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Meet the New Members

Rosa de Chamjandr is Mexican (120% according to her mother) although her husband is Thai. She has been in Bangkok for 14 years and teaches Spanish at the French School. Vithul is a civil engineer and likes chess. Rosa likes reading, reading and more reading! Has no skeletons in the closet at present but working on it so her children don't think she's too boring.

Jacqueline and Peter Simpson have been here just 3 weeks after 9 years in Hong Kong. Their initial impressions are good in fact after the war stories they had heard about the traffic they are pleasantly surprised (I did say they had only been here 3 weeks!). Peter is with Standard Chartered Bank. He enjoys sailing, water skiing and diving and wants to take up tennis and golf. Jacqueline teaches English, French and German and when not busy looking after their 2 children enjoys sewing, cooking and badminton. She also used to play netball.

Paul Curtis has been here for 6 weeks and is with KPMG Peat Marwick Suthee. previously he has been in Australia, Melbourne if my memory serves me correctly. He is an accountant responsible for training, development and marketing. He likes squash, tennis, golf, hockey, cricket and soccer.

John Corneill is here with Transmark (part of British Rail) advising Thai railways on "train"ing (ugh) signalmen. He has been here 8 weeks and is an eligible bachelor. Also a cricketer and glider pilot (any others around please contact him). He is also a railway enthusiast.

Adrian Beesley is in supply chain management and has been here since January. He is also alone at present. His wife is joining him in September after the birth of their second child but is coming out in April to check up on him. He enjoys keeping fit, swimming, squash, tennis and used to play rugby.

Maria and Geoffrey Cooper. Geoffrey is a cricketer (of sorts according to Brian Lewis) who spent 3 days in bed after his first game in Bangkok. Maria is an avid cricket follower who brought kids and baseball bat along to cricket game (what's wrong with that I ask?). The Coopers are Australian although Maria lived in UK until she was 6. Geoffrey is here with Amdahl selling a computer to Thai International to make their planes take off on time. Impossible! Maria enjoys tapestry — even takes it to rugby matches particularly Australia against New Zealand. Geoffrey likes cricket and golf.

James Phillips has been here for 3 years on and off. He is involved in import and exports, languages and some small shops. When not busy working James enjoys swimming, tennis and rugby.

Laurence Hughes is with Esso Standard, has a long title but is basically responsible for development. Here since January, alone at present but his wife is coming to join him. Unfortunately Laurence's hobbies won't transplant to Bangkok very well — gardening and beekeeping! So he's planning to take up golf.

Grant King is from New Zealand and is in the jewelry business. He designs collections for Joan Collins, Farrah Fawcett and Joan Rivers among others. He is an eligible bachelor but we did decide he wasn't good marriage material! When not travelling he enjoys skiing but will have to make do with water skiing in Thailand.

Caroline and Jean Reynaud. Jean is working on projects in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. He takes care of the legal side. Caroline has only been here since January and is currently busy looking after their 4 month old daughter. Enjoys scuba diving, Egyptology and horseriding — especially stock work. Jean enjoys scuba diving and squash.

Irene and Grant Cameron have been here about 10 months. Grant is with Union Sime Darby, who are insurance brokers and Irene is working with the Raimon Group as business development manager. When I met them Irene was on crutches as a result of playing tennis on the grass tennis courts as they were being watered! Luckily she also likes less energetic pursuits like mah jong, cards and backgammon but only if winning money. Grant likes golf — his only handicap is the ball and club.

Barbara and Stephen Rigby. Barbara is a New Zealander and Stephen an Australian. They have been here 4 months after spending 4 years in the Hague. Stephen is with Shell in oil exploration. When not exploring he likes running, squash and cricket. Barbara is busy looking after Jonathon, 2 years 8 months and also likes crafts especially patchwork and skiing, swimming, cycling and tennis. They both love sightseeing.

Jill and Michael Pincock. Michael is the UK representative of the British Roller Disco Association (otherwise known as Thai Shell) but also works as Joe Grunwell's houseboy. His hobbies are roller disco dancing and figure skating (with Joe Grunwell as partner of course). Jill and Michael have been in Bangkok for 2 months and Jill is spending her time trying to lose Michael in traffic jams. Unfortunately she is failing miserably. She has my sympathies. Sorry Joe — honest!

Sheila and Iain Young have been here about 4 months, Iain is with Thai Shell. Sheila teaches English. They like mountain climbing — Iain is looking for a rock-climbing partner. Also both enjoy travelling and fresh air and quiet places (in Bangkok?).

David and Kanoknipa Varani have been here for 2-1/2 years. David is in construction, project management and Kanoknipa runs an import-export business supplying bathroom fittings. Kanoknipa enjoys swimming and tennis. David is a workaholic but enjoys tennis.

Ruth and Mark Olbrych. Ruth is Canadian (from Toronto) and Mark is from Boston. They have been here 5 months and love it. Prior to here they have worked in various locations and actually met in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Mark makes and sells shoes and when in Canada Ruth ran a craft business. They have 3 children and when not making babies Mark plays tennis, golf and enjoys massages, reading and skiing. Ruth likes music and photography.

Maria and Paul McIntyre. Paul manages the Heritage Club and they have been here for 5 months. They have spent time in Africa (Maria was born in Zimbabwe), Middle East and England. Paul enjoys snooker, tennis and any sport except show jumping and gymnastics. Maria likes tennis and swimming.

Karen and Graham Wainwright are from Belfast. They have both spent a lot of time working overseas. Graham is setting up an office manufacturing industrial sewing threads — he's "ahead in thread" apparently! Karen enjoys horseriding, swimming and socialising. Graham enjoys squash, tennis, badminton and soccer.

Bonnie Hutchinson has been here for over a year and had a chorusline in tow! She is single, available and looking for a rich man. Enjoys household pets, is looking for a husband or something more housetrained. Works for Saatchi & Saatchi "most dynamic ad. agency in Bangkok" (according to the chorusline!). Came to Bangkok from New York. Likes swimming, working out, tennis, helicopter skiing in the nude and has always wanted to do the Luge in the nude. (Strange people).

Patricia Caithness has been here just 3 weeks but spent 2-1/2 years in Hong Kong previously and spent time here in Bangkok. She is regional director for The Manager Publishing Company. Enjoys swimming, cooking and anything social, travelling for both business and pleasure. Usually to be found propping up the bar.

Due to a technical hitch on the night (i.e. the camera died)
we have no photos — apologies.

FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR NEW MEMBERS

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This notice also serves to remind us all of our obligations to our Club.

STAR T.V. from H/K

Star T.V. is now in the Club House. A set will be permanently fitted in the Wordsworth Lounge with points in the Bar & Surawong Room for various sporting events.

At the Annual General Meeting held on March 24th, 1992 the following Members were elected to the Committee for the year 1992/93:

Chairman	—	Brian Baldwin
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DEWI'S DOINGS

ON Friday night, the Oriental Hotel's Ballroom echoed to the thunder of glorious Welsh voices — thankfully, mainly from the Choir and, later on, from some of our non-singing guests!

To pick out a few highlights — we'll leave out the lowlights — Terry's solo was magnificent, even although he felt so ill; the choir brought tears to the eye, and the two Scottish interlopers were funny — especially the accents!

Liz performed her part by eating a daffodil (they do taste better than leeks) and gave a very entertaining speech. Norma Darkin was given a fond farewell by the choir — next year she will, no doubt, be organising the Portuguese chapter of the Saint David's Society.

Saturday night saw us eating a delicious meal at the Angus Steak House — the Choir was there and definitely in spirit — as the beer ran out early. We then made a beeline to the Dusit Thani to watch England play Wales (via Satellite). With renditions of "stamp on his head", "kill him" and "well, what do you expect, he's English", we Welsh drowned our sorrows as Wales lost 24-0.

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ALL'S WELL THAT BENDS WELL

OSTEOPOROSIS. Definition. A decrease in the amount of normally mineralised bone matrix relative to the bone volume with an associated increased risk of fracture.

When oestrogen is deficient as at menopause, bone metabolism is changed and bone mass lost. This leads to the bone disease — osteoporosis. Silently, yet surely, a woman is losing bone from her body. Relentlessly, the body builds up and breaks down bone. When the formula is as nature intended it to be, the biochemistry of oestrogen, calcium and other minerals performs satisfactorily. After menopause this balance changes.

Osteoporosis is insidious. Frequently, the first sign is a fracture of the wrist resulting from a gentle fall on an outstretched hand. Or it may be persistent lower back pain related to collapsed vertebrae which causes disruption to the woman's lifestyle. It may not be diagnosed until "dowager's hump" becomes obvious to the woman or her family.

