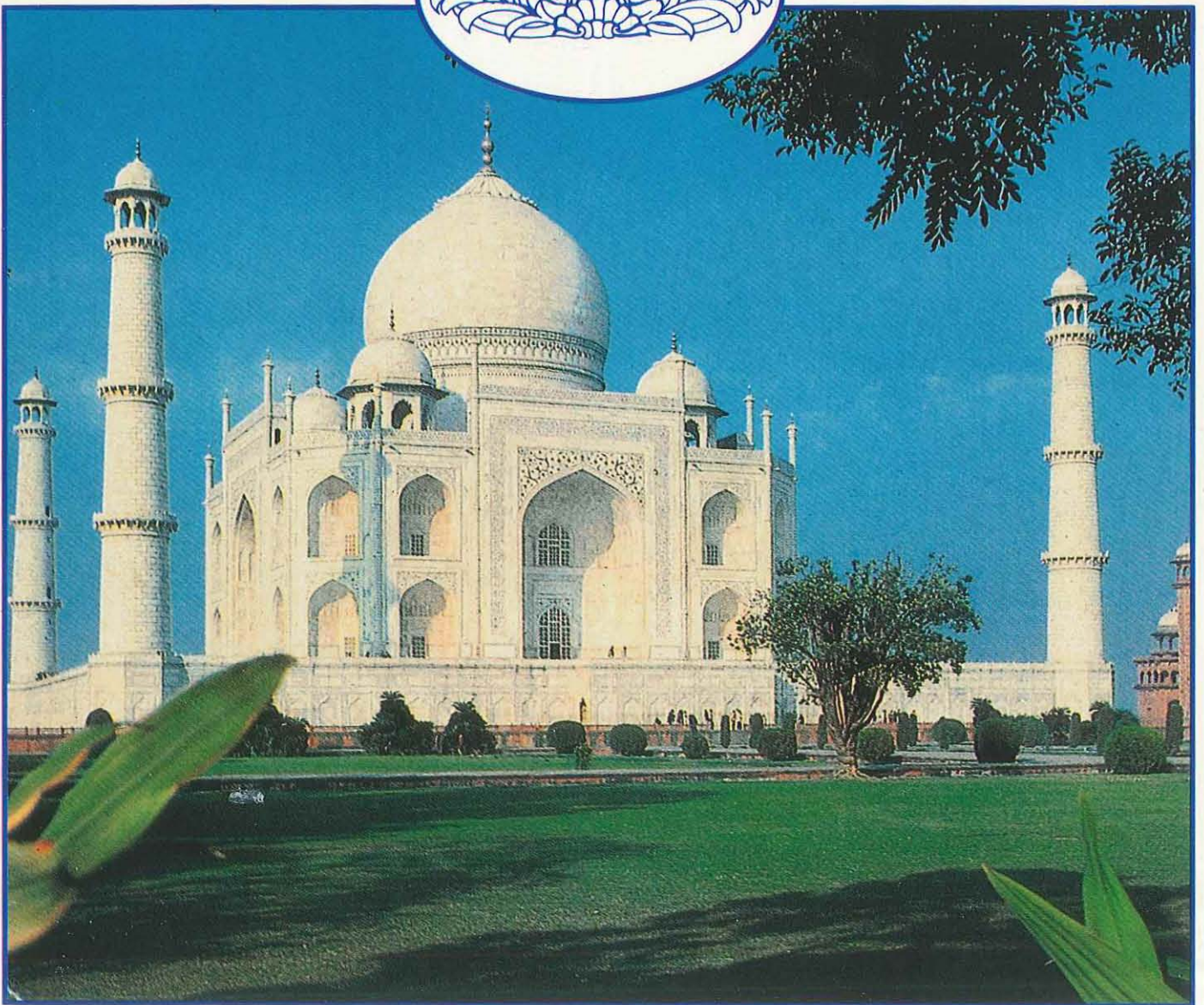
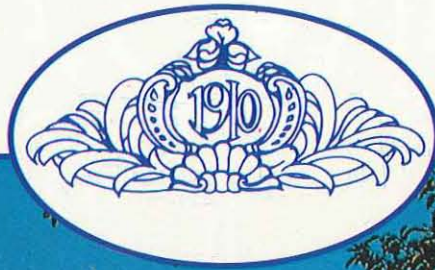
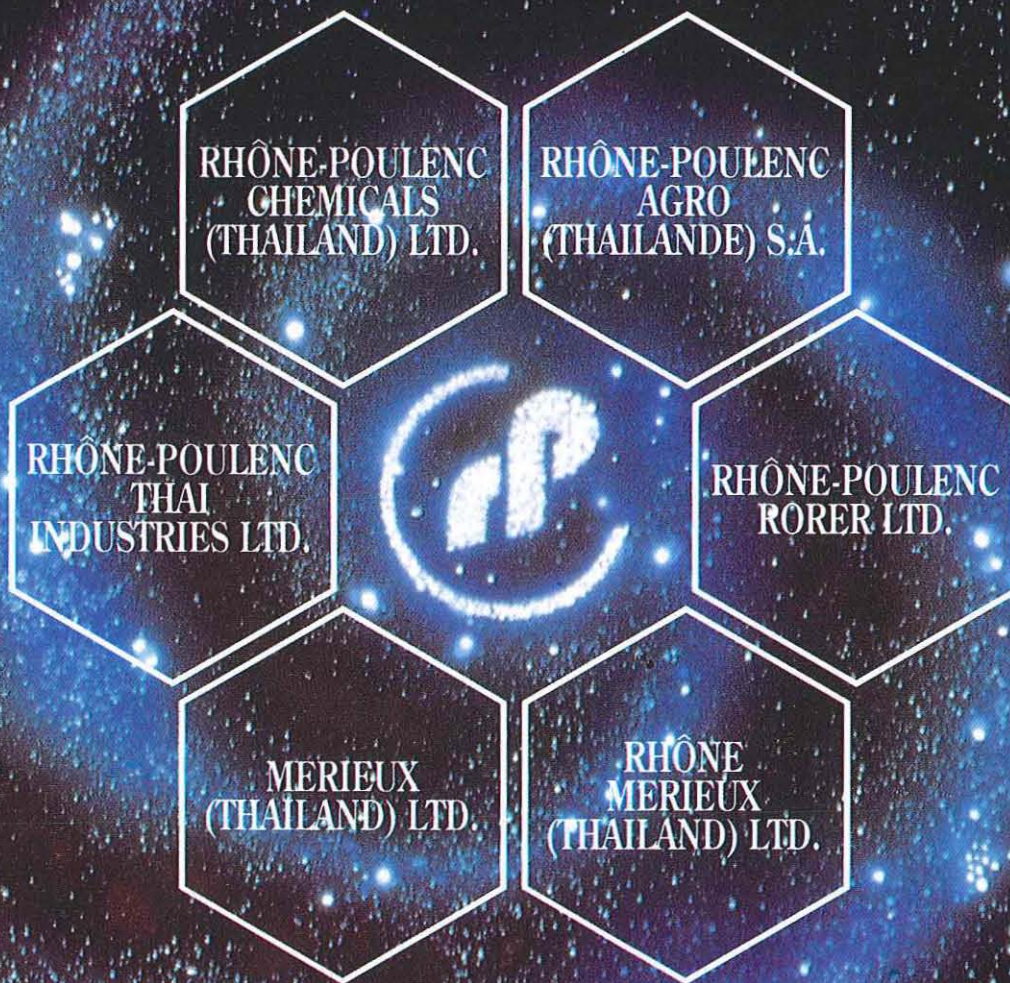


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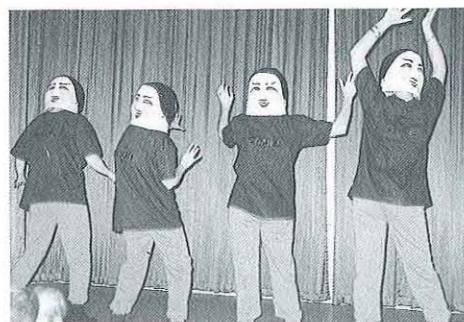
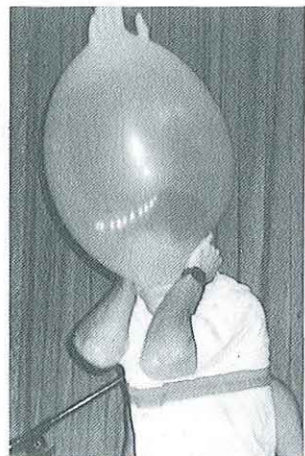
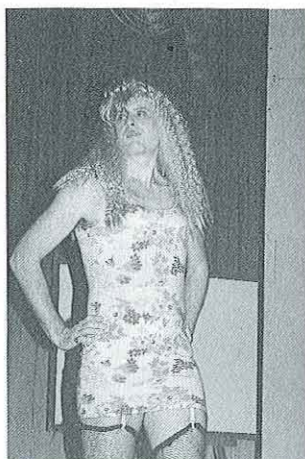
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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Do you sometimes wonder if anyone reads your memos, letters, notes etc. I have this feeling that only a few of my friends read my blabbering- ons in the Outpost. David was shocked to find out some people still did not know about the new chit system, please read the management notes every month, you could be missing out on important information and end up phoning the club because you did not receive your over-weight BC bill this month!

Indian month this month, as Mr. Viccars so eloquently put it "12 Days of the Raj", with food from colonial times in India. I have not had the pleasure of a food tasting but have visited the restaurant in the Holiday Inn several times and always come away thinking "That was a very nice Indian, that was!"

I would like to preach a bit this month, some articles in Outpost are actually in there because they have been for years and because for some reason or another either the Editor or the General Committee have decided that they are worth putting in. Either groups are sponsored by Members and need acknowledgement for these sponsors and their only way of thanking them is by placing their article in our fine Outpost magazine or we think it is for your information to, say, put in the times of church services or opening times of the Neilson Hayes library, or



maybe even the BWG's Jumble Sale date. The general rule is that if there is enough copy to cover all pages of Outpost and there is no room for extra curricular events, these non-British Club events will have to wait until next month, or if the info would be out of date, not go in at all. Anyone who is a Member of the British Club and has an interest like birdwatching, gemstones, shopping, eating, anything at all is very welcome to submit articles on their hobbies or even businesses. If these articles are blatant advertisements, like for example an article on gemstones solely written for the purpose of finding new clients, we will have to charge you for advertising. If an article is for information of the Members, we will be happy (more than happy) to publish it. Please do not forget there is such a thing as live and let live....

This month Outpost seems to be full of tennis, tennis, tennis and badminton, golf, tennis, cricket, football, snooker and the No Talent Night.... so if you are not interested in these events, please sub-

mit your articles to Bea Grunwell, Outpost, British Club.

Deadlines are still 1st of the month preceding publication, please use my fax number or leave them at the BC. We welcome any contributions from Members!!

Next month I am hoping to get myself together and interview some of the new committee members, maybe when you have seen their pretty pictures and a bit of a write up, you can actually approach them and tell them what you think is right ... or wrong with the Club!

If Outpost is late this month, my apologies, what with Easter and Songkran in one month deadlines were very hard to keep!

Have a good read and hopefully next month I can publish some more letters to the Editor, some more contributions from Members and add some more pages to your own OUTPOST.

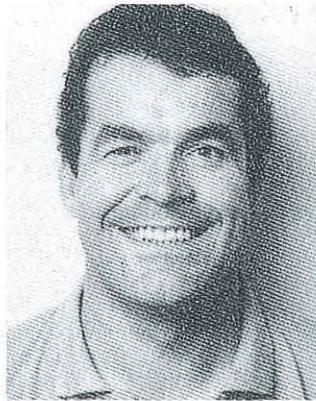
Bea Grunwell
Editor

From the Manager

FROM THE MANAGER

There are two particularly notable events to look forward to in May. Firstly the "12 Days of the Raj" promotion being held in Lord dining room from 24 May to 4 June (hence the "12 days"), and secondly the first of the quarterly selections made to reward members of staff for particularly notable service will happen in May, for presentation in June.

With the help of the Tandoor restaurant staff of the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza we have come up with what we hope will be a superb choice of "Raj style" dishes for serving in the Churchill Bar and Lords from dinner on the public holiday on Tuesday 24 May and ending with dinner on Saturday 4 June. The dishes have been chosen to reflect the British presence in India and were popular in the days before Indian independence. Certainly at the various testings we have had we feel the menu should delight all palates!! Although the normal bar snack menu will continue to run in the



Churchill Bar throughout the period there will be an additional 'a la carte' menu of Indian dishes, all of which will be very favourably priced. Our thanks must go to the General Manager and all the staff at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza for making this special promotion possible. We hope that this will be the first of a regular series of promotions in Lords so please do book a table or (even better!) tables and come and relive the days of the Raj!

The Staff awards for this quarter will also be selected in May for presentation in June. To recap, the scheme is to select two members of staff who have done particularly well in the period and to reward them with a cash prize, the first award being B1,500 and the second for B 500. The criteria for selection may be a consistent level of excellence or relate to a singular event, selection will be made on suggestions from Members and management with the Committee having the final say. Only full time employees, beneath Supervisor grades, and who have passed their probation period will be eligible for consideration. Please do complete the slip in this magazine if you wish to recommend any particular member of Staff, or alternatively just mention the name of the member of Staff and the incident to me. Thank you for your assistance.

David Viccars
General Manager

STAFF INCENTIVE SCHEME

If you find any member of staff particularly helpful, please fill in the form below and send to Mr. David Viccars, to recommend this staff member for the quarterly staff incentive bonus. Line managers are not eligible for this bonus as they will be helping the Manager balancing the votes from the membership.

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WATER

Members who use the Club often will be pleased to know that there is no longer a supply problem with water for the Poolside facilities. We have put in a new pipe to bypass the old metal pipe which was corroded and partially blocked. The result is that we will not run out of water Poolside again, nor do we have to buy any more water by the truckload from the Fire Service, hence we are saving well over B 4,000 every week. The only downside to all this is that the Fire Service is highly aggrieved because their "nice little earner" has come to an end! There is a separate problem with the pressure of water in the showers Poolside which is not always high enough to have a totally satisfactory shower, but that is a different issue, now the supply problem has been solved we can investigate the pressure difficulties.

"12 DAYS OF THE RAJ" in Lords from May 24 to June 4.

Although the Indian (Raj style) promotion in the Club House

from 24 May to 4 June is covered elsewhere in the magazine, the meals chosen are all very, very good, they will be prepared by the Holiday Inn chefs using their own imported ingredients with the dishes being prepared in our kitchens. Having tested all the dishes to be served, a treat is guaranteed! Both the Bar (as well as the normal bar snack menu) and Lords will be serving Indian cuisine from dinner on the public holiday on Tuesday 24 May to dinner on Saturday 4 June..... do come and try it out, and do please book if you wish to use the Restaurant. The plan is to make this the first of a series of similar international promotions at the Club, so please come and make it a success.

STAFF AWARDS

May will be the month in which we make the selections for the quarterly staff awards, if you have any suggestions to make please fill in the slip in this magazine and return it to the General Manager.

MASSAGE

After 6 years of charging B100 for a one hour massage, Khun

Champen has requested that he is paid B150 per hour from 1 May. This would seem to be fair! Read elsewhere in this issue about the Khun Champen story.

MEMBERS ACCOUNTS

May will be the first month in which members' monthly accounts will not include copies of chits signed in the previous month. Instead, please study the chit summary for a record of your expenditure. Any queries can be resolved in the office where we hold all the originals chits.

MASSAGE AT THE BRITISH CLUB

How many of our Members will know the story behind Khun Champen, our blind masseur? Well, in brief he came to us about 6 years ago, he was blinded in a shooting accident when he was 17 and was taught how to be a masseur by the Foundation for the Blind in Thailand. Khun Champen travels 2 hours morning and night to get to and from the Club, and he lives with his sister who looks after him at home. Khun Champen is saving to get married, and as his charge for one hours excellent massage has remained unchanged at B100 for 6 years it seems fair to increase the price to B150 from 1 May. Members may like to know more about the Skills Development Centre, which trained Khun Champen in the art of authentic Thai massage.

Among the various subjects that the Skills Development Centre for the Blind offers to the trainees is also the Thai traditional massage. It is already six full years now since our blind masseur started giving massages to our first customers at the completion of the training. Since then the ever increasing popularity of our massage hall gives faith to the professionalism of our blind masseurs.

What is then the authentic Thai massage? It can in short be defined as ACCUPRESSURE. Accupressure is the stimulation of appropriate points of the body in order to soothe away tension, improve blood supply, unblock the functions of nerve impulses and cure certain types of illnesses. All this is done by finger-pressure.

Pain and illness is relieved in certain places on the body are pressed.

Each one of us instinctively already uses a kind of accupressure when, for example, after a more than hearty meal we 'massage' our stomach or when we feel pain somewhere, our hands

go to touch and press the spot for a massage. The finger pressure or accupressure is only a systematic and sophisticated way to do it. The underlying theory is in fact that external points of the body have direct connections with internal organs and so by stimulating the external points we can effectively influence the internal organs too. The ancient theory states that there are 11 important organs in our body. All these different organs have connecting veins and nerves; whenever there is a disfunction on the nerves through accupressure we are able to ease the problem. It manifests itself on the nerve first. So the right pressure on the right spot can relieve pain and start the curative process to eliminate the illness.

The blind trained at the Skills Development Centre undergo a long and careful training in order to be both competent and efficient. Their training is constantly monitored by one of the best Thai traditional massage practitioners and the satisfaction and the praise of our many customers give credit to it. The best way to judge a good massage is to have one!

During the renovation of Squash Court 3, which is the normal venue for the massage, the service is operating in the children's changing room, by the children's pool. All you have to do to book a massage is to go along and put your name on the booking board by the entrance to the children's changing room.

