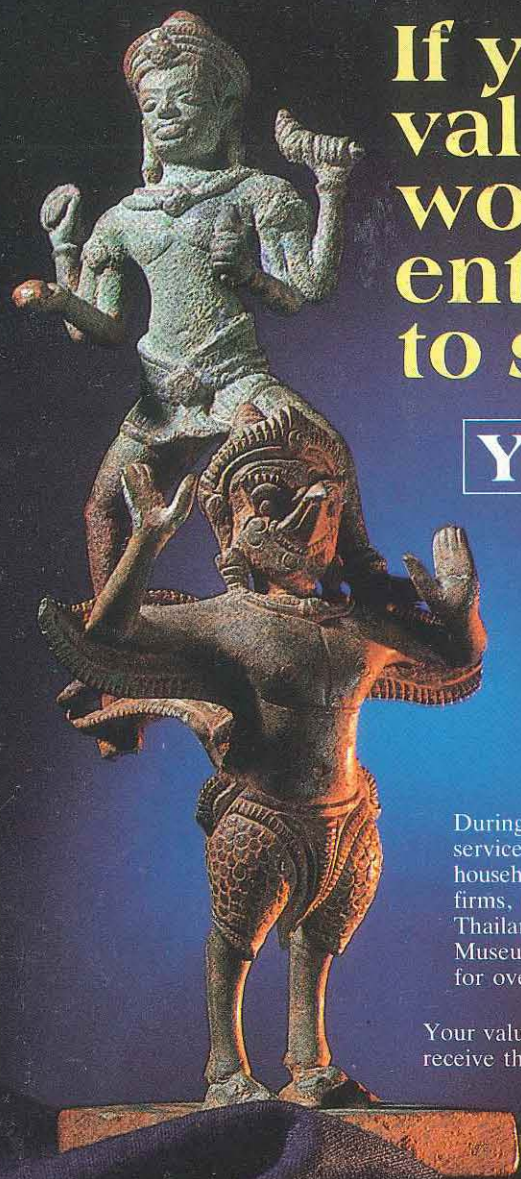


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Meet the New Members



Fiona and Brian Whitters: spent the last three years in Korea, though it felt like a lot longer. Brian works for Dodwell and plays football and darts. Fiona's forte is mah-jong, but she'll have a bash at anything. They are from north of the border and have two small children.



An old member, Winner of the Intersocieties Golf Tournament 1989, Pravit 'Prestige' Purananda.



John Kelly and son Brian: John came here five and a half years ago as an independent management consultant and has since promoted himself to Price Waterhouse; during that time he has also spent eighteen months in Bangladesh. He plays cricket, squash and occasional golf. Brian is at Assumption Business College and is a rugby and soccer fan. Isabel alias Mrs Kelly, is a former deputy minister in Canada for social welfare and development and has come here to run a five year project for women's economic leadership development.



Alan Rimmer: from Manchester; this is his first time working abroad apart from a short sojourn in Aberdeen. Alan is a materials manager for Thai Shell and likes sailing, squash and exploring. On his right Mr. Philately 1989, Patrick Whitley.



Derek and Maria Woodward: Maria has spent her first six weeks here attracting foot-fetishists in the lobby of the Shangri-La Hotel and will give lessons, in this art, at very reasonable prices, to anyone who may care to join her. Derek, poor lad, works with Bryan Baldwin at Castrol, and is interested in metal working oils, grinding fluids, boring oils, deep hole drilling, turning and surface treatment. When he's not keeping fit to keep up with Maria, who likes gardening and dressmaking, he has fun with philately and photography. Peter Shell booking up lessons maybe?



Tim and Caroline Garnett: Brits, but went to Australia six years ago with Coca-Cola. Tim hates work and would like to retire; he plays bad squash, worse cricket and can just about swim. Caroline when not expecting No. 1 likes tennis, squash and snow skiing. Definitely not lurking, David Lamb (left).

David Race: he works for Kumagai Gumi, designers of the new expressway, as the project manager. His favourite things in life all begin with S— sleeping, skiing, sailing, surfing, snorkeling, snoozing, stennis and sex but generally in the reverse order, at the top of the list is his wife Susan. The Races have two teenagers in Australia. David hopes to learn golf whilst here, Susan likes all the S's too. Here with Jo Shell and Garret....





Sandy and Stephanie Wallace: couldn't get a word in edgeways because of friends anxious to impart information. I'm told that Sandy is doing research into the effects of nitrogen narcosis on condoms in 100' of water, sponsored by In his spare time he is a brain surgeon for water buffalos for which he occasionally gets sued. Stephanie trains soi dogs, goes scuba diving, rapid shooting and is keen to get involved in the theatre. They have some sort of connection with Australia but basically think of themselves as multinational.



Andrew Hartley: another gagged interviewee!! He is said to be trying to cross a horse with a kangaroo to make it jump higher! He is completely unemployable (or was it unemployed?) Andrew is single; can't afford a family. At one time he taught English in Italy and has also arranged carnivals in Rio de Janerio; he is looking forward to doing the same thing here.



Mike and Nancy Whitney: from Maine USA, they have spent eight years in SE Asia, the last two in Pattaya. Life in Bangkok is proving to be a little difficult to adjust to but they're soldiering on. Mike and Nancy like tennis, scuba diving and windsurfing and have two wee Whitneys. Lurking in the background Robert Horgan.



Anna and David Ingham: came here for their honeymoon last year, little dreaming that they would ever live here. David is a finance director with Jardine Matheson, he's a keen squash player and also likes tennis and wind-surfing. Anna is expecting the first junior Ingham in a couple of months; she was a midwife in London before coming here and enjoys doing all sorts of things including sewing.



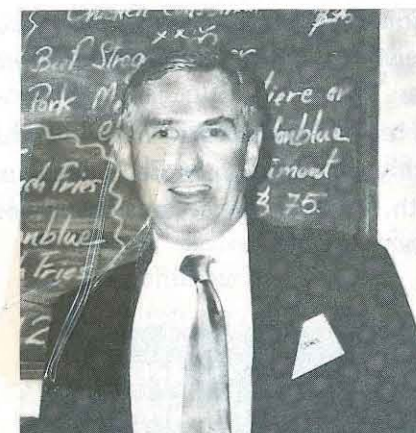
Saipin who will sadly soon be leaving us.



Howard and Susan Shields: Howard is here with Shell.



Markus and Erika Landholt: Markus works for Unifoods (Thailand) Ltd.



Roy and Tharntip Cowie: of Glasgow and Bangkok: they have also lived in New York for one year. Roy is in the pharmaceutical business, plays tennis and hashes with Brian Heath. Tharntip is starting her own employment agency here ... and Tony Erswell (right) providing support.



Tony came to Thailand, from Indonesia, in 1973, on a motorbike and wasn't interviewed; not even a reception committee! In those days the initiation ceremony for new B.C. Members was also slightly different, dark suits and no beer. Still no interview. So ... Tony is in managerial research and likes a glass of beer or two.

David 'entertainments' Lamb making sure that the last survivors are kept happy i.e. Tony 'squash' Brazenell and Peter and Annie 'darts' Douglas.



From the Club Manager

THREE months have elapsed since I became Club Manager; settling in was quite easy but very busy due to coming in at the end of the Club's financial year, with the AGM and the annual report to contend with as well.

The past months have given me the opportunity to look closely at the kitchens and service side etc. From my years of experience in the catering industry the standards are reasonable. However, there's lots of room for improvement, so I will be spending the majority of my time in the food and beverage departments.

The menus with their large variety of choice, are a recipe for inconsistency and disaster often occurs to the food and to our stomachs. The kitchens cannot cope nor have we the equipment to produce all items fresh for consumption.

There will therefore be a reduction of the menus to allow the kitchens to produce your favourite dishes to a standard that you expect to find in the B.C. I would like to be able to write these words on the menus with confidence "What we do we do well."

To encourage staff to maintain and achieve higher standards we have introduced an inter-department trophy together with a monthly £5,000 bonus. Each department starts with 100 points at the beginning of the month. Ongoing inspections occur weekly plus spot checks with points being taken for whatever reason.



The first competition winner with 61 points were the Grounds & Building Department and very well deserved for their efforts.

I Spy continues — so check each article to find your Club Number and win a dinner for 2 plus a bottle of wine of your choice.

April's Spot the Ball results will be published in May's edition in the meantime check this one out.

The Accumulator Draw which took place on the 7th April was claimed by Mr. John Murphy (M67) prize value £1,500 credited to his account.

John very generously gave a round of drinks to all present in the Churchill bar. Cheers John.

Members who were picked to date and not present in the Club:

Mr. Alan Telfer	(T36)
Mr. Sandy Sanderson	(S78)
Mr. Charles Hyland	(H33)
Mr. John Quarmby	(Q4)
Mr. Tom Annas	(A40)



Members please note that the use of mobile telephones should be confined to the poolside area only — it's very annoying to those wishing to relax in this haven of the B.C. to have to listen to other people's telephone conversations.

May I please remind members of certain standards of dress and conduct in the B.C.:

- a) Sports shorts are not considered acceptable dress in the dining room or Churchill bar.
- 2) Children are not allowed in the dining room in swimming suits.
- 3) The sight of a little baby's bare bottom gladdens any heart but ladies please consider those members who have gone past it. Please use the changing facilities provided for nappies etc.

SPOT THE BALL!

The ball has been removed from this picture. Put one X where you think the ball is and return the coupon to the Club Office. The winning member or members will win dinner for 2 plus a bottle of wine of your choice.



NAME :
 CLUB NO. :
 ADDRESS :

April's winner was : Terence Moore.

CLUB ROUNDUP

Ronnie Scott Jazz Night



Who put a cork in the end?



Was that a bum note Hilary?



I like fluorescent pink T-shirts!



It was all too much for Phil Jackson.



The bespeckled spectacle?



