready to wing their way to the next destination.

But the "crisis" did not deter the more hardy from staggering on as normal. A few Saturdays ago anyone moseying down "the green route" at an unearthly hour of the morning might have bumped into a rather swift Chinaman resplendent in purple including the hat. Closer inspection by some would have revealed a familiar figure needing only to grow a long whispy bead to complete the picture. Needless to say he was infact going to a toga party.

Some old members obviously decided to make up for lost time at New Members last month and were seen toddling (I'm being polite) out of the Club when everyone else had already got up for breakfast. It must be the Sanatogen. Sorting out Saddam, corruption, the traffic, politics and what to drink next takes time of course and we all know that clocks go a hell of a lot faster after 1 a.m.

This sudden devotion to the bar must have resulted from the cancellation of all additional entertainments in February but this month there's the Bar Quiz, so do come along and support your favourite team. These are fun evenings.

It's good to know that this year the heat will be even hotter. Doesn't the temperature always reach 40° in April? With the wonderfully descriptive accuracy of the weather forecasts here, ie, cool at 72°, one has to wonder what "hot" might possibly mean **and** we're likely to run a bit short of water. Sounds like it could be a fun hot season.

Lastly my usual plea for travel articles (harassed MDs spending inordinate amounts of time in airports may have temporary respite). However the remaining 802 of you must have some interesting tales to tell. Give me a ring. I am now to be found on 425-8040/5, Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at home otherwise (sometimes, but keep trying).

Maren

P.S. Don't forget the Club A.G.M. now on the 2nd April.



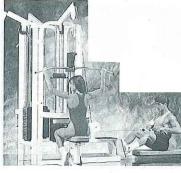
To remind all Society Members that the St. Patrick's Ball will be held on the 16th March at the Oriental Hotel. Home grown and imported entertainment on tap.

## THE BRITISH CLUB HEALTH CENTRE

GOOD NEWS The Centre will open May 1st under the management and supervision of Club Performance Systems (of the Dusit Thani).

The pieces of equipment shown below are the actual ones that will be used. For more information please speak to Mr. Keith Bell.

(P.S. Sorry, the ladies don't come with the equipment)



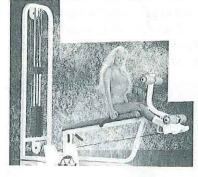
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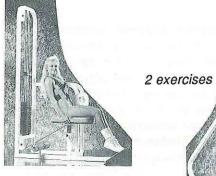
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## **Meet the New Members**





David Crocker–White is in the security field. His wife Georgiana has her own garments business in Hong Kong where they lived for 15 years. David is a workaholic with a bit of time to spare for swimming, badminton and talking to Paul Myers on the left.



**Colin** and **Lisa Beattie**, an Angus man and a Cork lady have come from Colombo, Sri Lanka which they weren't too fond of. Colin is replacing lan Mitchell at the Standard Chartered. Lisa was a GP but now aims to spend lots of time on her other pursuits, writing and painting; Colin hasn't heard of hobbies (yet!)

Andrew O'Regan from County Cork and Carol Moore from the UK are here because of that wicked weed tobacco; Andrew is on the marketing side. His other vices include motor sports and squash in that order. Carol is a midwife; she is currently taking a course in homeopathic medicine and is also interested in acupuncture and learning to play squash.



Anthony and Elaine Wood (centre) are here looking for water engineering projects. Anthony used to be a weight lifter but now referees only; he has also retired from the karate and judo ring. Elaine takes life more gently with swimming and mah-jong.



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Lorraine and Peter Reimann are a great mixture of Chicago and Newcastle. Peter's in the construction business and plays golf and squash on the other days. They've been in HK for the last 12 years where Lorraine had her own photography business. She also enjoys a thrash around the squash court and is looking forward to the gym opening. They have two small sons.



**Douglas Stark** from Ontario is married to Mary who was at home with their two children. He is regional services manager for Caterpillar Far East; tractors and things. Mary is interested in politics and fine art whilst Douglas plays squash.

Hilary Evans born in Wembley, of Welsh extraction is now from Ottawa. This is her seventh posting for the Canadian government but the first time in the Far East. Hilary's main bobby is lethargy and anything compatible with that state

such as reading, eating and music. Just occasionally she plays an itsy bit of squash.



Gordon Belton's spare time is being spent house hunting though he hopes eventually to get back to squash and hashing. He's an engineer working on the tollway projects and came from Jakarta.

Keith Ansell (on the right) has been here for one and a half years and has a language school teaching English and Japanese. He enjoys music, travel and literature; plays golf, cricket and tennis, and is an enthusiastic football supporter.



Fiona Scott is the trading manager for DHL Worldwide Express, a courier company; her last five years were spent in NZ. She speaks French and Spanish and is getting to grips with Thai. On days off Fiona likes swimming and choral singing. Posing with her are Andrew McDowell (left) and Vincent Swift.

Claire Burgess, a New Zealander, is the GM of Squib (pharmaceuticals); she worked in Indonesia before coming here. Outside of work she likes running and swimming and is desperately seeking a squash coach to make all that tearing around the court worthwhile. Is Jack Dunford volunteering?



Maurice and Laurainda Brown have been living in Lampang for the last three years. Maurice is an engineer, ex-RAF, flies planes and helicopters and when on the ground plays golf. Linda, for short, is from Portugal, her hobbies include mah-jong and annoying Maurice.





**Christopher Hoey** managed to avoid me. He's a research analyst with the Shiane Heng Group.



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**Pauline Harrison** (foreground) also disappeared early. She is a teacher at the Bangkok Patana School.



Committee Member Kenda Harris with Maria Elias in the background.



Goodness knows what's going on here!

Maren



## **Fangs for the Memory**

**I** N the Balkans, fear of Dracula-like vampires was rampant in the Middle Ages. Nearly all doors and windows were embellished with garlic clusters to protect residents against these evil creatures. As an added protection, window sashes and door pulls were rubbed with slices of garlic cloves. No knowledgeable Hungarian would go out at night without the protection of a garlic clove tucked into a buttonhole or suspended on a string around his neck. The clove was said to keep vampires far away.

When I trekked to Everest base camp in the Himalayas my one fear was leeches, those small worm-like creatures living in wet places that prick the skin and drink your blood. I'd been told to put salt in my clothing, and I'd pour almost a pound of it into my pockets, the turn-ups of my pants, my socks, my boots, and just about everywhere I could find a fold that would hold a few billion grains. I'd also been told that garlic warded off leeches, and I dutifully (but shamefacedly) hung a necklace of garlic around my neck. They laughed at me. My son, Sasha, was mortified. But you know what? I'm one of the very few trekkers I know who never ever found a leech on their body. So there. I also found a pocketbook in Kathmandu, that I ve kept to this day which has always been one of my favourites and which appeared to me to understand what I was about, called The Courage Of A Coward.

The ancients found it difficult to separate magic from medicine. Concoctions were put together to drive away the evil spirits that were believed to enter the body from time to time. The idea that garlic can dispel evil abounds in both ancient and modern folklore. It was considered as effective as holly or mistletoe for hanging over the front door for the protection of all in the house. We don't have to rely on folklore or the writing of the ancients to find evidence that garlic has therapeutic properties and is helpful in preventing a host of physical problems.

Chinese scholars praised garlic more than 3,000 years go. The workers of the Great Pyramid of Egypt were fed garlic to increase their strength and stamina. Greek gladiators and, later, Roman soldiers were given garlic to increase their staying power and courage in battle. The Vikings carried it on their sea voyages. Soothing ingredients in garlic cool muscle inflammation, loosen tight joint "knots" and provide welcome relaxation of stiffened body parts. Garlic speedily corrects metabolic errors responsible for this painful condition. Several cloves per day can help restore youthful flexibility to your joints and muscles almost immediately. Garlic speedily reduces the force of blood against the arterial walls. It soothes the pressure of the heart pumping blood so that a more balanced circulation takes place throughout the body. It helps build your defences so you develop immunity to harmful airborne germs that could give you a serious case of flu. It neutralizes harmful bacteria and dangerous microbes that cause colds. It acts as a stimulant by oxygenating the ducts and channels of the heart muscle. It boosts lifegiving oxygen flow.