10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (but Khun Champen will stay longer if there are consecutive bookings), every day except Monday which is his day off.

The cost for one hour's traditional and excellent massage is only Baht 150 to be paid in cash at the time to Khun Champen.

Pension Planning For Business Gypsies

Without a corporate structure to rely on, today's business gypsy often has to initiate his or her own personal pension scheme.

This is not as straightforward as it looks. One trap for first-time players is the assumption that advice from your friendly insurance salesperson comes gratis.

There's no such thing as a free lunch.

In most pension schemes, commission comes off the first year's contributions and can amount to as much as 60 to 100% of your initial payment.

Okay, so the guy has to earn a living like you. But think it through.

How long do you think it takes for your second and subsequent years' payments to recover from the significant reduction of that first year's investment and begin earning?

Depending on the scheme, it usually takes many years.

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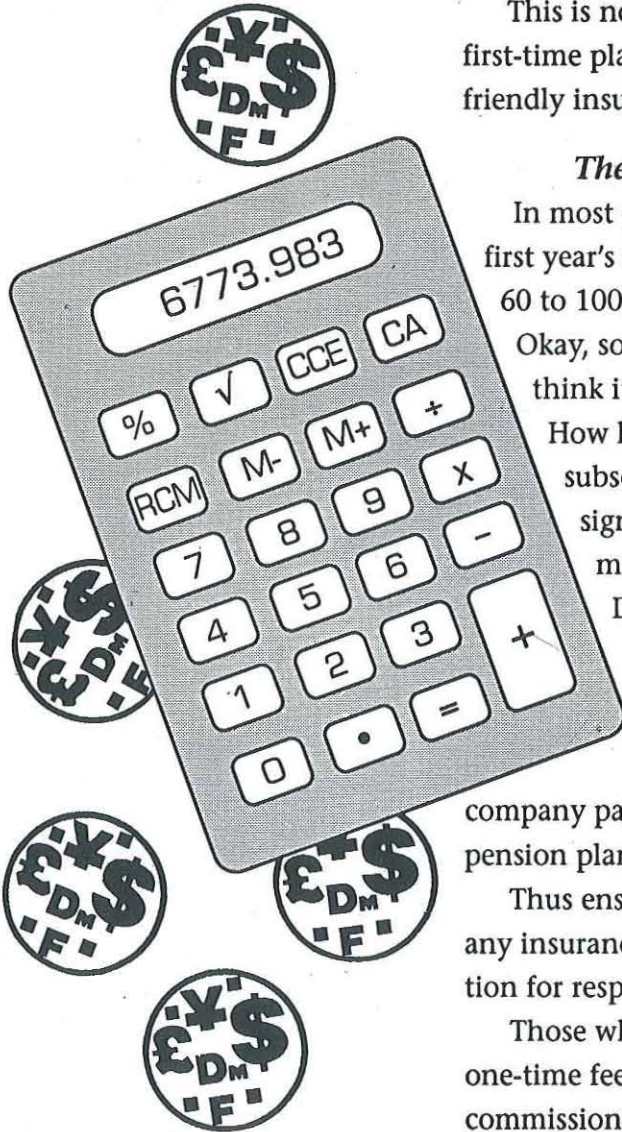
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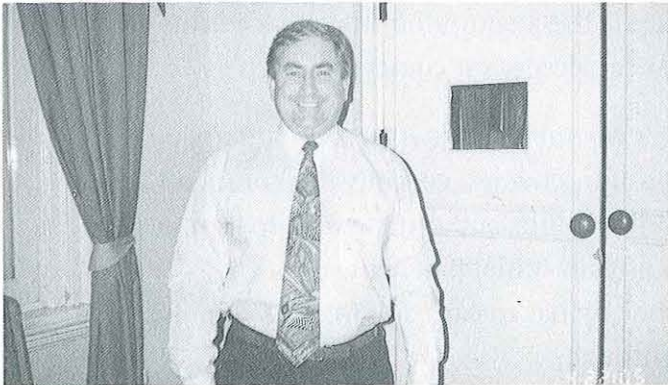


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New Members

An awesome task awaited Suzanne Partridge at the British Club New Members Night on 4 April. Bea does pick her times to be ill, 27 new members were invited to come and meet the General Committee. Lucky for Suzanne not all of them turned up and she did a great job talking to everybody there.



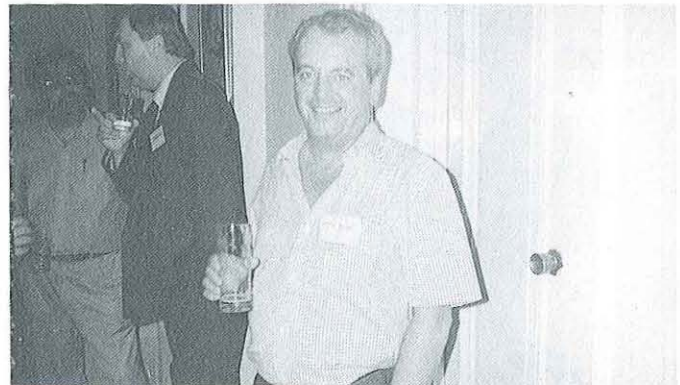
Peter Roebuck is here with Collingwoods and has been in Bangkok for 8 weeks. He has managed, however, to play 4 games of cricket already so we now what sport he enjoys. He is also a keen golfer < swimmer and used to be a rugby player. Peter has been in the Airforce before and lived overseas for 14 year. At night he likes to cuddle up on the settee with a good book.



Kasper and Angela Jackobsen have been in Bangkok for 1 month. Kasper works for Lever Brothers. They are Danish and English resp. and have 2 children aged 5 and 3. They lived in New Zealand for 6 years. Kasper says he likes to do as little work as possible but enjoys playing lots of tennis and golf. He is the talker in this relationship as far as Angela is concerned.



Youri Ivanov, our first Russian prospective Member, was surrounded by a circle of helpful informants who told me he is on the run from foreign agents and drinks a lot of vodka. He is married with 2 children, but they are in Russia with their mother. He is a keen sportsman.



Brian Smith, here with Prebon Yamame, has been in Bangkok for 6 weeks. He is married with 2 sons, both grown up. He was in Jakarta, Singapore and Hong Kong before. He is a keen golfer, knows several members of the General Committee so already feels well at home at the BC.



Marion Free-Roberts and Cameron Roberts have been here nearly a year. Marion works for the Australian Embassy and is a System Administrator. They have 2 children at Patana School. Marion enjoys cross stitching and Cameron likes a good drink, he is planning on bolstering sales in the BC bar.

◀ Alan Neil is the Managing Director for Texaco and has been here for 2 years. He is married and has 2 children aged 8 and 23. He came to Bangkok with just a set of golf clubs and a wish to pursue his biggest hobby: opera, unfortunately there is not a lot of that going on in Bangkok. He planned to join the BC the first week he was here, but you know how it goes, time flies when you are enjoying yourself.

New Members



Dieter Luewe, the General Manager of the Monarch Lee Gardens Hotel has been here for 5 months. He spent 12 years in Hong Kong and 9 in Singapore, so with his track record a long term member for the BC. He decided to join because he enjoys playing tennis and heard about the active tennis section. He has a 3 year old son and says he (Dieter) will enjoy using the facilities of the Club.



Dr. Kannika Suttisrichart is a dentist at the Bangkok Nursing Home. She fixed up Bryan Baldwin's teeth and he talked her into joining the Club. She hopes she will be able to use the Club a lot as it is very convenient for her and her family.



Pakorn Thavisin, the Chairman of the Thai Danu Bank, who was described by Bryan Baldwin as a b.... good bloke. Pakorn plays squash and recently had his first SCUBA lesson. He hopes to be able to use the facilities a lot. He is also a keen boatsman.



Kaye and David Swallow have been here for 5 years, finally got fed up with the Polo Club and decided to join BC for some proper Club atmosphere. David is Marketing Manager for Colgate-Palmolive. They have 2 children. David likes triathlons and Kaye swims and plays tennis.

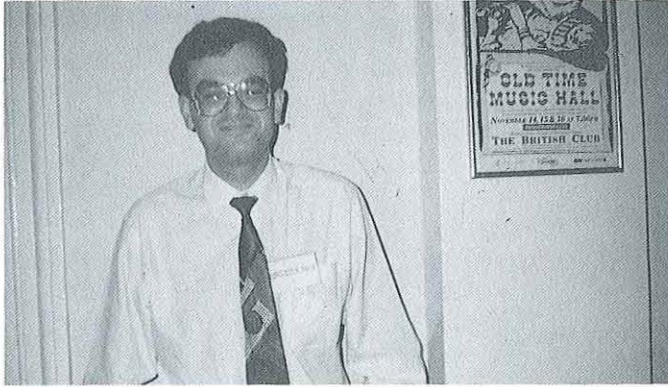


Alfred So has been a resident of Thailand for 20 years. He has joined the BC because he is a keen tennis player and he thinks he will enjoy the BC tennis bunch. He is already a member of the Sports Club and one of their better players. So watch out BC Tennis Section. He is a golf player too but only took this up 6 to 8 months ago, very keen though! He says he has too many children who all go to ISB, the family will move out nearer to the school soon to stop the long travelling time for their children.



Andrew Marshall has been here for 4 weeks and says it is very different from Colchester. He is here for Transpo and has come to join Derek Cheyne. His wife Lisa will be arriving in May. He sees the Club as a place where he can maintain his sanity and we wish him luck. He has joined the fitness centre and is thinking of taking up squash.

New Members



David Birtwistle (what a lovely name) is the Product Development Manager at Lever Brothers and has been here for 3 months. This is his first posting overseas and he hopes to be here for 3 years. He is single, a keen bridge player and does not consider himself to be much of a sportsman, but does like propping up against the bar.



Roger and Judy Fitzgerald have been here for 3 months. Roger has been a QS for 30 years and loves to play tennis, golf and is an avid rugby follower. He plans to take the BC by storm. Judy used to play tennis but now enjoys aerobics. She has her own property company in UK. They lived in Spain for 4 years.



Marianne Blazkevics an Executive Officer of the Danish Embassy has been here for 8 months and was a member of the British Club whilst at other postings. She enjoys the club atmosphere. She plays tennis, goes swimming a lot, she hopes to join the fitness centre and take up squash.



Alan and Lise Dean have been in Bangkok for a year. He is the Resident Manager for A/S Betonmast. They are surrounded by Scandinavian people as they both work for Scandinavian companies and decided it was time for a change and go "British" and join the Club. Alan and Lise, who is Norwegian, play tennis and have two sons aged 1 and 4.



Valerie and Ralph Robert (he is Senior Project Coordinator for Christiani Nielsen) get the Keen BC New Members Award of the year. They walked all the way from Sukhumvit Soi 23 because of the bad traffic. Ralph has been here for 3 months but Valerie only arrived 3 days ago and is still suffering from culture shock and holds a firm believe Bangkok has no taxis. Ralph plays squash, tennis, golf and snooker and enjoys the bar. Valerie concentrates on the bar and food.

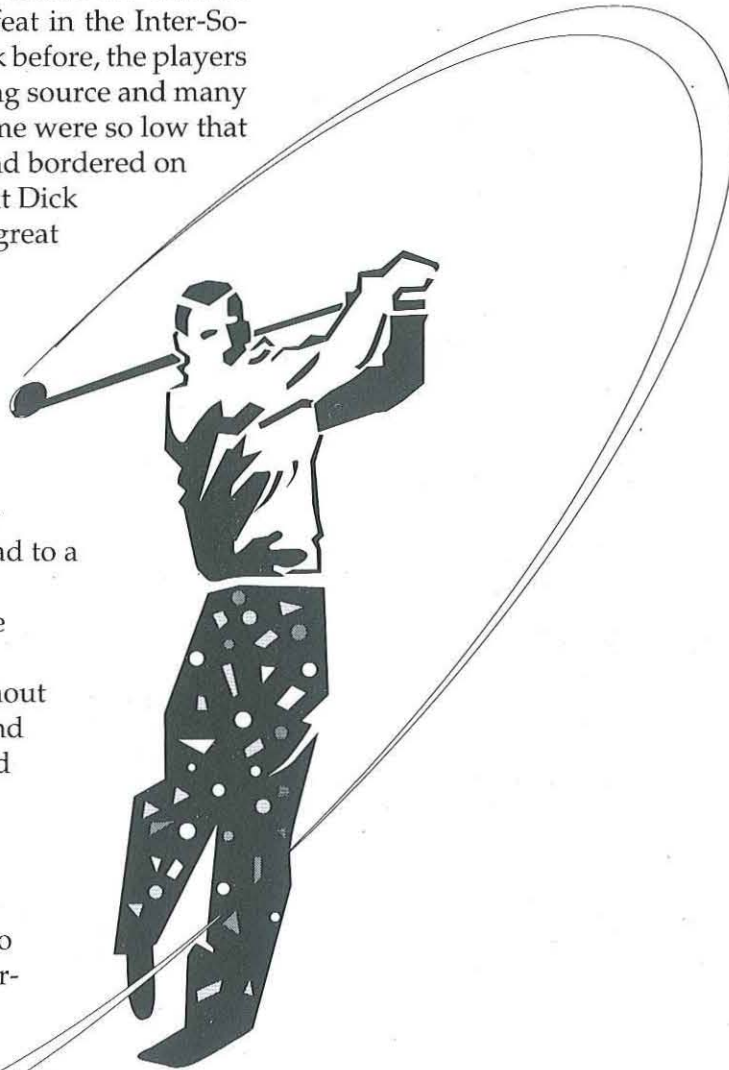


Damien and Jennifer Hertslet are on their first posting from Australia and have been here for 2 months. Damien is here with Lend Lease, and is their Project Manager He enjoys playing football and cricket, Jennifer likes aerobics and watersports, reading and history and they both hope to use the club a lot.

ST ANDREW GOLF

The Bangkok St. Andrews Society held its annual golf outing at Muang Ake on 5th March where 28 members and guests competed with each other and the course for various trophies. Still smarting from defeat in the Inter-Societies Golf Tournament the week before, the players wreaked vengeance on a forgiving source and many scores were returned. indeed some were so low that they transcended the fantastic and bordered on the 'bandit' level. You all thought Dick Turpin was English. Anyway, a great time was had by all and Donald McNeil, the overall winner, in true Scottish tradition uncapped the top of his litre bottle of Black Label which was part of his prize and threw it away (the top that is). Fear of evaporation of the 'water of life' in these tropical climes lead to a speedy consumption and so the pattern was set for the post game pleasantries.

No event can take place without organisation and commitment and the committee and players would like to than out golf convener Paul Nears for his sterling work not only in organising this event but for his service on the Inter-Societies Golf Group. Thanks also to Dugal Forrest for his computer-like score keeping on the day. It would be a dereliction of duty if we failed to



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TLE for some excellent prizes. The event was also sponsored by ROYAL GARDEN RESORTS RIVERSIDE HOTEL, UNOCAL, DUSIT THANI HOTEL, CATERING ASSOCIATES, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK and thanks to one and all.

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| Gerson Table | (Low Nett) | D. McNeil |
| Gibson Putter | (Best St'ford) | R. Selwyn |
| Ladies Cup | (Low Nett) | P. Daniels |

Open Section:

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| Nestle Basket | Best St'ford) | J. Neizner |
| | Runner Up | M. Davidson |

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Living in Thailand

LIVING IN THAILAND ... the Mai pen rai attitude

J.B. HOTEL HAT YAI

Entering the Lobby Bar

Waitress: "Do you want a drink Sir?"

"Yes please"

W: "Do you want a beer Sir"

"Yes, a beer is fine"

W: "Do you want a Kloster beer Sir"

"Yes please give me a Kloster"

W: "You want a big one Sir"

"Yes please a big one is o.k."

W: "No have Sir"

BIG RESTAURANT/ENTERTAINMENT PLACE OF PETCHIBURI ROAD

I asked my secretary: "Please ask the waiter when my Tom Yam Khung will arrive".

The waiter answers, very politely, on his knees:

"Solly Sir, wait a moment, cooks are fighting...."

SECRETARY OF MR. TERRY E. ON THE PHONE

Hello Sir, I have to say sorry!

Why do you have to say sorry to me?

Sorry, Sir I have to say sorry to you...

Does this mean Mr. Terry is not joining the trip to B.?

Sorry Sir, Mr. Terry only told me to say sorry to you.

Can you take a message for Mr. Terry?

Yes Sir.

Please tell Mr. Terry I am sorry too.

Sorry Sir, can you spell that for me?

Yes my dear, S-O-R-R-Y.

Thank you Sir

COMMUNICATIONS

The following article was sent to OUTPOST by Jaap van Gelder and we thank "The Rotarian" magazine of Rotary International.

R.I Director ANTONIO M. SERRANO of Bedfordview, South Africa, offers this humorous example of how office communications can become garbled in transmission.

From: General Manager
To : Department Heads

"On Friday evening at approximately 5 p.m. Halley's Comet will be visible in this area, an event which occurs only once every 76 years. Please have the employees assemble in the park area outside the building and I will explain this rare phenomenon to them. In case of rain, we will not be able to see anything, so assemble the employees in the canteen and I will show them a film of it."

From: Department Head
To : Deputy Department Head

"By order of the general manager, on Friday at 5 p.m., Halley's Comet will appear above the area outside the building. If it rains please assemble the employees and proceed to the canteen, where this rare phenomenon will take place, something which only occurs every 76 years."

From: Deputy Department Head
To : Superintendent

"By order of the general manager, at 5 p.m. on Friday, the phenomenal Halley's Comet will appear in the canteen. In case of rain in the area outside the building, the general manager will give another order, something which occurs once every 76 years."