Why women? The most important factor is that osteoporosis is directly linked to oestrogen deficiency experienced by women at the menopause; women usually have a smaller total bone mass; thin is socially acceptable. Frequently young women utilise fad dieting to lose weight resulting in a deficiency in bone mass; young women who have had a hysterectomy are at special risk of osteoporosis. Premature menopause leads to severe and continuing oestrogen deficiency.

The rapid loss of bone can be prevented by a combination of four factors and the elimination of certain lifestyle habits which are harmful to health. 1) Appropriate hormone therapy with oestrogens and/or progestogens to maintain bone mineralisation; 2) Increasing calcium intake: 1,200 to 1,500mg calcium per day preferably ingested from the diet; 3) Exercise; 4) Eliminating lifestyle health risk (cigarettes, alcohol, caffeine, drugs).

Diet plays an important role in lowering the risk of osteoporosis. It needs to be discussed at all ages. Women need specific information about diet at menopause. Diets which give an adequate amount of 'available' calcium are highly recommended. The word 'available' refers to the fact that in some circumstances, dietary calcium is less available for absorption. If calcium is ingested through dietary components such as cocoa, parsley, spinach, rhubarb, and beetroot, it is less readily absorbed because of oxalates present in these foods. Also, excess cereal based foods render calcium less available because it binds with fibre.

The best dietary sources of calcium are low-fat dairy products — especially cheese, skimmed milk (calcium fortified) and yoghurts. For those who cannot tolerate dairy products, useful amounts of calcium may be obtained from small whole fish with soft edible bones such as sardines, salmon and tuna, and from green vegetables such as kale, broccoli and cabbage.

Calcium tablets may also be an alternative. Calcium carbonate is more readily absorbed; it is best taken on an empty stomach).

There is no value in massive non-dietary calcium supplementation as a means of treating or arresting osteoporosis. The excess calcium is not absorbed sufficiently.

It is important to encourage women to incorporate some sort of daily exercise outside the house whenever possible. Walking 3 kilometres each day is usually sufficient to help reduce osteoporosis.

Other aerobic exercise and back stroke swimming are all good bone strengtheners and will help to prevent osteoporosis. Physical activity necessary to maintain optimum health has to be long term. It needs to be incorporated into lifestyle. The choice of activity may have to be adjusted seasonally. Of particular interest is that research on exercise has found that exercise not

only prevents bone loss, but actually increases bone mass.

Hormone replacement therapy is most useful as a prophylaxis against osteoporosis. The average woman now expects to spend almost one-third of her life in the postmenopausal state. Therefore, it is a matter of urgency to build up good reserves of bone mass in early life, and to preserve bone during the early years of the postmenopausal period in women who are oestrogen deficient. Appropriate treatment for each woman varies according to attitude and expectations.

COLESLAW

INGREDIENTS

3/4 cup sugar — 1 large head cabbage, shredded — 2 large red onions, thinly sliced — Hot dressing

METHOD

Stir sugar into cabbage. Place half of cabbage in large bowl. Cover with onion slices. Top with remaining cabbage. Pour dressing over, mix well. Makes 8 servings.

YOGHURT-HORSERADISH DRESSING

INGREDIENTS

1/4 cup plain low-fat yoghurt — 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish — 2 tablespoons oil — 1 clove garlic, crushed

METHOD

Combine all ingredients. Chill until ready to use. Make about 1/2 cup.

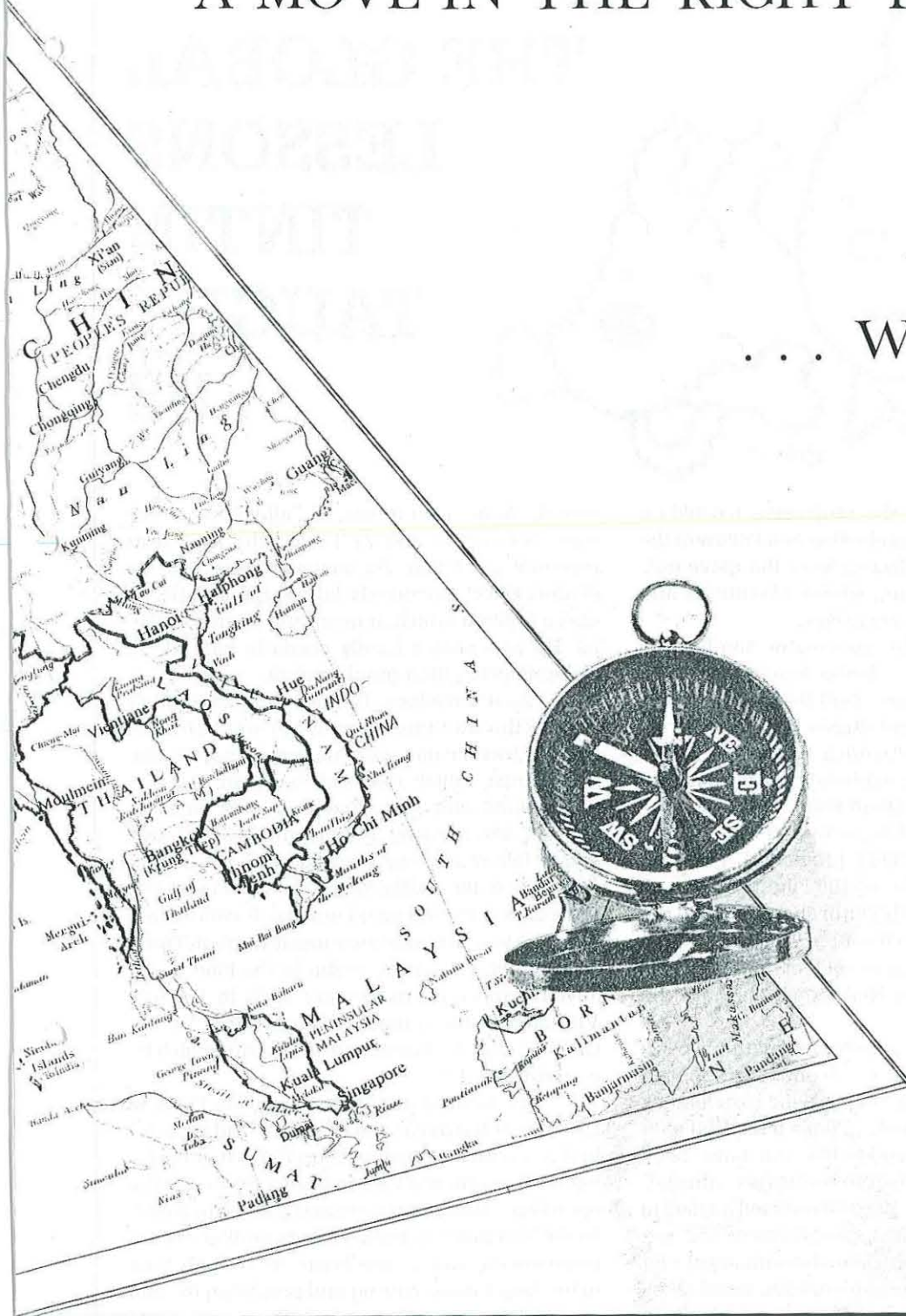
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Bereavement

MACDONALD. — On Monday, March 2, 1992, suddenly as a result of an accident in London, Ross Norman Macdonald, aged 24 years, of Aberdour, Fife. Dearly loved son of Norman and Eileen Macdonald, much loved brother of Frazer and a loving grandson. Funeral service in St. Fillans Church, Aberdour, on Monday, March 9 at 11 a.m., thereafter to Aberdour Cemetery, arriving 11.30 a.m. approximately, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

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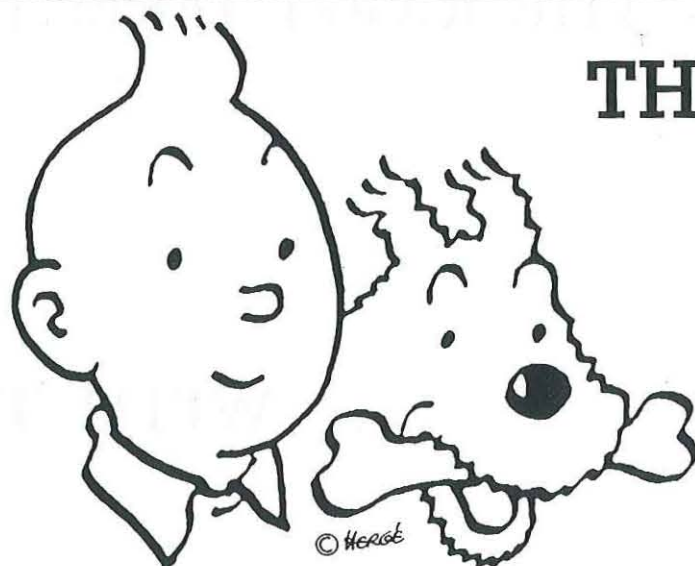


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THE GLOBAL LESSONS TINTIN TAUGHT US

FEW heroes of the strip cartoon could be more eligible for election as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society than the glove-trotting boy reporter Tintin, whose adventures first appeared in print 62 years ago.

