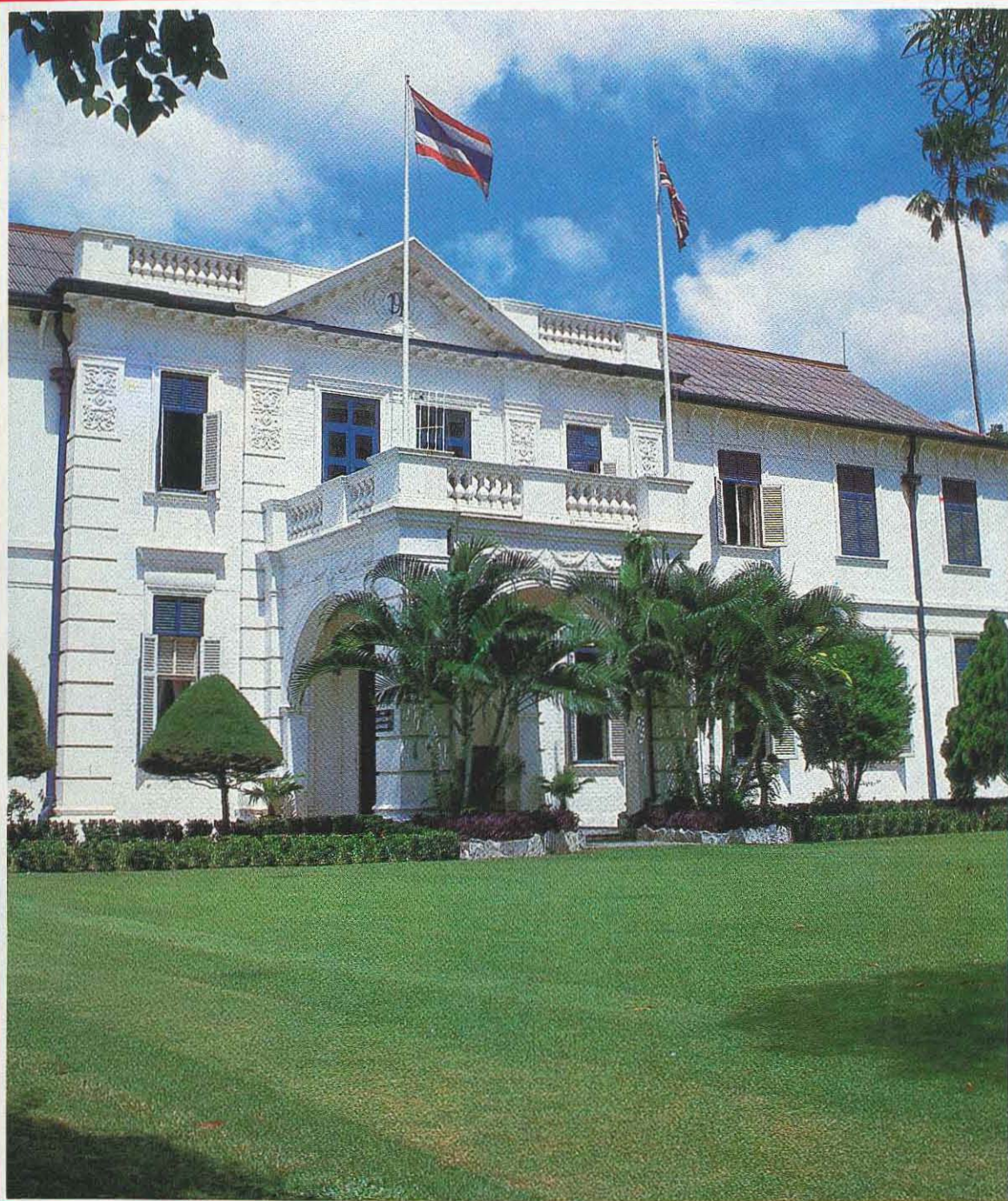
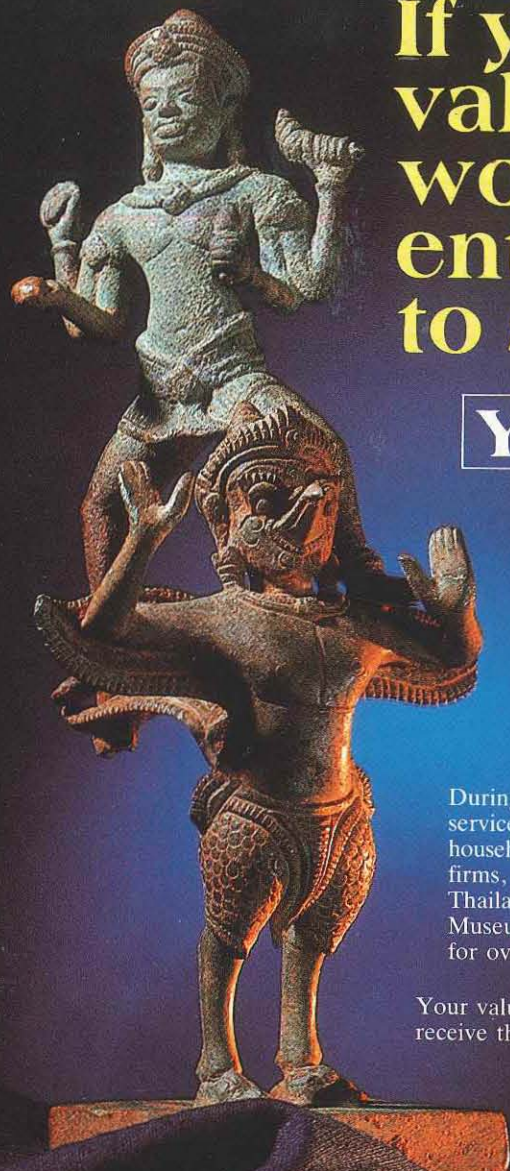


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# FROM THE COMMITTEE

## Ching-Chok

**I**N a renewed spirit of openness and communication, this year's committee have decided to contribute a regular column to OUTPOST informing members of Club issues and developments. There is a lizard (a Ching-chok) on the wall: there are no secrets!

### CLUB DEVELOPMENT

1. As approved at the A.G.M. the Committee are proceeding with a professional feasibility study into the potential of a new Club building on the site of the existing workshops.
2. The new building would provide, along with other benefits, an indoor gym, a children's playroom and a hairdressing salon. Now is the time for any other ideas to be considered.
3. There is no way that the club can provide for these additional facilities from existing funds and the proposal is therefore to make the new building a self-financing project with the provision of paid-for accommodation for the use of members and their guests.
4. The Committee would like to stress two points :
  - i) Members will be kept fully in touch with progress on this project and members will be consulted before final approval is given. We await models, ground-plans and cost-studies which will be put to the members in due course.
  - ii) This project must not be confused with the proposal from some members for the provision of a sports field. These are entirely separate issues. Having the new building will not help us buy a sports field: nor will not having the new building. Whereas the new building is proposed as a self-financing project, the provision of a sports field will involve major capital expense (initial estimates are upwards of £40 million). Discussions are being held with all Club Sporting Sections on the feasibility of this project.

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE

5. There has been a general desire amongst Members for high standards in this area.

The Committee have therefore approved the Manager to streamline the present rather ambitious menu to provide higher quality results while retaining Members' favourite dishes.

6. The Committee have also approved an agreement with Mr. Bob Coombes (C 61) of Choice Foods to provide high-quality imported foods at cost. We are grateful to Bob Coombes for his generous support.
7. Following Members' suggestions, the daily special of roast beef and roast pork have returned to the menu. Also, after long-winded debate, it has been decided that our favourite brand of imported baked beans will be provided alongside the local variety.

### MAINTENANCE

8. The air-conditioning in the Churchill Bar has been overhauled. The great man's portrait is now even more visible thanks to a splendid new brass picture light (artistically fitted at a slight angle). The brass fot-rail around the bar is also being repaired.
9. Various changings are taking place in the changing rooms : the men's room is now whiter and brighter, small laundry bags will be provided in both changing rooms and mechanical devices are being fitted to the sliding doors to make them shut automatically. The Committee is currently considering various proposals to revamp the whole changing area and facilities.
10. A wooden cabinet has been constructed for the equipment of the swimming section.
11. Squash court No. 3 is being repainted thanks to the generous sponsorship of Pepsi.
12. Lights around the pool will now be a feature for the increased enjoyment of this area in the evenings and weekends.
13. The 3 footbaths around the pool have been repaired and revamped.

### GENERAL

14. The Committee would like to remind Members that suggestions are always welcome. There is a Suggestion Book in Reception (which is read at Committee meetings!). Otherwise, please collar the Manager, Vince Swift or Hugh Salmon with your ideas.

Hugh Salmon  
Club Membership

# Meet the New Members



**Bjoern vang Jensen:** is a sales manager for international accounts, with the Maersk Line; ships. Bjoern is from Copenhagen and this is his first time living abroad; he likes Thais, tennis and squash. Posing with Findlay Macpherson.



**Chris Partridge:** has lived in Malacca for four years and recommends it as an interesting place to visit. He's here to help build bridges for the new motorway doesn't have time for hobbies except hashing!

**Brian and Utta Walker:** no kids, no dogs, no cats. Utta is from Dresden and is a tennis player; Brian is a Brit and thinks that he plays golf when he is not quantity surveying.



**Rafael and Patricia Cohen:** from Connecticut with Rachel who is two. Rafael works for Arthur Anderson .....? and Co., consultants in the implimentation of company computerisation. The Cohens both like swimming; Rafael golfs (Patricia has a bash), Patricia is a needlepoint enthusiast (Rafael is not). They like the British! Patricia seen here with Elsie, Christine and Jo, Rafael with Roy Allert (foreground).



**Elizabeth Forster:** better known as Betty. Non-competitive, non sporty, ex-Hanoi, bar and pool lizard, avid swimmer. Betty is a secretary at the Australian Embassy and has been here for eight months; here in the good company of another Aussie, Fiona Munroe, and new member Alistair McManus.



**Elwood and Margaret Pye:** Canadians who have just come from Singapore; Elwood is a Foreign Affairs Advisor for the Industrial Sector. They have been here for four months and have two children. This is where I should have found Mrs. Pye to glean more information however.....

**Mark and Dawn Marshall:** both here, from Vancouver, on behalf of Canadian Investors interested in construction and real estate. This is their first posting. They love Thailand and hope to be here for ten years. Last week Mark got a hole in one at the 17th hole with a five iron; Dawn has started golf and aerobics.

**Alain and Esther Dietrich:** a sort of French, German, Swiss mix, they have been here for one and a half years setting up an Ovaltine factory and have only just found time to socialise. Alain and Esther have three kids and like tennis, swimming and sailing.



**Roger Fordham:** has lived in Chonburi at the Panatnikom refugee centre for four years; now is Bangkok based, working for CCSDPT co-ordinating service agencies for refugee camps. Roger is Australian, single, likes swimming, tennis and music - here with Michael McDonald and Andrew McDowell.



