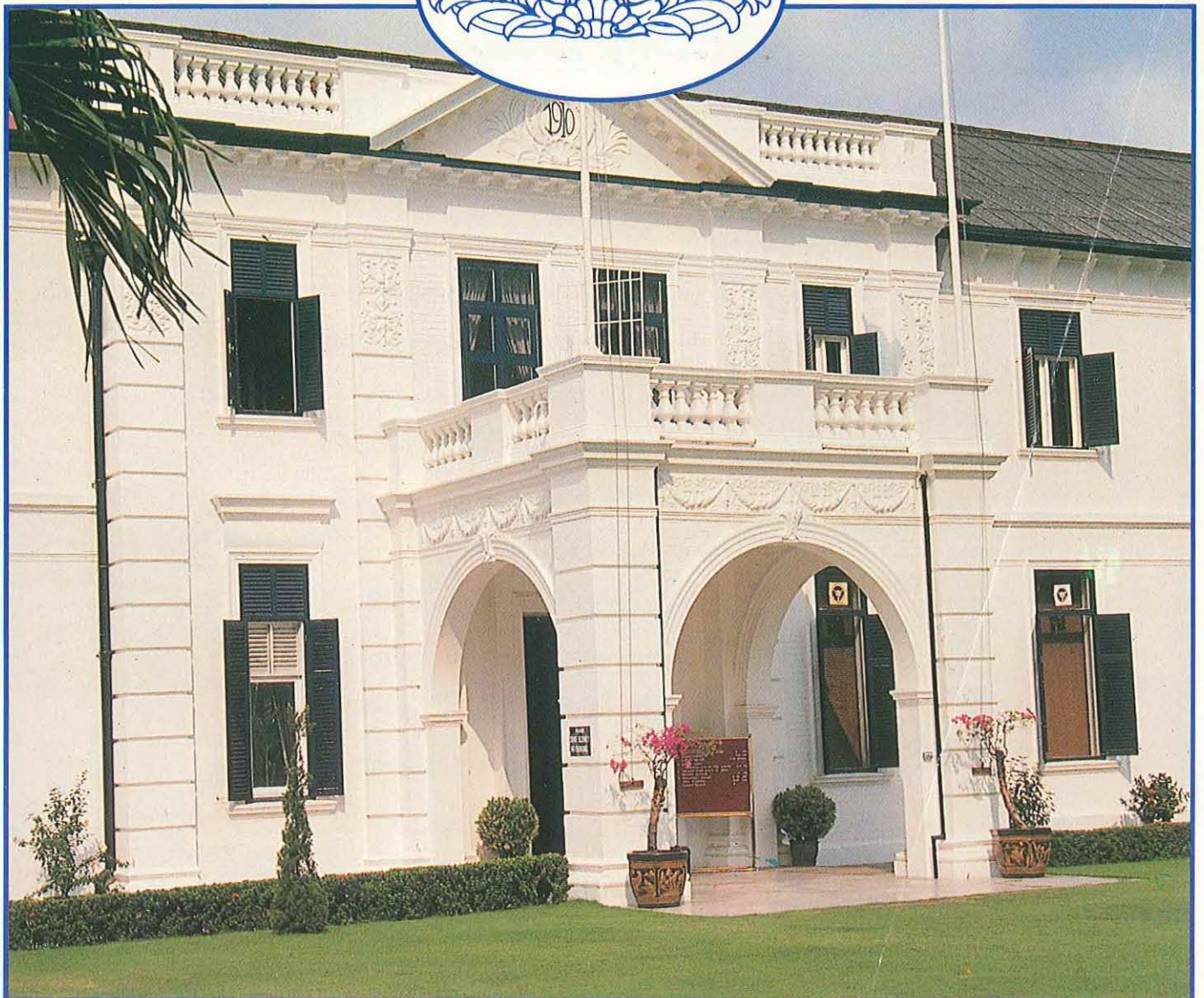


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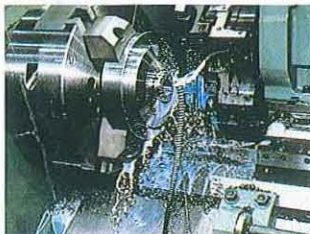
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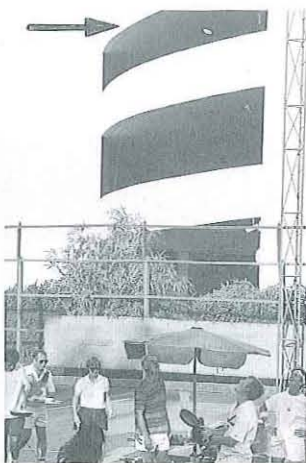
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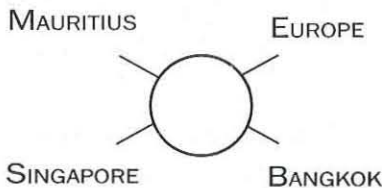
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FROM THE EDITOR



Dear Readers,

Hello again, why is it that months and years seem to fly when you get older. I remember when I was little it took such a long time for my next birthday to come round let alone the thought of how I was ever going to get through the week before my birthday.

This is going to be our fifth Songkran in Thailand and I remember the first one very well. We had been here about one or two weeks, still staying in a hotel. We were out, my husband, Nicole (4) and James (1) and about, sight-seeing and went to the Grand Palace. We did notice a lot of people with little jars of talcum powder and powder mixed with water and they kept on coming up to us, rubbing this gooey stuff over our faces. James was not too impressed when he was woken up by two sticky hands around his face and a Thai,

beaming face staring down at him. Next we went to a hotel for lunch, nothing untoward there. We then walked outside where someone poured a cup of ice cold water down my neck. We thought it must be some peculiar Thai habit, we were told just to smile and not to get upset... so we did. It was getting late, so we hailed a Tuk Tuk, which was our first mistake. The next mistake was, not knowing Bangkok at all, to let him take us the scenic route. We went all over the place and passed lots of people throwing water. Which we - including the children - all thought was very funny. We then arrived somewhere very near Sukhumvit where we were staying, attempted to get over the little bridge, could not because of all the people standing there with buckets. All this time we still did not know what was going on, a car passed us, a limousine from the hotel we were staying in. I remember looking at it and thinking how boring, to go in a limousine when you can be so close to the people and sit in a Tuk Tuk. Within the next minute or so I changed my mind.... Some people threw two buckets of water straight into our Tuk Tuk, not over the driver mind you, all over us. James was hit straight in the face, my sunglasses fell off, Nicole started crying, James immediately joined in, Joe was very impressed to say the least. The Tuk Tuk driver was smiling and so was everyone else. We arrived at the hotel at the same time as the guests in the limousine, who thought it was very funny as well. Leaving a trail of

water, we were absolutely soaked, we made it to our room, dived into a hot bath and started reading up on Thai festivals. So be warned, newcomers to Thailand, we might eat lots of eggs at Easter but the Thais surely know what to do with their water, even if there is a shortage.

Have a happy Easter and Songkran.

Bea Grunwell
Editor

PS. *If anyone wants a guinea pig (or 2) please call Jane Prichard, 381 1791, she has hundreds of the creatures. (Seriously!!!)*

PS2 *The British Womens Group is holding their Jumble Sale on May 4th at the Silom Sala at the BC from 9.30 til 11am. Be there.... good bargains.*

New Members



Ron and Linda Green, Ron is a Consultant in the oil fields in North Africa and runs his own company called Rolin OFC Technology. He travels a lot. Linda is the marketing manager for Phillip Wayne, she uses the fitness centre herself and thoroughly recommends it to all ladies. She knows a lot of ladies spend the whole day there, so it must be good. She also promised to write an article on fitness and beauty for Outpost so we look forward to that. They have 2 children a boy of 18 and a girl of 21 both at university in Aberdeen. They like Bangkok. Ron likes playing golf and reading and Linda enjoys keeping fit and reading. They are both workaholics.



Jeremy Harrison, watch out girls, here is an extremely attractive, single individual who works for Riche Monde as their brand manager. He does a lot of entertaining whilst trying to sell lots of Johnnie Walker whisky. He also plays golf, tennis and carried his mountain bike with him all over the world. He was in Hong Kong for 2 years. He plans to take up SCUBA diving whilst in Thailand.



Andrew Hodgson works for North West Water as their Senior Mechanical Engineer and has been in Bangkok for 4 weeks. He is married to Yvonne who was babysitting daughter Rachel (12) at the hotel. They are hoping to move into an apartment soon. He

was based in Warrington UK before he came out to Thailand. He is studying for an MBA at the moment so does not have a lot of time for sports or hobbies. Yvonne enjoys playing Mahjong.



Trudy der Kinderen has dual nationality, Australian and Dutch, works for the Australian Embassy as the administrator for the Political and Economical sections. She has been here for 6 months but already visited and passed through Bangkok 9 times previously. She feels she knows the place very well. She is trying to cope with her maid and enjoys eating and cooking Thai food. She was born in Netherlands and her parents emigrated to Oz when she was 7. She told me she enjoys theatre and look forward to reasonably priced cultural evenings at the BC.



Anthony Taylor works for Esso, and came from Fawley nr Southampton UK. He is married to Jan who was babysitting Tim (12), Tim does not think he needs babysitting and prefers to call it "young adult bothering". Anthony used to be in the Royal and Merchant Navy before so he has seen quite a bit of the world. He enjoys SCUBA diving and has joined his son and himself up for a course in Jomtien. He also enjoys a leisurely game of tennis and badminton. Jan works voluntarily in an orphanage run by Project Life, near the airport and used to be a Tumble Tot teacher. She plays the occasional game of tennis.

Alan Craig, an extremely talkative, single person is the Managing Director for Compunet. He describes himself as a young delicious individual and recommended I'd stop talking to him there and then. He says he enjoys horse-riding, swimming, badminton, golf and wind surfing - but I am not sure if all this is true. The sequins on his tie were stitched on by his mother and he informed me he wants proofing right for the New Members section. He knows a lot about computers and completely baffled me with science, he also asked me to come up and see his computer at some time.... I might take him up on that offer.



Derek Cheyne informed me at 8pm he was not going to be late, I left him in the Bar with Alan Craig at midnight. Derek is the Marketing Director for Transpo and has been here for 2 months. He has been into moving for 16 years and is the only one of his family who is not in the printing business which goes back about 150 years. He is married to Lena who is coming out in April with son Jordan (4). Lena does a bit of charity work and Derek plays squash, golf and soccer. They are both keen to participate in activities at the British Club.



James Thomson-Glover is here with Barclays, de Zoete, Wedd a Merchant Bank. He came here in November and was in Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong before. He is married to Veronica who will join him in a few weeks. They have 2 children Edward (9) and Rosie (4). He enjoys playing golf, tennis and just joined the St. Andrews Society. Veronica likes playing tennis and will join into the reels at the St. Andrews practices. Alex Forbes and James are both Aquarians.. I thought you'd like that bit of useful information.



Andrew Clarke (New Zealand) and Jill Nessel (USA), (Mike O'Connor never found out if they were married or not) came here from Guam. Andrew works for Inchcape Insurance Brokers and Jill is searching for employment. She was the Administrative Director of the Guam Olympic Committee, so I am sure there are all sorts of possibilities here. Andrew is a rugby player, enjoys running, darts, golf, hashing and eating, especially Jill's cooking. Jill likes running, triathalons, travel and eating - whose cooking though?



