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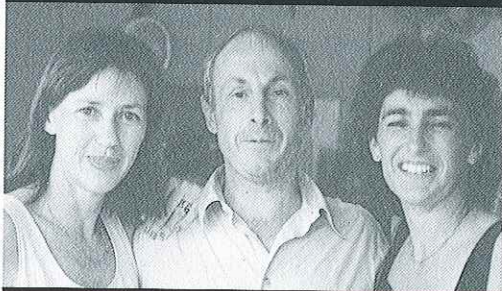
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From the Editor

April and the Hot Season is here again, when everyone (well, nearly everyone) looks forward to a complete drenching mid-month during the Songkran long weekend 12th - 14th. For those after the real tradition, best



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

get out of Bangkok and into the provinces. Songkran revellers down Pattaya/Rayong way are close to oil refineries and chemical plants, so dozens of pick-up trucks whizz past with oil drums full of water and often with pump-driven hoses, ensuring not only total ablution but it can also knock you

off a bike or sloosh you out of a tuktuk if you don't hang on. For those remaining in the Big Noodle, beware grinning security guards with powder-smearing fingers - very often it's prickly heat powder instead of talc, and boy does that stuff smart on the face, especially around the eyes!

Onto this edition of Outpost, I was delighted to receive a reciprocal club report long before the March edition carrying my plea for such things was even published - many thanks to John and Elaine Kelly for visiting the Royal Automobile Club in Sydney; looks like somewhere I can impress my Sydney-resident friends when I'm down there next. Now I know that there are others of you out there who have popped into/stayed at other such

affiliated clubs, so I'd like to see what you had to say about them, good or bad.

I'm pleased to announce the return of Margaret Miller's crossword this month along with our other regular scribe, Trixie Brann, with a farewell poem to David...

... which brings me to the last item - a big thank you to David Viccars as he vacates his office early this month to join Guardforce's Uniform Division (appropriate, really). The job of GM at the Club requires being the most prolific contributor to Outpost on a monthly basis (although he's excelled himself this month!), so let's hope his replacement doesn't mind picking up a pen/putting finger to keyboard. Anyway, it's not a 'goodbye', as I'll be interviewing him on New Members Night this month, as I'm sure we'll see him poolside soon enough, but I wonder how long it will take for people to stop approaching him while he's enjoying a fruit-shake and asking him to fix things! Good luck David, and keep those 'yarm' in order!

Gaynor de Wit

Editor

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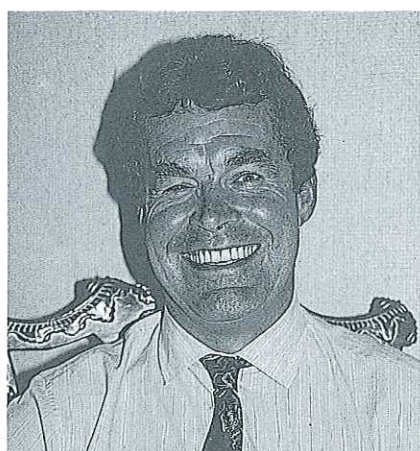
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From the Manager

Let me start this month with some excellent news. For the first three months of the Club's financial year we have managed to double our catering sales over the corresponding months last year. This is particularly gratifying as it



David Viccars - General Manager

clearly indicates that the Club is being used more and more while at the same time our outside catering service is doing very, very well. The really significant increase however has been in the amount of members using Lords, we are delighted with that aspect in particular because a lot of effort has been spent on trying to upgrade

Lords (at very little cost) and it is working, so well done Barry, Head Chef Khun Suwan and Lords Manager Khun Kasem. Lords is now a success (even if there are still a very few lapses as described elsewhere in the magazine!) so, if you haven't used the Restaurant for a while give it a try!

One down side of the increased usage of the Club is that most weekends we experience incidents which could be child related. For example on one Sunday alone we had the Gentlemen's Toilets in the Club House vandalized, a bar of soap put in the turtle pool, one of the Club cats mysteriously injured etc. I really do beseech members to keep an eye on their children, we have tried to upgrade the facilities at the Club for children, there is now satellite TV, videos, table tennis, soccer, basketball, a tennis play back wall, a hard court play area,

roller blade facilities, sports coaching etc, etc. But it seems that so many Mondays we spend our time repairing things which can only have been damaged deliberately, please help eliminate this waste of time and money.

Now, the end piece! The last two and a half years have flown by, I well remember scratching my head pondering what to write in the 'Outpost' when I got to the Club back in November 1993, now here I am finishing my last piece! One comment I must make as I vacate the GM's seat is that as a first timer in the hospitality game, I have been staggered by the way the staff are treated by a very, very small number of individuals. To those handful of people, and I must emphasise it is only a handful, I would represent that the staff at the Club are not perfect, they do have lapses (see the other piece I have written for this edition!), but they surely deserve some respect, they try their best and do not fail you on purpose, certainly, I would suggest, they should not be vilified in the fashion I have unfortunately occasionally witnessed, and been subjected to. There is a poem printed elsewhere in the magazine dedicated to those very few people to whom the above remarks apply! But to the overwhelming majority of members I must say a huge thank you, especially to all those who have said and written such kind things about the Club and the staff, it has been genuinely very touching to hear so many compliments and I am most grateful. Good luck to one and all.

David Viccars

General Manager

Management News

Reciprocal Club - Jakarta

Thank you very much to Mr Colvin for taking the time to visit two of our reciprocal Clubs in Jakarta to report back on them. He found that they have both gone! One has moved and one has closed! Therefore please delete the **Heritage Club** and the **Enotes Bankers & Industrialists Club** from the list of reciprocal Clubs sent out with February's 'Outpost'.

Abu Dhabi

We have recently established reciprocal links with The Club of Abu Dhabi, yes it is simply called 'The Club'! This sporting and social Club has some 2,700 members is located on the Abu Dhabi coast and has bars, restaurants, function rooms, floodlit tennis courts, squash courts, a badminton hall, swimming pool and beach area, snooker tables, health club etc. They have sailing, sub aqua, rugby, amateur dramatic, choral, and other sporting groups as well as acting as a home for all the Loyal Societies.

The 1996 British Club Year Book

The 1996 Year Books were despatched to all members in mid-March; if you have not received your copy yet then please pick one up when next at the Club, or let the Club office know and we will mail you a replacement copy.

British Club Polo Shirts

Sadly we are now almost completely out of stock of Club polo shirts. More were ordered several weeks ago but our suppliers have run

out of cotton material! We are finding an alternative source.

Churchill Bar Menu

Unfortunately we are still using February's menus in the Churchill Bar. We are producing other menus for the bar with some new dishes added. The printers promise that these menus will be ready very soon, then we will move away from the monthly menus and will instead aim to change the menu every quarter.

Scuba diving - Is anybody interested?

We are still trying to organise scuba diving familiarization lessons at the Club, perhaps on Saturday mornings? So far five members have replied 'yes', is anyone else interested? If you are then please see the GM.

First aid training

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

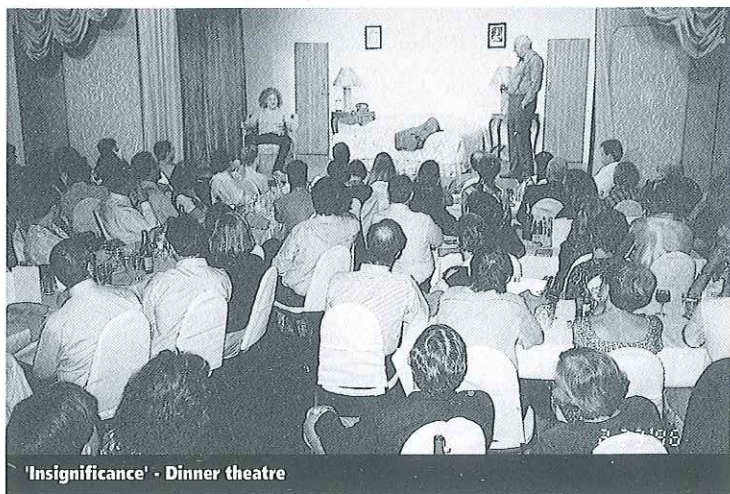
The BC trip to Surin for the Elephant Round-up - 14th-16th November

Undoubtedly the BC run the most stylish

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

Gala Dinner Theatre

During their brief stop in Bangkok on their tour of the region, the London City Theatre Company performed the play 'Insignificance'



as dinner theatre on the evening of Friday 23rd February to a full house in the Surawong Room.

Congratulations - From Ballantines Finest Whisky!

Well done to Mr John Barnes for winning the bottle of Ballantines Finest Whisky in the draw for all those who dined in Lords during the promotion week which launched Barry's latest a la carte menu.

Swimming competitions for children aged 6-8

We have been invited to enter a team, or as individuals, in the Barracuda Club Swimming Galas. The Barracuda Club is a predominantly Thai swimming club on the 4th Floor of the Renaissance Building in Soi Pipat, close to the Club. The Galas are on Sunday 7 July and Sunday 24 November. Children born in 1988, 89 or 90 are invited to enter, all events are over 25 metres. Full details are available from Khun Chamnan at the Swimming Pool Office.

Staff News -

Retirements

At the end of February we reluctantly had to say farewell to a further three members of staff who had reached the legal retirement age.



Khun Chuan Sonti (age 62) has been employed as a Gardener since joining the Club in 1984, Khun Prateung Suahauyan (age 63) has been an odd job man in the maintenance department since he joined the Club in 1967 while his young brother Khun Cha-Um (age 60) has been our number one carpenter since joining the Club in 1972.

