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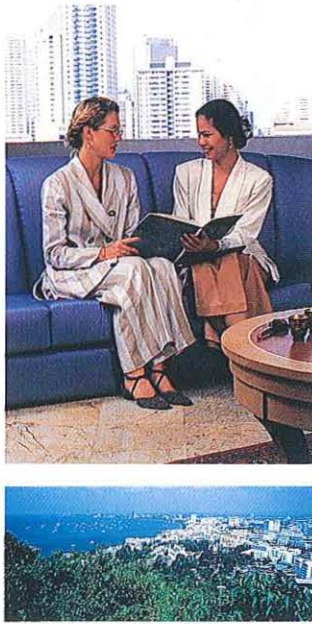
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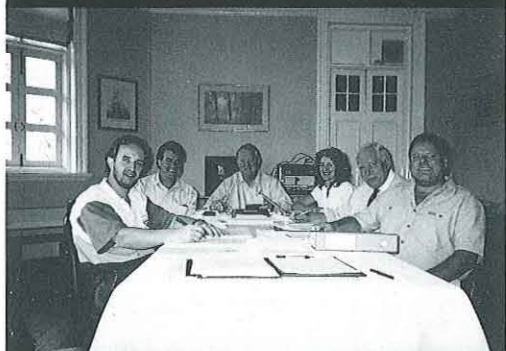
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From the Editor

March is proverbially the month of madness. By coincidence, it's also the Club AGM. As a Student Union activist in my university days, I've been to my fair share of AGMs, as they are vital to the running of a club/union/

company. Like all formal meetings, an AGM can vary greatly in activity: sometimes there's spirited debate, others degenerate into childishness or bickering, still others pass relatively uneventfully. As the Club has expanded over the years, the number of interest groups has expanded to include sports

sections, women, families etc, all with their own needs. I would suggest that AGMs are more interesting as members have become increasingly vocal.

Lively and informed debate

Of course, lively and informed debate depends largely on a good turnout to ensure a reasonable cross-section of opinion. As it stands, a small number of people (around 10-15% of the voting membership, on average) decides the fate for the rest of you. And it's usually the same people every year. Now if the rest of you are comfortable with this that's one thing, but if you feel there's something the Committee isn't addressing properly or at all, then this is the best time to speak up.

Along with a change of Committee in the middle of this month, we'll also see a change

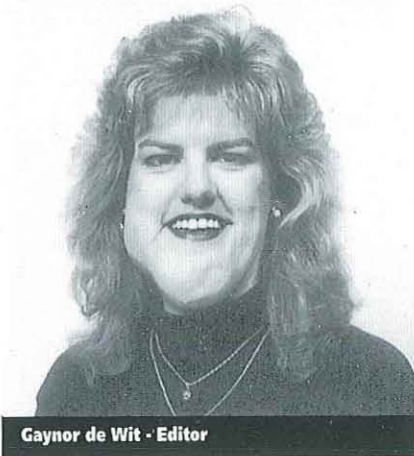
of General Manager as David departs for corporate shores after three years with the Club. One of the under-used advantages of Club membership that David has strived to promote is making use of reciprocal clubs around the world, hence the map and list inserted in last month's Outpost. In this month's issue is a write-up of one such club, the relaxed Royal King's Park Tennis Club in Perth, Australia, which I visited in October last year. I have also tried two clubs in Penang, although I forgot to take photographs (yes, me!), so I can attest to the usefulness of being able to drop into a club in a foreign country and play sport or dine somewhere and feel at home. However, there's nothing so effective as personal recommendation, so if you've been to a particular reciprocal club over the last couple of years and remembered to take a couple of photographs of the place, with you in them, then please forward your review to me.

Also included in this month's issue are the results of the Ploenchit Fair caption competition, a couple of member's poems (must be this season of lurrvvve), the third in Ron's series on adages, the latest out of the BC kitchen and news from the UKCTC. For those expecting to return to Britain at this Budget time of year, there's also an important article on taxation for expatriates repatriating.

See you on Tuesday 19th!

Gaynor de Wit

Editor



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

UKCTC Medical Scholarships

Under the Colin Britton Medical School Scholarship, which is part-sponsored by Glaxo Wellcome, the UKCTC is providing funds for airfares, accommodation and living



allowances to five final-year medical students to undergo short-term training at Guy's Hospital for 6 weeks. The 1995/96 awardees are: Miss Sutasinee Suwanjutha, Miss Apinya Narongoon, Miss Pira-on Sutthiwan, Miss Arunya Naebnien and Mr Pitipol Choopong.

The students were selected by the UKCTC in conjunction with Siriraj Hospital's Faculty of Medicine. Mrs Pauline Adams, Honorary President of the UKCTC, presented the scholarships at a special ceremony at the British Embassy. The ceremony was attended by members of the UKCTC, representatives of Siriraj Hospital and Mrs Kamala Britton, wife of the late Dr Colin Britton, in whose memory the scholarships were set up.

During the same ceremony, Mrs Adams also presented plaques to the four students who were awarded last year's scholarships and have completed their training in London. These students have just sat their final year medical exams at Siriraj and have high hopes of becoming doctors in the very near future.

John Leicester

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From the Manager

I must start by thanking those members who have taken the time to contact me over the last few weeks to thank me for the work which has been done at the Club over the last two years or so, and to wish me well for the



David Viccars - General Manager

future, it really is very gratifying to hear such kind sentiments and I am most grateful. While much has been changed at the Club it has really been the staff who have had to bear the brunt of things new and new methods of operation, so well done them for being receptive to change. Of course they will all still be

around to see that the new GM does not veer too far off the straight and narrow!

When I came to the Club I remember thinking that the name of the Club magazine, 'Outpost', could be felt to have certain colonial connotations and I wondered about the appropriateness of this title. I then became immersed in Club work and forgot all about the subject. I have now remembered it again! I suspect that the name of the Club magazine is a topic which arouses strong emotions with some members and complete inertia in oth-

ers, I probably side with the latter group, but I just wonder, is it time for a change? Letters to the Editor please!

Security

I am afraid that I must beat the security drum again. While our very small security staff (3 men only) do what they can, within the very real limitations of the Club rules, to keep out those not entitled to be at the Club we experience difficulties most days with people either using the Club to get from Silom to Surawong Roads or even using the facilities. The coupon system normally catches out this latter group most effectively but please help the staff by showing your membership card each and every time you come into the compound and, if you see someone who you believe not to be a bone fide user of the Club then please ask the staff to contact the Duty Manager and we will investigate. Lastly, on this same topic, please do use the lockers provided in the changing rooms as I very much regret that it seems as if property is still, on occasions, being removed from these areas.

David Viccars

General Manager

Management News

New Reciprocal Club - Singapore

The Club is pleased to inform members that we have now tied up a reciprocal agreement with the Ceylon Sports Club in Singapore. This Club is located at 101 Ballastier Road in Singapore and boasts a wide range of sporting facilities including tennis and squash courts, a games room, a cricket field, restaurant and bars all with ample car parking.

Scuba Diving - Is anybody interested?

We are trying to organise scuba diving familiarization lessons at the Club, perhaps on Saturday mornings? Is anybody interested? If you are then please see the GM.

First-Aid training

We have now run a number of first aid courses at the Club for wives and other interested individuals. The courses consist of 4 hours (only) of instruction and are very much aimed at 'what to do until help arrives'. The instructor is British and is a fully qualified first aid instructor, the cost for a course is B1,000. Maximum numbers per class are 7. We are also running a number of Phase II course to build on the instruction from the initial course, is there anyone else interested? If so, please see the GM.

Charges

In accordance with the provisions in Rule 61 of the Club's constitution, as amended at the 1995 EGM, the General Committee have decided to impose certain charges in relation to members accounts as follows: Dishonoured Cheque or Direct Debit: B500

per presentation - as charged by our bankers. Telephone call for account outstanding: B250 per recorded call

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

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

Member-Get-Member scheme

Congratulations to Mal Ferguson who won the long weekend in Penang at the **Holiday Inn** and to Anthony Middleton, the member he proposed to the Club, who won the long weekend at the **Holiday Inn** Green Hills, Chiang Mai in the February prize draw. The next draw will be made at the New Members Night in May when a holiday at the **Holiday Inn** Golden Mile in Hong Kong will be on offer, propose a candidate for membership now and get your name into the draw. Don't forget that the member who has successfully proposed the most applicants by August 1996 will win a stay at the **Holiday Inn** in Bali! The leader in this aspect of the competition has (at the time of writing) successfully proposed 4 new members to the Club, so there is the target!

Pay your Club bills by direct debit!

The Club currently offers those who Bank with the Standard Chartered Bank the option of paying their monthly Club accounts by Direct Debit. This scheme is shortly to go into operation, just contact the Membership Secretary (Khun Koong) at the Club to get the

necessary forms to join this scheme. If this scheme proves popular we will try to expand the system to other Banks as well.

Khun Sanom Intraprasit

Khun Sanom, the oldest member of staff at the club at the venerable age of 64, retired after 14 years with the Club at the end of January. Khun Sanom spent all his time at the Club working in the Club House kitchens and his experience and knowledge will be



Khun Sanom

greatly missed; we all wish him a long and happy retirement. The picture shows Khun Sanom having just received his gratuity payment and plainly enjoying his last day at the club!

BC special hotel arrangements in Bangkok

We have a number of deals with quality hotels all within easy walking distance of the Club. The latest offer we have had is B680 for a single and B900 for a double, including VAT, with American breakfast and an extra 10% discount peak season and 25% discount off season! Not bad rates, bookable on production of your Club membership card, but the rooms may be used by family and friends. See the GM for details.

