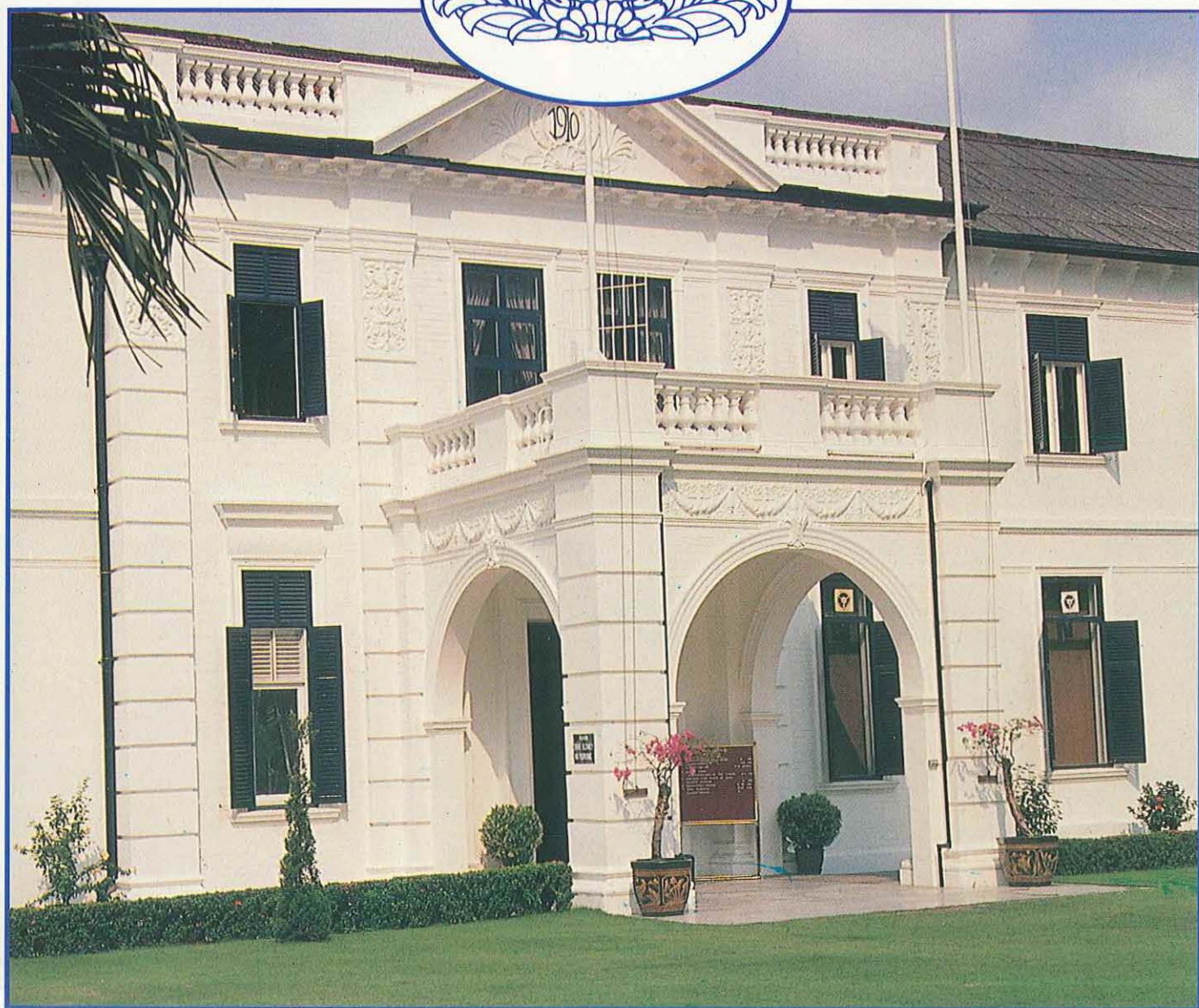


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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear BC Members,

Finally I think I have overdone it, with the BWG secretarial job, the Entertainments Committee, the Outpost, selling wood from home with friend Jane, a brother in law in the Detention Centre in Soi Suan Plu, my computer finally blew up on me!!

I switched it on and what happened ... zilch. I spoke to it nicely, gave it a gentle stroke with the duster, turned it off nothing again.

Very nice computer specialist Peter Corney sent someone round the same day I telephoned him and had it fixed. Unfortunately, when I sat down behind my beloved key board a few days later to finish typing your reports, I did it again. Why is it always happening to me (and I am sure to you too) when you are just messing around, writing letters to friends and family, it prints and spells and does everything very nicely, but when times are hectic things blow up. Anyway after a panic Sunday afternoon call, I got into my programme again and was able to finish it off. So any delays this time are totally my fault or the computer's anyway.

Just a little warning for any of your friends or relatives who are thinking of overstaying their Visa's whilst enjoying a little lucrative teaching of English in the meanwhile. Some of you get caught, like my brother in law. After a very unclear phonecall at 6am on Tuesday morning from a Thai friend of R. I was informed that he was in plison, flee of them, preese herp them! Now, I am not that good at the best of times at 6 in the morning, so I thanked the young lady and settled down for another snooze. After a few minutes the coin dropped, I jumped out of bed, hit my leg on the side table and raced to the telephone. Of course I did not know anything about their private lives and did not know the ladies telephone number to ask why, where and how. Pauline "well of information" Dalton gave me the number of a lady who visits the detention centre, who kindly agreed to look out for three farangs one of which my brother in law. I telephoned the British Embassy who said they could not really do anything unless I knew where they were. Sue phoned back at 10am and told me she'd spotted them.



More hectic telephone calls to hubbie dear to inform him of his darling brothers activities, a lawyer friend who very kindly lent me some money for fines, and the offer of help from one of his colleagues who happened to be in the D.C. I went to get him out.

