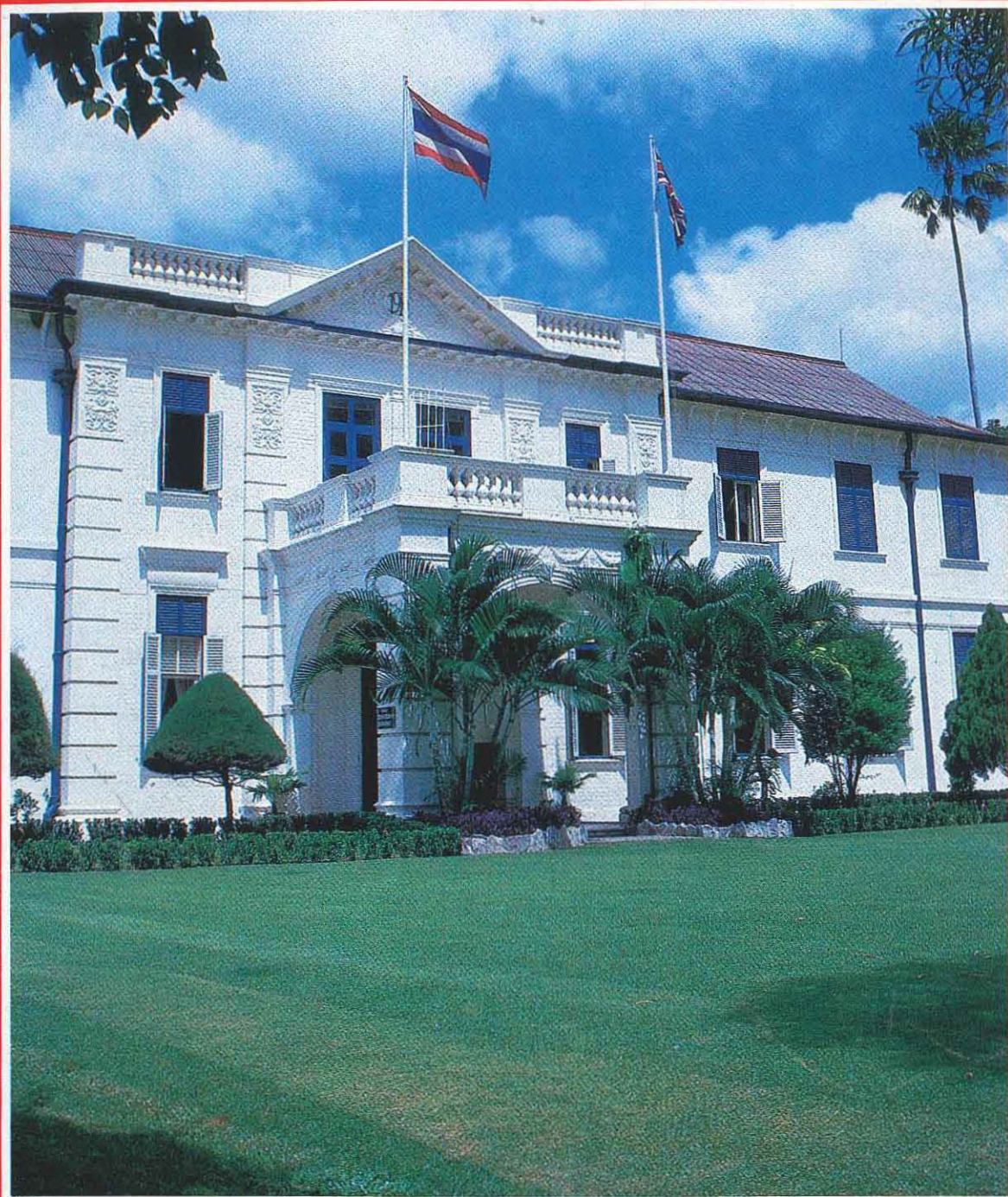
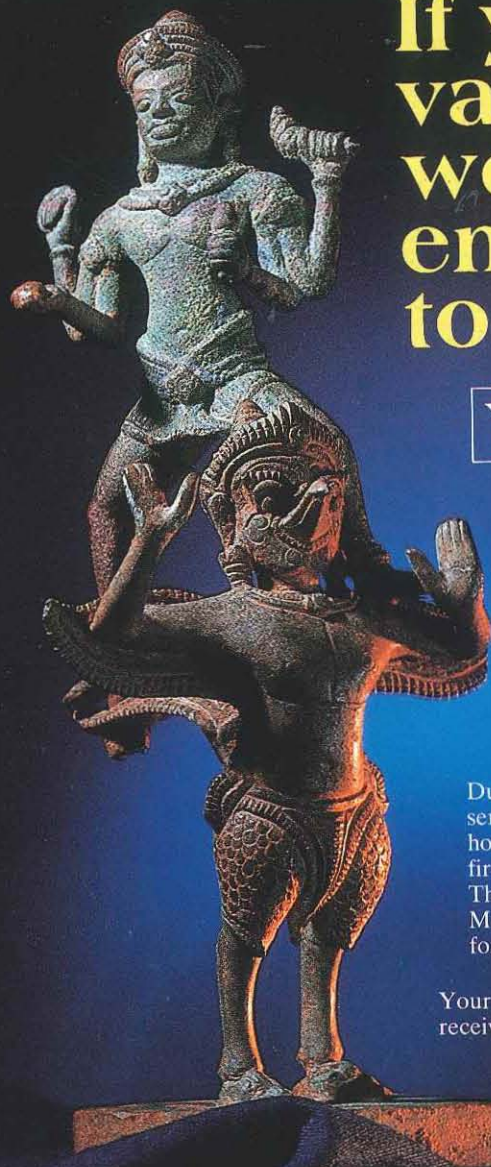


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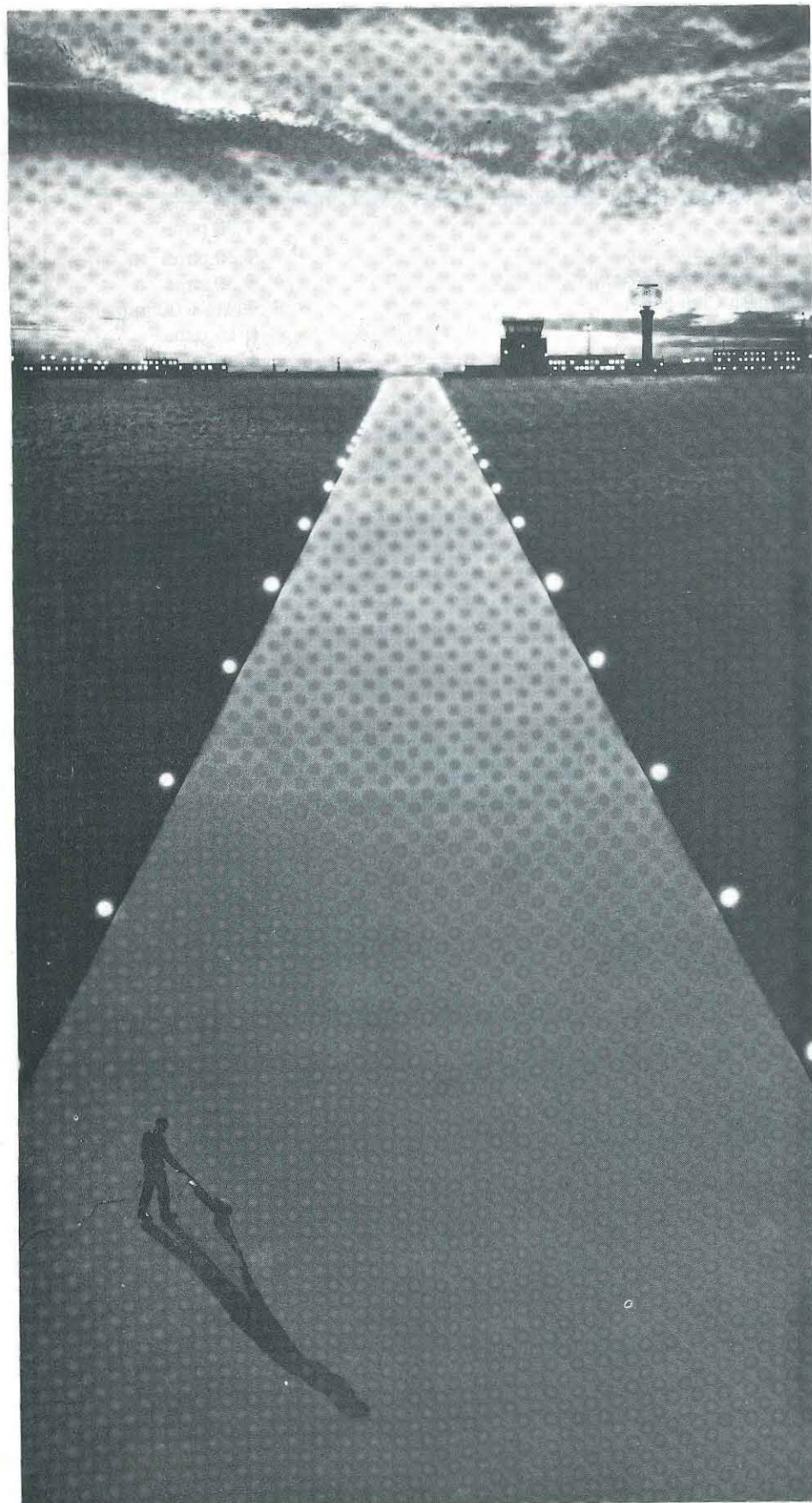
Sun 1	Buffet Supper	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 2	NATIONAL LABOUR DAY Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis New Members' Night/Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 3.00-5.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tues 3	Ladies' Golf : Stapleford, Railway Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 4	<i>BWG Games Morning, No 1 House, British Embassy</i> <i>Tickets from Thea Scott, 251-1778</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night Snooker Competition <i>BCT Club Night : Community Services, Soi 33</i>	8.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m. 6.15 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Thu 5	CORONATION DAY Children's Sports Day Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	8.45 a.m. 9.00-12 noon 7.30 p.m.
Fri 6	BC Cricket Section End of Season Dinner	4.30 p.m.
Sat 7	Rugby : BC v Flying Kulkries (Hong Kong)	
Sun 8	Buffet Supper Tennis : BC v Japanese Association	From 5.00 p.m. 8.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Mon 9	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 3.00-5.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tues 10	Ladies' Golf : 3-Throw Outs, Army Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 11	ANNUAL PLOUGHING CEREMONY <i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 12	<i>BAMBI meeting at the BC</i> Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	9.00 a.m. 8.30-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon
Fri 13	Soccer : Singapore Tour Folk Night	
Sat 14	Soccer : Singapore Tour Swimming Proficiency Tests <i>Hilltribe Sale, ISB, Soi 15</i>	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m.
Sun 15	Soccer : Singapore Tour Swimming Gala Buffet Supper	12.00 noon From 5.00 p.m.

Mon 16	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 3.00-5.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tues 17	Ladies' Golf : Gestetner Trophy (Stapleford + lunch) Rose Garden Bridge BC Darts Open Championship	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 18	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night Snooker Competition	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m. 6.15 p.m.
Thu 19	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BWG Lunch : Montien Hotel. Contact Marianne Johns, 392-8019</i>	8.30-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon 11.30 a.m.
Sun 22	Buffet Supper	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 23	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 3.00-5.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tues 24	Ladies' Golf : Gestetner Trophy (Stapleford + lunch) Rose Garden Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 25	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night Annual Evening Match : BC v OESA (snooker, Darts, Liar Dice)	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 26	<i>BWG Outing : Thai International Training Facilities.</i> <i>Contact Shirley Kennedy, 391-7255 or Margaret Duff, 258-1089</i> Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	8.30-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon
Sat 28	Rugby : BC v Stade Francais	4.30 p.m.
Sun 29	Tennis : BC v Singapore Cricket Club Buffet Supper Tamala Motown & Disco	From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 30	VISAKHA BUCHA DAY Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 3.00-5.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tue 31	Ladies' Golf : Medal, Army Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.

Note : Non Club events in italics

For further information, see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The OUTPOST editorial team are without doubt keen and determined, evidenced by two of them chasing my rear bumper out of the Silom gate the other day to remind me to pen a few words for this month's OUTPOST – unfortunately, I failed to spot them amongst all the charcoal dust and construction clutter.