It was then that his creator, the Belgian artist Georges Remi — better known under his nom de plume of Hergé — sent the intrepid youth on his first trip to Soviet Russia via Berlin. Africa was next, then North America. By the time Hergé died in 1983, having completed two dozen books of Tintin adventures, there was scarcely a continent the quiff-haired reporter had failed to explore — only a hijacking prevented him from reaching Australia during the Flight 714 adventure, which ended with Tintin about to board the Sydney-bound flight. Of course, his most memorable achievement was to set foot on the moon a good 15 years before Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 crew.

Hergé's great success, in creating a character who successfully transcends fashion, age and nationality, lies in the extreme care he took over preparing the books. These have sold over 120 million copies worldwide and have been translated into more than 40 languages — including Arabic and Welsh. Hergé immersed himself in newspapers, magazines, geographical and scientific journals and, with his extraordinary eye for detail created adventures in realistic settings. As in the best fiction, the stories are rooted firmly in fact. Every motor vehicle or aeroplane is an exact rendering of a contemporary model. This, as well as the quality of the stories, is one of the reasons the books have so wide an appeal (they were

aimed, Hergé used to say, at "all young people aged between 7 and 77") and why they bear repeated rereading. As someone who took up distant travel reasonably late in his life, Hergé was a brilliant armchair geographer and journalist. He was also, it hardly needs to be said, an exceptionally gifted graphic artist.

As a schoolboy, Hergé's interest in other parts of the world was already apparent. His first taste of travel came with his scout troop's summer camps, which took him to Spain, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Scouting was an early passion, like drawing, but his greatest ambition was to follow in the footsteps of the great foreign reporters of the 1920s, when overseas ravel and reportage were still an adventure. It was an ambition he was to realise vicariously through Tintin whose first adventure, Tintin in the land of the Soviets, appeared in January 1929 in *Le Petit Vingtième*, the children's supplement of the Catholic daily *Le Vingtième Siècle* with which he was entrusted.

It is in subsequent instalments of *Tintin in the land of the Soviets* that the intrepid reporter first acquires his distinctive quiff, his hair blown back as he slams his foot on the accelerator of the open Mercedes tourer to escape the Berlin police. And it is in this first book, with its undiluted anti-communism, that we see Tintin, for the only time in his long career, writing and preparing to send an article to his editor and stuffing, somewhat unprofessionally, the overlong report into an envelope. Even in the 1920s there were quicker and more effective ways of delivering copy. Tintin is never altogether convincing as a reporter, but



behind his journalistic cover he proves a pretty effective investigator.

The Soviet adventure was later regarded by Hergé as one of the sins of his youth and left in its original black and white state. The others — with the exception of the final, unfinished *Tintin and Alpha-Art* which he was working on when he died and which, according to his instructions, has been left in sketch form — were translated into colour. But for all its imperfections the story of Tintin's brush with Bolshevism is gripping stuff. The drawing may be cruder than in later books, but the line is all the more vibrant and immediate. It set the tone of travel and exploration which Hergé was to pursue in all but one of the later books — *The Castafiore Emerald*, a domestic thriller.

Next came one of the most exotic and problematic of the adventures, *Tintin in the Congo*, which Hergé was encouraged to write to boost interest in the former Belgian colony, now Zaire. The book appears for the first time in English this year, the last of the Tintin books to have been translated because of sensitivities over its dated, colonialist view of Africa. Apart from possibly offending Africans — who are portrayed as gullible and naive — it is certain to upset animal lovers with Tintin's wholesale and indiscriminate slaughter of wildlife. This would hardly have raised an eyebrow in 1930, when the book first appeared, but is wholly out of tune with current concern for ecological adventure, *Tintin and the Picaros* — Syldavia and Borduria were to continue to feature in the Adventures of Tintin. In the post-war books, Borduria has clearly become an East European communist state under the

Stalinist leadership of marshal Kurvi-Tasch, whose ubiquitous moustaches become a motif for anything Bordurian: military insignia, motor car emblems and radiators, door handles, lamp decorations, inkstands and even the accent on his name. The cult of the Bordurian leader, reminiscent of that accorded Stalin (also the possessor of a pronounced moustache) is developed in *The Calculus Affair*, first published in 1954 and liberally peppered with the typical Bordurian expletive: 'By the whiskers of Kurvi-Tasch!'

Just as King Ottokar's Sceptre was a product and reflection of pre-war tension in Europe, so *The Calculus Affair* is Hergé's comment on the Cold War.

Most prophetic of all the Tintin books were the pair devoted to the moon expedition. The adventure began its serialisation in the weekly *Tintin* magazine as early as March 1950. The two books, *Destination Moon* and *Explorers on the Moon*, were published in full in 1953 and 1954, landing Tintin, his faithful terrier Snowy, Captain Haddock, Professor Calculus and Thomson and Thompson, on the moon a good 15 years before Neil Armstrong set foot there.

Acknowledging the American achievement, Hergé produced a special drawing for the occasion. It shows the luna landscape with Tintin flanked by Haddock bearing a 'Welcome' sign and Snowy and Calculus holding a bunch of roses — their red and white moon rocket (based on the German V-2 rocket developed by the Nazis at the end of the war) in the back-ground. They are greeting a bewildered Armstrong with the message: 'Welcome on the moon, Mr Arm strong!'



What is remarkable about Tintin's moon adventure is the extraordinary accuracy of so much of the space equipment, including the pressurised suits and the tank-tracked moon vehicle. Typically, Hergé had immersed himself in scientific journals and exchange letters

with experts. He had also constructed a detailed scale model of his moon rocket in order to enhance the accuracy of his drawings.

Exploration was to be the theme of a number of Tintin books. Already, in *The Broken Ear*, which dates from 1935-7 and opens with the theft of a fetish from the ethnographic museum, Tintin canoes down the river Coliflor, a fictitious Amazon, and encounters the primitive Arumbaya Indians. In the *Shooting Star*, Tintin represents the press in an expedition to the Arctic, undertaken by the European Foundation for Scientific Research to locate a meteorite. *The Seven Crystal Balls* begins with a newspaper report of the return of the Sanders-Hardiman Ethnographic Expedition from a two-year trip through Peru and Bolivia. Their travels took them deep into little-known territory, the article relates. They discovered several Inca tombs, one of which contained a mummy still wearing a boria, or royal crown, of solid gold. Funerary inscriptions established beyond doubt that the tomb belonged to the Inca Rascar Capac. 'One by one the seven members of the expedition are laid low by the curse of rascar Capac, he-who-unleashes-the-fire-of-heaven.' The mysterious origins of their affliction is only solved in the sequel volume, *Prisoners of the sun*, set in Peru.

Tintin's most spectacular discovery, perhaps, was his confirmation in *Tintin in Tibet* of the existence of the Yeti or Abominable Snowman. At least one British newspaper had financed an expedition to the Himalaya during the 1950s to track down the fabled creature, but without



Tintin's success. Hergé, as usual, had done his homework for this adventure, which was written at a time of personal crisis precipitated by the break-up of his first marriage. "I had a list of everyone who could be believed to have seen the Yeti; I had a very detailed description of his habits, photographs of his tracks, etc. I met Maurice Herzog who had climbed Annapurna and had also seen tracks. He assured me that they were not those of a bear — a quadruped which only stands on its hind legs on rare occasions. The tracks were clearly those of a biped and stopped at the foot of a large rocky outcrop ... With all this information, I was easily able to avoid, as in the moon books, the pitfalls of the legend.'

