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From the Editor



Dear Readers,

Another hectic month with two Outposts to do. So unfortunately a bit of a rush job. More fuel on Mr. Reid's fire, an expensive Outpost with not enough work and time spent on it. What do you think? Do we need an Outpost or would you much rather have a

newsletter like in the old days? Let the Management know your thoughts, or write to the Editor.

We're off on our hols by the time you get this rag through your letterbox, away from it all, no telephones, no faxes, no British Club, no WORK!! The kids will love it, Disney Land and all, Joe and I will probably have withdrawal symptoms and can go to some kick-off clinic in California. Is there something like the Betty Ford Clinic for workaholics there?

We have now officially been named "The Most Boring Couple in Bangkok", which is quite an accomplishment I tell you, especially in the Land of the Smiles. We rushed from party to party, from Ball to Ball, from social gathering to social event when we first arrived. Would not have missed it for the world either, but now we're always tired. Having moved to our "farm" as the children call it, watching the turkeys, chickens, rabbits and our pet poodle frolic through the grass, seems suddenly a lot more attractive in the weekends. It's lovely to see friends, but I'd rather have a nice meal with them at home then spent my time repeating myself twenty times on the top of my voice to be able to be heard over the sound of music!

A video, a fag, a cup of tea does wonders for a tired body, beds lurk around all the corners, easy chairs to have a nap, what a great life in the tropics.

After our hols we have an unusually large stream of visitors, which of course once again will wipe us off the face of the earth. One lot will have already arrived by the time we arrive back in Bangkok, jet lag and all. The next lot overlaps the first by 10 days, so our house will be filled by the sound of happy holiday laughter for 7 weeks! We DO look forward to it honestly, it is always lovely to see relatives and show them the sights. The children will love the company for their extra long summer holidays and there will be lots of spoiling

going on from either side.

On to another subject, a letter from Mr. Reid in this month's Outpost, the usual sections, a borrowed article on Beauty Salon Hygiene, something for the children. But what we really need as usual is a few contributions from the members.

What about all of you writing something about your holidays, where did you go, what did you do, who did you meet. I know that a whole group of people from Bangkok, the States etc are meeting up in Ireland to see Fiona Mulligan and Andy get married. Andy still won't take the word "marriage" in his mouth and he asked Roy McGregor to "say a few words on his behalf" rather than ask him straight out if he wanted to be his best man!! Come on, Andy married life is not all the men make it out to be!

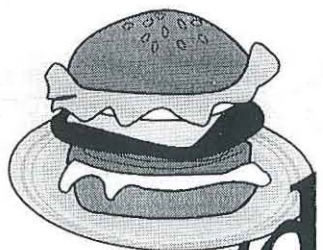
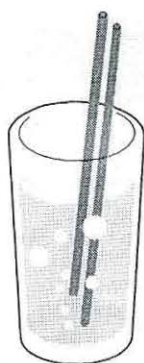
Rugby was rather a disappointment, with so many of the fans hoping that England would make it to the finals, I hope still a lot of people went to the Club to watch the final match of the Word Cup on the big screen in the Suriwong Room. It only happens every so often after all, that's what my husband says. It seemed to me that there was rugby on day and night for months!

Well, for those of you who are staying in Bangkok during the summer, don't forget the Club is open, there are lots of things going on for your children, the new menu will be on in July. And for those of you who are leaving Bkk to go on a well deserved break have a wonderful holiday, look after your families (your own and the ones at home).

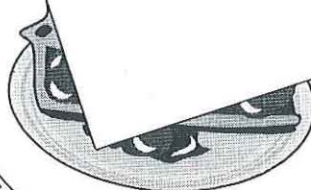
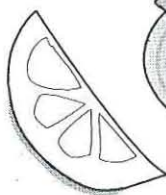
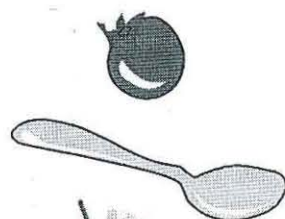
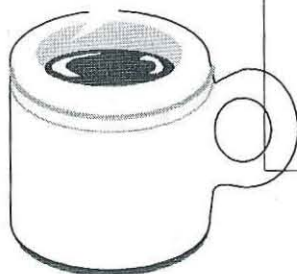
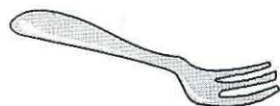
See you in August!!

Regards,

Bea Grunwell



Lords Restaurant New Menu



New a la Carte Menu
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the end of the week!

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From the Manager



As I write the rain is falling from the sky in sheets and looking out of the window at the car park we do not seem to be having the same problems of standing water and flooding that we had last year. The measures we took over the dry season to improve the drainage all round the Club and to upgrade the pumping system so as to clear the rain water out of the compound as soon as we can have apparently been effective .. so far! I fully appreciate the danger of saying things like this but, so far, so good! The next part of this months offering is an attempt to avoid disappointment should you be considering using our catering services at the Club. You risk being disappointed not by any lack of quality or service (I hope!) on our part but simply by lack of availability so PLEASE BOOK EARLY! Now read on and I hope you will see why!

June was a really hectic month for the outside catering staff at the Club. If the month of May was an all time record for the amount of work done for members at their homes or offices then June saw no let up in business. In these months we provided all the support for a large wedding, provided the catering for various opening ceremonies, countless cocktail parties, product launches, parties from 20 to 250 guests, provided catering at the South African, Norwegian and Danish Embassies, and for many small private functions and larger events for prestigious societies and groups, and individuals all over Bangkok. If you haven't tried the services of the Club function staff for your party or business event then do give us a chance to prove to you that we now offer a highly competitive, quality service. All you need do is call Barry Osborne or Khun Chirachada and we will be only too happy to quote for your event. All I would say is please do give as much notice as you can as the Club diary for outside catering fills up very fast!

Some members seem to be concerned, as expressed in a letter to the editor, about the number of chaps working in the bar. The ratio ladies/men working in the bar has been static over a number of years as far as I can see, but there is a real problem in recruiting girls to work in the bar in any case. Firstly the hours are not good, for example ladies do not like going home in the wee small hours after members have enjoyed a late night session in the bar, we have had instances of female staff being attacked on their way home late at night, secondly it seems that ladies just do not apply for positions as waitress's at the Club. In support of the latter comment we have probably had 30 to 40 applicants for waiting jobs at the club this year, all bar three have been men! Of the three ladies who applied, one now works at Pool Side, one we could not employ as she did not want to work after 6.00 p.m. and the other girl we took on and she worked in the bar for several months before deciding to go back home to Koh Samui. The consequence of all this is that the staff at Pool Side are predominantly ladies while in the Club House they are mostly men. It is very hard to recruit girls for work in the bar perhaps the membership can help? Do you know of a suitable lady/ladies who would like to work in the Churchill Bar, if so please let me know! At the time of writing we have a vacancy in the Bar as one of the men working there has resigned and I am keen to do what we can to pacify the members who are concerned about this issue.

David Viccars
General Manager

Members News

Associate Membership Vacancies

Ordinary Membership of the British Club is now open to citizens of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada or New Zealand, but Associate Membership is available to citizens of any other country. Associate Members enjoy all the same privileges as Ordinary Members except voting rights.

The number of Associate Members is restricted by the Club Constitution and Rules but at the present time there are a limited number of vacancies.

The purpose of this notice is to encourage Ordinary Members who know suitable candidates for Associate Membership to present them to the Committee for consideration whilst these vacancies exist. Associate Members should be competent in English and have experience with or affinity to British, Australian, Canadian or New Zealand culture.

If you have suitable candidates whom you think would make good use of the Club facilities, application forms for your use are available at Reception.

Please note that the number of vacancies is limited and when nationality quotas are full, suitable candidates are placed on a waiting list until a membership slot becomes available.

General Committee

New Members

A busy new members night and a late arrival by the writer made NMN a hectic experience this month. It probably shows in the interviews, hopefully the new members never noticed it.



Sherwood and Cindy Dodge are American, Sherwood is an expat child, his parents came to Thailand as missionaries and in fact are still in Chiang Mai. He went to school here, studied in the States, married Cindy, had a baby and came back to Thailand. It must have been irresistible, he speaks excellent Thai (of course). He is the Country Manager of GE Capital, a finance company. Cindy is going to learn Thai, plays tennis and golf. Sherwood plays golf, tennis, squash and enjoys swimming.

Lionel Mee is married to Deidre and I just about caught him in the bar, or rather he caught me. He has been with Standard Chartered for the last 29 years or so, retired and was then asked to come on a special assignment for SC to Thailand. He has been all over the world amongst places Africa and Hong Kong. They have 3 teenage daughters (Stephanie, Andrea and Nicola), studying in the UK but who are all coming out for the hols. He is a rugby aficionado and wants to do Scottish country dancing. Deidre plays tennis and bridge.



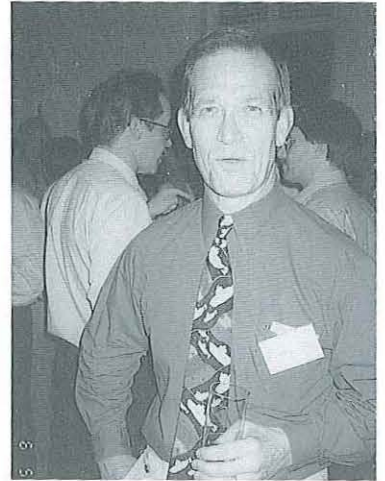
Alan and Aydan Scott arrived here from the UK. Aydan is a Turkish name originally and that explains why I had problems spelling it. Alan is the bossman of the National Bank of Kuwait, they have 1 daughter, Alan plays golf, tennis, fishes and likes the occasional beer. Aydan likes painting, sculpting and socialising.

Khun Cholahdis and Khun Nutta, a plastic surgeon and specialist in nose, ear and throat diseases and especially allergies and a medical secretary decided it was about time they joined us at the Club. They have a 13 year old daughter. Cholahdis likes swimming, tennis, jogging (with an air filter on) and Nutta enjoys keeping fit, working out in the gym, swimming and tennis.