Garlic represents one of the great untold stories in the world of gastronomy. It possesses amazing qualities to delight the taste buds and improve your health. Garlic can produce a feeling of total revitalization from within. It has a unique flavour that can turn an otherwise humble recipe into a gourmet's delight. It is a potent herb. If you and your family are not used to it, you should introduce it in your diet a little at a time. You will gradually adjust to its taste, and be glad you did.

When buying garlic look for plump bulbs though smaller bulbs with their smaller cloves are just as high in quality and flavour. The flavour of garlic in your dishes depends on how you use and prepare the herb. The longer garlic cooks, the more delicate its flavour becomes. Garlic is at its most robust when used raw or minced. You will get a milder flavour if you place garlic in dishes after they have begun to cook. The flavour will be especially mild if the cloves are left whole. A still milder flavour will be obtained if the pieces of garlic are removed after cooking and before the dish is served.

Garlic is best stored for short periods of time out of the sun and with plenty of ventilation. It will keep from four to six months this way. Refrigeration is not recommended. If sprouts develop, the garlic can still be used, but it will not be quite as flavourful as when fresh. To peel garlic, hit it with the flat side of a large knife. You can also crush it with the flat side of a knife. Crushing garlic will release essential oil and produce a more robust flavour than you would get by slicing the clove. You can keep your hands free of odour when crushing garlic by placing the garlic cloves in a plastic sandwich bag. Chop to puree. When you add your garlic puree to a stew and cook slowly for an extended period of time, the puree loses its pungent raw flavour and blends gently with other ingredients. Gourmet cooks use this method to bring out a superb taste in the most humble of meats.

The smell of garlic on one's breath normally comes from eating raw garlic. You get almost as much healing power in the form of cooked garlic, which leaves virtually no odour. If you want to use the herb in its natural state chew citrus peel (especially orange) after eating garlic to sweeten your breath, or chew on anise, fennel or dill seed, or try munching on roasted coffee grounds for a few moments.

Consider these time-tested home uses of the herb for minor ailments: mash up garlic bulbs and apply to insect bites; squeeze out garlic juice and add a small amount to water or honey – this will sooth itching and inflammation; a fresh poultice of garlic applied several times a day will help heal insect bites; brown garlic in honey and butter and eat it to soothe kidney or bladder problems; place a raw garlic clove against your gum to ease toothache.

Garlic influences food in different ways, depending on how it is cut and added to the dish. Boost the taste of salad oil by dropping an unpeeled clove into the liquid. For an unusual taste treat, try roasting a chicken with 40 unpeeled cloves. Serve the cloves with the chicken. Let your guests pick up the cloves and suck the tender insides out of the peel. The taste is unbelievably mild and sweet.

#### GARLIC SAUCE FOR HAMBURGERS

Cook your meat patties as usual, using butter instead of oil. Remove the burgers and put them in the oven with just enough heat to keep them warm. Slightly saute three cloves of garlic in the pan juices. Then for each pound of ground beef add four tablespoons of dry red wine, two teaspoons of lemon juice, half a teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce and two tablespoons of minced parsley. Bring the sauce to a boil. Pour it over the patties.

#### GARLIC BUTTER

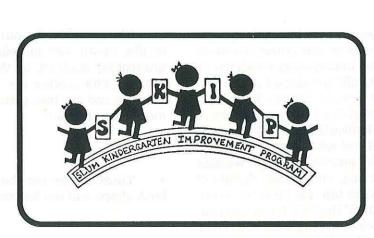
Garlic butter can be frozen into logs, ready to melt on broiled steaks or hamburgers. It can also be mixed into fresh cooked vegetables or spread on bread. Just mash garlic cloves into butter. Use about six cloves for each stick. Add such herbs as chives and parsley. Form into logs. Put plastic wrapping around the logs and freeze them. Slice as needed.

#### GARLIC CRUMB TOPPING

Dress up vegetables with a crumb topping. Grate your favourite bread to make

about one cup of fine crumbs. Saute the crumbs with a finely minced clove of garlic and two tablespoons of butter. Cook until it's just barely brown. Sprinkle over any hot, buttered, fresh cooked vegetable.

Ninki Mallet Maslansky



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## **Maj Jowal and Per Wahloo**

T HESE two authors have jointly written a series of ten police detective novels. They are mostly set in Sweden with several realistically developed police officers grouped around Martin Beck who gradually rises to Chief Inspector, Head of the Swedish Homicide Squad. Maj and Per are a husband and wife team.

The books provide, to those without actual experience, convincing details of ordinary Swedish life. Far superior to the usual "Whodunnit" the later novels particularly are taut and exciting. There are vivid descriptions of Swedish scenes, comments and criticisms of social conditions and politics. The results of decades of Swedish State Welfare obviously disappoint and sometimes disgust the authors' leftish inclinations.

There is much salty humour and artistic development through the series. In short the books are outstanding examples of their genre, convincing but as may perhaps be expected not cheerful or optimistic.

#### **Robert van Gulik**

This author was a Dutch diplomat and expert sinological scholar. He wrote a series of quite different detective stories. These take place in China circa 650/750 AD and are based on the life of Judee Dee Jenjieh who having qualified well in Imperial Examinations begins his career in distant provinces, and rises to become a senior minister in the T'ang dynasty government. The exotic background and attitudes to life, death and punishment make an interesting contrast to the Swedish approach. The stories are probably fairly realistic and are interestingly different to most crime fictions.

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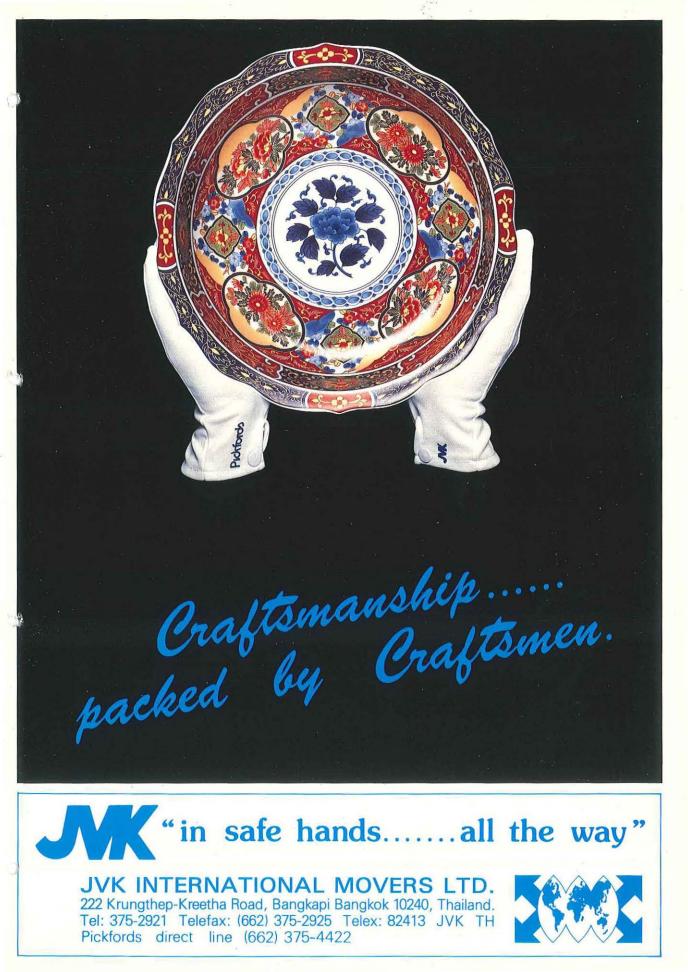
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These books can be found in local book shops and the Neilson Hays Library.