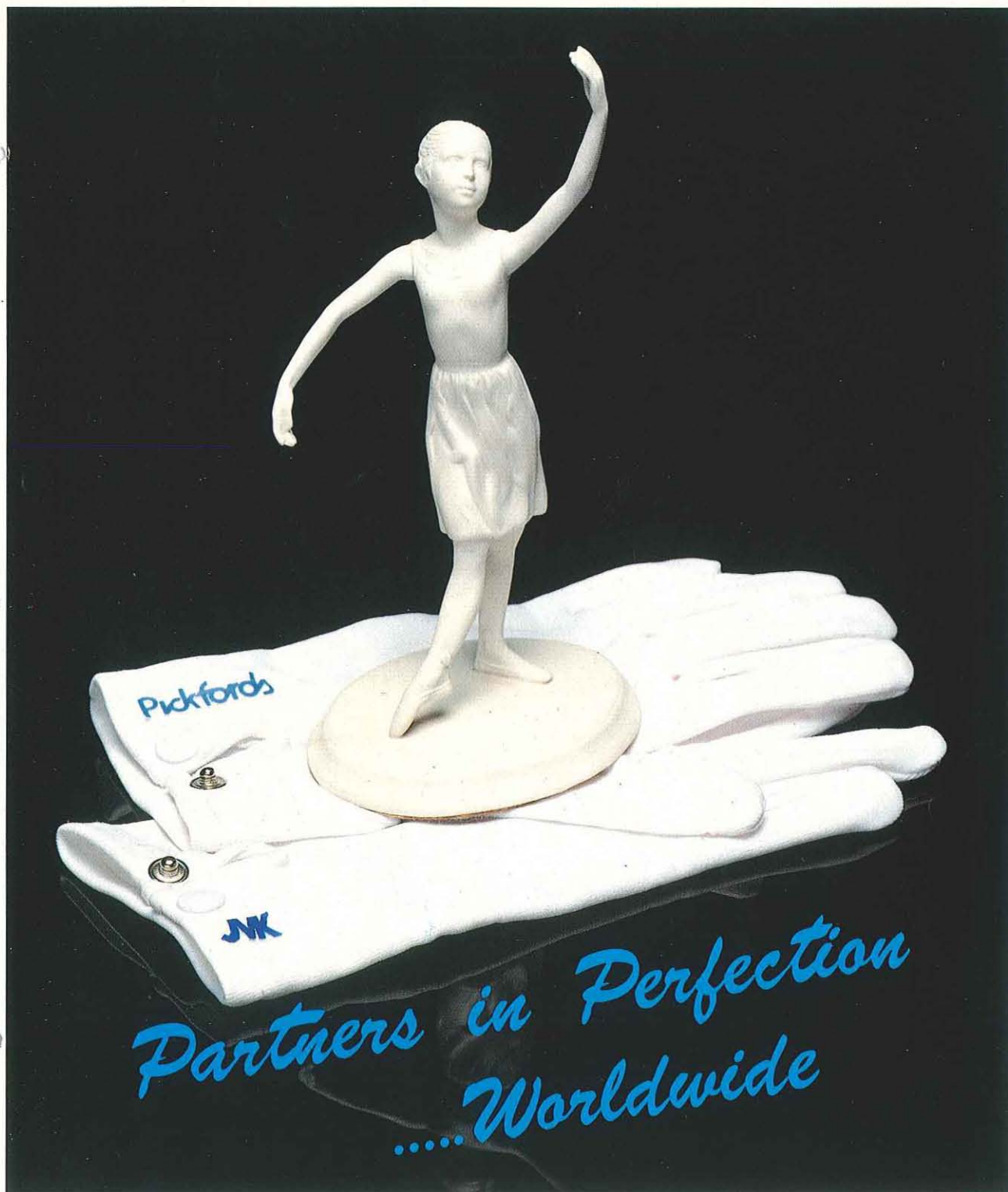
Once again Hergé created a classic Tintin adventure, perhaps the most moving of them all as the sad figure of the Yeti looks disconsolately on at the book's end.

All told, it amounts to a strong case for making Tintin an FRG as year after year millions of young readers around the world continue to be captivated by the irrepressible reporter's exploits across the globe.

Michael Farr is the author of *Tintin, 60 Years of Adventure*. He translated Tintin and the World of Hergé and Hergé and Tintin, Reporters, His latest book, *Vanishing Borders, The Rediscovery of Eastern Germany, Poland and Bohemia* was published by Viking/Penguin in November.

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	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
					1 Tennis & Squash Club Night from 6 pm	2 Ladies' Squash — 9-12 noon Darts — 8 pm BCT Club Night	3
	4 Children's Painting Lessons 1-3 pm Flicks for Kids — 6 pm	5 Flicks for Kids — 5 pm Tennis Afternoon — 3-6 pm Family Buffet from 5 pm	6 BWG Mahjong* — 9 am Happy Hour 5.30-9 pm	7 Ladies' Golf — 7 am Bridge+ — 8 pm	8 Tennis & Squash Club Night from 6 pm	9	10 Accumulator Night — 8 pm
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CRICKET CRICKET

OUR gallant BC heroes took to the field in February confident that the bad times were but mere history. There was, however, an initial jolt to the euphoria ... initial being the first ball of our next game against a young, and more significantly, very fit ABAC team. Having been put into bat by our opponents, openers Nick White and Paul Taylor strode manfully to the centre. One ball later the team's gymnastic doctor trooped less manfully to a darkened corner of the pavilion, his innings duly recorded has having taken place from 10.10 a.m. until 10.11 a.m.

Now, many a side would have crumbled on what was obviously a rather greenish and tricky looking wicket but not our gallant lads. They were after all on a winning streak of one. No sooner could you pronounce the names of our Indian and Pakistani opponents than Mike Reed and Adam Caro were setting about the bowling, despatching the ball to all corners of the round field. Both were retired upon reaching the magical 35. Then "Elbo" Hough joined in the fun with a hard hitting innings of singles and twos ably supported by Keith Welsh who edged a mighty 6 straight back over the bowler. And thus it was that 135 were amassed — a very defendable score under the conditions.

That miserly pair of Adam and Nick set the attacking tone by restricting the runs to only 23 off the first 8 overs. Keith, firing on all cylinders, and Brian Lewis followed suit allowing only 35 runs off the next 9 overs. Four overs later that ABAC innings was rapped up for 88 runs and the winning streak was extended to two!

The bowling was great but the most remarkable feature was the fielding. This was not the butter fingered, miss fielding, legs apart side which we have come to know so well. Oh, no. Right from the start Andre Tissera, who normally reserves the fielding session for his afternoon nap, lightningly ran out one of the openers, then Paul Taylor and Tony Allen plucked stunning catches out of the air and finally Mike Reed concluded a 30 yard sprint by holding on to a spectacular diving catch.

Easily the best allround BC performance for many a year.

BC 135-6 (Reed 35*, Caro 38*, Hough 17*, Vinay 2-25)

ABAC 88 (Welsh 3-16, Lanham 2-12)
BC won by 53 runs.

Question: Cold the winning streak be extended to three?

Answer: Uh ... well, no.

Once again the dreaded trip to AIT proved our downfall. Probably the less said about the not so fine effort of our gallant 10 (yes we were one short again) the better. Put it this way, no-one bowled well, and the fielding returned from the heady heights of the last game to the level (or even lower) that we know and love so much. (Names have been withheld to protect the guilty.)

We batted a little better but never really looked like getting the required runs to secure a place in the Castrol 25 over challenge Trophy play offs.

AIT 198-3 (Everybody scored a lot, and nobody wishes to recall the bowling)

BC 153-4 (Caro 38*, Tissera 26, Allen 23*, Price 22)

AIT won by 45 runs.

Undaunted, the lads took to the field four days later for our final 25 over game against the old enemy, RBSC. Brian yet again lost the toss and to the field we were despatched. Adam was once again Scrooge-like, yielding only 14 runs off his 5 overs but no wickets. Infact, we couldn't remove either opener, both of whom were eventually retired at 35 not out. With 100 coming up in the 16th over we looked in a spot of bother but Mike Reed, having spent the previous week in Phuket bars studying attractive species of unknown and as yet unspecified gender, decided it was time to bowl some genuine maidens over. His 4 overs only cost 8 runs and RBSC were restricted to just 137.

Now, when you are a pretty good bat, opening on an easy paced wicket against mediocre bowling all you want to do is settle in and get the feel of the ball on the bat. But cricket can be a cruel

game — and it certainly is when "Bambi" Spyer does one of his "yes", "no", "yes" acts and runs you out by some 5 yards. Ask Richard Wylde, who never faced a single ball, run out O. Fortunately, that was the only disaster to befall our intrepid heroes who rallied to the cause by ably supporting our Frank who was in fine elbowing and dandering form. Nothing is so sweet as the taste of victory against RBSC.

