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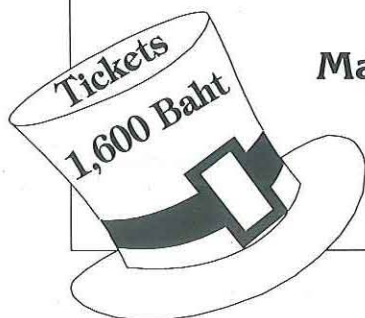


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From the Editor

This month I thought I'd treat you to a special photograph of mine. It was taken at Kevin and Jill's leaving party which was held on a Bar Night in the Churchill Bar. Kevin aka 'Tracker' had a great time whilst Jill was drowning her sorrow in the Changers. These nights are good fun, at least for us although I can now understand why some of the bar ladies wear comfy flip flops rather than high heeled shoes. And we only last from about 7 - 12pm! All admiration to the bar staff of the BC.



It is a bit disappointing to note how few children have replied to the Chairman's request last month to write to him, or to fill in the questionnaire. I personally received TWO replies. So, it must be just the parents that are worried there is nothing to do for children in the Club. The children are obviously quite happy with what is or is not going on. The questionnaire was meant for children of all ages, not specifically for teenagers or 7 year olds. Now come on parents, you know what's good for your children, or don't you? Ask them to write to the Chair and maybe something can happen at the Club. We all have to get out of the Bangkok Lethargia Blues. It is no good just going to parties and balls, and maybe even to work every day and collapsing on the settee in front of Star and IBC. If the Club, which it is and will be(!) is a family club, why not do something about it and make your children aware that they can make a difference! OK already, enough nagging for this month.

Lots going on at the Club this month, most important one for me ... of course the Rugby No Talent Night, this year for the fourth time. It must have been good in previous years, because already the Section has had lots of requests when it is on again. Well, it's on 10th March, so by the time you receive this rag, you'd better rush to the Club and sign up otherwise it will be too late and you will have to wait until next year. Of course there is probably also still time for an act or two, as even the NTN comes under the heading "better late than never"! Most important date for all BC Members this month is of course the AGM, please all of you, do try and come along, as it is important to have a good cross-section of the members there. It is YOUR club, don't let a minority run it for you. There is also

another bar night and the full entertainments committee will be available to look after your every wish and command (well almost anyway).

On March 15-19 we welcome back the Bangkok Community theatre with an excellent show called Tom Yam Goon! They are already busy rehearsing at the time of writing and according to Jack Dunford is going to be the best ever! So hurry, hurry, hurry, book your seats now!

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Valentines Dinner with Martin Palmer, which would have been an excellent night had there been enough signings up! It is such a shame

when an organised event needs to be cancelled, try and make it at least once a month to a British Club evening and the Club can then put on more entertainment like the ever so popular shared evening with the St. Andrew's Society when Crooked Jack played us off our feet. Even non singers were humming along and non dancers were (attempting) to dance the Gay Gordon.

I have to pass on best wishes for a speedy recovery to Gloria Moore who has been sorely missed over the last few weeks, hope she feels better soon! Also Trixie Brann who has been in hospital after jumping off a boat in Pataya. Stick with the snooker and poetry Trixie, much healthier.

In May the Entertainments Committee is hoping to put on a special day at the Club. We thought a proper British Country Village Fair may be nice for a change. Children can come and show their pets (must be tied up though, we do not want any fights on the front lawn), you can sell your wares, kids can swap or sell toys, there will be clowns, music, stalls, food, drink, sunshine, no rain, lots of things to do for all the family. Let the Entertainments Committee know if you have any bright ideas to make this event a successful one please!

Hope to see you all around the Club soon and look forward to a postbag full of replies from the Children (ages 0 -16 or older if you wish!).

See you!

Bea Grunwell

From the Manager

Now that the construction works at the Club are nearing completion we on the Staff can start to sort ourselves out into the new buildings. Firstly, the Staff Quarters will be a welcome addition for the Staff as they will have their own toilets, showers, washing facilities and a place to eat their meals, change into their uniforms and leave their bags etc. All of which is a considerable improvement on what they have had in the recent past ... which is precisely nothing!

The new workshops have already been in operation for some weeks and the benefits of a clean, purpose built working environment for our carpenters, painters and electricians is self evident. The new stores complex, built alongside the workshops behind the Club House kitchen, in the last phase will enable us to exercise proper controls over the Club property ranging from pictures and furniture right down the paper napkins and plastic cups.

It will be good as well to be able to clear out a lot of the rubbish which has been allowed to gather over the years in various corners of the Club, we have already taken out 7 truckloads of accumulated rubbish in February and there is more to go! When we are all installed in the new buildings then we will have another purge on "magpieism!"

Many important events occur in March. The Rugby section go to Hong Kong to 'perform' and good luck to them, the St. David's Society Ball, the St. Patrick's Society Ball, the usual numerous tennis events, the visit to the Club of the Bangkok Community Theatre, and much more besides, but, of course March is also the month of the scourge of the Committee ... the AGM! As I write the office staff are busily trying to put all the papers together to ensure all the members are well informed of the issues, which will include the future of Lords and much more besides. Please remember that Club rules state that members who wish to vote at the AGM must have cleared their accounts in order to have their vote accepted. Please also leave your office or home for the AGM in good time as who knows what the traffic will be like in Bangrak when work starts on the elevated mass transport system. Incidentally we have been asking the local police what the exact traffic plan is for this area so that we can alert members, but at the time of writing (4 days before the work is due to begin!) they tell us that no plan has yet been confirmed. Oh well, March promises to be an interesting month.



David Viccars
General Manager

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ON 21ST MARCH 1995
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It takes a tiger to catch a dragon

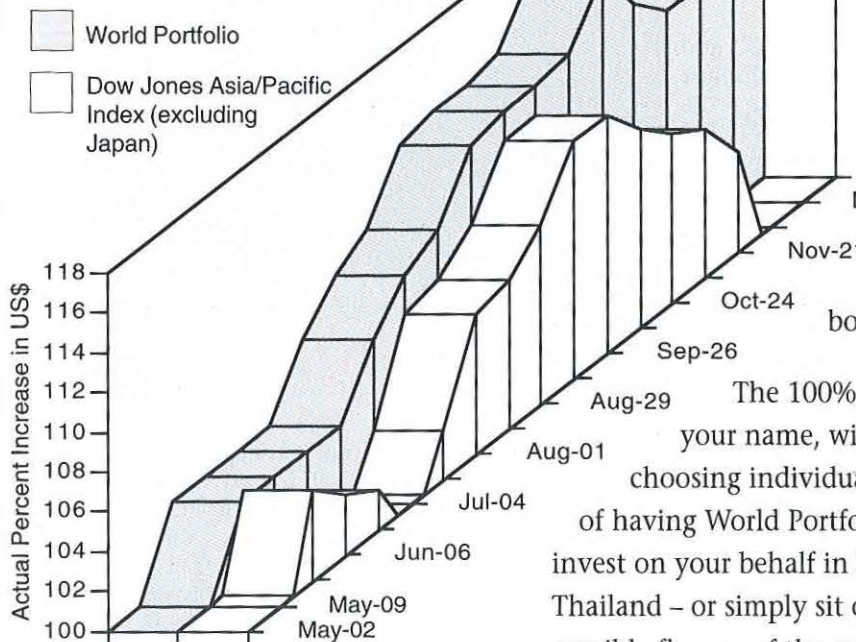


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St. Andrew's Society

Burns Night Ceilidh January 28th 1995



"One of the best nights I've had in Bangkok" and "Best Burns Night I've been to anywhere" were just two of the many compliments that were flying at the end of a fantastic evening out at the Royal Orchid Sheraton for the St. Andrew's Society Burns Night celebration. The reason was a combination of good food, including Haggis, ably served up by the hotel staff (if a trifle slow); the amber liquid courtesy of Carlsberg (thanks to Jim Napier); the "Cratur" i.e. whisky and wine supplied by Allied Walker (Ballantynes and Teachers), thanks David Kelham and last but without doubt foremost some excellent entertainment. With MC Duncan Niven and Chieftain Alex Forbes linking events, the action flowed. Introducing first of all the debut of the St. Andrew's All Ladies Dance Team under the guidance of Eileen Cook who proved the lassies are the more graceful sex for once and for all! Thanks girls.

An ably performed "Toast to the Lassies" brilliantly performed by Aberdeen 'Loon' John Archibald brought a more traditional element to the

proceedings than we've seen in previous years. This was after dinner speaking of the highest calibre being witty, clever, topical and interesting. Well done John! One almost felt sorry for Linda Neilson who had to reply but although never reaching the heights of her mentor she did The Lassies proud. A brief biography of Burns followed which lead to a recitation of one of Burn's lesser known letters ably performed in period costume by Jim Elliot, over from Scotland with the band.

After a period of the ever popular dancing, we came to the highlight of the evening and possibly the year. CROOKED JACK!

Crooked Jack are a three piece group comprising Dennis Alexander, John Gray with Billy McGuire on accordion and they certainly took the audience by storm. Fresh from their Burns night performance at the Patrick Bingo Hall, Glasgow where they received



a raucous reception from 1,100 ladies they proceeded to win many fans in Bangkok with a blend of dry Scottish humour, audience participation and a range of music from "Bonnie Lass O Fyvie-Oh" thru "Suzy sitting on the shoe shining stall" (try it!) to Jigs and reels with Billy McGuire ably displaying why he is a Scottish C h a m p i o n accordionist. Lead vocalist and comedian, Dennis Alexander was however the star of the show and it is a rare talent to be able to read and 'play' the audience as he did. The band obviously fed off the audience and played for three scintillating hours non stop. Sensing the crowd were in the mood, the last hour was a mélange of dancing from the St. Bernards Waltz to the Canadian Baron Dance, thru Strip the Willow and the Sitting Down Polka! The finale had to be Flower of Scotland and rarely was it sung with such gusto.

If I sound impressed, I was!! The Committee have consciously attempted to depart from the solely "White Heather Club" image of the Society and this



St. Andrew's Society

at last showed another bright side of good Scottish entertainment. Thank you Crooked Jack. Roll on next year.

Thanks must also go to Elsie Evans, Roy McGregor, Willie Caruthers and Doug Neilsen who did a sterling job organising.

Crooked Jack and the Jeely Piece Show

If that was not enough the band the following day did their 'Jeely Piece' show for 79 kids and assorted parents at the British Club where they did an excellent job sounding out their audience ranging from 3 year old toddlers and excited pre-teenagers



all entertained before with arts and crafts in the Surawong Room. The language problem was solved immediately when they realised not everybody in Bangkok is of Scottish origin, the kids joined in the fun and really enjoyed taking the Mickey out of their 'nasty Mums' (I never heard the last of it Ed).

Bulls Head

Immediately after the junior event it was on, on for the band to the only British Pub in town the Bulls Head where they once again surprised the large crowd with their versatility playing such numbers as "Gus the Glasgow cat", "Waltzing Mathilda", "American Pie" and "Me and Julie down by the school yard".

British Club Dinner Show



Finally it was then the British Club's turn to play host to 145 guest and Crooked Jack themselves. After a few problems with the seating arrangements the audience were invited to participate in an excellent Steak and Kidney Pie dinner buffet, which was orchestrated by David Viccars and Barry Osborne in proper military fashion. Out one door, in through the other. After Apple Crumble, custard, tea and/or coffee it was Crooked Jack once again. Their reputation preceded them as on the Saturday before their performance (Wednesday) there were only 40 people on the signing up sheet. As before at the Ceilidh the audience sung along, listened, clapped, were told off, participated, danced to the music and would not let them go! Excellent entertainment and please let's have more of it.



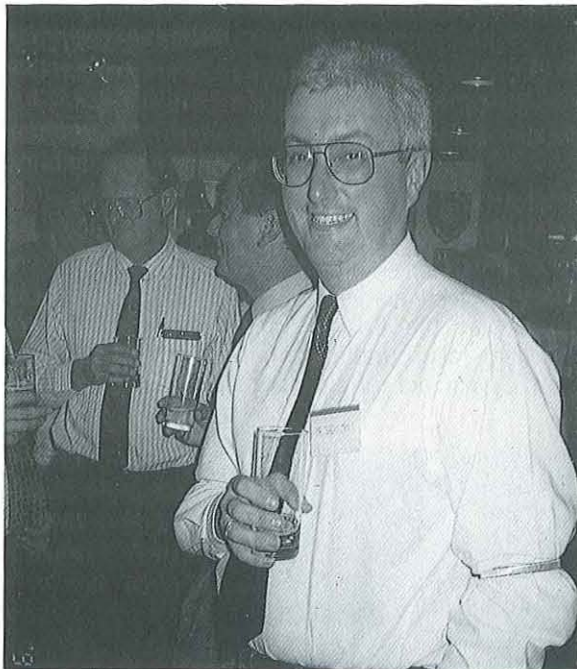
They disappeared to Fife the next day leaving behind a thoroughly entertained Expat community. Haste ye back!!

New Members

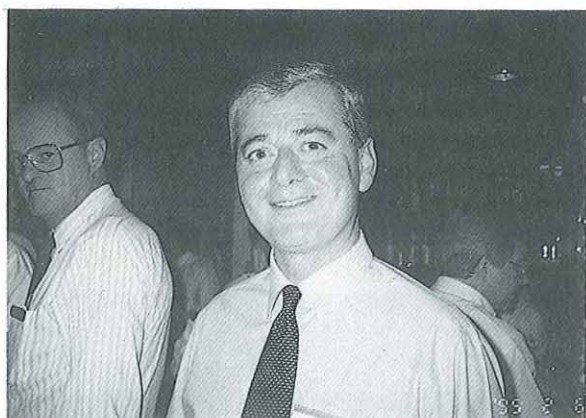
New Members Night on February 6th was another hectic one with lots of new members. Thanks to Suzanne I think we went round everybody. Should we have missed anyone out, apologies. The camera worked, we were in the Churchill Bar, what could go wrong?! Nothing!