Elizabeth Lush was introduced to me by big bro' Andrew, she did not have a chance to say anything for herself So here goes; Andrew says she works for Anek a law firm, she is a trainee lawyer. He says she is his sister and he made her come out. He also says everyone should go and see the etchings and paintings at the Neilson Hayes Library which run until April 20, which Elizabeth organised. She joined the St. Davids Society and likes swimming. I was also told to mention she is single and looking for dates - but ask her yourself because I am not sure she is that desperate.

WELSH WOMEN IN OILS AND PASTELS

by
NEIL CROWTHER

at

THE NEILSON HAYS ROTUNDA GALLERY

during

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH - FRIDAY 15TH APRIL

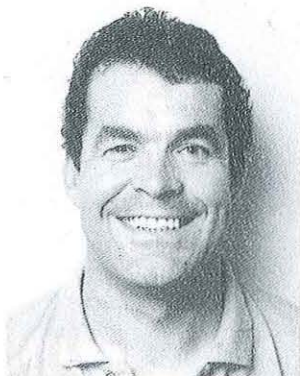
Neil Crowther spent his child hood in Pembrokeshire, Wales, until moving to study at the Slade School of Fine Art, London. Here he was awarded the highest merit of London University, the Coldstream Prize, and a travelling scholarship throughout Russia. He later returned to his birthplace, where he now teaches art at the University of Wales, and concentrates on his beloved theme, Welsh Women.



FROM THE MANAGER

Amazingly I have been in post 6 months! It seems more like 6 weeks! All I can say is that I am delighted that the Committee chose me for the job, the breadth and variety of responsibilities continue to surprise me ... daily! I am very much enjoying being in Bangkok and at the Club, I hope that we on the staff are continuing to provide the high level of service and assistance established during my predecessors time at the tiller.

April should be a good month at the Club what with the B.C.T. finishing off their last few evenings of Plaza Suite, Easter, Songkran and St. Georges Day. This is therefore an appropriate time to extend the management's gratitude to all



the loyal Societies for their continued use of the Club, for their advice and assistance. But not only the loyal Societies, so many groups use the Club all the of whom offer extra facilities for enjoyment of Members and therefore further broaden the appeal of member-

ship of the British Club.

April will also see a change in how we prepare Members accounts. The change is explained elsewhere, but it is very much hoped that this slight adjustment in procedure will enable us to be more efficient in giving the membership a 'cleaner', better service. The ultimate target is to use the blue embossed membership cards for all purchases. To this end, if you do not yet have your blue card please let me know and we will hurry the process on!

Happy Easter and have a good Songkran!

David Viccars
General Manager

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MANAGEMENT NOTICES

LOST PROPERTY

There have been several recent cases of members losing items of property whilst at the Club. May we please take this opportunity of urging all Members to take good care of their belongings whilst at the Club and also ask that if Members find belongings which have obviously been mislaid by their owners, kindly take these items to reception where there is a lost property book. All lost property is recorded in this book and is kept in the box outside the office. This box is cleared each month with unclaimed items being given to slum charities.

SECURITY

Please always carry your Membership card when visiting the Club, and if Security Guards do not ask for this proof of membership when entering the compound, let the Manager know and let the guards know you will be reporting them.

OUTPOST MAGAZINES

When looking through the archives it would appear that we are missing certain back copies of the 'Outpost'. In particular all the copies of the year 1984 are missing! They must have been bound and the book created from the monthly issues is missing. The complete list of missing issues is:

1984 complete

1989 April, June, October

Can anyone give the Club any of these missing magazines?

SWIMMING POOL

Various Members have mentioned that it may be timely to remind users of certain of the Bylaws relating to use of the pool, in particular:

- a) Please remember that shoes are not to be worn in the enclosed area of both the main and children's pools.
- b) Please remember that children below the age of 14 are meant to be supervised by their parents or older family member.
- c) In the interest of hygiene and safety please try to prevent lounge cushions, baby seats etc. from being thrown into the Children's pool.
- d) Although large inflatable devices and inflatable boats are not particularly prohibited from the pools, a measure of control is required so as not to inconvenience other users.

In summary as both pools are getting busier, we all need to be aware of the other users! Management will try to ensure that the Staff obey these rules as well!

SWIMMING POOL CLOSURE

The management regrets to inform the membership that due to lack of interest in the swimming activities, the swimming pool will be filled in on Friday 1st April and be used as a hockey pitch thereafter. Members are advised to use the paddling pool between 6 and 8am and 8 and 9pm.

MEMBERS ACCOUNTS AND THE CHIT SYSTEM

April will see a fundamental change in the way we process Members' purchases at the Club. As announced earlier it is the Committees' intention that rather than get copies of all your chits sent to you monthly with your account, the staff will give you the copy of you chit at the time you make the purchase. With your monthly account will come a summary of all your purchases during the period covered by that account. Should there be queries on your account, then you can simply compare the copies of the chit you hold (if you have retained them!) with the summary or telephone the office for advice. As all the chits are sequentially numbered and kept in the office it will be easy for us to resolve any concerns. The benefits of this new system will be many, firstly, we will get the bills out quicker, secondly, it will reduce the office expenses and thirdly, it will give you, the Member, a copy of your purchase at the time of sale. Everyone should benefit!

CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

There are a host of projects which we would like to undertake on behalf of the Club. Sadly time precludes us giving many of these schemes the priority they deserve. Ideas such as reciprocal club "passports", corporate discount deals, Club history and many more projects all need attention. Are there any Members or their families, who could lead a study to assist the Club? All volunteers gratefully accepted. Simply telephone the General Manager!

Badminton



"Great action in the Men's Final..." L to-R: Henry, Martin, John, Steve

Just as you thought it was safe to go back on court... PAULINE IS COMING BACK TO BANGKOK!!! Batten the hatches, man the lifeboats, sound ye horn!... no she's not, sorry, that was my attempt at an April Fools. Had you worried for a moment though, didn't it?!

April should see another Club competition (if no external match is on the cards by then) following the great success of February's. And of course there's the Racquet Day tournament on the 24th - I hope you've all signed up for your favourite team - and who knows what else may be round the corner?

However, back to February's **Spring Time Round Robin** on the 20th, a roaring success even though I say so myself, which saw a good turnout and some exciting games, ending up with two outstanding finals matches. A very convenient twenty people turned up on the day which nicely filled Maurice's Round Robin format chart. Of course, with me organising it we ended up with a glut of men, not that I was complaining, so four of them had to play as the fairer sex, many thanks Maurice, Kevin, Barry and David yet again - this is becoming a habit for him. The 'real' ladies comprised Carol M, El Leicester, Katy, Marian Mac Dermott, Rebecca O and Wanna; the 'real' men (and I use that term loosely) comprised Ed, Henry, John Leicester, Martin H, Matthew O, Paul Lefebure, Peter Mac, Robert Jones, Stephen Forbes and Steve Rees. We were delighted to welcome new members Martin and Paul to their first match, good to see that some new blood is coming through, and hope that some of the less frequent visitors to our lowly courts make us more of a habit.

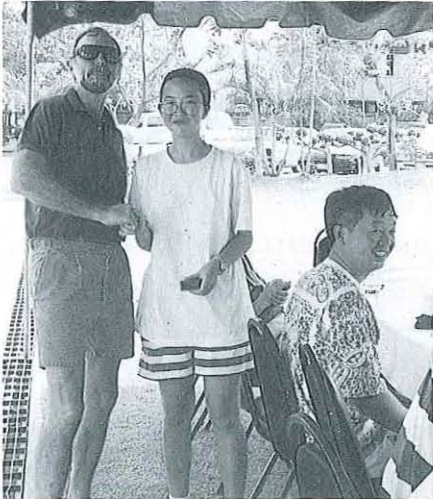
Several fun, some hilarious, some marathon and some over-all-too-quickly matches took place throughout the morning, with three men in particular emerging as strong winners: Henry and Steve Rees, previous winners in Round Robins, and John Leicester all attaining perfect scores of 75 from five matches, and newcomer Martin excelling himself

coming in fourth. Katy scored the highest among the 'real' ladies with Marian only one point behind. For those interested, Wanna came amongst the last, which of course was put down to the (bad) luck of the draw!

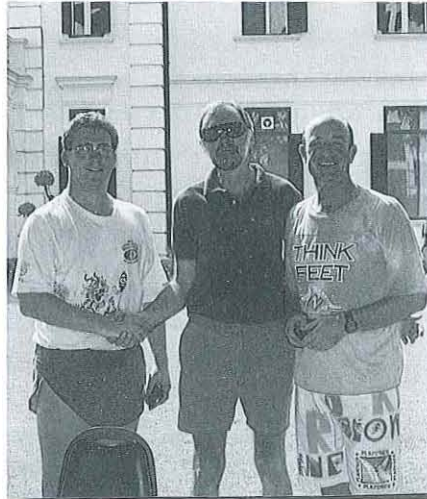
It had been decided (by me) to put on a men's and ladies' final at 12.45 to ensure that the better players got at least



"And during the Ladies Final." L to R: Kevin, Katy, Barry, Marian



"Ladies winner Katy"



"What's a sweaty shirt between friends? Men's winners Steve Rees and John Leicester"



"On airing the armpit ohn collapsed, but Steve braves it out."

one really competitive match, and I was proved right as these final games produced some really excellent badminton the likes of which is rarely seen at our normal mix-in sessions. Congratulations to all the finalists for rounding off the day in style. The results for the day were as follows:

Men's Final: Steve R and John L bt. Henry and Martin H 15-11

Ladies' Final: Katy and Kevin bt. Marian and Barry 15-5

The prizes, gorgeous Chinese ceramic bowls supplied by Wanna, were presented at the delicious chow-down at the Club afterwards, although the unseasonably high humidity had taken its toll on Martin and Kevin, who had to disappear due to exhaustion, pity.

Missed some superb grub, they did. David announced that he was looking forward to changing sex in one of these events one day, although he added a rider of "judging by my performance as a woman I dread to think what score I will get playing as a man".

So that was the Spring Time Round Robin. It was suggested (and considered a damn good idea) to establish one Sunday each month as a competition day, to make it more of a habit. The third Sunday of each month (as this one was) was chosen as the day, so that it wouldn't clash with Squash's first Sunday and Tennis's second Sunday tournaments, so expect to see more fun events like this in future and keep all third Sunday mornings (11am to 1pm) each

month free!

One really sensible earth-shattering notion from your Committee was to create a complete database of all members, to include all contact numbers, which should be of help not only to those wanting to challenge other players but also to the new members. It is expected that everyone will be on it - from those old hacks to those 8 out of 10 new members who expressed an interest in badminton or admitted having played in skool days - and that this database should be in your grubby little mitts (with one pinned permanently on the notice board) by the time you read this.

Right, I'm off. Happy April Swatting!

Lek Farang
XXX

GAYNOR-GUIDE TO BADMINTON

Ever wondered how to play against Henry? You know: you're running towards the back of the court and that little drop-shot floats over the net out of reach for the fifth point on the trot, and you start to ponder how unrattleable your patience is and just how fit you need to be to beat this guy? Sound familiar..?! Well, here's a tip from the man himself:

WATCH THE FACE OF HIS RACQUET. Not as easy or as silly as it sounds, the vast majority of us plebs still look at our opponents' face or body, or worse still, what we or our partners are doing, instead of looking at the racquet of him about to hit. Like in other racquet sports, it is possible to eyeball one corner of the court but aim the missile in the other, thus completely wrong-footing the opponent, winning the point and causing embarrassment in the process. Henry is one of life's masters at this.