Of course when I got there, the Thai Immigration Department did not feel that inclined to let someone out who had broken the Thai laws in several places and told me to come back tomorrow. Wednesday back again, this time for a visit to the Court, which after a race through Bangkok traffic accompanied by one of the guards as a navigator, we made with 5 minutes away from a one month prison sentence because I was holding their fines.

Back to the DC with the offer of a ticket and can they leave tonight? No way, too much paperwork come back tomorrow. The next day (Thursday) was my first time in the actual detention centre, well I hope if ever I am stuck in there someone would please get me out immediately because a visit to hell is nothing compared to this place. Our first reaction had been, just let them sit there for a few days, this will teach them to have their papers in order, but after seeing 140 men in a room not much bigger than the Churchill Bar (without the facilities), you would not leave your worst enemy in there for any longer than necessary. After having spent a fortune on shopping for the boys, being almost frisked by headman Mohammed, the privileged Nigerian who has been in the DC for 5 years or longer, I went back up to the office. Sorry, too late, come back tomorrow at 12 am. Back again the next day, sorry, the duty officer is out for lunch. I waited and at half past one he came back, sorry, impossible, come back tomorrow, too much paperwork.

The only option which had crossed my mind but I did not think would work, was to start crying. I did not even have to pretend, because the frustration, the not being able to converse in Thai, the attitude - it's your fault and not our problem - opened the flood gates. Luckily this melted the boss's heart and he signed the papers after which they were released on Saturday evening. With half an hour before flight time they were delivered, accompanied by the police, to Don Muang Airport. They were told to have a shower and not being able to take their clothes off because of Muslim prisoners present, were covered in foam and soap, were then told to get out and come now. They dried off in the open van on the way to the airport and are looking for jobs in England now. Please, do not be silly, it is not a nice place and relatives or friends might not find out for days you are there. Most of the people in the detention centre are there through no fault of their own, there are refugees from Vietnam, Sri Lanka, labourers from Burma, who are picked up after unscrupulous employers refuse to pay at the end of the contract. They have no money for the fines or the ticket to their home lands and so sit there day in day out, without ever being let out in a room with sometimes not even enough room to lay down.

On a lighter note, we have received another members contribution, Keith Welsh is sharing his travel tales with us this month, Gaynor de Wit has come up with a ghost story for the children, the usual contributions from the sports sections.

May I just remind you of the deadline 1ST OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION - this is also for photographs. Regular contributors, you could really help me out by giving me your copy on a diskette for the computer, WP, WS, I suppose almost anything will do. Give me a ring and we'll have a chance to compare our floppies.

For all of you who are still to go on your hols, have a happy one and for the ones just returned, welcome back.

Bea Grunwell

COMINGS AND GOINGS

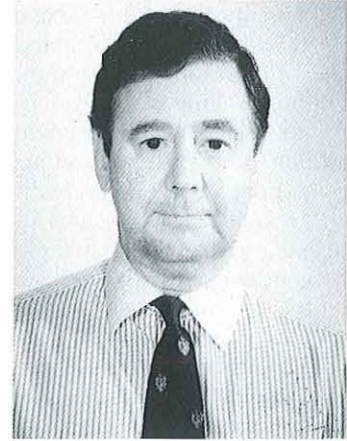
CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go to Gill and Simon Hornby who have had a new edition to the family on Wednesday 7th July 1993, a little girl called Sophie Katharine, she weighed 6 pounds at birth. Mother and baby are doing well and Gill told Outpost in an exclusive interview that Sophie has Simon's feet. All the best to the Hornby trio!!

Last month Outpost promised you a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Dugal Forrest's babies - well here it is and they look absolutely lovely!



Gill Hornby before... and next month we'll show you after



Dugal Forrest



Mrs Dugal Forrest and the three babies

OTHER FAMILY EVENTS

Carol and Roy McGregor would like all of you to know that they have moved house and from 1st of July live at:

959 Moo Baan Preecha,
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When they have settled in they would like to invite all members of the BC to their house warming party. (OK Carol? ED).

GOODBYE, FAREWELL, AUF WIEDERSEHN, GOODBYE!!!

This month we have to say goodbye to William and Gwynneth Cornfield, Mark Timmins, George and Karen Benson, P. Hickmott, Sandra and Des Thornton, John and Julia Daniels, Lt. Col. Randy Chang, Steven Grimm, Michael Lobl, Richard and Michelle Davies, J.M. Rowe, Ian and Julie Williams, Iain and Carol MacKenzie, Mrs. and Mrs. Looker and last but not least Melanie and Mike Pomfret.

We wish them all well and hope to see them again.

CLUB NOTICE BOARD

LOST PROPERTY

Every week there are a considerable amount of personal possessions left at the Club.

The staff have now been given instructions that all lost property must be handed in to Reception where it will be entered in the Lost Property Book and will then be kept in the blue Lost Property Box upstairs in the office, where it will remain until it is reclaimed. However, if any item is not reclaimed within 2 months, then it will be disposed of.

Meanwhile there are several quite decent racquets, pairs of shoes etc. which have been around for several months and are still not reclaimed. Have you lost anything recently??

SECURITY NOTICE

PLEASE DO REMEMBER THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF YOUR CLUB PREMISES, EFFECTIVE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 1993 ALL CLUB MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO PRODUCE THEIR VALID CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS, AT THE GATES TO THE CLUB IN ORDER TO GAIN NORMAL ADMISSION.

PLEASE HELP YOUR CLUB AND YOUR SECURITY

REMEMBER

GAMES IN THE BAR

Members are informed that the following games are now available from the Churchill Bar for use within the Clubhouse.