Robert Colvin an American person arrived here in September and is the Regional Manager for American Insurance Underwriters. He was in Hong Kong before and is married to Christina who could not make it to the NMN. He likes flying aeroplanes, playing tennis, golf, swimming and travelling. Christina enjoys tennis, travel and reading. Robert finds Bangkok intriguing.



Jeremy Oates is the Property Managing Director for Colliers Jardine and has been here for 20 months. Sue, his wife, is a teacher at NIST where their daughters go to school. Sue likes working out and reading. Both Jeremy and Sue like to cook, Jeremy managed Chinatown in the past and this is where he get his love for the Chinese cuisine from.



Ian Webb has been here for 4 weeks and is a consultant for Portsmouth Mann Associates. His wife Carol is in the UK looking after their 2 daughter aged 15 and 18. Ian was in Thailand 18 years ago when he was a naval officer on the frigate Cleopatra. He is a cricket fan and used to be able to read the hand of a leg spin bowler, whatever that may mean, Peter Young take note!



Michael and Cheryl Lamb already quite a fixture at the Club. Michael aka Mike is the General Manager for Sportathlon who manage the BC Fitness Centre which is among 7 Fitness Centres in Thailand managed by his company. Cheryl is here with Standard Chartered Bank Securities, they have been here for 2 years but lived on the other side of town before. Mike enjoys rugby, squash and judo and Cheryl is into badminton, water skiing and wants to learn to play tennis.

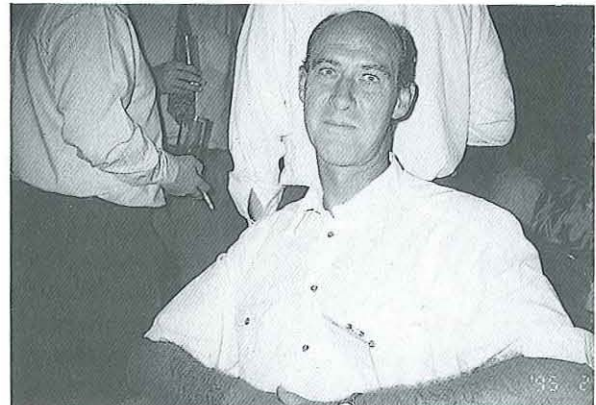


Giles Blumson an 'old' New Member introduced his wife Jacqui to the BC. Sorry about the size of the photographs, but I had to squeeze you right in!

New Members



Catriona and Ian McLennan are from Scotland and Ian is here with Warburgs Securities. They have been here for 2 months and are expecting a new addition to the clan in the beginning of June. Catriona enjoys badminton and Ian likes socialising, theatre and badminton. They were in London before coming to Bangkok.



Brenton Dalheimer is Australian and is here with Emil Kreis, he has been in Thailand for 1 1/2 years. He has visited Thailand for the last 15 years every 3 months for business. He feels he needs to expand his social horizon so therefore the BC seemed to be the Club to join. He likes cricket, surfing, skiing, swimming, tennis, golf, snooker and Thailand.



Karen and Mark Holloway (I guess Karen is using her own name as Mark is Dutch and Holloway is not a very common name). Mark is here with Lever Bros and they have been here since 1 January arriving here from Brighton, UK. They have a one year old son called Matthew who will be the most important member of the BC before long. Karen is the sporty one of the two, she plays golf, hockey and squash. Mark enjoys a leisurely swim, a good drink and computer games like Simm City.



Fred Toocharoen is Thai and in the gemstone business, export only unfortunately. His wife Sopha was at home looking after the two daughters aged 14 and 11. He has lived his whole life in Bangkok and likes tennis and swimming. Sopha is heavily into gem analysis.

New Members



David and Karen Nicol were in Hong Kong before. David is here as the CFO for Berli Jucker and Karen is an accountant for Deloittes. They both want to learn to play tennis and golf!



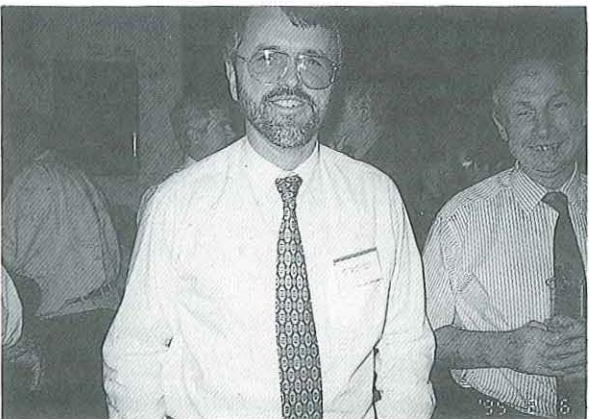
Raymond and Hazel Fazackerley arrived in Bangkok 7 months ago from the UK. Raymond is the MD for Carnaud Metalbox and enjoys golf. Luckily his wife does too, so they can go golfing together. They have 4 daughters all in the UK.



Helen and Lance Marshall have been here for one month and came from Singapore where they spent the last 7 years. Well, his wife Helen was in Singapore whilst Lance was in Vietnam. They have 2 children a boy aged 13 and a girl aged 10. He is the Country Manager for Nowasco. They met in Taiwan which is entirely suitable as Helen is Taiwanese. Lance used to play rugby and promised eternal supportership to the rugby section, but is now occupies with the more genteel game of squash.



Nigel Wixley and Elizabeth Jones have been here for 1 month after spending 2 1/2 years in Hong Kong. He is with Coopers & Lybrand. Nigel already plays rugby for the BC and also enjoys playing golf. Elizabeth used to work for the Hong Kong Rugby Union where she sold 7's tickets and helped organise their Ball. She is now teaching for the British Council. The rugby section can do with some new organisational talents, so welcome you two!



David Kidd is here with Christiani & Nielsen and is their new Company Commercial Manager. His wife Jeanette arrives in March with their children. David has lots of interests but finds he works too hard to indulge in any of them.

Community News

YARD SALE

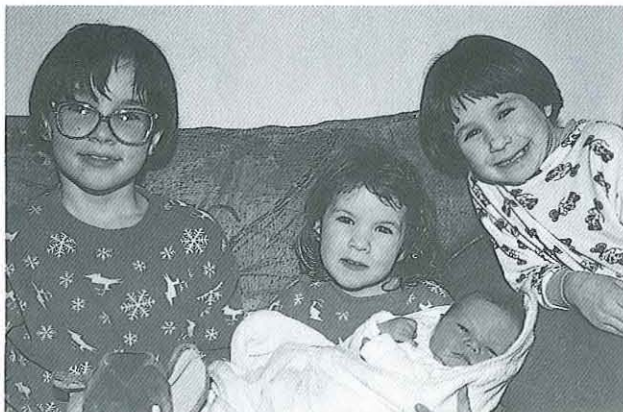
Community Services Bangkok would like to announce that on SATURDAY, 11 MARCH from 10am - 2pm they will be holding a Yard Sale on 15/1 Soi 33 Sukhumvit Road. There may still be time to rent a space for which you are expected to donate B500 per 36" x 72" area. Contact CSB 258 5652. Admission to the Yard Sale will be Baht 20 for adults, children free. Refreshments are available.

BABIES, BABIES, BABIES

Mike and Jill Pincock (ex Bangkokians) now residing in the beautiful Netherlands, have given birth to a baby son called John Michael on Friday January 13th at 10.48pm. Master John weighed in at a healthy 9lb 14oz. Daughters Suzie, Lizzie and Katie are delighted and Mike is planning to teach his son the game of Rugby asap! Congratulations!

-O-O-O-O-

Andy and Tu Davies have announced the impending birth of their 3rd child in August! We look forward to the photographs.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF THAILAND

The I.W.C. is actively seeking members of all nationalities. The club has a variety of activities available to members and meets monthly for a luncheon and program. Please inquire about membership by telephoning Manjit Waha 261 3324 or Gun Astrom 3141642. The March luncheon will be at the Hilton Hotel on 23rd and features a fashion show entitled "Splash of Colour, Trends of India". This event will kick off at 11.00am with the Club's social hour. Contact Anu Chopra 253 5077, Lily Ratanaveroja 234 3908 for more info.

AGM

The British Club Annual General Meeting will be held on 21st March 7pm prompt! Make sure you bring your cheque book, if your bill is outstanding you cannot attend the meeting. Should you feel the strong urge to join the new BC General Committee please let the General Manager know now that you are up for election.

AGM Cont'd

The Badminton Section is holding its Annual General Meeting on 5th March 1995 at 2.00pm in the Main Club Building of the British Club. Anyone interested in joining the Section is hereby invited.

AGM Cont'd

The Squash Section is holding its Annual General Meeting on 5th March 1995 at 4.30pm after the Mix-in at the British Club. Free food and drink, new committee members wanted.

BALLS

The St. Patrick's Society of Bangkok will be hosting its Annual St. Patrick's Ball in Saturday March 18th. For further details read the advertisement elsewhere in this magazine.

SALE OF BRITISH LEGION POPPIES 1994

Members will be interested to know that the sale of Poppies in the British Club amounted to Baht 2,684.50. Mr A Macleod of the British Embassy thanks all members for buying poppies on behalf of the British Legion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to announce anything at all interesting to the community at large, please fax or phone Bea (258 9509 - this number should now be imprinted on your brains after so many requests). Anything from garage sales, special events, weddings, births etc.

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Badminton



Grandstand view of the Match of the Sunday

Inside sources tell me that the Soi Nares courts were due for actual completion around mid-February (as opposed to the scheduled date of end-January, don't forget we're working on Thai time here). That being the case, we should be in full swing by Sunday 5th March in order to hold the first internal competition of the year. All members of the British Club welcome, especially those who are thinking of joining us - these internals aren't serious, and serve as a great way to meet people. Please come along and bring a racquet!

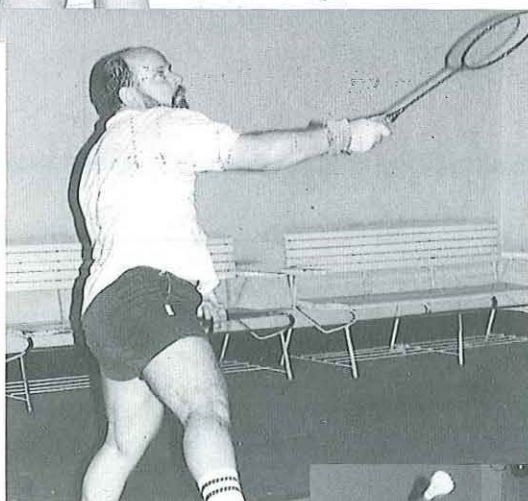
Apologies again to all Sunday stalwarts for the delay in getting these courts fixed up, not that it's actually our fault of course. Instead, it appears that several people have found their way back to the Soi Klang Racquet Club (Sukhumvit Soi 49), where good turnouts have been recorded.

As a result of the lack of activity on the Soi Nares front, there have been no January events of note to write up. So just sit back and enjoy the latest sequel in the Badminton Dance routine series.

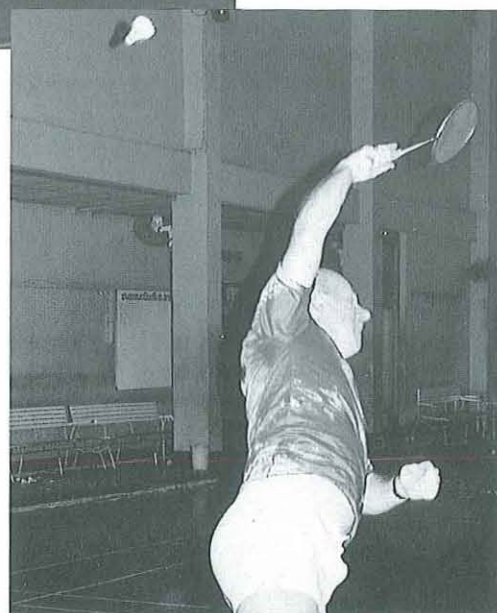
See you on court this month!

Lek Farang
xxx

THE FIFTH HAS IT!! Yes, Sunday 5th March sees a jolly Round Robin on the Soi Nares courts, followed by a buffet back at the Club... and while you're all enjoying your desserts, we'll be launching into the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!** Just what you always wanted!



The Murray Mambo



Whoops, missed!! The Ledy Lamabada



1995 Committee Back Gail, Gill, Ade, Sally
Front: Alison (Vice Capt), Lavita (Captain), Barbara



Captain's Day

Captains Day was held on November 22 at Muang Ake. The format was a String Game whereby the players were given one foot of string for each handicap stroke and a pair of scissors.



Retiring Captain Barbara

It was a nice change to move your ball forward and not count those penalty strokes especially when it came to the putting surface. There were some excellent scores because these players interpreted the rules correctly and ended up with no string.

Prizes were awarded to the following players: Winners:

1st	Low Gross	Gill	81 Gross
2nd	Low Gross	Joke	84 Gross
3rd	Low Gross	Lavita	85 Gross
Long Drives		Sally, Gill, Annette	
Near Pins		#6 Alison, #8 Dinie, #12, Maud, #18 Joke	
Technical Prize		#13 Alison, #16 Lavita	
Most string left: Tanida			

After golf Ade Bolding invited the members to her home for a delicious lunch and our Annual general Meeting.

Barbara (Captain) for 1994 was presented with a lovely peach and white bencharong and a shawl from Pakistan by Vice Captain Gail Paoli on behalf of the members.

Congratulations and good luck to the new committee for 1995.

Captain	Lavita Hughes
Vice Captain	Alison Stevens
Hon Treasurer	Ade Bolding
Hon Sec	Barbara Wehrle
H'cap Sec	Marg Morgan
Prizes	Gill Hough
Special Proj	Sally Knowll
Member at large	Gail Paoli

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the Club Champion of BCLG, Lavita Hughes.

On behalf of BCLG I would like to say "Thank you" to the following sponsors who contributed to our prize table: **Accor Asia Pacific, Dywidag, Esso Petroleum Co Thailand Ltd, Golf Vacation Thailand.** Your generosity and support and support was greatly appreciated.

