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# Meet the New Members

**Kim Anderson** from Denmark is here with wife Birte and 2 daughters, (2 1/2 and 1 1/2). They were in New York, Long Island before. Kim was on his own as his daughters were ill. He left his wedding ring at home for the occasion, he did not tell us why. Kim plays squash and enjoys swimming and Birte likes to play tennis.



**Gary and Lesley Looker** think Bangkok is paradise after having spent 2 years in Gabon, West Africa. He is here for Sun Oil Thailand and they have two children Matthew of 9 and Melanie who is 6, both at Bangkok Pattana School. Lesley already joined the BWG and is busy spending money in all the shops as Gary admitted that "money is there to be spent". Lesley is a Physiotherapist by profession and will soon be approached by the Rugby Section. Gary is also a retired Morris Dancer. His last show was when he was 9.



**Graham and Jane Brice** both love a game of tennis. He is here for Johnson & Johnson but would really like to get into Amateur Dramatics — he admits to being a dab hand at almost anything to do with theatre. BCT eat your heart out. They have two daughters (15 and 17) at boarding school in England. They previously spent 2 years in Tokyo and 8 years in the Middle East.



**Chris White** from New Zealand works (very hard) for Coca Cola. He reckons New Zealand Rugby has been victimised by cheating teams and reckons he could immensely improve BC rugby but unfortunately does not have a lot of time. Also with an American wife Heidi, who hates rugby it's very hard for him to live up to his promises. They have a 6 month old baby, whilst Chris is at work his wife enjoys the occasional Bunjee jump and she is also into parachute jumping. Chris reckons he is very young and hates to be misquoted.

**Janice Kimpton** arrived here on 3rd April and Roger has been here since November. He will provide us with 3,000,000 new telephone lines in the future as he is here for Telecom Asia. They have 3 daughters. Their 14 year old daughter is looking for friends in Thailand as she will be spending her holidays here. Janice was a teacher in the American International School whilst they were in Lagos, Nigeria where she taught 6th form students but was trained as a secondary school teacher.



**Elizabeth Montgomery** was here on her own, a pity because her husband was described as a good looking man with nice smelling feet by a friend of the family. Donald works for Esso and owns a croft in the Highlands (they are Scottish). He is building a house there now which at the moment reaches eye level. Elizabeth was knocked out in her first badminton match when she hit her head on a concrete slab but is willing to try again. They have been here for 6 months and have two daughters of 11 and 9.

With husband **David** away in China, **Megan Rendall** decided to come and check the scene out on her own. David works for United Nations and frequently spends time in China, Pakistan and Tonga and Megan puts very long shopping lists in his suitcase. They came here from New Zealand but spent time in Malaysia, Pakistan and Italy. Megan plays tennis, golf and bridge and likes gardening when it's not too hot. David likes tennis and squash (when he is not busy travelling).



**Greg Watkins** arrived fresh from England and is an old Thailand hand, he was here 2 years ago for the British Embassy. He is a Business Consultant and works for Tara Siam. He is not married but admits he is spoken for (no details were given). He likes playing cricket, snooker, darts and golf. He also told us he is an Honorary Italian as he plays football for the Italians in the Farang League.

**Fancois and Mireille Perrier** (no relation to the bottles) have been here for 2 years. They joined the BC because they like British People and have two children Jeremy 13 and Hinatea 11 in the French School. Francois is a Civil Engineer and Mireille teaches French as a foreign language. They have spent the last 17 years abroad but say they love France "tres" much. They both enjoy tennis and sailing, they own a sailing boat which is moored in Pattaya.



**Thomas, Linda and Amanda Telford** are here as a three-some. Amanda is the daughter and says she does nothing apart from playing Mah Jong with her mother all day. Thomas is into cans, 33cl only for CMB Revcan and says he left part of a house and part of a family behind in Wrexham, North Wales. Linda is into splashnostics, according to Thomas, she reckons its called Aquarobics. Thomas plays golf and used to play squash, but says his belly is in the way now.

**Kevin and Christina Davis**, English and Malaysian Chinese respectively, are newly weds (3 months) and are busy practising having a baby. Christina reckons she needs to learn to be a good wife but Kevin admits he needs a lot of studying being a good husband. He is into cans as well, but prefers tuna and pineapple, he does this for CMB Packaging. He is too tired to play golf and squash but after he has finished practicing, would like to start again. Christina is a hairdresser and owns her own business in Malaysia. When she is not spending money on their new apartment she enjoys playing tennis, bowling, and is waiting for Kevin to teach her to play snooker.

**Darryl Whiteley** from Australia, is a man we have to watch out for as he has a black belt 1st Dan (Sho Dan) in Karate. He works for Thai Kajimi, suitable to his sporting pursuits it being a Japanese company. He is building a large building on Rama IV road, which is 5 weeks ahead of schedule, surprise, surprise. His wife's parents left Sri Lanka when the Pommies took over and emigrated to Australia, lucky for Darryl as that's where he met Maree. They now have a 8 month old daughter Allison and Maree was busy looking after her tonight. He enjoys playing snooker and wants to play cricket. He played golf for the first time last week and thrashed his boss so he will now concentrate on karate instead.



**Roger and Jane Lane** were in Austria before and have been in Bangkok for 6 weeks. Jane is trying to entertain a very bored 2 year old son at home, as their belongings have not arrived yet. She is bored too, but hopes things will cheer up soon. Roger is here with Lever Brothers and develops consumer goods. They have 3 children altogether. Roger loves telling stories and has a preference for girls. He enjoys swimming and is a retired squash player and she likes to play tennis.

**Andreas and Petra Kim** are from Germany. Petra did not come as nobody told her she was invited too. They have two daughters of 6 and 18 years old. Andreas works for Splended Thailand and produces leather garments of all sorts. Minimum orders of 20 pieces. He exports all over Europe and Japan and used to deal in furs in Hong Kong until he realised the fur business was not what it used to be. He plays some tennis and golf and Petra enjoys tennis and swimming.

Everything you want to know about **Graham Sullivan** you can read in the newspapers but here is some private information. He is not married, has 3 children of 16, 14 and 10, they're coming in the summer hols to visit him. He enjoys playing the blues guitar whilst having a vegetarian meal. He also likes to play squash and is a retired rugby player. He had to be extremely careful as the new principal of Bangkok Pattana School he would not like to be misquoted. So we'll leave it at this.

**Andrew and Penny Lock** have been here for 5 weeks and love it here. He is in advertising for Leo Burnetts and she looks after their 10 month old daughter Katie. They prefer Bangkok traffic to London traffic. Andrew is an ex-rugby player and admits his only reason for being in Bangkok is to support BC Rugby and subsidise the bar. They are both keen sailors.



**Jacqueline and Edmund Checkley** are Isle of Wight Nationalists, they want to change it into an independent state and make it a tax-free haven. They were here 3 years ago for 2 years and liked it so much they came back. Edmund works for JSTC where he plants jasmine underwater and produces underwater fibre optic cables. Jacqueline loves squash and should still be somewhere on the squash records of the BC. They're both into Hashing and deliberately choose Sathorn as their place to live because it is only 10 minutes from the BC.

# FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

## LEAVING THAILAND

Members wishing to resign or go absent when leaving Thailand are reminded to please inform the Club Accounts Department at least 7 days prior to departure and to ensure their accounts are settled in full before deposits are returned. Once accounts are settled you may still use the Club via cash coupons until your departure date.

## MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

Did you know! Banks and credit card companies have a nasty habit of charging interest on borrowed money or late payments. Of course, the British Club, not wishing to be left out in the cold, will now charge 13% interest on late payment of accounts (persistent late payers only).

## ACCUMULATOR DRAW

The Accumulator has or will have reached B.10,500.- by the time you read this, (happening on a Friday night). Each Member's number is put into the draw and providing you are on the Club property you collect what is in the pot via a credit to your account. Also you have a chance to listen to Eric Rosser on the piano from 9.00 p.m. to midnight.

The following Members who would have won if they had been in the Club are:-

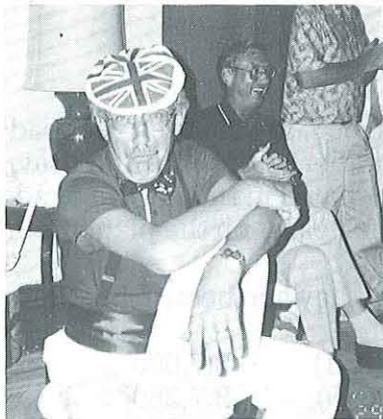
31/1/92	—	C. King	(K31)	B.7,000
07/2/92	—	T. Smith	(S49)	B.7,250
14/2/92	—	V. Stewart	(S132)	B.7,500
21/2/92	—	A. Topham	(T68)	B.7,750
28/2/92	—	D. Stark	(S184)	B.8,000
06/3/92	—	M. de Vries	(D50)	B.8,250
13/3/92	—	J. Lenaghan	(L57)	B.8,500
20/3/92	—	K. Costelloe	(C125)	B.8,750
22/3/92	—	J. Naviroj	(N25)	B.9,000
03/4/92	—	R. Thompson	(T62)	B.9,250

# THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS



*Our thanks must go to Brian Lewis, ex-Britannia for compering the show, not let's forget the members who really enjoyed themselves.*

*all ready for a great night.*



*Jolly good fun what!*



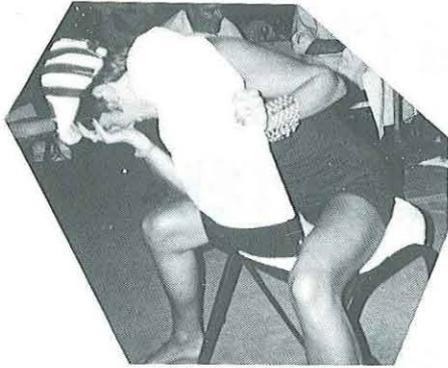
*Even Alex is amused*



*The Bermuda boys doing their thing*



*Britannia will never be the same*



*Yes, hide your head*



*Peter, down but not out*



*The things people do to the William Tell Overture.*



*The sailor's horn pipe*

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CYMDEITHAS DEWI SANT  
THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

Well what a great night we all had especially Dewi, at Cabbages and Condoms. Renditions of oggi oggi oi! oi! and Delilah were sung and swang to. Our Frank, Crocker was in excellent jocular voice and all in all it was a bit of a do.