This year's committee turned out in full force for the first meeting on 4th April, where we discussed policies and priorities. On the finance side we intend to amend the monthly management reporting system and commence an in-depth look at all the accounting systems in the Club. Past Chairman, Jack Dunford, had some good news for us all in that the recent Clubhouse Survey indicated that our lovely old building was basically sound and could be further developed. This, together with mandatory repairs such as damp proofing, external/internal painting, we intend to proceed with as early as possible. Development ideas include the extension of the Churchill Bar, a family room, restructuring the office area and consideration of an accommodation block. Unfortunately, such works will cause some inconvenience to Members, but the end result will be to everyone's benefit. Membership is at an all time high right now although it is still our priority to attract more Ordinary Members. We intend to publicise the Club more than in the past, but you the Members are asked to help us in this area.

On the entertainment side David Lamb and his team have come up with a very comprehensive and varied programme including events outside, the Club such as boat trips etc. All this leading up to the Christmas Ball on Friday December 23rd (diary note!). The Sports Sections no doubt will continue to thrive and with our new cooks, the food get better and better.

All for this time, please use the Club, join the various sub-sections and get involved.

Brian Heath

SPORT

In order to improve the coordination and forward notice of the many and varied sporting activities taking place in and through the Club, a year planner chart is to be displayed in the Clubhouse upon which all sports sections will indicate their programme for the year as their plans develop.

The intention is that the sports section concerned will put its name on the chart against any day upon which it has planned some special event and members interested should then refer to the specific section's own notice board for the details.

It is hoped that this will prove both helpful and informative for all concerned.

Dugal Forrest

Meet the New Members

Bernard Keller: a Swiss born Canadian who has lived in Singapore for 5 years. Bernard is here setting up his own business. He used to be a squashie until he slipped a disc in mid-stroke; now swims.



Montri Hongskrailers: with David Lamb plays tennis and squash and is an avid golfer.



Pieter Fangman: with Tony Austin (left) and Dugal Forrest (right) owner of that smart red and white striped blazer frequently seen at the poolside around lunchtime. Pieter works for Banque Indosuez. Long term squash players will remember the Fangmans who were here from 1982-84. They have returned with Pieter Junior (3½ years) who was made in Bangkok and produced in Holland!



Gordon Bell: has been here for three months and feels in need of a hair cut (my diagnosis — slow growing hair and no barber. Cure—chatting to owners of well groomed locks visible in bar). Gordon is half Scots, was born in Singapore, is in the moving business. Spent the last 4 years in Hong Kong and is a rugby playing Scottish dancer to boot! (Apologies Gordon, your hair obviously had an effect on the camera).



Eric and Gill Grunwald: are here from London with their two children. Eric is a chess player and they both enjoy reading and swimming. They are currently learning Thai together.

Sten Bronee: (left) with Peter Noon. From Denmark, he is head of the legal unit of U.N.H.L. and has previously spent 4 years in Geneva and 5 in Africa. He had just returned (literally) from a rafting trip with his wife and 3 children (hence the shorts). Sten plays squash and tennis.



Richard and Maria Wyatt: Richard comes from "dear old England", but they live in Fortaleza, Brazil (Maria's home town). The Wyatts are great travellers having in recent times spent a year in Portugal, Indonesia, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Richard has something to do with the Highways Dept. "I don't work, I'm British".



Jack and Billie Mountain: Jack was born here and was a retired gentleman but is now back to work in the footwear line supporting local industry. Billie "didn't realise what a geriatric rut they had got into until they came here" and is enjoying herself tremendously. They are both keen sailors. Jack (centre) with Mark Ried & David Lamb. Billie with Tony Austin.



Barbara Mounfield: with Sandy Sanderson is a retired lady who has been here for ten years. Barbara used to work for the narcotics department of the U.N. (she has some fascinating tales to tell). Now she is Editor of S.E.A. Fisheries Development Centre. She is a swimmer and might be persuaded to take up tennis again!



Judith and David Clarke: she is an Australian textile designer and "he's a Pom" from Northumberland. They've been based in Sydney for the last 20 years. David plays tennis and squash, Judith is a lounge lizard, non-thespian (I never give up!) but has had a personal tour of Patpong (? thespian leanings!).



Christopher Cheah: (left) an Australian working in the shipping division of E.S.C.A.P. Chris plays tennis, soccer and bridge. Stephen Wright: right, with our illustrious Chairman was 1979 Hong Kong Marathon Champion, and has spent the last 8 years recovering. Stephen met Brian 'runner' Heath in 1982 and is slowly getting over that too! (There seemed to be a general downhill trend in this conversation). He works for Securicor.



John Felton: is into quality steel roofing systems. He left Australia 10 years ago and came to Thailand via the UK (by slow boat). John has a wife and two veg, is not sporty or thespian but is a genuine Sunday morning mixed doubles player and a frustrated script writer. (Sorry chaps got you blurred too).

I managed to miss Messrs. Franks, Grove, Marchant and White; apologies, but with 18 new members present, I was overwhelmed and outnumbered.



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CLUB ROUNDUP

St. Patrick's Night Ball



"Where did you say the next job was?"



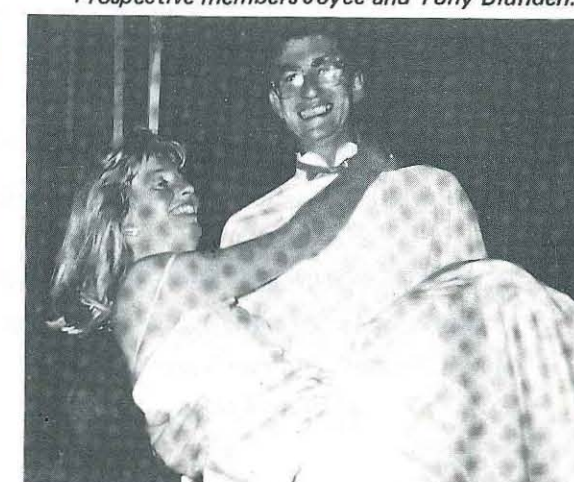
"What lovely shoulders you have."



Prospective members Joyce and Tony Blunden.



"You're going where?"



Over the threshold.

SING-ALONG FOLK MUSIC NIGHT

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LETTERS

Bangkok
10 April 1988

Dear Winnie,

I won't use the local word for hello because it's really not very nice, at least, not when the men say it. Well, we arrived here safe and sound, although the stopover in Ulan Bator was a bit longer than expected and we won't be flying Air Mongolia again. Unfortunately, this meant that Mandy and Ken couldn't meet us, but this nice man at the airport got us a special price for a taxi to the British Club, only Bht500. When we got there, Dad fell in with the cricket team who were in the bar, celebrating a win against some team called the "Support Club". I'm all in favour of sport for the disabled. Anyway, they took him and Ken off for some ping pong or something. He seemed to have a good time and another nice Thai chap sold him some funny cigarettes he said were just like Woodbines, which makes up for the problems with the duty free. They do smell rather odd, though.

My reason for writing was just to remind you about the chickens, the cat and the dog. It's very nice of you to agree to stay with the dog at night. He's getting on a bit and he's so afraid of the dark. Please let him sleep on the bed with you. If you find he smells a bit you can sleep with the window open: he doesn't mind at all. Don't forget that the chickens will only eat muesli, and keep the twelve-bore in the bedroom loaded - we've had a lot of trouble with foxes down Acacia Close lately.

I'm a bit worried about Mandy. She keeps on wanting to take me out to a pub called the Big Boy to meet a friend of hers, and you know me, I wouldn't even be seen dead in a wine bar. Mind you, she does alright for herself here. At first I thought Pen, her number two (maid, dear, not the other thingy) had some sort of deformity, but Mandy says they always walk on their knees like that. And Oye, the number one, won't let me near the kitchen, though she seems quite pleased with that jumbo bottle of Fairy I got on special offer at Waitrose last week. Says it will be very handy for Songkran, whatever that is. Nui, the driver, is very sweet, although I'm convinced he's a little bit short sighted, especially when he sticks his hand out of the car window to pat a dog, because there never seems to a dog there. Sometimes he opens the whole door and sticks his head out and, well, I don't think I'd better go into any more detail. Let's just say they have some pretty funny habits here. Still, being surrounded by servants reminds me of the good old days in England. Coming out here would teach those ghastly unemployed a thing or two.

Anyway, must dash. Give our love to Piddles, and to your Mum.

Love,
Mandy's Mum.

THE BILL DICKEY COLUMN

THE other night in the Churchill Bar there was much hilarity and frivolity following a British Club rugby match. Leading the pack in the most obscene medley of rugby songs was none other than Mr Peter Snell. I hope he sticks to nursery rhymes when singing his twin daughters off to sleep.

Mobile or car telephones seem to be the vogue for British Club members these days. Eminent and illustrious businessmen have been spotted conducting animated conversations in the salas, by the pool and in the car park. Must ask my regional manager for one on his next visit.

Buster, who is Rosalind from Weybridge? People coming back from Sydney are asking this question.

What about Mr H and Mrs D spending a few days at the seaside together, those miniscule swimming trunks are certainly noteworthy!

Watch out for "Herbie" Hough on Sukhumvit Road very soon. Shall we see Gill and Frank taking to the air to avoid Bangkok traffic jams?

The football section seems to be suffering some minor setbacks with 'Scoop' Forbes knocking two in the wrong end and now 'Samson' Castledine leaving the country. Does the length of his hair reflect his not inconsiderable sporting talents? With my rapidly receding hairline I can only look on in envy.

The Australian Bicentennial Ball was enjoyed by most, although many felt that lovely British Club member, Jane Verhelst, was a much better entertainer than the ancient crocodile flown in from Australia at great expense. She would be a great asset to the B.C. Ball if she could be persuaded to sing. The condom king, Mechai, was badly used, his wit and talent were wasted on a few ping pong balls used for a never ending raffle.

Loved the crack at a Quiznight — a good looking actor very good at bridge — answer — David Hall. Boom boom!

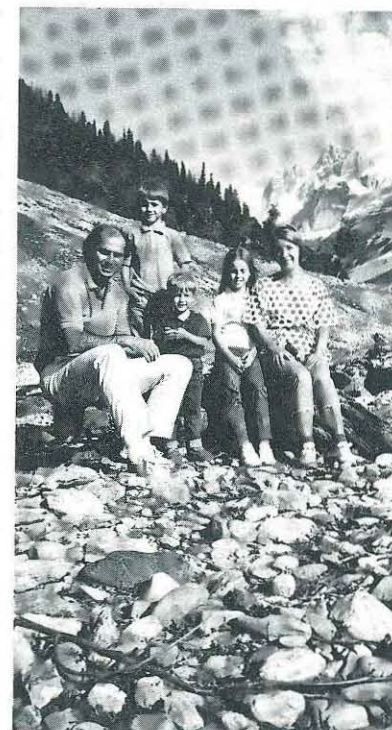
Did anyone else notice this from another well known local magazine, "Beardsley, Aubrey Vincent, born 1872 in Brighton, died 1989 in Mentone"? I wonder, does the ancient Mr. Beardsley know about this yet?

TRAVEL LOG

Kashmir

WE arrived at Srinagar airport, slightly apprehensive since we had arranged all the bookings ourselves, but there stood Mr Wangnoo Junior with a bouquet of flowers and a warm welcome. We had about a half hour drive to the houseboat in a car that would rival any 1950's Ford Popular, the air conditioning depending upon how low you were able to unwind the window.

We had chosen to stay on Lake Nagin, rather than Lake Dahl since we had heard that the latter was overcrowded, touristy and not as pleasant. Our choice was the right one. The houseboat stood in a peaceful, clean part of the lake with a beautiful view of the foothills of the Himalayas. It consisted of a balcony overlooking the lake, a living room, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms, each with its own bathroom. The house-



boy assigned to us was called Salama who cooked, served, washed up, made tea and generally cared for us. He would ask us during the day what we would like for our meals and then produce them. They were substantial, although Kashmiris, being mainly Moslem, tend to eat fairly bland food in our expe-

rience, but with three small children, we all found that we could eat well. Salama was also very proud of the doughnuts he produced every afternoon.

In the evening we settled down with our Kashmiri tea (an unusual mixture of tea and cardamom pods) and watched the sun set over the Himalayas. We had brought our own bottle of gin for cocktails at sunset, but were then told that tonic was unavailable!! Salama did purchase some Eagle beer which makes Singha taste like Dom Perignon.

