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# FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

**F**irst of all, apologies again. Sorry you have had to miss the April issue due to a long saga of problems with the publishers. It was so late that the Committee decided we were better off forgetting all about it and calling that issue May.

But now for the good news, you are at this moment looking at a bumper issue!! We have packed all the news from May and June into one edition of Outpost and we hope this will bring you up to date.

The British Club has taken over the Outpost again and hopefully you will now receive the magazine in time.

Of course we need you again, Outpost needs advertisements to pay for the publication! Should you wish to advertise in Outpost please contact Bea on 258 9509 (Fax/Tel) or Lynda on 392 2577.

Apologies for any sections not being included in part 2 of their reports, unfortunately they must have given up hope and did not submit their articles.

From now on the usual deadline of 1st of the month preceding publication will be on. Please ring me if you need more info.

In April we had to say temporary and permanent farewells to a few well known faces, Betty and Stephen McLaren, Bobby Harris, Rick and Maggie Harrison and Anita and Ray Hughes. Outpost wishes them all the best and hope to see them back some time in the future.

We were also shocked to hear Jane Rodgers had been hurt in a shooting inci-



dent (is this mild enough Jane? ED), but are glad she came away with just a scrape and a bald patch. She is having her story taped and if you want a copy please let Outpost know, at a fee of B375 we will be please to post it to your address.

A new committee is in action now at the British Club, already on the go since end of March. Lots of familiar faces, Nigel Oakins is the new Chairman, Dugal Forrest Vice, Joe Grunwell Sports, Bryan Baldwin will take care of Personnel, Mike O'Connor Membership Finance, Jack Dunford House and Grounds and Personnel, Frank Crocker Entertainment/F&B, Paul Curtis Hon. Treasurer and Personnel, welcome back to all of you. Two new but wellknown faces too, Colin Hastings will take up PR, Outpost and Membership Maurice Lamb will look after Entertainment, we wish them success and look forward to having a friendly, open for comments and suggestions committee.

New in Outpost this month and hopefully a regular contribution, a letter

from the Committee in which they will inform you of club rules and regs and general info on decisions concerning the club.

If you are bored with the Outpost and would like to read more about interesting subjects, why not speak to a friend and force them into writing something. Homeopathy, recipes, acupuncture, gardening, travel, childcare, exotic eating places, anything goes.

Should you have any good ideas or would like to suggest changes, please ring or fax me on 258-9509, I welcome help or constructive criticism any time (well, after 9 am and upto about 9.30 pm).

We are trying to get together a calendar of events in Bangkok for publication in Outpost, so if you know of anything going on, please ring the above number, we do need at least one month notice.

**FAMILY NEWS:** apart from people leaving - which information I get from the Club and New Members, it is amazing how little actually happens to you lot in Bangkok. Don't your children have birthdays, you are not married 10 years, you have not been in Bangkok for 3 years and are giving a party, you grandmother is not 75 on 21st June. Is there a 40's Club (I'll join next year), it would be nice to make Outpost a Club and Family magazine, but although I have a good nose for gossip, the information needs to come from you, so if anything at all is happening in your family, please let me know, again on the above number, or drop a note into the pigeon hole marked OUTPOST behind the reception.

Bea Grunwell

# FROM THE MANAGER

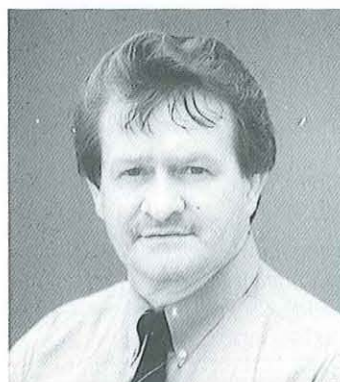
**M**ay I reiterate the Club Policy on event/function bookings held at the Club for the benefit of our new Members and as a reminder to our longer serving Members.

Cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to the event or your account will be debited the full amount.

Once you pen your intention to attend, the Club considers your seat sold and non-refundable within that 72 hour period.

## STAFF BOOKINGS

It is regrettable that staff hire only may have to cease as a service to our



Members at their place of residence. However, we are more than happy to

oblige the supply of staff providing the Club is compensated by supplying either food or beverage.

## CLUB BYLAWS

Members are once again reminded to please observe these existing Bylaws:-

d) Beverages may not be brought into the Club except as authorised by the Committee. On such occasions a corkage charge may be levied.

e) Food and other refreshments may not be brought into the Club premises except special dietary foods such as baby formulae.



# FROM THE COMMITTEE

The new General Committee has now settled in and all of the working committees are busy formulating plans for the year. Each has a list of priorities and more details of this next month. Of immediate concern, however, is the disappointing number of new members joining the club. Without them, the funds may not be readily available to tackle all of the improvement and upgrading projects we have in mind. Colin Hastings is overseeing "membership" and he and his team will be looking at possible ways of expanding membership categories to bring in the new lifeblood.

Colin has also had somewhat of a baptism of fire in that, we have been increasingly concerned about the late appearance of Outpost each month. The magazine comes under his charge and he and Bea Grunwell are now working on producing the next few issues in a more timely manner in-house. Once this has been achieved, we will again look at the

possibility of contracting an outside publisher.

Another major concern of the committee is the seeming increase in the number of unauthorised people using the club's facilities. It doesn't seem fair to us that, as members, we pay our entrance fee and monthly dues while others just walk in as non-members and use the facilities at will.

We will be talking to Guardforce to seek their advice on how to regulate proper use by members and legitimate guests only. In the meantime, members should make themselves aware of the club's rules on guests. Summary of which is listed below for reference:

Rule 58: Each Ordinary, Country, Honorary, Non-Voting and Associate Member, and spouse thereof shall be entitled to bring guests into the Club with them so long as such introduc-

tion does not interfere with the convenience of Members.

(a) Such guests if they are residents of, or working in Thailand, may not be introduced to the Club more than three times per year without the prior approval of a member of the Committee or the Manager. On each occasion, a Member brings a guest to the Club, the guest's name, nationality and address shall be entered in the book kept in the hall of the Club for this purpose. Such guests may not remain at the Club after the Member by whom they were introduced by any one Member on the same day without the prior approval of a member of the Committee or the Manager.

## THE NEW COMMITTEE

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# New Members April

Whilst I was relaxing on a sunbed on a deserted (well almost deserted) beach, kind Carol McGregor and Alexis Welsh took over to "do" the New Members. By the look of the photographs, they had a wonderful time, and both ladies insisted they would replace me anytime, any place, anywhere. So if you like what you read, compliments to Carol and Alexis.



Desmond Keane and wife Jo have been in Bangkok for 6 weeks. She still thinks she is on holiday. They were in Texas before and are here on a two year contract. They have 2 children in University. Desmond wears lovely flowery ties to suit his personality. His ambition in life is to survive! and to be able to drive, they both look forward to going to the St. Andrew's Ball. He is an ardent Adelades Crows Fan, they are currently leading the Australian football league.



Nicholas Brown, a shipbroker, has been here for two months - he was in Hong Kong before for one year, but has been round the Far East all his life, except for his Uni years in Edinburgh. He is getting married in May back in the UK, has already been training with the Rugby Section and wants to play football and tennis (fit lad!). His fiancée is involved with Arts, she was an agent for J.T. in A.K. (???ED) Nicholas expects to be here for 2-3 years. He is looking forward to travelling and eating Thai food and is not at all interested in Patpong!



Peter Gyde from Denmark works for Maersk Line, he is here on his first posting, but hopes it is not the last. He likes Bangkok and thinks there are very few things to get angry about. The weather suits him fine and as one of his hobbies is sitting by the pool, he should be ok. He likes tennis and squash and is a confirmed bachelor.



Clare Krajnyk's husband David works in Songkhla with Aquastar. They have been here since January and came from Seoul where they spent the last three years. It is warmer here she thinks and much easier to buy food. They had 3 children of which 2 are at Patana and 1 toddler still at home. She has settled in well and enjoys swimming, aquarobics, learning to play tennis and speak Thai. She has already joined the BAMBI committee. David is sports mad, he is a marathon runner and ran in New York and Paris. He comes home for weekends. Clare wants to know if there are any ladies get-togethers during the week, for women with weekend husbands.



Tim Martin a consultant for Baker & MacKenzie arrived here in mid January. He had one other posting abroad which was driving trucks in Australia. His wife Natalie will join him in July. He plays rugby when asked (Joe Grunwell action please!), but likes all sports. Although Natalie leaves him standing where swimming is concerned he tries to paddle along. He expects to be here for 2 years and is looking forward to travelling and sampling exotic food.



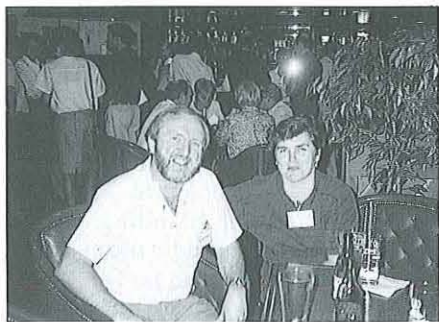
Martin Model from Switzerland, is here with Bangkok Container Line. He has been here for 1 1/2 years already, and is an active squash player with friends who play at the BC, that's why he finally decided to join. His wife was on holiday with their two children (4 and 2), the eldest will be going to a Swiss school. He enjoys playing tennis, and a little bit of soccer. Deedi (his wife) is a very good tennis player.



Edward Rubesch - in the middle of all these people - is an American, but Carol reckons that's ok. He works for Stanley Tools and is a male model for Chippendales in his spare time. He will do birthday parties, being taught to speak English by Paul Rofe. He has been in Bangkok for 5 months and is a bachelor. He used to live in Oz and plays cricket, badminton, American football. Pigs out a McDonalds every lunchtime. He used to live in the Holiday Inn on Silom and came to the BC regularly, so he decided if you can't beat them join them. He is looking for cultural experiences and wants to learn English.



# New Members April



Wayne( UK) and Werna Rose Minett (Canada) have been here for 6 months, but took so long to join because of the traffic! They have two children, a boy aged 5 and a girl aged 4. He wants to play tennis for the BC. Werna Rose works for CSB and is the Activities Director. The main reason they came to Thailand is that they both love Thai food and the snow was bad in Canada. They were in KL for 5 years. Fitness interests her, but her knees have gone.

Morris, his personal record is 5 hours in the car, so now he takes a packed lunch. Marjorie likes the people and enjoys the food especially British Women's Group lunches.



Ross Harwood from the Land of Oz has been here for one year. He is a Manager with a construction company and expects to be here for about five years. He likes the people and actually missed Bangkok when he went on a Visa run. He has spent time in Africa and Europe before but prefers Asia as a working environment. He plays squash and enjoys swimming, lives near the BC, so intends to spend a lot of time here.



Alan and Kathryn Lovell, well we know all about Alan, he plays rugby for the BC, so we'll skip him and talk to his charming wife! She was told to expect the worst before she came out to join Alan, but so far she is enjoying Bangkok. They have two children Nicholas (10) and Victoria (9) who are at BPS. She expects to be here until after Christmas. She has been out for a few lunches (no drinks of course) and been shopping on a grand scale - give her time!!



David Bryant a Captain with Thai Airways has been here for 20 months. He did not know about the British Club until about one year ago when he fell through the gates thinking he was in Patpong. He plays a mean game of Badminton, or so he says. He will be here for another 18 months at least. Enjoys sailing and most sports - his son is a world class squash player and David is obviously very proud of him. So far he is enjoying Bangkok and the Far East. He does not like the Scots so he is off the St. Andrews table this year.



Andrew Johnstone is here with G.E.C.S. Ltd and has already spent 15 months in Bangkok. He was introduced to the BC by friends of his. Enjoys playing Bridge, listening to classical music and cooking (he used to own a restaurant in the Cotswolds). He enjoys life in Bangkok but longs for the Underground. The office takes up most of his time here but he manages to relax quite well at home.



Stephen (Australian) and Alicia (British) Frances arrived here one and a half years ago. He is with the Australian Army and works for the Thai US Army Medical Research Laboratory. He is a scientist, wait for this an Entomologist, in case you did not know, this is someone who studies insects like mosquitos and diseases. He is right into Malaria and Scrub Typhus, the latter is not something we are likely to catch unless you decide to become a farmer. He also enjoys playing cricket and squash and suggests if you want to know more about malaria to ask Nick White. Alicia is an Enrichment Teacher at Bangkok Patana School. She



Morris and Marjorie Berman arrived in Bangkok around Christmas. They have two grown up children and are here for 2 years. Morris enjoyed playing squash and badminton although now he sticks to spectating! Traffic is not a problem to



# New Members April

likes reading, swimming and playing squash.



Jean-Francois aka Francois and Kim Gautrin are from Ottawa in Canada. They have been in Bangkok for six months and have a 3 year old daughter Michelle. He is an Economist with the Ministry of Transport and Commerce and is investigating for the World Bank as their Action Plans Adviser. (I hope I've got this right as I had three glasses of wine by the time he told me all this - Bea.). Kim is learning to speak Thai and plays with her daughter a lot and Francois plays tennis, squash, badminton and he also swims.



Clive and Alessandra Tilby from New Zealand have been here for 2 months. Alessandra - as the name suggests she is half Italian - spent most of Monday evening outside looking after the children (9 and 6) as there were no facilities for them inside. They also have a son in New Zealand who is a singer in a band, he will join them later on for his holidays. Clive is a civil engineer with Bilfinger Berger and enjoys all racquet sports, plus music (pop, folk and blues), he is also into climbing and tramping. No he does live in a house, this is Kiwi for hiking. Alessandra enjoys squash and tennis.



Kim and Tip McGregor (British and Thai resp) were entertaining a friend from the Royal Birmingham Ballet on Monday. Kim has been to Thailand in 1970, 1980 and 1991 and in between worked in Hong Kong, China and Taiwan, he then decided to stay in Bkk. He is a Hotel Consultant with Swiss Bell. Tip owns four ballet schools in Bangkok called the Dance Centre. They have one son who is 3 and he is the financial adviser but prefers his gymnastic lessons. Kim enjoys snow skiing and yoga and Tip plays squash.



