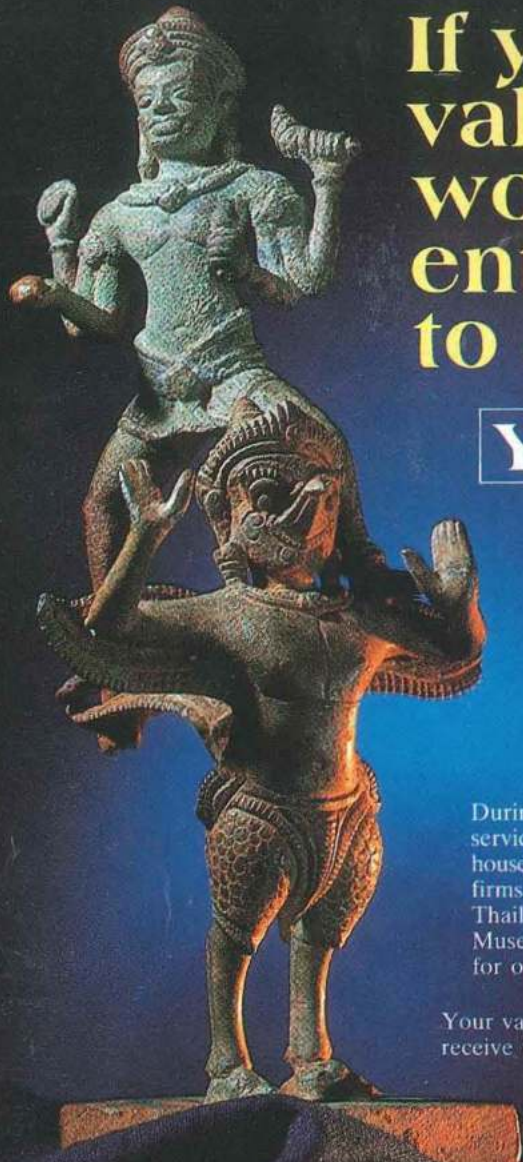


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Annual General Meeting

THE Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 21st March 1989 was attended by some 60 Ordinary Members. Basically the rule changes as proposed by the General Committee were adopted with some minor amendments made to Rules 15 & 29. The suggested change to Rule 55 concerning Deposits generated considerable discussion and the Committee agreed to put their thinking caps on again on this one.

Fourteen members stood for Committee and the following were elected and the various portfolios subsequently allocated, namely:

Chairman	— Brian Heath
Vice Chairman	— Vince Swift
Treasurer	— Paul Myers
Club Development	— Jack Dunford and Nigel Oakins
Membership	— Vince Swift and Hugh Salmon
Entertainment	— David Lamb and Richard Green
Sport	— Terry Adams and Andrew McDowell

The new Committee agreed that Food and Beverage, House and Grounds, Personnel and Archives are basically management functions and therefore portfolios were not issued for these areas. Towards the end of the evening, the traditional ceremony of retiring the bar clock was again carried out with great feeling by the Chairman.

FROM THE EDITOR

REMEMBER "and now we are two"? Well we're four again. The new *OUTPOST* gels are Hild and Judi. Hild Glattbach of journalistic fame (and her husband tells me fortune) is taking over the proof-reading and graphics. Judi Leddy, ex-editor of a Seoul based magazine called "The Tartler", is revamping the diary and tackling the Children's Page. The available photographs of the two are unsuitable for publication, but I'm sure we'll find something for next month.

Maren.

Meet the New Members



John and Pam Harrison: being entertained by Telly. John works for the Mekong Committee of the UN. The Harrisons married and lived in Thailand 26 years ago and are very glad to be back. Pam plays golf and tennis and John likes golf and swimming, though he won't be doing much of either for the time being as he fell down a Bangkok pothole and broke his leg!



Brian Lewis: trying to ask me the questions! He is head of human resources, S.E. Asia, for Coca-Cola, and has spent the last few years in Atlanta. His wife Barbara and two boys are joining him shortly. Brian is originally from South Wales and enjoys ball games, especially cricket, tennis, soccer and golf.



Dennis and Judy Farmer: as in Brown. Dennis is already in charge of the golf report for *Outpost*; quick work there by someone! In his spare time he is MD of AGC. Judy is aiming to learn mah-jong. They are from Sydney and this is their first posting. Note David Lamb with empty glass!



Rick and Rungtiva Esichaikul 'Wa' Whissenand: Wa is a graphic artist who now makes-up models for magazines and helps her parents out with their curtain fabric business. Rick, star of stage and screen, chairman of the BCT also teaches at Chula. Not a madly sporting couple though Rick likes darts and body building; secret sources divulged that the 'building' appears to be happening in the wrong places. Rick says he has a long way to go!



Joan and David Seldon: have 13 year old twin daughters and like playing tennis and bridge. Joan (left) is a kindergarten teacher and David (right) won the Plate in the tennis championships.



Richard and Jenny Finch: a self-employed pair in the plastic packaging film business. They've spent the last two years running around the world but do have a base in Wiltshire. Jenny likes eating, tennis and swimming and Richard golf. In the middle Keith Bell.



Anna and David Ingham: potential members, here with Rachel et moi.



Dave Cave: (centre) manufactures and sells anything and everything made of silicone; most of them unprintable in a family magazine such as this! He hasn't as yet had time to think about interests; too busy trying to survive. Used to play squash, sail and windsurf.



Ralf and Ulli Fiehn: with Peter and Jo Snell in the middle. Ralf is a journalist writing about tourism for German, Swiss and Austrian newspapers. Ulli is a working mother who runs around after little Fiehn. They are water sport fanatics, like diving and wind surfing.



Jorg Tiedeman: from Hamburg like the Fiehns. He teaches German at Chula and plays squash. He spent the evening rapidly turning full bottles into empty ones. He survived two years in Swansea and has also lived in Cardiff and New Zealand. His favourite things in life are Monty Python, card tricks and Celidhs.



David and Jenny Molan: this is their first posting out of Hobart, Tasmania. David is a steel roof man; they have three wee ones at Patana School and, when not causing chaos in the traffic, like tennis and low-brow music.



Colin and Sylvia Smith: potential 'will pay cash' members. Life had become just a little befuddled by this stage but I do remember that Colin is a journalist.



Barry Pankhurst: did a disappearing act. Try again next month Barry, stay longer and bring with you Donald MacNeil (centre) who also missed the compulsory interrogation. At least they got to know David Kennedy.



Worachai and Yuwadee Bhicharnchitr: encouraging Craig Rennie to drink. They are both natives of Bangkok and have three children, two boys and a girl. Worachai is a lawyer and Yuwadee is a section manager at Central Dept. Store. Tennis and swimming are their sports and Worachai also plays golf.



David Dance with UK friend Jonathan and B.C. member Melanie Pomfret. (David's the well dressed one on the left)

Yoram Hirsh: no picture and no words either. Apologies! Where did you go?

CLUB ROUNDUP

HONORARY NEW MEMBER HE the Australian Ambassador Richard Butler



Michael Ryan, Jenny Molan, Australian Ambassador Richard Butler, Dugal Forrest.

IT is a rare thing to have to sit down to conduct a new members interrogation, but when it's eight pages worth Richard Butler is at 46 the youngest ambassador that Australia has sent to Thailand in 45 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries; the Embassy here is their third largest in the world after London and Washington DC. Before this posting he was, for five years,

the first Australian Ambassador for disarmament, based in Geneva and New York. Richard has a post-graduate degree in International Politics, is an expert in the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and in 1988 was awarded the Order of Australia for services to international peace and disarmament. He sees his country's future as being deeply involved in SE Asia, particularly Thailand,

and considers peace in Kampuchea and the refugee problem, which has had a big impact at home, as two major regional issues for Australia to help solve. With the formation of a united Europe in 1992 and the establishment of firmer trading ties between the US and Canada he believes that the economic future of the Asia Pacific Rim will necessitate unprecedented cooperation.

Barbara and Richard have four children, two of whom are here in Bangkok. Relaxation? Before a knee was bugged up in a skiing accident he used to play rugby, now he's left with cricket, the other love in his life. He obviously thinks a lot, he reads and is passionate about classical music. Favourite composer? Ridiculous question! But he does try to play jazz and owns four trumpets.

Harry's First Piano Night



Three wise monkeys, Speak now't, Hear now't, See now't



The backs are better than the fronts



Art & Margaret listening to the music



later in the evening Michelle & Tony Laven



John & our Aud

St. David's Ball



"I just love daffodils"



"For what we are about to..."



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From the Club Manager

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AN appalling amount of thieving occurs in the poolside changing rooms, mainly personal items and of late the new shower mats. The management is far from being amused by the events! From April 1st closed-circuit T.V. cameras will be installed in these rooms and a viewing monitor will be set up in the Churchill Bar.

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GLEANINGS

I was most amused to see that in England they had a red nose day to try and bring a bit of brightness into people's lives. They ought to move to Bangkok! The last month has been a red nose paradise. I am not a Feminist, but!! The first incident was when I was staying in the Royal Garden Village at Hua Hin over the Societies Golf Weekend. I asked for a gin and tonic in the poolside bar at 10.30 and was told that they were only serving in the main Hotel at that hour. Fine. Until I went to walk away and two bachelors (incidentally not even staying at the Hotel) asked for 2 Klosters and got them. When I enquired of the Manager who was just strolling by I was told that it was sexual discrimination. And what about the idea to declare certain areas as Paradise Zones? I thought that they were already in existence in certain areas in Bangkok – and we are told how lucky we are. My other half says that all I am capable of saying is Car, car, car. Well I thought that that was a form of politeness in Thailand and we all know what the men say!!