New Members

James (call me Jim) Hoghe is American but went to school in England (I suppose that makes up for a lot). He was in the US Airforce before and comes from Illinois originally. He is here with Pinkerton Investigating Agents, yes the same who went after Butch and the Sundance Kid. He is not personally involved with investigations but advises people on alarm systems and security systems. He is married and has 2 sons, He is a collector of fountain pens and shaving mugs and promised to write an article for Outpost on either one of these subjects. He also enjoys hiking, swimming and cribbage.



David and Pat Banker have been here for 3 months. He is the GM for the Don Muang Tollway Company. They were in the UK before but previously spent a lot of time in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and the Middle East. Their children are in University in UK. David plays golf and tennis and Pat joins him in these hobbies.

David Lord is from Somerset in England and has been here for 2 years. He got a lot of stick for waiting so long to join and finally came up with the most original line of the evening: "The traffic was so bad." He works for Central Department Store in their MIS department which has something to do with media and information (I hope!) He lived in Geneva for 27 years, is on the lookout for a hobby but at the moment works takes first place.



Christine Bentham has been here for 20 months and finally decided that even Patana school teachers do it. Join the Club I mean. She is the Careers Co-ordinator at Patana and in her spare time enjoys traveling. She has 2 teenage sons who both study at BPS.

Zara Buttar has been in Bangkok for a while as well, as I lost all her details all I know is that she buys wood of Jane and I and is a very nice lady.

New Members



Kithi Nawani (right) owns a company called Nawani Co who are general traders. He is married to Bubpha and they have 3 children aged 17, 18 and 13. He is a Thai national but from Indian origin. Kithi enjoys cricket, tennis and swimming. The two eldest children study at Boston University but will be here for the hols, they also play tennis.

Khun Vichai and Khun Wanida Leighrahatorn (2nd and 3rd left) have 2 children who are already members of the Club. Vichai is a retired jewelry dealer and Wanida reckons one should never flaunt the jewels when I asked her why she was not wearing

any on the NMN. Vichai like seating in the restaurant and Wanida enjoys swimming and dancing.

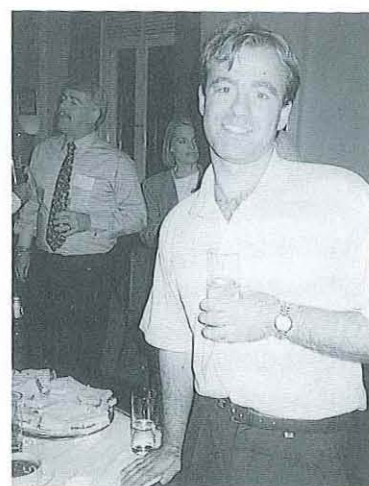
Laure Latham is an expat daughter but studies in France, she is hoping to be a tax consultant. She has just been appointed as a trainee lawyer here in Bangkok so we will see a bit more of her. She loves cats, chocolates, science fiction movies, horror movies, swimming. The latter probably to cool off after enjoying this startling array of hobbies. She speaks tons of languages, next time you see her at the Club try it out.



Suharsh Mittal works for a company that makes latex products. He has been here for 3 ½ years and originally comes from India. He was in London before, is single. He likes playing squash, going to the gym, cricket and is learning to play golf.

Tim Dowden is from England and is here with Philips Medical, he is a Radio Therapist Specialist by profession and has been here since February. He is not married, tries to play tennis, enjoys most sports. He used to play rugby but now

swims and cycles. He used to do thriatlon but has not had time for a while.

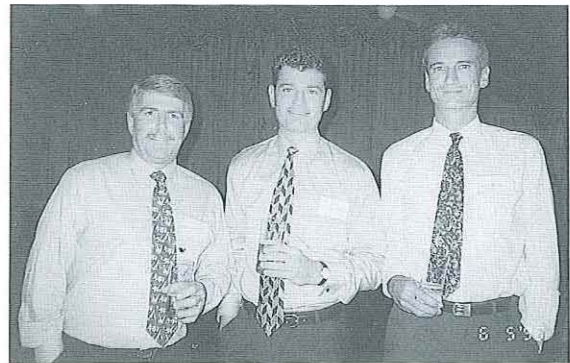


New Members



Khun Haruthau Satehamling is a smuggler (oops sorry, mistake I was not supposed to say that) . He is an Im and exporter for a general trading company. He is a local, single and spent 3 years in Hong Kong. He enjoys squash and computers but had a few viral problems with some kids whilst surfing the Internet. Watch out though, he knows who you are!!

Neil Shilbury is Australian, single, tall and is here with ANZ Banking Group, He likes Scandinavian women, been here for 8 months, plays tennis, cycles, scuba dives. When there is a spare moment he likes to visit museums and art galleries. His proposers tell me he is a smooth character. Or did they mean he has a smooth character?



The next photograph is a total mystery to me, I cannot remember who these lovely people are. They could possibly be Carl and Hilary Ollson in which case they have one shave 1 son and Carl works for Standard Chartered Bank. If it is not Carl and Hilary, please let me know who it is and I will rectify it in next months Outpost. Apologies anyway!

BCLG



Winners: Ade, Gill and Margaret with Mrs. Gestetner Penny.



Day Winners: Sally, Lavita and Livia with Penny.

There was one major competition on in May, May. **THE GESTETNER TROPHY**, held this year at Bangpra. As usual this event, a 2 day stableford competition, was again outstanding, due to the continued sponsorship of Trevor Whalley Managing Director of Gestetner. The ladies look forward to this outing with great enthusiasm each year because as well as competing for the beautiful silver candlesticks, which are awarded to the winner, it gives us the opportunity for creating some lasting memories.

This years trophy was awarded to overall winner Ade Bolding with 57 stableford points.

1st runner up - Gill Hough 55 points, 2nd runner up Margaret Morgan 54 points.

1st Day Winners - Sally Knoll, Lavita Hughes, Livia Dijkstra

2nd Day Winners - Gail Paoli, Penny Whalley, Maud Linck

Technical prizes : Long Drives - Dinie, Maud, Gail, Margaret

Near Pins - Gail, Gill, Penny, Sally, Livia

Most lost balls: An. Bunker shots: Barb.



Gestetner Long Drives Penny with Margaret, Maud, Dinnie and Gail.



Alison's Farewell



On behalf of the BCLG I would like to say "Thanks a Million Gestetner!" for your generous support. Trevor, we hope next year you will be able to join us for at least one game of golf.

Alison's Farewell

This month BCLG's dear friend and vice captain Alison Stevens left Bangkok for England. Alison gave us a super farewell competition with prizes galore - the top prizes being for the highest scores!!

We were all sad to see her go and will miss her wonderful sense of humour and sincere approach to golf. Haste ye back!!

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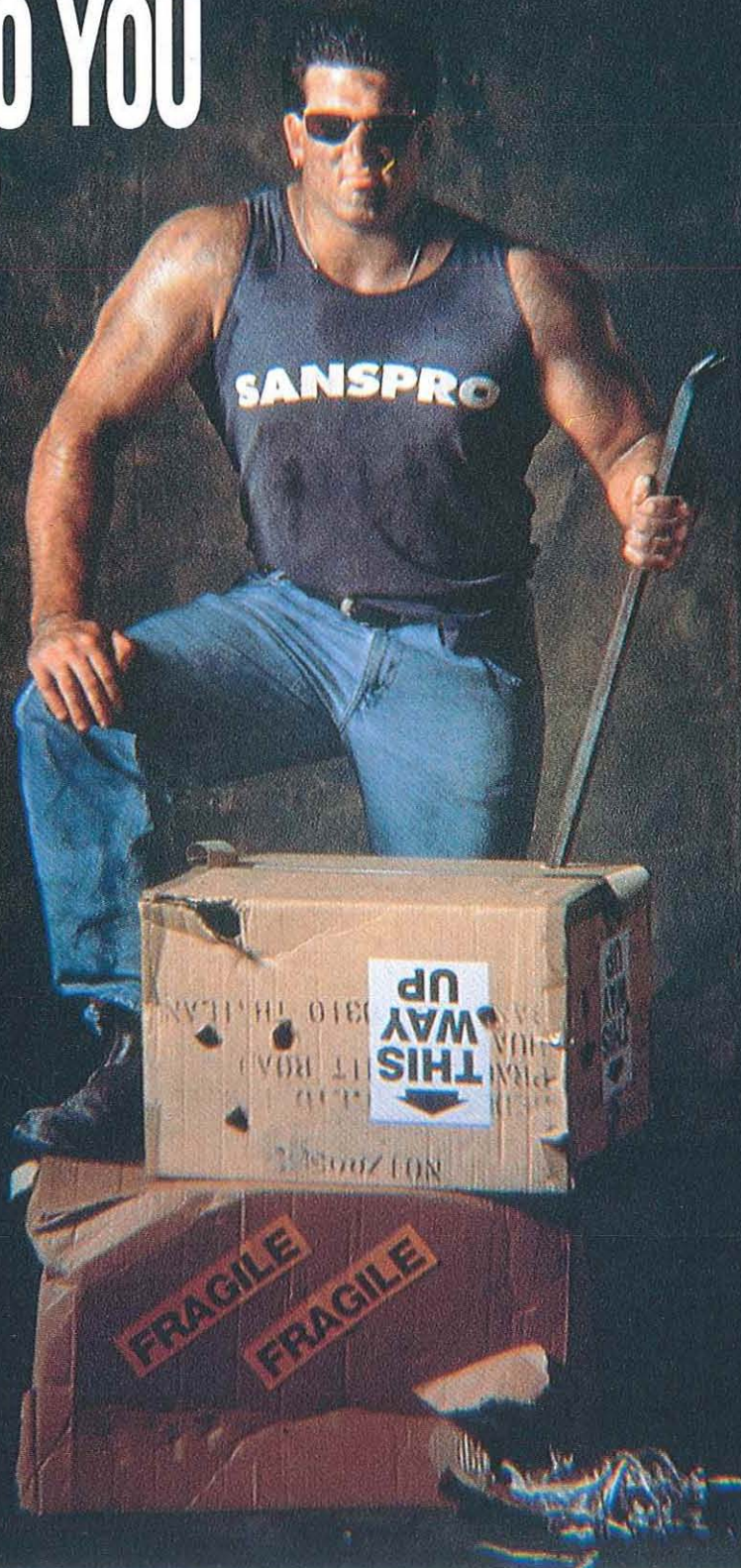