**Roy Barrett:** an old member who had just arrived from Heathrow and was very pleased to be here. He'd been on a PR jolly for three weeks in the UK and was knackered; having his photo taken with a toothless Ed. made him feel alot better.



**Beth and Giles Craven:** he of the UK and she of North Carolina, they lived in Holland before coming here. Giles is a finance director with Shell. They have a two year old and No. 2 due in six weeks. When they have passed the intense scrutiny of the Committee they're looking forward to meeting lots of new people.



**Michael and Krista Sagild: with Vince Swift.** They are from Holland and Denmark respectively. Michael works for the Shangrila, and plays golf; Krista is an interior designer and likes squash and tennis. They have lived and worked in Switzerland, Australia and Ireland.



**Christine and Christian Mure: from France,** they both like swimming and golf and lived in Hong Kong before coming to Bangkok. They have three daughters. (Christine centre, Christian absent) Richard and Sumita Han.



**Helen Fehr: also from Vancouver,** she works for Canadian Airlines. Hobbies? Oh dear! Hashes, swims (used to teach swimming), is a BCT member and enjoys all that back stage stuff; is a general all round athlete! Smiling with Andrew McDowell and Bob Radford.



**Bruce and Susie Dean: avid readers of old Outposts,** they have one daughter who "is lucky to have made it to five." Bruce is never right, Susie always disagrees! His ambition is to be the King of Gillette, explore beauty queens parlours and carry on playing squash and rugby; her's to become a professional shopper and learn to play tennis. Bruce actually does do odd little bits for Gillette when he's not posing with Nigel Oakins and Peter and Jo Snell.



**Donna and David Beevers: relaxing with Thea and Ian Scott (right).** They are probably from the UK; they didn't seem too sure! He works for the Club Corporation of Asia and she is a ballet teacher, hoping to get classes going at the BC; all men welcome (Colin Hastings has already joined up). There are no little Beevers yet. David has lots of hobbies including county level hockey, golf and the promotion of ballet so that he can retire.



**Anthea and John Candler: on their first posting from the UK.** John works for an American shoe company and Anthea teaches at the Bangkok Patana School. Seen here talking to Andy Hawkins.



**Gavin Clark: (centre) with Brian and Tony.** He is a Kiwi who has just come from Perth. He works for a consulting firm who deals with computer strategy systems, currently for the Metropolitan Electricity Authority through the Asian Development Board. Gavin has also worked in Papua New Guinea and has very little time for hobbies.



**Patrick and Ariane Arbeau: with Jack Dunford.**

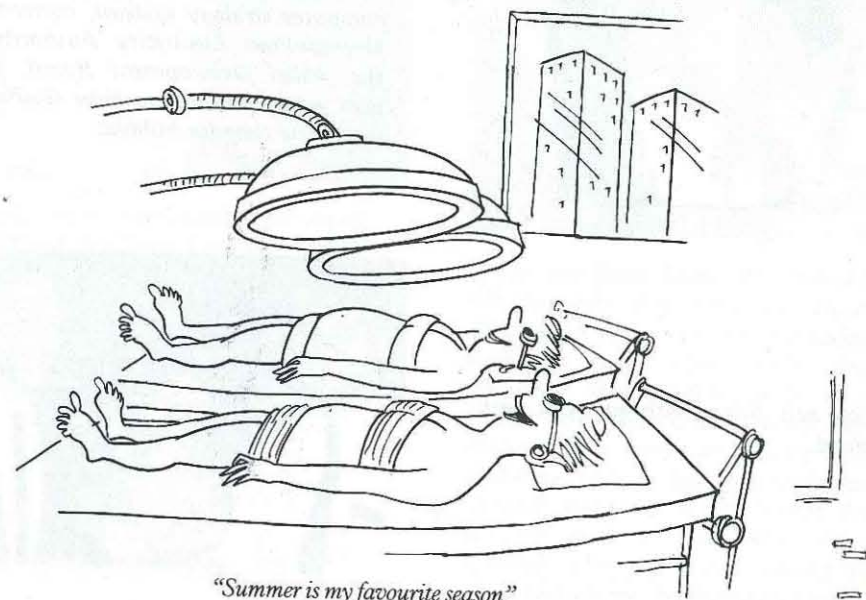
# FROM THE EDITOR

**J**ULY seems to arrive more quickly each year or maybe I'm just getting old. May and June bring the realisation that there is rather a lot to do before the departure date and then suddenly it is no longer weeks away, but tomorrow, and the pile in the in-tray is still there, albeit smaller. I'm sure that there's a lesson to be learnt there somewhere; maybe next summer I'll get it right.

It has been another good year for OUTPOST particularly now that Hild and Judi have joined the team. Contributions are still flowing in which is very heartening and I hope that this will continue over the summer months, for the August and September issues, when the magazine will be in the capable hands of Judi Ledi and Keith Bell, the manager. Our regular writers continue in fine fettle and some new ones have joined the merry band; all contributions are gratefully accepted so if you are new here and think that you'd like to try your hand as an OUTPOST writer, please do; this is your magazine. Suggestions for new topics are also always welcome.

Have a good summer, whether you're swanning around the world or working as usual in Bangkok. If you visit any interesting places, please write about them, take lots of pictures and come and find me when you get back in September.

Maren



"Summer is my favourite season."

# FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

## I SPY

Please accept my apologies to those members who spent hours reading through April & May's OUTPOST in the hope of locating their membership number hidden in some article.

It appears our printers decided to help edit, thinking they were doing us a favour and removed what was thought to be an obvious mistake. Ah well back to the drawing board.

## ACCUMULATOR DRAW

The accumulator draw every Friday night continues to pull the odd member or two out of the woodwork.

Below are a few members who would have won had they been in the Club. To date the accumulator stands at B3,000.

J. Chantanakomes	C121	Stephen Ward	W48
Hugh Salmon	S144	Graham Evans	E27
C.J. Andrews	A36		

Many thanks to the members who contributed B1,800 towards the children's activities fund on the night the F.A. Cup Final was telecast live in the Churchill Bar.

## FLICKS FOR KIDS

To the parents concerned

"NO PARENTAL GUIDEDANCE NECESSARY". This of course refers to the movie.

And may not be taken as an invitation to deposit your Treasure with Khun Pismai whilst you leave the premises!

You may have noticed two magnificent bronze lions together with two bronze dogs on display in the dining room.

These pieces are on loan to the Club free of charge for a limited period. The pieces are supplied by Santi's Thai Arts of Silom Road.

The figures are made by gifted Thai artisans who first create the pieces out of wax, molten bronze is then poured into the wax, then many hours follow, polishing to perfection these works of art.

The winning department pictured below worked very hard during May to achieve 85 out to 100 to gain the Inter-Department Trophy and bonus.

## SPOT THE BALL RESULT :

Winner, Alice Andreassen A41



# CLUB ROUNDUP

## Folk Night



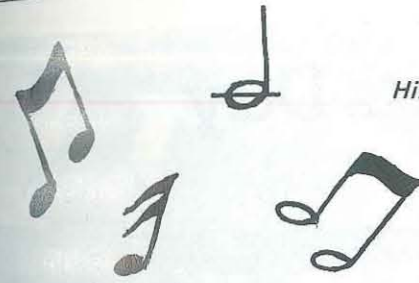
*No Fixed Abode.*



*Versus Talking Heads.*



*"The 'Winners?'" – No Fixed Abode of course!*



Hi!



*Mike, Erica and Orin enjoying the music.*



*Togetherness –  
B.C. style.*



# Children's Sports Day

**F**OREMOST sponsored a very successful children's sports carnival day on Friday 19th May. They provided free icecream, yoghurt and milk for the 60 children who took part in the events of the day. They also provided prizes for each participating child.

As there were so many children, the 5's and over were put into teams. There were two events for the under 5's; in the running race the results were:

1. Lauren Whitters
2. Anna Hoskins
3. Carleen de Boer

In the swimming, the results were:

1. Kate Gidley
2. Kate Harris
3. Alison Briggs

The remainder of the children were divided into six teams and these were made up as follows:



**BLACKBIRDS**

Nadia Hall  
James Rennie  
Helen Wynne  
Victoria Scott  
Nicky de Boer  
Candice Driver  
David Contreas  
Anna Freeman  
Michael Coutts



**BLUE FINCH**

Matthew Townend  
Charlotte Whalley  
Angie Hastings  
Petra Glattbach  
Sonia Stewart  
Christopher Hall  
Adrian Harris  
Kate Gidley



**GREEN FINCH**

George Dunford  
Morag Bruce  
Clare Stewart  
Jonathan Coutts  
Maya Hoskin  
Christopher de Beer  
Robert Rennie  
Robert Wynne  
James Yates



**RED ROBIN**

Mark Freeman  
Michelle Howard  
Manita Herman  
Rebecca White  
Chloe Leamon  
Dominic Glattbach  
Andrew Scott  
Ross Leamon  
Michael Andreas



**MAGPIE**

Nigel Howard  
Maneeya Herman  
Carolina Contreas  
Joe Harris  
Shelley Neighbour  
Adam Yasui  
Ayesha Loveridge  
Lillian O'Connor  
David Yates



**YELLOW HAMMER**

Rory Neighbour  
Sally Dunford  
Rosie Hall  
Diana Lamb  
Sarah Myers  
Harriet White  
Jenni Southern  
Louise Coutts  
Andrea Sill

The races took place on the back lawn, after the under fives, there was an egg & spoon race in which each member of the team took part. This was followed by five three-legged races and three sack races. There was then a team relay race with a difference – by the time it came to the last leg the whole team were holding hands and running down the field together, which was rather exhausting for those who had started off so to cool them down, there followed a water obstacle race, first the boys ran and then the girls. The final race of the day was an obstacle race with several of the older children getting stuck in the tyres they were supposed to scramble through. However everyone enjoyed themselves and the results at this stage of the competition were :

- |                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| 1. Red Robin     | 27 |
| 2. Blackbirds    | 25 |
| 3. Green Finch   | 24 |
| 4. Magpie        | 21 |
| 5. Blue Finch    | 18 |
| 6. Yellow Hammer | 12 |

The races were followed by a barbecue lunch, after which events moved to the swimming pool.