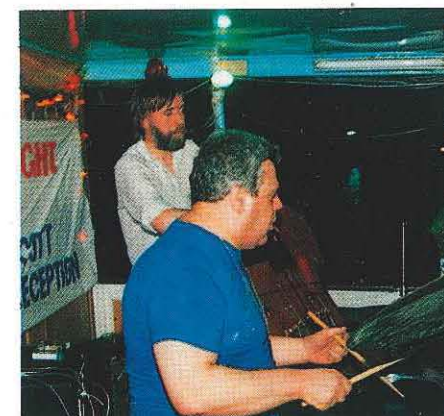
It's cold tea, honest!



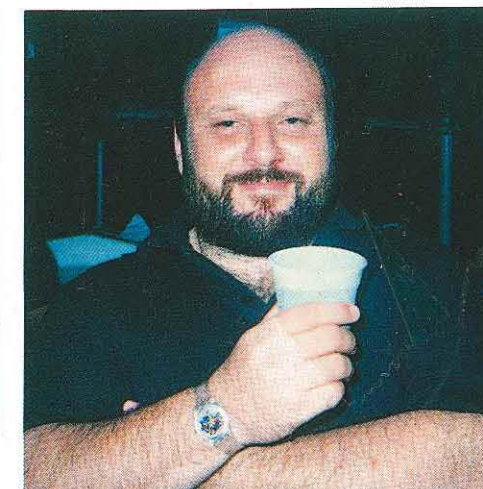
Me asleep? Never!



It's pretty hard to whistle Dixie when you've still got your teeth.



I know I asked for cymbals but where are the drums?



I do like a nice glass of water.

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The offering of gifts to the monks by the B.C. staff.



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Hugh Salmon: Membership

HUGH was made in Hong Kong in 1956. His father had joined Mackinnon McKenzie, Far East agents for P&O, at the end of the War and, after various postings in the region, ran their Hong Kong office until 1973. During this time Hugh and his three younger brothers commuted to their "family school", Wellington College.

After Wellington, Hugh decided for a variety of reasons not to go to university but instead to study in the "university of life". He was a delivery driver in London, he followed the Formula One Grand Prix Circuit around Europe (France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain), he did a motor racing course himself and an accountancy course, he sold advertising space for the Kent Messenger and he spent a summer teaching water-skiing in Corfu.

Despite the lack of a university degree, all this experience, plus his academic record from Wellington, persuaded Ogilvy and Mather London to admit Hugh to their graduate trainee scheme in 1979.

After two happy years at O&M, Hugh came up with the idea that, with the decreasing unit price of an audio cassette tape (in London as well as Bangkok!), the increasing price of newsprint, and the



Hugh.

introduction of the Walkman, there might be a case for a magazine like Rolling Stone or NME to be published on cassette tape rather than paper.

The management of Ogilvy and Mather liked the idea and advised Hugh to have a go at making it happen, promising his job back if it failed.

After lengthy negotiations with record companies, copyright authorities, trade unions, tape producers, magazine distributors and retail outlets, SFX ("Sound Effects") was born. Unfortunately the 24 year old who had conceived it had made a crucial mistake: despite considerable critical acclaim and sales success, it had transpired that the economies of scale of publishing on tape rather than paper were rather different. A situation was reached where the more tapes were sold, the more SFX lost money!



Ricki.

So, having achieved the 15 minutes of fame that Andy Warhol has prescribed us all (including being interviewed by Tony Blackburn), Hugh decided to call it a day and return to the solid and predictable world of advertising.

Here came "the biggest mistake of my career". Rather than rejoin Ogilvy and Mather, Hugh decided instead to get experience, another company and joined Foote, Cone & Belding as an Account Director. Nevertheless, Ogilvy & Mather promised to keep in touch.

When he was twenty eight, Hugh followed FCB's Managing Director to join the Board of a London "creative hotspot" called The Kirkwood Company. It was from here that he was finally persuaded to rejoin the Ogilvy and Mather fold after an offer to become General Manager in Thailand in

July 1988: "I am very happy to be back with such a great company".

In the meantime there has been more to Hugh's life than his career. He has found time for cricket tours to Sri Lanka, South Africa and Australia, and a Rugby tour to Kenya. His brother, Peter, lives in Iceland and Hugh has been there twice.

Another brother, Jamie, is the only rugby player to be capped for both New Zealand ("another story") and England and Hugh has seen Jamie's internationals in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France and New Zealand. The youngest brother, Anthony, has worked in New York and Hugh visited him there too.

To continue the cosmopolitan flavour of his life, last year Hugh married the lovely Ricki who comes from Linköping in Sweden.

Ricki is a qualified Montessori kindergarten teacher, which should soon become extra-useful because she is expecting their first child in September. ●

BANGKOK ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

A.G.M. will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 15th of May in the Suriwongse Room, B.C.

MID YEAR GATHERING

This year's Mid Year Gathering is to be held on Saturday 24th of June.

Once again the Oriental Queen has been booked for a pleasant evening cruise on the river with good food, plenty to drink, convivial company and even some Scottish dancing.

Members are being circularised and further details may be obtained from any St. Andrew's Society committee members.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

In answer to popular demand the Society is planning to hold scottish country dance evenings on the second Monday of every month commencing on Monday 10th April.

The venue will be the Surawongse Room at the British Club where a bar will be made available. Each evening will run from 19.30-22.30 and a small charge will be made per evening of Bt 30.- for a single attendee and Bt 50.- per couple to help towards the cost of air conditioning.

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW AND COME ALONG AND JOIN US
The dates are:— MONDAYS

— 8th May	— 10th July	— 12th June
— 14th August	— 11th September	— 9th October

Guests are welcome so bring your friends along too.

We look forward to seeing you.

For any further information please contact Mae Barr (254-1590)

NEW HORIZONS

The Morris Dance: Part III

The Music, the Dances, and MORRIS Today

THE DANCES

In the index to the first three parts of his published work on Morris, Sharp lists fifty separate dances plus ten jigs. In fact Sharp collected 150 Morris dances and fragments of many more. He lists ten traditions. A "tradition" in Morris takes its name from a particular village which evolved, over time, a body of dances. Presumably the proximity of some villages in an area and the habit of passing on dances orally led to some overlapping. Thus "Black Joke" is danced in several separate traditions – according to Bacon it has seven different variations. Some of these will be nearly similar and some quite different. The first question any visiting Morris man will be asked by his hosts is "What traditions do you know?" This is a useful reference point. Most Sides specialise in dances from two or three traditions, though some have more. This is enough to provide a decent body of dances with plenty of variety in performance. If our visitor knows the Bampton and Adderbury traditions and the



"... in the open air where Morris should, properly speaking, be displayed". Bangkok Morris, Ploenchit Fair, November 1988.

Side he visits do these traditions, then he is in luck. He should be able to slot straight into the Side. Even if he does not know a particular dance of that tradition he can soon pick it up: a tradition uses a fixed number of steps, movements and figures, a dance in that tradition will use some but not all of these common components, each dance in a different way. Difficulty arises where visitor and Side share no common tradition and a period of apprenticeship will be necessary before the visitor can "dance out" (ie appear in

public). The better and more knowledgeable the dancer the quicker he will learn.

Bacon lists twenty-seven traditions and just short of four hundred Morris dances so there is no shortage of material. The increase from Sharp's list is for two reasons: Sharp did not have the time or resources to investigate all the traditions when he undertook his work. Secondly Morris, as Morris men are fond of saying, is a "living tradition". It evolves, it is not fixed with a certain number of dances, new ones appear from time



"... the physically demanding nature of Morris".



"A team performing well together".

to time. The test is acceptance by other sides. The new dances borrow tunes but the stepping and form will be faithful to a particular tradition with the components being used in new ways.

There are a great variety of hand movements and steps covering the many traditions. I suppose it is possible for someone steeped in Morris to know all of them but it would be a large undertaking. This is why most Sides tend to

concentrate on a few traditions with the aim of thoroughly understanding their dances and getting the performance up to a good standard. Some moves such as the "Galley", the "Hook Leg" and the "Hockle" require considerable perseverance and practice to master satisfactorily.

THE MUSIC

Early Morris relied for its music on the pipe-and-tabor.

The tabor was a drum held under the right arm and struck with an implement held in the left hand. The right hand held the pipe. Playing with one hand allowed only for simple fingering. The pipe-and-tabor gives a very distinctive sound, at first thin and rather bare to modern ears accustomed to richer, fuller tones. Some sides in England today still use the pipe-and-tabor in addition to other instruments. It was still generally in use by Morris Sides in the Nineteenth century. Some old Morris men told Sharp that when the violin (fiddle) started to be used they gave up because they missed the beat of the tabor and so could no longer keep time. After the violin came the concertina, but today the most common instruments used to make music for the Morris are the accordion and the melodeon, perhaps accompanied by the penny whistle or a recorder. A fortunate Side might have the lot – fiddle, accordion, etc. Generally speaking, a Side is doing well to have more than two regular musicians, though occasionally a Side is noted more for its musicianship than its dancing. Live music is essential for the effective performance of Morris and the musician is a vital member of any Side.

The tunes themselves are, as you would expect, pretty simple affairs but they are mostly good, strong and catchy, they invite harmonies and variations. Many tunes have been borrowed but the older dances have tunes probably their own. There are some lovely Doric airs from

the Sixteenth and Seventeenth centuries. Most Morris dance tunes are divided into two parts – the “A” and the “B” music. The “A” covers the lead into the dance and each individual figure. The “B” music covers the chorus or “distinctive figure”. The music alternates “A” and “B” as figure and chorus are danced. Very occasionally, as in the dance “Trunkles”, a dance will have an “A”, “B” and “C” music. On first hearing, the change is not always apparent but after a short time dancers recognise a clear difference between the “A” and the “B” music.