RBSC 137-7 (Endley 35*, Davies 30*, Currie 25,
Reed 2-8, Edwards 2-30,
Dunford 2-33)

BC 138-4 (Hough 36*, Caro 30*, Reed 26,
Spyer 17)

BC won by 6 wkts.

If the month started with a brilliant victory it most certainly ended with one of record breaking proportions against the Wanderers in a 45 over encounter.

A record BC score, for the first time four players reached 50 in the same innings, a record winning margin and a record equalling individual bowling performance.

For once Brian won the toss and, demonstrating an acute tactical acumen not given to many, elected to bat. The more cynical might comment that this perceptive decision had rather less to do with the state of the wicket etc. and rather more to do with the fact that several of our heroes, including the red eyed skipper had attended, well into the previous night, the New Zealand day celebrations. They obviously needed a little longer to gather their strength or even stand up. Thus it was that he turned to two Australians to open the batting who did not attend the said festivities and who had something to prove after the defeat of their national team the previous day — by New Zealand!

Craig Price and Geoff Cooper set off at a cracking pace against a modest Wanderers attack bringing up 60 off the first ten overs. Shortly after Craig reached his 50, to thunderous applause from the massed sleeping gathering. Well, actually it was 48 as Wendy (Phd in sums) was not having one of her better days counting with her little fingers. 2 runs later he was out thinking he had scored 52.

Adam Caro joined Geoff and played what can only be described as a climactic innings. The first 29 balls he faced produced first 15 singles

whilst he scored off 26 of his last 28 balls amassing a further 52. Meantime Geoff continued to stroke the ball to all corners until after almost two hours in the torrid heat he himself yielded through sheer exhaustion.

Mike Reed joined the fray at 154-2 (after just 26 overs) and gave the bowlers no respite. At the second drinks break (at 32 overs because Umpire Jack was having similar trouble to Wendy but with slightly bigger fingers) 199 runs were on the board. Eventually Adam was bowled at 22-3 but Mike continued the run feast. He was still there with one ball to go and six needed to reach 300. To say he was still all there one ball later is only technically correct as his mighty heave at the final ball was not quite timed to perfection but ball contact, one might say, was well and truly made. As he lay prostrate on the ground thoughts of the delights of Phuket or anywhere else's bars were far far from his mind. Whilst all this drama was unfolding "Bambi" Spyer, trying in vain to get Mike to run, was himself run out for O — not having faced a ball in his last game for BC!

We may have missed 300 but 294 was not only a record score it was probably well beyond the reach of our opponents.

That was made certain when Keith Welsh, on full throttle and exhaust, had the opening bat brilliantly caught by Adam at second slip in the first over and bowled the No. 3 in his second over. Meanwhile Bob Lanham at the other end flighted his off spin with economic accuracy.

There was no further drama until with the score at 37-2 Jack Dunford replaced Keith. To say that Jack's first over was virtually unplayable is, for once, an accurate assessment — it contained 3 very wide wides and 2 wickets.

The Wanderers, throwing themselves like lemmings to the cliff, continually attempted to attack Thailand's slowest bowler only to be despatched at irregular intervals to the pavilion, head bowed. Six in all succumbed to the not always pinpoint flight accuracy (including two stumpings and a catch by "Elbo".)

If this was not enough the real highlight of the Wanderers innings was a spell of two overs by "Bambi" Spyer. Our regular reader may recall that the aforementioned banker achieved a Thailand record bowling performance in the "6-a-side" tournament in November. This time he settled for equalling a BC record by bowling a 12 ball over including 6 wides which in themselves

yielded 10 runs! Infact his two over 22 ball spell produced just 5 runs off the bat and 15 in wides!! (Bambi has decided to return to the protective haven of the Mother country — he'll be widely missed.)

Regrettably, our youth policy was shattered when we also bade farewell to both Mike Reed and Adam Caro — well they are under 35. Both are excellent cricketers who contributed greatly during January and February. Hopefully the

"Mighty" Caro will return on a more permanent basis later in the season.

For the record the Wanderers were rounded up for 121 (including 31 wides).

BC 294-7

(Cooper 78, Caro 67, Reed 59*, Price 50)

Wanderers 121

(Dunford 6-34, Welsh 2-22, Lewis 1-1)

BC won by 173 runs.

DARTS DARTS

ONLY a couple of Johnnie Walker League games to report on since last going to press and unfortunately the Lions lost both of them, the scores were 14-3 and 11-6 in favour of the opposition. on a happier note the Unicorns recorded one of their rare victories at the British Club defeating Bobby's Arms 12-5, Terry Adams was still doing a lap of honour in the Churchill Bar on the Friday evening — well done Unicorns.

However it was not all gloom for the Lions — well perhaps gloom was the appropriate word. A friendly game against Square One was arranged with rules the same as for the Johnnie Walker League. The singles went off with the result standing at 4-2 against the Lions. It was then the "gloom" set in — there was a power cut! and the doubles and triples games were played in torch light. This turned out to be in favour of the carrot eating Lions, particularly Ott and Cathy, whose doubles check-outs were described as towards the edge of darkness! It was then that the power restored, Ott and Cathy returned to their normal game with the match standing at 8 apiece and the team game to play.

Up to the ochee strode El Capitaus Frank (not to be confused with new boy Frank, Jim of *Bangkok Post* fame's replacement) who slotted in double 2 for a fine victory over Square One from Division 2.

Only a few more games remaining in the Johnnie Walker Darts League, it is expected that the Airborne Express League will resume again in April/May and both the Lions and Unicorns would like to see some new faces in their teams, so if you're interested contact either Lion Frank 391-8693 or Unicorn 399-4582.

Lions Statistics so far:—

Tons: Frank 59, Ott 7, Middy 38, Paul 13, Jim 23, Cathy 2, Peter 2, Dave 17, Frank C. 1

Check-outs: Frank 37, Ott 11, Meddy 27, Paul 10, Jim 18, Frank C. 1, Cathy 5, Peter 5, Dave 10

Rogues Gallery: Frank 3, Jim 10, Paul 3, Nee 1, Middy 3, Dave 2, Ott 4, Peter 3, Cathy 1, Frank C. 1.

GOLF GOLF

INTER-SOCIETY GOLF WEEK-END

The 1992 Inter-Society Golf Week-end was held in Pattaya over the week-end of 15th and 16th February.

Some 130 members from the four Loyal Societies and their guests attended this outing with around 80 taking part in the two days of golf played over the picturesque but difficult Phatthalung Golf Course to which we had been invited as guests of the Royal Thai Navy. Rear Admiral Terdsuk Busapawattana, Chief of Staff of the Sattahip Naval Base very kindly presided over the prize giving on the Sunday afternoon and he made the following presentations to the winners of the main competitions:—

St. Patrick's Cup : Inter-Society Competiton:

St. George's Society	:	642 pts
St. Patrick's Society	:	640 pts
St. Andrew's Society	:	621 pts
St. David's Society	:	597 pts

Auld Reekie Cup : St. Andrew's Vs St. George's
St. Andrew's Society

St. David's Cup : St. David's Vs St. Patrick's
St. Patrick's Society

Kinnaird Trophy : Highest Overall S'ford Points (Men)
Mark Wilson (St. David's)

Jean Gundlach Memorial Cup : Highest Overall S'ford Points (Women)
Lavita Hughes (St. George's)

Ann Wood Trophy : Highest S'ford Points on 1st day (Women)
Cheryl Lamb (St. Andrew's)

Choice Foods Trophy : Highest S'ford Points on 1st day H'cap 24+
Mark Wilson (St. David's)

Vicar's Vase : Highest Overall S'ford Points on Callaway H'cap
Andrew Marshall (St. Andrew's)

Society Individual Trophies :

The Delacour Cup (St. George's)	:	Peter Ingram
The J.P. Malone Cup (St. Patrick's)	:	John Lenaghan
The Sybil Donofield Cup (St. Andrew's)	:	David Lamb
The E.C. Howell Cup (St. David's)	:	Mark Wilson

In addition to these main trophies many further and varied prizes were contested over the two days.