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## MARCH CALENDAR

For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the *OUTPOST* Calendar, please contact Maren White on 258-1481. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month. \*Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room."

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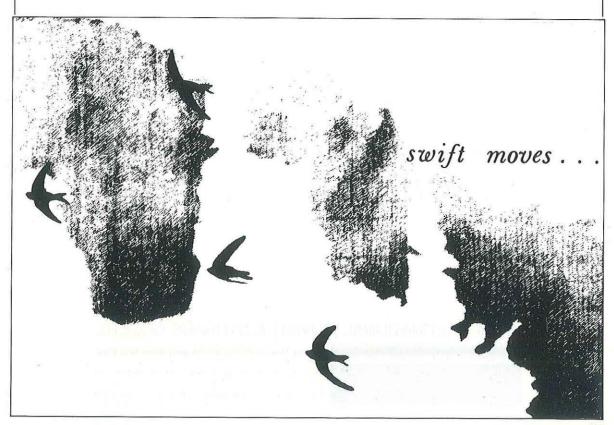
## Moonstruck

A N Italian in New York. Close your eyes and who do you see? A restaurant owner, an opera singer, a loquacious taxi driver? Now think of a Sicilian. Presto! An instant gangster. Time to make a film. That seems to have been the cinematographic message of 1990, a year in which so many new releases featured Mafiosi on the make.

While the FBI were trying to lock up the real mobsters, the American public rushed to see their celluloid alter egos on screen. To The Godfather III, which broke box office records on its first day. To Martin Scorsese's Good Fellas, which is tipped for an Academy Award. To The Freshman, to see Marlon Brando parody Don Corleone. And to My Blue Heaven, to laugh at Steve Martin as a compulsive crook who can't go straight.

But not all pictures about Sicilian emigres are the same. In Moonstruck, for example, there is not a glimmer of "whacking", (assassination), nor a godfather in sight. And yet it is a memorable film.

Moonstruck is a romance, rich in charm, wit, passion and unabashed Italian sentimentality. It stars Cher as a lonely



widow, who has convinced herself that her life is blighted by bad luck. Far too pragmatic to believe in curses, she does hope to restore her good fortune by making a boring marriage.

When her fiance, Johnnie Camarari, rushes back to Palermo to kneel at his dying mother's bed, he has one request: that Loretta, (Cher), should contact his estranged brother and invite him to the wedding. Ronnie, (Nicholas Cage), claims to hate Johnnie for having deprived him of his dream of happiness – and brandishes a maimed left hand as a constant reminder of his grudge. However, Loretta sees through him. "You're a wolf, who bit off his own hand to save himself from the trap of wrong love", she retorts. And, like a lamb, she is reluctantly drawn to him.

Their illicit romance threatens to offend the traditional values which Loretta's family holds dear. How can a woman, engaged to one man, be seen with his brother? Her father, a strong authoritarian, would disapprove greatly – were he not having an affaire himself. Obsessed by a growing fear of death, he believes that taking a mistress he doesn't want will somehow fend off the inevitable. His wife turns a blind eye to his folly, but warns Loretta never to marry for love.

Olympia Dukakis' appearance as the long-suffering wife won her an Oscar and the chance to deliver some laconically funny lines. Cher's performance surprised many: absent from showbiz for years, her return, in films like this one, took Hollywood by storm. I was less enthusiastic about Nicholas Cage; if wolves have lethargic eyelids and monotonous voices, well fine.

What transforms this story from a tragedy into a glowing comedy is "la bella luna", an extraordinary full moon, under whose magical influence everyone in it goes just a little crazy. The potent atmosphere this creates is enhanced even more by a smattering of eccentric minor characters and excerpts from La Boheme.

They say that the British have always been fascinated by things Italian; watch this film and you may be moonstruck too!

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#### Somboon Restaurant

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A couple of years ago I wrote under extreme pressure (Ed: I smiled sweetly and he gave in) a series of articles titled Scofferies which aimed to introduce to Members, restaurants which they may not have known. It also lambasted some which deserved such acclaim, for poor quality in food or service or simply being overpriced.

For my pains I received gratitude from one up-country member, a couple of mentions in the bar, one whisky nam from the editor (Ed: and my undying devotion) and the wrath of the wife of Her Brittanic Majesty's Ambassador, at that time. Your Editor has prevailed upon me again but this time I wish to invite all or any of our Members to 'do their bit' for the Club and share some good (or bad) experiences of eating places anywhere in the kingdom. Some of you undoubtedly have a favourite haunt in the outer wilds of Roi Et or Buriram which could do with B.C. Members' patronage!

To start the ball rolling I offer you Somboon Restaurant in Ruangrat Road, Ranong. Some of you will need to grab a map but for those without map or knowledge of Thai geography Ranong is the northernmost town in Thailand on the Andaman Sea, just opposite Victoria Point in Burma. A rattling good cross business is evident, but unfortunately only Thai nationals and Burmese may legally make the few kilometre journey by boat, long-tailed.

Anyway back to Khun Somboon whom you can see from his card is a polite "chap with an uncanny grasp of English phraseology! What that lacks is certainly compensated for by the excellence of his food. An extremely wide variety is offered and prepared in full view of the clientele over one of four hot gas rings. Some members may know of other such establishments but I for one have never seen one chap collect and prepare all the ingredients and then simply pass them on to one of four cooks to apply the heat. A combination of skills but a superb result. One other attraction in Ranong is the hot spa at the Jansom Thara Hotel. For anyone with aches, pains or skin problems this is the place.

Thank

Ranong is quite a way from Bangkok, 8 hours by car, 12 by bus but much closer to Phuket or Surat Thani. The scenery from Chumporn is well worth the drive. Beaches there are not, as the coastline is covered with mangrove swamps with large oyster beds. Somboon does a wonderful oyster omelettle.

So please get out your pen and tell us about another Restaurant somewhere in Thailand. No Hotels please or any of the excellent Angus Steak Houses or people will complain of unfair influence!

> Good Scoffing Bob Coombes

GHILDREN'S CORNER

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#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

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This board was played five times. At all tables West opened the bidding with one club. At three tables North made a takeout double; at one table a pass; and at the other a bid of one no-trump.

Where the takeout double occurred, East at two tables came in with a 'one-heart' bid relieving South of the responsibility of bidding with only two high card points. AT the third table where North had made the "takeout", East "re-doubled" and south passed! West proceeded to take 10 tricks at one club re-doubled and vulnerable for 1430, the equivalent of a vulnerable small slam in hearts or spades.

South should have bid one diamond, this shows a weak hand. The only time South should pass in this situation is when holding five or more solid trumps and defeat the contract. In fact it would be safe to say that the weaker that south's hand is, the more essential it is that South bid.

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE RESULTS

Tuesday January 8, 1991 (3-1/2 Tables : 21 Boards : Howell Movement)1stChamaiporn and Sampun68%2ndPelle and Janne54%

Tuesday January 15, 1991 (3 Tables : 25 boards : Howell Movement)1stElaine and Darryl64%2ndAnurak and Siriwan56%

Tuesday January 21, 1991

No bridge - compliments of the Gulf War.

Tuesday January 29, 1991 1st 2nd

Elaine and Darryl 71% Vena and Sunisa 54%

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Elaine & Darryl Hennig

#### SWIMMING SECTION

DUE to the Gulf crisis, our swimming tour to Phuket had to be cancelled. This was a great disappointment to us all. A big thankyou to Paul Myers for taking over the organisation of this event and picking up all the pieces of the cancellation.

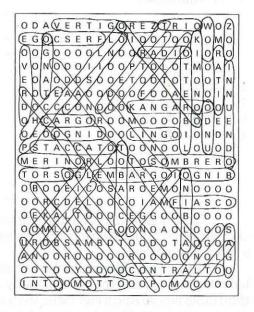
Due to pressure of work, Paul has now resigned the chairmanship of this section. We would like to form a new committee with a new leader!