All of these gentlemen have given the Club

excellent service and their skills and talents will be sorely missed, we wish them all the very best for a long and happy retirement. As usual these men will leave the Club with a healthy payment from the provident fund.

Members' Accountant

Khun Varee the Members' Accountant has left the Club. Khun Cholawan will replace her and starts work at the Club on 1st April. Khun Cholawan has excellent qualifications and has good English and should be the first port of call should members have queries on their accounts, **but** please remember that it will take her time to settle in and become familiar with our systems!

Accounting staff

Sadly our junior members accountant, Khun Somkit, has found a job closer to her home and left the Club at the end of February, Khun Chemchoi has been promoted from the main office to fill the vacancy left by Khun Somkit.

Serving staff

Khun Pradap will not be seen in the Churchill Bar for a few months, nor will Khun Petchara be seen at Pool Side for a similar period, they are both getting larger by the day and hope to

be proud mothers in the middle of the year. Well done to both of them! Both girls have been relocated to work in the office until they are able to resume 'normal service'!

Maintenance Staff

Starting on 1st March the maintenance department has been reorganized. The department has been reduced by one member of staff but those who remain now work a shift system designed to achieve maintenance (repair) cover from 07.00 to 21.00. Of course the normal cleaning staff, gardeners etc are on duty outside of these hours but what this change **should** achieve is that if things break after 'normal' working hours (09.00 to 17.00) they will be repaired without any delay. That is the plan anyway!

Fitness Centre staff

To encourage all you ladies and gentlemen (!) to make more use of the Fitness Centre, Sportathlon have now posted a charming young lady to join the fitness centre staff working at the BC. Khun Nongnut (nickname Fah) started working at the Club on 16th March. The plan is that she will get involved in the aerobics and thus, we hope, further increase the popularity of our regular aerobics session.

Farewells

Thankfully a quiet month on the exodus front of late, with only five members leaving the list. They were Robert and Jirapen

McMullin, Suharsh Mittal, Mr V Macartney, Bill Remy and Neils and Mary Winther - goodbye and good luck.

New Members



Jaap and Marieke

Mr. & Mrs. Jaap van de Pol

Working with the Food and Agricultural Organisation has taken Jaap and Marieke to Botswana and Indonesia before bringing them to Bangkok to manage FARM projects for a couple of years. Jaap is a tennis player and enjoys food (unsurprisingly, perhaps!) and Marieke likes hockey, aerobics and classical ballet. They have a 3 month old son, Jasper.



Douglas

Mr. Douglas Cairns

Scotsman Douglas had previously worked in London before launching his overseas career out here as Chief Investment Officer with Schroders Thailand. Skimad Douglas is 32 and single, and also plays golf, tennis and squash, and enjoys travel and theatre, although his favourite leisure occupation at the moment appears to be “couching out” in front of the telly.



Kelvin

Mr. Kelvin Moffat

Kiwi Kelvin is marketing Boots Healthcare in Indochina for 3 years, he plays tennis and commented that traffic conditions mean he can continue marathon running. Wife Marilyn was home with their three kids: Cameron 3, and Lauren 7 and Kelsey 5 who are at Patana; and with one more due in June both claim to have no time for hobbies! Marilyn holds World Champion medals in surf life saving - ‘Baywatch’ here we come.



Tim

Mr. Timothy Balbirnie

This Dubliner was in fact born in Bangkok and lived in Africa for 12 years and Hong Kong for 6 before landing back here for an indefinite term. Tim has replaced Peter Snell in market research at AMI. Single and 36, Tim plays squash, badminton, tennis, cricket, spoofing (irregularly) and music, so sports sections take note!

Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Meyer

From Chicago, both Kirk and Karen are with the US Embassy in Bangkok; Kirk with the DEA and Karen in the State Department, although Kirk has travelled the region with the military before. They have a son, Kyle 7 at ISB. Kirk likes fishing (will try sea fishing here), running and tennis while Karen used to be a lifeguard and enjoys tennis, reading, cooking and piano. Their proposer said something about a hobby of “competitive drinking”, but it’s probably best omitted!

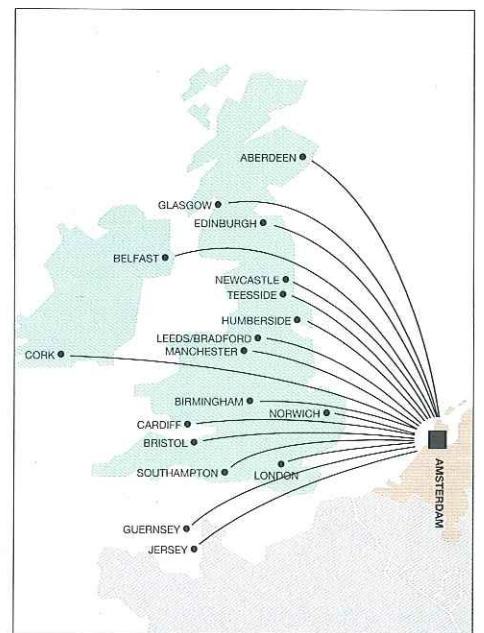


Karen and Kirk

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Cecilia and Michael

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kerr-Patton

Michael is here with Thomas Howell insurance loss adjusters and Cecilia has landed a PR and media position with Mouawad Jewellers, and they have previously lived all over Africa, the Middle East, down under, SE Asia and Paris. Michael plays tennis, golf and cricket while Cecilia swims, enjoys bridge and fine arts, having just completed

a degree in auctioneering and valuation, and has joined the Museum Volunteers.



Andrew

Mr. Andrew Smith

Single, 28 and a 'blue-eyed blond', Andrew is in construction insurance broking with Heath Hudig Langeveldt and hopes to be here indefinitely. He was in Viet-

nam before here, and has also lived in Canada, Venezuela and Algeria, of which Venezuela (my birthplace!) is his favourite. He plays squash, reads and listens to all sorts of music and has a 24 golfing handicap and wants to be a scratch handicap, "but don't tell the boss...".



Hoeng Poc

Mr. Hoeng Poc Lim

Previously a family member, Hoeng Poc is the manager's assistant at Universal Resources Development Co, a coal mining concern. Single and 22, Hoeng Poc used

to play rugby but now plays tennis and squash, and enjoys Internet, tv, travelling and radio-controlled model cars. He studied in Missouri and Strathclyde, and his favourite place is New Zealand because "it's so peaceful and there's so few people".



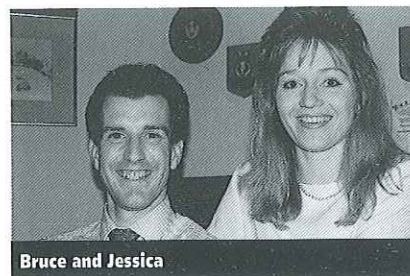
Ying and Lee

Mr. and Mrs. Numphol Dujverakul

The spitting image of sister Charmaine, Lee works in the family garment business and with wife Ying has two children, Jam is 6 and James is 11 months. Like sisters Jaree and Charmaine, Lee plays tennis ("the disease of the family"!), swims and is a Man United fan, while Ying swims, reads and shops. Ying studied in Brighton for a couple of years, but found it far too cold!

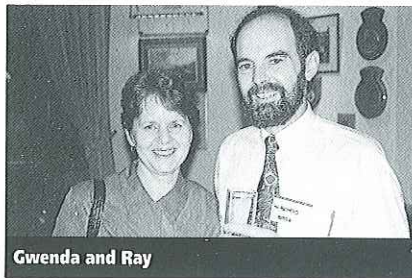
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Jones

The next in the ILCT annual series, investment consultant lawyer Bruce has replaced Christian Parker who has now gone on to Singapore following Fran Kucera. Both Bruce and his wife Jessica enjoy swimming, tennis, reading and opera, and Jessica also plays squash, hockey and bridge. This is Welshman Bruce's first overseas posting, although Jessica grew up in Kenya



Bruce and Jessica

for 17 years and was previously in personnel with a law firm.



Gwenda and Ray

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Barge

Their first overseas posting with the Australian Embassy, Ray is here with the aid program for about 2 years, but both Ray and Gwenda overlanded from England to Australia 22 years ago. Their son Daniel is at Patana and daughter Rachel is in university down under. Ray plays golf, although he claims no aptitude for sport, and both enjoy swimming, gardening, reading, eating and, er, bushwalking.



Than

Dr. Thanyachai Sura

Already seen on court at the Club, Than is a keen tennis player and also swims and plays squash and bridge. Specialising in molecular medicine at Ramathibodi Hospital

occasionally takes him to Britain to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford for courses. He is married to Pimporn and they have two children: Pat, 8, and Charng, 3.

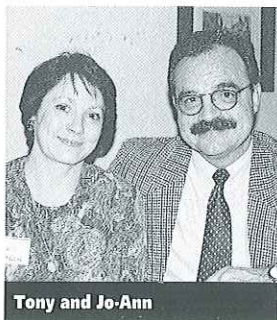


Andrea and Wayne

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Sheridan

Just in from Hong Kong, Wayne expects to be managing business development at Old Mutual International here for at least a couple of

years. He and wife Andrea have two children, Ryan 5 who is at NIST and Tiffany, 2. Wayne likes golf, a bit of footie and spoofing while Andrea enjoys cooking and dried flower arranging. Their goal in life was to go to a party that upcoming Saturday...