Of course, we women are not as weak as the men as was proved to me the other day. After the St Patrick's Ball a few revellers came back for breakfast and I can only suppose that one of them breathed on my female budgie, Snow White. In the morning, what was left of it, the maid told me that White one was dead. I thought initially that poor Maren had not survived the celebrations but when I gathered that it was the budgie and that there was certainly no handsome Prince around to revive it, I realised that the female must be replaced as the male was pining. Not for him the delights of Patpong and Paradise Zones and so I hot-footed to a friend's house where there is an abundance of budgies. Seven times the Thai maid tried to capture a female and each time she caught a male. On the eighth attempt she netted a female and on the way home we discovered the reason – she was a cripple!! Henceforth known as Nelly.

If any of you ladies are anxious to keep your man at home I have hit on some wonderful solutions. Solution 1 is those marvellous shoes that some babies wear here. Every step taken is accompanied by a squeak. One could have these made in the appropriate size and when hubbie is creeping home at 3.00 a.m. you will be fully alerted. If, however, you decide to woo him into not going there in the first place I have three very good alternatives. The first is that you should go off together on a motor bike. This was quoted in a recent *Bangkok Post* as being very romantic. Can you imagine weaving through the buses and tuk tuks with your flip-flop dangling provocatively from your foot!! If not, take *Cosmopolitan Magazine's* hint for getting your man interested again. You undress him, tuck him up in bed, stroke his hair and read him a Fairy Story. You should then climb in beside him. Mind you, you might not have a Prince Charming but a Rip van Winkle. The other alternative was experimenting with strawberry jam!!

Two recent newspaper articles made me sit up recently. One was an article on two Farangs who had been corrupting small boys. When I was in Printing I was always told that you must be very careful how you split a word. The compositor at *Bangkok Post* obviously didn't go to the same college. I read the article as 'the two men had been found with several bums in their apartment'. It was only on re-reading it that I saw that it was al-bums, but the al- was on a different line!! The other article I thought concerned the exploits of our ex manager. The headline read 'Bittersweet tale of a lovesick-orange juice vendor!'. Three teenage girls were held hostage by this demented male and it was only on seeing his picture that I realised it was not DCW (unless he had taken his glasses off for the photograph).

Pamela Rennie

NEW HORIZONS

The Morris Dance: Part II

Morris dancers turn up in the most unlikely places ...



Bangkok Morris, Ploenchit Fair 1988

CECIL Sharp (1859-1924) rescued Morris from what may have been a terminal decline. He revived the tradition and, most importantly, did something that had never been done before: he started making a systematic record of the dances – the steps, the music and, where possible, the traditions surrounding the dances. To do this he sought out the few remaining Sides and, where a Side

had broken up, he often managed to track down one of the old dancers, by that time often men in their eighties. He would then write down all they had to say. The results are contained in the five-part Morris Book published between 1911 and 1924. Much of the early work was done in collaboration with Herbert C Macilwaine. The latter died in 1917 and Sharp continued alone. The most recent

version (so far as I know) of Sharp's work was produced by E P Publishing Ltd in 1974. This condenses the five parts into two handy volumes. On the fly leaf is the original dedication – "The Morris Book with a description of dances as performed by The Morris Men of England". Together with Lionel Bacon's later work in the early 1950s, these books form the essential, and the only, printed reference works on Morris.

The story goes that Sharp's interest in Morris dancing was first aroused by meeting the Headington Quarrymen dancing over the New Year in 1899. Headington is a village in Oxfordshire which has a long Morris tradition. The Side he met had in fact nearly broken up a few years before but had been encouraged to continue in 1897 by Percy Manning of Oxford. Sharp not only collected the dances, he

was an early member of the Folk Song Society and he introduced the Morris dance into the school curriculum in 1909. He founded the English Folk Dance Society in 1911 and their HQ in North London is named after him – “Cecil Sharp House”.

Sharp's efforts coincided with a general Edwardian revival of interest in English folklore. His enthusiasm inspired numerous revivals, encouraged dancers and led ultimately to the formation of the Morris Ring (of which more later). What could probably be regarded as the first “modern” Morris Side was founded by Sharp in 1911. It was, in fact, a demonstration team intended to take the dances further afield. Surviving photographs show six fit and rather tough-looking men. Their action pictures highlight the precision and the physically demanding nature of Morris. Four of the side were killed on the Somme, so the side was not revived after the war. A survivor of the Side was Douglas Kennedy who went on to become a major figure himself in Morris. In 1924 Arthur Heffer of Cambridge together with Rolf Gardiner formed, with Sharp's blessing, the “Tra-



“... there is a strong connection between beer and Morris”

velling Morrice”. This was a nine-man Side which in their words “... sallied forth into the Cotswolds with tents and bikes” in June 1924, to take the Morris back to the villages and streets. And good luck to them, though there is something a little risible about this venture. One wonders what the locals made of it at first. Comp-

ton-Mackenzie who was writing at the time and made great sport with the Hikers and Ramblers Association (“Water on the Brain”) might have made some fun of this had he known of it. There is a wonderful photograph showing the “Travelling Morrice” some time in the 1920s in Burford. They are clustered round



“It certainly dissolves inhibitions”

an old codger listening intently to what he is saying, and he is no doubt telling them how it used to be done. Anyway, Heffer persevered throughout the 1920s. Other Morris Sides sprang up, or old ones were revived and in 1934 six sides – Cambridge, Letchworth, Thaxted, Oxford, East Surrey and Greensleeves (London) founded, at Thaxted, the Morris Ring.

The Morris Ring is a sort of “governing body” for Morris. Morris sides affiliate to it and the Ring provides literature, advice and organises “Ring” meetings where many sides can come together. There is great regional variation in Morris dancing to be found in England. Modern literature usually lists five or six types – the most common being Cotswold,



The Morris man

North-West, Border, Sword and Rapper. Others include Molly dancing and Garland. The most highly-developed is Cotswold Morris and it is that which people usually have in mind when they think of Morris dancing. It is certainly the most common form of Morris in Southern England.

Since the foundation of the Ring, Morris in England has increased in popularity and numbers. The development has been erratic with many Sides disbanding and then reforming later. The last ten years have seen another mini ‘revival’ with a renewed interest in old customs, beliefs, skills, etc. This is manifested in many ways: from the large numbers of people who turn up at Stonehenge every mid-Summer and who talk about “ley innes” and ancient powers, to the publishing boom in books harking back to a “Golden Age” and the highly successful “Campaign for Real Ale” (Camera). There is a strong connection between beer and Morris, and many (most?) Sides today are enthusiastic proponents of “real ale”. Some of the foregoing has a spurious basis but the feeling exists and it has certainly contributed to the continued interest in Morris. In England today there are approximately 200 Morris Sides, with many others around the world, sometimes in the most unlikely places...

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Finally there is the cool down to end the programme.

If interested call Asha 213-2134 stating preferred days and times, so we can decide the most popular time for the classes.

ASHA WIJEYEKOON – AGE 40 mother of 2 grown children moved here at the beginning of this year and has joined the Club with her husband Mohan. Her main interest as a child was dancing, mainly ballet, which in later years turned into an interest in jazzercise and dancercise and finally in 1989 into the field of Aerobics.

For the last 7 years Asha has run



her own exercise classes in Singapore. The largest and most successful Class which she ran (continuously for 5 years) was in the Clementi Park Condominium with an average of 30 students.

Asha also ran classes in a couple of smaller condominiums, and in the Singapore German Club. Her training as an aerobics instructor includes 2 tough courses at W.H. HOLDINGS, the company that ran the 8 biggest health centres in Singapore. The first course "Physical Fitness Specialist" covered – anatomy and kinesiology, physiology, exercise programming, cardiorespiratory training, weight training, exercise prescription and fitness assessment. The second course "Aerobic Dance Instructor" included – injury prevention, flexibility training, diet counselling, motivation and interpersonal relations.

SPECIALS

Bira and I



Bira with Bing Crosby

THE FORGOTTEN PRINCE

WHEN King Chulalongkorn travelled abroad for his first visit to Europe in 1898 my father accompanied him as his Royal Personal Secretary. My father's name then was "Phraya Saridpojanakorn," he was later promoted to be the Undersecretary of Interior and renamed "Phraya Maha-Ammatayathibodi."

While travelling in Europe, His Majesty asked

my father to gather information and specifications of motorcars produced in Europe that would be suitable for the Royal Household's usage. After the trip to Europe my father became one of the pioneers in motoring in Siam and almost 70 years ago he set up as one of the first automobile dealers in the country, it was called "Siri Company Limited" imported the

first batch of "Austin 7" to be used as the first fleet of taxi-cabs in Siam.

A few years later I was born with cars in my blood so when I became an undergraduate at Thammasart University at 17, I wrote and had published my first book called "Motorist's Handbook". The dedication of the book reads "The goodness of this book, if there is any, will be dedicated to H.R.H.

Prince Chulachakrabongse and H.H. Prince Bira-bongse Bhanudej, who alone were responsible for the Tri-rong (Thai flag) to fly aloft and on top of flags of other great motor-ing countries for the first time in history".

