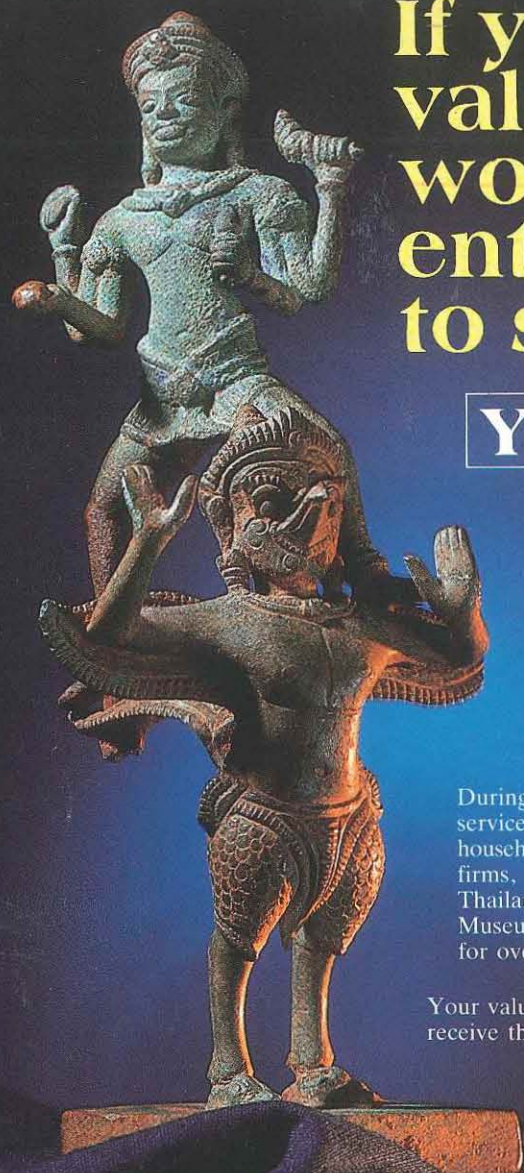


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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Ching-Chok

1. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The constitution of the British Club limits the number of Associate Members to 180. The drive for new members which has been the Club's policy for the last few years has been so successful that we have reached the limit for Associate Members. This means that a waiting list will now have to be established.

The Committee would like members to bear in mind the following points:

- i) Please do not encourage potential Associate Members unless you know that they will be keen on using the Club on a regular basis and, as it says in the Club Rules, be prepared to "actively contribute" to Club activities. (There has been some criticism recently of Associate Members who seem to "hog" the Club facilities such as the Pool at week-ends, contributing nothing at all to the Club in any other way.)
- ii) Please make potential Associate Members aware of the fact that there is a waiting list.
- iii) Please do not ask potential Associate Members to come to New Members Nights, on the first Monday of each month, without prior agreement with the Committee. You can bring guests to the Churchill Bar, of course, as you can on any other day of the month. But attendance on the first Monday of the month will not be considered as their official "meet-the-Committee" night unless they have been invited by the Committee.
- iv) There is a procedure for proposing Associate Members which is clearly laid out. Copies of this procedure are available at Reception. The important point to remember is that Associate Members are admitted to the British Club only by invitation of the Committee and not by right.
- v) There are no restrictions on members for Ordinary Members.

2. MAINTENANCE

- i) The underground pipe connecting the children's pool to the main pool is being repaired.
- ii) The ceiling above the Suriwongse Room is being checked as water has been seeping down into the Billiards Room.

iii) We are awaiting quotations from outside contractors before approving kitchen modernisation.

3. FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- i) The Committee has approved the Manager to go ahead with the installation of a post-mix soft drink dispenser in the Churchill Bar for a trial period. Apart from the financial benefits, we are told that the mixes are less sweet than bottled soft drinks.
- ii) The Committee are in the process of considering major changes to the menu and positioning of the Restaurant which will be announced in next month's OUT-POST.

Hugh Salmon
Club Membership

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

DUE to a new road structure, by the BMA, our apartment block is being demolished, therefore Ethel and I are looking for a new place. There are just the two of us, and our maid, (for over 20 years).

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Meet the New Members



Susan and Edward (Geno) Redmon: from Montana, though they have lived in California for the last five years. Edward is the Assistant Air Attache at the US Embassy and loves his work. Susan used to be an agronomist looking at hybrid rice, plenty of that in California, but here is kept busy looking after their two young daughters. The Redmons like travelling and tennis and are currently learning Thai.



Richard and Lesley Wylde: Richard is the 2nd Secretary in the political and economic section at the British Embassy; he plays golf and tennis, is an all round participator. Lesley swims, watches Richard and is a cinema fiend.



Dr. Rian and Prisana Boondiskulchok: from Bangkok. Prisana works for SAS on the marketing side; in her spare time she swims, reads and loves dancing. Her husband (who was not present) teaches industrial engineering at Chula.



Bob (left) and Seleena Yates: this is their first time living outside the UK "green behind the ears." Bob works with Cerebros; salt anywhere else but here it's chicken essence and Chinese aphrodisiacs (I always believe everything that I'm told) Bob is a rugby player but doesn't believe that anyone in their right minds would play here! (you live and learn).



Mike and Janelle Howard: used to live next door to Phil "Jacko" Jackson in Borneo. They have been travelling the world for the last 17 years living in Brunei, Hong Kong, Taipei and in 1972-77 were Bangkok residents; they're delighted to be back. Hobbies? No comment!

Roy and Theresa Gaston: also have a great flair for moving around the world. Roy has a regional job, based in Hong Kong, in insurance broking activities. They enjoy climbing, shooting, sailing, fishing and jazz.



Jane (left) and Roger Mathews (also standing left): flown in specially for the evening by young Stuart of BA. They have spent two years in Singapore; Roger is with the Financial Times and is happy to be here for all the usual reasons. Jane is single minded. "Where the FT goes the rest of the world follows."



Colin (centre) and Sylvia Smith: Colin had recently returned from China where he had missed most of the action; instead he hired a bike and cycled around a quietly eerie Peking. Colin is with the Observer, likes tennis and night life. Sylvia also writes and has had two books published.



Rod and Caroline Jones with Mrs. G. Bell, centre: from London, but have lived in Dubai, Malta, Saudi Arabia and Australia. Rod is here with International Drilling Fluids (mud co.) and likes wind surfing, water skiing, golf and mountain biking. Caroline used to be a travel courier, managed by Heathrow Business Centre and is currently suffering from work withdrawal symptoms; she is a hockey, tennis and squash player about to join the Dutch hockey team.

Brian Duncan: an up-country member, Brian is an agricultural economist and works and lives in Khon Kaen. He plays tennis, squash and sails.



Olarn "Henry", right, and Kulpranee Cherdumchai: from Hong Kong but have lived in Thailand for 17 years. Henry makes and designs enamel kitchen ware and is a good cook. He is a dedicated tennis and snooker player.

Colin Stevenson, left: is here for just 6-9 months from Ediburgh (though it might be longer). He is starting up a new container terminal for Benline. Annie Douglas has already roped him into the darts section and he has also started playing golf.

Jon and Carole Hill with a very cheery Jean Parrot standing on the right: lived in Hong Kong for 15 years, before that in Bermuda and Bahrain. Jon is a satellite man into swimming and wind surfing. Carole is a crossword addict and is thinking of taking up barn dancing. ('onest)

Sorry I missed the Dunnvatanachits, Kochs, Walshs, Stockleys, Doves and Greens.



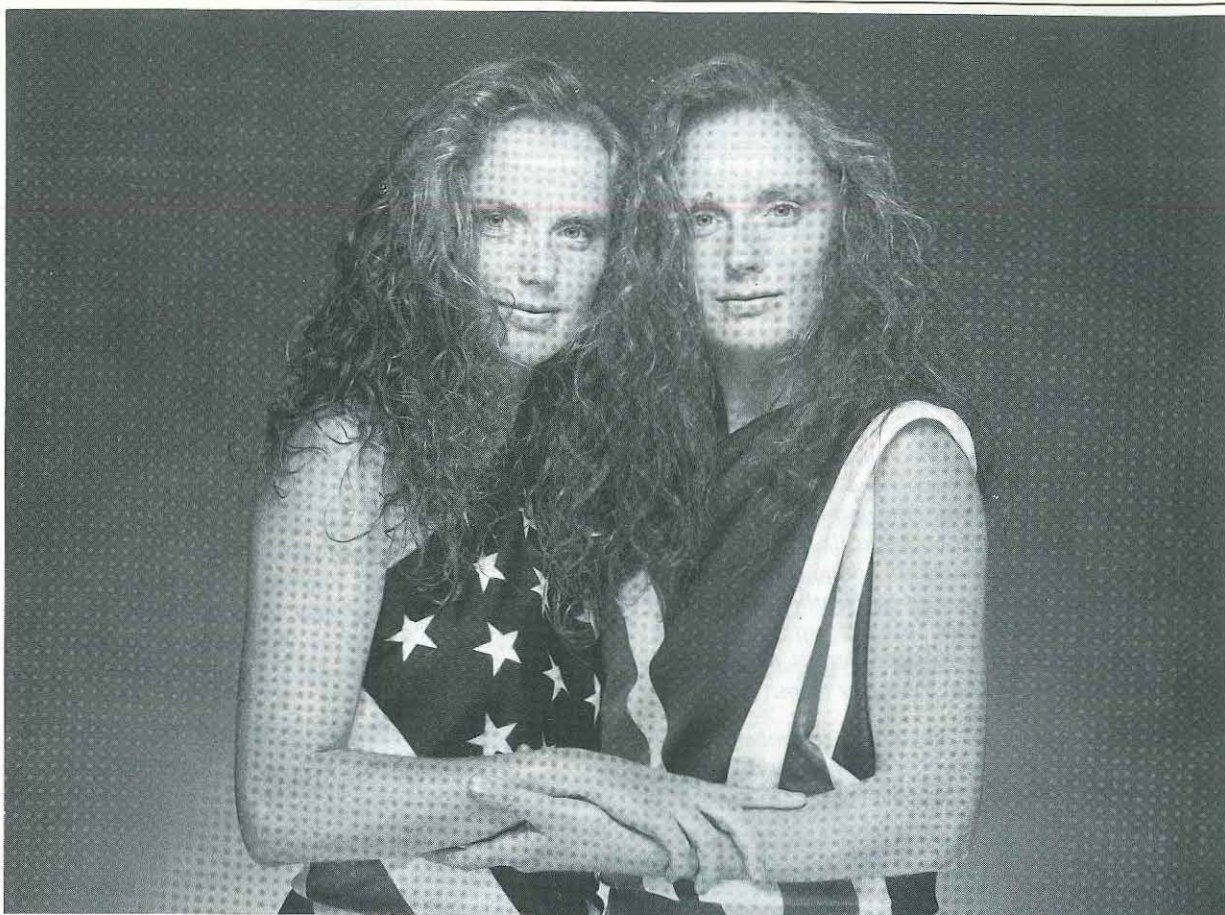
Margaret Pye: was a new member last month but I didn't get around to talking to her. She has three children, one born here a few weeks ago. Margaret is from Toronto but has lived in Singapore for 9 years where she was a fashion model.

