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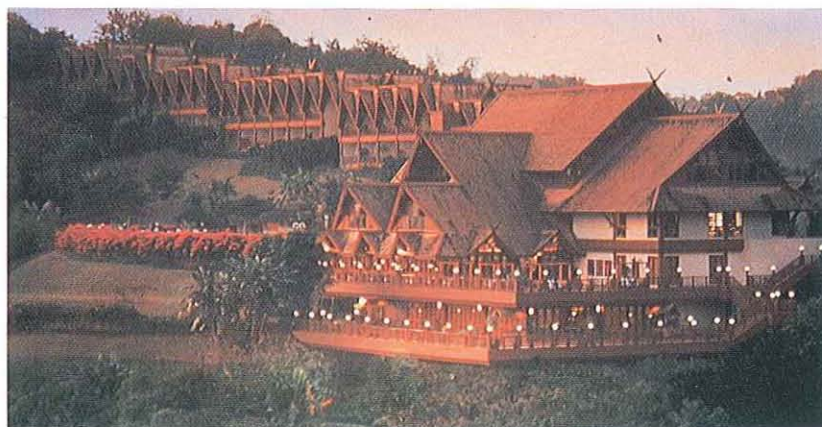
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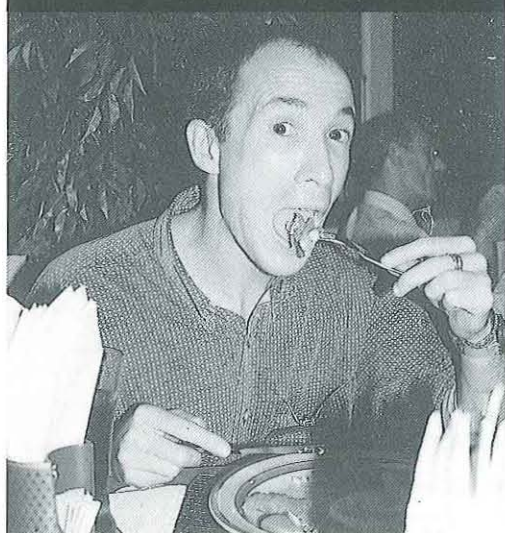
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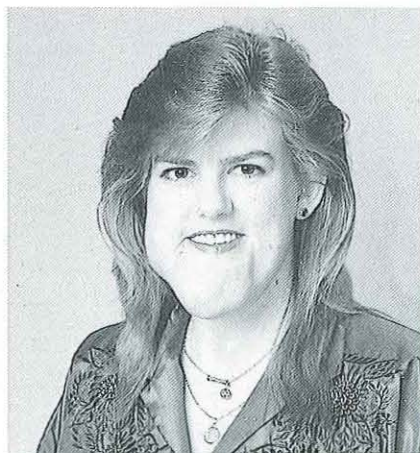
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## From the Editor

**T**hird things first: a big welcome to Tom Bain, our new GM! Being incredibly organised, there's already a GM pic and article over the page. The formal announcement of his appointment was made at New



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

Members Night last month, during which I interviewed his predecessor, David Vickers, as a prospective member of the Club - see the abridged (and censored!) version of his write-up inside.

There are three one-day holidays in May, the most auspicious of which is Coronation Day on Monday 6th, marking the

Golden Jubilee of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. I am sure I speak on behalf of the whole Club in conveying many congratulations to His Majesty on this august achievement.

Many of us probably remember almost twenty years back, when the people of Britain festooned the streets with bunting, held street parties and bought countless mugs, trays, flags and other such tat with pictures of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip on them to commemorate Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee in 1977. Did you know that some of those ghastly souvenirs which seemed like a good idea at the time are now officially considered "collector's items"? Hoarders take note.

### Any Songkran pictures?

Now that we're all safe from water ambushes, do you have any good Songkran photos? That being a particularly wet, white, wild and wacky festival, I'm sure there must

be some wonderful snaps of people getting powdered and soaked - please put them in the Outpost box with your name on the back.

Also on photographs: following several requests, I would like to inform members who have joined the Club recently that they may have their New Members Night photographs if they wish. Taken with my monster camera, the photos are reasonable portrait shots and are all in colour, although they may have been printed in black and white in Outpost. We mark the return of the recipe this month as we continue to plough our way through the Thai section of the new menu in the Churchill Bar (quick plug for the new menu there); apologies for its absence in April. I have yet to receive any recipes from members - anyone out there with their own favourite recipe for some local delicacy?

'Specials' in May include a photo report from the St David's Ball, a few lines about the AGM and an affiliated club report from our all-new GM, Tom - start as you mean to go on! 'Regulars' include the fourth in Ron's series of olde Englishe expressions, a sporting crossword from Margaret, a scary poem from Trixie and, a new Committee page!

Many thanks to those who responded to the request for information on John Blofeld ("Where Are They Now?", March), the relating correspondence is now in hand.

Finally, I would like to add my deepest condolences to the family of John Auld, who passed away recently. A regular badminton player and a really nice guy, John will be greatly missed.

**Gaynor de Wit**  
Editor



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## From the Manager

**T**his is my first contribution to the magazine and at the time of writing I am sitting at home in sticky Singapore and have not commenced my duties at the Club. Therefore, I will be quite brief! My start date was Monday



Thomas Bain - General Manager

15th April, so when you read this I will have had two weeks' service under my belt and, of course, know all the ropes!

I would like to thank the committee for choosing me to take the torch from David Viccars. It is indeed an honour and I will do my utmost to ensure I do a good job.

About myself, I was born in Bristol and completed my schooling in the UK. After teachers' college I emigrated to Australia (this means I can be a Pom or an Oz as the situation dictates or, to be more exact, depending upon who is winning the cricket). I have also worked in Tokyo, Papua New Guinea, Perth in Western Australia and most recently Singapore.

For the past ten years or so I have specialised in club and sports facility management. In PNG I managed numerous community facilities for a gold and copper mining company in the remote Star Mountains, close to the Irian Jaya border. In Perth I opened a large indoor

sporting complex and this proved to be a hugely successful operation. Then I graduated to the position of Manager Recreation and Cultural Services at Perth City Council. This was a position which coordinated the facilities and services run by the council, including parks, beaches, aquatic facilities, recreation centres, theatres, town halls, etc. For the past two years I have been General Manager of The Singapore Polo Club. This club operates along similar lines to the British Club, with the substitute of equestrian activities for the field sports that our members engage in.

My wife, Jeryl, is an English teacher and is completing a contract with the Singaporean Ministry of Education before joining me later this year. I have two daughters, Olivia 13 and Georgia 11. They are currently studying at The Australian International School in Singapore and, like Jeryl, will join me later in the year.

I think that's enough about me for now but let me finish by saying that I'm really looking forward to the challenge ahead at The British Club. I hope to be able to meet all members of the Club as soon as possible. Please come along and say hello!

**Thomas Bain**

General Manager



## Management News

### **L**ords Refurbished!

In late March we took delivery of a magnificent new carpet to complete the refurbishment of Lords. The Restaurant now has a really charming and delightful atmosphere, with a comprehensive wine list and serves high quality meals at a good price. Lords is now making a significant contribution to the Club with the number of members using the



Restaurant almost doubling month on month. If you have not used Lords for some years and can only remember the stale menu, the musty smell and the lacklustre food, well all these are things of the past so give it another try - you will not be disappointed!

### **New at the BC - Large Screen TV/Video Projection**

We have recently taken delivery of a portable High Definition Projector and large screen. To the layman this means that we can now project a TV or video picture onto a large screen. The benefits of this system are that any live event can be shown on a big screen anywhere in the Club. The first big event we will screen is the FA Cup Final live from Wembley Stadium on the evening of Saturday 11th May. If you wish to use this new BC

facility simply contact the Operations Manager, but it will be very popular, so book early!

### **The FA Cup Final Live from London on Big Screen**

See above... but watch the FA Cup Final live on a 12ft screen in the Surawong Room on Saturday 11th May, further details will (hopefully!) have been published separately by the time you read this!

### **Recording and Issuing of Trophies Stored at the Club**

One of the last acts of the outgoing GM was to photograph all of the cups and trophies stored at the Club which are in regular competition. There are now photographic records and 'sign out' sheets in each of the trophy cabinets to record the contents of that cabinet. To further enhance security, all trophy cabinet keys are now held by the GM. It is therefore advisable if you can give advance notice of your requirements.

### **New Reciprocal Club - Bombay**

Number 105 on our list of affiliated clubs is:

#### **The Golden Swan Country Club of Bombay.**

This new Country Club set in the lush Yeoor Hills is only 45 minutes drive away from central Bombay. The Club boasts a golf course, swimming pools, squash and tennis courts, restaurants and bars, a horse riding school, a boating lake and accommodation.

Don't forget that, as a member of the British Club Bangkok, all you need to take advantage of our many reciprocal links is to get an





introduction card from the Membership Secretary.

### **Discover Scuba!**

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### **First Aid Training**

We have now run a number of first aid courses at the Club for wives or other interested individuals. The courses consist of 4 hours of instruction and are very much aimed at 'what to do until help arrives'. The instructor is British and is a fully qualified first aid instructor, the cost for a course is B1,000. Maximum numbers per class are 7. We are also running a number of Phase II courses to build on the instruction from the initial course, is there anyone else interested? If so, please see the GM.

### **The Bc Trip To Surin For The Elephant Round Up - Nov 14-16**

Undoubtedly the BC run the most stylish (and the cheapest!) of the many excursions run from Bangkok to Surin for the annual Elephant extravaganza in Surin which this

year is over the weekend of 15/16 November. Numbers are however limited for this marvellous trip so you are strongly advised to advance register by photocopying and faxing the application form (to be found elsewhere in the magazine) to the Club as soon as you can! We will charge a small deposit to members accounts in July and the rest after the event, when we have the final costs to hand, in November.

### **Staff Awards**

The staff awards for the first quarter of 1996 were won by:

1st award **Khun Charoon**

Pool side cleaner

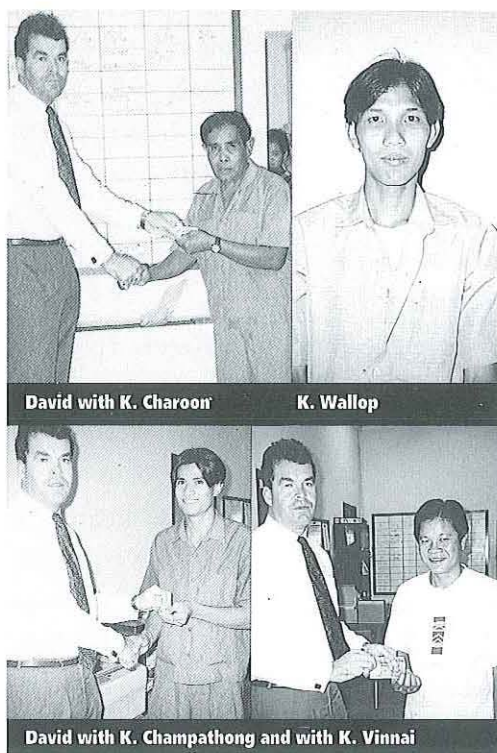
2nd award **Khun Vinnai**

Pool side waiter

2nd award **Khun Champathong**

Pool side staff

This is the second time in succession that the pool side staff have swept the board so well done to them!



