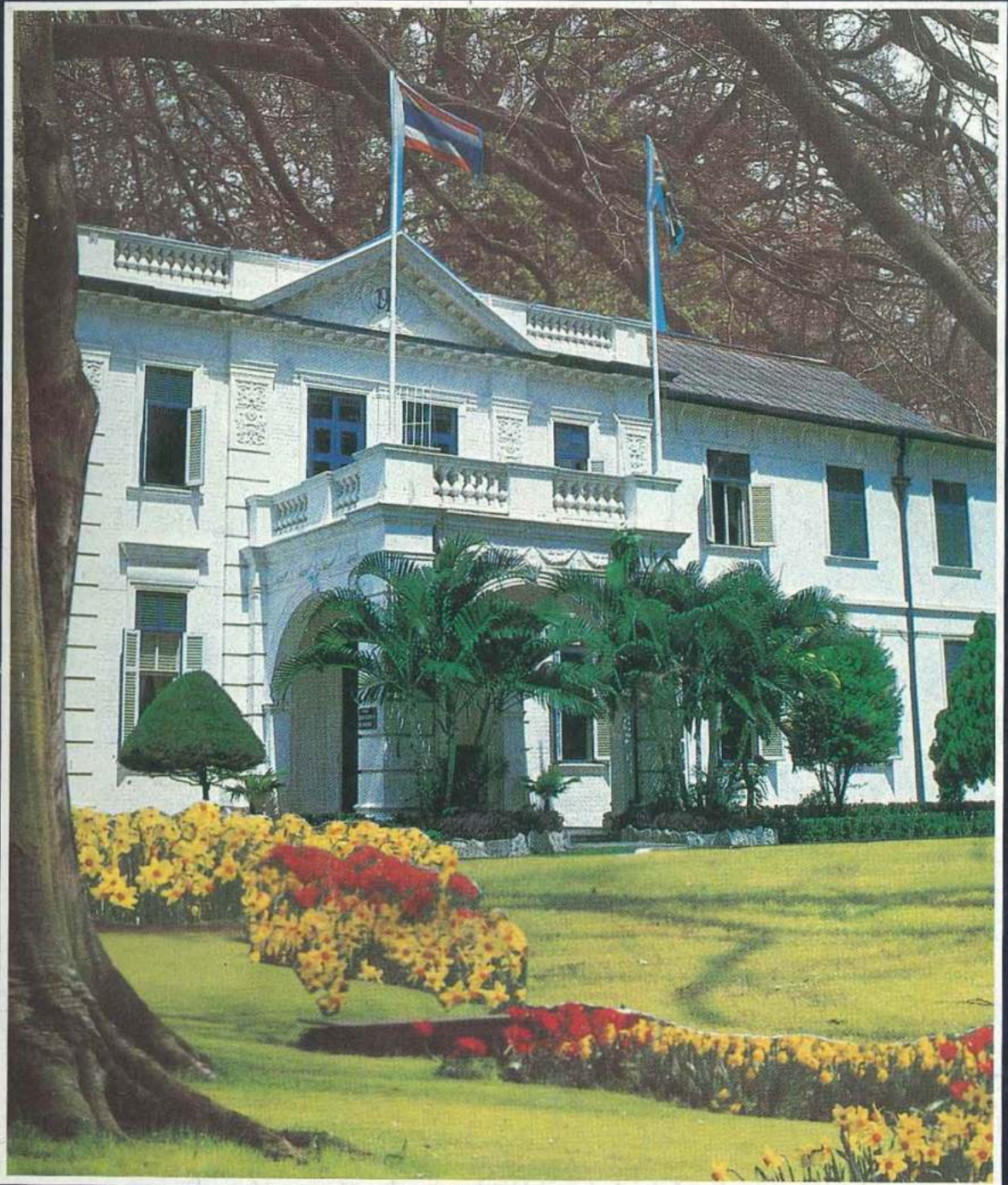


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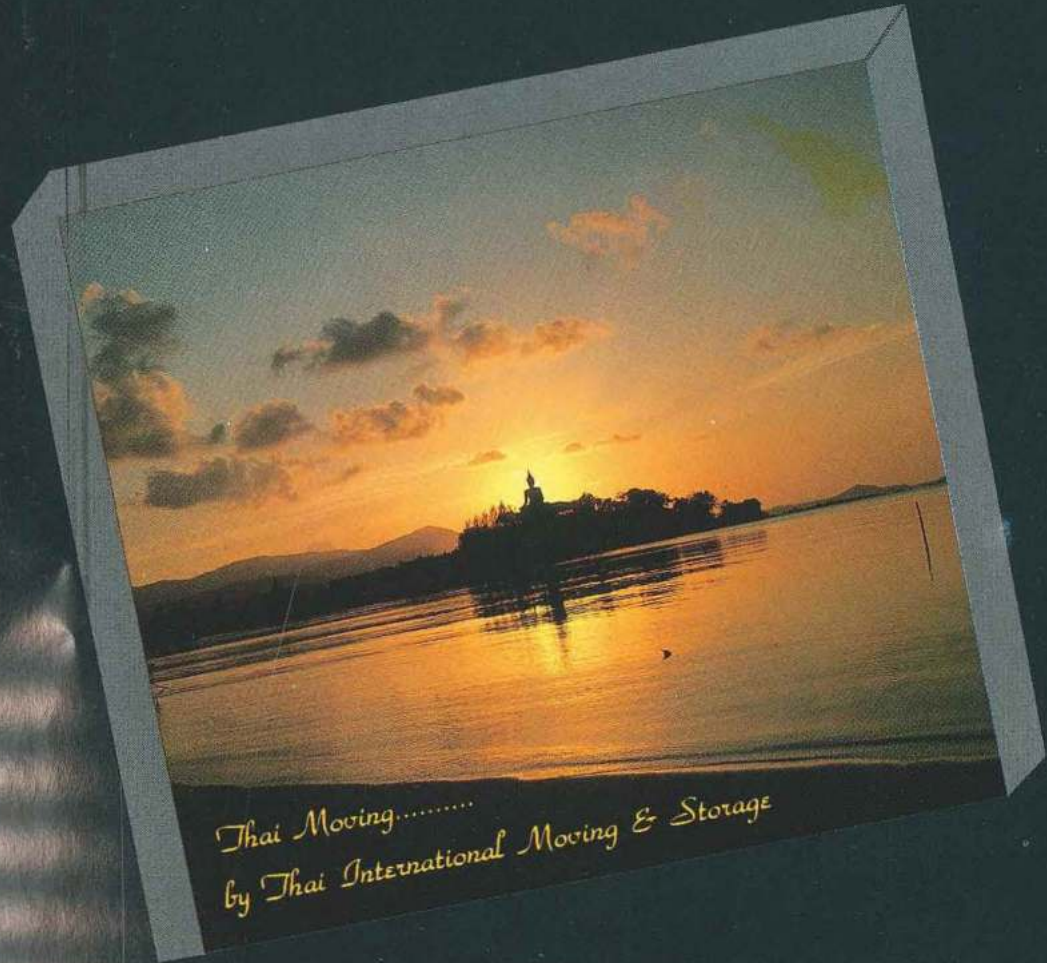
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Meet the New Members

John Walker: works for Nobels Explosives (sounds more romantic than ICI). John's a single lad from Glasgow, this is his first working stint abroad and he loves it. Hobbies apart from eyebrow raising are squash, beer and flower pressing.



David and Sandy Brice: avid notice board studiers and golf players though Sandy is actually the golfer in the family, David loses the balls. He's also interested in tennis, wine and the occasional Caltex oil.



Ninki Maslansky: was a champion knitter at the age of four, went on to become an ace tennis player and is now a film writer taking a sabbatical. Ninki (which means wise and wonderful in Esperanto according to Robert Horgan) is originally from South Africa but lived in Los Angeles before coming to Thailand.



Marco 'Les' Stone: spent the first six years of his life in Shanghai, then moved to Israel and has spent the last 30 years in Australia. Les is a diamond and gem merchant, who has no time for hobbies but he likes swimming and watching sports. His wife and children are joining him soon.

Conrad and Sarah Clifford: (the smart ones) were here six years ago, and are glad to be back. Conrad is our man at Cathay Pacific he's a rugby and football supporter, doesn't play any more because he was forever breaking things. Sarah is a Jack of all Trades but nothing to do with airlines and is expecting Clifford Junior No. 1 in July. She likes swimming, tennis and golf.



Toby and Eileen Marion: from New York and Wales respectively they have a home in Dallas and have spent years trotting around the world at the behest of Caltex oil. They play tennis and golf. Eileen used to be a teacher and is currently Patana School P.T.G. Chairwoman.

Gary and Onusa Cooper: with Patricia Bolton (left) both used to work with those advertising giants Simon and Hugh but have now set up G. Cooper and Assoc. with Onusa doing the managing and Gary the creating. He's an original Australian but has been in Asia for 10 years and before that South Africa; Onusa is from Bangkok. They try to keep healthy too, with swimming, tennis and squash; Gary is also a film addict.



Paul and Anne Mariot: with Simon Bolton (right). Anne works at the British Embassy to pay for Paul's golf lessons, whilst he occasionally plays music and whitters, to Bangkokians on 95.5. Paul is famous for setting up the first ever Bangkok Branch of the Sheffield Wednesday F.C. Supporters Club, he also spoof sna squashes.

John and Wendy Smith: of Australia. John was here as an exchange student in the mid 80's and has come back as Assistant Defense Attache. They have two small boys, like tennis, swimming and parties.





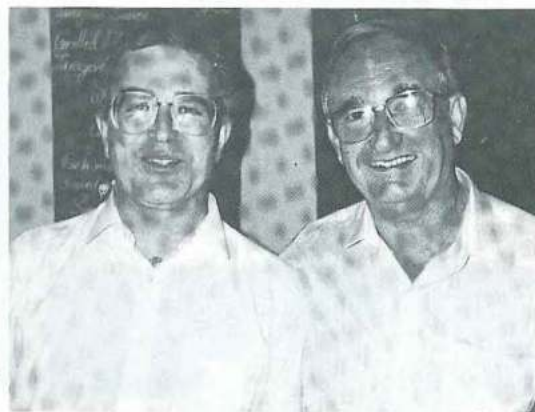
Philip Gouge: with the lovely Linda. A man of many pasts who likes watching rugby, Philip is a computer consultant (covers a multitude of sins) and a sailing beer drinker.



Sara and Graham Dryden: squashed up with Rita (left) and Alexis, a pair from Bristol and Sunderland who have spent the last six years in Borneo and loved it. Graham works for Unocal, plays a little rugby, squash and scuba dives. Sara likes singing and dancing.



Jim Boyd: an expressway man from Scotland. Jim last came here as the Singapore Hotspur team captain and in his one week back has already played B.C. footie twice. He also plays golf and awaits the arrival of his wife and two wee Boyds.



Terence 'Terry' Goodman (left) a scuba diving motorcyclist who returns to the U.K. every two months to garden. He works for Leyton Asia, of the skytrain group and plays squash when he's on dry land.



Tom and Suzanne Olsen: from Seattle, they've spent four years in Tokyo, rather unwillingly, so glad to be here. They like eating, scuba diving and squash competitions. Suzanne is the co-director of the Bangkok Sweet Adelines — harmonizing singers — and a physio-therapist.



Caroline and Vincent Beeles and our Telly. Vincent is a geologist with Premier Oil and Caroline is working at a pre-school, though originally a nurse. They were recent migrants to Fremantle Australia and are avid scuba divers. Tennis, aerobics, hill walking and squash are other family interests.



Chonsak 'Benjamin' Vongsuly and Richard Hopkins, Ben has been coming to the B.C. since he was a wee lad. He recently qualified as a doctor and is off to do further training in Songkhla, on the surgical side. Benjamin plays rugby, shoots (pistols) and is another scuba diver.