This year also saw a major departure from previous years in that it was decided to use the week-end as a fund raising as well as a traditionally social event and to this end contributions were sought

from players in place of green fees which had been generously waived by the Royal Thai Navy and many fine prizes kindly given by our sponsors were auctioned or raffled during the Saturday evening barbecue. To the proceeds so raised were also added several donations received from sponsors, the final outcome being that no less than Bt 84,185.- was raised which is to be distributed as follows:—

Phatthalung Golf Course Caddies Benevolent Fund	: Bt. 25,000.-
Dr Anne Marie Van Den Boach Slum Tip Community	: Bt. 31,185.-
Thai Philanthropist Society for Artificial Limbs	: Bt. 28,000.-

The week-end turned out to be a great success and was enjoyed by all and it is particularly gratifying that, whilst everyone attending had such a good time, we were able, at the same time, to generate so much to help others, a format that is, I hope, to become a regular feature of this outing in future years.

As Chieftain of the St. Andrew's Society, the host society for this year's event, may I express my very sincere gratitude firstly to Rear Admiral Terdsuk and the Royal Thai Navy for their hospitality so generously and freely given, secondly to all those companies and individuals who gave so magnanimously in support of this event and finally to all those who attended the week-end and who, by their participation and personal generosity, made it the success it was.

Dugal T.M. Forrest



"What's this I've found" Sally Voravon seemingly surprising Keith Collins whilst Linda Forbes looks as though she knows already!



"Really? What a shame!" Peter Ingram and Norbet Staub obviously listening to someone's tale of woe.



"It's a stupid game anyway" Mae Barr and Norma Darkin contemplating the week-ends events.



Convenors Richard Darkin and Bill Barr and scorer Eric Hudson relaxing during a quiet moment.



Andrew Marshall collects the Vicar's Vase.



Lavita Hughes receives the Jean Gundlach Memorial Cup.



The Kinnaird trophy being presented to "Player of the Match" Mark Wilson.



Rear Admiral Terdsuk presents the St. Patrick's Cup to Terry Adams, captain of the winning St. George's team.

LADIES' GOLF LADIES' GOLF

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Watch this space for BCLG's new name.

We only had three weekly competitions this month besides the annual competition against the men on 29th, The Kitchen Sink sponsored by Dunlop. This month we look forward to the Astral Cup which will be held at the Rose Garden, please ring Debbie for further details, don't miss the fun.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1992

Most of you have paid your subscription but those of you that haven't we have presumed that you do not wish to continue your membership.

Forthcoming Competitions

7th April	Texas Scramble
14th April	Local Holiday no golf
21st April	Castrol Cup
28th April	Strokeplay — Medal 4

New Handicaps

Debbie	16 to 15
Maggie A.	17 to 16 to 15
Anna C.	29 to 26
Kerstin	22 to 21
Penny	21 to 20
Erika	36* to 31!
Lynda	15 to 14
Krista	26 to 25

Congratulations to you all.

KITCHEN SINK — THANK YOU DUNLOP, THANK YOU DAVID LAMB

Thank you DUNLOP for continuing to support this fun day, which it was even though many of our faithfuls were away celebrating someone's leap year birthday!

Once again, this year we halved the match and so the men retained the trophy. It was a close fight and hopefully next year the girls will finally achieve that half or one point to win. Fabulous scores were turned in especially ERIC HUDSON's, who shot gross 71! Well done Eric — turning Pro?

Another great achievement was an ALBATROS shot by Michael Sagild — well done.

I would like to thank Debbie, Wil, Gil, Sharon, Krista and Margaret Bayliss for all their help on the day and all those who contributed drinks and gifts.

Competition Results

4th February — Muang Ake — Par Bisque

Silver Division	—	Winner	Debbie Arbogast	+ 5
		R'up	Eileen Cook	- 5
Bronze I	—	Winner	Inge Schwetz	+ 5
		R'up	Magda Rutten	even
Bronze II	—	Winner	Gill Hough	+ 6
		R'up	Livia Dijkstra	+ 2

N.P. 8 Eileen Cook N.P. 17 Landa Sugimoto

Birdie : Anna Constantine

EAGLE : Magda Rutten hole no. 3

Well done the two of you!

As it was Chinese New Year we had the pleasure of the company of 7 husbands and the two near pins were won by Steve Arbogast and Russell Morgan.

11th February 1992 — Muang Ake — Matchplay

The following won their matches and the census was that we should have more matchplay competitions in the future.

Well done: Debbie and Rita, Anne Marie and Inge, Margaret and Joke, Maggie and Maud, Will and Livia, and Landa and Eileen Marion.

Near Pin 6 — Dixie (she is really getting an expert on these near pins)

Near Pin 17 — Anne Marie

Birdies : Debbie on the 11th hole, Anne Marie on the 9th and 17th. Well done.

Under Par : Anne Marie (66)

25th February 1992 — Muang Ake — Strokeplay Medal

Silver Division	—	Winner	Maggi	69
		R'Up	Debbie	77
Bronze I	—	Winner	Kerstin	66
		R'up	Krista	68
Bronze II	—	Winner	Rita C	75
		R'up	Gill	78

NP 6 — Debbie NP 8 — Dixie (there she goes again, well done!) NP 12 — Joke

Long Drives :	Silver Division	—	Eileen
	Bronze I	—	Krista
	Bronze II	—	Landa

What fabulous scores, many handicaps were broken.

We welcome four new members who joined us on this day:

Margaret P-Montri, Vanessa Johnson, Caroline Jones and Anne Alsborg.

29th February 1992 — Kitchen Sink — Muang Ake

Best Lady's score	—	Krista Sagild
Best Men's score	—	Dugal Forrest
Blind partners:—		
First	—	Eric and Lavita
Second	—	Chris Branston and Anne-Marie Hasselquist
Third	—	Frank Hough and Sriwan Forrest



*Blind Draw—
Eric + Lavita
1st prize, well done
Eric — Fantastic gross 71.
British Club have their own
Pro after all! Anyone for
lessons? Contact Eric.*



*2nd Prize
Chris + Anne Marie.
"don't look so
shocked Cris?!"
We can't believe*



*3rd Prize
Frank and
Sriwan.
"Okay, how did
you manage
that Frank?"*

*Sartorial
Elegance
Theo and Sharon.*



Kitchen Sink "Sponsored by Dunlop — 29.2.92 The Brutes Keep The Trophy!!



"... do I have to give it to you?"

**Match play
the ladies
draw for
the second
time
4 points
each!**



"Oh yes, you have to WIN to take it away!"



*"... and the first prize to the most beautiful ... oh ...
I mean the best ladies' score — KRISTA!*



*"How did you get that Albatros, did
you say?"
Well done Michael.*

RUGBY



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BRITISH CLUB vs ONDUAK

"TRIBUTE TO A BANGKOK LEGEND OF STATURE"

Micky "The Beast" Wheeler was once described as the product of a cross between a brillo pad and a short-sighted dwarf.

Rugby connoisseurs around the world immediately recognise that as the perfect genetic combination to produce a scrum-half of stature and not a little intelligence.

Edwards, Syd Going "Going Gone", Terry Holmes, Nick Farr Jones and definitely not Nigel Starmer-Smith, had a little bit of the 'Wheeler' quality about them.

Wheeler's gnarled hands, firm jaw line expansive shoulders — yes, there is a little bit of rugby changing room latent homosexuality coming out here Ed — inspired nausea and apprehension amongst the back rows he took on and took with him in Bangkok.

"Tackling Wheeler was like trying to stop a rampant water buffalo intent on a bit of bovine rumpy, pumpy," said Nung Soi, a flanker with the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

His team-mate, Soi Nung, smiles: "Yes, Khun Wheeler" must have had a very substantial stock of Tiger Balls... he was a man with great fire in his heart and anger in his belly. Touching him was not a pleasant thing for a Buddhist to do... It reminded one of what you could come back as."

In games, the formidable British Club pack always started with the great morale booster that "Wheeler" was on their side and that's where he was staying.

And so to the great man's final Bangkok outing. Nerves, anticipation, beer, thoughts on the forthcoming election in the UO or Bill Clinton's chances in the US Primaries, call it what you may, the British Club were just a yard too slow and a second too late in their match against Ontuak, a cunning side of old French dogs from Biarritz.

Even Wheeler was slow in coming forwards. The first 60 minutes were a great stretch

of frustration for the boys of the BC. A nippy Galleon type scrum-half, a surging Blanco style full-back with real pace and a deft Asterix look-alike centre with a deviously smart moustache, put on a fine display of Gallic ball skills which left BC trailing at the half.

"I fort we was dun for", said newly appointed Vice-Captain, Steve "Cute Arse" Rees, "It wur reel ugly, them French geezers wur ded tricky... it brorot me to tears whem I kep missin tackl affer tackl."

Captain Grunwell departed at half-time and things were looking bleak for the BC. But with Alf, Rees and Brydon, linking well in the centre, and the pack starting to contemplate British honour and memories of Poitiers, Crecy, Agincourt and Waterloo, the Lion started to roar.