ANY VOLUNTEERS?

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# CRICKET

#### THE ECSTASY AND THE AGONY- PART 2

IN which the fabulous Pavilionaires, heroes to Schoolboys and Housewives all over the Kingdom, come crashing back to reality yet again, still to savour the sweet taste of success.

#### PAVILIONAIRES vs SCRIBBLERS CRICKET CLUB 5/1/91 A.I.T.

[Wiry Steve Hatherall 33, Julie Andrews 23. Wiry Steve Hatherall 4 for 11, Tiny Tim Edmonds 4 for 24]

Bingo Lamb lost the toss at high noon on a hot and sultry January Saturday and was ordered to field. Normally a trip to the outback (of Rangsit) and the fiery cauldron known as A.I.T. is to be avoided at all costs. But this time the Pavs did it in style, with a bus (courtesy of Tiny Tim) and a BC Bar-B-O Buffet with Khun Narong and helper at the bar. What a pleasure!

Facing a strong and confident Scribblers XI, the mighty Pavs minus Huge Salmon, looked to have finally found the form that has eluded the Club, virtually since its inception. Tiny Tim eliminated (the only word for it) the Scribblers' top four batsmen with pace, guile, and tenacity. The fielding was flawless. The catches floorless. (Sorry). The Scribblers, sans top scribe Teddy Thangarajah, were shattered. Even the prospect of Bingo handing the ball to TinTin Oakins failed to lift their spirits. Bingo in a brilliant, (some would say rare) stroke of captaincy, silenced TinTin's constant requests to "Let me have a go at them, Skipper" for all time. Unfortunately the score sheet is missing, so the final tally from his over remains a wellkept Pav secret.

Wiry Steve was brought on and totally destroyed the middle order with a superb 4 for 11. Sure the wicket was tough, but the bowling was tougher. When the troops walked off for lunch, the Scribblers had doodled a paltry 114, and Rolly had goosebumps from scoring. Alas, if the story could end here, with the lads off to celebrate and living happily ever after. But the sad truth, the batsmen failed to fire. Wiry Steve added to his 4 wickets with a classic 33; Julie Andrews chipped in with 23; and the rest (including extras) THIRTEEN.

The bus left early that day from A.I.T., with just over 50 overs bowled in the day, and the boys numb from shock (and Kloster).

#### PAVILIONAIRES vs A.I.T. 19/1/91 A.I.T.

[Bingo Lamb 23, Wiry Steve Hatherall 20, Duncan Ramsey 11, Tiny Tim Edmonds 6, Rolly Bain 4. Wiry Steve Hatherall 2 for 13, Julie Andrews 2 for 31]

The morning started innocuously enough with a couple of bottles of Moet in the BC Bar at 9:30 to celebrate the coming of age of faithful scorer and cheer squad Rolly Bain. Thence 9 Pavilionaire players plus their scorer, Khun Narong and helper,

bar and Bar-B-Q, boarded their 60 seat coach, with "Auf Wiedersehen Pet" on the video, and a totally painless trip upcountry to A.I.T. Bingo Lamb lost the toss (as always) at high noon on a hot and sultry January Saturday and was ordered to field (as usual). Ducky Hamilton had arrived in his limo, but Knockers Pearson was still nowhere to be seen. So it came to pass that Bingo tried to hide Rolly in the field until Knockers turned up. But as always happens, whenever you try to hide a fielder, every other ball flies directly to him, and Rolly's stubby legs were in constant motion. Porky Rider was absent, on official duties in Chiang Mai, and so Bingo took over behind the stumps. At tea, the Pavs seemed to be slightly in command, with only 3 an over being scored. Wiry Steve dismissed the opening pair and Julie Andrews took a blinding caught and bowled at full stretch over his head to remove the dangerous Naveed. But the young fit students applied the pressure after the interval, and racked up 160 + in total. The fielding (with the exception of Rolly) and bowling was reasonable, but the batting was better. Julie finally removed Babar for an impressive 51 and Ducky chipped in to claim Yousuf's wicket for 7. But the boys remembered their last innings here, and they faced the prospect with a certiain trepidation.

Wiry Steve and Tiny Tim opened in responsible fashion, and didn't appear to be troubled. Wiry despatching the bad balls to the ropes, and Tiny Tim holding his end and fielding the strike. Then disaster struck when Wiry, stood admiring his superb square cut a fraction too long. When he finally remembered to run, he was a foot short. Julie joined Tiny and played straight before popping up an easy catch off Naveed (for a duck). The A.I.T. bowlers were hurling them down a bit quick. The rot had set in. Tiny Tim clean bowled by Raman, Dicker Davies bowled by the dangerous Naveed, Ducky Hamilton run out (for a duck), Jumbo Howard bowled Naveed for 1. Butters Butteworth bowled Sritharan for 1. Six wickets for the addition of only FOUR runs. Then Bingo with cries of "It's a certain 2" was run out for a Captain's knock of 23. Rolly was getting very nervous and Dunny Ramsay (who brings his own bat, but had yet to hit a run in a number of Pav innings was nervouser). When Dunny got his first the ground rang with cheers. Rolly had watched Big Phil get two vicious bouncers from Srithiran and was not in any hurry to get out there. But Big Phil was on his way back for just three. So Rolly in great Pays tradition followed his Captain like a Lamb to the slaughter, but not before giving the A.I.T. boys near heart failure with a magnificent 4.

So down but not out (well all out but not down and out), the Pavs live to fight another day.

Rolly

#### 12 Jan. At AIT. Friendly vs AIT. Lost by 71 runs.

AIT 202-5. (Hall 4-0-23-2; Lewis 7-2-26-1; Dunford J 7-0-27-1; Dunford G. 5-0-41-1) BC 131-4 (Wylde 50\*, Spyer 33, Lewis 10\*)

Only four of the regular squad were available for the first game of the new year, a friendly at AIT. Hough, Hall, Dunford and Lewis were joined by newcomers Roger Spyer and Peter Rodgers, while Richard Wylde had his first outing for us this season, Roger Daniel made only is second BC appearance, two years after his first, George Dunford and Ron Hall were pressed into service, not that either needed much coaxing, and AIT player Sutharsan made his second Club appearance, having played for Pavilionaires last season.

#### Arduous

Brian Lewis had arrived from the States only that morning, so it was David Hall who undertook the arduous task of winning the toss and deciding to field. He then asked Brian to open the bowling.

Despite an impressive opening spell from Brian which had the openers playing and missing outside the off-stump, the four bowlers who bowled the first twelve overs failed to take a wicket. It was left to Jack Dunford to break the opening stand with a successful LBW appeal.

#### Athletic

Four team members had spent most of the day on the AIT golf course before the match, and the team was looking less than totally athletic, the exception again being Jack, who was stopping everything that came his way. Later in the innings, he took two good catches, one off David Hall and one off George Dunford. Frank Hough took a good stumping off Hall's bowling and Brian had the opening batsman, who had by then scored 91, caught behind the wicketkeeper by Roger Spyer. But these were the only successes as AIT's first team took advantage of our weak attack to score at nearly a run a ball. BC used nine bowlers; despite the score, it was useful experience for bowlers who do not normally get much of a chance in league matches.

#### Easy

Volunteers to open the batting were not easy to find, but eventually Frank Hough and Roger Spyer were prevailed upon.

AIT's attack turned out to be very much more accurate than when we played in the league there a month earlier, and the batsmen found it difficult to get the ball away. However, they managed to see off one of the opening bowlers before Frank was well caught off the first ball of the first-change bowler, the score standing at 17 in the 8th over.

There was no further success for AIT for another 16 overs; new batsman Richard Wylde and Roger Spyer kept the bowlers at bay skillfully, especially considering that this was the first innings for both of them for a long time. Roger was finally bowled out, as the evening shadows were lengthening for 33, with the score on 77.