Gregory Elton - Australian Embassy's 1st Secretary Admin, was on his own as Debbie, his wife, was looking after their children, 2 girls aged 12 and 9. Daughter Ryoka was the Captain for the Patana swimming team at this year's FOBISSEA Games. She takes after her mother who is a very keen swimmer and runs the swimming club at BPS. Debbie has recently followed a Thai massage course at Wat Po and spent 4 days in a Buddhist retreat. Here she realised that in Thailand the vow of silence is sometimes taken with a pinch of salt. Gregory was a fairy in last years Old Time Music Hall and hopes to play a big part in the BCT. He promised to write a childrens story for Outpost, so kids if you see him remind him!

## NEW SNOOKER SECTION COMMITTEE

Mike Brann	-	Chairman
Trixie Brann	-	Secretary
Mike O'Connor	-	Treasurer
Doug Mather	-	Tournaments

Please let the above know if you would like to join  
the Snooker Section



# Squash

March was another busy month for the squash section with the final games of the Harold Mercer being played and the 99th League with 12 Leagues of 6 players participating. There was also a match against nine players from the International Sports Club of Indonesia on Wednesday evening of the 24th.

The Harold Mercer Cup went right down to the line with Paul Tuffy needing to beat Barry Daniel 3-0 for team 2 to defeat team 1 for the trophy. Paul won 3-1 which made it a dead heat between team 1 and 2. The team members and their point scores were:

TEAM 1		TEAM 2	
Peter Corney	14	Andy Narramore	12
Phil Hall	10	Paul Tuffy	15
Bob Faherty	14	Andrew Francis	17
Mike Jackson	11	Caroline Jones	10
Jan Crooks	12	Alexis Welsh	7
Total	61		61

Team 3 scored 53 points and Team 4 35 points.

Well done to all participants as all games were played and a special mention to Maurice Lamb who scored the maximum of 18 points in Team 3.

The visit by the ISCI team from Indonesia on Wednesday 24th was a resounding success with many old friendships being renewed. The British Club narrowly defeated the tourists six matches to four. Most of the games were fairly even with many long hard matches being played.

Dick Anwar with his usual easy going approach turned on the pressure when needed and gave the BC a good start with a 3-0 win. Bryan Dodd had a hard five setter which he eventually won. Alexis Welsh lost in three to a player who was incorrectly billed as a beginner in initial correspondence from ISCI. Peter Corney lost a long hard match 3-1 and has resolved to get fitter and thinner. Martin Reed, recently back in Bangkok after four years away, lost a hard fought match 3-1, we will see more of him when he gets used to the hot Bangkok weather. Neville Downer after a long lay-off played well but went down in three closely fought games, his game is still good even with the lack of recent playing. Andy Narramore had a good hard match which he won 3-1. Barry Daniel, who has played very little since Christmas, won in five.

David Overington played young Christian Humphrey defeating him 3-1. The final scores were:

BRITISH CLUB	ISCI	SCORE	RESULT
Peter Corney	Craig Jones	9-7, 5-9, 6-9, 8-10	1-3
Dick Anwar	Mike Clark	10-9, 10-8, 9-4	3-0
Andy Narramore	Peter Lord	9-1, 9-0, 0-9, 9-3	3-0
Martin Reed	David Jezeph	6-9, 5-9, 9-5, 7-9	1-3
Bryan Dodd	Sav Spagnola	9-7, 9-0, 7-9, 9-10, 9-2	3-2
Neville Downer	Colin Humphrey	8-10, 8-10, 2-9	0-3
Barry Daniel	Julie Jones	9-3, 9-4, 4-9, 3-9, 9-2	3-2
Alexis Welsh	Ian Denzer	0-9, 0-9, 2-9	0-3
David Overington	Chris Humphrey	0-9, 0-9, 2-9	2-1

On completion of the competition the teams and spectators enjoyed a very good curry buffet and refreshments in the club bar. A well done for the staff who did an excellent job in looking after us.



Babara sleeping



Huge turnout at AGM

The AGM was held on Wednesday 31st with a resulting change in some of the committee members. We thank Mel Leddy and Caroline Jones, who have retired from the committee, for their assistance and support during the past year. Caroline will soon be going to Vietnam to join her husband and Mel is taking a well earned rest from his years on the committee.

ICI League winners were presented with their trophies by Mark Jones and the Securicor League winners were presented with their trophies by Simon Hornby. Many thanks to Securicor and ICI for sponsoring the League.

Peter Corney also presented the Harold Mercer Cup winners with their trophies.

For those many winners who could not attend you can pick up your prizes at the reception.

The new committee was then selected for the following year and is as follows:

Peter Corney	Chairman
Phil Hall	Secretary
Alexis Welsh	Ladder and League
Barbara Overington	Competitions
Neville Downer	Maintenance
Andy Narramore	Team Captain
Mike O'Connor	Treasurer
Paul Taylor	Outpost

On completion of the committee selection a very good curry buffet and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Keith Bell and his staff for the room preparation and fine service which helped to make the AGM an enjoyable evening.

For those who will be around next year the AGM is an enjoyable night which provides an opportunity for all squash players to get together and make any suggestions for a better





Mark Jones & Peter Corney showing off ICI shield

running of the section, this is then finished off with free food and drink.

It was interesting to note that Rodney Eyles from Australia defeated Jansher Khan in the semi finals of the Portugese Open after being two sets down. He then lost to Peter Marshall from England 3-0 in the finals. Jansher Khan is the current World Number One and is considered unbeatable at present, so this defeat by someone ranked at 13 was a major upset.

For those who need to get their rackets restrung, I recommend the sports section on the fifth floor of ZEN Department Store in the World Trade Centre. Also for those looking for a pair of Hi-Tec squash shoes try Central Department Store at Rajdamri.

The new British Club Squash Section shirts are now available in the sports centre at B170 each, they look very smart and are good value. Remember if you are chosen to play for the British Club you should wear a British Club shirt. Don't forget that we are changing to the Dunlop XX ball which is the standard ball used at all other clubs.

Any players who have old squash rackets which they don't need please pass them on to Peter Corney or Peerapon to be given to the Din Daeng Youth Centre. The squash courts at Din Daeng are the only public squash courts in Thailand and were built to give the less rich Thais and opportunity to take up the game, as you can imagine, not very many working class Thais can afford to spend 2,000 to 3,000 Baht on a squash racket. To give an indication of the progress being made, there are eighteen players from this centre amongst the 72 players entered in the Jardine Thailand Closed National Squash Championship which commence on 27th March.

## IMPROVE YOUR GAME

The boast and crosscourt are the two loosest shots in squash. Played indiscriminately they lead to a patternless game with poor positional play.

Over-playing the boast, and playing it when an opponent is in position on the T, feeds an opponent in the front court and gives him or her the opportunity of dropping, lobbing or driving. Boasting from the back corners can leave you with the long diagonal to run and the dropshot to cover.

Don't boast from the back unless you have one of the following circumstances:

- an opponent is standing back off the T
- an opponent is turned to the side or is out of position
- catch your opponent after a long deep rally
- catch a front wall watcher
- move a tiring opponent around the court.



Alexis getting into the Ladder and League, thanks to Joe Grunwell

## THE RULES OF SQUASH

I have observed many players giving points away because they don't fully understand the interpretation of the rules in the following circumstances.

### QUESTION ONE

In a crowded situation, a player bumps his opponent with his backswing while taking the racket back. He could have stopped but seized the opportunity to attack and tins the ball. He then appeals for let by asking: "Let please, backswing." Is this a let, no let or stroke.

### QUESTION TWO

Player A plays a loose shot down the middle and his opponent moves across court in front of A. Player B does not shape up to hit the ball but lets it come through and it does so it hits player A.

Is this a let, no let or stroke.

### ANSWER 1 - NO LET

Backswing is not a special case under the rules. Although there was interference, the striker accepted the interference and continued. To be entitled to a let, the player must stop. The rules specifically state: 'A player who plays on despite interference forfeits the right to appeal concerning that interference'.

### ANSWER 2 - LET

There is a rule called lets, rule 13 (rule 12 is the interference rule) and this situation is the first discussed under this rule; 'A let may be allowed if, owing to the position of the striker, the opponent is unable to avoid being touched by the ball before the return is made.' In the situation in question 2 we can assume that B was unable to avoid being hit as he was unsighted. Whether A shaped for the ball or not is not relevant.

## LADDER DRAW

The winners of the ladder draw for the month were Bob Faherty who won the 1000 Baht and Caroline Jones who is now 500 Baht richer.

If you have any interesting comments, photographs or articles for Outpost just put them in the Squash Section pigeon hole at reception before the end of the month and address them as 'Squash Section Outpost'. Also if you have any complaints or suggestions these can be left in the pigeon hole.

Don't forget to by your new Squash Section sports shirt and happy squashing.

Peter Corney



# Squash

NO.	BRITISH CLUB	HKFC SQUASH SECTION	RESULT
1	PETER CORNEY	MARTYN HARRIS	0-3
2	DICK ANWAR	ALAN SARKIS	0-3
3	ANDY NARRAMORE	MIRIAM HARRISS	1-3
4	ALAN BLACK	MARK TROTMAN	1-3
5	BRYAN DODD	DON LILINRAJ	1-3
6	MARTIN REED	RICHARD BLITH	1-3
7	NEVILLE DOWNER	JIM CRICKSHANK	2-3
8	DAVID DAVIES	PONY YU	3-1
9	PHIL HALL	MILES GOIT	3-0
10	ROE NOTTINGHAM	JEREMY MORTON	3-0
11	BARRY DANIEL	SHARI STANVARD	3-1
12	MIKE RICKARD	CASSANDRA TROTMAN	3-0
13	BARBARA OVERINGTON	KIM JONES	3-0

*The Final Score*



*Presentation Ceremony*

## BC V HKFC

In April an exciting encounter was held between BC and the Hong Kong Football Club. HKFC just managed to come out on top with a 7 - 6 win. There were many exciting moments during the meet, the highlight of the evening being the match between the No One men. Martin from Hong Kong, tall, muscular, athletic, young and handsome ... and Peter. A hard fight was put up by Peter who finally went down 0 - 3. So fast packed was the action in this game, that three referees were required to maintain control. The following is a recording of events during the match which will assist new players to understand the decision making process that goes through a referees mind during a 'let call'.

### WINNERS OF 99TH LEAGUE

- PETER CORNEY
- MARVYN LEWIS
- HOWARD RANDALL
- ROB NOTTINGHAM
- GRAEME REVILL
- ANDREW FRANCIS
- CAROLINE JONES
- MIKE JACKSON
- JOHN BUENO
- MAURICE LAMB
- KAMAL SANDARUSI
- FIONA RAMSAY



*Mike and Cassandra*



*Neville & Jim over 100 years of experience on court*

Player Martin: "Let Please" (called after a neat maneuver trapping Peter at the back of the court)

Referee P. Hall: "What did he say?"

Referee P. Taylor: "I think he said net!"

Referee P. Hall: "There aren't any nets are there?"

Referee A. Narramore: "Definitely a stroke."

Player Peter: "What! I was moving back"

Referee P. Taylor: "I'm off"

Referee A. Narramore: "Oh, just give in a let"

Referee P. Hall: "Eh... No ball"

## DUNLOP INTERSOCIETY TOURNAMENT

This was held on Sunday, 25th April. It was an all day tournament involving 36 players - 6 teams of 6. The teams were; St Andrew, St David, St George, St Patrick, St Elsewhere and St ANZ. It was a handicap competition (in more ways than one for at least one member in each team) and each team member played 1 game to 15 points, American scoring, against all the other teams. It was an exhausting day, more so for the ones who danced the night away at the St George's Ball. Three people had perfect scores (of 75) at the end of the day; Graham Sullivan from St David, Peter Corney and Matthew Overington from St ANZ. Matthew and Peter, between them, accounted for half the total number of points achieved by St ANZ - there is no need to say where the rest of the team were the night before. At the other end of the scale, the lowest score was -3, the player shall remain nameless, and was also seen to be tripping the light fantastic. We'll have to give careful consideration to the tournament date next year!

The St Andrew's team of Jon Sill, Iain Mackenzie, Iain Young, Keith Welsh, Duncan Ramsay and Audrie Sill played steadily all day and romped home the winners by 38 points. The results were as follows:

St Andrew	410	St Patrick	340
St Elsewhere	372	St ANZ	330
St David	360	St George	307

Many thanks to the captains and team members for making it such a successful day and, of course, to David Lamb and Dunlop for the continued sponsorship of this tournament.





The rugby team, sponsored by Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, on their way to Hong Kong.

**I**t rivals the great religious ceremonies of the world. Pilgrims from around the globe fly in for six days of worship at the altar of rugby.

If the Western Samoans are the High Priests of this religion, then the Bangkok British Club, clad in robes of pink and black, are the pagans awaiting conversion.

Hong Kong in the Sevens weeks is a pageant of many a great thing; rugby athletes, rotund men who lace their boots and dreams, vats of beer; barrels of women; colourful shirts; ridiculous hats; and raucous humour. A religion like no other.

Thanks to amongst others the generosity of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank in Bangkok, the British Club in 1993 were able to complete a formidable touring Hat-trick at the increasingly competitive Carlsberg 10's followed by a traditional 2 day beer haze watching the 7's.

As ever the BC were at the centre of the action and cloaked in controversy and scandal. Rumour has it that BC photographers Alan Lovell and Joe Grunwell were the men who persuaded a well-endowed South African Belle to exhibit her

charms to the appreciative crowd on the 2nd sun-blessed day of the Sevens at the HK Government Stadium.

From Fijian scrum-half Bula's diplomatic confrontation with Thai International at Don Muang - they did not believe his United Nations passport - to cursed 'romantic' Julian Olds missing the return flight, the pink and black Devils from the City of Angels left their indelible mark wherever they strayed.