Tony and Jo-Ann

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cittadini

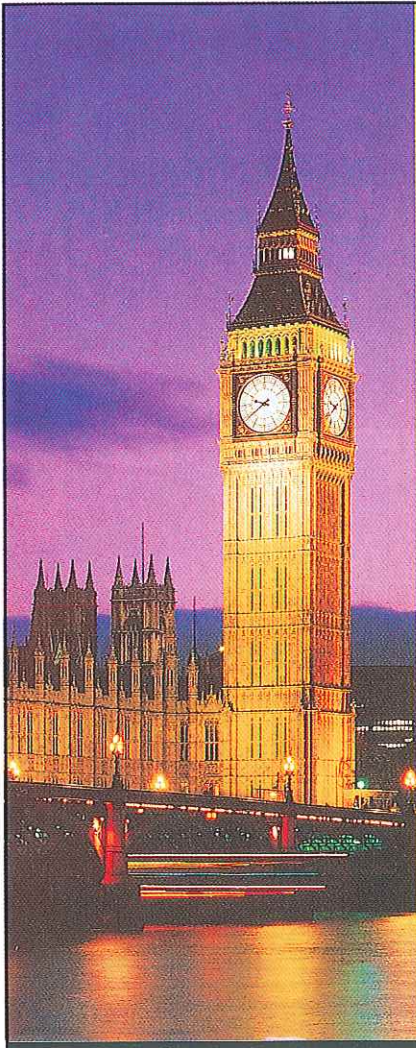
"Work is life" to Aussie Tony, who is building the first terracotta roof tile plant here in Thailand with family business Applied Contract Engineering, although he enjoys yachting when he has time. Wife Jo-Ann has designed knitwear for Patons for many years and is looking for a design illustration role here; she also enjoys skiing, sightseeing and 'adapting'. They have two children: Alexander 8 and Andree 6, both at Patana.

Mr. Robert Taylor & Ms. Lyndall Biggar

A managing partner with Deloitte Touche Tomatsu, Robert expects to be with local office Jaiyos & Co for around 5 years. During his "2 year posting" to Australia, which lasted 15 years, he met his wife Aussie Lyndall and they now have three children: Melanie 10, Cameron 8 and Annie-Rose 5, all of whom are at NIST. Robert plays guitar and was a pre-Bangkok jogger while Lyndall plays flute, swims, reads and enjoys aerobics.



Robert and Lyndall



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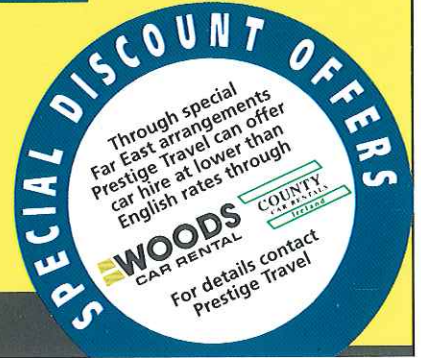
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Meet the Committee!

The AGM took place in the Silom Sala at 2pm-ish on Sunday 10th after our regular Sunday morning session at Soi Nares, and in keeping with tradition, all those who attended (more or less) were co-opted onto the Committee! Your officers for next year are the same as last year:

Chairperson **Gaynor de Wit (for her sins)**

Treasurer **Mike O'Connor**

Secretary **Barry Whittaker**

but it was noted that as Barry and Wanna will be away for several weekends this coming year and also expect to be on extensive leave, and that I am usually unable to reach the Soi Klang courts during the week, that the other members present at the meeting should be around to help run the Section.

In particular, I must thank Henry and Katy Cherdumphai for volunteering to continue their sterling work toting shuttlecocks and being responsible for 'the book' (Soi Nares) as well as being the alternative suppliers to Barry of 'the chittees' (the sticker stubs - Soi Klang). The other members present at the meeting, namely Anant Leighrahathorn, Charles Harrison and Peter Griffiths agreed to help wherever possible.

The Committee certainly needs new blood, as the Section has been by and large 'ticking along' this last year with minimal activity over and above the regular Sunday and week-day sessions, which to the credit especially of Barry and Wanna have been going well, especially Soi Klang. But it was evident, even within the AGM with several new ideas raised, including the suggestion of a possible alternative venue to the expensive Soi Klang, that it

is important to maintain a somewhat more active role in future months. We would like to see more competitions this year, both external and internal, and the newer members of the Committee may have to help us organise such events.

Sunday 28th April - Round Robin

Now listen, fellow swatters, I'm sticking my neck out here (this is written early March,



Your Committee. Sitting L - R: Wanna and Barry , Katy; Standing L-R: Mike, Charles, Henry, Anant, Peter , Gaynor

remember) and announcing an upcoming internal tournament at Soi Nares on Sunday 28th of this month; please arrive as near as possible to 11am to allow me to pair you all off asap.

Prizes for the winners!

Just bring yourself, a racquet and a smile

See you on court

Lek Farang

Don't forget Racquet Ball June 1st!



Match progress

Our good progress in the Farang League continues. If we win all remaining matches the League Championship title is ours. Elsewhere in the section, off the pitch, highlight of the month was the marriage of Tony Green to the lovely Khun Manida. We wish them every fortune for the future.

John Keeps His Head

BC 1st X1 1-0 Siemens

A tightly contested match, our first against league newcomers Siemens. BC enjoyed territorial advantage for the entire game against a much smaller, fitter Thai team. Whilst our approach work was good, balls into the

troubled and only had two soft shots to deal with all game.

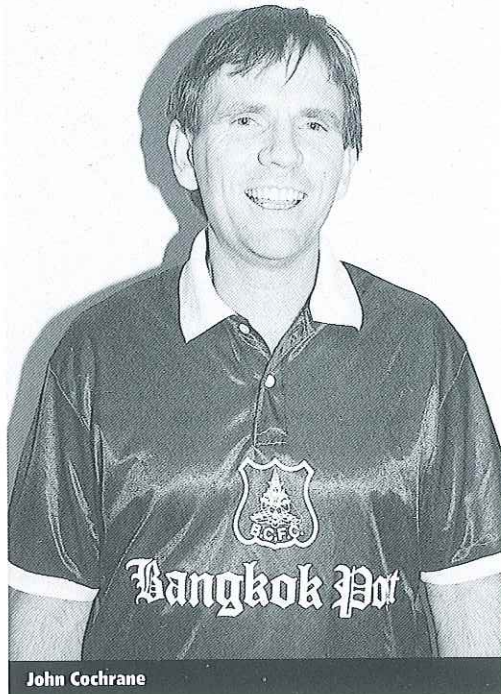
The game appeared to be heading for a 0-0 score until the last 20 seconds of normal time. Nigel Oakins, 10 yards inside the Siemens half controlled the ball, turned and placed a superb ball into the path of John Cochrane who ran on and with only the keeper to beat coolly placed the ball into the corner of the net. Having only come onto the park 5 minutes previously as substitute for Marc Hagelauer, John won the match for BC with only his second touch of the ball. Well done John!

Defensive Mistakes are Costly

BC 1st X1 2-2 Bangkok French

A disappointing result for BC against an inferior French outfit which ended our five-match run of defensive clean sheets. With vice-captain Chris Davin unable to play, Terry Grogan took up a defensive midfield position in front of a new back four line-up of Watkins, Carruthers, Randall and Elias. The game started badly for BC in the first three minutes. The French on their first attack carved through the left side of our defence, Willie Carruthers slipped over and the French were 1-0 up! The rest of the half saw BC peppering the French goal until Dave Atkinson fired home a superb volley from the edge of the penalty area. Last week's hero John Cochrane also had a goal disallowed for offside. Half-time BC 1-1 French.

The second half followed an identical pattern to the first. BC started the period a goal down when Vaughan Elias headed an own goal



John Cochrane

opposition penalty area were not good enough and as a result good chances were at a premium. Shots at the Siemens goal were high or wide or were easily gathered by their keeper. George Everest in the BC goal was never

past George Everest and once again BC spent the evening chasing the game. We completely



Willie Carruthers - A welcome return to fitness

dominated play but all too often tried to do the complicated thing when an easy option was available. As a result the quality of goal scoring opportunities was limited. Marc Hagelauer came on for John Cochrane and Nigel Oakins for Adam Caro. The BC equaliser perhaps summed up the match. After eight poorly executed corner kicks the first good delivery was neatly headed in by Willie Carruthers giving the French goalkeeper no chance!

Overall a frustrating performance for players and spectators alike. Whilst the confidence in the side and their battling spirit is commendable this was overshadowed by the level and number of basic mistakes made.

Wash-out!

Our next fixture against the Brazilians was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Musical Chairs!

BC 1st XI 3-0 Italians

A game remarkable for the number of substitutions caused by horrendous traffic and players arriving late! Nevertheless a pleasing win and our first double of the season.

Starting line-up options were limited by Chris Davin and John Cochrane not arriving till half-time, and Nigel Oakins being unable to find his contact lenses! As a result our starting line-up featured the old maestro Frank Hough on his first time this season. The first half was even against a much-improved Italian outfit. Chances were limited with the best two of the half falling to BC. Unfortunately, in stretching for one of these Frank strained a hamstring. Fortunately Nigel had now found his



BC 1st XI in new Bangkok Post strip

lenses and came on as substitute for the remainder of the half until Chris Davin arrived. Overall the match was marred by weak refereeing by a young, inexperienced official who allowed too many bad tackles. Half-time BC 0-0 Italians.