COMING EVENTS

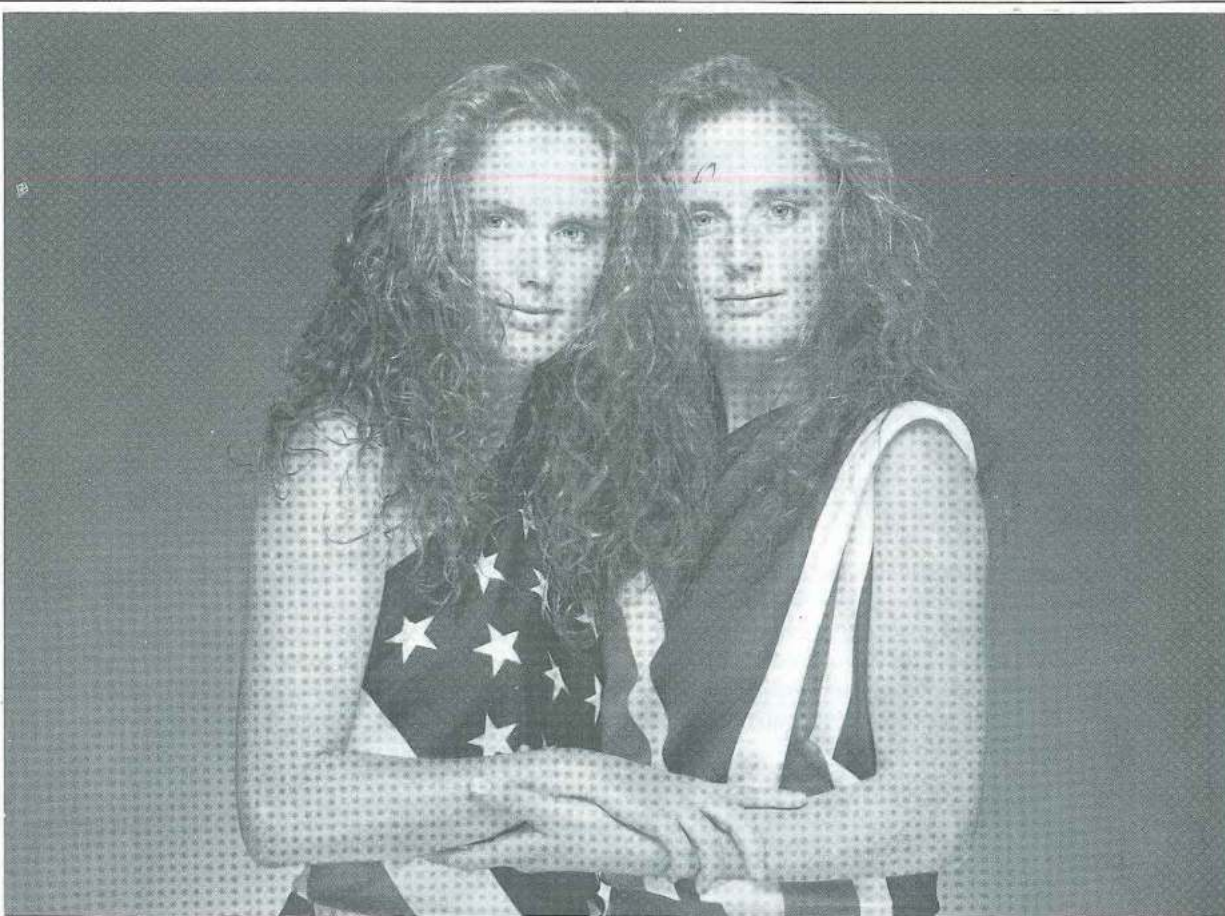
BLACK-TIE DINNER THEATRE SAT. 26th MAY

Martin Palmer's
ONE MAN SHOW "LET'S NOT BE BEASTLY TO THE WINSORS"

Read what the Tanglin Club said about his show:



The highlight of the evening was a solo performance by the talented Martin Palmer, who kept us pinned to our seats with his fascinating story of the British 'Royals', the music and scandals of Europe since the eighteenth century. Martin talked, blew his wooden clarinet, talked some more and played his modern clarinet. Then he played the piano, sang for us and ended (almost) with a hilarious one man, one act pantomime. He left the stage to resounding applause but was persuaded to give us one last song. His rendition of the Flanders and Swan, "Have some Madeira M'dear", had us all laughing and clapping furiously. I'm sure that Martin Palmer will be invited back for an evening of Noel Coward some time soon.



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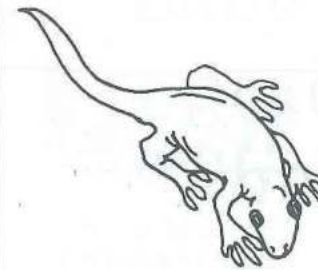
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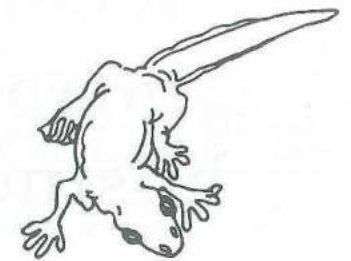
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Ching-Chok



1. The damp rot in Squash Court No. 2 is thought to be caused by poor underfloor ventilation which is being attended to as soon as possible.
2. Safety gates have been installed at the Suriwongse Sala steps leading to the tennis courts.
3. The parquet floor in the entrance lobby and corridors will be sanded off and resealed.
4. The Committee are considering improvements to the lighting in the Entrance Hall.
5. An additional pump has been purchased for the swimming pool.
6. The top end of the klong is being filled in.
7. New bamboo curtains with a liner have been fitted to the poolside massage parlour for greater privacy.
8. The wire fencing at the Suriwongse end of the Swimming Pool Sala has been repaired and replaced where necessary.
9. The car parks have been marked off for greater parking efficiency.
10. Hand dryers have been fitted in the Club house lavatories.

NEW COMMITTEE

You have elected the new Committee for 1990/91. The eight members of last year's Committee who stood for re-election this year were all duly re-elected. (See Committee page)

We consider this to be an encouraging vote of confidence in the policies that we have been following, in particular in relation to the club development programme about which members have already been informed. We hope to have the new kitchen, children's pool and changing rooms completed within two or three months; further developments will be announced in due course.

The new committee would like to stress that every effort will be made during the year to keep members informed of what is going on in the club. The Ching-Chok articles will continue to be published in OUTPOST.

Above all, we would like to stress that all the Committee Members (not just Kenda) welcome ideas or contributions from everyone in the club whatever their category of membership. Talk to us!

RESTAURANT

As members are aware, the restaurant will shortly be relaunched under the theme "Lord's". We would like to cover the walls with cricket memorabilia, regalia, paraphernalia and anything inter alia. We have a certain amount already but if members have any pictures, plaques, bats or anything else they would like to donate we would be very grateful.

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FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

CONGRATULATIONS go to Alex (Scoop) & Linda Forbes who won the ACCUMULATOR draw on the 23rd of February, the sum of B 11,750 was credited to Alex's account. From all the Members whom Alex treated to a drink – thank you.

The accumulator returns to the original B 250 and will accumulate each week until the lucky Member who is present in the Clubhouse claims the prize.

We now have an added bonus each Friday night with the Accumulator; Dimple Haig have generously agreed to sponsor a bottle of 15 year-old whisky which has to be won, so if you are in the bar on Friday night you have the added attraction.

PLEASE NOTE

When leaving the Churchill Bar the newspaper and magazines are not to leave with you.

The photo below shows the Poolside Department, the winners of the inter-department trophy for the third time. They now keep the trophy.



SERVICE STAFF AWARD

From April onwards Members will have a say in who will receive a service award each month valued at B 2,500.

Choose the staff member who, you feel, gives the best service by filling in the enclosed form. The Management will choose the back of the house staff each month for another B 2,500.

In the event more than one person is chosen the Manager will decide via time-keeping records, sickness etc.



To All Interested Friends.

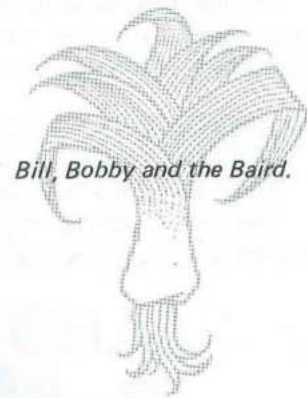
Colin Britton's Services

Colin's ashes will be interred in the Memorial Wall at Christ Church in a short Ceremony on Palm Sunday – April 8 – following the 10.00 a.m. Service.

Colin's 100 days Memorial will be incorporated in the Easter Morning Festival Service at 10 a.m., April 15.

CLUB ROUNDUP

St. David's Ball



Bill, Bobby and the Baird.



Ladies from the Press.



No thanks, really – I'm trying to give up leek sandwiches.

"A Host of Golden Daffodils."



Circus Visit



Which one first.



Uncle Phil, Jo & the twins.

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Jim and another Rugby team.



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FOLK MUSIC

AS an experiment "NO FIXED ABODE" moved from the bar up to the Wordsworth Room for a performance on 23 Feb. There are still a few teething problems to be sorted out – arrangement of seats, position of stage, lack of bar – but an audience of about 50 seemed to enjoy the evening.

Tim Walsh and David Hall gave a very spirited rendering of some sea shantys. "NO FIXED ABODE" deployed their growing repertoire. Getting the full attention of the audience as opposed to battling an ever-rising tide of conversation in the Churchill Bar greatly enhanced the evening for everyone, both listeners and performers. Paul Moody, the group's ace mandolin player, had an excellent opportunity to display his skills. It was his last appearance before moving to the Philippines. Other highlights were Clare Casey's bitter-sweet "DON'T GET MARRIED GIRLS" and Hugh Baxter's fine

selection of ballads softly and sensitively sung.

By the time you read this there will have been another Folk Night this time back in the Churchill Bar but at the far end without amplification. This is again an experiment; we hope that by getting sufficiently far away from the bar we can play and the talkers can talk and the two will not, with luck, impinge on each other.

Coming soon: on Friday 13 April will be the "Belts and Braces" Ceilidh band from Hong Kong. They will be accompanied in the bar by some, at least, of NFA and, we hope, other ex-pat musicians whom we are gently coaxing out of the woodwork.

Sat. 13 April "Belts and Braces" will be conducting a BARN DANCE either in the Club or, if there is a good response, at the Narai Hotel.

Don't miss them – they are good.



"Elvis Presley's girating his hips again."

New Ambassador in Bangkok

I need hardly say that I and my wife and family could not be more pleased to be posted to Thailand. It was in 1961-63, when we were living in Singapore, that we first visited Bangkok on a regular basis – some contrast from the congested and polluted Bangkok of 1990! – and we have watched and admired its progress since then.

And now we are here, at an exciting stage in Thailand's development and a very promising one for Anglo-Thai relations. They have, to be fair, consistently been warm over the years but I feel there is now more substance and meaning to them. Trade is booming, with British exports to Thailand in 1989 up by fifty-three per cent over 1988 and, at £427 million, nearly three times the 1985 total; and Thai, exports to Britain are similarly on the rise, by thirty-eight per cent over 1988. British firms are beginning to win some of the major industrial projects. The resident British communi-

ty is growing to match this new mood and our tourists continue to flock in, numbering some 340,000 in 1989, an increase of twenty per cent over 1988.

Rather than witter on about how lovely everything in the garden is, I would like to devote the rest of this piece to trying to explain our side of the picture on consular work, a subject on which I know many of you have strong and not necessarily complimentary views. From comments made to me since I arrived, I suspect that few people living here have any idea of the amount of work which now falls to the Consular Section of the Embassy, which is now considered by London to be Britain's busiest consular post outside Europe and North America. In addition to processing visa applications (they received 52,000 last year), they also handle all the problems associated with 340,000 visitors from Britain, such as arrests, robberies, drugs problems,

accidents, hospital cases, requests for financial assistance and lost passports. And then there are the deaths, 43 in 1989, while the rate this year is, sadly, one a week. There are also 177 prisoners in Thai jails, for whom we have responsibility (seventy-five per cent of whom are British nationals). On top of all this, there is still the everyday business of issuing passports (1,320 in 1989), registering births and deaths, recording marriages, and issuing all those letters of good behaviour for which the Thai bureaucracy has such a thirst.

Consular work has a high public profile and attracts a lot of criticism. Those who do the work – and there are only three UK-based officers in Consular Section – are dealing with a massive volume of case work. Yet their customers all think that their case is uniquely important. Very few people write to their MPs or to the press to express their gratitude for consular work routinely well done. Dozens com-

plain but, while everyone has the right to complain if he is not treated politely, the fact is that, in every country of the world, immigration work, is almost by definition restrictive. We don't make the rules; we implement the policy, ie. we carry out the laws and regulations laid down by the sovereign power in Britain, Parliament. And every British citizen with recent connections with Britain living in Thailand now has the right to vote in

British elections and therefore to have a say in what constitutes British immigration policy. So, in a sense, we are all in this together.

Perhaps I could end with a plea. There is a large volume of consular work to be done. There will be inevitable emergencies but the more advance notice you can give us of the consular business you wish to conduct (such as renewing passports, supporting visa applications, etc), and the

more people who register with us, or who encourage those who haven't registered to do so, the better. For our part, we will do our best to deal rapidly and courteously with your requirements. Not before time, the decision has recently been made in London to give the Section more staff and to build bigger offices within the Embassy. I very much hope that this will, in the long term, reduce the delays and result in a better service for our customers.



MR (Michael) Ramsay Melhuish, who has been designated as British Ambassador to Thailand. He succeeds Mr. Derek Tonkin, who has retired from the Diplomatic Service.

Mr. Melhuish was born at Finchley, north London, on 17 March 1932 and was educated at the Royal Masonic School, Bushey, and St. John's College, Oxford, where he took a Modern History degree. In between school and university he did two years National Service in the Army first with the Rifle Brigade and then commissioned in the Cheshire Regiment. He saw service overseas in Sierra Leone and Gambia.