THE DANCERS

It takes all sorts. Morris men are no more introspective than other groups. The answer to “Why do you do it?” is usually “Because we enjoy it”. Quite apart from its historical and cultural meaning, Morris is simply a lot of fun. Most



“... because we enjoy it”.

sides enjoy their practice nights almost as much as the performances – it is a poor practice that does not account for a fair amount of beer but this should not put off the non-drinker. Alcohol, usually beer, is a pleasant accompaniment to Morris, not its *raison d’être*.

The real attraction of Morris for the dancers is an individual matter and so perhaps better left undefined. It certainly

dissolves inhibitions. Considered in isolation it can seem ludicrous but then so are many sports and entertainments. For me there is the satisfaction of a team performing well together and a certain “magic” to a successful show, especially in the open air where Morris should, properly speaking, be displayed.

Richard Green

Folk dancing is not everyone’s cup of tea, an anathema to some, but invariably a Morris Side is given a sympathetic and usually a warm reception by the public. The Bangkok Morris Men are now a reasonably established Side with fifteen current members and five public performances behind us. Our last outing was at “St George’s Night”. We have also been invited to dance in July at the “British Food Week” at the Dusit Thani Hotel. New members are warmly welcome – we practise every Tuesday evening. For details please ring Phil Iddison (391-7366/7), David Dann (252-5040 Ext ODP) or Richard Green (253-0191 Ext 220).

7 RAVEL LOG

Fishing Upcountry

THREE intrepid travellers, used to the rigours of expeditions to the interiors of NICs, set off for Nakhon Ratchasima on a two-day jaunt. The meeting point for departure was the BC, but due to an unexpected change of transport the departure was delayed somewhat. OC Transport finally rolled up with car and vitals, only to discover the waiting members of the team had already cajoled the BC chef into making bacon ‘n’ egg sarnies for the projected four hour drive. An important addition was now made in the form of grape juice, mutterings were made about the lack of vodka but these were ignored.

The three plus one were ready to leave, and two hours later AIT had been reached, traffic having been normal thus far. A sudden spurt to Saraburi, and then the pace slowed due to the inordinate number of trucks that materialised. It should however be noted that the authorities do seem to be improving the road with the addition of a two foot strip of macadam on either side of the Friendship Highway.



Apple Gidley and Grainne James at the Chokchai icecream parlour.

A pit stop was required by all and we were assured by the F&B member of the team that an appropriate venue was soon to be seen, “just pass the Khao Yai turn-off”. Thirty kilometres later the stop was made! After admiring the lone tiger and armed with the hamper the trio sat amidst the flies and cowboys of the Chokchai Steakhouse. Spurning steak in favour of BC sarnies, though graciously accepting icecream, the three plus one were sufficiently replenished.

Virgin territory for all except the plus one and much comment was heard on the quality of the soil, the existence of cows and the beauty of LamTakhong Reservoir. Animated conversation filled the Mitsubishi and the outskirts of Khorat appeared out of nowhere. The eagle eyed team leader espied the TAT building and having received the required bumf on the town the search for suitable accommodation commenced. With it was an interesting display of map reading. After

a polite interval passed wherein the driver executed given directions promptly and correctly, instructions were elicited from a passing samlor driver to the Muang Mai Chao Phraya Hotel. Following further tactical driving the hotel was reached, and after one of the more naive members of the team was discouraged from registering at the conjoining massage parlour, the hotel minus the marble vestibule of its neighbour was deemed suitable.

Sustenance was now sought in the form of vino collapsio. This was followed by dinner and the intrepid three, minus plus one by this stage, set off to see the sights of Khorat. Khunying Mo was first on the agenda. It was this indomitable lady and her willing entourage who enticed the marauding Laotians into a drunken revellery and promised debauchery.

The latter was never effected due to the untimely



Men at work in the ceramic factory.

death of the invaders at the hands of the ladies of Khorat.

The culture tour now over the trio then haggled their way through the nightmarket with much good humour from both vendor and buyer.

Parched throats were the

deciding factor in returning to the hostelry. Thirst quenched, nighties donned, cards dealt, all to the accompaniment of the music from the aforementioned parlour. After a comfortable night breakfast was a sad disappointment. No orange juice, no pancakes, no milk. The more adventurous members of the team settled for French toast and eggs, the F&B member insisted on coke and a mars bar.

After the complicated checkout procedure had been completed the three plus one set off on Route 2071 for Ban Dan Kwian – the fishing was about to commence. On arrival it was decided to look first, fish later. After four hours of looking, bartering and sweating in each and every stall purchases were finally made. Along the way four rather



Grainne and Gill Hough with war drums.

large urns were acquired as well as an assortment of jugs, pots and of course the obligatory fish.

Following much 'no can doing' by plus one vis-a-vis storage of said acquisitions in the boot, the 'yes can does' prevailed. Suffice it to say that extra air was required in all four tyres. An interesting sideshow was a small open-air museum, showing exhibits of the various ancient modes of transport and war drums resembling cannons. A pleasant interlude from the rigours of bargain hunting.

Tour object achieved, the team were ready to return to the Bangkok metropolis. A certain amount of dubious driving was required to clear the Khorat traffic, bad due to

the Crown Prince's visit, but once away the Chokchai Steakhouse was reached in record time. This time steak was consumed with a passion, and it was deemed the best in Thailand, all for the princely sum of Bt300. The remainder of the trip was decidedly quieter and the two travellers in the back read to the accompaniment of gentle snores from the tour leader.

Home was finally reached, husbands were rallied to the collection point to admire the inevitable bargains; for bargains indeed they were, average prices being less than half the Bangkok asking price. Two marvellous days ended with champagne and promises to explore another area soon – gemstone country next!

"I'm certainly not having a drink! Where would I find a lavatory out here?"



Aerobic Exercise Programme at the British Club

COME and join the new aerobic classes due to start at the BC from May onwards. The classes are a combination of dance and exercise, moves designed to TRIM, SHAPE and TONE your body as well as exercise your HEART and LUNGS, all in a one hour routine.

ALL ROUTINES CAN BE DONE LOW OR HIGH IMPACT. Each individual can work at their own level with close supervision. During the one hour session we begin with a warm up designed to prepare you for more advanced activities. We then go onto the aerobic section followed by a floor routine to trim and tone every muscle in your body; finally there is a cool down to end the programme.

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CLASSES: every Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 9.00 am.

FEES: 500 baht a month, can be paid billed to your monthly account.

DRESS: Leotards and tights or shorts and T-shirt. Bring an exercise mat or large towel.

For further information call Asha – 213-2134.

GLEANINGS

THE Highlight of the Month for a lot of us was the Hong Kong Sevens. Although I am not a great Rugby fan, I really enjoy these few days. The atmosphere is fantastic and you could spend all the time just people-watching if you really don't enjoy the Rugby. The assortment of hats, T-Shirts and other attire is amazing. One of the most outlandish outfits was, of course, sported by our own Jim Howard. Well done Nigel for actually sitting next to him. The excitement started just after leaving Don Muang. As soon as the seat belt sign was switched off, the back of the aeroplane suddenly tipped to a 45° angle. No, it wasn't a rush for the toilets, it was just half the British Club turning the back of the 'plane into a bar. The congenial steward who was filling glasses with white wine turned out to be none other than the lovely Hugh Salmon. The festivities continued well into the night at the Dicken's Bar of the Excelsior Hotel. Anyone wishing to confirm the evils of drink would do well to have been in the breakfast room the next day (and every day thereafter) to see the sights that crawled in and toyed with their scrambled eggs and greasy bacon. I believe that some people have even gone on the wagon after such a weekend.

Sarah, my daughter, said that no excitement happened at the Rugby and on questioning her idea of excitement, I was told that they hadn't had a streaker. Her patience was rewarded when an obliging male suddenly rushed onto the pitch waving his arms and things around. I missed it as I turned away at that point. Not out of embarrassment, but I couldn't find my glasses!!

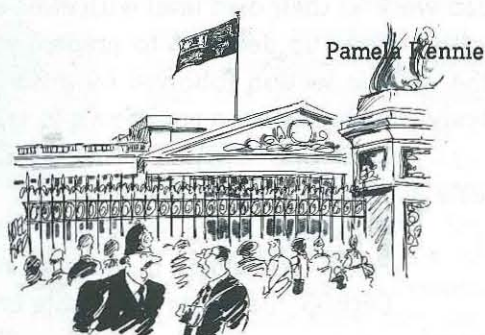
Many of us were shocked when we read that the ground for the Sevens was going to be sold for property development and the Rugby would henceforth be held in Guangzhou. It wasn't until it was read several times that the penny dropped. It was written by one Avril leFou and it was 1st April.

Streakers were very much in the news this month as it happened again at the cricket in Chiang Mai. Quote by Nick White was "No one tried to stop him, but he strained a muscle on the way and limped to the other side of the field where he took shelter behind the back of a tree until a lady brought him his clothes". I think hobbled would have been a more appropriate word and it would have served him right if he had been left there.

There was no modesty at Hua Hin this week either. It was topless and more topless. I only wish that these bold females could answer all the questions that this exposure has caused my 6-year-old to ask.

We went to Hua Hin by train. An experience not to be forgotten. We arrived at the station 1½ hours too early and spent the time people-watching. There was obviously a party of Ear, Nose and Throat specialists on the same train and the children's concern about 2 old women vomiting blood into a bag was quickly dispelled with a description about Betel Nut and its properties.

I would not recommend the train journey to anyone unless they: (a) want to do Thailand on the cheap (44 baht for four hour's journey) (b) have a very strong back and (c) they want to go ethnic and share their seat with 50 boyscouts with equipment. Next time I will take sandwiches, beer, cool wipes and a very good book!



"Actually, sir, she's out — she leaves the flag up to fool the burglars."

