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DIARY

JUNE

Wed 1	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 2	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash <i>BCT Club Night : Community Services, Soi 33</i>	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon 7.30 p.m.
Sat 4	BC at the Silom Club – Ladies' Team Tennis It's a splashout	TBA
Sun 5	BC at the Silom Club – Ladies' Team Tennis Buffet Supper	TBA From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 6	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis New Members' Night/Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tue 7	Ladies' Golf : Stapleford, Railway Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 8	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 9	<i>BAMBI Meeting at the BC</i> Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	9.00 a.m. 8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon
Sun 12	Golf : Ryesome Cup. Ekachai Golf Course Buffet Supper	8.30 a.m. From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 13	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tue 14	Ladies' Golf : Starter's Choice, Railway Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 15	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night Ash's Pub Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 16	<i>BWG Lunch : Tawana Ramada. Contact Marianne Johns, 392-8019</i> Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	11.30 a.m. 8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon
Fri 17	<i>Playmakers present : Long Day's Journey into Night</i> <i>at the Alliance Francaise</i>	8.00 p.m.
Sat 18	<i>Playmakers present : 'Long Day's Journey into Night' at the</i> <i>Alliance Francaise</i>	8.00 p.m.
Sun 19	<i>Playmakers present : 'Long Day's Journey into Night'</i> <i>Alliance Francaise</i> Buffet Supper	5.00 p.m. From 5.00 p.m.

Mon 20	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash + Snooker Friendly Matches : BC vs Chinese Swimming Club of Singapore, at the BC Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 5.30-8.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tue 21	Ladies' Golf : not T's and F's plus Medal, Army Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 22	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 23	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon
Fri 24	<i>Playmakers present : 'Long Day's Journey into Night'</i> <i>at the Alliance Francaise</i>	8.00 p.m.
Sat 25	<i>Playmakers present : 'Long Day's Journey into Night'</i> <i>at the Alliance Francaise</i>	8.00 p.m.
Sun 26	Golf: BC vs. Japanese Association Rose Garden <i>Playmakers present : 'Long Day's Journey into Night'</i> <i>at the Alliance Francaise</i> Buffet Supper	9.30 a.m. 5.00 p.m. From 5.00 p.m.
Mon 27	Beginners' Tennis <i>BWG Mahjong : Wordsworth Room</i> Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00-6.00 p.m. 5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tue 28	Ladies' Golf : Medal, Army Bridge	7.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.
Wed 29	<i>BWG Bridge : Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis and Squash Club Night	9.30 a.m. From 6.00 p.m.
Thu 30	Ladies' Tennis Ladies' Squash	8.00-10.00 a.m. 9.00-12 noon

Note : Non Club events in italics

For further information, see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers.

ARE THERE ANY BC RELATED EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE PUBLICISED IN THE OUTPOST DIARY THAT ARE NOT IN IT ALREADY? Contact Kate Herbert, 286-9945, or leave a note for her at the BC reception.

COMING SOON

The Entertainments Committee presents:

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FROM THE EDITOR

IT has been a long time since you've heard from me so before large numbers of you take wing to the ends of the earth; a few words.

Our Chairman, Brian Heath has been sick recently and actually spent a few days in hospital. He is now on the road to recovery and I'm sure that we all wish him a speedy one.

There have been many complimentary remarks made about OUTPOST over the last few months: "Who needs the Spectator when you've got..." "Best read in town" "Beano's not a patch on..." and so on. Keep it up, we love it. It's nice to know that the hours of work produce something that is read and appreciated by many of the members. Thank you. Many thanks also to the people who write the articles each month, without you there would be no magazine.

My addiction to exclamation marks has been noticed. Psychotherapy and acupuncture have made no difference I'm afraid, so they're here to stay!!

It's interesting to meet the new members each month, though the task of photographer/interrogator has become Herculean as the numbers increase not to mention the difficulty of hanging onto drink, notebook, pencil and the occasional cigarette at the same time!

Going back to thoughts of holidays for a moment; the first OUTPOST team member, Rachel has already flown the coop to India and the U.K. and the rest of us will follow over the next couple of months. We have a dearth of writers over this period, and therefore would like to gather pieces to cover the summer issues. So if anyone feels like putting pen to paper or finger to keyboard before going (or whilst remaining) don't hesitate. All contributions are gratefully accepted. Photographs of Club events too (see Bill Dickey's comment); we're often stumped as to who to ask for pictures so if you do take them please drop us a line (to reception).

I hope that you will all go and see "Long Days Journey into Night" it is a powerful play with an excellent cast. (see New Horizons)

The Folk Night was well attended (until the early hours by some) and unsuspected talent was discovered. It is hoped that this will become a regular event; so all you shy spoon players will have another chance to show your mettle (couldn't resist that one).

Happy holidays to those of you departing in this next month, see you when you get back.

Maren

P.S. Does anyone have a copy of "Rum and Coca Cola" by the Andrews sisters that they could lend to me for a short time?

Meet the New Members



Margaret and Ian Neighbour: from the U.K., this is their first post abroad and they like it. Ian works for Alucom, producers of toothpaste tubes and aerosol cans. He likes swimming and women, Margaret likes swimming, men and photography.



Klaus and Renate Hirte: from Mannheim, Germany. Klaus is here with Lever Brothers. They have two boys 8 and 10 who go to the Swiss School. The Hirtes favourite sports are tennis, golf and meeting people.



Lawrence Stephenson: with Ian Aldridge (left) and David Jezeph (centre) First Secretary Commercial Section at the British Embassy, Lawrence has been here for 2½ years already and blames his indecisive nature for his tardiness in joining. He is a keen but dreadful tennis player.



Robert and Anne Cross: (foreground) from Melbourne. Robert is with the Department of Land, Anne was a teacher back home and has been teaching English here. They live in the 'Natural Place' which makes sense as they're fans of nude tennis, the latest Australian national sport. (you learn something every month with OUTPOST!) Seen here with Jan and Ritchie Briggs.



Mary and Leslie Ion: with Carol Anwar, Mary is a Welsh Liverpudlian and Leslie a normal Prestonian but Australia has long been home. Their sporting life sounded in total disarray; Mary has golf clubs but can't play and Leslie rides but has no horse. (there must be an answer to this.)

Mary Jansson: (right) minus husband who was on a trip. Mary is learning to play golf and Dugal Forrest has offered to coach!

Poranee and Phiphat Sae-Lo: came to Bangkok from Kampuchea 18 years ago. The family has a jewelry business. Poranee and Phiphat brought 4 of their 7 children along too.



Flemming Nielsen: (right) a Dane here with DANIDA (Danish International Development Association). Flemming is educating Thai Merchant Marine officers. He has been here for one year with his French wife and two daughters.

John Murphy Esq.: (left) from Cork, John has spent the last 16 years in Singapore. His wife of one month, Myat is Burmese and lectures in English. John is a sailing fanatic.



Dominique and Jean-Michel Mousniers-Lompre': (right) came here from Paris 2 years ago. Dominique is secretary to the French military attache' and Jean is a free lance building engineer. They have two small children and have joined for tennis, swimming and the people.

Rebecca and Alan Wall: their first 6 months in Thailand was spent in Pattaya, they're now Bangkok based. Rebecca is a free lance journalist, her favourite subjects being drugs, refugees and slums. Alan is one of the British Telecom lads, and he plays squash; they both like travelling. Keeping the four of them company – Grainne James, in the middle.

Adolph Knees: (centre) from Kiel, Adolph is a long time Bangkok resident; he has his own company which manufactures ladies' underwear. He is President of the German-Thai Chamber of Commerce and a past Commodore of the Varuna Yacht Club. Apart from sailing Adolph enjoys tennis and swimming.



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THE BILL DICKEY COLUMN

SEVERAL friends have informed me that the lovely Jane Rodgers would love to know my true identity – any time she cares to have a drink with me (preferably when Peter is away) I would be happy to reveal all! The ladies have been busy this month – Rachel Dance leading the Rugby Section to victory in the Quiz Night Final. Amusing questions were asked as to her "role/position" in the rugby squad, wonder how she manages in the scrum. OUTPOST Editor Maren looked absolutely gorgeous on St George's Night but how does a little thing like that keep tucking away the booze (the hotel mistook the booze for her table for the pre dinner cocktails). She ought to have a competition with manly Jim Howard one day – we could call it "Little v. Large" or "Beauty v. the Beast" etc.... Kenda Harris seemed to undergo several personality changes during and after the St George's Ball – this talented lady organised the Cabaret, stole the show as Margaret Thatcher – something about "buying British – they don't split" – well I suppose she would know and then I heard she was prancing down Suriwongse Road in a Vicar's Outfit. David Williamson is a lucky man – having a "working lunch" with the OUTPOST ladies – do they need any men on the OUTPOST committee? Next month should be kind to Australians month – they have had some grievances lately and justly so. Some were upset by Mr Baldwin's joke about Bionic Australian(s) at the St George's Ball but they will also be upset to know that Mr Heath, our new illustrious leader, took down and broke the yellow Australian map clock in the Churchill Bar after the committee decided to ban advertising in there. After this act of premeditated hooliganism (the sort that is prevalent in the U.K.), Brian ought to keep his running shoes on, just in case. Judging by OUTPOST photos, the St Patrick's Ball was a cosy affair with only seven guests, they could hold it in the gents next year! B.C. Quiz Nights were a great success, however I noticed that some of the participants this year were not actually B.C. members. A bit disappointing for true members who didn't get a chance to join in. Let's have bona fide members next year. Why is Vince Swift always late – does some shapely resident in the Snakepit shower delay his departure? Dave Wallace (described by my wife as cuddly) looks remarkably well after his trek in Nepal – did he find Shangri-la? What is wrong with all my friends who have seen "Fatal Attraction"? It would appear to be enjoyed by the ladies but not their husbands, does Michael Douglas provide the extra or are some of the men scared out of their minds/pants! It seems that young Alistair Rider missed out somewhat on the Bang Phra golf course the other week-end by having a caddy the same size as himself, christened, Lek. Poor thing. (Alistair that is)

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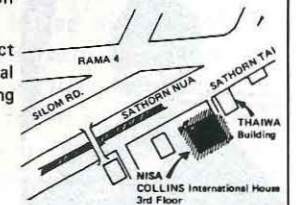
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TRAVEL LOG

Korea -- The Land of the Morning Calm

KOREA, the 'Land of the Morning Calm and the Afternoon Chaos' or, as has come to be the modern version, the Land of the 'Morning Calm and the Afternoon Tear Gas'. It is very true that this is the land of the Morning Calm as the Koreans do not like to get up early and it is always possible to get the best bargains of the day in the morning, but by the afternoon everything is in full swing, whether it be the hustle and bustle of a normal working day, or the students hurling petrol bombs at the police.

My family and I arrived in Korea on a very grey day in January 1982 and as we came out of Kimpo Airport we had to stop and stand to attention as it was 5 p.m. and the National Anthem was being played over the loudspeakers. This happens at 5 p.m. every day in most offices and public places in Korea as the flags are lowered. However, it does not happen when it is raining because they don't raise the flags! That was the first of many introductions to our new way of life in the Orient.