So now you know, I'm expecting miracles.. no, seriously, ask Henry to demonstrate some of the different racquet angles possible when applying variations on any particular stroke (e.g. slices and spins). Assuming that it is possible to anticipate to a fair degree where the next shuttle is likely to end up, the theory is that you can then heave yourself into such a position to be able to hit a super shot back. I have this on authority.

Football

Happy Easter, Readers

Back again with more football news after a break for a couple of months. Somehow the inspiration was not there which matched our football at the tail end of last year. In the last two games in the first half of the season we went down 4-3 to the Germans and 1-0 to the Indians to turn a three point lead into a one point deficit behind RBSC at the turn of the year which assumes they win games in hand. This takes us onto the action.

MATCH REPORT:

We opened the second half with our first game against the French which had been postponed earlier in the season due to rain. After two defeats and minus mid field dynamo Chris Davin plus the suspended Frank Hough and Howard Neville who has unfortunately been transferred we had every right to be concerned but as so often happens in these circumstances we turned on the style. Hero of the game was Chairman Ron Aston who notched a great hat-trick but special mention must also go to the recalled Andy "Bonecrusher" Maynard who scored two and led the line well. In a six goal avalanche Adam Caro also scored but it was by no means one-sided as the French had opened the scoring and matched us goal for goal until early in the second half. The final score finished 6-3 and sent the fans home happy.

For our next game we played the Gauls next door neighbours the Huns again minus Davin, plus the younger Houghman, Roger, and still without long term injury victim Nigel "Chairman" Oakins. We had a point to prove however having been defeated by the Germans earlier and started in a determined mood. It was no surprise then when after nice lead up work by Ron Aston on the right the final pass found Steve Casteldine who squeezed a shot past the German goalie from a narrow angle. The

second and sealing goal was vintage Hough again from an Aston cross and that's how the score finished in a workmanlike rather than debonair performance.

The Young Thai Sikh Association (YTSA) were next on the calendar and we got off to a flying start when Steve Casteldine scored off a nod down from Ritchie Crook's new hairdo (nice one Ritchie). Our lead was short-lived as the YTSA had their best spell and equalised before winning a penalty which proved to be the turning point. Neil Torrance saved brilliantly and that was the confidence booster we needed. The Sikhs gave us a further boost with an own goal to give us the lead and early in the second half Captain Carruthers who is always dangerous at dead ball situations rifled in number three from a corner. Frank Hough got his almost statutory goal late on to help the goal difference further and make the final score 4-1.

The first real "four pointer" of the year came up next with the rematch against Shell who were lurking in third place only two points behind. Chris Davin was recalled to the mid-field line up but we were still down to a basic thirteen man squad although this concentration on quality rather than quantity has served us well this season so far. As Jimmy Greaves says "It's a funny old game" as despite turning in what I felt was one of our best perform-

ances of the season and literally outclassing the much younger Shell outfit we could not convert pressure into goals and the game finished 0-0 which left us now two points adrift of RBSC who continue their winning ways.

Next came Les Frenchies encore and in a bad tempered game we won trois à zero. Les goals est scored d'ú Monsieur Casteldine et Ron Aston et Monsieur Casteldine encore.

The performance unlike game one was more vin payee rather than of champagne vintage but it was still satisfying and a 3 goal win is not to be snuffed at. We welcomed back John Sheehan to the squad for this one and he came on late in the second half. Vaughan Elias also played his first full game for a while and almost scored a spectacular goal with a powerful run from deep.

One last league game at time of press was the twice yearly youth versus experience fixture against ISB. The kids again ran and harried their hearts out and it looked as if they might pull off a shock draw but again it was not to be their day as Casteldine deservedly scored with 8 minutes to go when their young keeper failed to hold a low Caro shot at the right hand post. Minutes before that Hough almost scored the goal of the season when with back to goal he brought down a cross and in almost one movement he swivelled and volleyed a sweet left foot shot

which ricocheted off the left hand post. It was poetry in motion.

The firsts also took part in the Iranian Embassy National Day Victory Tournament in early February (although what Iran ever won I'm not sure). We did not exactly set the heather a fire losing our fist game at the ungodly hour of 08:30 to the Indians 2-1. We followed this with three "nil-all" draws and this was not enough to put us through to the semi's. The French proved the surprise packet of the tournament beating the much fancied Iranians who had a few Thai "ringers" in their team in the final.

CASUALS CORNER :

The Casuals phenomena goes on with fixtures almost every Saturday. Games in the last period included a 2-1 defeat by the Patana School teachers where Captain, Stormin Norman Bright allegedly scored our only goal. New opposition was unearthed in the shape of the Ayudaya Insurance Company who proved a little too sharp on the day and turned in a "premium" performance to win 4-2. An in-house game also proved very enjoyable with the regular Casuals defeating a combination first team/irregular players 2-1.

POSTSCRIPTS :

The next month sees the finale to the Farang league. Quite simply if we win our last four games we become Champions. One of them is against the RBSC and is like a Cup Final as defeat would leave them four points clear and virtually uncatchable. Watch this space.

As stated earlier we lost the services of Howard Neville who has moved to Hong Kong and there is a possibility next month will see the departure of Ritchie and Jan Crooks with Roger Hough return-

ing to the States in May. Ritchie has most "time in" and will be a sad loss to both football and rugby alike. A quiet man he always gives of his best and is a great team member. Wife Jan also has done much for the Club not least her involvement in organising Chiang-mai tours. Roger is of course our youth policy and his pace at the back has been a real contributing factor to the successes of this season as was Howard Neville's unpredictability up front.

As some doors close others open and we welcome Paul Grenhault to the Club and Section. Paul joins from Dubai where he used to play on sand but he promises to leave his bucket on the touch-line.

The section would like to congratulate Frank and Gill Hough on their silver wedding which left Frank torn between the candle lit dinner and the RBSC game. You'll have to read next month to see what he chose. Twenty five years is a real milestone and Gill must be doing something right as Frank appears to have the same energy and enthusiasm he had quarter of a century ago. Congratulations and best wishes.

Well that about wraps it up for the month except

"There are two tomatoes on the table. Which one is a cowboy?"
"Neither of them. They've both redskins."



Paddy O'Connel was telling his mate, who was out of work, that he was making a fortune selling lobsters.

"I've got a dozen men working for me," he said. "All they do is put the pots out in the morning, then collect them in the afternoon. If you want a job you can start tomorrow."

"Yes, I will," said his friend.

"I'm a bit broke though, any chance of a sub?"

"Noway!" said Paddy, "You'll have a rowing boat like everyone else!"



Patient to Doctor: "Would it be possible to have a nationality change operation. I'd like to become an Irishman."

Doctor: "Certainly, Ve vill take out 50% of your brain I zink that vi do ze trick."

Doctor (sometime later after the operation): "Unfortunately zer has been a mistake. Ve haf taken out 90% of your brain by mistake."

Patient: "Never mind, that'll do fine cobber."



A teacher was testing her children on wartime history.

"Right children, who said, "We will fight them on the beaches"? Yes, Isao Suzuki?"

"Please missy, honolable Winston Churchill, Gleast Britain."

"Well done, Suzuki. Now, who said, "I will build a strong Germany"?"

"Please missy, Adolf Hitler, Nuremberg Rally, Germany."

"Very good, Suzuki."

Johnny's voice from the back: Japanese b*****ds."

"Who said that?" demanded the teacher.

"Eisenhower, Pearl Harbour, miss."



Back next month. Have a good Songkran and remember "One good turn gets most of the blanket".

C.U.

'Scoop



Club Champions – 1994

On February 13th we played the second day of our Championships. Bangpoo proved to be a very challenging course hence not too many good scores were turned in. Our leaders after the first round at another difficult course, Laem Chabang were:

Lowest Gross Men	Dave Stewart	Peter Ingram
Lowest Gross Ladies	Christine Selwyn	Pat Copp
Lowest net Men	Norbert S.	N. Buttery
Lowest net Ladies	Pat Copp	Mam Pickup

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1994 CLUB CHAMPIONS:

Men: Dave Stewart Lowest Gross 148, Neil Buttery Lowest Nett 144
 Ladies: Lynda Hunt Lowest Gross, Pat Copp Lowest Nett 139

Other Day Winners:

Lowest Gross	Netts
1st Day Christine	Mam Pickup
2nd Day Sriwan	Liz
1st Day Peter	Norbert
Runner up Dugal	Runner Up John
2nd Day Eric	Simon
Runner Up Alex	Runner Up David C.

A very big THANK YOU to our Sponsor for this Championship Guardian ASSURANCE.

The KITCHEN SINK held on 20th February was sponsored by MOBIL and was a very successful day. BCLG challenged the BCGS Men for the Frying Pan Trophy. I am pleased to report (wearing my BCGS hat!) that BCGS managed to win back the Trophy from the Ladies; Men 5 points - Ladies 3 points. Congratulations and thanks to the BCGS team.

Finally, our AGM held on 18th voted the following new Committee:

- Eric Hudson
- John Coxon
- Stuart Davy
- Lavita Hughes
- Neil Buttery
- Dugal Forrest
- David Newall



The club chairman with sponsor Bill Barr of Guardian Assurance

Mike Poustie
 Ron Sparks

Positions have not as yet been decided, however, I will advise you in our next newsletter, until then,

Happy golfing,

Lavita



New Committee 1994

Missing – David Newall and Mike Poustie

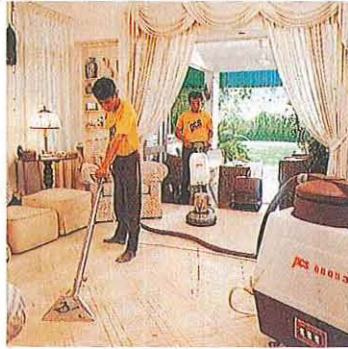


Capt. Peter being given a little token with thanks by Committee Member John Coxon

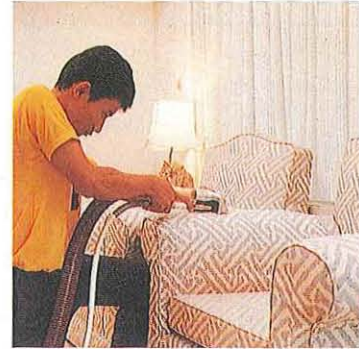
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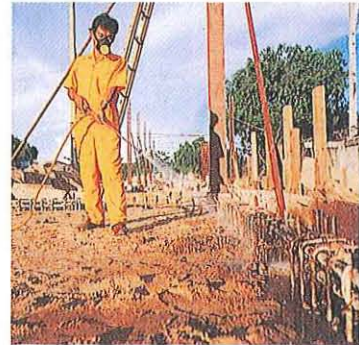
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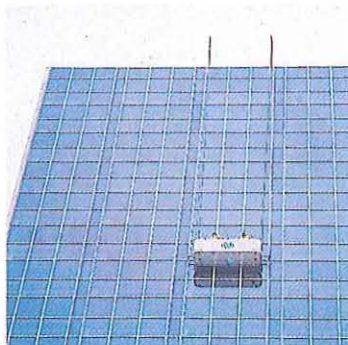
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The Brutes! The Winners with Captain Barbara



Some of the Brutes again!