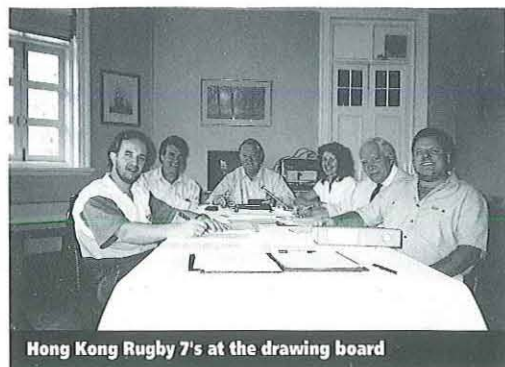
BC trip to Surin for the elephant round-up - November 14th-16th

Undoubtedly the BC run the most stylish

(and the cheapest!) of the many excursions run from Bangkok to Surin for the annual Elephant extravaganza in Surin which this year is over the weekend of 15th/16th November. Numbers are however limited for this marvellous trip so you are strongly advised to advance register by returning the application form (to be found elsewhere in the magazine) to the Club as soon as you can! We will charge a small deposit to members accounts in July and the rest after the event, when we have the final costs to hand, in November.

The BC facilitates the 'Rugby World Cup'

Members will be interested to know that the British Club has played a fundamental role in the ongoing plans for the Rugby World Cup. Recently we hosted a lengthy meeting between Mr Leo Williams (President of the Australian Rugby Union and Director of Rugby World Cup), Mr Marcel Martin (Treasurer of Rugby World Cup) and Peter Duncan, Dave Roberts, Beth Coalter and Dave Bruce all from the Hong Kong Rugby Football



Hong Kong Rugby 7's at the drawing board

Union responsible for organizing the forthcoming Rugby World Cup 7's in Hong Kong in 1997. Judging by the time spent in the Churchill Bar after the meeting the day must have been a huge success and Rugby World Cup's coffers certainly took a bit of a hit on the 'refreshment' side!

Events at the Club in March

The 1996 AGM

The 1996 AGM will be held on **Tuesday 19th March** at 7pm in the Surawong Room. Please try to attend this meeting to express your opinions about the issues involved and to elect a new Committee. If you would like to stand for the Committee, please contact the GM.

Five Nations rugby live on TV

If Star TV cover the 5 Nations rugby championship we will put TV's in the bar for the

following games:

2nd March: **Scotland v England**
Ireland v Wales

18th March: **England v Ireland**
France v Wales

Major international sports events

Members may wish to be reminded that they may book the satellite TV system to view any of the following major international sporting events:

World Cup cricket, Aussie Rules etc coming up in the next few months.

Caption Competition

Despite positively fierce competition from the relatively few people who entered this caption game, the quote that made me smile longest came from newcomer **Mark Verheyen**, so a bottle of wine will be winging its way to him sometime this month. Well done Mark! And many thanks to the other members who submitted caption ideas, especially Lionel Mee who came up with four good ones. Quotes from The Creative Partnership staff were disallowed owing to being for the most part unprintable... The Winning Caption was:

"This little one went to market, and this little one stayed at home..."

Others included:

"I never realised you had a mole down there, my dear"

"I can count at least two from where I'm standing..."

"Don't look now, but I think they're tak-

ing a photo for that stupid Caption Competition!"

"That's a braw pair you've got there" ('braw' is Scottish for 'lovely', apparently)

"Don't move, a mosquito has landed on



you just *there...*"

(Thinks) "I wonder if I could get another half pint before she notices..."

"Where did you say you'd hidden that bottle of wine?"

"No, it's not a gun in my pocket, I really am pleased to see you!"

"Do they come here often?"

"Andrew, are you down there?"

New Members



Mr. Justin Doyle

Justin has been in the region for around 10 years, but has settled in Thailand for the time being with his wife, Siriorn, and their son James, nearly 3. He is a banker with Painwebber, but has other business interests in Thailand and the States. Justin plays squash, tennis, badminton, bridge and swims while Siriorn is a badminton player.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kane

Previously in Saudi, Paul is working in Personnel with Shell here for around 3 years. Turns out that while they were here on holiday 10 years ago they were at my parents' New Year's Eve party! Small world. Paul and Diane have two boys, William 7 who is at Patana and Jamie 3. Paul plays croquet (won the last Allied Walker croquet night) and rugby, and skis, rows and mountain climbs, which he'll have problems doing here. Diane is more versatile - she plays tennis, is learning Thai, loves watercolour painting - although Paul cast doubt on that "fine cabbage she did today", and has recently become Chairwoman of "Dear Ladies", the Shell fundraising body.



Mr. Russell Chalon & Miss Jane Hubbard

From Maidenhead, Russell is with Satchwell Control Systems (computer co) and Jane is looking for something to do. This is their first overseas posting, and they hope it will last longer than the year contract. Russell has already played football with the BC, and also plays golf, cricket, tennis and squash, and Jane wants to take up hockey again, learn tennis and join the aerobics group.

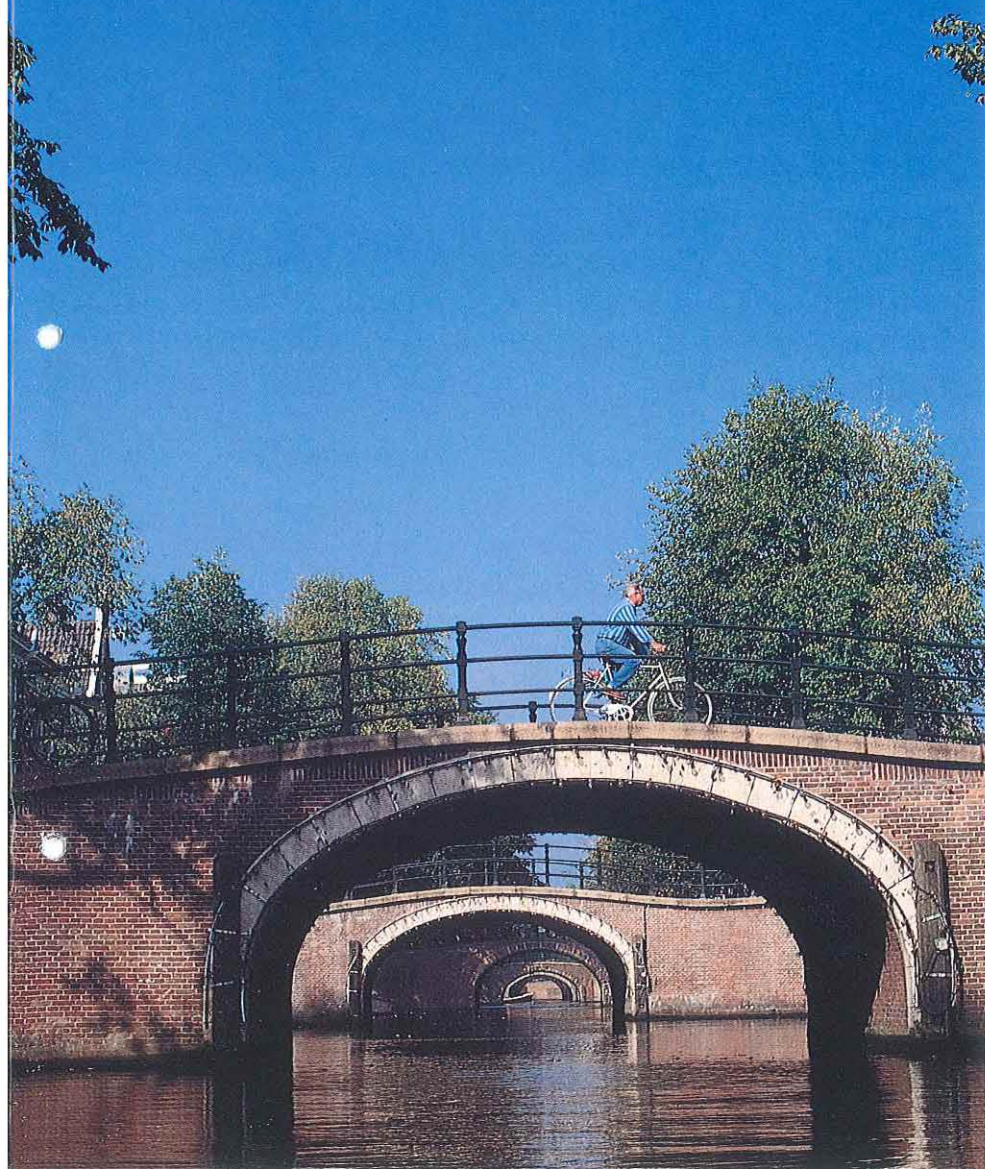
Mr. Stephen Powley

Stephen is with Philips seconded to Public Radio here, which should take him all over Thailand. He is supposedly here for a year but expects it to be somewhat longer, as they are still waiting for all the equipment to be released from customs... He's single, 34 and is well-travelled, having previously worked in Iraq, Kuwait, Zambia, South Africa, Ghana, Algeria, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Indonesia, all with radio projects. It was at the British Club in Baghdad that he was locked up, but we won't elaborate!

