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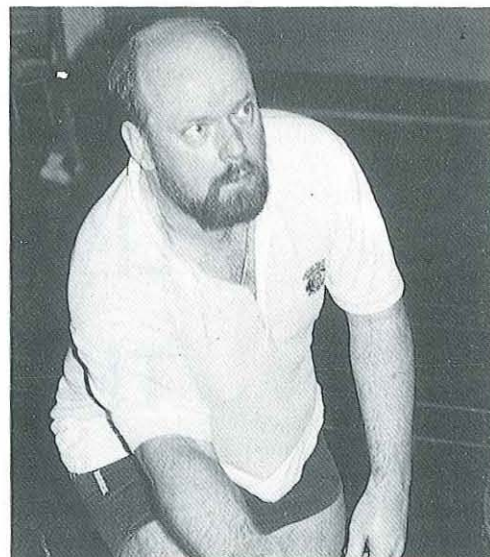
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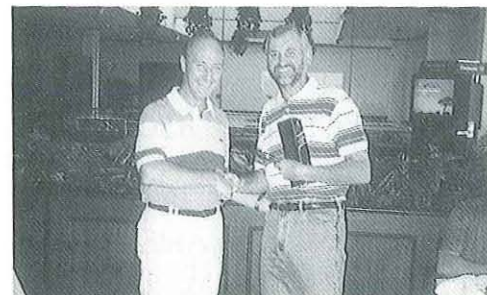
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OR SIGN UP AT THE BRITISH CLUB RECEPTION AREA

From the Editor

Dear Readers,

So, a new committee, new sub committees, a new year in the British Club Calendar. Outpost wishes the committee all the success it deserves. Unfortunately, my husband has since resigned due to events preceding the AGM. Nevermind, he is now around on Mondays and Wednesdays again, which makes a change after 4 years. No doubt the telephone bill will go down as there will not be that many phone calls on the BC's behalf. This of course also means that I can now make use of the Suggestion Book (parked in both the Main Clubhouse Reception and Silom Sala), which before was just a little bit frowned upon, I can write letters to the Editor (or can I??), letters to the General Committee. Oh, isn't life in the tropics wonderful.

I popped over to Holland for a few days a couple of weeks ago and actually saw snow and hail, walked in it to the bus stop and did all the things I used to do whilst living there, like freeze to death. Went shopping soaking wet, from shop to shop in and out of ice-cold rain and gale force 10 winds. Had a great flight on the way there, I really thought that China Airways had upgraded all their planes as about 30 of us were sat in luxurious surroundings, big seats, televisions in the armrests and a relaxing 6 hour sleep in a fully reclineable seat with foot rests. The food was still served in plastic containers and there was no smoked salmon, caviar or champagne. So everyone thought we were traveling in the usual economy mode. I told everyone at home to travel China Airways, but on the way back it was back to the cheapo mode, I must have been in Business Class after all. It was squashed up seats all the way, so I plonked myself in the front row and hoped no one turned up to claim it. So no sleep during my return flight and a totally jet lagged and miserable arrival in Bangkok including traffic jams at 7.30am.

Thanks to all the regular contributors for using the floppies I deposited in the pigeon holes, for those of you who have not dug deep enough inside yours, please have another look and try and use the floppy.



It makes life a lot easier for me and may avoid any spelling mistakes in your copy.

Tennis is entering in the Guinness Book of Records for most pages in each months Outpost, with half the mag taken up by Tennis Reports, Junior, Championship and usual tennis. This is an exception and special dispensation was given to Chairman Maurice because of their successful tennis tournament.

Last month I said I'd sneak in some photographs of the No Talent Night and I must have edited myself so much they never appeared. This month however, they are around including a report

from BC Captain Andy Davis about the recent Hong Tour. You should also be receiving your BC Hong Kong Tour Magazines, late as usual but Mai Pen Rai.

See you around the Club,

Bea Grunwell

APOLOGY

Lots of mistakes have crept in March Outpost. Especially Golf and Squash need my sincere apologies as names were misspelt, sentences were left out etc. One good thing came out of it though, I now know that some people do read Outpost.

Also the new Vicar of Christchurch is not the first American Vicar there, whilst Mr Niven was Chieftain of the St Andrew's Society, there was another American Vicar residing at Christchurch.

So please accept my apologies, all sections, I will try and do better this month!

From the Manager

Firstly let me extend the sympathies of all the staff at the Club to Mrs Wipawan Herman on the untimely death of her daughter in a traffic accident early April. Sadly yet another victim of motorcycle madness.

On a happier note I hope that the long Easter and Songkran break was enjoyed by one and all, certainly there were not many people at the Club over that period so plainly a lot of members used the opportunity to break out of Bangkok! One event which did occur at the Club over Songkran was that a member came in to say "we are leaving Thailand tomorrow and I have come to clear our bill". While we are delighted that members do come in to clear their account before that sad time when they depart Thailand, please do give us a little bit of notice! For example we must get in all the chits, check the Bank payments, clear any outstanding invoices, reconcile the deposit paid on first joining with the monthly subscriptions etc., etc. the member must also choose whether to resign or go as an Absent member, all this takes time. So please do fill in the departure form (available at Reception) and return it to us in good time, or at least give us a phone call with a few days notice! To come in when the office is closed and to ask to clear the account does present us with a few problems, not insurmountable, just time consuming thus delaying the member in those last few panic filled days before moving!



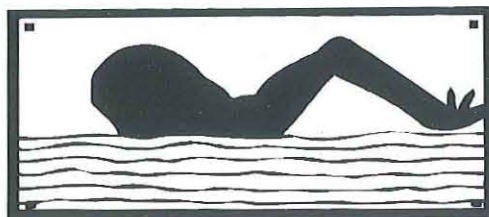
May at the Club is Bar Quiz month. Although there are details elsewhere in the magazine do try to make up a team, it is good fun and does not demand too much time or effort! Also we have another swimming Gala to look forward to on the afternoon of 21 May, keep that date free for the children. Talking of children, on behalf of the Committee, thank you to all those youngsters who have responded to requests from the previous chairman for your views on what is currently on offer at the Club, and what you would like to see here. Your ideas and opinions are being taken seriously and we hope to be able to utilize the area alongside Squash Court 3 to give you more of what you want, please be patient! The limitations of space at the Club are obvious there are less obvious, but even more restrictive, financial constraints which must be borne in mind as well!

David Viccars
General Manager

SUNDAY 21 MAY

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2:00 PM



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Parents&Babies	6mth-	9.00-9.30am	430
Pre-School	2-5 yrs.	9.30-10.00am	430
Beginner I	5-7 yrs.	10.00-10.45am	555
Beginner II	6-9 yrs.	10.45-11.30am	555
Intermediates	6-10	11.30-12.30am	640
Advanced	8-12	8.00-9.00am	640

(Mondays)

Adult Beginners	-	9.00-10.00am	770
Adult Stokers	-	8.00-9.00am	770

Swimming

Parents and Babies - A 30min class aimed at familiarising the baby with a water environment by using simple, fun activities. Parental assistance is necessary throughout.

Pre School - A 30min class aimed at increasing confidence and familiarity with the water and becoming "Water Safe" by learning a basic stroke. Parental assistance is necessary throughout. (Pink Award)

Beginner 1 - A 45min class for children who are water confident. The basics of freestyle and backstroke will be taught along with some water safety skills. (Pink, Blue, Green Awards)

Beginner 2 - A 45min class progressing on from Beginner 1. Freestyle and backstroke will be fully developed and breaststroke technique will be introduced and taught. (Yellow, Red Awards)

Intermediate - A one hour class designed to increase the efficiency of the three main strokes. Butterfly and competition starts and turns will also be introduced along with some lifesaving skills. (Bronze Award)

Advanced - A one hour class to consolidate all four major strokes and build stamina. Turns and Starts will be fully developed, lifesaving skills continued and sprint and relay work introduced. (Silver Award)

SwimClub - For the more committed swimmer this one hour, twice a week class, is of similar format to the advanced Class. Students will spend less time on stroke development and more time on developing speed over increasing distances. (Gold Award)

Adult Beginners - The water can appear very frightening to non-swimming adults. Join a group of people all in the same situation as you, and learn to enjoy the water rather than fear it. Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke will all be taught.

Adult Stokers - For those persons who can already swim but want to improve, or just for the exercise, come and join us on Monday mornings for a good workout to start the week.

Private Coaching (Available Now)

Individual 590 Baht / hr Group (2-4 persons) 900 Baht / hr For all private lessons, please contact the Sportathlon Coaching Office for bookings * Prices inclusive of VAT

General Information

- No lessons to be held on Public Holidays.
- All bookings based on first come, first served basis and are to be made by signing at the Health Club Reception.
- An administration fee of 150 Baht will be charged if a student withdraws from a course prior to commencement. No refunds can be considered once a course has already started.
- Students unable to attend lessons due to sickness or any other reason will only receive credit if they notify our office BEFORE the lesson commences. For sickness, a doctors certificate will also have to be produced.
- Sportathlon reserves the right to cancel any course on a monthly basis if insufficient members in any course, or combine any two suitable classes if this is the case.
- In the case of bad weather, credit will only be given when 2 or more lessons are cancelled in any month. One cancelled lesson will not be credited.
- All participants in Sportathlon activities do so at their own risk. Sportathlon assumes no liability for any other reason whatsoever.
- For more information please contact Peter Heppell at the Sportathlon coaching office on 237-777

From the Management

For those unable to get to the Club for the AGM in march these were the main decisions taken by the membership as represented at the AGM:

Senior Members

In future "Members of the Club who have reached the age of 60 and have been Ordinary, Country or Associate Members for a minimum of 10 years shall, on application, pay subscriptions at 50% of the applicable monthly rate." We have already sent out application forms to all members, but if this new change effects you please contact the Membership Secretary and we can arrange to reduce your monthly subscriptions to the appropriate level.

Members Families

The children of all Ordinary, Country, Honorary and Associate Members wishing to use the Club's facilities shall, upon reaching the age of 21 years, apply for/seek Membership of the Club in their own right. On reaching the age of 21 years, sons and daughters of current Members who have paid subscriptions at the rate applicable to a married member for a minimum of 5 years may now apply to become a member of the Club in the appropriate Membership category, subject to restrictions relating to each Membership category as they apply from time to time. If elected the candidate shall pay an entrance fee equivalent to 35 percent of the applicable full rate. " Thus the concession allowing the children of current members who have been in the Club for a minimum of 5 years to join at 25% entrance fees is clarified and is extended to Associate members, within the nationality quota.

Temporary Members

The introduction of a new 3 month membership was agreed.

Scale of Fees etc.

It was agreed to revise the method of paying the staff their annual bonus. In future the Committee will not automatically charge all members a full one month additional subscriptions each December to pay the Staff bonus, instead the amount raised will be matched to the requirement.

The charges for Temporary Membership where also revised from 1 April:

Daily rate	B200 (no change)
Weekly rate	B1000
Monthly rate	B3000
3 Monthly rate	B9000

All the above being SINGLE rates, families pay the above rate plus 50%.

Absent Members

It was agreed that there should be a minimum qualifying period of 3 months before members can go 'absent'. In addition the B3000 absent member charge will be a one time only payment, thus those members who regularly travel between Thailand and another country will only be charged the absent member fee the first time they go absent.

Lords Restaurant

It was agreed that Lords Restaurant should be restyled along the lines of the original proposal from the General Committee, more details of this change will be published in due course.

The New General Committee

The Membership elected the following members to serve on the General Committee for the coming year:

Mr Dougal Forrest - Chairman
Mr Des Keane - Vice Chairman and Treasurer
Mr Jack Dunford - Membership
Mrs Joy Masood - F&B
Mr Doug Mather - House & Grounds and Development
Mr Mike O'Connor - Finance
Mr Mark Partridge - Sport & Entertainment
Mr Keith Pearson - Personnel
Mr Dave Haworth - Entertainment

From the Management

Other News

The development work - Thank You to Our Supporters

Now that the development work is complete it is timely to thank all those firms who so kindly helped the Club during these projects. The Companies concerned are: ICI and Mr Gerry Fisher for the paint BHP Steel Manufacturing for some of the roofing CPAC for 40 cubic metres of cement In addition, of course, thanks to the prime contractors Nutaphong Tractor Company who did the work so well and so quickly. Also a very particular thank you to Maurice Lamb for overseeing the projects and offering so much of his time to help and advise. A good job well done!

Furniture and TV wanted!

Is there anyone out there prepared to donate a TV and video player and some comfortable, but robust, furniture to a needy cause? This particular cause is close to home for all members and if you can help please contact the GM.

Duty Manager

After having the Duty Manager system operating well for a few months the whole scheme was thrown into disarray when Khun Navorat (the evening Duty Manager) resigned in mid April to set up her own business. In consequence the Duty Manager has not been as available in the evenings as we would like. Hopefully a successor can soon be recruited and the system can be restored.