In an outbreak of good humoured pillow fighting which toured an artillery bombardment, passengers on Thai Internationals March 23rd BKK-HK flight, witnessed the descent of expat executives, managers and teachers into rugby tourists. The Mai Pen Rai attitude of the Thai Flight Attendants turned into a stony-silenced Nonging of an entire cushionless section of the plane. No deferential Wais saw the BC brigade off the flight at Kai Tek.

Six days in Hong Kong witnessed a bag full of extraordinary rugby memories. These are snapshots of just a few of them.

Huw "American Express Card" Butler, horrifying even the regulars at a

downtown Wanchai bar, with his groin thrusting rendition of Jailhouse Rock. Butler was offered a six month "Go-Go" contract by the bar manager, but refused on grounds that he could get more in Patpong.

Bula, the wild eyed Fijian warrior, fueled by fire water, taking on the four beauties of the Cathay Chorus at the outrageous Hilton 10's dinner. Told to get down from the stage by the dinner organiser, Bula quipped: "I would have killed him man."

Thai 7's player, Marcus Carling, escaped into the ladies toilet when the BC massed ranks met him with a chorus of: "Marcus Carling is a Horses Arse." at the HK RFC ground.

Jon "Kipper" Prichard, covered in curry, popodoms and smeared in sauce, captivating an entire upmarket restaurant as he dispensed a barrage of fines against the boys. Introducing the only lady of the tour, Canadian Rob Montgomery's companion Sherry, as Tequila Titty, was the mark of a real home counties gentleman.

Ian 'lovely looks' Houghton smearing the walls of the Emerald Hotel in



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luscious delightful virus ridden blood after a confrontation with Paul 'Jekyll' Hunt in his room. Thoughtful Hunt had been translating the last Stanza of a late 17th Century French poem, he did not appreciate Houghton's interpretation of the French L'Amour. Pugilism erupted.

Simon 'Primed Athlete' Hornby, unexpectedly asked to don his kit when injury struck the BC at the end of the first days play. Simon a fearless lock, has a penchant for long shorts and my what a fine strapping figure he struck.

Mike Pincock, competing with Iain 'The Bear' Milne, of British Lion's fame, after being selected by a singer from the Cathay Chorus, as the type of man she would like to spend the rest of her life with. Could the Pincock-Milnes similarity of girth have something to do with that?



*The team with Mr Sandy Flockhart of Hongkong & Shanghai Bank*



*Susan Dakers being congratulated by representatives of Cathay Pacific & Hongkong & Shanghai Bank*

Ian 'Go Walkabout' Brydon, deciding to boycott all motor transport and instead jogging the 8km from our hotel to the ground. "Bit of fresh air mate, did me good!" explained the Bushman.

Fran 'The Great Dribbling' Kucera, trying to cop of with himself at one of Hong Kong's more glamorous, mirrored night spots.

Paul 'Food and Beverage' McIntyre defending himself against Paul 'Professional Miserable Git' Meggison, after choosing the most expensive restaurant East of Balham for the boys late night curry festival.

And so to the Rugby ... Perhaps the strongest BC team to visit Hong Kong in the three years of participation did not do themselves justice on the field, although there were highlights.

In typical style, the BC started like a great, stuttering Old War Horse that takes an hour to get out of the stables, but is particularly useful when it does. Going fourteen point to nil down in the first five minutes against Old Blue from San Francisco, US champs for the last five years, BC roared back, lead by the great dribbling Fran Kucera, to go 17-19 down at the final whistle. A minute longer and the boys would have had this one.

Not so against a pacey team of youths from Sheffield University, who turned out to be the dark horses of the competition, making the semi-finals of the main event. Despite thunderous pressure early on, BC were well beaten by the youthful vigour of these formidable stallions from Northern England.

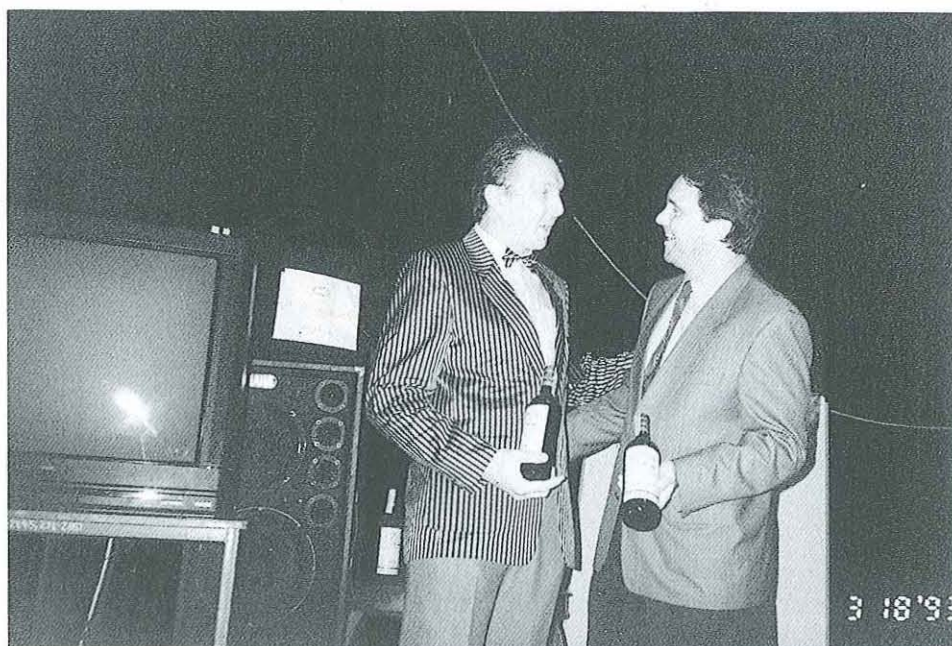
And then to the BC's moment of

glory on the main HKRFC pitch in front of a crowd of thousands and under lights as well, just to give it more atmosphere. A fine team performance saw BC, psyched on by Huw 'Stiff Arm' Butler, the great galloping Pincock, and Thunderous Thighs Brydon, mark a marvelous victory over the Seoul Survivors from Korea.

The second day is best dealt with quickly. in a pitiful performance of the poorest kind BC managed to lose to the Hong Kong Contemptibles.

Finally, to that fine West Country specimen. Julian 'They can't keep their hand of me' Old. For the second year running, BC were in the remarkable position of returning to Bangkok minus one player (with respects to S. Rees). March is indeed a month of romance in the East.





*Ron Aston hands over the box of wine sponsored by Inchcape to Paul Meggison*

## MATCH REPORT

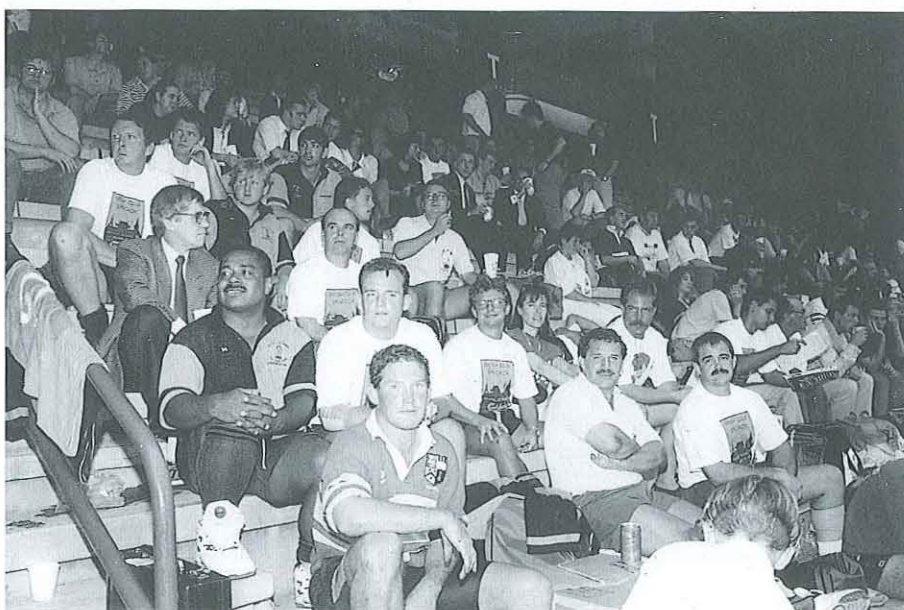
BC 2nd (BARBARIANS) XV versus ISCI,  
Tuesday 30th March 1993

As I braved my way through the turnstiles at 6.55, accompanied by shooting stick and bifocals, I was greeted by a feeling that all was not well. With five minutes remaining before kick-off, there were no floodlights, only 5 shirtless BC players, a French referee, and unfortunately a full opposition. Poor Louis Niven, I thought, his debut as second team skipper and everything was going wrong, even his new girdle was too tight.

At 7.10pm the first floodlight went on, followed by the second and third. Unfortunately, as the fourth lit and began to build to its full luminous intensity, the whole lot blew and we were cast in darkness once again. After further discussion with the police in charge of the lights, a ten minute delay, and further investment in the police benevolent fund, the first three lights were on again. However, no amount of persuasion or further capital investment was going to alight the forth bulb and the captains agreed to start with three.

In the corner the BC side was now at full strength and the shirts arrived courtesy of Bea.

The game kicked off at 7.30 and it was clear from the outset that ISCI, who had recently participated in the Hong Kong 10's, would be strong opposition. Early pressure was applied by the BC but alas it was the old problem with the final pass. ISCI, lifted by the BC's basic mis-



*BC watching the Hong Kong 7's competition*

takes, came strongly into the game in the middle of the half and scored a converted try after a forward rush. Then on the stroke of half time, their lead was extended when the open side flanker broke away to score in the corner. At half time the score stood at 0-12.

The second half was a similar story. Initial pressure by the BC, which was not converted into points, followed by two late tries by ISCI. Overall, a fair result based on erratic BC play.

Several players featured for the BC. Gesticulating Jon was not present, but we may have a substitute in Alan Lovell, who certainly knows where your hands

should be, "out in front". Paul Meggison, with his constant moaning about organisation was also prominent. Perhaps he should volunteer his services, or has he done so before? Old Crooksy who is always available when you need him, subject to Jan approval, was perhaps the best of the BC performers on the night. Finally, what a pleasure it is to see the fine figures of Scotty and Jim jogging around the field.

See you soon,

*M.Y. Opic.*



## BRITISH CLUB GOLF

With school holidays and Songkhran our competitions during April were poorly attended.

For the first time ever BCGS offered its members a five day golf event played at a different course each day in Hua Hin. We thank our Captain, Peter Ingram, for very kindly sponsoring the whole weekend. The results were as follows:

### 10th APRIL 1993 - CHA-AM VILLA AND GOLF CLUB - STROKEPLAY

Winner	-	Lavita Hughes
1st Runner Up	-	Mike Bain
2nd Runner Up	-	John Coxon

Near Pins - John Coxon, Peter Ingram, and Alexi

Long Drives: Men - Peter Ingram, Ladies - Lavita

### 11TH APRIL 1993 SPRINGFIELD ROYAL COUNTRY CLUB - STABLEFORD

Winner	-	Frank Hough 36 Points
1st Runner Up	-	Lavita 34 Points
2nd Runner Up	-	Peter Ingram 33 Points

Besides the club competition there was also a team event, BCGS versus the Cocktail Lounge Golf Group. The team with the lower stableford points would buy the champagne for the dinner that night. BCGS bought the champagne and were treated to a delicious buffet at 'Ben's'.

### 12TH APRIL 1993 - PALM HILLS - STABLEFORD

Winner	-	John Coxon	35 Points
1st Runner Up	-	D Pott	34 Points
2nd Runner Up	-	D Stewart	33 Points

Near Pins, N. Staub, A. Southcombe, D. Pott, D. Stewart.  
Long Drive Men - D. Stewart, Ladies - Sue Baker

We welcomed guest: P. Lindsay.

### 13TH APRIL - ROYAL HUA HIN - STABLEFORD

Winner	-	Alexi Hughes	35 points (23)
1st Runner Up	-	Andy Narrimore	32 Points (16)
2nd Runner Up	-	Dave Stewart	31 Points (5)

Near Pins - Peter, Brian and Andy  
Long Drives: Men - Andy, Ladies - Lavita

The morning began with a down pour, and by 10am 12 BCGS members were assembled at the course itching to get on. Finally the rain subsided but never really stopped, we still however, managed to enjoy our game.

The game scheduled for 14th April had to be cancelled due to lack of support.