#### Wild

To get the remaining 126 runs in twelve overs against consistently tight bowling never looked likely, and a couple of overs later, a secondary goal was settled for instead, that of Richard Wylde scoring a maiden fifty for the club.

Peter Rodgers, meantime, played his maiden innings, scoring five before being bowled by a fast inswinger in the evening gloom. Roger Daniel was unfortunate to receive an identical delivery the following ball; it was some moments before he adjusted to the fact that this was not beach cricket and there was no rule about getting a second chance if you were out first ball.

Brian Lewis then stayed with Richard, who finally reached the fifty milestone off the first ball of the last available over.

#### Casual

If only there were grounds available for more friendlies, it would be possible to have a casual side similar to the football section; there are clearly a lot of people around who are not interested in playing league games but who like to bat, bowl and field a bit. Unfortunately, AIT is just that little bit far away, especially at weekends. The journey back to Bangkok took two hours.

#### **RECORDS TUMBLE AS BC ANNIHILATES SPORTS CLUB**

13 Jan. At Polo Club. 45 overs vs RBSC. Won by 7 wickets.

Scoreboard in full:

RBSC: Larn Thongyai

| Lam Thongyai   | c. Caro               | D. 11ssera                    | 115 |
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|  | (caught on long on    | boundary)                     |     |
| Peter Davies   | st. Hough             | b. Caro                       | 52  |
| the second s | (trying to force pace | e, offside stumping)          |     |
| Luke Thongyai  |                       | b. White                      | 46  |
|  | (foiled by fiendish o | change from pace to off-spin) |     |
| Gavin Lester   | st. Hough             | b. White                      | 22  |
| 3.   | (stumped off a wide   | e)                            |     |
| Ron Endley   | not out               |                               | 10  |
| Scott Morgan   | not out               |                               | 9   |
| Pillar Kinigrahmer a   | Extras (7b, 51        | b, 4w, 2nb)                   | 18  |
|  | Total (for 4 w        |                               | 272 |
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Fall of wickets: 1/146; 2/213; 3/226; 4/263

Bowling: White 9-0-68-2; Lewis 3-0-18-0; Caro 9-0-32-1; Lanham 8-1-35-0; Dunford 8-0-40-0; Fox 1-0-6-0; Tissera 7-0-61-1.

BC:

| Nick White    | b. Larn   | 95  |
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|               | (bowled off legs trying to turn ball to leg)        |     |
| Craig Price   | c. Lester b. Luke                                   | 105 |
|               | (caught at wide long on)                            |     |
| Adam Caro     | not out   | 41  |
| Andre Tissera | run out   | 5   |
|               | (thought Adam said "go" when he actually said "no") |     |
| Frank Hough   | not out   | 19  |
|               | Extras (1b, 5lb, 2w)                                | 8   |
|               | Total (for 3 wickets)                               | 273 |

Fall of wickets: 1/193; 2/219;3/226

Bowling: Lester 7-0-39-0; Larn 9-0-49-1; Malbari 8-0-66-0;; Leicester 9-0-37-0; Sehgal 4-0-30-0; Luke 7.3-0-46-1.

When at nineteen minutes to six, Adam Caro turned the third ball of the 45th RBSC over past the leg-side field for three runs to take the BC total to 273, it was the signal for Bazza Lewis, Nazza White, Crazza Price, Jazza, Dazza, Frazza and the rest to indulge in unrestrained hugging and leaping and general emotion such as has not been seen since the summer in Italy. It was the end of a remarkable match which saw 542 runs scored in the day for the loss of only 7 wickets. A victory which was all the more remarkable for being against one of the strongest sides we have ever faced here in Thailand.

There were many in the team who thought through most of the day that Brian's decision to field first, on the grounds that "we are better at chasing", was doomed to failure; in the longer game, we have often seen sides kept out under the midday sun while the batsmen amass large totals and collapsing miserably when their turn comes to bat. And when Price and White had gone out to open the batting for BC at nearly three o'clock after watching RBSC's superstrong batting line-up make 272 for four in their 45 overs, victory certainly seemed an unlikely prospect.

It is two seasons since the last BC opening century stand, and then it was these same two batsmen who twice posted ten-wicket victories for BC with unbeaten stands of 142 and 130. Something along these lines was clearly going to be needed today.

Things began to look good almost immediately; both opening bowlers were seen off after ten overs by which time 58 runs had been scored. The next two bowlers had no more success, and by twenty overs the score had climbed to 113, with Nick passing his fifty, off 55 balls, in the 19th. Soon after, Craig too passed the halfcentury mark.

From then on, BC records began tumbling. The highest opening stand of 142 was passed in the 25th over; the highest stand for any wicket, 165, was passed in the 29th. And it began to look as if we might be looking at two centuries in the same innings for the first time. But it was not to be.

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In the 34th over, Nick managed for the severalth time this season to deflect a leg-side ball onto his stumps. He was out 5 runs short of his century, with BC 7 runs short of the 200. As far as anyone knows (and there are no reliable records), this is a new record for TCL opening stands. It had all been accomplished in just 113 minutes of cricket.

At this point, however, there was still much to do. Despite the massive opening stand, 79 runs were still needed off 11 overs.

Craig reached his second 100 for the club off 118 balls in the 37th over, the last fifty coming off only 51 balls, but he was caught in the deep before the end of the same over.

Andre Tissera faced only 8 balls before being run out in a calling mix-up, and suddenly BC were facing a familiar-looking collapse, with 47 still needed and only six overs left.

Rambo Hough strode in, and BC faces dropped still further as he played the first four balls from RBSC's most expensive bowler back down the pitch for no runs. 32 balls left and 47 runs still needed.

But the last two balls of the over were a transformation, with two magnificent snicks to the boundary.

At the other end, Adam had swiftly got into the swing of things. Sixes by both batsmen in the 42nd over pushed the score on to 256. Only three runs, though, from the 43rd. Seven from the 44th left us needing another seven off the last over. Two off the first ball; two off the second; and then, as the field moved in to prevent singles, that final hit over the top for three runs to end the match. Adam ended with 41 runs off 31 balls, Frank with 19 off 16.

Earlier in the day, it had all seemed very different, as none of BC's bowlers could make any impression on the RBSC opening pair. It wasn't until 146 runs had been put on that the first wicket had fallen. Frank, standing up for Caro's bowling to stop the batsmen going down the wicket, took the first of two impressive stumpings.

This, however, only brought in the other opener's brother. A combination of big hitting and fast running had the scoreboard in a panic, as the opener brought up his own century and his brother completed 46 in 23 balls. The BC fielding by this stage was looking a little ragged, but Adam made the catch to dismiss the opener look easy right down on the long-on ropes.

It took a little Nick White trickery to get the next wicket; instead of walking all the way back to his mark for the last ball of an over which had already experienced three boundaries, he took a short run-up and bowled a bouncy off-spin which demolished the wicket. Eighteen balls (and 37 runs) later, Nick's off spin again claimed a wicket; although the ball didn't quite spin far enough back in to prevent the umpire's call of "wide", it did tempt the batsman far enough out of his crease for Frank to complete a remarkable stumping.

It was a tired team that trooped off after the RBSC innings; Tissera and White had shared the bowling through the last part of the innings; Tissera's last five overs had gone for 51 runs, Nick's four overs for 52.

Of the bowlers, the two off-spinners Lanham and Dunford had for a time done an excellent job of slowing the scoringrate, and Adam Caro's accurate nine overs turned out in the end to be the most economical on either side.

But at 3 o'clock Brian's "I told you so, oh ye of little faith" speech was still only a gleam in his larynx.