Chess, Backgammon, Draughts, Playing Cards, Crib Boards, Dominoes, Dice, Shove Ha'penny.

There is no charge for the use of these games, but members are required to sign the book (the same one that is used for the snooker balls) and to return them to the Bar Staff in the same condition as they would expect to find them.

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TALKS ON
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NIGHT**

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New Members

The New Members Night on Monday 5th of July was a busy evening for the staff in the Churchill Bar. Lots of people seem to join the New Members on these nights and quite a few of the sections are represented. Thanks to Alan Black I could use the club camera, I am so a-technical, this time the batteries were low and there was no flash. My own familiar camera has been stolen at the first ever Children's Corner (Suriwong Room), so every time there is a function I come up against highly technical, modern camera's which need 40 pages of instructions before you can remove the lens cap.



Paul Watt from Boss Control Limited arrived here from Surfers Paradise totally naked with a crab in his hand (according to Wendi). He runs a design concept and marketing company specialising in watches called Boss Control Ltd. You guessed it he comes from Australia and spent a long time in Hong Kong. He says he is confused and a bachelor and enjoys motor cruise boating.



Sarah Arnold (also introduced by Wendi) from England, previously worked in Hong Kong - yes with Paul Watt, she works for the same company - Boss Control Ltd. She is a party animal, which quite a few people found out about at the New Members Night! She used to be a head hunter for the hotel industry and now does the sales and marketing for Boss. She enjoys wine tasting, watching sport especially the Rugby 7's.



Jim (New Zealand) and Lee (Australian) Barlass have been here for 18 months, they have two sons of 28 and 29. Jim is the Project Director of a big Thai Leighton housing project at Muang Thong, Bangna which will have 25,000 people living there in future. Lee is an Aerobics and Fitness fan, a professional shopper and she loves going for afternoon tea at the Shangri-La. Jim enjoys golf but admits to the clubs being his handicap, he is a keen follower of New Zealand Sportsmen.



Lawrence Taylor is the Logistics Director of Inchcape, he is married to Andrea - she will be here by the time Outpost appears in August (I hope), they have 2 children of 18 and 16. Andrea enjoys squash and tennis and Lawrence likes playing tennis. They lived in Hong Kong before joining us in sunny Bangkok.



Keith and Chris Pearson (UK) came here from Hong Kong and have a son of 22 who is finishing off university. Keith is the Chief Executive of HHL Insurance Brokers. They used to foster children in Hong Kong and are very keen to do the same here in Bangkok.



Alastair Oliver's wife Julie sent her apologies as she had to stay at home and look after their three children Thomas (7), Henry (5) and Sophie (2 1/2). They lived in Paris for 18 months before coming to Bkk. Alastair is a production engineer and a real family man, he also plays squash, tennis and is a professional dice player. Julie enjoys tennis, swimming and fitness. She needs to be fit as she loves to go shopping, she is very interested in children's education and would be interested in joining the PTG. Alastair works for Total Exploration and Production.

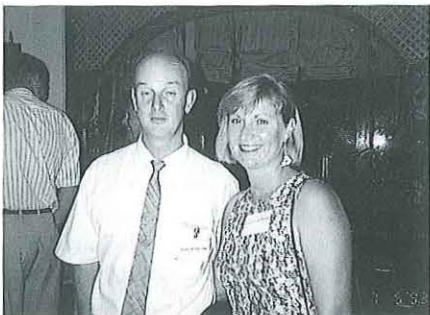
New Members



Donald and Megan McBain from Australia have 4 children aged 11, 9, 7 and 4 all at Patana School. Donald is a Business Development Manager with Sindhua Maunsell Consultants and Megan is the Chairman of Patana School PTG. Megan asked me to mention that they are desperately short of a Treasurer and someone to do the Newsletter, please contact her asap. Donald coaches the mini rugby team at school and has just started to play tennis. Megan is a keen tennis player and has just started the Pennants Women's competition.



Ian and Jean Stewart (UK), he is the GM for Sun Oil and they have 2 sons Christopher and David. They are only here for 6 months. Ian plays golf in the UK but does not have a lot of spare time here, his wife Jean and the boys have joined him here for the holidays.



Virginia and Mark McMahon, both from Australia have been here for 5 months. They have two daughters (7 and 4) at Patana School. He works for Lever Brothers as their Packaging Manager.

Mark enjoys playing golf and sitting in the car, he wants to buy a tv and a satellite dish for the car and wonders if anyone has tips on how to connect this all up. Virginia enjoys playing tennis, Mahjong and is always in for a good shop.



Mark Hemstedt is the Commercial Manager for Diethelm and Co's pharmaceutical department. He is British and single and worked in Hong Kong before. He enjoys playing soccer, squash, badminton and snooker. He likes it here and thinks it is a good place to wind down after Hong Kong.



Cam Vinh Lam Gaines - better known as Cam - is from USA and is a stockbroker with Cathay Trust. He has been in Thailand for 20 years and told me his name originated in Vietnam. He is single, enjoys scuba diving and is currently very busy as he is studying at Chulalongkorn University to get his Masters of Management Degree.



Steven Doerr from USA is an Engineer for Louis Berger, he is single handedly building the 2nd Bangkok International

Airport. He is single plays golf and enjoys diving. He has been in Bangkok for one year and came here from the Philippines. He is a very good photographer - so his friends told me - I look forward to getting a contribution for the front page of Outpost next time I see him.



Sanjai Gurbani (India) has been here twenty years, he is married and has one child and runs his own jewelry business. He likes swimming - I think - but I have lost his write up, I think one of the children has used the rest of my notepad to draw on! Apologies Sanjai, I'll catch up with you later!