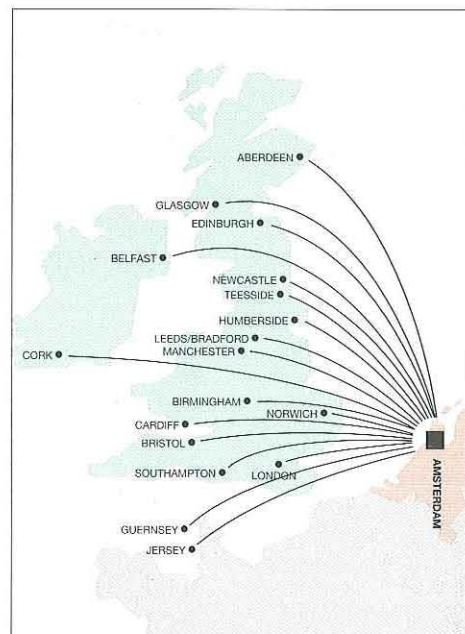


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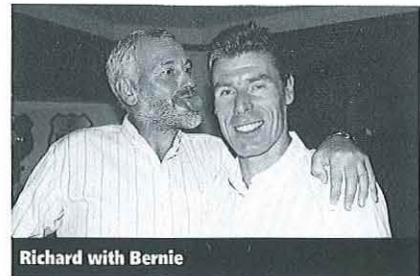
I'm still not sure whether they were having me on, but the Middletons are from Wagga Wagga (NSW) with a son at school in Walla Walla. With the Australian Embassy as a Maintenance Officer servicing the entire region, Tony expects to be here for 3 years, enjoys swimming and squash and is an aeroplane owner/enthusiast - "a pretty

strange sort of fellow", in his words, so he should fit in well here. Suzanne also swims, and plays social tennis, walks and reads. It was their lucky night, as their proposer won the February New Members Draw!

Mr. Richard Ellis

No, absolutely no relation to any property dealers, Richard is a P.E. teacher at Patana and is from Eastbourne. Never wanting to leave school because of his sport, he made it his career, and it was unsurprising perhaps to find he's a mean tennis player, once playing at Wimbledon and "having beaten someone who beat Roscoe Tanner".

His previous partner had beaten Michael Chang when they were 12. Married to Penny and with two daughters at Patana, Kate 15 and Emma 13, Richard plays almost any sport while Penny likes tennis, literature and campanology (bell-ringing).



Richard with Bernie



Alex and Rose

Mr. Alexander Lowther & Miss Rosaleen Hackett

Expected to be a popular man here, Alex works at the Thai Asia Pacific Brewery as a secondee from Heineken, which made the sight of the brown icebergs of beer served that night in the bar all the more amusing. From Sunderland, Alex is into drinking (surprise), football and cricket, while his girlfriend Rose is into aerobics, swim-

ming and singing with an international choir. They have previously worked in Papua New Guinea, Holland, Ireland (where they met), Singapore, Norway and Sweden, all in the beer trade.

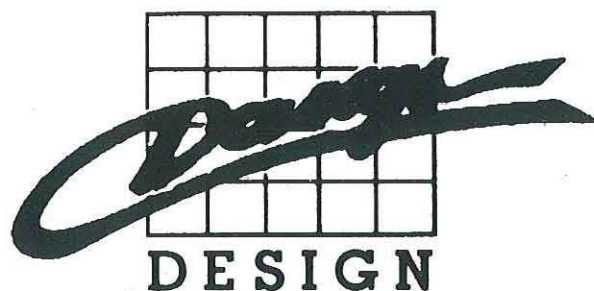
Mr. Matthew Duke

Matthew's a geologist with Unocal and expects to be here from 3 to 5 years. Married to Kerry who's in Texas, there are no kids yet but two cats. His hobby is playing drums, but they're electric and the sound goes through his headphones - a considerate sort. Matthew also plays squash, football and will have a hack at golf. His driver speaks no English, and frequently 'phones his sister to get her to translate what Matthew says



Matthew

into Thai for him! To give you an idea of the confusion, his driver recently thought Soi Convent was "Soi Condom"! The mind boggles...



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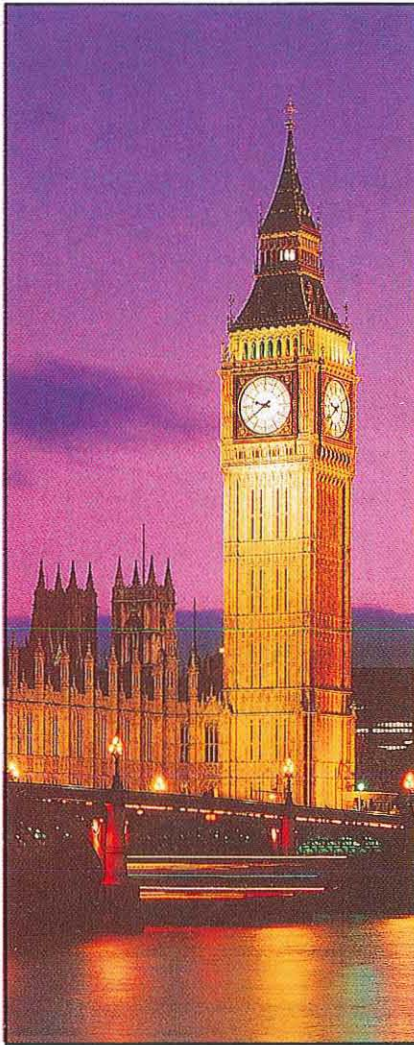
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Badminton AGM - Sunday 10th March

yes, it's AGM time! That time of year when Badmintonians turn out in their hordes of twos and threes to participate in what should be the most important event in the section calendar - the Annual General Meeting. By our reckoning, the 10th should be clear of all public holidays, anticipated sickness, enforced overtime at work etc, which has deferred an AGM until now.

Please be there! Not only are we recruiting new members for the committee as a couple of our older hands are hoping to retire, but it would be nice to know that some of you are interested in promoting the Badminton Section in 1996. If it's any incentive, we will be serving finger food at the meeting...

International tournament

On the competition front, there are plans for an "International Tournament" held by the



Guess who???

management of Soi Klang Racquet Club, for which we have been invited to submit a team. Already entered are a Thai team, a Japanese team, an Indian team and one other whose nationality escapes me, and they're looking for one more team to make up a group of six.

We are looking for sponsors for a section sports shirt. A mega-comfortable aertex-type shirt was produced in 1993, kindly sponsored by Jardine Security (kudos to David Crocker-White there), but several members of that bygone era have now moved on and the newer members have asked for a section shirt, especially for matches. Anyone whose company would like to sponsor such a shirt **please** contact any member of the committee.



Dribbling against the elements The well-earned drink!

No pictures from the heralded Round Robin thingie from January that I may have mentioned in January's Outpost, I'm afraid, but it wasn't for lack of trying! In the end it was postponed for lack of numbers, but I'm determined to hold one soon! Keep ears to the ground.

Instead, I leave you with a couple more previously-unseen memories from the Sports Day - the toil and the rest. And a little competition - whose is the broly and hat? (The owner of these goods and his family are not allowed to enter!)

See you on the 10th!

Lotsaluv

Lek Farang

Halfway and Looking Good

At the halfway mark in the season things are looking good. BC sit proudly on top of the Farang League table. Current record is:

P	W	D	L	F	A
8	6	1	1	37	8

Captain Greg Watkins is keeping everyone's feet firmly on the ground though and not letting the team get carried away with their success at this early stage of the season.



Peter Downes - If you can't win the ball, take the man

Defensively the team look to be as strong as ever, not having conceded a goal for two months. This season though our form has been boosted by consistent goal scoring. Newcomers George Everest (goal), Terry Willcox (defensive midfield), Dave Atkinson (midfield) and Tim Ross (striker) have widened the options open to the side and have helped create a very powerful squad of players.

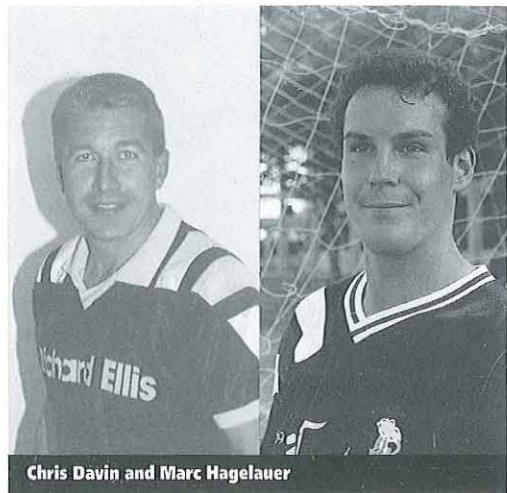
Goalscorers are currently as follows:

- 16 Tim Ross
- 6 Keith Dougall
- 5 Dave Atkinson
- 3 Paul Greenhalgh
- 2 John Cochrane

- 1 Vaughan Elias, Marc Hagelauer, Terry Grogan, Chris Davin

BC 1st XI 1-0 Brazilians

The best overall performance of the season to date was the 1-0 defeat of a strong Brazilians team. The Brazilians, having seven former BC players in the team, were understandably highly motivated for the fixture. With a number of young, fit and energetic Brazilian players the match was highly competitive, bruising and played at a pace more in keeping with a cooler British climate. At times the game resembled a game of tennis, with the ball volleyed back and forth between the two defences. Football was at premium and noone was allowed time or space to create openings. Chances were few and far between and the game remained scoreless at half-time.



Chris Davin and Marc Hagelauer

In the second half, pace and effort took their toll and the game slowed a little, allowing the better players a little more space. Halfway through the second half, Marc Hagelauer put his head down and took on the Brazilian left back for pace. He then put over an inch

perfect cross from the right and rising in the penalty area was Chris Davin to head home with force past Charlie Kitson in the Brazilian goal.

An outstanding goal worthy of winning such an exciting close encounter. Such was the pace of the game that the Brazilians had nothing left to fight back with and BC ran out comfortable winners.