2 February. At RBSC. 35 overs vs ICC. Won by 4 wickets.

ICC 145-5 (Fox 7-2-15-2; White 7-3-11-1; Tissera 2-0-22-1; Caro 7-1-22-1) BC 146-6 (Tissera 42, Hough 27\*, Wylde 21, Caro 21, Lewis 13\*)

The fixture-list had thoughtfully set aside three weeks for the euphoria of the RBSC victory to wear off, and it was indeed a less than totally euphoric performance, especially in the field, against an Indian side which has won only one game this season.

When two wickets fell for only three runs, and the Indians had scored only four runs after ten overs, it looked like they were going to be a pushover, and complacency led to a fielding display reminiscent of the annual fathers' performance against the sons. When catches weren't being dropped, ground balls were being fumbled or even thrown over the boundary. One Jack Dunford over had four dropped catches, thus yet again denying the bowlerof-the-decade his first wicket of the season.

Apart from the opening spells by Caro and White, the only other bright spot in the bowling was Simon Fox's effective seven-over spell; he conceded only 15 runs at a time when bowlers at the other end were being dispatched for fours and sixes with depressing regularity.

Five of the Indian batsmen, without ever looking dominant, were allowed to score around 30 runs apiece, and the final score of 145 for 5 was doubly unfortunate in that it secured us only two bowling bonus points while falling just far enough away from 150 to make a fourth batting point unlikely if we should win.

The less than sparkling performance continued into the batting. Craig Price was given out caught behind for 9, and Caro and Wylde struggled to keep up even three runs an over. In the 13th over, Wylde was given LBW for 21, and Caro was bowled for the same score a few overs later. 68 for 3 was transformed rapidly into 81 for 5 as first Roger Spyer (LBW) and then Nick White (bowled first ball) succumbed to a mediocre bowling attack.

Luckily, however, Tissera was going well, and now he was joined by Frank Hough, who has been in excellent batting form this season. These two took the score to 114 before Andre was bowled for 42.

At this point we still needed 32 runs to win and had only four wickets left, though 8 overs gave us ample time. Brian Lewis joined Frank and they compiled runs sensibly in ones and twos. They equalled the ICC score with ten balls to spare, but Frank's despairing attempt to get a six and an extra bonus point failed by about fifty yards and resulted only in the single needed to win the match.

The win meant that three teams, ourselves, Scribblers and the Thais, had played three and won three in the 35-over league. Since then, the Scribblers have actually beaten the Thais, so that they are now some 26 points ahead of us having played a game more. As it happens, we play both of these teams in the same weekend, the 2nd and 3rd of March, so if you're reading this on the 1st of March (unlikely I know) get along to the Polo Club (Saturday) and the Sports Club (Sunday) for what should be two very good games.

David Hall



HELLO again!, sorry for the lack of articles in January & February they mysteriously disappeared until recently when discovered in the darts' section pigeon hole!.

The Lions ended last year's season in 4th Place "3rd division" while the Unicorns excelled and did not finish bottom of the 4th division, they actually won two matches towards the end of the season, well done. The Lions reached the final in the 27th Johnnie Walker knockout competition by beating the favourites "West Ham United" in the semifinal. On the day of the "big event" the team played very well scoring numerous tons & good finishes but the opponents "Nong Mai" proved the better team & took the trophy. On behalf of the Lions I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following team members who helped get us through but could not be there on the day:- Frank Hough, Ott, Andy & Mem Pickup, Peter & Carol Downs & Peter Ball, a big thank you also to Iris Yap & Cathy Campbell for their support & cheering on the day. Joan & Bernie Adams also gave us a good deal of support accompanied by lots of "amber liquid" throughout the day, thank you both. Lastly we wish to thank the lads from "West Ham United" who lent their support throughout the match and while we drowned our sorrows later. Middy Campbell. Lions, reached the final of the 3rd division singles knock out competition and was only just beaten, "Nice darts Middy & pretty to watch". Bernie Adams, Unicorns, reached the final of the 4th division singles knock out, alas, like Middy he too was only just beaten, hard luck both players & better luck in future. The magical "180" was achieved twice by Bernie and once each by Frank Hough & Mike Stockley, nice arrows lads. At last the darts section have some "stunning" trophies to add to the BC cabinets, let's hope this year sees many more.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday February 5th heralded the start of the "Airborne Express" darts league and saw the BC entering two teams Lions & Unicorns, both teams lost their first games, the Lions by 5:2 to the Dixies (Bourbon Street) and the Unicorns 4:3 to Jazz (Bourbon Street) Not a hot start, but given a few weeks practice, more may be expected. The league is expected to run for at least 6 months every Tuesday evening and may overlap with the 1991 Johnnie Walker league. Friendly matches have begun already on Thursday evenings in the Churchill bar and all members wishing to join the section are most welcome to come along, we might even play some darts!

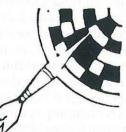
The Castrol Men's & Ladies' cup matches are scheduled to be held on Thursday 7th March, 7 p.m. in the Churchill Bar. Both competitions are open to all BC members, should you fancy your chances please sign up at reception & come along on the 7th.

The AGM & dinner was held on 19th December, committee changes are as follows

CHAIRMAN TREASURER SECRETARY CAPTAIN LIONS VICE CAPTAIN LIONS CAPTAIN UNICORNS VICE CAPTAIN UNICORNS Mr. BRYAN BALDWIN Mr. BERNIE ADAMS Mr. FRANK HOUGH Mrs. ANNE DOUGLAS Mr. PAUL CHOONG Mrs. JOAN ADAM Mrs. ORIN BALDWIN

Many thanks to both outgoing captains – Mr. Peter Douglas, Lions & Mr. Patrick Windeler. Well done chaps.

All section members please note the 'Airborne Express' league is played on Tuesday evenings and teams of 4 are required. The Thursday evening friendlies will continue, please come along & join in, it also helps if one can empty vast numbers of "green bottles", see you in the Churchill Bar.



Anne Douglas



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# GOLF GOLF

EVENTS for the Diary:

| Date             | Course        | Time       | Event            |
|------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
| Saturday 9th Mar | Muang Ake     | 08.00 a.m. | BLGS Kitchen     |
| Sunday 10th Mar  | Ekachai       | 10.24 a.m. | Dunlop Cup II    |
| Sunday 24th Mar  | Bangpakong    | 07.51 a.m. | Dunlop Cup III   |
| Saturday 6th Apr | Chulachomklao | 12.00 noon | Club             |
| Sunday7th Apri   | Nakorn Nayok  | 10.00 a.m. | Club             |
| Monday 8th Apr   | Nakorn Nayok  | 09.00 a.m. | Club             |
| Sunday 21st Apr  | Bangpakong    | 11.00 a.m. | Dunlop Cup Final |
| Saturday 4th May | Bangpra       | 12.00 noon | Medal Round      |
| Sunday 5th May   | Sattahip      | 08.30 a.m. | Club             |
| Monday 6th May   | Siam C.C.     | 08.30 a.m. | Club             |
| Sunday 19th May  | Rose Garden   | 09.18 a.m. | Rysome Bowl      |
|                  |               |            |                  |

#### **RECENT RESULTS:**

#### **Railway 6th January**

This regular outing of the section continued to show the results of the festive season vacation period, with only 20 members playing. The Railway course is notoriously slow for one reason or another and this may also have had an effect on attendance, however, the conditions were good and some excellent scores were recorded.

|      | A GRADE       |   |           |     | B GRADE           |          |
|------|---------------|---|-----------|-----|-------------------|----------|
| 1st  | Eric Hudson   |   | 38 points |     | Phillip Barrett – | 38points |
| R/up | Mary Collins  |   | 37 "      |     | John Smith –      | 34 "     |
| 5th  | Keith Collins |   | 36 "      | 7th | David Williamson- | 33 *     |
| 6th  | Derek Pott    | - | 34 "      | 8th | Dennis Farmer –   | 33 "     |

Long Drives, Men's - Eric Hudson, Ladies - Mary Collins

#### Club Championship - Pinehurst 20th January and Ekachai 3rd February

The championship was played over two rounds on quite contrasting courses. There weren't really any surprises in the men's competition, with Dave Stewart putting in the sort of performance off-the-stick that is expected of him, coming in with a gross 76 and

followed by other solid golfers Eric Hudson, 80, Peter Ingram, 81, and Dugal Forrest, 82. Although the ladies' competing were down on members, Sandie Brice on 92, Judy Farmer on 93 and Sriwan Forrest on 94 put in good performances and the indications were present that the second round would be close. Pinehurst golf course is somewhat deceptive in appearance, particularly if you tend to hit the ball a little off line – the thick 2-3 inch deep Bermuda grass rough is quite punishing and caused extreme problems for many players.