OVER ALL WINNERS - 2 DAYS

Best Gross : Lavita-Gross Score 184 Club Champion	
Best Net	: Lorna Net 139
1st Runner Up	: Livia Net 148
2nd Runner Up	: Barb Net 150

BEST NET WINNERS BRONZE 1 DAY 1

Best Net	: Gayle Net 77
Runner Up	: Sally 79 c/b Ade

DAY 2

Best Net	: Joke Net 71
Runner Up	: Margaret Net 76

BEST NET WINNERS BRONZE II

Day 1	
Best Net	: Dinie Net 76
Day 2	
Best Net	: Judi Net 82

Soccer

A promising start to 1995.

The New Year began with a friendly game between the Casuals and an Anglo - German Select on a perfect sunny day at Soi 15. Unfortunately the football was not up to the same standard as the weather with a high percentage of the players looking as if they had enjoyed too much tom yam turkey and Singha Gold over the holiday period.

The football was slow and of poor quality but played in a relaxed atmosphere. The first half saw few changes with the Anglo - German select scoring the only goal thanks to a fabulous own goal volleyed spectacularly by Steve Golsby giving Steve Heaps no chance in the goal. The second half was played at a similar pedestrian pace with the Casuals scoring two goals, the first a Terry Grogan "Garryowen", the second a neat close range effort from Frank Hough.

Result: Casuals/Anglo - German Select 2-1

Further warm up prior to the first Farang league game of the New year was a Casuals fixture v Diethelm Company organised by Bill Randall. Having divided loyalties and a choice of opponents Bill opted for the Casuals. Questions were raised about his career prospects after the match when it was noted that all Diethelm goals were scored whilst Bill was playing full-back and they were all scored from his side of the park!

The Diethelm side turned out to be young, fit and very quick. Everything the Casuals would like to be but cannot be! (Bill Randall couldn't get in their side). Starting off at a fast pace, Diethelm were soon two goals up and running rings around us. Stout-hearted defending from Alec Forbes and Steve Golsby kept them at bay and gradually Casuals worked their way back into the game. Fine work from Chris Davin and Adam Caro presented Neil Amis with an opportunity to pull one goal back. The second half was all one way traffic with a further goal from Neil, two goals from Frank Hough and a neat Marc Hagelhauer finish seeing the Casuals come out as easy winners.

Result: Casuals/Diethelm 5 - 2

The first Farang league match was a huge anticlimax - our opponents the Scandinavians failed to field a side and according to the league rules BC were presented with a walkover.

Result: BC 1st XI/Scandinavians 3 - 0

In spite of having no opponents Steve Golsby managed a new milestone in his career by injuring his knee in the pre-match warm up and Richie Crooks demonstrated extraordinary accuracy in shooting at goal in the dark, a skill which seems to desert him when the lights come on! We understand that Richie may shortly be leaving us to move to Hanoi - As they haven't yet managed to install floodlights on any pitches there, things look good for Richie.

The first serious Farang league challenge occurred on Chinese New Years Day. Entering the 'Year of the Pig' could not have been more appropriate. The match against the Sports Club had its usual sometimes overcompetitive edge, but from the BC's point of view nothing less than a win would give us any chance of making up the points gap the Sports Club had made at the top of the table.

BC fielded a strong side with Bill Randall coming into Central defence in place of the injured Peter Hockley and Nat Love making his Farang league debut in place of the absent Chris Davin. The game started at a fast pace with both sides playing lively open football. BC drew first blood after ten minutes with a precise flying header from Willie Caruthers from a corner kick. Fortunes changed soon after though when Captain Greg Watkins had to leave the park with a recurrence of an old war wound. Vaughan Elias came on as substitute and Terry Grogan took over as Captain. There followed a period of Sports Club domination with Neil Torrance at his best to keep a clean score-sheet. Eventually the pressure told and the Sports Club scrambled in an equaliser. The last ten minutes of the half then settled down into an even contest again. Half time BC 1 Sports Club 1.

For the first twenty minutes of the second half the Sports Club again controlled the game and after 15 minutes a Sports Club midfielder was able to run unopposed from the half way line before finishing very well past Neil Torrance. The remainder of the half swung back our way. Ron Aston returned to Farang League action replacing Nat love and Richie Crooks came on for John Sheehan. In the last five minutes of the game Tony Green and Willie Caruthers both hit the bar but the Sports Club goal remained intact. With it the Sports Club took the match and BC have probably lost any realistic chance of the league title.

Result BC 1st XI/Sports Club 1 - 2

Squash



Our winning lads

Wasn't it the irrepressible Billy Connolly who came up with the description that something particularly distasteful was "about as welcome as a fart in a space-suit?" That splendid analogy could well be applied to we squashies' general reaction to the excesses of the Christmas/New year period.

The initial salvo of turkey, bread sauce, sprouts, trifle, turkish delight, fruit cake and mince pies may be welcomed after their absence for the previous eleven months. But these are nutrients specifically designed to bring the human body to a listless state of torpor. All the better presumably, in order to doze through the review by her Majesty of yet another "annus horribilus", followed by interminable repeats of Earnest and Eric.

But as fodder for the normally lithesome muscularity of we squashies (what's this guy been drinking? Ed) this type of food is indeed as valued as the aforementioned flatulence in the aforementioned confined space.



Visut and Jate Polo Club- Top Players in Thailand

The problem is that the orgy of calorific consumption that we seem to have to go through to prove we're having a good time, returns like Banquo's ghost, once the Alka Seltza has died down.

Hence, the month of January tends to become one of recovery from the preceeding season's excesses. In the Bangkokian's squashies calendar this is all the more unfortunate as the "cooler" weather is upon us. The month when an evening game of squash becomes almost enjoyable, rather than the usual test of endurance and survival!

All this talk of flatulence is rather a long-winded (excuse the pun) way of explaining the lack of squash column in the last "Out Post".

So what's going on with the little blackball?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday March 5th
at 4.30pm after the mix-in**

Free food and drink

**Committee Members Wanted
Please contact existing
Committee if you are interested**

Tennis



Handicapped Winners

There's unlikely to be any swanky hankies covering ebbtide hairlines at this Club on the 19th - the Championship finals don't need such gimmicks to attract a goodly audience. So settle yourself into a courtside seat in the shade of the sala for a whole day of quality tennis - the very best it's gonna get. Then book your place at the prestigious Prize Giving Dinner the following Saturday (25th) to receive your prizes ... or to congratulate those who beat you!

Having spent a couple of hours spellbound in the telly room earlier this year ogling at the wonders of Agassi and Sampras in the Aussie Open, wind up to Wimbledon the BC way with the finals of this once-a-year-event. Come early (9am) and spend an incredible 9 hours engraving a seat pattern into your backside while feasting your minces on a superb day's tennis! What other incentive do you need?

Other events for March: the Junior Round Robin kicking the month off on Sunday 5th, and of course the perennial second Sunday tourney on the 12th, just turn up with bat at 2pm. The balls are on us.

January was a quietish month on the Tennis calendar, with the Weekend Handicap tournament on the 14th/15th featuring as the highlight (the only light) kicking off 1995. This was a Lamb day, to put it mildly, organised by Maurice with help of son, Nicholas, and wife Christine walked off with half the prizes, well done to her for a creditable performance! Nicholas too earned his share of the silverware, their mantlepice must be fair sparkling! The results were as follows:

EVENT	WINNERS	RUNNER UPS
Ladies Singles	Christine Lamb	Jaree Lee
Mens Singles	Oud Bunjapamai	Chris Aspden
Ladies Doubles	Eileen Cook/ Christine Lamb	K. Henton / Shelagh Weekes
Mens Doubles	Nicholas Lamb/ John Kelly	Oud Bunjapamai/ Chris Aspden
Mixed Doubles	Christine/ Nicholas Lamb	Chalatip/ Surin D.

Apart from this, there is the January league results .. now although the deadline for the January league was mid-Feb, it was striking that the ladies doubles league had already played all their matches by the time of scrawling, with Christine Lamb (that woman again!) and Joy Masood triumphing in that, while NOT ONE of the men's league matches had even played. Why? You lads out there all reckon you can squeeze in four matches in the final fortnight, alongside the Club Champs? Hmmm a poor show.



The under-arm as demonstrated by ex-pro Pat

Congratulations to Pat Dean (see pic of him warming up now that he is the big 4-0 ... happy birthday, Pat) for unseating Bruno on the top spot of the ladder, a second change of summit-sitter in as many months. Good stuff.

Tennis



A whole bunch of Handicapped Players!

Looking ahead to APRIL, on Sunday 9th at 7pm is the big day on the Tennis Calendar; the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING which follows the normal second-Sunday monthly tournament starting at 2pm. Everyone is encouraged to come along to air your gripes, suggestions, praise, etc at your outgoing committee, and to cure all the former by voting in a new one. Please stand up and be counted if you feel you have some time and energy you could devote to keeping the section running. We need help - people are constantly on the move, such are the hazards of the transient Expat life - so we're always on the lookout for talent and dedication.

Also on the agenda for the May bank holiday weekend is a tour to PENANG - scheduled for April 29th to May 1st this should be an excellent little jolly over the border, so make quite sure that your name is on that list on the bottom left hand side of the notice board in the Surawong Sala. Don't forget to sign up your budding Sampri (plural of Sampras - G) for the Junior Round Robin.

Three little notes afore ye go:

- a) Please don't forget to update your telephone numbers on the database on the Sala notice board, if you move, retire or resign, it's dead frustrating trying to get hold of someone in an emergency when they flippin' moved house months ago, leaving no forwarding number. Cheers!

- b) I've been asked to pass on a gripe about the lack of challenges on the ladder. In particular, those slipping down the ladder have allowed we think for the first time (but don't quote me on that) a woman at the number 5 slot, surprise, it's that lamb woman again! Notwithstanding her natural talent, there are several good men players who should also be up there challenging like billy-ho. Well, at least the top slot has changed, I suppose that's a start, but what's happened to the rest of you?



Up and Coming Sampras

- c) Anyone tried the jazzy new BC wristbands? Long campaigned for by my good self (among others), they are basically the ends of towels with a strip of Velcro and a BC crest, but they do the job. Nowt like recycling in this place.

Right, I'm off. I'm keeping this shorter so that the piccies can go bigger these days.

Lotsaluv
Me
XXXX

Cricket



D. White addressing the all important post game fines



BC Brains Trust - Inspecting the pitch before battle

England wins a Test Match - at last !!!

Yes, cricket fans, that was the shock news that cricket fans worldwide had to deal with in late January....

The once mighty Poms hit back at their critics and the Aussies, with a gutsy and hard fought win in the fourth Ashes Test at the Adelaide Oval. Much to the dismay of yours truly - an Adelaide boy - who unfortunately was on hand to witness the Aussies fall from grace.

How an injury-stricken team with old guys such as Gooch and Gatting and SuB Disticty B-Grade cricketers like Lewis can mix it with thoroughbreds Warne, Taylor, McDermott and company is way beyond me ... but then again cricket can be a strange game.

The highlights of the match were Barker-Bennett like performances from Phil Defreitas and Devon Malcolm.

OK to the local scene, the BC boys played two games against the RBSC during January with the desired result achieved on both occasion.

January 15 - BC vs RBSC - 50 Over League

A pleasant Sunday morning at the RBSC grounds saw Skippy Young lose the toss again - he is consistent! The RBSC stupidly elected to bat and this gave the BC bowlers the chance to extract some life from the normally slow pitch.

The BC bowlers performed well against an ordinary opposition but at the time the fielders did not back them up with several catches being dropped. Robust Peter Roebuck was the main offender dropping a couple of sitters ... sorry Pete!

The RBSC finished with a creditable 7/213 from their allotted 50 overs. Dr. Nick White was the pick of our bowlers, snaring 3/34 from 10 overs

(including 2 bunnies). Rookies Barney Phillips and Simon Pearce-Higgins both captured 2 wickets and first gamer - Aussie lad Mark "Brandy" Alexander bowled well but was unlucky not to break through. Joe Barker-Bennett, the hero of the season's opener, as reported last month, bowled 4 overs of complete thrash and was a little shocked when he was dragged off with figures of 0/1 ... Gee Joe I can't think why???

Frank Hough - living legend - gleefully accepted 4 catches as wicket-keeper, not bad for a guy who went to school with W.C. Grace!

The BC batted and comfortably passed the required total with few hiccups. Highlights of the BC innings included a solid 59 from BC opener Brian Diamond, an authoritative 47 from Derek Clark and a swift 50 not out from the crippled Adam Caro. Adam couldn't bowl during the RBSC innings due to an injury sustained by playing tiddly winks the previous day, it was something equally as demanding and physical - football - the Eric Canton variety, possibly his leg was caught in a fence whilst trying to impersonate the likeable Frenchman!!

Anyway, the BC finished the game in 44 overs with their total at 3/216 -- a good solid performance from the BC.

January 22 -0 BC vs RBSC - Marshall Trophy

This is an annual grudge game against the RBSC and it has produced some classic encounters over recent seasons. I mean who could forget February 1993 - certainly not Frank Hough!!

This classic Marshall trophy game saw Frank stride to the crease with only 42 balls remaining The score 5/164 and still 64 runs required. Well Joe Cool Hough played it to perfection and on the

Cricket

game's penultimate delivery Frank produced the winning runs - thrilling stuff!

Anyway back to 1995! The BC had a strong side and were expected to breeze past the opposition - despite the absence of the crippled Adam Caro and Dr. White (holidaying in Vietnam), oh and Joe Barker-Bennett who had a friend in town from Bombay, sure Joe, how much are you paying him?! Skippy Young did the right thing - won the toss and batted. The BC made a respectable 9/213 from 45 overs but they should have made close to 250.

Good contributions came from Phillips, Agars and Alexander. Frank Hough likes his name in print so I had better mention his invaluable 50 not out.

The RBSC made a brave attempt at securing victory but the BC bowlers prevailed and they fell short by 14 or 15 runs, finishing all out for 198 in the 44th over.

Most bowlers performed well with wickets being evenly shared. The pick of our attack were Pearce, Higgins, Deadly Derek and Alan Good - All new players to the BC this season and all very handy cricketers.

The BC therefore are : 3 from 3 , that's good, that's pretty good!