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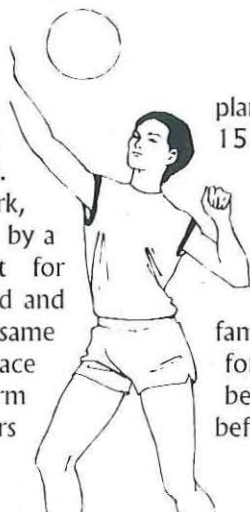
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Children's Sports Camp

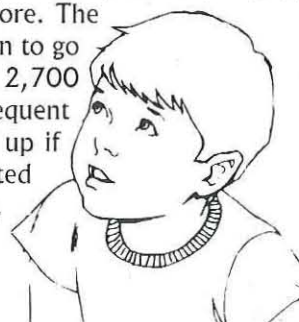
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24 - 28 July 1995

The British Club the ages of 9 and through to Friday. aerobics, gym work, camp will be run by a ahead. The cost for for the first child and children of the same there is enough space please fill in the form David Viccars



plans to run another activities camp at the Club for boys and girls between 15. The plan is to run the camp from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Monday. The activities will include tennis, squash, football, cricket, rugby, drama workshop, swimming and much more. The qualified instructor and we need 30 children to go members for the summer camps are Baht 2,700 Baht 2,300 for the second and subsequent family. Non members children can be signed up if for Baht 3,000 per child. If you are interested below and send to the General Manager, before 11 July 1995.



Children's Sports Camp

1) I would like to book spaces on the sports camp for the week 17-21 July / 24 - 28 July (Please delete the week you do NOT want!)

2) The children's details are:

Name M/F Age

Name M/F Age

Name M/F Age

Name M/F Age

3) Their particular interests are:

.....
.....

4) Any other information we should know (i.e. special medication, non-swimmer etc)

.....

5) Members Club No

Signed Contact Tel:

Golf

Saturday 20th May - 2nd Quarter Medal at Royal Golf and Country Club.

This was our second Medal Day and it was nice to see a good crowd of members both old and new! Those who had both received and returned their surveys were presented with their Parker pens ... some members still hadn't received their surveys or any Newsletters so we are asking people to please fax their numbers to the Secretary Chris Gething whose number is 661 3315.

The results of the Medal Competition were as follows:

Flight A	1st	Geoffrey Lamb	2nd	Geoff Rydon,	3rd	Chris Gething
Flight B	1st	Alex Southcombe	2nd	Bernie Adams	3rd	Neil Buttery
Flight C	1st	Mel Leddy	2nd	Liz Southcombe	3rd	Mike Poustie



Geoff Lamb winner Flight A



Alex Southcombe winner Flight B



Mel Leddy winner Flight C

Near Pins were: Neil Buttery, Geoff Rydon, Judi Leddy and Bernie Adams

Mens Long Drive: Ray Fazackerley (a new member)

Ladies Long Drive: Angela Poustie

Again we would like to thank **RICHE MONDE** for sponsoring this very enjoyable event.

Here are some future events for your diary:

Saturday 15th July	Kiarti Thanee	Club Day	11.10am
Saturday 29/Sunday 30th July	Captain's Weekend	Lakeviews Hua Hin	
12 - 14th August	Eclectic	Eastern Star	

Hope to see you at these events - Please don't forget to give your fax number to Chris Gething so we can be sure to keep you informed.

Happy Golfing
Judi Leddy

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEY OF BCGS MEMBERS

The results of the survey are detailed below. 46 members replied to the questionnaire. The Committee would like to thank all of you for taking part. The results will be used to help develop a programme that you say you want. In summary it seems that most members would like to play either Saturday or Sunday, anywhere within 1-1.5 hours drive, teeing off before 08.00 hours, twice a month, and would like more events and more weekends away with golf both days.

NO.	QUESTION	RESULTS						
1.	Which Day?	Reply	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	EITHER			
		%	19.6	15.2	65.2			
2.	Which Tee-off Time ?	Reply	Before 8.00	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	No Opinion		
		%	57.6	34.8	5.2	2.7		
3.	Play How Often?	Reply	2 a month	1 a month	1 a quarter	2 a year		
		%	48.9	39.1	9.8	2.2		
4.	Play Where?	Reply	N.Bangkok	W.Bangkok	E.Bangkok	Anywhere		
		%	0.0	2.2	22.8	75.0		
5.	Overseas Trip	Reply	YES	NO				
		%	41.3	52.2				
6.	Travel Time	Reply	1 hour	1-1.5 hours	2 hours	Don't, mind		
		%	28.3	34.8	15.2	15.2		
7.	More Events	Reply	YES	NO				
		%	45.7	32.6				
7a	Kind of Event	Reply	Medal	Stableford	Matchplay	Bogey	Matches	Others
		%	30.0	30.0	20.0	3.3	6.7	10.0
8	Weekends away	Reply	YES	NO				
		%	63.0	34.8				

Tennis

Tennis Match v Rama 4 Club



Some of the players in the match against Rama IV Club

The away game against Rama 4 Club was a closely fought affair with the outcome not being decided until the last two games. Fourteen men including one guest player and four ladies participated for the BC on an appallingly hot and humid day. Notable performances were given by Joy and Mark in recovering to win from a 1-5 deficit, with Bruce and Mario (he of the High Tex footwear) hanging in there to provide the winning game for the BC at 9-5. Nail biting stuff to say the least, but enabling the BC to extend it's winning run to three in a row.

An excellent Thai style buffet was provided by our hosts and eagerly consumed by all those who had not already succumbed to the extraordinary heat.

American Tournament Sunday 14th May

The tournament proved to be a great success. Starting at 3pm an hour later than usual proved popular and there were ten mixed doubles pairs, divided into two sections. Play was on a round robin basis. Bruce's carefully selected partnerships were fairly evenly matched and this was reflected in close scores in the sections.

Section A featured two of our promising juniors each playing with Dad, Courtney Williams (with Noel) and Tom Henton (with David). Well done both of you, particularly Courtney who was playing in her first adult tournament and carried Noel to second place in their section.

The winners of section A were Gaynor de With and

Mahmoud Massood and of section B, Marie-Jose Moor and John Sands.

I'd like to say that the final was closely contested with a nail biting finish, but I'd be stretching the truth. John and Marie swept all before them and while John put in a very competent performance, Marie played 'out of her skin' to win 6-0.

Tennis Tour to Hua Hin - May 19 to 21

Over 30 members of the Tennis Section converged on the Royal Garden Resort, Hua Hin for a weekend away from the noise and fumes of Suriwongse Road. The weather was so hot that there was little enthusiasm for marathon tennis matches but a great time was had by all with a mixture of tennis, golf, birdwatching, horse-riding, swimming and treasure hunting, together with ample quantities to eat and drink.

The whole weekend was promoted by Matthijs van den Broek of Paradise Sports and he provided coaching throughout the weekend for the more active weekenders.

Twenty members took part in a closely contested tennis tournament on Saturday afternoon and this turned out to be a bonanza for the Williams family, with Carol and Oud winning group B and Noel and David Rendall winning group A. Daughter Courtney also played and carried Matthijs though to second place in group A.

First home in the children's treasure hunt were Courtney Williams and Carly Young, but the highest scoring teams were the Snell family and the Weekes family (assisted by Taymong Bateman).

Thanks to Chris Aspden for organising the whole weekend.

Junior Tennis

Ladder

Elaine Kelly asks you to please phone in your ladder results as soon as possible. Also let her know each time you play a challenge match, even if there is no change in the ladder positions. She keeps records and you will move down if you don't play each month. Good luck in your challenges!

April Round Robin

In April the junior competition was a knock-out tournament. The winner was Tim Xumsai and the 'plate' competition (for first round losers) was won by Murray Jewell.

Junior Round Robin Sunday May 7th

League A: Tom Henton, Simon Chisholm, Lachlan McBain, Murray Jewell, Chris Reed, Chris Kelly. Winner Lachlan McBain.

League B: Hannah Morrison, Sarah Henton, Duncan Morrison, Frederic Lemieux, Graeme Jewell, Henrik Wibling. Winner Graeme Jewell.

It always seems such a good idea to start at 0800 when we are running out of time the tournament before, but not so wonderful when it actually comes to



Winner of the Junior Boys Singles in the Club Championship Chirs Kelly (right centre). Runner Up Tom Henton (left centre) with David and Cheryl Lamb of Dunlop Thailand who presented the prizes.

it the next time. Nevertheless our 12 entrants were all in place and raring to go on the dot of eight.

We had two singles leagues, A and B. Winner of the A division was Lachlan McBain, with Chris Kelly runner up. Winner of the B division was Graeme Jewell, with Hannah Morrison as runner up. Both division were closely contested and both winners deserved their win. It was a hot steamy morning, which could account to some degree for the lethargy which seemed to prevail in many of the matches, but we are hoping that in the

next tournament there will be a bit more pace and enthusiasm. Amongst some of the better players there was an apathy which made umpiring a difficult job. It was hard to stay awake while waiting for certain previous winners to make their way to the next service point, or to condescend to collect a stray ball. Beware those of you who know who we mean .. There are more keen players like Lachlan waiting to move in on the winning places!

Sermon over .. Thank you as always to the umpires Elaine, Anki, Joan, Pam, Raymond and Jamima.

Next Tournament : 2 July at 0800.

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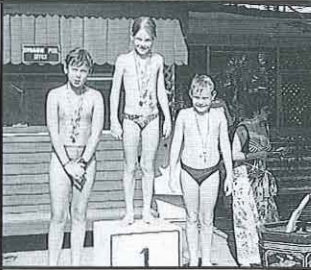


British Club vs Japanese Association on 11.6.1995
In previous years the Japanese Association Tennis Team have invariably won easily against the BC. But this year it was a very closely contested affair with the visiting side eventually pupping us to the post at 16 sets to 13. However, the outcome was in the balance until the last 2 or 3 mixed doubles sets, making for an extremely entertaining and exciting morning of tennis. In keeping with this result, closely fought sets were won by Bruno and Bruce. Carol and Joy with equally close sets just lost by Geoff and Malcolm, Kamol and Francoise, Bernie and James, Geoff and San.