James Allan: originally from Scotland but has lived in San Jose, California for the last 10 years. He works for Seagate who make disc drives. James sails and plays snooker and darts. (sorry no photo)

Simon Makinson: a lawyer, who by his own admission drinks and smokes too much. Simon was in Hong Kong for eighteen months prior to coming here; he sails, has a bash at golf but basically is a sedentary-sports man. (also managed to escape the camera)

Mark and Anne Webster: this is their first time living away from home in Wellington New Zealand. Mark works for Petrocorp when he's not playing squash. Anne is an as yet unemployed teacher who likes NZ things, aerobics and according to Mark is a nice diver! (we'll get you on camera next time!)



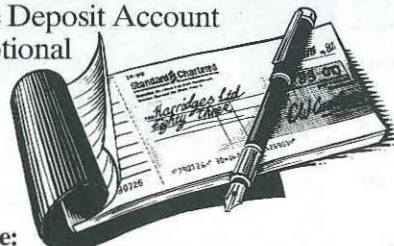


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FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

THE ACCUMULATOR continues to ACCUMULATE, at time of publication the ACCUMULATOR will amount to £4,000.

For the benefit of our new members the accumulator is drawn on Friday night and providing you are on the Club premises at the time of the draw you claim the prize. If you are not present, don't be disappointed your name returns for next week's draw.

Members who could have won had they been present are:

John Rae	-	£2,000	Bill Barr	-	£2,750
Jens Ahrens	-	£2,250	Wolfgang Strobl	-	£3,000
Michael Claringbould	-	£2,500	B.J. Lewis	-	£3,250

VOLLEYBALL & BADMINTON

At the suggestion of members we have made the above sports available at the British Club.

The Volleyball court can be found on the back lawn on weekends, if required on weekdays please call me so that arrangements can be made.

The Badminton Court is located between the Silom Sala and the children's playground area and can be used daily.

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Equipment such as T.V., video, overhead projector, slide projector and PA system, with full sound recording equipment, are also available at a nominal fee.

REGULAR EVENTS

Please note the Seafood Night will change to a Saturday night commencing Saturday the 5th of August.

The Sunday Evening Buffet will now become a B.B.Q. at the Silom Sala commencing 6th of August at 6.00 p.m.

Flicks For Kids at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday evening and repeated Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

BBC Video World at 7.00 p.m. on Friday evening and repeated 4.00 p.m. on Sunday.



The winners of last month's Inter-Department Competition are the Admin. Office. They were chosen for their consistent efforts rarely seen by the members.

HELP

The Development Committee need your assistance to locate a school, college, university or company willing to share their sports field facilities, in return, the Club is willing to assist in costs etc. - if you are in a position to assist please contact me at the Club.

CLUB ROUNDUP

Father's Day Swimming Gala Sunday 18th June '89

THE day the Dads had been dreading had suddenly arrived! Eleven teams were expected but only nine materialized. Had the Dads got cold feet we wondered or were they simply spending Father's day at a more leisurely pace?

The day's sponsors were Milo who had generously decked the pool area with flags and umbrellas, and refreshments were available throughout the afternoon for both competitors and spectators.



Julia must really have caught something big.

The teams consisted of 2 adults and 3 children of various families, there were 7 races and 2 heats for each race. Starting the afternoon's events was the collection of "numbered ping pong balls" by the



John Townend grinning and baring it.

children of the teams, followed by a spectacle of the mums and dads "changing clothes" race and a few tight fitting dresses into the bargain. Then came Dad's favourite race. A length of the pool being fed with Kloster from a babies bottle by Mum. No breast feeding was allowed. However a little 'rule bending' occurred at



Guess who the sponsor was!

finish of the heats when off came the tops of the bottles. The remaining liquid was 'downed' as quickly as possible. This was followed by the children's relay race and a special "dressing up" race for the oldest girl and boy of each team. This proved very tiring for the smaller swimmers who struggling to finish, almost drowned from the weight of the clothes!

The highlight of the afternoon for the younger team members was the raft boarding race which saw the raft sinking quicker than the members could board. However some quick times were recorded in this event.



Another fish called Wanda?

their faces at the finish that was quite enough!

The competition resulted in a victory for the Driver 'family' who were awarded super trophies and gold medals. Silver medalists were the "Free-mans." Family "Myers" and "Townend" were joint



Dads being 'force-fed' Klosters for a change!

The races were concluded with a freestyle race for the Dads consisting of one length of the pool and by the looks on some of

third and were presented bronze medals.

All competitors received "Milo" T-shirts and for the Dads a special "Father's

Day" lollipop!

Improvers trophies were also awarded to Rebecca White, Claire Stewart, James Rennie and Andrew Scott at the end of the gala.

All in all a super day, enjoyed by everyone with special thanks to Milo — who did us proud. Official starter and resident ref Keith Bell; "The man behind the mike" David Hall. Thanks also to gala organisers Hilary Driver, Pamela Rennie and Angela Coutts. We look forward to the next one!

Jacqui Leamon
Swimming Committee

The nine completing families were:

Ian STEWART
Ann Stewart
Claire Stewart (11)
Sonia Stewart (8)
Torki Atkinson (9)

Paul MYERS
Cheryl French
Sarah Myers (8)
Victoria Scott (11)
Andrew Scott (7)

Maren WHITE
Frank Hough
Rebecca White (9)
Harriet White (7)
Rory Neighbour (11)

James DRIVER
Fiona Munro
Candice Driver (8)
James Rennie (10)
Robert Rennie (6)

Julia FREEMAN
David Beevers
Mark Freeman (11)
Anna Freeman (7)
Aoife Casey (9)

John TOWNEND
Chris Townend
Matthew Townend (11)
Sarah-Jane Townend (9)
Alistair Gray (10)

David LEAMON
Jacqui Leamon
Chloe Leamon (8)
Ross Leamon (6)
Andrea Sill (9)

Martin DAWSON
Orapin Dawson
Richard Dawson (10)
Cecelia Dawson (8)
James Masson (9)

Steve COUTTS
Donna Beevers
Jonathan Coutts (8)
Nikki De Boer (9)
Louise Coutts (6)



The 'Golden' Driver Family. James Driver, Fiona Munro, Candice Driver, James Rennie and Robert Rennie.



Silver medalists the "Freemans." Julia Freeman, David Beever, Mark Freeman, Anna Freeman, Aoife Casey.



The joint bronze medalists the Family "Myers" and the Family "Townend." John Townend, Chris Townend, Matthew Townend, Sarah-Jane Townend and Alistair Grey. Paul Myers, Cheryl French, Sarah Myers, Victoria Scott and Andrew Scott.

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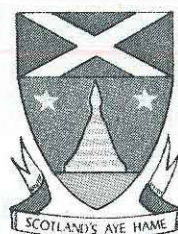
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Mid-Year Gathering on the Oriental Queen



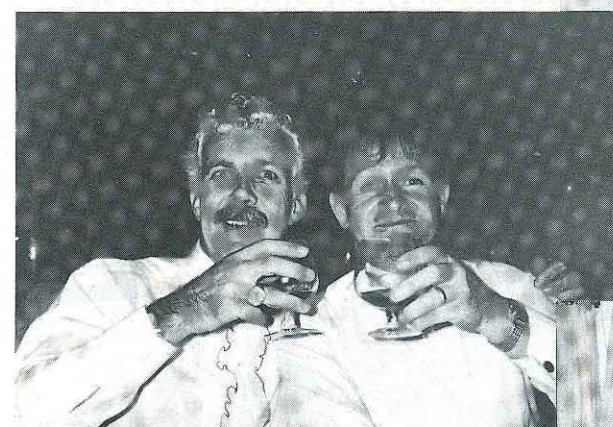
"Now, there was an Irishman, a Scotsman and a Welshman."



A thistle between two lotus?



A shamrock between two thistles?



David and Keith – one over the eight-some reel!



James Grey and Norman MacDonald enjoying a "Knees-up."

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6th July 1989

Mr K Bell
The British Club
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Thailand

Dear Keith

Just a short note to record our thanks for the tremendous way that our Lions supporters group were looked after last week at the Club. It is a pity that some of them were jet-lagged and sleeping, but those who did show up had a tremendous time.

Bearing in mind that very few of them knew each other prior to the 'get together', it was the perfect way to get them into the tour spirit and from what I understand, their tour is going really well in Australia apart from the fact that their arrival in Sydney appears to have brought bad luck to the Lions team!

Perhaps you would record our thanks, particularly to, Jim, Pravitt and John Gidley who initially helped us to put things together.

No doubt we will catch up with you again on a Bangkok stopover and thanks again.

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British Lions Supporters Group



Ray Gravell — former Wales and Lions Centre Half and Pravitt, Prestige Travel, Hon. President of B.C. Rugby Section, presenting T-shirts to all Lions supporters.



Phil Whisper Jackson and still awake!



The boys enjoying the Churchill bar, home from home boys.



Leek pudding lads.

The Grand Masters Simultaneous Chess Tournament



Grand Master Hans Ree



Russel Pankhast, the youngest entrant.