He entered the Foreign Service via the 1955 Normal

Open Competition and after a few months of general training and Arabic Language study was assigned to the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies at Shemlan, Lebanon, early in 1956 for full-time Arabic language training for one year. He was then appointed Third, later Second, Secretary at Bahrain and in 1959 returned to London to work in the United Nations Department of the Foreign Office. Two years later he was posted to Singapore as Second Secretary and Private Secretary to the Commissioner-General, Lord Seikirk. In 1963 he was promoted sur place to First Secretary and at the end of the year was transferred to Prague as First Secretary (Commercial) and HM Consul. From 1966 to 1968 he served at Bahrain again, as First Secretary and Head of Chancery, and then spent two years in London in Personnel Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth

Office. Early in 1970 he was appointed First Secretary in the Chancery at Washington and three years later, on promotion, he moved on to Amman as Counsellor. In 1976 he returned to the FCO once more, as Head of North America Department, and in 1979 he was appointed as Counsellor (Commercial) at Warsaw. From 1982 to 1984, following a further promotion, he served as HM Ambassador at Kuwait and from January 1985 to July this year he was British High Commissioner at Harare.

Mr. Melhuish was made a CMG in the 1982 Birthday Honours.

In 1961 he married Stella (Joyce) Phillips, who was born at Templecombe in Somerset in 1931 and was, before her marriage, a member of the Secretarial Branch of the Foreign Service. They have two sons, born in 1962 and 1964, and two daughters, born in 1965 and 1971.

David Cynfal Williams



B.C. Members and the Chairman.



Willium going into the Wall.

THE Benchati ceremony at Wat Hua Lumphong on Friday 23rd February was quite unfamiliar to most of the 60 or more of "Willums" friends who attended.

It was a ceremony to lay his ashes to rest in a wall cavity in a small Hall of Remembrance. We were advised to be there at 10.30 sharp, obviously so that Willum could be comfortably installed by 11.00 to enable the 10 monks to finish their lunch before the noon bell and to enable to rest of us to proceed to the Wall Pub on Soi Pramote.

Willum was one of the world's real characters, talkative, gravel-voiced, bearded, and dapper wit sparkling eyes, a ready smile and a sharp sense of humour.

In fact with his sense of humour, he would have enjoyed his own send off, for 10.30 came and went amid much hurrying to and fro, whispered

conversations, monks in the background seeming not to know when to begin, and conversations drowned out by the banging of drums and cymbals from a Chinese funeral ceremony in the hall next door.

The problem turned out to be that the urn containing Willum was too big to fit into the wall cavity, so a smaller one had to be purchased.

More whispered conversations, consultations with Willum's cousin from Saudi, Thai friends rescheduling things with the monks etc.

As Alistair Greenless was heard to remark, "This situation is unlikely to be found in any book on etiquette"!

So in typical Thai fashion, the Monks' chanting and blessing was completed by 11.00 and we all waited while the monks ate their last meal of the day.

The new shining urn duly

arrived, was tried for size and dear old Willum duly decanted. With the senior monk staying behind to make sure everything was properly done, all of Willums ashes were placed in the wall with the new urn and the commemorative plaque cemented in place. It was blessed and garlanded by relatives and his closest friends. It bears his name, date of birth and the date he died suddenly in Singapore last November. There is a lifetime it could not show, but the laying to rest of Willum was typical of the man. It was not a sad gathering, but was right for Willum. I can imagine it would have amused him, and I can see the sparkle in his eyes as he shouted across the bar "Well my boy, if I'm going to be an hour late going into the wall, so are all of you!"

R.I.P.

TRAVEL LOG

Sri Lanka : City and Coast

AND so to continue the thrilling saga of a Sri Lankan odyssey which, if you can cast your mind back a couple of months gentle reader, left off with a couple of Brits staggering about in the Hill Club. This month – for the benefit of both of you who read the first part (hi, Mum and Dad) – we continue with further revelations from Colombo and the coast.

The British were in Sri Lanka from 1796 to 1948. From a tour of various towns and villages along the south-west coast, it becomes apparent that those 150 years seem to have left their mark in several curious ways. One of them being many signs for Animal Hospitals, a rare sight in Asia where lovable furry little things are more likely to end up in a wok than in a ward.

Other oddities: a sign on the back of a prehistoric bus reads "Unlimited insurance for passengers" One assumes that, depending on whether you are a pessimist or optimist, that could be taken as either extremely good news or a lousy recommendation to climb aboard. Ratnapura, gem city of Sri Lanka, had a Scarborough High School on the outskirts. Sub-Post Offices, sur-

geries and a small parade of shops seemed to be standard in most of the small towns and even villages. Often a cinema, usually called the Regal, was in place.

The capital of Colombo, with a population of half a million, is distinctly British colonial and a bit crumbly around the edges. It is also surprisingly low-rise. Apart from the two or three international class hotels there, few buildings are over five or six stories high.

the troubles which beset the island was the heavy security at banks or official buildings. And that was somehow comforting rather than being a hassle.

From Colombo, heading down the south-west coast, we swerved our way down Galle Road. This was lined with 'emporiums', many of which were dress shops stocking the sort of garments that only seem to appear as mail order offers in the Sunday Express these days. We passed



Downtown Colombo.

It is an attractive city set on the coast with chaotic but not particularly heavy traffic. The most annoying thing is the incredibly persistent touts who trail you for several blocks, mainly on the basis there aren't many foreign visitors around at the moment. The only indication in the city of

the Church of the Good Shepherd and St Mary's Church among dozens of places of Christian worship that would not have looked out of place beside an English village green. It seemed a pretty thorough job had been done here, converting the local population into Catholics and Methodists.

1930's style buildings, which almost appeared transplanted from the promenade of any English seaside town, lined the road along with the mansions and solid houses of what was once unimpeached Ceylon suburbia. They had walled gardens, sweeping driveways, porches and verandahs and were built on roads with names like Stratford Avenue, Melford Crescent, Campbell Place and Peters Lane. Ancient black Morris Minors rattled along past betting shops and dozens of red 'G.R.' pillar boxes.



Mount Lavinia Hotel.

Mount Lavinia, where one took light refreshments, is just 12 km south of the city and is one of Colombo's up-market suburbs lying along a windswept headland. The former British Governor's house, dating from 1805, now forms part of the Mount Lavinia Hotel. A few tourists wandered around taking in the bracing Indian Ocean air but it seemed rather sad that such a grand old hotel should have so few visitors. It was a similar story everywhere we went in Sri Lanka.

Further down the coast, about 90km from Colombo, we came to our destination at Anghulla where the beach is as beautiful – and deserted

– as any other on almost the entire south-west coast. The Triton Hotel looked quite stunning in the photographs with the pool somehow designed to be part way in the lobby which itself had a clear view down the beach from the reception desk.

In reality, the hotel was every bit as good as it looked. It was only the weather that wasn't. It rained. And then it rained a bit more and then quite a lot more. But then, if you live in Thailand, who the hell needs to go somewhere to get a suntan? We sat,

instead, along with our dozen or so fellow guests, in the upstairs lounge and watched sheets of monsoon rain form a gushing torrent down the plate glass windows and the waves pound in on miles of beach. And then the sun would occasionally come out and we'd hurl ourselves onto a lounge by the pool and get well barbecued and then complain that the weather was too hot.

On our visit to another part of the coast at Negombo, just north of Colombo, we stayed at Browns Beach Resort. This turned out to be an almost surreal experience as we were one of only two couples staying in the entire

155 room rather old-fashioned hotel. The other couple was Mike and Maria from Munich, on honeymoon and genuinely pleased to see other farangs thus completely disproving the theory that a really idyllic honeymoon involves being the only guests in a hotel.

The hotel was, in fact, fully booked one night but we had to take the management's word for it. A 747 full of Hong Kong Chinese landed at the airport six miles away, booked in at 1.00 am and then left at 6.30am to start their 72-hour stampede around the island. The place wasn't exactly leaping as a result. But we didn't care. Mr and Mrs Honeymoon were very keen to have dinner every night with us, take long walks along the beach (with us) and lounge by the pool (with us). A very pleasant few days passed before they pleaded with us not to leave for Colombo. Sadly, we had to. (Footnote: Mike and Maria are still married judging from the last card we received.)

Sri Lanka has breathtaking scenery, stunning beaches even by Asia's high standards, friendly people and good (if rather quiet) hotels. It's perfectly safe for visitors around Colombo, the central hills and the south-west coast. It's also good value, just a couple of hours flying time from Bangkok and particularly recommended for honeymooners with a sense of humour.

Rebecca Maer

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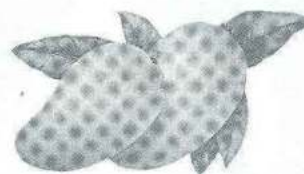
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APRIL FESTIVALS



APRIL'S NATIONAL ADDICTION

We start April with one of my favourite subjects — Mangoes. I first came across the succulent, addictive yellow peril in the Philippines and my mouth still waters at the very thought of them. A friend who was similarly struck in India now persuades an odd assortment of itinerant travellers to add several kilos to their weight allowance from New Delhi. However, the Tourist Authority of Thailand is equally convinced that Thai mangoes are the best in the world. To test this theory the Piet Riu Mango Festival is held in early April in Chachoengsao, only an hour's drive from Bangkok, where half a dozen varieties can be sampled. This festival also offers the usual cultural displays, sales of other local produce and a competition to select Miss Mango.

SONGKRAN

The traditional Thai New Year is an occasion for merry-making Nationwide with religious ceremonies as well as public festivities. Anyone who ventures out into the streets on



April 13-14 is likely to get a thorough soaking, but all in the spirit of fun — and very welcome at the peak of the hot season.

Nowhere is Songkran celebrated with more enthusiasm and enjoyment than in the northern city of Chiang Mai, where it is all too easy to get caught up in the euphoria of the event and forget its humble beginnings.

The "New Year Festival" has been held annually when the sun begins to enter the Zodiac of Aries (April 13-14), since ancient times when, early in the morning of the first day the sounds of fire crackers would fill the air to exorcise ghosts, misfortunes and bad luck — and noisily say goodbye

to the parting year. Houses, bedding and clothing were thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned to wash away all the badness of the year past, and prepare for the new. And, during this process, a number of family members — and passers-by — would also be doused.

The polite method, reserved for the older generation, is to gently pour a cup of water on the back of those you wish to "make clean" while wishing them luck in the forthcoming year. The second method is reserved for just about everyone. In this case hoards of "vigilantes" ride the streets of Chiang Mai on the back of pick-up trucks well supplied with 55 gallon drums

of water and armed with buckets. The water is thus thrown onto all bystanders in wild gay abandon. Retaliation can come in the form of water pistols, or bowls, plastic bags and buckets-full. Even fire-hoses have been brought into full play. (If you carry a camera, make sure it is water-proofed).

By contrast, April 14 is Wan Nao (sand-carrying day). On this day you should do nothing unethical and refrain from scolding or quarrelling. Morning alms are offered to the monks, birds and animals released to make merit and many traditional dances performed.

In the afternoon sand is collected from the Ping River bed and brought to the temple grounds. Here, it is formed into pagodas and decorated with coloured triangular banners (fung). It is believed that the offering of such banners will save one from descending into the place of eternal fire, while the act of taking sand to the temple is regarded as returning



the sand inadvertently removed on the soles of the feet when one walked out of the temple grounds during the year.

This ritual duly accomplished, the water throwing will then continue for the rest of the day.

PATTAYA FESTIVAL

The Pattaya Festival, which for the past 10 years has been held during the first week of April, has been re-scheduled to between April 13-19 this year to coincide

with the national Songkran Festival activities.

The traditional float parade will open the festivities at 3.30 pm, a beauty contest will be held to select Miss Pattaya and a sunset 10 kilometre mini-marathon has been scheduled, to start at 5.00 pm.

One of the biggest events will be an international kite festival on Jomtien Beach near the Sigma Resort between April 13-15, with kite enthusiasts from more than 17 countries participating in the five-day event. A national darts competition will be held at the Dusit Resort, and the Bira International Circuit will be the venue for motorcycle and car races on April 14-15.

Other planned events include a sand castle competition on Jomtien Beach, a Wine Fun Run in South Pattaya, international food festivals at most of the major hotels, boxing competitions and a fireworks contest.