TENNIS TOUR TO CLUB ALDIANA



Approximately 30 Tennis Section members and their families joined the exodus of Bangkokians, seeking relief from the pressures of city living in the holiday weekend of June 4th, 5th and 6th.

Advertised many weeks previously, committee organisers, Stella and Eileen, were this space! aged by the response to their innovative idea; a special discount weekend at Club Aldiana resort, Hua Hin, with the focus on relaxation and tennis including coaching and some competitive events to challenge the dedicated.

By mid-afternoon Friday all families had arrived and were either relaxing by the pool after enjoying the lunchtime buffet, unpacking or attending to the needs of children. By 4pm tennis players had assembled at the courts and were organised into partnerships by Maurice with his customary tact and efficiency for the Round Robin competition. Winners were declared late in the afternoon after some serious and not so serious contests with semi-finals scheduled for the next day to determine finalists on the Sunday.

Leg-weary players sauntered to their rooms, thankfully located near the courts, to shower and prepare for the evening buffet meal featuring the variety of food for which Club Aldiana is famous, accompanied by as much wine as one felt able to consume. Those with sufficient stamina adjourned to the open-air theatre for the nightly cabaret style

performance or to the poolside for a drink.

Breakfast was difficult to time-table due to the conflicting pressures of attending the tennis coaching sessions or sleeping in - after all we were on holiday!

Saturday saw members engaged in a variety of activities offered by the resort: archery, sailing, windsurfing, swimming etc., but by late afternoon everyone had gathered for another tennis tournament. Adults awaiting their game were kept busy supervising energetic children and soothing the distress of at least one baby whose mum was seen casting anguished glances off court as she fought to keep her mind on the game. Stella was unanimously voted Tennis Section Member of the Year for her expertise in distracting crying babies. Rachel Lind and Steve Golsby emerged the winners.

The Round Robin semi-finals were also played on Saturday: Ann Atkinson/Steve Golsby VS Colin Lind/Eileen Cook and Vanessa Barrington Johnson/Ian Harbeck VS Sandra Thornton/Archie Cook. Ann and Steve and Vanessa and Ian emerged to contest the final on the following day.

On the Sunday, coaching again

occupied the early risers including children keen to take advantage of the professional advice offered by Pichet. A large band of supporters then adjourned to the courts to watch the Round Robin final, and even contest eventually won by Vanessa and Ian, one set being considered a sufficient test of concentration and endurance in the midday heat. Some were heard to complain that Rachel Lind's coaching of Ian Harbeck from the sidelines constituted an unfair advantage to the winners. This was hotly denied and there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that Rachel has been offered a position coaching the Colonials in the next Team Tournament.

The success of this inaugural tennis weekend, combining family leisure with tennis skill development and competition, represents yet another of the initiatives undertaken by the Committee in its attempts to foster tennis participation at all ability levels and ages.

Thanks go to Club Aldiana Management for supporting the concept, the coaching team, and to Stella, Eileen and Maurice whose enthusiasm and skills of negotiation and organisation ensured an enjoyable weekend for all participants.

Maureen - A Colonial

CORONATION VETERANS TENNIS TOURNAMENT



The Finalists Proud to be Veterans

Open to everyone who was born before Coronation Day (2nd June 1953) the Veterans Tournament was held during May and June and culminated in the finals on the morning of 20th June 1993. Once again Surin and Chalutip got through to all five finals and won four - only missing out on the Mixed Doubles because of the shortage of time before the Team Tournament in the afternoon. The Mixed Doubles final between Chalutip and Surin and Tharntip and Roy Cowie will therefore be played at a later date.

The midday heat took its toll of the Veterans, or Invalids as they were fast becoming, but they soon recovered to take part in the Team Tournament in the afternoon, and to enjoy the Barbecue and Prize-giving in the evening - Champagne all round.

TEAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

At the last Team Tournament, the Celts were victorious, but on 20th June, the English had had enough of bad news from America, Lords and Christchurch, and turned the tables - winning the honours with 67 points, ahead of the Rebels on 60 points, the Colonials (57) and the Celts pipped into fourth place with 56 points.

Once again Champagne was the order of the day for the English team, but the Scots were not prepared to take this humiliation lying down and a football match developed on the front lawn with the Scots being saved from disaster by a long range goal from that well known Glaswegian Surin.

TENNIS ROUND UP

ACTIVITIES

Our monthly Tennis Tournaments are now held regularly on the second Sunday of every month - a Fun Tournament on 8th August and a Handicap Tournament on 12th September - each followed by a barbecue or buffet on the lawn.

For those that are on holiday in Bangkok during August there will be a Childrens and Teenagers Mix In every Wednesday from 3pm-6pm, just turn up.

It is also proposed to organise an early morning mix in one day a week for those early birds who can't sleep. Watch this space!

The finals of the Junior Tournament will be held on Sunday 29th August commencing at 9am.

There will be an evening of Croquet, High Tea and Cocktails on the lawn at 8pm on Friday 24th September. All members of the Club are welcome. Sign up sheets at Club Reception.

A new event, a graded Championship will start in September and continue through October with the finals in November. The gradings will be based upon current positions on the tennis ladder and as there will be three separate draws, there will be a much better chance for each member to

play in more rounds and win! Sign up sheets are now available in the Tennis Court Booking File.

Plenty of matches against other teams are being planned by our team captains, Simon Fox and Eileen Cook - watch the Notice Board for details.

The Tennis Section will be entering some teams in the Bangkok Women Pennant Tennis Competition to be played between September and December - Finals during week beginning 5th December and End-of Season Lunch on 17th December. (Full details and sign up sheet on the Notice Board).

LEAGUE

In September we intend to start a mixed doubles league to alternate with the singles leagues. Sign up sheets for the September Mixed Doubles League and October Singles League are now available in the Tennis Court Booking File.