BC 1st XI 0-0 RBSC

The following week's match against our arch enemies the Sports Club was much slower by comparison, but equally competitive. The RBSC played neater, prettier football but were far less effective than BC in progressing towards the opposition goal. Chances were limited with the greater share of the game and the chances falling to the BC. Keith Dougall hit the post in the first half, while Terry Willcox hit the bar and Tim Ross hit the post in the second. Near the end tempers were frayed and some ugly incidents ensued but no major damage was done. Overall a sound tactical performance and whilst disappointed not to win, BC were pleased to have maintained defensive discipline right up to the final whistle.

BC 1st XI 5-0 German All Stars

The team got back into winning ways against a much weaker German All Stars team. A very one-sided performance with the Germans hardly troubling our defence. Goals from Tim Ross 2, Keith Dougall 2 and John Cochrane secured the points. Captain Greg Watkins was able to introduce all his substitutes with Frank Hough, Alex Forbes and Nigel Oakins appearing for the first time this season.

Casuals

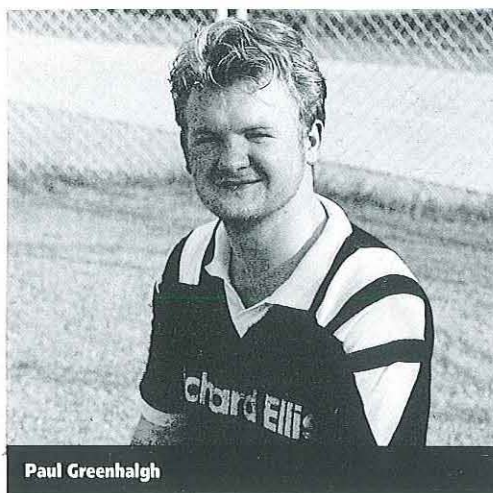
A full range of Casuals fixtures is now occurring at Sukhumvit Soi 15 every Saturday afternoon at 4pm. Alan May and Peter Downes continue to stress the importance of 'phoning early to book a place in the team.



Nigel Oakins

Wedding

Rumours are that Tony Green is getting married in early March.



Paul Greenhalgh

Strip

We thank sponsors **Bangkok Post** for their excellent new navy blue strips with white stripes. Older players are particularly pleased with the baggy shorts which even fit Chairman Vaughan Elias with ease!

John Sheehan



Bucks Fizz and Singapore Sling

It's a new year and the start of a new Club Championship. There are bound to be some different names appearing on the prize list this year, due to some of our top players leaving and others, notably James Young, being temporarily crocked so it should be an interesting competition. Thanks to Jaree's computing skills the draw for the main competition and plate are very clearly set out this time so there's no excuse for matches being played late and we won't accept any.

Hair of the Dog tournament

Sunday 14th January was the date of our "Hair of the Dog" tournament. Twenty eight players arrived at 2pm to be greeted with a "hair of the dog" in the form of an obligatory glass of Bucks Fizz.



Raymonde, Steve and Eileen - Dog Hair finalists

I, who was organising the tennis, wanted this to be a sociable day. There were lots of new members and I thought we should get to know one another. Bearing this in mind I had devised a mixed doubles tournament using a system whereby everyone had a new partner for each round. It looked perfectly simple and

logical to me but seemed to leave everyone else completely baffled! Anyway it worked. We were quite short of ladies so when someone told me that a new member Chris had arrived late, looking for a game, I quickly slotted them into one of the vacant ladies places in the draw. And that was my big mistake. Chris turned out to be tall, dark handsome, with hairy legs, definitely didn't play tennis like a lady, and single girls take note... is unmarried.

After a few rounds it was pretty clear who the men's winner was going to be with Steve Goode sweeping the board with maximum points in every round. The ladies winner wasn't decided till the last round was played and was a very close thing.

Ladies winner **Raymonde Marshall**
Runner up **Eileen Cook**
Men's Winner **Steve Goode**
Runner up **Dick Blackmore**

Junior Tennis

Junior Tournament January 7th

Div 1 Winner **Alex Stamp**
Runner up **Hannah Morrison**
Div 2 Winner **Andrew Jones**
Runner up **Paul Stamp**
Div 3 Winner **James Lanham**
Runner up **Meghann Phillips**

Division 1 & 3 needed play offs as they were tied after the completion of the round robin. The older children did most of the umpiring and did it well. Many thanks to those who umpired willingly and to all the players who contributed to another fun junior tennis event. The division 3 players are improving rapidly

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar

<p>Sunday</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In 3-6pm Tennis Mix-In 5-7pm Children's Video</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In 3-6pm Tennis Mix-In 5-7pm Children's Video</p> <p>Golf - Intersocieties weekend 4pm Squash AGM</p>
<p>Monday</p> 	<p>Opening Times</p> <p>10am-11pm Churchill Bar 11.30am-2pm Lords Restaurant - Lunch 6-10pm Lords Restaurant - Dinner 7.30am-10pm Poolside Bar 6am-9pm Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat 9am-9pm Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols 9am-5pm Thai Massage - Tue/Sun</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8-10am Ladies Tennis 8am BWG Mahjong 2pm Aerobics 6-8pm Squash Coaching 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49 7-9pm Tennis Team Training</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> 	<p>Sports - Contact the following:</p> <p>Badminton Gaynor de Wit 237-4031 Cricket Peter Young 679-7644 Golf Paul Nears 714-9040 Rugby Joe Grunwell 262-0220 Squash David Turner 279-4234 Soccer Peter Rodgers 240-0678 Tennis John Kelly 264-2100</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7am Ladies Golf 7-9pm Soccer Training 8-11pm Friendly Bridge 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof</p> <p>7.30pm New Members Night</p>
<p>Wednesday</p> 	<p>Sports - Contact the following:</p> <p>Non-BC Sports</p> <p>Ladies Golf BCLG Wil Agerbeek 259-7019 LIGIT Eileen Cook 295-4596 Hockey Lois Carson 258-5295</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9.30am Aerobics 5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In</p>
<p>Thursday</p> 	<p>Venues</p> <p>Soi 15 NIST grounds Soi 49 Soi Klang Racquet Club Soi Nares Behind Bangrak Police Station</p> <p>Golf - As advertised</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10-12 noon Ladies Squash 6-9pm Squash Mix-In 7pm Aerobics 7-9pm Rugby Training 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49</p> <p>8.45pm Soccer v Siemens - Soi 15</p>
<p>Friday</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>9.30am Aerobics 4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching 9pm JVK Lucky Draw</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9.30am Aerobics 4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching 9pm JVK Lucky Draw</p>
<p>Saturday</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>8am Junior Tennis 8-11am Tennis Coaching 4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15</p> <p>Golf - Intersocieties weekend Live rugby on Star TV in the bar</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8am Junior Tennis 8am Golf - Muang Kaew 8-11am Tennis Coaching 4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15</p>

Children's Sports Activities	
Tennis Coaching	Friday Evening & Saturday Morning
Swimming Coaching	Saturday Morning

Don't Forget!!!
Tuesday 19th March Club AGM

10
7.30am Golf - President
11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In
2-7pm Tennis Tournament
5-7pm Children's Video
2.00pm Badminton AGM

17
11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In
3-7pm Tennis Mix-In
5-7pm Children's Video

24
8am Golf - Muang Kaew
11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In
3-7pm Tennis Mix-In
5-7pm Children's Video

11
8-10am Ladies Tennis
8am BWG Mahjong
2pm Aerobics
6-8pm Squash Coaching
7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49
7-9pm Tennis Team Training

18
8-10am Ladies Tennis
8am BWG Mahjong
2pm Aerobics
6-8pm Squash Coaching
7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49
7-9pm Tennis Team Training

25
8-10am Ladies Tennis
8am BWG Mahjong
2pm Aerobics
6-8pm Squash Coaching
7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49
7-9pm Tennis Men's Team

12
7am Ladies Golf
7-9pm Soccer Training
8-11pm Friendly Bridge
9pm Gentlemen's Spoof

19
7am Ladies Golf
7-9pm Soccer Training
8-11pm Friendly Bridge
9pm Gentlemen's Spoof
7.00pm Club AGM

26
7am Ladies Golf
7-9pm Soccer Training
8-11pm Friendly Bridge
9pm Gentlemen's Spoof

13
9.30am Aerobics
5-8pm Squash Coaching
6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

20
9.30am Aerobics
5-8pm Squash Coaching
6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

27
9.30am Aerobics
5-8pm Squash Coaching
6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

14
10-12 noon Ladies Squash
6-9pm Squash Mix-In
7pm Aerobics
7-9pm Rugby Training
7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49
7.15pm Soccer v Scandinavians - Soi 15

21
10-12 noon Ladies Squash
6-9pm Squash Mix-In
7pm Aerobics
7-9pm Rugby Training
7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49
8.45pm Soccer v TBA - Soi 15

28
10-12 noon Ladies Squash
6-9pm Squash Mix-In
7pm Aerobics
7-9pm Rugby Training
7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49
8.45pm Soccer v Germans - Soi 15

15
9.30am Aerobics
4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching
9pm JVK Lucky Draw
External BCT - The Dining Room

22
9.30am Aerobics
4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching
9pm JVK Lucky Draw
External BCT - The Dining Room

29
9.30am Aerobics
4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching
9pm JVK Lucky Draw
External BCT - The Dining Room

16
8am Junior Tennis
8-11am Tennis Coaching
4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15
External BCT - The Dining Room

23
8am Junior Tennis
8-11am Tennis Coaching
4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15
External BCT - The Dining Room

30
8am Junior Tennis
8-11am Tennis Coaching
4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15
External BCT - The Dining Room



Squash AGM - Sunday 3rd March

Sponsorship

The committee is very pleased to announce that **SGS Construction Cost Consultants Ltd.** have agreed to be the league sponsor for 1996. Many thanks to Blaise McConnell and S.G.S.C.C.C. Ltd. for this generous offer.