Another lovely evening was had by all who came to bid farewell to Norma and Richard Darkin. They will be sadly missed, Richard has been our golf convenor for several years and what a fantastic job he's done. Thank You from us all Richard.

Bangkok's loss will be Portugal's gain. Many thanks to Pat & Roger Daniel who hosted the party. Congrats on the birth of your second son, James Alexander.

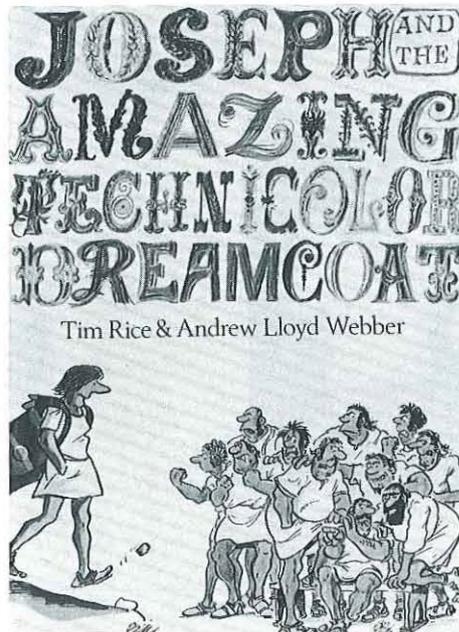
We would like to welcome some more new members. Julie & Ian Williams, Terri & Michael Morrison and Brigitta who we all thank for her excellent photography at the ball and subsequent album.

Keep an eye on Dewi for me.

See you gang at the next fire breathing contest. "The Red Dragon"

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Cocktail Reception	—	7 pm to 7.30 pm
Dinner	—	7.30 pm
Show	—	9.00 pm (aprox)
Price	—	B.900.- net per head
Dress	—	Black-Tie or National Dress

The Bar will be provided by the British Club at BC prices.

Please contact KEITH BELL for reservations.

# **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**

"JOSEPH and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was one of the first collaborations of young composer Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyricist Tim Rice.

The play began as a twenty minute pop cantata for a boy's choir (1968). After other successes, Rice and Webber reworked the show and launched a full scale production at the Albery Theatre in London (1973). It quickly went to Broadway for a long, successful run.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, frequent visitor to Bangkok, is a legend having composed the score for such international hits as "Cats", "Jesus Christ Superstar", and "Phantom of the Opera". Tim Rice went on to write lyrics for "Evita" and "Chess".

In addition to fabulous costumes, the story of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" has all the ingredients people go to the theatre to see: Love, Hate, Jealousy, Sibling Rivalry, Seduction, Power, Prison, Riches, Murder, Forgiveness, and more.

The music for this show is its own reward. The score features numerous musical styles from ethereal to pulsing, from country western, to camp and calypso. Each new scene brings a musical surprise to delight the audience and move the story forever forward.

The Playmakers version is an intimate ensemble production in the round to give the cast an opportunity to interact with the audience.

## WASHINGTON SCHLEPPED HERE

**W**HEN I came to Thailand a few years ago I stopped off at my local library in Malibu and picked up a list of all the free publications that were available from the United States Office of Consumer Affairs. I had long been an advocate of the Consumer Guides which are published in the United States — as a friend had once told me, “they spend thousands and thousands researching, hundreds of thousands in fact, so why not follow their guidelines.” It makes sense. He, actually, never bought anything — car, typewriter, refrigerator, soap powder, wind jacket et cetera — without first referring to the lengthy information given on every single item that is sold in retail stores across the entire United States.

I'm afraid though that I've remained somewhat of a compulsive shopper and will still buy an item for its design rather than it's proven functionalism.

Anyway, you can't argue with the following, which is taken from the “Safe Food Book” kitchen guide put out by the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service. These handbooks have been of tremendous help to me during my stay in the tropics and they were well worth “schlepping” all the way here.

From the earliest times, keeping food safe and wholesome has been quite a task. The Romans brought winter ice down from the Alps, stored it in caves, and used it the next summer to keep food from spoiling and — perhaps equally important to them — cool the wine!

There's a recorded reference that sauerkraut, because it is preserved to keep a long time, was used by camp cooks for the

workmen on the Great Wall of China. That was about 200 B.C.

And in the Middle Ages, a great many smoking, salting, drying, and preserving techniques were perfected that are still in use. The luxurious fruitcake, studded with dried fruits and steeped in rum or brandy, is a present-day descendant.

The liquor retards mold, and there are cases of well-tinned and brandied cakes lasting 20 years!

Now, of course, modern refrigeration and cooking make keeping food safe much simpler.

Government inspection and strict standards within the food industry make a decisive difference too.

Once you get food home, though, it's up to you to take proper care of it. This is important, because most of the roughly 2 million cases of food poisoning which now occur each year (in America) are due to improper handling of food in the home. It's important to know the difference between organisms that cause foods to spoil — to rot or turn bad — and those that can cause food poisoning.

A major difference is the temperatures the two types like. Most food poisoning bacteria like room temperatures (around 60 to 90 degrees fahrenheit). They don't grow at low refrigerator temperatures. By “grow” we mean that bacteria divide, multiplying in number.

But food spoilage organisms — like some bacteria, and yeasts, and molds — can grow at lower temperatures. Even when food is in the refrigerator at temperatures as low as 40 degrees, these spoilage agents can

continue to reproduce.

While it's hard to be grateful for them, most food spoilage organisms at least make themselves known. The food looks or smells awful. That's a help — you know to throw it out. Unfortunately, the bacteria that commonly cause food poisoning — with its mild-to-severe intestinal flu-like symptoms — are not nearly so obvious.

Most of them can't be seen, smelled, or tasted. The smartest way to handle the food poisoners is to make life so hard they can't multiply enough to cause trouble.

**STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS** is the scientific name for a small, round organism that is a leading cause of food poisoning. We literally carry staph with us all the time. It lives in our noses and on our skins. You can find it in concentrated form in boils, pimples, and other skin infections. When transmitted to food, usually by handling, staph starts growing. At warm temperatures — 100 degrees is ideal — certain types of staph multiply rapidly and produce a toxin or poison that makes people sick.

Staph symptoms? Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea usually appear 2 to 6 hours after eating staph-infected food, and last a day or two. The illness is usually not too serious in healthy people.

While cooking kills most bacteria, the staph toxin is not destroyed by ordinary cooking. So you must be very careful in handling food to prevent staph from growing enough to produce toxin.

Don't let prepared foods — particularly starchy foods, cooked and cured meats, cheese and meat salads — sit out at room temperature over 2 hours. Staph is often associated with these foods.

**SALMONELLA** — which appears as short, thin rods under the microscope — is another major cause of food poisoning.

Actually, salmonella is the name used for some 2,000 closely related bacteria that cause more severe flu-like symptoms than staph — diarrhea, vomiting, fever. Infants and young children, the ill, and the elderly

may be seriously affected. Symptoms normally appear 12 to 36 hours after eating, and may last 2 to 7 days.

Salmonella continually cycles through the environment in the intestinal tracts of people and animals.

The bacteria is often found in raw or undercooked foods, such as poultry, eggs, and meat. Unpasteurized milk can also contain salmonella.

Control is a simple matter, though, because thorough cooking kills salmonella.

**PERFRINGENS**, full name *Clostridium Perfringens*, ranks third as a cause of food poisoning. It, too, is present throughout the environment — in the soil, the intestines of animals and humans, and in sewage.

Perfringens differs from staph and salmonella, however, in two ways. First, it's anaerobic, which means it grows only where there is little or no oxygen. Second, it produces two kinds of cells.

The normal perfringens cell is the unpleasant one — it produces the poison which makes you sick. But perfringens has a spore cell too, which can survive circumstances that knock out the normal cells.

These spores are tricky, because at temperatures between 70 and 120 degrees, they can become normal cells again, multiplying quickly to disease-causing levels.

Perfringens shows its ugly side — usually diarrhoea and gas pains — some 8 to 24 hours after consumption. While the symptoms often end within a day, people with certain medical conditions — ulcer patients, for instance — can be seriously affected.

Called the "cafeteria germ" because it often strikes food served in quantity and left for long periods on a steam table or at room temperature, perfringens is often found in cooked beef, turkey, gravy, dressing, stews, and casseroles.

Special attention to refrigeration, which keeps perfringens from growing, and dividing large portions into small dishes for serving are the best hedges against perfringens. Dividing buffet foods into

several small dishes exposes more of the food to the air, thus reducing the anaerobic conditions perfringens likes.

**BOTULISM**, while very rare, is the deadly food poisoning caused by *Clostridium botulinum*. Although it needs just the right conditions to develop, botulism is clearly a danger because the spores are always around in soil and water.

Like perfringens, the botulinum bacteria — rod-shaped under the microscope — grow best in anaerobic conditions. Since the canning process forces air out of food, the botulinum bacteria may find improperly canned foods a good place to grow.