David with K. Charoon

K. Wallop

David with K. Champathong and with K. Vinnai



### **New Head Gardener**

Following on from the resignation of the previous incumbent we have now promoted his deputy, Khun Wallop, to the position of Head Gardener. Khun Wallop has been with the Club since June 1991 and in the short time that he has been running the grounds department there has been a distinct improvement in certain areas, such as the omniturf tennis courts. Long may this continue!

### **General Committee Portfolios**

In recognition of the way that the management structure of the Club has changed over the last few years the General Committee have revised the individual Committee members' responsibilities as well. The General Committee will now form 5 primary sub-committees led by one Committee Member as follows:

1 Finance

**Des Keane**

2 Membership Development

**Jack Dunford**

3 Club Development

**Bernie Adams**

4 Entertainment & Promotions

**Dave Haworth**

5 Sponsorship & On-site Activities

**David Turner**

The remaining management functions have been identified as being largely the responsi-



**March Prize Draw - Lucky member Mal Ferguson with his new member Tony Middleton**

bility of management; however, General Committee members will assume responsibility, as and when required, for these areas as follows:

1 F&B **Des Keane**

2 Sport **James Young**

3 Personnel **Dugal Forrest**

4 House & Grounds **Bernie Adams**

## **Farewells**

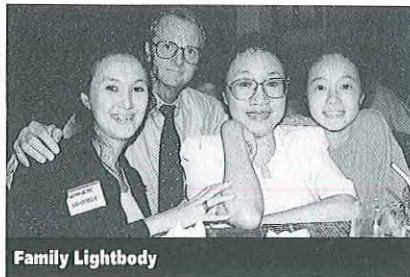
**T**hose leaving our fair lawns this month are:

Julian and Fiona Cole, Bob and Marianne Dixon, Frank and Maura Duggan, Phillip

and Chansuda Gibson, Caroline Hancock, Keith and Christine Pearson, Spencer Roberts, Peter and Zoe Tinker, Nigel Townsend and Simon Walker.



## New Members



Family Lightbody

### Ms. Supawadee Lightbody

Supawadee's an interior designer at the family firm Abacus but has also taken up translating movies from English into Thai. She swims, plays tennis and the piano, and she enjoys pop music and going to the cinema; Supawadee describes herself as 23 and available but her father was muttering something about paternal approval...!



Robert

### Mr. Robert Scott

Robert has already been out here for 4 years with Lever Bros and expects to be here for at least another 2 or 3, he's married to Nathalie and they have two sons, William

6 (at Patana) and Ben 3 (at St Andrews). Previously in Port Sunlight, Leeds and the US, Robert and Nathalie enjoy swimming and he's a genealogist, having traced his mum's side of the family back to the New Forest area in the 1550s!



Andrew

### Mr. Andrew Simpson

Andrew's from Oxford University working in medical research with Nick White for the Wellcome Trust on his first overseas posting, although he's previously

lived in Kenya, Trinidad and Uganda. Andrew is married to Janet, who used to give classes for pregnant women for the Natural Childbirth Trust Institute. They have two sons: Alun 3 and James 1, Andrew is into hockey, learning Thai and perhaps golf, while Janet enjoys swimming.



Ian

### Mr. Ian Gisbourne

Ian's from Birmingham and is an Aston Villa fan and is an analyst with Kerry Securities indefinitely or until he makes enough money to retire. Single, 28 and looking, Ian's a 'sometimes' kinda guy, as he plays squash, football and swims sometimes, goes drinking sometimes and watches films sometimes, and is learning golf.. but only rarely.

### Mr. & Mrs. Keith Salt

Here with water consultants Binnie Black Veatch, Keith and Valerie have come from the UK via Swaziland for 2 years. Valerie has left a job analysing 'black boxes' and other electronic systems and once turned down a job analysing Formula 1 racing cars. They have a son, Darren 8, at Patana; Valerie is already treasurer of the BWG (first ever ex-Zulu!) while Keith skis and hikes up mountains but is considering bungee jumping from their 39th floor condo!



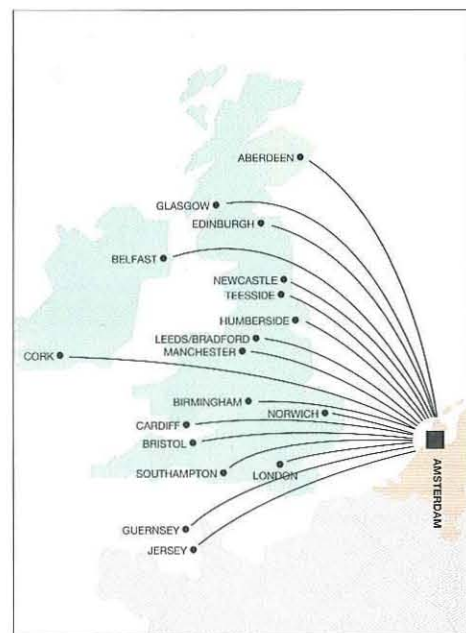
Valerie and Keith



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Family Piercy

### Mr. & Mrs. Robert Piercy

Bob and Pam are from Nottingham and play golf; they are here with Cleanline Systems (part of Chloride), and have previously lived in Nairobi (three times), Egypt, Zambia, Denmark and Singapore, always with Chloride. Pam is a headmaster of a kindergarten but is having a well-earned break; their daughter Kate, 19, at Nottingham

University and Ian, 18, at school in Blackpool, were here on holiday.



Stuart

### Mr. Stuart Watts

Stuart is installing inventory systems into PTT with Email as a pilot project, which, if successful, may ensure a stay of longer than 3 months.

From Yorkshire but

based in Melbourne, Stuart is married to Jane and has a son James, 13, neither of whom are coming out. Stuart plays squash and golf and his hobby is playing with cars like his old MG, and "going bush".

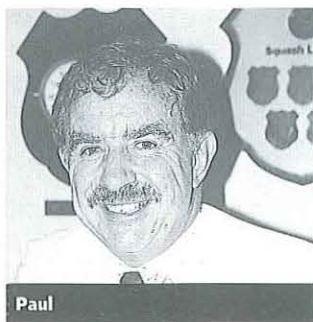


Yvan

### Mr. Yvan Cohen

I couldn't get hold of Yvan on the 'phone in time last month, but I can tell you that he's a photojournalist with World News Link/Asiaweek magazine;

London-born Yvan's from Surrey and turned 30 as this issue of Outpost was rolling off the press. He's still single and he plays squash.



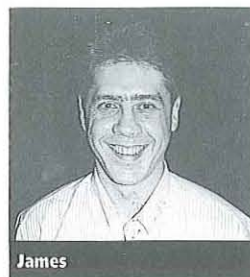
Paul

### Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jensen

You may have already seen Paul play with 'No Fixed Abode', a local band, playing guitar and singing. Chief computer fiddler with Diethelm, this is Paul's first overseas posting and he hopes to get some racquet sports in. Silvia is getting into the IWC women's group, she speaks 5 languages and was born in Egypt; and their children Matthew 9 and Lauren 6 are at Patana.

### Mr. & Mrs. James Kilpatrick

Half-Scot, half-Brazilian and born in Colombia, no wonder the poor lad's confused! James is here with Bickart the freight forwarders for at least 3 years, he met biologist Lucienne in Brazil and they have one son, Oliver, who is 11 weeks and taking up a lot of time! Both play squash and tennis; James plays football, golf and the guitar while Lucienne enjoys swimming and aerobics.



James



**Bob and Irene**

### **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cheshier**

Meet Louise Truslow's parents (doesn't she look like her Mum!); retired Bob and Irene are building a house in Chiang Mai to avoid English winters from now on. Originally from Leigh-on-Sea, Irene is a performer (like Louise) and is already involved with BCT - apparently the acting bug runs in the family, and she has already had Bob building props!

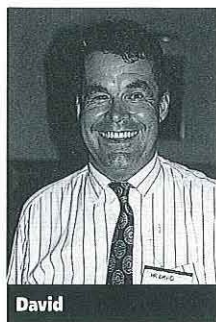


**Tarek**

### **Mr. Tarek Shehahi**

Perth-based Tarek will be here for a couple of years setting up a plant for ACI Plastics Packaging. 27 and single, this is Tarek's first overseas posting; he plays tennis,

squash, cricket, Aussie rules, windsurfing and swimming and hobbies include reading, films and his beloved hifi and 150 CDs. Tarek requested that the Club stock an Australian newspaper in the bar alongside all the British ones - Tom take note!



**David**

### **Mr. David Viccars**

Well what is there to say about David that you don't know already?! Having spent the last 2 and a half years "at a kindergarten trying to control errant children"

(!), he's now the GM of Guardforce's Guarding Division, aka the Uniformed Whistleblowers. Awaiting his chance to show off his prowess on the tennis, squash and badminton courts, David's 43, single and has found everything he needs in Bangkok. He knows a lot about the General Committee but isn't talking... yet.



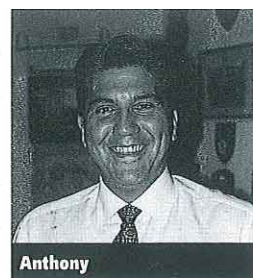
**Meredith**

### **Ms. Meredith McNab**

Kiwi Meredith is the country manager for the New Zealand Tourism Board; she's 35 and single and enjoys swimming, diving and a little tennis. She expects to be here for about 3 years.

### **Mr. Anthony Solimini**

Anthony's American but lived in London for 4 years and has British residence. With Standard Chartered for 2 - 3 years, he's 33, single and looking ("who isn't?"). In previous posting Singapore Anthony had a beautiful boat and wants one here; he's a PC freak, he also scuba dives, plays golf and may take up rugby; after all, he played American Football in high school, "When America was doing great, about 10 years ago..."!