The final quarter of the game, with Wheeler rampant going forward, the BC played without doubt some of their best rugby of the 1991-92 campaign.

Meggison opened the account plunging over for a well deserved score. And then the powerful joie de vivre of champagne rugby took over.

Rees breaking from open play linked with the back-row and a huge gap opened in the French mid-field — similar to the one the Germans found at the start of both world wars "They don't like it up them" —, the move never faltered. Like a great, grunting Scottish Chieftain of old, Simon 'galloping' Dakers, appeared, wrestled the ball from Hunt's finger tips and scored a try to be savoured and remembered for a long time.

The action did not stop there. Wheeler breaking from the base of a scrum 20 yards from the Ontuak line, ran cross field and linked with roaring Ian Brydon coming through like Casey Jones and the Canon Ball Express.

The West Australian rugby league hitman, shrugged off a string of Gallic tackles and then fed the ball to the BC's tanned, muscular, tear-away, open side hardman, Hunt, (who????ed), who touched down with his usual panache and revery.

Five minutes to go and eight points down.

The BC were flying and the French knew it.

Wheeler popped up again at the base of a five yard scrum, linked with the back-row who skillfully fed Mark Thomson, heading straight and true, like the Dunedin to Invercagill stopping train, for the line. Brydon converted his second.

22-2-, the crowd maintained a hushed silence as the seconds ticked away. Only time stood between the BC and a great salute to Wheeler on his final fling in the East.

As Dan "no knees now" Seligson raced through chasing a bobbling ball it looked as though the BC were about to pull off a marvelous come back but as the Sprinting Yank's knee exploded in a shower of splintered bone and cartilage, the referee killed the dream dead. Wheeler, sipping from a magnum of cheap champagne after the game, shirt thrown casually around his neck, smiled and wiped a tear away: "Dulce et decorum est, pro patriae mori."

NOTICE BOARD

The Rugby Section's Notice Board in the British Club is full of information about games, training, up and coming events etc. So keep your eyes open.

THANK YOU

Last but not least the Rugby Section would like to thank everybody who have supported them with the Hong Kong Tour. To name but a few: Thai International Moving, Chico Thai, Securicor for equipment, American Express for the No Talent Night, everybody who has donated prizes for the raffle and all those who have advertised in the Hong Kong magazine. The staff of the Churchill Bar for their continued patience and Keith Bell for his help and advice.

Paul Hunt

SOCCER SOCCER

Hi gang,

Back after a two month absence to wish you a Happy Songkran and Easter combined. Despite the long absence there is not much football to report as the Farang League has been thrown into disarray with the closure of ISB's Soi 15 Campus which left the League 'homeless'. Two matches a week on the RBSC pitch instead of the normal five or six means each team only plays once every three weeks or so and the pressure is on to find pastures new. This situation does, of course, add weight to the argument of the British Club owning its own pitch which could also be rented out as there is a dearth of well maintained fields in Bangkok.

MATCH REPORT:

The only competitive eleven a side game the Club have been involved in was in the Farang League and the less said about it the better. We opened the second half of the Farang League season with a game against the Sports Club (RBSC) at their pitch. It really was a fixture we

would have preferred later as we tend to take one or two matches to get into our stride and this one was against the League favourites who were only two points ahead of us. Despite having a full squad and five substitutes we went down very badly four goals to nil. The team started off well but when we lost the first goal head dropped, unusually for the British Club and it was only in the last fifteen minutes that we started to show real fighting spirit.

By contrast, if the League game saw us hit a low in terms of performance our participation in the RBSC Annual 7-a-side Tournament was definitely a high for the section this year. The tournament is played over two days, with the seven-a-side teams playing 7-1/2 minutes each way on a full sized pitch to regular rules except there is no offside. Forty teams start the tournament with some of Bangkok's finest including two semi professional teams Thai Farmers and Bangkok Bank. Many teams have guest players and there is a fair smattering of Thai Internationals on show. Day one and the early part of day two comprises a round robin competition with eight

leagues of five teams. The top two finishers in each league go into the competition proper which is on a knock-out basis with teams three and four entering a plate competition and the last in the group being eliminated. Historically over the past few years we have made the Plate competition with the one or two teams we entered and gone out in the early rounds. This has been due to three things (a) the high standard (b) our fitness standard due to advancing years and (c) the fact we usually want to play the game like an eleven a side match when different tactics would serve us better. It was therefore more with hope than anticipation that we entered two teams (squads of ten) in this year's event but both were to do the club proud.

The B squad comprising mostly Casual players and captained by the 'Bubble' Andy Anastasi kicked off first and were unfortunate to go down to two late goals from the French A or number one team. they bounced back in game two and thanks to a Martin Dawson goal overcame the Young Thai Sikhs who are currently third in the Farang league by one nil. Game three was appropriately against a Thai team called Third and again only fitness let them down when the Thais snatched a later winner with the only goal of the game. Day two came with the distinct possibility of the Casuals qualifying for the tournament proper and qualify they did by beating another Thai team Samakee Paset by the only goal of the game direct from an Anastasi free kick that Glen Hoddle (or was it Glen Miller) would have been proud of.

Meanwhile in a different half of the draw the 'A' squad were also doing well despite the absence of regular goalkeeper Paul Barber. Coincidentally our opener was also against the French, this time their 'B' squad and the result finished 2-1 in our favour. The goals came from Nigel Oakins with a cross cum shot and Ian McKenzie from close in before the Frogs got a late consolation. Game two against a team sponsored by air couriers TNT finished one nil to us thanks and a Ron Aston drive and the day closed with the A Squad going down nil-one to a Thai Airways team who have reached the semi-final stages four years in a row. This was a god result and the flying boys only 'sneaked' one late on. The final section game was played on Sunday and we competently beat another Thai team, Tira Thai by the only goal of the game scored by Tommy Keenan to finish second in the group. Thai Airways

maintained their 100% record.

When all the sections were resolved it transpired that the British Club A & B teams were the only two expatriate teams to make the competition proper and even the RBSC who now comfortably lead the Farang League failed to do this. Quite a few people sat up and took note and it is no small achievement particularly for the 'B' squad who really played their hearts out.

The A team were first on the go in the competition proper playing a team called Pitak Monkol and the standard and pace were obviously up a notch. The game finished nil nil thanks to some excellent teamwork and defending with was very effective on the left. It was on to penalties to decide the match. Frank Hough and Ron Aston converted our first two out of three whilst Pitak Monkol in two of the most pathetic attempts seen missed both theirs to see us go through to the quarter finals two nil without the need for the third ones to be taken.

The 'B team' then took the field to play Din Daeng and in a very fast game they turned in a great performance but unfortunately age had taken its toll and they went down two nil. All credit to their squad however with Andy Anastasi, Alan Mays, Peter Downs and Martin Dawson all prevalent whilst Jerry Stewart performed competently in the unfamiliar goalkeepers position.

It was the united squad behind the 'A' team then as we took the field for our first ever quarter final in this event to meet an unknown team called Phoenix who reportedly had two Thai Internationals in their line up. In the first half we gave as good as we got but were devastated late on when a vicious curling shot went in of the inside of the post to beat yours truly in goal. This meant in the second half we had to push forward to chase the game and this left gaps at the back which were exploited by the Thai's superior pace. We were unable to score despite coming close and in one break-away Phoenix capitalised on their three against two situation to get a clear view a goal and score number two with a rasping shot. It was all over and there was to be no fairly tale ending to the excellent performances of both our squads. I have to say also that the pace of shots ex Phoenix matched any I have experienced world-wide.

The standard of the competition was underlined when Phoenix who had been undefeated thus far went down to Thai Farmers Bank who

then went on to win the final on penalties.

POSTSCRIPTS

By the time you read this we will have hopefully played more League games but more importantly the section will have held its first ever Scotland versus England international. This game was the brainchild of Vaughan Elias and Jim Boyd which was eagerly seized upon by the section committee and comprises a game, dinner and disco. It is planned to make it an annual event with a trophy and medals and in addition a souvenir programme. The Scots being a little short in numbers but not quality have been allowed to field Welshmen also and a close game is expected.

Why are false teeth like the stars? Cos they came out at night!

What did one sheep say to the other? Let's be pen pals!

What's yellow and goes 'Clunch'? a Chinaman eating crisps!

THERE'S a bloke sits in the pub all day long, never seems to do any work yet always has plenty of the

readies, and one day the barmaid asks him where he gets all his money from.