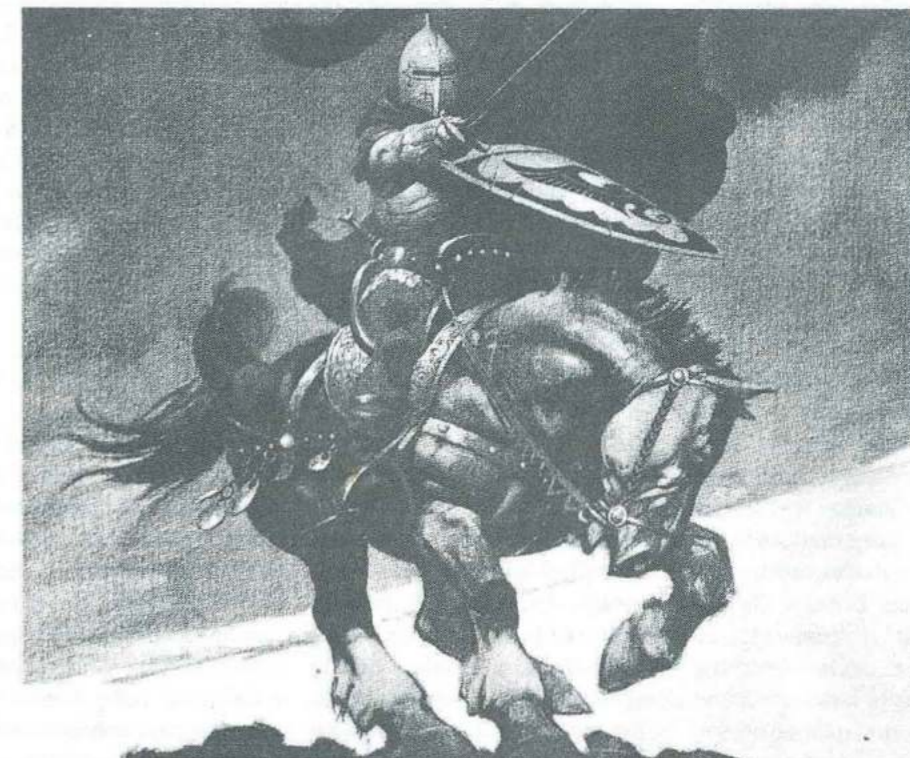
By the sounds of it, there is something for everyone – if only they could turn off the heat!

HG.



SPECIALS

Saint George and his Dragon



ARE you all sitting comfortably? Then we can begin. Today's story is...

And thus were the daring deeds of bold Saint George passed down from century to century. The renowned Saint George of England who became the patron of arms, of chivalry and of the garter, one of the most popular saints among the Balts (among whom he replaced the god Kalvis, the heavenly smith and dragon slayer) and whose tale was

the stuff legends were made of ... But who was he?

If he existed at all, it was probably as George the Cappadocian who lived around the 3rd century AD and was rumoured to have died in Diospolis, Palestine (now Lod, Israel) a Christian martyr. If this is true, this character had a very dubious background. In fact, nothing more vividly displays the workings of he Bysantine "Ministry of Truth" than the extraordinary rise to

fame of George the Cappadocian.

During the early third century, Christianity was at war with itself and our George became involved in it all as a mercenary and adventurer. His early transactions had put him on the wrong side of the law, and if this had happened in a less fractious period in history one cannot help concluding that his career would, at this point, have come to an untimely and inglorious

end.

But, he saved his skin by becoming a fanatical supporter of the favoured Arian sect in their attempts to suppress the Christian "Orthodox" or "Catholic" group. He found favour with Emperor Constantius II by bribing the court eunuchs with embezzled church funds and, once installed Bishop of Alexandria, he set about persecuting Pagans and Orthodox Christians with equal vigour. However, on the death of his protector, Bishop George was dragged from his church by an angry mob, lynched and his body thrown into the sea.

So much for what is as near to the truth as possible. Our knight in shining armour must appear somewhere in this tale.

A century later, the Arians began to merge with the Orthodox church into a united Christian faith, bringing with them some of their own heroes — George was introduced in this role and his transformation had begun.

The legend of Saint George was probably first told in England by Crusaders returning from the Holy Land. Palestine was also the place where, according to an even older legend, the Greek hero Perseus once rescued a princess from a sea monster. Legends of Saints — such as our friend George — were often overlaid with details from Pagan myths and versions of this tale with George as the hero became increasingly extravagant until, in the 13th century, the Golden Legend finally established him as the daring dragon-killer.

THE LEGEND:

For months a monstrous

dragon had besieged the Syrian town of Silene. To avoid such visits, each day he was fed two sheep. When the sheep at the disposal of the citizens were exhausted, their sons and daughters were cast to the dragon. To choose the next victim, the people would draw lots each morning. And now the lot had fallen on the king's own daughter.

The princess was duly led out to face the dragon. And, despairing, she waited for her death.

Just then Saint George came riding by. "Sweet maid," he said, "be of good heart. With Our Lord's help I will deliver you."

He transfixed the monster, then bade the princess tie her girdle around its neck, and fear nothing. They both returned triumphant to the city, with the dragon following meekly behind.

When the people saw the dragon approach the gates they fled before it; but George recalled them, bidding them to put aside all fear. The King and all his people, twenty thousand men, without counting women and children, were baptised and then George killed the dragon in the city square.

Unlike Perseus, George did not marry the princess, but good stories can last a long time — and this legend found its way into the Office-books of the Church and Saint George was duly acknowledged as a Christian martyr. In 1222, the Council of England met in Osney Abbey and declared Saint George's Day (April 23rd) as a national holiday.

He was not officially recognised as England's patron saint

until the reign of King Edward III (1327-77). On the 23rd of April in 1348 at a ball in Calais to celebrate the fall of the town to the English, a certain lady dropped a blue garter and the King picked it up and fastened it around his knee. To the taunts of the bystanders he replied "Honi soit qui mal y pense" (shame be his who thinks ill of it) and he declared Saint George patron of the newly founded Order of the Garter (an order of chivalry and knighthood).

Pope Benedict XIV made him protector of the Kingdom and St George's banner (a red cross on a white ground) was first adopted during the time of Richard I, and now forms part of the Union Flag.

It all could have ended happily right here — in fact all did go well for Saint George of England for several centuries until, in 1961, he was reduced by the Roman Catholic Church to mere commemoration (from veneration) then proceeded to fall further from grace in 1968 when he was finally struck from the Calendar of Saints (those whose days are to be universally celebrated) on the grounds that no such person ever existed — the legendary saint on horseback, it seemed, was never anything more than a popular myth!

Or was it because his rumoured shady background may have contained an element of the truth? Was George actually a notorious heretic and persecutor of Christians?

Me? I prefer to believe in fairy tales.

(our thanks to Michael Ball for facts & figures)

Merrie Olde England



PRINCESS Margaret is really the most adventurous member of the Royal Family and is always ready to try anything new. Sunday lunch is a big occasion and there are always plenty of guests at the round table in her pretty, flower-filled dining room. The atmosphere is gay, informal and sophisticated. The food needs to be very good indeed. Here is a dish which is always greeted with all the appreciation any cook could desire. Something in the combination of ingredients imparts a particularly appetising flavour.

STUFFED CABBAGE

- 1 large cabbage
- 1/2 lb minced pork
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 lb bread crumbs
- Butter for frying
- 1/2 lb minced beef
- 1/2 pint milk
- 1/2 pint good beef stock
- Pepper, salt
- Pinch of nutmeg and sugar

Mix the finely-minced meat with the bread crumbs. Add the eggs and seasoning and stir in the milk. Mix until the consistency resembles sausage-meat. Cut the hard part of the stalk out of the cabbage and boil in salted water for 15 minutes. Separate the leaves and cut out any coarse veins. Fill the leaves with the meat and fold round carefully. Fry in butter in a frying pan until brown on both sides. Remove carefully and put in a fire-proof dish. Pour the stock into the frying pan, stir and bring to the boil. Strain the gravy over the cabbage and put the dish into a medium oven to cook for half an hour.

When the King of Sweden went to England on a State visit and because he was such a nice and charming man Prince Philip went into the kitchen before his visit to discuss the food. He looked into the saucepans, asked questions and cracked some very good jokes. He wasn't too specific about menus but suggested "some good red meat". There is no better meat in the world than undercut of British beef, sitting pinkly on a dish and bathed in its own glorious juices. It is a privilege to cook such marvellous meat, and no one knows how to cook it like the English.

FILLET OF BEEF WITH MUSHROOMS

3 lbs fillet of beef
2 tablespoons nut oil
1 clove garlic
1 tablespoon tomato puree
Pepper, salt
Butter
1 lb mushrooms
1/2 pint beef stock
Dash Worcester sauce

Trim the fillets and remove all skin, gristle and fat. Cut the garlic in thin slices, crush them with a knife and add them to the oil. Sprinkle pepper on the beef and smear all over with the garlic oil. Allow to stand for a hour. Remove the pieces of garlic and tie the fillet with fine string to keep a nice shape. Place it in a roasting tin with the oil and 1 ounce butter, and put in a hot oven. Baste after 15 minutes and reduce the heat a little. Roast for 35 minutes, basting occasionally. Braise the mushrooms. Remove the meat as soon as it is cooked and keep warm while making the gravy. Skim off the oil from the roasting tin, add the heated stock and stir. Boil over an open fire, add the tomato puree, Worcester sauce and 1 ounce of butter, and season to taste. Reduce to a glazed sauce. Remove the string from the beef, slice thinly and put together again, and glaze with a little of the sauce. Surround with the braised mushrooms. Serve with crisp roast potatoes and broccoli.

The Queen Mother, who lives at Clarence House, is very appreciative of a good ice cream. A good home-made ice cream is very pleasant

though it involves a certain amount of trouble and not everyone cares about such things. The following is a light and charming dish for a summer's day.

6 ozs sugar
1 gill water
1 gill Grand Marnier
8 egg yolks
1 1/4 pints cream
1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence

Boil the sugar and water together for 1 minute and remove from fire. Whisk and allow to cool a little. Add the egg yolks, one at a time, whisking continuously, over a gentle fire. Do not boil. Whisk until the mixture is very thick, remove from heat and whisk until cold. When cold add the Grand Marnier and the vanilla essence. Whip the cream and stir into the egg mixture. Line a souffle dish with greaseproof paper brushed with oil and fill the dish with the parfait mixture. Freeze for 4 to 5 hours, in a deep freeze or the freezing compartment of a refrigerator. Remove 15 minutes before serving. Turn out on a dish, remove the paper and serve with fresh strawberries and biscuits.

Whenever one thinks of that great Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, one is reminded of turtle soup. He consumed great quantities of it and always took it with him when staying away from home. He liked to have it in a thermos in his room at night. The trouble was that poor Sir Winston suffered greatly from his teeth and, being unable to tackle ordinary meals, kept his strength up with turtle soup.

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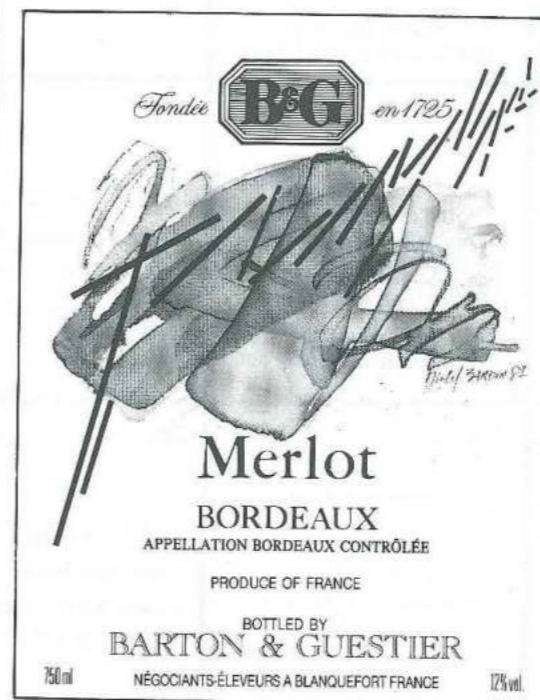
THIS month's cocktail is in honour of St. George's Day and all you English Roses.

Pink Lady

1 measure gin
1 dash lime juice
2 dashes grenadine
1/2 egg white
1/2 measure cream.

Shake ingredients well with ice and strain into a cocktail glass. Frost the rim beforehand by dipping it into grenadine and then into sugar.

WINE OF THE MONTH



MERLOT






Famous for the distinctive and supple wines it produces, the soft Merlot grape is the most planted variety in the Bordeaux region.

Ripening earlier than the Cabernet Sauvignon and picked by late September, it will be the first red grape to pass through the wine makers hands.

The vinification requires constant attention so as to preserve the primary aromas. Whilst building up the tannic back-bone of the wine. Packed with the scent of truffles and ripe cherries, rich but soft, full-bodied but delicate it is ready to drink now and may be enjoyed slightly chilled.

APRIL CALENDAR

For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the *OUTPOST* Calendar, please contact Judi Leddy on 258-5110. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month.
*Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room."