Games in March:

March 5	BC v AIT	Polo Club
March 12	BC v YTSA	Polo Club
March 26	BC v ABAC	Polo Club

Catch you next month,

Ritchie Benaud

PAGE FILLER Quotes

You always write it's bombing, bombing, bombing. It's not bombing it's air support.

US Air Force Colonel David Opfer, air attaché in Cambodia, complaining to reporters about their coverage of the Vietnam War.

Outside of the killings (Washington) has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.

Mayor Marion Barry, Washington D.C.

You are partly one hundred percent right.

Movie mogul Samuel Goldwyn

Once they were men. Now they are land crabs.

Dialogue from Attack of the Crab Monsters.

We have only one person to blame, and that's each other.

Barry Beck, New York Ranger, on who started a brawl during the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup playoffs.

Sure, it's going to kill a lot of people, but they may be dying of something else anyway.

Othal Brand, member of a Texas pesticide review board, on chlordane.

Culture is necessary, but it must be alive and not too much of it.

Virginio Gayda, official in Fascist Italy.

I want you to take your balls in your hands and bounce them on the floor and then throw them as high as you can. Now, have you all got your balls in your hands?

Announcer of children's radio show "Life with Mother" to her little audience.

There has been no exclusion. We have simply excluded all the women.

Nicholas Romanoff, descendant of last Czar of Russia Nicholas II, explaining why no women were invited to a meeting to form a family foundation.

The exports include thumbscrews and cattle prods, just routine items for the police.



Commerce Department spokesman on a regulation allowing the export of various products abroad.

Are you any relation to your brother Marv?

Leon Wood, New Jersey Nets guard, to Steve Albert, Nets Guard, to Steve Albert, Nets TV Commentator

CALENDAR

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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OPENING TIMES


10am-11pm Churchill Bar
11.30am-2pm Lord's Rest Lunch
6-10pm Lord's Rest Dinner
7.30am-10pm Poolside Bar
6am-9pm Fitness Centre Mon/Sat
9am-9pm Fitness Centre Sun/Hols
9am-5pm Thai Massage
Every day except Mon

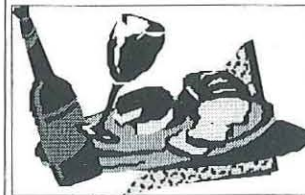
VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BC EXCEPT:

Casuals Football - BKK Patana School
Badminton (Sundays) Nr Bagrak Police
Golf - As advertised
Rugby Matches as advertised

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FRIDAY 3	SATURDAY 4	SUNDAY 5
9.30am Aerobics 8-9pm Tennis Coaching 9pm JVK Lucky Draw St David's Ball	8-10am Children's Tennis Coaching 10-12am Adult Tennis Coaching 2pm Cricket Nets Practice 4.30pm Casuals Soccer St David's Night at BC with Welsh Male Voice Choir and Rugby on Big Screen	11am-1pm Badminton Round Robin Tennis Children's Round Robin 5-7pm Children's Video 2pm Badminton AGM 4.30pm Squash AGM Cricket BC v AIT - Polo Club
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SPORTS

Contact the following to join Sections:

Badminton	David Overington	312 0100
Cricket	Peter Young	6 679 7644
Golf	Lavita Hughes	259 3617
Rugby	Joe Grunwell	262 0220
Squash	Barbara Overington	258 7306
Soccer	Peter Rodgers	240 0678
Tennis	Maurice Lamb	272 4530

NON BC SPORTS

Ladies Golf BCLG	Wil Agerbeek	259 7019
Ladies Golf LIGIT	Eileen Cook	287 3605
Hockey	Lois Carson	258 5295

DON'T FORGET

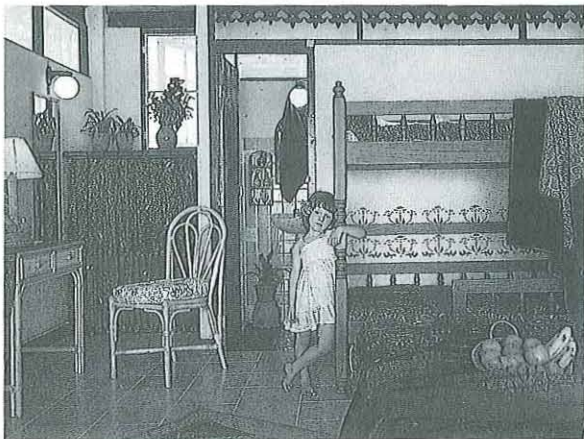
- 3 MARCH ST DAVID'S BALL
- 4 MARCH ST DAVID'S NIGHT
- 10 MARCH NO TALENT NIGHT
- 21 MARCH AGM
- 3 APRIL NEW MENU IN LORD'S

Come see Paradise



When my husband said to me "We're going away for a long weekend - on our own - you choose the place" it was enough of a surprise already! Usually it's me who says "we need to get out of here for a few days, let's go to Jomtien". So I phoned Expat Travel, asked them to send me some brochures of romantic hide-aways, anywhere in or around Thailand. Ever helpful they did, I received brochures ranging from Hua Hin to Lankawi. My eye fell immediately upon a brochure which had a drawing of a lovely place on it in Koh Samui.

Do you remember in the UK, when you book a holiday to the Costa del Sol, make sure the brochure always has photographs of the hotel, as a drawing quite often means that the hotel has not been built yet.



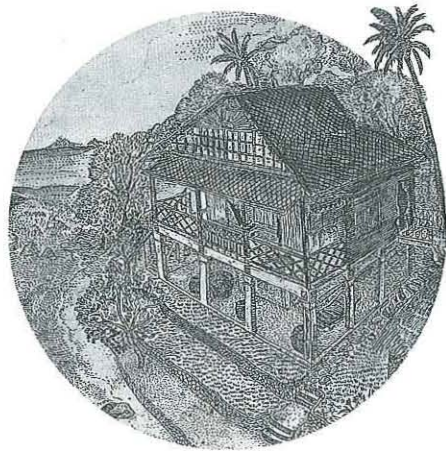
The date came along soon enough, John arrived from Hong Kong to look after the office, Nicole went to stay at Olivia's and James went to Kieran for the weekend and we set off to Don Muang airport.

We checked in, and we were asked if we wanted to go on the earlier flight as we were just in time to catch that. So we arrived one hour early in Samui, which left us without transport, but Mai Pen Rai, the hotel's mini bus just happened to be there anyway, so in we popped and off we went.

After a forty minute drive along the coastal roads of Samui the driver turned off and went right through a coconut plantation, down a little sandy road and towards

the beach. We thought he might have made a mistake but there was the first sign : A perfect lunch, like a Gauguin painting - Vogue.

The bus was parked, we got out and we welcomed by David, the owner, who sat us down and offered us a welcome drink. A delicious fruit drink arrived, I could taste banana, papaya, pineapple, orange it seemed all the fruits were blended together to a wonderful concoction. After a chat with David, who told us he had owned the hotel for over 10 years and lived there as well, he suggested he'd show us round the



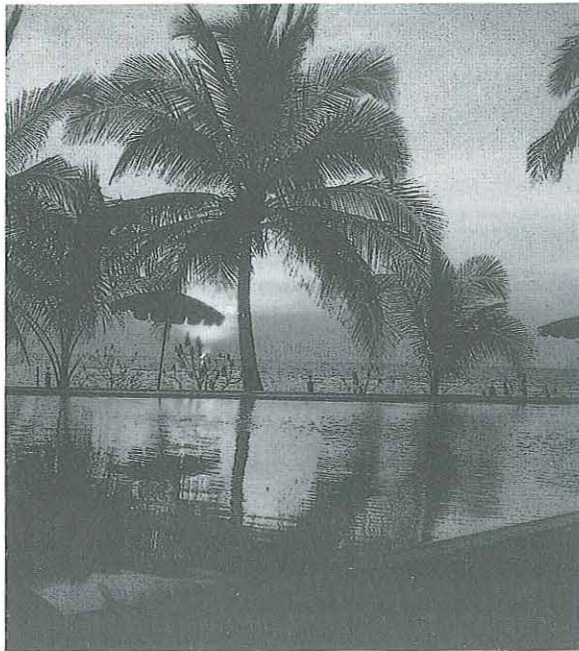
place. We looked at the pool, which in turn overlooked the sea, saw the 'basic' bungalows, which are the usual Thai thatched cottages with woven bamboo walls. These are non airconditioned, and not screened, so you sleep under a mosquito net. The next accommodation up is the same cottage but this time with aircon, all cottages have an attic so you can bring the children who can then climb upon the ladder at night and sleep under the rafters. As this was the room we booked as David said, of course it was available, but should we feel adventurous, he'd just show us the more upmarket rooms.

We climbed up the hill, past some more rooms, some lovely shrubs and trees and admired the view over the bays all ready made for private beach lounging and the blue, blue sea and arrived right on top of the hill at the Kho Tan suite. (I am actually not sure about the name but it sounds good doesn't it?) As the brochure says: "A breathtaking entrance atrium leads onto a beautifully furnished lounge with a full length balcony offering stunning views over the Southern isles to the mainland 30 miles away."

No aircon, but large ceiling fans and windows all round already allowed a cool breeze to waft through the room. A bathroom, with bath, two wash basins and a bidet (oh, luxury) finished it all. The mini bar is a cool box on the balcony which is replenished every day with fresh ice and drinks of our choice.

So, no question for us of course we were adventurous and we upgraded ourselves on the spot and ordered breakfast in the room. Well I had breakfast and Joe had lunch. We'd barely looked around the room, admired the view and opened the shutters or the waiters arrived with a delicious looking egg concoction and Joe's fresh Thai Tuna fish salad. A pot of tea to British taste and fresh milk made our day!

Come see Paradise



David actually wrote a book (joke) about the hotel and what/where and how things work in it. It describes the staff system, all the staff are Thai and have been working there a long time. The concierge/manager speaks excellent English and always seems to be around to take your orders. The general advise is to forget all about worldly goods, lock your papers and wallet up in the safe and only look at your bill at breakfast time to check it. Want to take a romantic midnight stroll with the wife/husband/lover? Tell David and he will arrange chairs, blankets and a bottle of bubbly in a strategic place. Want to rent a jeep, mountain bike, canoe, snorkling equipment! Ask David and they are readily available from the hotel. Dinner is served on the terrace in front of the restaurant between 7 and 10pm. A different menu is available every day for lunch and dinner with locally purchased produce, so whatever is freshly available on the markets and from local fishermen is cooked up for you in the kitchen.



Breakfast is served in the room or in the restaurant. In fact, whatever you wish for is there. Want some souvenirs, tell David and he'll get them for you. There is an art exhibition on in the Gallery, there is a library with enough books and magazines (ranging from romance to spy thrillers and fashion to computers) so don't bring any. In the meantime, we'd unpacked our bags, put on fashionable swim-wear, got our towels, sun tan lotion, books (we did not know about the library) and took a stroll to the beach.

Two deck chairs we conveniently places in the bay near our room, so we plonked ourselves down and relaxed. At around 3pm the waiter came along with a cocktail. Joe had organised that. A Pimms that any establishment could be jealous of! A large wide rimmed glass, with fruit of every description hanging on it looked more like a fruit salad than the usual BC Pimms with stick of cucumber in it and the Pina Colada was just the right creamy coconuty drink it should be. The waiter also carried the menu for dinner, there were 3 or 4 choices for all courses and the price ranged between 175 and 250 Baht.

We ordered dinner for 8pm and went to sleep.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day (we stayed for 3 1/2 days) were scrumptious every time, as the menu was ever changing so no chance to get bored, service was excellent. We almost felt like royalty, never signing a bill,

never paying for anything, in fact David told us that when people stay for longer, they go into town and forget their money.

Oh, by the way should you want to go with your children, there is a children's



playground, the staff is more than willing to look after the kids whilst you have lunch, dinner or a nap. The sea is shallow and although there is some coral and some huge sea cucumbers, the water is clear and safe.

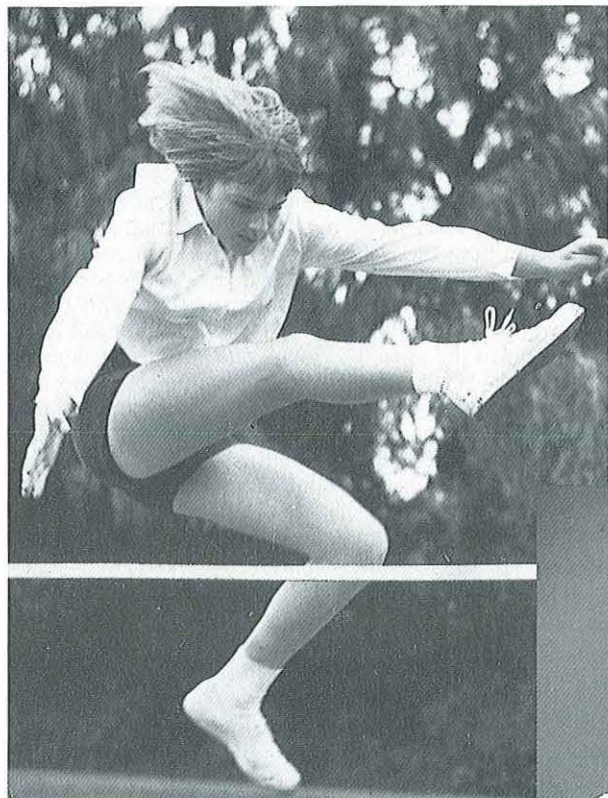
So where is this place? I'm not going to tell you.... oh, well OK then!

It's called the Laem Set Inn and the address is 110 Mu 2, Hua Thanon, Kho Samui. Tel: (077) 424393, Fax: (077) 424394. Try it, it's wonderful!

Bea "Weekender" Grunwell

PS. I did take some excellent photographs, but unfortunately I don't seem to have much luck with cameras. When I collected my film from the shop it was as blank as it was when it went in.