SCOFFERIES

New La Grenouille



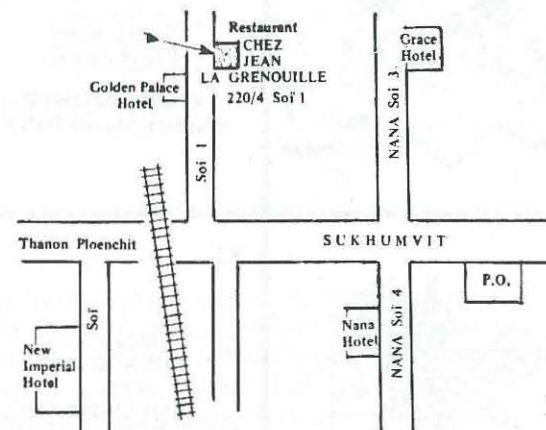
IT is not very often one has the opportunity to dine in one's bedroom — breakfast may be but dinner of escargots and boeuf bourguignonne, wines and delightful company, no! Well, almost years ago I lived in a delightful house in Soi one, Sukhumvit. My genial landlord told me to leave and subsequently about 15 shophouses mushroomed.

Fortunately one of these became La Grenouille opened by Jean Schlumberger, and since his death, by Philippe Belly. Thus I reckoned I dined with friends in the spot when my bedroom once was!






The menu is described as typically or classically French, having if anything a bias towards the Bordeaux region whence M. Belly originates. The menu is not large or pretentious, running to four pages. Examples, vichyssoise, escargots, boeuf bourguignonne, tripe, lamb chops and plakapong. A good selection of 'homme'-made saucisson, cured ham and rillettes are highly recommended.

The New Grenouille is reasonably priced, clean, with excellent wholesome food and well worth a visit. As usual, due to the heavy handed Government tax on wines, the alcohol outdid the food 2 : 1.

Bon Appetit
Bob Coombes



MAY CALENDAR

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1 Grand National Family Day (sponsored by Pepsi and 7 Up) First race begins at 4.30 p.m.	2 Ladies Golf 7.00 a.m. Bridge 7.30 p.m.	3 B.W.G. Bridge* 9.00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 p.m. Snooker A.G.M.* 6.00 p.m.	4 Ladies' Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. Ladies Squash 9.00-12 noon	5 Harry's Piano Night and Accumulator at 8.00 p.m. Seafood Speciality Night in Restaurant
	6 Golf - Pattaya W/E Family Video 6.00-8.00 p.m.	7 Golf - Pattaya W/E Prime Rib Beef Lunch Buffet Supper from 5.00 p.m.	8 Beginner's Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. B.W.G. Mahjong* 9.00 a.m. Ladies Tennis 4.00-6.00 p.m. Happy Hour 5.30-9.00 p.m. Chess Club* 7.00 p.m. Scottish Dancing 7.30 p.m.	9 Ladies Golf 7.00 a.m. Bridge 7.30 p.m.	10 B.W.G. Bridge* 9.00 a.m. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 p.m. Snooker Competition 6.00 p.m. (Call Ron Armstrong)	11 Ladies' Tennis 8.00-10.00 a.m. Ladies Squash 9.00-12 noon Bambi Meeting at B.C. Air Seychelles Free Drinks Evening 6.00-8.00 p.m.	12 Harry's Piano Night and Accumulator at 8.00 p.m. Seafood Speciality Night in Restaurant
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WELL WORTH READING

Meet the Author -- PIRA SUDHAM

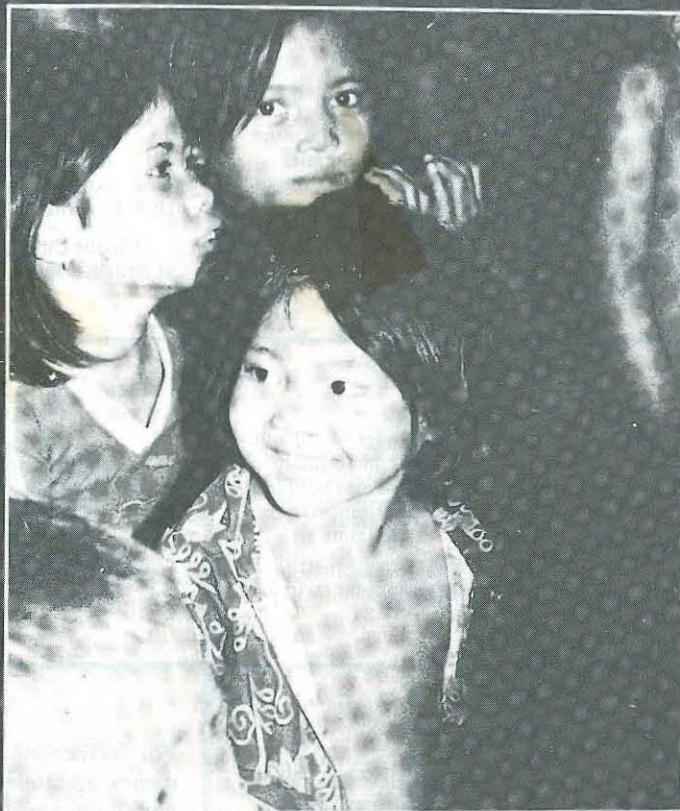
"PIRA Sudham is the kind of writer who is invaluable to a country like Thailand. He is someone who believes in development but not revolution, social justice but not communism, and who has learnt that not all the Westernisation in the world can take from a good man his responsibility to his own people". (*South China Morning Post*.)

Born in 1942 to a rice farming family in Esarn, an impoverished, northeastern Thai province bordering Kam-puchea, the young Pira helped his family in the rice fields and tended the herd of water buffaloes.

"Our lives there are subject to ignorance, superstition and and the mercy of nature: drought, floods, disease and scarcity. With endurance we



Pira Sudham MONSOON COUNTRY



Shire Books

tend to accept our fate as something we cannot alter, believing that each of us suffers our own 'karma' for deeds we committed in our previous lives," said the author.

He left his village when he was 14 and made his way to Bangkok where he lived as a lay person, an acolyte, in a Buddhist temple and entered high school. Later, while studying in the second year of the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University he won a Colombo Plan Scholarship to study English literature in a New Zealand university. This led to a 12 year odyssey during which Pira Sudham also lived in Hong Kong, Australia and in England.

He now divides his time between a working life in Bangkok where, he says, "As the president of the Siam Wine Society, I keep a modest cellar of fine wine which I enjoy sharing with guests",

and his home village of Napo, about 400 kilometres northeast of the capital. "It is always Napo, this remote village in Esarn to which I return. A team of village carpenters built me a wooden house on the land where I was born," he explained. "To me mentally, the village is more than the distance between Bangkok and Hong Kong, which takes less than three hours by air. Here, there is no telephone, and in my house I don't have a television set. There is only a short wave radio."

Very few Thai authors chose to write in the English language. Pira views his writings "as a force emerging from the grass roots, from the poor of Thailand who had no voice before." His first full length novel *Monsoon Country* (published 1988) describes, what is essentially, his own life story. It is full of insights into aspects of rural Thai life the English reader

would be hard-pressed to find elsewhere.

The great plain of the northeast is lovingly evoked, but it is also shown as a place where the village headman uses his position to systematically cheat his neighbours and steal relief donated by international charities, where rice farmers are annually swindled by the small-town merchants and where marriages by proxy are common.

Monsoon Country is set in Thailand, England and Germany. It is presented in a series of scenes which cover 25 years of socio-economic and political change in Thailand; and portrays not only the cultural tensions between East and West, but also vividly describes the clashes between the old values and new powers in Thai society today.

Also by Pira Sudham "*Siamese Drama*", 1983, "*People of Esarn*" 1987.

 Air
Seychelles



AIR SEYCHELLES cordially invites members of the BC for free drinks on Thursday evening the 11th of May from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Churchill Bar.

Snooker Section A.G.M. will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday the 3rd of May in the Wordsworth Lounge. All interested members are urged to attend.

Snooker Competitions will also be held on the 10th & 24th of May at 6 p.m.

Please call Ron Armstrong on 390-2445 for details.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Car Games

Children are active beings. They don't naturally spend hours (or even minutes) sitting passively on a chair, unless perhaps they're watching television — yet that's what they're expected to do in a car. Here are some ideas to make the time pass more quickly and more enjoyably.

Some ways to make car trips tolerable



- Allow time to stop frequently so that children can run about. Babies can be taken out and allowed to lie on their stomachs, or kick for a few minutes.
- Make sure the car is comfortable with pillows and blankets.
- Have non-messy food and drinks easily accessible. Plastic drinking mugs with spouts prevent spills in a car.
- On a long trip, the camping site near a natural local attraction may be more interesting than the television set in a motel.

- Have a portable cooler for food and extra drink in case of vehicle breakdown in country areas.

- A child is less likely to be carsick if he can see out well he hasn't just eaten a big meal, or drunk a milkshake he sucks a barley sugar no-one suggests he might be But be prepared!

Ideas for Car Trips

- You can buy moulded cushions to boost the child to a reasonable height so that he can see out.
- Involve the child in the journey. Change places so he can sit in the front sometimes (with an approved restraint) to help watch for traffic lights and road signs.

What can you see? How many? What colour?

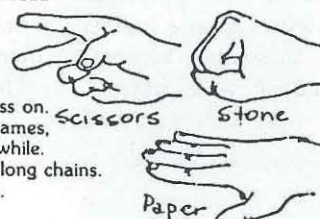
Things for a car 'treasure bag'

- Crayons (better than pencils, which poke when jolted).
- Paper, on a pad or notebook with reasonably firm backing to press on.
- Toys — matchbox cars, dolls with extra clothes, magnetic board games, magic writing or drawing sets, cards, toys that he hasn't seen for a while.
- A packet of pipe cleaners to make people, spiders, spectacles or long chains.
- Wool to do cat's cradle, french knitting, or just wind round things.
- Playdough or plasticene and a small board.
- Individual food supplies — little containers of dried fruit, chewing gum, little cereal packs.
- Cassettes of favourite songs, stories and music.
- A litter bag.