*In training for the 2000 Olympics?*

The first event was one where some balls were emptied into the water and each team had to collect as many as they could in the allocated time, the results were :

- 1. Green Finch 81
- 2. Yellow Hammer 76
- 3. Magpie 69

The second event was a team relay event, the results were :

- 1. Red Robins
- 2. Blackbirds
- 3. Green Finch
- 3. Blue Finch

The third event was the same as the first event using coins instead of balls, the results were :

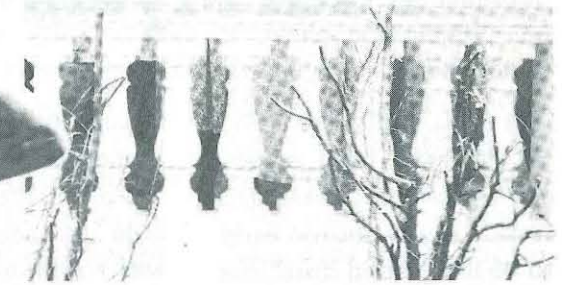
- 1. Blackbirds 39
- 2. Green Finch 35
- 3. Green Finch 25
- 3. Blue Finch 25



*"And they all lived happily ever after."*



*Just a couple of bums!*



*Who says being a parent is all hard work?*

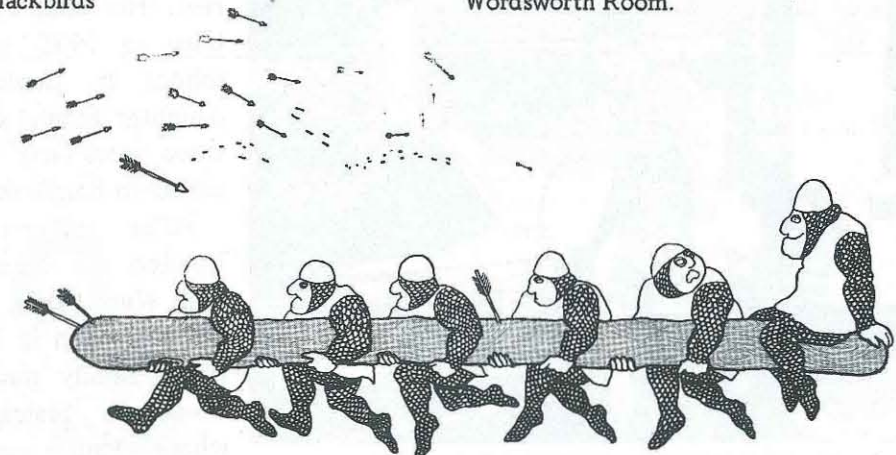
So we came to the end of the swimming. Next came the reckoning up and tensions mounted until the final results were announced, these were :

- 1. Red Robin 33
- 2. Blackbirds 31
- 3. Green Finch 29
- 4. Magpie 22
- 5. Blue Finch 18
- 6. Yellow Hammer 15

The fourth and final race was a race to see how fast each team could get a number of balls into a bucket, the results were :

- 1. Red Robin
- 2. Blue Finch
- 3. Blackbirds

Thanks were given to all those who had helped to make the day such a success. Harriet White then had a birthday party in the playground, following which everyone was able to relax and watch the children's videos in the Wordsworth Room.



*"Slacker!!!"*

# KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

## Paul Myers - Treasurer

**P**AUL considers 1953 to have been a very good year to enter the world. It was not too early to be involved in hostilities and not too late to miss the swinging sixties.

He spent his early years in South Woodford which is a sort of no man's land between Central London and Essex. It is near those notable monuments of the Water Works and Gallows Corner - both exciting in their own way. Also just a stones throw (not that one would) from Churchill's

statue in his old constituency Woodford Green.

The famous watering hole of Southend-on-Sea was within easy reach and was where many a happy 'treble chemistry' period was (mis)spent.

He was lucky enough to enter what was the as yet unspoilt Grammar School system in the form of Buckhurst Hill County High School in Essex.

He modestly admits to have been a fair swimmer and reached the pinnacle of this career in represent-

ing Essex-once. He soon realised that it was time to give others a chance so he started teaching the sport. This part-time source of income helped sustain him right into early married years on a meagre Shell salary.

After school he had the choice of Sheffield University or joining Shell; he did the latter and was sponsored through the Certified Accountancy exams passing the final in 1976.

On his first day at work he met Sheila and three years later they were married. His son, Peter was born in 1978 and is in school in England, his daughter Sarah, was born three years later and is at school in Bangkok.

After commuting to London for some years, even West Africa sounded attractive and in 1982 the Myers family travelled to Freetown, Sierra Leone where Paul was Chief Accountant (and sole



Paul works for Shell in Bangkok - you may have seen him at work!

expat.) in a small Shell Marketing company. This experience has left lasting memories for all the family especially with the close community spirit formed from common discomfort including lack of day to day essentials such as water, electricity, cooking gas and yes, even petrol. He was pleased to find some 'old' Freetown friends in Bangkok.

Shell then decided that Paul and family were having too much sunshine in Freetown and they all tramped off to Aberdeen. Paul says that he really never got used to the climate there but his wife and children were never happier.

It was in Aberdeen that he started to get heavily involved in committee

work with the school P.T.A. and the local community centre as well as involvement in the local swimming club.

He says it was a wrench to leave Aberdeen in some ways; especially in respect of schooling for the children but the company were not content with his temperature again so back to the tropics-Bangkok.

In Bangkok he works for Thai Shell as Head of Systems Evaluation (Audit). The only advantage in being an auditor is that it is quite in order to be a 'boob' inspector (the only audit joke he knows). Now he says that commuting to work in Bangkok makes even London seem attractive.

Being in Bangkok has enabled him to follow a

life long ambition in the form of sub aqua diving. He has dived often over the last year in the Similans, Chumphon and of course Pattaya. His wife Sheila, was hoping to follow a lifetime ambition of being completely idle instead she too has found herself immersed in committee work this time for the BWG.

He joined the General Committee as Treasurer after Ian Aldridge left and was assured that it would be fairly routine and not at all time consuming. He says that he will not deny that in case he has to tell someone reading this article the same story one day.

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## IMAGES OF ASIA

IT has been said that Nature seems to have taken a delight in assembling her favourite products in the countries of South-East Asia; perhaps no other region of the world can boast such a variety and abundance of indigenous fruits – from the mango, mango-steen, and durian to the jambu, rambutan, and the many kinds of banana.

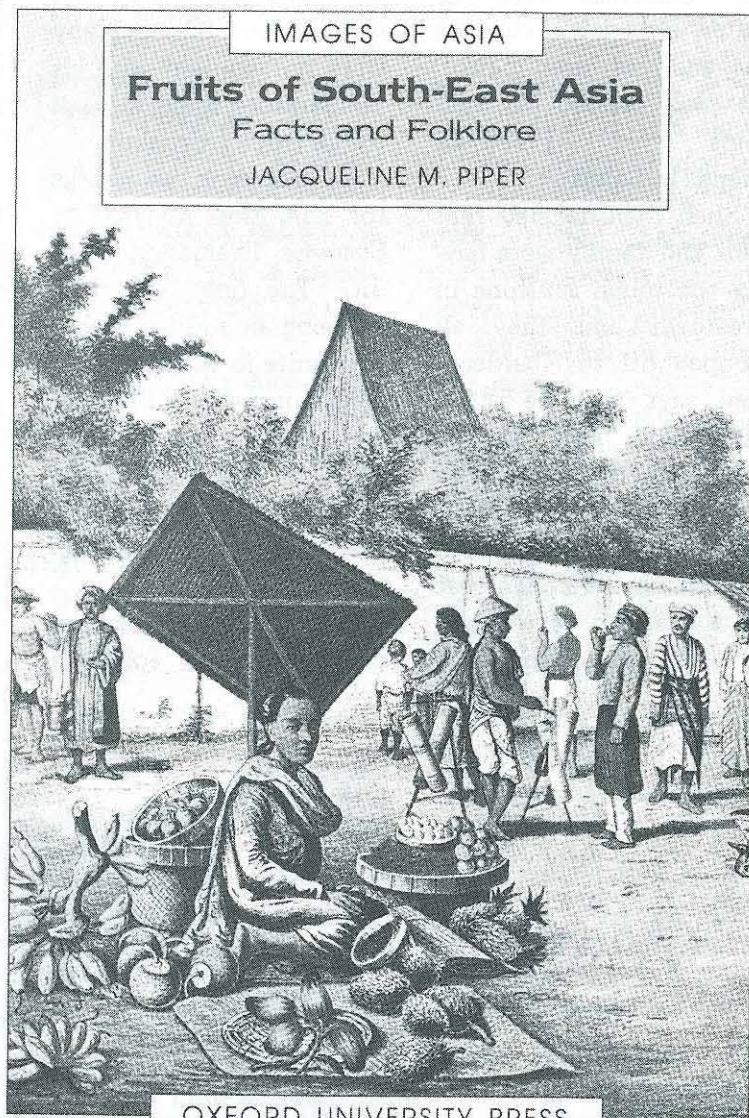
The fruits have always contributed to the spiritual and cultural lives of the people whilst the sap, leaves, and wood of the trees they grow on have provided a multitude of useful products.

Surveying South-East Asia from Burma to the Philippines, this book covers the botany, horticulture, yields, and uses of some thirty fruits and focuses on their role in regional cuisines, herbal medicines, arts and handicrafts, and rituals and festivals.

Hints are given on growing fruits from seed and methods of processing for consumption far away from the region are mentioned.

This concise but stimulating account is illustrated in colour with photographs and modern water-colours and a well-chosen selection of early botanical drawings, paintings, and lithographs.

It was written by Jaqueline M. Piper a British Club member



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who left Thailand in 1987, although her husband Ben is a frequent visitor.

Jaqueline's book can be

bought at reception price £295; for a pre-view it can be found in the Wordsworth room library.

## In Search of a Tall Dark Stranger

NO-one had explained to me when I agreed to look after Welfare for the British Women's Group that it would entail scouring the backsoils of Sukhumvit looking for a "tall dark stranger" who did magic. Yet here we were, the chairman of the B.W.G. and I, just as dusk was falling, surrounded by an ever increasing circle of puzzled Thais as we inquired of the whereabouts of Oscar the Magician. Have you ever realised how difficult it is to mime pulling a bunch of flowers from up your sleeve, when you have no sleeve or pulling a rabbit out of a hat, when you have no hat!!

Let me elucidate. Once a year the British Women's Group gives a party for slum children at a Kindergarten chosen by S.K.I.P. (Slum Kindergarten Improvement Project) It was my task, as Welfare lady, to organise the party. The first job was to write to companies to ask for donations or presents for the children. At the end of the party each child is given a bag of small presents to take home. As this would probably be the only party the children would experience we wanted to ensure that it would be really special.

I spoke to Keith Bell at the



The elusive Mr. Oscar.



It's nay Cock-a-Leekie Soup.

Club and he immediately agreed to supply all the food, giving the children a good

nourishing meal and he also promised to try and find some more sponsors.



*It was quite a squeeze to get everyone into this picture.*



*Sister Benjamas enjoying the party as much as the children.*

Next day Wendy Neate and I set out with Sister Benjamas, the S.K.I.P. co-ordinator, to visit the school so we could draw a map of how to reach it and get an idea of the number of children we would be catering for. It was somewhere off Rajadapisek Road and entailed walking along little winding alleys and through many people's houses until we came out into the sunlight to a small, but clean, brick-built school lying beside a rather black and smelly

Klong. This slightly amazed us as the previous year the school had been within a wooden stockade, under the expressway, beside the railwayline and behind a hoarding which backed onto the Petchburi Road and we had been unable to hear ourselves speak the whole day.