I was one of the first Thais to recognise Prince Bira as my idol and when he won his first, first-place at Monaco on Satur-day April 11, 1936, I decided what I should do. I wanted to do some-thing to impress Prince Chula and Prince Bira enough to let me join

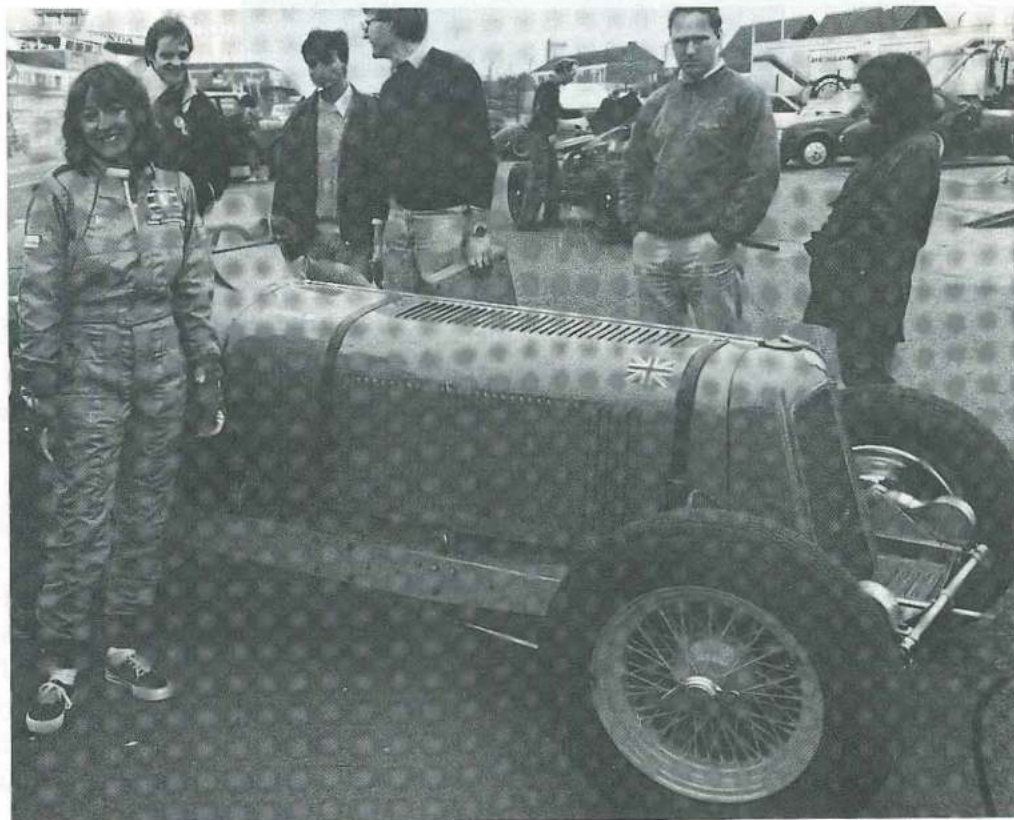
their "White Mouse" rac-ing stable and/or finance me to establish the first automobile manufacturing company in the Kingdom. I managed to get ac-quainted with my idol while he and Prince Chula were invited by the Gov-ernment to visit Siam in 1937.

During the visit, the Royal Automobile Asso-ciation of Siam, arranged for Bira to give a demon-stration drive along Raj-damnern Avenue in the E.R.A. "Romulus" on Sunday December 5th. Nobody could have realis-

ed that this date was to be the birthday of the next King of Siam!

I mentioned to Bira sometime at the begining of 1985 that the year 1986 would be the King's six-cycle birthday so "Why don't you bring your Ro-mulus to Bangkok and organise a "Bangkok Grand Prix", (which was previously cancelled be-cause of World War 2 and was dubbed as "The Race That Never Was",) to raise money for charity to give it His Majesty on the occasion of his 5th-cycle birthday on Decem-

Princes Narisa with Romulus at Donington (the only daughter of Prince Chula)



ber 5th two years from now?"

Bira hesitated for a moment before he said "err -- that's a good idea but I have to think about it. I will give you the answer when I come back from America". I never got my answer from him because Bira left Thailand in June 1985, after he gave his last interview for my magazine "Feature Magazine" and on the last day of the year I was shocked by the news that Prince Bira was found dead in a sub-way station in London on Christmas night. It made my hair stand on end because after he told me to wait for his answer he went on to say that "Err -- if anything may happen you should contact "Jiew".

"Jiew" or General Cha-valit Yongchaiyuth, now Commander-in-chief of the Thai Army and Acting Commander-in-chief of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, is a cousin of Bira. His father was a younger brother of Mom Lek Bhanu-bhan na Krungdeb (Yong-chaiyuth). When I called on the General to tell him about the Prince's last words, he immediately set up a committee, chair-ed by himself and com-prised of all high-ranking officers in the Royal Thai



Sanpsiri checking the mould of Bira

Army, to promote the good deeds of Bira and to organise the "Bangkok Grand Prix 1988", a his-toric car race to be held in Thailand in January 1988.

The historic car race netted almost 2 million Baht and General Chaovalit agreed with my proposal to use the money to estab-lish two identical "Bira Memorials". One will be erected at the Bira Inter-national Circuit (Pataya) in Thailand and the other at the "Donington Race Circuit" in England along-side the "Pat Fairfield Memorial" which was sculptured by Bira himself.

Bira began his career in racing in 1935, sponsored by Prince Chula who adopted Bira as his young-er brother a few years before. On July 15, 1935

Prince Chula gave a racing car as a birthday gift for Bira. It was a new E.R.A. (English Racing Automob-iles) which Raymond Mays helped design to counter Nazi Germany's domination of the racing world.

Bira was second at Dieppe in France on the 5th day after he got his 21st birthday gift and from then on the race track to fame was cleared for the diminutive "Racing Prince" from the then almost unknown Kingdom of Siam.

Bira won his first race at Monaco on Saturday. April 11, 1936 and won the B.R.D.C.'s coveted Road Racing "Gold Stars" for 3 consecutive years in 1936, 1937 and 1938. A feat nobody achieved before or after this day.

World War Two disrupted Bira's racing career so he turned to flying to follow his three cousins. Prince Varanonda, was a fighter pilot in the R.A.A.F., Prince Arphas, his elder brother, was with an aeroplane's engine manufacturing company in London, and Prince Jirasak, his younger brother, was a pilot who delivered fighting planes from factories to airfields near the front lines and who died in a plane crash in Scotland on September 1942.

Bira decided to be a glider-pilot at about the time that England was alerted by the German airborne invasion of Crete, utilising troop-carrying gliders as the spearhead of the assault.

In November 1942 Bira was admitted to work as an instructor to train young glider-pilots for the "Air Training Corps". Bira had since trained hundreds of glider-pilots who handled the "Airspeed Horsa" and "GA Hamilcar" troop-carrying gliders in all the Allied Airborne Operations including the one Sicily on July 9, 1943, the one in Normandy to coincide with the Allied landing on D. Day June 6, 1944 and in the "Operation Market-Garden" in the Low Countries in Sep-

tember 1944.

In November 1944, while the Allied Forces were planning for the "Crossing of the Rhine Operation", Slingsby Sailplanes Company, the largest manufacturer of gliders in England, invited Bira to work as a test-pilot for the company which was developing new gliders for the war.

On March 23, 1945 General Montgomery's Allied Forces crossed the Rhine, Allied paratroopers and airborne troops landing in gliders had successfully spearheaded the allied advance behind enemy lines. On May 7, 1945 all German forces surrendered.

Nobody knows how many lives were saved by the sacrifices of the glider-pilots or how many of the glider-pilots were trained by Bira. no wonder more people in England remember the name "Bira" than in his own country. Beside the E.R.A. "Romulus", which is now at the Donington Collection of Mr. Wheatcroft and the "Bira Memorial" which is going to be erected in front of the Donington Museum, the Brooklands Trust, which began the establishment of Brooklands Museum to commemorate the 80th

anniversary of Brooklands in 1987, and has set aside an area to exhibit Bira's famous glider, the "Kittiwake", beautifully restored by Mike Beach and also will exhibit records of Bira's racing activities at Brooklands.

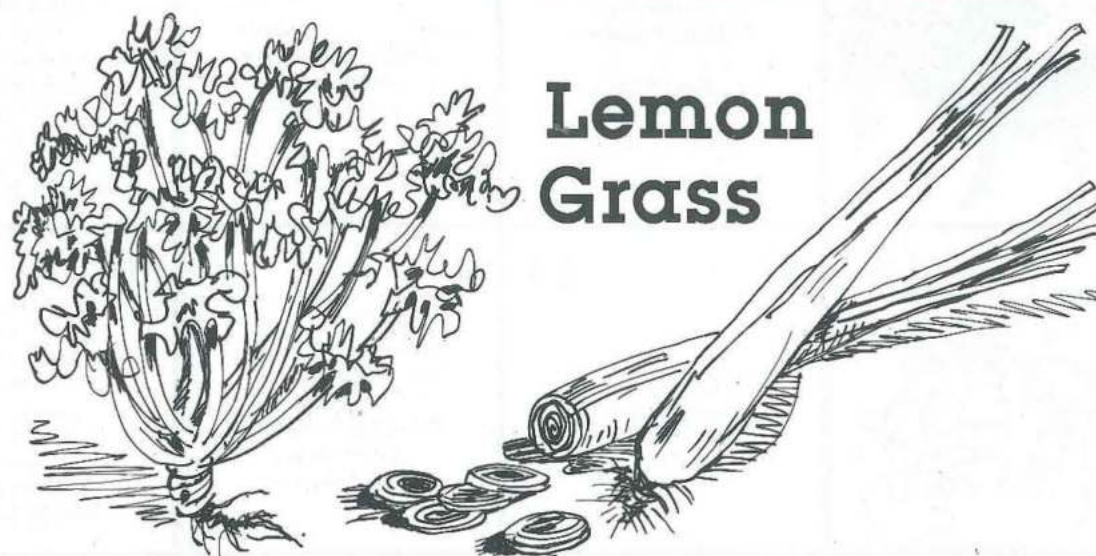
The "Gold Stars Club" of Thailand, of which I am the secretary, has proposed that the Club will have an oil-painting made of Bira's gliding exhibition at Kidbrook in London on March 14, 1943, which aroused much interest in gliding among the English people and will have the painting presented as a gift to Brooklands Museum.

Mrs. Morag E. Barton, Director of the Museum wrote to me that Sir Peter, chairman of the Brookland Trust is more than willing to accept the honour. The real problem is that I cannot find anybody in Thailand who is willing to pay a few thousand Baht to have the picture painted!