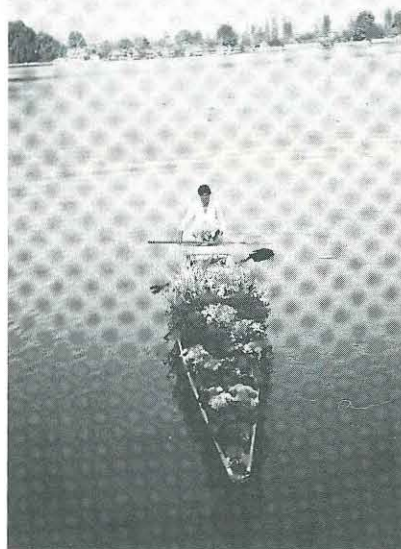
The bedrooms had two large double beds each and were warm, spacious and comfortable. The electricity was a bit temperamental, but not enough to really bother us. The boat was furnished throughout in a locally produced, heavily embroidered fabric and all the wood was intricately carved. The wood used is cedar which



View of Himalayan foothills.

gives off a rather strong, distinctive, though not unpleasant, odour. We all had a comfortable night and the lake was tranquil in the first light of the morning until ... we were spotted on the balcony and inundated with boats selling all manner of goodies: flowers, fruit, groceries, jewellery, you name it! We bought jugs of beautiful Sweet Williams and daisies, apricots and cherries, walnuts and saffron, jade and silver and the grocery man was dispatched with instructions to find the necessary tonic before the next sunset. Of course, once it was known that "the woman in the yellow dress is a compulsive buyer" (Craig's words, not mine) the boats came in droves. We made it clear that we would not be

buying anything more and with a little bit of persuasion, they left us in peace for the rest of the day. Did I say peace? Another houseboat was being built right next to us. Yes ... I did say was. Production ceased when



Flower seller.

they were asked, in very persuasive terms (i.e. no rent, no extra sales etc) to stop, and we were once again on our own except for one further interruption from Mr Wangnoo Senior, an elderly Kashmiri with a seemingly inexhaustible number of sons, who had sidelines in papier mache, carpets and "you name its," but he also departed with a promise of a looksee later in the week.

Finally, we set off for a trip on the lake in a shakira. A shakira, for the uninitiated, is a long boat with an abundance of cushions that you flop onto, white curtains to shade you and a young man with an oar shaped like a lotus leaf to guide you through the lake, a luxury befitting any Moghul prince (or princess for that matter). The first time out we were again besieged by boats with their offerings until it was made very clear that we were not interested. We drifted then in silence, enjoying the beautiful, tranquil scenery and kingfishers that we saw in abundance. We then went through to Lake Dahl, past houses by the lake which looked very European, Kashmiris working, play-

ing and resting and also many other houseboats with names like Buckingham Palace. Visiting Lake Dahl clarified the fact that we had made the right choice in choosing to stay on Lake Nagin. Back to the houseboat for a shower and a change and the grocery man arrived just before sunset with the tonic - one tin of Hunts, one bottle of Tuborg and one unmarked bottle with a very loose lid, the contents of which tasted suspiciously like bicarbonate of soda and water. The sunset, however, was duly toasted and it was decided that we should venture to the foothills and camp. The children had never slept under canvas and the package that Mr Wangnoo offered sounded agreeable - not from the financial aspect, but the fact that we would have bearers to pitch the tents, cook the food and tend to the ponies for trekking.

The next day of the holiday was spent just relaxing while the trip was organised for the following two days. There is not a lot to do in Kashmir, but since we went purely to relax, we didn't look for anything either. We walked around the locality, drifted on the lake, read,



Jewellery seller.

ate and slept. There might well have been a Kashmiri Patpong, but we didn't find it. Did we Craig!

The day of the trek dawned and two cars were bundled up with tents, billy cans, provisions and

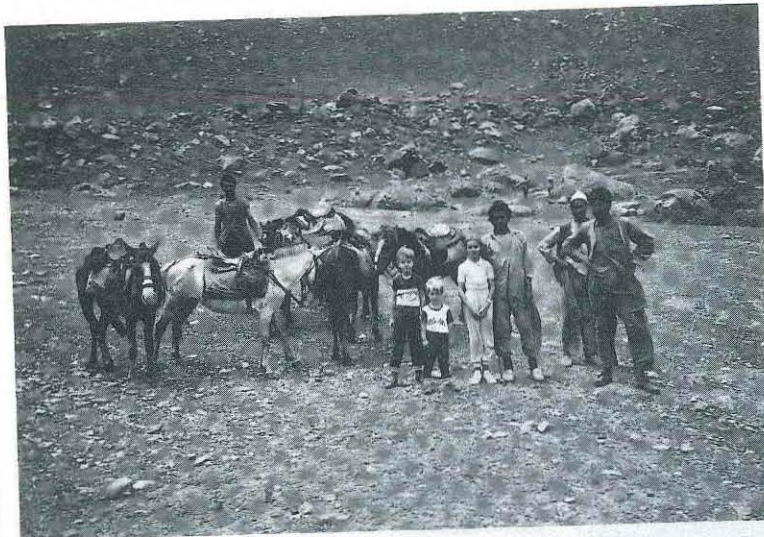
live chickens. "It's for the eggs for breakfast", I lied to the children, knowing that our staple diet would be chicken, chicken and chicken, every which way but loose!

We drove for about 3 hours seeing more breathtaking scenery and more breathtaking driving the higher we climbed. We arrived at our destination by the side of a very fast flowing mountain stream. There were two tents for us, one for Mr Wangnoo, and one for the kitchen.

The camp was organised while we went on our first trek. We can't remember if Craig's pony was bandy before we made the trip, but it certainly was when we returned. However, we managed to get up to the most beautiful scenery and Robert saw his first snow. The



Our camp.



scenery is very much like Austria and the only people we saw were another party trekking for 14 days (lots of chickens there) and two peasants who lived on a mountainside.

Although there was still some snow around (this was July) it was not cold. However, we took our jerseys just in case.

We returned to the camp and the meal was prepared — yes, chicken curry. Mr Wangnool waded into the icy mountain stream and produced two bottles of Eagle beer much to our amusement. After the beer was consumed candles were placed in the empty bottles and we settled down to hear Mr Wangnool's tales of his days in the Army and the history of Kashmir. He is a very interesting man.

Tired, and sore, after our mountain trek, we retired early to bed. We all slept well again and awoke to a freezing morning. After a breakfast of scrambled eggs (much to my relief) and Kashmiri tea it began to get warmer. The children, however, decided that they wanted to go back to the houseboat, the reason being we realised, that they did not like the toilet facilities — au naturelle. A hike of half a mile soon settled the problem, however, and we returned to camp for the next trek.

We went higher this time to a different area. We stopped for lunch (cold chicken) and learned how to eat a mango through a hole in the top. A necessary operation if you do not have a knife!

We returned to the

camp which was by now disbanded and drove back to the houseboat. We had paid the rent for the night we were on the trek so that we could leave our belongings back in the houseboat.

The next day we went to look at Mr Wangnool's sons' shops and made several purchases of papier mache (very good quality) and a beautiful silk rug. We had intended buying a rug and so we were not press-ganged into it, although we could easily have been persuaded.

When the time came for us to leave one of the sons came to see us with another carpet that Craig had admired over his arm. Needless to say, we were swayed and came away with the two. However, all the items that we bought have fitted into our home beautifully and we would certainly visit Kashmir again.

Anyone wishing for more information or for any help with the bookings I would be willing to help as we still keep in touch with Mr Wangnool.

Pamela Rennie

NEW HORIZONS

The NAUI Openwater Scuba Diving Training Courses

THE National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI), a pioneer organization in underwater education, offers a progression of training from the beginning levels of Scuba all the way through to expert diver ratings. A programme of continuing education is recommended to all people who learn to dive. The more you learn, the greater your potential to have fun while diving.

Actually, there are only a few things you need to learn in order to dive safely. You need to learn to handle the equipment properly, to prevent injury or discomfort from the effects of pressure, and to perform fundamental skills such as mask clearing, breathing patterns, and controlling buoyancy. These learning areas, coupled with an orientation to the local environment, will enable you to dive there.

Your first scuba experience might well be the Entry Scuba Experience (ESE) programme. This introduction allows you to quickly experience what scuba diving is like. Not everyone begins with the ESE program (in fact not many people!), but it can be a fun opportunity to try scuba before signing up for a full certification course. The next step in the learning progression would be the Openwater I Diver Course.

The Openwater I covers all of the fundamentals of diving and qualifies those completing it to dive without professional supervision. As evidence of training and completion of required training, a certification card is awarded to those meeting the standards established by NAUI for these particular levels of training. Your certification card will serve as your diving passport. It will allow you to buy or rent equipment, get air fills, go on diving charters and participate in diving at resorts around the world.

After satisfactorily demonstrating your knowledge in a written exam and your skills in openwater, you can be certified as a NAUI diver by your instructor. While that may seem a long way away now, you will find the training so enjoyable that the day will arrive much sooner than you think.

Your training will consist of 3 phases: academic, controlled environment, and openwater. The academic phase is classroom instruction, the controlled environment phase is where the skills of diving are first introduced and are developed. This is usually done in a swimming pool. When you are proficient in performing the needed skills of diving in a controlled environment, you will have the opportunity to apply them in the third phase, openwater.

Course Overview (or required course minimums)

Classroom Hours	: Approximately 15 to 20 hours (6 evenings).
Confined Water Hours	: Approximately 12 to 15 hours (6 evenings).
Openwater	: 1 skin dive + openwater scuba dives (2 weekends on 3 days).

The minimum age for Openwater I Scuba Diver certification is 15. Students 12, 13 or 14 years of age may be accepted in accordance with NAUI Junior Openwater Course Standards.

Diving is unlike any other activity. Everything in a diving class is taught for a reason; it is all important. Students in the course will be evaluated on the basis of their understanding of the important principles that apply to diving, as well as their water skills.

Swimming skills to be performed or achieved to enter the course (no equipment).

1. Distance swim of 220 yards, non-stop, any stroke.
2. Survival swim of 10 minutes, drown proofing, floating, etc...
3. Underwater swim of 20 yards, one breath, no push off or dive.

The Medical History Form

Diving, at times can be a very strenuous activity and requires a healthy body and an understanding of personal limitations. In general, any disorder that would cause unconsciousness underwater, interfere with normal breathing or cause circulatory problems would be incompatible with safe diving. No problems should exist with the nose, throat, chest, ears or heart. A doctor's physical examination is highly recommended, as is a chest x-ray.

The Waiver Form/The Statement of Understanding

This document essentially states that the student understands that certain hazards may exist in diving. After all, isn't that why enrollment in a good training course is necessary? The statement of understanding helps clarify certain aspects of the course and responsibilities of the student.

All those documents and forms will be given and required from each person willing to enter an Openwater I Scuba Diver Course before the beginning of the training.

Every student will bring his/her own skin diving equipment: mask, snorkel and fins during all scuba training dives (swimming pool and openwater). Do not make purchases before class discussion of equipment features and selection criteria. All the scuba equipment, the NAUI textbook, the NAUI dive time tables will be furnished and loaned to each student until the end of the training.

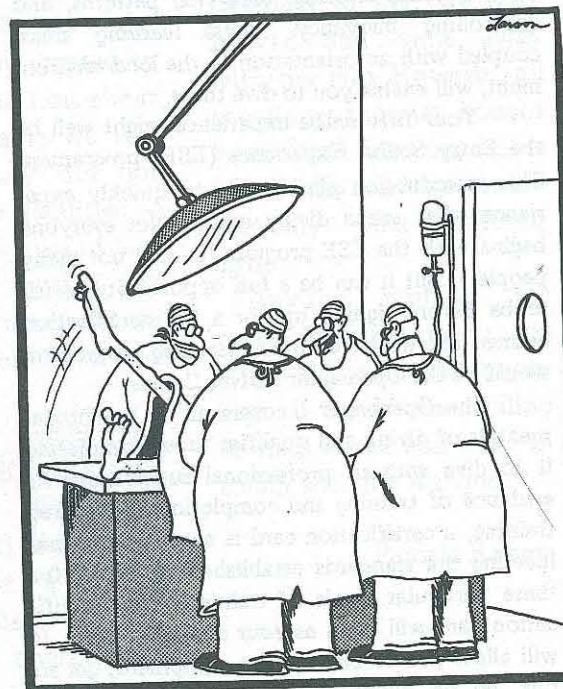
At the end of the course, all divers satisfactorily completing the course will be registered with NAUI headquarters and will receive their certification card. A NAUI certification card, a deluxe student certification for use on displays, a sew-on emblem and decal, a diving log book

and the NAUI diver training record book are given to each new certified Openwater I diver. They provide worldwide recognition of the diver's high level of training. NAUI certification is your ticket to the underwater world. It is an openwater diving licence that permits further learning by experience.