We are still seeking advertisers and event sponsors, so any member who can coerce employers, friends and acquaintances into assisting with this should contact Barb.

Leagues and Ladder

A bit late, but the winners of the Carlsberg November/December 1995 Leagues were:

- Div 1. **David Jewell**
2. **Marvyn Lewis**
3. **Nick White**
4. **Steen Morch-Petersen**
5. **Ross Horwood**
6. **Greg Lambert**
7. **Wayne Needoba**
8. **Nortey Omabue**
9. **Richard Plommer**
10. **Will Ramsay-Grinor**

Good to see some new faces on the courts recently. In particular, congratulations to Khun Chaturan (Ja) who made a dramatic entry on to the ladder, capturing the no. 1 slot in January. We believe that Ja is the first Thai to be number 1 on the BC ladder. Well done! The winner of the December ladder draw was Mark Smith; runner-up was Duncan Ramsay.

Committee

The committee wishes to acknowledge the contribution of Barry Daniel who has unfortunately had to resign due to work commit-

ments. David Jewell has been co-opted to help out until the new committee has been elected. Don't forget the Squash AGM is on Sunday 3rd March after the Sunday mix-in (about 4.00pm)

Upcoming Events

(keep your eye on the noticeboard!)

Squash AGM

Sunday 3rd March, approx. 4.00pm

Doubles tournament with RBSC

Tentatively 10th March - a good opportunity to get some practice in for the Chiang Mai Doubles in mid year.

Ladies Championship & Plate

Preliminary round 22nd March
Semi finals 23rd March
Finals 24th March

All interested please sign up (sheet on noticeboard poolside) or contact Barb 258 7306.

Inter-Society Tournament

21st April - An all day handicap tournament commencing at 10.00am.

Teams competing: St Andrew, St David, St George, St Patrick, St Elsewhere, St NZ, St Oz. Sign-up sheet on squash noticeboard.

Racquet Ball

1st June - For further details contact Betty Meclaine.

Club Night and Sunday Mix-in

Club Nights:

Every Thursday commencing at 6.00pm

Sunday Mix-in:

First Sunday of every month. Sign-up at 12.30 on the day, matches begin at 1.00, handicap all welcome.

Coaching for Juniors and Beginners

Sportathlon have offered to run coaching sessions for Juniors and Beginners. A flyer will be sent to all members to canvass interest. Any parent of interested juniors (7-14 yrs) or new players should contact a member of the squash committee (see noticeboard for phone numbers). Happy Squashing. **Dave**
P.S. It seems the pressures of becoming the scribe for the section has already taken its toll on David as seen in the February mix-in - out of a field of 18 players and a possible top score of 105, Dave could only manage 58 points, certainly not his best effort. The day was won by John Vivian with a nearly perfect score of 104. **Barb**

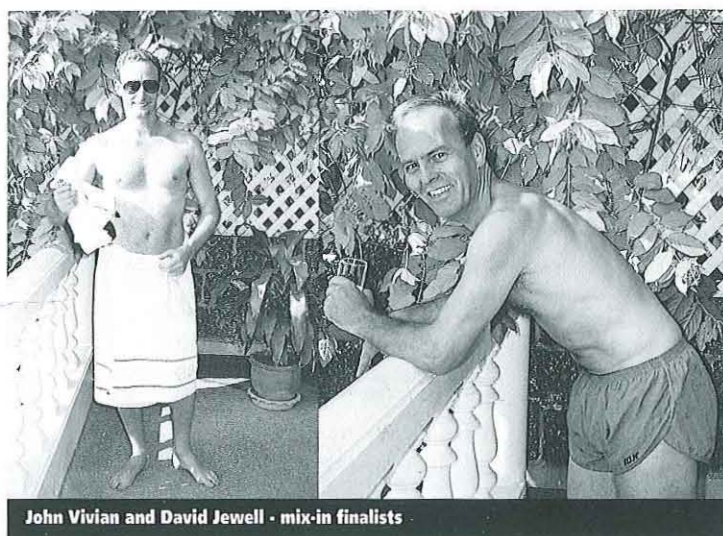
SEA Games XVIII

The 18th SEA Games was held in Chiang Mai from 9th-17th December. Well, most of it was. Unbeknown to many, some sports were held away from the northern capital, in Bangkok and on the eastern seaboard. Some of the shooting was held at Hua Mark, tenpin bowling and windsurfing in Rayong, the sailing at Sattahip Naval Base and the squash was at Ambassador City, Jomtien.

This was due to the lack of courts in Chiang Mai, the need to accommodate a large number of officials and players and the ability to share opening and closing ceremonies with the other sports in that region. An added benefit was the fact that Ambassador City is currently managed by Franz Wyder, a former BC member and avid squash player who ensured that the courts were well prepared for the competition.

Officials for the tournament included a number of international and world graded referees from Malaysia, Hong Kong, Scotland, India and Bahrain as well as a number of

hastily trained Thai and locally-based expats (including yours truly). Longtime residents may recall John Nutkin, late of Chiang Mai, now in Germany, who was here on holiday and added his considerable experience. As well as the daily quota of matches to mark and referee, all found time to play plenty of social squash and golf. For the records, the Officials' Championship was won by Munir



John Vivian and David Jewell - mix-in finalists

Shah of Singapore, who beat the Thai team manager in the final.

In the real competition, the standard of play was excellent. This was the only sport Thailand failed to win a medal in. Gold went to Malaysia in the men's individual and Singapore in the ladies', with the reverse in the team championships as Singapore took gold in the men's and Malaysia in the ladies'.

Great success

The squash was of the highest level, there were no major disputes and the event was a great success. With the improvement shown by 1988's hosts, Indonesia, expect Singapore and Malaysia to be given a run for their money.

Phil Hall.

Club action

The year started with a Stableford Competition at the Royal Golf Club on January 2nd. The results were:

1st	Brian Hughes	41 points
2nd	Paul Nears	39 points
3rd	Geoff Ryden	37 points

The next event was the first of the year's Medal Competitions. This took place at the Royal Golf Club once again on January 14th. Many thanks to **Johnnie Walker** for their continuing sponsorship of this competition. The results were:

Flight A	P. Wittke	(71)
Flight B	B. Adams	(70)
Flight C	G. Lambert	(67)

Near Pins were:



Sunday strollers

P Bond, M. Verheyen, G. Lamb and P. Hall

Men's Long Drive	G. Lamb
Ladies' Long Drive	Joan Adams

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 10th March

Club Day - President 7.30am

Sunday 24th March

British Embassy - Muang Kaew

April 6th, 7th, 8th

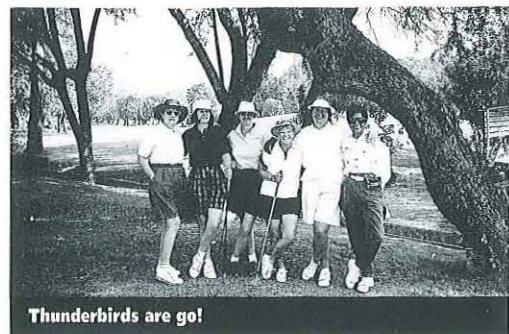
Dunlop Cup - Hua Hin

Finally. Here are some photos of the Golf Section actually ready for action with golf clubs in hand, to prove to our Lady Editor



Nearing the 19th hole

(see January Outpost Editorial) that we do occasionally put down our prizes and **swing into action**. We just didn't want to make the other Sections jealous by showing off how wonderful we all look in full swing - also it is really difficult for the publicity person to tour around the course with camera in hand and



Thunderbirds are go!

play at the same time, plus she would get no Brownie points (let alone Stableford points) for putting a member off by flashing at them just before they were about to strike the ball!

Judi Leddy

'The Dining Room' - Theatre

For four nights in March the Bangkok Community Theatre will bring a slice of Americana to Bangkok when A.R. Gurney's comedy, **The Dining Room**, is staged at the Alliance Francaise on South Sathorn Road. This play, directed by BCT veteran Michael Than, satirises the vanishing lifestyles of the affluent WASPs (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants) of the Northeastern United States. A cast of six portray a total of 57 characters, ranging in age from 6 to 86 years old.

The play revolves around the theme of a society operating under a set of assumptions and values that are in direct conflict with the changing realities around them, the focal point of which is the dining room, where one witnesses a senile matriarch at Thanksgiving dinner, a boy returning from boarding school to discover his mother's infidelity, a quarrel between a brother and sister over who will inherit the dining room table, an old man dictating his funeral arrangements, a father lecturing his son on grammar and politics and a student anthropologist interviewing

a whole pattern of American life.

Showing on Friday and Saturday evenings over two weekends in March: 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd, this promises to be something special for theatre-lovers. Previous productions have been described as "hilarious and



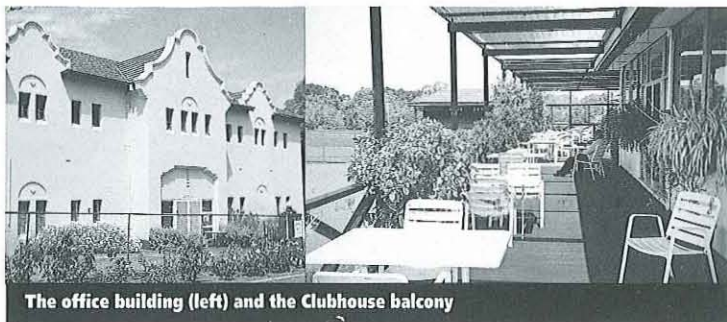
his aunt about "the eating habits of various vanishing cultures". As the NY Post reports, what emerges out of this series of sketches is

touching" (NY Post), "often funny and rueful and, by the end, very moving" (NY Times) and "a thoughtful and superbly written comedy" (Variety), so make sure you book seats in plenty of time.