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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	<p>7</p> <p>Golf – Nakhon Nayok Squash – Pattaya Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Golf – Nakhon Nayok Squash – Pattaya Flicks for Kids – 11.00 am. Curry Tiffin in Silom Sala – 12 noon-2 p.m. Sunday afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6 pm. Family Buffet in Dining room from 6.00 pm.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm. Scottish Dance Practice 7.30 pm. Farewell for Bert and Ethel Hobson – 7.00 pm.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Morris Men Dance Practice 8.00 pm.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>SONGKRAN FESTIVAL Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Bambi Meeting at B.C.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY SONGKRAN FESTIVAL Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm. Belts & Braces Ceilidh Band (from H.K.) In Churchill Bar – 9.00 pm.</p>
	<p>14</p> <p>SONGKRAN FESTIVAL Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm. Barn Dance in Suriwong Room 8.00 pm.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>EASTER Children's Easter Egg Hunt Flicks for Kids – 11.00 am. Curry Tiffin in Silom Sala – 12 noon-2 p.m. Sunday afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6 pm. Family Buffet in Dining room from 6.00 pm.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Morris Men Dance Practice 8.00 pm.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon B.W.G. Lunch at Montien Hotel</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.</p>
	<p>21</p> <p>St. George's Day Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm. St. George's Ball at Sheraton Hotel</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Flicks for Kids – 11.00 am. Curry Tiffin in Silom Sala – 12 noon-2 p.m. Sunday afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6 pm. Family Buffet in Dining room from 6.00 pm.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.</p>
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WELL WORTH WATCHING

When Harry Met Sally...

IT is almost impossible to put one's finger on the magic ingredient which turns a good film into a great one. Acclaim, in the form of contracts and Oscars, is showered lavishly on successful actors, directors, composers, cinematographers, costume designers, writers et al for their individual contributions to the composite whole. But each of these aspects, however outstanding, won't necessarily compensate for weakness elsewhere in the production and carry a poor film into movie history. A truly great film, in addition to offering technical perfection, needs a little something extra to captivate its audience. Perhaps the prize for Best Film goes some way to measuring the success of this intangible 'something', but then, a cynic like Harry would argue, since each film festival has to have a best film, no matter what the quality of the crop, perhaps it doesn't.

This year. When Harry Met Sally ... has been nominated for an Oscar in the category of Best Original Screenplay. I was sufficiently captivated by the film to watch it twice in quick succession and was disappointed that it didn't merit other more memorable honours. Looking back - and trying to be objective - I would have to concede that its witty script is definitely its strongest point. (But the rest isn't bad either!) Its humour ranges from Harry's incisive and deflatory observations about life - "the good thing about depression is that you get your rest" - to Sally's pernickety eccentricities and some brilliantly timed and hilarious situations. Look out for what ought to be Harry's saddest scene, as he explains to a friend at a football match why his marriage has broken down. His woeful tale is made more poignant - and extremely funny - by his absurd and involuntary participation in the crowd's ecstatic human wave.

When Harry Met Sally ... is, essentially, a tale of boy meets girl. But since Harry and Sally spend all of their first meeting, sharing the overnight drive from Chicago to New York at the end of college, arguing about whether men and women can be "just friends" (and concluding that they can't "because the sex part always gets in the way"), it looks as if their acquaintance will be short-lived. Harry's dark side - he always reads the last page of a book first in case he dies before the end - and his casual, almost routine, attempt to proposition his girlfriend's best friend, are anathema to Sally's somewhat prudish, optimistic character. At the end of their journey, she tells him to "have a nice life", quite determined never to see him again. "That's too bad. You were the only person I know in New York." It takes many years of emotional upheaval and not a few coincidences before the couple can reconcile their differences and even bear to speak to one another.

Billy Crystal as Harry and Meg Ryan as Sally are at their funniest as antagonists. Once they achieve the impossible, by becoming "just friends", the plot runs the risk of going slushy. (To find out whether it does or not, you will have to watch the film!)

This humorous look at relationships with a capital R reminded me of Woody Allen minus his neuroses. Set against a New York backdrop, Harry's dead pan cynicism and penetrating insights into life and the clips of Casablanca "on the side" seemed familiar, but worked nonetheless. Documentary shots of elderly couples recalling how they first met, which were scattered throughout the plot, also rang a bell.

Towards the end of last year, I saw Barry Norman review When Harry Met Sally ... and admit, chuckling heartily, that he had really

enjoyed it. As he laughed, his mouth opened to reveal a large dark void, lined with tiny tobacco-stained teeth. It suddenly dawned on me then that the reason why film critics invariably pan a new release might not, as I had previously suspected, be to show off their tremendous insight and superior knowledge, but to conceal their crooked dentures! At the risk of drawing attention to my own less than straight teeth and unrepentant sentimental streak, I would recommend When Harry Met Sally ... to anyone who enjoys an

amusing and unpretentious film. (The music's quite nice too.)

Parents please note: it might be best to save this one until after the children are asleep in bed, unless you enjoy answering awkward questions.

When Harry Met Sally ... Directed by Rob Reiner, 1989. Available from Max. Video. Sukhumvit Soi 23.

Lesley Wilde

SOFFERIES



YAKINIKU DAIDOMON
焼肉の大同門

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DAIDOMON is a chain of Japanese restaurants, though cafe would perhaps better describe the one we chose at the end of Ekamai near Sukhumvit. This does not detract from the fact that we enjoyed straightforward food at a reasonable price in a clean and efficient setting.

Luckily the menu is tri-lingual for such tyros of Japanese cuisine as the likes of ourselves, more versed in Korean food. I missed the wasabi (green horse-radish mustard) which is usually secreted under the raw fish in Korean style sushi, but there was an ample supply on the side of plate to add to taste and the same for a good mixed sashimi. A gas grill in the centre of the table cooked beef fillet and tongue efficiently and the kimchi we selected to accompany it was very good. The grill was also popular with the other

diners. Plain wheat noodles with egg came in a tasty broth, and in typical Thai style the food came in a random sequence.

Expect to be disappointed by the selection of sweets and head for Svensens or home at this stage of the meal.

The red logo and signs are easy to find. Thong Lo, Siam Square and Robinsons on Rachadapisek are three of their other locations.

A good place for a quick meal which is interesting and sustaining. Expect to pay about Bt 300 for two, drinks excluded.

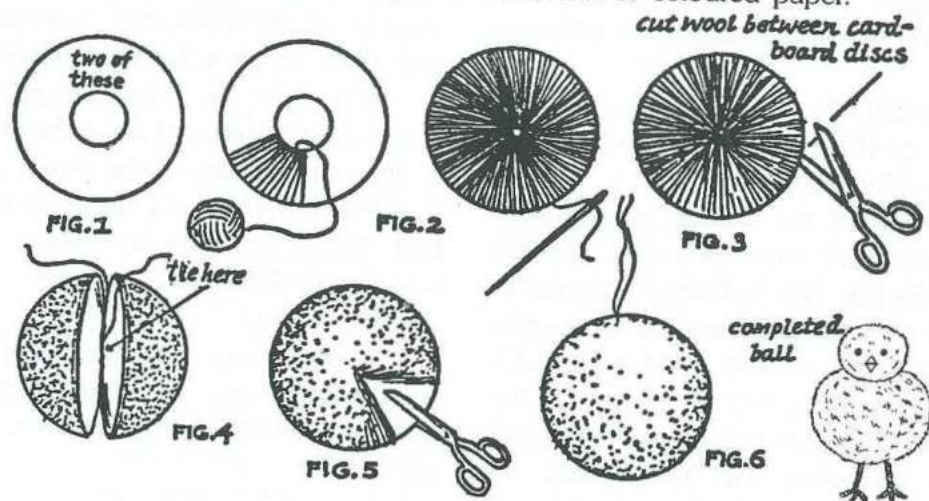
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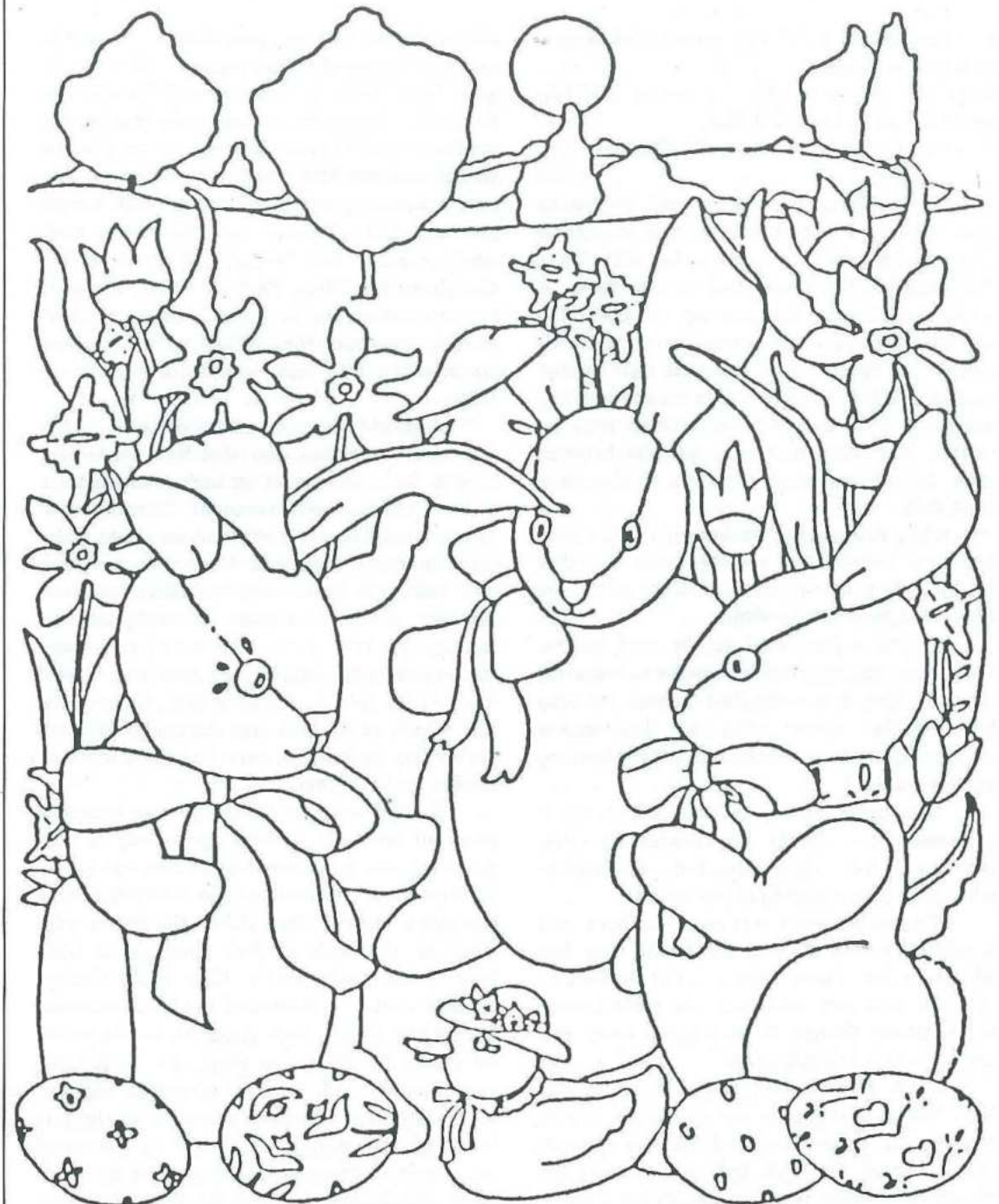
An Easter Chick To Make

You need: cardboard, yellow wool, darning needle, scissors, glue and a pipe-cleaner or scraps of felt or paper.

1. Cut out 2 circles of card, 3 ins. or 8 cms. across with a small circle cut out of the middle of each piece. (Fig. 1).
2. Wind yellow wool round both cardboard circles until the centre hole becomes too small to go on. Then continue threading wool with a darning needle. (Fig. 2).
3. When the centre hole is filled in, cut the wool around the edges, between the circles. (Fig. 3).
4. Tie a piece of wool between the circles and knot it tightly and slip the cardboard off. This will be the body. (Figs. 4. & 5.).
5. Repeat from 1-4, but make your circles 1 1/2 ins. or 4 cms. across. This will be the head.
6. Sew the head to the body.
7. To make the legs, cut a pipe cleaner in half and glue it to the chick's body or cut out shapes from orange felt or paper and glue to the body. Add a beak and eyes cut from felt or coloured paper.



An Easter picture for you to colour.



CRICKET CRICKET

10 February. At RBSC. 35 overs vs Wanderers. Won by 9 wickets.
WCC 152 (White 7-1-22-3; Dunford 7-0-31-3; Dance 7-2-12-1; Lewis 7-0-33-1)
BC 153-1 (Wilson 70*, Price 57*, White 14)

Young Brian lost the toss and we had to field, without, for the entire weekend, an injured Keith Welsh who had gone down with Coca-Cola muscles. So it was back to old times as White and Dance limbered up to open the bowling. Success came immediately, as Nick's second ball moved away from the right-handed opener, catching the edge of his bat and spinning to André Tissera at first slip. There were no further immediate successes, but the batsmen were finding runs hard to come by despite a close field.