Low-acid vegetables such as green beans, corn, beans, and peas, which may have picked up botulinum spores from the soil, are at risk. The risk is greater if they are home-canned, and safe canning procedures have not been followed precisely. Like the perfringens spore, the botulinum spore is tough. While high cooking temperatures will kill the normal botulinum cell, it takes still higher temperatures to kill the spore. That's why canning is done with a pressure canner: if the spores are not killed in the canning process they can become normal cells again and produce the deadly poison.

If you eat botulinum-contaminated food, symptoms will develop in 12 to 48 hours. The poison attacks the nervous system, causing double vision, droopy eyelids, trouble swallowing, and difficult breathing. Without treatment, a patient can die of suffocation — the nerves no longer stimulate breathing. There is an antitoxin, which has reduced the number of deaths from botulism, but patients may still suffer nerve damage, and recovery is often slow.

To avoid botulism, carefully examine any canned food, especially home-canned food, which looks suspicious. Danger signs are milky liquids (that should be clear) surrounding vegetables, cracked jars, loose lids, and swollen cans or lids. Don't use canned goods showing any of these signs. Don't even taste them! Even a very small amount

of botulinum toxin can be highly dangerous.

Throw suspect canned goods away, carefully. You don't want animals, children, or anyone else who might rummage through the trash to get ill. Wrap the cans in plastic, then in heavy paper bags, for deposit in a secure trash can.

After the above, who feels like eating, so the best I can do is give you a recipe for a Chinese herbal drink that is believed to be efficacious for a whole host of ailments. These range from a weak liver to poor eyesight, bad circulation, infections, digestive upsets, nervous disorders, menstrual irregularity, greying hair and bad blood (and I'm not sure if this is meant to be that between people, or your very own!)

## **CHRYSANTHEMUM PETALS AND ROCK SUGAR**

### **Ingredients**

1 oz dried Chrysanthemum petals  
8 3/4 cups water  
5 1/4 oz rock sugar

### **Method**

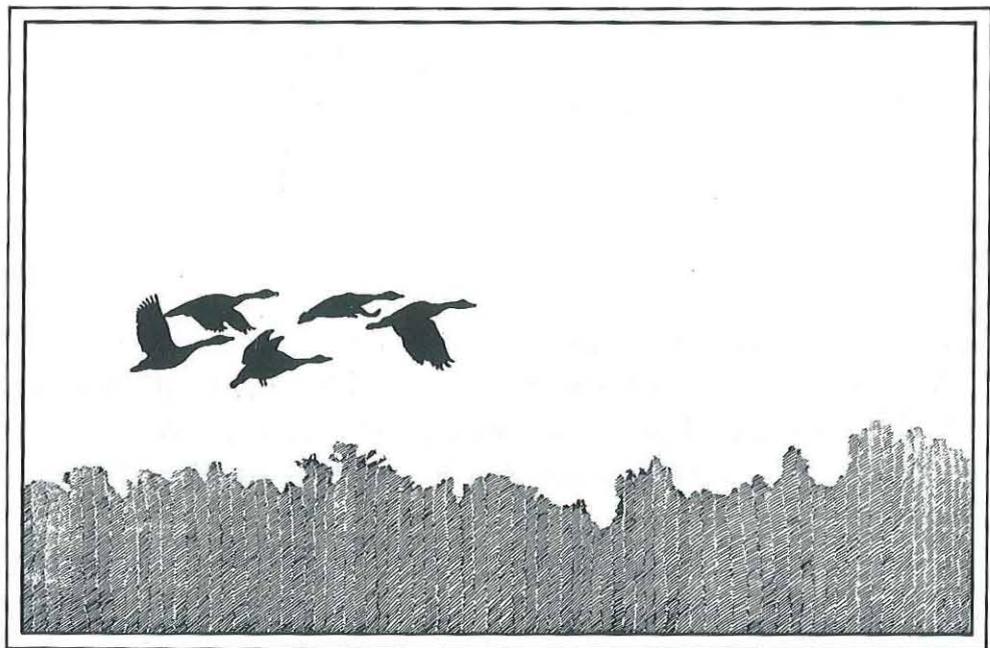
The best way to brew chrysanthemum tea is to steep the petals in freshly boiled water so infusion occurs over a longer period. rapid boiling tends to dissipate the flavour.

Boil the water and add rock sugar. When sugar is dissolved, place dried chrysanthemum petals in an enamel or china teapot and pour water over. Cover and let steep for an hour or so. If you cannot wait, simply combine all ingredients and simmer for half an hour and allow to cool. Strain and keep petals for a second batch of weaker, but still good, chrysanthemum tea.

*(To be continued next month)*

By: Ninki Mallet

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# CHILDREN'S CORNER



Ask someone to pick any book from a bookshelf and then to open it at any page while your back is turned. That person is then asked to place his hand on either the right or the left-hand page. A second person is then asked to place her hand on the other page.

You now ask the first person to multiply his page number by two. The second person is asked to multiply her page number by three. The two totals are then added together and you are told the answer.

As soon as you are told this figure you immediately reveal who is touching the right-hand page and who is touching the left-hand page.

How did you know? This is how. If the figure is even, the first person is touching the right page. If the figure is odd the first person is touching the left page.

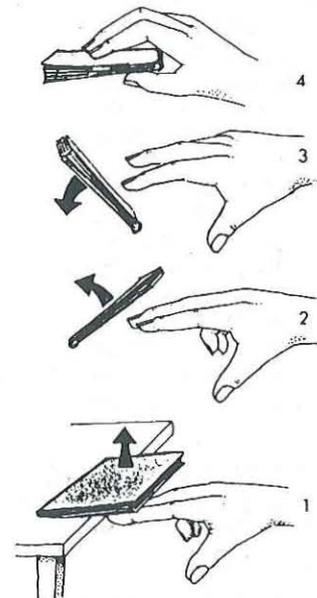
This trick works because all books are printed with the even page numbers to the left and the odd page numbers to the right.

## BOOK CATCH

This is a neat little stunt with which to impress your friends.

Place a book on a table so that it projects over the edge. Bring your hand up beneath the book so the back of your fingers strike it underneath. This will cause the book to revolve in the air. Your hand continues upwards and catches the opposite end of the book after it has made a half turn in the air.

The pictures show the complete action. You will have to practise this before showing it to anyone, but after a while you will find that you can even do this with a pack of cards, without the cards flying all around the room!

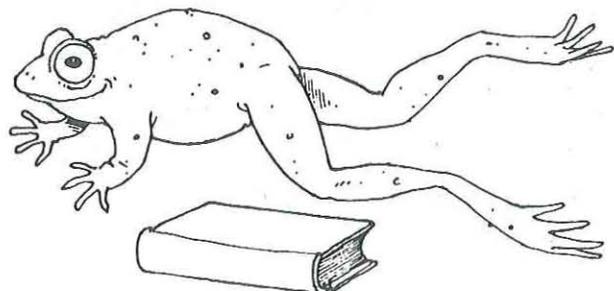


## JUMP IT

Show someone a small book and say, "I bet that if I place this book on the floor you will not be able to jump over it."

As the book is so small your friend will think that it will be easy to jump over it.

You then place the book on the floor - in the corner of the room!



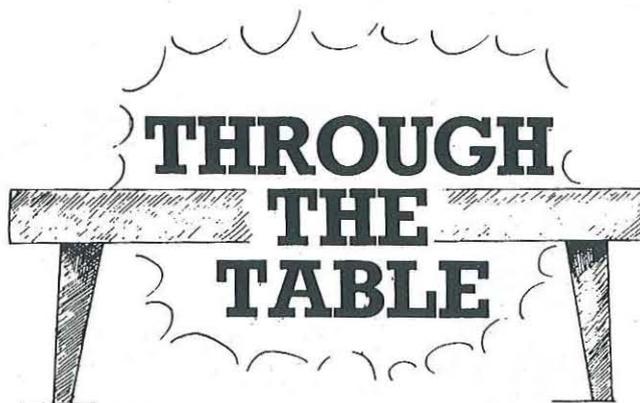
### YOU NEED:

- A stick of coloured chalk

Secretly moisten your left thumb nail and then rub some coloured chalk on it. You are now ready to show your friends an amazing trick.

Show your left palm (be careful that no one sees the chalk on your thumb nail) and then place your hand under the table.

Your right hand now shows the stick of chalk and draws a short line on the table-top (so this is definitely not a trick to be performed on the dining-room table!). Now use the right palm to rub the mark off the table, but tell everyone watching that you are rubbing



the mark *through* the table.

At the same time, under the table, close your left hand into a fist with your thumb inside. This lets you run your thumb nail across your palm to put a chalk mark on your hand.

Bring your hand out from under the table, with your palm upwards, and it will seem to your friends that the chalk mark really has travelled through the table-top and on to your hand.

## GUESS THE COLOUR

### YOU NEED:

- A set of coloured felt-tip pens

Tell a friend that you will try to read her mind. Hand the pens to your friend and then turn your back. Put your hands out behind you and ask her to choose any colour, to hand you the pen of that colour and then to hide all the other pens.

You now turn back to face her and begin to concentrate as if trying to read her mind. With your hands still behind your back, secretly slip the top off the pen and make a mark on one of your fingers. Then put the top back on the pen.

Keeping the pen behind

your back you now bring your hand to your forehead as if thinking hard. As you bring the hand up to your face it is a simple matter to spot the mark on your finger (provided

you have remembered to use the correct hand!).

You can now announce what the chosen colour is and you will be regarded as a truly great mind-reader!