**Anthony**

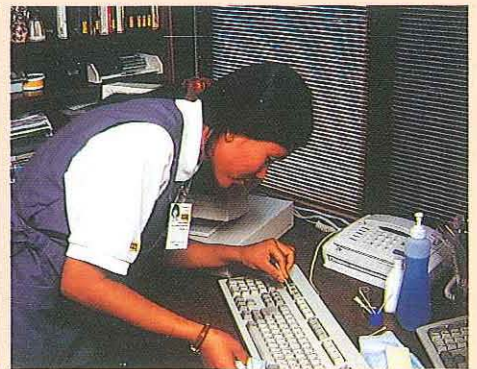




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## Racquet Ball - June 15th

*y*es, folks, etch this date into your diaries with indelible ink; this will be the party of the year as well as being an excellent way to see out the school year before going on leave to foreign, cooler climes. The last one was but three short years ago, and those of us who were around in those days will remember a really good evening had by all.

These are the details to lodge in your brains:

### **Racquet Ball**

Saturday 15th June 1996

Kamolthip Ballroom, Siam City Hotel

Sri Ayutthaya Road, Bangkok

7 pm for 7.30 pm

Dress: Black tie

**Attitude: FUN!**

Price: Only 1,000 Baht each

That vital plug over; not much to report in the Badminton Section at the moment, so I thought I'd leave you with a picture of Henry enjoying the quintessential Sunday afternoon at the British Club!

### **Lek Farang**



The ultimate Sunday afternoon!





## The march goes on!

**A**s the Farang League season approaches its climax BC are poised on top of the table four points clear with only two games to go. The local press are already hailing us as champions, but Greg Watkins and his men won't believe it until the final games are played and the points are won.

### **Strength in Depth**

#### **BC 1st XI 4 - 1 Siemens**

The strength of Greg Watkins' squad was demonstrated in a difficult fixture against Siemens. Without top scorer Tim Ross, injured, Dave Atkinson, suspended, and George Everest, flu, BC were able to put out a strong team which Siemens were never able to match. The game started at a lively pace, with Siemens marginally on top in the first fifteen minutes, but making no progress towards the BC goal. Having absorbed the pressure, the BC midfield took over, and after twenty minutes Keith Dougall scored a fine solo goal from a narrow angle. BC looked comfortably in control until five minutes before half time when a harmless through ball into our penalty area took a deflection off a defender's foot, and with Norman Bright unsure as to whether to treat it as a back-pass, a Siemens player nipped in and helped the ball into our net. Half time BC 1-1 Siemens.

#### **Lively play**

The second half started out in a similar way with livelier play from Siemens, but little progress towards the BC goal. Ten minutes into the half excellent work from Keith Dougall, Marc Hagelauer and Chris Davin resulted in a BC penalty which Willie Carruthers coolly fired in. John Cochrane had a goal disallowed shortly before being substituted by Nigel Oakins. For the remain-

der of the match Siemens never managed to trouble Norman, and at the other end BC opportunism saw further goals from Nigel and a first goal for Stuart Bradley on his Farang League debut.

### **One-Way Traffic**

#### **BC 1st XI 7 - 0 Scandinavians**

A completely one-sided game against a weak Scans team. With a full squad to choose from Greg Watkins turned out a strong team which the Scans could not compete with. Twenty minutes after the kick off BC were 6-0 up and the game as a spectacle was over! A hat-trick from Keith Dougall, two from Tim Ross and one from Dave Atkinson did the damage, and the remainder of the half was understandably an anti-climax. Half time BC 6-0 Scans

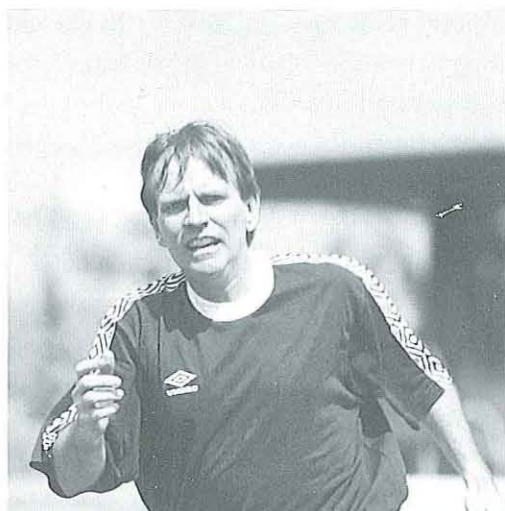
The half time pep talk saw Greg and Chris Davin trying to motivate the team to keep up the pressure. All three substitutes, Vaughan Elias, Nigel Oakins and Stuart Bradley were introduced with no disruption to team rhythm. Dave Atkinson scored a second goal midway through the half, but the game was perhaps best summarised by Chris Davin at the end who suggested it was a good job he did not turn up at half time this week!

### **John Cochrane's Last Stand!**

#### **Casuals 1-1 Scandinavians**

The following Saturday saw a rematch between BC and the Scans which was also John Cochrane's last match for the Club before his work move to England. Having left us twice before, no-one really believes that we won't see him again. Whatever happens, his contribution to both Casuals and 1st XI has been excellent and we wish him well and look forward to seeing him again soon.

With a strong team on the day the Scans were clearly looking for revenge after their Farang League thrashing and started the game at a lively pace. Captain Alan May and Steve Golsby worked hard to keep the visitors under control, but weak marking from Peter Downs in the penalty area after 15 minutes allowed the Scans' left winger to rifle an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net. In the remainder of the half the best attacking moves came from BC through Peter Rodgers,



John Cochrane in action

John Cochrane and Nigel Oakins. Frank Hough was unlucky to hit the bar from 30 yards out before having to leave the pitch with a recurrence of a hamstring injury. Half time Casuals 0-1 Scans

#### **The game's not over till the final whistle**

The second half saw the Casuals increase their domination. Efforts on the Scans' goal rained in from Andy Lazenby, Nigel Oakins and Stuart Bradley, and the Casuals were unlucky not to score at least three goals. The Scans appeared to be hanging on for an undeserved victory until John Cochrane popped up with a superb lob over the Scans' keeper to give the Casuals at least a share of the points. An outstanding goal and well worthy of a final appearance!

#### **A Laboured Victory**

#### **BC 1st XI 2 - 1 Young Thai Sikh Association**

On paper an easy fixture: BC top of the table, YTSA bottom, but as they say, football is a funny game, and the match turned out to be one of the closest run contests in the month. In keeping with their name, YTSA started the match with youthful energy, competing for every ball. BC started at a casual pace - concentration was lacking and our basic skills appeared to desert us. Team shape and pattern disintegrated and we reverted to playing hurried long balls. Our midfield unit lacked depth and on a number of occasions were stranded in a line deep in the opponents' half, which led to some worrying moments at the back. Defenders Bill Randall, Vaughan Elias, Willie Carruthers and captain Greg Watkins did well to hold out, and George Everest in goal was helped by some wayward shooting. Keith Dougall was unlucky not to score on two occasions, his best effort hitting the upright, and the game appeared to be heading for a half time stalemate until top scorer Tim Ross hit a superb volley from the edge of the area over the YTSA keeper into the net. Half time BC 1-0 YTSA

#### **Back of the net!**

BC began the second half with regained confidence and composure but, as in the first half, lacked pattern and discipline, which against better opponents could have proved costly. 15 minutes into the half the YTSA keeper took a weak goal-kick, Dave Atkinson pounced on the loose ball 30 yards out, ran past three defenders and drilled a low shot into the far corner of the net. Terry Grogan was replaced by Stuart Robson and Vaughan Elias by a rejuvenated Peter Hockley. Andrew McDonald came on for his Farang League debut as replacement for Dave Atkinson, who unfortunately picked up a yellow card. The game appeared to be head-



ing for a comfortable finish when sloppy defending in the last 5 minutes allowed YTSA to reduce the deficit after BC failed to clear a corner. Thank goodness for Dave's second goal!

### **Keith Dougall's Last Stand!**

#### **BC 1st XI 1 - 0 German All Stars**

The trend of "last stands" continued with Keith Dougall who is moving back to Australia. As with John Cochrane, he celebrated his finale by scoring the only goal in the game, but on this occasion it was enough.

Chris Davin returned to midfield, which enabled Terry Grogan to revert to the left back position. Right back berth was shared between Peter Hockley in the first half and Vaughan Elias in the second. Game flow was one way traffic towards the German goal but early shots were high or wide. Our best chances came from some excellent driven corners by Adam Caro, from which we were unlucky not to score. The breakthrough came after 30 minutes: Tim Ross broke clear of the



Keith Dougall - His goals will be badly missed

German defence 40 yards out, skipped wide of the keeper but was unlucky to be intercepted by the opposite full back before he could shoot. From the resultant corner, Keith Dougall rose magnificently to head in a fine

goal. After this the German heads dropped, and the rest of the half was played at a much less competitive pace. George Everest in goal did not have a shot to save. Half time BC 1-0 Germans

At the outset of the second half BC continued to exert a grip on the game. Goal opportunities were of better quality than those in the first half, but we were unable to capitalise. Keith Dougall had the misfortune to see his header from a Marc Hagelauer cross loop over the goalkeeper and hit both the bar and the post before bobbling clear. Soon after, the ball was in the process of being lobbed over the German defence to put Keith Dougall clear when the defender hand-balled to save the situation. An automatic red card so the Germans were reduced to ten men, but BC chose to camp back in their own half and absorb the pressure. With space in midfield the Germans suddenly had their first opportunity to mount serious attacks and pressure our goal. In the last 15 minutes BC experienced a difficult time during which we did well to keep our goal intact. In the last ten minutes, Stuart Robson came on for Dave Atkinson and Nigel Oakins for Tim Ross. At the end of the game the Germans were disappointed not to have snatched a point. Overall for BC though, a well-deserved win where the margin of victory could well have been greater.

### **Casualty Ward**

Some sympathy for Casuals' own Vinnie Jones: Paul Gambles, who had the misfortune to break his arm during a recent Saturday fixture. Apparently there have been complications and it has had to be reset. As he doesn't seem to be getting much sympathy from his girlfriend, Anna Raymond, and he's certainly getting none from the other players, the editor thought he was due some. So cheer up, Paul, and hurry back, we miss you.

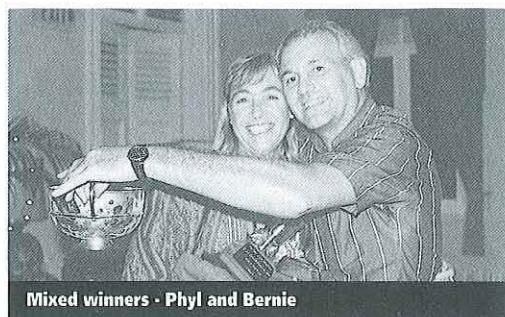


# Tennis galore

**M**arch is the busiest month in the tennis calendar, with tournaments, the Club Championship finals, the Prizegiving dinner and the A.G.M. as well as all the normal mix ins and coaching. After such a flurry of activity it will be quite a relief for the old (or should I say former, since I'm one of them!) committee members to go into retirement, and leave things to some new and enthusiastic people.