The rules for the leagues are to be changed in two ways:

- I) A league match will now consist of one pro-set (first to noon games with a seven point tie breaker at 8-8)
- II) If a person is unable to play one or more games in any league for any reason, then the opponent(s) will be awarded a score of 9-0. In the event of any dispute, the matter should be referred to the tennis committee at least 1 week before the end of the league month.

LADDER

The tennis ladder is now being brought up to date on a regular basis. To encourage more people to play ladder matches, there will not only be a lucky draw every month, but also a bottle of wine for those in first, fifteenth, and forty fifth positions on the ladder on the



The triumphant English team



Portrait of a Bosnian Footballer

last day of each month (commencing 31st August) provided they have played at least one ladder match during the month - all to be financed by a charge of B25 per month on each person on the ladder.

To bring the ladder into line with the league, a ladder match will now consist of one pro-set (first to nine games with a seven point tie breaker at 8-8).

Remember that all singles league matches count as ladder matches - no matter how many rungs there are between the two players on the ladder.

The ladder will have added importance in the future, with match teams being selected from amongst those regular players at the top of the ladder, only those in the top twenty being invited to take part in the Monday evening sessions, and the draw for the Graded Championships being compiled according to ladder positions.

COACHING

Coaching will have gone a little quiet during July and August, but it is intended to keep the Childrens Tennis going from 8am to 10am every Saturday morning. Adult coaching will revert to the old time of 10am to 12 noon on Saturdays with effect from 1st August, and discussions are taking place with Paradise Sports to introduce more advanced coaching - perhaps on Friday evenings, and to continue the very successful "Pre-Tennis" sessions for the younger children. More details later.

Meanwhile the ladies mornings on Mondays will, with effect from 1st September, expand to four courts - two for those who want coaching and two for those that prefer match play.

The Monday evening sessions which have hitherto been known as "Mens Team Practice Evenings" will

now be remodelled to provide higher standard tennis for those men and ladies in the top twenty of the ladder. Some coaching and training routines are to be introduced to maintain and enhance the standard of tennis within the Club.

TITBITS

The court lights have now been repaired - no more excuses for those miss-hits in the dark.

Our thanks to DUNLOP for once again donating several cases of tennis balls for use in various tennis events.

The tennis section now has its own Honours Boards above the Bar in the Suriwong Sala, and a cupboard for our many trophies, tucked away in a far flung corner of the Churchill Bar.

It has been agreed at a recent committee meeting that there will be no increase this year in the charges made by the tennis section for participation in tournaments, mix ins, championships etc.

There is quite a large stock of tennis section T-shirts available for sale in the Fitness Centre - unfortunately only small, medium and large - and in order to clear the shelves, prior to new designs being ordered, these are now being offered at only B50 each.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye during the last few months to some of



Chalati shares out the Champagne

the old tennis stalwarts including Gwyn and Bill Cornfield, Sandra and Des Thornton, John Cochrane, Kathy Grant and Ray Liang. Our best wishes go to them all. The champagne leaving party of the Cornfields after Sunday Mix in was a pleasant trend-setter.

ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT 9TH MAY 1993

First Lady Sandra Thornton + 16 Points

First Man Howard Neville +14

Points

Wooden Spoon Gavin Broad -22 Points

CLUB ALDIANA AMERICAN TOURNAMENT 4TH JUNE 1993

Vanessa Barrington-Johnson and Ian Harbeck beat Ann Atkinson and Steve Golsby. Other semi-finalists: Sandra Thornton and Archie Cook and Eileen Cook and Colin Lind.

CLUB ALDIANA ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT 5TH JUNE 1993

First Lady Rachel Lind 18 Points

First Man Steve Golsby 19 Points

TEAM TOURNAMENT 20TH JUNE 1993

Winners the English

English	67 Points
Rebels	60 Points
Colonials	57 Points
Celts	56 Points

- 1) Vanessa Barrington-Johnson
- 2) Fran Kucera
- 3) Kathy Haworth
- 4) Howard Neville
- 5) Dave Haworth
- 6) Andrew Francis
- 7) Rita Dunford
- 8) Steve Golsby
- 9) Carol Golsby

10) Neil Barrington-Johnson

CORONATION VETERANS TOURNAMENT FINALS 20TH JUNE

LADIES SINGLES - Chalati Dunnvatanachit bt Gisi van Walbeek 9-1

MENS SINGLES - Surin Dunnvatanachit bt Roy Cowie 9-5

LADIES DOUBLES - Chalati Dunnvatanachit/ Yubin McConnel bt Stella

Fox/Tharntip Cowie 6-2,6-3

MENS DOUBLES - Surin Dunnvatanachit/Ian Harbeck bt Tony Atkinson/John Sands 4-6,6-1,6-2

MIXED DOUBLES - Final not yet played

MENS SINGLES PLATE - Andrew Francis beat John Sands 9-1

MIXED DOUBLES PLATE - Stella Fox/Sven Alkalaj bt Gisi van Walbeek/ Maurice Lamb 9-2

Maurice Lamb



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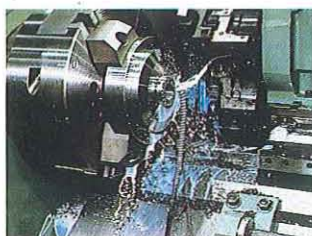
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SNOOKER

The Donofield Tournament played on 19th June 1993, was the first tournament to have been played for quite some time. And it was a great success.

Trixie Brann vs Paul McIntyre was the first game to take place and nerve racking it was! The first frame was almost taken by Paul but Trixie was lucky enough to take the frame to a black ball frame, she still does not believe how she managed to pot the black, but she did! Paul did not do himself justice in the second frame, and Trixie won the game.