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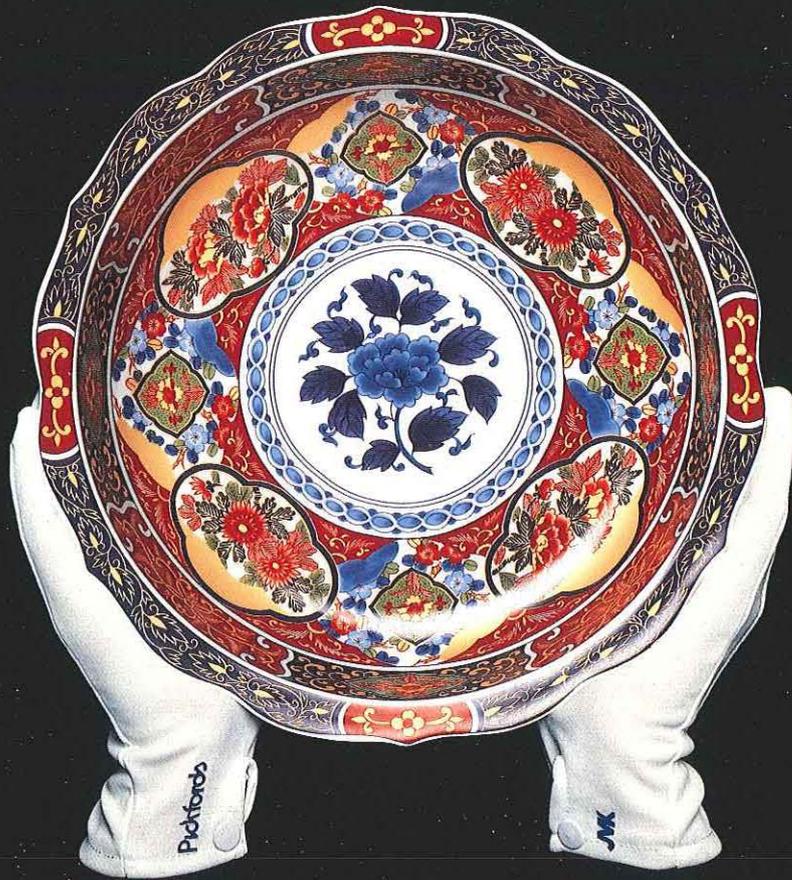
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# CRICKET CRICKET

THE BC played 3 games during March losing to the Scribblers on the 8th, winning against ABAC and being thoroughly slaughtered by the Thais (2 of them).

At RBSC on the 8th the Scribblers managed 231 runs off 45 overs while the BC could only manage 187 off 44.2 overs. Craig top scored for the BC with 49. He was lucky to survive a confident appeal to umpire N. White. Fortunately for Craig, Nick wasn't actually paying 100% attention to the game and after consulting with the square leg umpire, who wasn't in the best position, decided to end any confusion and asked the batsmen if he had hit it. This caused much grief amongst the Scribblers and much mirth among the BC.

After Craig and new boy Geoff, who hit 31, there was not much resistance. Only Brian (20), Frank (17) and Tony (12) got into double figures. Bowling honours went to Keith with 4-45, Geoff bowled well for 3-34 off 9 overs and Tony 2-63. A 46 run loss to eventual champions. Not disgraceful.

A two week break before facing the young ABAC side. It was generally mentioned during pre-game teas that experience would prove too strong for youth, and so it proved.

The BC batted first and after an opening stand of 42 (Frank 8), the next wicket fell at 102 when Craig was caught behind for 54. Geoff and Brian took the total to 147. Geoff scored an attractive 62 (66 balls). In true BC fashion the next 7 wickets fell for 13 runs.

Out in the field good field placing and bowling changes restricted ABAC to 112. After Brian made the initial breakthrough B. Lanham ripped the heart out of the ABAC innings with a 4.19 off 7 overs and Geoff cleaned up the tail.

And so we went to the Polo on the 29th to face the Thai team. Nobody bowled badly but the brothers batted well. Andre took most wickets with 4-32 with Craig, Ian and Brian each taking 1. The BC restricted the Thais to 301. Considering it was only last month that BC scored their highest ever total of 294, we went into bat full of confidence.

After 3 hours in the field on the hottest day of the year, the experienced BC team wished they were a little less experienced and a few years younger. Everybody batted as though they didn't want to be in the middle for too long. Craig managed only 2 balls before being caught off a wide. Richard in a classical albeit brief appearance, managed a ball more than Craig before racing back to the tent to tend to the littlest Wilde. Andre batted well for 32 and Keith contrived to race up the averages with 21 not out including for fours. Brian and Frank got into double figures again and that was it. All out for 100. Beaten by 191 runs. A new BC record.

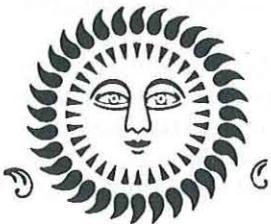
Frank Hough became the fifth cricketer to play 100 games for the Club. He captained the side for 2 very successful seasons and has been an inspiration and at times brilliant keeper. He has also provided much enjoyment for his fellow players.

Frank's full record for the BC reads:

Batting	P	I	No	HS	Total	Ave	50s
	100	84	17	71	1238	18.5	5
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Ave		
	101.2	6	492	22	22.36		

Frank has taken 61 catches and a record 29 stumpings. Another record of Frank's which he holds with R. Spyer and L. Temple is the longest over for the BC 12 balls.

# MAY CALENDAR

	SAT	SUN	MON
	<p>30</p> <p>Children's Painting Lessons 1-3 pm Flicks for Kids – 6 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Flicks for Kids – 5 pm Tennis Afternoon – 3-6 pm Family Buffet from 5 pm</p>	
	<p>2</p> <p>Children's Painting Lessons 1-3 pm Flicks for Kids – 6 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Flicks for Kids – 5 pm Tennis Afternoon – 3-6 pm Family Buffet from 5 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>BWG Mahjong* – 9 am Happy Hour 5.30-9 pm Now Member Night 7.30 pm</p>
	<p>9</p> <p>Children's Painting Lessons 1-3 pm Flicks for Kids – 6 pm F.A. Cup Live 9 pm#</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Flicks for Kids – 5 pm Tennis Afternoon – 3-6 pm Family Buffet from 5 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>BWG Mahjong* – 9 am Happy Hour 5.30-9 pm</p>
	<p>16</p> <p>Children's Painting Lessons 1-3 pm Flicks for Kids – 6 pm Golf – Rose Garden</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Flicks for Kids – 5 pm Tennis Afternoon – 3-6 pm Family Buffet from 5 pm Golf – Rose Garden</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BWG Mahjong* – 9 am Happy Hour 5.30-9 pm Chess Club – 7 pm Golf – Rose Garden</p>
	<p>23</p> <p>Children's Painting Lessons 1-3 pm Flicks for Kids – 6 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Flicks for Kids – 5 pm Tennis Afternoon – 3-6 pm Family Buffet from 5 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BWG Mahjong* – 9 am Happy Hour 5.30-9 pm</p>

For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the *Outpost* Calendar, please contact Fiona Mulligan — 286-5385. The deadline is the 5th of the preceding month. \*Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room," + "Silom Room, and # "Suriwongse Room."

TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1  Accumulator Night – 8 pm
5  Ladies' Golf – 7 am Bridge+ – 8 pm	6  Tennis & Squash Club Night from 6 pm	7  Darts – 8 pm	8  Accumulator Night – 8 pm
12  Ladies' Golf – 7 am Bridge+ – 8 pm	13  Tennis & Squash Club Night from 6 pm	14  Darts – 8 pm	15  Accumulator Night – 8 pm
19  Ladies' Golf – 7 am Bridge+ – 8 pm AGM – 7 pm	20  Tennis & Squash Club Night from 6 pm	21  Darts – 8 pm	22  Accumulator Night – 8 pm
26  Ladies' Golf – 7 am Bridge+ – 8 pm	27  Tennis & Squash Club Night from 6 pm	28  Darts – 8 pm	29  Accumulator Night – 8 pm Charity Dinner Theatre

# DARTS DARTS

THE Johnny Walker Darts League ended on a winning note for the Lions resulting in a creditable 5th position in the 3rd Division and the Unicorns 8th in the 4th Division.

Last month saw Francis return yet again (he's had more returns than his namesake, Khun Sinatra, who incidentally is also an excellent darts player representing Congleton British Legion in the Hollywood Darts League) this time rejuvenated after working out at a local gymnasium.

The Lions last 5 games were always going to be tough, with 3 of these games being against top class opponents, who would be more suited to the 2nd or 1st Divisions. Frank's double 18 in the triples game clinched a well deserved exciting 9-8 victory against high-riding Chairrooj, a team boasting the Division's top check-out player.

The next game was against Lever House and saw the Lions back to their double-trouble days. Although outscoring the opposition in tons 11-9, the Lions went down 10-7 on the game.

Double-trouble continued into the next game but fortunately for the Lions the opposition were short of players and even then scrambled an embarrassing 9-8 victory. However, the Lions couldn't blame double-trouble for the heavy defeat against K. Junior, a team comprising of players too young to remember the last time Jim was mentioned in the local chronicles. Loosing 13-4, the Lions were never in a position to have double-trouble because K. Junior managed 19 tons and never gave the Lions a chance.

Nevertheless, the Lions showed true character and were not to be disgraced because in the last crucial game of the season, against an opposition requiring a victory to jump above the Lions in the League table. After the singles it was neck and neck at 3 games apiece, Frank, Francis and Middy checking out.

El Capitano's team selection for the doubles event was critical. His opening gambit was superb, as he elected to play in the first game himself with an inform Cathy. Cathy's average score during this game was slightly less than her age and was to be the foundation for Frank's double 2 check-out. Next on the ochee were Middy and Francis. Middy, striving to find his old form and produces only occasional flashes of brilliance, maintains he has found the solution — by changing from Kloster to Amarit NB which is an abbreviation which stands for Ageless Middy Assured Record Throws Near Bull! However, in consulting the brewer we were informed it was actually — Aimless Middy Always Requires, In between Throws, Nine Beers! Francis endorsed his captain's faith in him, by checking out on double 5, whilst Middy was still ordering his ninth beer.