The 1995 Handbook

The 1995 Handbook is such a glossy and impressive tome that the Royal Thai Mail gave us a bill for B25,000 to send it to all our members! In consequence we have only mailed it to those living outside Bangkok, for those who reside in the City of Angels please collect a copy from Reception when you next visit the Club.

Mystery Member in April

Congratulations to Graham Carson on being the first person to identify Karen Hollis as the Mystery Member in April. Another, some would say yet another, bottle of wine from Allied Walker is therefore destined for the ample frame of Mr Carson!

Cardphones

As a further service to members we have now had installed two cardphones, one at Poolside and one in the Club House. These telephones offer full IDD facilities and

will some normal credit cards and LENS phone cards which can be purchased at reception. The phones should be connected in May.

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Childrens Activity Area

We are in the process of enhancing the area alongside Squash Court 3 and making it more 'user friendly' for children. We have been delayed by various safety concerns, such as elevating the power cables out of harms way, but we hope to have the area ready for use very soon.

Hire Charges and Use of the Club Facilities

The General Committee have recently agreed on a standard policy for the use of facilities at the Club and the hire of Club property. Details have been circulated to all Sports Sections, the Loyal Societies, the BCT and other regular users of the Club. In short the underlying principle behind the creation of this policy is to ensure that members of the Club receive favorable rates for using the Club facilities or property, in all circumstances. Some community organizations will also receive preferential rates. Copies of this new policy are available from the GM

Associate Members

At the AGM there was a question from the floor as to why we had so many vacancies for Associate members, well at the time of writing we have under 200 Associate members and the limit is 240 so we still have many places open for Associate applicants. The only quota currently full is for Thai Associates. Any applications

From the Management

received will be rushed along by the management for consideration by the Membership sub-committee!

Events in May at the Club The BC Bar Quiz

Mr Rodney Bain has very kindly agreed to officiate (once again) at the annual BC Bar Quiz, as usual there will be huge prizes for the winning team! Teams of 6 are required with 3 of the 6 nominated competing in each round, the competition dates are:

10 May
17 May
24 May
31 May
7 June, the Final

Please give Dave Haworth a ring on 258-2889 (o) or complete the entry form elsewhere in the magazine. The entry fee will be B900 per team (B150 per player), this will cover the cost of the prizes.

Swimming Gala

There's going to be another Swimming Gala at the Club on Sunday 21 May. There is no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and register before the competition, the cost will be B60 per entrant and each child will receive an award.

New Staff Bar Supervisor

Khun Montri has joined the Club from the Ambassador Hotel where he ran the Dickens Pub he has also worked at the Narai Hotel where he was the Head Bartender, we wish him luck in his time at the Club. At the same time one of our longer serving staff, Khun Chanupan, who has been standing in as Bar Supervisor, has been promoted to Deputy Bar Supervisor.

Electrician

Khun Prawate has joined the Club as the Electrician. he was trained at the King Mongkut Institute of Technology and worked with an engineering firm before coming to the Club.

Receptionist

In order to allow Khun Morokot to return to Pool Side we have recruited Khun Ubonwan to be a Receptionist at the Club. Khun Ubonwan was educated in UK and has recently returned to Thailand.

The Lords Restaurant Draw

Congratulations to Mr Phillipe de Chezelles who won the holiday for two at the Boat House on Kata Beach in Phuket in the draw held to celebrate the introduction of a new menu in Lords. Thank you very much to the Boat House Hotel for supporting us with this super prize. We hope Mr de Chezelles enjoys his time in Phuket as much as the members are enjoying sampling the new menu. Lords is busy at the moment and Barry Osborne has won much praise for his 'creations'. If you haven't done so already try the new Lords, you will be pleasantly surprised!

TO : DAVE HAWORTH
FAX: 260-3235

BC BAR QUIZ

TEAM NAME : _____

TEAM LEADER : _____

TEAM CONTACT TELEPHONE : _____
FAX : _____

DATES WE CANNOT COMPETE (IF ANY):

_____ + _____

SIGNED:

TEAM MEMBERS:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

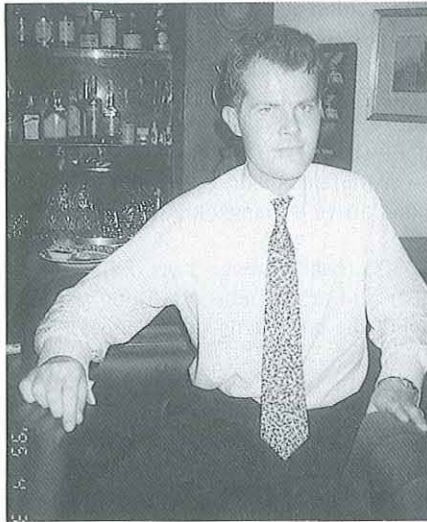
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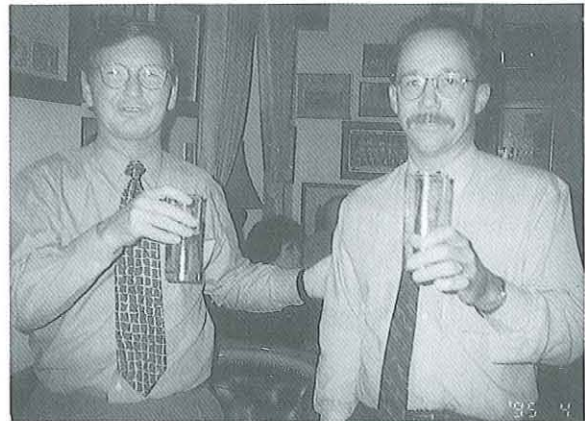
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New Members Night

All the staff were in their new uniforms design selected by themselves, the men resplendent in white thai style jackets (ron mak madam) and the ladies in nice navy blue suits (uniform style, high collared, cabin crew like) with lace blouses. A quiet night for mm as only 5 were expected so lots of pages of Outpost to fill up this month instead of the ever so convenient 4 page large photograph spread of new members night.



Simon Walker is from England and has spent the last 2 years in Hong Kong. He works for Johnson Stokes Master and is single. All further information can be obtained from Gary Biesty on telephone ... Simon likes tennis, squash, swimming, skiing, shooting (please tell him where and when, game fishing (ditto) and travelling. Simon has been here for 3 weeks, is a smoker working in a non smoking office but is trying to give up.



Brian Cahill is the area manager for McCann-Erickson and has lived here for 2 years. He has an office down the road from the Club and lives 10 minutes from there, very convenient indeed. He likes tennis, golf (once a year, used to be a pro golf caddy but gave it up ... probably an in-joke). Before Bangkok Brian lived in Vienna, Moscow and Prague. He is Canadian but was born in England and is another bachelor boy.


British Club SURIN Elephant Round Up



Around 18/19th November 1995 the British utensils and sleeping bags ready for you to join elephant round up in Surin makes news ever seen 200 elephants together in one field? bananas and sugar cane and not being There is a show of course as well, and an

and old enjoy this trip, we leave Bangkok at around 8.30pm from Huamark train station and arrive early (4.30am - I said early) in Surin, where you will be collected by the BC tourbus and taken to our meeting point for a (Thai style) shower and BC breakfast. At around 8am we will be setting off to the round up - plenty of time for you to have a look around the market and make your way leisurely to your reserved, covered seats to watch the round up. At around 12.30 - 1pm the show is over and the bus will take you to a Khmer ruin with a picnic area, plenty of safe space for the kids to stretch their legs and for you to have a quiet relax whilst enjoying the full splendours of the BC bar. In the afternoon there will be time to visit local handicraft centres, ride on elephants in Surin towncentre, visit a Khmer ruin on a hill (just tell us what you would like and it will be arranged). The train will leave for Bangkok at around 8pm and arrive in Bangkok at the unholy hour of 4am, so plenty of time of a sleep in your own comfy beds.

We expect the price for this incredible trip to be Baht 2,600 (adults), Baht 2,000 (children over 3 yrs old), Baht 1,200 (children under 3 years old). As the trip will not take place until November and at the time of writing this is just a guesstimate, the total price will depend on the price for the train tickets, rental of the bus, round up tickets etc.

Please return to General Manager  _____

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

Adults Names
.....
.....
.....

Children Names Age
..... Age
..... Age

Signed Date

Contact Telephone No

** Please note that cancellations will not be accepted after 17th August 1995 and a deposit of Baht 1,200 per person is needed before 15th July 1995 (non refundable after 17 August 1995) in order for the BC to pay for the train and Round Up tickets. The full amount needs to be paid before October 20th 1995.

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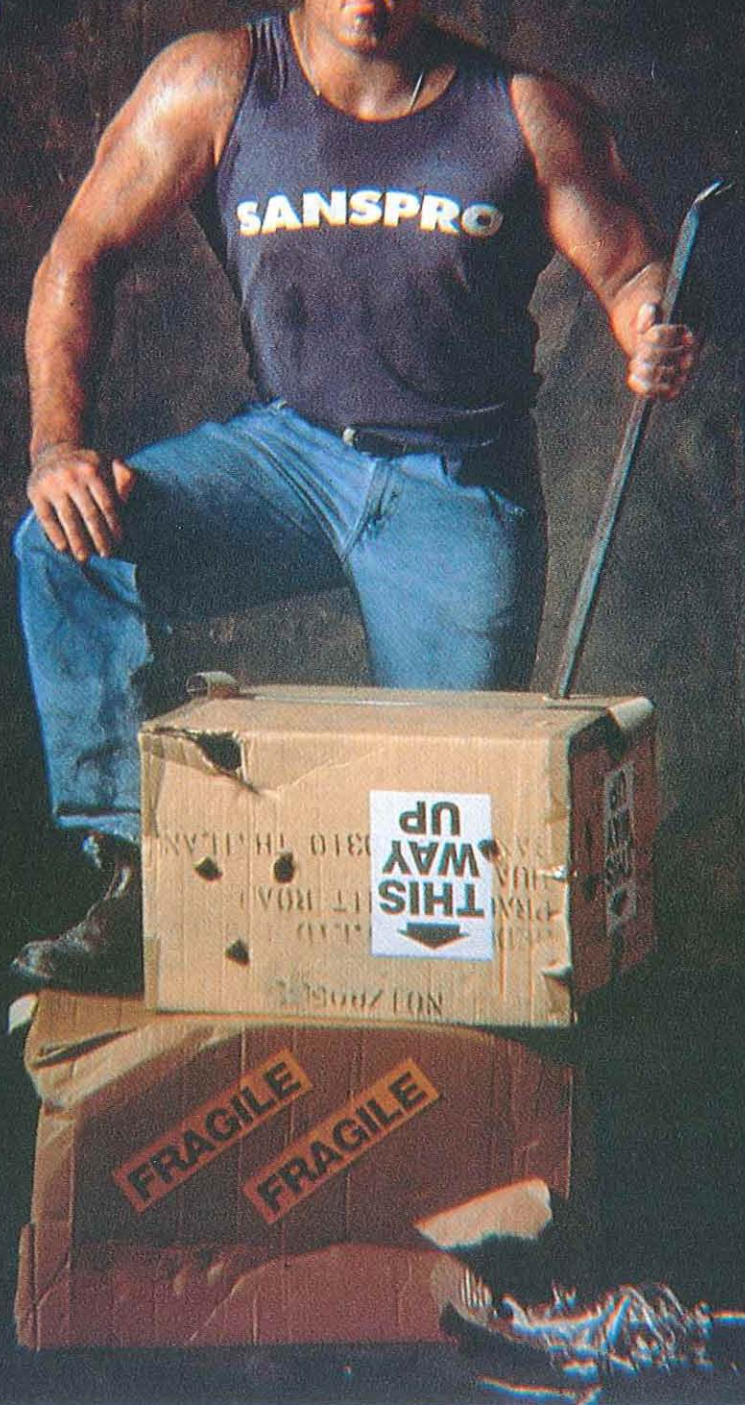
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Childrens facilities at the Club

As part of the ongoing debate over childrens activities at the Club some of the Junior Tennis Section sent lists of ideas to improve the lot of children at the Club. For interest reprinted below is a summary of the requests and responses from the management.

Thank you very much for you comments about facilities here at the Club. The General Committee have had the list and have instructed the House & Grounds Committee to see what can be done within the limitations of space and money. It is worth noting that some of the facilities requested are already available at the Club. Below is a summary of the requests and some answers:

Running track, video arcade, tennis wall, soccer pitch, rugby pitch, trampoline and trampoline area, diving pool and boards, badminton hall, computer room and roof over the tennis courts.

There is neither the money nor the space for these projects, and in addition there are real safety concerns with such activities as trampolining and the use of diving boards in a busy swimming pool.