Only four scoring strokes off the bat were hit from David Dance's seven overs, a wicket finally falling in the sixth of these when the surviving opener was bowled.

It was a long haul to the next wicket. I will resist the temptation to make excruciating puns on that statement, but it was the long hand of Hall which broke the third wicket partnership, catching a lofted hit off the bowling of Jack Dunford.

Two more wickets fell to Jack in quick succession, one caught by Tissera, the other providing the Hough-Dunford partnership with their sixth stumping of the season.

The sixth wicket was more stubborn, and Wanderers passed the 125 mark with only five wickets down. There were still five wickets to get with only four overs left; the much-needed bonus points seemed to be slipping away; and catches were being put down.

Then Brian Lewis had a first success, Mark Wilson shouting for and then taking a high catch in the covers. Nick had the next batsman caught behind first ball. But nothing more for the rest of the over, nor from Brian's last over.

So the final over – from Nick – began with three more wickets needed. A Wanderers

mix-up on the first ball gave Nick the chance to run out the number five batsman, who was in good form and had already scored 34. Off the third ball, the number nine was caught at leg-slip by David Hall. Three balls left to get the last wicket and the fifth bowling bonus point. The fourth ball was played back, and the fifth was hit for four. The sixth ball was also played back safely towards the bowler, and it looked as though we had failed. The non-striker, however, had other ideas, and he charged down the wicket looking for a run. Nick picked up the ball and removed the bails and we had our final bonus point.

A good-looking boundary off each of the first three overs signalled that Nick White was back in form, and we all sat back in anticipation of the afternoon's entertainment. Unfortunately, he was bowled in the fourth, and we had to make do with Craig Price and Mark Wilson. These two looked in little danger of being separated as they passed milestones on their way to victory, the fifty partnership in the 15th over, the hundred partnership in the 28th over, Mark's fifty off 79 balls in the same over, Craig's fifty off 79 balls in the 29th over, the season's highest partnership in the 30th over, and the Wanderers total in the 32nd over.

David Dance, the season's leading batsman, spent all afternoon padded up waiting in vain to go on, but his moment came after the game, as, after a few nominal beers at the Sports Club, the entire team tramped off to the BC to help celebrate the birth of Rafe Brian David Nick Jack Frank Craig André Mark Keith George Richard Dance. A Rafe-sized bat was presented, Rachel was given a brief run-down on the match by phone by the entire team, the Simla Cafe was invaded, and some phenomenal snooker was played, Jack Dunford powering to the top break of the evening and providing memories which will no doubt keep Rafe amused for much of his childhood ("Dad, tell me about that time when Jack Dunford scored 24 in one break again, all in fours").

11 February. At RBSC. 45 overs vs ICC. Won by 6 wickets.
ICC 160-7 (White 9-4-16-2; Dunford 9-0-27-2; Price 5-0-24-1; Dance 9-2-29-1; Tissera 8-0-42-1)
BC 161-4 (White 63, Tissera 37*, Price 36, Wilson 16)

Even André was looking pale next morning. Brian had declared himself unfit and yielded the day's captaincy to David Hall, and Mike Stockley also revealed a last-minute fitness problem and was replaced by George Dunford. Peter Andrews, back from Commonwealth Games success in New Zealand, and Jack Glattbach were also back in the side. David lost the toss, BC's third defeat by the coin in three outings, and once again we were put in the field.

The scorecard holds very few details of the progress of the innings, with neither over-by-over scores, fall of wickets, nor bowlers' analysis recorded. It began, however, – this much I do remember – with two very quick wickets, both Caught Hough Bowled White; and runs after that were once again very hard to come by. The third wicket survived a lot of playing and missing and some dropped catches, and the change bowlers Tissera and Glattbach were both extremely unlucky not to take wickets. Three catches were dropped off Tissera, and Glattbach beat the outside of the bat on numerous occasions.

Yet again, however, it was the introduction of Jack Snooker Dunford into the attack that brought the breakthrough, Frank taking another stumping to dismiss the number four for 31 runs.

Craig Price got the number five to spoon a catch to Nick White at square leg, then Jack had the number seven caught close in on the off

It was a disappointing weekend for the British Club Cricket section, the 24th and 25th of February. Two big games which certainly decided the 45 over league and could well have decided the 35 over league champions as well.

Saturday saw the British Club field its strongest side for quite some time, each of the top six batsmen having scored at least a 50 in the three weekend run up to these important

by David Dance, and David himself bowled the surviving opener for his team's top score of 57. This brought up David's 100th wicket for the club, following Jack Dunford and Nick White, who passed the same target last season.

It looked at this stage as though we had a chance of dismissing ICC for under 150, but unlike the previous day, the wickets failed to fall; the seventh and last wicket fell to André Tissera when David Hall took a lofted catch at mid-wicket, but ICC ended with 160 for 7 off the 45 overs, restricting us to three out of five bowling points, while the modest total also restricted us to a maximum of three batting points.

Wilson and White faced an uncomfortably sudorific opening spell, with only 13 runs coming off the first 8 overs, but once the opening bowlers had been seen off, there was little else to fear in the Indian attack. The four batsmen who fell on the way to victory were all caught, only one failing to make double figures. This unfortunate was David Dance, who had spent much of the weekend padded up or visiting mothers and babies, and who survived only two balls before holing out to mid-off.

Nick White was back in top form with 63, finally caught just in front of the sightscreen, and Craig Price figured in two fifty partnerships. Perhaps most ominous for opponents, however, was the aggressive form of André Tissera, who was not out on 37 at the end, having hit the opening bowler (ten runs off six overs in his first spell) for 21 in two overs.

The two results meant that we ended the weekend on top of the 35-over league and second in the 45-over league.

David Hall

games ... Although we needed to be "on our Houghs" to beat the R.B.S.C., the only other unbeaten side in the competition, we were quietly confident. An unfortunate loss of the toss saw us batting first and while each of our batsmen got a start none of us could go on with it. There was some tight bowling and some good fielding which limited us to 124 after 32 overs. It was left to our captain, Brian Lewis, to do



The Coca-Cola Cricketing Kids.

some lusty hitting for us to reach 153 at the end of our 35 overs. It wasn't a huge score but we had the bowlers and with tight fielding we could do it. What a first over from our own 'Merv Hughes', Keith Welsh! First ball batsman played on ... great ... 1 for none. Third ball to Peter Davis, attempted hook... Frank "the elbow" Hough taking a straightforward catch..... 2 for none. What a start!! It proved to be our last success. Ron Endly, who took 17 balls to get off the mark only needed another 24 to reach his 50. His partner 0. Nana was a little more subdued and took 71 balls to bring up his 50. Their partnership was worth 156 enough to earn a dressing down from our captain. Our non-playing vice captain and statistician were fined after the game for comparing our performance to that of the Indian II side.

The Sunday saw a keyed up British side take the 'Pepsi', oops sorry, Coca Cola bus from the British Club to the A.I.T. ground out the back of Woop woop. One of the team being picked up at the Laksi intersection made the remark upon seeing the bus with the British flag prominently displayed at the front, "I know its them but I wish it wasn't." Employing a sports video to entertain the troops and to get them into the right competitive frame of mind

our captain was taking no chances today. He was out for blood or at least a better performance than yesterday ... As the bus moved into the A.I.T. campus our captain got up to turn off the video amongst murmurings of "What a down to earth guy." The reason for this act was made clear to us as he turned to face his Pepsi T-shirt clad side to give them a rousing pep talk. He mentioned things like aging ten years since taking over the side, jinxes at A.I.T., fielding performances (excluding Peter Andrews, hereafter called Captains pet) and wanting to win at least something. The tone of the afternoon was set by our harmonica playing team clown who was heard to issue an expletive after he discovered he had left his cricket playing trousers behind. Much laughter and derision from all. Our playing vice captain and statistician were hooting with laughter and proclaiming an expensive afternoon for Dr. White, until suddenly he turned quiet. The reason for this change in mood was he realised he had left his T-shirt at home and he had left his hat on the bus which was by now steaming back to the British Club to transport the British Club army of supporters to the A.I.T.

Rajesh Das again proved our undoing by removing M. Wilson and C. Price cheaply. Two wickets down for 12 runs after 5 overs. A. Tisse-



Bob cheering the lads on!



We lost!



Another exciting Nick White innings (action photograph by Sally Dunford)



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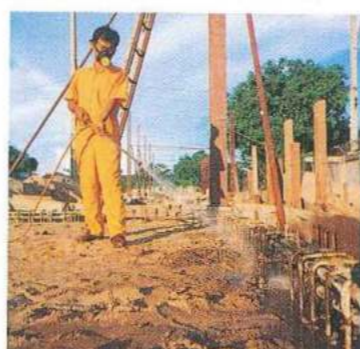
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ra and D. Dance looked like they could be in for a good score but again couldn't go on with it. Only our short panted Doctor got amongst the runs scoring 69. It was said somewhat tongue in cheek that the only reason they allowed him to score so many runs was that his legs might turn an awful shade of pink, which they did, blister, which they didn't, and then he wouldn't be able to bowl. British Club all out for 159 in the 45th over.

Missing our ferocious opening bowler, K. Welsh, called away on business on a Sunday, Andre Tissera and D. Dance opened. An unpredictable wicket and some good tight bowling saw A.I.T. struggle to 50 by the first drinks break, 2 wickets down. Caution and steady but unspectacular batting saw them gradually get on top. By the time their no. 5 and no. 6 batsmen were in it was all over bar the shouting. 164

with 4 overs to spare and 6 wickets in hand saw A.I.T. run out comfortable winners and 45 over league champions. Congratulations.

At the post match fines Mrs. Dunford was fined 5 baht for suggesting that bowls could be the game. The bus trip back was anything but quiet and morose. The quiet contemplation of beaten men was not to be found instead it was shout of "beer", "beer", "more beer down the front".

An unhappy weekend for all. The lads so badly wanted to do well and win something but it was not to be. Let's see how we do at the sixes!

'QUESTION OF THE MONTH'

Which well known bacteriologist calmly ate bread and cheese while his wife was in agony with labour pains?

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GOLF GOLF



Patrick Windeler



Sriwan and Dugal Forrest

Events for the Diary:

April 1990:

Date	Course	Tee Time	Event
Friday 6th	Nakhon Nayok	12:00	Club
Saturday 7th	Nakhon Nayok	10:00	Club
Sunday 8th	Nakhon Nayok	09:00	Club
Sunday 24th	Rose Garden	08:36	Dunlop Cup Final

May 1990:

Saturday 5th	Bangpra	12:00	Club
Sunday 6th	Siam Country Club	08:30	Club
Monday 7th	Sattahip	08:30	Club
Tuesday 8th	Panya	09:04	Club
Sunday 20th	Railway	10:26	Versus Japanese Assoc.

Two long weekends of golf coming up – Nakhon Nayok and Pattaya – in April and May. Both of these weekends away are very popular and the fellowship enjoyed on these occasions sometimes surpasses the sport.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ACCOMMODATION BE ORGANISED EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

Nakhon Nayok – contact Dugal Forrest on 259-6226 – 15 rooms (at B 250 per night) have been pre-booked at the Korb Kua Palace in Nakhon Nayok and your name can go on the list.

Pattaya – You will need to organise your own accommodation for these events, but do it now.

ECLECTIC 1990 – ROSE GARDEN – 7-8-9th July

The "Eclectic 1990" competition will be played over three consecutive days this year, during the long weekend in July. Sixteen double rooms have been booked by the club (in bungalow style) for this weekend and you can reserve your room through Dugal. Cost of the rooms is £1.513 per room per night. Get in early for this one – very popular and fills up quickly.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Golf Section was held on Friday, 16th February, and the 30 members attending were treated to a B.B.Q. dinner and free wine and a great time was had by all.

The outgoing committee all stood for re-election and were reappointed by a show of hands. Patrick Windeler and Chris Branston were nominated and elected as additional committee members. The Golf Section Committee for 1990 is:



David Stewart



Dugal Forrest

Lloyd Houghton	–	Captain
Richard Green	–	Treasurer
Eric Hudson	–	Handicapper
Dugal Forrest	–	Course Bookings
Roy Barrett	–	Sponsorship
Dennis Farmer/Chris Branston	–	Publicity
Patrick Windeler	–	Secretary/Membership

The major trophies were presented by Captain Lloyd and they went to:

Event	Name of Event	Winner
Club Champion (Gross Men)	MacMahon Trophy	David Stewart
Club Champion (Nett) Men	Boyd Cup	Paedric Casey
Club Champion (Gross) Ladies	Castrol Trophy	Sriwan Forrest

Club Champion (Nett Ladies)	Italthai Trophy	Judy Farmer
Best Nett Average for season	Captain George Cup	Dugal Forrest
Four Ball Better Ball Matchplay	The Dunlop Cup	Sriwan & Dugal Forrest
Ryesome Best Ball S'Ford	Ryesome Bowl	Patrick Windeler Phil Jackson
Eclectic Competition (3 rounds)		Arthur Phillips
Most Improved Golfer	Norman Boyd Cup	Dugal Forrest
Most Long Drives (Men only)	Macho Trophy Donated by D. Humphreys	Eric Hudson
B.C.G.S. vs Japanese Assoc.	Japanese Cup	Japanese Assoc.
B.C.G.S. vs British Embassy	British Club Trophy	British Embassy
B.C.G.S. vs Scandinavians	Scandinavian Cup	Drawn
Australians vs British	Maxwell Shield	Aussies
B.C.G.S. vs G.C.L.	Sual Bell	British Club



Judy Farmer

Recent Results

Dunlop Cup – 1st Round – Muang Ake 25th February

The first round of the four-ball better-ball matchplay competition for the prestigious Dunlop Cup was played in rather breezy conditions on the 25th February.