From: Superintendent
To : Foreman

"On Friday at 5 p.m. the general manager will appear in the canteen with Halo's Comet, something which happens every 76 years. If it rains, the general manager will order the comet into the area outside the building."

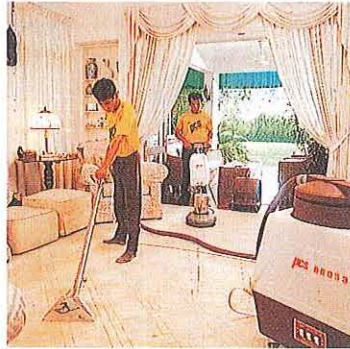
From: Foreman
To : Team Leader

"When it rains on Friday at 5 p.m., the phenomenal 76-year-old Bill Haley, accompanied by his Comets, will drive the general manager through the area outside the building to the canteen."

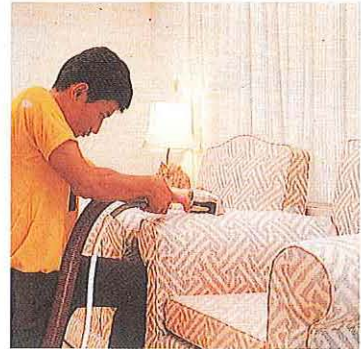
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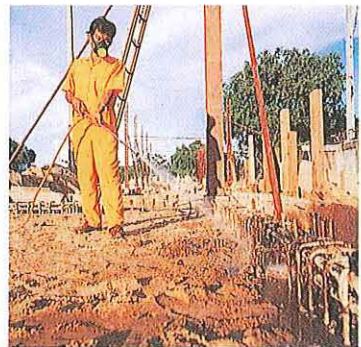
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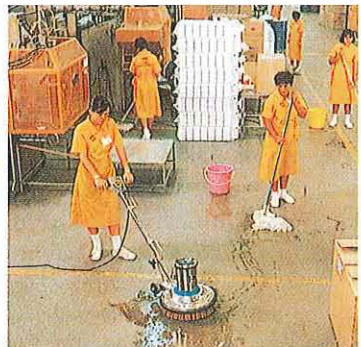
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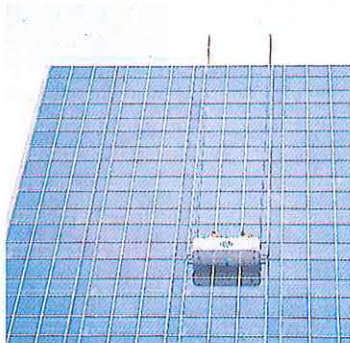
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SUNDAY 13TH MARCH

This was the first of our Quarterly Medal competitions for 1994 and was played over the relatively new venue of Royal Country Club at Lard Krabang.

Inchcape Calbeck/MacGregor/Dimple have once again agreed to sponsor this event this year and **Roy Barrett** of Inchcape was on hand to give out the prizes. Their continuing support of the Section with this event is greatly appreciated.

Results were:

| Flight A | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------|
| Winner | Eric Hudson | (69) |
| 2nd | Peter Ingram | (70) |
| 3rd | Dugal Forrest | (72) |

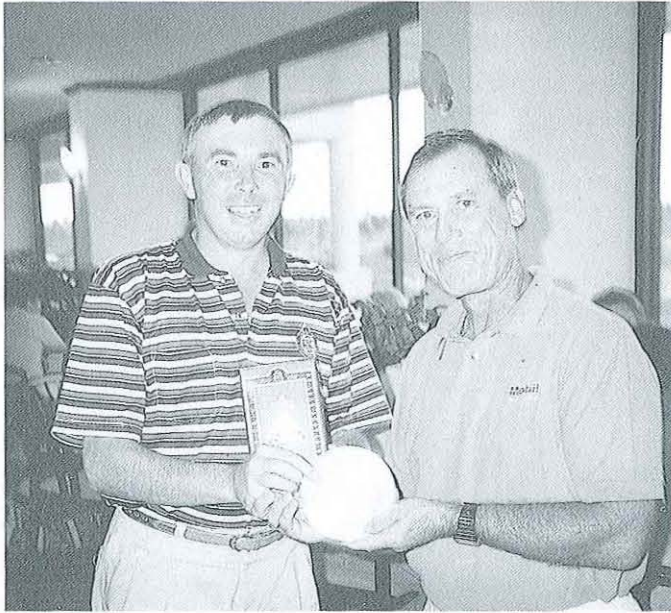
| Fight B | | |
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| Winner | James T-Glover | (68) |
| 2nd | Ron Sparks | (70) |
| 3rd | Neil Buttery | (71) |

| Fight C | | |
|----------------|-------------|------|
| Winner | Rob Selwyn | (61) |
| 2nd | Graham Hunt | (70) |
| 3rd | Nev Bayliss | (73) |

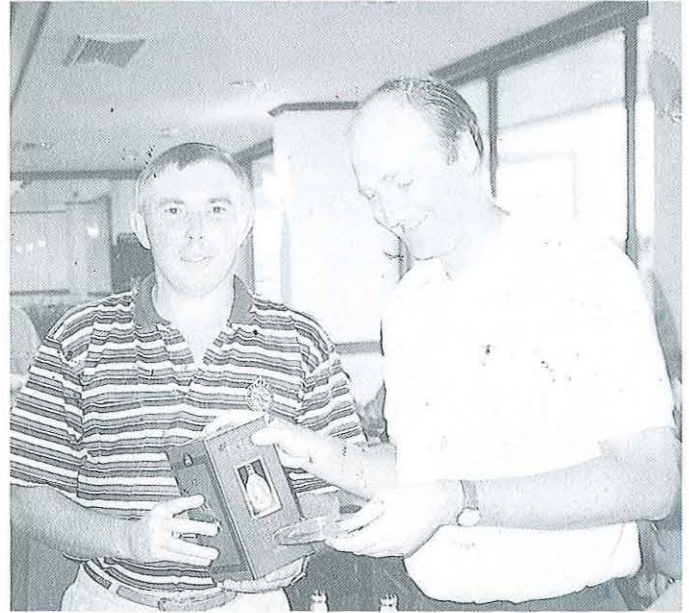


Roy Barrett presents 1st Prize Flight "A" to Eric Hudson

Eric, as is only fitting perhaps on his first outing since becoming our Captain, took Flight A in magnificent form and new member James snuck in on his first outing with us to win Flight B. The least said about Robbie the better!! Seriously, though, Robbie has been taking lessons and they sure have paid off. Well done to all three and no doubt they will all be subjected to very close scrutiny by handicapper Dugal!



The smile on the face of the Tiger! Robbie collects his winnings from Roy



Newcomer James Thomson-Glover Flight "B" first Prize Winner

SUNDAY 27TH MARCH

This was a Club outing held at Muang Kaew. 29 Aspirants turned up on a warm, but windy day for a bogey competition (plusses and minusses). Sponsor for the day was **Sahasin-QBE Insurance** through the good offices of Ron Sparks.

Results were:-

| Flight A | | |
|-----------------|--------------|------|
| Winner | Peter Ingram | (+1) |
| 2nd | Ron Sparks | (0) |
| 3rd | Norbet Staub | (-1) |
| Flight B | | |
| Winner | tuart Davy | (-1) |
| 2nd | Alexi Hughes | (-2) |
| 3rd | Mike Baker | (-2) |

In addition to the above competition, the Captain gave each playing group an orange ball with which each player in the group had to take turns to complete a hole. The object was to be still in possession of the orange ball at the end of the round. The result of this little event was that not one group managed to keep their ball through to the end of the round - and we call ourselves golfers!!

A good day was enjoyed by all and our thanks go to Sahasin-QBE for their generous support - thank you Ron. Sadly the Section had to say farewell to Peter and Dixie Ingram at this outing. They are returning to Oz after several years with the Club; Peter, of course, as Captain last year. "Bon Voyage" to you both and don't forget to come back and see us.



Ex-Captain Peter receives his well earned prize from Ron

STOP PRESS!!!

On Sunday 3rd April the Section took on the ladies of the BCLG in the annual battle for the Inaugural Trophy kindly sponsored by Rhone-Poulenc. The result was a very narrow win for the Section by 338 points to 334. Well done NCGS and thank you to BCLG for a very close run and, as usual, enjoyable match. More of this next month.



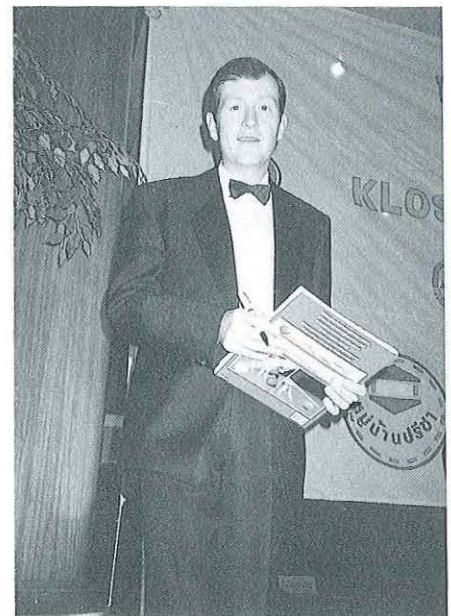
On the 3rd of March, the Secretary of the Section was cordially invited to attend a press conference at the Imperial Queens Park Hotel. The invitation came from the President of the Snooker Association of Thailand, Khun Sindhu Pulsirivong. The press conference was held to welcome the thirty two top snooker players of the world to the KLOSTER THAILAND OPEN SNOOKER tournament.

Trixie was introduced to Steve Davis, Dennis Taylor, Stephen Hendry, Terry Griffiths and many more top players. It was also very interesting talking to one time world champion billiards player, Ray Edmunds. And the famous referee, Ron Ganley, who happily managed to appear at the British Club to enjoy a plate of steak and kidney pie!

The first shock of the tournament came when the world's number one player, Stephen Hendry, was toppled by Chuchart

Traitatanapradit, one of the 'Wild Cards'. You may remember in my last report, I mentioned this young man had recently turned professional, so was an almost unknown player, but not anymore!! When he goes to Blackpool in June people there will be watching him very carefully. It took the steady hand and nerves of Darren Morgan from Wales to eventually knock Chuchart out of the Kloster Thai Open, by winning 5-4.

I took Adam to one of the first round matches, along with Doug and Val Mather. It was a super



game of snooker between Steve Davis and Tony Knowles. The standard of safety play was really superb, then both players relaxed a little to give the audience a really thrilling performance of world class snooker. Steve took the first two frames, Tony the next two. A

funny thing happened during the break of 10 minutes. I got the cups of tea, Val went to the loo, Val drank her tea, Trixie went to the loo, the first person I met in the loo was .. TONY KNOWLES (what was he doing in the ladies loo?? Ed) ... cleaning his cue! We chatted for a while, he had to get back, by the time I got back to the snooker room the doors had been locked, and I missed the fifth frame, THANKS TONY!!

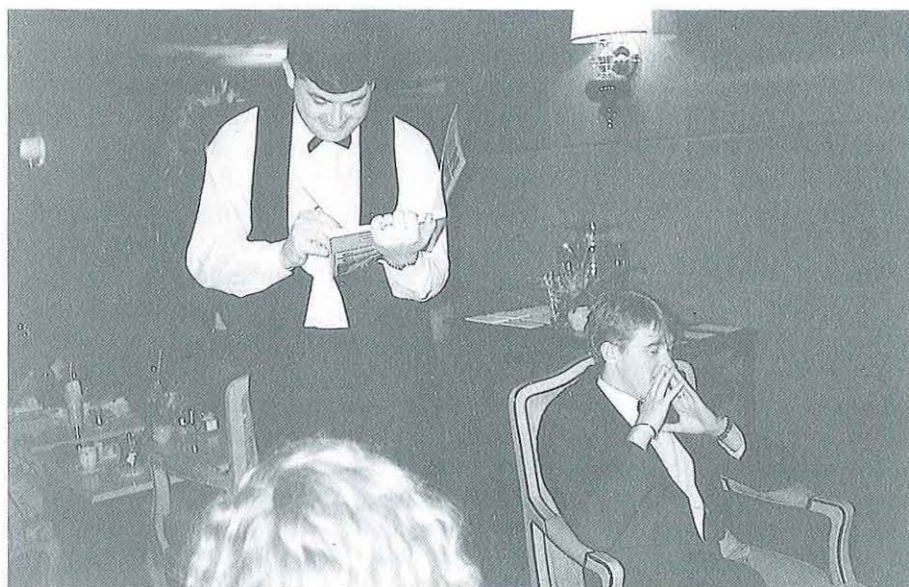
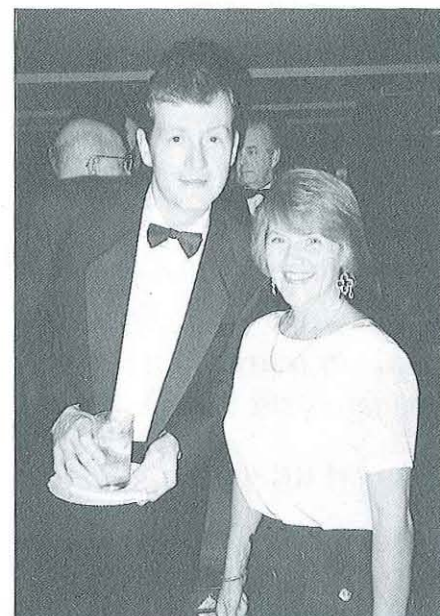
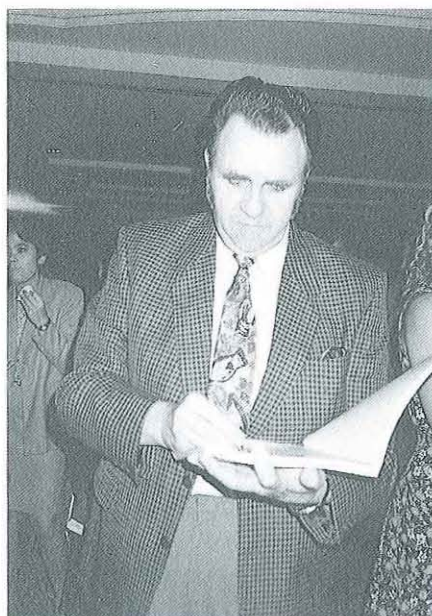
The end result Steve Davis 5 Tony Knowles 4. Needless to say we all had a very enjoyable evening.

Other British Club members were given free tickets to go along and watch world class snooker were, Ken Ross, Graham Wainwright, Jaap and Leanne van Gelder, Brian Griffin and Mike O'Connor. Mike Brann and Ken Ross were the lucky pair who went to the final between Steve Davis and Wattana, the eventual winner in case you didn't know was the Thai champion player Wattana Phu-ob-orm.

I hope that all you snooker fans out there enjoyed the tournament as much as we did.

I feel very proud to have been invited to share the excitement of the world of snooker, and would like to take this opportunity to say a big, THANK YOU!!, to our friend Khun Sindhu Pulsirivongse, for making it possible for some members of the British Club to go along and enjoy, REAL SNOOKER.

Some very exciting news just received from the UK is that our friend Khun Sindhu Pulsirivongse has been duly elected to serve on the board of 'WORLD PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION 9WPBSA'. At last, maybe the game



which is still classed as illegal in Thailand, will be recognised for what it is; a very respectable sport.

As a foot-note I'd also like to add that I was very impressed to have witnessed so many smartly dressed young men, who conducted themselves throughout the tournament, like perfect gentlemen, certainly a tribute to the sport of snooker.

Some telephone numbers for the ladder:

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Mike Brann | 385 8794 |
| Trixie Brann | 385 8794 |
| Mike O'Connor | 234 0247 |
| Doug Mather | 286 5384/3961715 |
| Ken Ross | 267 7856/ 231 3412 ex 204 |
| Jaap van Gelder | 235 2775 |
| Graham Wainwright | 392 6166 |
| Les Mouat | 236 1205 |
| Brian Griffin | 561 1130 |
| Bryan Baldwin | 385 7229 |
| Joe Fletcher | 254 9913 |

Trixie Brann.

HI GANG

As the football season reaches its climax in the UK with the Scottish Cup Final, and with the World Cup less than 2 months away, we still have no conclusion to the local Farang League competition which has gone on later than usual this year. Unseasonal rains have caused programme disruptions including the cancellation of our top of the table clash with the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. Unfortunately, the raindrops were signs of tears from heaven for us when we played the third placed Italians as you will see from the match report.

MATCH REPORT

Only two senior games were played during the month as a result of the vagaries of the fixture list which left us with two blank weeks plus the cancellation of the RBSC game. Perhaps the League Computer needs re-booting. Anyway, we lined up against the third placed Italians for a real four pointer in the first of these. It seems that every game these days as we chase the elusive League title is in the make or break category and we could ill afford a slip-up on this one.

The first blow was struck before a ball was kicked as goalkeeper Neil Torrance failed to appear due to a mix up on dates and without regular stand-in Norman Bright, who had been performing well when called upon, Captain Carruthers had to re-shuffle the side putting yours truly in goal and bringing Ritchie Crooks in at (for him) the very unfamiliar left back position. From the kick off it was obvious the Italians were determined to reserve the World War II result and their tactics were a bit different from then as they kept coming forward instead of retreating. We took time to settle in and it was no surprise when following a catalogue of defensive errors in attempting to clear the ball, the pasta punters opened the scoring. This seemed to wake us up and we enjoyed our best spell of the game either side of half time. Steve Casteldine gave us the greatest possible start to the second half when he scored another of the spectacular goals that have become his hallmark this season.