Korea is a land of four seasons. They are all beautiful in their own way. After the harsh winter, springtime comes as a burst of colour as flowers



Seoul City Centre.

blossom in profusion. Summertime is green and lush and the autumn colours, as the leaves change are breathtaking. My husband had spent three months in Korea from July to October the previous year and had come home with photographs taken in the summertime but when we arrived in January, it was very different. The temperature was -17C and there was not a bit of green to be seen anywhere. Because of the low temperatures everything freezes and dries in the winter, even the evergreens. Winter in this country is very cold, however it gives one the opportunity to learn games like bridge and mahjong and enjoy pastimes such as silk embroidery and

macrame. Recently there have been a number of ski resorts built, two within an hours drive of Seoul. As a new sport skiing has become very popular with the Koreans. There is a large skating rink in Seoul but it is also possible to skate on the lakes, rivers and paddy fields which, although rather hazardous can be fun. The Koreans love to 'ice-fish' as they call it. This entails sitting in the middle of a lake on a stool, having made a hole in the ice through which to dangle a fishing line. How they don't freeze to death as they sit there for hours on end, I'll never know, but they enjoy it and presumably they are rewarded for their patience.

On arrival in Korea one



Skiing resort at Dragon Valley N.B. Note use of artificial snow.

experiences a strange smell that pervades everywhere – that is kimchee. This is a Korean speciality that, without exception, every single Korean is addicted to and they eat it for breakfast, lunch and dinner. There are various forms but in the main, it is pickled cabbage with tons and tons of garlic which has been put in a special pot and allowed to rot. You might say, that's fine, they are eating it not you, but try travelling in a lift on a Monday morning – or any time for that matter – with a number of Koreans, you will change your mind; first-hand it is not too pleasant, but second-hand it is most definitely not to be recommended.

The Korean peninsula has been under foreign rule for most of its existence, the most recent being by the Japanese from 1904-1945. It was in 1945 that the peninsula was split into North and South across the 38th Parallel. When the North Koreans came across this line in 1950 it was the beginning of a war which totally destroyed the country.



The centre hut is the negotiating room at Panmunjon on the north-south border.

at the beginning of April which is called Arbor Day or 'Plant a Tree Day'. On this day every Korean plants a tree, either at their home or in the countryside, which, over the years, has contributed to the 'beautification' of the land.

During the five or so years we spent living in Seoul, we saw many changes. The country is expanding by leaps and bounds, this, in the main, is due to the fact that Seoul was selected as the venue for the 1988 Olympic Games. The people are optimistic that these Games will do for Korea what the Tokyo Games did for Japan. I personally doubt that this will be the case but I am sure that it will be a tremendous achievement for the country and the Olympic complex itself is quite magnificent. Unlike a number of other countries in the past, they were actually able to try out the facilities when the Asian Games were held there in 1985 and in spite of threats from North Korea, they have gone ahead with the planning



Bopju-Sa Temple.

with single-minded determination.

Another thing that strikes one on arrival in Korea, is the monotony of the cars, both the makes and the colours. Unless you are a diplomat it is forbidden to import foreign cars, although these restrictions are soon to be relaxed and the prohibitive taxes lowered. Status is very important to the Koreans and if you are head of a company then you let the world know by having a black car. You can imagine the consternation in our office when a new arrival decided he would like to have a black car, not knowing the form, and the Koreans just didn't know how to tell him. They kept saying it was impossible, but could not bring themselves to explain why, as they were afraid they would offend him. Eventually another expatriate in the office discovered what was happening and resolved the situation, much to everyone's relief.

Transportation in Korea, and in Seoul in particular is not a problem. Taxis are

plentiful and commonly known as 'kimchee cabs' because of their bright green and yellow colours. Travelling on a Seoul city bus can be a very hazardous experience indeed and if one gets a seat one is extremely lucky. If a seat becomes vacant and you head for it as fast as you can, you can bet your life that you will be beaten in the rush by yet another arrogant male as he pushes a mere woman out of the way! During our time in

Korea, an underground system was built, both in Seoul and in Pusan – the Southern capital – which made driving fairly hazardous. Although there were metal plates over the holes in the road where they were constructing this subway, it was not uncommon for vehicles to suddenly disappear before your eyes as parts of the road collapsed. Unfortunately there were quite a large number of deaths, not due to the traffic chaos, but due to vehicles trying to use the subway before it was completed! However, now that the subways are in operation, getting around both cities is, of course, much easier and quicker.

Although Seoul boasts lovely wide roads, every day the traffic is increasing at such an enormous rate, that it will not be long before it takes as long to get around there as it does in Bangkok. Another big problem is that because there have only been cars on the roads for the past 15 years, there are never enough car



A traditional Korean wedding.



A typical Seoul Street.



Spinning cotton the traditional way. The ladies are wearing hanboks.

parking spaces in the hotels and public buildings. To my recollection there are only two large multi-storey car parks in the city and these belong to an office block and a hotel who are owned by the same company.

No article on Korea would be complete without mentioning the shopping, as I am sure everyone is aware, a large percentage of clothes on sale in the U.K. have come from

the Far East, Korea in particular and shopping in Seoul is a paradise with all those exports that have either fallen off the backs of lorries or were factory rejects – one has to be careful of the latter. I know one time I came home with a new shirt for my husband and when he took it out of the packet there was no back to it! This does not happen too often and one gets wiser over the years, careful inspection

being the rule rather than the exception. If you do take a defective article back to the shop, there is never any problem changing it for a whole one! Of course it is not just clothes which are a good buy in Korea, just as here, the fakes abound, sports shoes and bags to name just two items.

One of the most popular genuine items is eel skin. It comes in all shapes and sizes from handbags to shoes, briefcases to wallets and also in every conceivable colour. This very soft hide is extremely hard wearing and is very popular, this is a cottage industry which has expanded enormously over the last five years.

Finally, if you are planning a visit to Seoul you will need an empty suitcase for all the bargains you will find. Don't expect to find the variety of restaurants there are here, unless you are prepared to eat Korean food, it is hamburgers or the hotels. If you visit between October and May, make sure you take a warm coat and a sweater or two. You will find lots of things of interest in and around Seoul. One final word of advice, if you are thinking of going for the Olympic Games, you might already find a problem getting a hotel room as most of the large hotels were fully booked two years before the event, but I believe there are smaller hotels available.

Jane Windeler

NEW HORIZONS

Gleanings

I read in the Sunday Times recently that the Filofax is now NAFF (or whatever the current expression is). It is now thought to be easier to take a small diary around with you and keep car-service records, swatches of curtain material and instructions on how to apply a tourniquet, at home – possibly in a pile on the dressing table where they were in the first place. I am able to keep up with such useful snippets of information because we have the luxury of having the Daily Telegraph and the Sunday Times posted to us – hold it! Did I say luxury? Torture more like! We DON'T get the colour supplement which every week looks even more exciting when reviewed on the front page. Why is it then that when you rush to the local paper shop on the first Sunday back on home leave, it has been decided that for the next 8 weeks to feature the most boring articles?

However, the Saturday Telegraph now has a Weekend section that is a fair substitute for the magazine. Looking through the recipes in the Wine and Food Section though, unless I could come up with either haddock, gorgonzola, nettles or 2 large cooking apples, I could not have completed any of the four recipes of the week. Is it any wonder then that when I am in England my mother says to me "How can you spend 2 hours walking around Sainsburys?" "Quite easily, Mum", I reply.

When I was a working wife in England they did not have these things that you stir into a pound of meat and 'Hey Presto' you have Chicken Chasseur of Boeuf Bourguinonne. Neither did they have little polystyrene trays of chopped-up salads, pots of dressing by Paul Newman, ready-prepared dinner parties and even tetra packs of wine to serve it all up with. Half-baked used to mean something else a few years ago and now you can get bread, croissants and hot-cross buns in this condition. And they think that we have it easy!!

What inspired me to write this article was that, in the same edition as the Filofax observation and the 'Wine and Dine' was an article about a spinster (she enjoys being called that and would be horrified at being referred to as Ms) called Miss Dorf who spent her life caring for her aged mother and now travels the world painting and on special occasions wearing an antique Chinese robe that she bought in Peking.

Does she yearn for Filofax or The Sunday Times Supplement? Not a bit. She carries her treasured belongings in an old sleeping bag. Her possessions include her brushes and paints and she says "I am the last of the old maids travelling to paint watercolours".

Miss Dorf – you are a lesson to us all.

Pamela Rennie

"Long Day's Journey Into Night"

MORPHINE addiction, pathos, tragedy, love, and hate, all combine in Eugene O'Neill's gripping autobiographical play, 'Long Day's Journey into Night'. This 1957 Pulitzer prize winning play has been selected by the newly formed theatre group, The Playmakers, as their first production, slated for the third and fourth weekends of June. Dedicated to his wife and written in anguish O'Neill thanks Carlotta who "gave me the faith in love that enabled me to face my dead at last and write this play." The Tyrone's parallel O'Neill's own family. His mother, like Mary Tyrone, became addicted to morphine after the difficult birth of her third child, who subsequently dies at an early age. James Tyrone Sr. has a single starring role that at once gives him success and stagnation. Elder brother James is an alcoholic whose behaviour toward Edmund (Eugene) alternates between being destructive and supportive. Edmund like Eugene O'Neill suffers from consumption. These tragic figures are woven together, locked in desperate dependency upon each other.

The play has, since its beginning, been hailed as the product of a creative genius. It promises to be a thought provoking and stimulating night at the theatre. Our own Kenda Harris, Maren White and Kate Herbert have been instrumental in all aspects of the production. Kenda will appear as Cathleen, the Tyrone's maid. Kate is the costumer and Maren is in charge of props. A special group discount for British Club members has



Kenda and Kate.

been arranged: 20 Baht on each ticket (normally B150) for groups of 15 or more.

Place : Alliance Francaise

Dates & Times:

Friday 17 June - 8 p.m.

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SPECIALS

A Day in the Life of the Vicar -- Monty Morris

SURELY challenging vocations, whether secular or religious, are notable for the fact that there is rarely a "typical" day? The Vicarship of Christ Church, Bangkok is certainly one of the most challenging in the world. Perhaps the answer is to take a year and divide the major impressions by three hundred and sixty five.