BC member
Eric Grunwald

LETTERS

Colin H Snow (S22)
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Thursday June 22, 1989

The Editor
OUTPOST
The British Club
Bangkok

Dear Sir, (Madame)

CLUB TAXATION MATTERS

I was most distressed to receive notice from our esteemed general Committee advising that the Club had fallen under the scrutiny of the Revenue Department of the Royal Thai Government, such that we shall now incur additional taxation on select Club activities. I note however that a lower tax rate of 5% will apply to rental activities than the 10.25% for food and beverage matters. Obviously, it would be much to our advantage if bar and restaurant matters were considered simply as rental of food and beverages, thus qualifying for the lower 5% tax rate, and I suggest that this is neither unreasonable, nor lacking in logic. Beverage consumed at the bar is generally only retained for a short period and then returned to the Club premises, hence it is more suited to a rental, than a purchase type of contract. Clearly, those upstanding members who remain at the bar for extended periods will return more of the rented beverage to the Club than those who stay for just a short while, and thus perhaps we could consider a sliding tax scale from the full 10.25% for consumption of just one glass of beverage down to 5% for those remaining at the bar all night.

Similarly in the restaurant, many members are simply replacing energy which has been expended utilising the Club sports' facilities, and are thus effectively renting food to provide energy for the next use of those facilities. Whilst the latter proposal may be a little more remote to demonstrate, I seem to recall something about $E = Mc^2$, where the energy released (E) equals the mass of food consumed (M) multiplied by the speed of light squared. This equation may require some slight modification to account for the slightly sublightning speed with which some of the geriatric Club members stagger about the squash and tennis courts, and not forgetting the snooker, bridge and darts departments, however with the collective expertise of bio/pharmaceutical/medical/engineering talent in the Club, surely this should surely not be beyond our ability.

I would be most pleased to learn the opinion of our esteemed the general Committee on this suggestion. The alternative would appear to be a general 10.25% reduction in F and B prices.

I remain Sir, (Madame),

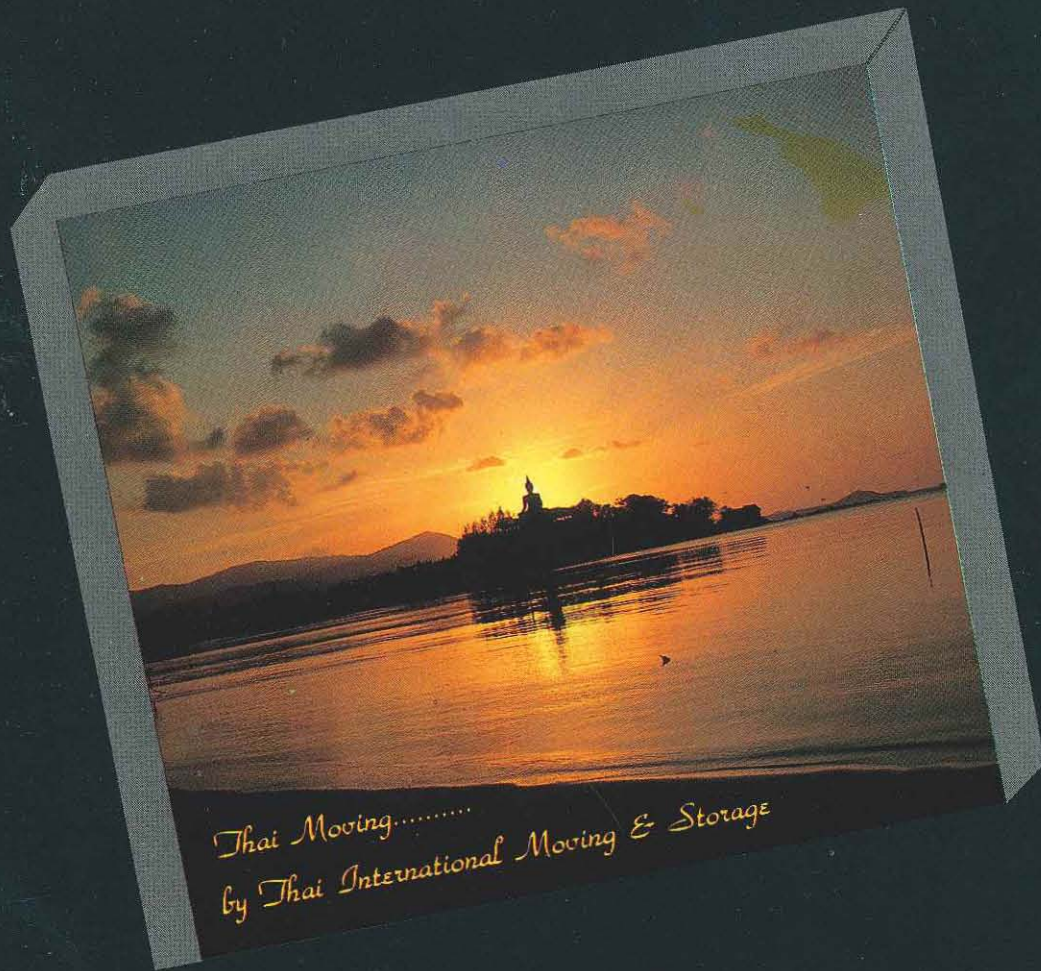
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HO CHI MINH CITY

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It gets you a bit like that in Vietnam although, strangely, it's only at the airport where there are any obvious signs that the Americans ever even set foot in the place.

On the tarmac, we piled onto buses and headed for the one-storey airport terminal, a shabby white hall where every third fluorescent light was working because of power conservation. The scene was brilliantly lit in any case — a crowd of hot and slightly confused tourists, businessmen and aid workers milling around in a quest for a customs form they could understand from the pile in Vietnamese, Russian, French and English.

Immigration staff sat in small self-contained wooden huts which had a faintly confessional air about them. When



Traffic jam, Saigon style.

you had been dealt with, the man inside the box pulled back a wooden plank to let you through into the main hall, glancing at an angled mirror above to check you were clear so he wouldn't do you any permanent physical damage by slotting it back across the gap that crucial second too early. Having negotiated this, everyone stood around looking at a hole in the wall and a two-foot long ramp on the floor which I swiftly deduced was the baggage claim. Carrying hand luggage to Ho Chi Minh is strongly recommended since waiting for your case can take up what seems like a considerable part of your life.

I whiled away the time by attempting to help a Vietnamese woman who had flown in

from Paris fill in her customs form — in duplicate, of course. I was confused because she was addressing me in French and writing it in Vietnamese and she was confused because I was English but speaking to her in faltering French so we ended up beaming genially at each other for quite some time until a helpful official came along to rescue the situation and the linguistic tangle we had embroiled ourselves in. She thanked me profusely which was extremely generous of her considering I had done nothing except look pleasant and mess up her form.

I turned to see what the latest news was from the hole in the wall and an intriguing sign caught my eye which apparently offered clergy for

hire: Vicarrent. I was gently informed that it was in fact the country's agency for renting cars, a relatively new innovation. I knew all along, really.

We eventually swept past the marble effect plastic of the customs desk to our welcoming party and straight into the shiny black Russian Volga car, hotel-bound.

The first impression of Ho Chi Minh's streets is of bicycles. I don't mean dozens or hundreds or even thousands. We are talking about tens of thousands of two-wheeled conveyances filling almost the entire breadth of the road in a massive flow of softly whirring motion. The few cars there are stick right in the middle of the road to avoid this meandering battallion. Since the cars travelling in the opposite direction are also in the middle of the road for the same reason, the mind is concentrated quite powerfully by last milli-second swerves to avoid a head-on collision and a very messy scene. Instead, we appeared to swap shaves of paintwork with other cars and were treated to close-up views of the whites of the other drivers' eyes. Nobody could see the whites of mine because they were shut most of the time. When they were open and concentrating grimly on the side windows and not the front, they saw low, shabby houses and shops, beautiful French-style villas, imposing official buildings with sculpted pillars, a magnificent red-brick cathedral with soaring twin spires, the exquisite lemon and white City Hall – and more bicycles.

We eventually carved a path



View across the city rooftops.



Ho Chi Minh City Hall.

through the throng to where we were staying, the Huu Nghi Hotel (or Palace Hotel as it is being re-named), a 1950's-style 16 storey building which is one of the tallest in the city. We were allotted a corner suite on the 11th floor which consisted of two massive rooms and two bathrooms. The television in the corner was a rather smart little JVC set on which you could watch Russian programmes through a blizzard which I reckoned meant either it was snowing a lot in Russia or reception was not up to scratch.

But it is too easy to make snide observations about such a hotel room in a country where they are doing their best to offer decent facilities for tourists. One lamp may have had a plug that didn't fit the socket, the other no plug at all, the fridge may have sound-

ed like a high-powered motor-bike minus silencer and the floor may have been just tiled and the seats plastic but all was spotlessly clean and the view of Saigon from a curving bay window and balcony was truly breathtaking. The room also had a card table with pull-out felt drawers, a small pack of soap, shampoo and toothpaste in each bathroom, hotel stationery in a folder and a colour leaflet of the hotel detailing the facilities including a rooftop swimming pool, shop, two bars, dancing hall, restaurant and telex services. Believe me, all of that is pretty sensational for Vietnam.

There was also a considerate if slightly ambiguous sign by each window written in Vietnamese, Russian, English and French (in that order): 'Attention! The wind may break up the glass'. The Russian bit was in red. I presumed it referred to weather conditions.

We ate in the large, sunny top floor restaurant where the resident pianist and violinist played popular classical music and Beatles' songs as staff wheel around small wooden trollies laden with an array of food, ranging from steak and chips to Vietnamese spring rolls and noodle soup. The atmosphere was relaxed, people were chatting, laughing, eating and drinking. It could have been any cosmopolitan setting in the world except there probably isn't an abundance of places where the clientele includes Russians, East Germans, Americans, French, Thai, Japanese and, of course, Vietnamese.

In the nearby streets are

sellers of tourist leaflets, stamp albums, coins and postcards, dozens of shops stacked with Vietnamese lacquerware inlaid with mother-of-pearl and shell, antiques, old French watches and swathes of bright embroidered silks. The hotch-potch of traffic includes the inevitable bikes, battered rickshaws, black Russian Volgas, polished Peugeots (courtesy of Vicarrent), ingenious home-made cars looking like large orange crates on wheels and the occasional vintage pre-war Citroen complete with running boards, dozens of bicycles teetering on the roof and who knows how many faces peeping out the windows.