Adventure playground

Now that the building work is complete the space occupied by the builders huts can be restored and enhanced to create a play area of sorts, but it will not be another Disney World, again there are limitations of space and funds.

Basketball hoops

There are already 2 basketball hoops on the outside wall of Squash Court 3, now that the builders have left these hoops are again usable.

More board games

There are already over 20 board games in the Surawong Sala. More games are purchased every 4 - 6 months.

Water slide

It may be possible to put in a small water slide, costs are being investigated.

Quiet room

The Wordsworth room in the Club House offers this facility

More videos and more freely available

When we tried to leave the videos library open we quickly lost most of the good ones! Therefore the video library must be secured. We buy new videos every 4 - 6 months.

A larger TV

One of the 2 TV's we have is a 28" screen, quite large enough for the size of room in which it is being used!

All weather pool table

We will get one if anyone has any idea how to purchase one in Thailand!

Roller blades, skate boards, bicycles etc..

The Committee banned these devices from the Club on grounds of safety. Places used by cars for parking where the driver is concentrating on manoeuvring his vehicle rather than on the possibility of people unexpectedly emerging at speed from behind other vehicles is not the place for these pursuits. The House & Grounds Committee are looking at the matter but safety remains the paramount concern.

Large soccer goals

It may be possible to install one large soccer goal somewhere in the Club grounds.

Box of balls etc..

These are available, just ask Khun Chamnan at pool side. We do not leave the box open because people forget to bring things back!

Food

there are over 100 choices on the Pool side menu, plus lunchtime specials on Sundays. What else would you like to see?

Junior Squash ladder

The matter will be raised with the Squash Section.

Volleyball net

We have one, just ask!

Returf the back lawn and kill the ants

Now that the building works have been completed and the rains are here the lawn will improve, as for the ants, lets hope they drown in the rain!

There may be other things as well, please, if you have any ideas just keep them coming!

David Viccars
General Manager

Badminton

OK, FOLKS YOU'VE GOT YOURSELVES A NEW COMMITTEE!

Your Committee for 1995/6 is:

Chairman	Gaynor de Wit
Treasurer	Mike O'Connor
Secretary	Barry Whittaker

With worthy peoples such as Wanna, Chris and Janet Gething and Henry helping to run the Section as feasible given any restrictions on the above Committee (like Gaynor's inability to find Soi Klang any more and therefore exercise little control over the goings-on there) and to gain valuable input from them. Promise to try to get a group pic for next ish, or at least individual mugshots.

Ideas which were tossed around in our inaugural meeting with the bully in charge included:

1. Club Championships - a master stroke by Chris, this, which should hopefully drag some of the 'seldom-show'ers out of the woodwork and provide a good competitive couple of months, with matches preferably being played at the Soi Nares courts on Sunday mornings.

We were looking at starting this competition end-September, so keep eyeballs peeled for dedicated flyers coming round end-August time.

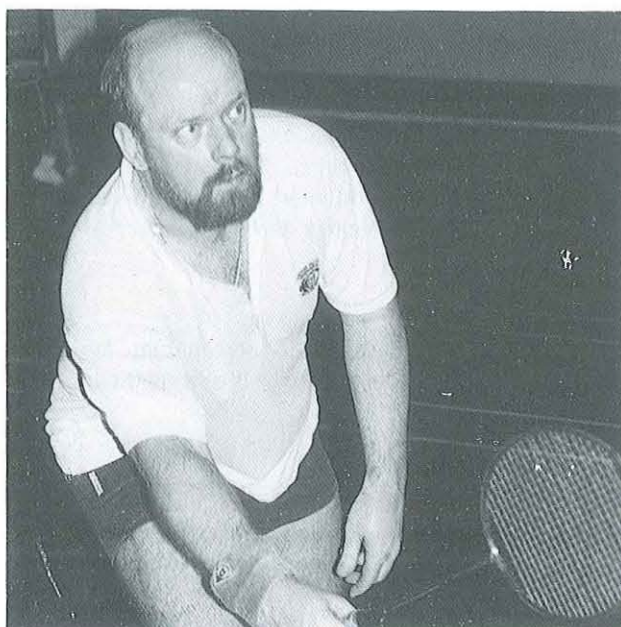
2. There is no 2.

3. Children's coaching - at present there are not enough children turning up to make this viable, but it was suggested that this was because kids not really able to play with the big children (the adults) were put off and therefore their parents tended to do something else on Sunday mornings.

If this is something which interests you, please make your opinion felt. Again, the venue for this would be Soi Nares courts, to be held at the same time as the Sunday sessions so that both parents and children could have a constructive morning of badminton.

**WE'RE A FRIENDLY BUNCH REALLY -
TALK TO US IF YOU HAVE IDEAS!**

Otherwise... come and join us!



Would you buy a used car from this man ?!

BCLG had a very busy march with three majors being played. Thank you **Axel "Jurgens"** for the lovely bronze prizes awarded to our XL-Ectit winners - Margaret, Gill and Sally. Well done girls!

Accor Tournament was a great succes with over twenty players taking part. Thank you **Lorna de Souza** for the splendid prizes awarded to the five winners.

Tanida 3 nights at Sofitel
Chako 3 nights at Novotel, Rayong
Gail B2000 voucher
Barbara B1500 voucher
Gill B1000 voucher

Dundee Cup played on 21st March was a great succes especially for the winners, Tanida, Rita and Ruth.

I would like to thank Alison for continuing to do a splendid job starting, Gill for the prizes she has bought, Sally for supply of wine at the tournaments, and all the other committee members for doing their "bit" during these busy Tuesday mornings.

Gail had her "farewell" competition on 14th march this was enjoyed by all who attended. **Everyone** won a prize! Thank you Gail for this loveky day and very good luck for the future.

New Handicaps

Congratulations to :

Helen from 36 to 33
Lorna from 26 to 24
Tanida from 26 to 18
Colleen from 35 to 31
Livia from 24 to 20

Change in BCLG Calender

6th December -

Captain's Day followed by AGM (this change was made so as to allow British Members to attend their Annual BWG Cristmas Lunch on 13th December).

Happy Golfing!
Lavita



Accor Competition
5 Lucky Winners
Barb. Gail Tanida. Lorna (Spomsor).Gill and Chako.



Gail's Farewell
Some of the top winners: Tanida, Gill, Ruth, Gail and ALison



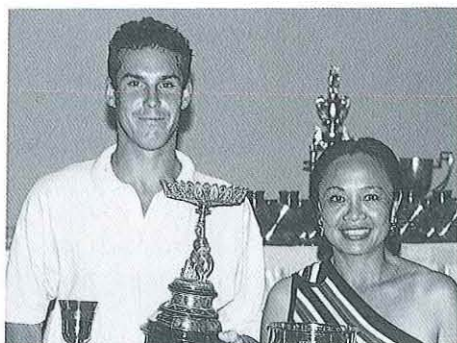
Joan Jurgens (Sponsor) second right with winners of XL-ECTIC. Sally, Margaret and Gill.



Winners of Dundee Cup. left Ruth - 3rd, centre Tanida - 1st, right Rita - 2nd

Tennis Club Championships 1995

After a couple of months of hard-fought battles between players of all ages and standards, March 19th produced a fine day's play from BCB's finest.



Singles Champs

As predicted in last month's issue, the dark horse newcomer Marc Hagelauer stormed through to victory in the men's singles, playing skillfully if a tad nervously at first to overcome Bernie in two sets. Bernie consoled himself later in the day with a Doubles victory with James over Surin and Sucharit (Mr Colossal!) in an exciting match full of good coordination and solid winners. On court one, meanwhile, Marc and doubles partner Les Elliott made, um, shorter work of Maurice and David Henton, although the score did not necessarily represent the matching.

The match of the afternoon was far and away the ladies' singles between a much-improved Jenny Ferrier and Chalutip. Jenny stormed ahead in the first set, running Chalutip all over the court with some real power play, and it is of real credit to Chalutip that she hung on in there and indeed took the first set in a tiebreak and then had to fight a close second set. Superb stuff.

The same can also be said for the morning matches: the Mixed between James and Vanessa Barrington-Johnson and Surin and Chalutip was one of the closest in a long time, and it really could have gone either way, especially after the latter pulled back to win the second set. However, Vanessa was playing exceptionally well and she and James edged ahead to win the match in the closest score of the day.

And in the ladies, the power duo of Vanessa and Jenny somewhat overawed their opponents Anki and Megan in the first set, although it was a close call in the second to end 7-5.

The junior section proved their mettle on the day, with some careful play in all sections. The girls singles was held as a round robin, with Hannah Morrison coming in first, while the boys singles was a ding-dong between the successful doubles pairing of Chris Kelly and Tom Henton, with the former overcoming Tom in the final set.

The results of the day were:

Mixed: James Young & Vanessa B-J bt Surin Dunn. & Chalutip D. 7-5, 4-6, 7-6

Mens: James Young & Bernie Adams bt Surin Dunn. & Sucharit Mungsitstan 6-3, 7-6

Ladies: Vanessa B-J & Jenny Ferrier bt Anki Wibling & Megan McBain 6-0, 7-5

Mens Singles: Marc Hagelauer bt Bernie Adams 6-3, 6-2

Ladies Singles:

Chalutip Dunnvatanachit bt Jenny Ferrier 7-6, 6-4

Junior Doubles:

Chris Kelly & Tom Henton bt

David Lindsay & Sarah Henton 6-1, 6-1

Boys Singles: Chris Kelly bt Tom Henton 6-1, 4-6, 6-3

Girls Singles: 1st Hannah Morrison
2nd Courtenay Williams



Ladies Finalists

In the Plate, those that were constantly reminded that they lost in the first round (as Bruno so eloquently put it) had nothing to be ashamed about when the standard of play was taken into account - with Surin in the unusual position of taking the singles plate comfortably and with men's singles champ Marc in the men's doubles plate, there was no shortage of good players. One match which seemed an interminable swings and roundabouts duel occurred between Joan Jewell and Marion McDermott-Jones, producing the only three setter in the Plate competition.

Tennis Club championships 1995

All in all a fabulous day's tennis, to which I hope the photos will attest. Talking of which, Kate and I are trying to devise a way as I write to display all the finals photos so that copies can be ordered. Keep eyes glued to the noticeboard!



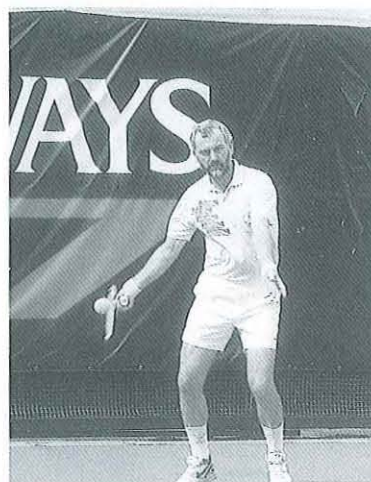
The inimitable Bernie & James!

As usual, the Club Championships could not be the success they were without the unstinting support of our many sponsors, on whom we lavish thanks. Dunlop stands out as one of the longest supporters of the Section, slap on the back to David Lamb there (who told a handy after-dinner joke with great timing relevance to a certain monk, as Khun Sucharit pointed out!); but also thanks to the following for their donations:



The Heroes!

Tok Kwang (cheers, Oud!), Loxley, Carlsberg (always a favourite handout, this), British Airways of the backdrop, MPAC, Beiersdorf-Intanin, The Lauris Co. Ltd, KSC Engineering, Lever Bros and Christiani & Nielsen (post-match bags and t-shirts to all finalists and platers, many thanks Mike). And to the following wonderful hotels in Bangkok: Siam Inter-Continental Hotel, The Hilton Hotel, The Regent Hotel, The Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel, The Shangri-La Hotel, the Rembrandt Hotel, the Tawana Ramada Hotel, the Arnoma Swissotel and of course the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza.



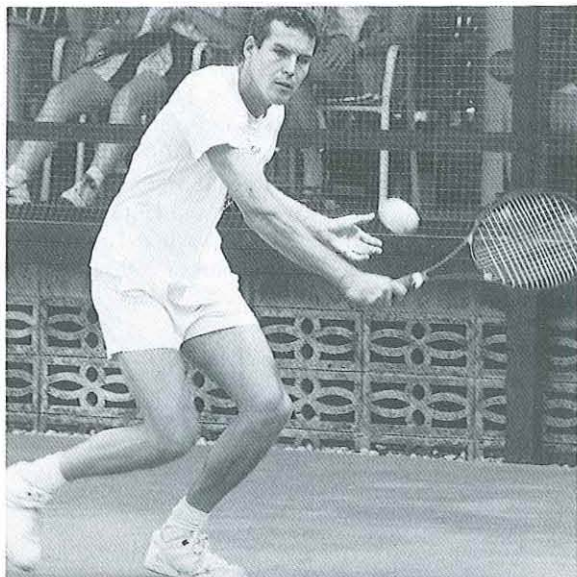
Bernie Kindly posing under the sponsors' banner

We really cannot express enough how much we appreciate their dedication to making the Championships the prestige event that it is. Thanks also to Jaree for doing much of the organising of the sponsorship, and of course to outgoing Chair Maurice for all the backscenes hard work in making it all happen.