Anyone interested in the Openwater I Scuba Diver Course should give his/her name and phone number to the British Club desk to enroll in the course. A meeting will take place the second week of May to schedule some training courses starting in May. The exact date of this meeting will be displayed on the British Club board (next to the Churchill Bar).

If you are ready to discover a new world of wonderful scenery, to experience the weightlessness and the thrill of being out of this world, to see things that few have ever seen, to explore the unknown, make exciting discoveries and be part of a great adventure, come and join the next NAUI Openwater I Scuba Diver Course.

Christian Bouteillier
NAUI Instructor 10189
Dive Master D2833



"Whoa! That was a good one! Try it, Hobbs—just poke his brain right where my finger is."

Hongkong 7's Pilgrimage

THE Hongkong Rugby 7's tournament is not so much about rugby, but a social event which attracts thousands of people from all corners of the globe. Of course, among the throng are the rugby purists who go to see some of the world's top players display their skills.

But for the many thousands of expatriates, past and present, it is an opportunity to meet old friends and catch up on the latest happenings. What better way to exchange news than bellowing to your neighbour, over the roar of the crowd, with a glass of the amber liquid in hand? And, after so much bellowing, broken off occasionally to shout and advise the referee on where he is going wrong, it is understandable that one should need to lubricate the throat.

Multiply such incidents a few thousand-fold, and you will appreciate the organisers proud boast, after this year's event, that a record 1,300 kegs of beer was consumed, over a two-day period.

Beer and rugby are, of course, synonymous the world over. For the players the beer is a reward for a game well played, and for the spectators it acts as an inspiration to let their hair down and enter into the spirit of the event, to cheer good play and to support the underdogs for a spirited performance.

International rugby sevens were first introduced to Hongkong in 1976 — the first tournament being sponsored by Rothmans and Cathay Pacific. That year the Cantabrians from Christchurch, New Zealand, took away the honours, but not before their mettle had been tested by some good sides.

I remember 1976 vividly, because at the time I was living in Indonesia and the International Sports Club of Indonesia (ISCI) was invited to send a side to the 7's, to represent the country. That year I was, in fact, captain of the ISCI XV and to my eternal regret I did not go with the party.

Included in the team, however, was a university undergraduate who was visiting Indonesia on holiday with a chum — one David Cooke. He turned up at rugby practice and

impressed us with (a) his physique and (b) his obvious playing ability. Little did we realise at the time that he would go on to play for Harlequins and England, in fact, to eventually captain both club and country.

And, who do you think ISCI played in their first game? You guessed, Cantabrians. The side was not in the least bit intimidated by Gris Wylie and other All Blacks in the team, however, ISCI lost by a creditable 29-6.

So started the International Rugby 7's. The tournament sponsors have changed, with Hongkong Bank taking over from Rothmans, and the quality of the teams taking part appearing to go up a notch each year.

The Hongkong Rugby 7's are a truly international event. For the regional teams, it gives them the opportunity to play against international players, and for those of us who are not quite as fast or as young as we were, the opportunity to take away the memories.

The Hongkong Rugby 7's are a must for many expatriates who are nomads in reality, as it enables them to keep in touch with one another, and during a lull in conversation, see some really excellent rugby played.

Thus, the pilgrimage to Hongkong will go on — see you there next year!

Tony Strange

The Fatima Self - Help Centre

MOST people in Bangkok will have noticed the profusion of beautifully smocked dresses on little girls, especially at party time. The chances are that these dresses will have been made at the Fatima Self-Help Centre. The Centre and Convent are located in Din Daeng and are run by the Congregation of the Good Shepherd Sisters. The Sisters aim to improve the conditions of poor women and girls and to encourage them to develop skills to support themselves and possibly their families as well.

The Centre has activities in five principal areas. The first is the Mother and Baby Home where pregnant girls are given medical attention and care (having been rejected by the father of the child, her family or the community). They work in the Fatima Self-Help Centre and the pay from their work can contribute to their living expenses. There is a Day

Care Centre for children enabling mothers to work and older children to attend school. The Vocational Training and Adult Education Programme is available to adults and youths from the surrounding area who lack formal education and need assistance with reading, writing, etc. The Leadership Training Programme is for girls and young women from remote villages. They are chosen by village leaders, minimum age is 18 and they must have completed at least four years of primary education. On the five month course they learn domestic skills and social awareness which will hopefully improve the quality of life for them and their fellow villagers.

The Fatima Self-Help Centre produces beautiful children's clothes, decorated tablecloths and placemats, soft toys, cushion covers and many other handicrafts. The Sisters organising the Centre are wonderful people, dedi-

cated to a life of helping others in need, irrespective of race or religion. There are three sisters from Ireland who have all been overseas for many years and there are six Thai sisters. Four Thai teachers supervise and instruct the work of the sixty or so girls working there.

The ladies at the Centre will willingly sew all sorts of things and so a visit there is well worth the trip. They also welcome donations of old clothes for adults and children.

**FATIMA SELF HELP
CENTRE**
18/65 Din Daeng Road
Phyathai
Bangkok 10400
Tel. 245-0457

SPECIALS

Richard Willoughby Wood



IT was announced in last month's OUTPOST that Dick Wood (UC 63) of Chiang Mai was to become an Honorary Member of the Club.

For those of you who do not know him we thought you might be interested to read a short biography.

Richard Willoughby Wood was born in London in June 1916, the youngest son of W.W. Wood, a former Forest Manager of the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation in Chiang Mai and Bangkok; his mother had been Matron at the Bangkok Nursing Home. He was brought up in the countryside in Somerset and Devon, and educated at Wellington College and Peterhouse, Cambridge. In 1937, following in father's footsteps, he arrived in Burma as a forest assistant with BBTC and spent two happy years in the forest. On the outbreak of war he joined up in Burma, and was commissioned in November 1939 in the Burma Rifles. He

served throughout the retreat of 1942, thereafter in intelligence patrol work on the Chindwin front until Christmas 1944, when scrub typhus very nearly finished his military (or any other) career. He was a major, and was awarded the Military Cross and a mention-in-dispatches. He stayed on in Burma after the war, with the Burma Frontier Service, but was eventually prised out by political changes in Burma, after 11 years in the country.

In 1948 he joined the forest staff of the Borneo Company Ltd and was posted to Chiang Mai. He became Forest Manager from 1953-60, after which the Thai forests were nationalised, and was then posted to East Malaysia until his retirement in 1965 to Chiang Mai as a pensioner of the Borneo Co.

Dick has since spent his time in gardening, on which he has written a pamphlet "Amateur Flower-Gardening in Chiang Mai" (Hudson Enterprises, Chiang Mai, 1974), and has travelled widely throughout the Far East. He was a good all-round sportsman, particularly tennis, thought this has lapsed with time, and nowadays he and his wife, who is a Chiang Mai Thai, spend most of their summers in Devon, close to his old home. He has appeared on BBC Television as narrator in a programme on elephants for "The World About Us."

It might be added that he is cricket-mad!

SCOFFERIES



A LARGE display of traditional Thai buildings on Rachadapisek Road, not far from the Chinese Embassy has aroused my curiosity for quite some time.

Recently this curiosity resulted in a visit to what is proudly claimed as "entered in the Guinness Book of Records as the worlds largest restaurant". Possibly, but I doubt it for long.

After brief discussion with the OUTPOST editor it was agreed that occasionally readers should be advised not to go to restaurants of inferior quality, just as much as the reverse.

Tumpnakthai certainly fits the bill as being unusual and enjoying really quite pleasant surroundings, and it is indeed large. I thought I was on a trek just being taken to a vacant table. Other unusual features are computer print-outs for each and every item ordered plus the surprise of some waiters on roller skates! If they placed a little more emphasis on food rather than gimmicks then it might stay in the Guinness Good Book.

I don't know about you, but when confronted with a menu which stretches from here to Timbuktu, doubts are immediately cast about the ability of the kitchen to provided all they offer, let alone produce them with good quality. Experience did not fail me. The Tom Yam Nua was sour and very very ped, the garlic squid totally inedible, fish sweet and sour was like syrup and the nua namman hoi was so overladen with stale cooking oil that it, likewise, was left. The only thing they managed to get right was boiled rice. The bill, including a few soft drinks, was not expensive, 360 baht, but that's a lot to pay for leaving 70 per cent of food on the plate.

The staff must know all about the quality of their food because, although pretty and attractively dressed they did not have a smile between them.

If I am a little harsh against this establishment, I can assure you my Thai friends were even more so.

Bob Coombes

WELL WORTH READING

"Letters From School"

"LETTERS from School" by John Rae was recommended to me by a friend who considered it suitable for review in OUTPOST. Being about education, the book should be interesting for everyone, but I feel it will be of particular interest to parents with children at school or about to go. Education can be the most controversial of subjects, ideas and expectations from parents differ enormously. Many people claim to be fairly knowledgeable since everyone has experienced education themselves at various levels.

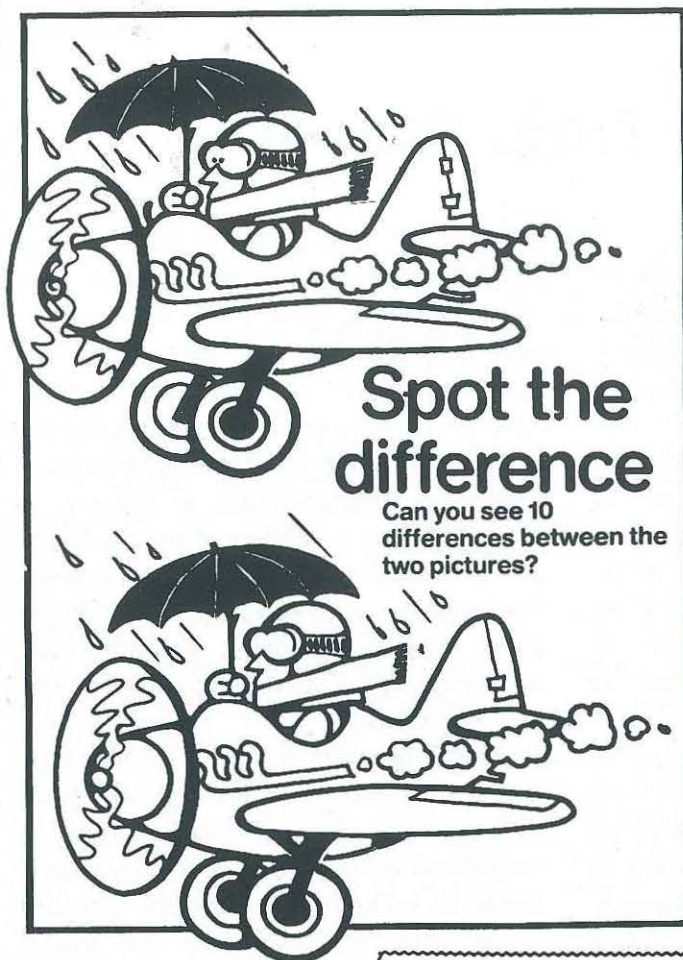
Dr John Rae was headmaster of Westminster School from 1970-1986, and before that he taught at various other independent schools. His experience is limited to the private sector and primarily with boys and masters, but the issues he discusses apply to different educational circumstances. Through this book Dr Rae is attempting to elucidate on problems he encountered, often arising through misunderstandings between teachers and parents.

The book takes the form of letters that the author wished he had been able

to write, as headmaster, to parents using imaginary situations and parents. The letters cover a variety of topics from justifying the level of fees to a cost conscious parent to the usual school/adolescent problems of lying, bullying, smoking, drinking, etc. He is fairly controversial on subjects such as religion in schools, parent involvement on the board of governors and the A level system. Westminster enjoyed tremendous success particularly academically, during his time as headmaster, but he has been criticised by reactionaries and radicals alike. Through the wide range of problems he has confronted it is perhaps surprising to note how much of this headmaster's judgement is based on his personal experience as schoolboy, parent and husband rather than on traditional educational theories and policies. He frequently describes his own personal problems at school, with his own children and with his marriage with incredible honesty. He has certainly produced a very readable book that will be of great use to parents for years to come.