More nail biting stuff came when the black ball had to be re-spotted, during the first frame between Allan Thomson and Tom Watson, but Tom had the edge over Allan and was able to take himself through to the 2nd round.

Cathy Thomson's match against David Haworth was won by David, but we have not seen the last of Cathy, (well done Cathy, we saw that you have managed to get yourself on the Ladies Ladder by playing for the BWG).

Second round players were Brian Griffin, Les Mouat, Peter Formhals, David Haworth, Gavin Broad and Tom Watson.

I can assure you that Mike Brann did not enjoy knocking his wife Trixie out of the tournament in the 2nd round (well, that's what he told me).

We hadn't seen Les Mouat play before, but now we have, snooker players look out! What a pity that he developed a bad migraine and wasn't able to play beyond the quarter finals, better luck next time Les!

Mike Brann has been known to pot a few balls in his time, and today was no exception, but Peter Formhals also proved himself to be a jolly good player, I'd like to see Mike and Peter play from scratch next time. What an exciting game they played. Well done! Mike lost, but not without a fight.

Tom Watson was a bit unlucky to have met Gavin Broad in the quarter finals, but played well enough to take Gavin to a black ball game in the first frame. Tom lost, but played very good snooker.

Because Les Mouat had had to pull out, this meant that the grand final was to be between Gavin Broad and Peter Formhals.

Gavin was back on form, but that didn't mean it was going to be easy, he soon found himself with two frames down, and it was obvious that whoever won, deserved it. Gavin decided to get back into top gear or lose, it worked, the game turned around and Gavin took the next three frames, what a match. Extremely well played both players, roll on the next tournament in September, we'll definitely be there!

A big thank you to all who took part in the Donofield Tournament, thanks to the referees Mike O'Connor, Mike Brann, Trixie Brann, Paul McIntyre, Gavin Broad and Brian Griffin and everyone else who helped make the Donofield Tournament a very enjoyable one.



Paul McIntyre congratulating Trixie.



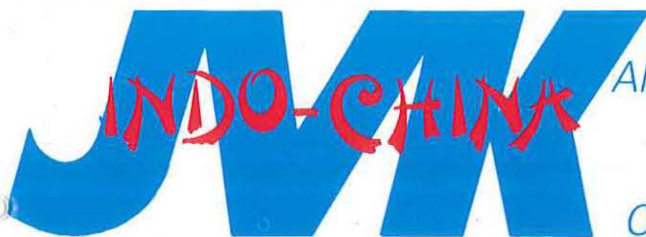
Cathy Thompson



Mike and Peter



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I would like to say a big thank you to the Editor and the Publisher for doing a magnificent job and printing all our outstanding articles and photographs and in doing so bringing it up to date!

(June issue).

We have lucky this month in that no competitions have had to be cancelled due to the heavy rain ... oops! I hope I have not spoken too soon the rainy season is not over yet.

30TH MAY - BANGPAKONG - RYESOME BOWL

Congratulations to Alex Southcombe and Mike Baker who won the Ryesome Bowl, runners up were Graham Revile and Ian Walton.

4TH - 6TH JUNE - ROSE GARDEN - ECLECTIC

The turn out for this weekend was poor, however, those that took part enjoyed themselves.

Overall winners were:

L. Hunt 56 net, R. Barrett 57 net, P. Nears 61 net.

On the third day of the Eclectic Eric Hudson, on the 7th hole, got an Eagle, thereby winning the Eagles Nest of 50 balls.

20TH JUNE - ROSE GARDEN - STROKEPLAY AND MATCHPLAY

BRITS VS AUSSIES

It was a most successful day especially for the Brits who won 7 1/2 to 3 1/2. The Aussies were missing a lot of their players and of course the "Shark" never turned up.

THANK YOU RHONE POULENC FOR SPONSORING THIS COMPETITION.

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| FIRST | - Norbert Staub net 69 (Eric please check his HCP, he never stops winning) |
| SECOND | - Geoff Lamb net 72 (Another chap that never stops winning) |
| THIRD | - Lynda Hunt net 72 |
| FOURTH | - Neville Bayliss net 72 (How did he do that? Isn't his handicap 18?) |

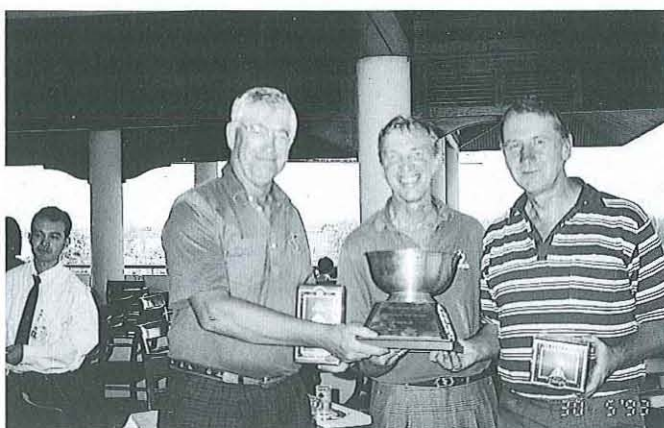
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make sure you come and support your team on the following important matches wearing your BCGS shirt of course.

- 1st August vs Japanese - Royal Golf and Country Club
 29th August vs Cocktail Lounge - Muang Ake
 12th September vs BCLG - Bangpakong
 26th September vs Scandinavians - Rose Garden

See you on the course,

Lavita



Ryesome Bowl Winners Alex Southcombe and Mike Baker



Runners Up Ryesome Bowl Ian Walton and Graham Revile



The Hunts win Again!



Runners Up - Electric Roy and Paul

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL – THAILAND

AUSSIE RULES?

A game foreign to most Brits maybe but not to Aussie expats in Asia.