Jenny: face of concentration

Tennis Club Championships 1995



Marc 'Sampras' Hagelhauer in action



Junior Doubles Finalists

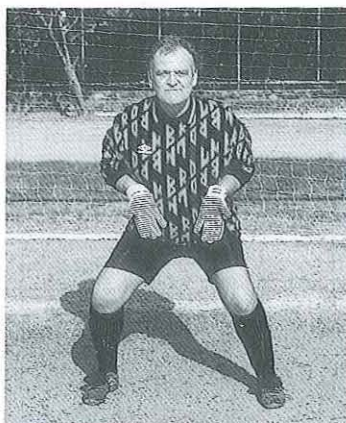


Ladies Plate Finalists

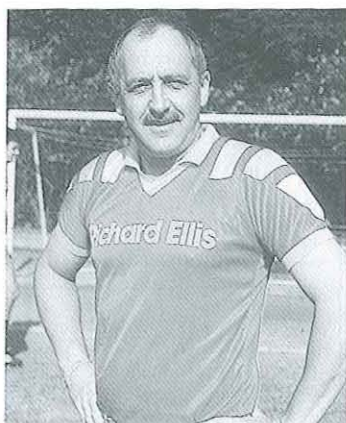


Men's Plate, Ballboys and Lord Muck

Soccer



Norman Bright - A Bangkok strikers worst nightmare.



Frank Hough - A fine vintage getting better with age.



Paul Gambles - Worst first touch in football.

The last few weeks have been a disappointing time for the football section. Throughout 1995 goats in the first team have been few and far between and as Bill Shankley used to say "If you don't hit the onion bag you don't win matches, Jimmy". Our results have been understandably disappointing and mid table in the Farang league is the best we now can hope for.

Results in the Casuals have failed to follow new year promise. Perhaps the best football has been seen in the Thursday evening veteran matches (over 40) organized by Colin Hastings at the Sports Club. Old stalwarts such as Vince Swift, Alan Morton and Roger Crutchly have shown there is still plenty of life in old limbs. "Youngsters" such as Stewart Edwards have shown a fine turn of speed whilst Nick Moore, Jon Prichard, Peter Snell and General Manager David Viccars have shown impressive adaptability in changing from oval to round balls. James Howard is developing his own private cult following as a goalkeeper - what he lacks in speed he makes up for with quickness of hands and no one argues with him at corners!

Goal of the Month competition was won by first team skipper El Greg Watkins playing for the Casuals against the Brazilians - All who witnessed the event will remember his crazy lob over the advancing goalkeeper. Quote of the month came from UK visitor, Paul Gambles father. A life long football fanatic and Rotherham supporter Gambles Senior said about his son Pauls football abilities. "He's got no balance, he's got no ball control he's !@#%&^ useless. He's always been !@#%&^ useless". So far none of the BC players have been prepared to dispute this assessment . Best dressed spectator of the month award goes to Gordon Edwards sporting a natty Manchester United outfit. Worst dressed man is Tony Green in his Blackburn Rovers shirt.



Peter Snell - If you can't win the ball, take the man.



Tone Green - Home Grown Alan Shearer.



Gambles Senior - A lifelong football fan knows the best.

CALENDAR

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4
8-10am Ladies Tennis 8am BWG Mahjong 6-8pm Squash Coaching 7-9pm Badminton 7-9pm Tennis Team Training 8pm New Members Night	7am Ladies Golf 8-11pm Friendly Bridge 7-9pm Soccer Training 7-9pm Rugby Training (Soi 15) 9pm Gentlemen's Spoof	6-8am Early Bird Tennis Mix In 9.30am Aerobics 6-9pm Tennis Mix-in 6-9pm Tennis Coaching 7pm Cricket Nets Practice BC Bar Quiz	10-12noon Ladies S 7-9pm Rugby Tra 7-9pm Badminton 6-9pm Squash M
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OPENING TIMES


10am-11pm Churchill Bar
11.30am-2pm Lord's Rest Lunch
6-10pm Lord's Rest Dinner
7.30am-10pm Poolside Bar
6am-9pm Fitness Centre Mon/Sat
9am-9pm Fitness Centre Sun/Hols
9am-5pm Thai Massage
Every day except Mon

VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BC EXCEPT:

Casuals Football - BKK Patana School
Badminton (Sundays) Nr Bagrak Police
Golf - As advertised
Rugby Matches as advertised

MAY 1994

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SPORTS

DON'T FORGET

Contact the following to join Sections:

Badminton David Overington 312 0100
Cricket Peter Young 6 679 7644
Golf Lavita Hughes 259 3617
Rugby Joe Grunwell 262 0220
Squash Barbara Overington 258 7306
Soccer Peter Rodgers 240 0678
Tennis Maurice Lamb 272 4530

NON BC SPORTS

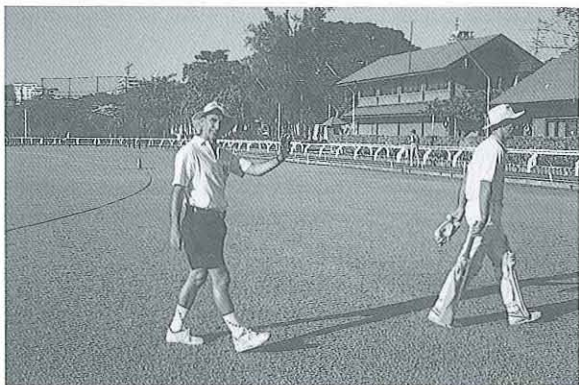
Ladies Golf BCLG Wil Agerbeek 259 7019
Ladies Golf LIGIT Eileen Cook 287 3605
Hockey Lois Carson 258 5295

F.A. Cup Dinner (see ad in Magazine)

Cricket

Welcome back to the cricket section for the Northern Summer. The Aussies have struggled against the might of the West Indies in The One-Day Series as have the British Club in the local 50 Over League as March started as a month of despair that finished with hope for a chance in the finals....

The beginning of March saw the British Club lose its second game in a row after starting the season in fine fashion with two comfortable 50 Over wins. In the 8 Team competition a 4 wins 3 loses situation from the seven matches would be enough to secure a place in the top four. At 2 wins from 4 games the BC needed to beat competition newcomers the Young Thai Sikhs in the fixture of March 12 to have a real chance at the finals. The YTSA were widely tipped to go through the season without a win but they are very enthusiastic and looking to upset any tall poppies given the chance... They're chance came on a cool Sunday in March!



Welcome back Jack Veteran Dunford eventually was fit to play against ABAC

The BC won the toss and Skippy elected to bat. Once again Adam Caro would be the star of the innings top scoring with a punishing 65. That was the only real joy to report from the BC innings. Token support came from Pearce-Higgins and Canham but the only other real sign of fight was a 27 run 7th wicket stand between Skippy Young and veteran Peter Snell. This was Snelly's first game for the BC in quite a while and despite an injured leg

(still recovering from a major operation) and a lack of net practice The Spoofing Co-Chairman showed many other BC players that it wasn't too difficult to hang around for a while and show a bit of fight. So the BC boys used only 45 of 50 overs - a monumental sin in limited overs cricket when batting first. The total - all out 172. Still if we bowled well the game would be ours. The new ball was thrown too Joe Barker - Bennett who had spent the previous week on the telephone to the Skipper convincing

him he was being under bowled. Ok Joe open the \$% bowling if you're so good!

Well to Joe's credit he produced the goods. In a spell lasting 6 overs Joe had sent the top four batsman back to the Pav. and the BC were in a winning position with the YTSA in deep trouble at 4/42 With a couple of wickets from Skippy they looked gone for all money by drinks at 6/70. The lads were joking - "What are we going to do with the spare time before "toss the boss" at the Bull's Head?!"

The spare time was spent snatching defeat from the jaws of victory! The second session of play belonged to the YTSA as they moved from 6/70 to 8/146 in a period that the BC saw the game slipping away but in all honesty still evenly poised. The YTSA forged on and brought up the winning runs in the 40th over with The Skipper grassing a chance only minutes before, that would have secured victory. The total of 9/175 was a fine effort despite the poor start.

The BC had only themselves to blame - not enough runs on an easy wicket and complacency after Barker-Bennett's initial destruction of the top order.

BC 172 Lost to YTSA 9/175

The finals now almost out of the question....

Sunday March 26 would be probably the nail in the coffin. The BC V ABAC. ABAC are probably the strongest side in the competition and deserve to be favorites for the title.

The BC fielded a strong side with Nick White, Craig Price and Allan Good returning to the team and David Boon look alike Steve Millar making his debut. Missing from the team was Skippy Young (to everyone's delight!) ,Joe Barker-Bennett and Frank Hough .Frank carrying an injury and the other two in Hong Kong on business err watching Rugby. Jack Dunford also made an appearance.

The BC lost the toss and were sent in . Early troubled loomed as Skipper for the day - Brian Diamond was on his way back to the Pav with the total at 11. Then a monumental, match-winning partnership of 198 was put together by the ever reliable Adam Caro and all-rounder Derek Clark. These two batted together from the 4th over until the 38th over and giving the BC a definite chance in knocking off the league leaders. Clark knocked up an impressive 72 - his highest score in his debut season and Caro continued his fine form smashing a brilliant 109 with his second 50 coming in only 20 or so balls - super stuff indeed and more entertaining then watching the dismal display by England at the Hong Kong Sevens!!!

These two were dismissed leaving 10 or 12 overs to the rest of the boys and a grand total was reached of 273 for 9. A solid performance from Nick White with 28 and in general from the tailenders who all put bat to ball to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

ABAC batted but never really looked like reaching the formidable total set and were all out for 180 in the 40th over with wickets falling regularly with only two players getting amongst the runs and threatening the BC attack. The bowling honors for the BC were shared between Steve Millar - 2 wickets; Allan Good - 2 wicket; Pearce Higgins 3 wickets; and Superbat Caro chipping in to dismiss the bunnies with another 2 wickets.



Nick White- An impressive profile of a seasoned quickbowler.

BC 9/273 Defeated ABAC 180

A great if unexpected win and now the finals berth a reality again with 3 wins from 6 games and 1 to play during April.

All being well the BC will play in the semi finals on April 30 and the final on May 7.

Supporters are most welcome.

A final note Joe Barker-Bennett sadly would have left Bangkok by the time this goes to print. Joe has headed to Hongkong after an 18 month stint in Thailand with Hongkong Bank. Joe will always be remembered for his outlandish claims to being a class cricketer and brilliant rugby player, in fact great at every sport known to man. However, definitely one to have in your side to keep up team spirits and to be always counted on to give 110% - even despite nursing a broken finger for most of the season. Also despite all the fun I have poked at Joe through this column in the last two seasons never once has he not seen it as any more than that - never once winging about being the butt of jokes. Joe will be greatly missed by the section.

Good Luck in Hong Kong..... Chief Chief What to do ?

CRICKETER PROFILE:

Name: Joe Barker Bennett

Nickname : Chief ; Joe Barker-Bradman; Superstar

D.O.B: May 5, 1967

Nature of Business In Thailand: Securities Clerk - Hongkong Bank

Position /Speciality: I'm an all rounder Chief! - Great Bat and Super bowler

Career Highlight: There's been so many - I once hit 60 runs in 5 overs but that was expected. Chief that's a tough Question. my selection for England was also a highlight.

Favourite all-time player : Easy - Me ! and Botham.

General Likes : Once again Me ! but I'd also say lots of Black Soda and talking about me ; Representing my country at sport; Cooking for Youngy ; The wife.

Dislikes: Whiskey Tango Chief ! Guys who have to take their wives to parties; Not getting a decent bowl (Youngy is a bad captain). Fighting with the wife !

Most embarrassing moment on a cricket field: There hasn't been any - I'm a hero what does embarrassment mean..

Golf

12th March 1995 - Royal Golf and Country Club - 1st Medal

The Adams Family make a Come - Back and a Lamb returns to the Fold!

No, this is the Golf Section report and not a Film Review! For the first Medal Day of the year we were very pleased to welcome back Bernie and Joan Adams and Mike Lamb. There was a very prompt Tee - off and with a strong cool wind blowing the groups moved through the course in a fast but not rushed manner. The day was sponsored by Riche Monde and as you can see from the photos the winners all had great prizes - so many thanks to Paul Choong for his continued support for the Section.