Melanie Pomfret

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Spot the difference

Can you see 10 differences between the two pictures?

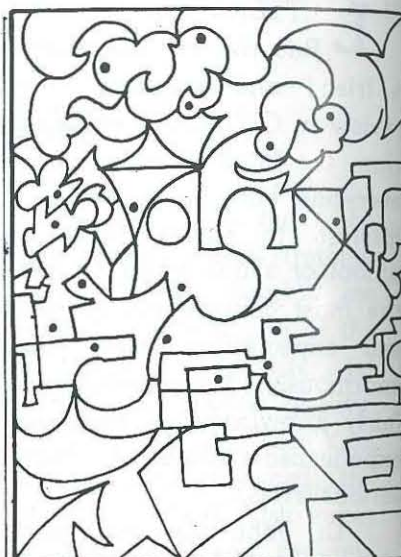
★ Cannibal husband:
"How many people for dinner tonight, darling?"
Cannibal wife: "Just one each, darling."

★ Mother: "Please keep quiet, Tom, your father's trying to read."
Tom: "Crikey, I learned how to do that years ago."

★ Why do bears have fur coats?
Because they'd look silly in anoraks.

★ What is copper nitrate?
Overtime for policemen.

★ What's a tin of corned beef?
An armoured cow.

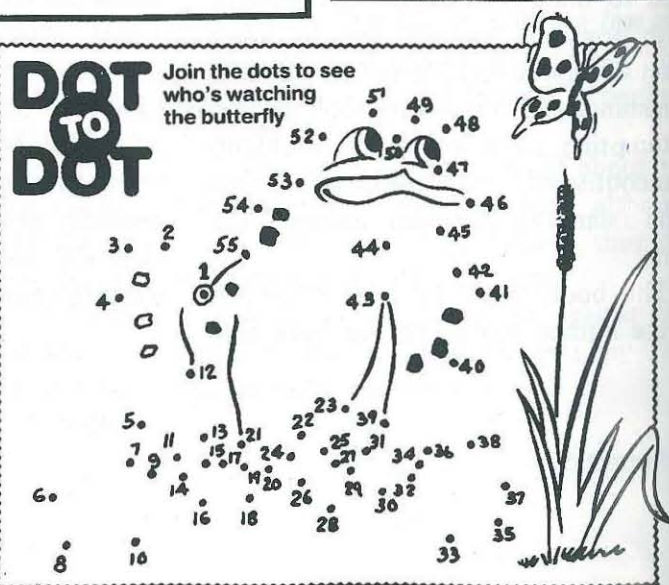


FIND THE OBJECT

There's a well-known object hidden in all these jumbled lines. Colour in all the pieces containing a dot to find out what it is.

DOT TO DOT

Join the dots to see who's watching the butterfly



WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Study the picture for 20 seconds. Then cover it and try to answer the questions below.

- 1 Which square of the window is broken?
- 2 What is the boy holding?
- 3 Is he wearing short or long sleeves?
- 4 What pattern are his trousers?
- 5 How many birds are in the sky?

★ What runs around Paris at midday, wrapped in a plastic bag?
The lunchpack of Notre Dame.

★ What is black and comes out of the ground shouting 'knickers, knickers'?

Crude oil.

★ When is a Scotsman like a donkey?
When he strolls along the banks and braes.

★ How do you know when you're in bed with an elephant?
By the big E on his pyjama pocket.

★ What did the man say when he saw four elephants coming over a hill?
"Here come four elephants."

★ What did the man say when he saw four elephants coming over a hill with dark glasses on?
Nothing. He didn't recognise them.

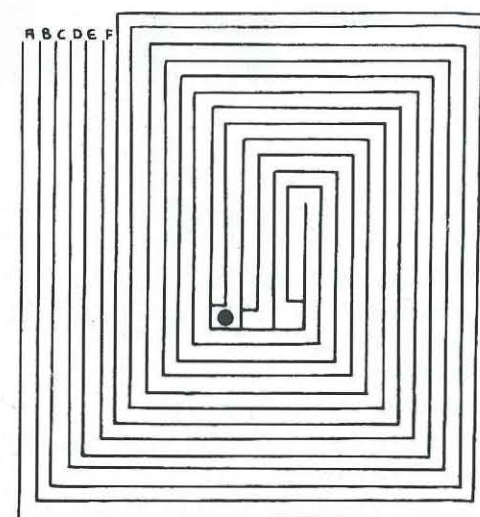
How many words?
How many words of three letters or more can you make out of the word
PERFORMANCE
We found 52 - can you do better?

★ What's brown and wrinkled and glows in the dark?
An electric prune.

★ Would you rather an elephant attacked you, or a gorilla?
I'd rather he attacked the gorilla.

★ Waiter: "What will you have, sir?"
Man: "Steak and kiddly pie, please."
Waiter: "You mean steak and kidney, sir."
Man: "I said kiddly, diddle I?"

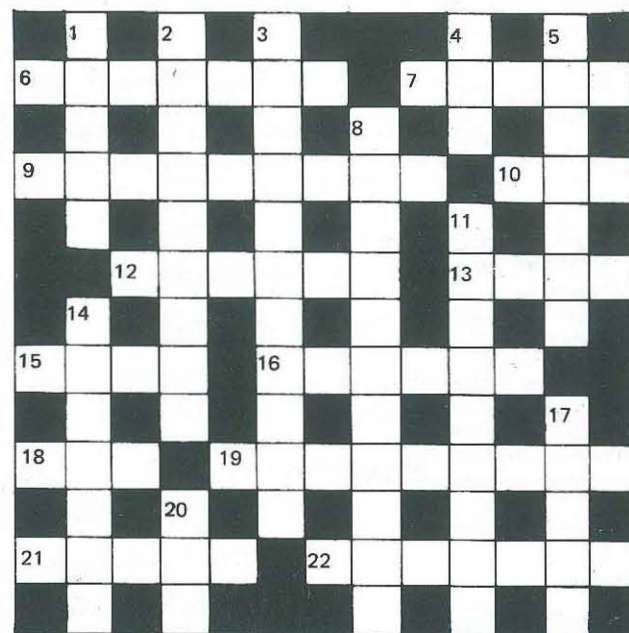
★ What do you get when you cross a bee with a bell?
A real humdinger.



A-MAZE-ING

Toss a coin with a friend to choose a path and see who gets to the black spot first.

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

- 6 & 7. Events that occur only in Leap Years.
9. Sheridan play — for the participants in 6-7 Across? (2 words)
10. Decline.
12. An 18 Across usually does this.
13. One of a dozen and a half where you might make 4 Down....
15. ... but if under, this might be on your face!
16. Riddle with some famous melodic variations.
18. A winner!
19. The small ones at the 19th. 13 Across?
21. Piles of cards.
22. Time for levelling up the score?

DOWN

1. Letter opener.
2. McEnroe, Connors and Evert are.
3. A second best in 6-7 Across (2 words)
4. Knock up to get average, of course.
5. Game invented in the U.S.A. in 1891.
8. The top races of the English Flat Season. (2 words)
11. McEnroe, Connors and Evert were these too.
14. If you cheat, it's not this game!
17. But you can sit here to see the match.
20. The lady's skirt right off? You can do it as a sport!

Solution on page 48.

CRICKET



13th March : Sports Club. 50-over league vs Chitrlada. Won by 19 runs.

BC 173 (Grocock 45, Extras 34, Rider 30, Hough 25, Price 13)
Crl 154 (Goodwin 10-4-20-4; Dunford 10-1-52-3; Davis 2-2-0-6-2; Price 10-132-1)

Rarely can a British Club team have gone into a match with such a dearth of bowlers. With Dance and White in Nepal, Semple in India, Thompson in Australia and Hough injured, only three recognised bowlers were in the side; one was playing for the Club for the first time, and the two others were recognised only in the sense that they have been around for so long everyone knows who they are. Only nine players were actually present for BC at the scheduled starting time, but Jack managed to turn up before the actual starting time, having left his kit at home. An eleventh member was found in a young passerby called Mark Stevenson, who was dragooned into the team some time after the match had started. Frank lost the toss and Nigel Grocock and Craig Price had to take to the awesome Sports Club wicket to face the even more awesome Chitrlada opening pace attack. Luckily, the awe could be reserved for the pace rather than for the accuracy, and both openers could afford to sit back and watch as byes and wides went whistling by on both sides. Only 8 of the first 27 runs came off the bat, and Craig managed to get bat to ball for the first time only in the seventh over. When the opening bowlers were taken off after ten overs, it looked as though Craig and Nigel had weathered the storm. Unfortunately, the change bowlers struck soon after, and Craig was followed into the pavilion by number three Terry Adams. This brought Frank Hough to the crease, and he and Nigel took the score steadily on until Nigel was bowled five runs short of his fifty when the stand was worth 49. With the prospect of a fragile-looking batting order to come, new batsman Alistair Rider batted cautiously, and he and Frank had put on a further 45 runs when Frank became the first of four

batsmen to fall victim to the tame slow bowling of the Chitrlada skipper. Newcomer Patrick Goodwin lasted five balls, and so did David Hall, then Nicky Dunne, back in his first league match since last season, stayed rather longer without making any great impact on the scoreboard. When Alistair, having played very well for 30, including an impressive cover-drive for four off the opening bowler, was caught, the innings folded. We had gone from 138 for 3 to 173 all out.

There have been over 20 stands of 30 or more for the first four wickets this season so far, and with the top batsmen in such good form, it's hardly surprising that when the lower-order batsmen are called on, they are lacking in match practice; on the few occasions they have got in this season, it's nearly always been in the last few overs in a situation which demands reckless hitting out. I suppose it's one of the prices to pay for playing for a successful team.

173 did not seem much of a total for this BC bowling side to defend; clearly we were going to have to attack from the start if we were going to get the wickets before we got down to our comic bowlers. Patrick Goodwin and Craig Price opened the bowling, and they bowled very well indeed; with no luck until in his fifth over Patrick bowled the number two batsman. The number three fell soon afterwards to a catch at deep mid-wicket by Nigel Grocock off Jack Dunford, but then the third wicket made steady progress until Jack struck twice more, bowling the number four and trapping the other opener leg before. By this time, however, we were down to our less experienced bowlers. David Hall bowled two overs, then Terry Adams had an impressively tidy spell of five overs, but the score had reached 135 for 4 with 17 overs still to go when the number five had a rush of blood and skied a ball from Craig Price to Frank Hough. The drama was still to come, however. Immediately after the drinks break, Patrick took the ball and clean bowled the numbers seven, eight and nine with his first three balls. The Bangkok Post sports editor stopped the rot, and he and his son batted steadily to bring the

score to within 22 runs of the BC total. Then the unlikely figure of Tim Davis bowling his slow off-breaks stepped up to bowl the pair of them and finish off the innings 19 runs short.

This victory was one of our finest team efforts ever, with some excellent ground fielding to back up our bowlers, and there was considerable speculation on whether our absent stars would get back into the team.

Patrick Goodwin's hat-trick is the first for the Club in living memory; his spell of ten overs ceded only 14 runs off the bat and included a spell of 25 balls with four wickets for no runs.

This was Nigel's last match for the British Club, as he and his family have departed for the Golden Sands Hotel in Penang. Nigel has had a highly successful two seasons with us, ending up with exactly the same batting average this year as last - 283 runs at 35.38 from 8 completed innings. It was a little disappointing to discover shortly after this match that we could not in fact win the 50-over league. Despite having lost only one match, we cannot now catch the league leaders, RBSC, who beat us by ten wickets back in January. If we get maximum points from our last match, we will fall three points short of their total.

19th March : Chiangmai. 30-over league vs Chiangmai. Won by 8 wickets.