Next on the ochee were Jim and Ott. Both strode forward purposely, chests out, shoulders back, what a fine pair they were, filling the rest of the Lions with confidence. Jim and Ott knew that to win this game meant that the match result belonged to the Lions and yet the intense pressure never showed, as gradually the score mounted and eventually he was left requiring double 9. The Churchill Bar went very quiet, mainly because everyone had gone home! Jim took a deep breath, took aim — the first dart missed double 9 by half and inch. Jim took another deep breath, took aim — the second dart missed double 9 by a quarter of an inch.

The pressure was getting to everyone by now. Middy was drinking Tracey's lime juice, Tracey was sipping Ott's Black Russian and Francis was eating Frank's fried rice (which is not unusual anyway). Jim, who was the calmest person in the Churchill Bar apart from Paitoon who was asleep under the bar, took a last deep breath, took aim, closed his eyes and... the rest is history now. A famous victory and the end to a successful season for the Lions, considering the limited squad available.

### Lions' final statistics for the Johnny Walker Darts League

1. Final League Position: 5th
2. Tons scored:  
Frank 72, Middy 47, Jim 28, Paul 20, Dave 17, Ott 11, Frank C. 3, Francis 2, Cathy 2, Peter 2.
3. Finishes:  
Frank 45, Middy 31, Jim 23, Ott 13, Paul 11, Dave 10, Cathy 5, Peter 5, Francis 4, Frank C. 3.
4. Highest Finish: Frank 124
5. Rogues Gallery: (score 7 or less)  
Jim 15, Middy 6, Frank 5, Ott 4, Paul 3, Frank C. 3, Peter 3, Nee 3, Dave 2, Cathy 1, Francis 1

That's it for another Johnny Walker Darts League — the 28th. It is hoped the Airborne Express League will start very soon in April or May and both Lions and Unicorns will be entering teams. So if you're interested please contact either Lion Frank 391-8693 or 245-8424 or Unicorn Orin 399-4582.



### Recent Results

#### Bangpakong 8/3/1992 Better Ball Net:

Winners	—	M. & D. Chessman	64
Runners-up	—	M. Bain & R. Bain	64
Third Place	—	R. Wallace & S. Davy	64
Fourth Place	—	K. Decho & E. Jurgens	66

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#### Ekachai 22/3/1992:

Dunlop Cup Semi-Final:  
Forrest & Forrest beat Hudson & Davy (18th)  
Decho & Jurgens beat Vize & Walker (2&1)

Better Ball Net:

Winners	—	Houghton/Barrett	61
Runners-up	—	Decho/Jurgens	62
Third Place	—	Newell/Barry	66
Fourth Place	—	Vize/Walker	67

Near pin: K. Decho, S. Davy, D. Barry, E. Hudson  
Long drives: Ann Alsbury, K. Decho

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### Nakhon Nayok Weekend 4/5/6 April 1992

#### Bisque Bogey:

Winner	—	A. McManus	+2
Runner-up	—	L. Houghton	+2
Third Place	—	P. Nears	+1
Fourth Place	—	E. Jurgens	+1
Fifth Place	—	Sally Voravan	+1

Near pin: E. Jurgens, N. Staub, Sally Voravan, A. Hughes  
 Long drives: Lavita Hughes, E. Jurgens

#### Texas Scramble:

Winners	—	D. Forrest & N. Staub	56
Runners-up	—	G. Revill & L. Houghton	57
Third Place	—	P. Nears & A. Hughes	59

Near pin: D. Forrest (2), P. Nears, Joan Jurgens  
 Long drives: Lavita Hughes, P. Nears

#### Aggregate Stableford:

Winners	—	A. McManus/R. Chapples	71
Runners-up	—	D. Forrest/A. Morris	63
Third Place	—	P. Nears/S. Forrest	60

Near pin: A. McManus, L. Houghton, R. Chapples (2)  
 Long drives: Sally Voravan, R. Chapples

For the record, at the recent Kitchen Sink competition, which was halved, our Handicap Secretary Eric Hudson scored a gross 71, fantastic! Many congratulations Eric.

The AGM saw a poor turn out but an enjoyable evening. After the formal proceedings, drinks flowed freely leaving some of us worse for ware.

Your newly elected committee comprises the following members:

Dugal Forrest	Chris Branston
Paul Nears	Brian Hughes
Stuart Davy	Eric Hudson
Roy Barrett	Keith Collins
Peter Ingram	Alistair McManus

At a subsequent committee meeting, Dugal Forrest was elected Captain for 1992, and Chris Branston Vice Captain. Our congratulations to both of you.

#### Forthcoming events:

Pattaya weekend 1/2/3 May:

Bangpra Friday 1st	12.00	—	The second quarter Medal event
Siam C.C. Saturday 2nd	09.12	—	20% green fee discount available
Sattahip Sunday 3rd	08.30	—	

Please remember to book your own accommodation.

Rose Garden Annual Week-end 16/17/18 May—the Ecclectic Accommodation bookable through Dugal Forrest.



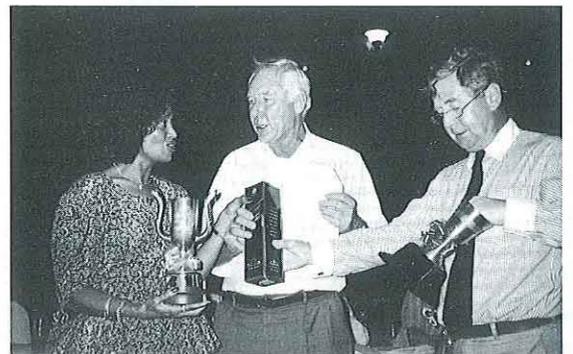
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*– and a few stragglers!*



*Winners receiving their trophies*





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# LADIES' GOLF LADIES' GOLF

## BANGKOK COSMOPOLITAN LADIES' GOLF

### \*\*\* NEW NAME \*\*\*

As you already know, especially those of you that have been present at the weekly competitions, "Bangkok Cosmopolitan Ladies' Golf" was the most popular choice. To celebrate our new name we are holding a competition on Sunday, the 12th April against the British Club Golf section, at the new Muang Ake Vista golf course, which is in the same vicinity. All husbands are welcome. This will be a stableford competition and the higher total of the 10 best scores from either side will win the trophy. Please do come if you can.

The General Committee of the British Club have allowed us to continue to print our newsletters in their *Outpost* magazine and to use their postal address. The Golf Section are very pleased that we have decided to change our name and clarify a long outstanding confusion with their members. They would like to see us continue the very close relationship we have with them.

### HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

There seems to be very strong feelings for both the handicapping systems. The forms and members wishes that I have received so far indicate the following:

Committee	6	USGA	2	LGU
Members	19	USGA	5	LGU

In Thailand and most certainly worldwide the USGA system is used and recognised. We are on a losing wicket when playing against any group here in Thailand and using our LGU handicaps. As you can see, most of us have an USGA handicap with FLOGG with two or even three strokes more than the LGU handicap. If all Groups ran a LGU system like they do in the UK then we would not need to change.

### Forthcoming Competitions

5th May	—	Local holiday
12th/13th May	—	Gestetner Trophy Bangpoo Golf Course
19th May	—	Starters Choice
29th May	—	BCLG Medal (4)

Important Notice — the 3 month eclectic will begin 19th May and end on 11th August.

### New Handicaps (LGU)

Livia	36* to 32 to 30
Erike	31 to 30
Anke	30 to 29 to 28
Gill	30 to 28
Diana	27 to 25
Magda	22 to 21
Anne-Marie	18 to 17 to 16
Lavia	18 to 16

Congratulations to all.

## ASTRAL CUP

Those of you that came out to the Rose Garden will know already that Lever Brothers who have sponsored the Astral Cup since 1980 advised us that they could not continue to sponsor this competition because they had discontinued the manufacture of the "Astral" soap. Mr. G. Hunt came to the rescue and produced many, many, prizes. Thank you Mr. Hunt for your generosity.

## XL-ECTIC

This ended on 31st March and was a very close fight between Penny, Debbie, Magda, Kerstin, and Eileen C. On the final day Penny and Debbie both improved on some holes with Penny being the outright winner, Debbie second, and both Kerstin and Magda tied for third and fourth places. THANK YOU AXEL for the lovely prizes and for continuing to sponsor this competition every year. We hope you enjoyed your bowl of goodies.

## GOLF CLINIC

Mr. Peter Ingram, the husband of one of our members, has very kindly offered to hold a golf clinic for our members. More details at our next game, i.e. 7th April.

Cheers,

Lavita

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### Muang Ake — Tuesday 3rd March — Stableford

Silver Division	Winner	—	Debbie
	R'up	—	Eileen C. c/b Anne Marie
Bronze I	Winner	—	Diana
	R'up	—	Kerstin
Bronze II	Winner	—	Eileen M.
	R'up	—	Gill c/b Anke
Near Pin 8	—	Vanessa	Near Pin 12 — Anne Marie

### Muang Ake — Tuesday 10th March — Blind Partners

1st	—	Krista and Kanda	
2nd	—	Debbie and Kerstin	
Long Drives	—	Silver	— Lynda
		Bronze I	— Krista
		Bronze II	— Maud
Near Pin 8	—	Krista	Near Pin 17 — Debbie

**Rose Garden — Tuesday/Wednesday 17/18 March  
Cumbria Cup — Strokeplay — sponsored by G. Hunt**

Low gross	—	Anne Marie 176 after sudden death with Lavita
Best Nett	—	1st Lavita 140 2nd Ruth 145 3rd Erika 146
Day winners	—	Gill and Anke
R'up	—	Lynda and Penny
Long Drives	—	Debbie, Lynda, Anke and Erika
Near Pins	—	Gill, Marilynne, Anne Alsbury, Anke, and JJ
Best 36* player	—	Livia

**Muang Ake — Tuesday 24th March — Hidden Holes**

Silver Division	Winner	—	Lynda
	R'up	—	Lavita
Bronze I	Winner	—	Kerstin E.
	R'up	—	Anke
Bronze II	Winner	—	Sharon
Near Pin 6 and 12	—	Kanda	Near Pin 8 and 17 — Wil

Congratulations to Vanessa who received her very first "birdie" today.