In the second half, the BC looked much stronger with the late entry of Chris Davin. The team found a new rhythm and completely dominated play to the extent that the Italians did not manage a single shot on our goal in the second period. With 20 minutes



remaining Dave Atkinson found the net to put us a goal ahead. Shortly after Tim Ross made it 2-0, but two minutes later had to



Adam Caro models the new shorts

leave the park injured as a result of some dubious tackling. John Cochrane came on as substitute. The result was sealed with 5 minutes to go when Dave Atkinson scored his second. The team were disappointed to receive two yellow cards, for Dave Atkinson and Willie Carruthers, but under the circumstances, with an over-aggressive game and weak refereeing, it was hardly surprising.

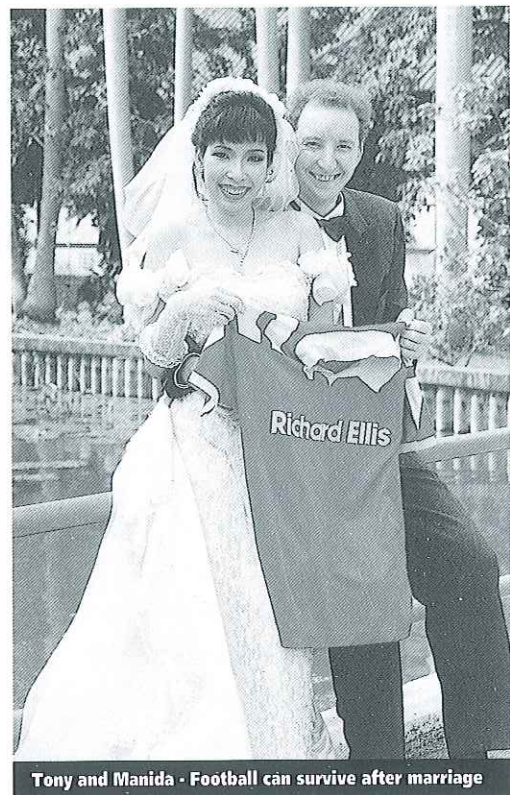
Tony's Stag Fixture

Casuals 2-3 Brazilians

Captain for the day Tony Green lived up to his reputation for missing chances and lack of tactical knowledge, but sterling performances

in the post match shower and evening celebration. Being well-known by the Brazilian team, Tony was allowed to score a goal in the fixture, as both sides appreciated his chances of scoring later were limited! Otherwise the game was played at a slow pace, players wanting to conserve their energies. Chances were abundant, but usually blasted over, with three balls going into the klong. Our other goal on the day was scored by Keith Dougall.

Overall an understandably relaxed and friendly fixture enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to the **Bangkok Post** for supplying us with a second strip which it was noted was reminiscent of "Escape to Victory". George Everest in goal tried his best to resemble Sylvester Stallone but needs to work at his diet!



Tony and Manida - Football can survive after marriage

Footnote: Steve Golsby has suggested that Tony Green take up a new career modelling shower gel and body shampoo products... but not hair shampoo products!

Recent events

Match with Hong Kong

A particularly successful day for the BC Squash section when a team of Hong Kong players arrived for a friendly match (maybe it was the 5 days in Pattaya beforehand that took the edge off their game!). Our team comprising David Bryant, Dave Jewell, Khun Ja, Chris Platt, Mark Reading, Marvyn Lewis and Mike Prinz came away with 6 wins from 7 matches. The losing match was contested between the only woman in the Hong Kong team and the only Welshman in the BC team... say no more!

January-February Leagues

The winners of the January-February Leagues sponsored by **SGS Construction Cost Consultants Ltd** were:

- Division 1 **Dave Jewell**
- Division 2 **Chaturan T (Ja)**
- Division 3 **Mark Reading**
- Division 4 **Greg Brown**
- Division 5 **John Vivian**
- Division 6 **Rene Frei**
- Division 7 **Steve Cook**
- Division 8 **David Overington**
- Division 9 **Uwe Warnecke**

Harold Mercer Trophy

The team competition has been under way throughout February and March and is due to be completed by the time this is published. Results next month.

Match with Singapore Cricket Club

A less successful match for the BC Squashies on 3rd March, when only 4 matches out of 10

were won against a strong Singapore team. Although Singapore rested their 3 top players (luckily!) after giving the Polo Club a 12-2 drubbing the day before, the BC team performed admirably. Our top players struggled against the 'A' grade members of their team, but everyone enjoyed the match and did enough to earn an invite to Singapore for a return match in the future. The BC team was Barb Overington, Bob Faherty, Marvyn Lewis



Dick Anwar's reward for 'best and fairest' player against Singapore Cricket Club

(the Welshman recovered some pride here - managed to beat his female opponent this time), Mark Smith, Dick Anwar (Dick's turn to succumb to the fairer sex - see below also!), David Hedge, Mark Reading, Chris Platt, Dave Jewell and Khun Ja.

Sunday Mix-In on 3rd March

The regular Sunday handicap competition was again well attended on 3rd March and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. The winners of the three sections were Richard

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar

Sunday



Opening Times

10am-11pm **Churchill Bar**
 11.30am-2pm **Lords Restaurant - Lunch**
 6-10pm **Lords Restaurant - Dinner**
 7.30am-10pm **Poolside Bar**
 6am-9pm **Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat**
 9am-9pm **Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols**
 9am-5pm **Thai Massage - Tue/Sun**

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
 3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

Golf - Dunlop Cup Weekend

Monday



8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
 8am **BWG Mahjong**
 2pm **Aerobics**
 6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**
 7.30pm **New Members Night**

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

Golf - Dunlop Cup Weekend

Tuesday



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

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 7-9pm **Soccer Training**
 8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

7.15pm Soccer v ISB

Wednesday



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

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 5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

Thursday



10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
 6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
 7pm **Aerobics**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

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 7pm **Aerobics**
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Friday



9.30am **Aerobics**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

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 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

Saturday



8am **Junior Tennis**
 8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

Golf - Dunlop Cup Weekend

8am **Junior Tennis**
 8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

Children's Sports Activities

Tennis Coaching
Swimming Coaching

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning
Saturday Morning

Don't Forget!!!

Weekend 12th-14th - Songkran Festival - Go out and get wet!

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11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
2-7pm **Tennis Tournament**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

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

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3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**
5-7pm **Children's Video**

TBA - Golf v Wanderers**11am Badminton Round-Robin****15**

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

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8am **BWG Mahjong**
2pm **Aerobics**
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9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

8.45pm Soccer v RBSC**17**

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

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Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton **Gaynor de Wit 237-4031**
Cricket **Peter Young 679-7644**
Golf **Geoff Lamb 326-0380**
Rugby **Joe Grunwell 262-0220**
Squash **David Turner 279-1234**
Soccer **Peter Rodgers 240-0678**
Tennis **John Kelly 264-2100**

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10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

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7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

Sports - Contact the following:

Non-BC Sports
Ladies Golf
BCLG **Wil Agerbeek 259-7019**
LIGHT **Eileen Cook 295-4596**
Hockey **Lois Carson 258-5295**

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9.30am **Aerobics**
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Venues

Soi 15 **NIST grounds**
Soi 49 **Soi Klang Racquet Club**
Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police Station**

Golf - As advertised**20**

8am **Junior Tennis**
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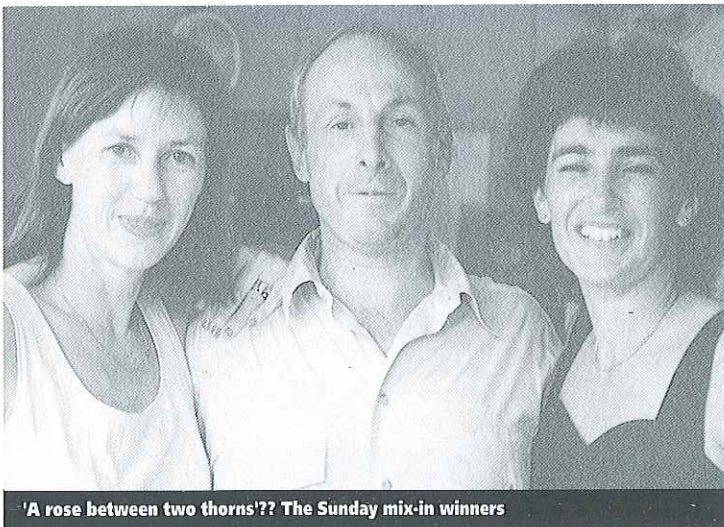
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Plummer, Janet Vivian and Joan Jewell who each took home a prized BC Squash shirt as their winnings. (These are on sale in the gym for any jealous losers) There was no time to determine an overall winner as there was free beer beckoning at the AGM!

It was worth noting that each of these winners overcame a player from the top of the ladder on the way to their triumph. Janet



mercilessly disposed of Dick Anwar despite his protestations of a sore ankle (beaten by a lady twice in one day!) and Joan similarly disposed of husband Dave (the rumour floating after the game that he let Joan win in exchange for certain matrimonial privileges was firmly denied).

Squash Section AGM

This year's AGM was held hot on the heels of the Sunday mix-in and a good turnout of nearly 20 members resulted. Our Chairman David Turner presented his annual report (see below) followed by the Treasurer's report from Mike O'Connor and the Captain's report from Dick Anwar. Details are available from the Committee if any non-attending members are interested. Your new Committee for the coming year is the same as last

year's, including the various resignations and co-options that occurred during 1995, and comprises:

David Turner **Barbara Overington**

Marvyn Lewis **Phil Hall**

Mike O'Connor **Dick Anwar**

Tom Livingston **Dave Jewell**

There was plenty of lively discussion on a number of issues including finances and revenue raising, sponsorship, leagues and junior squash that gave the Committee plenty to attend to in coming months. It was good to see the input from the members and they will surely keep the Committee on their toes!