The people are, for the most part, a friendly, smiling, polite and hospitable crowd. Many of the young girls wear the traditional 'ao dai' of loose trousers and a tunic, while the bright young things of the city's 'in' crowd clad themselves in skin-tight jeans and slogan-covered T-shirts much as any teenager anywhere in the world might do. It's all a bit confusing.

I turned to the Saigon Tourist Guide for some help, a glossy little publication in which Vietnamese food is described as "a subtle combination and epitome (sic) of the receptivity and response of the human senses". That's one way of putting it, I suppose. Without quite such an astonishing grasp of the English language, I would say it is delicious but then I don't think I'd get a job at the tourist board.

Modern history is summed up in the words: "For 116 years, from 1859 to 1975,



At a Chinese temple – who's that funny white woman?

the local people continuously and courageously fought against the domination of foreign aggression". It's a message that's pretty clear: the authorities of Ho Chi Minh are keen for the world to know of the city's present and future and are painstakingly honest to that end. But the past, they believe, should be kept firmly where it belongs – in the history books.

Having said that, there is a fairly off-beat place to visit detailed at the bottom of the 'Places of Interest' page. Cu Chi Tunnels, 35km from the city, or 'downtown Saigon' as tourist guide puts it, is a 200km long network of underground tunnels where the people of the district have lived and fought against modern apparatus of aggression. Come and see it for yourselves and you will hear its history recounted by an ex-guerrilla.

Sadly, I didn't have time to take a trip out to meet such an interesting individual and hear his tales over tea and biscuits.

But for tourists visiting Ho Chi Minh there are some practical considerations apart from which sights to see. Money is the main one. On

entering the country you have to put down on the customs form the amount of currency you are bringing in, US dollars being the one to have in your wallet.

The idea is that every time you exchange money, you get a receipt and all these are checked when you leave against the amount of dollars you have left, the theory being they should more or less match up because you haven't been naughty and changed it on the black market. In Ho Chi Minh hotels, you can get 3,600 Vietnamese dong (plus receipt) to the dollar. The official rate according to Hanoi is 2,600 to the dollar and, just to add spice to the situation, the piratical looking character on the street will give you 5,000. Play it straight by doing it the hotel way, smile at the pleasant customs staff on the way out and you won't have any problems.



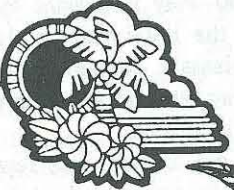


There are, in fact, very few problems in total involved in visiting Ho Chi Minh City. Much is written about Vietnam in bleak terms: it is one of the poorest nations on earth, it has been deserted by vast numbers of residents who take hazardous journeys in search of a better life abroad, it has 700 per cent inflation, the black market thrives and US\$30 meals are paid for with a six-inch bundle of notes such is the mess of the economic system.

It's all true, it's all sad and it will all hopefully slowly change for the better as the country gets its economic act together.

Rebecca Maer

AUGUST CALENDAR

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 *OUTPOST* Calendar, please contact Judi Leddy on 258-5110. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month.
*Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room."

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm. Bridge – 7.30 pm.	2 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.	3 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm.	4 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. B.B.C. World Video (check programme at Reception) – 7.00 pm. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.
	5 Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm. Fish Night in the Restaurant	6 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. Family B.B.Q. in Silom Sala from 6.00 pm.	7 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.	8 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm. Bridge – 7.30 pm.	9 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.	10 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Bambi Meeting at B.C. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm.	11 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. B.B.C. World Video (check programme at Reception) – 7.00 pm. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.
	12 Golf – Sattahip Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm. Fish Night in the Restaurant	13 Golf – Siam C.C. 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. Mongolian B.B.Q. in Silom Sala from 6.00 pm.	14 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.	15 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm. Bridge – 7.30 pm.	16 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.	17 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon B.W.G. Lunch at Roberto's Libra at 11.30 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm.	18 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. B.B.C. World Video (check programme at Reception) – 7.00 pm. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.
	19 Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm. Teenage Disco Fish Night in the Restaurant	20 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. Family B.B.Q. in Silom Sala from 6.00 pm.	21 B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm.	22 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm. Bridge – 7.30 pm.	23 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.	24 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm.	25 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. B.B.C. World Video (check programme at Reception) – 7.00 pm. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.
	26 August Round Robin Tennis Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm. Fish Night in the Restaurant	27 Golf – Muang Ake 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. Car Boot Sale From 4 pm. in Car Park. Mongolian B.B.Q. in Silom Sala from 6.00 pm.	28 B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm.	29 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm. Bridge – 7.30 pm.	30 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.	31 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Keep Fit on Back Lawn – 7.00 pm.	

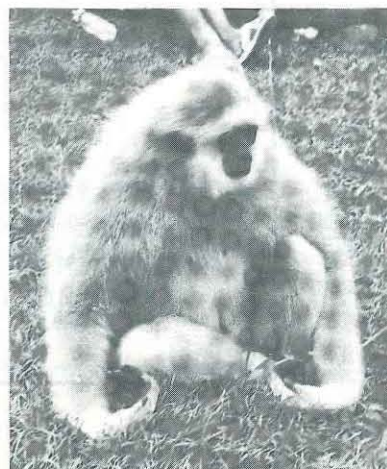
An Obituary for Kika

KIKA, a brown white-hand gibbon aged about 2 years died on June 21, 1989, a sweet and gentle animal who deserved better from life. Here is her story.

At the beginning of 1987, when she was a tiny baby she was bought from Chatujak Park Sunday Market by Lisa and Dan, an American couple living in Bangkok. After about a year they were reassigned to America and planned to take Kika with them, but shortly before leaving found to their horror, that they were prohibited by Thai law from taking Kika out of Thailand, and that no non-human primate is permitted entry into America. Having heard about my little primate sanctuary Dan and Lisa brought Kika to us and, being kind and thoughtful people, spent about a month helping her settle. At first they brought her with them just to play, then they left her with us for a day, then a few days and then sadly they left Thailand and she stayed with us permanently.

Kika seemed to adjust well, we had 3 other gibbons at the time and she played happily with them, came to love us and we adored her.

Unfortunately Kika was retarded. Unable to find her way home when she wandered over the fence, sucking her



Yoong-Ying, 3 year old female white hand gibbon.



Billy, a white hand gibbon playing in the garden. He is wearing jeans bought from motherware in England.

thumb, and often, especially when she was alone, banging her head continuously and violently on the ground. To avoid damage to her head, we made large cushions for her. The vet told us that she probably suffered brain damage when her mother was shot and she fell with her mother from a high tree in the forest. The hunters do this to get baby gibbons for sale, but the Karens eat gibbons as a part of their natural diet and give the babies to their children as toys. We have a gibbon who was the toy of a Karen child but I'll write about her another time.

The skin on Kika's hands and feet was hard and rough

like sandpaper, caused by malnutrition as a baby. The hunters and traders give baby gibbons neither affection or milk, just a bit of sticky rice and some fruit if the baby is lucky. They carry them in cardboard boxes which are never cleaned, so the babies lie in filth. From kill to sell can take weeks. We will never know just how much Kika suffered.

A couple of months after Kika came to us, we were joined by Kelly, a male gibbon (also from an American family) a little older than Kika. They became inseparable, spending most of the day grooming or chasing each other

through the trees, and curled up together in their bed in our living room at night. Everything was going well.

In the evening of Sunday, June 18 my family was playing with the gibbons. Kika who loved to lie on her back and have her tummy tickled, was so happy that evening, hooting and running around, jumping on our shoulders, putting her arms around our necks and being her usual sweet self. It was the last evening we would ever play with her. The next day she seemed to suffer a stroke, one side of her body became paralyzed and she couldn't walk. For 2 days she lay, unable to move except to swallow a little water, gasping for breath, but with her lovely dark eyes following us around. In spite of expert treatment by both our private vet and Dr. Alongkorn at Dusit Zoo she died in the afternoon of June 21, irreparably brain damaged.

Kika didn't deserve to die so young. She deserved to stay in the forest with her mother swinging among the trees, mating, having babies and keeping the species alive. Kika died because of man's greed and cruelty, the poor and ignorant villagers who hunt the gibbons, the middlemen who advance money to the hunters, (less than Baht 100 per baby gibbon - the more you catch the more you earn), and the vendors at Chatujak Park. She died in my car on the way home from the vet, in the arms of my housekeeper Khun Dang who loved her; not like her mother of a bullet or an arrow through the heart.

The next time you see baby



Khun Tip bathing Srinuan with Samantha on her shoulders.



Samantha gibbon as a tiny baby just after she joined us in 4/89. She was given to Elizabeth Taylor the film actress.

gibbons on sale anywhere, please don't buy them. For each one sold another will be caught. I've been told by experts that for every baby gibbon on sale at least 10 have died falling with their dead mother from the trees.

The gibbon, the lesser ape, is I believe the only animal to always walk upright. Baby gibbons make cute pets but as they grow older they become fierce and grow large fangs (canines). They mature at about 6 years and that's when the trouble starts. Then their

owners don't know what to do with them. Some people chain them and put them up in a tree with a little house and a little food each day, and leave them to live out their solitary lives in misery. Chaining a gibbon is cruelty in the extreme, it's dangerous as the gibbon can be strangled, it hurts, and it stops interaction with other gibbons if there are others chained nearby. Some tourist attractions have chained gibbons. If you must chain a gibbon do so around the waist with a leather or cloth belt and remove it every night.

If you have a gibbon of any age that you can no longer handle, contact me and I will arrange to find a new and permanent home. If you are interested in knowing more about gibbons and primates in general become a member of Wildlife Fund Thailand, 255 Soi Asoke, Sukhumvit Soi 21, Bangkok 10110. Telephone number: 258-6000, or write to Dr. Shirley McGreal, Chairwoman, The International Primate Protection League, P.O. Box 766, Summerville, S.C. 29484, U.S.A.