Latching onto the ball twenty five yards out he unleashed an

unstoppable shot that went in off the post to put us on level terms. We continued to press and the Italians were on the rack when disaster struck. A long punt by the Italian centre half seemed to be carrying though to the 18 yard box but held up. The writer's momentary hesitation was enough to allow their pacy centre forward to gain possession and force himself around me for a 'tap-in' goal. Mama mia, arrivederci Breetish Club. Yes, the Italians put up the shutters after that and were content to defend and kick the ball vigorously into touch with a degree of trajectory that would have had a NASA scientist green with envy. The final score was 2-1 and we slipped to four points behind the RBSC with three games to play. Fortunately RBSC have to play both us and the Italians and so all is not yet lost but in degrees of difficulty we have gone from needing to climb Mount Kinabalu to Mount Everest. Lets not take anything away from the Italians however as on the day they performed very well and conceivably they also could win the title.

Game two was a much better affair however. Missing Greg Watkins, Chris Davin, Frank Hough and your own 'Scoop', the reshuffled side did not bat an eyelid and strolled to a six one win against the Indian Cougars. A spectacular hat-trick from Captain William Carruthers was the corner stone of the victory with other goals from Steve Casteldine, Ron Aston and Richard Crooks - who was playing his last competitive game. All of a sudden spirits are high again and it was a great way to christen the new football kit provided by RICHARD ELLIS

COMPANY. A natty all white affair with yellow and maroon facing we at least look like a football team and against the Indians played like one.

CASUALS CORNER

The wee team had four games last month including one against a touring Hong Kong side which ended in a six four defeat. Apparently temporary captain John Shehan did not get the blend of experience and mediocrity quite right at the start of the second half which lead to the visitor's rattling in three quick goals. The record of our scorers was lost in the post match cocoa session but 'Scud' Rodgers reliably informs me that he scored the goal of the match.

The second match was against old rivals Asia Fumigation which resulted in a three one win for the Terminators. Match three was an in-house seven-a-side affair whilst the last game saw the Casuals take on an Anglo-German team comprising some of our first team and some German All Stars in a celebration of Vaughan Elias' fortieth birthday. Stalwarth Vaughan duly obliged the crowd by scoring the goal of a lifetime. Mark Adams received the ball on the wing and Vaughan sprinted 40 yards from deep inside his own half to get on the end of Mark's square pass. The sprightly Elias took two strides on the ball and rifled a 40 yard shot at 40 mph past a dumbstruck Anglo-German goalie. It was not enough to save the Team from a five-three defeat but was a goal to savour.

POST SCRIPTS

Well that wraps up a shorter than usual article. At the time of writing it Ritchie and Jan Crooks return to the UK is definite and the section will miss Ritchie both on and off the field. Ritchie, as said last month, is the quiet man of the section but his dependability and unassuming character have won him many friends in both the football and rugby sections. Haste ye back. It is likely we will lose Chairman Ron Aston and Club mainstay Steve Casteldine in the summer so things are not looking so good. Vaughan Elias reached the big four-O this month and we wish him well. Ex member Tommy Keenan returned from Hong Kong for the event and it was great to see him and wife Nong again.

The real new this month was the

addition of a new section member in the shape of Katherine (Kate), a lovely first daughter for Chris and Julie Davin (and we thought Julie had swallowed a football). Congratulations to both of you.

That's the news on views for this month but as always.

How can you tell an Irishman has been using your PC

There's tippex on the screen



Now listen very carefully

It's as simple as can be,

The game is getting in and out,

The players he and she,

She whispers: Will it hurt me?

Of course not, whispers he

It's quite a simple process,

just rely on me

I don't know how you do it,
he said with tearful eyes,
It's getting rather painful,
it must be quite a size
Now calm yourself darling,
It's only small and thin,
just open slightly wider
So I can get it in.
Suddenly with a startled jump,
she gave a bitter shout
Only a little blood was shed
and then he pulled it out
As you have been listening,
it's a dentist as you find
It wasn't what you thought it was
It's just your dirty mind

On that poetic note I'll end for this month

C.U. Scoop

SQUASH

Wednesday March 30th - Squash Section AGM night, saw the horrors of Silom Road traffic strike once again. The most popular participatory sport in the club was stricken at its AGM with a situation in which committee members outnumbered civilians by a ratio of approximately 2 to 1. Nonetheless, the stalwarts of the section successfully concluded all business in hand, ably assisted by the resolute proposing and seconding of Messrs. Campbell and Platt.

Our sincere thanks go to I.C.I. for their Sponsorship of the January 1994 League and to their gracious and patient Managing Director - Jerry Fisher - who presented the winners shields at the AGM.

The January winners were:

- David Bryant (1)
- Marvyn Lewis (2)
- Mike Rickard (3)
- Iain Young (4)

- Mike Jackson (6)
- Peter Campbell (7)
- Alan Payne (8)
- Jakob Horsen (9)
- Ross Horwood (10)
- Christian Rosmussen (12)

and particular congratulations to Graciela Haube for winning League 13 - a mere 10 months after taking up the game of squash.

There's bad news about the repairs to court 3. True to the precedents set by such previous Bangkok developments as the "Skytrain" and the "Elevated Expressway" the repairs to court 3 are going to take longer and cost a little more than first envisioned. The good news is that Marvyn Lewis - something of an expert on court construction - has joined the committee and will oversee future developments. In addition, there are rumours that we may strike oil!

One upshot of this delay is that the Inter-Societies competition has

been postponed until court 3 is completed. More news in the next issue of Outpost.

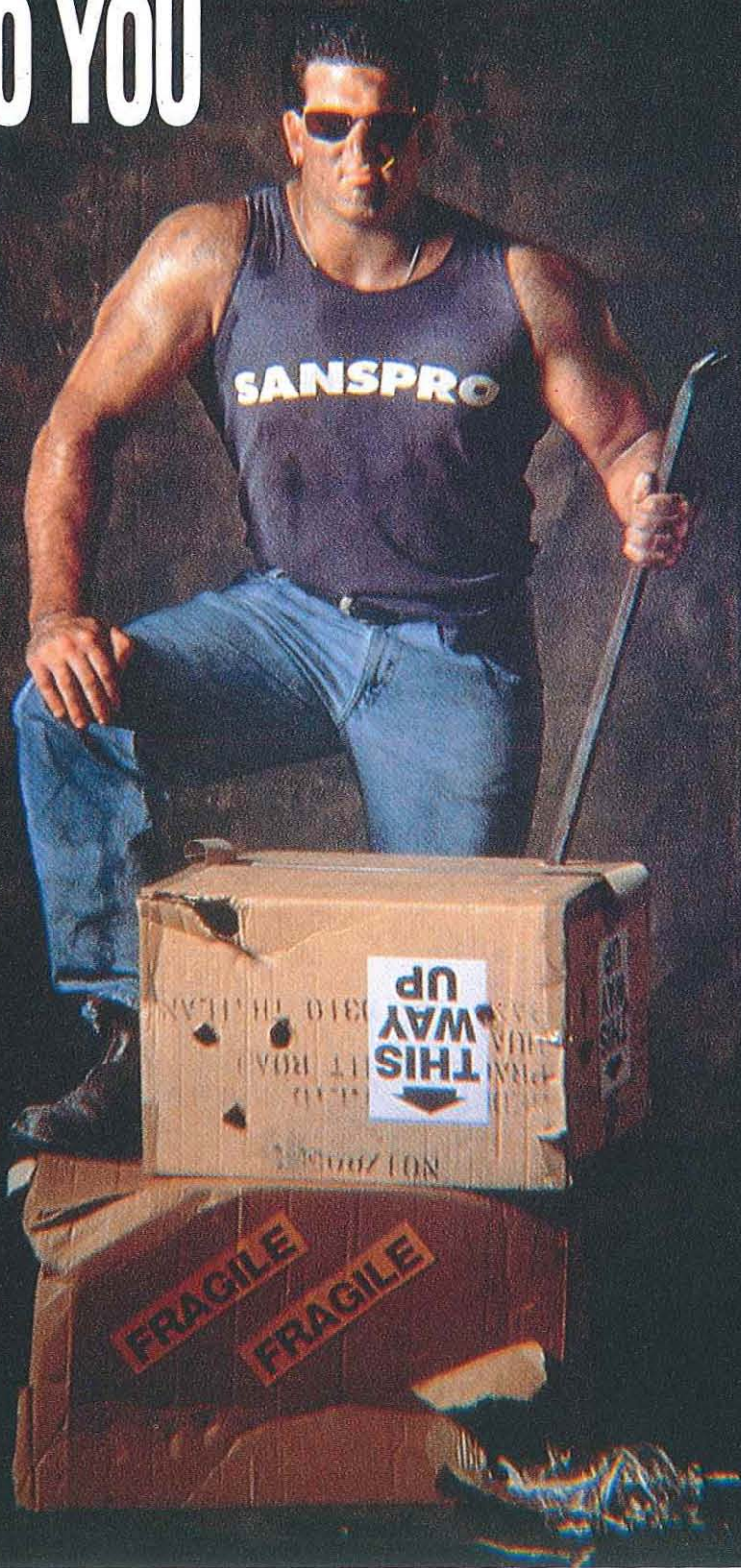
While on the subject of Marvyn, apologies are owing to him, as Bryan Dodd was erroneously credited with being this year's runner-up to Howard Randall in the Para Handy Plate competition. This considerable accolade was, in fact, Marvyn's - the error obviously occurred because all the aforementioned super-competitive squashies are persons of Welsh descent!

Last and perhaps least - a note about the wonderfully named "Doctor Racquet". Yes folks, this is the place for fast, reliable repairs to all your racquets (even poor cousins of squash, such as tennis and badminton racquets). Located off Soi 49 between Samitivej Hospital and Soi Thonglor - the good Doctor is your man.

See you on court.

Barry Daniel

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Now if this magazine was slap bang on time this month. I could safely say that our loyal band of Badmintonians were at this very moment defending our honour in Jomtien in the revenge, sorry, return match against the Pattaya Players!!

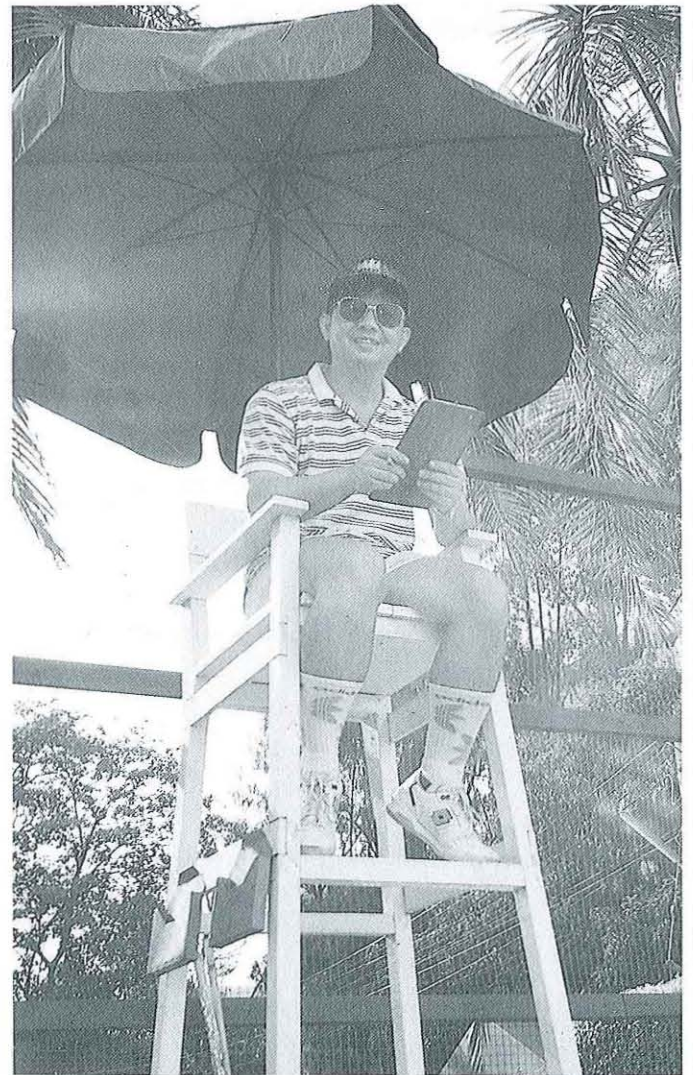
Yup, near the end of March the gauntlet was thrown down by our ex-chairpeople, Peter and Pauline Dalton who broke ranks last year and absconded to Pattaya, that we face up to the challenge and herd a team down to the coast once again for a match! How could we refuse? The weekend picked was this first one in May - the bank holiday weekend - and one which conveniently coincided with the Tennis Section also going down to the Blackpool of the East. The idea was that we arrange the badminton match on the Sunday morning so that those of us who are able to play both sports, could join in the tennis tourney in the afternoon, fitness permitting. Sounds good, but you'll have to wait for next month to see if it actually happened like this.

Next month I'll be able to report on the April Racquet Tournament, that event which we won in such amazing style last year. At least the pressure is on the other sections (Tennis and Squash) to perform after their dismal failure against us champs last year. Indeed, we might just as well relax about it and let them bust the bloodvessels! We've already proved our point!!

In March we received a letter from Tom and Nong, that cheerful couple who moved to Hong Kong about six months ago, who wrote to tell us that they may be paying us a visit about Easter time. They said they haven't managed to found a Badminton Section in the Hong Kong Football Club in order to invite us over, but maybe when the new club opens in early 1995 ...!

By the by apologies for late appearance of the database I heralded in the last issue, the workload of the relevant committee members skyrocketed during March, grizzle, gripe. However, mad March work schedules aside, we're hoping the database will be with you this month!

See the photo of Henry on this page somewhere in a less common mode of employment - as an umpire



Henry wearing another hat - the Tennis Umpire!

for the Tennis Section on Finals Day! Glad to say he did a grand job!

Finally, I note that Andrew Barr has made another of his brief appearances, mostly at Soi Klang! Unfortunately, he ain't sticking around long enough to help us out for the Racquet Day, bad planning if you ask me.

Cheers!

*Lek Farang
XXX*

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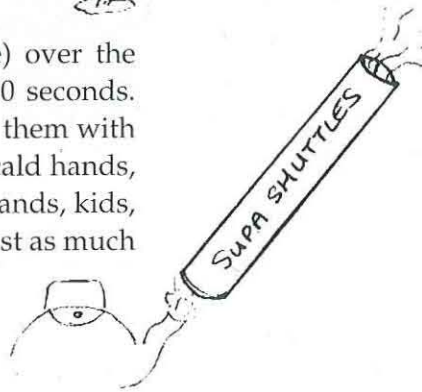
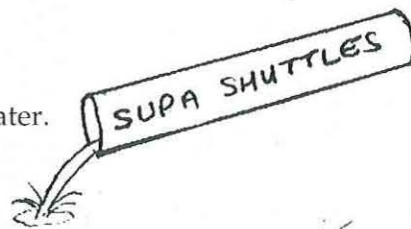
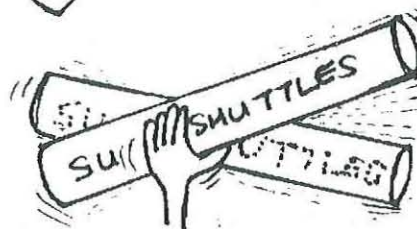
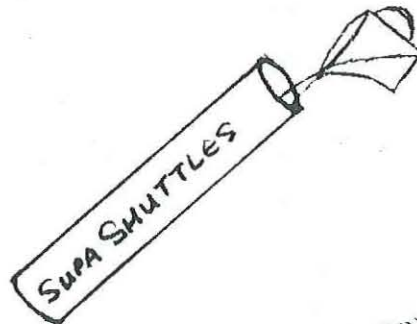
This is the recipe for the month, as supplied by our Home and Garden correspondent, Henry!

Badminton

Steaming your tubes

Advised for all new tubes of feather shuttles bought, this procedure should be carried out on the tube as soon as you buy/open them, and need never be repeated. The procedure is as follows:

1. Open the tube of shuttlecocks and empty out all the shuttles.
2. Replace one end of the tube.
3. Pour in some fairly warm water and replace the lid on the other end of the tube.
4. Do the 'Cocktail Mixer' shake motion on the tube for 3-5 seconds.
5. Remove both ends and pour out all the water.
6. Hold the tube (open end, of course) over the spout of a boiling kettle for about 30 seconds. Children should ask an adult to help them with this, as the steam from a kettle can scald hands, and what the heck, why scald your hands, kids, when you can get an adult to make just as much of a mess of it?
7. Finally, replace all the shuttles in the tube.



procedure when you first open your tubes, then in theory you need never be seen committing the shuttle blow-job as reported in the March issue. A point worthy of consideration indeed.

P.S. This recipe is available in a neatly-typed-on-perfumed-paper version from Really Useful Scams Ltd, c/o the Badminton Pigeonhole, Reception, The British Club, Bangkok. Please make crossed cheques for Baht 3,800 payable to Gaynor.

Thank you.

YOUR SHUTTLES ARE NOW NOT ONLY READY FOR ACTION, BUT THEY SHOULD LAST MUCH LONGER, TOO!!

This procedure ensures a higher degree of moisture in the storage area of your shuttles, which should maintain more flexibility in the glue and hence, should last oodles longer. This activity is for the more organised person, because if you can manage this simple



The drunks and has beens at the Polo Club

Click, click ... squeak, squeak.. yes, it's that time of year again, when the zimmer frames, wheelchairs and creaky bones come out in force for the elderlies, sorry, veterans championships, which start this month. At the other end of the scale, there is the Juniors Round Robin on Sunday May 8th from 9-11am, an event held on the first Sunday morning of each month. This is a newie (started last month) and it's only Baht 25 per sprog, simply turn up complete with racquet. For details contact Shelagh Weekes on 258 5107.