Upcoming Events: watch the noticeboard!

Racquet Ball 1st June

Put this date in your diary **now** and see Betty Meclaine for more details

Inter-Society Tournament - 21st April

One-day handicap teams event. Great fun for all

Sunday Mix-In - 7th April

Usual handicap event, enter on the day at 12.30

Dave Jewell

Chairman's Report to AGM

The Squash Section was very active during 1995 with a regular core of enthusiasts turning up in the evenings after work particularly for the Thursday mix-ins and every weekend the courts are put to good use. The monthly handicap competition has also been very popular and a weekend trip to Jomtien proved to be a happy outing.

The six league competitions have been well supported during the year and competition at the head of the 'A' ladder has been fierce. Barbara Overington and Mike O'Connor worked hard to obtain sponsorship for our leagues and I'm pleased to report that from



the September league we have been sponsored by Christiani & Nielsen, Carlsberg and for the rest of this year by SGS Construction Cost Consultants Ltd.

During the year your Committee lost Paul Taylor, who is now living upcountry but manages to get here for a few games when in town for the weekend. Marc Hagelauer was co-opted onto the Committee to replace Paul but later had to resign because pressure of work prevented him from carrying out his responsibilities to his own satisfaction. Barry Daniel who now has a new job which requires much travel in Indochina also resigned. I would like to express the Committee's appreciation to Paul, Marc and Barry for their enthusiasm as Committee members and squashies.

To replace those lost, Phil Hall and David Jewell were co-opted onto the Committee, and your 1996 Committee now consists of: **Mike O'Connor** as Treasurer has the onerous job of keeping us solvent.

Dick Anwar is our Team Captain and representative at TSRA meetings. He has been very busy recently and has been well supported by our best players.

Barbara Overington looks after BC squash competitions which includes the Harold Mercer Memorial Trophy, the Don Johnson Cup, the Parra Handy Plate, the Handicap Tournament and Shield, the Tony Austin Cup, the Rod Carter Open Competition and the Dunlop Inter Society Tournament. A heavy duty which Barbara always does well.

Marvyn Lewis is responsible for court maintenance, and his job has been made more difficult by members who do not wear the right shoes or do not clean the soles frequently enough.

Our Scribe started off as Barry Daniel, then

Barbara Overington and has recently been taken over by **David Jewell** my thanks to all of them for maintaining our contribution to Outpost.

Tom Livingston is our Secretary and has done an excellent job throughout the year.

The Leagues and Ladders started out with Paul Taylor, then Marc Hagelauer and is now the responsibility of **Phil Hall**. This is a difficult and time-consuming job as it requires regular visits to update the ladders but is now in safe hands.

Competition winners during 1995 were:

Harold Mercer Memorial Trophy (team competition) - David Bryant, Mike Weekes and Allan Payne

Don Johnson Cup (men's closed competition) - Dick Anwar

Parra Handy Plate - Marvyn Lewis

Handicap Tournament - Dick Anwar

Handicap Shield - Phil Hall

Tony Austin Cup (Veterans competition) - David Bryant

Rod Carter Open Competition - Peerapol Poonsiri

Dunlop Inter Society Tournament (team competition) - St Elsewhere comprising Dick Anwar, Mark Smith, Graeme Revill, Nortey Omaboe, Christian Rasmussen and Graciella Haube.

My congratulations to all the winners.

Finally I would like to thank all those who were members of the Committee during 1995 for their enthusiasm and hard work, our sponsors Christiani & Neilson, Carlsberg and SGS Construction Cost Consultants Ltd, the General Manager and his staff for maintaining our facilities and last but not least to all the members of the Squash section and their families for making 1995 such an interesting year.



1996 Club Championships sponsored by Guardian Assurance

This year's Club Championships were held over two consecutive Sundays - the 1st Round being held at Laem Chabang on 28th January with 23 members competing, and the 2nd on 4th February at Khao Keaw with 31 players taking part. The events were again very kindly sponsored by **Guardian Assurance**; unfortunately Bill Barr could not be there to present the prizes but Paul Barrett was able to come along instead. Many thanks to Guardian Assurance for all the lovely prizes.

Overall Champions

Men's Low Gross

Ray Fazackerley 169



Men's Low Net

Dugal Forrest 144



Ladies' Low Gross

Lavita Hughes 204

Ladies' Low Net

Angela Poustie 157



Day 1 Winners

Men's Low Gross

Mark Verheyen 84



Men's Low Net

Brian Hughes 67

Ladies' Low Gross

Sriwan Forrest 106



Ladies' Low Net

Diana Lamb 84

Day 2 Winners

Men's Low Gross

James Thomson-Glover 86



Diana Lamb

Men's Low Net

Mel Leddy 71



Mel Leddy

Ladies' Low Gross

Gill Hough 109

Ladies' Low Net

Hazel Fazackerley 74



Brian Hughes

The Kitchen Sink

This is an annual competition held between the Bangkok Cosmopolitan Ladies Group and the British Club Golf Section. It always proves to be a great day with the BCLG organising and providing the food and drink.

The Frying Pan trophy was retained by the Ladies, in fact they made a clean sweep of the BC winning all 5 pairs matches and the technical prizes.



Gill Hough

Dates for your Diaries

April 6,7,8 Dunlop Cup Hua Hin



Hazel Fazackerley

April 21 Match v. Wanderers TBA

That's all from me

Judi Leddy

Someone Said...

And now, a few words from a bug in the very staid and proper BC Golf Section! Following are actual quotes made by golfing members overheard at the dinner table after the outing at the Royal Golf Club on the 2nd January: "Mike is much better from a difficult position" - Angela Poustie

"Walking is difficult since I had my new stud..." - Diana Lamb

"Don't give me any head!" - Lauren Lambert (believed to be a reference to the froth on top!)

The Anonymous Listener



Tennis galore

Junior Tennis Tournament **Sunday 4th February, 1996**

The tennis courts were full, from before 8am through to 1pm. The enthusiasm of the players was tremendous and made the complicated schedule of play well worthwhile! We had 28 players and began the morning with a singles knock-out for the top 16 players and a doubles competition for the rest, in which they changed partners each match and accumulated game scores individually.

The winner of the singles, after many months of being runner-up, was Tom Henton, who was delighted to beat his rival Alex Stamp. In the plate, Paul Stamp won, beating Darren Rayner

The doubles play involved many players who

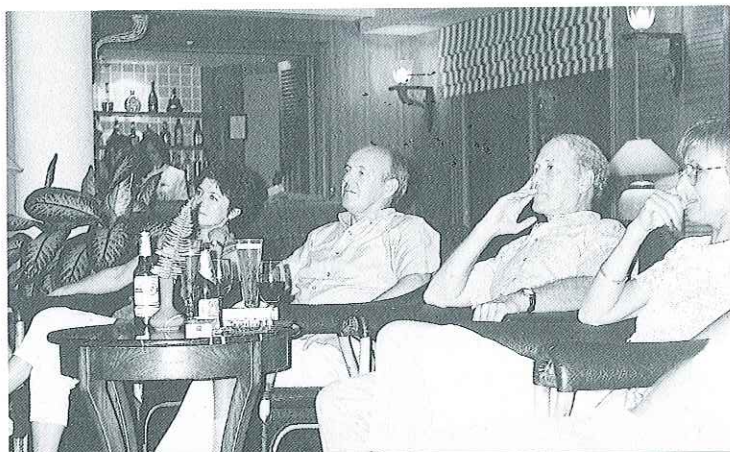
with just one point less, were Ryan McNeilly, Matthew Jones, and James Lanham. James won a prize for being the 'junior junior' with the best result in that group.

The 'competitive' part of the tournament ended at 11, and the players then had a choice between doubles or singles. A doubles knock-out was held for 16, with Graeme Jewell and Saartje Van Walbeck winning. A singles knock-out was the chance for Michael Rayner to play James Crocker White and win, and for Duncan Morrison to win the 'plate'. Four junior juniors had their own round robin, and Rachel Brooke came out as the clear winner.

Even after 5 hours, some of the juniors went on to play championship matches, or go on and practise. If only we could have such cool breezes all year, maybe we would all be able to keep going so long!

It was great to welcome some new girls to the tournament. For a while it looked as if Hannah might be on her own in the older group, but Saartje Van Walbeck, and Kate Ellis came for the first time today, and all three are potential winners. Imogen McBain and Rachel Brooke are working their way up too. It would be nice to mention everyone who played well this month - but all the players showed such improvement, it would simply be a list of the participants!

Thank you as always to the umpires. Not so many are required these days as the play gets better, the disputes get fewer, and most of the senior players are able to 'adjudicate' for each other without any controversy. But for the junior juniors we always need help and to



Eileen, Archie, Brian and Diane watching Scotland's victory

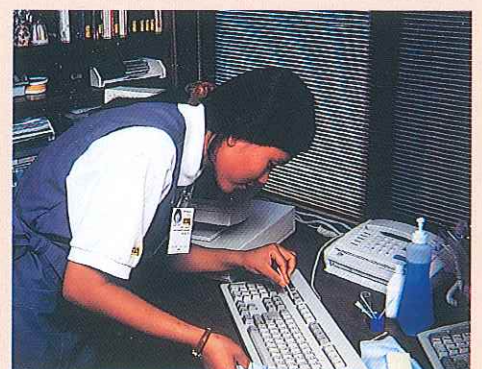
could have been in the higher group too, and the Junior Juniors who played as their partners benefited greatly from having a better player on their side, and against them. Each player accumulated his or her own score, and the overall winner, Andrew Jones, not only played well, but gave his younger partners lots of encouragement. Runners-up to him,

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Jane, Joan, Steve, Bob, Raymonde, Pam, Denise, Georgiana, many thanks.