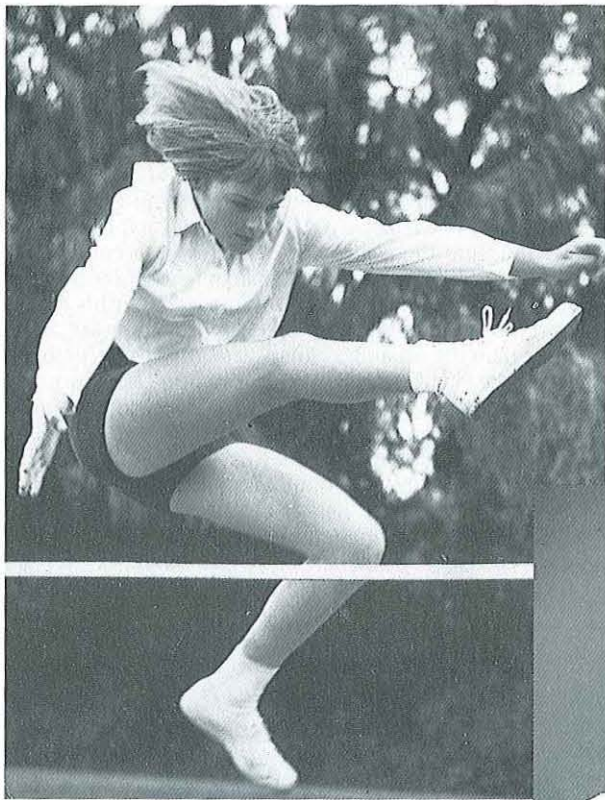
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Irrisistable, that's what she is. This lady is one of the two, a sporty type, gift of the gab, around the Club she's seen a lot! Fancies herself to be a bit of a drinks connoisseur, travels frequently!

If you know who this is, phone David Viccars at the Club with the right answer. First person to guess correctly will win a bottle of wine courtesy of Allied Walker. Relatives, close friends etc. are excluded from this competition and so is Dave Haworth!

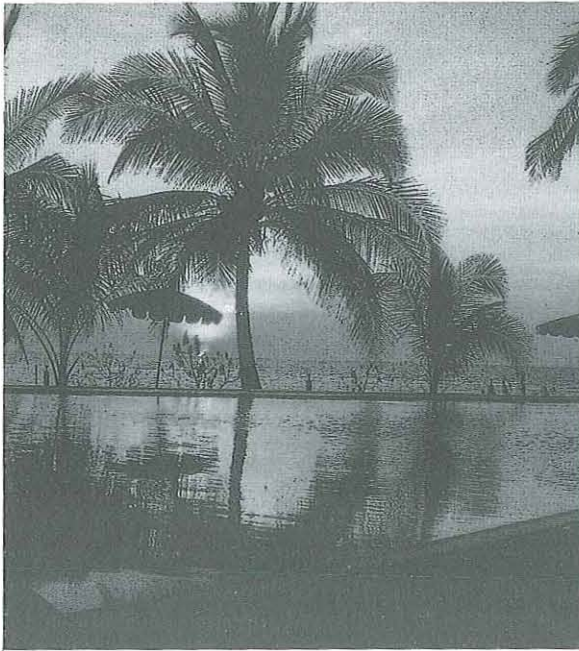
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Irrisistable, that's what she is. This lady is one of the two, a sporty type, gift of the gab, around the Club she's seen a lot! Fancies herself to be a bit of a drinks connoisseur, travels frequently!

If you know who this is, phone David Viccars at the Club with the right answer. First person to guess correctly will win a bottle of wine courtesy of Allied Walker. Relatives, close friends etc. are excluded from this competition and so is Dave Haworth!

Come see Paradise



David actually wrote a book (joke) about the hotel and what/where and how things work in it. It describes the staff system, all the staff are Thai and have been working there a long time. The concierge/manager speaks excellent English and always seems to be around to take your orders. The general advise is to forget all about worldly goods, lock your papers and wallet up in the safe and only look at your bill at breakfast time to check it. Want to take a romantic midnight stroll with the wife/husband/lover? Tell David and he will arrange chairs, blankets and a bottle of bubbly in a strategic place. Want to rent a jeep, mountain bike, canoe, snorkling equipment! Ask David and they are readily available from the hotel. Dinner is served on the terrace in front of the restaurant between 7 and 10pm. A different menu is available every day for lunch and dinner with locally purchased produce, so whatever is freshly available on the markets and from local fishermen is cooked up for you in the kitchen.



Breakfast is served in the room or in the restaurant. In fact, whatever you wish for is there. Want some souvenirs, tell David and he'll get them for you. There is an art exhibition on in the Gallery, there is a library with enough books and magazines (ranging from romance to spy thrillers and fashion to computers) so don't bring any. In the meantime, we'd unpacked our bags, put on fashionable swim-wear, got our towels, sun tan lotion, books (we did not know about the library) and took a stroll to the beach.

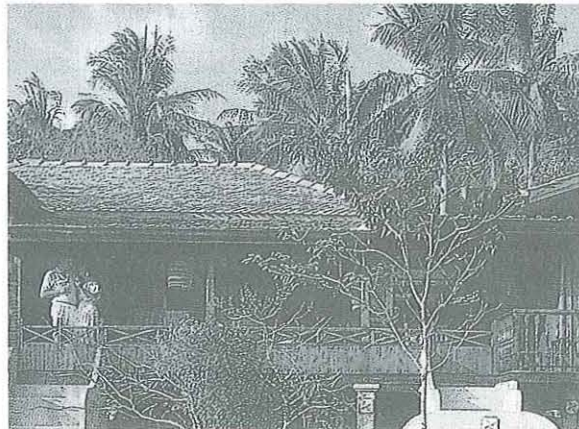
Two deck chairs we conveniently places in the bay near our room, so we plonked ourselves down and relaxed. At around 3pm the waiter came along with a cocktail. Joe had organised that. A Pimms that any establishment could be jealous of! A large wide rimmed glass, with fruit of every description hanging on it looked more like a fruit salad than the usual BC Pimms with stick of cucumber in it and the Pina Colada was just the right creamy coconutty drink it should be. The waiter also carried the menu for dinner, there were 3 or 4 choices for all courses and the price ranged between 175 and 250 Baht.

We ordered dinner for 8pm and went to sleep.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day (we stayed for 3 1/2 days) were scrumptious every time, as the menu was ever changing so no chance to get bored, service was excellent. We almost felt like royalty, never signing a bill,

never paying for anything, in fact David told us that when people stay for longer, they go into town and forget their money.

Oh, by the way should you want to go with your children, there is a children's



playground, the staff is more than willing to look after the kids whilst you have lunch, dinner or a nap. The sea is shallow and although there is some coral and some huge sea cucumbers, the water is clear and safe.

So where is this place? I'm not going to tell you.... oh, well OK then!

It's called the Laem Set Inn and the address is 110 Mu 2, Hua Thanon, Kho Samui. Tel: (077) 424393, Fax: (077) 424394. Try it, it's wonderful!

Bea "Weekender" Grunwell

PS. I did take some excellent photographs, but unfortunately I don't seem to have much luck with cameras. When I collected my film from the shop it was as blank as it was when it went in.

Starting on 3 April a new Lord's Menu

The British Club is proud to present the new Lord's Menu for your perusal. Come and try this excellent menu. After so many years looking and eating of the same menu in Lord's, the following may tickle your taste buds! The menu has many different and exiting dishes, Outpost has selected two or three of each course to tempt you to come and revisit Lords Restaurant for lunch or dinner.

HORS D'OEUVRES

Tranches de Melon et d'anans au Porto

Melon and pineapple served with chilled port

Cocktail de Fruits de Mer

Succulent seafood on a chiffonade bed of lettuce served with mango dressing

LES POTAGES

Consomme aux Profiterolles

Chicken consomme with julienne of vegetables and mini profiteroles

Creme de Broccoli au Amandes

Cream of broccoli and almond

VEGETARIAN

Vol au Vent Farci

Large puff pastry case filled with creamed mushrooms, walnuts and celery

Crepe de Legumes

A vegetable and herb pancake filled with pineapple, cauliflower and broccoli in a rich cheese sauce.

Tortellini aux Legumes

Assorted vegetables sauteed with ribbon pasta in a creamy peanut sauce

SALADES

Crevettes et Asperges

Prawn and asparagus with passion fruit dressing

Salade du Waldorf

Crisp brunoise of apple with celery and walnuts bound in mayonnaise

Salade de Legumes Rapes et de Fruits

Fruit coleslaw, julienne of fresh vegetables, with large dice of pineapple and papaya in a sour

cream dressing

SEAFOOD

Rouget a la Parisienne

Fillet of snapper poached in orange and ginger with a Pernod sauce, garnished with julienne of vegetables

Paupiette de Sole Daumant

Sole fillet served with concasse of mushroom, tomato, prawn with cream and white wine sauce

Don't forget to leave your business card when dining in Lord's Restaurant between 3rd April (mid-day) and 9th April (closing time). If you do you can win a weekend in the Boathouse Hotel, Kata Beach, Phuket.

Darne de Saumon Veronique

Darne of salmon poached in wine and served with grapes and lemon cream sauce

LES ENTREES

Filet de Boeuf en Feuilletage

Succulent fillet steak topped with mushroom, enveloped in puff pastry, served with Madeira sauce (cooking time approx. 20 mins)

Supreme de Volaille au Romarin

Tender chicken breast stuffed with pineapple with a Bacardi and cocount sauce

Julienne de Porc la Lyonnaise

Julienne of pork cooked in a cream and mushroom sauce with

white wine served with a potato pancake

Jambon Cuit au Four, Sauce Cumberland

Slices of honey-baked ham served with grilled pineapple and port wine sauce

Canard aux Cerises

Succulent slices of duck served with black cherry sauce

Cotelettes d'Agneau

Lamb cutlets, topped with pate maison, enveloped in puff pastry served with a red wine sauce
Cooking time approx. 20 mins

LES GRILLADES

Fillet de Boeuf

Cotelettes d' Agneau

All Grillades are available with the following sauces

Au Poivre, Sauce a la Diane, Sauce Moutarde

A selection of side orders are available ranging from Garden Peas to Garlic Bread.

THAI DISHES are available as well, a selection of the old favourites plus a few new inventions from the head chef.

DESSERTS ET FROMAGES

* *Passion Fruit*

Cheesecake

* *White Chocolate and*

Amaretto Mouse

* *Meringue Chantilly*

Don't forget to come and visit Lords Restaurant - THIS MONTH!

Felony or Misdemeanor?

The following is not meant to be an in depth look at the Law and Crime but an introduction to a subject which all people think they know but don't. It is a lighthearted attempt to introduce the concept of law (United Kingdom), the Law is changing all the time and I apologise already for any inconsistencies detailed herein and for the sake of any American lawyers reading this, already state, that any misrepresentation is innocent and is one made honestly, and with reasonable grounds for believing in its truth. This hopefully will avoid any complex litigation. I also take this opportunity to apologise for any syntax, grammar, spelling or incorrect use of the English language since I am not a writer by profession or inclination and seem to remember getting a Grade 'F' (just passing for my 'O' level English language examination).

There are many definitions of law from the jaundiced "for the obedience of fools and the guidance of wise men" and it was defined by the lawyer Blackstone as "a rule of action prescribed or dictated by some superior which an inferior is bound to obey". It has also been defined as "Law is a body of rules for the guidance of human conduct which are imposed upon, and enforced among, the citizens of a given state", also it has been defined as "a rule of action to which men are bound to make their conduct conform".

It can clearly be seen that the law by definition is open to interpretation (depending on which side of it you stand and of course in accordance with the interpretation act 1978) and can be used and manipulated for the good or the opposite of the citizens of the country to which it is applied and always to the benefit of the lawyers.

The word "law" implies obedience, the word law also implies penalty or sanction - namely, that if a law is broken some punishment ought to fall on the breaker so as to prevent a repetition of the breach and to deter others from doing likewise. So firstly laws are imposed upon the citizens of a given state and secondly the laws must be enforced, without enforcement of the law there is no law. There are several elements of enforcement. First, the criminal laws must be policed by a body of police (usually a civil force which maintains public order) officers with the powers of arrest. The police at one time prosecuted offenders but in 1985 the Prosecution of Offences Act set up a Crown Prosecution Service and charged it with the duty of prosecuting offenders. This removed from the Police service the duty of determining who should be prosecuted. The head of this service is the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

Laws apply only within the boundaries of nation states and the law apply within the territory of the state to all citizens and non citizens alike, who are resident there, for however short a period. There are however (as always) exemptions from Liability for crime, which will be covered later. This article in principle will cover the law from the aspect of criminal law since the other areas of law are numerous and worth individual articles. The law covers many aspects including, but not limited to, Municipal Law, Public Law, Constitutional law, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, Community Law,

International Law, Private Law, Law of Property, Law of Contract, Law of Torts (the law of civil wrongs, which are actionable at the suit of the aggrieved party), law of succession, Law of Trust, European Community law etc, etc. A real lawyers paradise.

It used to be nice and simple, the law was composed of two kinds:

1. Common Law

Which was (and still is) made of of those general customs which have been regarded as laws of the land from time immemorial (which is by the way AD1189). By general agreement endorsed by the practice of the courts certain rules of conduct have by custom become laws and these laws are known as common law for example affray (An affray is the offence committed by 2 or more people fighting together to the terror of the Queen's subjects) and conspiracy (is the crime committed when 2 or more persons combine together to execute some act for the purpose of injuring some other person or the public).

It is much easier and simpler (perhaps) to create laws by written statute or order of the ruling authority, but it is still possible to deal with an act tending to the prejudice of the community, not especially provided by the law, by bringing the offender before a judge and jury, who, by convicting him, will therefore create another common law offence.

2. THE STATUTE LAW

Which includes all the laws made by direct order of the state and set out in Acts of Parliament or Statutes. Acts of parliament alone can overthrow custom, the decision of judges, earlier acts of parliament etc. Its most common use is to codify and tidy up the law which has become excessively complicated and contradictory.

Such a law, in the form of a bill, is usually (but not exclusively) proposed in the House of Commons. It is there discussed and amended (if necessary) and then approved it has to pass in the same manner through the House of Lords before being presented to the Sovereign for Assent. When the Bill has received the Royal Assent it becomes a Statute or Act of Parliament. Many Offences which were originally common law Offences have been dealt with by Act of Parliament, hence an offence

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may be both a common law and statutory offence.