**Muang Ake — Tuesday 31st March — Medal — Strokeplay**

Silver Division	Winner	—	Debbie
	R'up	—	Wil
Bronze I	Winner	—	Gloria
	R'up	—	Magda
Bronze II	Winner	—	Erika
	R'up	—	Rita c/b from Livia

Long Drives — Silver — Nena, Bronze 1 — Anke and Bronze II — Livia

under par net 68 and low putts 29 = Debbie — a fabulous game of gross 83! Well Done.

# ROSE GARDEN — 17-18 MARCH '92



Winners: From left, Ruth — 2nd, Anne-Marie: Low gross, Lavita — 1st, Erika - 3rd.



Day Winners and Runners-up: Anke, Gill, Penny + Lynda.



Best 36\* Winner — Livia — played to 34!



Near pin prizes — Gill, Anne, Marilynne, Anke and Joanie.

## Don't they make handsome couples!!!



*Taken recently at Muang Ake "Kitchen Sink Competition"*

## RUGBY RUGBY

### NO TALENT NIGHT

AFTER WEEKS of nervous strain, valium and sudden unexplained rushes to the loo, Jane and I finally saw it come together. Friday 20th March was upon us and the Surawong Room was booked to it's (over) full capacity, 130 people were expected. We arrived some time in the afternoon, the staff were busy setting up 12 tables of 10 and one of 20 — there are always some people who want to be different. Last minute beautiful pink and black drapes were hung, panic stations were out!! Where was Richard to do the electrics? Thank goodness the BC electrician had seen it all before and had no problem connecting 10 televisions for our Karaoke number. Richard arrived with all the cables and one of the prizes, so all that was left to do was test the sound system. After several problems with the microphones we were set to go. It was 6 p.m. and we were definitely ready for a cold shower, alas, standing in our birthday-suits under the shower, no water was to be had. What now? Cold sweat and nervous perspiration had soaked us well and truly and we did not plan to welcome the Rugby Sections' guests like that. Down we went into the showers in the main building. Gill Hough was thrown out of the showers with no hesitation and hair was washed, bodies soaped and perfumed and off we went. We decided to go and test the atmosphere

in the bar but were soon dissuaded as several people accosted us wanting to know why they were sitting with so and so, and why were they were not sitting with so and so. Into the theatre we went, only to find out one of our major props — the motorbike had not arrived, Khun Peera sorted it all out by running up the soi to hire a soi boy plus bike for a few hours. After the bike was pushed up the stairs (yes, it did leave an oil mark, sorry!), and taken behind stage we were ready for the audience to come in. Pretty soon the place was buzzing and Joe Grunwell welcomed everybody, and invited Bobby Harris to say Grace, which he did very gracefully. Minestrone Soup was served, followed by Sirloin steak, with Bearnaise sauce, baked potato and vegetables. Desert was a fruit salad, and after all the wine, coffee or tea was available for those who needed it. The staff did a wonderful job serving all these people in a rather overcrowded room. And then ... Mr. Jon Prichard, the Compere took us all away. We had Rodney Bain opening up with a wonderful rendition of Ruby Tuesday, Bea and Jane had their own version of Leader of the Pack — the motorbike plus Frederik Vissers' suit did make all the difference. And yes, ladies and gentlemen it was Jane's own voice. The Sheet Boys made us all laugh, and Nigel with his schoolmasters act taught us a few new words. Jack Dunford and his group were absolutely amazing and looked so

lifelike we almost phoned the loony-bin to take them away. Rawhide will never be the same again after Andy and Alf had a go, The Bangkok 7's showed such enormous talent we can hardly choose which was the most outstanding performance, but Andy should be mentioned as we never realised such stunning physique was hiding behind those glasses. He was offered another job immediately by Jack Dunford as their new show is in need of a weight lifter with just Andy's shape.

The Meggison Band with one person short, but with replacement singer Allison Hunt, did a great job with "All around my hat." Mr. Hunt himself of course will not be forgotten lightly, he looks better in drag than in his normal clothes and attacking Jon was definitely improvisation at it's best. Stephen Buttlings' rendition of the Battle of Hastings left us all speechless and after that he did not want to leave the stage. The Karaoke set was started off by table 2 and they were booed by an eager audience, after that table 3's turn came and they did a splendid There's a Kind of Hush! Then time for the real thing, our own personal actor and actress Sylvain and Annicq on the screen as the two lovers and Jane and Stephen bum, bumming away on stage with Endless Love. Mike Pomfret, Roy McGregor and Richard McGregor (our very own piper) did a great Scottish dance. Patpong Special was a huge success judging by the reception the ladies got from the three volunteers in front. They were joining into the spirit of it all with almost, as it seemed, too much expertise. Now what can follow an act of that magnitude, of course our own drag queens. To mention a few names, Mike Pincock, Jim Howard, Gordon Bell, Vince Swift, Ian Brydon. Some of these guys volunteered on the night that's how much they wanted to get dressed up. They danced beautifully to Yellow Polka Dot Bikini and I'm sure who-ever got kissed by Mike enjoyed it tremendously. If we have forgotten anyone it's just because we were so surprised by all this talent that we just could not take it all in.

The raffle was drawn and one of the players who won the flight to Hong Kong returned it very kindly so one of the guests actually had the opportunity to go and see the Hong Kong 7's. The ladies enjoyed the after party a lot and a few compromising photo's were taken, no doubt to be used in future publications.

Our thanks must go to everybody who acted, sung, danced or did whatever on stage, to

Richard who coped very well with the sound system, Allison for doing the lights and helping people get dressed and undressed, the staff of the BC who did such a great job serving the masses, Keith Bell for donating B1,000 and his support for the Rugby Section.

And of course all the sponsors without whose support it would have been a lesser evening. Coca Cola, Standard Chartered Bank, Cathay Pacific. Thank you very much.

Last of all the Rugby Section would like to apologise to whoever was offended at one of their rugby do's by showing a bit too much flesh. It was not meant to offend anyone and hopefully we will be forgiven!!

See you all at our next do!!!!

#### **The BC Rugby Section in Hong Kong**

An alert TV reporter ensured the British Club Rugby Tens squad's arrival at Kai Tak airport was more than a little eventful. The eager media-man spotted the BC's distinguished tour manager Bobby Harris, standing head and shoulders above the vast majority in the terminal, and informed the gathered press circus that the Fijian Sevens squad had arrived. The frantic Hong Kong reporters, anxious to interview the 1991 Sevens champs, descended on the bewildered boys of the BC.

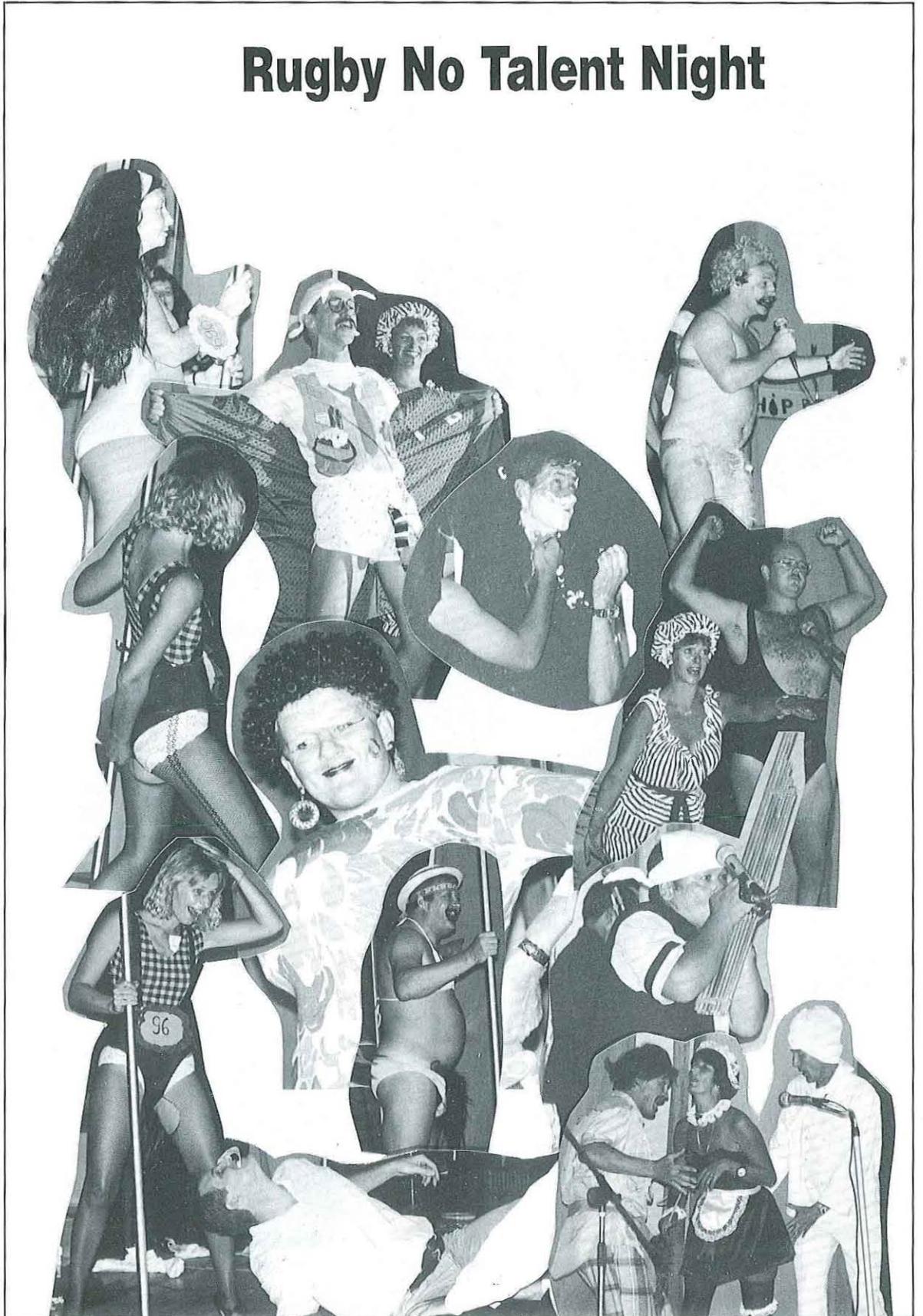
Cameras, microphones and reporters became a high tech barricade between the Bangkok athletes and the terminal exit. Ever ready skipper Jon Prichard, not known for his Fijian-Pacific Islander looks, grasped the opportunity and led his men through the media pack with a regal athletic swagger. The BC had most definitely arrived in Hong Kong.