Shelagh & Kate

Away weekend - Lakeview - 15th to 17th February

Following the success of the last 'away weekend' people signed up in droves for this one.



Peter describing how close he was to a hole-in-one!

A grand total of 52 adults and 24 children spent an action packed few days enjoying the clean air, beautiful surroundings and many activities on offer. People were jetting in from as far afield as Kuala Lumpur and England and ages ranged from 9 months to 78 years! As befitted a tennis section weekend there was tennis galore. On Friday afternoon there was a mix-in for adults and juniors. On Saturday morning the junior Juniors had a chance to show their paces in a competition won by Gabby Phillips, with Thomas Phillips and David Weekes as joint runners up. On the other court at the same time some older juniors played championship matches (including a real needle mixed doubles match with a member of the Henton family on each side of the net) until they expired from the heat at midday.

While all this was happening, 16 golfers,

organised by James, were playing in a Stableford competition. Overall winner was John Kelly with 39 points and runner up was Paul Jensen with 37 points.

At the same time, beside the pool under the shade, a couple of games of bridge were taking place, one or two other people were tackling a crossword and I'm sure someone must just have been lying around doing nothing but I didn't notice them!

After a quick bite of lunch 32 participants took to the tennis courts for a competition organised by Shelagh and James. As we reached semi final stage (and the sun was definitely over the yardarm) people started sneaking away and returning with cool boxes loaded with refreshments. On every side of the court people were knocking back gin and tonics, beers and wine, eating crisps and even a previously unheard of delicacy - 'Ostrich Pat' supplied by Moira McNeilly. We did save some energy for watching the semi finals in which Dominique and Linda and Kate and Mark were the losers, and the exciting final in which John and Shelagh snatched defeat from



Carolyn, Jill and Moira enjoying the barbecue

the jaws of victory by losing the tie break 7-5 after leading 5-1!

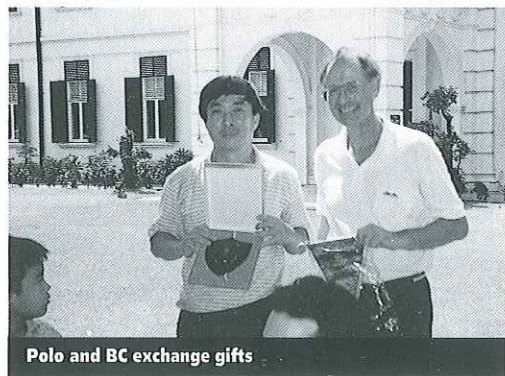
A delicious buffet and barbecue in the evening finished off the day nicely.

As Sunday morning dawned, James wondered just how many of the 28 golfers who had volunteered the previous evening would

struggle out of bed in time to tee off at 8 am, and much to his surprise they all did. The competition in teams of four was a Texas Scramble, and after a nailbiting finish was won thanks to a 'birdie' on the 18th hole by the last team home, Paul Jensen, Guy Hudson, Roger Fitzgerald and Eileen Cook, who finished two under par. On the same score but losing on a countback were John Lee, Brian Walker, Mike Weekes and Linda Young. Thank you so much Shelagh for organising yet another marvellous weekend! Lakeview is the perfect setting for a weekend like that but if word keeps spreading we may end up having to take over Ambassador City the next time!

**Match Against Polo Club
- 25th February**

In view of the difficulty experienced during the Singapore C.C. fixture in arranging more



Polo and BC exchange gifts

than two games for each player, B.C. fielded a smaller team this time. The objectives were to maximise games played and raise the standard of our play. Some success can be reported on the first objective but circumstances proscribed our efforts on the second. An early start was made, but soon it became apparent that the Polo Club were working on a different basis to us in that they had brought along a larger team than we had envisaged. This was great for games played but resulted

in some BC members who had overindulged the previous night being completely played out by 11.30am. From then on it proved more than difficult to find able bodies to take on the seemingly endless stream of opponents all eager for the kill.

For 'kill' would be the right term to use in summing up the results of our endeavours. Once again Polo had assembled a team of top



Polo Club match buffet crowd

class exponents of the doubles game and in spite of some valiant efforts by our team they were not to be denied their victory by 17 to 7. A notable win by Marc and Bruce against their first pair was quickly neutralised by mobile phoning in a 'Heavy' back-up team who promptly dished out a whitewash. So much for their brief moment of glory. Others notable for their success in temporarily rolling back the Polo onslaught were Kamol and Chalatip, Chalatip and Grace, Bruce and Rita, Pat and Zandra and Kamol and Roger (6-0 - can you believe it?)

However in spite of this outstandingly convincing loss, everyone enjoyed some excellent tennis with a very friendly visiting team and all had as many games as they could handle. Commendably short speeches by the respective team captains brought a most enjoyable morning of tennis to a close.

Bruce Gordon

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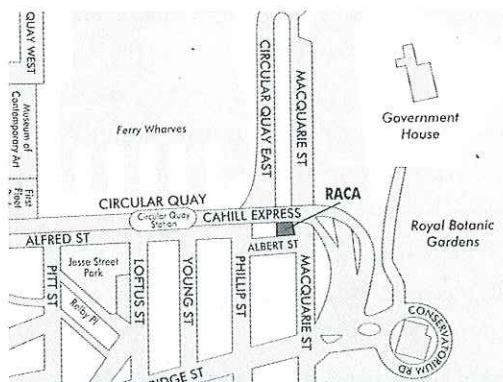


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Reciprocal Club

The Royal Automobile Club - Sydney

I would like to highly recommend to our British Club Bangkok members The Royal Automobile Club in Sydney, Australia. It is one of our newer reciprocal clubs.



Centrally located

We had a marvellous stay there. The Club itself is beautiful with stained glass, old memorabilia and chandeliers. Very warm and welcoming though. The Macquarie room is dining how it used to be, with immaculate silver service waiters and great food. There are other more casual bars and an informal bis-



An impressive welcome



The Reading Room

tro open until late as well.

The rooms were large, with high ceilings and "solid" bathrooms with enormous baths and the heaviest towelling bathrobes I have ever worn; sheer comfort at a good price.

The Club is situated in the centre of Sydney within walking distance of the Opera House, Circular Quay, The Rocks, Museums and has views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge while you breakfast.

Make a definite point of visiting the RAC on your next trip to Sydney.

Elaine Kelly



The Royal Automobile Club of Australia



BC Surin Elephant Round-Up

Certainly the most stylish trip available" On 15th November, the British Club will once again be packing their cooking utensils and sleeping bags ready for you to join them on this very exciting, once-a-year event. The elephant round-up in Surin makes news in Europe and the States; have **you** ever seen 250 elephants together in one field? All walking peacefully, munching away on bananas and sugar cane and not being lumbered by showy outfits, all au naturel! There is a show as well, of course, and an interesting market at the round-up site. Young and old enjoy this trip. We leave Bangkok at around 8.30pm from Bangkok train station (Hua Lumphong) and arrive in Surin early (4.30am - I said early), where you are collected by the BC tourbus and taken to our meeting point for a (Thai style) shower and BC breakfast. At around 7.30am we set off for the round-up - plenty of time for you to have a look around the market and make your way leisurely to your reserved, covered seats to watch the round-

up. The show ends at around 12.30 - 1pm, and the bus will take you to a Khmer ruin with a picnic area, plenty of safe space for the kids to stretch their legs and for you to have a quiet relax while enjoying the full splendours of the BC bar. In the afternoon there is time to visit local handicraft centres, ride on elephants in Surin town centre, visit a Khmer ruin on a hill, or anything else you'd like to do which can be arranged. The train leaves Bangkok at around 8pm and arrives in Bangkok at the unholy hour of 4am, so plenty of time for sleep in your own comfy beds. We expect the price for this incredible trip to be Baht 3,200 (adults), Baht 2,200 (children over 3 yrs old), Baht 1,200 (children 3 and under). As the trip takes place in November, this price is still a guesstimate; the total price will depend on the price for the train tickets, rental of the bus, round-up ticket prices, etc. As last year, we aim to book first class air-conditioned sleeper berths on the train both ways.

PHOTOCOPY AND FAX BACK TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

I, _____ (name) _____ (Club number), would like to book the following spaces on the BRITISH CLUB ELEPHANT ROUND UP TRIP.

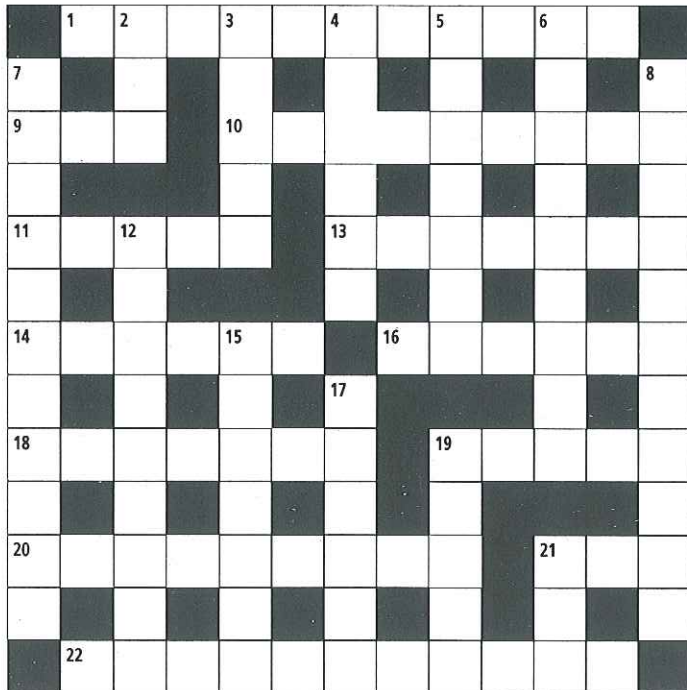
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BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 16th AUGUST

** Please note that cancellations will not be accepted after 16th August 1996 and a deposit of Baht 1,200 per person will be made on your account on booking (not refundable after 16th August 1996), in order for the BC to pay for the train and Round Up tickets.