*Well done John Coxon*

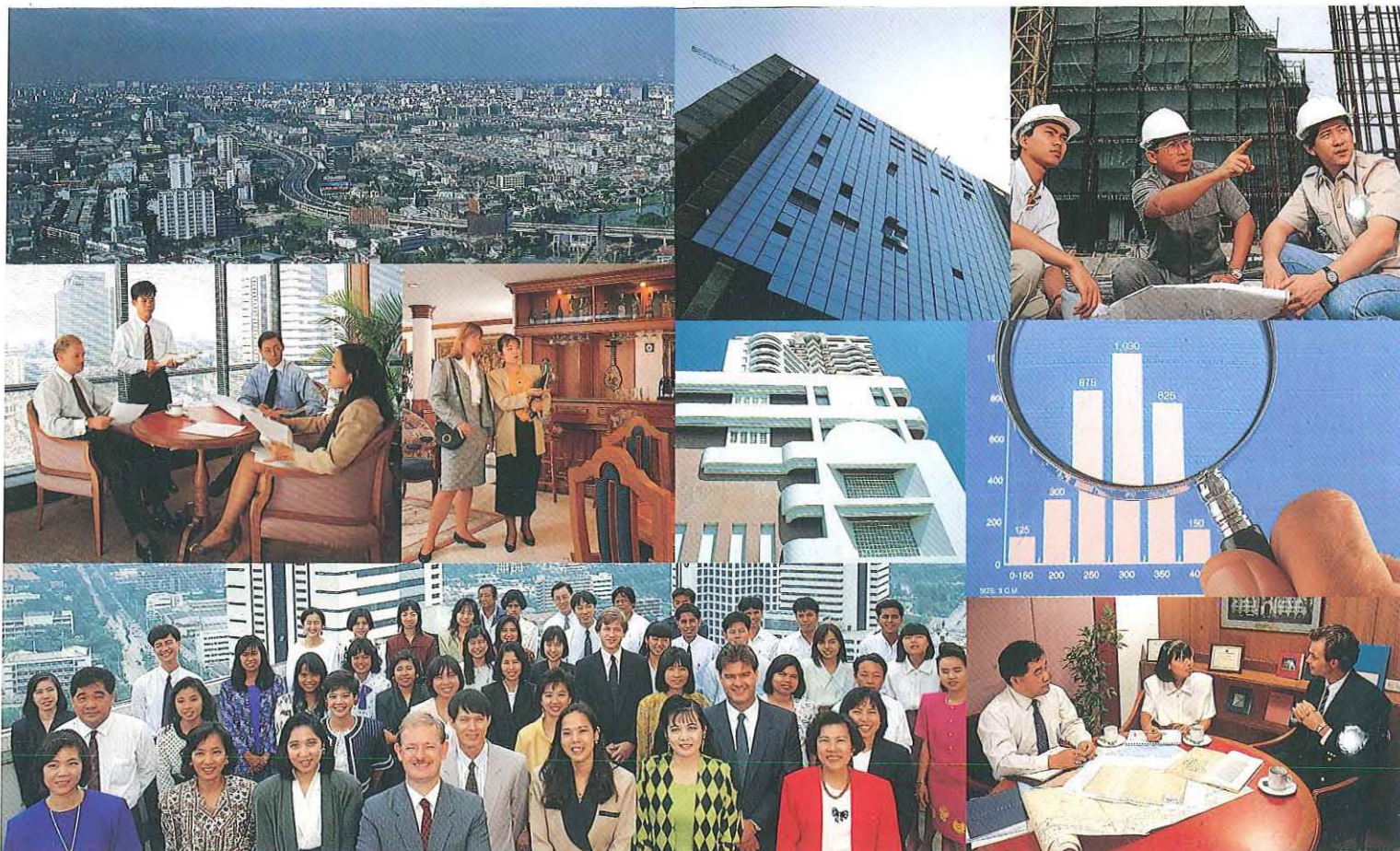


*"Long time no-see" Mike Bain back with gusto!*



*Captain enjoying his weekend!*





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Frank Hough receiving his prize from the Captain.

#### 25TH APRIL 1993 - SUBHAPRUEK - BOGEY

Flight A Winner	- E. Hudson +2
Runner Up	- P. Ingram ) on lower handicap from J Marten and P. Nears.
Flight B Winner	- R. Sparks -2
Runner Up	- R. Barrett -3

Near Pins - E. Hudson and D. Forrest

Long Drives: Men - E. Hudson, Ladies - Liz Southcombe

#### FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS

4th June - 6th June	- Rose Garden - 3 day eclectic 20 rooms booked
20th June	- Rose Garden
4th July	- Bangpaking BCGS vs Wanders
18th July	- TBA BCGS vs Am-Cham

For games on 4th and 18th July, members are requested to wear their BCGS shirts. Please contact our Treasurer, Brian Hughes, if you don't already have one of these shirts.

Until the next newsletter, Happy Golfing, and don't forget to send in your cards to retain your handicap.

LAVITA

## LADIES GOLF

### MUANG AKE - March 2nd LGU Medal - Strokeplay

22 Ladies took place in this competition and all received a prize. These prizes were left over from the Championships.

Some very good scores were turned in:

Nena	Nett 66 (16)
Diana	Nett 67 (26)
Christine	Nett 70 (12)
Kitty	Nett 72 (14)
Gail	Nett 72 (15)
Anne-Marie	Nett 74 (16)
Joan	Nett 74 (20) etc.

Near Pins #6 Gail, #8 Kitty, #12 Lavita, #17 Kanda

Long drives : Silver - Magda, Bronze I Dixie, Bronze II Dinie



From left to right: Sponsor Chris Gething, Will Agerbeek Captain BCRG, Peter Ingram Captain BCGS

### MUANG AKE - March 9th - Bogey

Silver Division Winner	Gail	+2
Runner up	Kitty	0
Bronze I	Winner Sabina	+5
Runner up	JJ	+1
Bronze II	Winner Dinie	-2
Runner up	Katrina	-3 cb from Ade

Near pins #8 Gloria, #12 Gloria

### MUAN AKE - March 16th - Better Nine Stableford

Silver Division Winner	Debbie	19 points (15) c/b from
Runner up	Wil	19 points (16)
Bronze I	Winner Hank	21 points (25) c/b from
Runner up	Erika	21 points (21)
Bronze II	Winner Sharon	23 points (30)
Runner up	Ade	17 points (30)

Near pins #6 Debbie, #17 Kanda



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The Golf Section held their AGM on 26th February and the following were voted in as the new Committee:

Mr. P. Ingram, Mr. E. Hudson, Mr. S. Davy, Mr. R. Barrett, Mr. J. Coxon, Mr. C. Branson and for the first time, a woman, Mrs. L. Hughes.

Peter Ingram on behalf of the Committee and Members thanked the outgoing Captain and his Committee for all their work during the past year.

At a Committee meeting thereafter, Mr. B.R. Hughes was co-opted to take over as Hon. Treasurer from Mr. S. Davy. Peter Ingram was voted in as our new Captain, Roy Barrett Vice Captain and Paul Nears as our Hon. Secretary.

#### Forthcoming competitions

Date	Course	Time	Event
1/5/93	Golden Valley	TBA	Club
2/5/93	Forest Hills	09.00am	Club
3/5/93	Royal Hills	10.00am	Club

Hotel rooms are available at special rates at Golden Valley Resort for the above weekend.

16/5/93	Royal Gems	09.00am	Medal 2
30/5/93	Bangpakong	11.42am	Ryesome Bowl

## COMPETITION RESULTS

### DUNLOP WEEKEND - 6/7/8 March

For the first time the Dunlop event was held over a weekend and proved very successful. The first day team event the best netts qualifying for the Dunlop Cup were:

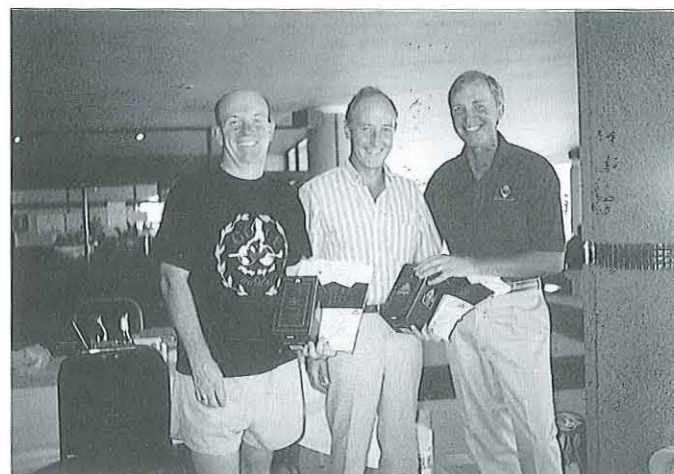
Sue and Mike Baker	Nett 62
Terry and Wan Adams	Nett 62
Lavita Hughes and Paul Nears	Nett 64
Mike and Ronnie Bain	Nett 65



AGM of British Club Golf Section



Frank Crocker thought the AGM was hilarious



Winner A Division Paul Nears and Mel Leddy C Division



# Golf

The second day at Green Valley, Rayong the above teams played matchplay for the Dunlop Cup while other players competed for the Dunlop Plate.

Dunlop Plate leaders for the first day:

A. Pickup and B. Hughes	Nett 62
S. Davy and R. Barrett	Nett 65
S. Edmonds and A. Southcombe	Nett 66 on lower hcp
L. Hughes and P. Nears	Nett 66

Dunlop Cup Matchplay resulted in :

Terry and Wan Adams beating Mike and Ronnie Bain.  
L. Hughes and Paul Nears beating Sue and Mike Baker.

The final day was held at the Phoenix Golf Course, Sattahip.

WINNERS OF DUNLOP CUP P. Nears and L. Hughes

RUNNERS UP Wan and Terry Adams.

DUNLOP PLATE - aggregate of two day nett scores

1st S. Edmonds and A. Southcombe	130 on lower handicap
2nd R. Barrett and S. Davy	130 on lower handicap
3rd B. Hughes and A. Pickup	130

Best Netts for the day

Mam Pickup	63 nett (on her own!)
Mike and Sue Baker	63
Ron Sparks and David Newal	64
R. and C. Selwyn	64

Near pins: Lavita, Norbert Staub, Mike Bain and Wan Adams.  
Long Drives: Men - Dave Stewart and Ladies - Lavita.

It was a most enjoyable weekend and for that we thank DAVID LAMB of DUNLOP for their very kind sponsorship and look forward to their continued support.

## 21st March - Muan Keew - MEDAL

BCGS played for the first time on this course and many members reported how much they liked the course and would like to see us play here again. There was a very good turn out even though we had two no shows.

Flight A Winner	Paul Nears	Net 68
2nd	Peter Ingram	Net 71
3rd	Ian Walton	Net 74
Flight B Winner	Nigel Oakins	Net 67
2nd	Brian Hughes	Net 67
3rd	Ron Sparks	Net 69
Flight C Winner	Mel Leddy	Net 73
2nd	Gill Hough	Net 74
	Ian Farragher	Net 76

LOW GROSS - Peter Ingram - 79

All three flight winners will go forward to the knockout medal competition next year.



Winners  
Dunlop Plate  
Simon Edmond,  
and Alex  
Southcombe  
being presented  
their trophies by  
Vice Captain  
Roy Barret



Winners Dunlop Cup Paul Nears and Lavita Hughes

Near Pins #4 A. McManus, #8 J. Coxon, #12 G. Reville, #16 L. Southcombe.

Long Drives : Men - E. Hudson, Ladies - Lavita.

A special thanks to ROY BARRETT of INCHCAPE for sponsoring this event.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Geoffrey and Diana Lamb, Liz and Alex Southcombe and Vera and Barry Nicholay! It was also very nice to see old member Marianna Smith again after so long. We hope to see you all again at the next outing.

Cheers

LAVITA





*Peter Ingram receives trophy from Chris Gething*



*Kitty, Diana, Penny, Gail and Ade.*

Congratulations to Erika for breaking 90 and Sharon for breaking 100, well done girls. They both received the 90 and 100 pins respectively.

#### **MUANG AKE – March 23rd – Blind Partners Strokeplay**

- |                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1st Gloria (70) and Erika (76) | = 146 |
| 2nd Diana (71) and Hank (78)   | = 149 |
| 3rd Sharon (73) and Ade (79)   | = 152 |
| Near Pins #6 Penny, #17 Sharon |       |

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome Secillia this month.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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|----------|------------------|
| May 4th  | – BCLG Medal (5) |
| May 11th | – Better Nine    |
| May 18th | – Non Ts and Fs  |
| May 25th | – Castrol Cup    |

This month we are all looking forward to getting away to the Rose Garden for one night 27th April. The Gestetner Trophy is to be played over two days at the Rose Garden on 27th / 28th April and the usual "Thai Style House" has been booked!

#### **INAUGURATION CUP 'COSMOPOLITAN'**

Sunday 4th April 1993 BCLG's Inauguration Cup Cosmopolitan was held at Muang Ake Golf Course.

The format of the competition was a challenge between BCGS vs BCLG, BCGS 359 points - BCLG 340 points.

A turn out of 40 people had an enjoyable day of golf and posted some very good scores.

Sponsoring the competition was RHONE POULENC and after the event Managing Director Chris Gething presented the Trophy and the prizes for the individual winners.

Thank you RHONE POULENC for sponsoring this successful day.



The winners were:

- BCGS – 1st Alexi Hughes  
2nd Jeffrey Lamb  
3rd Norbert Straub

- Near Pin #6 - Jeffrey Lamb  
Near Pin #12 - Barbara Werhle

- BCLG – 1st Secillia Schudel  
2nd Ade Boling  
3rd Anna Constantine

- Near Pin 38 - Christine Selwyn  
Near Pin #17 - Norbert Straub

Long Drive Ladies: Christine Selwyn, Long Drive Men: Eric Hudson

Good Golfing,

**WIL AGERBEEK**



# Badminton

***"Ne'er cast a clout till May is out"... sod that for a game of soldiers, this place is HOT!!! This month holds competition news, including a Round Robin in honour of Kathy's departure, and last but not least, meet your new Captain, Wanna!***

As Bangkok bakes, poor old Blighty gets sub-zero temps at time of writing (end-March) - shame.. chuckle, chortle. First item to report is a slight delay in the Dywidag friendly heralded in the last ish, now to be held mid-May, when Maurice and our very own Mr Bean (Nick) and their army pit their wits against the might of the Badmintonians. Delay mainly due to scheduling, or so Maurice says; I reckon there's been a bit of extra practice on the quiet. Report, piccies, etc in July's scribbling.

April's main event is "Kathy and her Amazing Technicolour Round Robin Leaving Do" on the 18th, an internal challenge to all members to say a fond farewell to Kathy Grant, who leaves late April. The idea for garish colour allsorts came from... guess who?!! I reckon our Pauline has some serious tendencies towards multi-colourarity and longs for the good ol' days before our 80% white dress code. Whatever, here's hoping it's as fun as the last Round Robin, and it goes without saying that Kathy will be greatly missed, and that on behalf of all of us we wish her luck for life back in the Great Metrollopes of London!

Please see picture of **Wanna Whittaker** somewhere on this page, she is our newly appointed Captain of the Section. One of the stalwarts of the Section, she is fairly knowledgeable about this game and a general all-round good egg. Look her way for team-picking for the Dywidag challenge!