KITCHEN SINK - "BELLES" Vs "BRUTES"

The Annual Kitchen Sink Competition sponsored this year by MOBIL OIL was held on Sunday February 20th at Muang Ake Golf Course.

The format of the tournament was a team event, 4 ball net score vs par. The B.C.L.G. ladies competed against the B.C.S.G. for the "Frying Pan" trophy. The men managed to reclaim the trophy with a 5/3 victory over the ladies. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Eight teams participated in the competition, while the rest of the guests played Stableford.

Winner of the Near Pins: Dale Snudel, Lavita Hughes, Gill Hough.

Winner of the Ladies Long Drive: Nena Reid.



Captain Barbara presents Captain Peter with the Frying Pan.

Winner of the Mens Long Drive: Jon Sill.

Russell Morgan finished 1st with 40 Stableford points. Runners up were Angela Poustie 40, Sue Baker 37.

After the event participants enjoyed refreshments donated by Jones & Vining Thailand and Mobil Oil.

A delicious buffet lunch was served in the Muang Ake Club House and in spite of



Some of the Belles

the warm temperature everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

A special thanks to Rob Selwyn of Mobil Oil for his generous sponsorship.

The Inaugural Cup, B.C.L.G. vs B.C.G.S. will be held on Sunday Jun 19th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Judi Leddy who had a "HOLE IN ONE" while playing with the B.C.L.G., Tuesday February 20th, at Muang Ake on 17th.



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Squash

A good healthy start to the 94 season folks, with a lot of squash at BC being played. At this current time there are over 100 players registered on the ladder and movements both up and down are rapid.

During January over 70 league and ladder matches were played. Chris Platt gets the award for the most challenges, 13 in one month. Well done Chris! Gone are the days when the number one position was dominated by one player. During the last couple of months no less than 6 players (that I can recall) have held on to the position - Dick A., Colin H., Rob N., Paul T., Dave B., and David H. Perhaps at this time we don't have a great outstanding number one, but what depth!

Top 5 positions on the ladders (as of 26.2.1994) were as follows:

A	B	C
Paul Taylor	Chris Aspden	Christian Rasmussen
David Bryant	Peter Campbell	Kamal Sandarussi
David Hedge	Steven Eggelhoffer	David Bromilow
Dick Anwar	Allan Payne	Jay Pollard
Rob Nottingham	John Leicester Leicester	Carolyn Tarrant

The Thursday club night remains popular despite only two courts being available. Any new players/members needing to make contact or wanting to assess their position for the ladder and leagues are urged to attend this evening.

January/February League (104) Winners are as follows:

Div 1 David Bryant	Div 8 Allan Payne
Div 2 Marvyn Lewis	Div 9 Jacob Hansen
Div 3 Mike Rickard	Div 10 Ross Horwood
Div 4 Iain Young	Div 11 N.C.
Div 5 Jack Dunford	Div 12 Christian Rasmussen
Div 6 Mike Jackson	Div 13 Graciela Haube
Div 7 Peter Campbell	

Winners of this ICI sponsored league will all receive shields as well as having their names engraved on the main ICI shield located in the Churchill Bar.

Ladder Prize draws for November, December and January are as follows:

November	1st Prize David Burns 2nd Prize David Bryant
December	1st Prize Bob Faherty 2nd Prize Graciela Haube
January	1st Prize Nick Lamb 2nd Prize Mike Weekes

Prizes of B 1,000 (1st) and B 500 (2nd) will be credited to your accounts. Keep challenging Folks, the more challenges you make the better your chance of winning.

The Chiangmai Squash trip in March obviously fell on a busy weekend for most of us and with insufficient interest at the time, the trip has been postponed to a later date.

Watch out in April for the Inter Society Squash Competition. This all day team event is recommended for all those who enjoy a full fun day of squash.

Organisers of the league are now attempting to contact all those players on 'automatic' entry, who are not managing to play games or those who withdraw through injury to establish their availability for competing in the leagues. If you are an automatic entry or are suffering from injury, please take the time to contact the league organisers if you need to withdraw from a league at any time. Thanks.

SQUASH TIPS

Return of serve

The return of serve plays a very important part in match tactics. This return determines:

- who will reach the T first
- who will have the first chance to attack

The standard reply to a serve is a long, safe straight volley to the back of the court.

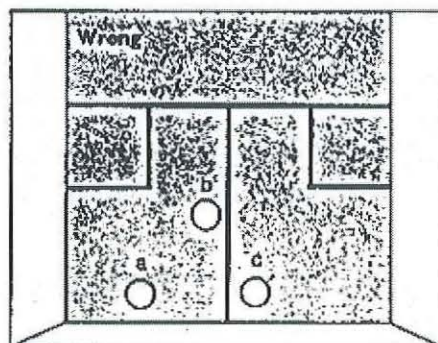
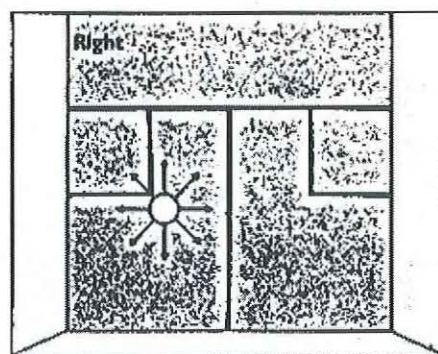
This will

- force the server to the back
- give control of the T
- avoid possible difficulties in the back corner.

Volley return

- Use a normal volley technique.
- Lift the ball high onto the front wall with an open racket face.
- Make the shot short and gentle.

Position for returning serve



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Rugby



By now the boys will be back from Hong Kong, hopefully happy and successful. We will have had the No Talent Night, with at the time of writing, an attendance of over 140 people. I will tell you next month how we squashed them all in.

Our thanks must go to Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Cathay Pacific and Carlsberg for generously sponsoring the No Talent Night and the Hong Kong Tour. Also thank you to all of you who turned up for the No Talent Night, it's great to see what support for the Rugby Section there is, despite the occasional moan and groan from some Members about the noise we are able to produce.

In February the Section had their Ladies Night Out, contrary to some peoples ideas this is a night for all not just the ladies, it's just the ladies organise it and the men pay, at Schnurrbart Restaurant. David Williamson proved himself to be an excellent host and organ-

iser. We arrived at the restaurant with 30 people and were shown into the bar which was cordoned off with a sign BC Rugby Club Members only. I don't know what David thought but there was enough space to put fifteen extremely small Thai people in there, let alone 20 hulking, great big, (fat) rugby players and their beautiful slim ladies. But we soon sorted that and took over the bar. Pints were pulled - and drunk, and by 9.30 we were sat down for a scrumptious dinner. Pea soup, home made of course by David's own fine hand, delicious hot rolls, roast pork stuffed with prunes, some crackling, potatoes and red cabbages and fruit salad with a delicious toblerone chocolate fon-

due. The service was excellent, the meal was very reasonably priced, the food was hot and tasted great. So we will surely revisit SCHNURRBART, why don't you. David also does take away fish and chips, a family lunch on Sundays, a whole roast leg of lamb with all the usual veggies (please order a day in advance) and is willing to talk about any sort of arrangement you want to make, whether for a large group or just an intimate lunch or dinner. Schnurrbart is serving a Lunch Special at B150 which includes soup and a main course from the menu. There is a Happy Hour, or rather two happy hours, from 5-7pm, with a 25% discount on all drinks. Schnurrbart is located op-

posite Pegasus Club in Soi 23. Go visit, why don't you.

On the night we celebrated Jim Howards birthday, ask him how he had the audacity not telling anyone about, it but with a great "Ratcatchers" cake, supplied by Lois Carson and some candles we did not let him get away with it. A great night was had by all, well organised Suzanne ... when is the next one?

BANGKOK JUNIOR RUGBY

Bangkok Junior Rugby and Bangkok Patana School will have taken a team of fifteen U13 players to compete in a mini rugby festival in Hong Kong in March. Held in conjunction with the Hong Kong International 7's tournament, the competition attracts teams from Singapore, Japan, England, Thailand and of course Hong Kong.

This year the team will include exciting players such as David Power, Andrew Whillas, Alex Stamp, Lachland McBain and Christopher Foo. These are the experienced players of the team having played in the competition last year. Power and Stamp are capable of taking on the best as they frequently rampage up the middle of rucks, sometimes appearing unstoppable. McBain brings devastating defence to the backline which enables the likes of Willas and Foo to weave magic in attack.

In recent years, the team has been organised through the Bangkok Patana School. They have acquitted themselves well and in the U12 competition shocked the opposition by winning five of their six matches. This year the core of the team is made up of many of the same players although through BJR it has expanded to include players from outside the school.



Dr. Meggison, chairman of BJR said "This year Bangkok will have a team that is selected on merit. The boys going on this trip know they are representing Thailand and not just a school."

The team flew to Hong Kong on the Friday and had a warm up match on the Saturday against the English side. They attended the 7's competition on Saturday and on Sunday to catch some of the most entertaining rugby spectacle in the world. On Monday they took part in the all day tournament and returned to Bangkok that night. Alan

Lovell, one of the BJR coaches predicted "I think we might have a few tired boys on the plane home that night. But I'm confident they will be happy."

The full squad of players was not selected at the time of going to press as selectors were still considering the final positions. Results of both the BJR and British Club matches will be published in next months Outpost.

Don McBain
BJR Secretary.

Calendar

BRITISH CLUB – SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME, APRIL 1994

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
4 6 pm Swimming 8-10 am Ladies Tennis 9 am BWG Mahjong 5.30-9 pm Happy Hour 5-8 pm Squash Coaching 7-9 pm Badminton 8 pm Tennis Practice 8 pm New Members Night	5 7 am Ladies Golf 8 pm Bridge 7-9 pm Football Training 9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof	6 6 am Swimming 5-8 pm Squash Coaching 6-9 pm Tennis Mix-In	7 7.30 pm BCT Club Night 7-9 pm Rugby Training 7-9 pm Badminton 6-9 pm Squash Mix-In
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OPENING TIMES

CHURCHILL BAR	10 am-11 pm
LORD'S RESTAURANT	11.30 am-2 pm 6 pm-11 pm
POOLSIDE BAR	7.30 am-10 pm
FITNESS CENTRE	Mon-Sat 6 am-9 pm Sun + Hols 9 am-9 pm
THAI MASSAGE	Tues-Sun 9 am-5 pm

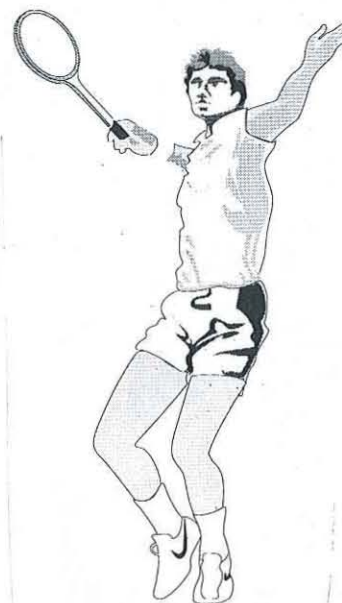
VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BRITISH CLUB EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:-	
CASUALS FOOTBALL	– BANGKOK PATANA SCHOOL
BADMINTON (SUNDAYS)	– NEAR BANGRAK POLICE STATION
BADMINTON (MONS-THURS)	– SOI KLANG RACKET CENTRE
LADIES GOLF	– AS ADVERTISED

ALSO THIS MONTH

St. Georges

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 6 am Swimming 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw	2 8-10 am Childrens Tennis 10-12 noon Tennis Coaching Rugby Finals	3 11 am-1 pm Badminton 1 pm Squash Handicap Mix-In 3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In
8 6 am Swimming 8.30 pm T.G.I.F. 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw	9 8-10 am Childrens Tennis 10-12 noon Tennis Coaching	10 11 am-1 pm Badminton 3-6 pm Childrens Corner
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SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS

If you are interested in joining one or more of the Sports Sections of the British Club, please contact the following person(s), they will be happy to tell you all about their particular sports!