"I live by my wits," says the bloke. "Look, I'll bet you \$20 I can bite my ear."

"OK," says the barmaid, "you're on."

And the bloke takes out his false teeth and bites his ear.

"See?" he says, pocketing the \$20.

"Oh, yes, very clever," says the barmaid. "What about giving me a chance to get my money back?"

"OK," says the bloke, "I'll bet you \$20 I can make love to you without touching you."

"Right" says the barmaid, "you're on."

So they go round the back, and about 20 minutes later the barmaid breathlessly says, "You said you could do it without touching me."

"Oh well," says the bloke, "win a few, lose a few..."

That wraps it up for this month.

Happy Easter!

'Scoop

SQUASH SQUASH

WELL, by the time you read this there should be a new squash committee looking after the section and hopefully there will be a few of the old team and hopefully a few new faces. It could even be that this is the last squash report that I write and someone out there is keen to take over, well I can only hope!

Details of the new committee will be given in the next issue.

Sadly, last month we had to say goodbye to Tony Austin who has been actively involved in squash in Thailand for many years but has now returned to the U.K. Tony has not only been the chairman of the squash section during the past but was also the club captain for one or two seasons, represented the club on the Thailand

Squash Racket Association and generally was the face of squash at the British Club. Over the years he fixed up many games for visiting teams and is well-known throughout the region. One of his biggest contributions to the game in Thailand was his involvement in the four new public courts which were built at Dindaeng. He was also, of course, quite a useful player and managed to retire from Thailand as number one on the ladder, mainly by refusing challenges for the last few weeks I suspect! Well done Tony, thank you very much for your efforts on behalf of squash at the B.C. and we wish you a successful continuation of your business and squash career back in Yorkshire.

The only recent international match we

have had was with Hong Kong cricket club who were led by our former number one Mike Stockley. The game took place early February and the B.C. won by three games to one. The team consisted of Peter Corney, David Hedge, Neville Downer and Phil Evans. It would be curlish to tell you who lost in a three-one victory, and anyway I can't remember who it was, so congratulations to all gentlemen on a fine performance.

The only final topic to mention is a proposed squash weekend which we hope will be

coming up shortly so please keep an eye on the squash noticeboard near the squash courts.

Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have all three squash courts back in action and all in fine shape, if not we will continue to work on them and in the near future we should have three good squash courts on which we can all enjoy the game.

See you in court.

Mel Leddy

TENNIS TENNIS

JARDINE TRANE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE annual club championships were completed on time on Sunday 9th March, after some frantic arranging of semi-finals in the two days prior. It was a long day for some, with the first final starting at 7.30 am and the last being completed at 8 pm. That said, the day provided some very exciting matches, particularly in the doubles competitions. Aside from the congratulations to be bestowed on the winners, losers and all participants, particular mention goes to David Ingham and Sandra Thornton who both reached two finals and came away empty-handed, and Yenny Basso who played in two finals and came away with the honours each time.

Our thanks go to all our sponsors, Jardine Trane, Dusit Hotels, Shangrila Hotel, Hana Watches, Dunlop, Richard Ellis and Coca-Cola, who provided some splendid prizes. Also to all those who helped in running of the competition, by way of umpiring, scoring, and not forgetting our valiant ballboy, Brian 'Legs' McFeely!

The final honours went to:—

Men's Singles	—	Surin Dunnvatanachit defeat Pat Dean 6-2, 6-2
Ladies' Singles	—	Yenny Basso defeat Kristine Nicol 6-2, 6-2
Men's Doubles	—	Bruno Straub and Ray Liang defeat David Ingham and Gary Cooper 7-6, 7-6
Ladies' Doubles	—	Yenny Basso defeat Sandra Thornton 4-6, 6-2, 6-4

Plate Winners

Men's Singles	—	Simon Fox
Ladies' Singles	—	Caroline Jones
Men's Doubles	—	Howard Shields + Richard Groves
Ladies' Doubles	—	Eileen Cook + Gwen Cornfield
Mixed Doubles	—	Chris Taggart + Eileen Cook

Other News

The long delayed upgrading and redevelopment of the existing tennis facilities was due to commence on the day of writing (9th March). Let's hope that the work is completed speedily and proves beneficial to the club.

Upcoming Events

Due to the often short timescales between organising and participating in some of the sections events coupled with the delay between writing and publishing of articles in *Outpost*, it is not normally feasible to publish upcoming events in advance. (This will be done by flyers where possible.)

That said however, we are preparing a trip upto Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai on the first weekend of May (to include public holidays on the Friday and Tuesday). This would include matches against the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club and the Dusit, Chiang Rai and perhaps some sightseeing for the adventurous types, not to mention the shopping for the supporters!

Dave Haworth



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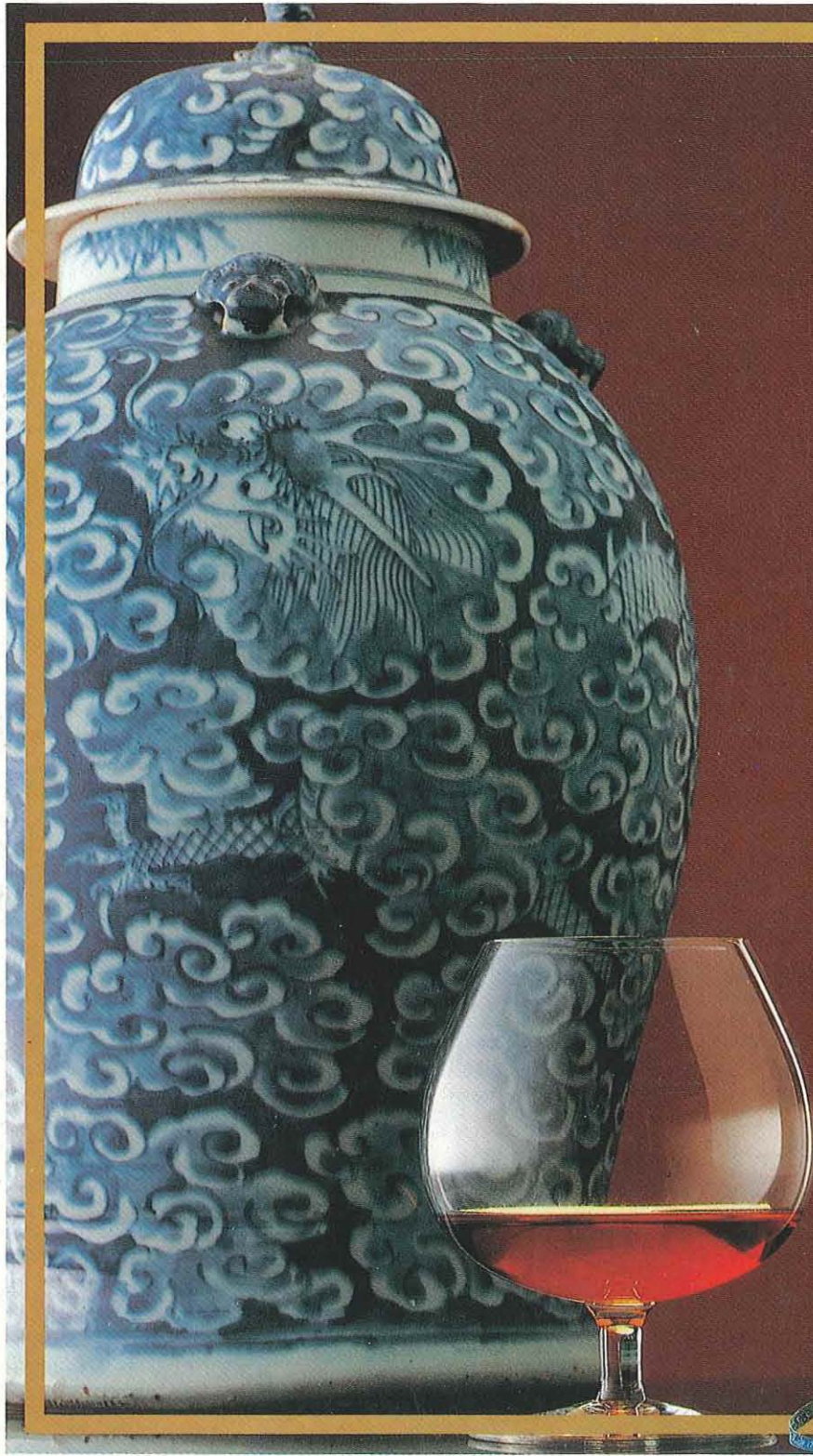
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