**NOTICE:** If you do nothing else useful or productive in May, I absolutely insist that you read the rules on Soi Klang, this month's entry in the Gaynor-Guide. This should, if you read it properly, dispel all confusion presently flourishing regarding the booking and paying for Soi Klang courts. **STUDY.**



*Kathy with the goodbye plaque from the Badminton Section*



*"Kathy T, one of the lady winners"*

Talking of the Gaynor-Guide, it has come to my needle-sharp attention that some people aren't heeding my erudite words. Mighty slapped wrists for the gents (who shall remain nameless, Bill and Matthew) who actually called a 'let' service! Appalling. Any fule kno that there bain't be no such thing in Badminton. Come on, dig out them back copies of this rag, read and absorb. Otherwise, a full list of rules is on the notice board; a mine of info, that's us.

A 'let', indeed. This isn't tennis, you know.

And talking of tennis, master of linking subjects that I am, one David Bryant has recently been sighted more often on a tennis court, on which his performance is considerably better than on a badminton court, so he assures me. Well, after his truly outstanding show in the last Round Robin, how hard could that be, one asks? (Hell hath no fury like a pilot scorned!)

I am sorry to report some very un-British behaviour from Gavin, who unceremoniously dumped a newly-arrived Mum on a tuktuk while he went ahead on his motorised roller skate, leaving poor Mum at the hands of one errant tuktuk driver, who took her on an unexpectedly long tour of Bangkok!! More slapped wrists.



Other March antics include those of Ken, a recent addition to the Christiani Nielsen fold, who related in a Scouse-ish brogue that on his first day here the driver crashed the car, and two days later this same driver confused Silom Road for Sukhumvit (!) and spent hours trying to find Soi 49 (Soi Klang)! The spectacle of Ken striding into Soi Klang at 9pm, having kicked out said driver and driven himself, was nowt short of memorable!

To round off this month, I hope you all had a good Songkran. My advice would have been to scoot out of the Big Mango and gone for a long weekend to the coast for a few lungfuls of fresh, unsmoky, uncrappy air, like I did. That's one good thing about this country - it does have loads of public holidays at this sweaty time of year!

TTFN!

GAYNOR

## GAYNOR GUIDE TO BADMINTON

THIS WEEK: SOI KLANG BOOKING AND CHARGING SYSTEM!!

Due to some serious howlers in recent weeks, my talents have been required to outline the really very simple procedures for playing at Soi Klang. Please note that these rules were made so that the Section can enjoy the full benefits of this wonderful venue, and that the reason we charge what we do for the pleasure is to cover our costs, which in turn means we have more chance of keeping this spot for next year, etc. So here are the rules:

- a) **YOU MUST BOOK!!!** Even if you have no partner, a game can often be arranged. All bookings via Pauline, tel: 391 4948.
- b) Booking requires **STICKERS**. Each sticker costs B 30, and counts for one hour of continuous play OR up to and including 4 games. These are stuck on the relevant page in the black book, which is kept at Soi Klang.
- c) Stickers are available from Pauline, Peter or Wanna.
- d) Ladder matches have top priority to play.  
Booked peoples have second priority.



"No comment required"

Unbooked 'turner-uppers' come last in the pecking order.  
Be warned!

- e) Cancellations must be received 24 hours in advance, or else you will be charged the minimum of one sticker's worth, B 30.
- f) First to arrive must retrieve the black book from Reception at Soi Klang; last to leave must hand it back there.
- g) You **must** provide your own shuttle cocks!

I have tried to put this as simply as possible, to inform the proles among us the right way of doing things. It's not hard, honestly!

And this time, please apply said rules! **Don't just read and ignore.** I won't have it, y'hear?

P.S. The ladder positions will only change on receipt by Pauline of a score card. These gems are available at Bang Rak and Soi Klang (at the back of the black book), and when completed are to be placed in the pigeon-hole at the Club. Cheers!

## KIDS CORNER

What a response we had for the Kids' Corner colouring competition in the March Issue of Outpost. Parents can learn a thing or two here.

Lallana Jorgenson age 4, Lisa Hvladnik, Thomas Barrett, Melissa Huang age 4+, Andrew Gibney, Jared Haube, Raphaelle Moor all sent beautiful drawings.

The winner, carefully selected by judges Bea (39), James (4) and Nicole (7) agreed that the winner of this competition was Thomas Barrett.

Keith Bell at the British Club has a nice prize in his office to be collected any time.

*Congratulations.*



# Badminton



*"Henry, one of the men's winners... he could have worn some shorts for the occasion!"*

As June brings with it a proliferation of beautiful colours of flowers and flame trees, we had more colours than we could handle for Kathy's Amazing Technicoloured Round Robin Do, which was somewhat ... um ... loud! June also brings the Racquet Ball on the 12th.

May will indeed have been a busy month, what with the Dywidag competition scheduled for the 16th (write-up/pics for next ish as usual), and the Racquet Day - a collaborative event between the three racquet sections akin to the Sports Day - on the 30th, to be followed in June by the Racquet Ball, but let's get on with the stuff I've got photo's for!

Yes, we the Badminton Section finally said Goodbye to Kathy Grant in our own imitable style. 'Amazing' was the operative word to describe the garish spectrum of colours which blinded my poor tired Sunday morning eyes, with Pauline excelling ever her own day-glo standards, abetted by hubby Peter. Maurice being on leave, yours truly stepped in as big chief people-mover, succeeding in getting most people playing in the right places - OK, one or two minor slips, but otherwise... Of course, it was a sacrifice on my behalf, forgoing the chance to win for a second time ... ahem!

Onto the competition: five matches were played, with the versatile David O. (Match Sec) obligingly becoming effeminate for the day to make up numbers. A good time was had by all; Kathy playing well to finish joint fourth rather than last as before! Carol McGregor and Cathy Thompson drew top amongst the women, and Steve Rees and dependable Henry won all their matches to win the men's. Congratulations are due to them and all who played well despite the hideously off-putting outfits! It goes without saying that after everyone had got changed, Peter and Pauline still looked .. er .. 'bright'. During the scrumptious buffet which followed, Peter made the presentation of an engraved plaque to Kathy on behalf of all of us. Bye, Kathy!!

Quick mention here to all those who are under the mistaken impression that the technicolour hiccup of that occasion is continuing - nope, the 80% white dress code reigns, please dress accordingly. That includes Barry, who was recently sighted playing in brown socks! (And that's another thing: why do Englishmen wear brown socks, considering they all wear blue, black or grey trousers most of the time? Another of life's points to ponder.)

Following the success of Club-corporate friendlies, we great Badmintonians are throwing open the doors of competition to all outsiders! Yes, anyone working with fellow badminton players is welcome to challenge us to a friendly. Just give any of the committee a yell. It's a sociable occasion for all concerned, and it's always nice to play against someone different.

Sigh: as I write the Chair and Vice are melting it out in Mauritius - I can see it now, sun, sea, sand ... what's the difference between that and a fortnight in Phuket, I hear you ask? Answers on a postcard please (not to include distance from Bangkok, flight, price or less chance of bumping into fellow-Club members). Other lucky'uns include Taew, who ske-daddled off to New York and San Francisco.

A final mention to occasional Badminton and one-time ladder partner of Kathy G., Keith Bell, who has gone for a 're-footing'. Here's hoping he's back on his feet (sorry!) soon, and that they give him proper plates of meat this time instead of his two left ones!! (Pauline wanted me to make a joke here about 'British Club-Foot', but I couldn't think of anything funny. Sorry - G.)

Roll on summer!

GAYNOR



## THE GAYNOR GUIDE TO BADMINTON

This month's little lecturette concerns those guilty of foul shots. Most of you are probably unaware of these, just as you were (and some of you remain) unaware of the faults made during serving. Here, the Gaynor-Guide picks out the most irritating of the dozen or so faults listed, which are as follows:

1. Frigging STAND STILL when serving and receiving!!

I am still seeing people dancing around before serving, or just as much of a fault, moving in anticipation of a serve. Receiving, you MAY NOT BUDGE until you see the 'first forward movement of the racquet in service'. So say the rules.

2. The shuttle must be hit cleanly by the racquet. If the shuttle is 'caught and held and then slung' during a stroke, often called a flukey mis-hit, or if the shuttle is hit twice in succession (including brushing the rim of one of the racquets), this is a FAULT. Please own up.
3. The point of contact between racquet and shuttle MUST be on the striker's side of the net, i.e. you cannot hit a shuttle on the other side of the net, although a follow-through over the net (as long as neither racquet, clothing nor bodily particles touch the net) is allowed.
4. All too often I spy people serving while standing with one hoof on a line, usually the centre line for some reason, and it's wrong. For those who like comparisons with tennis this is the equivalent of a foot-fault.

Now, it's all very well for me to labour away pointing these faults out to you, but in the end it's up to you to admit to them on court. I know myself that I am occasionally guilty of no. 2, but if we all make a concerted effort to be honest, it'll make life pleasant. So my June resolution will be to own up. Make it yours.

Conclusion? Just stop and think what you are doing, before you find yourself being caught out and embarrassed by someone who spots you committing any of these cardinal sins.

PS. I have to admit to a slight boo-boo in last month's missive; if there is such a thing as a 'let' service, but I stand by what I said previously. Where the shuttle skims a net and still lands in the appropriate service court, that is a valid service (UNLIKE in tennis, and if I hear one more comparison like that, expect me to start emitting snorting and growling noises).

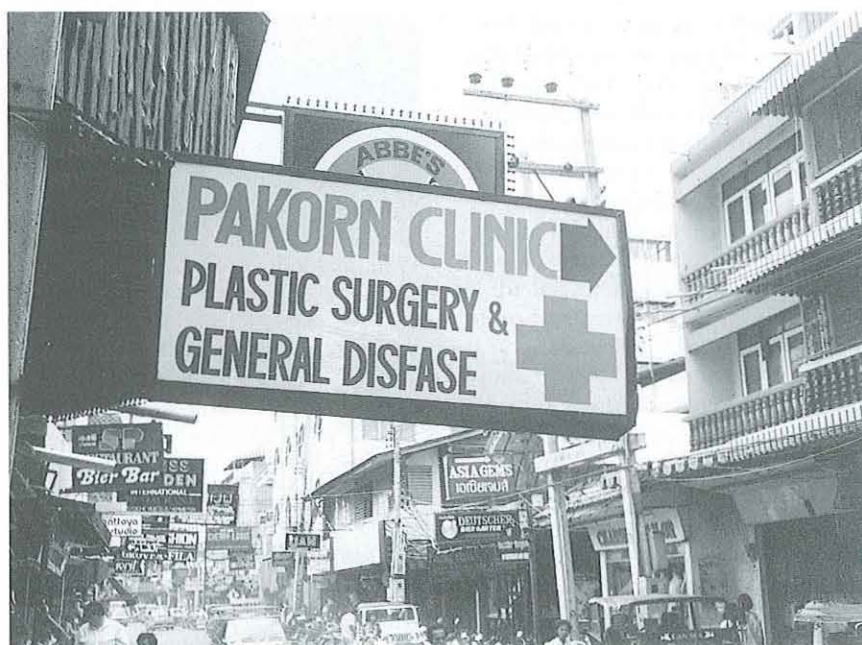
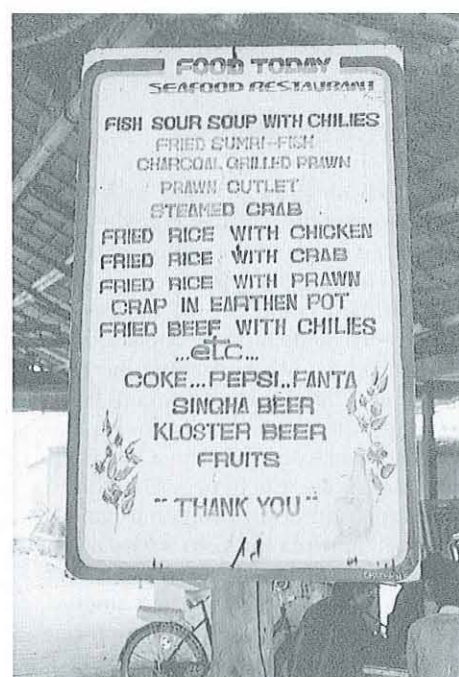
However, if the shuttle goes OVER the net and then gets caught in any fashion, i.e. if it stays entangled in the net on the other side to the striker, then I will concede that this is a 'let'.

'Let' this be the end of it!! If I ever hear a 'non-let' called again, I will resign from here and personally check myself into the funny farm. Thank you.

## EYE ON THAILAND

*Ever seen any peculiar street names, signs in and around Bangkok, or in fact anywhere in the world?*

*Well Mr. Richard Bones certainly has, here follow two of his contributions to Outpost. The restaurant may be found in Hua Hin and the clinic is in Pattaya.*





## HI SPORTS LOVERS,

This month's article is not so upbeat and is tinged with sadness. Not only have we to relate how the League was lost but we had confirmation during the reporting period that the expected Kumagai exodus was a reality with the departure of three section stalwarts in Ray Hughes, Tommy Keenan and Alan Mays. We knew this was on the cards for several months but it does not hit home until the leaving çdos' start. We wish Ray and Anita, Tommy and Nong and Maysie well and hopefully a speedy return. With more departures impending the strength of the section in depth will be sorely tested.

## MATCH REPORT :

Still chasing the League title we lined up to face the German All Stars in the third last game of the season with a side weakened by call-offs but which we were confident could do the business. Neil Torrance made his only appearance of the season deputising in goal for the injured Paul Barber. The Germans had their Captain and cultured sweeper Ralph Zielinski in goal due to a late call off and this move was to prove a telling blow. Ralph had an inspirational game making several magnificent saves and the more he kept us out the greater his team grew in confidence. We had ninety percent of the play and it was therefore a mega shock when the Germans scored on the counter attack mid way through the second half to make it one nil. They always were masters of the blitzkrieg tactic they first revealed in the late thirties. A performance such as Ralphs followed by a blow such as the goal would have killed off many a team but to our credit we kept going forward and in the last minute Chairman Ron Aston rose majestically to head an equaliser past Zielinski from a well flighted Casteldine cross. The ball was re-centred and peep, the referee blew for time. In the end it was a point salvaged but with so many squandered chances in addition to the brilliant performance of the German keeper it was also a point dropped.