Crime has been defined as "an act of disobedience of the law forbidden under pain of punishment". Punishment in this criminal sense may be death or loss of liberty (custodial sentence) or (and) money penalty (fine). There is however another kind of "disobedience" of law called "civil injury", in general ("all generalisations are dangerous including this one") crime affects the community at large, while the effect of a civil injury is usually restricted to the injured person or persons. The criminal law is intended to secure public peace and order, the object of criminal proceedings is punishment, but in civil proceedings the persons whose rights have been interfered with will take action to obtain compensation or damages. So the litmus test of crime is - whether the particular act or conduct is a crime if it is punishable by the criminal law - therefore any act or conduct punishable by criminal law is a crime and, on conviction of the crime, the wrong doer is entitled to the title "Criminal". The state of mind also affects the definition of the crime, for example when a person does an act of his own free will he is said to do it willfully if an act is not freely willed by the doer, it is said to be involuntary. It is interesting to note that you can commit an offence by neglecting to take action, if an act which should have been done by law, is not done, it is called omission.

Proof of criminal intent, a court or jury in determining whether a person has committed an offence shall decide whether he did intend or foresee that result, by reference to all the evidence, drawing such inference from the evidence as appears proper in the circumstances.

Motive - the motive for the crime is the condition of mind which leads the criminal to commit the crime, motive is not intention, for a person's intention is connected to the results of a consequence of the act he intends to do. For example, a person's intention might be to go to a petrol station, his motive is to get petrol. In a robbery the motive is (usually) need of money and the intention is to take money from his victim. Motive from the police point of view is important, it is part of the big three (Means, Motive and Opportunity).

Crime can be arranged in two groups.

1. Indictable Offences, which are serious breaches of the criminal law and for which an indictment (accused by legal process on a written charge) lies which is a charge triable by a judge and jury.

2. Summary Offences - which are less serious and are triable by justices without a jury and termed non-indictable.

Indictable Offences - at one time the more serious indictable Offences (e.g. treason, murder, rape and arson) were called felonies (still so called by our American cousins) whereas the less serious

(e.g. assault, bribery, perjury etc.) were classified as misdemeanors. In the United Kingdom the distinctions between the felony and the misdemeanour were abolished in 1967.

It used to be very important for a police officer to know the distinctions, for he must know if the breach of the law is an arrestable offence, a police officer had no power to arrest without a warrant in the case of a misdemeanour unless it was a) an arrestable offence b) a breach of the peace committed in his presence or c) some particular statute had given him power of arrest for that particular offence. With regards to a summary offence, he would have no power to arrest without a warrant.

In the "Good Old Days" (perhaps my leaning to the right is showing though a little here) punishments for crime included death by various painful methods, disemboweling, emasculation, quatering, torture, transportation (again an interesting fact is England only started transporting prisoners to Australia after the loss of the American colonies, prior to this North America was the destination of England's unwanted criminals) loss of property, imprisonment and fines but as time went on most of these penalties fell into disuse. The Criminal Justice Act 1948 abolished penal servitude, imprisonment with hard labour, whipping and corporal punishment. The law (to the best of my knowledge) still allows the sentence of death on conviction of treason, piracy with violence, and certain naval and military Offences.

Other forms of "punishment" were introduced, for example binding over to keep the peace and (or) to be of good behaviour, put on probation, discharged absolutely or conditionally and suspended sentences (for a long time I thought this was hanging).

L.E.G.A.L. Eagle

Next month we will look at the best part! Excuses for crime in which we discuss insanity, drunkenness, ignorance, compulsion, accident and ... married women.

Hong Kong here we come!

For any of you who are visiting Hong Kong end of March for the Hong Kong 7's and or 10's here follows a handy guide .

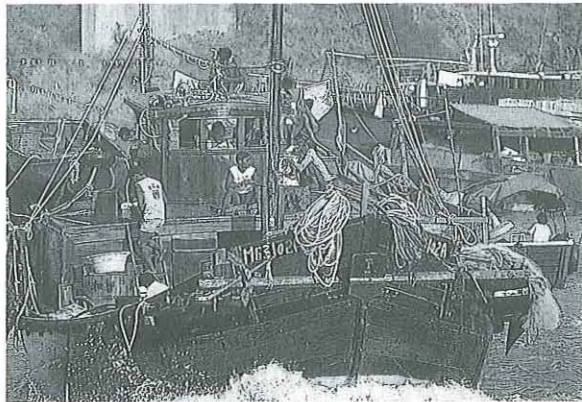
Hong Kong is a bustling, vibrant city, renowned for its hard work, play hard ethic and its enterprising entrepreneurial spirit. Its most valuable asset is its deep-water harbour which steadily buzzes with luxury liners, container ships, sampans and pleasure yachts.

In Cantonese, Hong Kong (heung kong) means 'fragrant harbour', the original name of a pre-colonial fishing port near Aberdeen. The area was also known for producing incense, a truly fragrant commodity. Kowloon, kow lung in Cantonese, means 'nine dragons' and derives from an ancient Chinese belief that mountains are inhabited by dragons. Kowloon has eight peaks, the ninth being named after the boy emperor Ping, who because of his regal status, was also believed to be a dragon. The territory of Hong Kong extends well beyond Hong Kong Islands and includes the Kowloon Peninsula, the New Territories and 235 outlying islands.

Much of the 1,070 km is mountainous, while the low-lying areas are used for housing, farming and industry. Of Hong Kong's 5.8 million inhabitants, 2.2 million live in the largely agricultural New Territories.

The outlying islands know as the 'other face' of Hong Kong, have a tranquil beauty with little traffic, unspoilt wilderness and traditional farms and fishing villages.

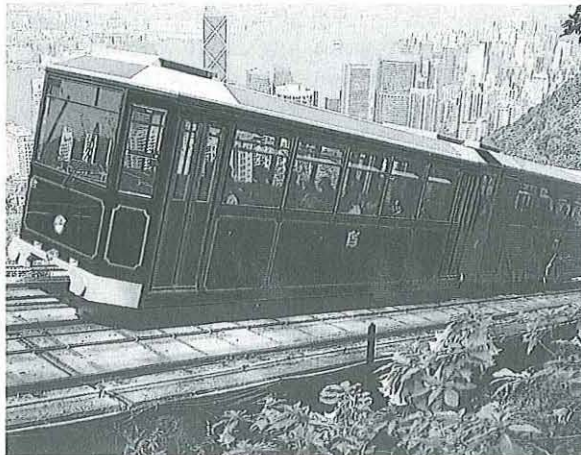
Hong Kong is a vibrant mix of East and West, old and new, where the abacus is almost as prevalent as



the pocket calculator and high tech architecture soars above ancient temples. There is so much to see here, with fascinating Chinese traditions and festivals, excellent shopping, restaurants, and nightlife, that the Hong Kong Tourist Association incites you to stay and extra day.

Like Bangkok one can find literally thousands of eating places in Hong Kong, from streetside dai pai dong stalls to European dining salons, all of which

are packed for breakfast, lunch and dinner. At weekends, and particularly for dim sum lunch, restaurants often have long queues waiting for tables. Dining out for Hong Kongers is a regular social event, involving convivial groups of families and friends enjoying a meal together and exchanging gossip. There is even a Cantonese greeting which loosely translates into "Have you had your rice today?"



Cantonese - Most Hong Kong residents originate from China's Guangdong (Canton) province hence the most popular cuisine is Cantonese. The basic cooking method involves bringing out the food's natural flavours. Seafood, river fish, pork, beef and vegetables are brought in from Guangdong (Canton) province every day, to be freshly cooked and served in the territory's many Cantonese restaurants. Yum the Cantonese word for fish, is similar in sound to the word for 'prosperity', making the fish dish a virtual necessity at any Cantonese meal. Popular fish is widely available in Hong Kong includes garoupa, pomfret, red mullet, sole and bream. As prices are seasonal, check the cost before ordering.

Dim Sum - the dim sum tradition, which is uniquely Cantonese, dates back to the 10th century and literally means "to touch the heart", although these days it is loosely translated as "light snacks". Dim sum forms an integral part of the yum cha or "drink tea" meals, where tea is taken throughout the meal. Dim sum dishes feature small, bite-sized morsels of chopped meat, seafood and vegetables wrapped in a wafer-thin coating of pastry or dough and then either steamed, braised, fried or boiled.

Chiu Chow cuisine originates in the port of Swatow in eastern Guangdong Province, and with Guangzhou (Canton) being the local capital it is not surprising that the food has a distinct Cantonese influence, with Fukienese flavours adding a heavier texture.

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Typical menu items include thick shark's fin soup, sliced goose in soy sauce, and fried chicken with cheunjew sauce. Dubbed the Sicilians of China, the Chiu Chow people enjoy eating late and their restaurants stay open until the small hours, some say on account of the strength of the tea!

Hakka, the peripatetic Hakkas, originally from China, often carried their food with them. Much was salted down. Innards were also extensively used. Highly recommended items are baked salt chicken, pork with preserved cabbage and steamed bean curd stuffed with minced shrimp.

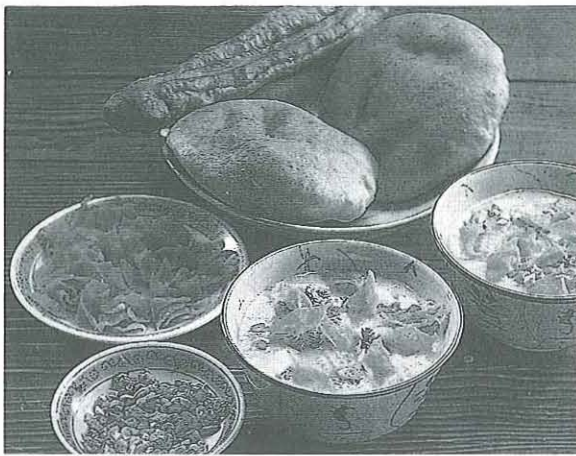
Hunan vies with Schezuan province for the honour of having the spiciest of Chinese regional cuisines. The province's most famous national, Mao Tse-tung, said that the more chillies you ate the more

great chunks of garlic, sautéed freshwater shrimps and noodles are just some typical Shanghai menu items.

The best Shanghai speciality is the freshwater hairy crab. Harvested during the autumn breeding season, these are trussed in green straw and flown to Hong Kong, where they are eagerly consumed.

Schezuan, this is the spiciest of all the Chinese cuisines, although Huanese cooking also makes that claim. Common flavours include garlic, fennel, coriander, star anise, chilli and black pepper. Simmering and smoking are common cooking methods. Sizzling chillied prawns and eggplant braised with garlic, chilli and soy sauce, and smoked duck are popular Schezuan dishes.

Taiwanese food is full-flavoured much like Chiu

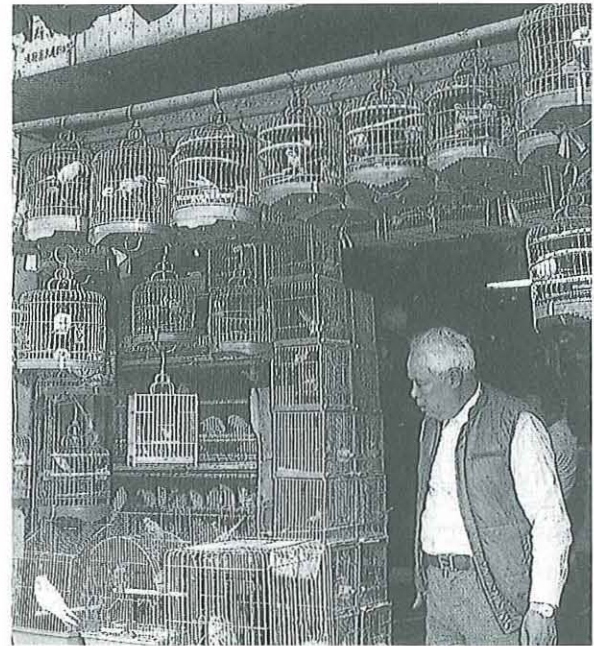


revolutionary you were, which gives some indication of the fieriness of this culinary style. Hunan specialties include consommé with mashed pigeon, chicken broth with dried scallops, duck tongues served with mustard sauce and fish coated with preserved bean paste. For a very hot dish try the fried chicken with chilli.

Peking duck, which originated in the Imperial capital of Peking, is a feast fit for Emperors. The duck is air-dried, basted with a soy-based glaze and then roasted. When this is ready, the bird is ceremonially carved at the table. Diners place slivers of meat, finely cut cucumber, spring onion and a dab of sweetish plum sauce on wafer-thin pancakes, which are then rolled and eaten.

Another popular dish, beggar's chicken, should be ordered when making the dinner reservations. A whole chicken is stuffed with mushrooms, cabbage, herbs and onions, wrapped in lotus leaves, sealed in clay and baked. The hardened clay is then struck with a mallet, releasing the aromas.

Shanghai - like New York, Shanghai does not really have a cuisine of its own but successfully refines the foods of lots surrounding provinces. Steamed dumplings filled with meat, eels cooked in wine with



Chow cuisine which also originates from a coastal region. The Taiwanese enjoy fish and other seafoods which are cooked in hotpots and enhanced by chilli and sesame flavoured oil condiments.

Of course when you have tested all of the above there are Asian, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Western, and in case you feel homesick, Thai restaurants all over Hong Kong.

In Hong Kong you can travel by ferry, MRT (Underground), train, tram, Peak tram, bus, minibus, maxi-cab and even helicopters!

So have a wonderful time in Hong Kong and on the way back in the plane, write something about your experiences in Hong Kong and submit them to Outpost for all of us to enjoy.

Borrowed from "The Official Hong Kong Guide" 1991 - hope it's not too out of date!