The children were quiet and busy learning their alphabet but immediately stopped when they saw the two farang ladies and gave us a beautiful wai. They were all dressed in

uniforms which initially gave an impression of equality and affluence but having just had glimpses into their houses, as we walked to the school, we knew this really masked the extreme poverty they are living in. S.K.I.P. believes that wearing uniforms gives the children a feeling of belonging to an establishment as other children do and also gives them a co-operative spirit. Many companies and groups have given money for these uniforms but each parent has to pay a small contribution towards the uniform so that they will take pride in wearing it and looking after it. It was good to see that the idea really worked.

The visit over we knew that we would need to buy presents for 20 boys with ages ranging from 3 to 6 and 23 girls between 3 and 7. By this time I had received some very generous donations of money from British Airways, Boots Co., B.T. (Worldwide), CIBA-GEIGY and Khun Nithat Tansantikut from the Club. I had also received offers of gifts from Ben Line Containers, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Nestle, Thai Airways and Lever Bros. who said they would provide us with their new product in Thailand, Walls ice-cream.

In search of toys that would not fall apart the minute the children picked them up, Sheila Myers and I battled our way along Sampang Lane one very hot Monday morning. We took the precaution of buying extras in case the number of children swelled on the day. My driver was slightly amazed to see us staggering back with 2½ dozen cars, masks, tea-sets, notepads, pencils etc. which

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necessitated him emptying the boot of all the hundreds of implements drivers in Bangkok think it is necessary to carry in case of emergencies. Out came pink buckets, numerous sponges and cloths, "Ken Dodd" tickling sticks, a washing line, Arsenal mug, copious tools but not the snow-chains our driver in Korea had insisted he had to carry all year round!

I was now able to tick most things off my list and all that remained was to organise the entertainment - Mr. Oscar Pittman Junior the American Magician. I rang his number and stupidly asked for Mr. Pittman, of course no-one of that name was there and I was told I had the wrong number. I dialled more carefully this time and spoke to the same Thai lady again, there was no Mr. Pittman but there was a Mr. Oscar, fine, could I speak to him? Aah, now he didn't actually live there as this was a shop. Eventually I learnt that if I was to come by at 6 p.m. the next evening I might encounter Mr. Oscar. The Thai lady gave me very detailed instructions how to get there but when the time came I started to get slightly cold feet. My husband was away on business (in Pattaya!) and I really felt I'd like someone to come with me for moral support. I knew Angela Poustie's husband was also away so we agreed to find Mr. Pittman together and then go on to a restaurant to eat afterwards. So it was that two dressed-up farang ladies stepped out of a large white car that took up the width of the soi, in the depths of Bangkok and began

making inquiries about a big black man!

We did eventually contact Mr. Oscar and he very kindly said he would be able to come and do his magic for us. Luckily I did think to explain to my husband what I had been up to while he was away, which was just as well, because a few nights later he received a phone call from a gentleman with a very deep voice asking if Judi was in and claiming to be Oscar the Magician.

Anyway the day of the party arrived and I was lucky enough to have the help of Val Austin, Mae Barr, Kristin Groves, Jane Matthews, Eileen Macdonald, Wendy Neate, Angela Poustie, Alison Savage, Tanya Smith, Steph Wallace and Sister Benjamas. We had a really wonderful day and everything went very smoothly. The British Club arrived very punctually and produced beautiful steaming dishes of fried rice with chicken and a big cauldron of soup. Khun Surapol from the Club very kindly donated the dessert

which the children greatly enjoyed, the ice-cream appeared which caused great glee from the children and Coca-Cola were good enough to supply the drinks. We were also very lucky to have apples donated as well, which was something the children had especially asked for. Ben Line Containers supplied these from Canada and Julia and Anthony Freeman also went to incredible trouble to bring us back a box of apples from England. Thank you to every-

one. As for the children, they really had a day to remember, I just wish all the people who had contributed to the party could have seen the looks on their faces, because that was our big reward.

So dear readers, you have been warned. Should you be asked to serve on a committee, you too may find yourselves in the backstreets of Bangkok 'in search of a tall dark stranger'.

Judi Leddy



"Oh, we don't kill them, lady—we just control them."

## A Day in the Life of Ben Piper - a Hydrologist

**T**O describe a typical working day as a hydrologist, whether in Thailand or at my UK base in sleepy Wallingford (Oxfordshire), would be much less exciting than the days described by previous contributors. Instead I will try to outline what my work aims to achieve.

In Europe we take water very much for granted. When long periods of drought restrict our ability to water the garden or wash the car, we tend to resent it and feel that our right to a service has been violated. We expect that when the loo is flushed or the plug pulled the water will just flow away - out of sight, out of mind.

In Thailand, as in most other tropical climates, water plays an important social and cultural role. The year is marked by water related festivals; Songkran at the end of the dry season, Loy Kratong at the end of the wet season, the ploughing ceremony before the wet season rice crop is harvested, and so-on. Water has also played an essential role in communication and transport.

Hardly a year passes without floods or drought making the headlines. On the one hand the drainage system and pumps may not be able to cope with the excess water that can lie around for weeks or months; on the other hand rainfall, and hence catchment runoff into river channels and then reservoirs, may be insufficient to satisfy all needs. A year of so-called average conditions is very rare; irrigation may have to be cut back, there may not be enough water for hydropower generation.

What role then does hydrology play? The effects of flood and drought can be overcome, but at a cost because major engineering

works are required. These can involve vast expenditure of capital, requisition of land, damage to the environment, large recurrent costs and so-on. Yes Bangkok could be protected against flooding, both from surface water from the central plains as well as from rainfall on the urban area from the intense local storms, but at a cost that might well be considered prohibitive.

One of the roles of hydrology is to provide design criteria for the planning of projects. For example, what is the probability that a flood of a given size will occur? Or more simply how likely is it that you will get your feet wet as you go home. What is the lowest discharge likely to occur in a particular river? To provide this information a range of analytical techniques are available. These need rainfall and river flow data from national agencies such as the Meteorological Office and the Royal Irrigation Department, which can then be analysed using computers. Much more of the work now relies on personal computers. This is particularly true in regions where few hydrological data exist, and data have to be generated by model.

Much hydrological analysis relies on the assumption that the future climate will resemble the past climate closely; thus past sets of data can be used to estimate what may happen in the future. There is evidence that man's activities are affecting climate, so this crucial assumption may no longer be true.

In the UK there is increasing public and government concern on environmental issues. The precise consequences of water as well as atmospheric pollution are the subject of fierce debate. What is clear is that the level of atmospheric carbon dioxide from a variety of sources

such as burning fossil fuels and large tracts of forest has increased significantly. Some studies predict that this will cause mean air temperatures to rise by several degrees, and it is postulated that this would lead to a rise in mean sea-level of between 0.5 and 2.0 metres sometime in the next 50 to 100 years. The implications of such a rise for many parts of the world are enormous.

Much meteorological and hydrological research is being directed towards improving our understanding of the atmosphere, so that future changes in climate from atmospheric pollution can be predicted more accurately. Computers again play a vital role in these studies.

This digression takes me well away from what I have been doing in Thailand. My work has been in the northeast, E-sarn, an area of

relatively low rainfall where drought and water shortages are common and where the land is poor. The main purpose of the study was a thorough analysis of the available water resources and how these could best be allocated between competing users even as for domestic and industrial supplies, irrigation and hydropower. Flood control was also an important aspect.

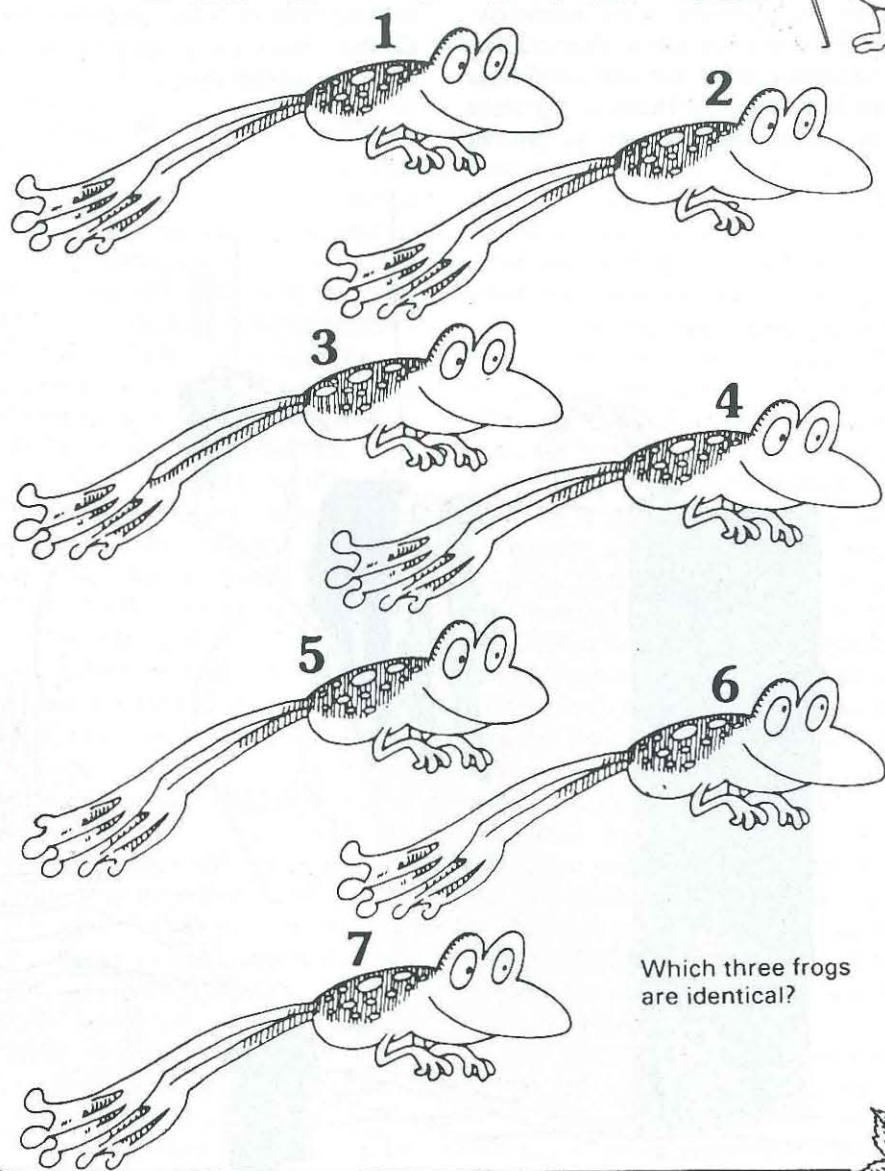
How come I have spent so much time in Bangkok when the project was based up country? Well it is those computers again, for at the time that the work was carried out, the data and computers were available only in Bangkok; now portable personal computers have changed all that. Were the project to start again that would be another story....