In July 1990, a group of Australians in Hong Kong established again, after many years break, an Aussie Rules Association.

A match was played on September 30 1990 (an obviously significant date) at the Stanley Port ground between two teams of players from Hong Kong. The event was held as a family outing with barbecues, beer tents, helicopter displays etc. and was attended by some 1,500 people. It was a great success and the standard of football was surprisingly good.

Following the success of the first game, further games have been held in Hong Kong against visiting Navy sides and the September match is now a very successful annual event - the game now

being Victoria vs the Rest of Australia. The "rest" being the current victors, the standard of football continues to improve and for the last two years Western Australia league umpires have been flown out to Hong Kong to umpire the game. Sponsorship has come from various sources for airfares, uniforms, grounds etc. The Australian Association of Hong Kong now has quite a significant input into the event.

The Hong Kong Dragons, as the touring side is known, have already toured and played in Japan and Malaysia against resident sides. The side from Japan has toured and played in Hong Kong in May 1993. Further tours are arranged in October 1993 (to U.K.) and January 1994 (Jakarta).

Aussie rules sides exist in Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. It is hoped that an associa-

tion can be formed in Thailand. A South East Asian circuit could then be developed which would culminate in an annual "Knock-out" type of competition to be held, initially, in Hong Kong in 1994.

Accordingly players, umpires, administrators and anyone interested in becoming part of/or helping to put together a Thai Australian Rules side are requested to contact Peter Young on 314 2520-21 or fax 319 8238 or Will Hamilton on 381 3344 extension 600, fax 391 4503.

If you're feeling like a kick in the meantime you may well find a few people in Lumpini Park around 4-5 pm. most Sundays. Hopefully more appropriate training venues can be found in due course.

Peter Young

T.G.I.F.

8.30 p.m. EVERY FRIDAY IN THE BAR

Friday 6th August

To Be Announced

Friday 13th August

Bar Quiz

Friday 20th August

Bar Games

Friday 27th August

Bogong Folk Group

Friday 3rd September

Inter Section Darts Competition

Friday 10th September

Bogong Folk Group

Friday 17th September

Pub Night, Quiz and Games (Suriwong Room)

Friday 24th September

Croquet, High Tea and cocktails (From Lawn)

Badminton



Didn't we do well !!

This month's report kicks off with the report on the highly successful Racquet Day held on 30th May, where all three racquet sections played all three sports against each other. Our team consisted of Anne "Dynamite" Beasley, The Barrington-Johnsons, Henry Cherdrumphai, the Daltons and the Hastings, E. Hughes, J. Metcalf, P. Kirketerp, M. Leddy, P. McCullen, M. McIntyre, the Whittakers and last but not least G. de Wit. We were faithfully rounded up by the tireless Taew, who unfortunately could not compete due to a shoulder injury.

RACQUET DAY

We considered our team to be fairly strong and expected a spirited showing in all three sports, despite some rather daunting reports (and proof) of the tennis section possessing some mean badminton players. We had no idea we WOULD or COULD win in such style. The least we hoped for was that the Bang Rak courts lost their aura of myth and that, people seeing how near they were and how much fun the game can be, may start coming to our Sunday sessions. Let's hope we made some converts.

The final results were as follows:

SECTION:	Badmintonians	Squashies	Tennisers
BADMINTON	9	2	4
SQUASH	8	3	3
TENNIS	5	2	8
	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>

Quite a comprehensive victory, being a relatively small section, and because at the time Badminton wasn't even a year



Grunge the section mascotte.

old. The smile on Wanna's face as she raised the trophy said it all (see photo) and we have won our first trophy for the cabinet!

Our whole team would like to thank Maurice for all his hard work and patience. He did a sterling job. Let's just hope that he, and his talent, hand around for the next one.

RACQUET BALL

The racquet Ball at the Shangri-la on June 12th went off to a swinging start with a surprise performance by The Ambassadors of Opera from the New York Metropolitan. Even those who favour instrumental music instead of singing (yours truly is one of those musical barbarians) came under the spell of a truly wonderful performance! The food was excellent, the company was gorgeous, the band managed to get everybody going through the most peculiar gyrations (no mean feat that) on the floor. So right from the start the theme was set for a wonderful evening. The raffles caused the usual hilarity (why do I never hold the winning numbers) and all in all everyone had a good time, especially those who are not used to wearing black tie (all of us). A special vote of thanks to Stella Fox who practically single-handedly did all the hard work and organised an evening to remember. If nothing else, we all owe it to her to follow her lead and turn it into an annual event.



Badmintonians cheering on our tennis players

CIBA RE MATCH

YES, we are one year old and to mark the occasion, we had our very first re-match and our very, very first victory, playing our own sport. Last November we battled it out with Ciba and came a close second with a score of 8 games to 6. The tables turned, however, and we managed a superb morning of badminton and a win to boot!

The eventual score was 9 games to 3, which shows what a long way we have come in the last 12 months. Well done us!

There were some terrific battles during the 2 hour session, but the day had to go to Jerry Fisher who, on deciding that the shuttle wasn't going to get away from him, took a lunge that put him onto his back and, unfortunately, damaged his foot. Some icepacks later, he was driven off to hospital and had to concede his game. Bet you wished you'd stuck to golf that day Jerry! Still, Mai pen rai but come back soon.

The morning was rounded off with ahan aroy at the BC along with the presentation. This was novel indeed. We presented it to them for winning in 1992 and they gave it back to us for winning in 1993. Hmm - that means we pay for the engraving. Nice move Mr. Leddy. Anyway, it does mean we have our first fixture and can play every year for THE CIBA CUP.