I shall find it before I die!

Sanpsiri Viryasiri

SCOFFERIES



Lemon Grass

FOR many years I had unfairly maligned the noble lemon grass, whilst the real culprit was 'pak chee' or coriander which is the ubiquitous leaf sprinkled on so much Thai food. First arriving here over 20 years ago I frequently indulged in roadside noodle stalls and took my fair share of pak chee which would gradually depart my svelte figure over the next few days through the pores of my skin. Totally socially unacceptable. Know the feeling?

You will have no problem however with lemon grass or the restaurant which uses its name in Sukhumvit Soi 24. Fast becoming a food soi, Lemon Grass is certainly one of its more interesting establishments. A rather small entrance, almost jungle-like, leads one into an unusual interior, much bigger and more spacious than one at first imagines. There are a number of rooms, bays and alcoves, apart from outside dining which permit, on estimate, 80 plus people to sit on a




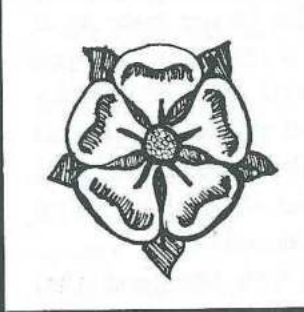

variety of chairs, with different style tables, surrounded by plants, and Thai antiques. In short a very pleasant and cosy atmosphere.

The food, very sensibly, is advertised on only two pages of the menu. The choice is limited but as a consequence the food is good. I would say that it is definitely pitched to the farang taste so if you like your food a little hot then you should say so. Recently three of us had a couple of drinks, food and beer for a total of Baht 700. After the last couple of beef restaurants mentioned in Scofferies you will find this most reasonable.

To conclude if you like good Thai food in most pleasant surroundings, try Lemon Grass but warning-book first and don't expect service to be too swift. (Apologies to V.)

Bon Apetit
Bob Coombes

APRIL CALENDAR

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 Cricket Colts v. Hong Kong in Hong Kong Family video 6.00-8.00 p.m.	2 Prime Rib Beef Lunch Buffet Supper from 5.00 p.m.	3 Beginner's Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. B.W.G. Mah-jong* 9.00 a.m. Ladies' Tennis 4.00-6.00 p.m. New Members' Night/ Happy Hour 5.30-9.00 p.m. Chess Club* 7.00 p.m.	4 Ladies' Golf 7.00 a.m. Bridge 7.30 p.m.	5 B.W.G. Bridge* 9.00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 p.m.	6 Ladies' Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. Ladies' Squash 9.00-12 noon Bambi Meeting at B.C. B.C.T. Club Night at Community Services 7.30 p.m.	7 Harry's Piano Night and Accumulator at 8.00 p.m. (Prize could be worth 1,500 bt.) Seafood Speciality Night in Restaurant
	8 Family Video 6.00-8.00 p.m.	9 Golf at Railway (in conjunction with 3rd round Dunlop Cup) 10.30 a.m. Prime Rib Beef Lunch Buffet Supper from 5.00 p.m.	10 Beginner's Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. B.W.G. Mah-jong* 9.00 a.m. Ladies' Tennis 4.00-6.00 p.m. Happy Hour 5.30-9.00 p.m. Chess Club* 7.00 p.m.	11 Ladies' Golf 7.00 a.m. Bridge 7.30 p.m.	12 B.W.G. Bridge* 9.00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 p.m.	13 Ladies' Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. Ladies' Squash 9.00-12 noon	14 Harry's Piano Night and Accumulator at 8.00 p.m. (Prize could be worth 1,750 bt.) Seafood Speciality Night in Restaurant
	15 Family Video 6.00-8.00 p.m.	16 Prime Rib Beef Lunch Buffet Supper from 5.00 p.m. Ronnie Scotts Jazz Night (Time to be announced)	17 Beginner's Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. B.W.G. Mah-jong* 9.00 a.m. Ladies' Tennis 4.00-6.00 p.m. Happy Hour 5.30-9.00 p.m. Chess Club* 7.00 p.m.	18 Ladies' Golf 7.00 a.m. Bridge 7.30 p.m.	19 B.W.G. Bridge* 9.00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 p.m. Bar Quiz 7.00 p.m.	20 Ladies' Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. Ladies' Squash 9.00-12 noon B.W.G. Lunch 11.30 a.m. at Narai Hotel	21 Harry's Piano Night and Accumulator at 8.00 p.m. (Prize could be 2,000 bt.) Seafood Speciality Night in Restaurant
	22 Cricket B.C. v. Pavilionaires 35 overs at R.B.S.C. Family Video 6.00-8.00 p.m. St. George's Ball Royal Orchid Sheraton	23 Golf at Rose Garden (1st round of Eclectic) 8.30 a.m. Prime Rib Beef Lunch Buffet Supper from 5.00 p.m.	24 Beginner's Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. B.W.G. Mah-jong* 9.00 a.m. Ladies' Tennis 4.00-6.00 p.m. Happy Hour 5.30-9.00 p.m. Chess Club* 7.00 p.m.	25 Ladies' Golf 7.00 a.m. Bridge 7.30 p.m.	26 B.W.G. Bridge* 9.00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 p.m. Bar Quiz 7.00 p.m.	27 Ladies' Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. Ladies' Squash 9.00-12 noon	28 Harry's Piano Night and Accumulator at 8.00 p.m. (Prize could be 2,250 bt.) Seafood Speciality Night in Restaurant
	29 Cricket B.C. v. R.B.S.C. 35 overs at Polo Family Video 6.00-8.00 p.m.	30 Cricket British Embassy v. Australian Embassy at Polo Prime Rib Beef Lunch Buffet Supper from 5.00 p.m.	MAY 1 Grand National Spectacular Day	For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the <i>OUTPOST</i> Calendar, please contact Judi Leddy on 258-5110. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month. * Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room."			

CHILDREN'S CORNER



YOU NEED:

- A square sheet of fairly stiff paper, about 20 cm square

If you are ever out on a picnic, or on safari deep in darkest Mongolia, you will find it

handy to know how to make a cup from a sheet of paper.

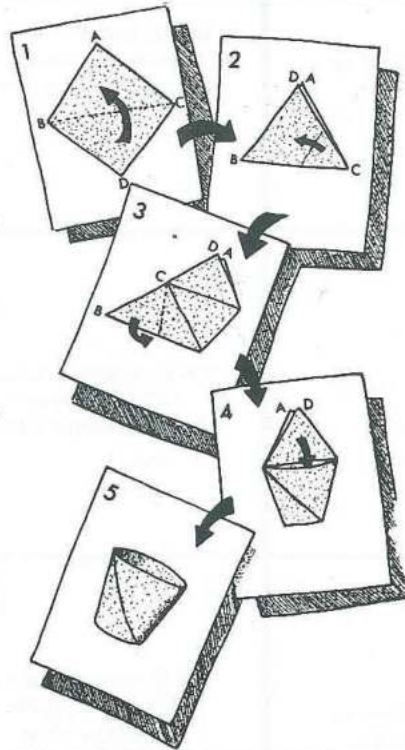
Fold the square of paper in half diagonally, to bring corner D up to meet corner A (1).

Next, fold corner C across to touch the opposite edge (2) so it looks like the picture (3).

Turn the paper over and fold corner B across to the opposite edge, exactly like the last fold. Your paper should now look like diagram 4.

Fold A and D down on opposite sides of the paper and tuck them into the little pockets made by the previous fold (4). Open out the top and your cup is complete (5).

If you fold the bottom corners in a little the cup will stand on its own.



IMPOSSIBLE TEAR

YOU NEED:

- A strip of paper

Take the strip of paper and make two tears in it so it looks something like the paper in the drawing.

Your victim, who has been watching you do this, will be wondering what you are up to. Now you spring the trap. "I bet you can't take this paper, with one end in each hand, and pull it apart into three pieces."

As the tears are both the same length, your friend will probably take up your challenge. But when he or she pulls the paper only one end comes free!

Strange as it may sound, it

is impossible to tear the strip into three pieces. The original tears can be made almost to the opposite edge but still only one piece comes off. Try it and see.



NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Nothing is impossible – especially if you cheat!

Supposing someone asks you to do the 'Impossible Tear'? You know you cannot accept the challenge because the feat is impossible. So, what do you do? You accept the challenge!

Take the paper, one end in each hand and start tearing. Your friend will think you have been caught – but then you lift the paper up to your mouth and hold the centre portion between your lips. It is now an easy matter to tear the strip into three!