Things to do

- Take the opportunity to reminisce about your own childhood or your child's baby days.
- Make up part of a story. Pass it on to the next person to continue.
- Play games: hand games

scissors, stone and paper — on the count of three, each player presents his hand in the form of scissors, stone or paper stone beats scissors — it blunts them paper beats stone — it wraps it scissors beat paper — they cut it mini-hand mimes — demonstrate an action for someone else to guess, using your hands only.



Observation Games

Your child may not be able to play the traditional 'I Spy' game, 'I spy with my little eye, something beginning with B...' but you can adapt it. You could use a colour, for example, 'I spy with my little eye, something blue...' or a brief description, 'I spy with my little eye, something with eight wheels...' or a sound equivalent, 'I spy with my little eye, something that sounds like knee. It has green leaves. It's a tree.' Remember that all those playing the game must be able to see the object being guessed. You could give individual children their own list of things to watch for — draw the objects if they cannot read. They could mark off what they have seen.

Score points for seeing various objects e.g., cows, people on bicycles, etc. Make up the rules to suit your family's degree of competitiveness.



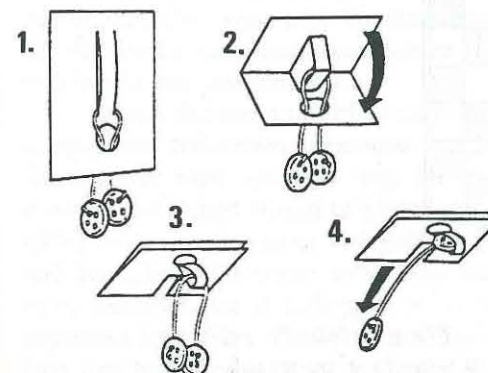
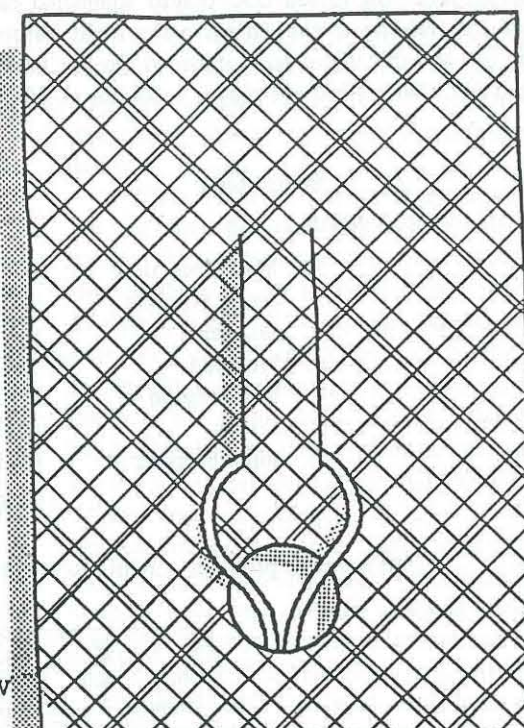
HERE'S A PUZZLE THAT ONLY TAKES MINUTES TO MAKE, BUT CAN TAKE AGES TO SOLVE:

1 Cut a strip in the centre of a piece of paper and make a hole below it, just a fraction underneath the strip.

2 Tie a button on a piece of string and thread the string through the hole, through the strip and back through the hole. Tie another button on the string. Make sure the buttons are too big to go through the hole.

Now ask your friend to get the buttons free WITHOUT TEARING THE PAPER!

What? You've made the puzzle and you still don't know how to do it? We don't want to embarrass you in front of your friends, so we've given you the solution below



CHESS



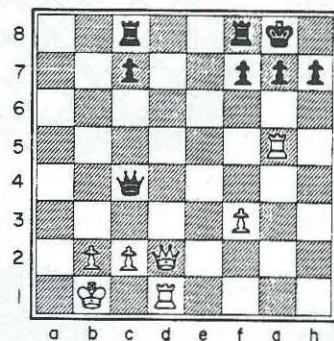
CHESS

THE Chess Section was at long last able to host a return match against the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. The match comprised 7 boards and was won by the Sports Club 5 boards to 2. The result was closer than it looked with one or two well contested games which just went against the B.C. players. Mike Richard in particular played well and was a piece up against Sanser at which point he rightly turned down the offer of a draw from the Sports Club player, only to lose the end game with one or two less than precise moves. Still an excellent game for his first time out for 10 years. In the other games Wanchai played strongly to win on board 4 and James Nichols was fortunate to find himself with a Rook vs Knight in the endgame despite an earlier pawn blunder. Mark Twemlow in his last game before returning to the U.K. played somewhat cautiously and allowed his opponent to gain the initiative, his training at the Thermae the night before did not help. Bob Gosling was also ahead in his game but lost through several unforced errors. On the whole the performance of the team was quite promising and a team win next time is a distinct possibility.

Results

British Club		R.B.S.C.
B.C. White on odd		
1. Mark Twemlow	0 - 1	Lloyd Taub
2. James Nichols	1 - 0	John Van Der Linden
3. Surasak	0 - 1	Piya
4. Wanchai	1 - 0	Vichai
5. Bob Gosling	0 - 1	Naris
6. Pisanu	0 - 1	Prateep
7. Mike Richard	0 - 1	Sanser
	2 - 5	

This month's problem - White to move and mate in 5.



Answer:

1. R x g7+, K x R (if 1... K-h8 then 2. R x h7+, followed by Q/R to the g/h files-wins).
2. Q-g5+, K-h8 3. Q-f6+, K-g8
4. R-g1+, Q-g4, 5. R x Q++

CRICKET



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18 March. Chiang Mai. 30 overs International vs Int'l Sporting Club of Indonesia. Won by 6 wickets.

ISCI 143-6 (White 6-1-10-1; Lewis 4-0-13-1; Garden 6-1-22-1; Hall 4-0-28-1; Walwyn 6-0-36-1)

BC 144-4 (White 72, Adams 24, Garden 18)

The annual hot-season trip to Chiang Mai was this year organised as a triangular affair with Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club and International Sporting Club from Jakarta. The squad included a number of first-timers, including Bob Reiner, Brian Lewis, Geoff Bulte and John Garden, who all had to experience the traditional city tour on the evening before the first match. Our driver for the weekend was clearly a connoisseur of potting-sheds and allied structures, which Bob Reiner was soon eloquently comparing to a game of conkers (the precise drift of his idiom sometimes escapes me). All too soon the driver (John Garden found out his name was Jimmy) was taking us back to the hotel and the traditional sing-song around the piano. John revealed yet more hidden talent as he juggled impressively with the hotel crockery, first three pieces, then six; later he was invited to sing alongside the beautiful lady cabaret singer (by a funny coincidence also called Jimmy), but disappointingly she was a little out of tune and appeared to be singing a different song. Anyway, the upshot of it all was that by the time the rest of the audience had finished clamouring for more it was nearly 9.30 and way past the time when we should already have been sound asleep in readiness for the next day's cricket.

We lost the toss and had to take the field. Luckily the Indonesian opposition's night had also lacked total serenity, and the opening batsman was caught Hough bowled White before either he or the rest of us had woken up. John and Nick kept the score down but this was soon remedied by a collection of randomly-generated balls from Thailand's leading bowler that had older members of the team recalling some of his greater moments from the past.

Newcomer Brian Lewis, who manages to look utterly exhausted just with the effort of walking onto the field, bowled four impressive overs and took the second wicket to fall, with the score on 44. Soon after, David Hall trapped the number four LBW, but this was the last wicket to fall for some time. A somewhat wayward Walwyn finally managed a wicket, five balls into his sixth over and this brought the opening bowlers back again for the last four overs. These produced a wicket for John Garden, who also executed a sharp piece of fielding to run out the number 7. The final total of 143 for 6 was higher than at one time seemed likely, but it made a more interesting game of cricket for the first afternoon session.

Nick White and Terry Adams opened, and for the first few overs, Terry was the faster scorer. Then Nick began to open up in proportion as Terry began to close down, and by the 15-over drinks break they had put on 60 runs, with Nick on 32 and Terry on 15. Nick raced to his fifty after the interval, reaching it after 69 balls, but after the 21st over, a demoralised Terry, deciding he wasn't going to get out of the rut he was in, retired himself out, having scored 24 out of an opening partnership of 92. John Garden was quickly into stride, with two fours and a six before being caught for 18 off 11 balls. Geoff Bulte, top of the averages before the weekend, with only one dismissal all season, was caught for 1 off his third ball, but Nick was still going strong. Two runs from Nick brought the scores level, and with the next ball it would have been all over, except that mid-on took a stunning catch off a full-blooded drive to dismiss Nick for 72. With 24 balls left to get the winning run, no-one was unduly pessimistic, but when David Hall played out the last three balls of the over, and David Warwound failed to score at all off the 29th over, there were some who were beginning to look worried. It was with some relief that David H. hit the required run off the first ball of the last over to give us our second international victory of the season.

18/19 March. Chiang Mai. 30 overs vs CGC. Lost 7 wickets.

BC 105 (Garden 57, Walwyn 22)

CGC 109-3 (White 6-2-9-1; Hall 1-0-13-1; Garden 6-0-35-1)

After a quick break for tea, we were back in action against a fresh Chiang Mai side who compounded our difficulties by winning the toss and putting us in. Nick White had just batted almost through the entire innings and it was therefore John Garden who opened with the prepped David Walwyn. Things went well to begin with, and the openers put on 48 before David fell to the off-spin of a well-known Chiang Mai restaurateur. At the 15-over break, John was on 44 and BC on 70 for 1. The second half of the innings, however, was a different story. Nick White faced four more balls before being caught for 6, and John, having completed his fifty and then crowning it with a six, was caught on the boundary. These two wickets fell at 79 and 89, respectively, and that, as they say, was just about that. For fear of reprisals from Dick Wood, I will not sum up the rest of the innings in half a line of joined-up words (again), but there's not really a lot to tell, as a combination of excellent Chiang Mai fielding and inept batting saw the last six wickets fall for 16 runs: Geoff Bulte was out for his second one of the day; Frank was caught for two; David Hall was bowled by a full toss for six; Brian Lewis rushed 21 yards down the wicket and top-edged a catch to square-leg for a maiden duck; Bob Reiner was LBW for 3; and Jack Dunford was bowled for none. Terry Adams was the not out batsman, and we only had ten men, so we were all out for 105. To cap this display, the players were not then best pleased to discover that David Warwound had gone off after his innings and would not be available for the completion of the game on Sunday morning.