## Tournament March 10th

This tournament was hastily devised on the spot by David Henton and turned out to be an excellent format and one which we should repeat. We were in teams of four and each team played against all the others in the course of the afternoon. Each round consisted of two doubles matches and the pairings within each team changed between rounds so we played with different partners. Five teams took part and after all the rounds had been played the winners were Raymonde, Jaree, Jaap, Wat and Stephen. Thank you David for your efforts. Your skills as an organiser have been noted!



Mixed winners - Phyl and Bernie

## Club Championship Finals March 17th

There were times when we wondered if we would ever make it to the finals with the backlog of matches and one week to go.

Games were played all over the city as BC courts were fully booked, and several semi finals took place on Saturday which made good viewing for spectators.

The first matches were the singles games at 9am to avoid the worst heat of the day with



Men's and Ladies Doubles champs - Marc, Chalathip, Phyl and Bruce

Championship and Plate matches played at the same time. The highlight was the ladies' singles in which Janet Vivian played superbly well. Chalathip must have been surprised not to sail through the match with her accustomed ease but her excellent skills and cool head were finally too much for Janet and Chalathip won the second set tie break to take the match.

The men's singles wasn't quite so closely contested: Bernie, who had been in very good form in the run-up to the finals, wasn't tested to his limits but we were assured that Marc had a really good time at a St. Patrick's do the previous night!

The men's plate final turned out to be a real marathon. Steve Goode, suffering with a sore back, fitted in the match between visits to the chiropractor. But youth triumphed in the end and great credit must go to Alex Stamp who played the game of his life to win the third set



# Calendar

## British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar

### Sunday



#### Opening Times

10am-11pm	<b>Churchill Bar</b>
11.30am-2pm	<b>Lords Restaurant - Lunch</b>
6-10pm	<b>Lords Restaurant - Dinner</b>
7.30am-10pm	<b>Poolside Bar</b>
6am-9pm	<b>Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat</b>
9am-9pm	<b>Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols</b>
9am-5pm	<b>Thai Massage - Tue/Sun</b>

### Monday



#### Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton	<b>Gaynor de Wit</b>	<b>237-4031</b>
Cricket	<b>Peter Young</b>	<b>679-7644</b>
Golf	<b>Geoff Lamb</b>	<b>326-0381</b>
Rugby	<b>Joe Grunwell</b>	<b>262-0220</b>
Squash	<b>David Turner</b>	<b>279-1234</b>
Soccer	<b>Peter Rodgers</b>	<b>240-0678</b>
Tennis	<b>John Kelly</b>	<b>264-2100</b>

### Tuesday



#### Sports - Contact the following:

Non-BC Sports		
Ladies Golf		
BCLG	<b>Wil Agerbeek</b>	<b>259-7019</b>
LIGIT	<b>Eileen Cook</b>	<b>295-4596</b>
Hockey	<b>Lois Carson</b>	<b>258-5295</b>

### Wednesday



#### 1

9.30am	<b>Aerobics</b>
5-8pm	<b>Squash Coaching</b>
6-9pm	<b>Tennis Mix-In</b>

#### 8

9.30am	<b>Aerobics</b>
5-8pm	<b>Squash Coaching</b>
6-9pm	<b>Tennis Mix-In</b>

### Thursday



#### 2

10-12 noon	<b>Ladies Squash</b>
6-9pm	<b>Squash Mix-In</b>
7pm	<b>Aerobics</b>
7-9pm	<b>Rugby Training</b>
7-9pm	<b>Badminton - Soi 49</b>

#### 9

10-12 noon	<b>Ladies Squash</b>
6-9pm	<b>Squash Mix-In</b>
7pm	<b>Aerobics</b>
7-9pm	<b>Rugby Training</b>
7-9pm	<b>Badminton - Soi 49</b>
8pm	<b>BCT Club Night - Tapdancing</b>

### Friday



#### 3

9.30am	<b>Aerobics</b>
4-9pm	<b>Sportathlon Tennis Coaching</b>
9pm	<b>JVK Lucky Draw</b>

#### 10

9.30am	<b>Aerobics</b>
4-9pm	<b>Sportathlon Tennis Coaching</b>
9pm	<b>JVK Lucky Draw</b>

### Saturday



#### 4

8am	<b>Junior Tennis</b>
8-11am	<b>Tennis Coaching</b>
4.30pm	<b>Casuals Soccer - Soi 15</b>

**11am Golf v GeeGees**

#### 11

8am	<b>Junior Tennis</b>
8-11am	<b>Tennis Coaching</b>
4.30pm	<b>Casuals Soccer - Soi 15</b>

**FA Cup Final - Surawong Room**

# Children's Sports Activities

**Tennis Coaching**  
**Swimming Coaching**

**Friday Evening & Saturday Morning**  
**Saturday Morning**

# Don't Forget!!!

**PA Cup Final - May 11th - Surawong Room**  
**Live on Hi-Definition Big Screen!!**

**12**

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**  
2-7pm **Tennis Tournament**  
5-7pm **Children's Video**

**19**

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**  
3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**  
5-7pm **Children's Video**

**7.30am Golf - Royal Golf**  
**9am Scuba course - poolside**

**26**

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**  
3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**  
5-7pm **Children's Video**

**13**

8-10am **Ladies Tennis**  
8am **BWG Mahjong**  
2pm **Aerobics**  
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**  
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**  
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

**20**

8-10am **Ladies Tennis**  
8am **BWG Mahjong**  
2pm **Aerobics**  
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**  
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**  
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

**27**

8-10am **Ladies Tennis**  
8am **BWG Mahjong**  
2pm **Aerobics**  
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**  
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**  
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

**14**

7am **Ladies Golf**  
7-9pm **Soccer Training**  
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**  
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoor**

**21**

7am **Ladies Golf**  
7-9pm **Soccer Training**  
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**  
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoor**

**28**

7am **Ladies Golf**  
7-9pm **Soccer Training**  
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**  
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoor**

**15**

9.30am **Aerobics**  
5-8pm **Squash Coaching**  
6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

**22**

9.30am **Aerobics**  
5-8pm **Squash Coaching**  
6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

**29**

9.30am **Aerobics**  
5-8pm **Squash Coaching**  
6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

**16**

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**  
6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**  
7pm **Aerobics**  
7-9pm **Rugby Training**  
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

**23**

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**  
6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**  
7pm **Aerobics**  
7-9pm **Rugby Training**  
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

**30**

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**  
6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**  
7pm **Aerobics**  
7-9pm **Rugby Training**  
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

**17**

9.30am **Aerobics**  
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**  
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

**24**

9.30am **Aerobics**  
11am **Golf - Dunlop Cup**  
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**  
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

**31**

9.30am **Aerobics**  
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**  
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

**18**

8am **Junior Tennis**  
8-11am **Tennis Coaching**  
4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

**25**

8am **Junior Tennis**  
8-11am **Tennis Coaching**  
4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

# Venues

Soi 15 **NIST grounds**  
Soi 49 **Soi Klang Racquet Club**  
Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police Station**

**Golf - As advertised**







and the match.

There isn't space here to give a detailed report of all the matches but mention must be made of the mixed doubles final, probably the most exciting match of the day. Bernie Adams and Phyl Xumsai played that evergreen duo, Chalathip and Surin. The standard of tennis throughout the match was very high with everyone playing consistent and aggressive tennis. At one set all and three games all the match couldn't have been more evenly balanced when Bernie and Phyl broke Chalathip's service. Games then went with service and Bernie and Phyl took the final set 6-4.

The full championship results are as follows:-

#### **Winner**

#### **Runner up**

#### **Ladies singles**

Chalathip Dunnvatanachit Janet Vivian.

#### **Men's singles**

Bernie Adams Marc Hagelauer.

#### **Junior singles**

James Crocker White Tom Henton.

#### **Ladies doubles**

W: Chalathip Dunnvatanachit & Phyl Xumsai

R: Cindy Dodge & Janet Vivian

#### **Men's doubles**

W: Bruce Gordon & Marc Hagelauer

R: Roger Fitzgerald & John Kelly.

#### **Mixed doubles**

W: Phyl Xumsai & Bernie Adams

R: Chalathip & Surin Dunvatanachit

#### **Junior doubles**

W: Sarah Henton & Alex Stamp

R: Hannah Morrison & Tom Henton.

#### **Plate competition**

#### **Ladies singles**

Raymonde Marshall Zandra White

#### **Men's singles**

Alex Stamp Steve Goode

#### **Junior singles**

Chris Reed Ryan

#### **Ladies doubles**

W: Kate Henton & Zandra White

R: Shelagh Weekes & Linda Young

#### **Men's doubles**

W: John Cochrane & Wat Keller

R: David Blowers & Paul Williams

#### **Mixed doubles**

W: Grace Haube & Roger Fitzgerald

R: Nisa Adams & Wat Keller.

Chief Organiser James Young deserves a vote of thanks for a well organised and enjoyable competition. Thanks also to all the umpires and ball boys and to the ladies who baked all those delicious cakes; it's good to see that we haven't forgotten our culinary skills.



**Singles Champions - Bernie and Chalathip**

#### **Prize Giving Dinner 23rd March**

62 members of the tennis section turned out for the prize giving dinner, during which we were entertained by Steve Uno on the guitar as well as by a tennis quiz devised by John Kelly and James Young. Some people treated the quiz slightly flippantly but suffice to say that Judy Garland didn't win, and just about everyone collected the bottles of shower gel launched in their direction! The eventual winner was Henry and runners up John Lee and Eileen got - yes you've got it, a bottle of s----- g--!! We were very fortunate this year to have some extremely generous sponsorship and wonderful prizes for our champion-



ships and we would like to thank: **Bangkok Bank, Tok Kwang, Golden Triangle, Dunlop, Christiani & Neilsen, Sinclair Knight & Merz, Bilfinger & Berger, Asiapac, Lever Brothers Ltd., K.S.C. Engineering, Royal Crown Cola, I. & E. Trading, Carlsberg, Le Meridian Hotel, Tawana Ramada Hotel, Royal Garden Resort, Landmark Hotel, Central Plaza Hotel, Rembrandt Hotel, Sukhothai Hotel**

**1996 Annual General Meeting**

For those who haven't read the AGM minutes yet, the tennis section is now in the capable hands of chairman James Young. The committee members are Bernie Adams,



AGM Day tournament winners - David 'The Lob' Blowers, John Kelly and Zandra White

David Blowers, Surin Dunnvatanachit, Bruce Gordon, David Henton, John Kelly, Jaree Lee, Raymonde Marshall, Shelagh Weekes, Zandra White, Paul Williams. Thanks to outgoing committee members, Rita Dunford, John Sands and Eileen Cook.