Sixteen pairs battled to move into the second round of the competition and apart from a couple of notable run away victories, the remainder were very close indeed, with some having gone to the 19th hole for a sudden death playoff.

Those groups to go into the second round were:

- 1) Alistair Rider & David Lamb
- 2) Mike Poustie & Pravitt Purananda

- 3) Brian Quigley & Peter Ingram
- 4) Terry Adams & Andy Pickup
- 5) Bob Wallace & Jim Gray
- 6) Ian Kane & Dave Stewart
- 7) Sriwan & Dugal Forrest
- 8) John Leicester & Ron Armstrong

A single stableford event was played in conjunction with the four ball matches, and Derek Pott from Price Waterhouse was on hand to present the great trophies.

The winners were:

A Grade			B Grade		
Winner	David Williamson	(43 pts)	Andy Pickup	(41 pts)	
R/up	David Stewart	(41 pts)	Sriwan Forrest	(40 pts)	
1st 9	Alistair Rider	(24 pts)	Chris Branston	(22 pts)	
2nd 9	David Lamb	(21 pts)	Brian Quigley	(22 pts)	

Technical excellence Awards:

Men's Long Drive	-	Simon Edmonds
Ladies' Long Drive	-	Judy Farmer

INTER-SOCIETIES GOLF TOURNAMENT 1990 PRIZE WINNERS

Inter-Societies Competition (St Patrick's Cup)	432 pts	St Patricks
	411	St Andrews
	393	St George
	364	St Davids
The Delacour Cup (St George's Society)		M Majer
The J P Malone Cup (St Patrick's Society)		L Vize
The Sybil Donofield Cup (St Andrew's Society)		J Bell
The E C Howell Cup (St David's Society)		S Jaggard
Auld Reekie Cup (St Andrews & St George)		St Andrews 612 pts
		St George 577
St David's Cup (St Davids & St Patricks)		St Patricks
Kinnaird Trophy		L Vize
Ann Wood Trophy		K Armstrong
Jean Gundlach Memorial Cup		J Farmer
Angus Cup		J Bell
Winner - Highest total Stapleford points	75	L Vize
Second	73	M Majer
Third	73	J Bell
Fourth	71	D Tarrant
Fifth	69	P Windeler
Sixth	68	C Branston



Sriwan Forrest and Bryan Baldwin



Paedric Casey

Seventh	68	J Farmer
Eight	67	D Farmer
Ninth	65	D Forrest
Tenth	65	D Lamb
Lowest Gross		J Lenaghan
Consistency		D Frost
Booby		A Atkinson

First Day Prizes

Highest points	38	L Vize
Second	36	D Tarrant
First 9	21	P Windeler
Second 9	21	D Lamb
Nearest the Pin		R Green
		P Evans
		D Stewart
		K Armstrong
Longest Drive	- Men	F Theobald
	- Ladies	J Farmer
Booby		E Majer

Second Day Prizes

Highest points	43	J Bell
Second	39	M Majer
First 9	19	H Ferguson
Second 9	21	D Frost
Nearest the Pin		R Barrett
		B Barr
		R Green
		M Majer
Longest Drive	- Men	D Bennington
	- Ladies	J Farmer
Best lady		J Farmer
Booby		M Jaggard

LADIES' GOLF



LADIES' GOLF

This month has been an extremely busy one with several big competitions taking place. Our ECLECTIC is well underway and we were delighted to award our annual Silver & Bronze Medals to Anne Kwong and Sriwan Forrest respectively for their efforts in achieving the distinction of being the most consistent golfers in their divisions during the L.G.U. Year. Well done and many congratulations to you both.

THE KITCHEN SINK was of course our big event of the year when the gals challenged their husbands and other members of the Men's Golf Section to a Stableford Competition at The Rose Garden. Regretably we were unable to retain the trophy, being totally over-whelmed by the fellahs who romped home with a commanding lead. We shall have to take drastic action next year and approach this competition like the America's Cup - if you can't win, keep changing the rules until you do! Win or lose, it was a tremendous day and everybody had a great time. Our sincere thanks go to our sponsors, DUNLOP (THAILAND) LTD. who donated all the prizes and we are indeed indebted to them and of course to David, for his continued support.

The main results were as follows:-

INDIVIDUAL: 1st Lady - Rini Leach 1st Man - Brian Hughes
2nd Lady - Lilian Danling 2nd Man - David Brice

COMBINED:-

1st Dennis Farmer 40 & Michael McGarry 35 (75)
2nd Sriwan Forrest 31 & David Williamson 40 (71)
3rd Yoshiko Fumada 34 & Roy Barrett 37 (71)
4th Steve Tsitouris 39 & Mike Poustie 31 (70)

N/PIN NO. 4 Penny Whalley Mike Major
No. 6 Sriwan Forrest Bob Merry
No. 14 Cheryl Lamb John Linck
No. 15 Joan Jurgens Roy Barrett

SARTORIAL ELEGANCE: Hank Simon and Ernie Jurgens

FRYING PAN TROPHY -
LADIES vs GENTS 340 to 372

Lloyd Houghton gave a very gentlemanly speech on behalf of the victorious "Brutes" and we all look forward to the re-match at the Rose Garden next year.



Who needs shoes?



Victorious Brutes.



"We shouldn't let these things come between us."



Rodney thirsty again?

SQUASH SQUASH

IT is unusual for one of the Club's leading players to feature strongly in a Handicap tournament. However, in the February tournie Mike Stockley did extremely well to reach the final but was finally edged out by a determined George Watt, congratulations to both for an entertaining final.

In the plate, yours truly, managed to scramble and chase around long enough to steal the final from a hard hitting Julia Davies. It was very encouraging to see several of the ladies doing well in these events.

The Harold Mercer team trophy was won by Bernie Adams, Dick Anwar, Orin Baldwin who overcame the strong challenge from Mike Rickard, Jorgen Toft, Caroline Garnett.

As always this was one of the team events of the year and a lot of fun and good squash was on show.



Harold Mercer runners-up Mike Rickard and Jorgen Toft.

On the coaching front Tony Austin did a great job in tracking down Khun Peera-

pong, one of Thailand's leading players and persuaded him to do some coaching at the B.C. Details are on the notice board for all those wishing to improve their game.

The Pattaya weekend (April 6-7) created a lot of interest and all available places were soon snapped up. Details in the next issue.



Squash A.G.M. (l-r) Art de Boer, Tony Austin, Terry Doherty and Keith Denner.



Phoebe Mercer presenting the Harold Mercer Cup to Bernie Adams and Dick Anwar.

Winners of the I.C.I. January League.

On April 13 the Chinese Swimming Club from Singapore will be here for a match and bearing in mind the great hospitality we received when we went there it would be nice to reciprocate. So see notice board for sign up and details.

Ditto with the Tanglin Club from Singapore who will be here to play on April 28.

Next month will be the visit to the Penang Club from 5-8th May. All standard of players are invited and sponsorship will be very welcome. Undoubtedly a good crowd will travel and a lot of fun should be had by all. See notice board for details.

May is also a league month



so sign up in the book next to the court booking sheets or drop a note to Art de Boer.

Looking even further ahead a team of "boys" from Lancing College will visit us in July and we are looking for accommodation for them. There will

only be seven players so if you can take one or two please let us know - again details on a very crowded notice board by the pool.

See you in court.

Mel Leddy

DARTS DARTS

FEBRUARY heralded the long overdue Darts Section AGM & Dinner. Those who attended (see picture!) had a good time and a great deal was achieved. A Section Committee was formed and several officers elected:-

Mr. Bryan Baldwin
Mr. Mike Stockley
Mrs. Anne Douglas
Mr. Patrick Windeler
Mr. Peter Douglas

Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Captain-Unicorns
Captain-Lions



Throughout the evening many awards were presented, the more outstanding going to Mr. Frank Hough, Star Player-Lions and Mr. Terry Adams, Star Player-Unicorns. Mr. Ian Kane received a medal for "Best Model"!

It was decided we would again register two teams for the 1990 Johnnie Walker Darts League:- The Lions and The Unicorns, hopefully both teams will play in the 4th Division providing opportunities for the two to meet on occasions throughout the year.

A very serious matter was brought to the attention of the Committee:- Orin's Stool, or rather the lack of stool. For some time now its familiar features have been sadly missed around the dart board area of the Churchill Bar. While the said item of furniture may not be in the realms of expense there is a principle at stake, if a lady is forced to play darts without the necessary equipment to reach and remove her arrows it can give rise to a psychological barrier of great proportion, heaven forbid The Club should be a party to such disgraceful interference, therefore, could the culprit please return 'THE STOOL' to the Churchill Bar, this can be done discreetly and may be left at that, enough said!

Financially the section was in a sorry state. We now propose a section entrance fee of 250 B per person, this will also cover league registration (last year 150 B each). Each year both teams have covered the cost of individual awards, this year they were donated by Castrol in order to

give the Section A reasonable financial balance at the start of the year, on behalf of all those who received awards, thank you. Team fines, as usual, will be imposed by team captains for various misdemeanours. All this coupled with the razor sharp financial wizardry of our new treasurer, Mike, should maintain the reasonable balance.

A Mickey Mouse 'Knock-out' Competition finally got under way, many club members have participated in the preliminary rounds and the final games for 30th Cup-Plate are due to be played on Thurs, 22nd March. It was pleasing to see so many new faces come along to play and several have gone through to the final rounds, well done.

The 1990 Castrol Cup and Ladies' Cup matches are to take place on Thurs, 15th March, hopefully these matches will also see some more new faces.

Club members wishing to join the section should contact either team captain or the secretary. Team shirts are available at the reception desk for those wishing to join. It is expected the league will start some time in April, keen players should sign up now, we look forward to seeing many new faces in both teams. Thank you to all other section members who have joined in the 'Mickey Mouse' games, hope to see you again for some more 'fun darts.'

Anne Douglas

SOCCKER SOCCER



Casuals v Triumph at the Hockey Stadium.

SAWASDEE Khrap gang,

A lot of Singh Gold has passed the throat since I last reported progress, much of it the night I won Accumulator. Both teams have been active over the first quarter which is traditionally a busy period. Unfortunately despite the conclusion of two competitions we are still without silver-ware.

MATCH REPORT:-

A combination of lack of space and loss of memory necessitates that I abbreviate many of the reports in order I can recount all salient high-lights. We opened the period with the Royal Bangkok Sports Club Seven-a-side which this year was brought forward a couple of months. Unfortunately this timing meant we had a sadly depleted squad and we made an early exit winning one and losing three of our sectional games. Despite the absence of several regulars it has to be said that it was sad the way some of

the players called up to fill their places then disappointed by calling off at the last minute or showing up late meaning we played one game with six men which is akin to committing hara kiri at this level.

We then went on to our opening match in the same RBSC 11-a-side Floodlit Tournament. This is one of Bangkok's premier competitions for fully amateur teams. Our first tie in the mini-league section was against old but not so friendly rivals, the Indian Cougars. In an entertaining game which contained non of the nastiness these fixtures have become synonymous with we went one up through a Bennington goal only to concede an equaliser in the last five minutes. A point dropped but an enjoyable game due to the standard of sportsmanship displayed. Let's hope this is a new beginning.

Our second eleven-a-side game was in the Farang League where we opened the latter half of the season against last years champions the German All Stars. This was to prove another

fine performance and we ran out 2-0 winners thanks to a brace from Mike Pomfret. Spirits were high not so much at the victory but at the quality of football displayed. A new central defensive partnership was developing between Frank Hough and newcomer Tommy Keenan who had made his debut against the Indians. Vaughan Elias was gradually playing himself into the side also.

It was back then to RBSC Floodlit duty and a side depleted by business commitments took on the Ruam Rudi International School. Unfortunately the depletion robbed us of our rhythm and whilst we ran out 4-0 winners despite the worst penalty miss I have seen in years it was not a game we would wish to remember. Indeed some harsh words were spoken between players in the heat of the moment but fortunately sanity prevailed in the following days and apologies were made all round.