First, the Daily Routine: Up at 6.00 a.m. After this, the day will vary according to whether one starts in Church, in School or in Prison. On Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday the day starts in Church, all but Sunday being Morning Prayer. Usually one or two make up the congregation for this daily priestly duty. Most Thursday mornings at seven o'clock find me preparing to take 7.30 a.m. Assembly at Patana School. With the necessity to cater for all children, whether Christian, Muslim,



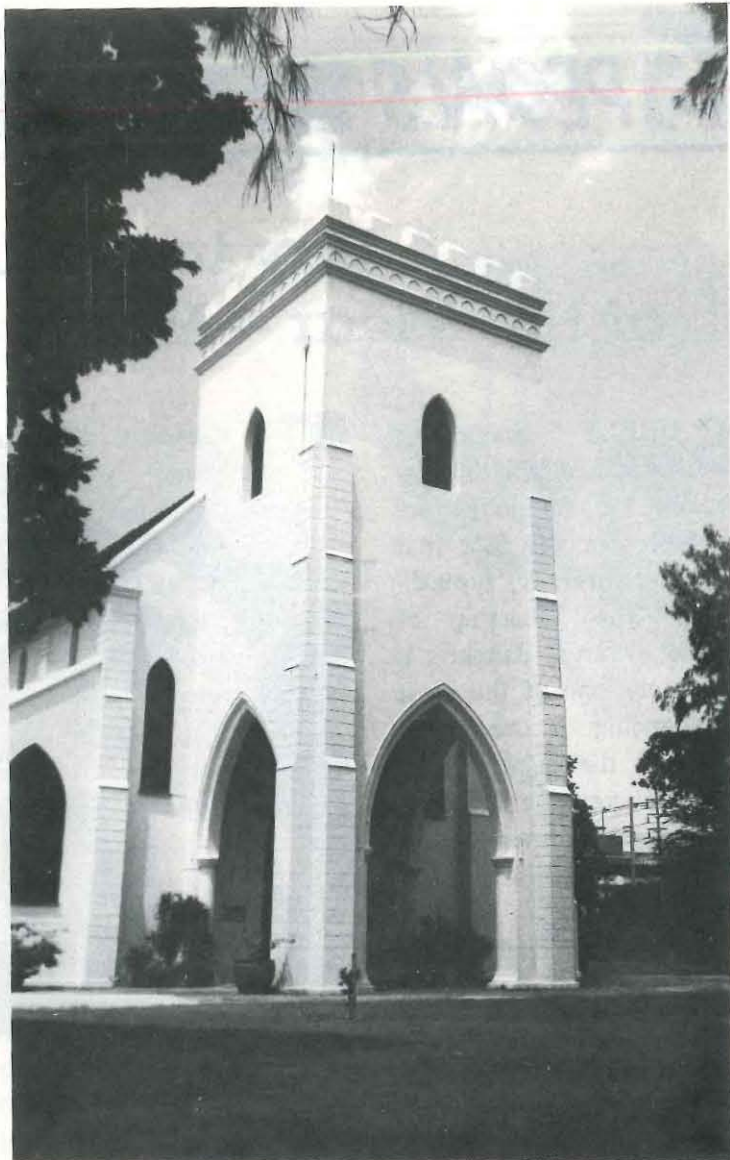
Buddhist, Hindu or whatever, this probably is one of the more difficult parts of being Vicar. If, however, I cannot relate to the children then I am in the wrong profession. On one Thursday per month the Vicar traditionally visits the Men's Criminal Prisons. The Embassies provide computer lists of all English speaking prisoners who may want to see a priest. Congregations fluctuate, but at the Service

at Klong Prem Prison in the week before Christmas, eighty-three men took Communion. The presence of AIDS antibodies in some of them really tests the faith. The saddest cases of all for us are the inmates in the Women's Prison, whom I visit on one Saturday morning per month. We meet in a classroom and there are a constant twenty - Australian, American, Filipino, German, Hong Kong

Chinese — even one mother-daughter duo. Every one of them is there on drugs-related sentences. Mostly they were caught while trying to take home the "one big load" which would have given them the money they needed. In two cases, they are lovely young wives who decided to do a quick trip to Bangkok, for profit, while their husbands were away. Now they each have thirty-five year sentences.

Tensions in the prisons are high at times. On one occasion in Klong Prem the Vicar was attacked because the attacker believed that he, the Vicar, had been telling God not to listen to his (the prisoner's) prayers about getting out! The other prisoners hauled him off in time. There is a basic belief there somewhere.

For a priest, the happy events are Sundays, weddings and baptisms. There are occasional notable weddings — notable for beauty, nerves or timing. The bride is rarely late at Christ Church because I always ask her to wait in my office for the ceremony to start — and to walk to the Church takes 3½ minutes! On the only occasions they haven't done this, we have had a late start; it's usually the



traffic. The latest was two hours and ten minutes. Yes — TWO hours and ten minutes! It went like this: At five to three on that Saturday afternoon I took the bridegroom and best man to the altar to await the Wedding March. At fifteen minutes past three, with Richard Hopkins, Organist, still performing manfully and

the Church nearly full of parishioners, I finally said to the groom, "How is she coming?" "In my car, with my driver," said he. Richard played on. At half past three, I said to the Groom, "Do you think we should ring?" "Yes!" says he. Richard played on. In my office, he dialled the number. Listened to it ringing.

"What are you doing answering the phone? You should be down here by now!" Listened. "What was that I saw in the bag last night?" Listened. "It must have been a very big veil!" Listened. "Well put SOMETHING ON — Anything!" The dressmaker had not yet delivered the wedding dress. By this time it was 4.00 p.m., one hour late, and Richard was ready to collapse. Barbara, my wife, organised the Vicarage staff and I returned to the microphone at the altar to invite everyone to join us on the side lawn for refreshments. So, for the first time in my life I was involved in a wedding which had an interval, a half-time. After one more hour, the bride finally arrived at the altar, looking beautiful and with tears streaming down her face. The tears had changed to smiles by the time we all signed the Register.

Cremations are a feature of Bangkok life. This must be one of the few places in the world where Christian Churches may use a Buddhist Wat crematorium. Home was never like this. Open air cremations can be quite unnerving. We have had the odd occasion when, at the

last moment, creditors of the deceased have arrived and refused to allow their one remaining piece of collateral to be cremated; occasions when, for home government purposes, the Vicar is asked to identify the deceased, and, of course the spectacular occasion when I arrived to cremate a British murder victim only to find, as the chief mourner, the wife who the previous week had been given a life sentence for the murder.

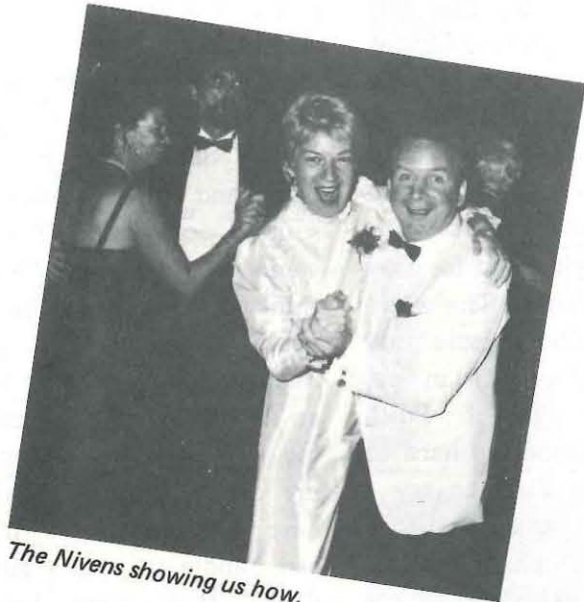
When does one tell of the many lovely baptisms and the one sweet-sad one of Lisa, who lived for only three minutes? The white bougainvillea beside our Church Organ is in her memory. Or of Edith Stewart labouring hard to teach the Vicar to say a Scottish grace, while Richard Hopkins did the same in Welsh? Or of the War Memorial Services at Kanchanaburi and the shining faces of children, grown old, who have never been able to afford to come to see their Dad's grave before? Or of the memories that live in the lovely, old, now-noisy building that is Christ Church, or of the magnificent services which still take place there? Perhaps

someday, we will have "A Year in the Life of...."

To end this day in the right spirit, let me tell of an exorcism — something else which home churches did not prepare a Vicar for. Before my first trip to take Eucharist at Hanoi, where I stay with the British Ambassador, there came a telex asking if I might come prepared also to perform an exorcism while there. "Yes, of course", answered I, swiftly writing to the British Society for Exorcism and other possible sources of help. Then came a later telex: "We think that this might be a benign Buddhist spirit. It might not take kindly to an Anglican priest exorcising it." "Fear not," went my reply. "Spirits don't have denominations. We can handle it." "Are you SURE they don't have denominations?" came the respectful reply. One essential ingredient of an exorcism is that the occupant of the room must be present during the ceremony. When I arrived in Hanoi, I found that the occupant in question was on "A mission to Ho Chi Minh City". The spirit won that round. Mai pen flaming rai.

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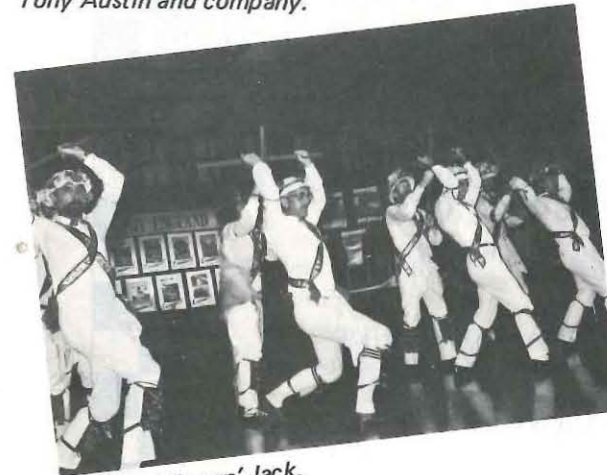
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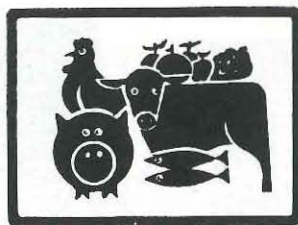
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Coronation Day Children's Sports



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FORTY four children, ages ranging from 4 to 14, enrolled for the day. They were divided into 8 teams and a Mum or Dad was assigned to look after each team. The teams were identified by the colours of green, red, black, blue, pink, yellow, purple and brown. The sports were organised along the lines of the Adult Sports Day, held earlier in the year, with varying degrees of difficulty. As it was pouring with rain at the start of the day, the teams started with squash, table tennis, golf (which was hastily set up in the Silom Sala) and swimming. A barbeque lunch was served after the swimming and with the sun shining the outdoor sports of tennis, football, rugby and cricket continued in the afternoon. At

the end of the sporting activities the children went off to watch a video while the final scores were worked out by our two intrepid score keepers, Buster and Jacko. The presentations to the winning team and individual age group winners were made and the parents retired to the Churchill Bar for a well-earned drink. The winning team was Browns, consisting of David Brazenell, Christopher Gilsonan, Stephen Forbes, Adam Yasui, Robert Rennie and Andrew Scott. The individual winners were:

4 to 7 Zoe Cockcroft
4 & 9 Stephen Forbes
10+ Nigel Howard

Many thanks to DUNLOP for providing specially designed T-shirts for the children. Thanks also must go to all the parents who helped, either

by setting up the sports or looking after the teams, without your support the day would not have been as successful as it was. A special thanks to Buster and Jacko for manning the score board all day and to the British Club staff for coping so well. All the children did a great job but a special mention should be made of our youngest competitor, Teuila Reid, aged 4, who took part in all the sports and along with all the children, thoroughly enjoyed herself.

See you all next year.

Barbara Overington

Ed. Thanks to Barbara for all her hard work in organising this event.



Maren White and her Pinks.



The Greens with leader Pat Daniel.



The Blacks led by Rita Dunford.



Anna MacPherson leading the Blues.



Cheryl Lamb leads the Reds.



The Browns and Jim Gilsean.



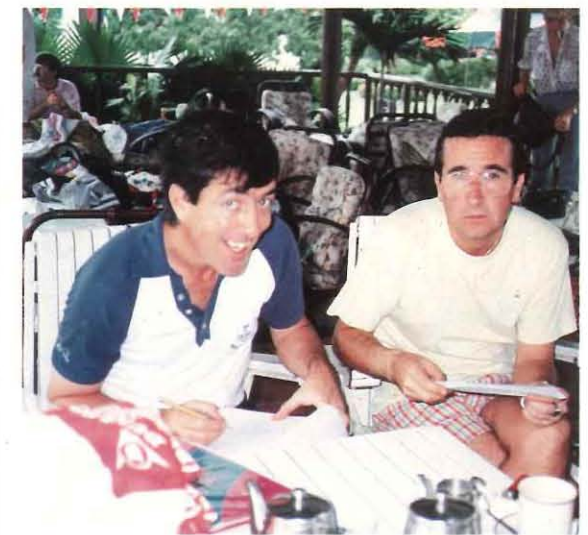
The Yellows with leader Deidre Johnston.