Tickets are B300 for adults and B250 for students; they can be obtained from the British Club, the Alliance Francaise, Asia Books, Peninsula Plaza, The American Women's Club and the Community Services of Bangkok. For further information, please contact Len Johnstone on 255 2953 or 266 6334.

Royal King's Park Tennis Club, Perth

With my exquisite timing on these matters, it came as no surprise that the one time I visited the Royal King's Park Tennis Club in Perth, Australia, it was the annual two-and-a-half-month 'spring recovery' time for their grass courts, so only minimal use was allowed and only by full members at that. Still, as a tennis enthusiast, I spent a pleasant afternoon looking around this fairly exclusive club, the only reciprocal club to the BC in Perth.



The office building (left) and the Clubhouse balcony

The Royal King's Park has around 1,500 members who share among them an amazing 28 grass courts which stretch far into the distance, 3 hard courts and 5 squash courts, a clubhouse with a small indoor dining room, a light and airy but cosy long bar, which serves normal Western barfood and drinks as well as demon cocktails, and a wonderfully long, semi-shaded balcony, from which you get a superb view of the vast expanses of lawn, the 5 floodlit courts (2 grass and all 3 hard) and the skyscraping mini-tropolis of Perth in the distance; a perfect viewing gallery for matches on the courts immediately surrounding that side of the clubhouse. A striking gabled building to one side of the

clubhouse houses the administrative staff of the club, who were most helpful and efficient in letting us in and furnishing me with whatever information I asked for about the club and its facilities. Indeed, all the staff were friendly, especially the barman, Brad, who supplied all the background info - the bits they don't say in the brochures!

After a punishing winter, some of the courts were in need of the enforced August-October rest period, especially the grandstand 'Centre Court', which was pretty worn in places. Notwithstanding a Perth-wide hosepipe ban, the courts were being sprinkled in systematic rotation in order to bring them up to scratch for the heavy summer season ahead.

My visit in October occurred just one week after a long-standing (14 years!) manager



The long Clubhouse bar

had retired and a new manager freshly installed, so it will be interesting to see what changes are made over the coming year. A relaxed club in a very green setting, the Royal King's Park is well worth a visit if you're ever in Perth, either for a game of tennis or squash or just to enjoy a salad on the balcony. And breathe that fresh air!

Gaynor

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Returning Permanently to the UK?

The most vital time the expatriate should seek professional advice to minimise his UK tax liabilities is whilst being not resident with the prospect of returning permanently to the UK. From the date of arrival, the individual becomes liable to UK taxation on worldwide income and capital gains.

UK Bank Accounts

Interest arising in the UK in the tax year of returning will be fully liable to UK tax even if you are regarded as not resident/not ordinarily resident for part of the year. UK bank accounts should be moved offshore prior to the 5th April of the year of return.

Offshore Bank Accounts

Offshore accounts should be closed and re-opened prior to arrival to maximise the amount of tax free interest.

Capital Gains

The same should be considered for share portfolios, to take advantage of capital gains tax exemption whilst non-residence pertains. However, care should be taken where gains are realised in the tax year of arrival where the period overseas is less than three years. Losses, however, should be retained until after returning to the UK so that they may be used against future gains.

Apart from the annual exemption, there are a number of other exemptions that may be available where gains show on property.

Leave Pay and Other Payments

Leave pay and contractual payments, such as certain gratuities, will become taxable if the return date to the UK is before the contract of employment has expired. Non-contractual payments could also be liable, subject to certain exemptions.

Pensions

Lump sum payments from overseas pension

schemes, pension commutations and Provident funds are often exempt although this is dependent once again on the length of overseas service. Overseas pension payments will, of course, be subject to tax although a 10% allowance can be claimed, unfortunately not extended to UK-based pensions.

MIRAS

Should you be returning to live in a property where the mortgage interest payments have been paid gross, then tax relief under MIRAS can be claimed from the date of occupation.

Life Insurance Premiums

Policies taken out prior to 14th March 1984 where premiums have been paid gross, will qualify for tax relief at source from the tax year of return.

Domicile

Non-domiciliaries resident in the UK will only be taxed on overseas income and gains on a remittance basis. Unfortunately, the Inland Revenue will not make a ruling on domicile until there is a potential liability to tax. If deemed non-domicile, offshore bank accounts must be correctly established to ensure income and gains are not inadvertently remitted to the UK. You must inform the IR of your return to the UK and get the correct residence ruling and PAYE coding relating to employment or occupational pension where applicable.

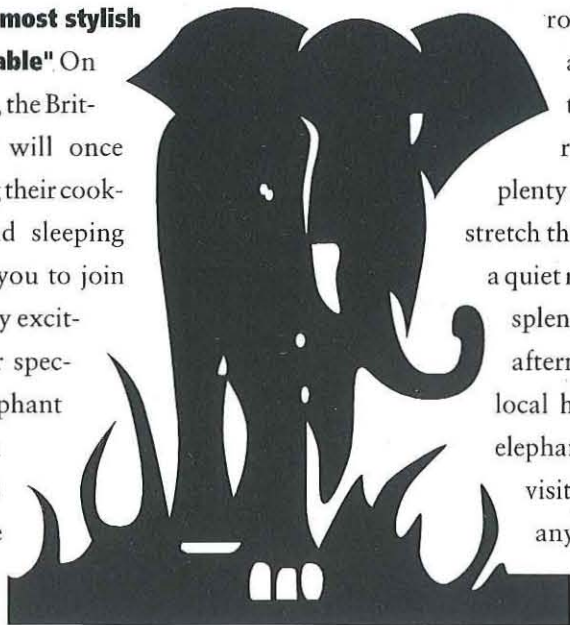
Andrew Baker

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BC Surin Elephant Round-Up

"Certainly the most stylish excursion available" On

15th November, the British Club staff will once again be packing their cooking utensils and sleeping bags ready for you to join them on this very exciting, once-a-year spectacular. The elephant round-up in Surin makes news in Europe and the States; have



you ever seen 250 elephants together in one field? All walking peacefully, munching away on bananas and sugar cane and not being lumbered by showy outfits, all au naturel! There is a show as well, of course, and an interesting market at the round-up site. Young and old enjoy this trip.

We leave Bangkok at around 8.30pm from Hua Lumphong train station, Bangkok, and arrive in Surin early morning (4.30am - I said early), where you are collected by the BC tourbus and taken to our meeting point for a (Thai-style) shower and BC breakfast. At around 7.30am we set off for the round-up - plenty of time for you to have a look around the market and make your leisurely way to our reserved, covered seats to watch the

round-up. The show ends at around 12.30 - 1pm, then the bus takes you to a Khmer ruin with a picnic area, plenty of safe space for the kids to stretch their legs and for you to have a quiet relax while enjoying the full splendours of the BC bar. In the afternoon there is time to visit local handicraft centres, ride on elephants in Surin town centre, visit a Khmer ruin on a hill, or anything else you'd like to do which can be arranged.

The train leaves Surin at around 8pm and arrives in Bangkok at the unholy hour of 4am, so plenty of time for sleep in your own comfy beds.

We expect the price for this incredible trip to be Baht 3,200 (adults), Baht 2,200 (children over 3 yrs old), Baht 1,200 (children 3 and under). As the trip takes place in November, this price is still a guesstimate; the total price will depend on the price for the train tickets, rental of the bus, round-up ticket prices etc. As last year, we aim to book first class air-conditioned sleeper berths on the train both ways.

Please inform the General Manager by fax (235 1560) to book your place on this fascinating event.

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Ron Thomson's Adages

Jack High!

Jack Dunford is a very well-known figure around the Club and so he should be, having served continuously on the Committee for many years. Well done Jack!

The name 'Jack' is used in many phrases in English. Let us examine a few:

The Jackpot

This derives from America when the gamblers in a saloon would wind up a poker game by each putting an agreed amount, say \$5 or \$10 into a pot in the middle of the table. The first player to turn over a Jack would win the "Jackpot". Occasionally the pot was initiated at the start of the game and the first player with a pair of Jacks in his hand won it.

Quicker Than You Could Say Jack Robinson

Although this phrase had been bandied about in 18th century English, it was given substance when, in 1780 in Parliament, Sheridan was bitterly attacking the Government over bribery allegations. The inevitable cry arose: "Name! Name!" He looked directly at John Robinson, Secretary to the Treasury, and

said: "Yes, I could name him as soon as I could say Jack Robinson." Since then the phrase has stuck.

The Union Jack

This term is often erroneously applied to the British Flag. The correct name is the Union Flag. It should only be described as the Union Jack when it is worn on the jackstaff of a Royal Navy Warship.

To Touch Wood

When we need luck we say "Touch wood". It was believed in times gone by that certain trees, notably the hawthorn, the oak and the willow, had certain magical properties. Properly only these should be touched for luck, but this detail has passed into oblivion and we now say only "Touch wood."

Next Article: Golfers may be interested to learn where the terms "Caddie" and "Plus-fours" came from.

Ron Thomson

Where are they now?

The British Club has received a letter from a Mr G Burrows from Wallasey in Merseyside, England, wishing to get in contact with Mr John Blofeld, who used to teach at Chulalongkorn University in the '60s and/or '70s and who is author of a book on Thailand called "People of the

Sun". If any of the members know this John Blofeld, or has a contact number/address for him, please pass it to the General Manager or myself, and it will be forwarded to the gentleman concerned.