CGC 125 (Dunford 6-0-23-4; Dance 5.5-1-26-4; Price 6-1-14-1; White 6-0-23-1)
BC 126-2 (White 69*, Dance 36*)

Rarely can a British Club team have gone into a match with such a richness of bowlers. With White, Dance and Semple back, Dunford and Price in commanding form, and last week's hat-trick hero, Goodwin, making his first tour to Chiangmai, BC were in the unheard of position of having more bowlers than they could use. Skipper for the day, Alistair Rider, lost the toss and soon had to face the problem of bowling order. In the event, it was White and Goodwin who opened, and they bowled extremely well without any luck. The opening batsmen scored off the edge and skied balls which fell into open spaces any number of times in the first eight overs. Then Craig Price continued with immaculate line and length. But it was Jack Dunford who took advantage of all the pressure as, for the

second week in a row, he scythed through the top of the batting order. One of his four wickets was a diving return catch, and this was later immortalised in a blues-style song which Jack sang in a four-part harmony with himself for the rest of the weekend. Only two of the middle-order batsmen offered any great resistance, but one of these incapacitated Alistair Rider for the rest of the trip by allowing his bat to soar through the air after the ball and land square on the wicketkeeper's not inconsiderable foot. Alistair had his revenge soon after when he caught the offender off Nick White's bowling. It began to look, however, as if we would not get all ten wickets and the much-needed maximum bowling points. Nicky Dunne, having taken a good catch and pronouncing his name correctly, then managed to drop two more, and as the last over, to be bowled by David Dance, began, two more wickets were needed. The first ball removed the number nine batsman, but then David dropped a relatively straightforward return catch from the number eleven. In the confusion, the batsmen took a short single and should have been run out, but Alistair elected to throw the ball away and whip off the bails without it. Even though the umpire gave the batsmen out, we upheld our traditional spirit of fair play and withdrew the appeal and no doubt Alistair would have been lynched in the bar afterwards had not David made up for it all with his fifth ball of the over when he switched directions in mid-air to take an incredible reflex return catch to terminate the CGC innings on 125.

"I just don't know what came over me" said Captain Blackheart as he attempted to explain why he had sent the first ball of BC's innings smashing through the covers for four runs and the second ball for three. "I was trying to play so sensibly." Sensible or not, Nick White is in superb form at the moment. His last three innings before this match were 48, 96 and 77 not out. Price and Semple both went cheaply, but with Nick in this form there was little doubt about the outcome. His final score of 69 not out came off just 70 balls, while David Dance's 36 not out at the other end were smashed off 39 balls, and the winning score came up in under 23 overs. Seven BC batsmen again failed to get a bat, but it was a jubilant BC team that saw Jack Dunford deservedly presented with the Man of the Match award. Later we joined the CGC team

in a quaint old north-country custom of the presentation of the sh*t-stirrer's wooden spoon, in which ceremony the unsuspecting victim is descended upon by fifty or sixty thirsty revellers who proceed to try and drink his house dry. The victim may have been forewarned, one feels, as his house was full of Thai gin, weird Mexican drinks with packets of exotic herbs to be added, and other unfamiliar concoctions.

20th March : Chiangmai. Friendly vs Chiangmai. Lost by 5 runs.

CGC 202 (Price 5-1-21-3; Dance 5-0-20-2; Goodwin 5-1-16-1; Adams 3-0-21-1; Semple 5-0-24-1; Dunford 3-0-24-1)
BC 197-9 (White 74, Semple 22*, Hall 22, Dunne 21, Goodwin 21, Adams 17)

Judging from the faces, some of the younger (50 years) members of the team may have been too generous in pretending to enjoy the peach whisky, which clearly must have had an admixture of carrots and tomato skins, but I won't go into that, although one of the motor-bike riders following our tuk tuk to the ground did. David Hall was captain for the day, and promptly lost the toss. Some idea of the spirit in which this game was to be played can be gleaned from the fact that Terry Adams took the new ball with a ring of nine close slips. His slow full toss on the leg was unsportingly despatched for four to the unguarded square leg boundary, and a more conventional field was set, in several cases by pointing the fielder in an approximately right direction and shouting at him to stop when he got there. The second ball of the innings went through Jack Dunford's legs for another four, but then things began to settle down a bit. In his second over, Terry struck! Craig Price took the catch at mid-off from one of Terry's many "wrong'uns". Patrick and Lindsey also had early wickets as Hall switched his bowlers around with great wisdom and maturity of judgement. Then Craig Price tore the heart out of the middle order with three wickets in four balls, and the game was clearly going to be over before Jack Dunford's eyeballs had surfaced. A few overs by the more exotic bowlers of the BC side soon took care of this little difficulty, and by the end of the 35 overs, CGC had amassed 202, with the last wicket, a run out, falling off the last ball.

All but Alistair (injured foot) bowled, and Tim Davis and Nick White shared the wicketkeeping duties between them.

The throwing of Jack into a nearby pond at the interval cheered everyone immensely. Noble game, cricket.

Nick White and Terry Adams opened the BC reply, with Nick starting where he left off the day before, hitting his second ball for four and the fourth for six. When the partnership ended at 88, Terry had scored 17, and Nick had reached his fourth consecutive fifty in just 37 balls. Nicky Dunne batted the number three and was still there at the 18-over drinks break. Nick was by now on 74 and looking good for his first ever century for the club. Alas, it was not to be. After the break, Nicky called for a quick single and Nick was run out without facing another ball. He had scored 220 runs since he was last out, and that was at the end of his 96 against the Scribblers back in early February.

Tim Davis was trapped leg before two balls later, and David Hall came in. Nicky Dunne was bowled for 21 after a valuable stay at the crease, and then Craig Price was out first ball - his first ever "golden duck" for the Club. Alistair, batting with a runner, scored 5 before being bowled and Hall, having scored 22 off 22 balls, followed two runs later. At 149 for 7, and with only 7 overs to get the remaining 54 runs, things were not looking too bright. Only two runs came off the next over. But then suddenly the new batsmen Goodwin and Semple began to get on top and the next four overs produced 9, 8, 9 and 10 runs to leave us on 187 with two overs to go. Patrick hit a six off the second ball of the 34th over but was then caught on the long-on boundary going for another. David Dance, batting at number ten, went in with the asking rate reduced to just ten runs off nine balls. Three singles came off the last three balls of the over, so that seven were needed for victory off the last over. "Get them in singles," we shouted, wittily. But all to no avail. The Chiangmai skipper bowled a good last over, and bowled David with his fifth ball. Jack Dunford, reduced by the ducking to wearing his scout shorts and a tee-shirt, staggered in with instructions to hit the winning six, carrying with him all the weight of the responsibility and the rest of the team's unbounded confidence. Misplaced, alas. He ended on a creditable but insufficient 0 not out and BC had fallen short by 5

runs. This was a very enjoyable match for those on the field who were with us, and provided some much-needed batting practice for those who do not normally go in so high up the order.

10th April : 30-over league vs RBSC. Won by 8 wickets

RBSC 177-6 (Dunford 6-0-30-2; Glattbach 3-0-17-1; Price 6-0-31-1)
BC 180-2 (White 88*, Hough 59, Price 12, Dance 10*)

At the start of play, the two teams in this match were the only ones who could overtake AIT at the head of the table, so clearly it was going to be an important match, and all the supporters were out in force, including some who were not even related to anyone in the team. They were treated to the rare sight of Frank winning the toss, going ashen-faced at the unaccustomed responsibility of having to take a decision, giving a pep-talk (consisting of the words "Don't panic!" in countertenor) and electing to field. One of the best bowling attacks in the league against one of the best batting attacks in the league; we were in for a fascinating afternoon...

Nick White had some difficulty controlling the swing, and five wides were called in his first two overs, while Jack Glattbach made a series of increasingly athletic stops on the rope somewhere behind Alistair Rider. When Craig Price replaced Nick, he had similar difficulties, and there were three wides in his first over. The openers were also managing a few scoring shots between the extras, and the fifty came up without loss in the BC's tenth, and Jack Dunford's first, over. Nine runs came off this over, and we badly needed a wicket. As so often this season, it was Jack who made the breakthrough, when the senior of the two openers chopped a ball onto his stumps with the total on 64. The third and fourth batsmen departed in quick succession, both caught by Craig Price, one a straightforward catch off his own bowling, the other a tricky forward dive at square leg off "Destroyer" Dunford. With the other opener still going strong, however, the Sports Club looked in a good position at 82 for 3 at the drinks break. In fact, it was another ten overs after the break before we got the next wicket, coming at

a very welcome time just as RBSC seemed to be headed for a mammoth total. With the total on 143, and with 16 runs already scored off the over, the number five hit the last ball of the over hard into the covers, setting off for a run. Frank Hough stuck out a desperate boot, stopped the amazed ball, threw down the shocked stumps, and scored a rampant runout. (I've just got to transferred epithets in my "Bangkok Post" creative writing correspondence course). Jack Glattbach then took his first league wicket of the season by tempting the opening batsman to misdrive and taking a difficult chance somewhere between his knees and his chin. A fine run-out from a Nick White throw off the last ball of the innings gave BC an extra bowling bonus point, but RBSC had scored 177 for 6, a good total by any standards.

BC had made this total twice already in 30-over matches this season, so no-one was despondent at facing this large score. Nick White and Craig Price started well, but in the third over, Craig mistimed a pull and was well-caught at square leg. Frank Hough joined Nick, and, although he started tentatively, the scoreboard was ticking over at much the same rate as in the RBSC innings. By common consensus, Nick was playing a "sensible" innings (ie. he did not score 20 off the first over), and both batsmen were looking confident by the time they came off for drinks with the score on 80 for 1. When the stand passed 100, some 61 runs were still needed off 7½ overs. In the pavilion, spectators were beginning to chew their finger-nails (see many previous OUTPOST reports, passim, for details of who exactly gets to chew what during knife-edge finishes). Both batsmen now began to cut loose, and the partnership was steaming towards 150 when Frank was given out caught behind for 59. By this time, only 14 more runs were needed with nearly three overs left. Incoming batsman David Dance duly hit ten runs while Nick appropriately hit the winning boundary to finish on a personal score of 88 not out. In the end, the RBSC total was passed with an over and a half to spare. By the time this report is printed, the league places will be known. At the moment (with 16 points for a win and ten batting/bowling bonus points at stake in each game), AIT have 120 points off 6 games, RBSC have finished their programme and have 103 off 7 games, and we have 101 off 5 games. Nick White

has now scored 554 runs at an average of 61.56 this season, so there is a possibility that David Dance's record of 653 runs in a season may Nick's 88 in this match came off 79 balls and included two sixes and seven fours.

David Hall

Royal Bangkok Sports Club International Cricket 6's.

Once again, the British Club team progressed furthest in the competition of any of the local

teams. The BC Cricket Section also provided the competition Technical Committee with tournament adjudicators, umpires, scorers and equipment.

The competition was held over four days and featured many former and present test cricketers from Australia, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka. Some incredible cricket was witnessed, in particular, 31 runs scored off 7 balls by Duleep Mendis, the former Sri Lankan test team captain, and in the same game, 30 runs off 6 balls by Rumesh Ratanyaka, the current opening bowler for Sri Lanka.

So, the BC team can feel honoured to have competed and competed well in a tournament of such high quality.

Results

Saturday 2nd April

BC v Air India
Air India 66-1, BC 45-3 (N White 22)

BC v Malviya 'B' (India)
BC 47-0, Malviya 'B' 46-3 (N White 22)

Sunday 3rd April

BC v Bombay Nomads
Bombay Nomads 71-0, BC 50-2 (White 15, Dance 16, Hough 12)

BC v British Forces Hong Kong
BC 70-2, British Forces 55-3 (Glattbach 22, White 15, Dance 10)

Monday 4th April

Plate Tournament : BC v British Forces Hong Kong
British Forces 66-2, BC 67-1 (Dance 14, Hough 34)

Tuesday 5th April

Plate Semi-Final : Royal Ipoh 97-0, BC 68-1 (Hough 25, Dance 22)

Frank Hough

DARTS DARTS

The 25th Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League got off to a start on 7th April with a bang and a whimper. The bang was from the BC Lions who started the way they mean to go on with a 15-2 home win over the Kangaroos, and the Whimper from the BC Unicorns with a 15-2 away defeat at the hands of TSJ.

It's always fun playing the Aussies and Jim Fletcher entered into the spirit of things by scoring the team's first 5 or under.

British Club Lions 15. Kangaroos 2

Closes: Frank Hough (3), Jim Fletcher (2), Sheri F (2), Andy (2), Peter (1)

Tons: Peter Downs (100, 100, 140), Sheri Fletcher (100), Jim F (100)

Jane and Patrick Windeler played their first games for the Unicorns, and whilst neither of them closed a game, Jane found some useful scores with that well-tried technique of spraying them around a bit, whilst Patrick more consistently found the 20's. He did also, incidentally, record the team's first 3.