This month we lose a very long serving and popular member of the tennis section, Rita Dunford. Rita has served on the committee for many years and has been a regular attender at mix-in tournaments and matches. She organised the visits of the Wheelchair Tennis Association to the Club. We're very sorry to see you go Rita but wish you well in your new life back in England.

**Eileen Cook**

## Junior Tennis Tournament

**Sunday 10th March 1996**

Fobissea training, cricket matches and club championship matches kept the numbers down for this tournament, but even so 19 took part. The 5 junior Juniors played singles in a Round Robin won by James Lanham with Daniel Stamp runner-up.

The rest played a knockout singles resulting



March 10th winning team - Wat, Raymonde, Jaree and Steven with David Henton

in yet another battle between Tom Henton and Alex Stamp, which Tom won, but not easily! Later in the day these two met again for a championship semi-final and the result was again a win for Tom, but it was an excellent, fiercely contested game.

In the Plate, Paul Stamp also came through as winner for the second month in a row. Sarah Henton was runner-up. The Henton and Stamp families did well for 'Winners' T shirts once again! The next Round Robin is on Sunday April 21st.

## Racquet Ball

Mark your diaries for the end-of-term extravaganza, the joint sections **Racquet Ball**, to be held on Saturday 15th June in the Kamolthip Ballroom of the Siam City Hotel, Sri Ayutthaya Road, tickets are only Baht 1,000 each and the whole night promises to be a lot of fun!





## Golf Section AGM

**F**ebruary 13th was the Golf Section's AGM. We had a reasonable turnout and a great response to nominations for committee members. Paul Nears stepped down and Geoffery Lamb was voted in as Club Captain. A big thank you to the 1995 committee members - a job well done.

The Committee for 1996 is as follows:

Geoffery Lamb	Chris Gething
Mike Poustie	Dugal Forrest
David Barker	Lauren Lambert
Lavita Hughes	Bernie Adams
Joan Adams	Peter Talbot
James Roe	Paul Nears

### Club Day

Club Day was played at President on March 9th and was sponsored by **Braun**. We had 22



Des Keane and Chris Gething congratulating each other on their win

members competing plus 3 guests. The format was a 'blind pairs' Stableford competition. Once play was finished and cards handed in, partners were then randomly selected.

The results as follows:

### Winners

Des Keane and Chris Gething - 68 Stableford

points on combined handicap 36

### Runners Up

Phil Wittke and Carl Olsson - 68 Stableford points on combined handicap 45

### Near Pins

Peter Talbot, Bruce McKenzie, John Kelly and Chris Gething



### Long Drives

Ladies Judi Leddy

Men Richard Canning (Guest)

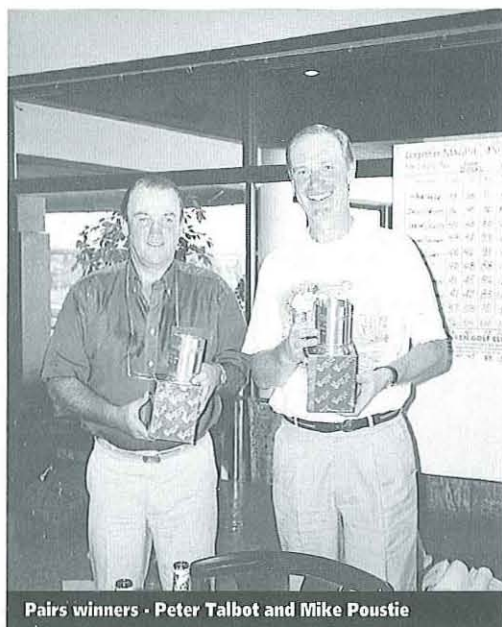
A big welcome to all the returning and new players that turned up for this event. Let's hope that this is the start of things to come.

### Johnnie Walker League - Round 3

The British Club team have successfully completed the third round of the Johnnie Walker League held on Saturday 16th March. They played against the British Embassy and had a win of 11 points to the BE's 5 points. It was

great to see Pat Barker (a mere female!) competing. The results after the third round is as follows:

Golfers' Cocktail Lounge	31 points
US Embassy	30 points
British Club	29 points
Wanderers	26 points
British Embassy	21 points
Mayflower	21 points
Japanese Association	17 points
Lighthouse	17 points



Pairs winners - Peter Talbot and Mike Poustie

### Magpie Putter

The British Club vs The Bangkok Wanderers held their annual competition on 24th March at Muang Kaew. The format was a 2 person (being politically correct) Texas Scramble, using 1/4th of the combined handicaps. The British Club took the Magpie Putter off the Wanderers in spite of the sweltering heat and long day. I think everyone was glad to see the 19th hole looming up as they holed out their last putt of the day.

The results as follows:

### Match

British Club	689.25 points
Wanderers	699.75

### Pairs Winners

M Poustie/P Talbot	63.75 points
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### 1st Runners Up

D Keane/G Lambert	64.00 points
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### 2nd Runners Up

D Forrest/F Hough	64.25 points
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### Near Pins

Frank Hough, Geoffery Lamb, Charnwuth N. and David Bone (Wanderer)

### Long Drives

Ladies	Lauren Lambert
Men	David Bond (Wanderer)



The Wanderers hand over the Magpie Putter

### ATTENTION all aspiring junior golfers and adult beginners

Are there any aspiring junior golfers and adult beginners out there who would be interested in a coaching course. If so, please contact Jim Roe: Tel 235 8885-8 (office) or 260 3811 (home).

### Lauren Lambert





# Victory against Clark Hatch!

## **L**adies Championship

For the first time in three years a Ladies Championship was held at the BC on the weekend of 22/23/24 March. There may have been only a small number of entries, but the participants made up for that enthusiasm. The Championship was won by Barb Overington over Joan Jewell in three close-fought sets (are you really going to retire Barb?). The Len Alexander Plate was won by Jill Phillips over Khun Jongkonee in an enthralling match with victory not assured until the last possible point (10-9 in the fifth set!). Congratulations to Barb and Jill, as well as all the other participants. We look forward to next year's event.

### **Match with Clark Hatch Fitness Centre**

Another successful match on 31st March for the BC Squash Section! After accepting the

the bar to prepare for the big match and to plan their strategy. Fortunately, that was the limit of the training undertaken because anything involving physical effort may have resulted in personal injury. (I know some of you might think that because the squashies come off the courts looking on the verge of collapse with sweat pouring off them that in fact they may acquire some degree of fitness - the truth is that is all just a ploy to justify drinking more of the amber fluid, and they are **really** on the verge of collapse.)

On the day, some of the team were a little intimidated by the physiques and fitness of the opposition, but I'm pleased to report that cunning and experience carried the day, and the BC came away with a 9-0 victory.

Congratulations to Wayne Needoba, Duncan Page, Mike Weekes, Nick White, Bob Carpenter, Mike Prinz, Malcolm Addy, Mel Leddy, Chris Platt and non-playing Captain, Dick Anwar.

### **Harold Mercer Trophy**

This competition was completed during March and it was good to see the courts in such demand as people endeavoured to complete all their matches in the time allowed. Not all succeeded, however.... The winning team was Mike Prinz, Mike Weekes, Ross Horwood and Wayne Needoba.

### **News From Your Committee**

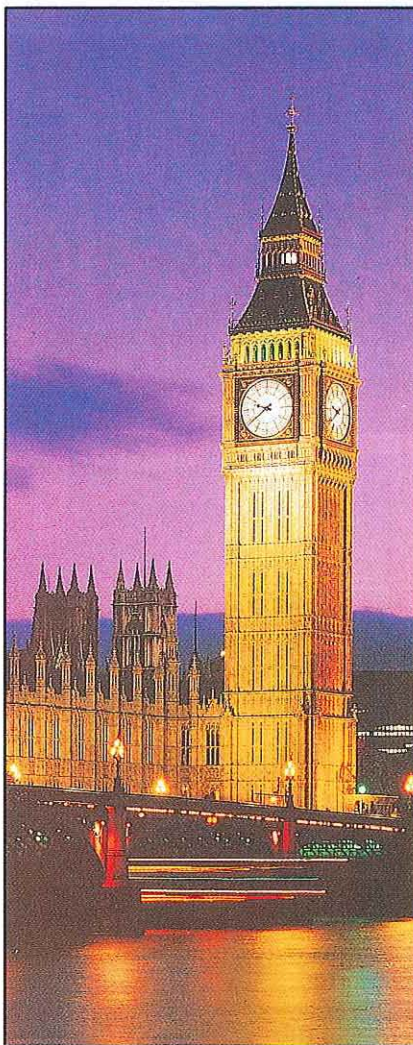
**Ladder** - Players who do not wish to continue on the ladder must notify Phil Hall. The monthly ladder fee will continue until he is advised. Please note that as a result of a



Ladies Championship finalists - Joan Jewell and Barb Overington

challenge from the Clark Hatch Fitness Centre group, the dedicated BC players retired to





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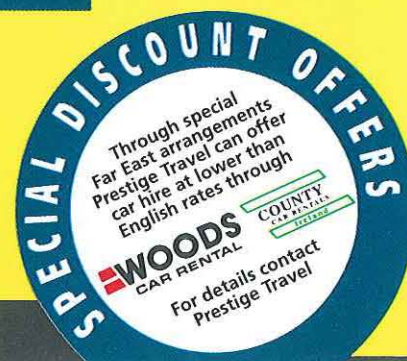
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resolution passed at the AGM, the monthly ladder fee is now 50 Baht.

**Meeting Minutes** - These are posted on the Noticeboard outside Court 1 for all interested members to read. Do not hesitate to raise any matters of concern with the Committee.



Len Alexander Plate finalists - Jongkonee Metcalf and Jill Phillips

**Club Draw** - The winners of the draw from all score chits from February were Bob Faherty (1,000 Baht) and J. Metcalfe (500 Baht).

**Sportathlon Coaching** - Unfortunately this will not be proceeding due to insufficient response.

**Junior Squash** - The Committee is still keen to find a way to involve more junior players in squash. If your children are interested, please let someone on the Committee know and we will do our best to develop a regular time for the juniors to have the opportunity to play.

### Upcoming Events

**Racquet Ball** - 1st June. Not to be missed! Sunday Mix-in - 5th May. Regular handicap event, enter on the day at 12.30 - fun for all.

**Dave Jewell**

### Racquet Ball

By now you will all have heard Betty Meclaine talking about THE end-of-term event of the year, the joint sections **Racquet Ball!** To be held on Saturday 15th June in the Kamolthip Ballroom of the Siam City Hotel, Sri Ayutthaya Road, tickets are only Baht 1,000 each and the whole night promises to be a lot of fun! Sign up early for tickets and make up tables.