As it happened, we procured the services of a substitute fielder, so we were back up to ten men again when we took the field at what seemed to be cruelly close to an unfairly bright dawn; it would perhaps be unseemly to reveal the origins on the previous night of new nicknames The Sleeping Bulte and Jock-Dee or to say why Jack needed the washing-powder and Terry the alarm-call, but traces of these and other adventures were not entirely absent from

the features of the team on Sunday. Somehow one sensed this might not be our day when Brian Lewis's second ball was hit back over his head for six and the first over yielded 14 runs.

The second over was a little more hopeful, as the Frank Hough/Nick White combination again claimed the first wicket. Brian's second over was a maiden, and so was Nick's next, but the trauma had put paid to Brian, who had finished his over limping and could clearly not go on bowling. John Garden and Nick each bowled their allowance of six overs, with John adding the number three to the weekend's victims, but the low BC total was clearly not enough to galvanise the team into any sort of concerted effort, and silly-season tactics took over, with the 6½ overs not bowled by White and Garden being shared between six different bowlers. In the middle of this, John Garden, taking over from Frank behind the stumps, took his first stumping victim, from David Hall's bowling. Fittingly, the winning run was a boundary.

The team then settled back for the rest of the day to watch an absorbing contest between Chiang Mai and ISCI; in a very close finish, CGC just managed to score the winning runs, and thus end up overall winners of the weekend, with two victories out of two.

SIXES

Two sixes competitions were played in March and April. In Bangkok the British Club side did extremely well and reached the final of the Plate competition, where they were beaten by one run by the Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia. In Chiang Mai, the Thai Thevada team with BC's Nick White reached the final of the main competition but came second. The main winners were the Volvo Scribblers in Bangkok and the Swagat Slammers (if memory serves) in Chiang Mai.

David Hall

LADIES' GOLF



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ANOTHER busy golf month, our big competition being the ASTRAL CUP, played over two weeks at Muang Ake, sponsored by Lever Bros (Thailand) Ltd. It was a grand event and Muang Ake course played very nicely, although putting in the first round left a lot to be desired, only Judy breaking 30. The first rounds produced 2 under pars, four 74 nets and 1 birdie, exciting stuff. The second round improved immensely with no fewer than seven under pars, notably Nena's 64 (81 gross) must be some kind of record for B.C.L.G. There would have been quite a few lower under pars recorded if it hadn't been for the odd bunker or water pond. Anyway, it was nice to see such good scores posted and our congratulations to Trish Blackburn (141) our worthy Astral Cup winner for 1989. Florene Studebaker was a close second by 1 point (142) on a count back with Joan Jurgens third, also (142). The competition was followed by



Trish, Florene and Joanie winner of the 1989 Astral Cup.

lunch and prize giving at the Golf Course.

Our thanks to Florene who organised so well the daily prizes, near Pins, Long Drives etc. Our thanks also to Amma-Lisa who brought her magic camera along to record our moments of glory. Meanwhile Joanie and Penny were also busily clicking away, thank you all. Last, but not least, I'd like to thank our sponsors, Lever Bros—Thailand, for their

generous support once more of our Annual "Astral Cup" Stroke Play competition.

A special thanks also for the lovely gift of Lever Bros's products, it was a great day, and every lady went home with some thing from our sponsor.

WORTH NOTING. Eileen Branton is our new Treasurer and has taken on the responsibility of collecting subs, fees and putt kitty. Thank you Eileen.

Judy Farmer is our new handicapper, taking over from Gai Petri; sadly Gai and her family are leaving for America. She has been a great supporter and worker for BCLG and will be greatly missed by us all. Good luck Gai and thank you Judy.

Your starter for April	— Margaret	250-1847	— Army
Your starter for 2nd and 9th May	— Penny	258-9415	— Army

I am extremely pleased to announce we have two more new members. Welcome to the B.C.L.G., Pat Daniels and Genevieve Verrier, glad to have you with us.

Lovely to have Joan Guthrie with us on March 14th, and although I did not play with her, I believe she has not lost her magic touch.

ECLECTIC, continues to be inspiring. I hope, for each of us to do better on our not so good holes. As you all know e/4LGU handicaps will be used and the winner will receive a rather nice trophy and replica (to keep) sponsored by Mr. XL. Last day of Eclectic Tuesday, 25th April.

At the end of March we once again had a very welcome visit from four members of the **Zambian Ladies Golf Union**. They stopped off here for a few days before returning to Zambia, after playing in Hong Kong and China. Khun Rae Vadee of TALGA arranged a joint competition at Green Valley for BCLG, FLOGG, TALGA and ZLGU. This was a great success and a wonderful opportunity for many of us to play at Green Valley. It was most appropriate that Marjory Mwape of the ZLGU was the big winner of the day. After the competition we enjoyed a delicious lunch followed by prizegiving. Our thanks to Khun Rae Vadee for arranging such an enjoyable outing.

Gestetner Trophy – Gestetner Thailand are once again sponsoring this very popular event so ladies please take note of the details. This is a two day Stableford event on Tuesday 23rd May and Tuesday 30th May, at Muang Ake; Tee Off at 7 am.



Marjory Mwape of the ZLGU receiving her prize.

COMPETITION RESULTS

7th March

Non T's & F's Stroke Play				
Flight 'A'	Winner	:	Margaret McEwan	(19) 42½
	R'Up	:	Sriwan Forrest	(24) 43
Flight 'B'	Winner	:	Lavita Hughes	(39T) 37½
	R'Up	:	Trish Blackburn c/b Pearl Aw.	(29) c/b 40½
	Near Pin No. 8	:	Judy Farmer	
	Near Pin No. 13	:	Anne Kwong	

14th March

Flight 'A'	Winner	:	Anna-Lisa Lowenborg	(19) 49
	R'Up	:	Margaret McEwan	(19) 55
Flight 'B'	Winner	:	Judy Farmer	(28T) 48
	R'Up	:	Sriwan Forrest	(23) 49
Light 'C'	Winner	:	Lavita Hughes	(39T) 47
	R'Up	:	Inge Schwetz c/b Benjamine Bronne	(30) c/b 51
	Near Pin No. 15	:	Sriwan	
	Low Putts	:	Margaret	

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21st and 28th March

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	Winner	:	Trish Blackburn	(141)
	2nd	:	Florene Studebaker c/b	(142)
	3rd	:	Joan Jurgens	(142)
1st Day	Winner	:	Judy Farmer	(70)
	R'Up	:	Penny Whalley	(74) c/b
	Near Pin No. 6	:	Gai	
	Near Pin No. 8	:	Anna-Lisa	
	Near Pin No. 12	:	Benjamine	
	Near Pin No. 17	:	Florene	
	Long Drive	:	Gai	
2nd Day	Winner	:	Mena Reid	(64)
	R'Up	:	Margaret McEwan	(69)
	Near Pin No. 6	:	Pat Daniels	
	Near Pin No. 8	:	Penny	
	Near Pin No. 12	:	Margaret	
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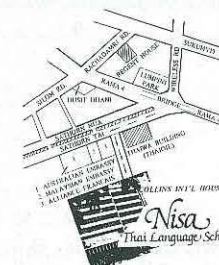
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SQUASH SQUASH



MARCH was the month of a hectic league programme and the Squash Section AGM. The former drew considerably more attention than the latter but "Squashies" do have a preference for playing the game rather than administering it!

Firstly then, the leagues as always, produced a lot of good squash, some exciting tussles and a few surprises. None more so than in Division 2, where the outcome was undecided right until the last game which turned out to be the only 3-0 result in the whole of this group. Jon Sill, it was that won this game and it gave him 26 points equal with Tony Brazenell. The latter won the Division as he had earlier beaten Jon! So the Chairman should be in Division 1 next time, well done Sir! (or should it be spelt cur?)

The full list of winners is given below, although other details are skimpy. Rod D. was belting the ball like a good'un when last seen on court, whereas Brian R. in the same Division 1 (where the big boys play and some of them getting bigger by the day!) may have decided he preferred tennis! Sadly one of the games greatest enthusiasts, Mike O'C, is currently nursing an ankle injury but threatens to make a comeback in the Inter-Society tournament for the St. Patrick's team (please God, don't let them wear green!)

75th League

Results were:-

Division 1 Winner	Rod Dominy
2	Tony Brazenell
3	Jim Howard
4	Mike Geary
5	Tim Davis
6	Jack Glattbach
7	Bill Barr
8	George Dunford

Thanks again to Canadian Airlines for their sponsorship, the shirts were pretty good and have been spotted in some interesting places around town as well as on the squash courts.

Moving on to the AGM it is fair to say that the stalwart few turned up and thankfully all the Committee agreed to stand for re-election. The overwhelming lack of support from other "squashies", was only tempered by the fact that all the courts were being played on at the same time as the AGM took place, so there are a lot of people who enjoy playing the game and long may it be so!

The full list of the Committee and their appointed tasks is given below:-

Chairman	: Tony Brazenell
Captain	: Tony Austin
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If you are a new member, don't be shy to ask for a "knock" most of the above are almost human and would like to meet you. Players of all standards are welcome at the mix-in on Wednesday evening from 6 p.m. onwards and on Sunday from 1.30 p.m. onwards. Why not come along?