Flight A

- 1st Bernie Adams
- 2nd Geoffrey Lamb
- 3rd Ron Sparks

Flight B

- 1st Chris Gething
- 2nd Paul Nears
- 3rd Alex Southcombe

Flight C

- 1st Alison Stevens
- 2nd Mel Leddy
- 3rd Mike Poustie

Near Pins: #4 - Paul Nears, #8 - Geoffrey Lamb, #12 - Bernie Adams, #16 - Alex Southcombe

Long Drive Men: Geoffrey Lamb
Long Drive Ladies: Alison Stevens



Mike Barker shows Joan and Bernie how tall his new grandson is



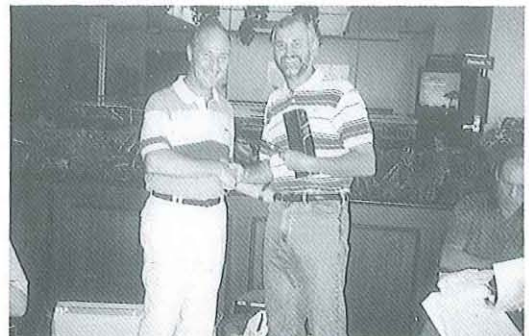
Ron Sparks is pleased to receive his golf chair



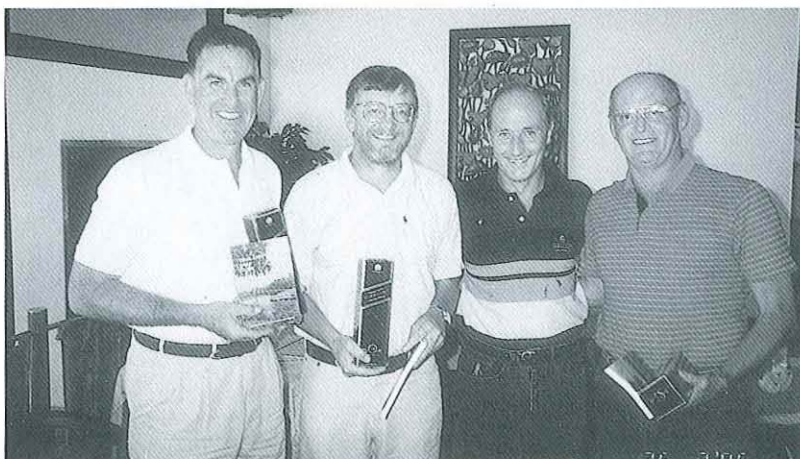
Paul Nears tries to persuade Alison Stevens to share her prize with him!



Paul Nears presents Chris Gething with his plate and a bottle of Johnnie Walker



Bernie Adams receives his prizes from Paul Nears



Winners and their prizes from left to right Erwin Knox, Cris Gething and Gerry Fisher

Saturday 25th March - Muang Kaew - Club Day

This was the first of our new ideas to try a Saturday and an earlier tee - off time - it was also a Fun Club Day with the competition taking the form of a Texas Scramble and an Orange Ball event. Each group was given an orange ball which had to be played by a different layer on each hole - the winners managed to keep theirs until the 8th hole!!

Winners

Chris Gething	Paul Nears
Erwin Knox	Charles Skinner
Gerry Fisher	Mike Baker

Near Pins : #4 - Dugal Forrest, #8 - Geoffrey Lamb, #12 - Paul Nears, #16 - Peter Bond

Long Drive Men: Mike Corey

Long Drive Ladies: Sue Baker

Again it was nice to see faces we haven't seen for awhile.

Some up-coming dates for your Diary:

Saturday May 20th Royal Golf Medal 2 8.00

Sunday June 4th President v. Japanese 7.30

Hope to play a round with you then.

Junior Tennis



Juniors match v. Polo Club

Match v. Polo Club - Sunday 5th March

Kate: I think we should give up organizing Junior Tennis - or at least do something easier - scale Everest, stroll across the tundra, cross Bangkok on the last Friday of the month, etc, etc! Shelagh and I were very relieved when only the Polo Club arrived on the morning of the 5th, as for about 10 minutes it seemed as though another team could materialize from the Sports Club as well... don't ask why, it's a complicated story!

The morning divided neatly into 2 competitions. The first was a little one-sided and the BCB Juniors became increasingly despondent as we lurched from defeat to defeat. The Polo Club beat the BCB 15 games to 1.

The second half was far more enjoyable and successful. Both Polo and BCB Juniors were put into teams, within each names were drawn and partnerships made up of one Polo member and one BCB member. A knock-out competition was played with a plate competition for the losers of the first round.

Winners of 'A':

Simon Chisholm & Ben

Winners of 'A' Plate:

Chris Kelly and Ake

Winners of 'B':

Hannah Morrison and Munn

Winners of 'B' Plate:

Sarah Henton and Bunn

Runners Up:

'A': Tom Henton & Ming

'A' Plate: David Lindsay & Mim

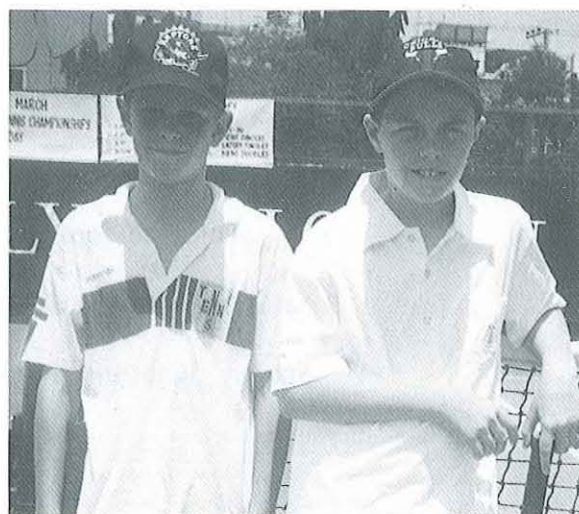
'B': Cara McNeilly & Toy

'B' Plate: Frederic Lemieux & Ake

As usual we extend grateful thanks to those parents who umpired for us throughout the morning: Anki, Phil & San, John, Les, Pam, Joan and Moira. We would be lost without you. Lastly thank you to all our Juniors who took

part. It was, we hope, the first of many matches. Both Shelagh and I felt that all of us learned a lot from the morning. In the beginning we learned how good the opposition can be, and how we have room for improvement. In the second half of the morning we learned to play with our opponents and enjoyed that, too. It was really good to see some of the Juniors socialising after the match at the lunch.

Taking part were: Chris Reed, Chris Kelly, Simon Chisholm, Tom Henton, Tim Xumsai, Graeme Jewell, Lachlan McBain, David Lindsay, Cara McNeilly, Jane Cooper, Duncan Morrison, Frederic Lemieux, Sarah Henton, Henrik Wibling, Courtenay Williams and Hannah Morrison.

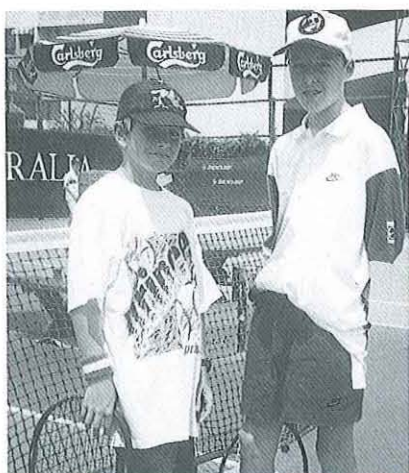


Boys Singles Plate Finalists

Junior Tennis

Junior Club Championships

Congratulations to all Juniors who took part. You did well to fit all those matches in, you played your best and we adults got a lot of enjoyment out of watching your matches. The finals day on the 19th was very exciting and the Junior matches attracted a lot of attention. In the plate competition Murray Jewell and Ryan McNeilly won 6-1, 6-3 against Tim Xumsai and Duncan Morrison, and Darren Rayner beat Lachlan McBain. Both matches had some steady, long rallies and on this occasion it was the cool-headed players who won, even though all three of the losers had some cracking strong shots.



Boys Singles Plate Finalists

In the main competition, Tom Henton and Chris Kelly beat Sarah Henton and David Lindsay 6-1, 6-1. The score does not give a true picture, because Sarah and David put up a strong fight and had the spectators cheering them on. Chris Kelly then beat Tom Henton in a long, hard final which had everyone, especially families Henton and Kelly, on the edge of their seats! The final scorer was 6-1, 4-6, 6-3... and we are all looking forward to similar close battles in the future as Juniors put aside Fobissea, football and forbidden planets and regain their energy!

The girls had their own championship 'round robin' going on, as well as participating in the main competition. The result was a win for Hannah Morrison with Courtenay Williams as runner-up. Well done too to Cara McNeilly, Sarah Henton and Karen Dwight for making it a good competition.

It was a great day which proved that British Club Junior Tennis is here to stay, and there are a lot more of you who will be ready to join in the competitions soon.

BALL BOYS AND GIRLS - THANK YOU - WE WERE PROUD OF YOU!

Junior Ladder

Elaine: It has been a very busy month of March, with a lot of the Club Championships being used as Ladder Challenge matches. Top of the ladder is Chris Kelly - well done Chris!

The prize for the best girl's position this month goes to Hannah Morrison - well done Hannah! Both Chris and Hannah took the winner's prize in the Club Championships this month, too!

I look forward to hearing about lots of challenges during the school holidays - so get out there challenging! Please telephone me with results as soon as possible (tel: 252 5314). I change the ladder every Monday.



Junior Doubles Plate Finalists

Coaching

A reminder that Sportathlon bookings should be made in the Fitness Centre, and to confirm a place for the next month please pay by the 20th of the previous month. Any queries on Sportathlon please call Peter Heppell on 237 0777.

Coming soon... **THE GENERATION GAME!**

We plan to have a Saturday afternoon competition in which Juniors can pick a parent, or another willing adult, to play with them in a doubles competition, so start training your parents now. Make them practise, make them go to bed early and eat (and drink - G) sensibly and ensure that they start their fitness routine now!

Any queries regarding Junior Tennis please contact Shelagh on 258 5107. Many thanks.

Squash

You avid readers of this column were probably devastated, not to say litigious, to find that half of the wondrous outpouring for March was missing. That's right! Having diligently battled through several turgid paragraphs which attempted to find a common thread linking flatulence, Christmas Pud and squash, you were then rewarded by a complete non-sequitur.

There were even lovely photographs in the article - but no description of what they were all about.

Well firstly, apologies for the error - these little upsets do occasionally occur to even the most well-oiled writer.....er, sorry well-oiled machine.

To help put the record straight the information that was missing was as follows.

a) The photographs were of our two teams who had performed admirably in the Thailand Squash Racquets Association championship, at the RBSC. This is essentially the Thailand open competition and in fact the country's top five players were in the tournament.

Against this very tough competition our lads did extremely well. Our first team comprised of:

Dick Anwar
Nick Lamb
Paul Taylor

finished fourth overall. And our evergreen team of:

David Hedge
David Bryant
Cris Platt

came in sixth, despite injuries constraining the dashing array of shots of at least one of the team.

Well done lads!

b) The details of the forthcoming squash calendar are as follows

May League

June Don Johnson Cup
Parra Handy Plate
Ladies' Championship Plate
Semi Finals 24th June
Finals 25th June

July League

August Handicap Tournament and Plate

Semi Finals 26th August
Finals 27th August

September League

October Rod Carter Open

Semi Finals 28th October
Final 29th October

November League

Tony Austin Cup (veterans)
Semi Final 11th November
Final 12th November

December Sunday Handicap (1 day event)
Date: T.B.A.

January League

February Harold Mercer Cup & Plate (Team Competition)

March League

April Dunlop Inter-Society Tournament (1 day team handicap)
Date: T.B.A.