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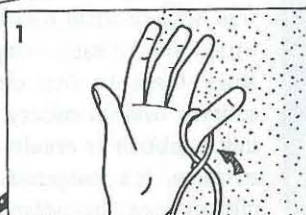
CHILDREN'S CORNER

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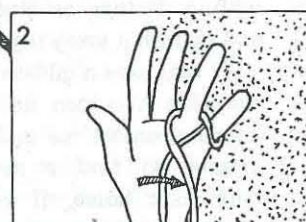
- A piece of string about 1½ metres long

Have you got detachable fingers? No, of course you haven't – but that is what your friends may think when you show them this trick. Tie the string into a loop and then make the following moves.

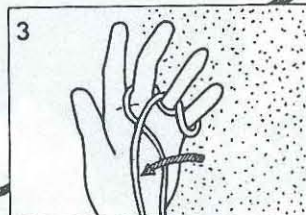
SLIPPERY STRING



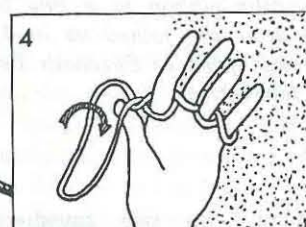
1. Hang the string over your left little finger. With the right hand take the string just below the little finger and give it a half turn anticlockwise (that's the string you twist, not your finger!).



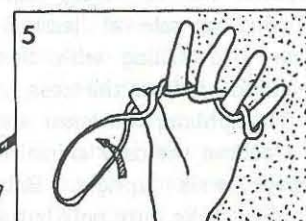
2. Now loop the next portion of string over the third finger of your left hand. Give the string another half turn, clockwise this time.



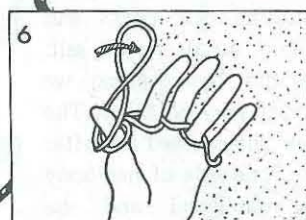
3. After looping the string over the middle finger give the string a half turn, this time anticlockwise.



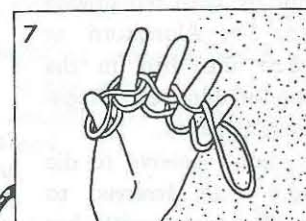
4. Put the loop over the index finger and then give the string a full turn clockwise (not a half turn this time).



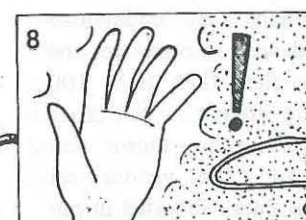
5. Now there is only the thumb (unless you come from Mars). Put your thumb into the loop and give the string a half turn anticlockwise.



6. Having threaded all your fingers together one way you now do the same in the opposite direction. Place the loop back over your thumb and give the string a half turn anticlockwise.



7. Carry on looping the string around the remaining fingers giving a half turn each time, first one way and then the other, until your hand is completely entangled in the string.



8. Get someone to hold the tips of each of your four fingers (not the thumb). Slip the thumb from its loops, pull on the string with your right hand and the string will appear to pass through your fingers.

Like any magic trick, you should practise this in private until you can do it properly without stopping to think which way you should twist the string each time. It may take a while before you can do this. The answer is to keep practising and not to get strung up about it!

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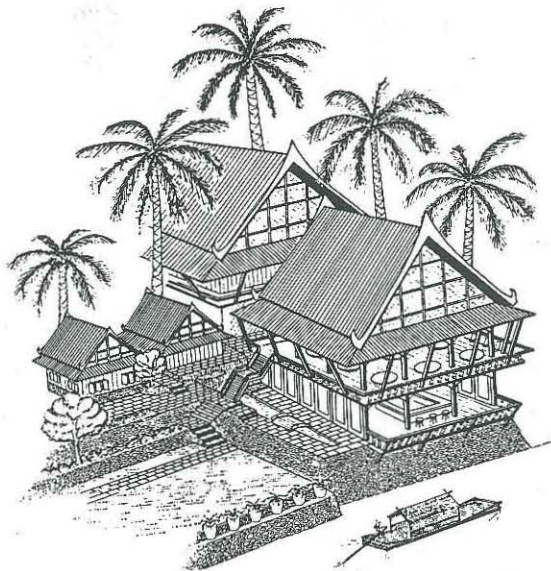
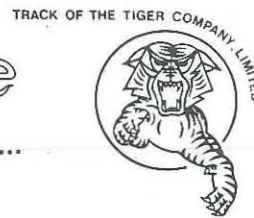
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The lodge set in the grounds of a lychee and coconut plantation on the river's edge, is home to a menagerie of indigenous wild animals, such as gibbons, bears, monkeys, slow lorises and others that have found safe refuge with us.

The buildings although fitted with all modern amenities, are of hand carved teak wood construction in classic Thai style. The style of service and cheerful manner of our staff is more in keeping with old Siam than with modern day Thailand.

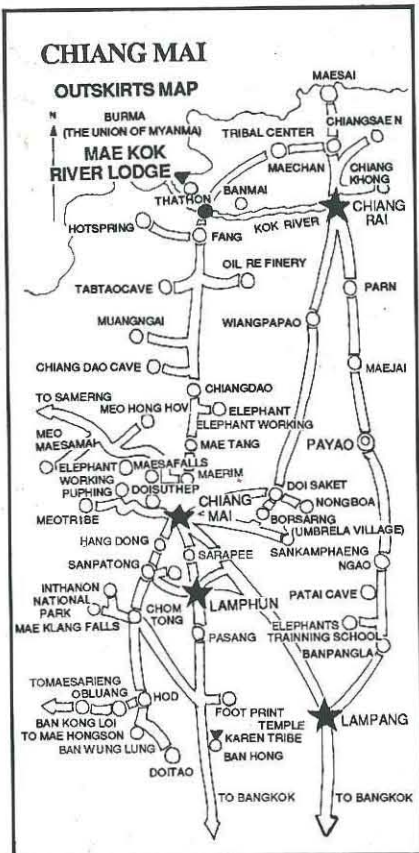
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

CRICKET CRICKET

British Club Cricket Career Records

(3 July 1989)

1. Appearances Minimum: 25

1.	Jack Dunford	118
2.	David Hall	85
3.	Terry Adams	80
4.	Craig Price	65
5=.	Geoff Thompson	64
5=.	Nick White	64
7.	Alistair Rider	58
8.	Jeff Parry	49
9.	Frank Hough	47
10.	David Dance	45
11.	Steve Castledine	32
12.	Nicky Dunne	29
13.	Gordon Burles	28
14=.	Ben Piper	26
14=.	Mac Sayer	26

2. Runs scored Minimum: 250

1.	Nick White	2138
2.	Craig Price	1971
3.	David Dance	1276
4.	Terry Adams	960
5.	Jack Dunford	830
6.	Alistair Rider	684
7.	Frank Hough	618
8.	Nigel Grocock	566
9.	Jeff Parry	584
10.	David Hall	438
11.	John Coghill	414
12.	Ben Piper	406
13.	Steve Castledine	302
14.	John Bertacco	280
15.	Nicky Dunne	279
16.	Steve Bolton	268

3. Batting averages Minimum: 10 completed innings; average 15:00

		Innings	Not out	HiScore	Total	Average
1.	David Dance	40	11	124	1276	44.00
2.	Nick White	64	10	96	2138	39.59
3.	Nigel Grocock	17	1	113	566	35.88
4.	Craig Price	65	8	151*	1971	34.58
5.	Frank Hough	39	8	59	618	19.94
6.	John Coghill	21	0	69	414	19.71
7.	John Bertacco	15	0	47	280	18.67
8.	Ian Rhodes	13	0	40	234	18.00
9.	Jeff Parry	41	6	64	584	16.69
10.	Alistair Rider	46	5	71*	684	16.68
11.	Steve Bolton	20	3	41	268	15.76
12.	Nicky Dunne	22	4	34	279	15.50
13.	Brian Thompson	16	3	36	201	15.46
14.	Terry Adams	71	8	51	960	15.24

4. Wickets taken Minimum : 20

1. Jack Dunford	111	8=. Steve Castledine	26
2. Nick White	104	8=. John Coghill	26
3. David Dance	84	10=. Neville Clissold	22
4. Jeff Parry	63	10=. Frank Hough	22
5. Craig Price	56	12. Pat Paterson	21
6. Ben Piper	51	13. Don Goodin	20
7. Mac Sayer	27		

5. Bowling averages Minimum : 50 overs bowled

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
1. Neville Clissold	64	7	286	22	13.00
2. Don Goodin	64.2	5	266	20	13.30
3. David Dance	388.4	75	1190	84	14.17
4. Nick White	569.4	76	1683	104	16.18
5. Jack Dunford	352.5	14	1759	111	15.85
6. Steve Castledine	100.1	5	436	26	16.77
7. Ben Piper	191.5	7	886	51	17.37
8. Jeff Parry	316.1	51	1107	63	17.57
9. John Coghill	105	6	481	26	18.50
10. Pat Paterson	89.4	10	391	21	18.61
11. Paul Eastaway	78	14	265	14	18.93
12. Tom Ryan	74	6	292	15	19.47
13. Frank Hough	93.2	6	442	22	20.09
14. Craig Price	315	23	1266	56	22.61
15. David Apps	62	5	285	12	23.75
16. Mac Sayer	182	21	645	27	23.89
17. Jack Glattbach	58.3	4	268	11	24.36
18. Geoff Thompson	63.2	3	379	13	29.15
19=. John Bertacco	76.5	3	360	10	36.00
19=. David Hall	75.3	3	504	14	36.00

6. Catches Minimum : 10

†1. Frank Hough	36
2. Jack Dunford	34
†3. Alistair Rider	33
4. Craig Price	25
5. Terry Adams	19
6=. David Dance	18
†6=. Brian Thompson	18
6=. Geoff Thompson	18
6=. Nick White	18
†10=. Gordon Burles	15
10=. Jeff Parry	15
12. Ben Piper	12

(† = predominantly as wicket-keeper)

8. Top individual scores Minimum : 75

1. Craig Price	151*	vs AIT	1985/86
2. David Dance	124	vs Post	1986/87

7. Stumpings

1. Alistair Rider	12
2. Frank Hough	8
3. Gordon Burles	3
4=. Brian Thompson	2
4=. Jack Glattbach	2

3. Nigel Grocock	113	vs ICC	1986/87
4=. David Dance	96*	vs CMGC	1986/87
4=. Nick White	96	vs SCB	1987/88
6=. Craig Price	94*	vs RBSC	1983/84
6=. Nick White	94*	vs Comb'd	1980/81
6=. Nick White	94	vs AIT	1988/89
9. Nick White	91	vs HKCtrs	1988/89
10. Craig Price	90	vs Post	1984/85
11. Nick White	88*	vs RBSC	1987/88
12. Nick White	81	vs CMGC	1986/87
13. Nick White	77*	vs RBSC	1987/88

9. Fifties

Batsmen scoring over fifty in an innings:

18 times :	Nick White
14 times ::	Craig Price
11 times :	David Dance
3 times :	Jeff Parry
Twice :	Terry Adams, Steve Castledine, John Garden, Nigel Grocock, Frank Hough, Alistair Rider
Once :	Brian Brook, Neville Clissold, John Coghill, Chris Cowper, David Lamb, Ben Piper, Lindsey Semple, Alan Stamper.