BADMINTON	David Overington	312 0100
CRICKET	Peter Young	314 2520
DARTS	Frank Hough	642 1500
GOLF	Stuart Davy	367 1000 (F)
RUGBY	Joe Grunwell	271 2574
SNOOKER	Mike Brann	385 8794
SQUASH	Barbara Overington	258 7306
SOCCER	Peter Rodgers	240 0678
TENNIS	Maurice Lamb	272 4530

NON BRITISH CLUB SPORTS:

LADIES GOLF BCLB	Wil Agerbeek	259 7019
LIGIT LADIES GOLF	Eileen Cook	287 3605





"Finalists in the Ladies Inter-Club Tournament with BC organiser Eileen"

I hope you lot are all working out furiously in time for the Racquet Day tournament to be held on the 24th of this month, we'll have no repeat of last year's disgraceful display, if you don't mind. And we need cheerers, the more the merrier, so those of you not batting it get on down to the Club and wave that pompon.

April also sees a Round Robin tournament on Sunday 10th, a mixed doubles league and the end to another session of the Pennant League, which has been unduly hasslesome this time around for some due to an excess of matches thanks to the Club Champs, life going generally bananas during February/March, etc. There was supposed to be a tour around this time of year, but at time of writing no concrete plans so I won't build your hopes up. When it happens, which it undoubtedly will, ol' finger on the pulse here will keep you informed.

February was a short month, those three extra little days making all the difference, so much less to report:

1994 Inter-Club Ladies Tennis Tournament - 5th/6th February

This grand title aptly described this grand event - the Olympics of Bangkok Ladies Tennis among the tinpots; an outstanding feat of organisation by Eileen not to mention a stupendous display of patience and diplomacy in her handling of the participants. The tennis was excellent, too! There should be a write-up of this tournament in another section of this rag, but suffice to say that tennis of this consistency and accuracy in such amounts is a rare sight indeed at the British Club, and I hope that all onlookers learned a thing or two during the weekend.



"I've heard of maximum use of courts but this is ridiculous, says Bruno."



"...And it inevitably leads to disputes. To many cooks..."



"Mardi Gras Day Cooking Lessons!"

Mardi Gras Fun Tournament – 13th February

Due to a lack of people around for the whole afternoon this event was not as well-defined as last year's and certainly nothing resembling a winner could be pronounced, but never be minding, it was yet again a fun day indeed and provided for a few silly photographs. Non-players in the crowd in the sala who happened to catch the 3- and 5-a-side tennis on the balloon-bedecked top courts were heard to say things like "That doesn't look very much like tennis to me", and one (A-merican) woman watching the pancake racing, the climax of the tournament, commented "They do this every year?" Nothing like

arousing the curiosity of the masses. There was also a spontaneous outbreak of 'Who could toss a pancake the highest', a sport incredibly difficult to catch on film due to the AIA building appearing pancake-coloured in the afternoon light (or should that be 'waffle'-coloured?), but at which newcomer Mark Fletcher (Fran's replacement) seemed quite adept. Whatever, the purpose of this tournament is FUN and it certainly achieved a fair measure of that.

Match v. British Embassy – 21st February

This adapted match report by your new Chairman of Vice, Chris Aspden:

A very enjoyable evening, this, magnificently organised by those concerned (Not being totally unrelated to the writer - G). Our so-called 'B' team (which included a few 'A' team players to make sure we won) faced a keen British Embassy side which included H.E. Ambassador's wife, Pauline Adams, various Gurkhas, drivers and other assorted Embassy staff.

Seven doubles teams represented the BC, namely:- Eileen/Roy, John/Carol, Tharntip/Chris, Clare/Harry, Grace/Kiyoshi, Roger/Angela and Malcolm/Clive (The 'lady' being who? - G). Most games were close but the eventual score was a fairly decisive 16-2 in favour of the BC (gasp!). Good performances from everyone, particularly Carol who appeared to take great pleasure in beating her former colleagues. Big-hearted Angela generously 'threw' both her games to ensure that the Embassy weren't completely embarrassed and that we all kept our visas. The usual social gathering in the bar afterwards ended with the Embassy rabble calling for a rematch in the not too distant future. Some people never learn..

Onto the regular items: winners of the December-extended-into-January singles league were as follows:

1. NO WINNER (due to severe apathy)
2. Steve Goode
3. John Sands
4. Malcolm Moor
5. Maurice Lamb (see last month's predictions about Maurice starting to win things!!)
6. Alessandra Tilby

The January lucky Baht 500 draw was won by none other than our resident chef Bruno, with the booze being snapped up by:

1. Surin (must have a cellar-full by now)
10. Roy Cowie
25. Carol Young

Tennis



"The annual cross-court tossing sprint."



"This year the juniors had a go."

- 40. Gaynor >hic<
- 55. Kiyoshi Ueno

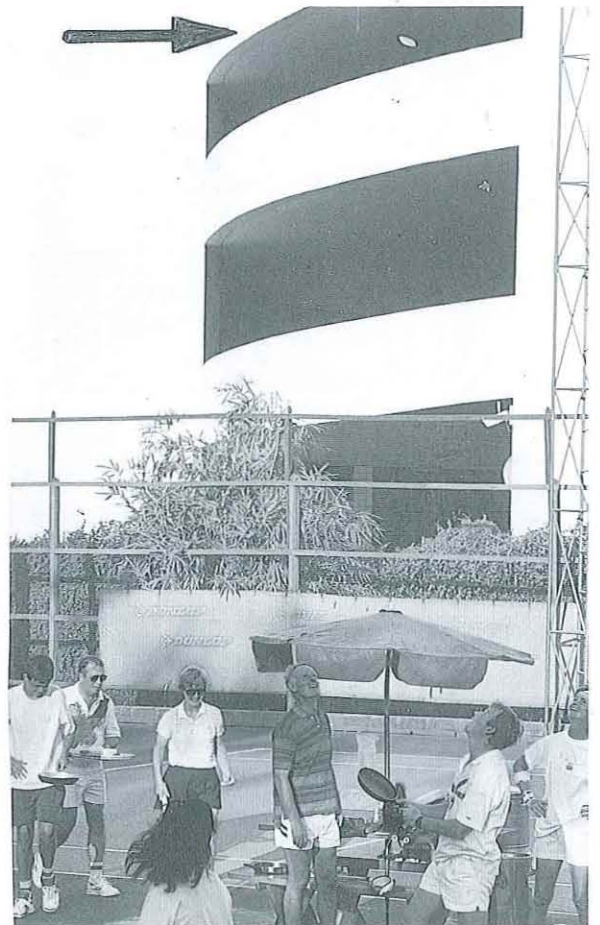
The 'Beginners Match' against the Polo Club as advertised in last month's ish as a February fixture was postponed until March some time, so report next month.

Know something? I don't know if there were any Committee Witterings this month, so I'll have to omit this glorious and eagerly-perused section until I've attended a meeting or two. Apologies.

Finally, it's good to notice an inflow of new members into the Section. Clare Mann and (relative newcomer) Anke Wibling excelling themselves in the Ladies Tennis Spectacular thingie; Mark Fletcher afore-mentioned as tosser of '94 (pancakes, that is) - shame about the tennis - and welcome to his wife Dawn as well as to Fabian Lefebure and anyone else I've left out who has joined us in the last couple of months.

This is frighteningly short, this report. Have I missed something out? You will tell me if you think something worth reporting of relevance to tennis or the Tennis Section or certain members hereof has gone unmentioned in this great tome, won't you?

Anyway, roll on May activities - tournaments for invalids, sorry, veterans, sign your name up now



"Expert tosser Chris showing us how it is done."

while you're still able; a mixed doubles league, an American tournament on the 8th and of course how can you even consider missing the event on the Committee calendar, the Annual General Meeting following said American tourney on the 8th after the buffet in the Silom sala. We might even repeat our tour to Singapore in May... now what nasty person whispered the word 'plaques' in my ear?!!

Me
XXX

TEN WAYS TO SPOT A BACHELOR

Fridge empty except for two bottles of Singha and half a tub of taramasalata.
 Doesn't need to buy a dog to go to the pub.
 Owns two-and-a-half place setting (unmatched).
 Bank balance is in the black.
 Has never heard the phrase "I've got a headache".
 Arrives at work early each day from a different direction.
 Buys totally useless gadgets.
 Rubbish bin overflowing with take-away curry containers.
 Two dirty glasses and a promotional coffee mug permanently in the sink.
 Grey bed sheets.

WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE - A GUIDE TO BRITISH RESORTS

'Miles of deserted beaches' - Nuclear power station nearby.
 'Heritage coastline' - Footpath on top of the cliffs.
 'Plenty to do in all weathers' - Pubs open all day.
 'Traditional' - Plastic lemonade bottles stuck in the sand.
 'Noted for seafood' - Fish and chips in polystyrene tray.
 'English Riviera' - English weather, Riviera prices.
 'Unspoilt' - Where's the amusement arcade?
 'Seaside entertainment' - Bingo.
 'Safe' - Nobody dares to go in the sea because of pollution.

TEN LAWS OF BUS TRAVEL

At least five buses go by in the opposite direction before yours arrives.
 The one day you have the exact fare, it goes up.
 If you hail a taxi, your bus trundles into view as you get in.
 If you're at the front of the queue, the driver comes to a halt at the back.
 The more crowded the bus, the more likely you'll be carrying a newly bought duvet.
 The stationary bus you've run for won't move for another fifteen minutes.
 Buses turn up within seconds of your lighting a cigarette.
 It's still a mystery why three turn up at once.
 Nobody ever gives up their seat for you.
 If you start to walk, a bus appears when you are exactly half way between stops.

TEN SONGS THEY SHOULD PLAY WHEN YOU'RE HANGING ON THE PHONE

Could it be forever - David Cassidy
 As time goes by - Dooley Wilson
 Tired of waiting for you - Kinks
 You keep me hangin' on - Supremes
 Don't give up - Peter Gabriel and Kate Bush
 Can't wait another minute - Five Star
 Money for nothing - Dire Straits
 Hold the line - Toto
 Answer me - Barbara Dickson
 How long - Rod Stewart

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TEN SCOOPS 'HELLO!' MISSED

Adolf and Eva welcome us into their magnificent bunker and speak about their plans for the future.

Grigori Rasputin show us round his tastefully appointed rooms and talks openly about his 'bad boy' image.

The Marquis de Sade invites us into his sumptuous games room and reveals some interesting tips for marital happiness.

Jack the Ripper takes us on a tour of undiscovered Whitechapel and hits back at his critics.

Count Dracula opens his satin-lined coffin and tells us why he is at his best as a 'night person'.