Note particularly that the Club's Closed Championship The Don Johnson Cup is coming in June. Please sign up on the squash notice board to participate.

c) We are still looking for sponsors of the bi-monthly Squash Leagues. For a nominal fee your Company's name and logo will be focussed upon by the Club's squashies - the largest participatory sports section in the British Club. Please contact a member of the squash committee for details.

d) Finally, please note that we're still having some problems with player's marking the floor of courts, with their shoes. Please be sure to wear non-marking squash shoes on all occasions

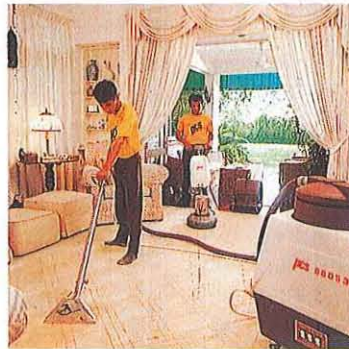
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Barry Daniel

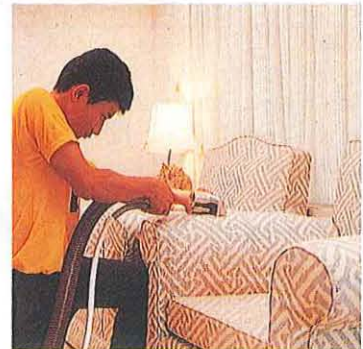
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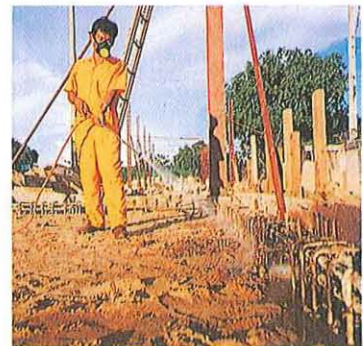
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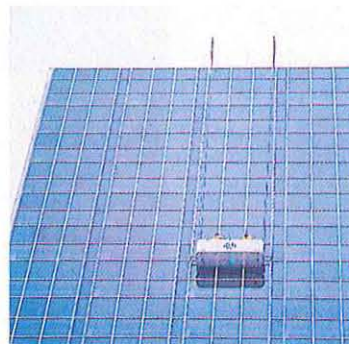
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No Talent Night

The No Talent Night this year was once again a huge success with lots of people squashed into the Suriwong Room. The usual fish and chips (yes they had shrunk from last year's enormous portions) and something that was supposed to be trifle but looked like something else running around on paper plates. The only one that flew into someone's face (Graham Carson) raised Baht 500 for the raffle so that was not bad going. First of all before I lurch into the report on the goings on that night, a big thank you to David Viccars and his staff led competently by Khun Orasa. An excellent job was done by them, serving everyone with food and drinks. Paranoia struck as DV got in a right panic over left behind bread, trifle, forks and spoons etc. Why does everyone think rugby people throw things I don't know. We have now had 4 NTN and 4 Rugby Balls and although the occasional serviette and a one of steak has flown through either Suriwong Room or Ballroom, this could quite easily happen at any function where a MC is boring the socks of you or acts are making you fall asleep.



The evening was started off by Andy Davis informing the rugby players and not so rugby players in no uncertain language about Rules no 1 to 5. Apologies to the ladies for some of the language used during the night. There was someone behind the curtain trying to pull him off the stage but unfortunately Andy is quite a lot bigger than most of the ladies and he did not see a problem ... "This is a rugby function after all". There was a special guest appearance from Jon Prichard who even fined his parents to show that he had no mercy at all. Suzanne's father was had to as the only man in the room who could no do any left handed drinking. How can we ever follow an act like that I don't know.

The first act was Graham, Joe and Mark(the latter two decided after last years fiasco to go for a proven entity). They made the most of foam, toothpaste, razors and hair brushes and the act went down very well. Another act was found by Bea Grunwell at a New Members Night, never seen or heard before (or since) and made an excellent effort singing and playing the guitar. Andy plus friend and student appeared as the Blues Brother and Rawhide was as Raw as ever. Allied Walker (Ballantines) send David Kelham on stage to make a presentation including slides and a talk. Unfortunately this was badly planned by the organising committee (although they did not know what the act entailed) and the crowds were completely out of control by then, so after the slide machine broke down David's presentation was completely drowned out by cat calls, and the sounds of free whisky, kindly supplied by the master himself, being

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No Talent Night



gulped down by a greedy audience.

Bea and Suzanne had their moment to with Suzanne prostate on a few chairs under a Micky Mouse blanket belonging to her daughter making a telephone call to Room Serbies being completely confused by an obviously foreign lady on the other side. Jim Howard said afterwards he expected Bea to come on the stage any moment as a sort of Lady Godiva type chambermaid but he was disappointed when the curtains were drawn and zat was eet!

Lois Carson appeared as well, she was conned and actually had do her body painting on stage whilst she thought she could get away with doing a quick behind

the curtains paint act and let the boys sort it out. Bea jumped in said she'd do it as well and with the generous bodies of Dominic and Guy who had stickers stuck all over things could not go far wrong.

One of the funniest acts came from Wai, Dominic and consorts who dressed up in true Thai tradition as schoolgirls and gave the audience a chance to practice their Thai. Well done and excellent effort, especially because they only completed their act the night before. The rugby boys themselves came up with their interpretation (twice) of "In the Mood" under the direction of Alan Lovell who wanted to go for a third time but was outvoted by the curtain pullers who decided enough was enough.

Mr and Mrs Hough assisted with the money matters, 100 Baht notes with writings on the Kings head were put in the fines box and all other money went into the raffle box for the minor prizes and when it came to the main prizes (television, ghetto blaster and flight from Guard Force) all monies went into the draw box. So have a look at the pictures and make sure you come along and participate one way or the other next year.

A big THANK YOU to GUARD FORCE who generously donated 2 flight to Hong Kong which were (no doubt deservedly) won by stalwart Peter Snell, whose by now infamous laughter was heard until late in the night!! Lots of prizes as usual, including the now expected television (won by the Spiers's - do they really need another tv)



and ghetto blaster donated by your very own rugby section, a lovely lamp by Bea and Jane Woodwork, umbrellas, rugby shirts, watches, whisky from Andrew McDowell's company Hoechst, and odds and sods left over from the Ball. THANKS to all of you who did an act and to the ever so generous audience who once again delved deep into their pockets. Thanks also to all the advertisers in the Rugby Tour magazine, without your help the Rugby Section would not exist.



Tennis

It's bucket and spade time again for the Section as we pack up bathing togs and head off down to the Royal Garden Resort in Hua Hin for a long weekend of tennis on Friday 19th to Sunday 21st of this month!



At least I don't have to polish this thing!

this month: the Junior Round Robin on the 7th and the monthly tournament on the customary second Sunday, the 14th. There was a match scheduled in May against Moo Baan Panya, but finger on the pulse here reckons it was brought forward to April, so you may even get pics/write-up next month... if pigs learn to fly.

But on to March's escapades:

Monthly Tourney - Sunday 12th

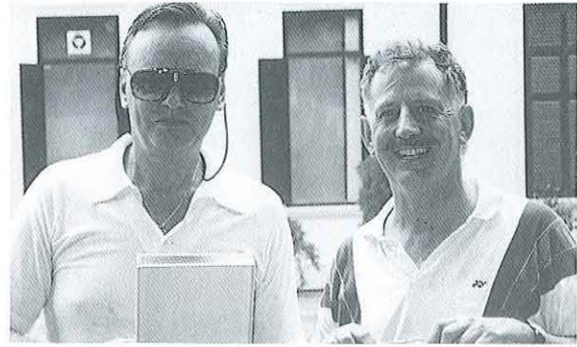
Um... I'm really not sure what happened here, as I haven't got around to finding out who turned up. More as I hear of it. Deepest apologies to the winners.



Pic of the Year : Surin and Champ jnr.

Match v. Polo Club 'B' - Sunday 26th

Good grief, we won, and despite being hideously outnumbered: one of our male number didn't turn up, and that accounted for 25% of our weaker sex side! However, the women as ever did us proud, and after 23 sets, several nail-bitingly close, we scraped through on the last three matches to pull away 13-10. The shock nearly killed us.



We won! Maurice hands consolation plaque to Captain of Polo Club B

Starting promptly at 8am (why do opponents not have the same waking problems we evidently have? - G), someone not unrelated to the writer was heard to utter, having had a match delayed: "You mean, I've got an extra five minutes to crank open the eyelids?"

Our valiant band of merry B-ers comprised: Marie Moor, Jaree Lee, Rita Dunford, Linda Young, Lise Dean, Karen Bevilaqua, Jill Phillips, Andre Sabourin, Kate Henton, Shelagh Weekes and my good self on the stronger side, and Maurice, Francois Gautrin, David Henton and Mike Weekes for the men.

Longest sets were a couple of ding-dong 7-5'ers which took almost an hour, between Rita Dunford and Linda Young all done up in matching snazzy black and white numbers against Eed and Jitty, and Jaree and Andre against Tassanee and Jane. There was one tie-break which Francois and Mike battled out against Somchai and Yongyuth, and it is an indicator of the strength of morale of our team that we won all three of these crunch matches. Indeed, the score at the end of the day was gloriously circled with a little note beside saying: "Look, Bruce, we won!" - a milestone event for us BCB types!

As ever the pleasant English barbecue ensued, during which everyone praised the sun for remaining hidden all morning and instead sending along a most welcome breeze to counter the rising humidity. Ideal playing conditions, in fact. All in all, a good morning, but especially given the result!

Club Championship Finals - Sunday 19th

More comprehensive coverage of this (and pics) elsewhere in this mag, but again a good day of tennis with several settling in for much of the play in those court side sala seats which require reinforced backsides! Perhaps a suggestion to provide cushions on finals day could be raised?! Apart from that, hope everyone enjoyed the highlight of the tennis year.

Prize-giving Dinner - Saturday 25th

The Section's annual bash, an event which is still sort of seeking a format to apply but is nevertheless successful every year, whatever happens. There was approx a 70-people turnout, which was good considering the number of winners who had absconded to Hong Kong for the 7's or gone to Malaysia to represent Patana School in the Games. As a result of the holiday makers, there was a lack of winners to collect prizes, but there were some fabulous prizes on offer along with the trophies, many thanks to all our sponsors (listed in the Special Feature) for their unfailing support, especially to Dunlop - this year David Lamb stepped out of anonymity and joined a table of Lambs (Geoff and Diana, and Maurice) with his wife, but no sign of the wolf!

Committee Witterings: None really to report, owing to March's committee meeting being cancelled in favour of Uta's leaving party - we all wish her a great new life in sunny Spain or grey UK or wherever she ends up. Brian will be following in this month, I think, so goodbye to him too.

News from the Club Committee - delighted to cheer onto the Comm. the one and only Dave Haworth (erstwhile tennis player!) to join Joy as active participants in keeping this club in reasonable shape.

Next month there will be details of your new Tennis Committee following the AGM in April. It appears there will be quite a few moving on from committee work this time around, membership having remained quite static over the last couple of years. News as it comes.



We start 'em young!



The 'B' Teams - Us + Polo



Post - Match refreshment



It brings out the best in 'em

Rugby

Hongkong post mortem

A report by Captain A Davis

It is fair to say that Hongkong 1995 will remain entrenched in the memories of all those who travelled with the British Club to the HK Tens and the Sevens. Such sojourns to Hongkong tend to become blurred (for whatever reason) and rest in our memory banks as a series of jumbled incidents somewhere in Hongkong at some time. Hongkong 1995, however, will be remembered for all the right reasons. The team played to the best of its potential and notched up two hard fought victories while off the field the BC contingent made its presence felt and had a very good time in the process. For those who are struggling to recall the events, a summary has been provided below!

Tuesday

The team assembled at Don Muang at 5:00pm with Wacker's warning about overindulging prior to the competition resounding in their ears. Luckily, someone had the sense to say "Wackers not here" and beers were hastily dispatched for. An excellent call as it is difficult to be sober clad in a pink and black jacket and bow-tie with a baseball cap to boot. (I guess that's what happens when stalwarts of Henly and east London collaborate). More beers were had in the departure lounge as Kitty Master Ramsy Macpherson quickly assumed his duties and more were had on the flight.

We arrived relatively intact at the world's most infuriating airport and it didn't disappoint. Long queues were followed by a long wait as the hotel transport failed to appear. Another long queue for taxis and we were at long last headed for the Evergreen Hotel in Wanchai. Orders were given "Open your doors, dump your bags and get straight down Delaney's. You backs, no looking at yourselves in the bloody mirror". Once again the team were assembled for a beer but again they were strangely reticent until someone again made the observation "Wackers not here".

Wednesday

Wacker's admonitions had done us good and we were one of the first teams assembled at Happy Valley for the Tens. To a man we were saying, "God, I feel much better than in Chiang Mai for the first game". I think sleep might have had something to do with it. Our first opponents were a team from the Aussie outback with one of those long Aboriginal names that no one can say let alone remember. In any event, we managed to scratch a 7-0 victory although the margin should have been much more. This was one of the few occasions that Wai was actually spotted as he touched the ball down for a try. For most of the tour he was touching his numerous credit cards in Hongkong's shopping malls.

Game number two resulted in Rule Number Five. We played the Cathay Pacific Flyers led by Tony Melrose and consisting of essentially the 1984 Australian side. We lost by forty odd points to five but the game was in fact very keenly contested and we provided the Flyers with their most challenging pool game. Delight in David Kelham's first try for the British Club

was soon replaced with horror as David persisted in supplying account after account, each more elaborate than the first. To avert any repeat performance, Rule Number Five, "Don't pass to Dumbo" was hastily written into the Club's constitution. Three old ladies within earshot of David (!) Loudly applauded the new rule.