KEEP COOL

'Summer afternoon — summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.' (Henry James)

3 letters
Fan

5 letters
Shade

6 letters
Awning
Canopy
Salads
Sunhat

7 letters
Parasol
Sandals

8 letters
Bare feet
Cucumber
Hosepipe
Ice-cream
Lemonade
Slow down
Straw-hat
Sunshade

9 letters
Cold meals
Sprinkler
Sun-blinds
Sun-bonnet

10 letters
Cold shower
Fresh fruit
Iced drinks

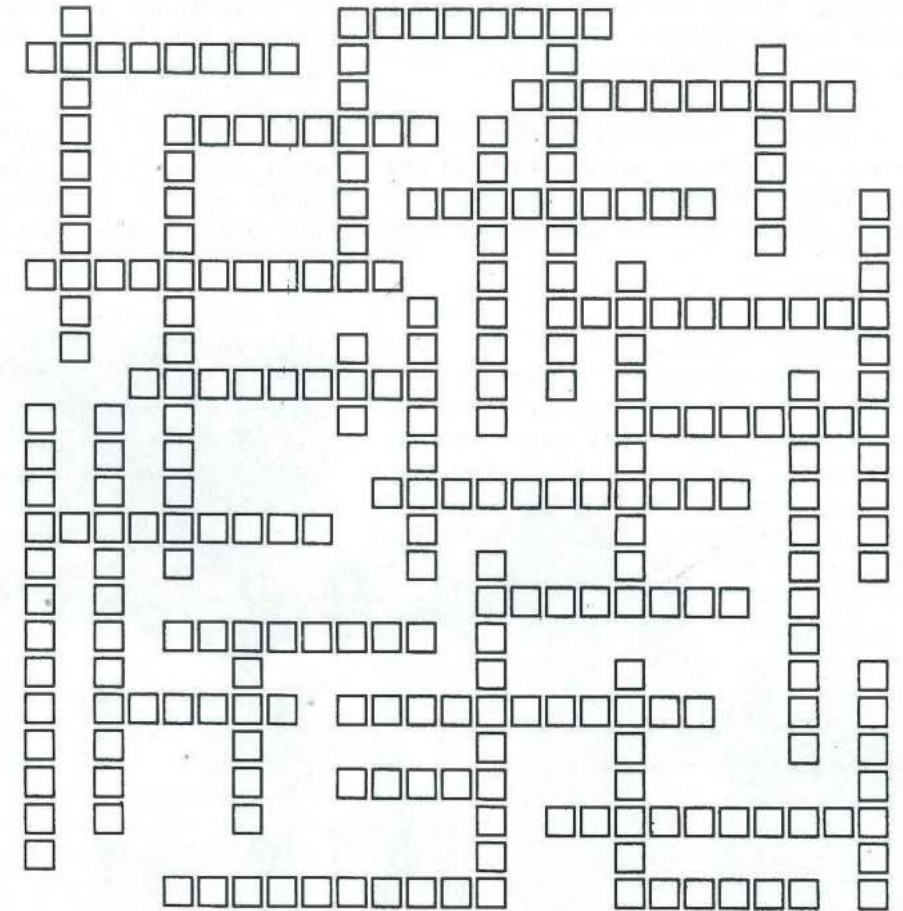
Light meals
Sea-breezes
Sponge down
Take it easy

11 letters
Cool draught

Dark glasses
Mountain air
Open windows
Salt tablets
Vichyssoise

12 letters
Refrigerator

13 letters
Light clothing
Loose clothing



Solution on page 45.

CRICKET CRICKET

Pavilionaires win first games

IT had to happen, of course. After only two warm-up games, a tricky postponement and absolutely no net practice, the most mature cricket team in Thailand – Pavilionaires One – has started winning games as well as fans.

The great day came on February 18, just before lunch, always an auspicious time for true Pavilionaires. Restraining their bibulous urges and banned by the Polo Club prefects from

even their own medicinal Moët, the squad already dubbed The Best-Talking Team In The TCL trounced the incredibly fit and talented youngsters from AIT in the second round of the TCL six a-side competition.

Box scores of this historic event have already appeared in the yellow press. As all except one of the team are BC members, however, posterity demands that we identify the five portly Pavilionaires (Baby-of-the-side-



Finals TCL "Sixes."

and-therefore-skipper Alistair Rider, Jeff Pom-Pom Parry, Jack Gerry-'at-trick Glattbach, Miles De-Fixer De Vries, BC-Appointed-Purveyor-of-Violence-and-Gardeners Doug Whittaker and Superfit Scribe Colin Hastings who achieved this feat.

With this unique victory and a few fluids behind them, winning ways became habit forming. By next day, and by using a cutout of now-departed Twilight Twemlow (and Noddy Swift) to confuse the opposition, the Magnificent Six had rolled over the Indian and Scribblers' sixsomes to reach the final – yes FINAL! – of the Plate Competition.

Being mature (average age 40 years, six months), dedicated to the spirits of the game (club motto: *in veritas, vino, seniorita*) and virtually unable to walk let alone bowl, the lads honourably yielded victory to a squad outranking even themselves in age and experience. Some may think it unfortunate that the winning side carried the flag of the RBSC, a long-standing opponent of Ye B.C.XI. But obligations to one's hosts are de rigeur for all Pavilionaires.

Nonetheless, this is believed to be the first six-a-side final ever experienced by any BC cricketers in Thailand, a fact offered here purely for the historical record. But mention of Baby Rider's maximum score of 36 runs in just eight balls against the Indians, his tournament total of 124 runs off just 50 balls, his occasional straight ball and his inspired captaincy is intended to secure admission to the end-of-season party.

Cricketing analysts and David Hall have yet to explain how the Pavilionaires slumped to victory so soon in their history. In the interim, some clues may be gleaned from these exclusive extracts from Rules of Conduct, Off and On the Field, Pertaining To Pavilionaires, an "eyes only" document for PCC members available in the Crown Royal:

1. Always obey the captain in absentia:
2. You are not here to enjoy yourself:
3. When batting, announce your age loudly and often to the opposition, adding that of your (batting) partner if your total ages exceed 60;
4. When fielding, at least one Pavilionaire must feign a serious pulled muscle within two overs of taking the field.
5. When bowling, changes must be maxi-

mised, especially in the event of a wicket falling.

6. Holding catches is unsporting to the opposition:

7. Drink the cheap champagne before the Bollinger.

The wisdom and cunning of this meticulous Pavilionaires planning was again in evidence a couple of weeks later for yet another historical event, the first 11-a-side victory – achieved against the Thai CC. The main culprits were Huge Salmon and Jumbo Jim Howard who both took rather a lot of wickets, then Pom-Pom Parry, newcomer Autumnbok Ian Hamilton and Mad Miles De Vries who unsportingly knocked off most of the 146 runs required. De Vries was also awarded the match DSO (Disabled Soldier Oscar) but must now play all future matches without a runner.

Victory is its own valium, however, and it was good to see the picnic-ing Pavilionaires back to their mature and oratorical best against the hyperactive AIT students. The in-fielders having skillfully talked out (across a language barrier) AIT's fine opening bat for a single figure score, Ian Hamilton then turned in a season-best-contending DSO performance, bowling seven consecutive overs while limping on both legs. Only two or three well-taken catches by Pavilionaires saved AIT from their stupour, thus helping them to build their match-winning score of about 182. Even in reply, the Pavilionaires showed the restraint which has earned them so many fans, in so many places: A Rider, unencumbered by captaincy, took the 4.30 Kindness Cup by throwing away his wicket just short of his personal 50 after a knock of tutorial ferocity. That such a young pavilionaire could do this in front of his own father, not a fictional figure, speaks volumes, etc. The rest of the order, and the Pavilionaires' umpires, then gave the students an object lesson in hat-trick-taking and heat avoidance while still knocking up a six score score.

The result was also a team tribute to skipper David "Lucky" Lamb, back in the fold to maintain his 100 per cent record, free of the golfing and captain-of-industry pressures which so cruelly robbed the lads of his guidance in their hours of victory.

Jack Glattbach.

CRICKET



CRICKET

18th & 19th February. The "Bangkok Post" Sixes Trophy.

BC reached the final stages of the Trophy competition and were beaten by ICC I in the semi-finals.

Frank Hough was top scorer with 91 off 51. On the bowling side, BC's Price, Dunford and Adams all took four wickets (with Terry bowling three batsmen in one over and finishing with the tournament's top bowling average).

AIT won the Trophy, having won all their matches on both days of the competition.

4th March. Polo Club. 35 overs vs Wanderers. Won by 8 wickets.

WCC 104. (Dunford 7-2-26-4; Garden 2.2-0-9-2; Hough 1-0-9-1; White 5-0-13-1; Price 7-1-15-1) BC 108-2. (Garden 58, Price 27*, Dunne 10)

This match marked the first appearance in BC colours for newcomers David Loveridge and John Garden. We also began the game with two career landmarks on the horizon. First, Jack Dunford and Nick White were both on 96 wickets for the Club, each bidding to be the first to reach 100. And second, Nick and Craig Price were both within sight of 2,000 runs – well ahead of their nearest rivals – with Nick on 1,839 and Craig on 1,823.

It was the bowlers who had their chance first, as Frank won the toss and put the Wanderers in. The batsmen got off to a good start, with 18 runs coming off the first four overs, which included a wayward second over from Nick containing three wides. Then Nick bowled the number one in his third over. Three overs later, Jack replaced David Dance and as so often before, took a wicket immediately, a sharp stumping chance well taken by Frank Hough. Craig replaced Nick and immediately bowled the number four, and then Nicky Dunne took a good catch from an attempted hook to give Jack his 98th wicket. A couple of overs later, Jack took a left-handed return catch to make it 99, and in his following over John Garden brought

up the hundred with an excellent catch at mid-off.

Remarkably, of Jack's 100 wickets, only 41 came in his first six seasons with the club; the other 59 have all been taken this season or last. He is once again the League's leading wicket-taker this season and can make grown men like Nick White and David Dance weep.

This wicket took us in to the 18-over drinks break with the Wanderers on 76 for 6. After the break, there was little resistance left in the batting. Terry Adams took a good catch to give John Garden his first BC wicket; Frank Hough bowled the Wanderers skipper; the number eight was run out for no very good reason; and John took a return catch to finish off the innings at 104.

In the BC innings, Nick surrendered the run-chase lead to Craig Price by being bowled by a straight one for just 8 runs, thus completing a pretty frustrating day all round for him. John Garden played out the first four balls he faced without scoring but that was just about the end of his circumspection. While Craig was content to take a few singles and the occasional two, John began, in the words of the immortal Ed E., to blast the ball to all parts of the ground. He was finally stumped with BC 11 runs short of the target, having made 58 off 44 balls, including nine fours and a six.

John is the third BC batsman to score fifty on his debut in recent seasons. Chris Cowper scored 53 off 26 balls against the "Post" in February 1986, and David Dance took 52 off the Chiang Mai attack in December 1986.

Nicky Dunne, who will have left Thailand by the time you read this report, came in to hit the winning runs, which he did two balls into the 19th over.