League duty beckoned and in a competent rather than dynamic performance we disposed of the Young Thai Sikhs to maintain our challenge on leaders Benz. This set us up for our crunch sectional match in the Floodlit against Les Frogs i.e. Les Gaulloise Equipe Francais where a draw would put us in the semi final. Again we went into a key fixture robbed of a regular or two by business but in the first 15 minutes it looked as if we would win by playing some champagne soccer. Unfortunately the French hit us with a breakaway goal from a bad error on the halfway line and then proceeded to close up the game. They did this by resorting to the Gallic dirty tricks book utilising intimidation, time-wasting, feigning injury and foul play and cuckoo! it worked a treat. We were riled and therefore beaten as the Frogs scored a second late on to win 2-0. The French, I suppose, would say the ends justify the means but I cannot believe they are proud of themselves. Ah well c'est la vie. We went out of the tournament on goal difference with the French and Indians going through.

Wait a minute though, all the Cup action was not yet over as our next game was the quarter final of the Farang League Cup. This is our answer to the FA Cup with the format sudden death and that was decidedly on the cards as we had been drawn against League leaders Benz who had not been beaten since March 1989 (our last fixture against them was a

3-3 draw). Yet again it did not look good as we fielded an under-strength side with Vaughan Elias and Alan Mays in the centre of the defence for Hough and Keenan whilst Ritchie Crooks was up front for the missing Ian McKenzie. As often happens when the going gets tough the tough get going. A fast flowing end to end game kept a larger than normal crowd well entertained and we went ahead midway through the first half with an excellent individual goal from a Bennington run and lob. The second half developed into a backs to the wall struggle as the younger legs of the Benz began to extract their toll on our aging limbs. However hold out we did for fine team victory. An indication of the quality of our performance comes from the fact that this was the first time in more than two years Benz had failed to score in a competitive football match. Captain Castledine was a happy man.

What is the saying however – Oh how the mighty are fallen. Three days later we take the park against the Indians in the League requiring a win to keep up the pressure on Benz who have a four point lead with only five games to go. We should have realised we need to concentrate fully on the task at hand but more than one player was dwelling on the previous match's glory. Nett result – the Indians won 3-0. It was particularly disappointing in that the match marked the farewell league appearance of long time stalwart Craig Rennie who is off to take up a mega-promotion in Singapore. Alex Kondras our new regular goalie sportingly agreed to stand down despite being a stand-out against Benz to allow Craig his final fling. Craig now wonders if Alex is psychic (or is it septic). As one door closes another opens as they say and the one bright spot in the game was the debut of Jim Boy the fourth Singapore Hotspur to join the Club on his arrival in Bangkok and perhaps the most experienced.

Our final game at time of press was in the League against the dastardly French and we all wanted to do well in that one to lay the ghost of previous RBSC Floodlit match. Before the match the French captain requested we refrain from verbal abuse and that the game be played in a sporting manner and then proceeded to nudge, dive, act and whinge exactly as they had done in the game before. Once bitten twice shy however. We kept our heads and proved ourselves

the more talented side. Dave Bennington continued his scoring habit with the only goal of the game and the defence had another clean sheet. We missed two or three good chances and so the narrow victory flattered the French but revenge had been extracted.

CASUALS CORNER

The Casuals band wagon keeps rolling along with them having a regular string of fixtures. There was a slight controversy in the Club however over their entry into the RBSC Floodlit Trophy. An instant decision had to be taken when they were offered the opportunity upon the late withdrawal of the Scandinavian Vikings. The Casuals were entered and it promoted a Special General Meeting of the Section to clarify their role. All said it was amicably determined they were essentially a social team and future competitions of this nature would not be taken on if they were to compete with the League team both on the field and for the pool of available players. The Casuals fulfilled all their fixtures however and acquitted themselves with distinction despite their team being diluted to feed the big team. They lost badly to the RBSC team but they were unlucky to go down to narrow defeats by the Y TSA and the Germans. Basically fitness was the debilitating factor with tournament rules permitting only three substitutes. Games against the Polo Club, Triumph, Shell and Kumagai Kugi to name but a few have also been played. The last one was a real test of fitness as in a 0-0 draw the earlier 16:30 hours kick-off saw the hot afternoon sun take its toll on both teams. Turning in good displays these days for then are Brian McFeely, Alan Morton, Brian Quigley and Bill Witters to name but a few.

POST SCRIPTS:—

Well that brings you all up to date but we have a plethora of action in the coming month what with the final of the Farang League, the semi-final and (hopefully) final of the cup, a two team tour to Rayong for a return match with the Saiko Canning Factory (remember the 1,000 crowd and match commentary last year) and finally in mid May our annual Singapore tour for the Windmill Cup tourna-

ment. Watch this space.

Once again congratulations to Craig Rennie on his "Welcome" promotion. We're pleased for you Craig but very sorry to see you go. A social farewell match is in order.

Sawasdee to Jim Boyd, his wife Linda and two boys. As said earlier Jim is one of a growing band of Singapore exiles including myself here in Bangkok. There is a difference however as Big Jimmy has class having played for one of Scotland's top Junior Clubs (in 1947). Great things are expected.

After a sticky spell the spirit in both teams is developing well and a good squad is being assembled. More important as far as the competitive team is concerned Steve Castledine is fortunate to have a pool who are showing the commitment and application that perhaps have been the ingredients missing in the past season or so. Away the lads.

Meanwhile: Why don't centipedes play football?

The game's over by the time they get their boots on.

What happens when you fall asleep under a car?

You wake up oily in the morning!

It was about dawn when a lone dog limped into town. He limped into the sheriff's office. A few minutes later he limped down to the hotel. After a while he came out and limped slowly down to the stables. A while later he appeared again and headed towards the saloon.

As he reached the saloon doors he kicked them open and limped in with his six-shooter out. The saloon went quiet as a tall, dark man turned from the bar. "What do you want, stranger?" he said to the dog.

The dog turned slowly to face him and limped a few steps forward, "I'm lookin for the man that shot my paw."



That winds it up for this month. Good to be back. Enjoy your Songkran Holiday.

Scoop



15 February 1990

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the New Zealand National Team, its staff and myself as Chairman, please accept my grateful thanks for the most generous and gracious hospitality of the British Club during our stay in Bangkok. We could not have wished for a better oasis than that provided by your Club and all the players, coaches and management staff relished the friendship and facility so freely given.

Please could you convey to your members and staff our deepest thanks for the kindness and warmth of your hospitality to us. We very much appreciate all the kindness given to us by all at the British Club and I thank you personally for your friendship.

You have every reason to be proud of the Club and its staff and members and I hope we may be able to meet again in the near future.

Grateful thanks,
With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

J.W. Gendall
Chairman New Zealand Football Association

SWIMMING SWIMMING



Swimming Section
British Club
Bangkok

Dear Swimmers,

1) ISB/FRENCH SCHOOL GALA

We are now planning to hold a gala against ISB and the French School on SATURDAY, MAY 12th. Watch for details.

2) CLUB GALA

We previously advertised a Club gala for SUNDAY 29th APRIL. However, the General Committee has requested us not to hold events during peak times and hence the next Club gala will be on SATURDAY 28th APRIL.

3) SWIMMING SECTION A.G.M.

We will run a Section A.G.M. in April/May depending on availability of Committee Members. We will advertise nearer the time. In the meantime please make it known to the current Committee if you wish to join the Swimming Committee.

Paul Myers
Chairman

TENNIS TENNIS

HIGHLIGHT of the month in the Tennis Section was the Annual Championships which were held over several weeks from the end of January. Some spectacular matches were played in the run up to the finals and it was particularly heartening to see a record turnout for the men's singles event. The standard of play was exceptionally high and the tournament was enjoyed by all who entered.

Finals Day took place on Sunday, 4th March with the results as follows:-

Men's Singles	:	Jens Peterson	6-3, 6-0
Runner-up	:	Surin Dunnvatanachit	
Ladies' Singles	:	Chalatip Dunnvatanachit	6-3, 6-1
Runner-up	:	Bua Wyder	
Men's Doubles	:	Jens Peterson & Eric Young	6-2, 6-2
Runner-up	:	Jim Musin & Dave Seldon	
Ladies' Doubles	:	Bua Wyder & Jackie Gramond	5-7, 6-1, 6-2
Runner-up	:	Fiona Munro & Anita Hughes	
Mixed Doubles	:	Jens Peterson & Bua Wyder	6-2, 6-2
Runner-up	:	Bob Merry & Anita Hughes	
Plate Singles (Men)	:	David Ingham	
Runner-up	:	Brian McFeely	
Plate Singles (Ladies)	:	Sandra Thornton	6-3, 6-1
Runner-up	:	Barbara Lewis	
Plate Mixed Doubles	:	Jim Musin & Carolin Garnett	6-3, 6-2
Runner-up	:	Ray Hughes & Helen Evans	



Chalatip Ladies' Singles Winner.



Plate Mixed Doubles Runners-Up Ray Hughes and Helen Evans.

Jens Peterson Men's Singles champion.



Brian McFeely Plate Runner-Up.



Sandra Thornton - Plate Runner-Up.

The finals saw a clean sweep by ace player Jens Peterson in all three of the major events. Match of the Day however, goes to the ladies' doubles event which turned out to be a nail-biting 3 setter in the heat of the day!

Thanks must go to all the many companies who very generously sponsored the event both in kind and cash and thus enabled the section to present some very attractive well-deserved prizes:-

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Thanks also to Umpires on the day Phyl Xumsai, Bernie Adamson, Brian McFeely, Ray Hughes, Terry Merry and Mike Poustie and to Keith Bell and his staff for the scrumptious buffet supper. Finally a HUGE thank you to Fiona Munro who volunteered to assist with the draw but didn't realise until it was too late that this also meant she was dumped with the entire organisation of the event! **WELLDONE FIONA - YOU DID A GREAT JOB!!**

Happy hot season tennis fans - I'm off to the U.K.

Phyl Xumsai

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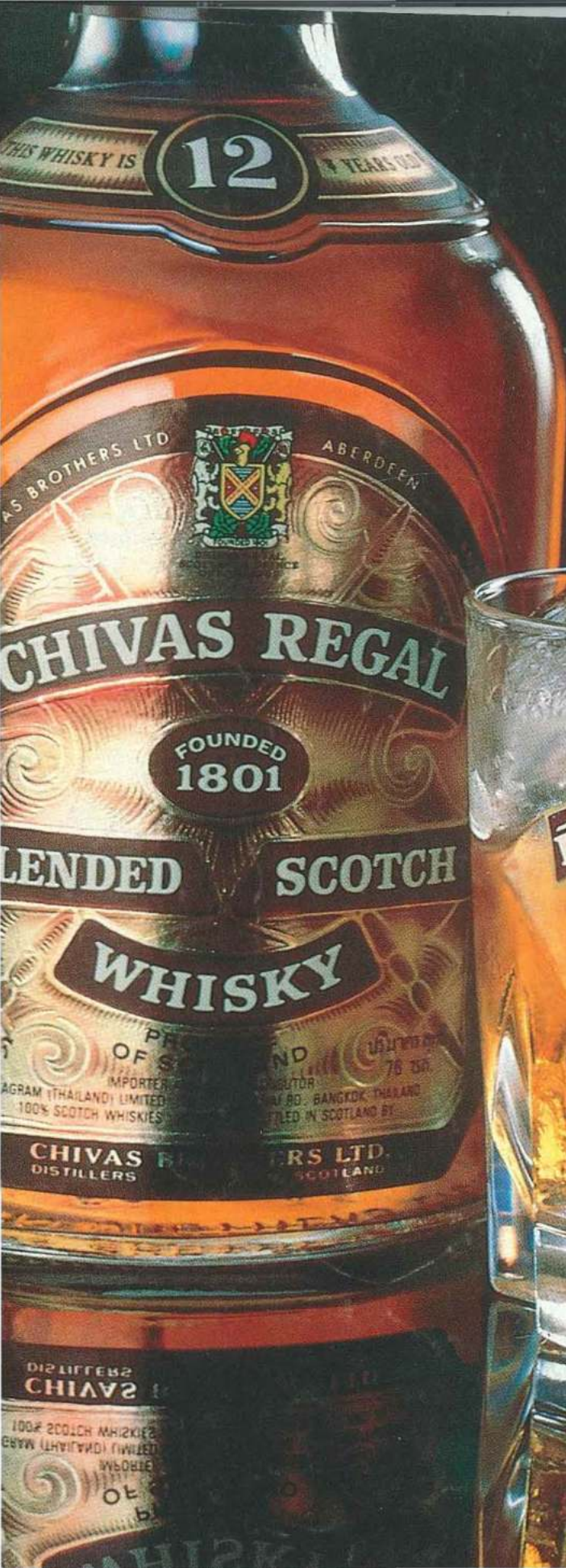
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