Our third and final game of the day took place toward dusk and our opponents were our regional rivals, Singapore Bucks. Despite going behind twice in the game, the BC's superior fitness told and the BC ended up last minute victors by 17 points to 15. Tries were scored by Gary Thompson, Nigel Wixey and oh my God, David Bloody Kelham. To make matters worse it was the skipper who broke Rule Number Five. In the dying seconds, Guy Hollis kicked through, Andy Davies scooped up the ball but was held in the tackle yards from the line. The only BC player in sight was Dumbo and the skipper was faced with the unenviable dilemma of passing to Kelham or losing the game. The wrong choice was made and Kelham fell over the line for his second try of the tournament. Such was the glee on David's face that Rule Number Six, "Don't pass to Dumbo" quickly came into force. The evening was spent at Delaney's, Joe Bananas and the Fish and Chip shop. Ramsey, however stayed at Delaney's to continue the longest courtship ever witnessed on a rugby tour.

Thursday

There was no danger of any rule infractions on Thursday drew eventual plate finalists, Edinburgh University in the early morning. Save for a two minute period of motion just before half time, the BC never saw the ball and we were roundly beaten by fifty points to five with our try coming from Wai. Defeat in this game rests squarely on the shoulders of Jez who was sin binned for throttling one of the young students. The student had apparently stamped on Alan Lovell but as we were to find out later in the bars, it is an easy mistake to make! (Where is Lovell anyway?). Tackle of the tournament came from Prote who felled a former Fijian international as if he was a Frenchman.

Knocked out of the competition, there was nothing for it but to have a few beers. The lads had followed Wackers advice to the letter and were now (with the exception of Joe

Grunwell, Nigel Townsend, Andy Davies and Wacker) ready to let their hair down. Under the direction of Tour Manager, Peter "Stitch" Hutton, The BC performed two National Anthems at the Tens Dinner (Thai and french) and then hosted a Nom Yai/Nom Lek competition which was extremely well received by the tanked up crowd baying for a glimpse of a breast. Peter Hutton at this stage, however, looked decidedly ill as to all intents and purposes he had lost his bag with the air tickets and the sevens tickets. Fortunately, they were later found in the skipper's room.

Friday

Friday was a day of rest and shopping for most of the players, but it was the start of the tour for many others of the BC contingent who arrived throughout the day. Mr Peter Young and an accomplice spent an evening, a morning and an afternoon propping up the bar in Joe Bananas. The only mishap of the day was little Alan Lovell losing his passport. Actually it was "borrowed" by Nigel Townsend who let poor Alan chase around Hongkong looking for it, visiting police stations, getting photographs and filling out forms in various government departments before returning it to him.

The evening saw the traditional Rhinos game when oldies like Peter Snell, Jim Howard, Vince Swift, Nigel Pearson and Peter Hutton take the field in between a few beers. It also saw the BC play Kowloon FC in a keenly contested 15 a side fixture which resulted in a five all draw. Andy Leach, playing the joint position of number eight and scrum half set up our only try for Rod Kerr. Any event in which Paul Meggison takes part results in tragedy and this game was no exception as a lad called, Alan loaned to us from ISKE, suffered a neck injury and was taken by ambulance to hospital. Fortunately, the injury was not too serious and your man was later spotted in the bar. Kowloon proved to be very generous hosts, providing free Guinness at Kowloon side Delaney's.

Saturday and Sunday

Saturday and Sunday will be discussed together as it is difficult to separate both the days and the events which took place. The BC looked resplendent in a sea of pink and black in the South Stand and once again managed to be the most noticeable Club at the sevens. Almost 300 BC jerseys and hats were sold over the course of the week which is great advertising for the Club. Ramsey and Peter worked hard on putting together a scrap book of memorabilia throughout the weekend while the rest of the boys were looking for Lovell. Two great nights were had at the Dickens Bar with the BC leading the singing. By the end of the weekend, the Club Rules had reached 24 but nobody could remember what they were save a few gems such as "I don't talk to Nigels", "Don't talk to Roebuck", "Buy Dominic some clothes" and "Hollis is a lying cheating @\$%\$".

Monday

Monday saw some very weary and some very ill individuals slip into the toilets at Don Muang Airport

The playing team consisted of the following: Jez Loughran, David Kelham, Allan Payne, Richard Barton, Andy Davies, Guy Hollis, Alan Lovell, Dominic Whiting, Nigel Townsend, Prote Thipnetsakun, Wai Vorawut, Nigel Wixey, Gary Thompson and Andy Leach.

Many thanks must go to Bea Grunwell, Suzanne Partridge, Mark Partridge, Joe Grunwell, Peter Hutton and Ramsey Macpherson for their invaluable help in fundraising and tour organisation.

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MATCH REPORT

Sunday 9 April - British Club 35 Southerners 3

A masterful performance by Graham Carson, combined with the speed and youth of the Carnochan brothers, was the difference between the sides here at Chulalongkorn.

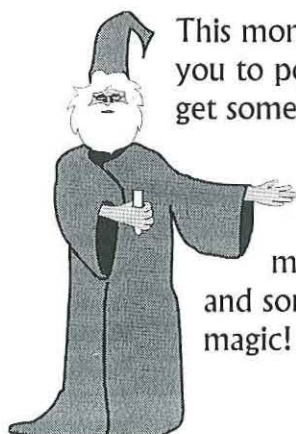
The Southerners started the strongest with their powerhouse of forward play. However, the BC kept them at bay with courageous tackling led by skipper Andy Davies. Then mid way through the first half, Carson picked up a loose pass on the halfway line and his short stumpy legs carried him between the posts. Scott Carnochan converted and the BC led 7-0. Shortly after, the Southerners fly half hit a long drop goal to reduce the margin to 7-3. Then, just on the stroke of half time, the BC set up a rolling maul which took them just short of the Southerners line. Quick ball then came out from the ruck to Kelham who crashed over in his rule No 5 manner. Carson converted and the BC led 14-3 at half time.

In the second half, Wacker Pane was introduced to the line out which meant a generous supply of ball to the backs who used it well. Tries by Carson and Craig Carnochan(2) followed and the BC ran out winners by 35-3. Jack McConnell and Dakorn played fine supporting roles in all three tries.

Mr Viccars stamped his authority on the game five minutes from time when he sent Thomas and Pane for an early bath after a squabble at a scrum. This minor tiff was the only incident in an otherwise good tempered game.

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Children's Corner



This month a bit of magic for you to ponder on - I'll try and get some magic tricks for you together next month. First learn all about famous magicians, escapologists and some words to do with magic!

A to Z of Magic

Aerial Fishing - a feat invented by Professor Mingus; the magician casts a line out into the audience and catches live goldfish.

Black Art - the technique was devised in Germany by Ben Ali Bey, the magician dressed in white, stands in a black recess, rimmed with lights that are directed towards the audience so that they cannot see an invisible black-clad helper pull back cloths from objects to make them appear or cover them to make them disappear. Vases and tables "float" as the unseen aide lifts them.

Chung Ling Foo,

American
born William

Elsworth Robinson, was the first magician to introduce a "Black Art" act in America. Chung's bullet-catching feat, "Defying the Bullets" is the most dangerous feat of all magic. Two bullets would be marked, passed around for inspection and then loaded into two guns -

muzzle-loading

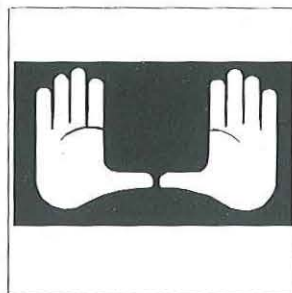
muskets. Chung would hold a china plate in front of his chest and brace himself for the catch. Two assistants across the stage would take

aim as a drumroll increased the tension before they



fired. Chung would catch the bullets in the plate then pass the "marked" bullets round for inspection. To perform the trick two identical sets of marked bullets were used. The first set of bullets were placed in guns that had been fixed so that the gunpowder would fire but the bullets would not leave the "trick" cylinders of the guns. The second set of bullets would be palmed by Chung until the guns were fired and at that exact moment he would release them on to the plate in a gesture of actually catching the fired ones. In 1918 while performing the bullet-catching feat to a full house in London, one of the guns accidentally released a bullet and Chung, shot, fell to the stage floor and died. (Don't try this trick at home!!)

Dedi (Egyptian) - according to hieroglyphics the first-known royal magic performance took place almost five thousand years ago. The name of the magician was Dedi and he was said to be 110 years old when he performed for Cheops king of Egypt and builder of the Great Pyramid. It was said that every day this old man ate a shoulder of beef, five hundred loaves of bread, and drank a hundred jugs of beer. The magic show that Dedi staged for Cheops was spectacular.



First he decapitated a goose, and after he pronounced a magic spell, the head and the body of the bird fused together and the restored goose cackled. He repeated the feat on a pelican and finally an ox.

Joseph Michael Hartz (English), he was the pioneer vaudeville conjuring specialist. His illusion, "The Devil of a Hat", took him eighteen minutes to perform. Hartz would borrow a top hat and from it produced a hundred metres of sash ribbon, twelve large silk foulard,, twenty pint-size red and green tumblers, twenty-four silverplated beer mugs, a dozen bottles of champagne, thousands of playing cards, a skull, a canary in a cage, seven lighted lamps and a bowl of water and a goldfish.

Harry Houdini (Hungarian), born Erich Weiss, he wanted to be like France's greatest conjurer, Robert Houdin. So he added an I to the Frenchman's

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name at the age of seventeen and transformed himself into Houdini, the magician. Houdini was to become, in time, master escapologist. Handcuffed and wearing leg irons or police shackles, Houdini would free himself easily, even if he had to do it under water. He would escape from a heavy wooden crate that had been nailed and banded with steel before it was lowered into the river. He even escaped from a straightjacket while dangling high in the air upside down from a rope attached to the cornice of a tall building. For one of his feats he was enclosed in a waterproof metal box and remained in it under water for an hour and a half. Houdini perfected a stage device that he called his "Chinese Water Torture Cell". It consisted of a metal-lined mahogany tank that was filled with water and a cage that was to be lowered into the water-filled tank. Houdini was handcuffed and his ankles were locked in a massive frame. He was then hauled upside down into the air and lowered head down into the water. The top of the tank was then locked and you could see Houdini through the plate-glass front of the tank until the drapes closed. He would step through the drapes in two minutes, smiling and wet. Houdini will also be remembered as the first man to make a successful flight in Australia with his Voisin Biplane in 1910. The date of his death, October 31, has been set aside as National Magic Day.

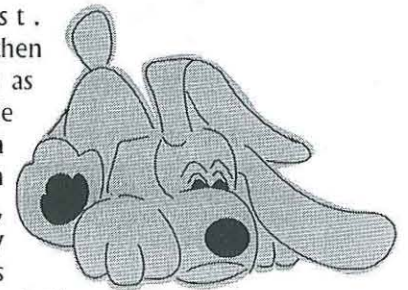
"The Indian Rope Trick"

, undoubtedly the most famous of all feats of Oriental magic. First recorded in 1355 by an Arab sheikh, Mohamed, who had witnessed it performed by a Chinese conjurer in the courtyard of the Khan's summer palace. He wrote that the conjurer hurled a wooden ball into the air. Fastened to the ball was a seemingly endless strip of leather composed of many thongs tied end to end. The ball rose higher and higher finally disappearing into the clouds. The magician's assistant, a boy, then proceeded to climb the leather strip dangling from the sky. He climbed until he was out of sight. The magician called for him to return, but when he didn't the magician grew angry and climbed after his assistant with a knife. Soon a hand, a foot, and other parts of the boy's body fell to the ground. Then the magician slid down the long leather strip and carefully began fitting together the pieces of the boy. When he was finished, he gave the body a kick, and the boy stood up, complete and alive.

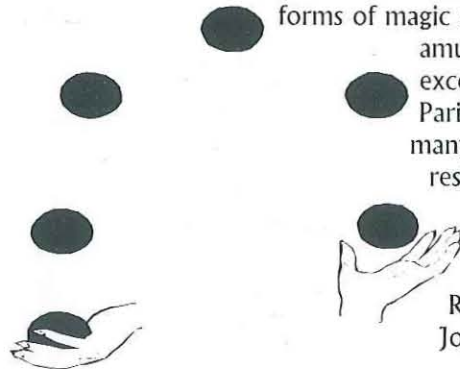
Legerdemain - skill in or practice of feats of magic, jugglery, or other arts involving a dexterous manipulation of the hands.

William Mozart Nicola (American) - escaped from prison cells, freed his tied body from railway tracks moments before a locomotive thundered over them, and even jumped from a bridge with handcuffs on and made his escape from them under water.

John Rannie (Scottish) a Nineteenth-century juggler, acrobat and ventriloquist. Ventriloquism then was as mysterious as magic and Rannie carried on conversations with babies, horses, dogs and imaginary offstage characters because dummies had not been invented.