## Successful swimmers

Seven of our Club kids successfully represented the Club at the recent Barracuda Swim-



Barracuda swimmers

ming Club competition organised by Khun Chamnan on Sunday 31st March. These junior swimmers were:

Flora Morrison, Navat Kuchareevanit, Wannavas Kuchareevanit, Robert Hill, Chayanee Sakolthanarat, Steve Mouldoon and Champ.

Well done to all of you!



# St Davids Ball

**M**oments from the Annual Ball of the St David's Society of Bangkok, 8th March 1996



*"And mine is this big"*  
*"Sure, sure"*

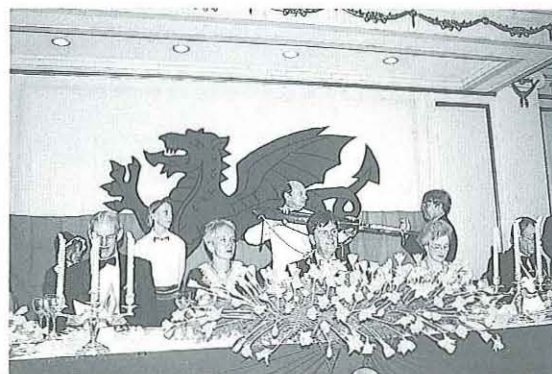
*"I'll give you 10,000 Baht"*



*"Wait till I tell Her Excellency what he's trying to buy her for her birthday"*



*"Your Excellency, I would love to show you my etchings"*



*"Pull, Marvyn, pull!"*

*"This is my final offer, 15,000 Baht"*      *"I'm sorry, your Excellency, it's really not for sale"*

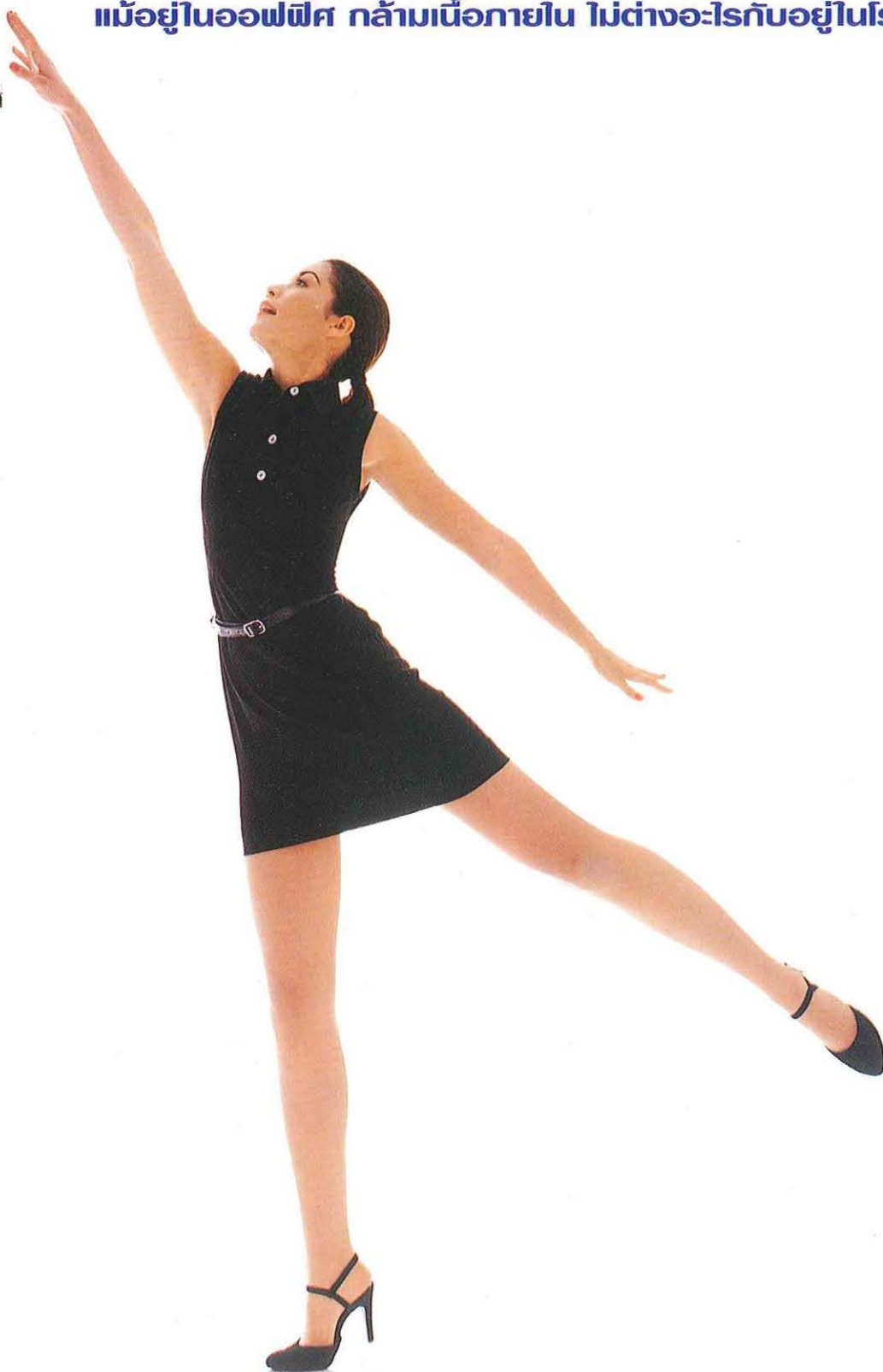


*"Can't you say the driver stole it?!!"*

Scenes courtesy of Vice-Bard Carol Sandarusi



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## Ron Thomson's Adages

# Golfing Terms

### **C**addie

The game of golf originated in Scotland and it is thought that the oldest recorded Club is at Muirfield, Edinburgh. In the 16th and 17th centuries the French Navy maintained a Naval College on the Firth of Forth just outside Edinburgh. On weekends the Cadets would carry the golfers' bags to earn some pocket money. The French pronunciation of "Cadet" was, and still is, "Caddie".

### **Plus Fours**

These were very popular with golfers in the 1920s. To obtain the width necessary to allow the tuck to be properly made below the knees, the trousers required an extra four inches of width at that point, or simply "plus four (inches)".

### **From the Horse's Mouth**

Thus: guaranteed correct. Before the births of foals were registered the only accurate way to

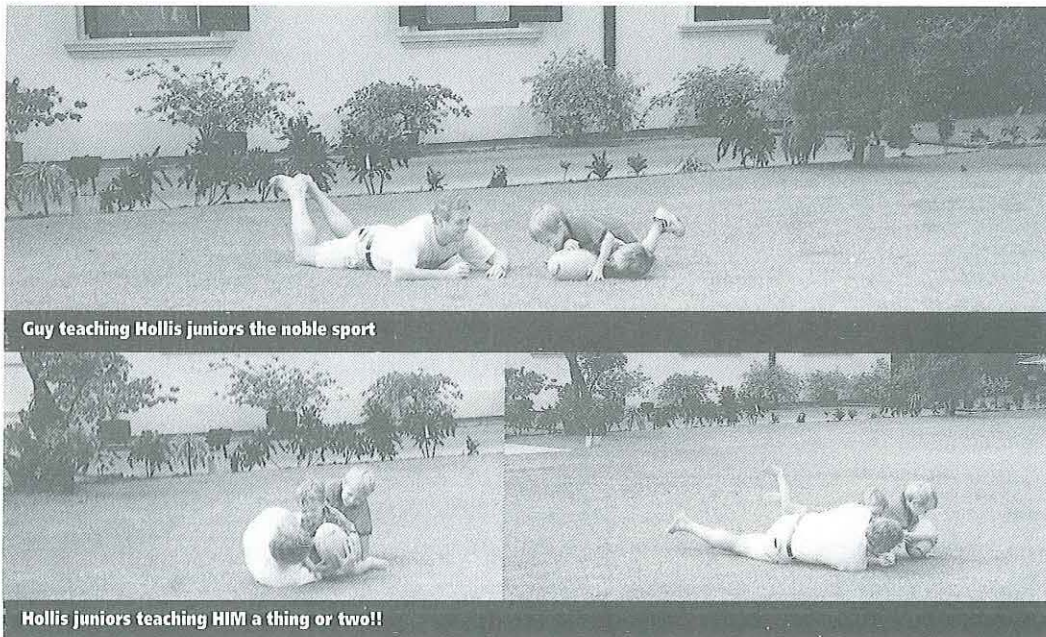
assess the age of a horse was to open its mouth and inspect its incisors or front teeth.

### **To Pass the Buck**

Meaning: to pass responsibility, came from the USA. Its first recorded use was by Mark Twain in 1872. In a game of poker a piece of buckshot would be used to remind the player on the left of the dealer that it was his turn to deal next. After each deal the piece of buckshot would be passed on but, exceptionally, a player would not want to deal and would "pass the buck(shot)" instead.

Next article: Where does the expression "buck", meaning dollar, come from? Also, the term "Dutch" is used in several sayings, such as "Double Dutch", "Dutch bargain", "Dutch uncle", "My Old Dutch". Where do they come from?