Mark Reid with his Purple team.



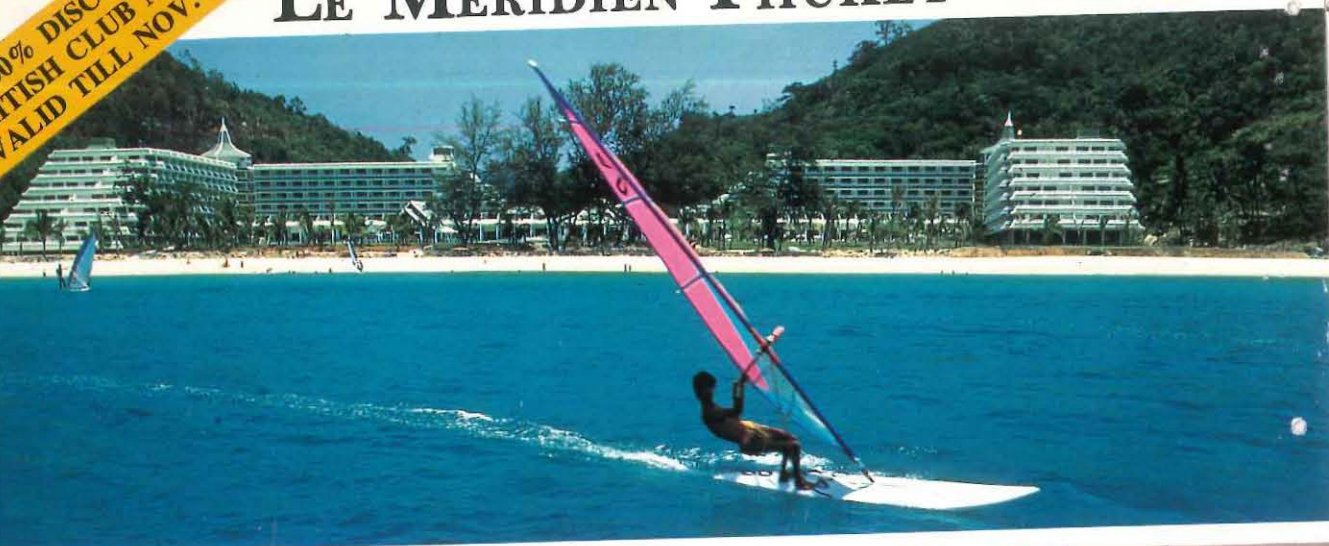
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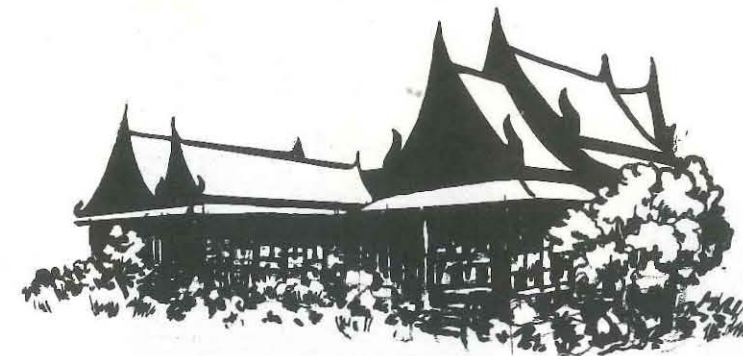
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BAN-KAEW

IN many cities of the world one has seen over the past 10 years or so, a great increase in "ethnic" restaurants, and indeed Thai cuisine has been to the forefront. Here in Thailand and particularly Bangkok (where I am reliably informed there are over 20,000 restaurants) one has also witnessed a quiet explosion, particularly in some of the older districts of Bangkok, where gracious old houses have been converted stylishly into restaurants offering cuisine which is very much Thai.

One such restaurant recently opened is the Ban-Kaew, located on Soi Anuman Rajadhon which should interest members - for the good reason it is close to the Club. For those who do not know, Soi Anuman Rajadhon is the one running from Decho Road between and parallel to Suriwong and Silom.

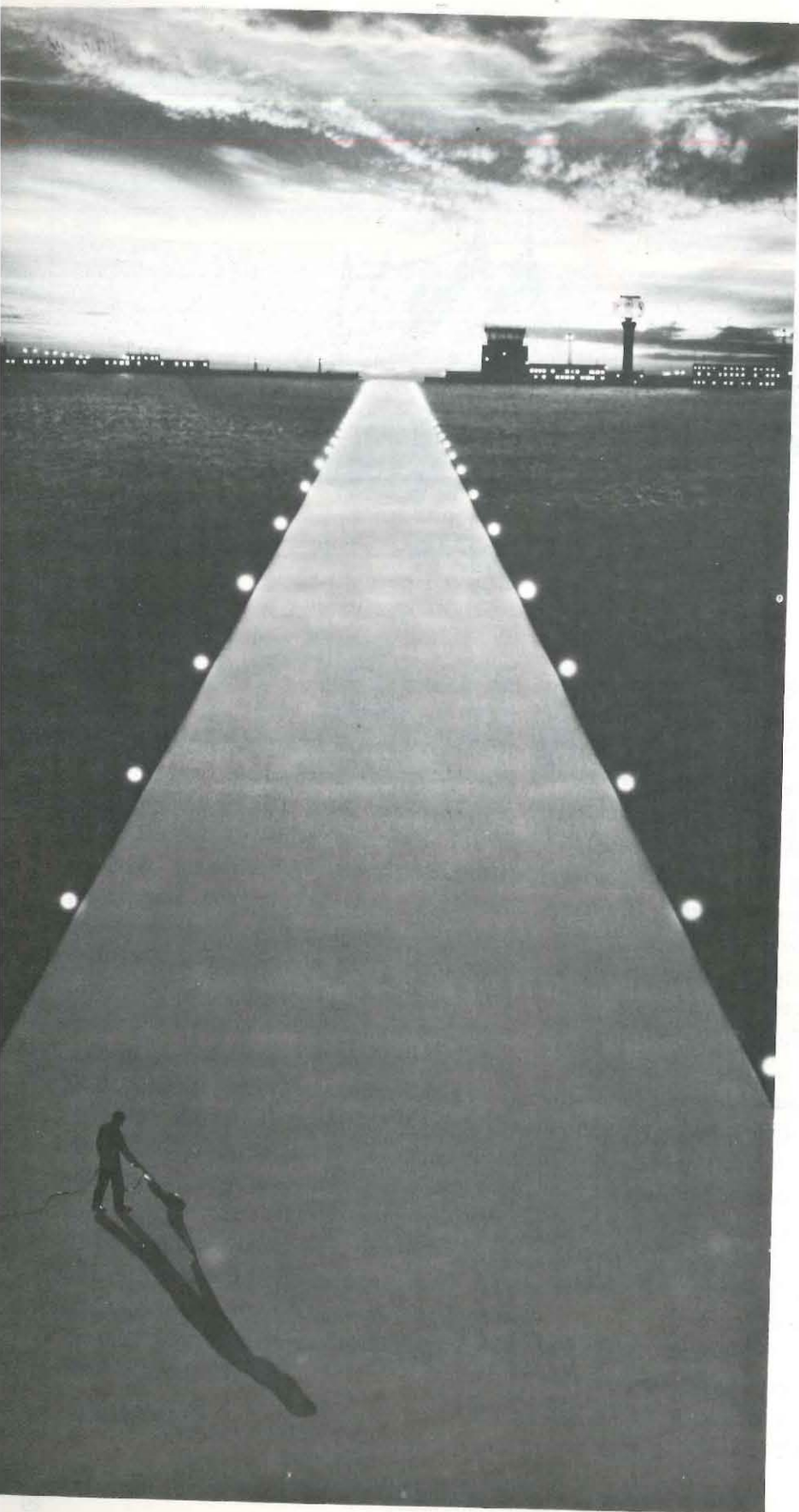
It seats about 70 people in rooms of varying sizes, and verandahs both up and downstairs. The character of the old house with carved timber everywhere

has been very well maintained, with the staff in keeping with its era being dressed in the fashion of the day during King Chulalongkorn's reign.

We tried two fish patties, one of shrimp and the other of feather back fish. The latter was probably spot on ethnically but the former was much preferred and indeed very tasty. Baked crab with clear noodles in earthenware pot came next. It was good though the crab had more shell than meat. Finally a green chicken curry which I must confess I did enjoy although generally not liking chicken. It was hot (pet) but not overpowering. The total food bill was 300 baht and was accompanied by a selection of beverages. Prices for these were reasonable for a restaurant of this standard. I have no hesitation in recommending Ban-Kaew for anyone who likes excellent Thai food in surroundings of another era.

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Plane Games

Here are four games which you can play on your way home or on holiday by plane, or even in a traffic jam in Bangkok! You don't need any special pieces of equipment – just your brain!!

1. The Vicar's Cat

Someone starts the game by saying "the vicar's cat is an adorable cat", or by using any other word that begins with 'a' such as 'atrocious', 'asthmatic', 'absentminded' or 'awkward'. The next person has to describe the vicar's cat with a word beginning with the letter 'b'. He might say the vicar's cat is a 'bald-headed' cat, or 'bedraggled' or 'bedridden'. And so the game continues, each player taking the next letter of the alphabet.

Any player who doesn't have a description of the vicar's cat ready in 30 seconds, when his turn comes, is made a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a donkey. He becomes a whole donkey after he has missed four times and from then on he can only bray!

You might agree to omit some letters like 'x' and 'z' because it is hard to find words beginning with those letters!

2. Teapot

This is a word game that is always fun. Someone selects an action verb like 'chew', 'dance', 'talk' or 'scratch'. The other players try to find out the secret word by asking questions, but they have to use the word 'teapot' instead of the word they want to know. Every question has to be answered also by using 'teapot' instead of the mystery word.

Suppose the word chosen is 'chew'. The questioning might go something like this: "Do people teapot?" The answer would be "Yes,

all people teapot." Other questions could be "Do animals teapot?" "Have we teapotted today?" "Can we teapot in the car?"

Sooner or later the guessers will have an idea what the word is. Each player is entitled to only one direct guess.

3. Fizz-buzz

In this game you count from 1 to 100 in turn, but you say fizz instead of 5 or any multiples of 5 and buzz instead of 7, numbers with 7 in them and multiples of 7. Watch out for numbers such as 35 and 57 (if you ever get that far!) as they are fizz-buzzes! Failure to fizz or buzz where appropriate results in a penalty point. 3 penalty points and you are out!

Watch out if you are playing this game with adults. They practice it at parties!

4. Pig Latin

This isn't exactly a game but it will be good for hours of fun! Pig-Latin is a 'foreign' language which you can learn in minutes! You simply take off the first letter or consonant sound of a word and add it to the last letter, then add an 'ay'. "Shall we play a game?" would become "Allshay away ayplay ay amegay?"

And finally some jokes!

Q: What do sea-monsters eat?

A: Fish and Ships!