Craig's 27 not out took his overall BC run total to 1,853, six ahead of Nick.

AIT's victory over the Pavilions on the same day, and over Wanderers on the following day, means that they cannot now be overtaken at the head of the 35-over league.

5th March. RBSC. 45 overs vs Indian CC. Won by 10 wickets.

ICC 141-9. (Garden 9-3-21-3; Dance 9-4-16-2; Adams 1-0-1-1; White 9-3-15-1; Price 9-0-36-1; Dunford 7-0-46-1)

BC 142-0 (White 69*, Price 59*)

It was another heavily humid morning at the Sports Club, and Frank had no more than half an hour's hesitation before deciding to put the Indians in to bat in this our last 45-over match of the season. White and Dance had the openers in all sorts of trouble, and only five runs came off the first eight overs. The ground was beginning to fill with spectators, but the 30,000 crowd showed no inclination to break into a slow hand-clap despite seeing seven maidens in the first dozen overs. The eleventh over saw the first breakthrough, Frank taking a difficult leg-side catch behind the stumps. David Dance followed with the wicket of the other opener in his next over. The change of bowling to Jack Dunford failed to produce the expected wicket in the first over; this time it came in the second over, when the dangerous number four got an inside edge and was bowled. Then Nick White produced a fine catch at mid-wicket to give John Garden a wicket in his first over, an event which he followed with two more wickets while Craig Price chipped in with another at the other end. The Indians were now reduced to 91 for 7 and it began to look as if it would all be over by mid-afternoon again. The 8th wicket was a little more stubborn however, and had added 41 runs before Frank had the inspired idea of bringing sixes hero Terry Adams on to bowl. His first ball dipped, swung early and then the other way late, cut viciously off the seam on every bounce, and caused the batsman to mishit his intended six into the arms of David Dance at mid-wicket.

With two overs against the tail-enders still to come from each of David Dance and Nick White, hopes were high that we could take the two wickets we still needed to collect maximum points. Things began to look doubly black for the number nine when David was no-balled for not informing the umpire of his intended bowling action, a decision to which he reacted with calm dignity and a gentle questioning of the umpire's paternity. His two remaining overs were delivered at something rather more than

fast, and the twelfth such delivery removed the trembling batsman's middle stump.

No-one had no-balled Nick, however, so there were no wickets at that end, and the Indians survived with only nine wickets down.

Nick and Craig were each determined not to be out before the other when BC batted, but runs were soon coming at the rate of five an over. Nick was the more aggressive early on, scoring at a run a ball and hitting one six back over the bowler's head. Two spin bowlers slowed things up for a while, and Craig began to catch up a little. Nick was the first to reach fifty, after just over an hour's batting; Craig reached the same figure some twenty minutes later. The century stand came up in the 22nd over; the BC record opening stand of 130*, set by these same batsmen last month, was passed in the 28th over, and the day's target was passed in the 29th. The unlucky batsman waiting to go in this time was Geoff Bulte.

This was BC's fourth highest stand ever, its best opening stand, and the highest unbeaten stand, and it took Nick and Craig to career totals of 1,916 and 1,912, respectively. Perhaps Jack Dunford will come from behind again, and pip them both on the post?

11th March. RBSC. 35 overs vs Scribblers. Won by 111 runs.

BC 203-7 (White 64, Garden 33, Hough 29, Davis 20, Bulte 18*, Dunne 11*)

Scb 92 (Garden 4-1-10-3; White 5-0-17-2; Dunford 7-0-25-2; Dunne 0.3-0-3-1; Price 7-0-29-1)

Nicky Dunne's last match and to him the privilege of calling the headortailness of the coin; correctly, as it turned out, and no mean indicator as to the way the rest of the day would go for young Nicky. Of which, no more than is strictly necessary later.

Craig Price was examining a bevy of youthful US-bound hopefuls say no more and was therefore too late both to open and to see the first wicket fall. Lindsey Semple it was who was bowled round his legs offering no stroke to one that came back in frighteningly. If Craig had seen this, it might have saved him a very similar fate thirteen overs later, but he hadn't, so it didn't.

Between these two wickets, we were treated to the unusual sight of Nick White

being comprehensively outscored by his partner, the Scottish snooker and rugby player John Garden, who surprised the other opening bowler by getting off the mark with a six and caused the premature withdrawal of the demoralised bowler from the attack by repeating the performance in the next over. 21 minutes and four fours to add to the two sixes later, he was well caught at gully.

Nick was not dawdling; in fact he was scoring at a run a ball, but he wasn't getting much of the strike. Craig came and went, as already mentioned, then David Dance was given out caught behind, so the score was 81 for 4, scored at almost six runs an over. Frank Hough, with a season's batting average of a little over zero point zero one, was next, determined to get back into form at last, and this he proceeded to do, scoring 29 out of a fifth wicket partnership of 52 before being bowled by a straight one.

Nick celebrated the arrival of his colleague Tim Davis by hitting four to bring up his fifty, from 47 balls; both batsmen now began to swing into action, with Nick adding another 14 before being bowled by, and Tim hitting two fours and a six before being caught off, the devastating bowling of the "Bangkok Post" sports editor.

Geoff Bulte (18 off 13 balls including a six and a four) and Nicky Dunne (11 off 13 balls) saw out the few remaining overs in some style, adding as they did so some lustre to their personal batting averages, taking the former to the top of the club averages, having been out only once this season, and the latter to a BC career average of just over 15.

203 was a challenging total for an excellent batting side which has been beaten only once this season and has already well-nigh clinched the 45-over league title. But it always looked an uphill struggle after the in-form opening batsman was dismissed in Nick's first over by a superb Dunford catch at gully off a full-blooded stroke. The other even more prolific opener was dropped in the slips off the next David Dance over, but then Nick struck again with a John Garden catch. Another straightforward slip catch was dropped off a David Dance ball while other perhaps more eager fielders were languishing at third man. Then the number four fell to a good piece of fielding from Lindsey Semple, who threw down the stumps at the bowler's end, and the fifth batsman decided not

to take the easy option of accepting one run from a Jack Dunford wide, but went instead to hit it, dollying a catch to Frank Hough behind the stumps.

Craig Price had a confident appeal for a catch behind turned down by the devastating umpiring of the "Bangkok Post" sports editor, but got his own back by taking a return catch the next over.

Now it was John Garden's turn to contribute to David Dance's Valium bill, as four overs showing a remarkable variation of pace, line and length produced three catches by David Hall, Jack Dunford and Frank Hough which if David had been bowling, would undoubtedly not only have been dropped but thrown over the boundary for six.

Somewhere in the middle of all this (the scorebook is almost entirely devoid of reliable detail at any point during this innings - don't we have anyone out there who is just dying to score for us?) the opening batsman was finally dismissed, St. Hough B. Dunford for the second time this season.

One wicket to fall, and 115 needed for a Scribblers victory. The situation was clearly tailor-made for a Nicky Dunne over, his first league over ever. It was a generous over to begin with, allowing the Scribblers number nine a single and then giving the number eleven his highest score of the season (2). That was it, though, the third ball, a shade quicker and with a degree of bounce and turn, took the edge of the bat and went straight to the safe hands of David Dance at seventh slip. The wicket takes Nicky Dunne straight to the top of the BC averages and David Dance to the intensive psychiatric care wing of the St Marylebone home for retired fast bowlers with poor slip fielders.

After the game, Nicky Dunne was presented with a memento or two to take back to London with him and was allowed to be finesmaster for the day, a position which would have been far more expensive for him had we known that he was going to slip off to the devastating offices of the "Bangkok Post" for a photo session and a huge spread in the Sunday breakfast editions. It's going to be a hard life back in London; a mention in the "South Croydon Advertiser" somehow just won't seem the same.

David Hall
13th March 1989

LADIES' GOLF LADIES' GOLF

A very busy golf month just ended, some of us playing four or even five days on the run. Very tiring but great fun.

We are very happy to report three new members. Welcome to Pearl Aw, Eileen Branston and Judy Farmer. We are delighted you have joined us. Your starter for March - Margaret McEwan : 250-1847.

The date of our next important golf outing, THE ASTRAL CUP, a two-round competition sponsored by Lever Bros. Thailand, has not been confirmed yet, so we have this popular event to look forward to hopefully in the next few weeks.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Silver and Bronze L.G.U. Medal Badges

The four best L.G.U. Medal scores for 1988 were awarded to:

Silver Division	-	Gai Pitre	-	NETT 305
Bronze Division	-	Anne Kwong	-	NETT 286

Well done girls. Anne is now playing off 15 H' cap in Silver Division, so take heed girls.

7th February

		Stableford			
Flight 'A'	Winner	:	Gai Pitre	18	38 points
Flight 'B'	Winner	:	Margaret McEwan	19	35 points
	Near Pin no. 8	:	Anne Kwong		
	Near Pin no. 13	:	Mal Chessman		

14th February

		4 Ball Better Ball Nett			
Winners	:	Florene Studebaker	22)	67 C/B	
		Penny Whalley	20		
Front Nine	:	Anna-Lisa Lowenborg	19)	33	
		Pearl Aw	36T)		



Winner: Gents
John Leicester (42 points)



The brutes relinquishing the "frying pan" to the belles

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GOOD DAY, SPORTS

Hope this finds you well. We are in the home straight of the Football Season and thoughts are turning to end of season tours, more time for golf and other sundry summer past-times but there's still plenty action to report although thankfully a quieter month than last.