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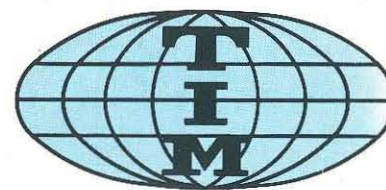
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## STICKY FINGERS

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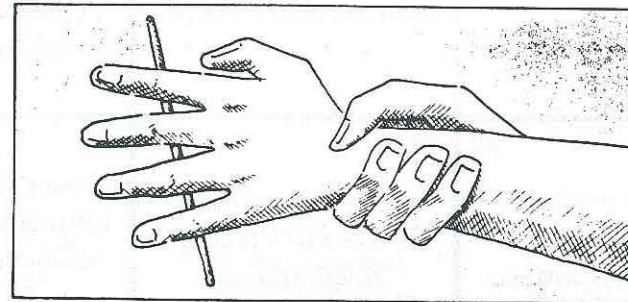
- A drinking straw

Your friends will think you are a real magician when you make an ordinary straw stick to your hand. It looks like real magic.

This is how you do it. Take the straw in your left hand. Now grasp your left wrist with your right hand. Secretly straighten your right fore-

finger so it can hold the straw against the palm of your other hand. Open out the fingers of your left hand and the straw will seem to have a magnetic attraction to your hand.

Only show this trick with the back of your left hand towards your audience. If you ever accidentally turn and show the other side of your hand everyone will see how the trick is done.



## The Last Straw

Do the trick in the normal way. Then say to your audience, "I'll let you into a secret - the straw is held in place by my thumb." As you say this you turn so that your left palm is facing the audience. At the same time you bring your left thumb down to hold the straw and move the right forefinger down and around the left wrist. The audience can now

see that the straw is held in place by the left thumb.

Now turn again so that the back of the left hand is facing the audience once more. Bring the right forefinger back up to hold the straw and lift the left thumb into view as you say, "I mustn't wiggle my thumb or I will drop the straw." You wiggle your left thumb, but the straw remains stuck to your hand!

Now place the straw on a table and then make magic pass over and around it. Much to everyone's surprise the straw begins to roll away from you, following the movement of your hand across the table.

## THE ROLLING STRAW

The secret of this trick is amazingly simple. A lot of people will think you have a thread attached to your hand and the straw - but it is not as complicated as that! All you have to do is blow the straw across the table!

The movements of your hands around and then away from the straw are simply to make everyone look at the table so that no one will see you blowing.





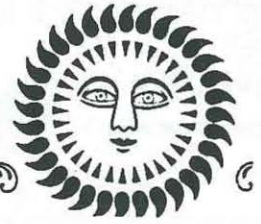
'Sticky Fingers' is not an earth-shattering bit of magic. But you can make it quite amusing by going one step further - like this.





# JULY CALENDAR

Coming soon: August 2nd – Pub Night.

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI		
	1 Golf – N'Nayok W/E Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm.	2 Golf – N'Nayok W/E Flicks for Kids – 11.00 am. Sunday Afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6.00 pm. B.B.C. World Video (repeat of Friday) – 4.00 pm.	3 B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. New Members' Night/ Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm.	4 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm. Bridge – 7.30 pm.	5 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm. Leslie Collings Trophy Open Pairs Snooker	6 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm.	7 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. B.B.C. World Video (check programme at Reception) – 7.00 p.m. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.		
	8 Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm.	9 Flicks for Kids – 11.00 am. Sunday Afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6.00 pm. B.B.C. World Video (repeat of Friday) – 4.00 pm.	10 Beginners' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm. Scottish Dancing – 7.00 pm.	11 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm. Bridge – 7.30 pm.	12 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm. Leslie Collings Trophy Open Pairs Snooker	13 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Bambi Meeting at B.C. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm.	14 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. B.B.C. World Video (check programme at Reception) – 7.00 pm. Bastille Day – Cheese and Wine Night – 7.30 pm. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.		
	15 Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm.	16 Golf – Rysome Cup Flicks for Kids – 11.00 am. Sunday Afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6.00 pm. B.B.C. World Video (repeat of Friday) – 4.00 pm.	17 Beginners' Tennis – 8-10.00 pm. B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm.	18 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm. Bridge – 7.30 pm.	19 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm. Mabbat Cup Open Singles Snooker	20 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon B.W.G. Lunch at Angus Steak House Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm.	21 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. B.B.C. World Video (check programme at Reception) – 7.00 pm. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.		
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	29 July Tennis Round Robin Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm.	30 Flicks for Kids – 11.00 am. Sunday Afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6.00 pm. B.B.C. World Video (repeat of Friday) – 4.00 pm.	31 Beginners' Tennis – 8-10.00 pm. B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm.	<p>For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the <i>OUTPOST</i> Calendar, please contact Judi Leddy on 258-5110. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month.</p> <p>* Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room."</p> <p>Please check the notice-boards for Entertainment Committees Stop Press events.</p>					

CHESS  CHESS

THE British Club Chess team was recently invited to take part in the Vliestra Cup organised by the Royal Bangkok Sports Club and played over 6 weekends in May and June. The competition consisted of 7 teams fielding 4 players out of a squad of 6. Each team played each other once and the team with the highest number of points of the end of the competition was declared the winner.

This is one of the few chess competitions organised in Bangkok and last year it was dominated by the team called Discovery. Also in the line-up were strong teams from R.B.S.C., Polo Club and Chulalongkorn University as well as an entry from the Soviets. It was therefore with some trepidation that we accepted the invitation from the R.B.S.C. to enter. Despite the distinct possibility that we may well end up in 7th place in the competition we felt we needed the practice anyway.

You may recall from an earlier OUTPOST magazine this year our match against the Soviets which was won by them 6-1. Therefore we did not expect to fair much better when we realised that they would be our opponents in the first game. Both BC and the Soviets failed to field 1 player due to no-shows, a problem which plagued the BC throughout the competition. Therefore there were only 3 points up for grabs. James Nichols playing Federov on board 1 with black failed to offer a draw in the end game when neither side could proceed without risk.

Federov was able to win a pawn which he eventually queened and won. The other 2 games however were won in fine style by Dick Brus on board 2 and Bob Gosling on board 3. This excellent win in the first game however was not to repeat itself until our final game against Polo which was won 3½-½.

Throughout the competition Dick Brus who played on board 2 for 5 of the 6 games maintained an unbeaten record. He was clearly one of the best if not the best player in the tournament. (Some of you may well remember him from the Bridge Section.)

Probably our worst loss was to Stammtisch, a German team full of enthusiasm but obviously the least strong team in the competition. They lost nearly all their games 4-0 to other teams and this should also have been 4 easy points for the BC. However due to 2 no-shows and an uncharacteristic loss by Bob Gosling on board 2 the BC went down 2-1. This was something of a setback which was partially redeemed by our score against the Polo putting us eventually into 4th position behind the Soviets, R.B.S.C. and Discovery.

Player of the competition as far as the BC was concerned must have been Dick Brus. James Nichols was somewhat out of his depth on board 1 and Bob Gosling originally penciled in on board 4 did well playing various times on board 2, board 3 and board 4 against some fairly strong opponents.

The full results, individual, and team, are as follows :

Individuals		Team	
James Nichols	– Board 1 – Played 6 won 2.	1. Discovery	(1 - 3)
Dick Brus	– Board 2 – Played 5 won 4 drew 1.	2. R.B.S.C.	(½ - 3½)
Bob Gosling	– Board 2, 3 & 4 – Played 6 won 1 drew 1	3. Russians	(2 - 1)
Surasak	– Board 4 – Played 1 won 1.	4. B.C.	–
Ivan S.	– Board 3 – Played 1 won 1.	5. Polo	(3½ - ½)
Wanchai	– Board 3 – Played 1 lost 1.	6. Chula University	(2 - 2)
		7. Stammtisch (German)	(1 - 2)

B.C. scores against each team in brackets, B.C. score first.

We will organise friendly matches against some of the teams who took part in this competition in the near future. Anyone interested in playing in these matches or simply wishing to learn and play chess on a casual basis should contact James Nichols Tel. 236-8831. (Office Hours.)

CRICKET  CRICKET

WELL, it's all over for another season. The old thigh-pad returns to the cat's basket and the bruises, physical and emotional begin to heal. The cricket dinner has come and gone, with the top awards going to Nick White (batsman), Jack Dunford (bowler) and Frank Hough (fielder). Here are the rest of the statistics.

A total of 47 players played for one or other of the BC teams this season, 23 exclusively for BC, 19 exclusively for the Pavilionaires, and 5 for both. We won two international matches, lost a friendly, won the Marshall trophy but lost the Woods, and finished as shown in the tables in the two league programmes.

Highest score of the season was the Pavilionaires' 228 for 7; lowest was BC's 26 (an all-time low) against Chiang Mai. Lowest score against was the Scribblers' 92 against BC, while the highest was ICC's 225 for 7 against the Pavs.

Sixteen fifties were scored in club matches this season, 8 by Nick White, 3 by Craig Price, two by John Garden and one each by David Dance, Alistair Rider and David Lamb. The fastest was Garden's fifty against Wanderers, scored off 39 balls in 43 minutes. There were two century partnerships, both opening partnerships between Price and White for BC and both unbeaten, at 142 and 130, respectively. (It seems likely that Rider and Lamb must have shared a century partnership against ICC, but the fall of wickets is not recorded).

Top individual score of the season was Nick White's 94 against AIT, while the best bowling was Jack Dunford's 6 for 58 against ISCI Jakarta. The most impressive bowling figures were David Dance's against RBSC: 9 overs, 6 maidens, one wicket for four runs.

## Final 35-over League Table Positions 1988-1989 season:

Team	Played	Won (16)	Lost (0)	Unplayed (8)	Batting Bonus	Bowling	Total points
AIT	7	7	0	0	31	34	177
British Club	7	5	2	0	24	38	142

Scribblers	5	3	2	2	16	27	107
Indian CC	6	3	3	1	22	24	102
RBSC	5	3	2	2	17	18	97
Pavilionaires	6	2	4	1	20	21	81
Wanderers CC	6	1	5	1	12	19	55
Thai CC	6	0	6	1	13	17	38

#### Final 45-over League Table Positions 1988-1989 season:

Team	Played	Won (16)	Lost (0)	Unplayed (8)	Batting Bonus	Bowling Bonus	Total points
Scribblers	4	4	0	1	17	20	109
RBSC	4	3	1	1	15	15	86
British Club	5	3	2	0	12	21	81
Indian CC	5	2	3	0	18	16	66
AIT	4	1	3	1	17	15	56
Wanderers CC	4	0	4	1	14	9	31

#### Leading batting averages (Minimum 3 completed innings)

Batsman	Inns	N.O.	H.S.	Total	Average
N. White	15	2	94	707	53.40
C. Price	11	3	59*	319	39.88
A. Rider	6	1	71*	199	39.80
J. Garden	5	0	58	176	35.20
D. Lamb	5	0	60	143	28.60
D. Dance	10	2	63	189	23.63
I. Hamilton	3	0	37	67	22.33
T. Davis	8	2	44	133	22.17
L. Semple	6	1	47	109	21.80
G. Bulte	7	3	25*	80	20.00

#### Leading bowling averages (Minimum 15 overs)

Bowler	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Rpo	Average
J. Garden	34.2	5	64	9	2.87	7.11
J. Dunford	103	6	488	39	4.74	12.51
J. Howard	25	0	141	10	5.64	14.10
F. Hough	18	2	72	5	4.00	14.40
H. Salmon	48.5	4	195	13	3.99	15.00
S. Edmonds	21.1	1	76	5	3.59	15.20
N. White	136.5	24	351	20	2.57	17.55
D. Dance	103	23	304	15	2.95	20.27
J. Parry	54.4	3	261	12	4.77	21.75
C. Price	62.1	3	223	9	3.59	24.78

#### Leading fielders

Wicketkeeper : Frank Hough 7 stumpings, 20 catches.