ACHTUNG!! Sunday 8th May brings the greatest event on the section calendar - the Annual General Meeting, yeehaah! Absolutely unmissable, you have just enough time to pile up a plateful of corking buffet following on from the American tournament from 2-6pm, before this feat of membership participation gets underway. Be there or be forced to read Outpost in July to find out who the new committee is!

Right at the start of the month, indeed as we speak if this rag is delivered on time, one merry group will be spending this first bank holiday weekend at ye, Royal Cliff in Pattaya, playing both a match against the Pattaya Players on Sunday 1st and an internal tourney on the Saturday afternoon, with the possibility of a game of 'badders' on the Sunday morning if they got their act together in time. A good place to end the summer season; report, pics etc. soon.

Rounding off May, there is also the postponed match against the Nordics, and there will be a mixed league, I am assured, on the proviso that the April League isn't extended due to a severe outbreak of apathy that has hit both the December and February leagues.

An that's just this month! Here's to Mad events of March:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS FAY AND PRIZE GIVING DINNER - 13TH AND 19TH MARCH

Well, what clinches can be used about this day that hasn't already been covered by the pictorial report that should be included in this issue A superb day of tennis, with some spectators' bums remaining moulded to the plastic slats of the sala chairs for much of the action. The 'real' finals were played on centre court with the same respective plate finals being played simultaneously on Court One, which gave spectators and familial supporters a chance to watch two good games at once ... quality programming, that's us. Surin and Chalutip stole the day for the most part, starring in 4 out of 5 finals and winning all of them, yet again displaying a high standard of consistent tennis.

The prize-giving dinner the following Saturday was a superbly supported affair. There must have been over 80 people there, several of whom received the 'alternative' prizes as well as the legit cups for court excellence (or nearly). The evening was rounded off by a British-style sing-along around the piano with Andy Hunter expertly tinkling the ivories.

BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATES MATCH VS POLO CLUB MONDAY 14TH MARCH

This report submitted by David Henton, a participant and a new scribe for the section!

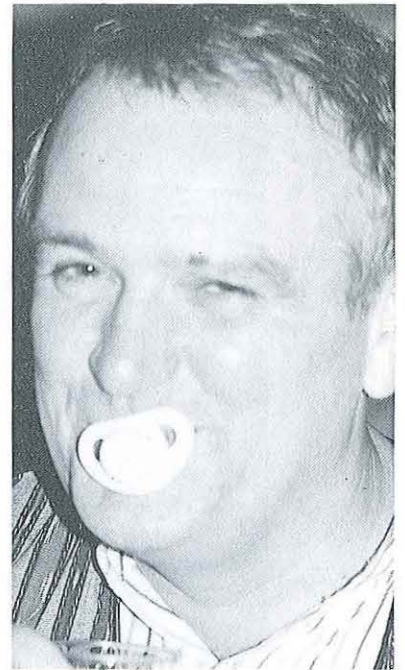
Into the valley of the Polo Club strode the 18-strong



Maurice 'Scarface' presenting Paul Dwight with the Junior Champs Cup



We, the sensible, at the Prize-giving dinner



Father of the Year with a drinking impediment...
1, 2, 3 Aaaaah!!

"Dream Team" shoulders heavy with the knowledge of previous club defeats. Our team was carefully handpicked from the cream of the Club's beginners, intermediates, drunks and has-beens following extensive trials.

The evening started with mild confusion when both teams were asked to form a long line opposite each other, 3 metres apart. Was this going to be a dance, a pie-hurling session or a sing-song? Neither, this was the formal 18-player hand-shake... confusion abounded. Finally, names were pulled out of a hat and the pairs commenced competition!

The result, I am delighted to report, was a 7-5 victory for the British Club Improvers! Those partaking, who were not ashamed to be classified as drunks etc. were: Joan Adams, John Bueno, Charlotte, Robert Campbell, Rita Dunford, Marie Goode, David and Tom Henton, Guy and Karen Hollis, Jaree Lee, Marie-Jose Moor, James Thomson Glover, Gisi van Walbeek, Uta Walker, Angela White and Carol and Owen Williams.

There was an excellent buffet after the match, with lost of photocalls, and exchange of plaques/pennants and speeches. The Polo Club gave certificates and free tennis shirts to all their players! The whole event was friendly if ultra organised, a bit like being back at school again, and perhaps not the greatest of social interaction evenings but I think everyone enjoyed themselves. There were some problems in getting hold of alcohol (hell! - G) but we cracked that eventually and things looked up.

It has to be said that this event was very organised by coach Khun Rangsam for his school! The standard was about right, though, as you can tell from the close score, although I am sure their team will be stronger next time. The challenge was issued for a return home match, which said coach was pushing for October/November. Well done, all players!

March saw the start of another Paradise Coaching course, the last until June. I have to apologise to our esteemed chairman, Maurice Lamb, coz he wasn't doing this course as reported in the March ish. The man himself was, however, espied headbutting the back fencing, whether out of joy of winning the February league (Div 5) or attempting a little DIY demolition we know not, hence the donning of trendy plasters on his beaten brow at the Prize-giving dindins. Plonker. Wonder if Christine could believe it when Maurice went home on leave last month?!

And lastly, March rounded off another Pennant Ladies League session, although at time of writing I have absolutely no idea how we Brits have done; more next ish after the results have been announced. Possibly some rethinking required re

rearranging washed out matches as we approach the rainy season? Any other comments/suggestions, please contact Eileen Cook.

Gor blimey, strike a light!! Remember I asked for someone to tell me what happened at Club Aldiana? Well, blow me down, if David Henton didn't up and produce his second contribution to this worthy column for me, bless his little cotton socks, so here goes:

CLUB ALDIANA - JANUARY

A thoroughly enjoyable weekend, this, with great food, tennis, company, sailing and plenty of lazing. The five coaches almost outnumbered the holidaymakers, so there were a couple of good coaching sessions. There was also a Round Robin which was won by Bee, the coach, but it says here that David Henton won the title of top farang (This would have nothing to do with him writing this report - G); a floor show on the Saturday night with the full contingent participating in the Club song - hands waving, feet kicking, etc. Pichet was seen doing this the next day in the swimming pool along with the German redcoats. And yes, there was sailing, after several practice sessions, the Hobie Cat regatta followed lunch on Sunday. The Brits, Kiwis and Germans were all set, the latter kitted out in wet suits, sailing gloves, El Kapitan hats, the full Monty, while the rest of us were in somewhat more casual attire. Unfortunately, the semi-finals were not the greatest hour in British maritime history, with Chris, Archie and David halfway to Cambodia before a successful tack could be accomplished, but Carol and Owen saved face for the Commonwealth and sailed (! -G) into the final. However, after a gallant performance, success did not grace them. Next time! (Anyone actually play much tennis? - G)

Onto the bit where Surin gets top billing every month, the February extended-into-March league results:

- 1st Surin Dunnvatanachit - still no challenges??!
- 15th Mel Leddy
- 30th Mark Schatten
- 45th Uta Walker
- 60th Marie Moor (Most Improved Female!!)

As for the over-running of this league, I do have to say I voiced concern at the time about the advisability of holding a league during the Championships, especially with relation to time constraints and court booking difficulties (having experienced this with Penant matches which also continued thru' Feb/March), but this is not to say there isn't a horrendous epidemic of 1994 apathy going about. I don't want to see the April league extended, so get organising matches, you lazy lot!

Joy Masood, popularly voted onto the Club Committee, becoming the first woman ever, was allowed to celebrate a tad more by winning the lucky Baht 500 draw!

Next month there will be reports on April's Racquet Tournament on the 24th and perhaps even the results of a match against the RBSC.



Most Improved Female Marie sporting her prize vizor



Sing - A - Long - A - Hunter

SECTION NEWS

1. WE HAVE A TENNIS KIT!! Yes, at long last these much-sought-after items of clothing can now be purchased in the gym. These include not only mens and ladies shirts but also skirts, kamikaze headbands, towels and badges. There are still a few measly aertex shirts left going for a song at a feeble Baht 50 each. Now you too can look truly British Club! Ms Sensible here has now requested wristbands 'n'all, so you'll be able to complete the 'look'.

2. THE MONDAY EVENING MEN'S PRACTICE has been sort of extended such that anyone who:

Plays for the team,

Is among the top 20 men on the ladder, or

Is among the top 10 *ladies*

is eligible to come and practise. I'd like to put in a plug for this thing, coz it was noted by the previous men's captain, Simon, that during a certain match the improved play of some of our shower was mainly due to regular Monday night attendance, such that the partners were used to playing with each other ... not in the biblical sense, of course. You know what I mean. See any of the Committee for details.

3. Same foes for the MONDAY LADIES TENNIS MORNING - practice makes perfect, or as near as dammit! The ladies play 8-10am every Monday, and the play is graded to your standard. If you wish to play please contact Eileen Cook (287 3606) by the previous Friday if possible. All standards welcome except for complete beginners.

4. Hope you all noticed that that old rogue light on Centre court is now FIXED. However, there are rumours that another has gone elsewhere ... 'ere we go again.

5. There word on the grapevine that the RACQUETBALL HAS BEEN CANCELLED due to a lack of anyone with enough time to organise it. Come back, Stella, all is forgiven!! Look ye not too downtrodden, however, there are plans for a similar but scaled down collaborative social bash for later in the year, and to make the ball biennial (that's every other year; save you looking it up in the dic). More as I hear of it.

6. Anyone noticed that subtle and delicately-hued British Airways backdrop on the hard courts? No?

7. ARMCHAIR COMPETITION TIME

One amusing suggestion arising out of the seething mass of your Committee was to somehow personalise the plastic water cups. Now I'm going to pose this as a challenge, with a drink bought for the most ingenious solution: If anyone, anywhere, has any idea whatsoever as to how the logistics of this one could be worked out - like, where these cups would be stored, how they would be cleaned, how we could remind all players to take their placcie mug before stepping on court, not to mention picking them up again when they leave etc, etc, - please come forward!! The grand prize of a drink awaits!

A quick gander into the crystal ball for June; the Juniors Round Robin kicks off the month on the 5th at 9am; that racial battle erupts again in June with the Team Tournament on the 12th, just turn up at 2pm as usual; there's a match against the Thai Royal Navy Club; the moustachioed Dutchman Matthijs will be back once again (sign up at the sala), and last but not least, we are hoping to have several dozen nurses on immediate standby during the finals of the geriatrics on the 26th. There's also talk of an away match against a Club in Ayutthaya whereby we could use the coach-boat trip, a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday if you ask me.

Ciao!

Me
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ADULT 'IMPROVERS' COACHING

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Tennis Club Championships

SPECIAL REPORT - TENNIS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Finals Day dawned bright but not too hot on Sunday 13th Match with no breeze to speak of, and while some of us were still slumbering, the Mixed Doubles finalists stepped out on court to kick off a tremendous day of tennis. The day was organised such that the finals took place on Centre Court, while the equivalent Plate final was played on Court One, and there was even enough time to play a short mix-in during the mad-dog heat of the day as waiting finalists lunched in the shade.

Maintaining an impeccable record throughout the year, Surin and Chalatiip Dunnvatanachit carried off most of the silverware this year, starting in and winning 4 out of 5 main finals. My sympathies go to Pat Dean, who was in all 3 applicable finals only to lose all of them, and twice to Surin at that. Brief match reports of the main finals follows:

MIXED DOUBLES

From what competitors and spectators remember of this sawn combat, Pat and Megan put up a brave fight, but Surin and Chalatiip continued to dominate this event.

LADIES DOUBLES

Again, some sketchy memories on this one, but it was thought that Chalatiip playing on top form tipped the scales in this match for a comfortable victory wit Eileen over Joy and Vanessa.

MENS DOUBLES

I was awake and present for this, so I can confirm that this was a good balanced match going to three sets, altho' I thought the first was best. Bernie Adams, making a welcome return to Bangkok from Pattaya, and partner James Young overcoming the established partnership of Pat and Bruno.

LADIES SINGLES

A comfortable victory for Chalatiip here, altho' the scoreline does not reflect the attacking play of Joy.

MENS SINGLES

A closer score here, with the steady and consistent play from Surin eventually won the day, in a repeat final from last year.

Congratulations to Roy and Tharntip Cowie (mixed), Yupin and Somjai Reiss (Ladies), Kamol and Dusadee (Mens), Alessandra (Ladies Singles) and Steve Goode (Mens), for winning the plate events. Special mention for Alessandra, who in one point lost her shoe after returning Grace's serve, but battled on bravely with just one shoe and went on to win the point. The amazing thing was that she even tried to pick up the errant shoe while at the net, still playing the point!! The match between Steve and Henry is also worthy of mention, it being a real cliffhanger



Roy & Tharntip Cowie, Mixed Plate Winners



◀ Khun Dusadee, Winner Men's Double Plate with Kamol

Alessandra Tilby, shoeless wonder, winner Ladies Singles Plate

-6-4 in the final set - and still held the crowd's attention long after the men's final on Centre Court had finished.

Now a quick word on the Junior Championships, the finals of which were played on the following Saturday (the morning of the prize-giving dinner). Twelve entrants were eventually whittled down to the two (and two plate finalists), with the two exceptionally talented finalists displaying some developed tennis skills in an exciting game. Paul Dwight eventually overcame Tom Henton in the main finals, with Alex Stamp taking the plate championship away from Simon Chisholm in the plate final. The standard of play is nothing less than encouraging, let's hope they keep it up.

And lastly here come the thanks:

Firstly, I would like to thank all the sponsors for providing so many wonderful prizes, of which I won none, and for adding to the glam of the occasion. A full list of all 43 sponsors is available on request. Second, I would like to thank the umpires in order of court appearance: Robyn Brook and Megan McBain, Hendry Cherdumphai and Malcolm Moor, Eileen Cook and David Henton, and Bruno Straub and Clive Tilby. (I know that only adds up to four sets of finals, noone was up early enough to umpire the



Ladies Finalists Chalatiip and Joy, with umpire Eileen

Tennis Club Championships



Men's Finalists Pat and Surin, with umpire Bruno



Men's Doubles Champs Bernie and James



Say Cheese, Birthday girls Marie and Linda



"The Lads"



Slicer Andy with prize implement

mixed doubles at 9am). Third, the unsung heroes of the day, who put on the greatest sweat for no reward other than to get a courtside view of some great tennis, and they are the ballboys and girls, namely: Sarah Henton, David Lindsay, Loughlan McBain, Teuila Reid and Julia Nottingham. Hope I haven't missed anybody out. And of course, last but not least, to Maurice for yet another feat of organisation to put on a good programme of tennis and still find time for a mix-in between matches!

THE PRIZE GIVING DINNER

Held on Saturday following the Finals for the second year running by popular request, this event was well-attended by over 80 tennis folk and compered by Maurice 'Just Call Me Scarface' Lamb. Following a grand meal including lemon chicken surprise (there was no lemon), Maurice announced and his lady-helper Eileen presented the 'real' prizes, the cups, pewter plates, cocktail shaker and monstrosity (the Mens Doubles Trophy). Unfortunately, Surin had chosen this week to become a monk in Chiang Mai, and Chalutip whisked herself up North to pay him a visit, so the major prize winners were not present to receive their prizes, so two of the best 'extra' prizes were put aside for them: the 14" telly donated by Loxley for Surin and the fabulous hilltribe jacket donated by The Golden Triangle, River City. Deserved winners. There was also an

'alternative' prize-giving, to certain characters within the Section, mature lot that we are. These prize-winners in no particular order were:

Slicer of the Year

Andy Hunter, taking over this coveted pan slice from Andrew Francis, although Andy's forte is more lobbing.

Sunbathing Poser of the Year

David Ingham, as pictured in the Club Aldiana brochure

Policeman of the Year

Pol.Col. (hope that's right) Dusadee, winning a pealess whistle

Committee Member of the Year

Joy Masood, first woman Club Committee Member, winning something to slap the men into order with

Contortionist of the Year

Steve Goode, for being ambidextrous, winning another (mini) racquet so he didn't have to keep changing hands

Rulebreaker of the Year

John Sands, winning a clip-on ashtray, not that we should encourage smoking on court

Romance of the Year

Chris and Carol, winning a tartaned horseshoe

Action Photo of the Year

Diana Lamb, winning the photo of her and the sausage

Decoration of the Year

Bruno Straub for that earring, winning another one

Thrill of the Year

Archie Cook for his exploits with Christine Lamb and the long balloon at Christmas

Hairstyle of the Year

Karen Hollis, winning a kamikaze headband

Mother of the Year

Anna Ingham winning a pair of bootees

Father of the Year

Norman Bright, winning for himself a dummy

Most Improved Man

Robert Campbell

Most Improved Woman

Marie Moor

There was also a cake brought upstairs as it was the birthdays of both Marie Goode and Linda Young that very day, Hippy Birdie to the two of them! The next few hours was happily spent with several members crooning around the piano as Andy 'Bobby Crush' Hunter played his little heart out, and strains of 'Streets of London' and the like were audible from the ladies loo downstairs, I can tell you that for a fact! Definitely to become an institution, this dinner!

The result of all the finals is as follows:

| | WINNER | RUNNER-UP | PLATE WINNER | PLATE R/U |
|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mens Singles | Surin Dunn. | Pat Dean | Steve Goode | Henry Cherdumphai |
| Ladies Singles | Chalutip Dunn. | Joy Massod | Alessandra Tilby | Graciela Haube |
| Mens Doubles | Bernie Adams & James Young | Pat Dean & Bruno Straub | Khun Dusadee & Kamol | John Sands & Brian Walker |
| Ladies Doubles | Chalutip Dunn. & Eileen Cook | Joy Masood & Vanessa B-Johnson | Yupin McConnell & Somchai Reiss | Jaree Lee & Kaye Stannard |
| Mixed Doubles | Surin & Chalutip Dunn | Pat Dean & Megan McBain | Roy & Tharntip Cowie | Owen & Carol Williams |
| Juniors | Paul Dwight | Tom Henton | Alex Stamp | Simon Chisholm |

Ladies Tennis Tournament

BANGKOK INTER CLUB LADIES TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1994



The presentation of flowers by Blodwyn



"The dawn national anthem team parade."