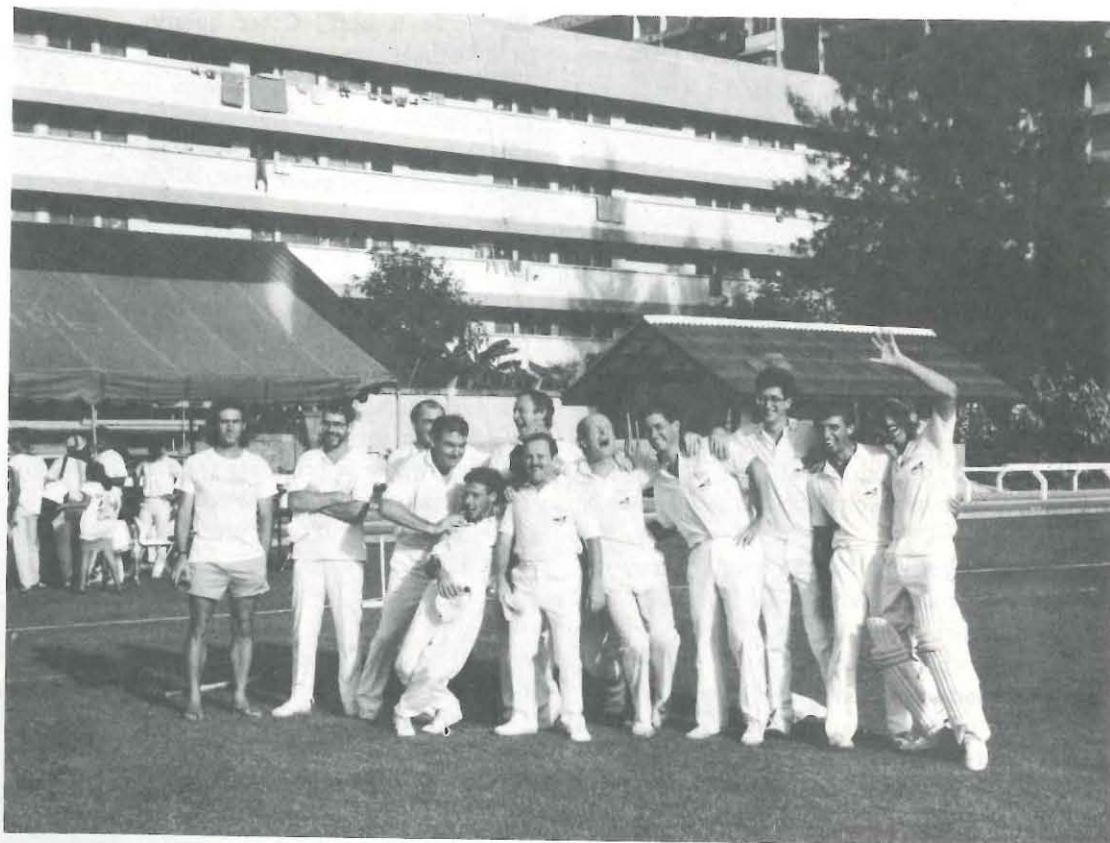
Q: What is a crocodile's favourite game?

A: Snap!

Q: What sweets do frogs eat?

A: Lollihops!

CRICKET CRICKET



BC Cricket Team Winners of 30-over League.

Big news of the month was that the British Club won the 30-over league championship. This is the first championship win since the 25-over league in 1981, and has been duly celebrated, as anyone foolish enough to wander in the bar at two in the morning on a couple of occasions recently will know. Match reports follow.

17th April. Polo Club. 50 overs vs Wanderers. Won by 7 wickets.

Wands 86 (White 10-0-22-5; Dunford 6.1-0-19-2; Dance 10-2-21-1)

BC 89-3 (Dance 28*, Adams 22, White 15, Hough 11)

With the unseasonal rain (foreign rain, according to the Bangkok Post), the Saturday 30-over game against the Thais was cancelled, and rain was still very much in the air as we took the field half-an-hour late and with only nine players for this Sunday match. In due course, George Dunford, coerced into the team at the last minute and forced to go home for his kit, turned up, followed some time later by Jack

Glattbach, by all accounts still asleep at the scheduled starting-time. This match, despite these rather inauspicious beginnings, marked a double milestone for the Dunford family, being George's first appearance, and his father's 100th appearance, for the club. Frank won the toss, and bravely decided to field first, Steve Castleline behind the stumps in Alistair's absence. As the sky got ever more threatening, the early batsmen collapsed to the pace and swing of White and Dance. Dance, in particular, bowled exceptionally well and was unlucky and not a little peeved that all the first five wickets fell at the other end. When David did finally take a wicket, in the twelfth over, Wanderers had been reduced to 25 for 6, with two catches taken at leg-slip by Geoff Thompson off Nick White, another off Nick taken behind by Steve, and three clean bowled. The seventh wicket pair, however, seemed prepared to play out the rest of the overs hoping for rain and hitting the odd bad ball. Slowly the score began creeping up until this pair had put on fifty with the help of several dropped catches. Then, inevitably these days, it was Jack Dunford who made the breakthrough, having the number eight well caught by David Dance at mid-on. The last wickets then fell cheaply and Wanderers were all out in 33.1 overs for 86, the Thai opening batsman having carried his bat for 45.

The BC reply, with Nick White and Terry Adams opening, began slowly and a little edgily. The score had crept up to 31 when Nick was caught behind for his lowest score (15) in the last eight matches. Seven overs and twenty runs later, Frank became the second victim when he was out LBW. David Dance joined Terry and it was looking certain that Terry would see out the innings when he was bowled one run short of the Wanderers' total. Jack Glattbach strode in and saw the rest of the over (one ball) safely out, then David hit a four and it was all over. The result means that the 50-over league finished like this:

1. RBCS Played 5 Won 4 Batting bonus 19
Bowling bonus 24 Total 107
 2. BC Played 5 Won 4 Batting bonus 15
Bowling bonus 20 Total 99
 3. AIT Played 5 Won 3 Batting bonus 21
Bowling bonus 20 Total 89
- (4. Chitrlada; 5. Indian CC; 6. Wanderers)

23rd April. Polo Club. 30 overs vs Thai CC. Won by 7 wickets.

Thai CC 134-6 (Glattbach 6-1-18-2; Dunford 6-1-17-1; Price 6-2-21-1; Dance 6-0-21-1)
BC 135-3 (Semple 59, Hough 42*, Dance 12, Price 10)

With top scorer Nick White opting for the Himalayan sunshine and wicketkeeper Alistair Rider opting for an alleged game played with small balls and a lot of dimples, this was once again a match that involved a deal of last-minute dialling. Jack Glattbach was out of bed well before the one o'clock start and only Craig Price seemed to have difficulty with the installation of the new flyover; the traffic around his area of town (near Bangpa-In I believe) was apparently very badly effected. Frank lost the toss, so our chances of full batting bonus points were immediately diminished. The Thais were extremely cautious against the opening bowling attack of Dance and Price, but Price claimed last week's stubborn opener in his second over when Frank Hough took a good catch behind the wicket. This was to be Frank's, and the team's, last catch of the day, despite many more opportunities for both. The next wicket did not fall until the tenth over, when Jack Dunford bowled the number three with his second ball. A few overs later, Jack Glattbach bowled the other opener, and trapped the number five leg before with his next ball. The hat-trick did not materialise, however, and with an ultra-cautious number six, the next wicket was a long time coming. When it did, BC could not exactly claim full credit, except perhaps by saying that our persistent efforts to drop catches finally exhausted the batsman's patience, and he retired himself out. As the 30 overs drew to a close, David Dance bowled the number seven for our sixth wicket and third bonus point, but not even BC secret weapon David Sinclair-Jones, brought on for the 29th over with his wrong-footed leg-spin, could produce any more wickets, and the Thais ended on 134 for 6, giving us at least the opportunity of three batting bonus points if we won. This had been a very poor fielding display all round, with several misfields and numerous dropped catches, but it was, to be fair, a very hot and humid day; the tent at the break looked and sounded like something from

the Zulu Wars, strong expressions such as "Gad, sir, the heat!" being uttered even within the hearing of ladies (Sally Dunford).

Lindsey Semple, who has had a much happier time with the bat than the ball this season, opened the batting with Craig Price, and set about the rather tame bowling immediately. 29 runs came off the first 3½ overs before Craig unluckily chopped a ball well wide of his off stump back onto his wickets. Frank Hough and Lindsey continued to dominate with the bat and were scoring at almost seven runs an over. Lindsey passed his first fifty for BC off only 37 balls and was out, caught in the deep, for 59, with the total on 96. David Dance joined Frank and the run-rate continued much as before until, with only eleven more runs needed, David was bowled; he had scored 12 runs in this match and 120 runs altogether since the last time he was out in a league match. This wicket saw his league batting average tumble from 78.00 to 62.40. Geoff Thompson came in and faced five balls while Frank took his own score on to an undefeated 42, the Thai score being passed in only the 19th over.

With one match still to play, BC now needed just 22 points from the last match against the Indians to secure the league title.

May 1st. Polo Club. 30-over league vs Indian CC. Won by 115 runs.

BC 171-6 (White 48; Price 47; Hough 23; Hall ICC 56 (Dunford 3.4-1-6-6; Price 3-0-9-1; White 4-0-20-1; Dance 4-1-21-1)

There had been rumours all week that the Indian team would not be able to get a team out because the captain was away and because of the long weekend. Then on the morning of Mayday we all tumbled out of bed to the sound of one of those solid tropical downpours that prevents you seeing anything more than ten yards away and provides instantly flooded soils. Not of course that there are many of us who can see further than ten yards anyway on a Sunday morning, but you know what I mean. The match was clearly off, and everyone gloomily returned to bed and the newspaper. At the Polo Club, the wicket was covered and the ground-staff sent home. And then...

Then the rain stopped and the sun came

out. The Polo Club had missed the worst of the storm. The covers had protected the strip. We might play after all.

And we did, starting only half an hour late, and with an opposition. Frank lost the toss, and on the rarish phenomenon for Bangkok of a drying pitch we were put into bat. No problem! Nick White, comprehensively outscoring opening partner Craig Price, scored freely, and runs were soon rattling up (squeaking up, on the Polo score-board) at seven an over. When Nick was bowled for 48 off 35 balls, the opening partnership was worth 78 off just 11 overs. The wicket brought the run-charge down to a more sedate 4 an over, but Frank Hough and Craig looked as if they would be able to bat out the rest of the overs and gain a reasonable number of bowling points. Together they added another fifty and passed the third batting point at 125, before Frank was stumped for 23. Then there was a sudden batting collapse, with Craig caught in the deep going for his fifty, David Dance being bowled, and Jack Glattbach being caught. At 143 for 5, it began to look as though we would not reach 150, but 8 runs off the 28th over saw us past that point. Nicky Dunne was bowled off the third ball of the 29th over, with BC still 20 runs short of the fifth and final batting point. Incoming batsman David Hall contrived to face all of the last nine balls, scoring one off the last ball of each over and two off each of the other seven with what can only be called adventurous running by him and partner Terry Whirlwind Adams. But it was not enough and we ended up four runs short.