**Ron Thomson**





## Recipe

# Pad See lew

A mainstay of the streetside hawker stall, a simple snack which fills a gap or a more substantial dish. A dish of a neutral, sweetish flavour, almost any meat or seafood can be thrown into this dish, but it is most commonly made with either pork, beef or chicken. As always, this recipe serves 10

### Ingredients

- 2kg large white noodle
- 3kg kale
- 200g black soya sauce
- 10 eggs
- 200g nam pla (fish sauce)
- 200g sugar
- 300g cooking oil
- 50g garlic
- 500g pork, beef or chicken

### Method

1 Slice the kale into strips of approx. 3/4" wide and place to one side.

2 Slice the meat of your choice into strips and cook in the hot oil for approx 5 mins.

3 Add the roughly chopped garlic.

4 Beat the eggs lightly and slowly whisk into the meat and garlic.

5 Add the sliced kale to the mix. Quickly saute for 2 minutes.

6 Finally, add the white noodle and soya sauce, fish sauce and sugar to taste.

7 Quickly saute and mix together all ingredients thoroughly to ensure even flavour distribution.

8 Serve while hot, offering the full range of Thai condiments so that consumers can spice it up a little if desired.



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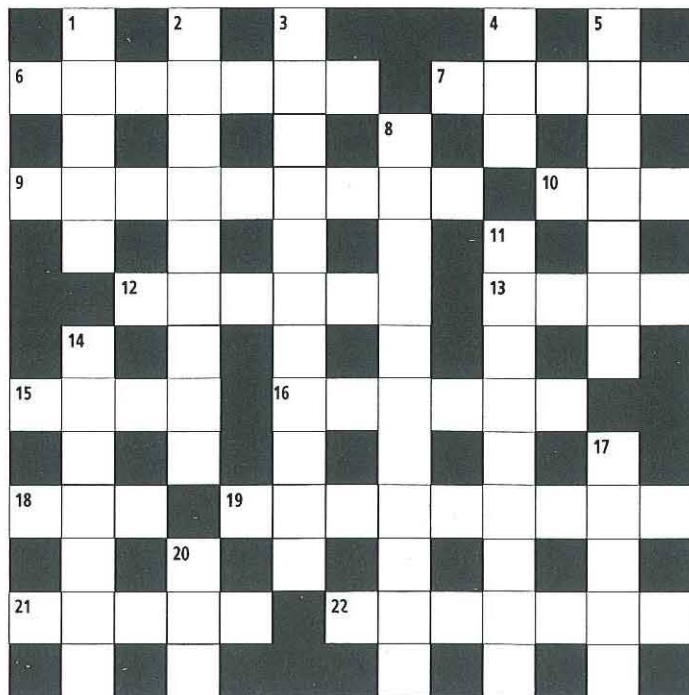
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## Crossword

# A Sporting Chance



### Across

- 6&7** Events that occur only in leap years  
**9** Sheridan play - for the participants in 6&7 across (3,6)  
**10** Decline at sea  
**12** An 18 Across usually does this  
**13** One of a dozen and a half where you might make 4 Down...  
**15** ...but if under, you might have this on your face!  
**16** Riddle with some famous melodic variations  
**18** A winner  
**19** The small ones you might have at the 19th. 13 Across (4,5)  
**21** Packs of cards in the USA  
**22** Time for levelling the score?

### Down

- 1** Letter opener  
**2** Denizens of Canada's southern neighbour  
**3** A second-best in 6&7 Across (6,5)  
**4** Knock up to get average, of course  
**5** Game invented in the USA in 1891  
**8** The top races of the English Flat Season (7,4)  
**11** Gold medallists are  
**14** If you cheat, it's not this game!...  
**17** ...but you can sit here to see the match  
**20** The skirt right off? You can do it as a sport!

### Last month's solution

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# BC Surin Elephant Round-Up

"Certainly the most stylish trip available"  
On 15th November, the British Club will once again be packing their cooking utensils and sleeping bags ready for you to join them on this very exciting, once-a-year event. The elephant round-up in Surin makes news in Europe and the States; have **you** ever seen 250 elephants together in one field? All walking peacefully, munching away on bananas and sugar cane and not being lumbered by showy outfits, all au naturel! There is a show as well, of course, and an interesting market at the round-up site. Young and old enjoy this trip. We leave Bangkok at around 8.30pm from Bangkok train station (Hua Lumphong) and arrive in Surin early (4.30am - I said early), where you are collected by the BC tourbus and taken to our meeting point for a (Thai style) shower and BC breakfast. At around 7.30am we set off for 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. The show ends at around 12.30 - 1pm, 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 while enjoying the full splendours of the BC bar. In the afternoon there is time to visit local handicraft centres, ride on elephants in Surin town centre, visit a Khmer ruin on a hill, or anything else you'd like to do which can be arranged. The train leaves Bangkok at around 8pm and arrives in Bangkok at the unholy hour of 4am, so plenty of time for sleep in your own comfy beds. We expect the price for this incredible trip to be Baht 3,200 (adults), Baht 2,200 (children over 3 yrs old), Baht 1,200 (children 3 and under). As the trip takes place in November, this price is still a guesstimate; the total price will depend on the price for the train tickets, rental of the bus, round-up ticket prices, etc. As last year, we aim to book first class air-conditioned sleeper berths on the train both ways.

## PHOTOCOPY AND FAX BACK TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

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

Adults (names):

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## BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 16th AUGUST

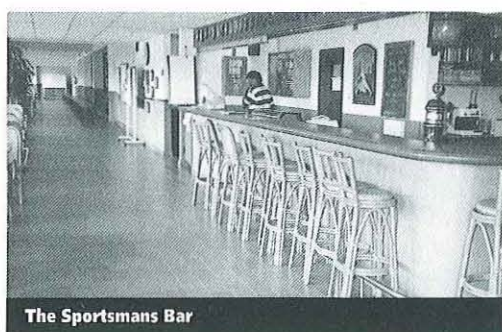
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## Reciprocal Club

# The British Club Singapore

One of our reciprocal clubs is The British Club Singapore and it is a club well worth a visit if you're spending time in that tropical city state.

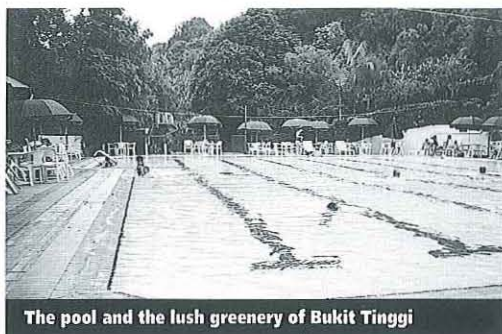
The club is situated at Bukit Tinggi (Bukit is the Malay word for 'hill') and sits on top of



The Sportsmans Bar

the second highest point in Singapore. It is set amidst lush tropical greenery and you may even see wild monkeys around the poolside. The Mountbatten Arms is the perfect place for unwinding and socialising. English Bass ale, on draught of course. The highly regarded Mountbatten Restaurant offers a tempting choice of continental dishes together with English specialities.

There is a billiards room on the third level of the clubhouse. Members and visitors can relax over a few drinks and play a game or two of snooker. Adjoining is the rooftop beer



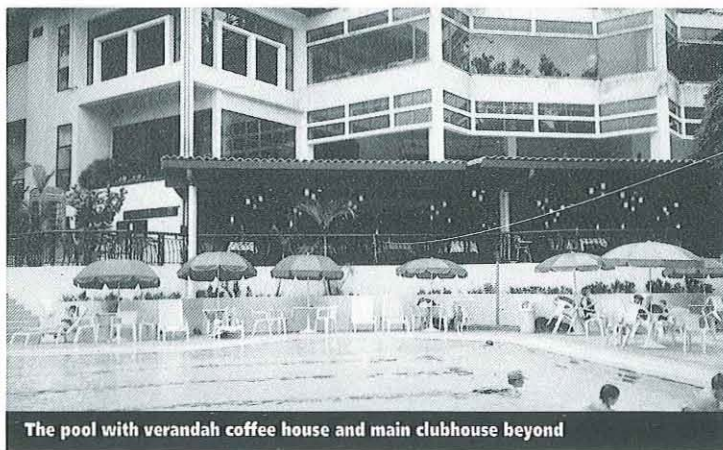
The pool and the lush greenery of Bukit Tinggi

garden. The views over the city are excellent. The swimming pool is spectacularly set

amongst the greenery - a haven of peace in bustling Singapore. Next to the pool is the verandah coffee house which offers a variety of local and international dishes and customers can try a cup of coffee or an ice cream to a full breakfast, lunch or dinner.

A tree-lined walkway leads from the clubhouse to the sport and recreation centre. The centre offers members an extensive selection of facilities as well as a state of the art gymnasium, tennis and squash courts. And don't forget to have a refreshing drink at the Sportsmans Bar.

The General Manager of The British Club Singapore, Mr Michael Marsterson, mentioned on my visit that his sports sections are



The pool with verandah coffee house and main clubhouse beyond

interested in organising fixtures with BCB, both in Bangkok and Singapore, so let's hope a few matches can be organised between the two clubs. Should any member wish to visit The British Club Singapore please contact the (new!) GM, Thomas Bain, who will arrange to issue an introduction card.

**Thomas Bain**

General Manager





# AGM Report

**T**he Club AGM on Tuesday March 19th attracted a crowd of around 50 (less than



Jack Dunford, Dugal Forrest, Arthur Phillips, Brian Heath, Nigel Oakins and Roy Barrett

10% of the voting membership). The issue causing most feeling amongst the membership and most confusion to the proceedings was that of the Playing Field Fund, but it was felt that there was still work to do on that motion so it was eventually deferred to an EGM later in the year.

Otherwise not too many feathers were ruffled, and the biggest surprise of the night had to be

the sight of a beardless Bernie Adams (see picture on the Committee page), who had decided to shed his whiskers after nearly two decades!

Present at the AGM were five past Chairmen of the Club, so present Chairman Dugal posed with the group as this unusual occasion was snapped for posterity. The past Chairmen were: Roy Barrett, Jack Dunford, Brian Heath, Nigel Oakins and Arthur Phillips.

## Gaynor de Wit



## Obituary

### **I**n Memory of John Auld

The Committee, members and staff of the British Club would like to express their sadness over the sudden and unexpected demise of John F M Auld on Friday 15th March after a short illness. Deepest condolences are con-

veyed to his wife Gill and their sons on this tragic loss.

A keen sailor and badminton player, John Auld joined the British Club in January 1994 and was the Managing Director of Kuwait Petroleum (Thailand) Ltd.



## Creepies in the Garden

Don't venture into the garden at night  
You'll only end up getting a fright;  
We know there's something lurking out there  
And it's big enough to give us a scare.

It's still out there young enough to grow;  
We don't think about it, don't want to know,  
But then we ask, "What kills a cat?"  
We hope it can't read "Welcome" on the mat.

It can't be a snake, they swallow whole;  
No it's not a wild dog, or even a mole.  
We only know, we can feel the 'vibes'  
Are there still carnivorous tribes?

We've seen the signs and seen the blood;  
Protect ourselves I think we should  
What it comes down to is now quite clear:  
I think we should pack up and get out of here!!

**Trixie Brann**



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## From the Chairman

**T**he AGM has come and gone and I find myself still in the Chair. Firstly, may I thank all those members who came along for their support and on behalf of myself and the rest of the General Committee may I also thank



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

them for showing their confidence in us by electing us to office for this year. We have some new faces on the Committee now which is always a healthy sign and I look forward to working with them all in the months to come. There were one or two matters raised at the AGM which require further action and input by the Committee, not least of which is the whole subject of the Playing Field Fund. Further information on all of these subjects will be forthcoming once we have had sufficient time to consider them.

### Replacement

As you should all know by now, we have been successful in finding an excellent replace-

ment for David: Tom Bain, who will have taken up the appointment by the middle of April and should, therefore, already be making his presence felt about the Club by the time you read this. It is very gratifying that we have been able to find someone of Tom's calibre and at such short notice and I am sure you would all wish me to bid him a warm welcome under the auspices of this magazine. Good to have you with us, Tom, and please accept the best wishes of all of us for a long, rewarding and enjoyable association with our Club.