Settled safely in the New World Harbour View Hotel, the BC set out next morning for the Hong Kong Football Club ground to launch their meticulously planned campaign on the Carlsberg Tens.

Six hours later, with two victories and a honourable defeat under their belt, the rugby section was through to the second round.

"It was a bloody marvellous achievement" explained Prichard. "We came here with the aim of winning at least one game, so to win two is first rate". "It is a real justification of the training and effort that's been put in over the last three months on the playing field and from all the support we've had in organising the trip."

# Rugby No Talent Night





First opponents, White Plains from New York, comprised a team of present and former American Eagles with real weight, size and speed advantage. The BC did not buckle however, and shocked the swaggering Yanks with the ferocity of the tackling. An early collision saw stand-off Steve Rees break two ribs but the stalwart carried on regardless, with Brydon, Brewster and Westerman tackling like enraged Irishmen, White Plains, the group favourites, were held to four points at half-time.

The US side's speed told in the second half and they galloped in three opportunistic tries to beat the BC 20-0. The White Plains scrum half, interviewed two days later by a BC gatecrasher at the Hong Kong Seven's dinner, explained: "We could not believe how hard you guys were hitting. Some of our boys are still hurting ..... we know now that no nation on earth tackles like the Brits."

Game two, played on a Happy Valley mud bath pitch, matched BC against the appropriately named Swedish side "Speed". The blonde, bearded Norsemen were full of Viking fire and BC found themselves on the back foot in the first half.

But the old heads of Pearson, Prichard and Coulon in the pack, accompanied by a 6'8" Aussie lock known as Crowbar, slowly took control in a game which could never be described as flowing, champagne rugby. BC manufactured a forward try, converted Aussie style by Westerman, and that was enough to give Bangkok their first ever victory in the Hong Kong Tens

Injured midfield general, Joe Grunwell,

captured the moment on his archaic Box Brown-ing camera and shots of the winning side can be purchased from the Yorkshire man for B10,000.

Game three, coming at the end of a bruising, muddy day, pitted the BC against a venerable side of gentlemanly British rugger chaps — all former Oxford University — at the main Tens stadium.

Rees having broken down under the im-mense pain of his splintered rib cage, was replaced by the 39 year old Aussie wizard, Westerman, who revelled in the stand-off position.

Crowbar, a man with an impeccable rugby pedigree and the present manager of the Queensland Rugby Union, was immense. Simon Dakers joined the pack and roared around the park, ably supported by ever present Pearson. Powerful, brutal British rugby did not please the Tens crowd but the players revelled in the compe-tition. Again BC notched up six points and achieved their second Carlsberg victory.

Nursing their wounds, the BC squad retired to the bars of Wan Chai for a couple of quiet drinks to prepare for a round two game against the French Legion the following morning. It was not to be. The pacey French side used youth and speed to defeat the BC 22-0.

The Bangkok athletes bowed from the competition gracefully and took to the pursuits they were far better prepared for: consuming vast quantities of beer, watching rugby, consum-ing vast quantities of women (ask Rees) and missing the plane home (ask Rees).

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# SOCCER SOCCER

Hullo rer,

I am full of the Scottish brogue on account of the fact we had our first ever Scotland-England game since I wrote last and also Scotland have qualified for the Olympic Games — yes the Olympics by virtue of the fact their under 21 football team has reached the European Championship Semi-finals. Enough of the prattle however and onto the action.

## SCOTLAND versus ENGLAND

A real tingle was in the air as the fans and players meandered their way down Soi 105 to the imposing modern building that is Patana School. Not quite the twin towers of Wembley but the purpose of their journey was enough to generate an electric atmosphere in the developing suburban setting. Scotland versus England, the very words stir up images of great sporting moments, heroic deeds and the very best in patriotic fervour. The game had obviously caught the imagination of the Soccer section and their families as a fair sized crowd of about 100 turned up and each side had children bedecked in the appropriate national colours with the Scots contingent being lead by a cute Victoria Pomfret bedecked in tartan and carrying a Scottish Lion mascot whilst the English cheerleaders were well served by Catrions Rodgers the Glamour Kids Rachel and Marie Elias and the Barber Twins Chris and Tony all of whom were vociferous throughout. Adam Rogers acted as mascot.

After the team photographs the teams lined up to be presented to British Club personality and favourite Khun Paitoon deputising for Chairman Brian Baldwin. As the tension and atmosphere built, the English played their trumpet card, Martin Dawson, Bangkok's answer to Eddie Calvert. Showing deft slight of finger Dawson and his trumpet blasted out the strains of 'Land of Hope and Glory' and the England squad burst into song. Not to be outdone the Scotland boys waited politely until the rendition was complete and lead by 'sponge man' Duncan Niven replied with interest by giving 'Flower of Scotland' lady. It was

then on to the game itself.

The healthy crowd included many participants and parents of the Bangkok Soccer League who had stayed behind to see what the coaches could do and they were pleasantly surprised with the speed and quality of the game. It was obvious all players were really "charged up" and it is safe to say if the same commitment had been shown throughout the league season the championship would have been ours.

England drew first blood when from a Casteldine corner "Boadicea" Hough of the bayonet shaped elbows soared above the Scottish defence to head home. Some felt he may have fouled his marker but the goal stood. The Scots had more of the pressure throughout the half but it remained 1-0 at half-time. The writer retired with a pulled hamstring, the third player this season to fall to this injury which caused Alan Mays to rename the BC team Hamstrung Epidemics.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first with the Scots territorially on top but both teams keeping it very tight, but Scotland deservedly notched the equaliser when a Bobby Ferguson shot sneaked through a gaggle of players and into the bottom left corner of the England goal. Bobby who? you may say, for the Scots had unearthed a couple of Kumagai lads to swell their smaller numbers. We had quality rather than quantity. (How's that for unbiased reporting.) Despite a flurry of action there were no more goals and the match finished in a diplomatic draw. The magnificent Anglo-Scot Trophy was therefore shared and each player received a medal as a memento of the auspicious occasion. We hope this will become an annual fixture. Best for Scotland were Willie Carruthers, Terry McToddlefsen, Mike Pomfret and Jim Boyd whilst England were well served by Peter Rodgers, Steve Lawrie, Vaughan Elias and Captain Casteldine. It was nice to see some of the 'occasional' players such as Gordon Bell and Bobby Ferguson do so well.

The evening finished with a dinner and disco at the Club which was well attended and thanks must go to Brian Baldwin and Duncan

Niven for their after dinner speeches. Special thanks must also go to Vaughan Elias and Jim Boyd for a superb match programme and to Ron Aston and Chairman Peter Downs for organising the trophy, pitch and dinner. It was a great day.

### **MATCH REPORT**

Lots of first team action during the month starting with a 5-1 league win over the Italians who are bolstered by 3 or 4 of our Casuals side. This was a good performance with a brace of goals from Jim Boyd setting up the victory. Oakins, Aston and Casteldine scored the others.

The Germans at the RBSC followed and in a very enjoyable game we scored first through a well taken "Houghman" special. The Germans provided spirited opposition but were a trifle fortunate to score an equaliser when they headed home a corner. This was a game we really should have won.

The next game was a friendly against Shell and they put out an extremely strong and fit young team. Frank Hough opened the scoring for us but then a deep probing run from the middle of the park which went unchallenged and a good low shot brought the equaliser for Shell. Both teams played some excellent football aided by a fine playing surface and we were unfortunate to go behind when a very short pass back was mercilessly punished by a sharp Shell forward line. We lost the place a little after this and the only remaining highlight was a penalty save by a rookie goalkeeper whose name modesty forbids me to disclose.

League business came next with the Scandinavian Vikings providing stiff opposition. They are enjoying a good season and lying third in the league so we were not too disappointed with our 2-2 result, particularly as we welcomed back the prodigal son, Mike Pomfret, to the side after a lengthy absence. Our goals came from Hough and Casteldine who by all accounts had a superb game in a reshuffled formation playing left midfield rather than in the central role.

Les Gauloise provided the opposition the following week and again we were expecting and received a tough match. The standard of teams really has been quite even this year. Defences were on top in a nil nil draw and special mention must be made of the performance of Steve Lawrie who really is enjoying a great season at the back

ably supported by Vaughan Elias and Willie Carruthers.

Our final game at time of press was another League one against the Kids of ISB. Once again experience triumphed over youth and the BC "winged" their way to victory with two well taken goals from skilful wingers Ian McKenzie and Mike Pomfret.