Dr. Hawley Crippen greets us in his minimalist cell and speaks touchingly about life without his wife.

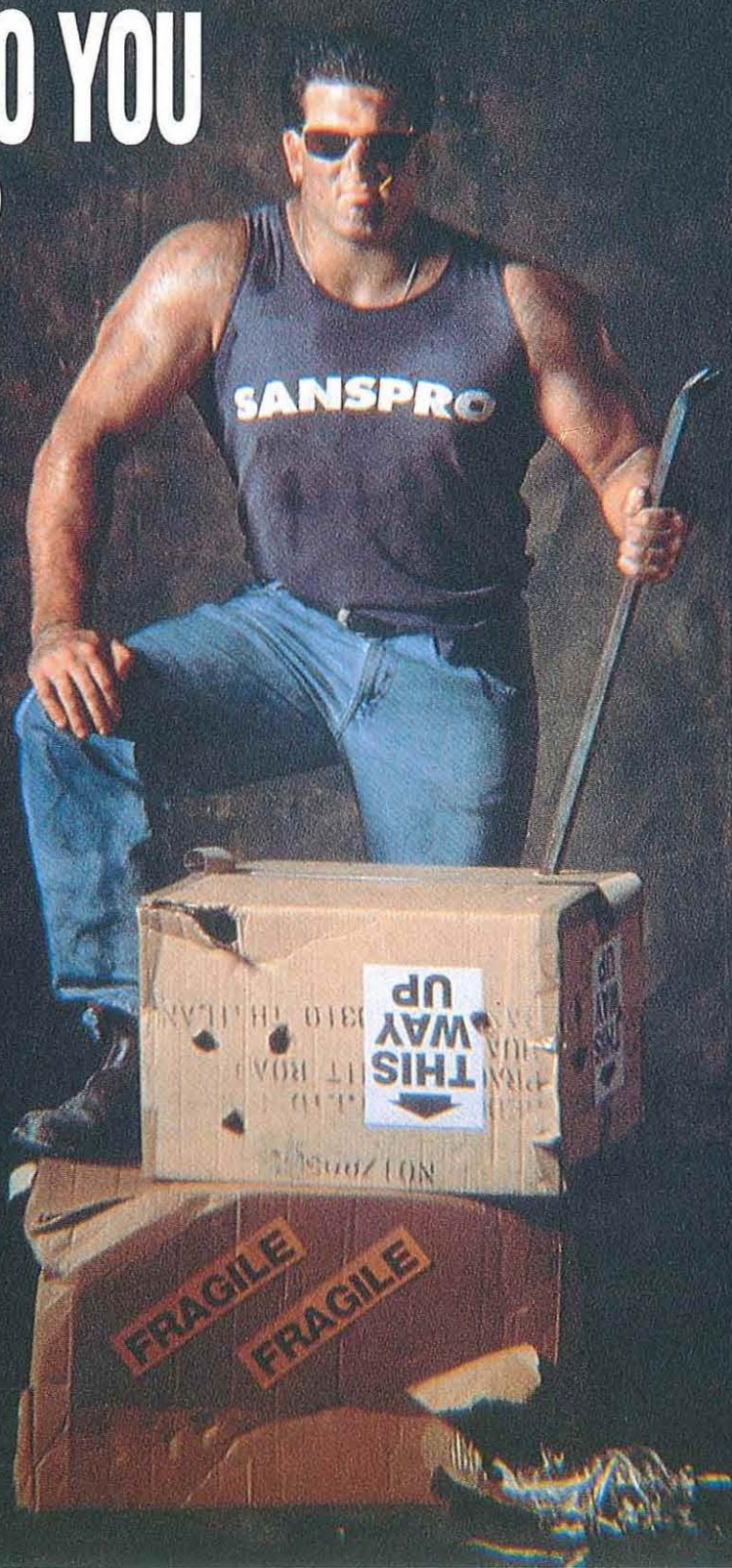
Josef Stalin launches his Gulag Holiday Camps and takes time out to tell us of his hopes for tractor production in Georgia.

Genghis Khan relaxes in his exquisite designer tent and explains why he's been misunderstood.

King Herod speaks frankly about the strains of royal duties and tells us of his sadness at the children he lost.

Josef Goebbels shows us round 'his' Nurenberg and gives us his special recipe for cabbage rolls.

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With April Fool upon us Outpost thought we'd tell you some amazing stories. Hoaxes and Frauds, true or not

**** In 1980 the British newspaper, the Daily Express published a feature on how Guardsmen have to have their famous busby hats cut. The report said that the fur on the hats continues to grow and has to be cut from time to time. There was even a photograph showing a Guardsman at the busby-barber's shop. Thousands of readers believed the story to be true but it proved to be a hoax.

**** Many listeners to Radio Leeds in England were furious when they heard that their city square was to be demolished and that the statue of the Black Prince was to be sold. Some were consoled, however, by the news that local citizens would be able to buy cheap petrol from Arab sources in return for the stature.

Whatever their views, listeners realised how gullible they were when they discover the story to be an April Fool joke.

**** On April 1st, 1957 a film about the Swiss spaghetti harvest was shown on British television, with a documentary by Richard Dimbleby, one of the country's most respected presenters. Swiss peasants were shown gathering spaghetti from the trees in the Ticino district and Richard Dimbleby gave a serious explanation of how spring had come early that year, producing a bumper spaghetti harvest.

Hundreds of people phoned the BBC after the programme. There were no complaints that they had been hoaxed, all they wanted to know was where they could buy spaghetti plants. In answer to this question they were told that such plants were not available in Britain but that some British enthusiasts had produced some acceptable results by planting a small tin of spaghetti in tomato sauce!

**** On April 1st, 1982 a British television announcer on ITN's News at One announced that St. Paul's Cathedral in London was to be moved to London's Isle of Dogs - brick by brick. To most people it sounded like a real crazy idea - and that's what it was. The story was a hoax.

**** When a newspaper in Paignton, England published a photograph taken on a local beach of the Loch Ness Monster, it received several telephone calls from worried readers. But the paper was dated 1 April, 1982, and the story was a joke.

**** A group of businessmen flying to Belfast on 1 April, 1980, were surprised to hear the announcement: "We shall shortly be arriving in Paris". Some of them may have hoped it was true, but it turned out to be yet another April Fool hoax.

**** In 1977, Tom Jackson, General Secretary of the British Union of Post Office Workers voiced his protests on a radio programme against the proposal that Britain adopt the German system of addressing envelopes. In this method the house number is written after, not before, the name of the road.

Mr. Jackson was furious at the idea, for it would, he said, 'alter a great deal of the way we work in the Post Office. Postal workers would be furious because it would turn upside-down the way we have learned to sort.'

As a result of the broadcast, several people telephoned the BBC to support Mr. Jackson in his fight. They were politely reminded of the date - it was 1 April.

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Have you ever wanted to speak a foreign language? - Well, now you can, in fact any language you want, with no effort or learning at all, thanks to a remarkable new invention developed by some of the world's leading scientists. The personal language translator was launched recently at a press conference held at the Department of Communication (DOC). Our raving reporter Herb Raine was there and has sent us this special report:

The Conference was chaired by the ever popular, loquacious and grandiloquent Dr. Ivel (of the well known Cornish cheese family) and he made these opening remarks to a hushed but excited audience.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, and members of the Press, for centuries people around the world have pondered on the strange phenomenon of language. Why should languages be so different from country to country? Is it simply the assertion of a national characteristic or exhibition of nationalistic pride? The answer is No. We now know that there is a simple, fundamental reason why we find it so easy to speak our native language and have more difficulty with foreign languages. The discovery of this reason, and the subsequent development of the personal language translator is a fascinating story and I'll give you a brief outline."

Dr. Ivel continued: "Some years ago, here in DOC, we put together a team of brilliant scientists and phonologists to make a practical study of linguistics. The team obtained volunteers from countries all over the world and started to build up comprehensive x-ray pictures of jaw structures. With the help of modern powerful computers, the team were able to match the sounds of languages with bone structure patterns. It was here that the astonishing discovery was made: minute changes in bone shape caused enormous changes in pronunciation - so much so that the language changed. The scientists realised that by distorting bone structures ever so slightly, they could overcome the language barriers which are so familiar to us all. Work immediately started on a small microprocessor controlled device which could be fitted into the mouth to enable distortion of the bones to be achieved by the wearer. Language could be selected by the type of distortion

applied. Using highly sophisticated techniques such as polydirectional alphanumerical laserometry (PSL), ultrasonic triggerometry (UT) and optopneumatic mechanics (OM), all of which have only recently been developed for the Star Wars programme, the team built the first prototype personal language translator. The device has now been perfected and is to be marketed worldwide. We have named it "PERSONAL INTERPRETATION EXPRESSION AND COMMUNICATING EQUIPMENT" - PIECE for short. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would now like to invite my colleague, the distinguished Hungarian scientist Dr. Ren Tagob, to demonstrate the invention."

Dr. Ivel handed the microphone to Dr. Tagob amidst considerable applause, and when the audience resumed their seats, Dr. Tagob, using the invention, had this to say:

"Harrow errybody, yuse naow dat I's niver speeks de Eanglitsh afore. Vis dis machinen vot I'm got een ze moof ees possib dat ecan getalken mit yuz een Eenglish vit de goot prounonz. Savvy OK? Einen momento und I chainge gesprechen ze Allemainges assole. La ploom de mutant ... si si senyoreecet ... ouchen ... gordonhimmer ... ze roundy geshproketen gottun bludy shtuckzeizen sy le Visdomtoothan."

It was at this point that the microphone failed and Dr. Tagob staggered off the stage clutching desperately at his throat. Dr. Ivel calmly took the spare microphone and assured us that this was a minor technical hitch. Free samples of the invention were handed round and Dr. Ivel closed the meeting by reminding us of the DOC motto - "Speak now, or forever hold your PIECE."

EDITORS FOOTNOTE: An informed source has reported that Dr. Tagob has formed a new research group aimed at increasing yields of animal products. This is being achieved by improving creature comforts, for example piped music and carpets in cowsheds. The latest invention is a shampoo for pigs being marketed under the name "Hogwash".

Contributed by: *Peeping Tom (T69)*

Childrens Corner

This month, just to be really boring, I thought I'd show you some tricks with numbers. Now, should you have any - less boring - ideas for the childrens corner, like a poem you have written or a short story, a drawing, something you spotted in a book and think other children might like, please write to Bea Grunwell, Outpost, c/o British Club or let your mum or dad pop it in the Outpost pigeon hole behind reception.

"Mirror Image addition with the same answer

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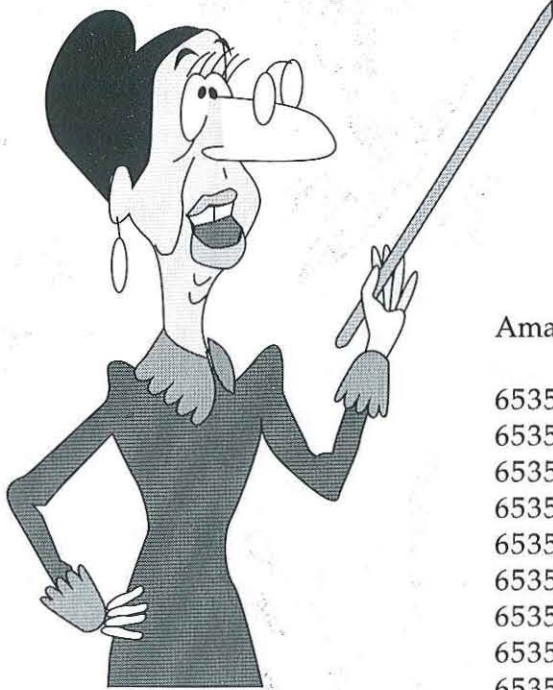
Even if you don't like figures, multiplying 12345679 by 99999999 is simple

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Have you ever noticed that in the nine times table all the answers add up to nine? here is an example, check the other yourself.