BC just won out in the mixed doubles combinations at 5-3 and hopefully this will prove to be a promising portent for the upcoming Inter Club mixed doubles tournament at Tanna City on 24th June.

To round off a most enjoyable morning, an excellent buffet was provided by Barry, who by common consent scored the most points of the day for food freshness and flavour. Well done, Barry.

CALENDAR

BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
31 8-10am Ladies Tennis 8am BWG Mahjong 6-8pm Squash Coaching 7-9pm Badminton 7-9pm Tennis Team Training			
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OPENING TIMES


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

VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BC EXCEPT:

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

JULY 1995

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 8-11am Tennis Coaching 2pm Cricket Nets Practice 4.30pm Casuals Soccer Try the Poolside Barbecue	2 11am-1pm Badminton Round Robin 5-7pm Children's Video 8am Tennis Tournament
7 1am Aerobics 3am sportathon Tennis coach. 1 JVK Lucky Draw Eastern Exotica Party Middle Eastern Food Promo	8 8-11am Tennis Coaching 2pm Cricket Nets Practice 4.30pm Casuals Soccer Try the Poolside Barbecue Middle Eastern Food Promo	9 11am-1pm Badminton 5-7pm Children's Video 3-6pm Tennis Mix-in Tennis 2-6pm Monthly Tournament Middle Eastern Food Promo
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SPORTS

DON'T FORGET

Contact the following to join Sections:

12-14th August Golf- Eclectic - Eastern Star

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

Book the BC for your parties, seminars,
business meetings.

NON BC SPORTS

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



"One hot dog—and will that be to go?"



"The kid's sunk a few bucks
into promotion."

Management News

CHILDRENS SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

We will run a Childrens Summer Sports Camp at the Club for 9 to 15 year old's in the weeks 17 to 21 and 24 to 28 July. There will have a similar programme both weeks, timings will be 09.00 to 1.00 p.m. The programme will be multi activity based and will concentrate on participation rather than on skills coaching. The morning will include a light meal and all popular sports will be featured. A sign up proforma for return to the GM is included in this edition. The cost will be:

Members B2,700 per child with other children in the same family B2,300

Non members - only if there are spaces - B3,000 per child

NEW RECIPROCAL CLUB THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB KOCHI, INDIA

Another addition to our list of reciprocal clubs is the International Club at Kochi in the state of Kerala in India. This Club boasts 22 air conditioned bungalows, two swimming pools, a childrens pool, a health club, two restaurants, tennis courts, squash courts etc. Well worth a visit should you ever find yourself in Kerala (?)!

We now have 95 Reciprocal Clubs around the world; the full list is in the Handbook, if you are travelling the Membership Secretary can give you an introduction card for any one of these establishments.

NEWS FROM LORDS SAVOR THE DELIGHTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Firstly do make a note of the 7th, 8th and 9th of July as we will be running a Middle Eastern promotion in Lords over that period. Barry is putting together an exotic and stimulating array of dishes which will be guaranteed to please. Barry is plainly keen to show that his time in the Gulf was not entirely wasted and he promises that sheep's eyes will not be on the menu!

NEW A LA CARTE MENU - PROMOTIONAL WEEK 10 TO 16 JULY WIN A 4.5 L BOTTLE OF BALLANTINES WHISKY

We are now hard at work to build on the success of the new menu in Lords by changing it! The plan is to change the menu every few months so as to prevent culinary fatigue setting in and to give members the chance to try a new range of dishes every couple of months. While we will try to retain the most popular dishes from menu to menu even if your number one favorite disappears for a spell worry not, as it will return! The (latest!) new menu will be ready for members to try in July. To introduce what we hope will be a popular range of new dishes we will be running another draw for the first week of the new menu from 10 to 16 July whereby any dinner can leave their name card in Lords and at the end of the week we will have a draw for a huge 4.5 L bottle of Ballantines finest whisky!

THE POOLSIDE BARBECUE - NOW AVAILABLE ON SATURDAYS AS WELL!

We have been gradually expanding the choice of dishes available at the Sunday barbecue at pool side. We now do a wide range of dishes and with the barbecue and noodle stall in their new location by the Surawong Sala sales are booming. Therefore we will now open the barbecue on Saturday lunchtime as well to give members a better opportunity to sample the delicacies on offer!

Management News

THE CHILDRENS CHANGING ROOM AND TOILETS

There is a purpose built room for children to use when requiring changing or toilet facilities. The block is located by the childrens pool and we would ask that all members use these facilities when tending to children. There have been a number of complaints from members about children using the adult facilities. Prospective users of the childrens toilets will be pleased to know that everything in there works - now that we have discovered the top of the 'storage' tank and had it drained!

THE CHILDRENS SWIMMING GALA AND THE TROPHIES - OR LACK OF!

Many apologies from the organizers of the recent children's swimming gala for the time it took to get the remaining trophies and certificates to the children after the recent swimming gala. The delay was caused by pressure of work and problems with the supplier.

NOTICE TO ALL BRITISH CITIZENS LIVING IN THAILAND

If you are eligible and wish to vote in UK Parliamentary and European Parliamentary Elections, you will have to register as an overseas elector. If you have not already registered and wish to do so, please obtain an application form as soon as possible from the Consular Section of the British Embassy (Fax 255 6051). NB. To be eligible to vote in 1996, you must complete and despatch the form not later than 10 October 1995 for England, Wales and Scotland and 15 September for Northern Ireland.

HOLDING A BUSINESS MEETING?

ORGANIZING A COMPANY SEMINAR?

HAVING A 'BRAIN STORMING' SESSION WITH SENIOR MANAGERS?

THE BOSS COMING OVER TO MEET YOUR STAFF?

LAUNCHING A NEW PRODUCT?

Why not hold your business function at the Club? Surround yourselves with the British Club feel, classic architecture, superb central location, good car parking, excellent catering and so much more all at superb discounted rates for members. Give your Club a chance to quote for your function - you will not be disappointed! Contact Barry Osborne or Khun Chirachada at the Club on 234-0247, 234-2592, 266-4734 or fax to 235-1560

Letter to the Editor

29 May 1995

When thinking of our Club

It is not my habit to complain, because I am not a fastidious sort of chap, and you have heard none from me. It is just that I have seen this Club of ours go through many phases over the past forty years, a have many of the older members, situations both good and bad, but we are a democratic and sensible bunch, when all said and done, so over all we are moving towards an ever improving establishment.

We are not all perfect, such as those that insist on wearing their shoes around the side of the pool, even teach their children to do the same. The typical character that labours under the illusion that rules are only for others, and not for them. It is the human attitude and difficult to regulate, especially amongst the free. We can only do our best and suffer the odd irritations caused by these few who are the ignorant amongst us.

Right now, our British Club is the best it has ever been. We could tell all you new comers some tales and plots, strange indeed, of the goings on in the past. The move to sell off part of the Club, in fact, there was a plan to sell off the whole Club, and those behind it are still around. The idea is to make the Club so unattractive the membership would dwindle and the Club would be forced to close down. This when they would make their move, but so far, it is not working....!

The British Community was given permission to buy the land for this Club, one hundred years ago, by His Majesty King Chulalongkorn. It was on two Title Deeds, and we bought both. We own it under the Thai law of "Munity". It is ours as long as we use it as a Club ... try to sell it, we lose it.

We have had fights in the Churchill Bar, wrecking the place, requiring complete decoration, and the Club Chairman having a pail of green paint turned upside down, over his head .. What a mess.

We have had committees getting rid of good managers, so that they could give the job to one of their friends. Going back even further, women were not allowed in the Churchill Bar, until after 6pm I think it was. There was no swimming pool then of course, because it was considered that such an attraction would bring in the wrong type of member. Besides, we would have kids running all over the place...!

Club managers, we have had our share of

some odd ones, such as the gentleman that spent all his time in the Churchill Bar when he wasn't somewhere else in another bar. His stance was that he was too busy to take care of minor problems, because he was the manager, and had more important things to do. He had quite a following, at that time. After all, this was very much a drinking Club. Lunch time, till dusk on a Saturday, was "the" drinking time. It is a good job that there was no pool, or they would have fallen into it, and drowned perhaps.

We have had managers, and others that have had a preference for a particular type of employee. All, but a few of the servers in the Churchill Bar were boys. The five years that Mr. Keith Bell was the professional manager, and it was high time that this Club had a professional manager, all this nonsense came to an end. For reasons best known to himself, Keith resigned as Club Manager, though he is still a member and very active on the St. Georges Society.

At the time of writing, for whatever reason, again, the boys are taking over from the girls in the Churchill Bar, and a number of us have brought this to the attention of the Committee. Something us older members have learnt from experience, here in Thailand, when it comes to servants, girls are more reliable, polite and consistent than boys. I would not have a male servant in my house. Of course I am writing in general terms, but I am not the only one who has experienced some of this current crop of boys in the Churchill Bar, to be cocky even rude. If it is not corrected, then we will just have to form a group, exercise our democratic rights and do something about it. It might not have been wise for the membership of this Club, to have agreed (?) That they get 5% of all receipts, on top of thirteen months salary.

All this talk about the Lords Restaurant being turned into a Family Room, where the youngsters can have a place to go, in the late afternoon and evenings, away from the mosquitos around the pool. Most members think that this is a good idea, and why not? Of course it would be nice to keep the Lords Restaurant the way it is, but it is in competition with the Churchill Bar and is losing the Club money. At least up until the end of last year it was. The British Club has not been paying its way for the last five years, so we just cannot afford the Lords Restaurant, if money is the criteria. Either shut it down and turn it into a store room, or do something with it so it at least breaks even. In the last AGM a vote was taken, but presented in such a way that many of those present,

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did not even understand what they were voting for. It was calling for another half a million Baht to be spent on the Lords Restaurant. Surely this would just be throwing good money after bad. A bit of input from Club members, with ideas, might help.