This meant that we needed to win and capture at least four Indian wickets if we were to win the league. By the end of the fourth over, two wickets had already fallen, one to each opening bowler, and both taken by Frank Hough behind the stumps. At 41 for two after 8 overs, however, it was time for a change, and Dunford and Price were brought on. Craig's first over had the unusual sight of an umpire calling no-ball, twice, because Craig had neglected to tell him what style he was bowling and the rather less unusual sight of David Dance suggesting to the umpire what he might do with his two no-balls. At this point, on 51 for 2, no-one could have foreseen quite how easy the victory was going to be. Not for the first time this season, it was Jack Dunford who proved the hero of the

match. Having been hit for four off the first ball of his second over (a mis-field, to boot), his next fifteen balls reaped six wickets for just one single. At the other end, Craig also got a wicket, but as Jack's sixth, and the team's ninth, wicket fell, both of the youngsters who had alternated in the field as eleventh man for the Indians declined the offer to come in and face the ferocious bowling of Jack the Ripper Dunford, thus denying him the chance of a seventh wicket and a hat-trick. Disappointment at this missed opportunity was not, however, the order of the day, especially among several of the two opening bowlers, as it meant that Jack had ended the season as leading wicket-taker, with the second largest season's haul ever, and BC had won the league title. Quiet celebration around the water-dispenser...Indians jolly sporting...three discreet cheers for the skipper...the odd champagne bottle opened with delicacy and finesse...back to the British Club to attach a tasteful announcement for the edification of members...er...a touch more champagne...ah...things get a bit hazy at this point I'm afraid, Maren...some guy

playing a piano, quite the most tuneful I've ever heard...and er...oh yes, some of the fellows formed a sort of impromptu glee club...and Terry did something with a cue, I'm not sure what...and Colin Cowdrey turned up with Mike Binns and Brian Close all singing arm-in-arm in Pakistani accents...and Bishan Bedi stood in the corner listening to Jack talking him through his maiden over...the RBSC team popped by with a sung felicitation in eleven-part harmony...the draft beer pump started working...large stars appeared in the east...little green men with antennae.

(Sorry, Maren, I wrote this when I got home and I've just found it stuffed down the back of the radiator; I must have dozed off there, and I can't now remember what the little green men were doing, but I do know this all really happened, because I've just got back from the Annual Cricket Dinner, and nearly all the same things happened again.)

David Hall
10th May 1988

THE HONG KONG COLTS' CRICKET TOUR 23rd-24th APRIL 1988

After a lot of careful planning by Mr. Strange and others, the long awaited week-end finally arrived. The early arrival of the rainy season caused cancellations of at least two practice games. However, due to the kindness of the British Club, the Bangkok Colts were able to get a few hours of net practice. And thanks to the R.B.S.C. for the opportunity to play one colts practice game in the middle of March.

Saturday 23rd was sunny and hot - stifling! After a little net practice, the first game between the Hong Kong Colts and the Bangkok Colts began at about 9.20 a.m., at the Polo





Club's beautiful field. Thanks to the Polo Club.

Bangkok batted first against some fine bowling by H.K. In the twenty-five allotted overs, the Bangkok team reached the score of 84. Then after a brief rest, Hong Kong began their innings. In the first twelve overs, it looked as if they would comfortably pass the total (set to win by Bangkok) but wickets started to fall and the game began to swing Bangkok's way. By the 20th over it seemed all over as Bangkok, playing together as a team for the first time, pressed for a win. Hong Kong's last wicket fell in about the 22nd over, 8 runs short of the Bangkok total. Hong Kong's total was 76. This was a fine effort by Bangkok against a Hong Kong team that had played together many times and had



not previously lost.

The second game, set for Sunday afternoon at the R.B.S.C. was washed out. Everyone was disappointed. However, the boys enjoyed a

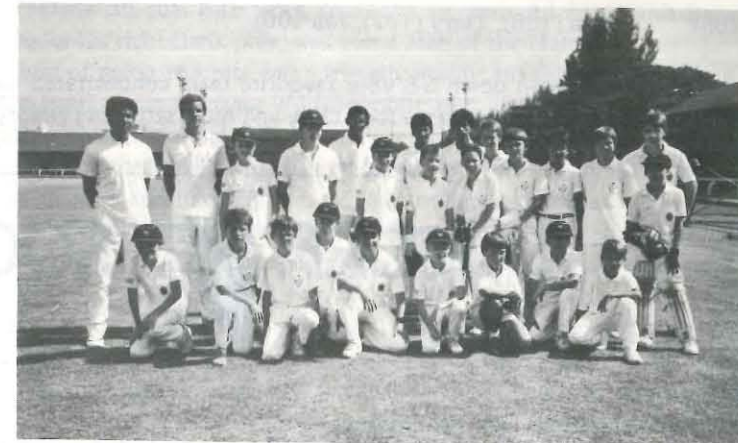
game of ten-pin bowling.

On Sunday evening, everyone involved gathered at the British Club for an enjoyable and relaxing time.

Following a delicious meal,

presentations were made to all participants and organisers, together with appropriate words of thanks. Special thanks were expressed to Castrol for the trophies; to Dunlop for the shirts given to all the boys; to Mr. Malburi for his coaching, and to others for their contributions. Thanks to the B.C. for use of the facilities.

Although the Hong Kong team was denied the opportunity to level the score on the Sunday afternoon, the important thing was that, firstly, the week-end took place, and secondly, it took place in a good, "cricketing spirit". Warmest congratulations to all the boys for contributing to a good, evenly balanced game, and to those who put it all together so well.



Expression was made by several people that this "event" should become an annual one. At the close of the presentation/reception on the Sunday evening, Hong Kong formally extended their invitation to Bangkok to return the visit at the end of March next year. This seemed to meet with the

approval of all present.

We all look forward to next year and hope that these exchange visits of cricket colt teams will continue in a good spirit for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted
Paul Smith
April 30th, 1988

DARTS DARTS

At the time of going to press the B.C. Lions have played 4, won 3, lost 1 and are close to the top of the Castrol Division. Sheri Fletcher is scoring tons at a fair rate and closing regularly, as is Andy Pickup. However, in the absence of score-sheets this information has been gleaned from the Bangkok Post, so I can't give too many details.

The Unicorns having lost the first match 15-2, could only muster 4 players the following week due to a mix-up about venues (by yours truly). Consequently a 13-4 defeat to a team we otherwise should have beaten. But things have started to improve with 2 wins by the miraculous margin of 9-8.

Moonshine Joint 13, Unicorns 4

Closes : Patrick Windeler (2), Terry Adams

Tons : Terry (100)

Dot B 8, Unicorns 9

Closes : Terry (2), Roger (2) Wan

Tons : Bryan (100,100), Terry (100,100,100), Mike (100)

Unicorns 9, Darts Centre All-Stars 8

Closes : Orin, Terry, Roger, Bryan (2), Wan, Jon

Tons : Orin (138), Terry (102), Jon 100)

Having been down 5-8 your favourite team concentrated on their Klosters and picked up the last 3 singles and the team game for a close and most satisfying victory.

SOCCKER SOCCKER

Salutations from the Section,

Once more into the Greech. Less narrative this month as games were almost as scarce as British Club members at a Temperance Meeting but I thought it would be interesting (at least to those who like to see their names in print) to review the season's statistics as the end is nigh! First however...

Match Report

Our final league game was played against the youth of the International School (ISB). Regular readers will remember from last month that we drew our match against leaders Benz which meant the best we could finish was second. With little but pride to play for on both sides one could imagine this match would fall into the cliched category of "typical end of the season encounter". It was not to turn out that way. The score remained nil/nil at half time with both sides playing some nice football but with the quality of the final touch not matching the build up. This left the defences on top.

The second half turned into a thrilling encounter however. The School took the lead from a set piece free kick on the edge of the box abetted by some slack marking in the centre. We need a little tightening up on set piece marking by getting more people to drop back, as often the opposition appear to have a 'spare' man. With 15 minutes left, the School against the run of play, went two up. We were dispossessed mid-way inside our own half and the School winger brilliantly ran on past two lunging tackles to pick his spot. A gem of a goal that belied his tender years yet again. We looked at each other puzzled, as we were playing some of our best football since the turn of the year.

In true Ray of the Rovers "the-game-isn't-over-until-the-final-ball-is-kicked" fashion we rolled up our sleeves (hard since we all have short sleeved jerseys) and buckled down. A tactical substitution bringing on Andy Massey's brother Rod, visiting from Oz, and making up the numbers due to a player shortage gave us an extra midfield player for a defender and we "turned the screw". With 8 minutes left, some very smart lead up play on the right lead to Frank Hough, moved to centre forwards for the night, to score our first reply.

Three minutes later the same right flank was involved leading to an inside pass to Steve Castledine who scored with a brilliant forty yard drive that found the net like an exocet missile. It was hard to distinguish who was more incredulous. The School for being pulled back or ourselves for seeing a Castledine's shot from more than 6 yards actually go under the bar. Seriously it was a "cracker".

Yet, wait! There was still more to come. Surprisingly, when you consider the difference in total age of the two teams must be in excess of 200 years (Jimmy Howard at 63 accounts for 45 alone), our stamina appeared to be greater than the kids. Confidence obviously played a big part in this also. A period of furious action around the School goal mouth ensued, culminating in Frank Hough (surely a 1988 answer to Nat Lofthouse) notching the winner with one minute to go. It was almost a case of deja vu as our first match against ISB ended in the same manner and Frank appears to make a habit of reserving his best scoring form for games when his son Simon is in goal for the opposition. Perhaps Si' is trying to make an old man happy or get a raise in his allowance. The result was enough

to leave us in second place in the league on goal difference from the German All Stars with Benz winners by two prints. Allan Morton, for his right flank play, was voted Man of the Match.

Our only other match at time of going to press was a friendly against the self same Germans. This was to be a farewell match for the German manager Willi Bolmohr who as President has been a leading light in the League organising committee and will be sadly missed by Farang Footballers in Bangkok. It was also the first 'adieu' match for Steve Castledine who I suspect will have more farewells than Frank Sinatra. Steve leaves us in June and like Willi has done a tremendous amount of unseen work organising the Farang League as well as captaining the B.C. side in their very successful 1985/86 season and being the mid field dynamo for over four years. More of this later but back to the game. I was not there personally but my spies tell me it was a most enjoyable match to play in.

The final score was a 3-2 victory for the B.C. with a German own goal cancelling out one from Jim Howard (I know how they both feel). Scoring at the right and for us were Andy Massey and, fittingly, Steve Castledine. This was our first victory over the Germans this season and was all the more satisfying for it.

'Lies, damned lies and statistics'

Unfortunately the lead time on printing 'OUTPOST' means we are not able to include details of our Singapore Tour or build up match with Unocal. However our record to date in all 11 a side matches is as follows:

	GOALS					
	P	W	L	D	FOR	AGAINST
Farang League	16	10	3	3	36	16
R.B.S.C. Floodlit Trophy	4	2	-	2	11	5
Chiangmai Triangular Tournament	2	2	-	-	6	2
Friendlies	7	4	2	1	12	7
'Casuals' Matches	2	1	-	1	6	2
TOTAL	31	19	5	7	71	32

The team won the Chiangmai Triangular Tournament and also the Annual Challenge against the Gymkana Club which was incorporated into this event. In addition we reached the Semi-Final of the R.B.S.C. Floodlit Tournament.

We also participated in the ISB Four-a-side, finishing as also-runs and in the R.B.S.C. 7-a-side where team A reached the Plate Semi-Final. Again at time of writing we have not yet completed the Farang League Cup and there is some question over whether this competition will be played this year as half the current League committee leave for pastures new this month (always a problem in expat circles).