Other fielders : Dunford 10 catches, Dance 9, Price, Salmon & White 5.

David Hall, June 14th 1989

## DARTS DARTS

WE won! That is the Unicorns won their 4th week match of the season.

Lions: believe it or not, the Lions haven't been playing too badly either; there has been an abundance of tons, several 140's but not enough closes. Having completed three matches and stayed at home for the 4th week with a bye, it should be said that our opponents in the 1st two games were by far the better players. The 3rd match against Grants New Cowboys 3rd division team should really have been ours but the absence of our star players Frank and Paul and the lack of fast closes were our downfall and the match ended up 10-7 to the Cowboys.

Like all other sports darts is a game that needs practice; despite suggestions and nods of agreement from team members, these practice sessions are rarely attended. There are many matches ahead of us yet; by the next edition I hope to be writing of the champagne celebrations following the Lions 1st win of the season.

Unicorns: initially the Unicorns seemed to be afflicted by the same predicament, tons scored, some closes achieved but no matches won. Their 3rd match looked to be safely in the bag when they took five of the single games; it could still have been won following the

doubles but, by the 2nd trebles game, no chance. This did not deter our intrepid dart throwing adventurers, who this week went off and scored a really magnificent victory over Grants New Cowboys 4th division team, final score 11-6 to the Unicorns; well done ladies and gentlemen! Mike Major, Ian Kane and Bryan Baldwin achieving two closes each with Mike and Ian scoring 140's in their games; an astonishing feat as the opposing team had won all three previous matches and were top of the 4th division. From now on there should be no stopping them. Good luck and again well done.

For those of you non-dart players who enjoy excitement, joviality and pleasant company, why not come along to the Churchill Bar on Thursday evenings. While you may not always witness a victorious BC team (though on the other hand you might) you will see good darts thrown. If you do throw a mean dart and can close a game easily, please come along and register. Win or lose we usually manage to have good fun and the team shirts are quite smart. All are welcome.

Anne Douglas

## LADIES' GOLF LADIES' GOLF

ANOTHER active golf month for us all, just having completed the Gestetner Trophy, two week Stableford competition at Navatanee. The first week was rather wet underfoot after heavy all night rain, but the second round was very pleasant, everyone enjoying the venue plus the company of five brave husbands.

Thanks for coming Trevor (our Sponsor), Brian, Mark, Dick and Rob. There were seventeen B.C.L.GERS in the competition and an outstanding performance from Mal, who came in with a very steady 36 points both rounds, and is the new Gestetner Champion. Congratulations and well done, Mal. Sriwan was 2nd with 70

points and Anne 3rd with 64 points on a count back with Nena. Everyone received a prize from Gestetner, even our male companions for the day. Lunch, kindly provided by Gestetner, was followed by prize giving in the Club house, and Mr. Trevor Whalley, Managing Director of Gestetner kindly presented the prizes.



Trevor Whalley presenting the Gestetner prizes and new champ MAL.



"The hopefuls" before teeing off in the Gestetner Trophy.

Our sincere thanks to our sponsors, Gestetner (Thailand) Ltd. for a most enjoyable 2 round competition and for such generous sponsorship once again. The prizes were really lovely, the main trophy of course being the famous Gestetner silver candlesticks. My thanks to all the girls who helped with the scoring. We were sad to miss J.J. on the first round due to food poisoning, but glad to see her back for the second round, her usual smiling self.

The next few weeks should see everything back to normal,

our weekly games at Army 7 am. tee off as usual.

Your starter : Margaret McEwan 286 1463

As usual girls, try to keep your starter informed whether you can play or not. Thank you.

Welcome : Great to have Ruth Kennedy back with us; also lovely to welcome new member Anne-Marie from Sweden. Anne-Marie came with a 20 H' cap and showed us just how good she, is, with some lovely golf at Navatanee.

Reni, also new, plans to join us next Tuesday.

Well girls, lots of more serious golf still to play as we have fallen way behind with our Medal rounds, so some catching up to do.

Please encourage any new ladies (or old) who may be interested in joining us. Remember, we must keep trying to have a healthy membership, it wouldn't be much fun playing alone.

Have a pleasant month.

### COMPETITION RESULTS

#### 2nd May Stableford Army

Winner : Mal Chessman (22) 40 points  
 2nd : Joan Jurgens (15) 38 points C/B  
 3rd : Lavita Hughes (38) 38 points

Under par : Mal (68), Joanie (70), Lavita (70)

#### 9th May Better Nines (stroke play) Army

Winner : A Flight : Anne Kwong 34½ points C/B  
 R/up : Penny Whalley 34½ points  
 Winner : B Flight : Mal Chessman 35 points  
 R/up : Judy Farmer 35 points

#### 16th May T's and F's Stroke Play Army

Winner : A Flight : Joan Jurgens 35½ points C/B  
 R/up : Margaret McEwan 35½ points

Winner : B Flight : Benjamine Bronne 33½ points  
 R/up : Judy Farmer 29 points

Winner : C Flight : Eileen Branston 33 points  
 R/up : Lavita Hughes 32½ points

Near Pin No. 8 : Penny  
 Low Putts : Benjamine

#### 23rd May L.G.U. Medal Army

Winner : Silver Division : Margaret McEwan (18) 73 net  
 R/up : Joan Jurgens (12) 77 net C/B

Winner : Bronze Division : Judy Farmer (19) 75 net  
 R/up : Pat Daniels (36)\* 76 net

Near Pin No. 4 : Joanie  
 Near Pin No. 13 : Judy  
 Long Drive Silver : Florene  
 Long Drive Bronze : Judy

#### Gestetner Trophy – Stableford Navatanee

Winner : Mal Chessman 72 points  
 2nd : Sriwan Forrest 70 points  
 3rd : Anne Kwong 64 points C/B

#### 30th May – 1st round Gestetner Trophy

##### First day

Winner : Kerstin Persson 35 points  
 R/up : Nena Reid 33 points

Near Pins : Lotta, Mal, Anne, Kerstin  
 Birdies : Nena (2), Mal (1)  
 Chip ins : Lotta (1), Kerstin (1)  
 Long Drive : Nena

#### 6th June – 2nd round Gestetner Trophy

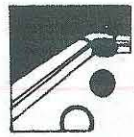
##### Second day

Winner : Anna-Lisa Lowenborg 34 points  
 R/up : Florene Studebaker 33 points

Near Pins : Anna-Lisa, Margaret, Penny, Lavita  
 Birdies : Kerstin, Mal  
 Chip Ins : Florene, Sriwan, Joanie  
 Long Drive : Anna-Lisa  
 Least Putts (2 days) Sriwan (57)  
 Lots of Putts (2 days) Genevieve

Dick and Rob each had good rounds of 73 net. Well done chaps.

# SNOOKER SNOOKER



## O'CONNELL TROPHY – Volunteer Singles Handicap

C. Corlett, the defending champion ran into a "buzz-saw" when he met Ron Armstrong, losing 314-267.

Meanwhile Tom Watson beat Keith Denner on the black ball 156-150.

In the final Tom Watson again edged out Ron Armstrong 166-156 to win his first trophy in a number of years.

## THE LEONOWENS COMPETITION (Also a Volunteer Singles Competition)

Eleven players contested this trophy with handicaps ranging from 25-120.

A number of newcomers to tournament snooker especially volunteer snooker played some very good matches.

In the first round: –

S. Ward beat Tom Watson, D. Hall beat Tony Austin, Kamol Sklothanarat beat K. Denner, D. Forrest beat A. Pickup, J. Dunford beat D. Williamson, bye – A. McDowell.

### Second Round

A. McDowell beat J. Dunford  
D. Hall beat Kamol Skolthanarat  
Byes – D. Forrest & S. Ward

### Semi-Final

A. McDowell beat D. Forrest  
D. Hall beat S. Ward

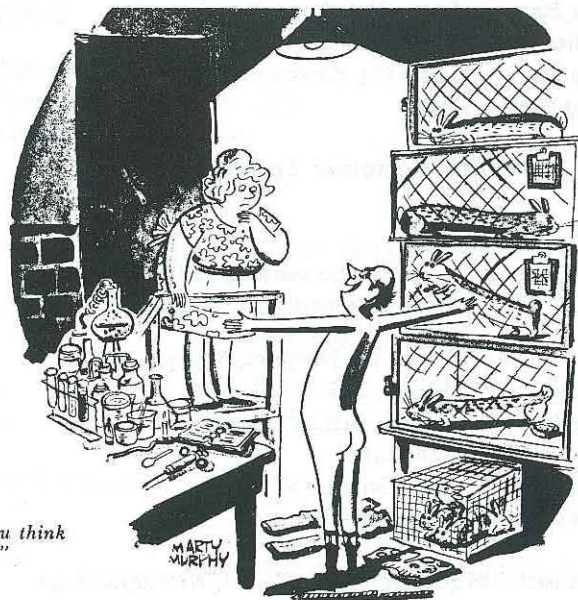
### Final

D. Hall beat A. McDowell  
(on the black ball)

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Next month – July 5th and 19th

- 1) Leslie Collings Trophy Open Pairs Snooker (no handicap)
- 2) Mabbatt Cup Open Singles Snooker (no handicap)



"Well, Edna? Now what do you think of my silly experiments!!"

# SOCCER SOCCER



HI Gang!

Where did last month go? Seems like only yesterday I sat down to write last month's literary minor-piece when here I am again composing another load of drivel. School holidays are upon us, the UK cricket scores have replaced football and yes, the nights are starting to shorten again back home. This certainly is a city of contradiction with so much time dragging slowly as we sit in interminable traffic snarl-ups whilst each month races by with the speed of a Scotsman leaving the Bar when he realizes it's his round.

## MATCH REPORT :

A flurry of activity surrounding our annual Singapore tour was the only "big team" activity of the month but what we lacked in quantity we made up for in quality. Firstly we had a warm-up match against the RBSC to brush away the cobwebs of 3 inactive weeks and move us to a fine peak of physical perfection or at least move us one rung up from beer bellied, wheezing bar flies. Unfortunately business commitments robbed us of several 'tourists' so we were unable to mould

the team-work but the match was significant for unearthing another promising new-comer in Bill Wright (an appropriate football name) who flew into Bangkok on the Monday and turned out on the Tuesday. Bill settled in very quickly and looks like he will be a decided asset to Club activities on and off the park. The depleted team played very well but the loss of an early goal from a free-kick on the edge of the box left us with an up-hill struggle, particularly since we were without substitutes. We plugged away however and but for poor finishing could have





been 1 or 2 up when on the counter-attack the Sports Club scored a late second to win 2-0. Both sides played fluid, open football and all in all it was a very enjoyable game with our best players being Frank and debutante, Bill Wright.