The new Food and Beverage Manager seems to be having good effect. As they say "The proof of the pudding is in the eating" and the puddings are coming out fine. A lot better than years gone by, but then we have never had an expatriate F & B manager before. Can we afford him...??

Our Club committee, newly elected in March of this year, is more or less the same old faces. We have a new Chairman of course, but also an old hand on the Committee. They all serve out of interest and concern for the Club, quite voluntarily, giving much of their time. I don't think anyone can fault them. We must appreciate what they are doing, asking only that they be sensitive to the wishes of us members.

Another couple of weeks and the rains will be upon us in earnest, which means flooding. David Viccars, our much loved Club Manager, I think is looking forward to it, so he can prove his "Anti-flood Defences" that he so conscientiously put into place last year, just after a total flood on 7th May, that almost came into the Churchill Bar. Can you imagine drinking beer, standing in four inches or so, of dirty septic water ... Let's hope the Viccars System works.

I am sending these "thoughts" to the Outpost magazine, but that of course means they will not be printed until July, that is the month after next. It seems a bit long to me, and the rains will be well upon us by then. Looking at the annual accounts, the Outpost is getting more expensive by the year. This is a pity, because it is the general consensus that few members read it. Would it not be better to scrap it altogether and just put out a monthly newsletter, at the end of every month, with contributions from members received not later than the fifteenth of that same month. It could be prepared in the Club's own office, and not have to be sent to the printers, costing the Club all that extra money ... for what?

Anybody out there ... all the best

James Reid
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THE MANAGER REPLIES!

Firstly thank you to Mr Reid for his nice words about the state of the Club at the moment. It is good to know that the efforts of the staff are appreciated, and, by the way, the battle against the rains will be won! It is sad however to read of the concerns over the attitude of the service staff in the bar, all I can say is that if there are instances of lack of correct behavior then please let the F & B Manager or myself know as close to the event as possible then action can, and will be taken.

I must however correct the matter about the imbalance in the gender of the bar staff! I welcome the chance to set the record straight on this issue as it is a matter which has come up before and I regret that the allegation that there are more men than ladies working in the bar than before is just not true.

Firstly the numbers of ladies employed at the Club over the last year have actually increased in proportion to the men. For example the service staff at pool side is now 7 ladies and one man, twelve months ago it was 5 ladies and 3 men. The Receptionists are now both ladies rather than one man and one lady, there are now less male cooks and more female cooks etc.

But due to the difference in working hours between the Club House and Pool Side most of our female employees by and large prefer to work at Pool Side which does not normally involve late night working, therefore these ladies are perhaps less visible to the frequenters of the Churchill Bar! I hope that it is self evident, and I can absolutely promise any doubters, that no discrimination is practiced when employing staff at the Club.

Now to turn to the Bar. The following permanent staff work in the bar:

Khun Montri - supervisor - recruited in March 1995

Khun Chanupan - April 1990

Khun Paitoon - October 1971

Khun Nikom - February 1972

Khun Pradup - May 1992 (Female)

Khun Somsak - January 1974

Khun Prapapan - January 1994 (Female)

At times they are assisted by the two outside catering staff;

Khun Somboon - April 1992

Khun Vararit - June 1993

Unusually the staff in Lords may also help out if the bar is particularly busy and Lords is not:

Khun Nookien - December, 1992 (Female)

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From the employment dates above it can be seen that the staff in the bar are by and large long serving employees. It is true that most of them are men, but that has plainly always been the case! The imbalance between the genders must have always been there. If there is a problem with the attitude of the male staff is this a new development or has the problem always existed? Anyway the 'boys in the Bar' are hardly new to the Club, as Mr Reid suggests!

Having said that two ladies have left the bar this year, Khun Petchara who has a young family and asked to be moved to pool side where there is less late night work so she could be with her family more often. This move was agreed but at the same time we moved Khun Prapapan from Lords to the Bar, thus there was no reduction in the number of girls in the Bar. The other girl who left the bar was the supervisor who was dismissed after breaking the law. We spent some months advertising for a new Supervisor and had roughly 30 responses over a three month period, not one lady applied for the position.

I suspect that the confusion has been caused by the employment of Temporary Staff in the bar. From time to time we take 2 or 3 students from an International Hotel School who work at the Club for 3 months to gain work experience. We insist that these students are girls. At the moment we do not have any of these temporary staff as it is a break in their education, we will hopefully get some more towards the end of the year, and they will be girls!

We have advertised at various times throughout the year for additional waiting staff but once again of the 30 or so applicants this year only three were girls. One we took on and is now at Pool Side, one would not work in the evenings and the third girl we employed in the Bar. Sadly Khun Muninta was only with us a few months before deciding that she did not like Bangkok and returned to her home in Koh Samui. Now that there is Club policy in place of trying to reduce staff numbers I am very limited in my ability to recruit more staff. But at the time of writing one of the male staff in the Bar has resigned and we have a total of two vacancies for waiters, one in Lords and one in the Bar. I will try to recruit girls, but from my limited experience so far in Bangkok it seems very, very hard to attract the right quality staff - of either gender! However if any member knows of suitable ladies to help balance the numbers of service staff in the bar I would be delighted to offer them jobs!

I apologise for the length of this reply but I hope that this response sets the record straight on this issue.

David Viccars
General Manager

PS In the middle of June the BC advertised for female bar staff and recruited 2 ladies on 21 June.

NOTE ON FATHERS AND CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY

It was with a lot of regret that we decided to cancel the Father and Children's Sports Day. Just prior to the weekend only 4 people had signed up!!

No doubt more people would have arrived on the day, but it is extremely difficult to organise the day without some better idea of numbers.

PLEASE PLEASE IN FUTURE

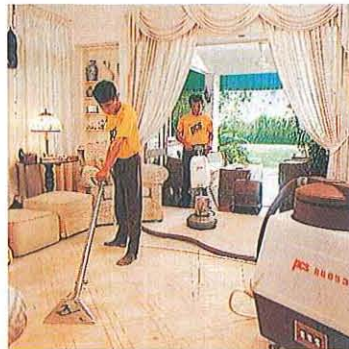
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Mark Partridge
General Committee - Sports

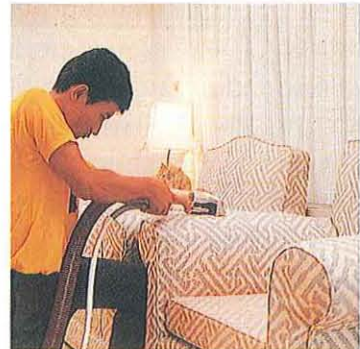
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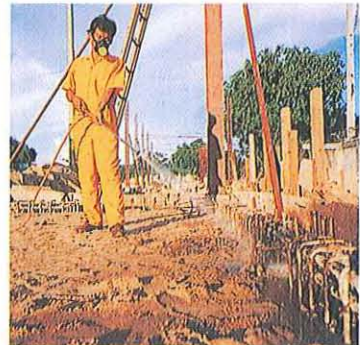
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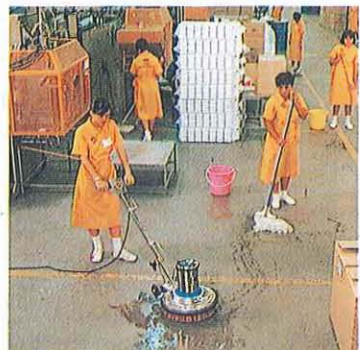
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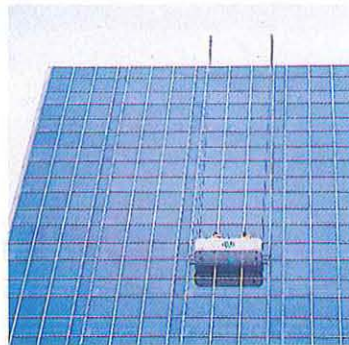
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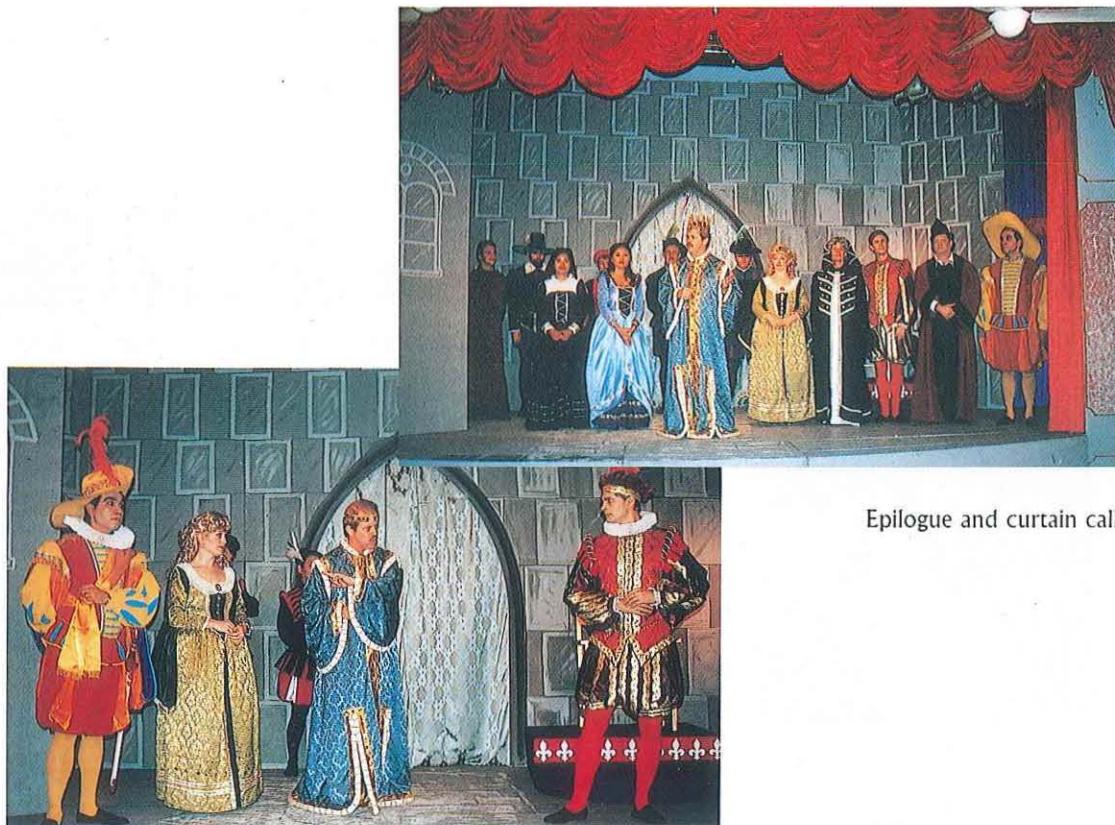
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Community Theatre

All's Well That Ends Well proved once again that there is definitely a market for the Bangkok Community Theatre. The performances at the British Club from 1st to 4th June were once again a resounding success - all three shows were sold out. This was the first time a local group (outside the schools) has put on a Shakespeare production in a very long time, and hopefully it won't be the last time. BC members involved were Rick Whisenend (director), Runtiva Esichaikul-Whisenand (costumes), Jack Dunford and Roderick Turner (sound and lights), Mark Didcott (second lord Dumaine), Len Johnstone (stage manager), Eric and Margaret Miller (front of house). Main sponsors for the evening were Christiani & Nielsen.