Crossword



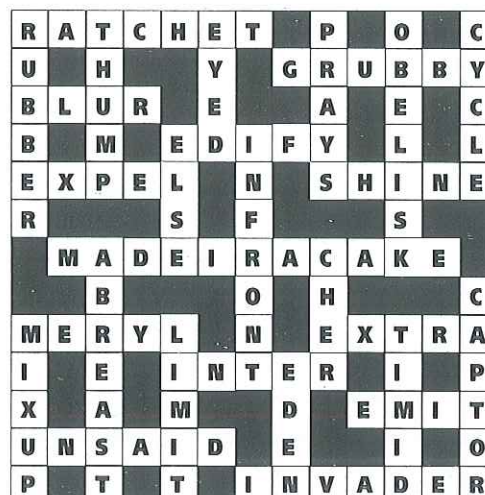
Across

- 1 I do con Mum in moving - but it's a smart place to live in Bangkok
- 9 Doesn't mix with H₂O
- 10 How embarrassing to be covered in it!
- 11 Man and Iona
- 13 P.T. scare - things underfoot!
- 14 Sharp
- 16 Slap Mother around and produce a bit of blood
- 18 Where lover's journey's end, they say
- 19 Dealt out a Greek letter
- 20 Sally Ride was the first American lady doing this
- 21 Sounds like the complete tool!
- 22 Time is, when one has nothing to do (2,4,5)

Down

- 2 Cockney cry for a bird! ...
- 3 ... and some who are nothing at Lords
- 4 Cane me? That makes a threat!
- 5 If one is, one has no side
- 6 Runs alive - somehow done by everyone
- 7 En route to Pattaya, one might be in this (7,4)
- 8 Can be I lapse in confusion, but it's impossible to avoid
- 12 In brittle form but full of rubbish (6,3)
- 15 An opera lover
- 17 Fruits that sound most unattractive
- 19 Follow Mother for a principle
- 21 Lend a hand when a servant loses her head

Last month's solution



Reflections of a Club GM...

One morning a few weeks ago the Editor asked me to pen a few lines on my reflections as the GM over the last two and a half years. This will be easy I thought with a smug feeling. I could mention the turn round in the Club's finances from big debts to large investments, how the declining trend in membership numbers has been reversed, how staff numbers have been trimmed but more services for members introduced etc, etc. All this spiced up with jolly tales about incidents at the Club and a mention of some of the innovative things I have been both accused of and called by some members, I could really envisage producing a truly 'stimulating' little piece. I was looking forward to this and I thought I would set about the task that very afternoon. Anyway, on that same day two gentlemen went into Lords for a late lunch, it was mid week, the Restaurant having been full earlier was at that time empty and the Club was quiet so all should have been well.

A dinner to remember

Both diners ordered soup as the starter, one bowl arrived lukewarm, but nothing was said to the staff - as it turned out this was a mistake. The main course arrived, one of the diners had ordered rock lobster, it was huge, superbly prepared and presented, and looked delicious... but it smelt terrible and was off! The dish was returned. The other diner had ordered cheese and biscuits, so no problem there! It was then that it was noticed that two lightbulbs in the ceiling had blown and so one of the restaurant staff summoned a maintenance man to change the bulbs. He arrived with one of the longest ladders in the world and succeeded in banging this enormous projection into the doors, the walls and various other things, like the dining tables which

were swept clear of crockery, cutlery, etc as he passed. He assembled the monster but started to climb it before it was locked in the vertical position, one of the diners leapt up to point this out otherwise he would have come crashing down onto the only remaining fully laid up dining table in that corner of the room. Things were corrected and at last one light bulb was changed. Now for the other one. The second light was in a corner of the ceiling and the ladder was just too big to erect under the light, so rather than get a smaller ladder or a pole and grab device specially made to change ceiling bulbs, he proceeded to get a flimsy set of shelving from the kitchen in order to reach the bulb. In manoeuvring the shelving into position a plant pot was swept off its holder and crashed to the floor scattering earth and broken pieces of plant, the paint was scratched along a wall and the shelving buckled under his weight as he climbed up to change the bulb. The surprising thing was that the shelving held and the lightbulb was successfully changed. The diners relaxed and returned to their earth spattered table ordering a sweet and coffee each. The sweets came but the staff forgot the coffee. A perfect end to an incident which rivalled some of Brian Rix's greatest farces. The GM and the hungry (for the Rock Lobster was for him!) Operations Manager left Lords shaking their heads and wondering. The intended farewell article had died and instead I relate this incident as a reminder to my successor, never think you have cracked it at the Club because life at the BC is full of surprises! Good luck whoever you are!

David Viccars



Farewell David

All good things must come to an end
The end of an era, farewell to a friend
Some folks pass by to be forgot
And others leave behind an awful lot

So many things just got done
As club manager you were number one
All is clean and spick and span
Many, many thanks you busy man

It's never easy to say goodbye
Especially when it's to such a nice guy
He's had his 'ups'; he's had his 'downs'
But he was always great to have around

He's moving on to pastures new
Farewell to David, goodbye, adieu
We wish you well wherever you go
You will be missed, we want you to know.

Trixie Brann



Aussie Rules Football

A dministrators Required

On Saturday 11th May Australian Football comes to Bangkok when the Hong Kong Dragons will play a team from Bangkok at 4pm at a venue yet to be decided.

What we urgently need is to find out all those Aussies, or Brits for that matter, who are interested in a playing role or as

an administrator.

Please contact any of the following:

Peter Young (wk) 679 7644
(mob) 01 498 6006

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British Women's Group

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

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



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



For more information contact:

Susan Edwards (Chairman) 259-7305 or Alison Mann (Membership) 259-3005



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

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



AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S GROUP

c/o The Australian Embassy, 37 South Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10120

For further information contact our membership ladies:

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



The Man in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself
And see what **that** man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Who judgement upon you must pass;
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people may think you a straight-shootin' chum
And call you a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest
For he's with you clear up to the end;
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
If the man in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life
And get pats on your back as you pass
But your final reward will be heartache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

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From the Chairman

In order to meet the publisher's deadline for this issue I am having to write the report before the AGM and thus am unable to say anything as to the outcome of that meeting. I do not think there is anything too conten-

tious to be discussed so hopefully it will all have been concluded to everyone's satisfaction.

One question that I am sure must be in many member's minds is the current position concerning the appointment of a new General Manager. The situation is that, following a tremendous response to

our advertising, we have selected a number of those who would seem suitable and are calling them for interview. Probably by the time this report is published, we shall be in the midst of interviewing or shall have already completed the job. In any event rest assured that a new manager will be appointed before long and in the meantime, after David leaves us on 5th April, the Club will be well looked after by Barry and the staff assisted, of course, by the new General Committee. It is possible, however, that one or two administrative hiccups may occur during this period and if they do I would ask you all to bear with us.

I am pleased to note that the Club seems a lot busier now than it did a year ago and certainly the catering results for the first few

months of this year are significantly better than last year. I hope this indicates that our members are enjoying the Club and all it has to offer and that this happy state may continue.

Regrettably, I have to report that there has been a couple of instances of needless vandalism at the Club lately. This does happen occasionally and, for some strange reason, usually around this time of year. It is annoying but there is little that we can do about it unless we can catch those responsible. In this context, if you do notice any anti-social behaviour of this nature at the Club, please be good enough to report it so that we may, hopefully, stop it before some real damage is done. It also goes without saying that if you find anything broken or in need of repair at the Club, please also report this so we may have it attended to.