One interesting point was the contrast in League records before and after Christmas. To the break we played 8, winning 6 and scoring 24 against 6. After we only won 4 scoring 12 and losing 10. Too much Christmas pud? Seriously the softer pitches in November/December suit the footballing sides.

Goal scorers in the League were as follows:

10	-	A. Massey
8	-	S. Castledine (incl. 2 penalties)
6	-	F. Hough (incl. 1 penalty)
4	-	M. Pomfret
3	-	A. Maynard
1	-	A. Morton, J. Cockcroft, A. Forbes

Leading scorers all games:

14 - A. Massey
12 - F. Hough, S. Castledine
9 - M. Pomfret

Now the Player of the season Awards. We took a vote after each match for Man of the Match with only competitive games counting for Player of Season. Before the Singapore Tour the votes in excess of 10 stand at:

Steve Castledine	30 votes
Frank Hough	27 "
Craig Rennie	23 "
Vince Swift/Mike Pomfret	22 "
Dave Wallace	16 "
Jim Howard/A. Forbes	13 "
Allan Morton	12 "
John Cockcroft	11 "

Watch next month's episode for the final tally.

Lastly on stats. We used 28 players in all games throughout the season, 23 in the League. We had no ever-presents but Steve Castledine and yours truly missed only 2 games a piece.

We used more goalkeepers (4) than Liz Taylor has had husbands. (well almost!).

Apart from the above, players exceeding 20 matches included Frank Hough. Dave Wallace, Vince Swift, Steve Martin, Mike Pomfret, Andy Massey and Andy Maynard.

Post Scripts

Last month I reported that we were almost at the end of our season and whilst it may appear we have been going on longer than Coronation Street, we are not quite finished yet although by the time you read this we will be. Next month we will have Tour Details and an article honouring departing club stalwart 'Cushy' Castledine (who will be surely missed) so you will have to put up with the wise cracks for a while longer.

Congratulations to the Cricket team led by Section member Frank Hough and with the assistance of Mark Twemlow and 'Cushy' for their league triumph. Congrats also to Peter Downs who finally 'tied the knot' and got wed to long time girlfriend Carole. This probably means he will turn up more for training nights (in the Churchill Bar).

Speaking on wisecracks: Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were holding a dinner party and as Ginger was still touching up her make-up she asked Fred to check out the culinary delights cooking away. Fred tripped down to the kitchen and first opened the top oven to check the roast. No problem. Next he opened the bottom oven to make sure the dessert was alright. As he did there was a mighty explosion and Fred was coated in sticky blamanche. "What on earth happen?" called Ginger from above. "Oh, it's nothing", sang Fred, "just pudding on my top hat, pudding on my white tie, pudding on my tails". Definition of "hormone" - a voice heard outside a brothel (sorry ed - couldn't resist one).

Finally, a duck goes into a chemist and asks "Have you anything for chapped lips?" "Certainly", the chemist replies placing a capsule on the counter, "That will be 50 baht." "That's o.k.", says the duck. "Just put it on my bill." (Groan).

Back next month and remember if it wasn't for venetian blinds it would be curtains for us all.

Tara the noo
Alex 'Scoop' Forbes

Ed: Any football "nonsense" is due to the scribes illegible writing. Scoop please note.

GOLF GOLF

The B.C. INVESTIGATIVE GOLF TOUR OF MANILLA

Three intrepid adventurers set out to go where many had boldly gone before, being David, 'Mutton dressed as' Lamb, Alistair 'Nice face, shame about the legs' Rider and David 'That'll be fifty' Williamson.

We met at the Airport Thursday lunchtime and as hardened high flying travellers, great influence was brought to bear, as we successfully had our luggage upgraded to business class - we remained in Economy! Several medicinal tonics and gin were called for as one of our members is not the happiest of flyers - bicycle clips were in place during take off and landing. Copious quantities of wine combined with happy pills were enough to allow the clips to be removed and for our white knuckle flyer to walk about the aircraft. We found him an hour later deep in conversation (well she was a good listener) with a woman from Tel-Aviv "She was lovely" he explained later.

Arrival at Manila was interesting. We had drunk most of the available wine and had even persuaded the stewardess to bring port from the front end. We explained that our upgraded suitcases were beer drinkers and they wouldn't mind if we had their port! We made it through the baggage claim area having assisted several young beautiful Filipinas who didn't want our assistance and found a taxi. In we hopped two, in the back one in the front. Unfortunately we had forgotten that we were in an old American colony and they steer on the wrongside of the road. With Lamby in the driving seat, so to speak, the cabby had little choice but to be a passenger giving the directions as we roared off to the Salahi's Hotel.

With a tough days golf ahead of us and a lot of booze already under our belts early retirement was essential. Sadly San Miguel called and at four-thirty the next morning we staggered to



Which is the white knuckle flyer?

our beds. Some of us were so unsteady that we required the help of a nurse or two from a local hostelry to assist for the remainder of the night.

DAY 1 VILLAMURA GOLF COURSE. 18 holes Par 72 Green fees Ps 380 + Caddy

Originally built by the Americans this gently undulating course proved a real challenge. As with all the courses we played, the greens were very slick making 3 putting common. The fringes of the greens were well cut allowing some of us to chip and run the ball, an aspect of the game which is virtually impossible around Bangkok. We had decided to run a four day cumulative best nett competition for a small wager and after 18 holes David Williamson led with 75 followed by Alistair on 78 and David Lamb adrift with an 83. High light of this round were our umbrella girls who were charming. Absolutely essential on a cool overcast day with no prospect of rain.

NIGHT 2

It was early to bed for some especially the 'Oldest swinger in town' who dazzled the local fillies with his white shoes, red trousers and open necked shirt. Sadly the medallion and lopsided toupé were missing.

DAY 2 VALLEY GOLF COURSE. 18 holes Par 72 Green fees Ps 350 + Caddy

As the name suggests this was a tough hilly course with several interesting holes. We were joined by Andrew Lyon (ex Bangkok) who kindly hosted the day but ran out of cash on the 14th not being accustomed to our nominal wagers.

The 18th was a 200 yd par 3 over water which was worth Ps 800 for a nearest the pin if parred or Ps 1000 if birdied. Buster was the only one to hit the green. Lamby chipped on for two and Alistair hacked onto the back for 3 and had already rung the bank to make additional financial provisions. Buster had a 35ft downhill lag put which he tentatively tapped in the general direction of the hole. After 10ft the ball had gained remarkable momentum and was still accelerating as it roared past the hole leaving him 12ft the other side. Alistair with a 30 footer but on the same line literally tickled the ball

and watched it set off, slow down, break left, speed up, break right, grind to a virtual halt and drop in. Buster missed the par, we all halved and financial sanity was restored. On the best nett Alistair moved into the lead one stroke ahead of Buster with Lamby a further stroke behind.

NIGHT 3

This was the night of French food in a Spanish restaurant, large lobsters, small dwarfs, a quick shandy with Wilhemena, and a long trek in search of the holy firehouse ably guided by Sherpa Williamson who had us walking parallel to the strip for 2 miles before admitting that the place had changed since he was here last.



The boys on the 8th at Puerto Azul.

DAY 3 PUERTO AZUL. 18 holes Par 72 Ps 580 including caddy and lunch.

We were collected by driver Litoh, courtesy of a Sydney bound Andrew Lyon, for the two hour drive to the beach resort of Puerto Azul. It turned out to be a two hour sleep as the previous evening's stroll had taken its toll!

Previously a favourite of Marcos, sadly the course was not as well maintained as the others, however its layout is incredible. Total respect is essential as Alistair discovered having par, birdie, bogey on the first three followed by a ten

on the fourth. If Valley was hilly then Puerto Azul was a veritable Everest! To get to the 8th tee required a cable car ride and the 9th only needed a gentle six iron off the edge of a cliff to put you within pitching distance. Some how Buster took 5 to get down this vertical precipice!

With soaring temperatures, no drinks at the drinks holes, no ice at the club house only the supremely fit and most courageous of athletes would survive. On we battled to the magnificent 17th, a two hundred yard par four. The hole is directly across a bay with the fairway following the cliff edge curving round to the right. Buster mishits into the fairway, Alistair slams a beauty straight into the sea and Lamby tops one into the shrubs on the side of the cliffs. Buster pars, Alistair collects a six meanwhile Lamby can still be heard hacking his way through the undergrowth with a mission to redesign the course by eliminating all known flora and fauna. A useful 11 is noted. The 18th requires a drive over the beach to the fairway below. Lamby middles a beauty and finds a solitary palm lodging his ball amongst the coconuts. The ball is spotted so Lamby calls for his 'tree iron' in Irish. His caddy calls him an idiot in tagalog and drops for a penalty! Nobody was to break 100 that day but the nett competition was surprisingly close with Lamby leading Buster by one and Alistair a further two adrift.



Lamb's tree. Spot the ball and win a bottle of champagne!

NIGHT 4

By sheer coincidence our Hotel happened to be the site of the Playboy club which was our regular starting point for the evening. Situated on the third floor the large round bar overlooks

the shore line as well as several hotel bedrooms. One of our party happened to notice a young Japanese lady undressing in one room and a large German dressing in the room next door. Yes we were so close that we were able to identify their nationalities. In no time the entire bar had switched its attention to the impromptu spectacle. Many were disappointed when the German closed the curtains but our Japanese girl continued unabashed with her boudoire, even stopping for a cigarette half way through!

DAY 4 WAK WAK. 18 holes Par 72 (two courses) Tourist Green fees Ps 1200. RBSC reciprocal club

This was to be the final day of the nett competition with all of us in with a chance of glory and several thousand Baht. They are only two par 3's which was just as well as they proved more than a little interesting. A double bogey was sufficient to win on both.

On the final count Mr. Lamb breezed in a clear three strokes ahead securing the main prize and the opportunity to take Buster and Alistair to dinner at the Playboy club that night!

NIGHT 5

Dinner at the Playboy and straight to bed after a little flutter at the tables left us with no other option.

DAY 6 was declared a day of rest before returning to Bangkok that night.

After a good lie in, the afternoon's sight seeing was climaxed with a visit to 'The Spider's Web' - a bar known for its quality of service and ice cubes. No longer the dingy hovel frequented by the entire Hong Kong Police force and B.C. rugby touring sides, 'The Spider's Web' has gone up market proudly boasting a Piano which nobody can play! That night we returned to Bangkok - exhausted and broke.

Our thanks must go to Del Tan at Philippine Airlines for looking after us and to Litoh, Andrew Lyon's driver for putting up with us. We're certainly going back next year if not before, and extensive training has already started.

Alistair Rider

SQUASH SQUASH

April's main event was the 'Dunlop sponsored' Intersociety Championship held on Sunday 17th April. Six teams took part; St. Andrews, St. George, St. Patricks, St. Davids, St. Oz and St. Elsewhere. 36 players in all and a glorious win for the St. Davids team by the narrow margin of 5 points. Final positions were as follows.

St. Davids	401	Points
St. Andrews	396	"
St. Patricks	376	"
St. George	373	"
St. Elsewhere	364	"
St. Oz (changed to L'OZ'T)	361	"

Notable individual performances were recorded by Id Hastings, Belinda Prince and Pieter Fangman who all had maximum points of 75.



Our photo shows the St. Davids winning team of John Sill, George Dunford, Belinda Prince, David Lamb (representing the sponsor's Dunlop), Pat Daniel, Roger Daniel and Richard Green after being presented with winner's cup and tankards.