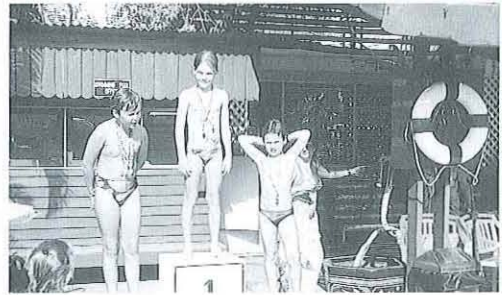
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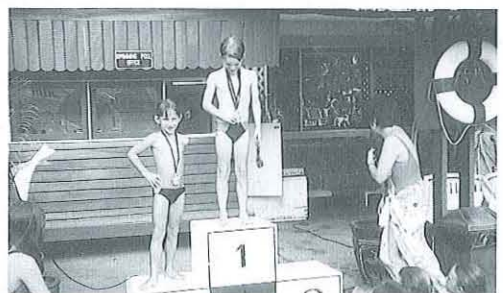
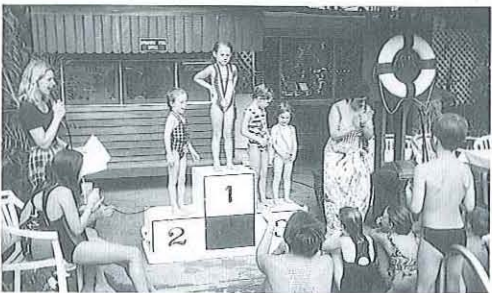
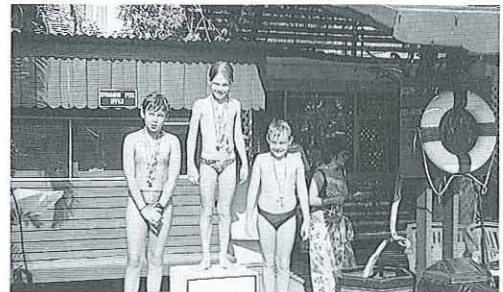
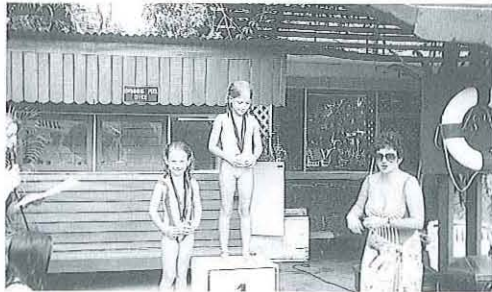
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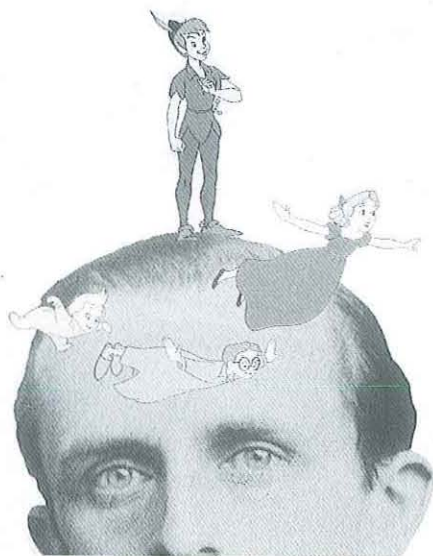
Swimming Gala



Peter Pan

Who was the real Peter Pan?

Yes there was an actual child behind the magical children's tale. By Patricia S. McCormick for Readers Digest.



Wild rumours had spread through London about the play, actors playing a dog, a crocodile, pirates and Indians and a slew of other characters, some of whom flew in and out of windows by means of an unreliable mechanical contraption.

Spectators including many professional critics, packed the Duke of York's Theatre on opening night. The theater's lights dimmed. Behind the last row of seats a small figure paced nervously. At first glance, he appeared to be a boy in an oversized greycoat. But the face was that of a man - J.M. Barrie, the 44-year old Scottish playwright whose Peter Pan was being performed for the first time.

Although one of London's most celebrated playwrights, Barrie was sick with worry. The improbable story of a boy who refused to grow up was a risky and expensive theatrical venture. Barrie had rewritten the script a dozen times and was aware of talk that he had gone mad. But now the playwright knew that one element he could neither rehearse nor control would determine whether the criticism was founded.

The play reached its dramatic climax; Peter Pan's mercurial sidekick Tinker Bell had just swallowed poison to save her beloved Peter. Now Peter was poised to deliver the line that would revive Tink - and determine the success or failure of the play. "Do you believe in fairies? If you believe, clap your hands!" Unless the audience of staid Victorians responded to Peter's plea, Barrie would be a laughingstock.

As all the world now knows, the playwright need not have worried. Since that December night 90 years ago, Peter Pan has been in almost continual production, seen by millions of people every year. It has been translated into dozens of languages and interpreted by hundreds of artists, from Mary Martin and Steven Spielberg to the animators of the Disney Studio.

Even today, it remains a story of enchantment that

can transport the most world-weary adult or the most skeptical 11-year old to a land where children can fly and dreams really do come true. But few people know the story behind the story of the boy who would not grow up.

Born in 1860, James Matthew Barrie grew up to the clackety-clack sound of the hand looms that filled the simple weavers' cottages in The Tenements of Kirriemuir. Young James was the ninth of ten children. His puritanical mother, Margaret Ogilvy, doted on her handsome older son David, telling everyone that he would one day fulfill her ambitions by becoming a Doctor of Divinity.

Unlike David, who was athletic and smart, James was the family runt. He was neither good-looking nor showed any academic promise. He was largely entrusted to his older sister Jane Ann. But when Jane Ann was preoccupied, James sneaked out to watch traveling minstrel shows, which his mother considered tawdry and wicked. Soon James was acting out his own boyish dramas, exacting toys from the local children as admission.

James' carefree existence came to an end on the eve of David's 14th birthday. Margaret had consented to let David go to a boarding school run by his older brother in Bothwell, about 70 miles away. At a skating party one January afternoon, he lent his skates to a schoolmate. The friend crashed into David, who fell head first on the ice.

Back in Kirriemuir, James just six years old, searched his mother's face as his father read the telegram that said David was dead. Margaret was overwhelmed with grief. Her dreams of prominence dashed, she took to her bed and lay despondent in the darkened room for many months. Jane Ann, who now took care of all the household duties, had little time to comfort James when he sat weeping on the stairs, leading to his mother's room. Finally, Jane Ann told the crying child, "Go in and make her realise she still has another boy."

James crept timidly into his mother's dark room. When Margaret heard the child in her doorway, she gasped, "Is that you?" Unnerved, James replied in a shaking voice, "No, it's not him, it's just me." Margaret cried out, and through the dark James could sense her outstretched arms. From that moment, Margaret began to recover. Each day, James spent most of his waking hours at her bedside as she told him stories from her childhood. Years later, James merged these with his memories of Jane Ann to create Peter Pan's beloved Wendy.

But Margaret's grief had exacted a heavy toll on the small boy. It seemed that the only way to win his mother's love - and prevent her from wasting away - was to turn himself into the boy who could never be replaced. Once, before one of his daily visits with his mother, James put on a suit of his lost brother's clothes, adopting David's cheery whistle and hands-in-pockets way of standing.

Oddly, James Barrie grew older, but he never grew up. By age 17, just five feet tall, he had stopped growing. He apparently did not start shaving until he was 22. Some think he might have suffered from a glandular deficiency. It is also possible that, in an unconscious display of willpower, he arrested his own development soon after the age at which

Peter Pan

David had died.

Barrie persisted in his single-minded mission to achieve the success for which his mother had yearned in the only way he knew how; by writing. He produced his first play at Dumfries Academy, where he was studying. He went on to study at Edinburgh University, supplementing his meager finances by writing critiques for the Edinburgh Courant. Upon graduation, he wrote for the Nottingham Journal. By age 24, Barrie had set his sights on the big city. With only 12 pounds in his pocket and all his belongings in a tiny brown trunk, he took the train to London.

His early plays - satires and comedies - brought success, and by the turn of the century J.M. Barrie, as he was known, was one of London's most eminent playwrights. But he remained moody, and insecure about his boyish physical appearance. Indeed, in photos taken in his 30's, Barry looks like a 13-year old wearing a false moustache. He married Mary Ansell, one of his leading ladies, but their marriage quickly became a Victorian model of distance, reserve and loneliness.

Shortly after their first anniversary, Barry's mother died. She was buried in the same grave that held David's body. And in the end, Barrie conceded that his efforts to replace his mother's lost son had failed. "She lived 29 years after his death," he said. "But I had not made her forget the bit of her that was dead." A melancholy Barrie returned to London after his mother's funeral, cheering up only when he was inventing stories and games for the young children of his writer friends.