TSJ 15 Unicorns 2

Closes: Orin, Terry

Tons: Bryan (116), Terry (100)

British Club Darts Open

The annual knockout championship events for Men and Ladies will be held in the British Club bar on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30 p.m. It's the last day of Ramadan, so there's no excuse for anyone.

Men will compete for the Castrol Challenge Trophy, currently held by Mike Majer, and the Ladies will play for the Ladies' Trophy presently held by Carol Anwar.

You don't need to book in advance. Just come along at 7.30 and put your name down. And it's free!

LADIES' GOLF LADIES' GOLF

We had a great turn-out for Anne Hendrie's farewell day at Muang Ake. Anne provided the prizes and she in turn was presented with a "Golfers' Log Book" from the BCLG and a pewter mug from FLOGG. The results of the "Blind Partners" competition were:

- 1st : Kerstin Persson & Benjamine Bronnee
- 2nd : Yosiko & Helen Benham
- 3rd : Ruth Kennedy & Veronique Parke

Our big competition this month was the Astral Cup, played over 2 weeks at Muang Ake. Lever Bros. (Thailand) Ltd. sponsor this event annually, and once again we are indebted to them for their generosity.

The results were:

8th and 15th March — ASTRAL CUP Stroke Play at Muang Ake

Winner	:	Florene Studebaker	139 nett
2nd	:	Belinda Prince	142 nett
3rd	:	Ruth Kennedy	143 nett

1st Day Winner	:	Nena Reid
R/Up	:	Joan Guthrie
2nd Day Winner	:	Penny Whalley
R/Up	:	Helen Benham

Mal Chessman, Kristeen Chappell and Helen brought their husbands along to join us for Helen's farewell day at the Railway. Helen sponsored the day and the group presented her with a book on Thailand. The winners of the 3 Throw-outs were:

22nd March Helen's Farewell Day 3 Throw-outs at the Railway

Flight A Winner	:	Nena Reid	52
R/Up	:	Pat Dodsworth	55
Flight B Winner	:	Sriwan Forrest	48
R/Up	:	Mal Chessman	53
Flight C Winner	:	Veronique Parke	54
R/Up	:	Inge Schwetze	54

Helen was also presented with the LGU Bronze Medal for 1987. Congratulations! She will be greatly missed on Tuesdays and we all wish Dave and Helen bon voyage and good luck back in Perth.

We had to hold the March LGU Medal competition at the beginning of April as the Army course had been closed. The results were:

5th April LGU Medal at the Army

Silver Division		
Winner	:	Joan Guthrie 74
R/Up	:	Ginger Lash 75
Bronze Division I		
Winner	:	Kristeen Chappell 75
R/Up	:	Flo Studebaker 76
Bronze Division II		
Winner	:	Belinda Prince 70

Forthcoming competitions are listed in the diary at the beginning of OUTPOST, but special mention should be made of the Gestetner Trophy. This will be played on the 17th and 24th of May at the Rose Garden (not the 10th & 17th as previously announced). This annual trophy is sponsored by Gestetner (Thailand) Ltd. and the prizegiving will be held after lunch at the Clubhouse on the 24th.

SOCCER



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Hello again, sports fans. Another month passed in the intriguing menagerie of fun, frivolity and frenetic activity we know as life in Bangkok. As the temperature hots up, so does the pace and the team has packed a lot of experience into the past few weeks. Unfortunately, our streets were not to be paved with gold as you will discover, but it was not for the want of trying.

Match Report

We left off with a resounding success against the Malaysian Embassy in the RBSC Floodlit Tourney and this was to be followed by a double header against the Indian Cougars. The Indians always provide tough opposition and are never anyone's favourite team to play against, due, regrettably, to a less than outstanding standard of sportsmanship. It was with less disappointment than usual then that your roving reporter had to miss out on being at these games. The first one was another "must win to stay in contention" league encounter which we won 2-1. In a tousy affair we did just enough, but paid a heavy price as regular goal keeper, Craig Rennie, making a welcome come back, broke his finger badly (bone sticking out through the skin, all blood and gore (sorry Ed, I know it's a family magazine, but we owe honest journalism to our readers). Craig was taken to hospital and will be out for the rest of the season. This dampened our spirits and there was no Man of the Match award.

The following night we met the Indians again in the RBSC competition. This time we went into a 1-0 lead and with 20 minutes to go, decided to relax too soon. Result, bang kerpow, and a 2-1 defeat. Ah well, that's experience. All was not lost, however, as the RBSC is a round-robin tournament in the initial stages and it meant we had to get at least a draw in our last opening round match to qualify. Incidentally, what goes cheap, cheap, bang, cheap, cheap, bang? Two chickens in a minefield.

On then to a showdown with the Scandinavians. As results would have it, both teams needed a draw to qualify and there were thoughts of a Germany/Austria type deal in the World Cup. This proved impossible to negotiate and so we took the field with a solid resolve to do well – and do well we did. In a very fast and entertaining game, we put on a good, solid display and won 2-0 with goals from Hough and Martin. The second, whilst somewhat in the 'fluke' category, was none the less welcome as it was Steve's first for the club. Frank Hough's was a well executed effort. The stars of the side for this match were all in defence, and John Cockcroft won the Man of the Match award with Steve Martin, Alex Forbes and Finlay McPherson all in contention. It was, therefore, Semi-Final here we come.

"BC Player Voted YTSA Player of the Year"

Readers of the Bangkok Post will know the outcome of our Semi-Final against the Young Thai Sikh Association, but for Nation subscribers, a brief synopsis. A flowing game at first, with YTSA snatching an early lead only to be pegged back by an opportunist goal from Mike Pomfret who darted through the defence like a hare unleashed. After this, however, a certain malaise set in and we never really hit even third gear. Early in the second half, however, Frank Hough popped up to head a well taken corner and we had a valuable lead. Several chances, however, went begging and this was to prove costly. It was at this stage that the British Club Captain (some guy called Forbes, I think) decided to get his name on the score sheet. Unfortunate for all, except those of a certain Northern Indian religious persuasion at the other end. An innocuous looking pass back bounded over the left shoulder of the wrong footed Finlay McPherson, 2-2. Jings, Crivens, and Help ma Boab. Ten minutes later the self same bold hero had attempted another pass

back in a race for possession with the centre forward. Unfortunately, he had not noticed his keeper advancing off the line – 3-2 to the Sikhs. Expletive deleted. Was it a Philby or Burgess impersonation? Was it the demise of Aberdeen's league title hopes leading to suicidal tendencies? Alas no, it was just one of those crazy days I hope never to see again. We were out of the Cup, which the RBSC went on to win defeating the Turbaned Terrors 3-0 in the Final. Whilst accepting the principal responsibility for our demise it was not one of our better team performances.

Five days later we lined up in our penultimate league game against leaders, Benz. We needed to win well and follow up with a victory in our final game and the title was ours. The lads realised this and despite the real "sickener" of the previous match, spirits were high and in a positive frame. Benz, as usual, played a tousy game and there were chances at both ends in a high quality match before they prized open the centre of our defence with a long through ball to go one up. Credit must go to our lads, however, as they buckled down and kept on plugging away, playing some good football in the face of ever increasing niggling. With about 15 minutes to go the game boiled over when a Benz player blatantly kicked Alan Morton on the base of the spine in the penalty box. In the ensuing melee the referee did a great impersonation of a traffic cop on Robinson's sale day peeping gaily away tunelessly on his whistle without actually going near the problem. When the captains had settled things down, however, the right decisions were made. Penalty to the BC, plus the offending Benz player sent off along with one of his colleagues for some uncompimentary comments about the referee. Frank Hough under extreme pressure calmly sank the penalty. However, at least ten minutes had been wasted and the result finished 1-1. The title was lost, but we were not disgraced and I must congratulate my team for the excellent way they conducted themselves in what could have been World War III. The truth is we did not lose the title in this match, but in our two games lost to our jynx side, the French, who finished in the bottom half of the league. We actually won and drew one against winners, Benz. For the record, the Man of the Match was our third goal keeper, Mark Twemlow, who had a very safe game.

Postscripts

We are in the twilight of our season, but still have the Farang League Cup Competition to look forward to, plus a final league game. On 13th May we are off to Singapore with a fairly strong touring side, to take part in a prestigious local tournament as the guest foreign side. We have two sectional games, and if successful, a semi-final and final all in one day. This is followed by an evening reception and a friendly the following day against the top expatriate side in Singapore. A taxing schedule, but we are looking forward to it immensely.

The Quiz Nights have been great fun, although again we have not quite been good enough. Why is it when spectating we can answer 90% of the questions in micro seconds, but when we sit with fingers delicately poised over the buzzer – uugh? Mai pen rai, we're honing up on trivia for 1989.

Almost finally:

Hear about the Irishman who took his car for a service?

He couldn't get it in the Church door.

The difference between a gardener and a baby?

One beds the peas and the other has no sense of responsibility.

Vince: How did you get those scars at the top of your nose?

Jim H: From my glasses.

Vince: Why don't you use contact lenses?

Jim H: They don't hold enough beer.

Well, that about wraps it up for another month. Back in June with the season's statistics before you all disappear for the hols. Oh, almost forgot. What do you give the man who has absolutely everything? Penicillin.

Bye for now.

Alex 'Scoop' Forbes

SQUASH SQUASH



The first squash section committee meeting for the 1988/89 season was held on the 14th March and your new committee is as follows:

Tony Austin	Captain
Tony Brazenell	Chairman
James Nichols	Secretary
Bill Wilcox	Treasurer
Barbara Overington	League and Tournaments
David Bennington	
Andrew McDowell	
Tony Laven	Court Maintenance
Margaret McEwan	Ladies' Squash
Belinda Prince	
Ian Aldridge	General Committee
John Cockcroft	
Art de Boer	

What a lot you might say but, no doubt, we will have some departures during the year.

The March League has now been completed and the winners in each division were as follows:

- Division 1. Colin Hastings
2. John Cockcroft
3. Slim Jim Howard
4. Mel Leddy
5. Mick Bond
6. David Scott
7. Ian Aldridge
8. George Dunford
9. Robert Deladrier

Well done to all the winners. Please don't forget to collect your trophies from the Reception Desk.

One of the first major items on the agenda for the new committee was the condition of our three squash courts. It was decided that courts one and two needed urgent attention, whilst court three was in better condition and needed only cosmetic adjustment. Court one was tackled first and the result is splendid. Court two, which is by far the worst, is next and this will be done in the near future.

Two events organised during April were the Intersociety competition, kindly sponsored by DUNLOP and a one day handicap competition. The handicap was run on Sunday, 11th April and was well supported. There were 12 contestants each playing one game against each other, first to 15, American scoring. It was tiring but enjoyable and all but one finished the competition. Unfortunately, Bryan Baldwin had to withdraw, knackered, with three games to play. The overall winner was Belinda Prince, who dropped only 5 points in all her matches – a tremendous effort. This type of competition will be run every alternate month with a trophy being presented to the winner. It's good fun and open to all squash players, so come along and join in the next one in June. Watch the poolside notice board for details.

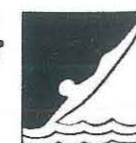
Finally, a note on the Squash Barbeque of the 27th February. From the reports received everyone enjoyed the evening which started with a barbeque in the Silom Sala and ending with a disco in the Churchill Bar, until the wee haws. We had one poor squashie, however, who was unable to find us. Khun David says he arrived at the club and went to the Silom Sala at 7 p.m. – tables were all set up – but no food, no guests, no club staff, no committee members. (It sounds like the "Marie Celeste"). He ventured across to the Bar and was confronted by loud noise (could this be the Disco we ask ourselves?) Could not stand that! Went back to the Silom Sala. Still no fire, no food etc., gave up – went home.

OK, so it did start a little late, but this is Thailand! Actually, David, we were all hiding in places like the squash courts, changing rooms and the Bar. Sorry you missed us, but we all had a good night.

NEWSFLASH: New squash shirts will soon be available at £ 120.