The competition for the net result champion was fierce in both the men's and ladies' area with Mike Bain (19) carding a net 66, hotly followed by Bob Merry (16) carding a net 68. Judy Farmer (20) and Sriwan Forrest (21) were locked together at net 73 each.

#### **First Round Results**

|                          | A GRADE                         |                   | a Mayean 1940                                  |                       | B GRADE         |      |   |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------|------|---|
| 1st                      | Mike Bain                       | m-0               | net 66   |                       | Dave Bennington |      | net 70  |
| R/up                     | Bob Merry                       |                   | 68   |                       | Terry Adams     | -    | 72  |
| 5th                      | Dave Stewart                    | -                 | 70   | 7th                   | Dugal Forrest   | - 12 | 70  |
| 6th                      | Peter Ingram                    | mon-m             | 70   | 8th                   | Eric Hudson     | 1-1  | 72  |
| Long                     | Drives, Men's – Kh              | iun Tan           | an, Ladies – Sa                                | ndie E                | brice           |      |   |
| 5                        | EWAR GLUDENR                    | iun Tan<br>_      | 1.00 1.0000                                    |                       | brice           |      | 76  |
| Men's                    | gross leader                    |                   | an, Ladies – Sa<br>Dave Stewar<br>Sandie Brice |                       |                 |      | 76<br>92  |
| Men's<br>Ladies          | EWAR GLUDENR                    |                   | Dave Stewar                                    | t (6)                 | -               | net  | and the second se |
| Men's<br>Ladies<br>Men's | gross leader<br>s' gross leader | 47 <u>2</u> 9<br> | Dave Stewar<br>Sandie Brice                    | t (6)<br>(14)<br>(19) | - 1975          | net  | 92  |

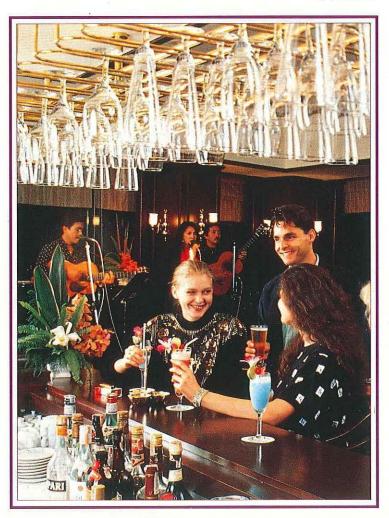
The second round at Ekachai saw some re-shuffling of positions but Dave Stewart put in another good round of pressure golf with a gross 80 to secure the Men's trophy with a two round total of 156. Dugal Forrest (12) belied persistant rumours about pressure, to surge out of the pack with a net 69 to add to his first round net 70 and take out the men's net trophy with 139. Disappointingly, only the two ladies in contention for the gross and net trophies were present to battle out the final spots and in a reversal of the 1990 result Judy Farmer was the victor in both the gross and net events with 194 and 154 respectively, with Sriwan Forrest carding 201 and 159.

#### Second Round Results

|      | A GRADE        |   |        | B GRADE           |   |        |
|------|----------------|---|--------|-------------------|---|--------|
| 1st  | Lloyd Houghton | h | net 66 | Patrick Windeler  | - | net 72 |
| R/up | Dugal Forrest  | - | 66     | Phil Jackson      | - | 78     |
| 5th  | Keith Collins  | - | 71     | 7th Dennis Farmer | - | 74     |
| 6th  | Dave Stewart   |   | 74     | 8th Bob Merry     | - | 74     |



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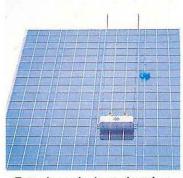
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| Minnor    | Monia Gross                     |      | Dava Stowart  |        | 156 |  |
| Winner    | <ul> <li>Men's Gross</li> </ul> | 1100 | Dave Stewart  | THE OF | 100 |  |
|           | <ul> <li>Men's Net</li> </ul>   | -    | Dugal Forrest | -      | 139 |  |
|           | – Ladies' Gross                 | -    | Judy Farmer   | -      | 194 |  |
|           | - Ladies' Net                   | _    | Judy Farmer   | _      | 154 |  |



Men's Champion - David Stewart.



Ladies' Champion - Judy Farmer.



Bill Barr of Guardian Royal Insurance, the sponsors, and Captain Houghton.



Best Net Dugal Forrest.

Guardian Royal Insurance was once again the generous sponsor of both rounds of the championship competition and MD, Bill Barr was on hand on both days to present the excellent prizes. Many thanks Bill, your sponsorship is greatly appreciated by all the members of the Golf Section

#### **Annual General Meeting - Golf Section**

Due to the general security restrictions presently in force the AGM, which was scheduled for February 15th, had to be postponed. The date for the meeting will be decided by the committee and advised to members by newsletter.

HAPPY GOLFING

# LADIES'GOLF

DECEMBER saw the election of a new Committee for the Ladies' Golf Section. It was also the month for the joint FLOGG (Foreign Ladies' Old Girls' Golf) BCLG round up which took place at Bangpra. Photographs below show what fun these events were.



"Go on Penny wrap it up, I'm starving!"

| Winner | -          | Yoshiko | 33 points c/b | (10) |
|--------|------------|---------|---------------|------|
| 2nd    | ni satin   | Camilla | 33 points c/b | (14) |
| 3rd    | NATED TO A | Gill    | 33 points     | (35) |

We hope more husbands will join us this year in December.

| Winner       | Debbie | 38 points | (18) |
|--------------|--------|-----------|------|
| 2nd          | Joanie | 36 points | (16) |
| 3rd          | Trish  | 35 points | (24) |
| Best front 9 | Kanda  | 20 points | (23) |
| Best back 9  | Will   | 21 points | (13) |



Winners on Captain's Day 19th December.



"Dooh! Is this all I get for all my work?".

**New Committee** 

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Captain Hon. Treasurer Hon. Sec. Handicap Sec. Lavita Hughes Gill Hough Hank Simon Will Agerbeek

Beginning 1st January only LGU handicaps will be used for all BCLG games. This was decided and voted upon during the AGM held after the Captains Day. In joint competitions with other groups the USGA handicaps will be used. It was also agreed that Wednesday was still preferable to Tuesday, hence no change.



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| 4th   |  | ne-Lisa  | 32 points c/   |  |
| 5th   | Har  | ık   | 32 points  | (24/27)  |
| 6th   | Lav  | ita  | 31 points  | (17/19)  |
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'What happened to my prize, they've forgotten me!''

"Oh No! They didn't!"

This was a great day as the photographs show. Thank you Sandra for all the lovely South African prizes that you donated.

| 30th Janua             | ry 1991 – Muan                     | g Ake –          | Monthly Medal     |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Silver Divis<br>Winner | Judy F                             | net 67           | (15)              |
|                        | y two in flight)<br>vision 19 – 29 |                  |                   |
| Winner                 | Kanda<br>y two in flight)          | net 77           | (23)              |
| Bronze II D            | ivision 30-36                      |                  |                   |
| Winner<br>R'up         | Pat D.<br>Gill H.                  | net 78<br>net 79 |                   |
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### Bookings

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Those members wishing to play on Wednesdays are advised that bookings will be accepted until 12 noon on Tuesday.