One day in the late 1890's, the writer was walking with his dog through Kensington gardens, where nannies often took their charges. Barrie loved to amuse the small children by performing tricks with Porthos, his St. Bernard, who would later form the basis for Nana, the nursery watchdog of Peter Pan. On this day, a boy in a blue shirt and a bright red tam-o'-Shane decided to get to know the strange little man. Four-year old George Davies introduced Barrie and Porthos to his brothers, Jack, three, and baby Peter. And just as Barrie had done all his life, he began to tell the boys a story.

In an era when disease brought an early death to many children, Victorians were fascinated with elves and fairies, and cast them as the embodiment of lost childhood. Thereafter, when Barrie met the boys in the park, he would tell them stories about the sprites and runaway boys who roamed Kensington Gardens after dark. When their nanny announced it was time to leave, the boys would beg Barrie to return to continue his story telling.

Over the ensuing years, Barry forged a deep friendship with the Davies boys and their parents. He told the boys many stories, but their favourite was the one that would bring Barrie lasting fame.

One summer, Barrie spent six weeks with the Davies family at a cottage on Black Lake. He and the boys filled enchanted afternoons inventing games of pirates, Indians and fairies, while the parents looked on in amusement. Barrie took notes and photographs for a scrapbook account of their summer. That book, *The Boy Castaways of Black Lake Island*, became an inspiration for Peter Pan.

In 1903 Barrie began to work on a play based in part on the summer games at Black Lake. An important new

character appeared in the script; Tinker Bell, the boys' loyal sidekick, (Tink, Barrie would later say, was inspired by the twinkling light given off one evening by a lantern at the lake.) Barrie eventually turned out a script of 84 pages in his tiny cramped handwriting. He called it *Peter and Wendy*. Barrie had never tried a children's play, and he worried his backers would think it was folly. When he summoned the courage to show it to the producer, Beerbohm Tree, Tree practically laughed Barrie out of his office.

In 1904, Barrie thought of a scheme. He waited for the annual London visit of the American impresario Charles Frohman, who had produced other Barrie plays, and went to him with a second script in hand. Barrie offered Frohman the rights to the second play - *Alice Sit by the Fire* - if he would produce *Peter and Wendy* too. He told Frohman he feared *Peter* would not be a financial success, but that *Alice*, a sentimental adult play, would make up for any loss. Frohman snapped up both plays and set about spending generously on Barrie's bizarre production. He instinctively knew it would be a hit.

Meanwhile, in late October 1904, a cast was assembled to rehearse the play, now called *Peter Pan*, in secret. But things did not go smoothly. Crude efforts to create Tinker Bell's flickering image by using cut-out figures and by fastening a spotlight to silhouette were unsuccessful. And the danger of the flying machine was considered so great that the actress playing Wendy had to vouch she had life insurance. One feared that the strange new production would not last much past opening night.

Finally, by December 27, the premiere could not be postponed any longer. A last-minute special effect had been devised to produce Tinker Bell - positioning a hand-held mirror to reflect an overhead light. It was simple, but it just might work.

Barrie paced through much of the evening's performance, then stopped and held his breath as Peter implored, "Do you believe in fairies? If you believe, clap your hands"

Barrie waited. Then after what seemed an eternity of silence, the audience clapped wildly - as audiences have ever since.

Peter Pan brought J.M. Barrie a life of acclaim - but little real happiness. He and his wife divorced and his friends Arthur and Sylvia Davies died early deaths, leaving Barrie to take care of their five sons. George, the eldest, was killed in World War I. Michael, Barrie's favourite, drowned a few years later. Barrie sank into a dark, impenetrable grief. But he continued to write and charm friend's children with his imaginative storytelling.

Then in 1929, Barrie made a decision that would benefit countless children. He turned over the rights of his most beloved work - *Peter Pan* - to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

To this day, the play in its many incarnations - book, video and film - supports the hospital's children. And each Christmas for the past 66 years, scenes from the play have been performed on the hospital ward.

The playwright's gift has helped hundreds of children to grow to maturity. That is fitting because their benefactor, J.M. Barrie, stranded at the crossroads of maturity, with the innocent perspective of a child and the creative genius of an adult, was the real Peter Pan.

Squash

From a Bangkok perspective, the playing of any sport on a regular basis is becoming an increasingly onerous commitment. We play squash for fun, and for escape from the tremendous stresses created by this city. And yet the very challenge of arranging, and getting to the game itself, becomes increasingly stressful.

I don't know about you, but I find I spend more and more time incarcerated in an automobile doing things I would normally do elsewhere. I'm writing this in a traffic jam, and you may well be reading it in one too! With the advent of the motorised office/van, why not a motorised squash court? A giant flatbed would carry the enclosed court around the city. One would be able to phone up 48 hours in advance and book it, to be situated on an open piece of land (a building site, for example) equidistant between your own and your squash partner's offices.

After work, you could both walk to the dark monolith to do battle. The considerable expense of moving the thing about, would be offset by advertising revenue generated from billboards on the outside walls of the "Dial-A-Court". A premium on this ad space would be charged for underwear ads, of course.

The courts would be moved about at dead of night, by a regiment of specially trained drivers. As the most gigantic vehicles on the road, the trucks carrying the courts would undoubtedly get through to their destinations.

The first accident involving one of these monster mobiles would give rise to some interesting headlines: "Mobile Squash Court Squashes Villa Supermarket. Driver Flees The Scene." for example.

Amazing where your mind gets to in the midst of a Bangkok traffic jam!

Anyway, back to a sort of reality, that of this month's British Club squash section:

a) Sunday May 21st, saw a one day TSRA team competition, in which the British Club stalwarts of Messrs Anwar, Jewell and Hagelauer finished an admirable fourth, against strong competition.

b) The Dawee Cup competition will be played on Sunday July 9th, starting at 9am at the Polo Club. This is a team competition with 10 players on the BC team playing 10 from the Sports Club. Supporters are, of course, very welcome.

c) The winning team in this year's Harold Mercer Cup competition was:

David Bryant, Mike Weekes, Alan Payne.

Congratulations to them all.

d) The Inter-Society competition, the men from Saint

Elsewhere, assisted by the lovely Graciela Haube, came home the winners, collecting 471 points, with Saint ANZ coming second. The full St. Elsewhere team was: Dick Anwar, Mark Smith, Christian Rasmussen, Graciela Haube, Graham Reville, Nort Omaboe.

e) The Handicap Competition will start in July and run right through the month of August. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Squash notice board.

f) The Thailand Squash Racquets Association are seeking referees for the matches in the S.E. Asean Games in Chiang Mai in December. If you are interested, contact Dick Anwar. Selected candidates will receive expert coaching in refereeing prior to the Games.

g) Please note that Courts 1 and 2 will soon be resanded to improve their surfaces.

h) From June onwards, David Jewell and other experienced players, will be offering coaching to under-16 year old squashies, on Sundays between 2pm and 4pm. It is intended to form an under-16's ladder later on, once this gets going. Send your teenagers along - a good way for them to burn up some of their excess energy!

Happy squashing!

Barry Daniel

Investigation

Salons come clean

Is your beauty parlour harbouring any unpleasant extras - of an infectious nature? Adele Lovell on how to check up on your salon - for Marie Claire

Is your beauty salon more in need of a deep-cleansing treatment than you are? Some well documented cases in the UK of hepatitis B being caused by ear-piercing, tattooing and acupuncture have fuelled fears that beauty salons could harbour similar danger.

Before you book your next bikini-line treatment, ask about the previous life of the wax. It's a stomach-churning fact that some salons may recycle their strip wax, a process that involves filtering out previous clients' hair - but may not remove skin scales nor the bacteria that cause infections.

In addition, research by the US Food and Drug Administration has shown that make-up testers can carry opportunistic pathogens (micro-organisms that may cause harm when present in high concentrations). Even the humble emery board isn't safe as wood, it cannot be sterilised completely. John Webster, national chairman of the Institute of chiropodists says, "Manicure tools can pass on fungal infections very easily, and wooden items such as orange-sticks and emery-boards should be discarded after one use." Toe-separators that have not been sterilised can pass on athlete's foot, while the serrated surface of a nail file can hold millions of bacteria which can cause

infections unless the file is sterilised in an autoclave - a process that kills both bacteria and their spores.

Jane Martin-Wurwand, founder of Demalogica, an LA-based skin-care company, says concern about the hygiene in salons is high in the States. "Clients expect the equivalent of a dental surgery. They bring in their own emery-boards and make-up brushes. They even want to know which sterilisation technique you use. One product is HIV- and hepatitis-specific. They ask for it by name and we advertise the fact that we use it."

What are the risks?

Although salons must have a licence to operate from the local council (UK) there is no national standard concerning these finer points of hygiene, so it's best to ask before you make an appointment, a well-run salon will welcome your concern.

However, there's no need to cancel any salon appointments for fear of what you might catch. Although hepatitis is a risk, there have been no known cases of clients contracting the virus through cosmetic contamination. Similarly, the risk of contracting HIV is thought to be theoretical only.

The Sterile approach

Some products present less of a risk than you might expect. Mascara wands have been dubbed bacteria's best friend, but according to Professor Woodward of the Optometry and Visual Sciences department at City University, London, the transference of bacteria to the eye via make-up or applicators is not a great danger. He explains, "The external eye comes in contact with bacteria all the time, without developing infections. There is a slightly greater risk with contact-lens users because lenses disrupt the eye's normal defence mechanisms, but I know of no proven cases. Only if the lashes were infested or if herpes is present could there be problems, but a good beautician should be aware of the conditions."

"Eye infections which can be transferred by contact are very unlikely to occur in the UK," he adds.

Nevertheless, hygiene is now a big marketing issue. At Estee-Lauder. Advisers must adhere to strict standards. The use of plastic spatulas means neither adviser nor client touches the product, and make-up samples are applied via sterile disposable applicators.

Direct-sell company Mary Kay has a range of products designed for safe trial at home. Their disposable lip and eye

pencils, one-trial lipsticks with brush and one-application eye-shadows and blush swatches perfectly demonstrate the new, gem-free approach to selling make-up.