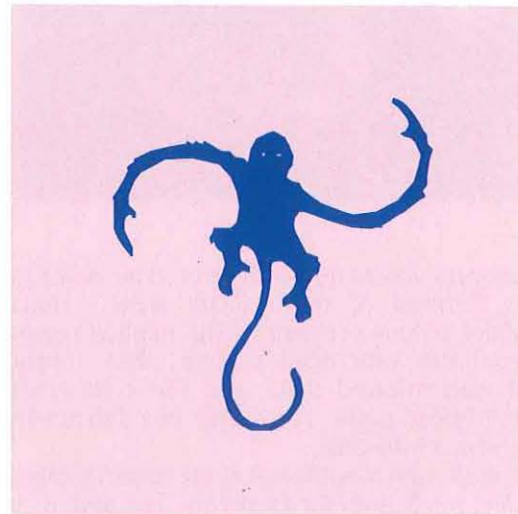
Children's Corner

Test your powers of observation. How many words connected with conservation can you discover in this grid? (Whoops - there goes the first clue!) To make it doubly difficult, we'll just tell you that there are 15 words altogether.

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RIDDLE

A fly starts a big climb. He sits at the bottom of a wall that is 1.20m high. The fly climbs 30 cm per hour. Then he is so tired he has to take a rest. Every time he rests, he slides down 15 cm. Do you know how long the fly will take to climb that wall?



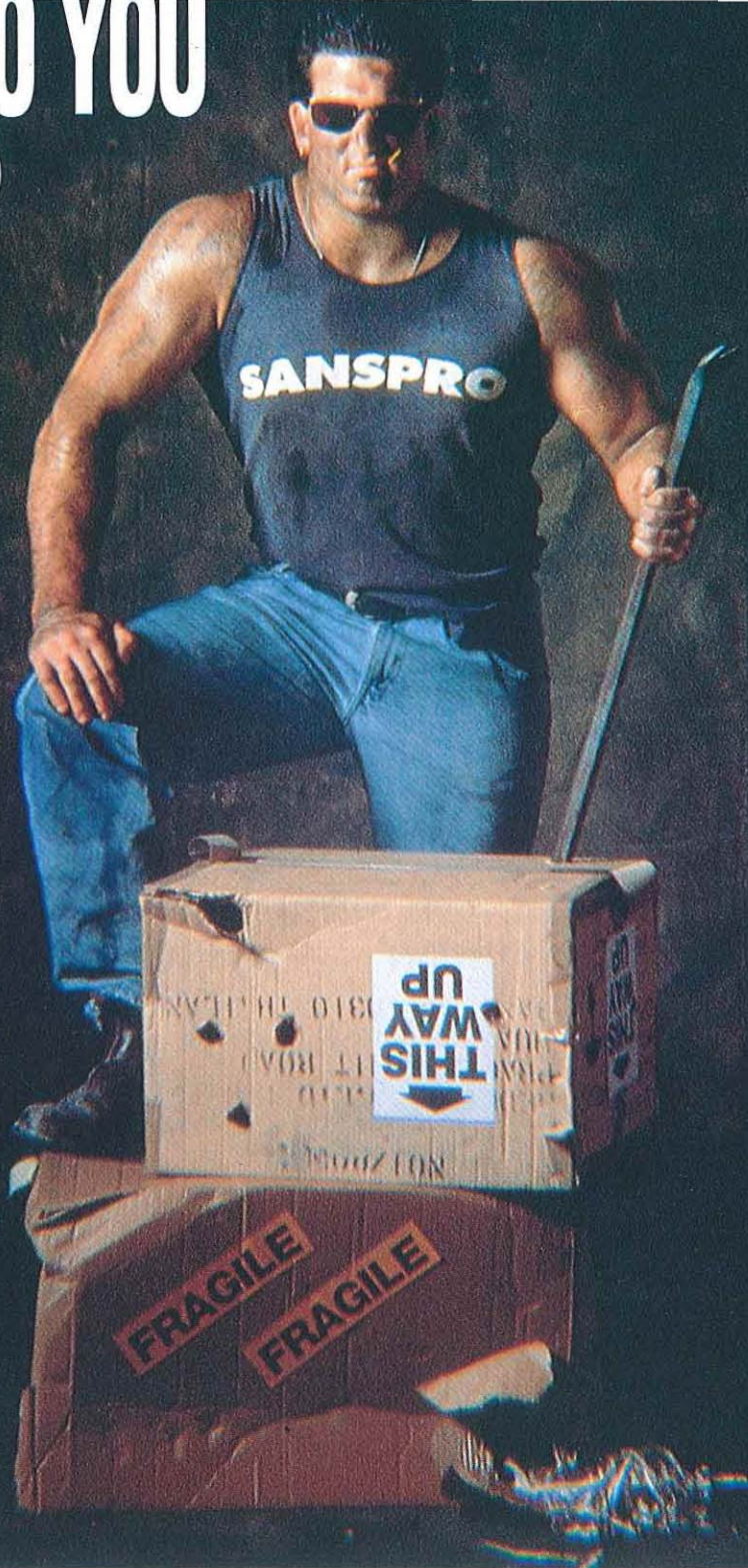
TONGUE TWISTERS

Try saying : What noise annoys a noisy oister? A noisy noise annoys a noisy oister.

or if that's too easy: Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers. Or even: She sells seashells by the seashore.

Here are the words we have hidden, recycling, green, pollution, waste, paper, conservation, natural, reuse, organic, compost, caring, environment, rubbish, aerosol, create.
Answer to the Riddle: The fly takes 7 hours to climb the wall. Because he slides down 15 cm every time he takes a rest he only climbs 15 cm per hour. After 6 hours he reaches 90cm height. The next hour he willtop of the wall, he needs a rest but does not slide down because he is on top of the wall.

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Lazy Sunday Afternoon



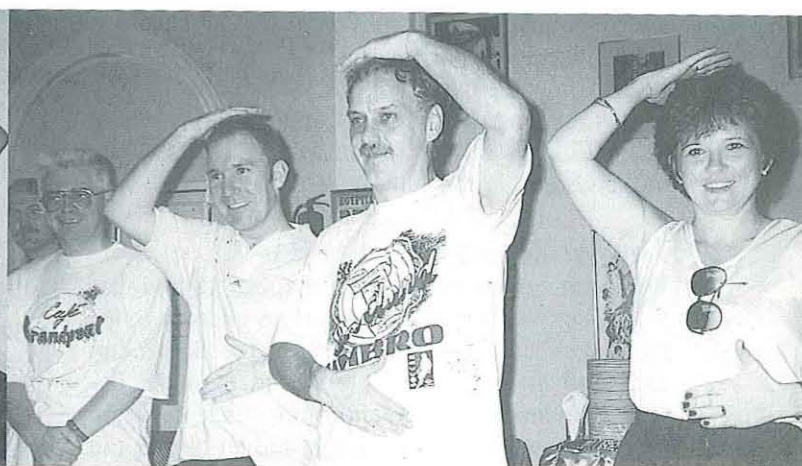
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Arts and Crafts in the Surawong Room



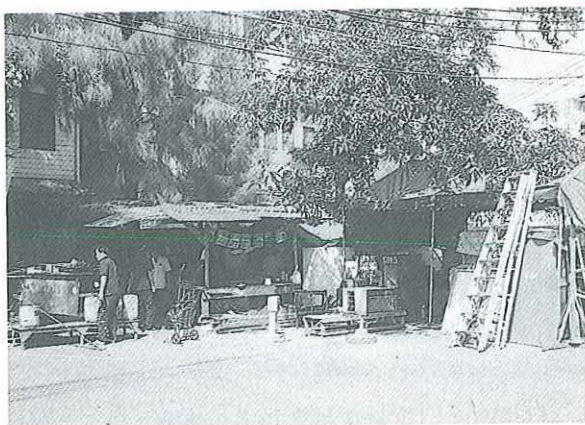
WHAT does your mother do to you?????



And if you don't play the game, we're going to tell on you!!! (Crooked Jack)

Management News

Development work



As we near the end of the Development work at the Club, the Committee and Management would like to express their thanks to the membership for their tolerance during this work. At times certain parts of the Club have been noisy and dusty and there has certainly been a reduction in available parking spaces. In addition small areas of the Club have had to be closed off for safety reasons. All we can say is that now things are nearly complete it is hoped that the benefits of this work will be obvious to all. Certainly the looks and the administration of the Club have been greatly enhanced.

Music in the Bar and Lords

In response to a request from a member we have relocated the CD player which played the music for both the Bar and Lords from Reception. We have also been given a second machine so now the Staff in the Bar have their own CD player and the staff in Lords have their own tape deck. If the music in either area is not to your liking then please tell the staff on duty and it will be changed to a sound, and/or a volume, you are content with! The Club would like to thank one of our members, Khun Jettana Pongfuengfu, for his generosity in very kindly donating the tape deck and second amplifier to the Club so as to enable us to have two separate music systems in the Club house.

The service staff in the Bar

With the arrival of Khun Sathaporn as the Bar Supervisor we are making a conscious effort at trying to improve the level of service in the Bar. Khun Sathaporn is making every effort to train the bar staff to be more attentive and more efficient. Please let him know if things are better and let him or the Duty Manager know if there are problems!

The Duty Manager

We have a Duty Manager at the Club throughout the day and in the evenings. The name of the Duty Manager is displayed both at Reception and at pool side. If there is a problem or you are concerned about any matter please ask for the Duty Manager. If the problem cannot be resolved at the time, then the Duty Manager will make a report in the log and the General Manager will quickly be aware of the matter and things can be rapidly sorted out. The real problems arise when the Duty Manager is not informed, then problems tend to spiral out of control! Please, if you are not satisfied with any aspect at the Club, then tell the Duty Manager.

More new reciprocal Clubs

The Victoria Club, Pietermaritzburg

The Victoria Club of Pietermaritzburg in the Republic of South Africa is centrally located in the city and boasts limited, but high quality accommodation, restaurant, two bars, grill room, function rooms, squash courts, snooker room and library. The Club has 1,100 members and is conveniently located for the preliminary round games of the Rugby World Cup!

The Royal Bombay yacht Club

Not so well placed for the Rugby World Cup, but pretty handy for the cricket and the yachting, is the Royal Bombay Yacht Club of India. The Club has plenty of accommodation, a restaurant, bar, library, function rooms, a hairdressing salon, a shop and, of course, sailing!

The Development Work

Hopefully by the beginning of March Members should be seeing the benefits of the Development work. The Staff Quarters are nearing occupation along with the relocation of the temporary rubbish area next to the Narai Hotel's facility, the 'temporary' workshops are but now a distant memory having moved into the purpose built complex alongside the main kitchen and another store is being built where the temporary workshop was. This store will be used to house the Dance Floor (which the Club has had to pay to store off site in the past) and the catering tables and chairs. The repainting of the Club House should be nearing completion and the last bit of work outstanding is the extension of the stores/workshop complex by the side of the Club House. This amount of work has inevitably effected members, if nothing else it has reduced the amount of car parking spaces at the

Club, but the benefits will be significant. For example we can save money on storage costs, we will be better placed to exert control on stocks of all kinds, the staff will have their own showers and rest rooms, the Club House will look even better under a new layer of paint, now we await the onset of the rainy season with interest to see how the new buildings and the drainage system will cope with the torrents to come!

Tobacco Smoke in the Bar

In the past few months there have been an increasing number of comments made about the tobacco smoke in the bar infiltrating even into the no smoking areas. In order to combat the smoke we have now installed a suction system in the panelling above the bar, this seems to be very effective and gently sucks the noxious fumes outside where they blend nicely with all the other noxious fumes in the city! I have been asked if the nozzles on the vents in the system can be enlarged so as to suck out the smokers as well! But that does seem a somewhat draconian solution! We hope the air in the bar is now as pleasant as possible in Bangkok!

Staff Changes

Members will be aware that we have been without a Members Accountant some weeks now, but we hope to have a lady in this position by the time this magazine is published. Sadly Khun Nok, the Membership Secretary, is also moving on and at the time of writing we are trying to recruit a new girl for this post. Our thanks go to Khun Nok for her excellent work at the Club. After an investigation into stock controls the Churchill Bar Supervisor left the Club and has been replaced by Khun Sathaporn. Khun Sathaporn comes from a very good career with a number of hotels and we are sure he will be a most useful addition to the Club staff.

Lords Restaurant - The new Menu - Chance to win a weekend away

Elsewhere in the magazine you will find a selection of the new menu for Lords. We will be introducing this menu on Monday 3 April and as a special incentive for members to try out our new fare, we are making a special offer! From mid day on 3 April up to the time the restaurant closes on Sunday 9 April, we will be asking each diner to leave their cards in the Restaurant and at the end of the week we will have a draw for a long weekend at the Boathouse Hotel at Kata Beach, Phuket.

Fortcoming Events

March promises to be a good month for Thespians with a programme designed to both appeal and appall!

Saturday 4 March : be amused and entertained at a Welsh folk night in the Surawong Room and see the Scotland v Wales rugby game on a huge 12ft by 15 ft screen.

Saturday 10 March : be appalled at the lack of talent on display at the annual 'No Talent Night' organised by the rugby section.

Wednesday 15 through to Sunday 19 March: be entertained by the BCT who will perform a hilarious revue in the Surawong Room.

Dont Forget!

Don't forget the St. David's Ball on March 3rd, the St Patrick's Ball on 18th March and the England v Scotland rugby match live from Twickenham on Star TV in the bar on Saturday 18 March. There really should be something for everyone in that lot!

Children's Activities

If your child is budding sports enthusiast did you know that the Club Tennis, Cricket and Rugby Sections all have junior sections who train and play regularly? Contact one of the respective Committee's for details.

The 1995 AGM

A plea for all those coming to the AGM at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21 March. Heaven knows what the traffic will be like in this area once work starts on Silom and Surawong roads for the elevated mass transit system, so please allow good time to get to the Club for this important meeting. please also bring your cheque books because, as a reminder, Club rules are that those with accounts outstanding cannot vote.

Change of dialing codes in the UK

A new system of dialing codes was introduced in the UK on 1 August 1994. The new numbers have been running in parallel with the old numbers from that time, so the change has not been obvious to users. However, at 01.00am British Summer Time on 16th April 1995, the old numbers will be discontinued and only the new numbers will connect to the subscriber. The old codes will connect to recorded messages notifying you of the change - but still costing you the expense of a wasted call to the UK.

There are three elements to the changes:

1. All UK geographic area codes (including London) will be changed to include the additional digit "1" in front of the existing code. Non geographic codes, such as mobile networks and some paging services, will not have their codes changed.