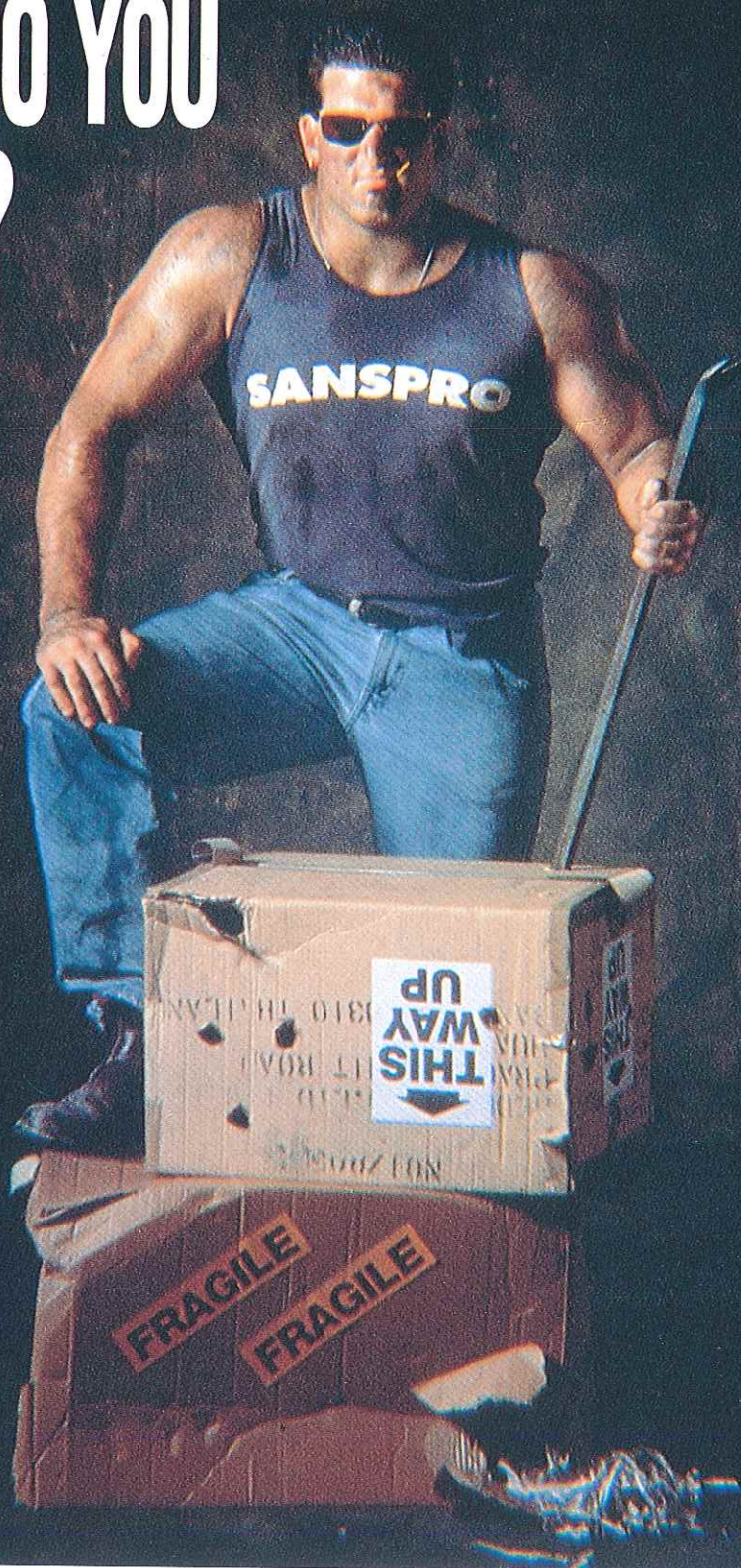
Finally, since he will still be here when this issue comes out, may I, on behalf of the entire Club, say a big "Thank you" to David for his excellent work at the Club over the past two and a half years and wish him well in his new position. He plans to become a member after he has left so we shall not be losing him. I wonder, though, if he will be able to shake the habit of wandering around the Club looking fierce! Good luck, David, and thank you.

Dugal Forrest
Chairman



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

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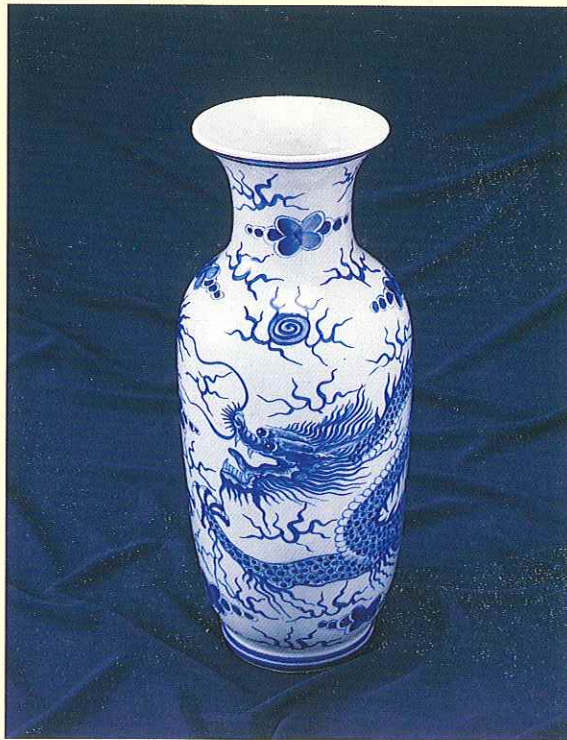
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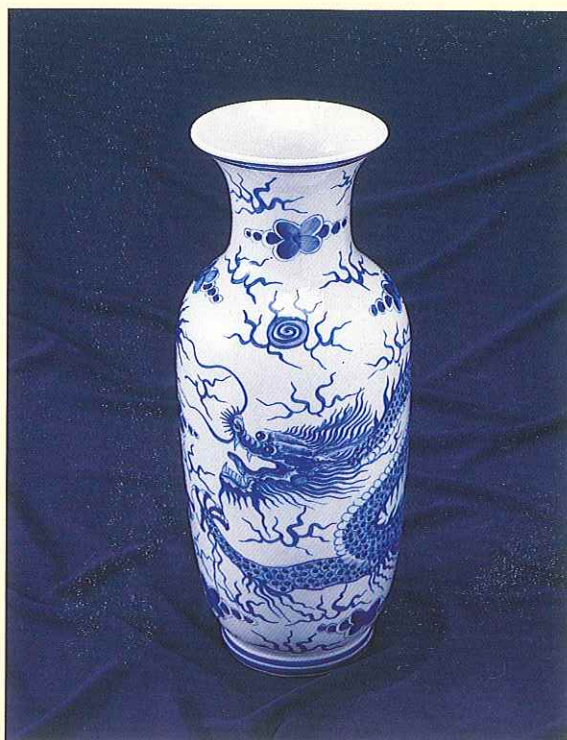
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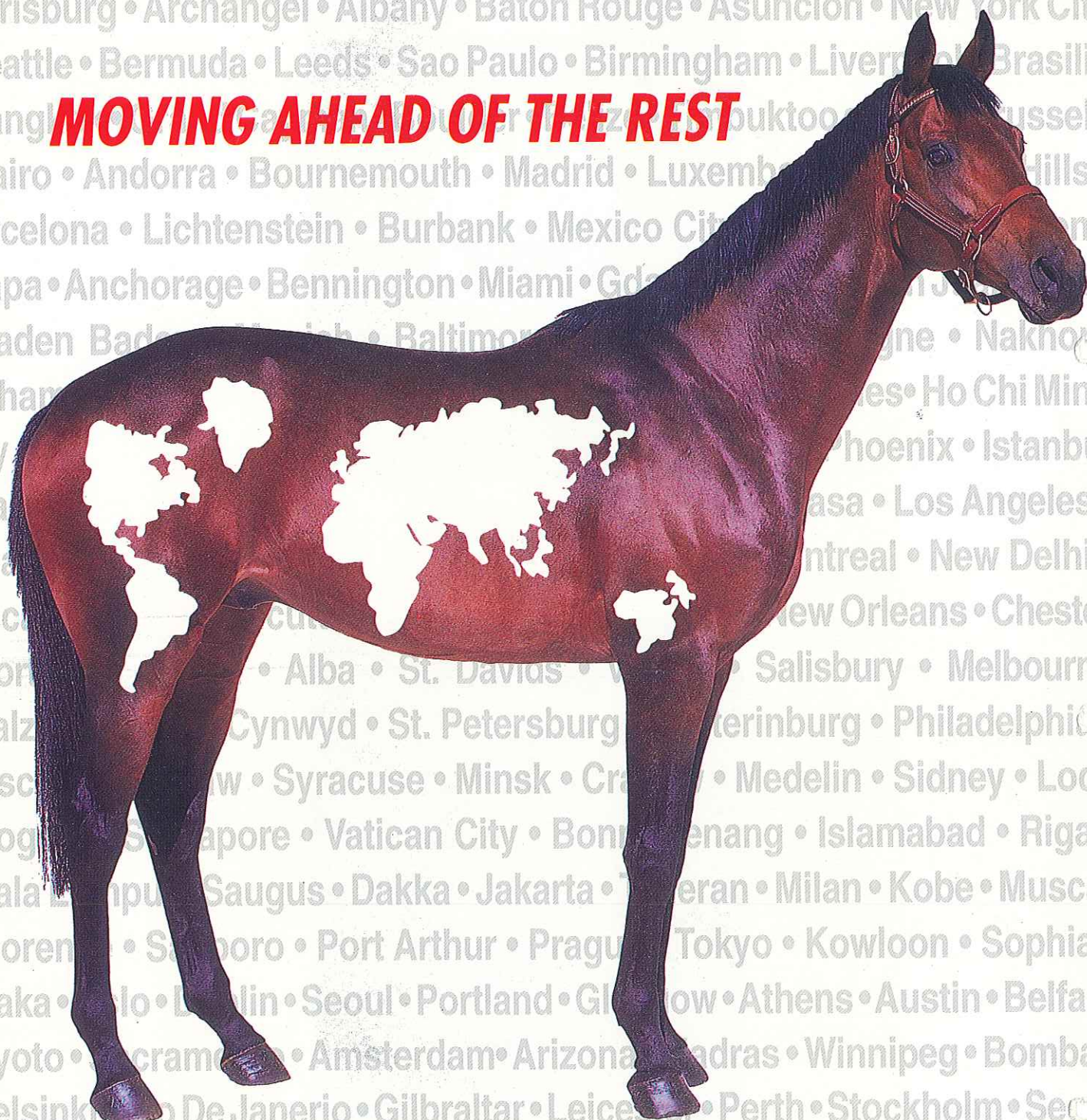
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