Many thanks

Gaynor

Recipe

Hor Mok Gai

The third in our series of eavesdropping on a BC chef at work, this month's recipe is 'Hor mok gai', another strikingly simple recipe to make a very Thai chicken dish, especially if you can get hold of the half-coconut shells. Serves 10.

Ingredients

- 5 medium coconut shells, cleaned of coconut meat
- 2 1/2 kg chicken breasts
- 1 1/2 kg coconut milk
- 300g red curry paste
- 5g lemon leaf (lemongrass)
- 1/4 bottle of fish sauce (nam pla)
- 5g red chillies
- 1 pkt basil leaf

Method

- 1 Cut the chicken breasts up into bite-sized pieces and cook in the coconut milk.
- 2 Once the coconut starts to boil, stir in the red curry paste gradually to avoid lumps, and then simmer for a further five minutes.

- 3 Add the lemon leaf, basil leaf and enough fish sauce to taste.
- 4 Once cooked, place the whole mixture into the prepared coconut shells.
- 5 Sprinkle each filled shell with coriander and sliced red chillies for decoration.
- 6 Serve with steamed rice.

Notes

- a) Each shell contains two portions, hence this recipe using 5 shells serves 10 people.
- b) The above recipe may vary according to taste. For those wanting a hotter or sourer taste, the quantities of curry paste, chillies, fish sauce and lemon leaf can be increased as desired.

Many thanks to Khun Somchai for this recipe, who is a chef in the main kitchen at the Club.



Love

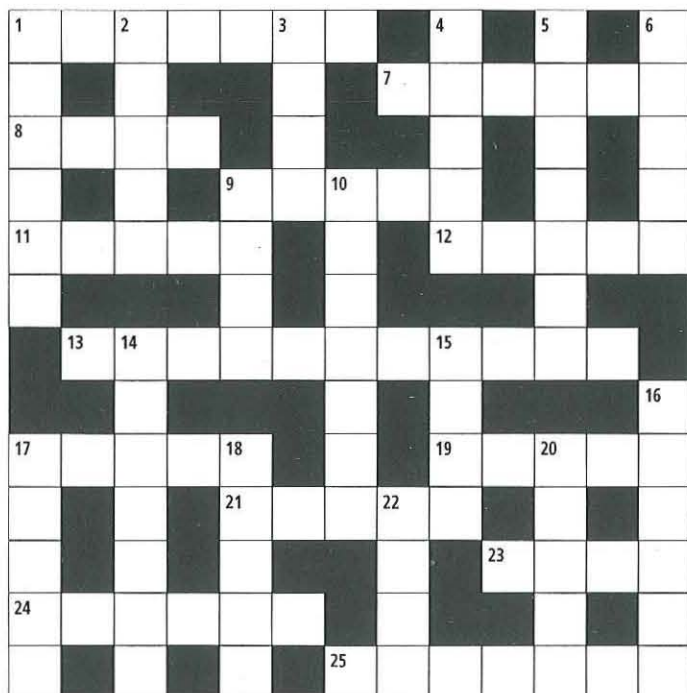
The whisper of a butterfly.
The promise of a kiss.
The singing of a merry bird.
The granting of a wish.
These things I cannot give to you,
For I am just a man.
But if you give to me your heart,
I'll love you all I can.

Harry Gant-B'stard

16th December 1993



Crossword



Across

- 1 Toothed lever (7)
- 7 Dirty (6)
- 8 Vague cloud (4)
- 9 Instruct, enlighten (5)
- 11 Throw out (5)
- 12 Gleam (5)
- 13 Rich, sponge-baked confection (7,4)
- 17 _____ Streep, US actress (5)
- 19 Additional cricket run (5)
- 21 Lay to rest (5)
- 23 Exude (4)
- 24 Not talked about (6)
- 25 Intruder (7)

Down

- 1 Wellie material (6)
- 2 Clout (5)
- 3 Observed (4)
- 4 Entreats (5)
- 5 Tapering monument (7)
- 6 Repeating sequence (5)
- 9 Otherwise (4)
- 10 Winning (2,5)
- 14 Side by side (7)
- 15 US female singer/actress (4)
- 16 Prison guard (6)
- 17 Muddle (3,2)
- 18 Maximum amount (5)
- 20 Bashful (5)
- 22 Biblical paradise (4)

Last month's solution

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Indoctrination for Return to Civilian Life

This circular relating to our armed brethren from across the Pond was found recently and I thought it appropriate to aid David Viccar's further rehabilitation into 'Civvy Street'...

HEADQUARTERS - LAST U.S. ARMY

APO 001. U.S. ARMY

AG 4110.99 (DEBCA) 20 September 1944

SUBJECT: Indoctrination for Return to Civilian Life

TO: All Units.

1. In compliance with current policies for rotation of armed forces overseas it is directed that in order to maintain the high standard of character of the American Soldier and to prevent any dishonor to reflect on the uniform all individuals eligible for return to the U.S. under current directives will undergo an indoctrination course of demilitarisation prior to approval of his application for return.
2. The following points will be emphasized in the subject indoctrination course:-
 - a. In America there is a remarkable number of beautiful girls. These young ladies have not been liberated and many are gainfully employed as stenographers, sales girls, beauty operators or welders. Contrary to current practice they should not be approached with "How much?". A proper greeting is "Isn't it a lovely day?" or "Have you ever been to Chicago?". **Then** say "How much?".
 - b. A typical American breakfast consists of such strange foods as cantaloupes, fresh eggs, milk, ham etc. These are highly palatable and though strange in appearance are extremely tasty. Butter, made from cream, is often served. If you wish some butter, you turn to the

person nearest it and say quietly "Please pass the butter". **Do not** say "Throw me the goddam grease".

- c. Very natural urges are apt to occur when in a crowd. If it is found necessary to defecate, one does **not** grab a shovel in one hand and paper in the other and run for the garden. At least 90% of American homes have one room called the "Bathroom", i.e. a room that, in most cases, contains a bathtub, wash basin, medicine cabinet, and a toilet. It is the latter that you will use in this case. (Instructors should make sure that all personnel understand the operation of toilet, particularly the lever or button arrangement that serves to prepare the device for reuse).
- d. In the event the helmet is retained by the individual, he will refrain from using it as a chair, wash bowl, foot bath or bathtub. All these devices are furnished in the average American Home. It is not considered good practice to squat Indian fashion in a corner in the event all chairs are occupied. The host usually will provide suitable seats.
- e. Belching or passing wind in company is strictly frowned upon. If you should forget about it, however, and belch in the presence of others, a proper remark is "Excuse me". **Do not** say "It must be that lousy chow we've been getting".
- f. American dinners, in most cases, consist of several items, each served in a separate dish. The common practice of mixing various items, such as corn-beef and pudding, or lima beans and peaches, to make it more palatable will be refrained from. In time the "Separate Dish" system will become enjoyable.

g. Americans have a strange taste for stimulants. The drinks in common usage on the Continent, such as underripe wine, alcohol and grapefruit juice, or gasoline bitters and water (commonly known by the French as "Cognac") are not usually acceptable in civilian circles. A suitable use for such drinks is for serving one's landlord in order to break an undesirable lease.

h. Upon leaving a friend's home after a visit, one may find one's hat misplaced. Frequently it has been placed in a closet. One should turn to one's host and say "I don't seem to have my hat. Could you help me find it?". **Do not** say "Don't anybody leave this room, some S.O.B. has stolen my hat".

i. In travelling in the U.S., particularly in a strange city, it is often necessary to spend the night. Hotels are provided for this purpose and almost anyone can give directions to the nearest hotel. Here, for a small sum, you can register and be shown to a room where you can sleep for the night. The present practice of entering the nearest house, throwing the occupants into the yard and taking over the premises will cease.

j. Whiskey, a common American drink, may be offered to the soldier on social occasions. It is considered a reflection on the uniform to snatch the bottle from the hostess and drain the bottle, cork and all. All individuals are cautioned to exercise extreme control in these circumstances.

k. In motion picture theaters seats are provided. Helmets are not required. It is **not** considered good form to whistle every time a female over 8 and under 80 crosses the screen. If vision is impaired by the person in the seat in front, there are plenty of other seats which can be occupied. **Do not** hit him across the back of the head and say "Move your head,

jerk, I can't see a damn thing".

l. It is not proper to go around hitting everyone of draft age in civilian clothes. He might have been released from the service for medical reasons. Ask for his credentials, and if he can't show any **then** go ahead and slug him.

m. Upon retiring, one will often find a pair of pajamas laid out on the bed. (Pajamas, it should be explained, are two-piece garments which are donned after all clothing has been removed). The soldier, confronted by these garments, should assume an air of familiarity and not act as though he were not used to them. A casual remark such as "My, what a delicate shade of blue" will usually suffice. Under **no** circumstances say "How in hell do you expect me to sleep in a get-up like that?".

n. Beer is sometimes served in bottles. A cap remover is usually available, and it is not good form to open the bottle by the use of one's teeth.

o. Always tip your hat before striking a lady.

p. Air raids and enemy patrols are not encountered in America. Therefore it is not necessary to wear the helmet in church or at social gatherings, or to hold the weapon at ready, loaded and cocked, when talking to civilians in the street.

r. Every American home and all hotels are equipped with bathing facilities. When it is desired to take a bath, it is not considered good form to find the nearest pool or stream, strip down, and indulge in a bath. This is particularly true in heavily populated areas.

s. All individuals returning to the U.S. will make every effort to conform to the customs and habits of the regions visited, and to make themselves as inconspicuous as possible. Any actions which reflect upon the honor of the uniform will be promptly dealt with.