MATCH REPORT:

We left off our league Campaign last month with our worst result of the season and it was therefore with a mixture of relief and trepidation that we approached our opening fixture in the season's premier Cup competition, the RBSC Floodlit Tourney. This is an invitational event for eight teams split into two sections of four playing a round robin, with the top two in each section entering the semi-finals. Our opening game was against the relatively unknown entity Ruam Rudee International School. We started well and were soon applying pressure but with six or seven near misses in the opening quarter it began to look as if it was going to be one of those nights...but then Andy Massey was brought down in the box and Frank Hough made his usual immaculate job of the resultant penalty. From then on it was literally men against boys with hat-tricks for Mike Pomfret, 'Go for goal' Gidley, a brace for Hough and singles from Massey and Worrow giving us our largest victory in many a season, 10-0. Best of these were the two singles with Worrow's twenty five yard drive which curled inside the post a real beaut. In truth it could have been several more but we eased off a little both to avoid demoralising the youngsters who never gave up trying and to save our ageing legs for our league match against the Indian Cougars the following evening. Man of the Match went to Mike Pomfret.

The following night we started against the Indians in the same laid-back fashion we finished against the school, and paid for it. A slack pass back from the middle was latched onto by Geromino and it was "goodness gracious we are going one up". Try as we could we just were unable to get back into the game and it was another 1-0 defeat. There were some bring spots, however, notably the performance of Man of the Match, Worrow.

The following week it was back to RBSC Floodlit Cup duty with a game against the other Indians, the Young Thai Sikh Association (YTSA). The Sikhs had sprung a bit of a surprise in beating the fancied Germans in their opener after a penalty decider and were confident of progressing. We started with perhaps a stronger line up than the Indian game and played some good football which paid off with another fine Hough goal from a Bennington corner. After that we were well on top until the Sikh jynx struck again. As if three own goals in matches against then over the past year were not enough an apology for a pass-back resulted in the sore heads scoring an undeserved equaliser. Our first half performance was however enough to convince us that we had the edge and we confidently struck the ball around after the break and played some good football. Our second goal was well worth waiting for. A headed clearance from Maynard found Mike Pomfret, who ran the length of the park, shirking off two tackles before sending over a great cross to find the head of, surprise surprise, "Razorhead" Maynard. After that there was only one winner and Frank Hough notched goal number 3 late in the game. With three points for an outright win, our half dozen guaranteed us a semi-final berth as we had to finish in the top two. Man of the Match went to Frank Hough.

Five days later we again lined up against the Sikhs, this time in the League. Again we were playing with call-offs, only this time the

"fringe" players did not shine and nor did anyone else for that matter. In another of these totally inept performances we were about as dynamic as Rip van Winkle and the YTSA took their revenge without having to perform too brilliantly in a 2-0 win. Mike Worrow was voted Man of the Match, although even in the apres match we appeared mainly to be going through the motions (like the guy who stepped on a cowpat).

The remaining game in the qualifying round of the RBSC Floodlit Trophy came next and saw us meet League Leaders the German All-Stars. They needed a win to be sure of qualifying while we were already through. Putting the previous match's disappointment behind us, we turned on one of our better performances since Christmas despite being without key squad members such as Pomfret, Gidley and Blunden. Perhaps this was due to the rainstorm the previous evening which softened the going and allowed the more skillful type of game to flourish (ah-hem!). The match also marked the debut of Francis Maceever from the Emerald Isle who did very well in the old-fashioned centre-forward role. Despite our good play and territorial superiority it looked as if we would have to settle for rough justice when totally against the run of play the Germans scored. The goal was as welcome as a certain Mr. Rushdie at the Ayatollah's Birthday party but it spurred us to even greater pressure. This finally paid off when a German clearance found Frank Hough around 40 yards out and seeing the keeper off his line he cleverly "lobbed" him for the equaliser.

Although well deserved, leaving it to the last 5 minutes was closer for comfort than we like and we took no chances in playing out the half to ensure we won our section. The competition rules dictated that all matches must end in a positive result with two points going to the winner of a penalty shoot-out and one to the loser (three points are awarded for a win in normal time). This was duly taken and Frank, Dave Wallace and Vince Swift took three beauties. Simon Hough who had an immaculate game in goal saved the second German one and we therefore gained the extra point. The Germans had the consolation however of qualifying for the semi-finals in second place as after

finishing equal on points with the Sikhs they won a penalty shoot-out. Man of the Match went to Hough or should I say two Houghs as father Frank and son Simon shared the top vote. The month therefore finishes on a high note with a trip to the semi's in prospect.

CASUALS CORNER:

A game this month against the might of Shell saw our social side go two goals down before getting it together to come back and snatch a 3-3 draw. Casuals goals were scored by Vic "Ten Minutes" Lane who hit a brace and Francis Maceever. A good time was had by all and a big thank you to Shell for the use of the pitch. New manager Keith Bell was almost persuaded to turn out but saw sense at the last minute.

The good news is that Peter Downs has secured a pitch on a semi-regular basis and that matches can therefore be organised more frequently. Any player is welcome so contact Peter or one of the football committee for further information.

POST-SCRIPTS:

After a couple of months where we have seen more ups and downs than a Harrods lift-boy, here we are looking forward to the magic of the Cup. We are also building up to our tour to Singapore for the prestigious Windmill Trophy and would be delighted to hear from any Club member who would wish to join the party as a supporter. The tour coincides with a long weekend, ie May 19th-21st, and if you wish further information call Mike Pomfret.

Congratulations must go to section members Frank Hough, Vince Swift and Craig Rennie on being chosen for this years Farang League select. Representation is not as large as previous years when Mike Pomfret, Scoop and Dave Wallace also graced the team but this is probably a reflection of our lowly league placing and advancing years (right Mike?). Another section member, young Simon Hough has also made the select, but representing his school team, ISB. Finally on the credit side we must thank Andy Maynard for all his administrative duties. Andy

is the unsung secretary of the Farang League and without his considerable efforts it is hard to imagine how the competition would flourish. Well done.

Now for something completely different. It's true, this time I thought instead of all those boring little jokes I would set you a teaser.

At a dance there are 100 people and the total revenue collected from admission fees is £100. The cost of Man's ticket is £10. The cost of a Lady's is 50p while a child's is 12½p. How many of each are at the dance? An ice cream or pot of coffee to the first ten correct answers given to me. Nobody with inside track from my son allowed to enter. Remember 100 people and £100.

Get the old PC's going.

What happens when a cat eats a lemon?

You get a sour puss.

What's the difference between brussel sprouts and bogies. You cannot get kids to eat brussel sprouts.

An Australian hails a taxi and says to the driver "Do you mind if I put a case of prawns and twenty cans of Fosters on the front seat?" "Be my guest" says the driver. So he leaned over and threw up. (Sorry!)

Finally a football joke. "What do Adolf Hitler and Graeme Souness have in common? They both wasted six million but the difference was Hitler got further in Europe.

Well that wraps it up again folks. Have a good month and remember if her lips are on fire and she trembles in your arms, tell her to get lost, she's probably got malariaBye.

SQUASH SQUASH

WELL that was the year that was. The squash AGM was held on 6 March 1989 and as usual the committed out numbered the audience 3 to 1. Obviously every member of the squash section believed that the committee were doing a fantastic job as no one turned up to complain.

However I believe we did have a good year with more competition and more visits from both Thai and overseas teams. The section funds are also at a high point as the current balance stands at Baht 43,000.-

Our greatest success of the year was for our teams to win Division 2 Mens and Division 1 Ladies TSRA competition.

Your new committee for 1989/90

Tony Brasenell
James Nichols
Bill Wilcox
Art De Boer
Emily Fangman

Mike O'Connor
Tony Laven
Dave Bennington
Mel Leddy
Tony Austin

The Harold Mercer Competition was held during February. This was teams of three people. First round losers went into the Plate. Played over a two week period all matches were well contested and the winners were as follows.

Winners

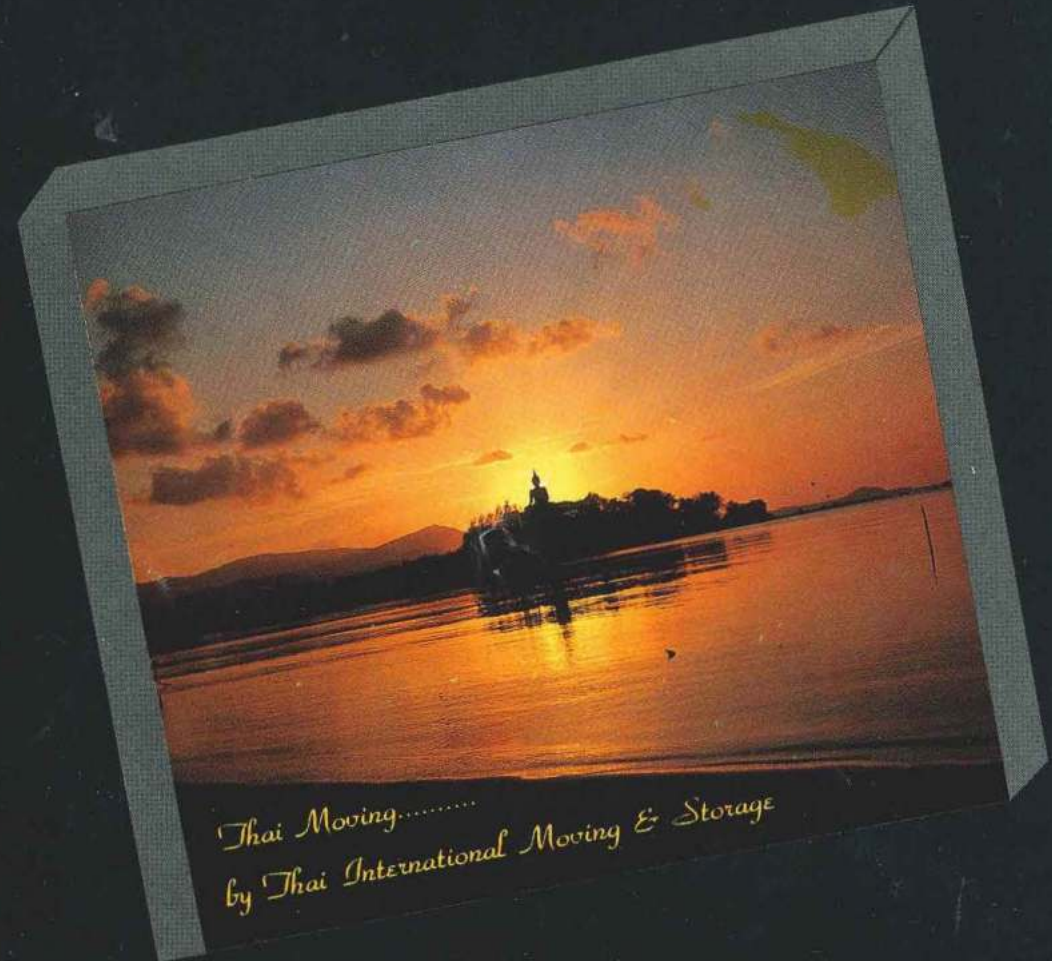
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Congratulation to the winners.