This grandly-titled event is held at one of the participating clubs each year, and this year was our turn to host the olympics of ladies tennis in Bangkok. Six clubs submitted teams, and the format was a Round Robin Tournament played in two groups. In a rather complicated twist, the winners of one group were to play the runners-up in the other, and the two bottom-placed clubs were to play each other for the dubious honour of discovering the ultimate loser. Then on the Sunday, the winners of the two 'semi-finals' were to play to decide the overall winner. The 'A' Group comprised: Silom Club, Polo Club and the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, and the 'B' Group comprised: Japanese Association, Bangkok Bank and ourselves, and the categories being fought for were Over 30's (two lots), Over 35's, Over 40's and an Open category.

Not long after the scheduled 7.30am (yawn) time, with all the teams lined up on the front lawn behind their respective plague-bearer, the opening ceremony commenced, with an introduction given by Chairman Mau followed by the opening speech and the official cutting of the ribbon across the courts by Pauline Adams, wife of H.E. Christian Adams, the British Ambassador. Balloons were released into the gentle clutches of the trees above, which were hastily retrieved and re-released in the only slow motion howler of the event. Chuckle of the day came from one observer who shall remain nameless who thought that Pauline was Kaye Stannard's mum over here on holiday,

and nearly asked her whether she had done a klong tour yet!

And then play began: It does have to be said that tennis of this quality, consistency and accuracy is rarely seen in such quantities at the British Club, and I hope that the spectators as well as the players learnt a thing or two from watching these matches. Newcomers Clare Mann and Anke Wibling excelled when playing together, in a team that also included Eileen "organiser Su-

premo" Cook, Bernadette Bueno, Robyn Brooke, Phyl Xumsai, Tharntip Cowie, Carol Young, Joy Masood and Vanessa Barrington-Johnson who perhaps weren't given the opportunity to play as well as we know they can.

The results of the first days play were that the RBSC as winners of Group A played Bangkok Bank, runners-up in Group B, and the Japanese Association as winner of Group B played the Silom Club, runners-up in Group A. Confused yet? This is where the play got pretty serious, and RBSC and the Silom Club emerged as winners although the result of each match had been 3-2, it was all very close.

Then came the moment of unglory for the British Club, the Sunday morning, when we played against the Polo Club. Of course, it was hastily added afterwards that we were simply being polite in, um, 'throwing' our match 4-1, in that it is quite rude to let somebody lose on your premises, which explains a



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"An appreciative crowd watching a nail-biting final"

Ladies Tennis Tournament



"Thai ladies and food – a winning combination!"



"The Champs!"

lot ... I think.

Following a group mugshot of the finalists, the finals began between RBSC and the Silom Club. It couldn't have been closer, with some outstanding play bringing the score to a level 2-2. The only match remaining on court after this was an Over 30's match, which everyone flocked to watch. The match was hanging on it, and the excitement was almost tangible. Most of us joined it at one set all, and compared to the other four games, which had all been two-setters, this was a nailbiter to be sure! Even the RBSC Captain was often seen at the table at end-changes talking to his team (which I'm not sure is wholly legit, didn't Boris Becker get fined for 'communicating with' Ion Tiriac during a Wimbledon final once? However, the Silom Club managed to hold onto the break of serve and won the final set 6-4.

The presentation of the magnificently light trophy and all the pewter plates was made by Eileen (with help from Carol) after a sumptuous buffet which was considerably dented by our Thai guests, good to see such appetites, and was followed by the predicable photo-session on the front lawn with everyone squinting in the midday sun.

A tremendous event, with a vote of thanks owed to: Eileen for her patience, diplomacy, organisational abilities and energy, Maurice for all his support, Surin for fathoming out the system and getting the order of matches worked out; David Viccars for ensuring the Club facilities were in working order (including the gadget for retrieving balloons stuck in trees), a special and enormous thank you to all those unseen ballboys and girls who worked so hard for two days in the heat; to the main



"The winning side: The Silom Club"



"Some of the runners-up: RBSC!"

sponsors Thai International Moving and Storage, and to all the other companies and hotels who generously sponsored us and to whom we are very grateful, and lastly to the many people who came

down to watch, given that the courts were booked for one and a half days but came anyway. Here's hoping that it was as interesting and educational for them as it was for me.

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CRICKET

Well, it has been an up and down season - mainly down but hey, we are the British Club and we have tried this year to keep in line with our English counterparts even to the extent of nearly matching the paltry and pathetic 46 runs that the English team compiled in the West Indies during the recent Test Series. (The third Test for those who cannot remember.)

Since late February the British Club has had five 50 Over fixtures - one washout, one wine and one close loss. The other two games were thrashing and were right up there with the flogging we took from ABAC when bowled out for 66 in January.

Maybe the troops are having trouble understanding the Aussie Captain's accent or just his very different field placings!

Anyway, here are the results of the latter part of the season.

27/2 - BC VERSUS AIT - 50 OVERS

A long and disappointing trip to AIT, just near Chiang Mai I think.

The "Skip" lost the toss as usual and we toiled for a long 3 hours in the sun to restrict? the home side to 9/252. Their opener was "Wasi Acrim", I think his name was made 126 and was the obvious mainstay of the innings.

We didn't bowl too badly surprisingly enough. Dr. White was expensive with 1/52, Dunford took some stick with 1/45 off 6 and I hate to say it but Tissera who uncustomarily showed up, was the pick of our bowlers with 1/36 off 10 over. P. Young took some lucky wickets and finished with over flattering figures of 4/43 off 9. Our batting was disappointing with only 2 players exceeding 20 and the team compiling a miserable 129 total.

That superstar of world cricket Joe Barker-Bennett who, you may remember, bowled 7 wides on debut in January, followed up in this game with what we had expected - a first ball duck - Bad luck Joe, your true skill will shine through soon! Anyway it

was a long trip home. AIT v BC 9/252 to 129.

4/3 - BC VERSUS RBSC - 50 OVERS

O.K., the local grudge match. It's always a close one against the Ravi Sehgal's RBSC. The Skip - as usual lost the toss. What's new and luckily Ravi decided to bat. The RBSC battled reasonably on a wicket that was giving the bowler some assistance. They did only turn up with 9 layers and therefore only 8 wickets needed to be took.

Pick of the bowlers again, Mr. Tissera, who again received his fax so was present to play, 0/27 off 10 was fine bowling and Andre was very unlucky not to collect a wicket or two.

Jack Dunford snared 3 wickets and Adam Caro chipped in with 2, as did new boy Samir. It should be reported that P. Young got hit around a little for super figures of 0/41 off 5, well bowled?!

So the BC had 200 to get off 50 overs, a gimme if wickets remained in hand! B. Diamond and P. Roebuck opened well with 42 runs in the first 9 overs and then things slowed a little and after 20 over the BC were 2/70. A middle order collapse brought on a bit of anxiety as the BC slumped to 6/117. In the 30th over, however, Adam Caro and Charles Boudville steered us home with a superb 55 run partnership in only 8 overs. Adam hit 4 fours and 2 six's in his quick fire innings of only half a dozen balls or so.

The BC made it home with 7 overs to spare, a very good victory!!

13/3 - BC VERSUS SCRIBBLERS - 50 OVERS

The one that got away!

The weather was warming up by now and the cricket on this Sunday was pretty hot also. The game was reduced to 45 overs due to a late start and the BC began with only 9 men - no Dr. White and the first of Andre Tissera's "No-Show" double act! For the first time since cricket was invented, P. Young actually won the toss - heartening stuff indeed, and elected to bat.

A slow, but steady start saw the BC 31/1 after 10 overs and a slight hiccup brought Caro and Boudville to the crease again - the previous game's match winner. Once again these boys produced the goods with an 88 run partnership in about 20 overs. Dr. White eventually showed and was in time to knock a quickfire 26 not out in only 16 balls to raise the BC's total to 7/205 off 45 overs - a good total to defend.

The Scribblers, however, are a tough side to dismiss with one or two big guns who don't mind hitting the odd century!

The BC did everything right, just about. After 20 overs the opposition were 2/55 still requiring some 150 runs. Their opener Zubair was proving the biggest obstacle and was making the most of several dropped catches - one a classic-hit high back over the bowler's head (Peter Young) in the middle of mid on and mid off, Adam Caro and Peter Roebuck - Caro called: Yours Peter!! Great ball Adam!! As Peter the bowler was also turning in pursuit of the catch.

Anyway, you guesses it, the opposition snatched victory. With 8 wickets in hand and 4 balls to spare. Definitely one that slipped through the fingers.

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3/4 - BC VERSES ICC - 50 OVERS

Again a late start saw this reduced to 40 overs as both sides only had 8 players to begin with!

The briefer the report here the better! ICC batted first and were all out for 135 in 33 overs. Good bowling from Rob Nottingham 3/24 and Nick White 2/17 saw us in with a good chance. Joe Barker-Bennett also chipped in with his debut wicket, a catch and his now customary 8 or 10 wide deliveries. Joe also showed us how to bowl a dead straight delivery by swinging it both ways at the same time - Joe you are a legend!

We required 136 to win, Nick White a 6 off the first ball and it looked a cinch. 59 Balls later we were all out for 49. Only 3 higher than England had scored against the West Indies a few days before - now that is a tough pill to swallow!

Nick White scored 29 of the 49 and also a blow to the head from their demon pace bowler. It didn't help that once again we were short, by 3 players on this occasion.

Anyway, that's all from this section now for some Junior Cricket from the not so junior Dave Rendall.

Catch Ya Soon

Richie B.

"Yea - and the young shall inherit the playing fields and play with more vigour and hopefully more skill than their fading kinfolk"

Evidence of this famous old proverb (Quote - Mike Atherton, Sept. 1993, famous last words!!!) is on display most Sundays both at the BC, the new Academy Ground on Wireless Road and at the Polo Club. The BC Cricket Section has been an active supporter of the recently established Thai Cricket League Junior Section. Cricket playing and coaching opportunities are now available on an organised basis for ages 5 to 17. Divided into three sections (8 and under, 9 to 12 and 13 to 17) about 80 young peo-

ple play each weekend with coaching opportunities during the week.

For a modest beginning last October when former BC runs megalomaniac Geoff Cooper led the coaching based on an extension of that well known Australian game 2 up - in this case it involved 1, 2, 3 as the basis of the solid forward defensive shot. The benefits of Geoff's early training are now showing up in the Junior League performances. The BC is providing the facilities and organisation for the Mini Cricket which uses plastic kit and is commonly known as Kanga, Kiwi or Lord Ted's Saviours. The back lawn of the BC on Sunday mornings is a heaving match of catches, bowling of variable line and length, and batting ranging from Boycott like defence and disdain for the quick single to Sobers like flashing boundaries. The enthusiasm of the dozen or so regulars sustains the occasionally heave headed spectators who deliver the players for 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Whilst the Mini Cricket is in full cry on the lawn the nets are also being used by the non-playing team of the

Junior Section. Under the watchful eye of professional coach, Bharat, the 9-12 year olds practice in preparation for games played Sunday afternoons at the Military Academy on Wireless Road. The TCL is also making available Bharat's services at schools in Bangkok, including two lunch sessions each week at Bangkok Patana. Most of these boys have now played 3 games with runs and wickets being well spread amongst the players. BC members make up about 40% of the 35 players in this grade.

The Colts competition is based at the Polo Club with a further 3 teams following a similar schedule to the juniors. The BC Section is less active in this Grade at present but it does give the older players a competition to aim for. In addition to these activities members of the BC Cricket Section are working with Patana School towards the establishment of facilities there, which will provide opportunities for more children to be involved in this marvelous game/distraction/addiction that so many share.

Dave Rendall

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The BC team with Mr. Sandy Flockhart from Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, the major sponsors for the 1994 tour

Surprise, surprise this time a report from a well established writer Mrs Delia Oakins but before I let her take center stage, the Rugby Section would like to thank the following for their continuous support, without you we would not have a Rugby Section.

Hongkong Bank for sponsoring the team to go to Hong Kong, kitted out, bagged out, thank you very much. Cathay Pacific for letting Joe win two tickets to Hong Kong, I promise it was not rigged. Jean-Louis Graindorge from Le Duc de Praslin, for delivering the most wonderful hand made chocolates as prizes and will also deliver to your house, just ring him on 381 6690/91. Wines by Berli Jucker, champagne donated by Vince Swift, a television and ghetto blaster by your own generous as always Rugby Section and last, but most definitely not least Carlsberg for keeping 140 people in beer all night long, much to the chagrin of David Viccars who had his bar all set up for major sales. Sorry David, we'll make it up to you. Also of course, to the staff of the British Club competently led by Orisa, who was warned of bad tempered farang women (Suzanne and I), who coped marvelously well with 140 bodies squashed into the Suriwong Room. The Fish & Chips were delicious, compliments to the chef. Thanks also to Hagemeyer, for delivering excellent



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wine and receiving the wrong wine back, oops slipped up there, excuses moi, Cyril, it will not happen again!

Shame about the downer of the evening, someone actually STOLE half of our much coveted doorprize, will the Champagne Guzzling Snatcher stand up NOW!!!

Let's not forget Mr. Jon Prichard who got totally carried away once again collecting fines and fining innocent bystanders and who did an excellent job of compering the evening, and pneumonious Suzanne, who managed

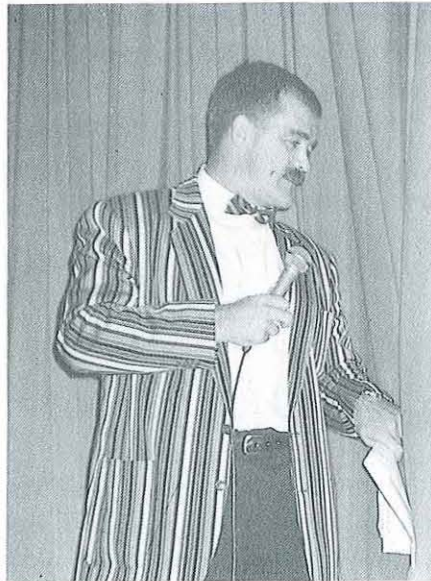


Carol & Stephen

No Talent Night



Miss Rosy McGregor and Miss Petra Simpson plus guest



M.C. Jon Prichard



Beefsteak in the shower

to turn up and count the money being the only sober person around. Keith Rowley who did an excellent job with the accounts, we hope.

All of you who joined in the fun and either turned up to watch or actually participated, every year I am surprised how the BC manages to come up with these amazingly talented people. The photographs and Delias article speak for themselves. Thank you all.

We raised copious amounts of money which will be given away to charity, but we are having a hard time trying to buy the goods. Anyone knows of any heart monitors up for sale??

Bea

OK, over now to Delia

I was at Mrs. Balbir's restaurant reflecting on the curry just eaten when Jim Howard raced in, picked up bundles of turbans and stopped by. "Don't miss the rugby show tomorrow" he said. Being the sort of person with no affection for sport and even less for those who play it, I would have given it no more thought if the sight of those turbans hadn't flashed intermittently in my mind throughout the day.

As I do with all things that bother me, I brought it to the attention of my questionable better half. No dummy, they don't play rugby with turbans. It is the "No Talent Night" at the British Club organised by the Rugby Section and it is squeezing room only.

Well we did squeeze in and what a night it was! The club was a school dinner hall serving piping hot tomato soup and off-the-news fish and chips.

Free beer courtesy of Carlsberg, free wine courtesy of the Rugby Section and freedom of expression courtesy of the demons that lurk in the minds of rabid sports folk.

MC Jon Prichard was precise, "Do not write your name on the King's head on the 100 Baht bill, which will serve as your raffle ticket as it is extremely disrespectful. Write your last name first, followed by your first name" He elaborated by way of a warning what he thought of those in the audience who failed to follow his instructions last year.

But, this year, with the exception of a few of us, it was the same crowd as last year and most were too overcome by the free booze to listen to the instructions. All were happily fined, duly acknowledged and too snozzled to care.

The show began. Who can remember in what order. All I know is that the turban found its way to the heads of Joe Grunwell and Mark Partridge in a terrible sketch where he threw up over his partner; Big Jim and other huge men sans turban and indeed sans everything else were "hula-ing" in enormous bathsheets in time to super music and choreography; then came Bea Grunwell and Jane Prichard all slut-like massaging British Germans (Keith Rowley and Kevin Chapman) at a bar while Carol McGregor played a Caledonian hair-curler wife nagging her husband (Stephen Rees) at the breakfast table. Two hours too late, a truly decent folk band came on but by then everyone sitting upright was poised to throw bread rolls aimed at Kimberley's breasts.

Who was Kimberley? For those of the unattended and hence uninformed,

Kimberley was the star of the show after MC Jon unintentionally, on purpose, revealed how the young lady chose her lingerie.

Later in the audience participation game called "The Elephant Act", which stood four on chairs, a lucky lunatic (Alan Lovell) leapt upon the defenceless lass and brought her bodily down on stage. He was lucky because I expected at least one of the huge men available to pick him off and hurl him to the far end of the hall. Well, I live in another era watching too much House of Elliot. Maybe everyone was too squashed in to help poor Kimberley and the perpetrator pleaded total amnesia the next day. Hopefully, Kimberley did too. The MC did the right thing and gave her a good bottle of vintage champagne donated by Vince Swift.

Then there was the Auction which was easily worth twice the entry fee alone, presided over by Peter Simpson and Roy McGregor dressed up in tight fitting sheets belonging to teenaged daughters. They were hilarious and the audience were delirious with generosity and generated thousands of Baht for the unfortunate children, who fortunately were not around to see just how the money was being raised to pay for their schooling.