- 1 x 9 = 9
- 2 x 9 = 18 (1 + 8 = 9)
- 3 x 9 = 27 (2 + 7 = 9)
- 4 x 9 = 36 (3 + 6 = 9)
- 5 x 9 = 45 (4 + 5 = 9)
- and so on

More peculiarities of number nine appear below



$$\begin{aligned}
 9 & \times 9 + 7 = 88 \\
 98 & \times 9 + 6 = 888 \\
 987 & \times 9 + 5 = 8888 \\
 9876 & \times 9 + 4 = 88888 \\
 98765 & \times 9 + 3 = 888888 \\
 987654 & \times 9 + 2 = 8888888 \\
 9876543 & \times 9 + 1 = 88888888 \\
 98765432 & \times 9 + 0 = 888888888
 \end{aligned}$$

Amazing isn't it, but there is more

$$\begin{aligned}
 65359477124183 & \times 17 \times 1 = 1111111111111111 \\
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 65359477124183 & \times 17 \times 3 = 3333333333333333 \\
 65359477124183 & \times 17 \times 4 = 4444444444444444 \\
 65359477124183 & \times 17 \times 5 = 5555555555555555 \\
 65359477124183 & \times 17 \times 6 = 6666666666666666 \\
 65359477124183 & \times 17 \times 7 = 7777777777777777 \\
 65359477124183 & \times 17 \times 8 = 8888888888888888 \\
 65359477124183 & \times 17 \times 8 = 9999999999999999
 \end{aligned}$$

124 MILES ON ICE

Each year in the Netherlands - when it is cold enough - there is an ice skating race called "De Elfsteden Tocht" Tour of the Eleven Towns. It originally began in the 18th century and the journey takes in 124 miles of rivers, lakes and canals, town after town.

26 MILES ON LAND

Do you know how many miles make a marathon and why it is so called? It stems from ancient Greek when a soldier had to run with a special message from Sparta to a town called Marathon, a distance of just under 26 miles.

When the Olympic Games were revived in 1896 the so called "marathon" was adopted from that particular run, setting a new distance of 26 miles, 385 yards.

BOWLED OVER

Did you know there are 65,000,000 bowlers in the world - there is an Alley in Japan which has over 500 lanes. The sport is thought to have originated in Egypt when children used large stones set up as pins and used small stones as a ball.

0 - 40 MPH!

A baby ostrich can run as fast as his parents - that is 40mph - fast enough to escape from most hunters. And did you know that a kick from an adult ostrich is so powerful that it could break your leg!!

Tidbits

Some golf information generously donated by Mr. W. Kinnaird, he collected this bit of trivia from the Doral Country Club, Miami. Thanks and keep them coming.

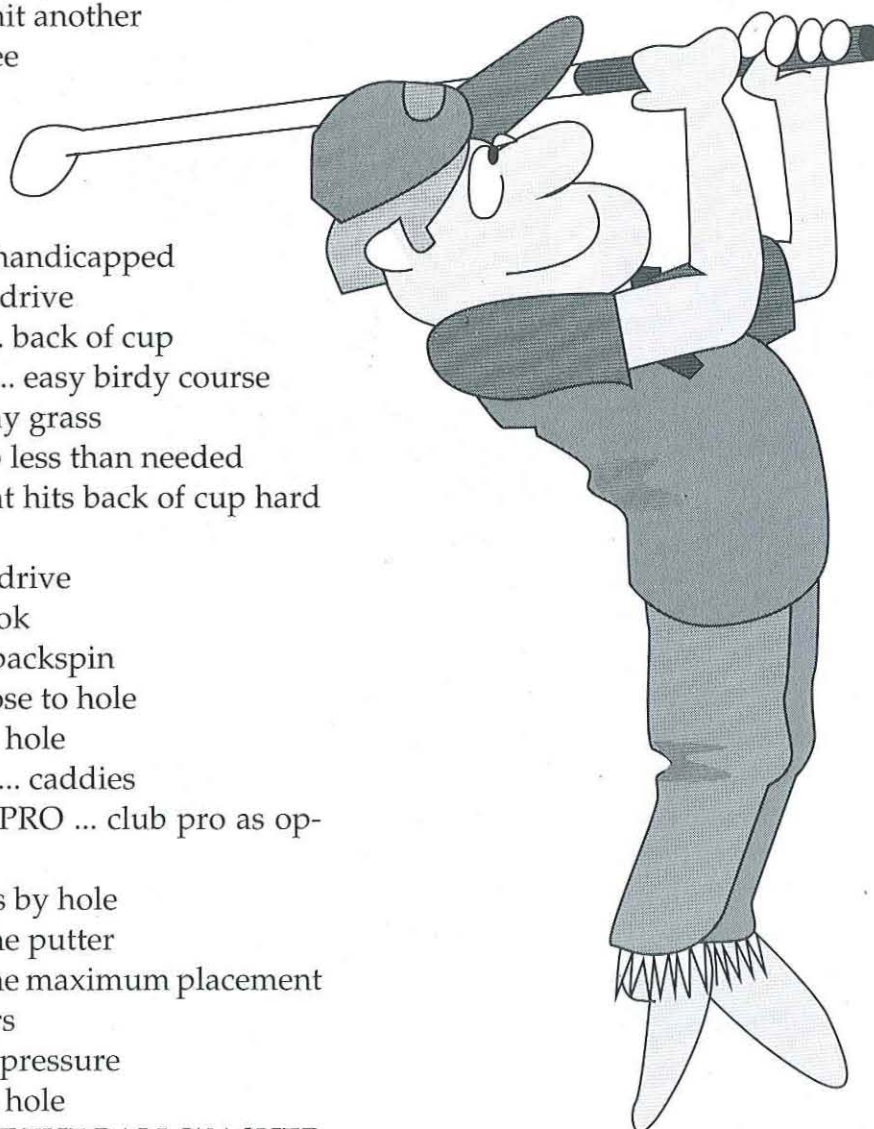
NOMENCLATURE, TERMINOLOGY, VERNACULAR, ... SOUND LIKE A PRO AT THE 19TH HOLE

ABOARD...on the green
A HOOVER... "sweeping" hook
AIRMAILED IT... long drive or shot over the green
AMATEUR SIDE... putting below the break
AROUND THE WORLD ... score expression (80)
BACK OF THE TIN ... back of the cup
BACK STALLS ... back tees
BAILED OUT ... long putt or recovery
BEATING BALLS ... practicing
BIRD DOG ... excellent caddie
BLACKSMITH ... rough touch on the green
BLUEPRINTED IT ... well executed shot
BOWLING ALLEY ... narrow driving area
BRILLO ... short rough near the green
BUG CUTTER ... low or on the ground, badly hit
BURNED IT ... putt that just misses, rims cup
CABBAGE POUNDER ... lot of time in rough
CAREER SHOT ... super shot
CAT BOX ... sand trap
CHILI DIPPER .. hit behind a pitch, a big divot
CHOPPER ... poor golfer
CLUBHOUSE LAWYER ... expert on rules at 19th hole
COMMERCIAL JOB ... a cautious putt for win
DRAINED ... sink a long putt
DUTCH HARRISON ... reputations as a needler
ENOUGH STICK ... correct club selection
FAT CITY ... in excellent position or enjoying a sizeable lead
FEATHER IT ... delicate wedge or pitch
FIELD GOAL ... long successful putt
FOOZLE poor shot
FRIED EGG ... buried in sand trap
FROZEN ROPE ... straight shot
FUNGHOES ... practice shots

"GET LEGS!" ... exhortations, to get over something or to get up to the cup
GET UP AND DOWN ... pitch or chip and one putt
"GONZO!" ... ball lost or out-of-bounds
GREENED IT ... hit the green in regulation
HICKORIES ... golf clubs
HIT A BRICK ... hope to bounce off anything
HIT THE CHIEF ... use the driver
HORSESHOED IT ... tipped the cup
H2O'D IT ... in the water
ICE RINK ... fast green
I OVERFADED THAT ONE ... bad slice
INCH WORM ... questionable marker of the ball
IN JAIL ... in the woods or rough
IN THE SPINACH ... in the rough or woods
IN THE THROW-UP ZONE ... tough six foot putt
IRON HANDS ... poor touch on green
JACK IT UP ... preferred lie
JUICED IT ... hit it too far
KICK IN DISTANCE ... short putt
KNEE KNOCKER ... touch short putt
LATERAL ... shank
LET THE BIG DOG EAT ... plan to hit drive hard
LICORICE STICK ... graphite club
LONG WAY FROM THE BARN ... long, long putt
MEMBER BOUNCE ... good fortune
MORE ... I'm dead, in trouble
MR. AEROSOL ... golfer who sprays a lot of shots
NAP ... grain on the green
NO-BRAINER ... successful long putt
NOODLED IT ... curve it out of woods
OB - out of bounds
OCEAN LINER ... long putt across the green
ON THE BEACH ... in sand trap
ON THE DANCE FLOOR ... on the green in regulation
ORAL ROBERTS ... shot that is 'heeled'
OSCAR BROWN ... out of bounds
OUT ON THE FLUFFY ... in the fairway
PAR 2 COURSE ... the practice putting green
PHILLIPS PETROLEUM ... scoring expression (66)
PILL ... a golf ball