The Cup and Plate were kindly presented in the evening of the finals by Pheobe Mercer and followed by a Fish and Chip supper and Sing-Along. It was a terrific evening with pianist "Harry" giving it all he'd got!

Thanks to all who came for making it such a good night.

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TENNIS TENNIS

THE 1989 Club Championships were played throughout the month of February with the semi-finals and finals being played on the 4th & 5th March. This year's tournament was very successful with a total of 61 competitors participating in one or more of the events. Some excellent tennis took place in all the rounds leading up to the final.

In the men's singles the semi-finals were between: Jens Bruhn-Petersen vs Gordon Martin and David Hind vs Frank Wilson

Jens Bruhn-Petersen and David Hind both won their matches, to set up what turned out to be an enthralling final on Sunday March 5th. Jens won the first set 6-2 and looked to be playing exceptionally well. However David set off to an early lead in the second set and for a while it looked as if the match would go the distance.

Jens, however, had other ideas and eventually regained his composure to win the second



set 6-4 and therefore the match. With Jens displaying his huge repertoire of shots and David putting up a superb fight the many spectators who had gathered were thrilled at the standard of tennis and the spirit in which it was played.



The women's semi-finals were between: Bua Wyder vs Orapin Dawson, Fiona Munro vs Marina Wilson

Bua and Fiona both won their matches and played their final at 8.30 a.m. when most other members were sleeping away hangovers. Both girls were in great shape judging from the standard of tennis. Bua played very consistently and eventually won the match in two sets.



Fiona put up a good fight but could not outfox Bua who had had the experience from her wins in the previous two BC champs. Some very elegant and fluent tennis was played, again in excellent spirit.

The Men's Doubles final was between defending champs Eric Young and Jorgen Schmidt playing Dick Chessman and Frank Wilson. The Chessman/Wilson combination started off with a hiss and a roar and won the first set 6-4. After this setback Young/Schmidt were galvanised into action and retaliated by winning the next set 6-4. The third set was packed with excitement, tension and fine tennis with Young/Schmidt steadying their game and clinching the winning set by 6-3.

The Ladies' Doubles promised an interesting duel between Bua Wyder (seeded 1 in the singles) and a very pregnant Jackie Gramond against Fiona Munro (seeded 2 in the singles) and Lynne Wainscott. Fiona and Lynne romped off to a great start winning the first set 6-3.



Although Bua had played in 2 finals before this one she still managed enough energy to team up with Jackie to take the next set 6-2.

Jackie put up a valiant display for a pregnant lady, lungeing for short balls, putting away any volley that came her way and belting forehands back with the aid of her additional weight. The third set was enthralling for the spectators with an eventual win by Bua and Jackie (6-3) thus giving them the match.

The Mixed Doubles featured Jens Bruhn-Petersen and Benjamine Bronee playing Dick Chessman and Bua Wyder (do the names sound familiar?). With Benjamine having just recovered from dengue fever Jens had a lot of work to do especially against such a strong combination as Dick and Bua who are renowned for their consistency. The first set went to Dick and Bua 6-3. The second set was a complete reversal with Jens obviously hitting his stride and with Benjamine's help they won it 6-1.

However consistency, experience and old age cunning overcame youth and enthusiasm with Bua and Dick taking the third set 6-0 and therefore carrying off the match and prize of 2 return tickets to Kuala Lumpur donated by British Airways. Jens's wife, Malu, was quite satisfied with this outcome as even had Jens won he would not have been able to take the trip as he is required to be on hand to help deliver their baby due in a few months time.

So that's it for another year. We would like to thank the following companies for sponsoring the event and making it the success that it was.



- Hotel Siam Intercontinental
- The Shangri-La Hotel
- The Regent Hotel
- 3F Engineering Consultants Co Ltd
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We would like especially to thank Mr David Lamb of Dunlop Thailand Ltd for providing the balls for the semi-finals and finals and the two new nets which the club sorely needed.





Now moving on to other topics.

From the 1st April there will be a coach present at the club on Mondays 8 a.m.-10 a.m. This will be for the benefit of beginners who would like some advice. He will be there for a trial period of 6 weeks in which we will gauge enthusiasm. The good news is that the tennis section will foot the bill for him. So all you beginners now is your chance to improve that forehand at the expense of the tennis section!

COME ON MONDAYS 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

On Friday 10th March the ladies from the Japanese Club visited the BC and, contrary to many previous encounters, our – clearly in-form – team prevailed six matches to four.

Regular mixed doubles tennis on Wednesday night is still taking place but on the 19th April from 6 p.m. there will be a special event whereby your first drink will be on the tennis section. Mark it in your calendar now!

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watch the notice board for details

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SWIMMING SWIMMING

Thirty children and 6 mums took part in the Gala on 5th March. Judging by the favourable comments afterwards, most people enjoyed themselves. Cheryl Lamb won the basket of roses for the Mothers Race and all the children received a red rose to give their mothers as it was Mothering Sunday. Our thanks go to Alex Forbes who manned the mike for us, all the timekeepers and not forgetting Barbara Spaziante who helped us prepare the roses beforehand. The next Gala will be on Sunday, 23 April (St George's Day) and will commence at 12.00 noon.



Kowtee (Thai for "get ready") Go!! 'The start'



James the fish



Open wide Rebecca



Looking nervous



What will they be doing in 20 years?

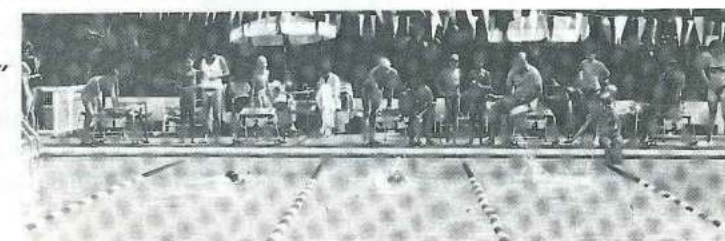


The waiting



The ladies who did & who might do again Pam and Hilary

It's a long way back. "The finish"



RESULTS OF THE SWIMMING GALA
held on Sunday, 5 March 1989

		Free	Breast	Back	IM
- 7 Girls	Anna Freeman	25.58	32.15	39.75	1.06.54
	Harriet White	25.86	31.56	35.07	1.02.98
	Aurelie Deladrier	32.74	33.20	40.20	1.15.93
	Ayesha Loveridge	29.76			1.28.78
- 7 Boys	Robert Rennie	25.15	30.02	34.16	1.08.34
	James Savage	26.67	31.88	31.28	1.15.60
	Michael Coutts	36.46	45.00	44.90	1.53.00
- 9 Girls	Candice Driver	46.65	56.13	54.70	1.56.80
	Sarah Myers	47.66	54.71	55.39	1.55.88
	Aoife Casey	54.73	55.62	1.07.82	2.20.00
	Nicky de Boer	54.94	1.07.00	1.10.04	2.23.69
	Toyanna W	59.88	1.09.42		
	Sonia Stewart	1.04.00	1.19.17		
	Jennifer Lamb	1.04.32	1.11.56		
- 9 Boys	Frederick Deladrier	46.16	54.71	1.00.21	2.01.63
	Andrew Scott	1.06.56	1.21.70	1.51.52	3.17.14
	Jonathan Coutts	1.11.86	1.15.48	1.20.77	2.47.58
- 11 Girls	Rebecca White	49.22	58.56	58.88	2.11.92
	Sarah Jane Townend	50.55	55.13	1.09.00	2.14.51
	Claire Stewart	50.88	59.54	1.13.31	2.19.43
- 11 Boys	James Rennie	43.50	54.45	54.41	2.01.79
	Bruce McNeil	46.89	1.06.99	1.06.56	2.22.16
	Alexander Ramaciotti	47.06	55.50	1.00.97	2.10.00
	Stephen Forbes	49.21	1.06.42	57.39	2.13.82
	Matthew Townend	49.44	1.05.66	1.01.14	2.21.78
	Richard Dawson	58.78	1.04.96		2.33.45
- 13 Girls	Sally Dunford	1.44.80	2.01.53	2.05.59	4.31.89
	Nadia Hall	2.06.88	2.39.31	2.25.36	5.44.16
- 13 Boys	Guillaume Dumont	1.45.05	2.29.07	2.31.85	5.18.80
	Mark Freeman	1.55.96		2.30.00	

IMPROVERS OF THE MONTH

There were so many improvers this month that I can only list the boy and girl of each section. In Freestyle it was Candice Driver and Michael and Jonathan Coutts (only .14 seconds between them); in backstroke it was Candice Driver and James Rennie; in Individual Medley it was Candice Driver and Robert Rennie. The best improver for the girls was Candice Driver knocking off an outstanding 18.41 seconds from her IM record and for the boys it was Jonathan Coutts 10.99 seconds off his Freestyle. Well done to both of you!!

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