Dates for your diary

6th February – start of the eclectic, sponsored by "XL" and Joanie. This will end on 20th March 1991.

5th and 6th March – ASTRAL CUP – It has been proposed that this be held at the Rose Garden with a one night stop. More details in the newsletter.

9th MARCH - KITCHEN SINK - SPONSORED AGAIN VERY KINDLY BY DUNLOP -

Please note that the venue this year is MUANG AKE as it proved difficult to book at the Rose Garden. This event always promises to be most enjoyable and is open to everyone irrespective of their golf. Please come and join us. This year we hope the competition against the men will be matchplay.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

A very warm welcome to Djuana McIntosh, Angela Paolo and old members' Pat Daniel and Lis Johanssen.

### FAREWELL

This month we say farewell to Caroline Hughes, who leaves us for Hongkong. Hope to see you again on the golf course.

We sadly lose Sandie Brice too this month. She will be missed by many especially by those who heard her SA jokes.

Lavita

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### THE BANGKOK ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY Annual Golf Championship

THE Bangkok St. Andrew's Society held its 1991 Golf Championship at Muang Ake Golf Course on Saturday 19th January.

25 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:-

| Α. | Members and Members' Wives only:- |   |                 |                  |                    |  |
|----|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--|
|    | Leonowens Trophy                  | - | Lowest Gross    | 003 <u>41</u> 64 | Dugal Forrest (81) |  |
|    | Gerson Table                      | - | Lowest Net      | -                | Ian Gibson (70)    |  |
|    | Gibson Putter                     | - | Best Stableford | -                | Mark Graham (35)   |  |
|    | Ladies' Cup                       |   | Lowest Net      | -                | Nena Reid (71)     |  |
| В. | All Players:-                     |   |                 |                  |                    |  |
|    | Nestle Basket                     | - | Best Stableford | -                | Roger Daniel (42)  |  |

A good day was had by all and our thanks are due to our sponsors Messrs. Gerson & Sons, Nestle, British Airways, Dunlop, Guardian Assurance and Ian Gibson for their generous support which, as usual, helped to make the event such an enjoyable occasion.

# SQUASH SQUASH

### SOUASH SECTION A.G.M. 7.00 p.m. March 20 FREE DRINK- FREE FOOD PRIZE GIVING

The main message this month is clearly seen above. Please come along to have fun and find out what is going on in the B.C. Squash World.

Forthcoming events:-

6-7 April.

Another fun packed weekend of Squash in Pattaya at the Dusit Resort Hotel. Subsidised by the squash section, a great chance to play on two of the best squash courts you will ever have the pleasure of playing on! See noticeboard for details.

Long weekend in Singapore at a ridiculously low price; play a bit of squash as well. Yes, it's on, departing May 1 returning May 6. Matches hopefully on three days but plenty of time for sightseeing and shopping. See noticeboard for details.

That's all for now, See you in court.

Mel Leddy



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Calling all Hong Kong Seven's Fans!!!

You've all probably heard that the 7's has apparently been a sell out with many disgruntled fans not even seeing the front of the queue before being told to forget it. I hope you've got your tickets!! The B.C. are gearing up for the 10's tournament and training has been gruelling. I was thinking of apologising to Nigel Pearson for some of the flack I have thrown his way ..... but after attending a training session the other night he can expect some more as soon as I'm out of traction. Seriously he is doing an excellent job and the team will be in peak condition for the tournament. Nigel told me of his personal techniques which include being bound head to toe, covered in dog food and then thrown into a pit of Rottweiller/Doberman Convertibles..... blindfolded ..... before his morning shower!! The training at the B.C. is tough but it's varied and not too long ..... never a dull moment. On the subject of the invitation to the 10's the Rugby Section require donations of cash, prizes of any size or description for raffles or any kind of sponsorship. There will be several fund raising events which we hope you will support generously. There is a notice on the rugby board with details of how to donate and a programme will be published in which advertising is available.

British Club V's The Bangkok Japanese Society – 27th January 1991

Always a pleasure to play the Japanese with their strong commitment and scything runs. The game was played in thirds and the B.C. had a large turnout of players and fans. A new scrum half in the stocky shape of Steve Bourne injected some fresh blood into the side and we hope to see him again on his permanent return to Thailand. The first half was evenly matched with the B.C. leading at half time. From then on the Japanese were bombarded with punishing drives from the likes of Charlton, Snell and Curlewis. Mr. Grunwell was on fine kicking form ..... on the difficult flukes ... I mean kicks and poor form on the easy ones. He kicked 2 during the game and Richard Crooks got the other one. Mid-way through the first half, during a scrum the second row of which I am one liwondered whether it had begun to rain because a torrent of water appeared to be flushing in the very heart of the scrum. Phil Curlewis was suffering from what is called in medical terms anti-peristalsis ..... vomiting!! As he was playing prop at the time he must have been in considerable discomfort for as the scrum concertinad so would Phil burst forth. There were suggestions of putting music to this but Phil insisted that he'd never been very musical ..... a notorious vomiter YES, but never musical!! Luckily the scrum broke up shortly after the main course and the game continued. By this time the Japanese who had four Thais in their team were tiring to the new found fitness of the B.C. and the game ended for them 26-6 against. They were to return to the B.C. for a few beers but none of them turned up for some reason, perhaps bad organisation but not too worry, they'll never get the opportunity again anyway. A Japanese touring side was to arrive but unfortunately cancelled because of the Gulf shenanigans, hopefully another time.

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## The REEBOK Teams Tournament

On Sunday, 13 January a large crowd gathered for the 2nd annual REE-BOK Teams Tournament. Eight teams were drawn up and given such exotic names as Martin's Mohawks or Ingham's Invaders and they then followed an intricate draw playing other teams and scoring on a table tennis system. Just to keep everyone on their toes and give Phyl Xumsai the organiser, a few laughs, the whole tournament was also hinged on time factors. Each round began as the hooter was sounded whether or not opponents were in place and was timed to the last second resulting in some interesting arguments if the ball was in play when the hooter again sounded to end the round-especially if there was only one point in it as happened on several occasions!! Wrights'Racketeers were caught short on one occasion when team member Yupin was discovered eating lunch when she should have been on court. Her partner Mel Leddy,

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Some of the participants at the Reebok Tournament Jan. 1991.

however, made a remarkable job of defending his side of the court singlehanded until Yupin put in an appearance and any lost ground was soon made up.

After some early confusion which was purely intentional on the part of the organiser, it was amazing how quickly teams grasped the importance of ensuring players were in the right place at the right time when the hooter was blasted.

Play continued throughout the afternoon and the finalists eventually emerged. Although competition was stiff, (Jenny) Ferrier's Ferrets and (Steve) Goode's Warriors qualified for the honour of battling for the Championship. In the end Ferrier's Ferrets with the demon Jenny Ferrier at the helm were victorious and took the title of REEBOK Champions. The plate was skill-



"On your marks, get set, go!"

fully won by (David) Ingham's Invaders who fought a tough battle against (Gordon) Martin's Mohawks. Finally as the sun was setting and hapy hour was officially opened, participants gathered to watch the Bunnies Final between Henry's Heros and (Bill) Wright's Racketeers. The Racketeers soon set the pace and established a commanding lead early on. The Heros finally found their form but it was too late to save the day and the Racketeers took the Bunnies Crown.

A record 55 people stayed on for the BBO during which the prizes were duly presented to the victors including Reebok shoes for the main event champs. A big thank you to Reebok for once again sponsoring the event and thanks also to Phyl Xumsai for organising the whole tournament, to David Ingham for offering his photographic skills and to Khun Suraphol for providing such a splendid BBO and drinks.

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Goode's wariors.



Ingham's invaders.



Martin's Mohawks.

Winners – Ferrier's Ferrets.

Winners of the Bunnies Plate -- Wright's Racketeers.





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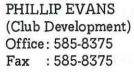
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