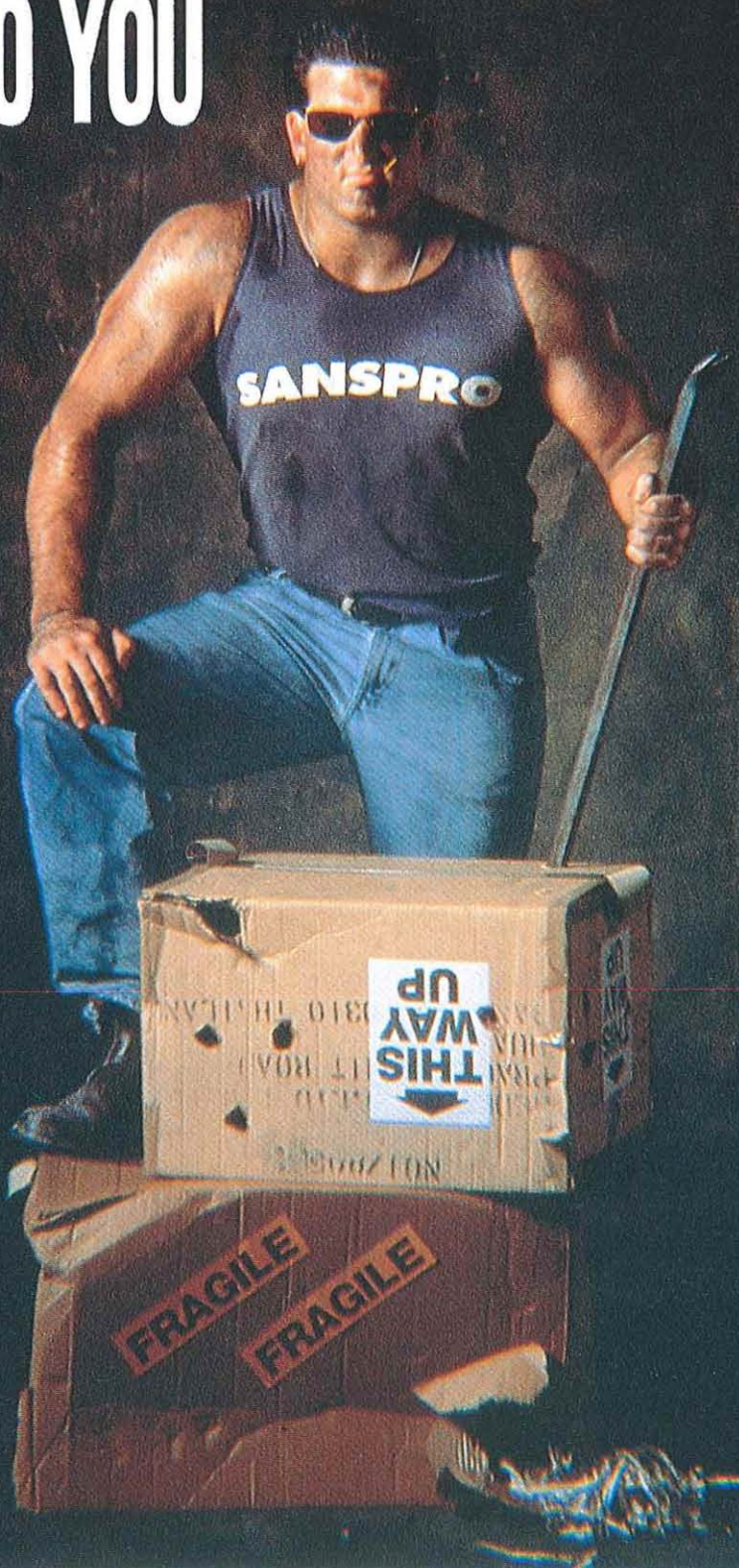
Finally, may I remind everyone that the Club now has a High Definition TV projector and big screen. This equipment, together with our multi-satellite receiving system, now gives us a top quality entertainment facility which should prove a real attraction. Please use and enjoy it - to book it, simply contact the Manager.

### Dugal Forrest

Chairman



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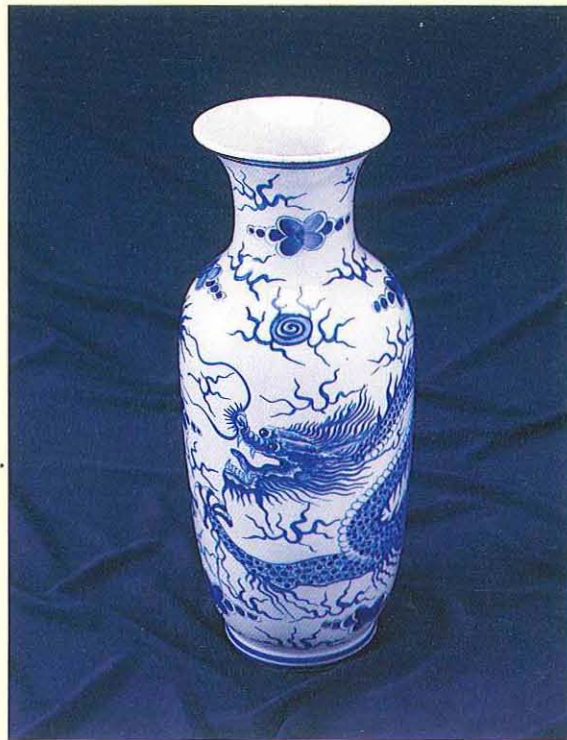


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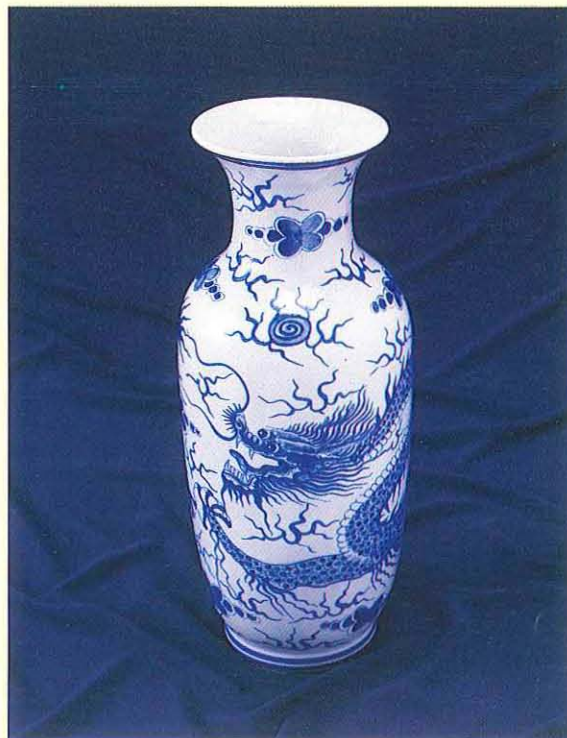
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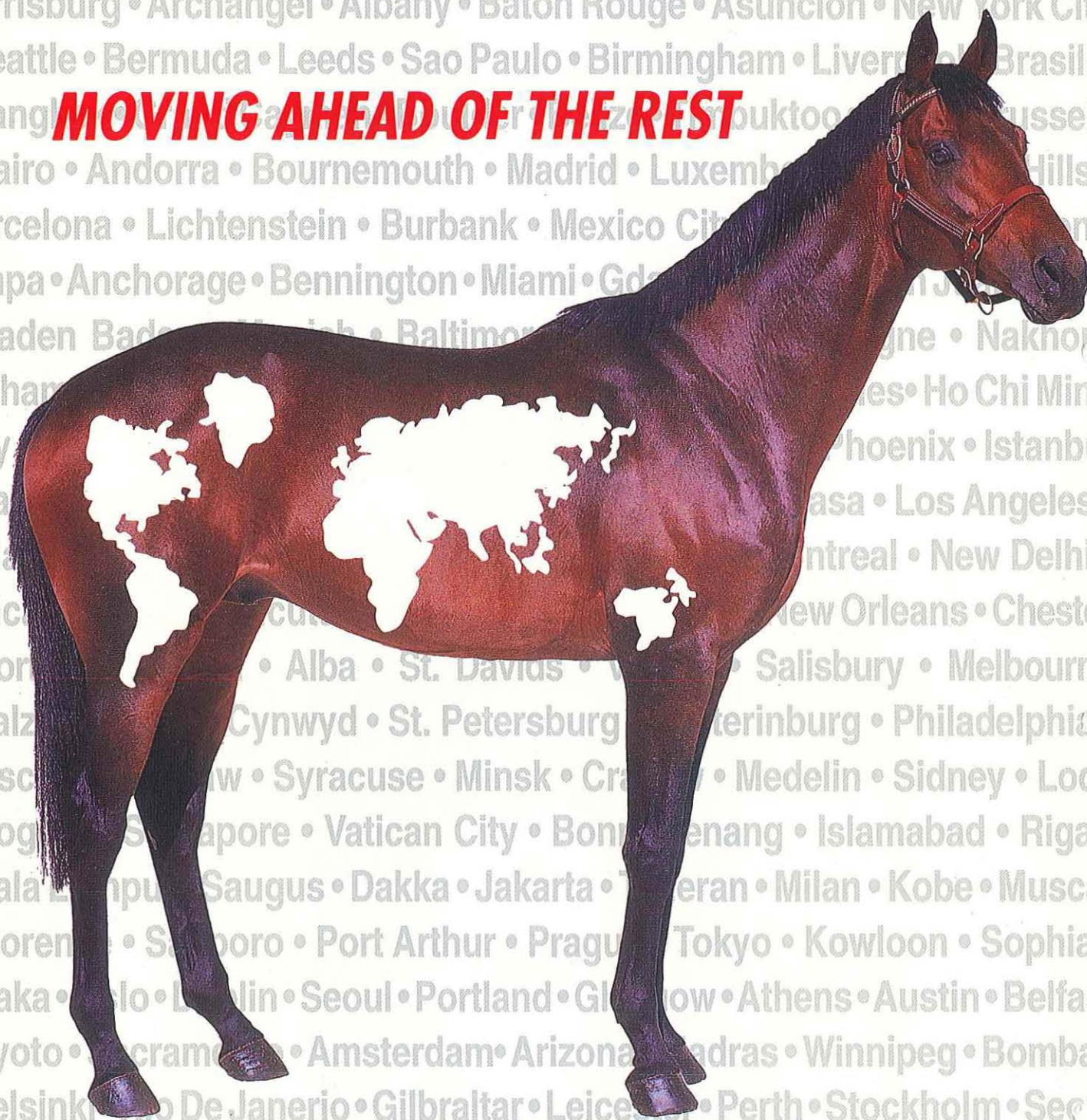
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