And speaking of school, many of the attendees were teachers who also participated in the sexy to Sir with Love sketch. Great fun!

The whole thing lasted till 3am because Bea was unsuccessful in hauling Jon off the stage. But laden with lucky prizes we did go home happy. Bea did a superhuman job stage directing and for her efforts Joe won her a trip to Hong Kong, the night's grand prize generously donated by Cathay Pacific.

A last word to the mental deficient who threw tennis balls at random in the hall and hit me on the cheek. Next year, I hope you sit next to Frank Hough and he eats your face.

Seen and heard by Delia Oakins

Letter to the Editor

12 March 1994

Dear Madam.

A recent circular from the Club reported that every effort was being made "to get Members their 'blue' cards".

What is a 'blue' card, please? If it is anything like the 'pink ticket' mentioned in Chapter VIII (page 82) of "Louis and the King of Siam" by Dr. WS Bristowe, we may well be in trouble with our wives when they find these cards in our wallets.

"Louis and the King of Siam" was published by Chatto & Windus, London, 1976. So WAR Wood, CMG, CIE, a letter from whom was printed in a recent issue of OUTPOST, never had the opportunity to read this sympathetic and well researched biography of his old friend before his death on 21 January 1970, aged 91. But Dr. Bristowe consulted him when he was writing it.

There must be a copy of this book in the Neilson Hayes Library. Recommended reading for all expatriates with an interest in local history, or indeed for anybody who enjoys an interesting story, well told.

Yours faithfully,

DJ Gibson
(G13)

Dear Mr. Gibson,

No the blue cards or not the same as the pink tickets you were mentioning. These blue cards are membership cards, which happen to be blue, with a photograph and members number on them. By presenting these the staff and man-

agement of the club are hoping to make the security at the club and the billing system more efficient.

If you have not received one of these cards, please call David Viccars and he will sort this out for you.

Bea

LETTER TO EDITOR

This month a letter from Ms. Gaynor de Wit, an active member in both Tennis and Badminton Sections, a busy lady ... I did not realise she has now taken up Golf as well.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my annoyance at the Bangkok Cosmopolitan Ladies Golf Club (BCLG). In the March issue of Outpost, there was a trumpeting announcement regarding the players invited to play at the Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship of Hong Kong - a great honour indeed.

However, on re-reading this article, I noticed that it was the British Club, Bangkok who had been proffered the invitation, NOT the BCLG. And yet, a simple check in the latest directory revealed that two out of the four players sent to Hong Kong are not members of the British Club, namely Wil Agerbeek and Kitty Stor.

The writer of the article, Barbara Wehlre (also a non member), obviously has no problem with this. However, I find it particularly grating to read that an invitation that was directed specifically at the British Club - a name which still carries some weight around these parts, and for which

we have all paid mightily for membership, was used by non-members. Was this invitation made public knowledge to all female members of the British Club? I certainly did not hear about it, and I personally know of some lady golf members (who are not members of the BCLG) who also definitely did not hear about it.

Even if there were no other members of this Club eligible to qualify for this particular competition (having a handicap of 16 or under), and I would certainly like to know if there are, the principle of whether non-members should be allowed to make use of a member-specific facility under such false pretences has to be looked at seriously. Because it would be the British Club, not the BCLG, who would get a bad name if the afore-mentioned golf tournament officials decided to check on the Club membership status of the competitors, wouldn't it?

This of course opens the can of worms about whether an organisation which has nothing to do with the British Club is allowed to make the same use of Club facilities as Club members. In the case of the BCLG, this refers to the inclusion of their articles in the Outpost.

Yours, etc.

GAYNOR DE WIT
(D 126)

The above letter was passed on to the General Committee and the relevant group BCLG for their replies. Mrs. Lavita Hughes, both a member of the BCLG and BCGS replies:

Dear Bea,

THE LADIES OPEN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP OF HONG KONG (LOAGCH)

Wearing my two hats, BCLG and BCGS, I feel a reply to Ms. G. de Wit's letter ref. the above is required in order to put the record straight.

A letter was received from LOAGCH in December last year addressed to the Lady Captain, British Club Ladies Golf by Mr. Paul Nears, the then Secretary of the British Club Golf Section. Obviously, as Bangkok Cosmopolitan Golf was once called the British Club Ladies Golf, this letter was passed on to me for forwarding to the Lady Captain BCLG.

However, I personally contacted the 2 lady members of the British Club Golf Section with Handicaps of 16 and under and invited them to join BCLG if they so wished.

A letter was then sent accepting the invitation on behalf of BCLG and a reply addressed to BCLG was received. Under no circumstances did we go under the name of "British Club". All bookings were made in the name of BANGKOK COSMOPOLITAN LADIES GOLF GROUP. I enclose three letters which are self explanatory. (These letters are in my possession and can be viewed by anyone interested - Bea). Mrs. Joyce Green, Chairman, and Mrs. Sandra Thrift, Secretary of the Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship of Hong Kong and the hotel where we stayed received us as members of BCLG.

As you know, the British Club Golf Section welcomes all golfers at a paltry sum of B250 per member per year. I hope Ms. de Wit

will join this section as I have not had the pleasure of meeting her. Ms. de Wit is more than welcome to join BCLG too should she wish.

Meantime, for her information, BCLG hold the following matches every year against the British Club Golf Section -

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| Kitchen Sink | - February (since 1970s) |
| Inaugural Cup | - April |
| Cathay Cup | - September |

and some long standing members of the British Club sponsor the following matches:

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Castrol Cup | - Bryan Baldwin (B12) |
| Gestetner Cup | - Trevor Whalley (W69) |
| Dundee Cup | - Dave Stewart (S158) |
| Cumbria Cup | - Graham Hunt (H189) |
| XL-Ectic | - Joanie Jurgens (J006) |
| Lipton Cup | - Lever Brothers |

I think you will agree that it is good to give the above sponsors publicity in Outpost in recognition of their generosity.

Ms. de Wit might like to know that there is another major competition scheduled in May in Jakarta whereby players can attend if they belong to ANY Ladies Group TALGA, RBSC, LIGIT etc...

I hope the above has cleared the picture,

Lavita Hughes

H93

BCLG - Handicap Secretary
BCGS - Secretary



Food and Beverage

In October 1993 the Food & Beverage Committee conducted a survey among 117 members of the British Club. Being a new F & B Committee (eg. Joy Masood, Suzanne Partridge, Eileen Cook, Carol Young, Kathy Haworth, Bea Grunwell) we were passed on the files. Some of the comments in this file were quite constructive and we hope to do something with them. Don't forget, if you have any complaints, suggestions, what to do with the dining room etc. please let any of us know. We just thought, we had to let you have a look at how the typist interpreted the BC Members' comments

"The dinning room is currently a waste of space lousy atmosphere poor decot (despite the money spent). Change it in to a larger bar and turn the churchill bar into a couninental style bar bistro. Then you can have brunch"

"Pre-planed parties should not be held in the 'public' room. It is really unfair on the mwmbers using the bar have their normal social occasions "taken over" by teh rugby section, for example two teams & supporters equals about 50 peoples and they should among to members ot enjoy the bar in place"

"Salads - more on the lies of greek salad in the bar - delicious perhaps same more asventrous lettuce types:

"Deformalised the dining room to encourage to use go it by children if not them make the room more personal"

"The should be looked at closely and improved. The whole club can sometimes be over-run by kids, rugby teams, various groups. The dinning rooms is the only slightly. Formalised place and should be kept that way. A more varied menu, and a survey should be organised to try and attact more people to use it. This will probably be a hard fask, as most membersude the club for biusiness lunches and diners and levels a certain British ambience to the whole club."

"Every couple of month. I try the dining room and all usually dissapointed with quality verserprice. I could eat at the Hilton hotel coffee shop for about the same price with better quality and service"

"I am not a very demandiry a critical type, and generally enjoy and



feel happy with the club as it is"

"Outride catering has been excellent value good service, but a wider selection of menu would mean I would use it for catering parties. Everyone recognises a BC catered do by one glance as the buffer tusk."

If the Club cannot being itself to

monage the dining room in a noise professional manner it should be subcontracted to one of the Hotels"

"It is nice to have a dinning room, but over the years it has never been a big draw. Eating in the cheerchill "Bar" is convernient and more so the dinning room could be put to other uses, if so

Food and Beverage

repaired but should remain as the dining room if not being used for other functions"

"Might try adding some French or German dishes to the bar menu. You have to try to do something better with the "Lords" Dining room it has a "Chip with everything" feel to it - justly deserved too. I would never dream of taking"

"Bar meals, not always hot. Sometimes very greasy. Sometimes look like ... been sitting round for a while either before being heated up or after. I get bored with the many more daily or weekly specials would be appreciated ever if that meant the basic menu selection had to be smaller to cope with the changes"

"I think that it is generally accepted that the standard of food is low"

"Try to change the decoration of the dining room to something less 'Homely'"

"The dining room is very poor, we would use this facility more often for business if it were to improve"

"I have been ... by guests refusing to stay and out in a deep freeze. almost every dish is very sweet, please eliminate the vast quantity of sugar added"

"Only because of the size and the number of people the staff are serving. It would be appreciated by many members if there was a comfortable room with a bar in which children would be welcome"

"Tell the staff to go easy on the garden especially lettuce"

"After 4 yrs. the monotony of the menu is overwhelming why do we even look at it? We know if off by heart. There has been no obvious change or improvement since the new chef surprised in the bar food would be wonderful"

"Concerned a hygienic storage of food. Policy on reheating"

"My experience with BBQs at squash functions is that the meat is cooked well background and tastes deepful by the time it is served. Some of the pool staff are good and some quite sunny. They also seem to be quite disorganised when they have extra staff on weekends."

"Certainly there is no room for complacency and this

questionnaire is a sensible more consistent high standards should be the aim."

Dining rooms is good but more imaginative use would increase the level of interest"

"BC Club should follow British licensing laws and allow children of 14 yrs. and over into the bar if accompanied by parents or by an adult over 18 yrs. when our two children of 15 yrs. and 19 yrs. and here 3 of us can enter the bar, whilst one very mature 15 yr old cannot result - we don't use the club. It must be more family oriented."

"According to the Thai Thai food is not well cooked and is not tasty. Portions are for them, typically too large - suggest a big plate, small plate offering."

"The dining room should provide food equipment to or better than these examples and serve generous portions"

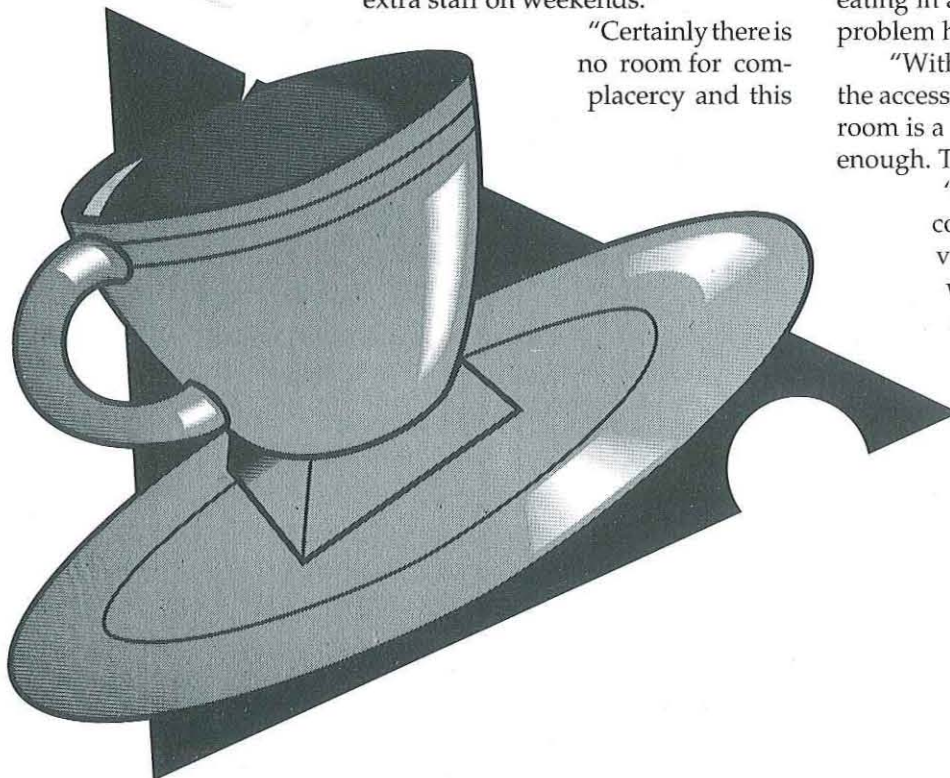
"Who can I talk to concerning the showers in the pool changing rooms. Sometimes they do not work and when they do work the pressure is weak"

"Having struggled to the club, I usually eat in the bar. The dining room is off putting because it is like eating in a canteen. Nice children egg problem here"

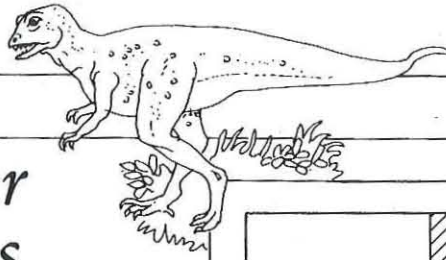
"With so many good alternatives to the accessible but to change the dining room is a problem - it is not good enough. To just visiting."

"I believe the dining room could be better styled. Conversion to a wine bar/bistro with a high quality and informal atmosphere "may" provide the impetus for more members to use the facility."

PS. This is not to be taken seriously.