British Women's Group

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

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



We can provide you with support and information on living in Bangkok whether you are a newcomer or longstanding resident and also the opportunity to join fund-raising activities or charity work if they are of interest to you



For more information contact:

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

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



AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S GROUP

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For further information contact our membership ladies:

Joan: Tel: 287-0423 or Moira: Tel: 231-5393



The Springtime of My Life

Madeira cake, jam tarts and apple pie
Oooh lovely, it's Sunday, we'd all sigh
How did we know, how could we tell?
No other day had that scrumptious smell

Jam butties and a bottle of water
Doing all the things that children oughta
Skipping through fields of corn and clover
Watching playful lambs rolling over and over

We'd roly-poly down a steep hill
Chanting rhymes like Jack and Jill
The farmer's dog would chase and bark
With arms outstretched we'd fly like a lark

Swinging high from a rope on a tree
Ending up with scrapes on our knee
Into our pants we'd tuck our frocks
They try to rub off the mud from our socks

Down to the brook with string and bent pin
How many creatures would fit in a tin?
Through the long grass we'd laugh and run
Then make daisy chains to take home for mum

Puffing and panting we'd lay on the ground
Listening hard, but not hearing a sound
Only the birds and sounds of spring
Being young and free was a glorious thing

Trixie Brann



From the Chairman

As the committee year draws to a close, I suppose it is natural to look back on it to see what may have been achieved. Certainly, it has been a year not without its problems. We have lost four committee members during the



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

year which has made holding effective meetings somewhat difficult at times. We have also been under fairly strict financial constraints imposed by the Treasurer and last but by no means least, we are to lose our General Manager. Despite these difficulties, I personally feel the Club is in fine fettle. We have more

members now than at almost any time in the past, our finances seem to be in good order and our premises and facilities are in splendid condition and obviously well cared for. Much of the credit for this, of course, lies squarely with David, Barry and their staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for an excellent year. However, the committee members too have played an important part in all this and it would be quite incorrect to let the matter pass without recording my gratitude to them also. They have given of their time willingly and freely and we all owe them a big "thank you" for their efforts in support of the Club.

This leads me to the forthcoming AGM. Do please try to be there but remember that if you cannot attend, your views may still be

recorded either by your giving a proxy to someone who will be there or, under our new rules, transferring your right to attend to your spouse. In this latter case, the proper procedure must be completed at least 24 hours before the meeting, full details of which may be obtained from the GM.

Still on the subject of the AGM, we are going to need several new members on the General Committee next year and so if there are any of you out there who would like to stand for election, please put your names forward.

New Manager

Finally, I should report on the progress so far with our quest for a new manager. Following our publication of the vacancy, we have been inundated with applications and by the time applications close, I estimate that we shall have received around 70 in all. Obviously it is going to take some time to finalise everything from this very broad beginning and there would little doubt that the new incumbent will not be in place by the time David leaves at the end of this month. Nonetheless, David has agreed to make himself available for a week or so once the new manager has arrived to ensure that as smooth a handover as possible is achieved. Thank you David, and may I say, in closing, that you leave with my very best personal wishes for the future and, I feel sure, those of the entire membership also.

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Chairman



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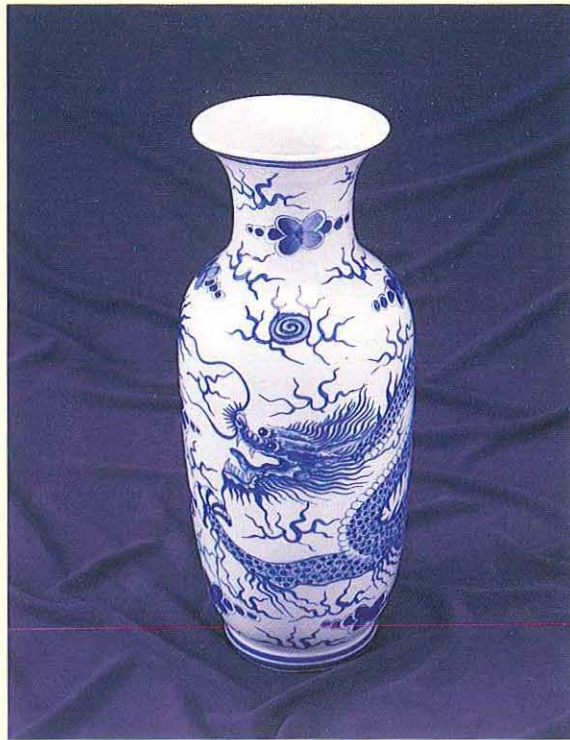
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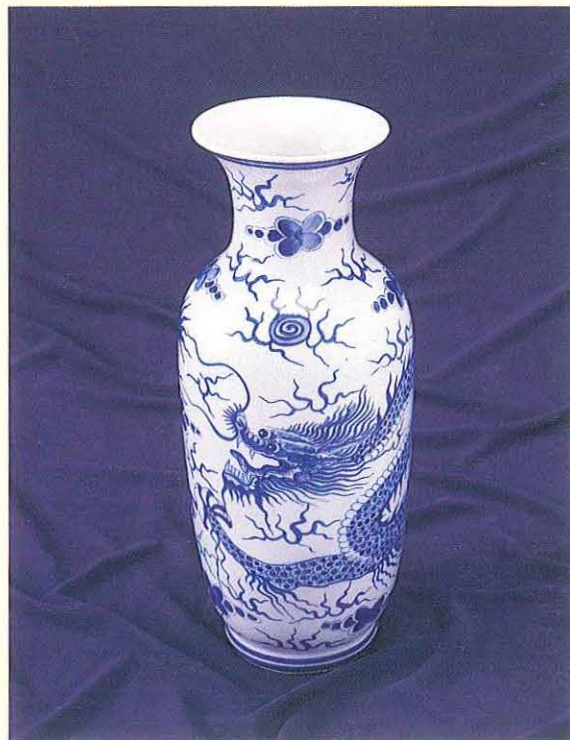
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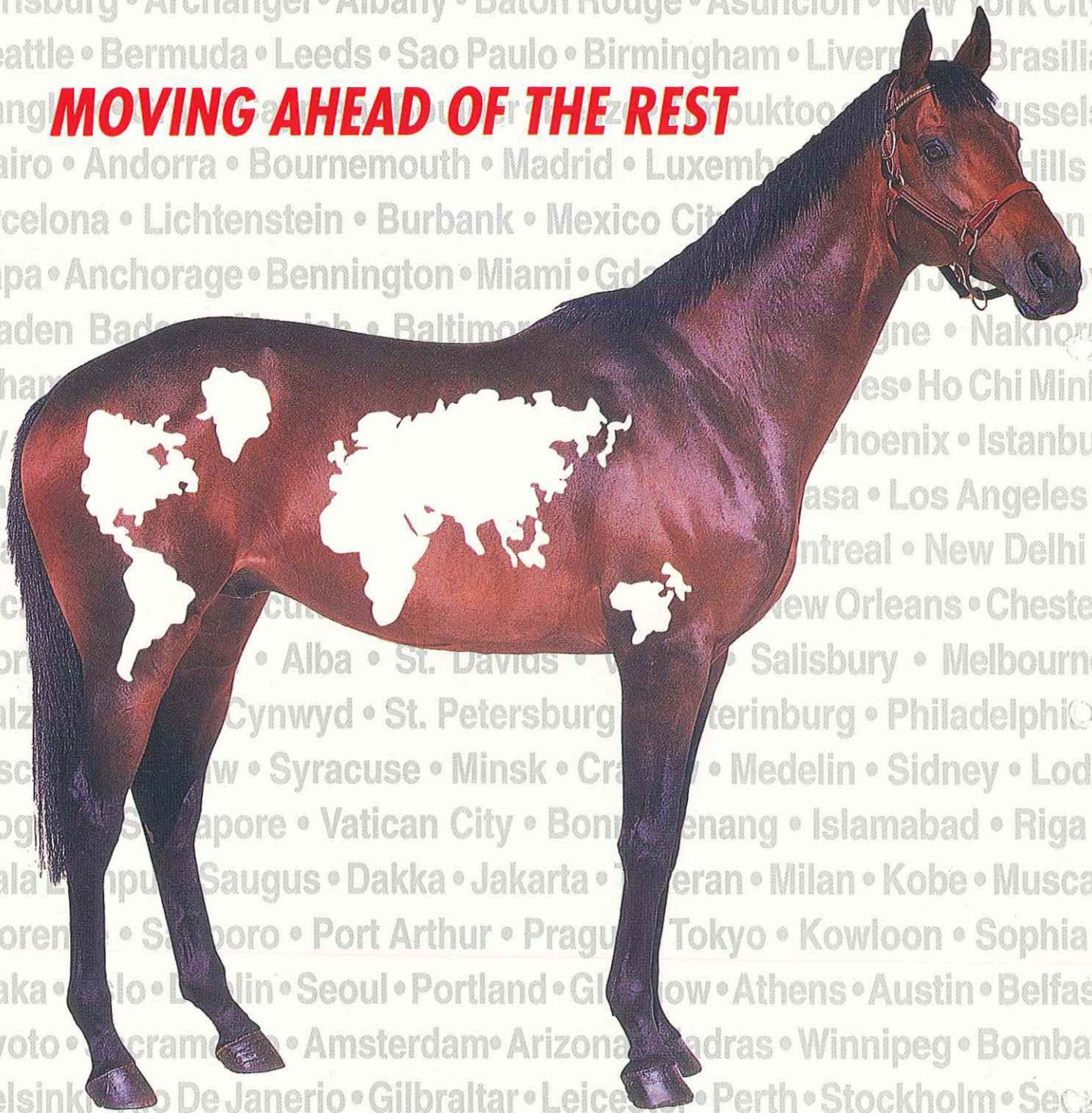


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