Last but not least, don't want to start a tribal war, but there will be the Inter-Societies Handicap Competition on April 23. Sign up on the board by Court 1 to participate. What a great way to get rid of the hangover from the St. George's Ball the night before!

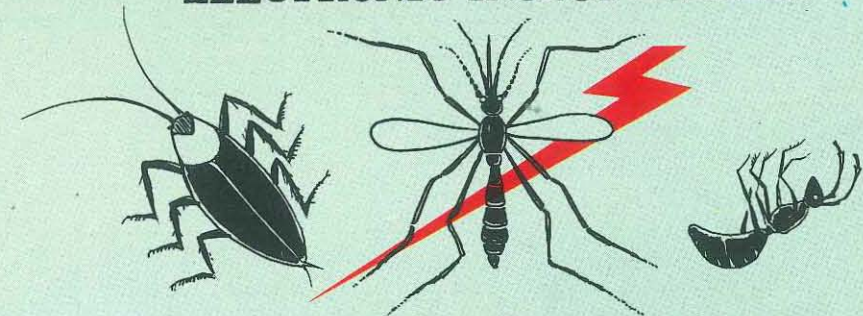
Question: What have you got if you have a little green ball in one hand and a little green ball in the other? No not two squash players deciding which one to use.

Answer: The undivided attention of a leprechaun!

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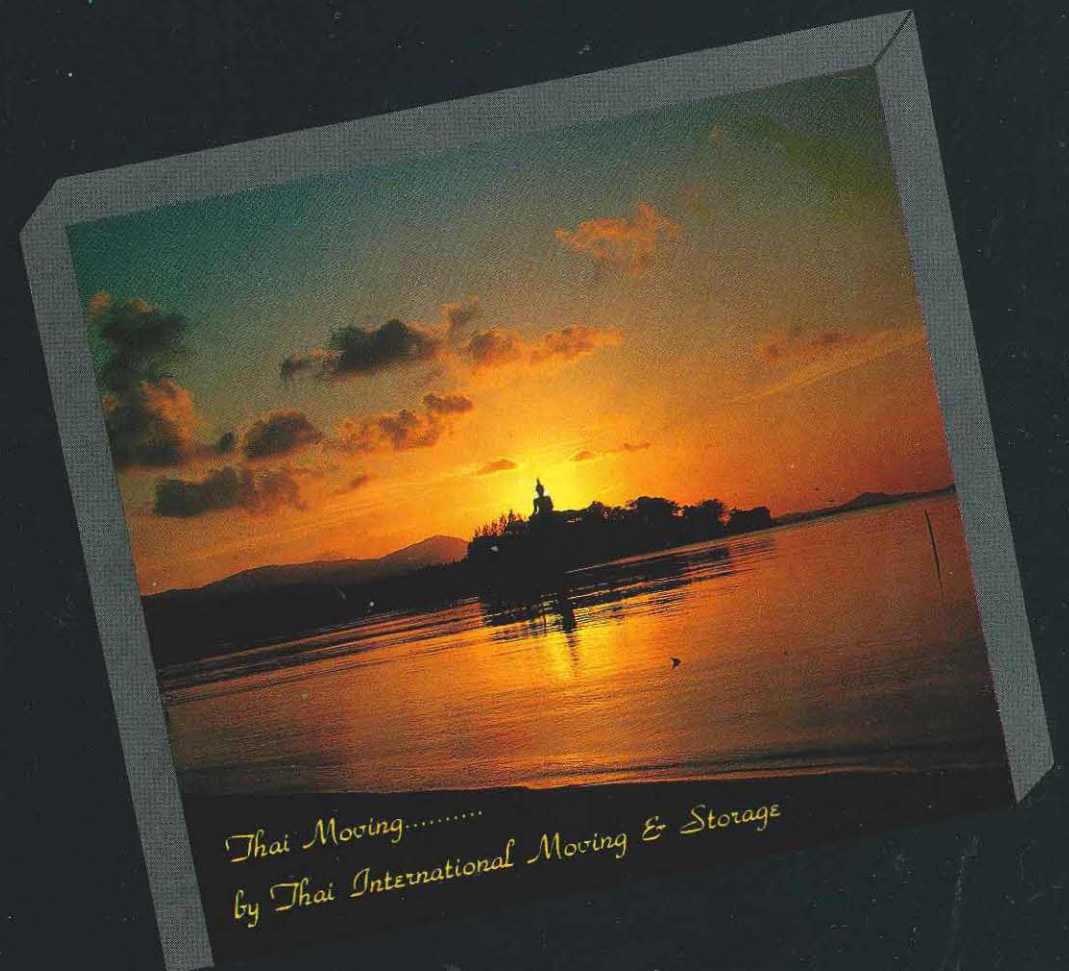
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HI GANG,

Another month, another pound in the piggy-bank. "The Party's over, its time to call it a day" – yes the league season has finished and it is not one that will go down in the annals of British Club history as we could only manage mid – table respectability in our lowest place finish in several years. As Bill Shankly once said "Football is not a matter of life and death – it is much more important." On that count we can be positive in that with the establishment of the Casuals we have given games (and enjoyable ones at that) to more club members than ever. Despite the increasing emphasis on the "Winning is everything" attitude, and I include myself as guilty of falling into that trap, we have all had an enjoyable season and will be back for more.

MATCH REPORT

Our more thorough reader i.e. the one who doesn't go straight for the asides in 'Post-scripts' will remember that we left off with our proceeding to be semi-finals of the RBSC Floodlit Trophy as section winners. Before tackling that match we had a League Game against the French who seem to reserve their best form for the BC encounters. This one was no exception and in a fairly fluid game both sides played some good football on an atrocious ISB pitch which resembles the Gobi Desert more than a football surface. There was a lack of goal-mouth incident however and the game finished 0-0. Not surprisingly in a match where defences were on top, Vince Swift collected yet another Man of the Match credit.

It was then on to the big one i.e. our third RBSC semi-final in three years. The Indians have never been our favourite opponents as, despite being a very skilful side, they usually end up adopting questionable tactics; intimidation, play-acting and downright skull-duggery. We, in turn, never seem to learn and are suckered into 'losing the head' and therefore any upper hand we have in the game. Surely in a semi-final

this would not be the case. Cuckoo, deja vu! We started very much on top and looked the team likelier to succeed in the opening quarter and then the almost inevitable happened – the niggling began, we lost our cool, the referee was unsympathetic – we began to get more than luke-warm – the Indians played to this a little bit more and before we knew it they had the upper hand. The nett result of an ugly match we would all rather forget was a 3-0 win for the Indians with two of our guys booked. As tempers frayed our behaviour deteriorated to the level of the opposition and there were nasty scenes after the final whistle when an Indian kicked one of us from behind and a 1989 version of the suppression of the Indian mutiny ensued. The really sad part is that the Indians are a very good side and on the form showed would probably have defeated us without the necessity of inciting us to misbehaviour. Anyway, enough said – we were out and deservedly so.

We still however had a third place play-off against RBSC themselves who lost 2-0 to the Germans in the other semi-final. Funny old game, isn't it? The two top teams end up being 'dumped' at the knock-out stage.

Normally third place play-offs are unenthusiastic affairs where, like the Bangkok lavatory cleaner, both teams are going through the motions. Not so on this occasion. We had a reputation to restore i.e. our own and we wanted more than anything to redeem ourselves in a sportsmanship sense, in front of the host team. In a great match both teams played some superb, fast-flowing and above all entertaining football with two second half Sports Club goals being enough to beat a Francis Maceever goal for us in the first half. Somehow the result was unimportant as all the neutral and home supporters were complimenting both sides on the game as a spectacle and indeed the great majority said it was better than the final. More importantly our credibility as a sporting side had been repaired.

For the record the Germans went on to

defeat the Indians in extra time to win the Trophy for the first time.

The last game at time of press was our final League game of the season against the ISB School Team. Personal business robbed us of Frank Hough whilst suspension meant the School were without son Simon and so the game did not carry quite the competitive edge it usually does. Both players could be considered 'key' to their respective teams but it was the School who suffered most and went down 2-1 to us. This was a good result as although ISB finished second from last they were on a 'run' and had won their previous three encounters. It was even more encouraging as both our goals were scored by Kieth Denner who in his first full season has not had the 'rub of the green' in his striking efforts and like all good goal scorers his confidence had waned somewhat. These two close-in efforts will prove to be the first of many, I am sure.

Once more experience had it over youth and it was nice to end the league season on a high note.

CASUALS CORNER

Two matches to report and one major development. The good news is that Captain Peter Downs has secured sponsorship for a set of strips from Thai International Removals whose Managing Director Gordon Bell is a regular at right back. Rumours that Gordon took this step to guarantee his place are probably correct but Peter says he needs to provide the match ball also. Anyway the new strips will make their debut any day now and I can promise a logo in keeping with the name and spirit of the team (no it's not a Kloster beer bottle).

The first match was a game against the Unocal Bangkok Office side which is not to be compared with the full Unocal team complete with "ringers" in the shape of half the Thai national youth team. The office side contains an almost equal amount of overweight Farangs as our own, although in fairness to the Casuals there were also several very useful Thai players.

This meant the 5-3 victory for the Casuals was a very creditable result and lead to the usual post match Bacchanalian orgy. Vic 'away-the-lads' Lane scored two, Grant Upton notched one whilst the names of the other two scorers are

obscured in the mists of time or more likely alcoholic oblivion. By all accounts it was a very enjoyable match and I know the Unocal lads were raving about the good spirit it was played in and plan to host a return.

The second game was held against the works team of Triumph (the underwear not the car manufacturers) whose Manager, Tony Shepherd, is another Casuals regular. He tells me his job is very uplifting. I attended this one myself and was impressed by the standard of play. Our lads had the bulk of the pressure but Triumph went ahead against the run of play before Louis Chantanakomes equalised from the penalty spot to make the half time score 1-1. I really wish the Captain would pick guys with more spellable names to take things like penalties.