The penultimate game was against the Young Thai Sikh Association (YTSA) who struggled to field a team and we eventually agreed to let them play three non registered players. Our side was



Colin Linde in fine Toastmasters form talking us through his goal



Willie and Ron, the two captains

again weakened by injuries and call-offs and we struggled at first to find our rhythm. It was still a surprise however when the YTSA intercepted a bad pass from mid field and from the ensuing cross which had our defence turning struck an early goal against an advancing Norman Bright making his first team debut in goal to go one up. Again we kept plugging away and in a workman-like rather than vintage performance

eventually came out on top. It remained one nil until just before half time when Peter çScud' Rogers making a rare first team appearance on the wing fought hard to win the ball and set up the equaliser scored by Jim Boyd. The second half was even more one way and the match will go down as Boyd's Blockbuster as Jimbo emulated his hero Ally McCoist by scoring a further two to complete his hat-trick. The YTSA threat was blotted



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# Soccer

out by our defence and the game ended three one to us which left three teams, ourselves, the Indian Cougars and the Scandinavians in contention for the title with one match to go. The Indians had however forged themselves a vital one point lead.

Our last game was against the fourth placed Shell side who after an indifferent start had come through strongly in the second half of the season. It was with a degree of apprehension then that we took the park missing five first team regulars through injury and other commitments and this forced a major reshuffle. In addition to this Chris Davin, who in the month since his debut had developed into a key player in mid field, was weakened by the after effects of food poisoning but was required to play due to the shortage of able bodies. Our trepidation was well founded as we suffered our biggest defeat in three seasons. It was not that we played badly as individuals or that Shell were so much better than a 6-2, yes 6-2 scoreline suggests. It was rather that Shell had one of those days when every chance was converted and once they went two up we had no option but to throw caution to the wind. We discussed that third place would be no better than runner up and gambled on playing with a back three. Shell responded early in the second half by going three up and then the tactic worked. A Steve Casteldine penalty, followed by a true Captain's goal from Willie Carruthers saw us really pushing the younger Shell team until a long range shot from Shell, which keeper Norman Bright erroneously thought was going past, restored their two goal cushion. From there we should have tightened up at the back and made the score respectable but with nothing to lose we pushed forward and paid the penalty. All credit to Shell for their performance however in consolidating their lead. It was a bitter pill for us to swallow but everyone on that desperately hot afternoon gave their all and we bowed out of the League race beaten but not disgraced.

## CASUALS CORNER :

The Casuals machine goes rolling along with several games in a month interrupted by long week-ends. The Jools series carried on with Jools winning the latest encounter three nil thanks mainly to the exploits of BC stars Frank Hough,



*C.U. English. The trouble is ye cannae hand yer drink like us gaelic hordes*



*"Look Angus, both English goals were offside, am tellin' yae."*

'Captain Fearless' Greg Watkins, Norman Bright, Peter Hockley, Chris Davin and yours truly, captaining the side in the early absence of Greg. All the goals came from razor sharp Thai star Khun Thong.

The Casuals were also unfortunate to lose to a strong Asian Fumigators team and to Schenkers Forwarders who took the unprecedented step of fielding a team

whose average age was under 25. A dastardly trick that demands a rematch.

## GERMAN ALL STARS EASTER TOURNAMENT :

Congratulations go to a host of BC players for being selected to represent the Farang League Select First and Second



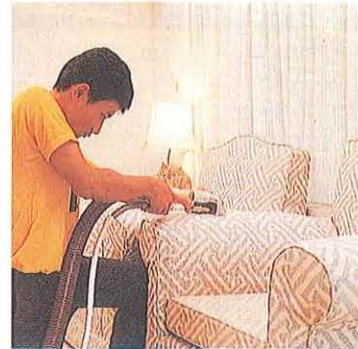
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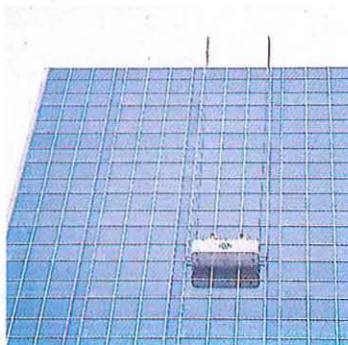
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teams in the German All Stars popular tournament which attracted teams from Asia, Germany (Lufthansa Frankfurt) and one Canadian team. Even some Casuals such as Arthur Ruttley, Brian Lewis and Pete Rodgers made it into team two which reveals many of our second choices could command a game with any other Farang team. Our representation could have been swollen further but four BC players namely Peter Hockley, Greg Watkins, Chris Davin and your own Scoop elected to play for the Manila Nomads after being invited six weeks before the tournament. Manila brought twelve players on tour and wisely swelled their squad for a gruelling 6 games in two days schedule. The end result was first place and jubilation for the BC contingent. A fairly tale story emerged as injuries reduced the Manila Nomads squad to 12 players for the final and registration for one Andrew 'Razorhead' Maynard, a BC stalwart, was sought and granted. Our Andy came on for two minutes which was long enough for him to provide the cross for the winning goal before he retired hurt or was it a case of quitting while he was ahead.

## POSTSCRIPTS :

Next months article will report on the Singapore tour for the Windmill Cup, where last year we finished second and also the renamed RBSC Sportlit Trophy. We are the reigning champions of this Trophy but this year the RBSC have invited only one expatriate team namely ourselves and we are honoured and proud to compete. The fact that only Thai teams will be competing is likely to raise the standard considerably and we expect an uphill battle. Whilst we are excited at these prospects the cloud of further departures hangs over us with the com-

pletion of various infrastructure projects in Bangkok and we keep our fingers crossed for those whose contracts with their employers are out as the past three years have been vintage in the annals of BC football history. On a lighter note however:

Why did the Geronimo put a bucket over his head.

'Cos he wanted to be a çpail face .

Watson went out one afternoon, leaving Sherlock Holmes or was it P.H. in the flat. When he came back to 221b. he spoke to the caretaker. "Is Holmes still here?"

"Yes, he's upstairs with a young lady."

"What?" blurted Watson and rushed upstairs. He burst into the flat and found Holmes with a young girl, playing a rather dubious game.

"I say, what sort of school-girl is this?"

"Elementary, my dear Watson."

Wife: "Where have you been till four o'clock in the morning?"

Jim: "Jesh playing golf with a few buddies."

Wife: "Playing golf? Are you nuts?"

How could you play golf in pitch darkness?"

Jim: "Easy, we were using night clubs."

A motorist had the misfortune to have his car break down on a lonely moorland road. After trudging two miles he came upon a cottage and knocked at the door, whereupon a man appeared.

"Are you a mechanic?" asked the motorist.

"No, I'm a chiropodist."

"Just the man I need. Can you give me a tow?"

Finally before we close a special thank you to new sponsors CASTROL and their MD Bryan Baldwin for the procession of a splendid new kit which will make its debut at the Singapore tournament.

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## DEWIS DOINGS

As was accurately forecast in the last Outpost the St. David's Society Ball was not only a success but a thundering big success - at least as far as Dewi can recall through the alcoholic haze that appeared to overcome him. Lin had organised well, Richard was in complete (and diplomatic control), Marvin (alias Kevin Costner) and Leighton were impressive whilst Roger was truly Bard-like. To round it off the lads from HK were their usual selves and the band fantastic. I hope I recover in time for next year!

Regrettably, copy has to go to print prior to the April 1st get together at Bobby's Arms. More next time.

And so to the world of sport. Due to a lack of editorial space Dewi is regrettably unable to report on the last two Rugby Internationals However, he is able to highlight two fine performances by younger members on the athletics field. Christopher Foo (very old Welsh family name) took six gold medals in the recent F.O.B.I.S.S.E.A. (answers please to the Bard) athletics meet held at Bangkok Pattana School. Not to be totally outdone, sister Claire also added some gold and silver to the mantelpiece. Well done. Finally, omitted from the last edition was the news that the not so young Frank Hough won the Choice Foods Trophy and the E.C. Howell Cup at the Inter-Societies Golf Weekend.

DEWI



**H**ello again, well summer is upon us again and it will soon be the school holidays. It's hard to credit how the time flies, but we still have no outcome in the Farang League. The sensational news however is that the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC) have withdrawn from the League as a result of a disciplinary inquiry into their match against the French which resulted in a French player having his arm broken in two places and ultimate abandonment. This is a sad state of affairs, particularly as we enjoy such a keen rivalry and whilst we cannot condone the actions of the player involved we are disappointed to lose the RBSC. It is an ill wind however and the consequences of their withdrawal and subsequent results mean that the BC, the Scandinavian Vikings and the Indian Cougars now share the League leadership with BC on top on goal difference. All parties have agreed to have a play off in the event of a tie after all fixtures are fulfilled.

## MATCH REPORT

Only one League fixture since I last reported due to the vagaries of the League computer, i.e., Vaughan Elias. This was against the Young Thai Sikhs (YTSA) at ISB. Injuries and other commitments robbed us of skipper Willie Carruthers and Ray Hughes but we welcomed back Mike 'The Fish' Pomfret for his first League game of the season. Our jousts with YTSA have often proved entertaining and this one proved no exception. They are not enjoying the best of seasons and we took full advantage of the form book by rattling up a six one victory. We were three nil up at half time through a MacKenzie hat-trick and this pad gave us the luxury of using all our substitutes at some stage in the second half. The pressure continued in the second half with MacKenzie scoring his fourth, the Fish celebrating his return with a goal and Nigel Oakins scoring a delightful counter to make it six. The match was not without its low points however as goalkeeper Paul Barber had to go off with a dislocated shoulder as the result of a disgracefully late tackle whilst Greg Watkins pulled a leg muscle, one we never thought he had. Yours truly deputised in goal for Paul Barber and fluffed an easy save to gift the turbanned terrors their only goal and maintain an amazing personal record of own goals and mistakes against this team stretching back five years. In the end it was a satisfying scoreline with all play-

ing well but special mention must go to the lethal MacKenzie and Steve Casteldine. The evening was complete when in the following match the Indians came back from one nil down to beat the Scandinavians and leave us all level on points.

## SCOTLAND VERSUS ENGLAND

The mega fixture of the season was

played during the reporting period i.e. the world's oldest International, Scotland versus England. A full photo file tells the story better than the written word. It really is incredible how this fixture captures the imagination and stirs up the passion. Scotland, managed by Jim Boyd and captained by Willie Carruthers lines up against an England side under player - manager Ron Aston and faced the ultimate insult of England jerseys made specially for the game which were



*The two teams line up for a souvenir photo*



*The English team receive their pre-match team talk. Note the shirts'.*



# Soccer

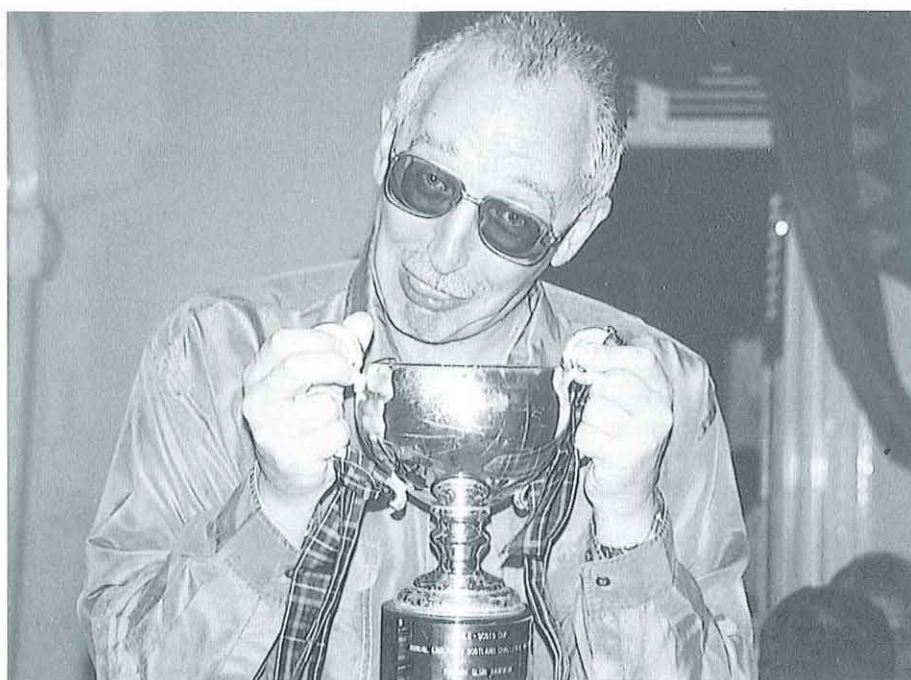
emblazoned '9-3' in memory of some match in pre-historic times where the Sassenachs drugged the wold's most maligned goalie, Frank Haffey, bribed the referee, scored six off-side goals, two flukes and a mediocre goal and where still lucky to win. An excellent match programme which was much sought after had been prepared by Jim Boyd and Vaughan Elias; respective kids were draped in St. George's tee shirts or tartan; Fred Evans and family came complete with kilts; flags and banners of both camps were unfurled and the teams lined up to be introduced to senior player and club legend Sir James 'Ratcatcher' Howard.

After the introductions the National Anthems, 'Flower of Scotland' and 'Land of Hope and Glory' were played and the scene was set for a great match refereed by Club Manager Keith Bell with Khun Sukit, referee Chairman of the Farang League, running one line. The competition was far fiercer than a normal Farang League game and the buzz and adrenalin were fairly coursing round everyone's veins. Scotland opened the scoring with a fine Iain MacKenzie strike but ten minutes later England equalised through a rasping Ron Aston shot on the volley which gave Scottish goalie Neil Torrance no chance. MacKenzie restored Scotland's lead before anyone could say Paul Gascoine (although why anyone would want to is beyond me).