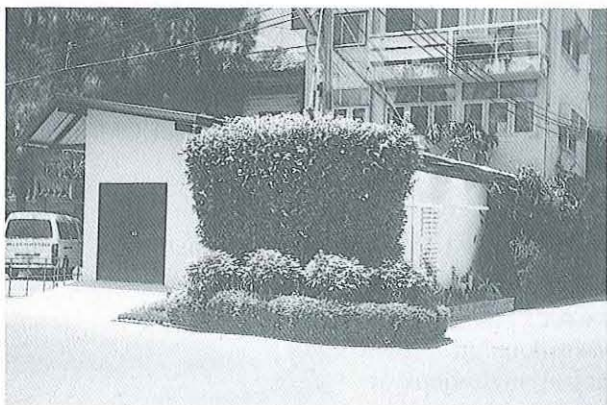


Rue des Jongleurs (later Rue de St Julien des Menetriers) - during the twelfth century, sleight-of-hand men, jugglers and acrobats were in disfavour throughout Europe. They could not live or work in some cities of France, because as Christianity spread, pious churchmen censured all forms of magic and theatrical amusements. An exception was Paris where so many entertainers resided that a street was named after them - de Rye des Jongleurs.



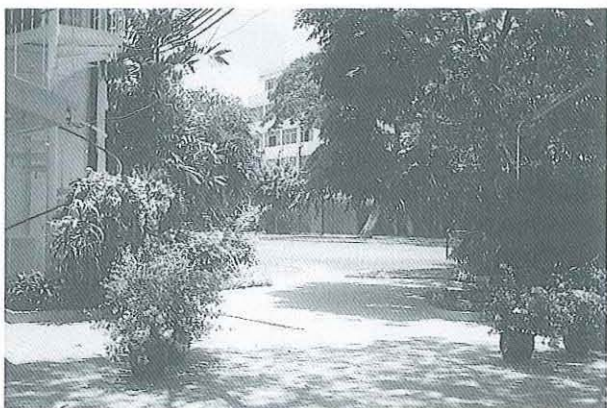
New Buildings

Work has just been completed on five construction projects at the British Club which will not have a dramatic effect upon members' enjoyment of the Club, but will certainly improve conditions for the staff and generally enhance the appearance and organisation of the Club.



Property store

A small cottage-like building has appeared adjacent to the childrens pool. Where once stood a rat-infested rubbish dump shielded from view by a six-foot high wall, there now stands the new staff quarters which provides toilets, showers, lockers and areas for relaxation and eating for our 80 or more staff, (but not all at once). It was intended that the construction of this building should be keeping with the adjacent Silom Sala, but regrettably the roof tiles on the Silom Sala are now in extremely short supply, are only made in Chiang Mai, and consequently are very expensive. Cheaper, but equally pleasing, alternatives were therefore chosen. The overall effect is however generally sympathetic to the environment around the childrens pool and play area.



New entrance to back lawn.

Hidden away behind the staff quarters, adjacent to the Narai Hotel wall, the Club's new sanitized rubbish area has even encouraged the hotel management to tidy up their own rubbish area.



Staff quarters

The second major building has been the new workshop and stores building which has been wrapped around the existing kitchen block of the main clubhouse, and extends up to the boundary wall of the neighbouring school. Previously there were some rather ugly lean-to attachments at this location, which were presumably intended to be temporary, but became permanent features. This building houses both an indoor and outdoor workshop, plus a paint and electrical store to replace the eyesore which, until February, existed on the Suriwong car park. Also in this building are stores for house keeping, catering, beer and soft drink, and a store for cooking gas bottles, ice machine and other paraphernalia associated with the kitchen. Finally the building also



New store back lawn view

New Buildings

contains a large store for sports equipment, and smaller items of furniture etc. With such secure storage facilities, it is now possible for the management to exercise greater stock control, an area which is already reaping financial benefits. The building has a long elevation on the back lawn and a service hatch has been provided from one of the stores to act as a bar for functions on the back lawn. There was considerable concern about the front elevation - onto the car park - as this had to blend with the architecture of the existing kitchen block. We trust that an acceptable facade has been achieved.

At the other end of the clubhouse, near the side door, there used to be a rather tatty conglomeration of old buildings. These have been demolished and new areas of paving and planting have been laid, not only to enhance the area around the side door, but also to reduce flooding in that area, to provide sheltered access to the side door in times of rain, to provide a more impressive approach to the back lawn and to provide access to the back lawn for emergency vehicles.

The third and final building has been the property store on the Surawong car park which has not only displaced the eyesore mentioned above, but has also provided a place where all the larger items of furniture can be stored - including the dance floor sections which come out every November for the Scottish Country dance practices. Previously these were stored outside the Club at a cost of 80,000 Baht per year. In three years this building will have paid for itself.

Finally the one project which most members will have noticed is the external redecoration of the clubhouse. Perhaps the new gleaming clubhouse can now feature on the front cover of Outpost!

The total cost of all five projects was approximately 1,700,000.00 Baht and they were all completed within 5 months, approximately on time, approximately on budget and well within the allowable contingency of 10%.

Thanks are due to many people who contributed to these projects to ensure that the costs were kept to the absolute minimum. The original conceptual design for the staff quarters building and the workshop and store building was prepared free of charge by Malcolm Moore, a tennis playing architect of the Club, who then had several sleepless reflecting upon the changes to his design in the interest of economy! The contractors for all the buildings and redecoration were Nuttaphong Tractor Co., Ltd and for the paving was Nutcharat Construction and all ready mixed concrete was provided free of charge by Siam Cement Co., Ltd. All these companies are subcontractors of Dong Muang Tollway Constructors, who contributed the project management for the works.

Finally, thanks to Club members Peter Campbell and Gerry Fisher, the roof sheeting and the paint were provided at vastly reduced prices by BHP Lysaght (Thailand) Ltd and ICI respectively.

Maurice Lamb (L 98)



Final Countdown

Dear Members,

Firstly, many congratulations to those elected to the General Committee for this year and our thanks to the members who struggled through our worsening traffic to attend last month's AGM and give us their support. I am delighted to welcome three new faces to this year's Committee, namely David Haworth, Mark Partridge and Keith Pearson. It is always healthy to have new ideas and interests represented on the Committee and I am looking forward to working with them all during the ensuing year.

On a sadder note, I must report that Joe Grunwell has decided that he can no longer work on the Committee and has resigned. As many of you will know, Joe has given a great deal to the Club during his four years on the Committee and we all owe him a vote of thanks for his unfailing support. Thank you, Joe, and may I say that I hope you and your family will continue your valuable efforts on behalf of the membership, albeit from outside the General Committee.

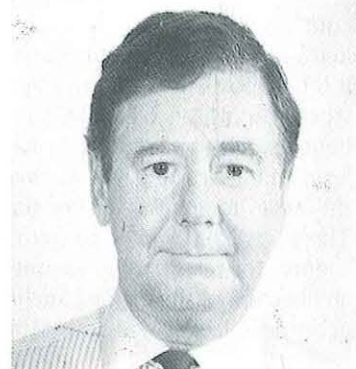
Being newly in the Chair, there is not a great deal that I feel competent to say about the Club at this stage although I should like to mention the new menu in Lords.

Barry and his chefs have been working very hard over the past several weeks to introduce a new level of cuisine to Lords and from my experience and that of many members who have let their view be known, they seem to be doing a magnificent job. If you have not already tried it, pop into Lords sometime and sample the new fare - you won't be disappointed.

Finally, may I remind all members that the Club is there for their enjoyment. We are already looking into many aspects of the Club which members have asked be improved or changed and it is our hope that those suggestions which prove feasible and which would be of benefit to the majority of our membership will be implemented where possible. If you have any suggestions you wish to make, therefore, do please let us know of them, either by writing in one of the Club's two suggestions books or by bringing the matter directly to the attention of a General Committee member.

Have a happy May and use and enjoy your Club.

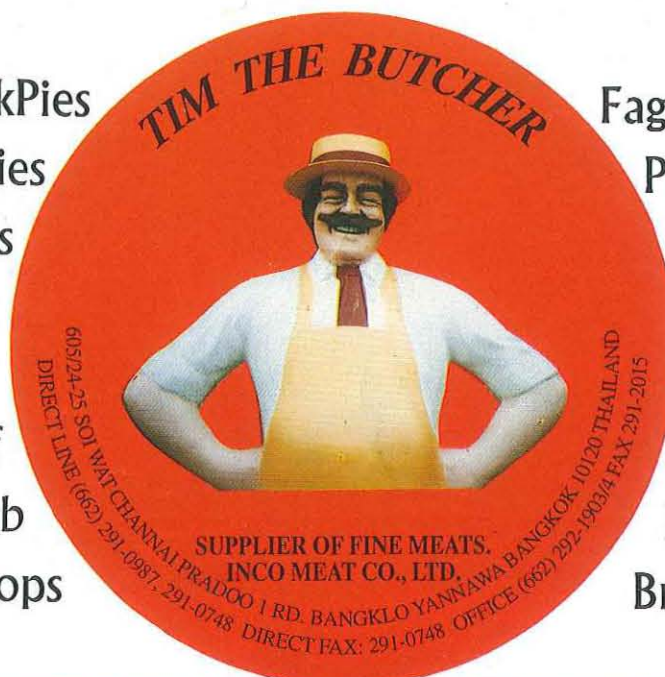
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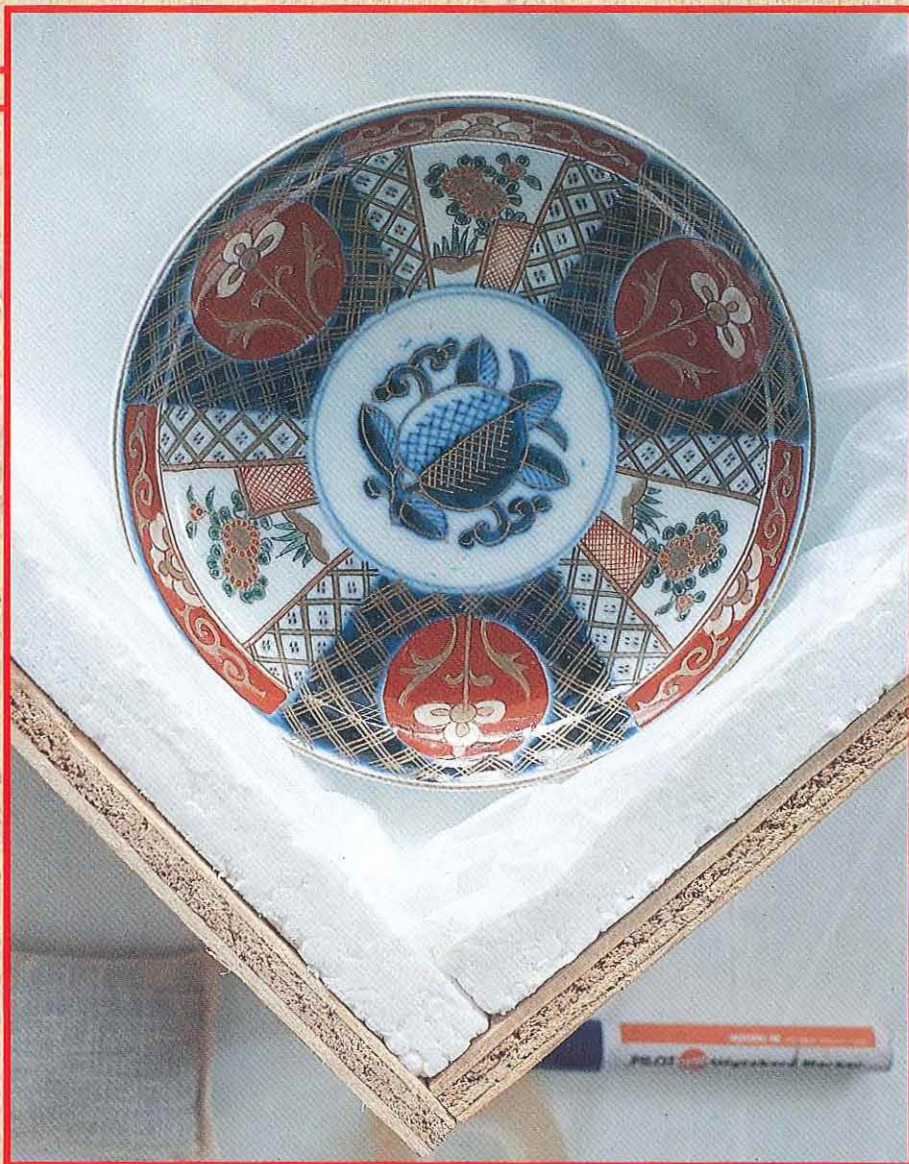
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