Check list for hygienic salon and counter practices

1. Make-up artists should use disposable applicators which are opened in front of you. If they do not, question how the applicators are cleaned. The colour itself should be dispensed to a palette before being applied to your skin. Avoid communal 'tester units', where brushes are wiped over used make-up.
2. Products should be taken from their jar with a sterile, disposable spatula, which is used only once.
3. Take your own manicure products along to the salon, or buy a set and store it at the salon with your name written on the box.
4. Look for hygienic personal practices from the therapist. Hand-washing should preferably be done in front of you and if this is not possible (say, in a department store) the therapist should use anti-bacterial wipes. Wet sterilising solutions should be visible on the trolley, and instruments and cotton wool should be stored in clean, closed storage boxes. Everything should be spotless.

British Club General Committee

If you have any questions about the British Club or if you have any suggestions
please call any of the Committee Members below



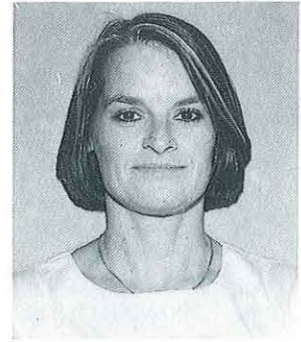
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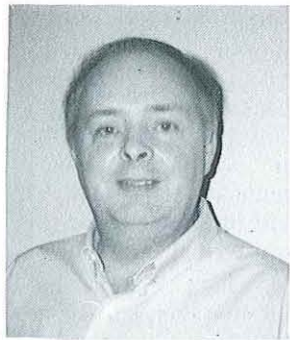
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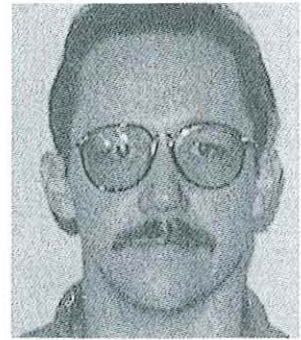
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Quote - Unquote

On wives, those who bark!

The faithful watchdog or the good wife standing at the door to welcome the home-coming master with honest bark... *small town newspaper editor in Wisconsin, mid-1800's, infamous for word mangling.*

On lies

If I tell a lie it's only because I think I'm telling the truth... *Phil Gaglardi, Minister of Highways in British Columbia, Canada*

On Films, must-see!

Chairman Mao reviews the Mighty Contingent of the Cultural Revolution for the Fifth and Sixth Times *1967 film, People's Republic of China*

On chickens, similarities with other things

Chickens, like two-edged swords, oftentimes come home to roost... *small time newspaper in Wisconsin*

On drugs, how to fight abuse of

Now, like, I'm President. It would be pretty hard for some drug guy to come into the White House and start offering it up, you know?,,, I bet if they did, I hope they would say, "Hey get lost. We don't want any of that." ... *President George Bush talking about drug abuse to a group of students*

On violence, the CIA and :

I have definitional problems with the word "violence". I don't know what the word "violence" means.... *William Colby, director of the Central Intelligence Agency*

On Watergate!

What was Watergate? A little bugging! *Richard Nixon*

On Wisdom, Congressional

This is no time to pull the rug out in the middle of the stream... *representative Silvio Conte of Massachusetts, during a heated House debate*

On clarity, great moments in!

At the moment, we are subsumed in the vortex of criticality ... *Alexander Haig, then Secretary of State*

On statistics

These are not my figures I'm quoting. They're from someone who knows what he's talking about... *congressman in debate*

On Military Intelligence, our British Allies and:

It is necessary for technical reasons that these warheads should be stored with the top at the bottom, and the bottom at the top. In order that there may be no doubt as to which is the top and which is the bottom, for storage purposes, it will be seen that the bottom of each head has been labelled with the word TOP *British Admiralty instruction dealing with the storage of warheads and torpedoes*

On Samoans

You all look like happy campers to me. Happy campers you are, happy campers you have been, and as far as I am concerned, happy campers you will always be ... *Vice President Dan Quayle, addressing a group of Samoans during a Pacific trip*

On the Pentagon, \$ 1,496 pliers ought for:

What you're not recognising is that the original proposal was significantly higher.... *U.S. Air Force major general, defending the purchase of a tool kit which included \$1,496 pliers. Boeing's original asking price was \$5,096*

On religion and sports

If Jesus were on the field, he'd be pitching inside and breaking up double plays. He'd be high fiving the other guys *Tim Burke, Montreal Expos pitcher*

On Syntax, Chicago style

The problems will be explained to the people which I think the people are interested in. I said the explanations will be given to the people in the problems I think concerns them... *Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley Sr.*

On unemployment, High:

The right to suffer is one of the joys of a free economy ... *Howard Pye, aide to President Dwight Eisenhower, commenting on the unemployment situation in Detroit*

Final Countdown



It is good to see the sports sections organising so many activities around the Club and especially so many involving our children. There is now regular swimming and tennis coaching together with tuition in a whole range of other activities being made available over the holiday period. The sports sections are, in many ways, the life blood of the Club doing much for our reputation outside as well as promoting the health and well-being of our membership within.

The current Rugby World Cup has also done wonders for the bar takings, especially when the games are not screened as advertised, leaving the bar full of frustrated fans with little else to do but bide away their time with all the fare the bar can offer!

The Committee is still concerned over membership numbers and usage of the Club, however. These two matters go hand in hand and we are actively engaged in measures to try and encourage more people to join the Club. Details of our "Member get Member" campaign can be found in next month's magazine with some very attractive prizes on offer through the food offices of the Holiday Inn Hotel Group. Our sincere thanks is due to them for their very generous support. We are also looking at other ways to encourage the younger age groups who, we are aware, find our current fee structure excessive for the amount of time they expect to remain in the country. More details of this and other measures when we have had time to consider them all in depth. In the end, I am sure many of our old stalwarts will be pleased to hear, we shall probably be calling an EGM in a few months time to put our ideas to the membership.

It is a hard fact that, if the Club is to be able to continue in its current state, then we must increase our revenues in one way or another. We are already taking many steps to restrict outgoings. All expenditure on anything considered to be not absolutely essential has been stopped and measures are in place to reduce expenses round the Club wherever we feel this can be done. Now I should like to ask you, the membership, to do your bit as well. We need more members, more usage by the members and, if all else fails, increased financial input in one form or another, from the members.

The message once again is, therefore, please help us to keep the Club healthy. There are many ways that you can do this from encouraging your friends and associates to become members to visiting and supporting the Club a little more often than you have managed to do of late. Over to you!!

Dugal Forrest
Chairman

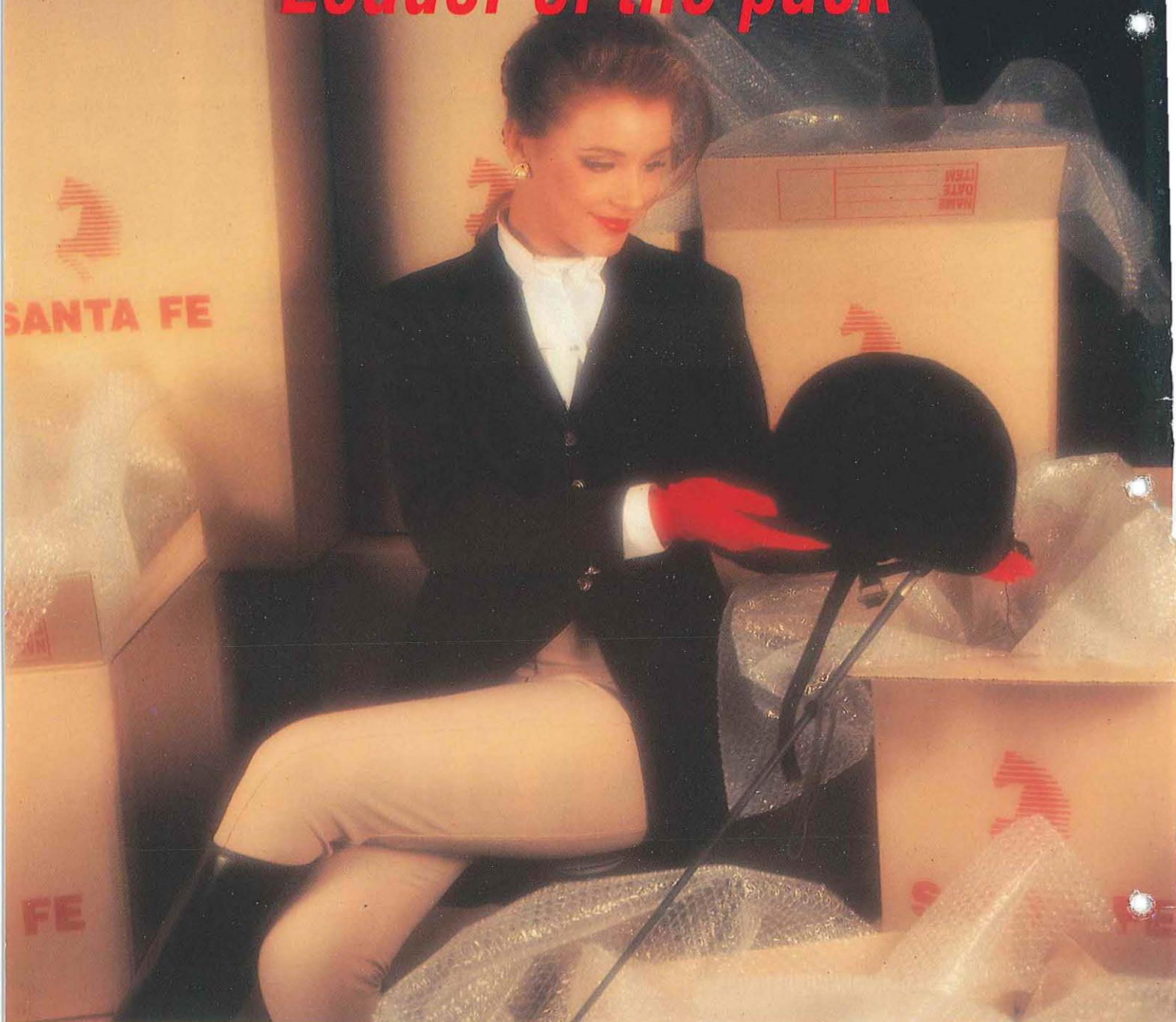
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