Two one was the score at half-time and the game was delicately balanced particularly with the English having brought on traditional danger man Frank Hough who had arrived too late to start the game. The second half was as strongly contested as the first and the Scots got the breathing space Manager Boyd wanted through a goal on the break from Mike 'the Fish' Pomfret. We must give England their due however as they battled gamely and yes, Houghman ghosted in at the far post to lash one past a despairing Torrance to make it 3-2 By this time tempers were becoming a little frayed in the electric atmosphere and the game was becoming more physical and verbose by the minute. Ritchie Crooks normally the most mild mannered of people and Houghman were both yellow carded by referee Bell for overly strong challenges and there were several exchanges of expletives between various sets of players. With twelve minutes to go the Scots sealed the game when a



*Brian Lewis' talk on Grecian 2000 and the perfect hairstyle.*



*Houghman toasting the Scots victory in traditional style*

long range shot with lots of top spin from one of their less regular (2 games a year) but very keen players, Colin Linde, squirmed under the shocking pink jersey of a diving and normally incredibly safe English goalie, Paul Barber.

The Scots supporters went wild and upped the decibels whilst their players knew the game was now safe. Manager Boyd was buoyed by this all. England

tried hard in the time remaining but made no real headway against a very tight Scottish back four of Forbes, Boyd, Carruthers and Hughes and they don't come much tighter than that, at least in the bar. The match finished 4-2. Man of the match for Scotland in a solid team performance was undoubtedly debutante Chris Davin our new Colonial player who appeared courtesy of a distant Scottish relative and knowing at least one line of





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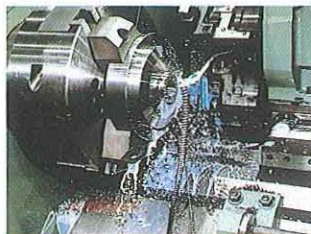
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the obscure 'Auld Lang Syne'. Chris was quite simply everywhere. The English were well served by all their players but Ron Aston, Greg Watkins and Steve Casteldine particularly caught the eye. It is fair to say both teams would have graced any farang League fixture such was the quality of play.

It was then on to the British Club for a dinner dance and awards presentation where copious quantities of wine flowed. The dinner was expertly prepared and presented by BC staff. The quality of service at functions there has really improved in the past year and is a credit to all the current staff.

The coveted 'Inchcapé' Robert Burns Trophy was awarded outright for the first time to Scotland and then the Frank Haffey Trophy for the man who made the most impression on the game was announced. Breaths were bated as the excitement mounted not dissimilar to the Oscar Awards. The crowds favourites were Scotland's Neil Torrance for 'Loutish Loquacity' (he can curse in Scottish, English and Bahasa), English goalie Paul Barber for impersonating a well known Scottish goalkeeper on goal number 4 and Frank Hough for being a better Impressionist than Picasso. In the end Frank won it for leaving impressions on Jim Boyd, Neil Torrance, Alex Forbes and Willie Carruthers. Unfortunately for them in each case it was his elbows (sorry Frankie). Nigel Oakins won the bottle of whisky doorprize.

The dinner part of the evening was rounded off by three first class and very amusing speeches. Colin Line proved goalscoring was not his only forte by ad libbing through his toast to Scotland-England fixtures. Rugby Captain Jon Prichard was quite simply in sparkling oratory form as he proposed the toast to Football having made a great sacrifice in missing the TV coverage of a home rugby international where England were humiliated by Ireland (it really was not their day). It was then left to Brian Lewis to propose the final toast of 'Sport and Sportmanship' which he did in his own uniquely sardonic but ribald manner. A really special thanks to all these speakers who turned the evening from a good one to a memorable one. It was then disco dancing to the wee sma'oors together with a not insignificant amount of imbibition.

## CASUALS CORNER

Casuals fixtures were scarcer than the hairs on Ray Hughes' head but they did manage one against the Patana School Teachers and Parent where they went down 3-1. Jim Boyd scored for the Teachers. The Casuals scored through Arthur Ruttley.

## POST SCRIPTS:

The climax to the League and the RBSC Floodlit Trophy follow next month and then it is section AGM time again. We are also planning our first tour of the year which is a fifth successive return to Singapore to compete for the coveted Windmill Cup. Watch this space for further details.

We welcome back casuals goalkeeper Stormin Norman Bright with his new bride Caroline. Norman sneaked back to England to enter wedlock and he already looks the better for a good woman in his life.

Incidentally did you know one of our new players has a glass eye. I know as it came out in conversation.

The Hunchback of the Notre Dame wanted to go on vacation. he asked the bishop for some time off. 'But who will ring the bell?' asked the bishop. 'I don't know', replied Quasimodo, 'all I know is that I really need a vacation. Why don't you find a temporary replacement?'

So the bishop put up a help wanted sign outside the cathedral. No one, it seemed, was interested in ringing the bell for a week or two while Quasimodo was on vacation. On the day before Quasimodo was due to leave for the South of France, two men walked into the bishop's office. They were identical twins except for the fact that one of the men had no arms.

'I'd like to ring the bell while Quasimodo is on vacation,' said the man with arms. 'my brother here will be taking over from me on Sundays; I go to church at Chatres.'

The bishop was desperate for a replacement so he agreed to let the man give it a try. He took the brother to the top of the bell tower. The first brother

grabbed the rope and pulled it hard. Off went the bell - a beautiful clear ring. Excited the man ran over to embrace his brother. 'We've got the job!' he yelled. In his excitement, however the man bumped the guard rail which, being old, gave way. The bishop heard a sickening thud as the man hit the ground.

'Well, I guess I'd better give it a try,' said the armless brother.

Be serious,' said the bishop, 'you can't possibly ring that bell.'

'Listen Your Holiness. You should at least give me a chance. Look at it this way, it's your last chanc to find a replacement for Quasimodo.' The bishop agreed reluctantly, and the armless man took a good running start, flinging himself at the famous bell. He hit it face first and the huge bell swung loudly. Unfortunately, the force of the swinging bell knocked the man off the top of the bell tower. The bishop heard another thud, and ran to get a doctor.

When the doctor arrived, he did a quick examination of both men. He pronounced the first man dead, and the armless man alive, but unconscious.

'Who is this man?' asked the doctor, pointing to the armless man.

'I don't know, said the bishop, 'but his face sure rings a bell.'

'And who is the other guy?' the doctor queried.

'Don't know that either,' replied the bishop, 'but he is a dead ringer for his brother.

.....A precocious nine year old walked into a bar and yelled to the waitress to bring him a Scotch on the rocks. 'What do you want do?' asked the waitress. 'Get me into trouble?' 'Maybe later,' replied the nine-year old, 'but right now I'd like that drink.'

Enough for now.

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# TEAM TOURNAMENT

The latest event in the Tennis Calendar was the team tournament on 28th March, during which matches were played between teams from England, the Celtic Fringe, the Colonials (ex-convicts etc), and the Rebels (those that had resisted or rejected British domination).

After four hours in scorching temperatures the team from the cold wet moorlands of Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Brittany were naturally successful and the Celtic team, Sandra Thornton, Eileen Cook, Geoff Lamb, Duncan Niven, Ian Williams, David Jenkins and Dominic Lafond were presented with T-shirts which had been donated by that well known Rebel company Coca Cola.

## MORE TENNIS ACTION

There have been some complaints that there are only tennis activities on eight days a week, and so the tennis ladder has been re-activated, another league will be held in June, there will be a Racket Tournament against the Squash and Badminton Sections at the end of May, and a Veterans Tournament is to be held in June for all those who were born before 2nd June 1953 (Coronation Day).

Details of all these activities and more can be found on the Tennis Section

Notice Board and entry forms are available in the Tennis Court Booking File.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The sala adjacent to centre court was the scene of much activity on Sunday 7th March as spectators claimed occupancy of the best seats from which to watch the Club Championships. As the day progressed cups of tea and coffee were replaced by glasses of beer and wine and a relaxed mood prevailed by late afternoon when the singles and doubles championship players went on court.

Competition commenced at 9.00am featuring concurrently the mixed doubles for both the Championship and Plate events. Surin and Chalutip defeated Vanessa Barrington-Johnson and Pat Dean, after losing the first set, while finalists Maria McIntyre and Chris Aspden defeated Kathy Haworth and Andrew Francis in the Plate. Caroline Jones and Ray Liang triumphed over their respective opponents, Stella Fox and David Haworth in the Ladies and Men's Singles of the Plate.

Despite the midday heat and her previous game Stella with partner Carol Young were victorious over the Harbeck-Lind combination in the Ladies Doubles Plate, but only after a first round set

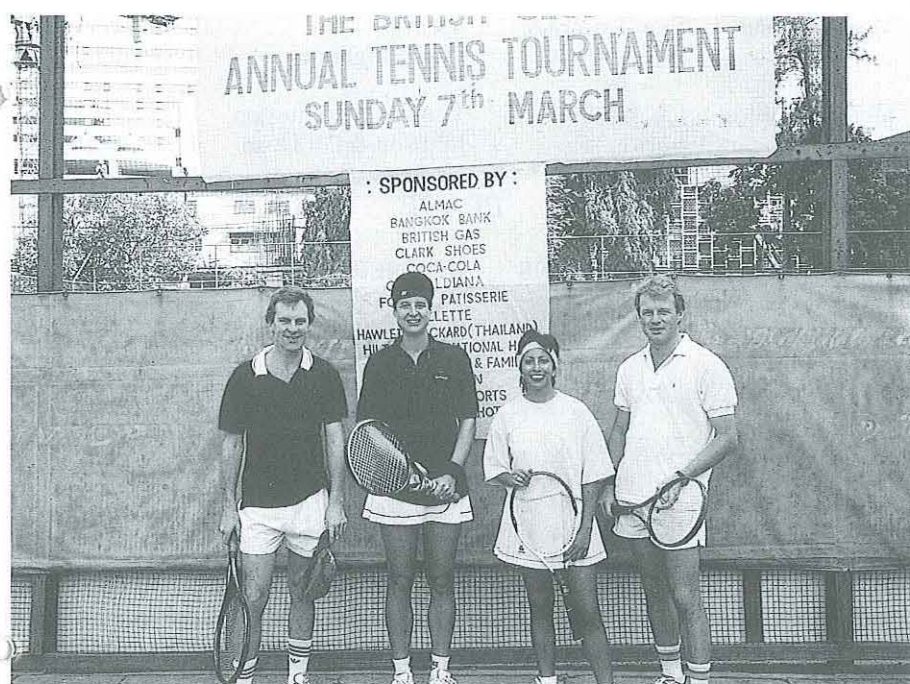


Ladies Doubles Plate Finalists, S. Fox, M. Harbeck, C. Young



Mens Singles Plate Finalists, R. Liang, D. Haworth

Mixed Doubles Plate Finalists, A. Francis, K. Haworth, M. McIntyre, C. Aspden





# Tennis



Mens Doubles Exhibition Match, B. Straub, P. Dean, R. White, F. Kucera



Ladies Singles Plate Finalists, S. Fox and C. Jones

back, while David Seldon and Philippe Basso accounted for Sven Alkalaj and Andrew Francis in a hard fought contest for the Men's Doubles Plate. These events concluded the morning's competitions followed by a lunch adjournment until 3.00pm. when the heat had abated and competitors in more than one event had recovered their energy.

Both the Mens and Ladies Singles provided an excellent spectacle for the large crowd which had by now assembled. Andrew Steedman defeated Bruno Straub 6-2, 6-3 while Chalatip defeated Yenni Basso 6-4, 6-0. The quality of tennis belied the scores. David Ingham was assailed by a mystery virus which some attributed to his exertions while umpiring the Ladies Plate Doubles in the midday heat and was regrettably unable to partner Surin in the Mens Doubles Championship event. Their place was ably filled by Bruno Straub and Pat Dean in an exhibition match with Fran Kucera and Roger White, the other finalists, in an excellent game. Yupin McConnel and Chalatip were defeated 6-0, 6-2 by the strong combination of Yenni Basso and Sandra Thornton in the Ladies Doubles.

A barbecue on the front lawn concluded the day's activities and diners were invited to view the Championship trophies reserved for prize giving night at the championship dinner on Saturday 13th March.

## CLUB CHAMPION SHIPS 1993

EVENT	CHAMPIONS	RUNNERS UP	SCORE
Ladies Singles	Chalatip	Yenni Basso	6-4,6-0
Mens Singles	Andrew Steedman	Bruno Straub	6-2,6-3
Ladies D'bles	Yennie Basso & Sandra Thornton	Chalatip & Yupin McConnel	6-0,6-2
Mens Doubles	Fran Kucera & Roger White	Surin & David Ingham	Walk over due to sickness
Mixed Doubles	Chalatip & Surin	Vannessa Barrington-Johnson & Pat Dean	4-6,6-0,6-0

## PLATE

EVENTS	CHAMPIONS	RUNNERS UP	SCORE
Ladies Singles	Caroline Jones	Stella Fox	6-2,6-2
Mens Singles	Ray Liang	David Haworth	6-2,6-0
Ladies Doubles	Stella Fox & Carol Young	Maureen Harbeck & Rachel Lind	5-7,6-4,6-3
Mens Doubles	Dave Seldon & Philippe Basso	Sven Alkalaj & Andrew Francis	7-5,1-6,6-4
Mixed Doubles	Maria McIntyre & Chris Aspden	Kathy Haworth & Andrew Francis	6-1,7-6



Special thanks go to the Umpires who had to endure the heat and call some close results. Also the work of the ball girls and boys was greatly appreciated. Their quick retrieval and return of the balls assisted the players and facilitated the punctual completion of the events.

Finally our thanks go to the sponsors who so generously donated the prizes

which were presented to the winners at a most successful championship dinner on Saturday 13th March in the Suriwongse Room; - Almac, Bangkok Bank, British Gas, Clark Shoes, Coca Cola, Club Aldiana, Dunlop, Follies Patisserie, Gillette, Hewlett Packard, Hilton International, Mark Schatten, Michelin, Paradise Sports and Shangri-La Hotel.



Mixed Doubles Finalists, P. Dean, V. Barrington-Johnson, Chatalip, Surin



Mens Doubles Plate Finalists, d. Seldon, P. Basso, S. Alkalaj, A. Francis

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May 2nd, 16th and 23rd

Mix In - Sunday afternoons 3 pm to 6 pm.