Whilst the League team has seen its busiest month of the season so far the Casuals have had their quietest, probably as a result of the absence of their Captain Andy Anastasi. The only competitive game I know of was one against SGS which we lost badly.

### **POSTSCRIPTS**

The build up in the next month will be towards the RBSC Floodlit Trophy where we are the defending champions. The spirit in the side is excellent at present and the new playing set up with Jim Boyd and Steve Casteldine pulling their knowledge and the team settling into a set pattern with a smaller squad and minimal changes appears to be paying dividends. Hopefully it will all come together for the Floodlit.

The Windmill Cup in Singapore also beckoned although at the time of going to press it has not been decided whether we will send a team. We also this month received an invitation to Manila'92 in November this year so it is all go.

Well that about wraps it up for now. Except:

What's the difference between a man and a hotdog?

A man wears trousers and a hot dog pants!

Then again what about the Irish Tap Dancer.

He fell into the sink.

The little girl had jelly in one ear and custard in the other.

An old lady asked her what she was doing with the jelly and custard in each ear.

"YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEAK UP", SAID THE LITTLE GIRL, "I'M A TRIFLE DEAF!"

A farmer has several fields of hay but couldn't persuade his son to join the family business. The lure of the urban lights was too

much and the son went off to town to make his fortune. Unfortunately the only job he could get was as a shoe-shine boy. Now the farmer makes hay while the son shines.

They don't get any better do they.  
See you all next month.

'Scoop'

## TENNIS TENNIS

SATURDAY 18th April saw the 2nd annual interclub tennis tournament at the RBSC Polo Club. At least it was the second for the ladies, but only the first for the men — glad to see we men finally got our chance!

The event was on a round robin format with four teams invited and was intended to promote good relationships, etc between the clubs. It was also suggested that these were the weakest four teams in Bangkok (Polo were apparently fielding their 'B' team) and it gave us a chance to at least win something! The other invitees were the Japanese Association and Thammasat University (lecturers with the odd ringer from the students).

The competition was split into age groups and after Stella Fox had managed to weedle (?) out the ages of our ladies and Ray Liang had persuaded the men to give up their day's golf, we finally had two teams of ten.

The Round Robin event went as expected with some glorious performances in the face of defeat, temperatures of 40+ and opposition who just keep getting the ball back no matter what you do. Fortunately no matches were a whitewash as we managed one set in both mens and ladies in each match.

As it looked like an early finish the organisers decided playoffs were in order for 1st and 2nd places and 3rd and 4th. We sallied forth again against the Japs and although the ladies only managed to repeat their morning score (1-4) the men after some very good tennis triumphed 3-2. Naturally the Japanese claimed overall honours, but well done to the men for a historic victory.

Particular mention goes to those who won sets on the day.

Yenni Basso	+	Thamthip Cowie	Won 3 (lost 1)
Eileen Cook	+	Gwen Cornfield	Won 1
Ray Liang	+	David Seldon	Won 4 (lost 0)
Bruno Straub	+	Pat Dean	Won 1
Andrew Francis	+	Ray Liang	Won 1

Undaunted by 11 hours of tennis, the organisers continued with the planned party in the evening. Unfortunately as it was the eve of the BMA elections, there was little to raise the spirits, so only five of our contingent remained to see who got the honours and eat and dance the night away very soberly.

David Haworth

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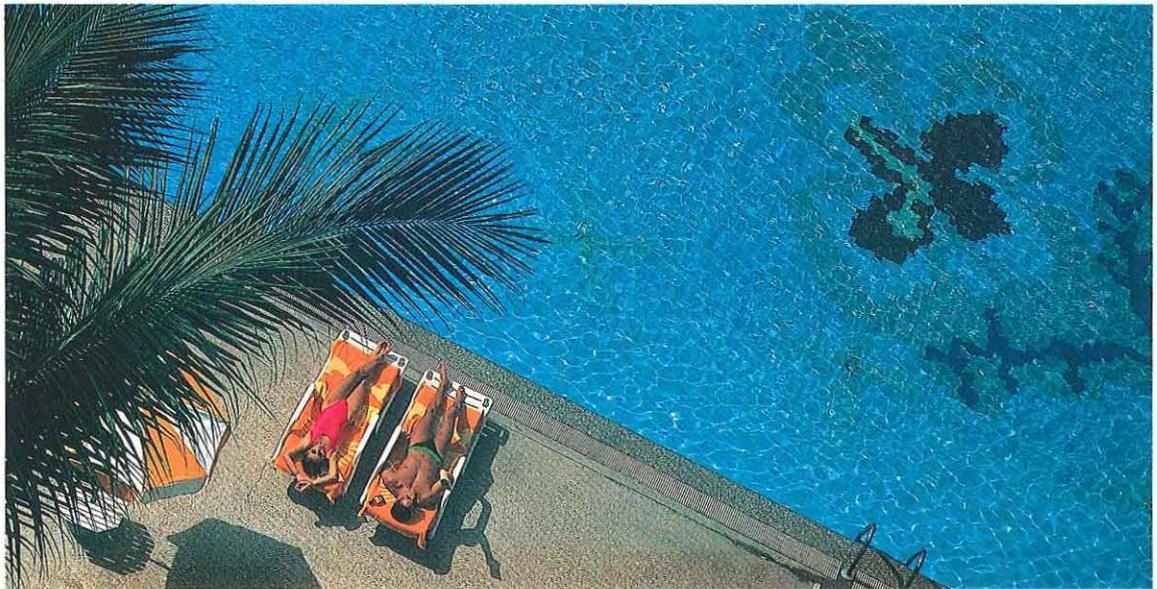


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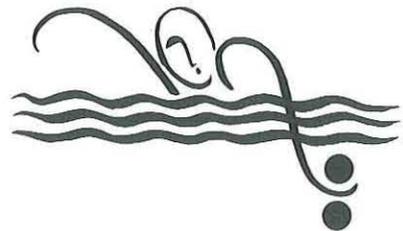
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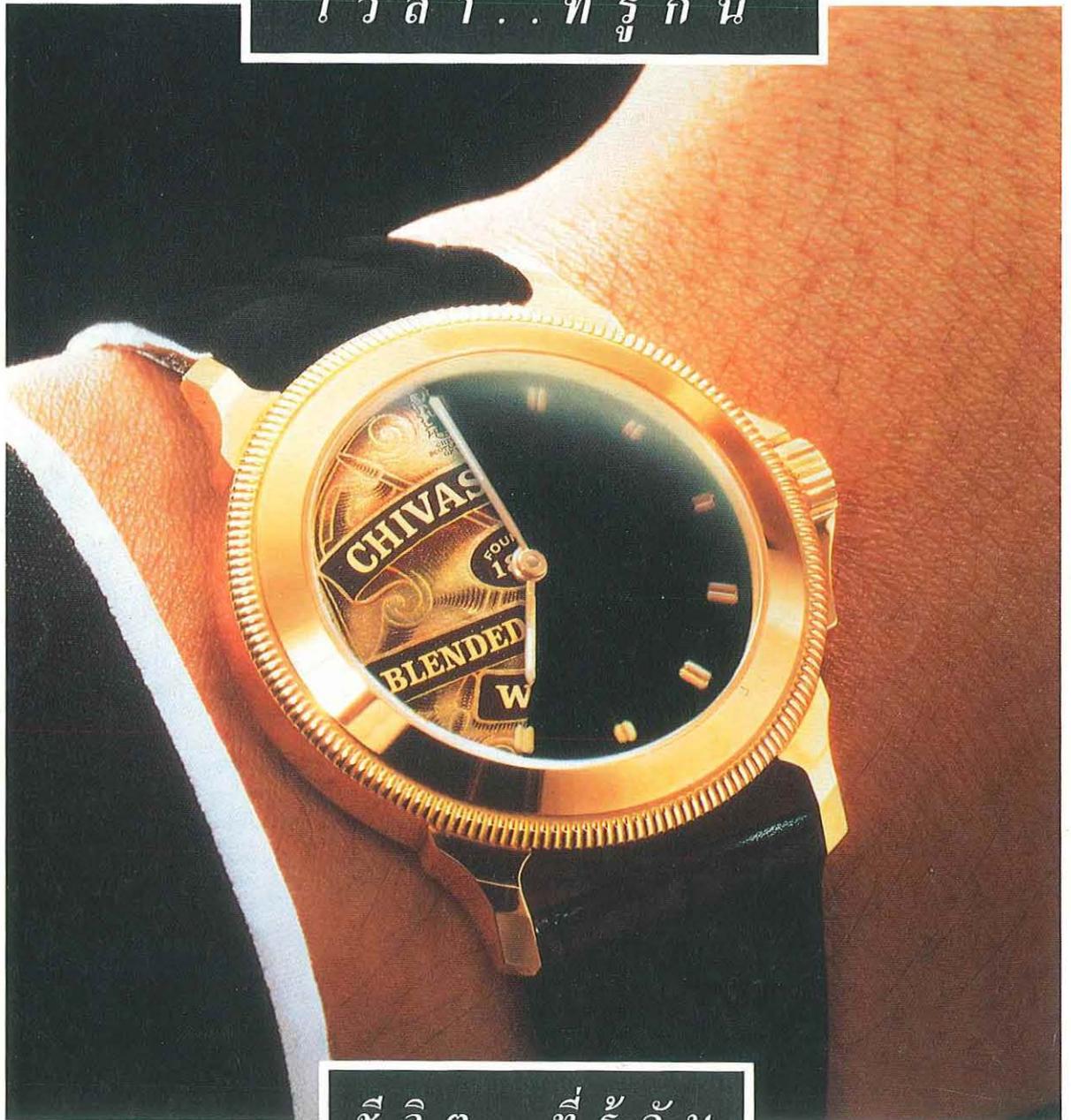
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