It was then off to Singapore. Injury robbed of us of Vince Swift and business commitments laid rest to the plans of Craig Rennie, John Gidley, Andy Maynard and Vic Lane. Dave Bennington and Tony Blunden were vacationing but we still felt we had a strong enough pool to acquit ourselves well. Unfortunately we had forgotten the standard of football in Singapore is higher and the call-offs were to prove too big a hurdle to overcome. Remember we were participating in the Windmill Trophy with five of Singapore's finest expatriate teams with us playing two sectional games to determine semi-finalists. We were drawn in what we felt was the easiest section with the host Dutch Club, whom we knocked out last year and the French who

we also defeated in the third and fourth place play-off. The other section comprised last year's winners and runners up the Vikings and British Hotspurs plus the much favoured Italians. The form book was to be reversed this year. In our first game we were unlucky to lose 1-0 to the Dutch when despite exerting most of the pressure, we suffered yet again from poor finishing and went down to a brilliant volley off a corner-kick. One incidence of slack marking cost us the game although I'm not so sure the Fish Head Curry the day before helped either. In a tournament of this nature it is vital not to lose and it left us having to win our game against the French to be sure of qualifying for the semi-finals. Being forced to attack left us more exposed at the back and a speedy break from Les Frogs ended in them placing an angled shot past Simon Hough. This exacerbated our problem and with both French wingers having a bit of pace and causing us, problems we ended up losing a second goal in the

dying minutes to end our hopes of glory.

This left us with a fifth and sixth place play-off against last years winners the Vikings and when your down your down. We lost 2-0 again thanks mainly to their dirty trick of playing a 16 years old on the right. Not only 16 but a fast 16 year old who created havoc and made 2 goals. To add insult to injury the Scandinavians used their substitutes to the full and one of them was - well not of the male gender. With bulging thighs and heaving breasts she impressed our lads. Her football wasn't bad either having played for Denmark at International level. Unsportingly however she wouldn't swap jerseys with Jimmy Howard at the end.

All was not disappointment however as we did have one representative in the final. We had, at the invitation of the hosts who were impressed with his performance in Bangkok, taken our own referee with us, a certain Augusto Romero of Italian extraction. Incidentally why don't Italians get acne - Because it slides off (sorry Augusto). He was not allowed to referee our games which was a pity as to prove his impartiality he had hosted the meal the evening before, for which we give him a big thank you. His performance was such that his fellow referees were delighted to give him the honour of refereeing the cup final where our sectional victors the French and Dutch who had vanquished the top two teams from the other Division fought out the Championship. The superior fitness of the French almost saw them

win in the 10 minutes extra time before they eventually took the Cup on penalties. Bueno, Bueno Augusto or whatever they say down Roma way.

It was then on to the apres match where we came into our own. In a tight competition the BC triumphed over the Singapore British Hotspurs 23 jugs of beers to 22 whilst all the Continental teams, not used to the fast flowing game wilted as also-rans. Beaten on the par but not off it we retired to sundry discos or the hotel (after all we did have another match to play).

Sunday was a different matter as we had a 10 am friendly against the self - same Hotspurs and it eventually got under way at 1040 with 22 bleary eyed zombies toiling in the Equatorial sun. The pre-

match "training" seemed to have affected the stamina of the Hotspurs more than us and we started on top although it has to be said there was as much pace in the game as a snail with a hernia. As with our first game of the month however the spirit was such that both sides had a good time and we managed to notch our first goals of the month in a 5-4 victory with the lead changing hands on several occasions. Scorers for us were Simon Hough with a hat-trick in an unfamiliar centre forward's role (Findlay was too hung-over to gallop about outfield so we left him in goal), Father Frank and cuddly Dave Wallace were perhaps the best of the match. Such was the friendly nature that both teams experimented with their youth policies with 12 year old

Ben Mason appearing for them and young Stephen (that's my boy) Forbes making his BC debut - when last were there two father and son combinations in a British International side?

#### TEAM :

Both teams then adjourned to that famous football hostel-ry (well corrugated iron shack is more appropriate) in Singapore, the Cool Bar. A few diet cokes were sipped and many of us sampled Mrs. Lims culinary delights, of which the beef curry is 'aroy mak' although somewhat conducive to the production of methane or other such gaseous matter. It was then back to the hotel, some last minute shopping and all too quickly our time was over and we had to wend our weary way to Changi and home. Beaten but not disgraced, tired but happy. First time tourists such as Kieth and Maureen Denner were, I think, pleasantly surprised at the fun and companionship that can be enjoyed on such escapades and have already signed up for Chiang Mai in October. Another good tour under the belt and another battle ribbon for Howard, Pomfret and Forbes (the three stooges?) who have a perfect attendance over the past two years (6 tours). Special mention must be made of Marvelous Mike Pomfret for the time spent organising the whole safari, SAS for the low fare and Carole Morier of Unocal Singapore for the hotel arrangements.

#### SPOT THE BALL IN THE DUBLIN EVENING CHRONICLE



## CASUAL CORNER :

Two matches this month in the new "Thai International Removals" Royal Blue and Red Kit. The first one was against the fitness fanatics of Clark Hatch and surprise, surprise, our bunch of reprobates lasted the pace. Starting off like the proverbial train the CH guys were two nil up in ten minutes and then began to run out of steam. Despite losing Francis Macever with a head injury that required seven stitches (who says Irish heads are thick), the Casuals clawed their way back to equality and then notched a winner in the last two minutes. Apparently debutante Brian Lewis had an outstanding game in right midfield to send the punters home happy but the scorers names are lost in the mists of inebriation.

The second game was against the Bank Indo-Suez which is the place of employ Casuals regular, Louis Chantanakomes (note I did not say he worked there). Louis elected to play for the Bankers which upset the balance of the Cass guys but they soon settled and in an open game the lead changed hands twice before the Bankers won 3-2 with yet another goal in the dying minutes (and boy do the players wilt). The winner was unfortunate as the shot was more apt for croquet going through the legs of both Alan Morton who up to then was his usual solid self and Findlay Macpherson. Other points of note was a great Macever (the same lad who has in stitches the previous game) goal as he ghosted past two defenders to

score and creditable performances from Grant Upton and Bill Witters.

We now look forward to the Casuals versus Big Team encounter to be played before the Club AGM and in order to inject a bit of spice.

"What's the difference between the Casuals and a Strawberry?"

The Casuals are softer. Ouch!

## POST-SCRIPTS :

Now the end is near - well almost anyway. We are off on tour again this month to sunny Rayong to play a factory team. Rayong today, R'Accapulco manyana.

Commiserations to Vince Swift for the bad ligament injury sustained playing for his office team. Hopefully he'll be back soon. A little bird told me he'll be a happy man when the Player of the Season Awards are made however.

Finally:

This chap had a car which slid into a ditch and the engine was duly knackered. He went up to a farmhouse and said, "Excuse me, can I borrow your tractor to pull my car out of the ditch?"

"We don't have a tractor, replied the farmer."

"Oh, can I borrow your horses then?" he asked.

"We don't have any horse" came the reply.

"Well what do you use for pulling things round the farm?"

"We've got this rather large chicken."

"Can I borrow that then? So he took this large chicken about 8 feet tall and harnessed

it up and went down to the car duly tied onto the car bumper and it pulled the it out of the ditch. The man asked, "Can I borrow your chicken to pull me down the road to get my car fixed."

"Certainly," was the reply.

So he set off - he clicked the reins and the chicken moved off at a moderate 20 m.p.h. Soon they came onto a dual carriageway and the chicken accelerated to 100 m.p.h. in the fast lane on the outside. The chap was terrified but he couldn't stop the chicken which was clucking its head off and flying along the road. All of a sudden they came to the traffic lights on the road. He stamped on the anchors - but too late, the strain proved far too much for harness and the chicken tore off into the distance. The car screeched round and landed in the middle of the traffic lanes. A police car came tearing up - "Right sir, what's all this, then?" "Well officer, you won't believe this, but my big hen's just gone."

Doctor "And when did you realise you had diarrhoea?"

Patient "When I took off my bicycle clips!" - sorry couldn't resist it.

What do you give a cannibal who's late for dinner? The cold shoulder.

Here about the Great Wall? It had chinks in it!

If your off on holiday - have a nice one. We'll see you soon and remember - one legged girls are a push-over.

Scoop

# SQUASH SQUASH

WELL, the first of the new look leagues took place in May and the response was tremendous with 70 participants. Most players seemed to like the five-to-a-division system and with the exceptions of Divisions 2, 7 and 12, participation was enthusiastic. The results were as follows:-

Division	1	Winner	
"	2	"	- Rod Dominy
"	3	"	- Colin Hastings
"	4	"	- John Garden
"	5	"	- David Jezeph*
"	6	"	- Andrew Hartley*
"	7	"	- Peter Snell
"	8	"	- David Scott
"	9	"	- Mike O'Connor
"	10	"	- Sandy Wallace
"	11	"	- Roger Daniel
"	12	"	- George Dunford*
"	13	"	- Peter Comerford
"	14	"	- Rita Dunford
"		"	- Nigel Howard*

\* Maximum points (24)

As a result of Colin Hastings win over Pieter Fangman in Division 2 he goes to the top of the ladder, the first time we've had a new number one for over a year. Congrats. to Colin!

Sadly, new member Andrew Hartley, having convincingly won Division 5 suffered a bad back injury which hospitalised him for several days. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope it won't be too long before we see him on the squash court again.

The new league system means it is essential to have more D.I.N.! What the \_\_\_\_\_ is D.I.N., I hear you ask? Read on:-

## D.I.N. RATING Degree of Inner Nastiness (Essential for all good squash players)

Check your rating here, or better still check that of a 'friend.'

You have DIN if you do the following on the squash court.

1. The ball rolls towards you at the end of a rally (which you have lost) but instead of picking it up and handing it to your opponent you pretend not to notice it and make him walk over, stoop down and pick it up himself. (4 points)
2. When your opponent plays a good winning shot you ask him: 'Are you happy with that?' and when he nods you roll your eyes inside out and emit a long, low sigh. (5 points)
3. When the service against you is so good you know you won't be able to winkle it out of the corner, you raise your hand and say you were not ready and would he mind serving again. (5 points)

4. You try to shame your opponent by wrinkling your nose every time he passes to give the impression that his kit is overdue for a rinse. (6 points)
5. When your opponent plays a cleverly disguised shot that has you beaten all ends up, you emit a whistle of disbelief which suggests it was a rotten fluke. (5 points)
6. When you are unable to reach a shot because it is too good you pick up the ball and start to serve again as though you are claiming your rightful let – even though you have not asked your opponent for one. (5 points)
7. You whistle or sing at crucial moments to break his concentration. (4 points)
8. When the other man slips and falls you accuse him of time wasting. (7 points)
9. When you slip you accuse him of tripping. (7 points)
10. At the end of the match you try to break his fingers with a congratulatory handshake. (4 points)
11. You pocket the ball, even though it belongs to him. (5 points)

DIN Rating:	Below 10	–	You wimp, take up knittig
	11-20	–	Keep trying – think hate
	21-30	–	Average – no wonder you're still in League 8
	31-40	–	Getting better
	41-50	–	Magnificent, a real swine, a credit to the game.