Tony Austin

SWIMMING SWIMMING



English Schools Swimming Association Long Distance Tests were held at the British Club on Saturday morning, March 19th

50 metres

Anna Freeman
James Savage

Aurelie Deladrier
Alexander Walters

100 metres

Saartje Van Walbeck

Aurelie Deladrier

200 metres

Candice Driver
James Savage
Katrina Rodgers

Alexander Walters
Robert Rennie
Jemma Jenkinson

400 metres

Zoe Cockcroft

Tina Sander

800 metres

Lucy Johnston

Frederic Deladrier

1500 metres

Timothy Johnston

James Rennie

2000 metres

Andrea Sill
Jonathan Brazenell

David Brazenell

Congratulations to all swimmers!!

DIARY NOTES

Proficiency Tests will next be held on Saturday 14th May at 9 a.m.

Swimming Gala will next be held on Sunday 15th May at 12 noon. All children are welcome.

Proficiency awards will be presented after the Gala.

Enquiries

Please telephone any of the following:

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Erika Majer (252-7492)

Deirdre Johnston (258-5143)

Held on Sunday 20th March, 25 children participated in the Gala including several newcomers: Janie Anwar, Rebecca Briggs, Zoe Cockcroft, Victoria Scott, Derek and Alex Stamp. For the first time in many years the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters were presented with rosettes.

		Free	Breast	I.M.
Under 7 Girls	Katrina Rodgers	23.0	38.0	1.15.0
	Harriet White	30.0	33.0	1.18.0
	Saartje Van Walbeck	33.0	41.0	1.30.0
	Jemma Jenkinson	37.0	38.0	1.24.0
	Aurelie Deladrier	44.0	38.0	—
Under 7 Boys	Alexander Walters	28.0	33.0	1.11.0
	Robert Rennie	29.0	33.0	1.13.0
	Alex Stamp	31.0	40.0	1.23.0
	James Savage	34.0	45.0	1.28.0
	Andrew Scott	34.0	32.0	—
		Free	Butterfly	I.M.
Under 9 Girls	Rebecca White	46.0	1.03.0	—
Under 9 Boys	Timothy Johnston	44.0	1.05.0	1.58.0
	Frederic Deladrier	50.0	58.0	1.59.0
	Alexander Ramaciotti	57.0	1.20.0	2.25.0
	Timothy Strange		56.0	2.02.0
Under 11 Girls	Lucy Johnston	47.0	57.0	2.04.0
	Victoria Scott	51.0	—	—
	Rebecca Briggs	60.0	—	—
Under 11 Boys	David Brazenell	45.0	59.0	1.59.0
	Andrew Mingay	46.0	1.15.0	2.04.0
	James Rennie	46.0	1.10.0	2.10.0
	Mark Freeman	48.0	—	—
	Jonathan Brazenell	49.0	1.04.0	2.05.0
Under 13 Girls	Tina Sander	2.02.0	—	—
Under 15 Girls	Janie Anwar	1.57.0	—	—

Relay Race :

1st Team

Robert Rennie
Jemma Jenkinson
Janie Anwar
Tina Sander
Timothy Strange
James Rennie

2nd Team

Harriet White
Saartje Van Walbeck
Jonathan Brazenell
Frederic Daladrier
Lucy Johnston
Andrew Mingay

3rd Team

Aurelie Deladrier
Zoe Cockcroft
Timothy Johnston
Rebecca White
Rebecca Briggs
Derek Stamp

TENNIS



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The Annual British Club Tennis Championships were held over the period 28th February through 21st March 1988. A total of fifty-seven players (34 men, two of whom were juniors, 24 women, one of whom was a junior) completed in Men's and Ladies' Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Plate competitions were also held for

these five events. The balls once again were provided by Dunlop who also presented numerous other prizes for which we are very grateful. Thank you David Lamb for your help. The finals were held on the 20th and 21st of March and we would like to thank all the people who came along to give their support.

The results were as follows:

Men's Singles (23 players)

Winner Frank Wilson
Runner-Up David Lantz

Men's Singles Plate

Winner Michael Poustie
Runner-Up Philip Wield

Ladies' Singles (14 players)

Winner Bua Wyder
Runner-up Jackie Gramond

Ladies' Singles Plate

Winner Kristeen Chappell
Runner-Up Helen Benham

Men's Doubles (13 pairs)

Winners Eric Young & Jurgen Schmidt
Runners-Up Frank Wilson & David Lantz

Men's Doubles Plate

Winners Derek Tonkin & Gordon Martin
Runners-Up Sucharit Rungsimuntoran & Somnuk Kyavatanakij

Ladies' Doubles (10 pairs)

Winners Bua Wyder & Kristeen Chappell
Runners-Up Mal Chessman & Jackie Gramond

Ladies' Doubles Plate

Winners Eileen Trigwell & Gisi van Malbeek
Runners-Up Supattra & Pappy Tansantikul

Mixed Doubles (14 pairs)

Winners Mal & Dick Chessman
Runners-Up Bua Wyder & Sucharit Rungsimuntoran

Mixed Doubles Plate

Winners Lynne & Garry Wainscott
Runners-Up Pappy & Nithat Tansantikul

The finals of the Men's Singles was between David Lantz and Frank Wilson, who we understand play each other regularly, so there were no secrets in this match! It was excellent tennis and Frank managed to win in two sets. This event was sponsored by Wilson Sporting Goods who presented one of their latest tennis racquets. (Frank now has his own personal racquet!) Also T.G. Ceramis - the Royal Worcester Porcelain Co. presented an eight-piece coffee set to the winner. The Runner-Up received a Bronze Fruit Bowl sponsored by S.G.S. Far East.

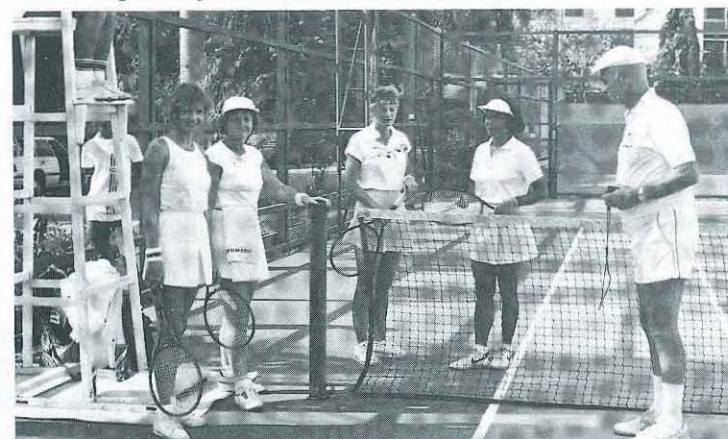
The Ladies' Singles was won by Bua Wyder for the second year running. Well done Bua! Jackie put up an excellent fight and it was a most enjoyable match. This event was sponsored by I.C.I. (Thailand) Ltd. who very kindly presented a 6-piece Bronze Cutlery Set to the winner, and a cut-glass jug to the Runner-Up, sponsored once again by S.G.S. Far East.

The Men's Doubles was won by Eric Young and Jurgen Schmidt. This was a most interesting match with excellent tennis played. Eric and Jurgen winning in two straight sets. Let's hope we see more of you all down at the Men's Night on a Monday!

The Ladies' Doubles was won again by Bua Wyder but this year with a different partner, Kristeen Chappell. This was a closely fought match which was supported by a captivated audience and the game was thoroughly enjoyed by all the players.



David Lantz & Frank Wilson - Men's Doubles Runners-Up and Men's Singles Runner-Up & Winner, respectively - with Eric Young & Jurgen Schmidt, Men's Doubles Winners.



Jackie Gramond - Ladies' Singles Runner-Up - with her Ladies' Doubles partner, Mal Chessman (Runners-Up) and Bua Wyder - Ladies' Singles Winner - with Doubles partner, Kristeen Chappell (Winners).



Mixed doubles finalists Sucharit Rungsimunrorn, Bua Wyder, Mal and Dick Chessman.



H.E. Derek Tonkin presenting prize to Men's Singles Plate Winner Michael Poustie.



Ladies' Singles Plate Winner Kristeen Chappell and runner-up Helen Benham.



Ladies' Doubles Winners: Gisi Van Walbeek and Eileen Trigwell with Runners-Up Pappy Tansantikul and mother Suppatra.

Well done Bua completing a double.

Both these doubles events were sponsored by S.G.S. Far East who gave very generous prizes. Also the winners received dinner for two at the Shangri-La, Royal Orchid Sheraton and Regent Hotels.

The mixed doubles final was played on the Saturday afternoon at 4.00 p.m. This was an exciting match and it was won by the Chessmans in three sets. This is the second year running they have won this event and once again they will be flying off to Kuala Lumpur for their prize!

This was very kindly donated, as last year, by British Airways who gave some very generous prizes to the winners and runners-up, as well as the two 'J' class tickets.

There was a consolation tournament in each event for all the losers of the first round. This gave some very good tennis to all the entrants and the finals were also very much enjoyed by all who watched.

Prize-giving commenced at about 6.00 p.m. and there was a wonderful selection of prizes which our President, Derek Tonkin, kindly presented for us.

The sponsors for these Championships were extremely generous and we would like to thank them all for their support and generosity. Without them this certainly would not have been the success it was and it was greatly appreciated. Letters of thanks have been sent to them all from our Committee.

After the prize-giving a Salmon Supper was held in the Sala which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. During this a lucky draw was held for a Boat Cruise on the Far Eastern Queen on the Ping River and this was won by Angela Poustie. Well done Angela, and we hope you and Mike enjoy this trip on your return from the U.K. (Don't forget to arrange to collect your tickets).

A special thank-you must go to Gordon Martin who spent many hours working out the schedules for these matches. This was all very much appreciated Gordon. You did a wonderful job as usual in spite of all the lady tournament helpers!!!

Unfortunately we lost some more of our section members last month. Mike and Machiko McAlister have left us to return to UK/Portugal and we wish them well in their new surroundings. Two of our Committee Members, Dave and Helen Benham flew off to Perth on the 8th April. Dave, as Accountant, and Helen, as Secretary, will be greatly missed. They both worked very hard and it was all very much appreciated. We held a Farewell Supper in the Restaurant for them on the 23rd March and 30 people were there to say their goodbyes. A very enjoyable evening. We wish them both the very best of luck in their new jobs and hope to see them back in Bangkok on flying visits in the future.

The Committee are now trying to arrange some matches and the following dates are already fixed:



Men's Doubles Winners: Derek Tonkin and Gordon Martin; Runners-Up Sucharit and Somnuk Khavatanakij.



Mixed Doubles Winners: Garry and Lynne Wainscott; Runners-Up Pappy & Nithat Tansantikul.



Mal Chessman presenting Helen & Dave Benham with their farewell gifts.



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Saturday 21st/Sunday
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A Ladies' Team Event will be held at the Silom Club and we believe about six or eight other clubs will each be entering a team. Five couples will be required to play on both days, but we suggest we have a few extra players in case of drop-outs or fatigue! Anyone who is interested in playing in this event please contact Mal Chessman, Tel: 279-9847.

Sunday 29th May

Singapore Cricket Club —
Mixed.

Monday 20th June

Singapore Swimming Club —
Evening — Mixed.

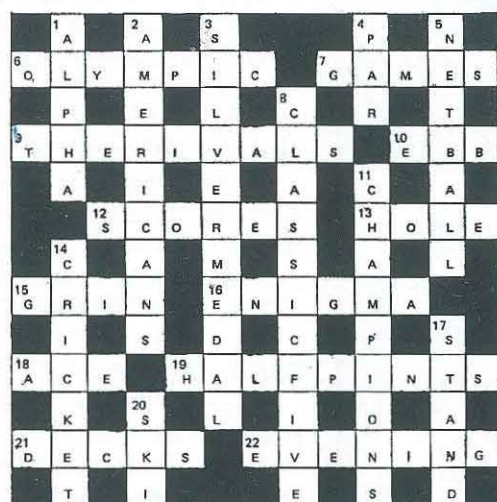
Anyone involved in these matches please make a note of those dates.

The next Round Robin will be held in June. Watch the Notice Board for details.

A morning has now been arranged for beginners on Mondays between 8.00-10.00 a.m. All players are welcome. See Notice Board for details.

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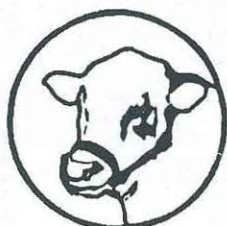
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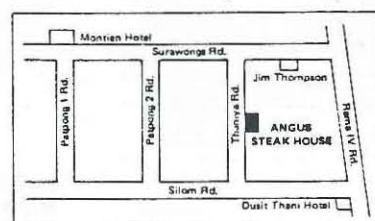
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