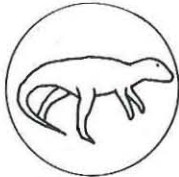
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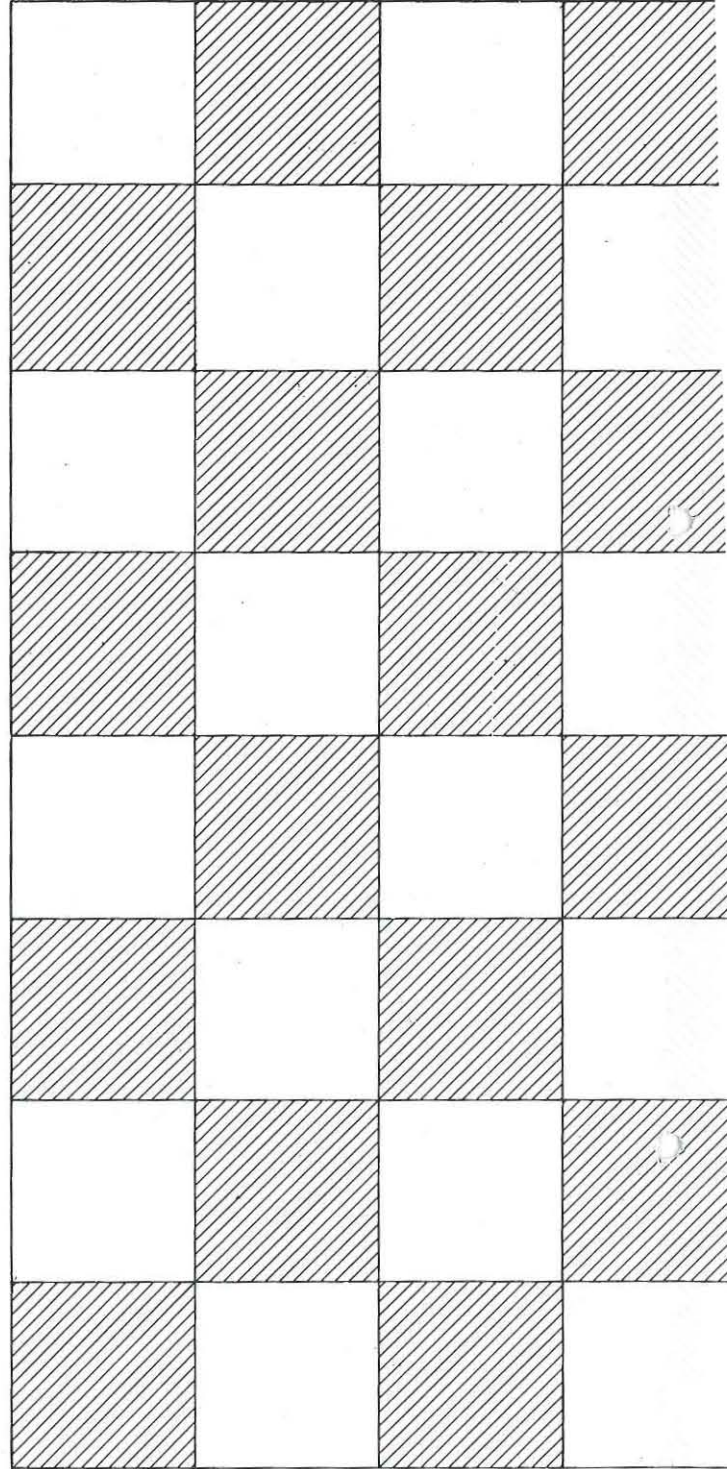
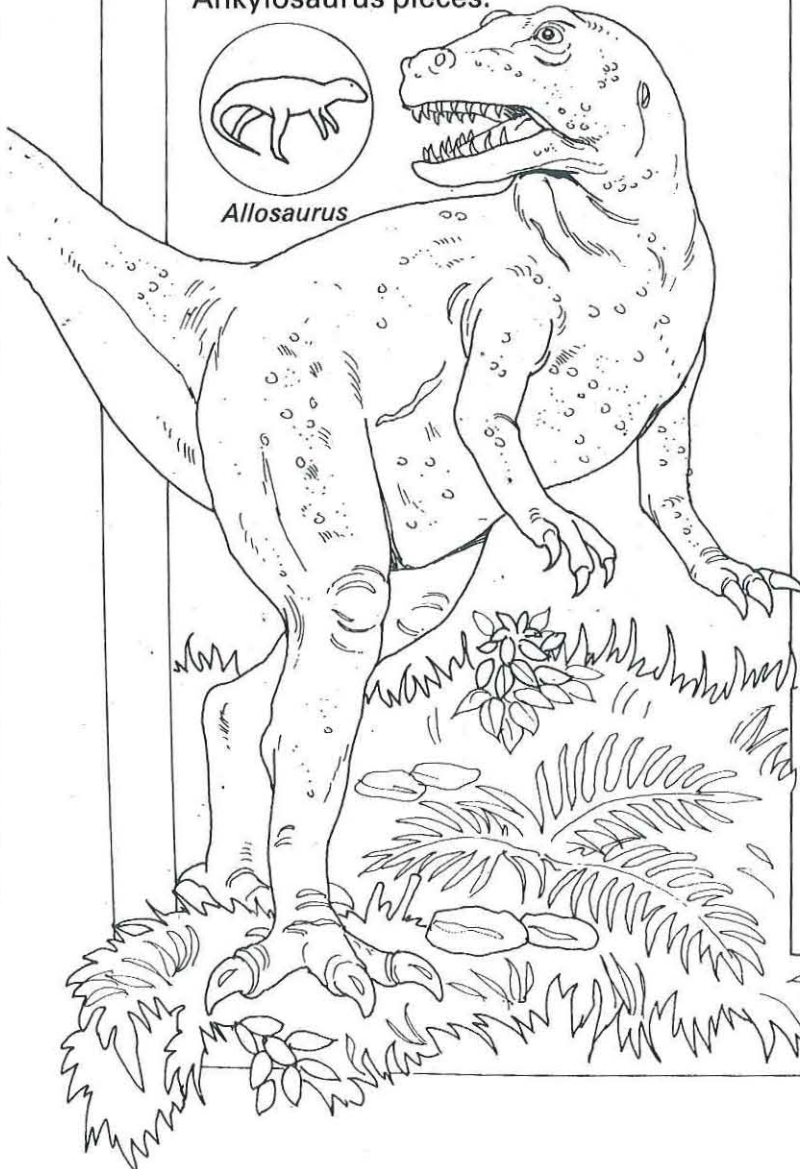
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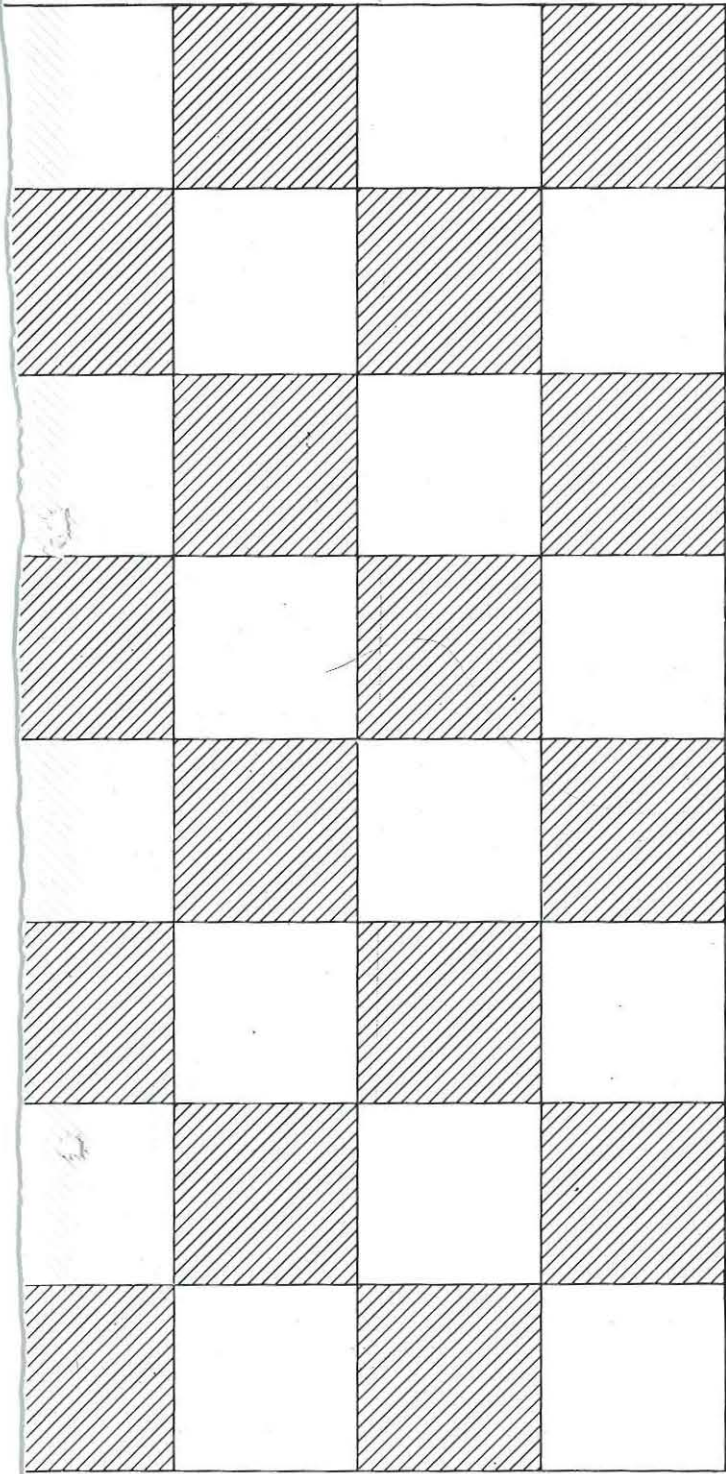
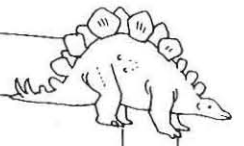
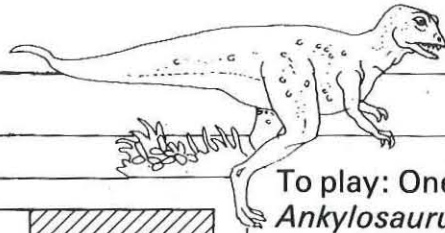
Allosaurus was a dagger-toothed killer — one of the terrors of the dinosaur world. Ankylosaurus was a bit like a walking armored tank. To enter battle between them you will need: thin pieces of cardboard, scissors, tracing paper, felt tip pens or paints.

Trace the circular game pieces shown on these pages onto the cardboard — make 12 of each. Cut them out and color them in — use a different color for the Allosaurus pieces and the Ankylosaurus pieces.

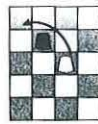


Allosaurus





To play: One player has 12 *Ankylosaurus* game pieces, the other has 12 *Allosaurus* game pieces. Sit at opposite sides of the board, and place your dinosaurs on the black squares of the first three rows. Take turns to move diagonally backward and forward, one square at a time. To capture an opponent's piece, you leap over it into an empty square on the other side (1). If you can then jump *another* piece, you can do this in the same move (2) — and so on. The winner is the one who first captures all the other player's game pieces.

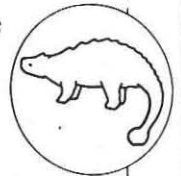


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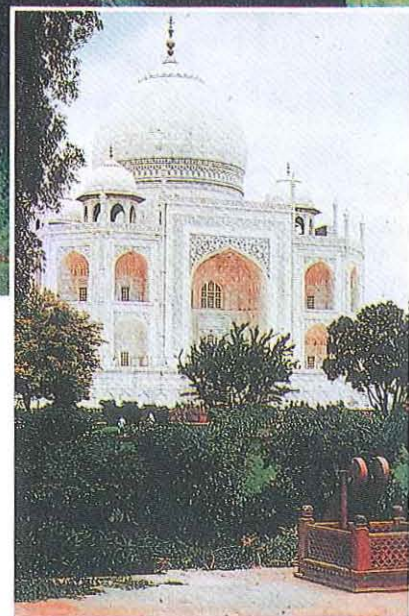
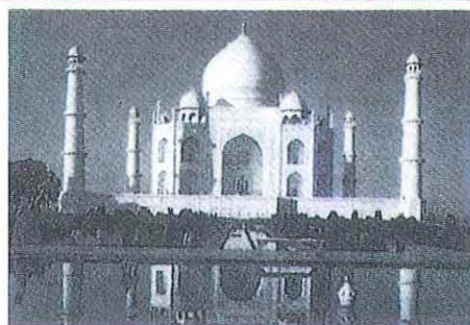
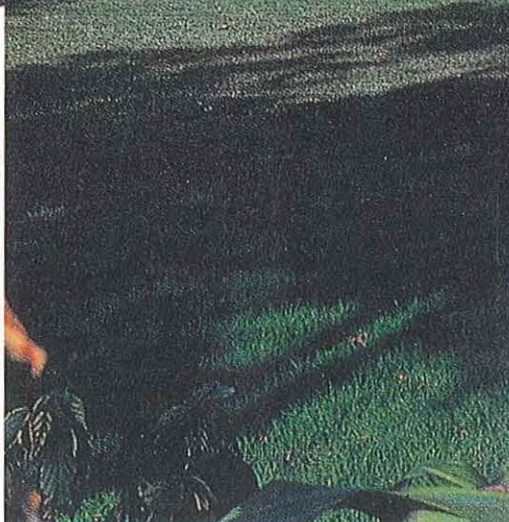
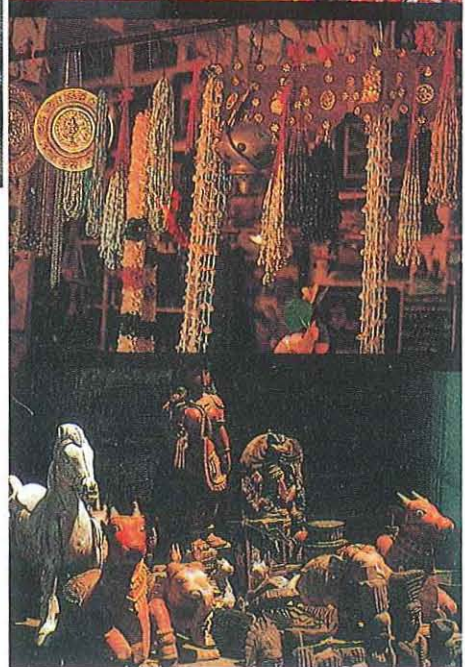
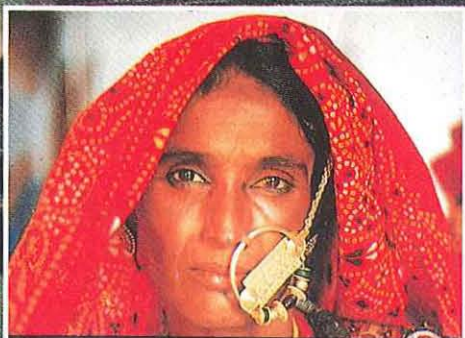
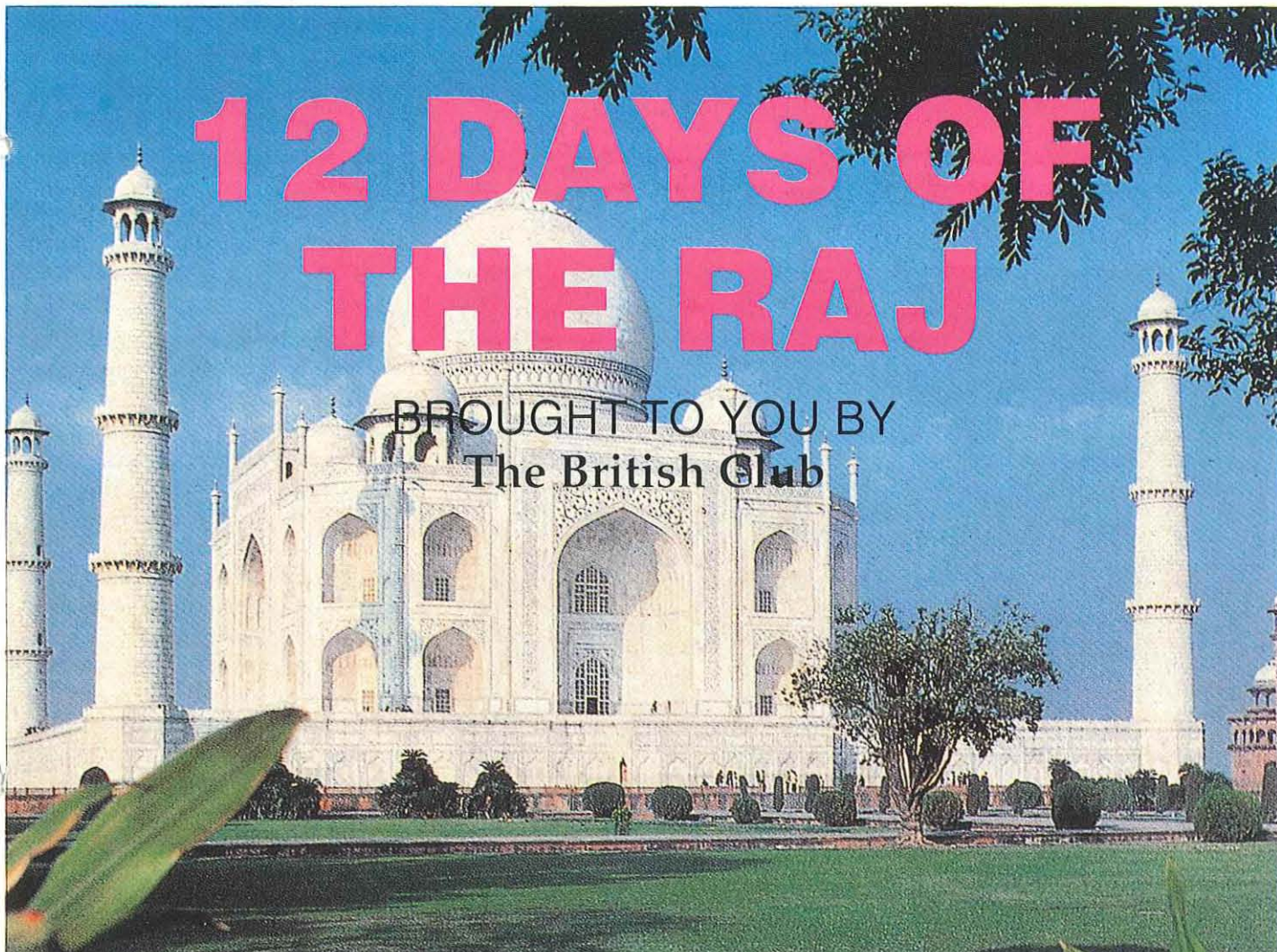


The early rainy season of last month left the Club rather water logged.

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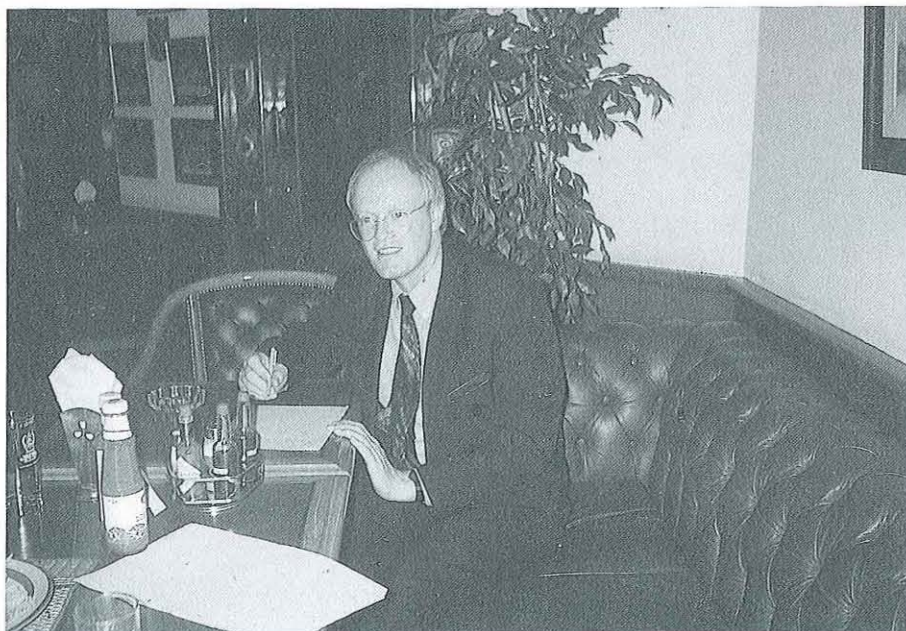
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Well, I am back again as Chairman for my second year. Recent tradition dictates a minimum of a two-year term but like my predecessor, Bryan Baldwin, I intend to hand over the

reins at the time of next year's A.G.M. so for now it will be fun observing the jockeying for position of the many capable people on this year's committee. Some keenly pursuing the possibility for taking on the job and

others doing everything they can to avoid it.

And talking of fun, I notice that new members nights are starting to attract some people again. that's good for the Club but no fun for me as I am one of those who do not particularly enjoy going around introducing myself to 20 total strangers in an evening. I can never seem to think of a sensible question, and particularly after a few gin and tonics the replies don't make much sense to me either.

With the advent of the new media "super highway" just around the corner, perhaps I should suggest future new members nights be done on a video conferencing basis. Then I could avoid any future silly conversations with people who would also rather be somewhere else. I don't mean it really, but sometimes I do wish the new information highway would hurry up and arrive.

Nigel Oakins

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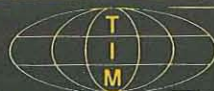
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