May 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th  
Wednesday evening mix In 6 pm to 9 pm

### 9th May

Round Robin Tournament 2 pm to 6pm, just turn up at 2 pm. Followed by a barbecue and Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Section at 7 pm.

### 9th May

Annual General Meeting Tennis Section at 7 pm.

### 30th May

Racket Tournament versus Squash and Badminton Sections  
11 am to 6pm followed by a buffet at 6 pm  
Members of tennis section required to play either tennis, squash or badminton.

## TENNIS LEAGUE IN JUNE

### 4th, 5th, 6th June

Tennis weekend at Club Aldiana, Hua Hin  
More details from Stella Fox on 287 2744

### 12th June

The Racket Ball  
More details later but make a date in your diary for the best ball of the year.

### 20th June

#### Team Tournament

2 pm to 6 pm followed by barbecue at 6 pm  
Just turn up at 2 pm

Group Coaching every Saturday Morning  
May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th 10 am to 12 noon

Childrens Tennis every Saturday morning  
May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th 8am to 10am

#### Team Practice

Every Monday evening May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st  
7 pm to 9 pm

Ladies Team Practice and Coaching  
Every Monday Morning  
May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st  
8 am to 10 am



# BRITISH CLUB – TENNIS SECTION

## PROGRAMME FOR JUNE 1993

TEAM TOURNAMENT  
FOLLOWED BY FAMILY  
BARBECUE AT 6 PM

2 PM TO 6 PM  
SUNDAY 20TH  
JUNE 1993

*JUST TURN UP AT 2 PM*

### MIX – IN

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS  
JUN. 6, 13 AND 27TH  
3 PM TO 6 PM

### MIX – IN

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
JUN. 2, 9, 16, 23 AND 30TH  
6 PM TO 9 PM

### GROUP COACHING

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING  
JUN. 5, 12, 19 AND 26TH  
9 AM TO 11 AM

### CHILDREN'S TENNIS

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING  
JUN. 5, 12, 19 AND 26TH  
8 AM TO 10 AM

### TEAM PRACTICE

EVERY MONDAY EVENING  
JUN. 7, 14, 21 AND 28TH  
7 PM TO 9 PM

### INDIVIDUAL SINGLES

**TENNIS LEAGUE**  
Taking place in June

### TENNIS WEEKEND AT CLUB ALDIANA

4TH, 5TH AND 6TH JUNE

### LADIES TEAM PRACTICE AND COACHING

EVERY MONDAY MORNING  
JUN. 7, 14, 21 AND 28TH

*TENNIS SECTION COMMITTEE MEETING – TUESDAY 29TH JUNE 1993 AT 7 PM*

**THE RACKET BALL**  
SATURDAY 12TH JUNE  
AT THE SHANGRI LA HOTEL



*Surin and Chalutip Winners of the Mixed Doubles in the Club Tennis Championship*



*Winners of the Team Tournament on 28th March 1993 – all from the Celtic fringe.*



Anybody who has tried to stroll across Sukhumvit Road recently or merely endeavoured to avoid the broken pavements along Silom, will no doubt be able to testify to the possibility of having an accident. Add to this the occasional overturned longtail boat, fire, explosion, car or air crash, and the possibilities are endless.

Having painted this gloomy picture, let's now look at the bright side. Serious accidents which affect YOU do not happen all that often. The trouble is, that if you are the unlucky victim, the results can be catastrophic. It has happened recently to friends of mine, who are members of the British Club.

In earlier articles I recommended Healthcare insurances, to pick up the cost of medical expenses following illness or an accident. This will pay for the necessary treatment, but will not address another potential financial disaster - the loss of the breadwinner's earning power.

The basic essentials of life, such as a roof over your head, food, children's education and the British Club subscription, are paid for out of your hard earned salary. If you are unable to work then your employer is highly unlikely to be so kind as to pay your salary regularly ad infinitum, although some expatriates may be partly protected under a Pension scheme. Workmen's Compensation benefits under the Labour Law or Social Security Act benefits, even if you are entitled to them, will probably not keep you in your accustomed manner. You therefore have to ask yourself what would happen money-wise to you and your family should there be a death or permanent disablement in the family.

From the insurance angle you need to think along two similar paths - long term and short term. For the long term you need to consider Life Assurance and Permanent Health Insurance, which I'll talk about in a later article, so this month I will look at the short term.

Nothing can take away the pain and trauma of a bereavement, or even worse, a disablement. This might sound a little callous at first, but the simple truth is that in the event of a death, everything is sudden and clear cut, however unpleasant the subject may be. However, if somebody is crippled, there are many unknowns, some of which can be financially disastrous.

## OPTIONS AVAILABLE

A Personal accident Policy is an annual insurance which provides cash in the event of the death or disablement of the person(s) insured in an accident, as distinct from natural causes. Insurers in Thailand basically all use a standard form of Policy, for which there is an approved English translation available. Typically, benefits can be provided under the following six headings:

- 1) Loss of life within 180 days of an insured accident,
- 2) Dismemberment, loss of sight, hearing or speech
- 3) Total or partial permanent disability,
- 4) Temporary total disability
- 5) Temporary partial disability,
- 6) Medical expenses following an insured accident.

To deal with the easy bits first, the two benefits for temporary disablement pay so much per week for up to an agreed number of weeks, in this country usually 52. The medical expenses benefit does not cover those incurred following illness or disease. These three benefits are the most expensive to buy, reflecting the relatively high frequency of claims, but if you are in a salaried job at a highish level, it is quite possible that your employer (or their insurers) may provide similar compensation anyway, or you may be covered under your own Healthcare medical expenses policy for both accidents and illnesses. If so, you may be less interested in these areas.

The first three benefit options are probably of greater significance. What the casualty or dependants need is quick cash, a lump sum to pay for immediate expenses, such as otherwise uninsured hospital bills, to replace lost income or to pay for long term routine and additional expenses, or, alas, funeral expenses. As I mentioned earlier, the loss of the breadwinner's income is a major and often overlooked blow.

The first three benefits listed will deal with the situation which could arise following accidental death, or loss of use of limbs, sight, hearing or speech, and the insured person's inability to perform his usual occupation, for example, following paralysis sustained in an accident.

The money can be paid to a beneficiary who has an "insurable interest" such

as a spouse. This is best arranged at the outset, since delays can occur in proving entitlement if the victim happens to be dead.

## HOW MUCH COVER?

The next point to consider is how much cover you need. The rule of thumb is to insure for not less than 3 years remuneration for death, and 4 year remuneration for dismemberment or permanent disability. "Remuneration" should include the value of your fringe benefits of employment such as a car, school fees and medical insurance premiums, because your need for these may not diminish. In fact the fees could increase.

Another area to think about is precisely who should be insured. Earlier I mentioned loss of the breadwinner, who is often the husband, but don't forget the wife! She is also a vital part of the household, and even if she does not contribute to your family income, she has an important role to play in looking after and bringing up your children properly. Who will do this for you if your wife is incapacitated, and how will you pay for it, especially if you relocate to another country?

Cost is always a relevant factor. The basic premium rate can be quite cheap without the weekly and medical expenses benefits. For somebody working in an office environment the annual cost would be about B1,600 for each Bht 1,000,000 of cover for death, dismemberment and/or permanent disability. This is inclusive of 3.70% Special Business Tax and Stamp Duty. However, you should note that basic Thai Personal Accident policies exclude accidents caused by motorcycling, and additional premium would be payable if you want to include these risks. Alternatively, mind your knecaps next time you hop on a motorcycle taxi! And by the way, some Thai insurers also exclude murder and assault.

Next month I will be taking a look at Life Assurance.

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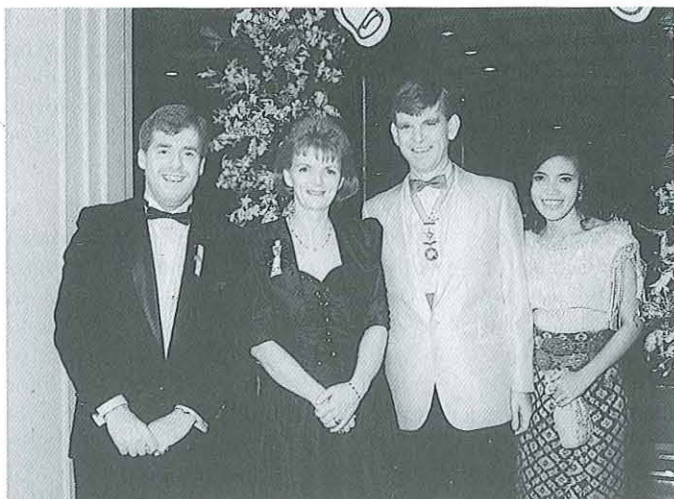


# Events

## St. Patrick's Ball



*The St. Patrick's Committee (from left to right), Kath Meggison, Des Thornton, Maura Duggan, Sandra Thornton, Frank Crocker, Maeve Mörgenson, Mary Boonvong*



*The President & Consort, Mrs & Mr S. Thornton and the President of the St Georges Society & wife, Mr & Mrs S. Buttling.*



*Top table served Irish style*



*Mary, Cath, Maeve, Terry doing an Irish Jig*



*Mr & Mrs D. Thornton and Mr & Mrs R. Daniels (Bard St. Davids)*



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15:00 Thai Language Service



## IMPRESSIONS OF BANGKOK OR A HOLIDAY OF LIFETIME

First, let there be no doubt. I could not live in Bangkok. The Thais are welcoming, friendly, genuine and I liked them. The food was great (except the meal on the sleeper to Chiang Mai which was worse than BR!)

It's not even that traffic. It was the heat that got me! I feel the cold very badly. People told me: "The heat will really suit you - be good for you - leaving behind the snow, the cold and damp winter. Lucky you!" Wonderful, I thought. No more rheumatic knees, freezing fingers and earache from the chilling north-easterlies when shovelling coal and chopping wood. (We live high at the top of the hills.)

I must admit to liking a hot water bottle come December and sitting with my feet on the range whilst watching Coronation Street. So I thought, fine! But that heat! Perhaps it was my age. Hot flushes, HRT and all that.

There is another thing. Nobody looked a day over 30 at the British Club. Talking about the BC, there was very much a 'colonial' feeling there, which I enjoyed, being a romantic. It must be quite an oasis at times - I liked it there.

They serve the best banana shake I've ever had, but someone should ask the chef to put some sultana's, currants or even chopped raisins in the bread pudding, and cook it in shallower tins.

'Impressions of Bangkok' is a really boring title. Sounds like something one is given to write on return from a school day-trip - I do feel I lived in Bangkok for a month - much more than the holiday of a lifetime.

However, transition from rural West country life to steamy, heaving, smelly, noisy, mosquito-ridden, life-in-the-fast-lane Bangkok was something of a shock. We'd been told about the smells, the degrees centigrade, the traffic; no one mentioned the holes as big as craters in the pavements. We've problems here with cracked paths and missing kerb stones (due, we're told to non-payers of the poll tax!) But the holes in Soi 53! If anyone is reported missing, have a look down there!

Back to the smelly bit. For nearly 30 years, I've lived with muck-spreading - usually on hot days - and praying for

rain to wash it in. The smell has a similar effect on townies as Bangkok smells had on me. But this was something else! I did get used to it after a day or so and got very good at noting where the smells were, and holding my breath for incredibly long periods till I had passed them. Although when on a visit to Patpong, the stench as we went back to the car was unbelievable - rubbish, drains and pee!

The strange smells that assuaged my nostrils, however, were not all unpleasant. I found on-the-street cooking quite fascinating and came home with ideas which will be sprung on unsuspecting friends.

That is apart from the grisly burnt baby chickens at Chatuchak market! We even came home with a rice cooker, all set for a healthier way of life. Our digestive system had a whole month free from Rennies!

'Strange noises in strange places' - a phrase from 'The Woodcutter' comes to mind - a book I read as a child; it used to conjure up cooing wood pigeons, the singing bull rushes when the wind rifled the river and the sudden snapping of a branch. But not any more! Not after Bangkok at night! If I'd had that shotgun!!

There was a bird that started up as soon as my light went out. This was a signal for a dozen dogs to start barking, which in turn was the three minute alert for all motorbikes in the area. This continued all night.

I'm used to the stricken moo of the cow when her calf goes, the bark of the

vixen or the 4am rooster alarm - even from time to time, the Combine working all night.

And those fireworks. What DO Thais celebrate at 4 every morning?

Which brings me to mosquitos. They liked me. They really did. In fact, I would go so far as to say, quite modestly of course, they adored every part of me. Particularly my right leg. My Chanel and Ystatis remained untouched. By night I rolled on repellent and by day I rubbed in the Tiger Balm. I was really and truly under Eastern Influence! I travelled North and South, but it was the Bangkok lot that got me. To which must be added that finally when forced to seek medical help (Holly, Sam and Billy my grandchildren, thought jelly fish were attached to my leg), the treatment was second to none. Grateful thanks to a doctor in Hua Hin.

And as I write these final thoughts, I'm looking out across a Cornish estuary, a force 9 is blowing and grey skies meet grey stormy seas.

Now and again the odd pair of rain sodden visitors appear out of the woods having tried unsuccessfully to find Daphne du Maurier's house that was said to have been Manderley. No beach cafes here.

No palm fringed pools and polite Thai waiters. I see my Bangkok family's garden. The tall palm tree is leaning against the house, the huge tree with forked trunk and leaves like Dartmoor's Ladyfern.

It's 90 odd degrees. The doors have been closed. The maid has switched on the A/C and all the ceiling fans, as Madam has returned from Villa and is about to drop! And all I can think of is 'Wish I were there.'

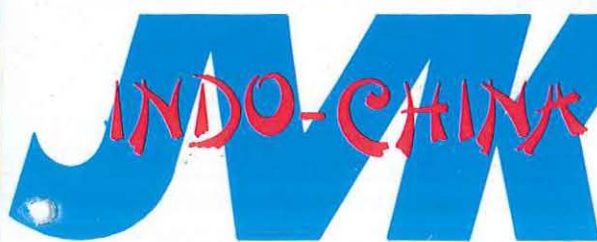
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