10. Highest partnerships Minimum : 100 runs

1. White/Dance	165	vs CMGC	1986/87
2. Adams/Dance	160	vs Post	1986/87
3. White/Hough	147	vs RBSC	1987/88
4. White/Price	143*	vs ICC	1988/89
5. White/Price	130*	vs Wnds	1988/89
6. Adams/Price	113	vs Post	1984/85
7. Price/Rider	112	vs Post	1984/85
8. White/Grocock	110	vs Wnds	1987/88
9. Adams/Price	108	vs Post	1986/86

11. Best bowling in an innings

1. David Dance	8-33	vs CMGC	1986/87
2. David Dance	7-26	vs ICC	1986/87
3. Nick White	7-34	vs CMGC	1986/87
4. David Dance	7-46	vs RBSC	1987/88
5. Jack Dunford	6-6	vs ICC	1987/88
6. Bob Lanham	6-30	vs RBSC	1980/81
7. Nick White	6-48	vs CMGC	1986/87
8. Neville Clissold	6-53	vs CMGC	1985/86
9. Jack Dunford	6-58	vs HKCtrs	1988/89

12. Five wickets in an innings

4 times :	David Dance
3 times :	Nick White
Twice :	Neville Clissold, Jack Dunford
Once :	John Coghill, Bob Dook, Bob Lanham, Jeff Parry, Brian Thompson.

GOLF GOLF

RECENT EVENTS RESULTS

Brits Versus Japanese Association

The British Club and the Japanese Association golfers met at the Rose Garden on June 4, in the first of two scheduled challenge matches during this year.

In a match highlighted by "bulldog" like tenacity and anguished moans of "Oh, God" (and many other unprintable moans) the ten selected British golfers were comprehensively defeated in an "instant replay" of the previous nine or so challenges.

The event was a stroke play net match between ten Japanese and ten British Club players and the final score was: Japanese Association net 736, BC net 765 (there is a suggestion that the next match will be changed to cricket). Generous lashings of food and booze followed the game and a great time was had by all.

Eclectic Competition

The ever popular 3 round Eclectic competition was also completed during June and in a very hard fought tussle, (and a surprise ending worthy of a British Open), Arthur Phillips edged Alistair Rider out by one shot.

Alistair, the leader in the club house and already savouring the malt whisky winner's prize (but modestly protesting his prowess as usual) was stunned by the last card presented in the competition. Arthur proved the old adage "don't count your chickens until they hatch" by improving 15 shots on the day. This is known in the trade as "sand bagging" and the handicapper has his stern eye on our erstwhile friend, Arthur.

Final top ten scores were :

Arthur Phillips	Net	59
Alistair Rider	"	60
Lloyd Houghton	"	61
Brian Quigly	"	61
Eric Hudson	"	62
David Lamb	"	63
John Leicester	"	64

Phil Jackson	"	64
Roy Barrett	"	64
Sriwan Forrest	"	65

Nakon Nayoke Weekend

A band of jolly adventurers ventured into the wilds of inner Thailand on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd July and had two delightful days and nights at the Military Academy hosted at Nakon Nayoke. The big winners of the weekend turned out to be the lads who retrieve golf balls from the ponds — some of the lost ball counts were in double figures.

Results of the two days were :

Saturday 1st July		
A Flight		
David Williamson	36	points
Dennis Farmer	33	points
B Flight		
Sriwan Forrest	29	points
Terry Adams	29	points

Sunday 2nd July		
A Flight		
Alistair Riderr	38	points
Dugal Forrest	30	points
B Flight		
Arthur Phillips	37	points
Chris Branston	36	points

No Shows and Arrival Times

Numbers have been improving in recent months but members who put their names down to play and don't turn up are causing some concern. Plwase keep this in mind and try to contact someone if you are unable to play.

Late arrivals also cause some problems with setting the flights and if you can be at the Club 30 minutes prior to hit off time, it would assist.

Dennis Farmer
Publicity Officer

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TENNIS TENNIS

ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY 25th June saw a very successful Round Robin take place at 3 pm. There were 18 participants and it was nice to see some new faces, in fact two of the newcomers were among the prize-winners.

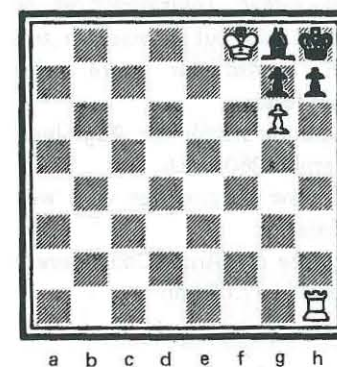
The winning man was Brian Lewis who won 31 games out of a maximum of 32, runner up was David Mulligan with 24.

The ladies' contest was very even, the results being in doubt until the last game was played. There were two joint winners with 19 games each, Orapin Dawson and Narumol.

Congratulations to all the winners.

CHESS CHESS

CHESS PROBLEM



White to move and mate in two. Can you see the less than obvious first move by white. Answer below.

Answer : 1. R-h6 — if P x R then P-g7 mate. If B moves then R x h 7 mate

LADIES' GOLF



LADIES' GOLF



B.C.L.G. and Flogg presentations to Marg.

WE have been having some splendid turn outs recently and some really nice scores posted, so Judy, our handicapper is having a very busy time snipping away merrily. Anne-Marie, Sriwan and Lavita have had some lovely scores, and Benjaminne had a super 40 points last Tuesday. Sad to say, a few of us are still struggling along with the same old handicaps, and only just hanging on to them. Never mind, it's got to get better!!

NEW MEMBERS Delighted to welcome Rini Leach and Maud Link, hope you will enjoy golfing with us. Rini is still playing for her handicap, (Maud carries hers over from FLOGG) and has had super rounds.

LEAVING - Probably before me, Benjaminne will be off to new territories. Hope

you can keep up your golf in Malaysia after such a super round last week. We will all miss you and wish you and your family every happiness in your new posting.

SUMMER BREAK - Mal, Florene, Penny, Inge, Pat and Jane are either gone or about to go on leave, so have a super time girls, and I do hope we meet again some day. It has been great 'fun' golfing with you, and I have stacks of photos to remind me of you always.

Tuesday 27th June was my farewell competition, and we were extremely lucky having great conditions in the morning, the course being in almost perfect condition (tee boxes & greens could be better) so there was some really nice golf. Everyone played well enough to win a prize,

even me. I am very proud of my silver BCLG pin presented by Penny with some very nice words. Thank you Penny. Joanie presented me with the famous 19th hole FLOGG mug and her rendering of the FLOGG Song (lyrics by J.J.). After lunch and prize giving nine of us set off to play another 18 holes on the New Army Course. Unfortunately we'll never know the true scores on this round as we were all rained (saturated) off at the 18th, but it was fun and an excuse for more wine and food.

Your starter for Aug: Judy Farmer 260-1716

New lady golfes very welcome.

Tee off Army Course every Tuesday 7.00 am.



B.C.L.G. and Flogg Ladies at Marg's Farewell Competition Army Course.

COMPETITION RESULTS

13th June

3 Throw Outs - Stroke Play

Army

Winner	: Flight 'A'	:	Mal Chessman	
	R/up	:	Florene Studebaker	C/B
Winner	: Flight 'B'	:	Judy Farmer	
	R/up	:	Sriwan Forrest	C/B
Winner	: Flight 'C'	:	Genevieve Verriere	
	R/up	:	Pat Daniels	
Near pin No. 4	:		Margaret McEwan	
Near pin No. 13	:		Mal Chessman	

20th June

L.G.U. Medal

Army

Winner	: Silver Division	:	Joan Jurgens	(74)
	R/up	:	Margaret McEwan	(78)
Winner	: Bronze I	:	Sriwan Forrest	(71)
	R/up	:	Judy Farmer	(76)
Winner	: Bronze II	:	Lavita Hughes	(72)
	R/up	:	Eileen Branston	(78)
Near pin No. 8	:		Joanie	
Long Drive Silver	:		Florene	
Long Drive Bronze	:		Judy	

MARGARETS' FAREWELL

27th June

Joint B.C.L.G. and Flogg

Army

Stableford & Stroke Play

Best Gross	:	Florene Studebaker	
Winner	:	Flight 'A'	(37 pts)
	:	R/up	35 pts
	:	3rd	34 pts
Winner	:	Flight 'B'	40 pts
	:	R/up	36 pts
	:	3rd	36 pts
Winner	:	Flight 'C'	37 pts
	:	R/up	36 pts
	:	3rd	35 pts
Long Drive (0-29)	:	Nena	
Long Drive (30-40)	:	Pat	
Near pin No. 4	:	Florene	
Near pin No. 8	:	Lavita	
Near pin No. 13	:	Hank	
Near pin No. 15	:	Judy	



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A busy month by summer standard with the AGM, a brief tour and several Casuals fixtures ensuring interest is maintained.

MATCH REPORT

Immediately prior to the AGM we had the keenly anticipated First team versus Casuals encounter with the Social side harbouring high hopes of an upset. It was not to be, however, and in fact the game turned into something of a rout with the top team running out 7-1 winners. In fairness the result was probably a trifle harsh on the Casuals who played well and contributed greatly to a flowing, sporting encounter. Grant Upton opened the scoring but unfortunately against his own side with Bill Wright adding a beautiful second, his first for the Club with a delightful chip. An exciting prospect for next season is Bill. Keith Denner hit his first hat-trick with Frank Hough and Dave Bennington (with his head – again) completing the scoring. The Casuals goal was “poached” by Salmon (ouch) who nutmegged Mike Pomfret playing in the unfamiliar left back position.