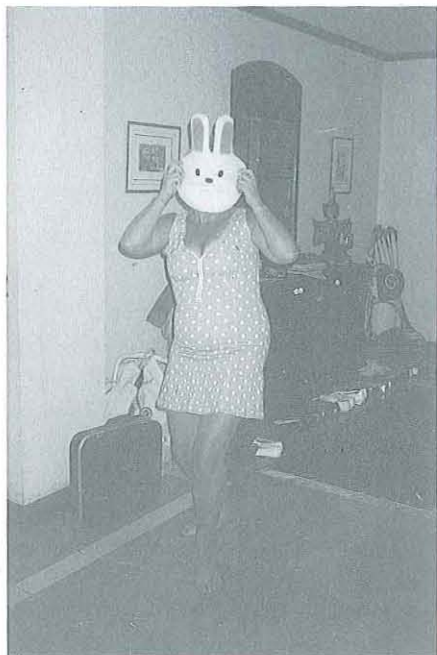
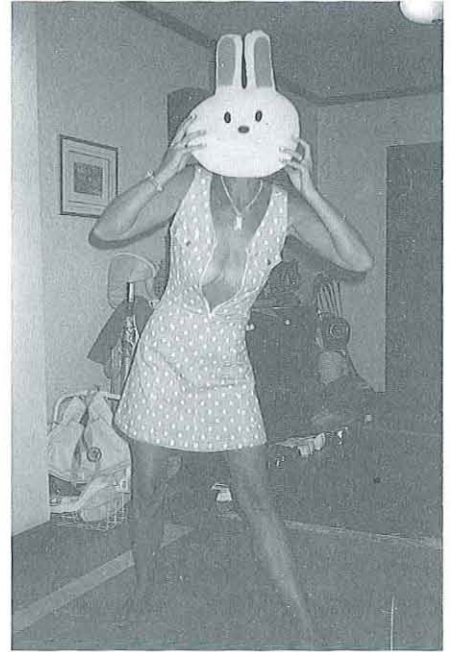
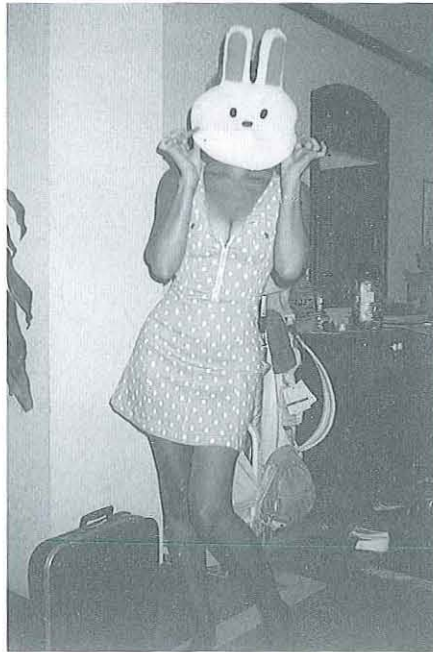
PLAYED DARTS ... hit well to soft greens
 PLUMBER ... a successful putter
 POLLUTED ... in water
 POSTAGE STAMP ... small green
 PROSIDE ... putting above the cup, proper break
 PUT A LITTLE CUTTY SARK ON IT ... hit a 'cut'
 shot for position
 PUT MY NAILS ON ... put on golf shoes
 PUT THE PERSIMMON ON IT - well hit drive
 PUTTING JESSIE ... excellent putter
 QUAIL HIGH ... low shot
 RAIN MAKER ... high shot
 RECOVERY ROOM ... scorers' tent or 19th hole
 RED GRANGE ... scoring expression (77)
 RELOAD! ... in trouble, hit another
 ROCK PILE ... practice tee
 ROLLERCOASTER ...
 hilly course or
 undulating green
 SACK ... golf bag
 SANDBAGGER ... over-handicapped
 SAT ON IT ... extra long drive
 SERVICE ENTRANCE ... back of cup
 SHOOTING GALLERY ... easy birdy course
 SHORT GRASS ... fairway grass
 SHORTED IT ... one club less than needed
 SLAM DUNK ... putt that hits back of cup hard
 and falls in
 SMOKE CITY ... will hit drive
 SNAPPED IT ... duck hook
 SOME CHEW ON IT ... backspin
 STIFF-A-ROO ... very close to hole
 STONEY ... very close to hole
 STRETCHER BEARERS ... caddies
 SWEATER AND SHOE PRO ... club pro as op-
 posed to tour pro
 "TAXI!" ... as putt moves by hole
 THE SHORT STICK ... the putter
 TIGER TEES ... usually the maximum placement
 of the longest tee markers
 TOOK THE COLLAR ... pressure
 TWO SHOTTER ... par 4 hole
 UP AND DOWN OUT OF THE BALL WASHER
 ... skillful around the green

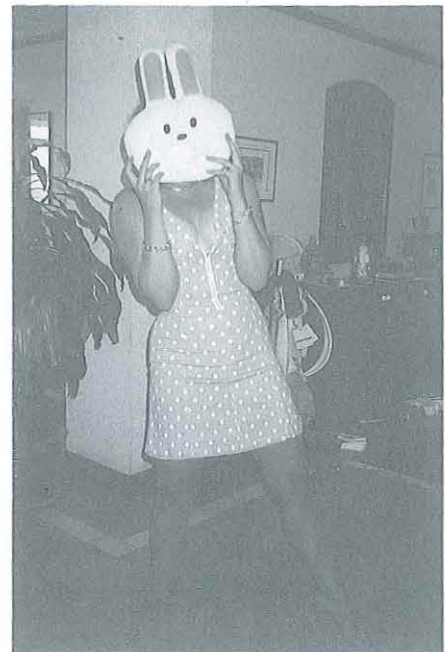
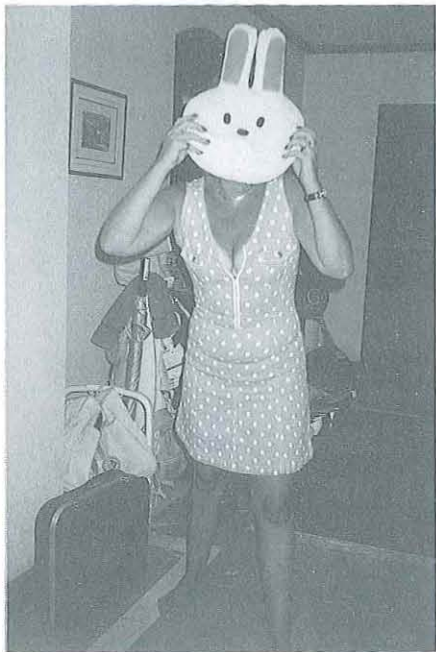
VAN GOGH IT ... shoot artistic shot or round
 WENT TO SCHOOL ON IT ... aided by line of
 someone else's putt
 WHITEE ... golf ball
 WIND CHEATER ... low under wind
 WORMBURNER ... a ground-hugging, poor shot
 YANKED IT ... hit a duck hook
 ZEPPELIN ... sky ball



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Listen to the laughter and the sighs
Listen to the truth, not the lies

Look at the children running around
Look at the rubbish on the ground
Look at the babies with big bright eyes
Look at the old, smothering their cries

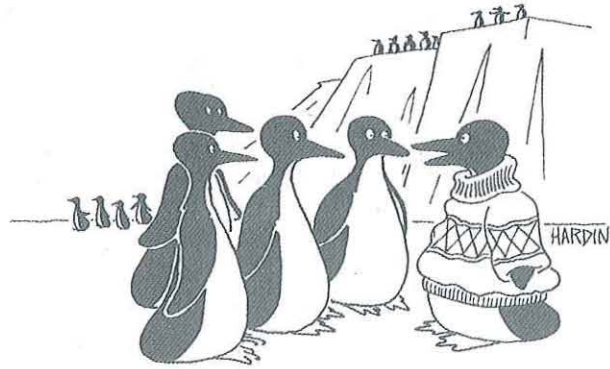
Talk to the world about what it's worth
Talk to the powers about our earth
Talk to yourself, 'til you're blue in the face
Talk to the children, this is their place

If you hear a sad cry, deep in the night
will you open your arms, and say, it's alright
If you see a poor soul stumble and fall
will you lift them up and help them walk tall

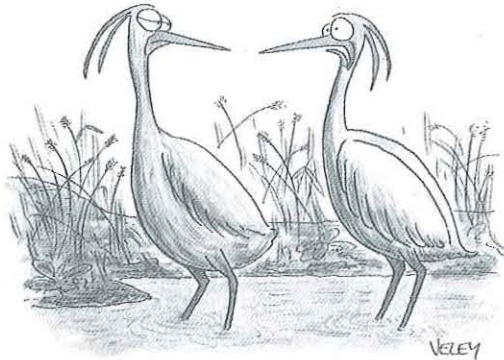
If you listen and hear all the earth's sounds
and use your eyes to see all around
Then you'll have learnt enough to stand and say
I did my very best, when I passed this way.

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IT'S A WILD LIFE



"I was told this would be a casual affair."



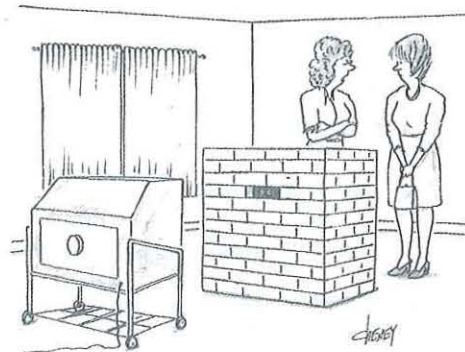
"Oh, no! There it is again! That awful squishy feeling between my toes!"



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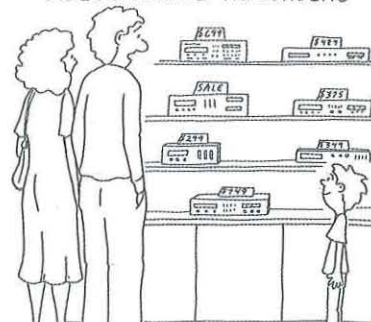
"Now first of all, this is the guy that sold us the camcorder."



"In a way, it's my fault...two years ago I told him, 'Oh, go ahead and be a macho, non-communicative emotional hermit if that's what you want.'"



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This month's column is something of an imposter for at the time of writing I have no idea who the new chairman will be. I did offer myself for re-election to the committee, but that's no guarantee and even if successful it's then up to the new committee to select its own chairman.

So on the highly likely assumption that the new chairman is someone other than me, here are ten suggestions, for him/her to consider for 1994:

1. Encourage the General Manager to persevere in his campaign to reduce cost and prices at all the club's F&B outlets.
2. Cajole the membership committee to actively look for new members and to produce promotional material to compete with the many other new social clubs appearing on the scene.



3. Develop relationships with the Patana School and other institutions that could be mutually rewarding.
4. Do something with the "Lords" dining room
5. Don't let all the moaners and complainers get you down
6. Ensure each committee member remains focussed on their own portfolio

7. Finish all committee meetings by 9.00pm
8. Let the manager manage and allow the committee time to visualise and plan
9. Try to canvass and encourage a wide range of opinions on important club matters and avoid temptation to listen to just the vocal few
10. Keep a sense of humour and remember that every committee member gives up an enormous amount of their free time to serve the club

I do realise that there is an outside chance that I may still be chairman. If that is the case, then I trust I shall listen to my own advice.

Nigel Oakins

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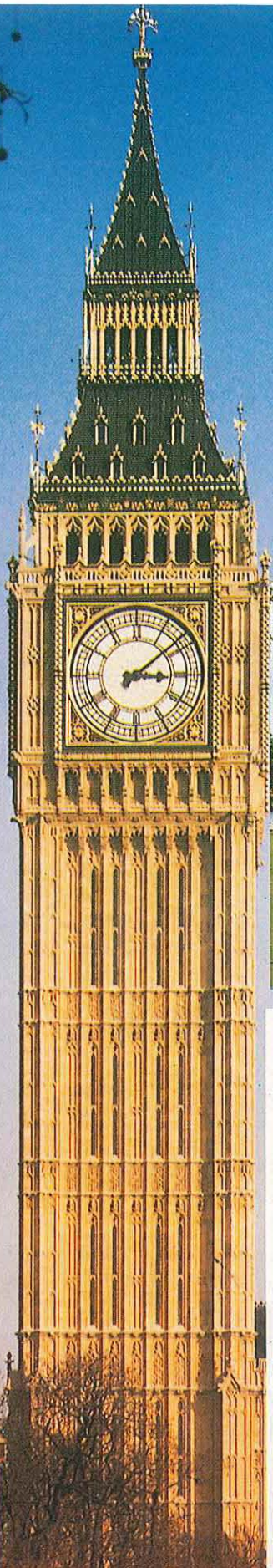
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