Wednesday Club Night and Sunday Mixing

Your committee have noticed that the above two weekly events have not been as well attended as in the past. A notice has been circulated asking all squashies opinions on these two events and it would help greatly if all squashies would respond.

Court

Sorry about Court 2 folks but the floor finally gave way at one point and after inspection needs major surgery. Arrangements are in hand to replace the floor and hopefully by the time this is published work should be underway.

May leagues are now in full swing and we welcome new entrants, Pieter Fangman. Rod Dominy.

Mutterings were heard in the bar – after several Klosters – by one gentleman who shall remain nameless (but he always has a welcome!!) that he was making a come-back – gone are the days of wine, women and song – he's going to get fit and thrash the rest of division three. Yes... Yes we said picking him up after falling off his bar stool and helping him out to his car to be driven to Patpong for more serious training.

Forthcoming Events

Next major event is the Don Johnson Cup and Parra Handy Plate for the men along with the Ladies Cup and Len Alexander Plate for the ladies. Both competitions are on a straight knock-out basis. Losers of first matches played (not walkovers) will automatically enter the plate. Competition starts 1st June and finals will be held 3rd July.

July also sees the 15th anniversary of the squash leagues and the committee will mark the occasion in some way – details to follow.

Tony Austin



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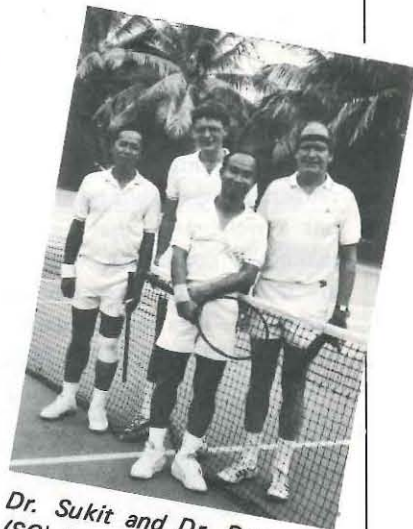
On Saturday afternoon, 23rd April 1988, the British Club tennis team, eighteen members strong, (nine men) competed against the Silom Club on the latter's courts. In this second encounter, the Silom Club won by a score of 17 matches to 6.



Marina Wilson and Fiona Casbon (BC) lost to Kongsri and Orasa (SC) 0-6.



Mother and daughter Ngarmrudee and Eunoy (SC) beat Kristeen Chappell and Fiona Munroe (BC) 6-1.



Dr. Sukit and Dr. Damrong (SC) lost to Jorgen Schmidt and Eric Young (BC) 3-6.



Pam Cockcroft and Julia Freeman (BC) lost to Wannee and Jin (SC) 4-6.



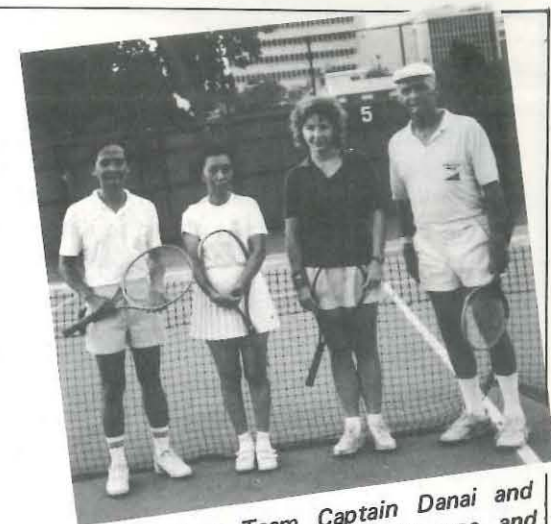
Frank Wilson and David Lanz (BC) lost to Pol. Lt. Col. Charn and Boontham 5-6.



Pol. Col. Dusdee Thiraphan and John Cockcroft (BC) beat Narongrit Atchatavivan & Sittichok (SC) 6-4.



Boontham & Kongsri (SC) beat Jackie Gramond & David Lantz (BC) 6-3.



Silom Club Team Captain Danai and Ngarmrudee beat Fiona Munroe and Gordon Martin (BC) 6-0.



Frank Wilson & Bua Wyder (BC) beat Eunoy & Narongrit (SC) 6-0.



Ian Thomas and Peter Mok (BC) lost to Praphan and Boontham (SC) 2-6.

Men's Doubles:

- Eric Young & Jorgen Schmidt lost to Thongchai & Danai 5-6
- John Cockcroft & Gordon Martin lost to Udom & Thep 3-6
- Peter Mok & Ian Thomas lost to Chaiyong & Anusit 2-6
- Wilson & Lantz beat Sombat & Boonchai 6-3
- Cockcroft & Dusdee lost to Kamol & Udom 4-6
- Thomas & Mok lost to Siri & Likhit 1-6 and lost to Sumet & Thongchai 3-6

Women's Doubles:

- Bua Wyder & Jackie Gramond lost to Orassa & Eunoy 2-6
- Kristeen & Bua beat Ngarmrudee & Kongsri 6-3
- Jackie Gramond & Fiona Munro lost to Eunoy & Umphawan 0-6
- Marina & Fiona Casbon lost to Ngarmrudee & Umphawan 4-6
- Pam & Julia lost to Eunoy & Wannee 4-6

Mixed Doubles:

- Fiona Casbon & John lost to Eunoy & Narongrit 1-6

JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND VS. BRITISH CLUB

Sunday May 8th, 1988

The fourth encounter between the Japanese Ass. and the B.C. saw the Japanese host the BC. at the BC. The two teams played to a draw of eight matches each. Details as follows (BC. members first).

Men's Doubles:

Dick Chessman and Gordon Martin beat Yani and Utsundmiya 6-4
David Lantz and Frank Wilson beat Hanad and Onishi 6-1
John Cockroft and Mike Poustie lost to Kamibayashi and Masaki 3-6
Jurgen Schmidt and Tony Freeman lost to Yani and Hanao 3-6

Women's Doubles:

Fiona Munro and Mal Chessman beat Masaki and Gotch 6-4
Fiona Casbon and Marina Wilson lost to Fujimoto and Sakara 2-5
Julia Freeman and Pam Cockerroft lost to Murasawa and Kanayama 4-5
Fiona Richmond and Bua Wyder lost to Yukie Hind and Onisha 1-5

Mixed Doubles:

Mal and Dick lost to Hanao and Mrs. Gotoh 1-5
Fiona M and Gordon beat Onishi and Mrs. Fujimoto 6-2
Marina and Frank beat Onishi and Mrs. Murasawa 5-1
Fiona C. and Jurgen beat Utsunomiya and Mrs. Fujimoto 5-0
Julia and Tony lost to Mr. and Mrs. Masak 3-5
Pam and John lost to Hanao and Mrs. Hino 2-5
Fiona R and Mike beat Yanai and Mrs. Kanayama 5-4
Bua and David beat Yanai and Mrs Sakara 5-2, 8-8

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting arranged for the 24th April was unfortunately cancelled due to most of the Committee being away. This took place on the 11th May and further details will be published next month. The Round Robin fixed for the 24th after the meeting was also cancelled as only per person signed up to play! Let's hope we have more support for the next one on Saturday the 25th June. All new members will be most welcome, this is a good opportunity to meet other members.

The Ladies Section are entering a Team Tennis Event at the Silom Club on the 4th and 5th June. There will be ten teams entering this tournament and there should be a good standard of tennis. Any support from Section Members would be most welcome. Our team will certainly need some encouragement! We wish them the best of luck.

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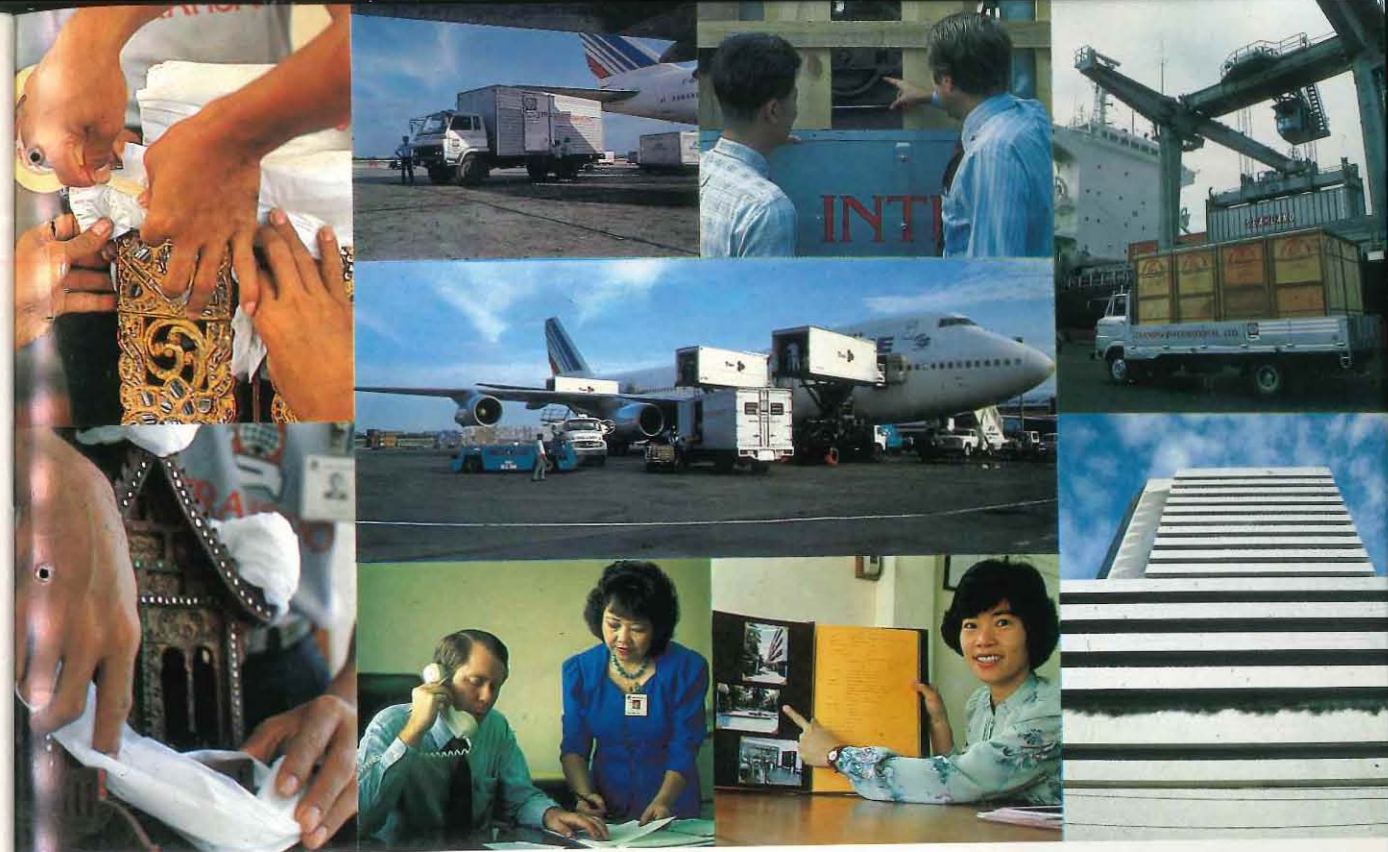


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