Only joking folks, squash is all good clean fun and with the rainy season upon us, it is the ideal time to have a try at squash. If you've played before why not gently, and I do mean gently, start again?

Squash players do it against the wall. You can too!  
See you in court.

### SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS SUMMER

THERE has been sufficient demand to run a course of lessons during the summer holidays but there are still places for more people.

Do make sure Erika Majer or Paul Myers has the name of your child. Leave a message in the Swimming Box behind reception if you can not reach us by phone.

At present we are thinking about the period July 23rd to August 31st and holding lessons every Sunday from 9 am and Thursday from 2 pm.

If there is sufficient demand we may extend to other days.

Lessons will be ½ hour to 1 hour depending on ability and demand. Prices will be about the same as usual; again depending on total demand.

We mostly have beginners and improvers at the moment. What about some more training standard? Perhaps boarders out for summer may want to join in?

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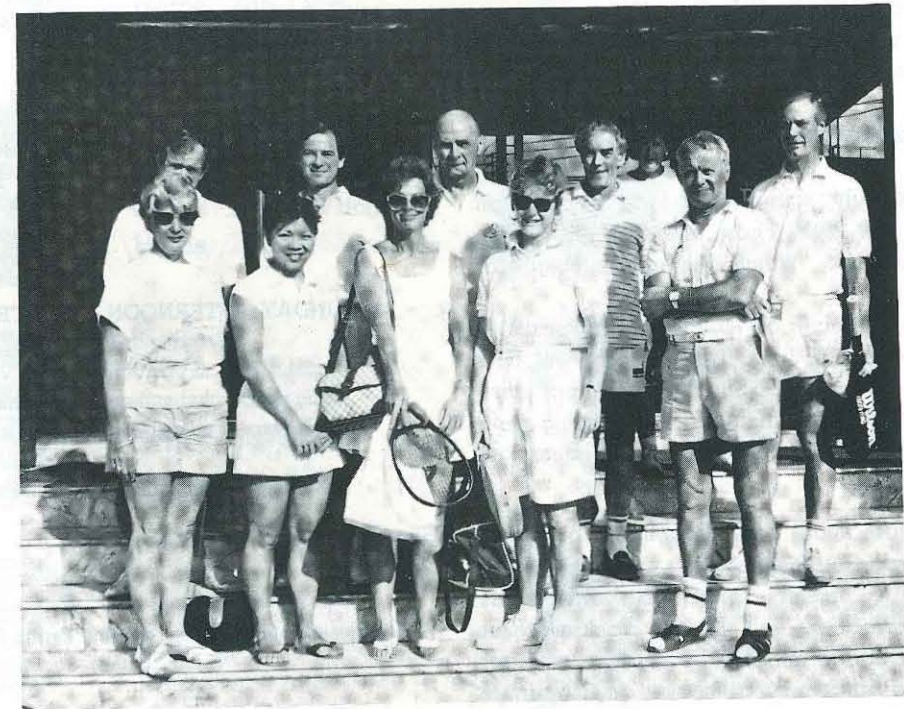
# TENNIS TENNIS

## Round Robin

The May round robin was held on the 28th with a record number of participants. The tennis committee was most heartened to see such a turnout. Play started as usual at 3 pm. and by 6 pm. it became clear who the winners were. Again the tournament took the form of a team event with 4 teams of 6 players. It was a close finish with 1 point separating the 1st 2 teams. The final result was a win by the team consisting of David Hind, Lynn Wainscott, Andrew Hartley, Joan Eaton, David Hall and Jack Dunford. The prize for the pair winning the most games went to Duncan Niven and Stephen Goode, with runners up David Hind and Lynn Wainscott. Well done all those who participated.

## Chiang Mai Trip

On the 2nd June a team of 14 BC tennis players and supporters caught the train to Chiang Mai to do battle against the Gymkhana Club. On arrival half the party adjourned to the golf course to have a quick few rounds while the rest of us, who were far more sensible, retired to the pool and the shops. Mike Poustie thinks he almost has the game of golf licked. If only he could put the theory into practice he would be able to lower his handicap from 36 plus to 36. He lost only 6 balls on this outing. Keep trying Mike – balls are cheap on your salary! Patrick and Jane Windeler, Sten and Benjamine Bronee, Simon and Marlene Brooke, Angela Poustie and Frank Wilson were also spied swing-



The B.C. team to Chiang Mai.



ing clubs in the noon day sun.

The tennis fixture kicked off at 8 am. on the Sunday. There were a few groggy BC members around but luckily the events of Saturday night didn't appear to effect their tennis. The BC was represented by

Gordon Martin	Fiona Munro
Frank Wilson	Marina Wilson
Rob Church	Sten Bronee
Benjamine Bronee	Jane Windeler
Simon Brooke	Mike Poustie

We won the event 11 sets to 4. The Gymkhana Club were extremely hospitable, providing sandwiches and drinks to get us through the morning and then turning on a fabulous lunch at the Dusit Inn where we were all staying.

The trip back in the train was a very rowdy affair with voices raised over games of Bridge and 500. As usual litres of beer were consumed and the evening was in danger of becoming drunk and disorderly. Luckily the guard in the carriage had the good sense to insist that the culprits climbed into their bunks and went to sleep as at 12.30 he and the rest of the compartment wanted to do just that.

It was a fun trip and all of those who went seem to have had an enjoyable time.

#### Developments in the tennis section

The July round robin will be held on Saturday the 29th. Those interested please sign up at reception. Watch the notice board for details.

Club evenings on Monday will be cancelled from the end of June. Instead there will be a new club afternoon on Sunday 3 pm-6 pm. starting on the first Sunday in July. Bring your racket and come and join in. All standards are welcome.

A note about court bookings. To book a tennis court, purchase stickers from the bar in the Sala (5 stickers for £100). Once these stickers have been put on the booking sheet they must not be removed by anyone else. After 6 pm. the court may be booked in 20 minute blocks. It is not necessary to book the court for the full hour if you wish to play only part of the hour.



Mike Poustie presents the B.C. plaque to the Gymkhana Club.

Congratulations to Mary Louise & Jens Bruhn-Petersen on the birth of their son. Another job well done.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLUB TENNIS

Starting in July.  
3 pm-6 pm

Bring your racket and come join the fun.  
Players of all standards welcomed

Other club sessions are as follows :

Wednesday	6 pm onwards	Mixed
Thursday	8 am-10 am	Ladies

(Please note : Monday evening Tennis is being discontinued)

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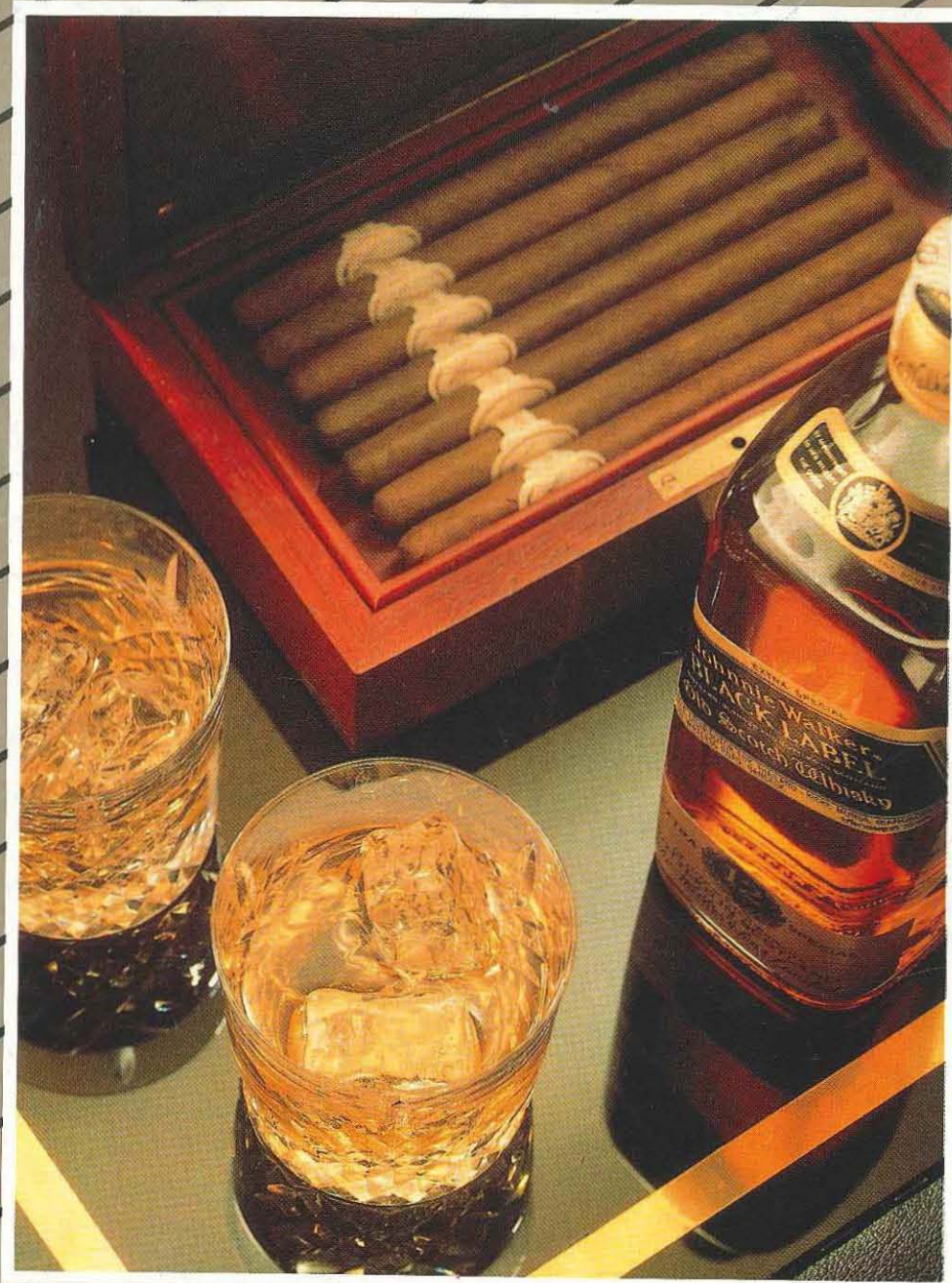
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