A tremendously enjoyable game well referred by Club Manager, Keith Bell, that set us up for the Barrel of beer ahead.

RAYONG REVELS

The other top team fixture was against the SAICO CANNING FACTORY TEAM on the outskirts of Rayong. The match was sponsored by APV Thailand Ltd. whose General Manager, Andy Maynard is a Club stalwart. We tied this in with a week-end on the coast and SAICO laid on a team bus to add to the spirit and camaraderie. It was a happy band therefore that pulled up at the factory sports ground and debussed with dropped jaws at the sight of the excellent facilities and the 800 crowd enjoying a mekhong or two in the late afternoon sun. More surprises were to follow as we took the field in the full view of a close circuit TV system with the announcer greeting us as if we were the legendary Real Madrid. More than once the name of Liverpool was heard over the P.A. and I'm sure it must have been to say any resemblance was purely coincidental. After we were all individually introduced over the Public Address and had “wai-ed” the crowd it was on to the serious stuff – and serious it was. It transpired the factory owner was a sports' buff and at least three of his team had national league experience. They were well coached and had trained every night for three weeks – in short we were out of our depth. Before we realised this we were hit in the first 15 minutes with three well constructed goals, to the noisy enthusiasm of the home fans. To our credit we then worked out how to combat their tactics and made a couple of positional switches which stemmed the flow and gradually turned the tide. In the second half we were more positive as our confidence came back and Mike Worrow (or Wollow as the live commentator would have it) scored with a beautifully flighted lob. Two minutes later Frank Hough latched on to a poor pass-back to make it 4-2 (the Saico lads had notched a fourth early in the half catching us cold immediately after a substitution). In another highly entertaining finish we failed narrowly on several occasions to reduce the lead and with only 2 minutes to go in a desperate attempt to clear a dangerous cross your own “Scoop” with unbelievably bad luck put one past a despairing Craig Rennie who had been in brilliant form for the Club – they probably would have scored anyway. The final score was 5-2 and a lot of friends were made with Vic Lane and Finlay McPherson proving crowd pleasers. The hospitality was second to none and we cannot wait for the return in six months time. A warm thank you to the management of SAICO – eat their pineapples, and to match sponsors APV – makers of fine canning machinery.

CASUALS CORNER :

The busiest month since the Casuals began, with fixtures against the first team, two against the Polo Club, one each against Triumph Bra's and Shell and another friendly between mixed teams of British Club members. All of the games were played in a tremendous spirit with the results almost secondary. The Polo Club games finished 3-1 against and a 3-3 draw. In the latter we squandered a 3-0 lead given by a brace of Salmon goals and a third from Alex Kondras another promising newcomer in the first flush of 40. Own goals by Morton and Martin and McPherson's suicidal tendencies did not help but we all had a great time.

The Triumph Bra fixture was another enjoyable run as we "stretched" their defence although they were quick to "support" it and eventually took the Cup (size D). Seriously it ended in a very fair draw as did the following game against Shell who hosted us on their excellent Klong Toey pitch. We have been fortunate to have the use of their field on occasion and would like to thank them for it. Incidentally Salmon found the net yet again and is making a name for himself as a goal-scorer, for, in the next intra-club friendly he scored another brace to bring his total for the month to 8.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This took place during the month and the following officials were elected for the 1989/90 season.

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Secretary :	Alex Forbes	Tel: 541-1970 (0) 260-1950 (H)
Casuals Capt :	Peter Downs	Tel: 234-0746 (0)

In an interesting meeting we were told about all the tours past and planned, results for the season and were advised Club funds were in credit. The Captain was so well informed I'm sure he must read OUTPOST. Seriously the Section has proved to be good ambassadors for the Club in the season just passed and we have made many friends on a personal and at Club to Club level because of it.

Afterwards we enjoyed a cup of light ale and a snack followed by Ovaltine and an early night.

SIGN-UP FOR NEXT SEASON

One of the problems in being an established Section is that you are always liable to accusations of being a "closed shop" or a clique and sometimes, however hard we try, there can be a grain of truth in it. We would like to think it does not apply to the Football Section and the new Committee will do their best to ensure it does not. New members of all standards are actively sought and will be welcome. The Casuals are a good way to "serve an apprenticeship" for those who aspire to the Farang League squad and, as important, they are the medium to give all purely social players a "kick-of-the ball". Football players do it for kicks. Come and try it sometime and have some fun. If interested call any member of the Football Committee as detailed earlier. You have to take the first step and we will take it from there. Already last season, players like Mike Worrow, Bill Wright, Tony Blunden, John Gidley and Francis Maceevor burst into the League Squad, the last two via the Casuals. Other guys such as Brian Quigley, Des Sullivan and Gordon Bell enjoyed a regular game with the Casuals. End of Commercial.

POST SCRIPTS :

I'm off home for a wee break this month and as nothing much happens until October will probably not be back with you until then (thank goodness say you all).

In the meantime,

Did you hear about the Irishman who damaged his health by drinking milk? The cow fell on him.

A man appeared in a Bangkok Noi Courtroom today charged with Assault against an ex-girlfriend of his, when he cello-taped her breasts together. He pleaded "Not Guilty" claiming he was following a well established practice "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em."

A survey was carried out of the reactions of brides to their first night of married life. Four brides were questioned; one from Wales, one from Scotland, one from Ireland and one from England.

The questioner asked them to tell him how many times they'd had sex on the first night, and what they had said to their new husbands in the morning.

"Twice," said the Englishwoman, "and I told him it was very good."

"Four times," said the Irishwoman, "and I told him it was magnificent."

"Three times," said the Welshwoman, "and I told him that it was splendid."

"Just the once," said the Scotswoman.

"And what did you say to him in the morning," prompted the questioner.

"Get off."

A man walked into a chemist's shop and asked, "Have you got a bedpan?"

"I'm afraid we sold the last one in stock yesterday."

"But I must have one, I'm at my wit's end."

"Have you tried Boots?"

"Yes, but it runs out of the lace-holes."

That's it for this month. See you in the fall. Remember — never tell a psychiatrist you're schizophrenic — he'll charge you double.

Bye for now

Scoop Forbes

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SQUASH SQUASH

THE last weekend in June was Finals weekend for the Club Squash Championships. At the "Apres-Squash" the opportunity was taken to give the May league winners their trophies.



From left to right. League winners David Scott (Division 7) wearing the rather fetching sarong-look which he assures us gives him more mobility around the court; Mike O'Connor (Division 8) looking very angelic but clutching onto his trophy for dear life with both hands; Andrew Hartley (Division 5) keeping a stiff upper lip and a very straight back and Rod Dominy (Division 1) still clutching that old racket which is matched only by his shoes – more of him later.

The Men's championship (Don Johnson Cup) produced some excellent squash and a lot of spectators to the newly refurbished courts (you need to wear sunglasses to play now). Seen below are the two finalists Ralph Tye and Rod Dominy, the latter, with the wider smile plus larger trophy plus cup, won a good final by 3-1.



The ladies' final featured, new Mum, Wendy Davis against, welcome new member, Yvonne Joass. As you see from the photo (facing page) both ladies seem pleased with the outcome, Wendy who has really got back into her stride quickly won 3-0, but it was good to see two stylish ladies play some fine squash.



The final of the men's plate also produced some good squash and a very closely fought match. As you can see Andy Hawkins beat Tony Brazenell (by 3-1) which is why Andy has got a bigger one than Tony. It may also explain why Tony is trying to strangle referee Keith Bell, who actually did a good job as referee for the finals. If it looks as if Keith has got the biggest one of all it is simply because Andy is offering him a share of the plate (not a very subtle bribe Andy!)



Keith Bell also seems to have gotten in on the act for the final of the ladies' plate. Actually for sheer effort and determination this final between Fiona Munro and Sriwan Forrest was unsurpassed. Sriwan finally emerged as 3-1 winner but it really was exciting to watch.



Congratulations to all the finalists for producing an entertaining and exciting afternoon of squash. As you can see it is actually more useful to win a cup than a plate (you spill less!)



The month of July was a league month and at the time of writing there is a lot of activity with some people scrambling to finish before going on home leave. July also saw the start of the T.S.R.A. leagues. We have entered three men's teams A, B and C (not very imaginative but succinct don't you think?) We'll give you a progress report next month.

There seems to be a lot of activity on the squash courts these days which is great to see. There are several new members playing squash, as well as the "children" (have you seen the size of some of them!?) out from the U.K. for the hols. The Wednesday mix-in is well supported, so if you want a knock - "come on down!"

See you in court.

Mel Leddy

DARTS



DARTS

JUNE saw both teams improving and several matches were won by the B.C. Lions and B.C. Unicorns. At the end of the month neither teams' standings in their division were spectacular but not bottom either. Lack of practice is often evident on the night, we are trying to organise regular sessions but mutually agreed times are seldom found.

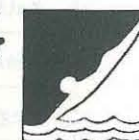
85 tons have been thrown by the teams so far this season. Lions 48 after 7 matches, Unicorns 37 after 8. Many individuals have contributed with high scores but we still need to improve the number of closing doubles.

June also heralded the registering of two players for the Lions, Bob Reiner and Colin

Stephenson, welcome to both. With holiday season here already the teams could do with more players, standard of play not necessarily brilliant but it does help to have thrown a dart before! Do come along to the Churchill bar on Thursday evenings or contact Anne Douglas, any interested candidates would be eagerly welcomed. Registration involves parting with a photo and B.150, the card given thereafter gives license to innumerable nights of fun, frolics and some dart playing! The league season does not finish until late October/early Nov., plenty of time left to enjoy and a lot of opportunities to win more matches.