The second half followed the pattern of the first with the Casuals holding territorial advantage all through and missing four or five good chances (rather reminiscent of the big team). Triumph, in one of their rare attacks scored a second goal with 5 minutes to go and there was no way back for our lads. It was a game we deserved a result from but we paid the penalty for a swash-buckling approach which in the last quarter left us with only 2 men at the back. Special mention must go to the performance of Alan Morton who was outstanding as sweeper and Roger Crutchley of 'Bangkok Post Post-Script' fame who showed he has not only a 'forte' for sardonic humour but can play a bit as well. The match was refereed by BC Manager Keith Bell and whilst it almost goes against my religion to admit referees can be good, Keith had as fine a game as I've seen from a whistler in Thailand (that must be worth an extra rasher on my next bacon buttie order).

POST-SCRIPTS

Although the party is over as far as the Farang League, we still have to keep in trim as at the end of this month we are off to Singapore for our second stab at winning the prestigious annual 'Wind Mill Cup Tournament' organised by the local Dutch Club. Mike Pomfret hopes to take a strong squad and several key members have already confirmed availability. Joining the squad in Singapore will be exiled club member Lindsay Child who for three years was our

top scoring forward and now plays regularly in Singapore. Our trip coincides with a three day week end and supporters will be welcome.

In addition to Singapore we will have a team in the RBSC 7-a-side Competition which this year is a 2-day event with 32 teams participating.

On the Farang league, the whole squad would like to congratulate the German All-Stars who are the new champions, for the first time in many years. Special mention must be made of former section member 'Gengis' who, fed-up of being 'super-sub' with us, joined the Huns and served them well in their campaign. The league went right to the last 10 minutes of the last game when, the Germans, needing a draw against second placed Benz to become champions, scored a brilliant goal to go 2-1 up and seal Benz's fate as runners-up. The Germans may not have had the most skilful group of players but over the season they proved themselves the most consistent and were deserved winners. The Indian Cougars finished third with ourselves, the Scans and the Sikhs fought over fourth place. Full statistics in a later report.

The section was well represented in the Farang League Select which took part in the recent Asian International Football Tournament organised by the self-same Germans with teams from as far afield as Canada, Taiwan, Jakarta, KL and Hong Kong. The select finished a disappointing seventh due mainly to some very late call-offs which disrupted the rhythm but were served well by Mike Pomfret, Vince Swift, Andy Maynard, Billy Duncan and your own

Scoop. Star of the squad was undoubtedly Simon Hough in goal although on this occasion he was representing ISB and not the BC.

Finally - Heard these ones

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Or the guy who called his dog "Engineer" because every time he kicked him he made a bolt for the door.

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'I've sinned with a man mother.'

'Well suck a lemon' said the Mother Superior

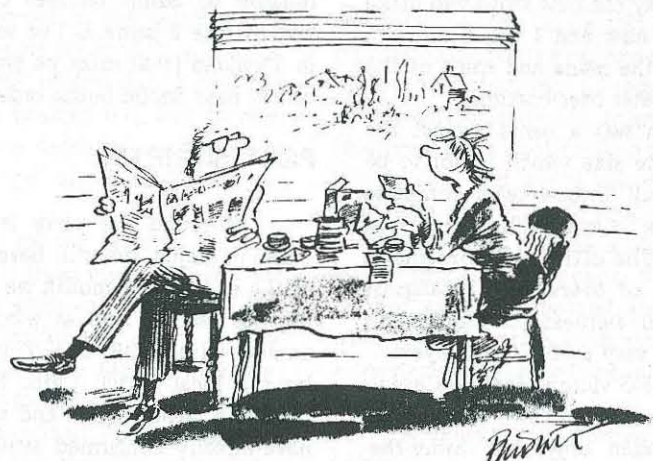
'What good will that do?' asked the puzzled postulate.

'It'll take that smile off your face for a start' came the reply.

Well c'est fini encore! Oh almost forgot the answer to the little poser set last month. Remember PDS 100/100 people etc. There were 7 men, 49 women and 44 children. Enlightenment is bliss.

Bye for now folks and remember (with the BC Quiz Nights still in mind) - as the wise man knows 'It is better to keep your gob shut and be thought an idiot than to open it and have it proved beyond all doubt!'

'Scoop'



"And the Polkinghams want to know if we'd like to go to a wine and condom party..."

TENNIS



TENNIS

Since the playing of the club champs in early March the tennis section has been overcome with chronic lethargy, not helped by the fact that some of the section has deserted BKK off for cooler climes and home leave. The ones of us left behind have taken one look at the sizzling heat outside and decided it is far more comfortable staying right where we were (i.e. G&T's in hand, feet up, Wimbledon on the video and air con going full blast). So with not much to write about on the tennis front I have been forced to ferret around and fill this page with other news.

Did you know that

Ex BC member and keen tennis player Dave Benham was recently spotted lurking around the BC while on his way to the Lao Embassy to get a visa. Rumour has it that he is going to defect! Dick and Mal Chessman went to Bangladesh to check out the living conditions with view to a transfer but have decided that they couldn't possibly abandon the BC tennis section so have organised it so they commute Jens Bruhn-Petersen (former ranked player in the Danish National team but now No 1 ranked player at the BC) won't be leaving Bangkok this summer due to the imminent arrival of Bruhn-Petersen No 1, whom Jens hopes will emerge with racket in hand ready to go Centre court. Wife, Mary Louise is growing and getting hotter by the day Jackie Gramond's baby will have arrived on receipt of this magazine, thankful that it's surroundings are now more serene compared to the previous nine months it spent bouncing around while Jackie waddled around the court Gordon Martin did another splendid job organising the International Volvo tournament played at Hua Mark Stadium a while back Phyl Xumsai will have just returned from a 2 month break in the UK to the relief of a few

people around town - namely the 3 others in her weekly doubles Poor Fiona Munro, in the wars again, this time with a mild dose of Typhoid which she may have picked up in Ethiopia while there with Fiona Casbon at Christmas and when will Fiona Casbon return? She is like a ghost - here one moment, gone the next. Although she has formally left Thailand she still comes every now and then for work purposes. She's looking very pale these days due to the lack of Thai sun Mike Poustie has taken up golf! Watch out caddies and other golfers! His first attempt at the game was at Green Valley where the ball finders got rich finding all the balls that MP lost Jim Musin and Dave Seldon, and Gary and Lynne Wainscott all rise and shine very early on Sundays as they have been spied whacking tennis balls at the BC as early as 8 am. The question is - can they see the balls? A lot of other players turn out on Sunday morning - namely, Jorgen Schmidt, Frank & Marina Wilson, David Hind (& family), Jens Bruhn-Petersen, Gordon Martin, Bua Wyder, Fiona Munro, Sten & Benjamine Bronee, Brian Roche, Orapin Dawson, Eric Young. Seen any mad dogs and Englishmen/Australians/Nzers/Danes/Americans lately? Look on centre court at noon on Sundays! The last committee meeting before the AGM turned out to be a very long winded affair starting at 7 pm and ending at 9.34 pm at which point most of the members attending were falling off their chairs from starvation (or in some cases, drunkenness, having consumed copious amounts of Kloster on an empty stomach). Marina Wilson threw a tantrum because her blood sugar levels were down, Jane Windeler threw one because nothing got done while she was away in the UK and the rest of the committee looked on with glazed expressions.

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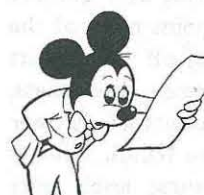
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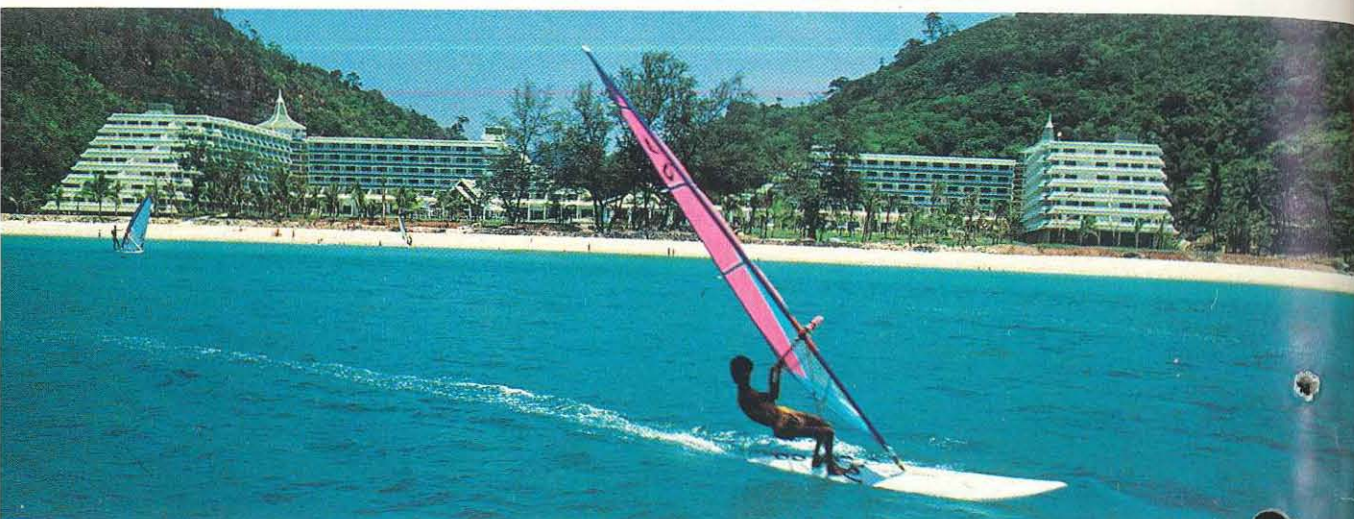
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