2. The cities of Leeds, Sheffield, Nottingham, Leicester and Bristol will have completely new codes and all numbers will have an added digit as follows:

Leeds code was 532 and will be 113-2-xxxxx

Sheffield code was 742 and will be 114-2-xxxxx

Nottingham code was 602 and will be 115-9-xxxxx

Leicester code was 533 and will be 116-2-xxxxx

Bristol code was 272 and will be 117-9-xxxxx

3. The international access code for the UK will change from 010 to 00 - in line with European Community standards (1). However, in Thailand we have been using 00 as the prefix code for some time already.

To give some examples of the changes:

1. To dial a new number, using an inner London code as an example, when you call from Thailand you now dial:

00144-71-xxx xxxx

With the new system you will need to dial:

00144-1-71-xxx xxxx

2. To give another example should you wish to call a Bristol number after 16 April you would need to dial:

00144-1-117-9-xxxxx

Any queries on the new system could be referred to the BT offices in Thailand, telephone 255-8866 to 81.

Traditional Kedgeree

Serves: Preparation: 30 minutes, Cooking: 30-40 minutes

450 g (1 lb) smoked haddock, cooked, skinned and flaked
 225 g (8 oz) long grain rice, cooked
 3 hard boiled eggs, shelled and roughly chopped
 2 tablespoons freshly chopped parsley
 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 pinch of grated nutmeg
 pinch of cayenne pepper
 salt and freshly ground black pepper
 150 ml (1 oz) butter
 fresh parsley sprigs, to garnish



1. Place the fish, rice, eggs, parsley, lemon juice, spices and seasoning in a large bowl. Pour in the cream and mix through gently.
2. Transfer the kedgeree to a buttered, shallow, ovenproof dish. Dot with the remaining butter.
3. Cover and cook in a pre-heated oven (180° C/350° F/ Gas Mark 4) for 30-40 minutes, until heated through. Serve hot, garnished with fresh parsley sprigs.

Nutrition content per serving:

Protein: g Fat: 19g Dietary Fibre: 2g, Carbohydrate: 50 Kilocalories: 500

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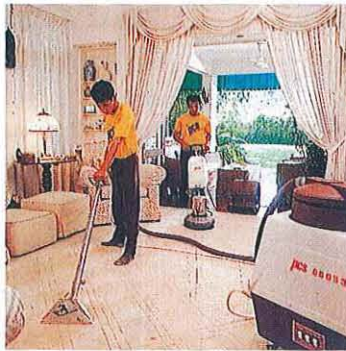


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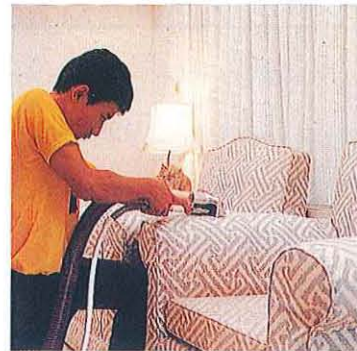
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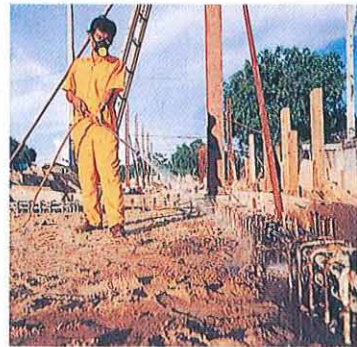
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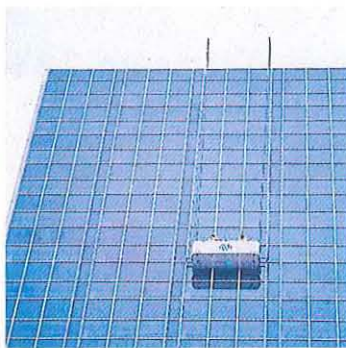
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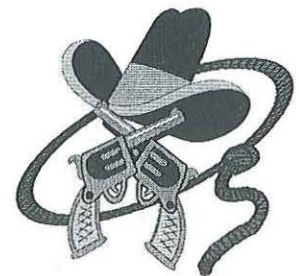
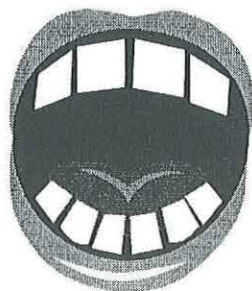
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Rugby No Talent Night 10th March 1995



Join the BC Rugby Section for the 4th Annual No Talent Night. Tickets Baht 550 (Including dinner, some drinks). Lots of fun, hilarious acts, some serious fundraising for the Hong Kong Tour, all sections are represented. Come along and watch or phone Bea 258 9509 or Suzanne 258 7939 if you want to perform. Book now at reception.





Did you know:

All food on the Churchill Bar Menu is available for Take Away. Just ask the staff and they will pack it up for you!

Also for sale at the Club, delicious freshly baked bread, rolls, cakes etc.

Why not use the British Club Outside Catering Service for your Party? Phone Khun Orasa for more details.

Extra Childrens Corner

Why don't you colour in one (or all) of these lovely dog picture the one with the baby is called "The Watchdog", then there is "Didi and the Little Robin", "Blind Man's Bluff" and the last one is "The Leader of the Pack". All these pictures are taken from "Dogs, 20 Gorgeous Colour Postcards".



Final Countdown

I am looking forward to the A.G.M. There should be a lot of new faces present, to complement the stalwarts and a variety of views to be put forward on several interesting topics. Most interesting items on the agenda are what to do with Lords dining room and whether to allow members to swap voting rights with their spouse. A good number of suggestions will be aired



and hopefully at the end of the night we will emerge with a few rule changes that will lead to further improvements at our Club.

We shall also have some new faces standing for election to the general committee plus, at the last count, six of the current committee seeking reelection. It's a promising mix that should lead to a lively new committee.

Hopefully we will have a great turnout on the 21st March because I believe Members get the Club they deserve. If you can't get to the A.G.M. to vote on the agenda items you just have to hope that the majority of those present share your views.

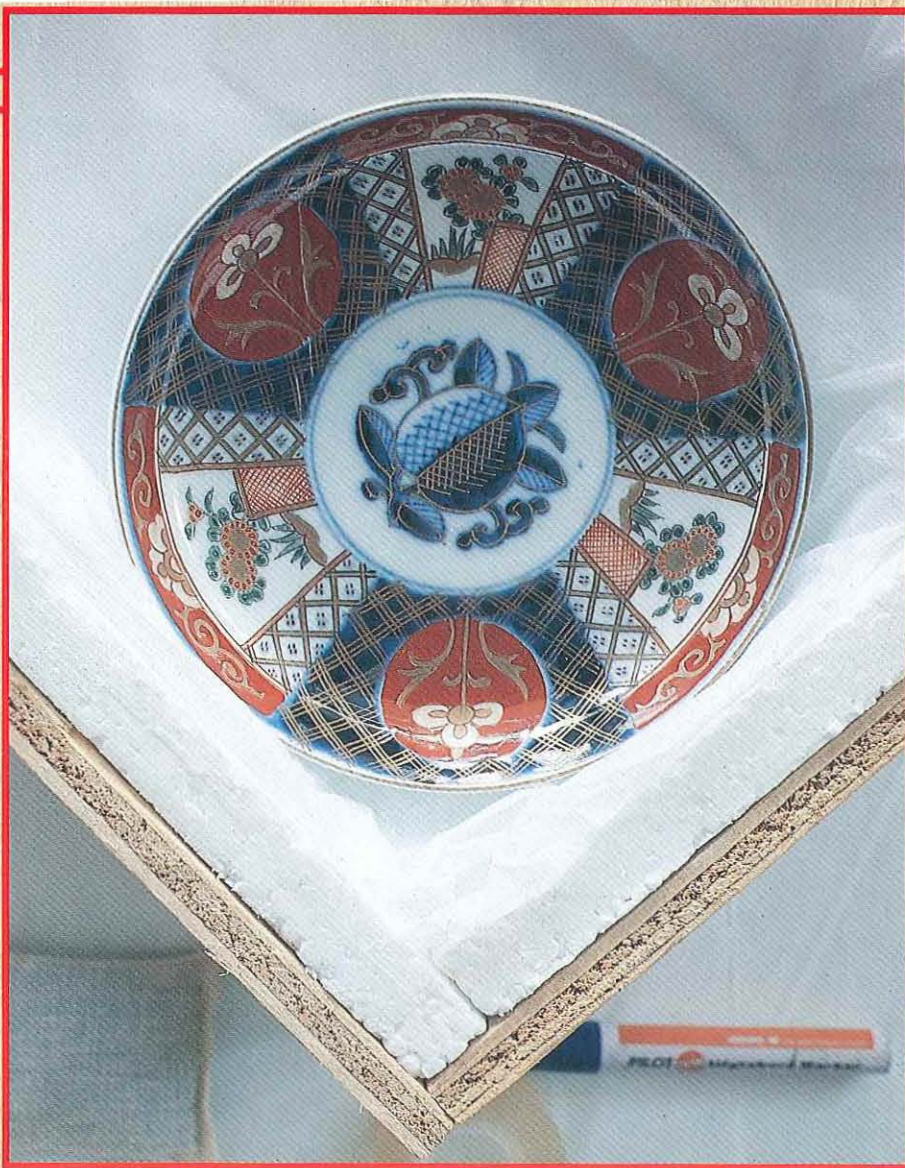
There is one outstanding item that we haven't been able to tackle for this A.G.M. And that's the topic of the proxy vote. In my opinion, our system is outdated and wrong. There is nothing more galling than to see a vote carried by a flurry of yellow cards. Proxy votes should go, but we couldn't find time to devise a new system that would register the wishes of those members not present. Hopefully it's something that can be tackled in 1995.

I am also looking forward to after the A.G.M. (I am not one of the six restanding). I want to spend more time at the Club and hope to take up tennis again. Unfortunately, as a 41 year old I'm picking up far too many sports injuries and I'm hoping for better luck with tennis (tennis elbow?).

I have enjoyed being Chairman of the British Club and wish my successor the same.

I'm not sure if this is my last column as the deadline for the April Outpost may be too early for the new Chairman. If so see you next month. I hope to have some suggestions from the kids on what they want from the Club, to share with you.

Nigel Oakins
Chairman



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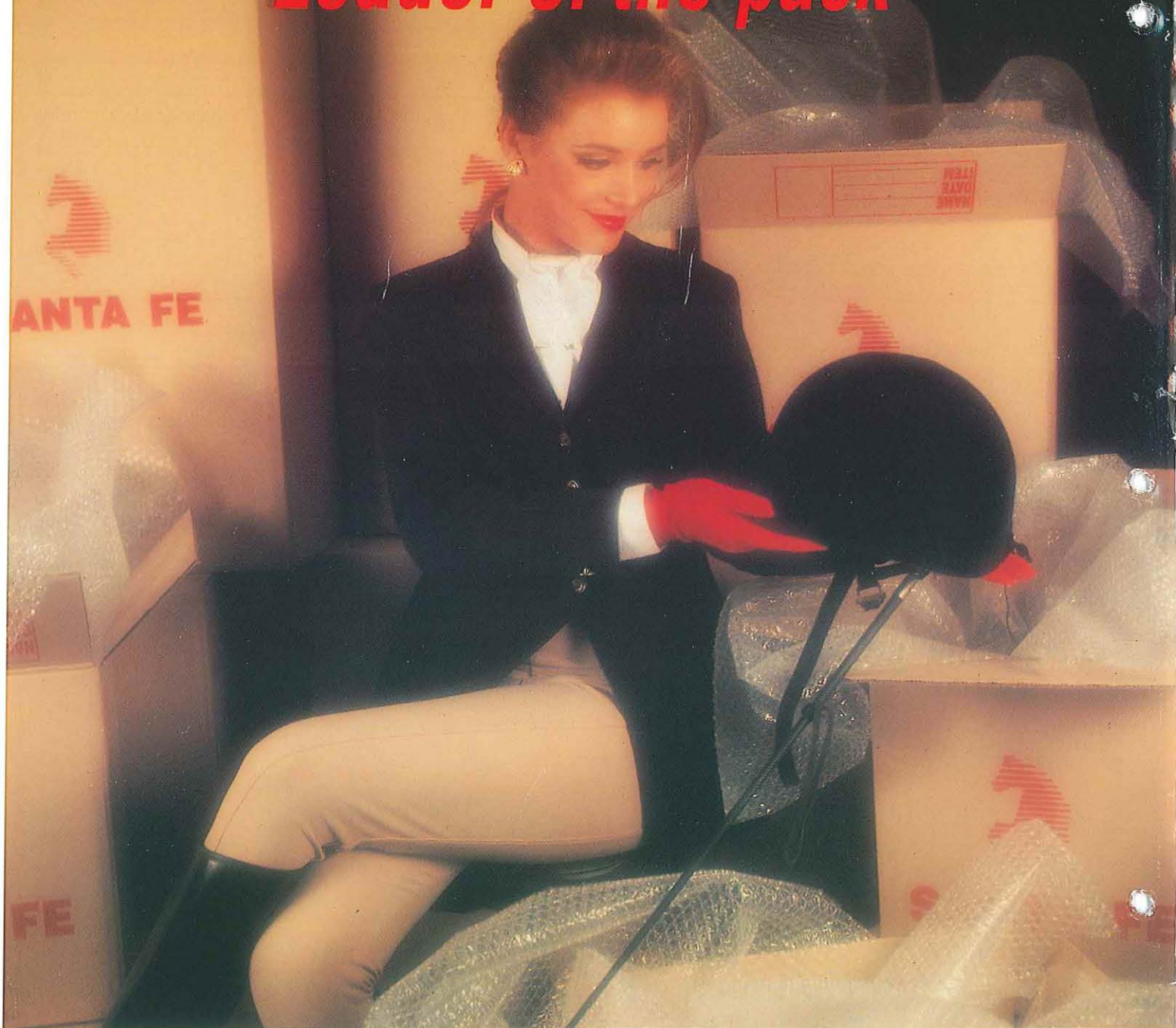
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