Anne Douglas

SWIMMING



SWIMMING

DISTANCE SWIM RESULTS

AT 8 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, 17 June, the slightly overcast sky did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of a large group of your swimmers and their encouraging parents gathered at the poolside at the British Club. The aim of the swim was to qualify for Amateur Swimming Association badges awarded for swimming given distances without stopping or touching either the sides or the bottom of the pool at any time from the start of the swim to the end. The distances attempted ranged from 25 metres (1 length) to 3,000 metres (120 lengths) and the total number of participants was 38. With such an encouraging turnout and all the candidates determined to do their best, the event was an unqualified success. Many of the children surprised themselves, their parents and friends by going on to do much more than their initial target distance. The first badge of the morning was awarded to 3-year-old Jenny Grunwald for swimming 100 metres and soon there were a dozen other eager participants in the water striving for their own particular goals, indeed the "distance-keepers" needed all their vigilance to keep track of them. However, as a result of careful organisation by Paul Myers and an ample supply of willing helpers the event went off without a hitch. Congratulations to all the children who took part and succeeded in getting their badges, particularly the stalwart four who managed an amazing 3 km. and thank you to all who helped in the organisation and running of the event. In total the distance swum by the entrants was 40,425 metres (25.25 miles), which is slightly higher than the sum total of the distances shown on the results table, due to two six-year old boys (namely Ross and Michael) who, having already completed their 800m. swims and collected their

badges, decided to start all over again and go for the 1,000m – and succeeded. The total number of badges collected was 137.

For those interested in swimming for a distance badge or who would like to attempt a longer distance, we are hoping to repeat the distance swimming event sometime before the end of the year.

Angela Coutts

**SWIMMING SECTION
DISTANCE SWIM RESULTS
17TH June 1989**

Name	Distance Achieved (Metres)	Name	Distance Achieved (Metres)
Jonathan Coutts	2000	Candice Driver	1500
Louise Coutts	400	Claire Stewart	3000
Michael Coutts	1000	Sonia Stewart	1000
Sarah Myers	3000	Jenny Candler	2000
James Rennie	3000	Tom Candler	400
Robert Rennie	800	Katherine McDonald	100
Darren Rayner	25	Jeannie McDonald	25
Thomas Grunwald	400	Meg McDonald	25
Jennifer Grunwald	100	Christophe Ramaciotti	100
Sitare Ertuna	200	Alexandre Ramaciotti	1000
Seda Ertuna	100	Kate Gidley	400
Russell Pankhurst	3000	Rory Neighbour	400
Angela McLaren	25	Chloe Leamon	2000
Cecilia Dawson	1000	Ross Leamon	1000
Richard Dawson	1500	Harriet White	800
Anna Freeman	800	Rebecca White	2000
Mark Freeman	2000	Cressida Barret	25
Victoria Scott	1000	Matthew Townend	1500
Andrew Scott	400	Ayesha Loveridge	800

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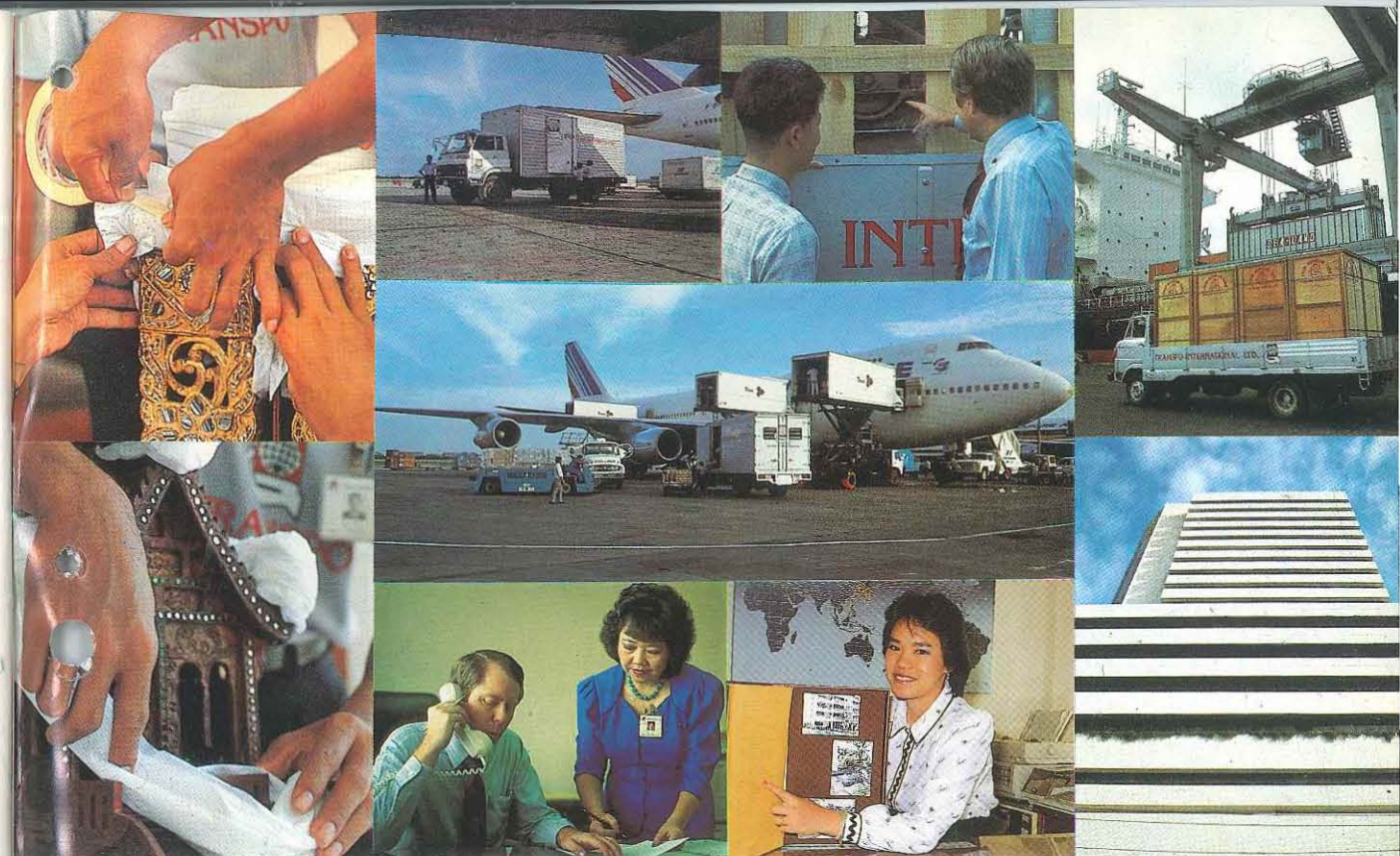


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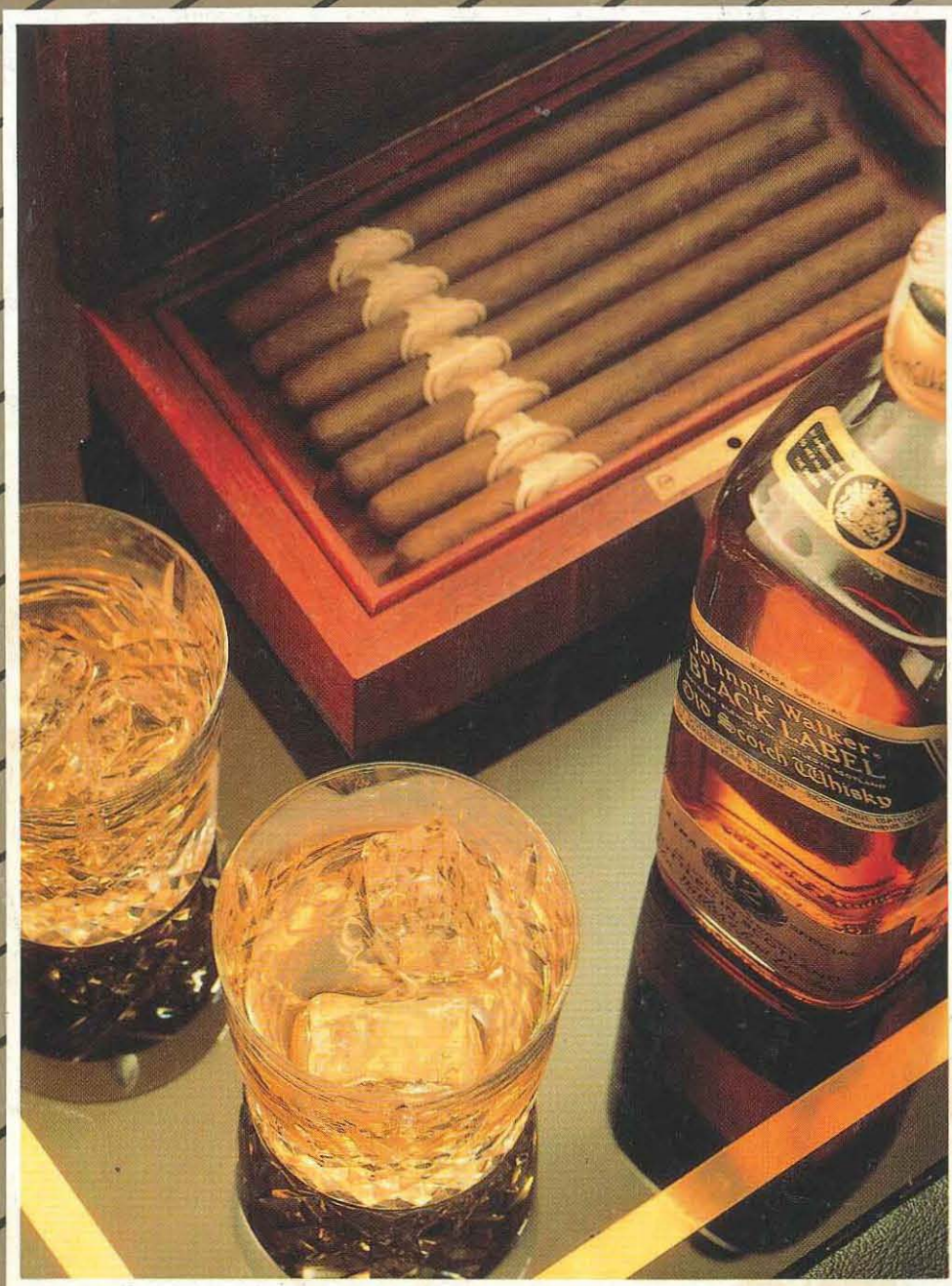
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