So, since we are now one year old we will be holding our A.G.M. on SUNDAY OCTOBER 17TH at 2.00 pm i.e. after our usual Sunday session, in a room yet to be arranged. Everyone is invited, there will be food available of one form or another, and anyone who would like to get involved will be welcome to stand for election.

Be there with your moans, groans, praise and ideas. We look forward to seeing you all.



Ain't life wonderful



We're having a good time!



Cathy, Alan & Wanna



Captain Wanna holes up the Trophy!!

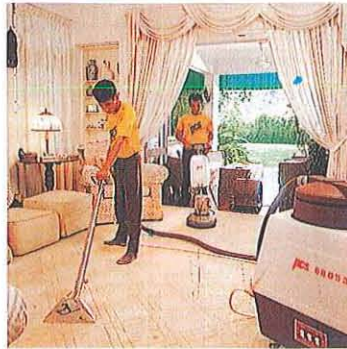


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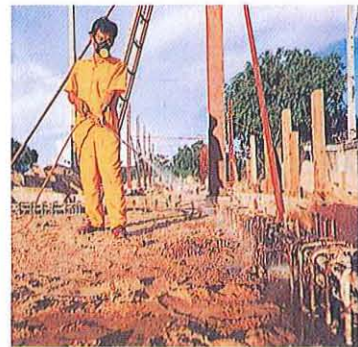
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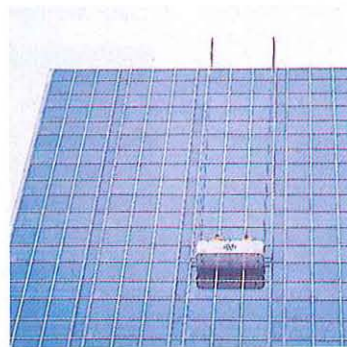
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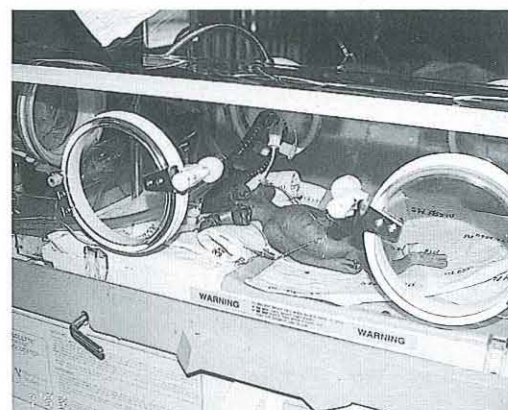


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Dr Kriangsak, Bea, Jane, Holly Sam.



One of the 1 kg babies

Remember a long time ago the Rugby Section promised to purchase a Heart Monitor for Siriraj Hospital. Well they have finally made it.

On Saturday 10th July, a delegation representing the British Club Rugby Section set off to meet Dr. Kriangsak at the Intensive Care unit of the Pediatric Ward of Siriraj Hospital.

Jane Prichard, Bea Grunwell, Holly, Sam, James, Chawat and Nan got in the car 10.00am to arrive at the hospital between 11 and 12am. Well, there being a lot of traffic of course and even an elephant on the road, we did not get there until 12.30pm. We looked all over the hospital, with excellent directions from Pauline Dalton, including the name of the Doctor we were supposed to see, we could not go wrong. But with a navigator like Bea anything can go wrong. She had not written the name of the doctor down or the directions, thinking there would be only one premature baby ward anyway. Not so, after visiting three very interesting wards, we finally managed to locate the Intensive Care unit where a very friendly nurse was more than ready to take the heart monitor of our hands. Unfortunately the instructions were clear, get the doctor there and take a picture with him, so The BC members can see the monitor has actually gone to the right place. She went off in search of a doctor who was probably a lady, and married to the doctor who

probably runs the Paediatric Ward. Well, she found someone. Dr. Kirangsak Jirapaet came down to meet us. They told the children they could not come in as this was an Intensive Care Unit, so all grown-ups were given green coats and flip flops and in we went. Not two minutes later, the upset faces of the children had softened his heart and in they came as well. Dr. Kriangsak showed us around the ward and told us there is no separate Intensive Care unit for premature babies and older children, yet, there will be next year. So there was a young girl there too who suffered from Encyphilitis and was on a breathing machine, plus 4 tiny babies, ranging from 1kg to 1.5kg, all in incubators and only one with a monitor. There are usually 10 babies in the IC unit so a desperate shortage of monitoring equipment lessens the chance of survival for these tiny, tiny babies. Dr. Kriangsak, after buying lunch for all the children, immediately connected the heart monitor to a little boy.

It was a very worthwhile visit and makes the Rugby Section more determined to raise money for this hospital to give all babies a chance.

Our thanks go to everyone who donated money and came to Rugby functions, without you we could not have done it.

WANTED

THE RUGBY SECTION NEEDS A PHYSIO THERAPIST FOR TRAINING SESSIONS AND GAMES - OR ANYONE WITH MEDICAL EXPERIENCE WHO IS WILLING TO ASSIST PLAYERS WHEN THEY GET INJURED DURING A GAME OR ADVISE THEM ON POSSIBLE TREATMENT WHEN SUFFERING FROM LONGER LASTING INJURIES.

PLEASE CONTACT JOE GRUNWELL ON 541 1970 (O) OR 258 9509 (H)

FIXTURES LIST

SATURDAY 7TH/SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST

Kodak 7's at the Army Stadium on Vibhavadee Rangsit Road.

The British Club Rugby Section are entering three sides, two in the Open Competition and one in the Over 35's.

Please come and support them!!

TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST

British Club vs RBSC (Royal Bangkok Sports Club) ROVITHAI TROPHY

Kick off 7pm at the Sports Club.

The balance of the fixtures have yet to be finalised, these will be published on the Rugby Section Notice Board.

Calendar

BRITISH CLUB – SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME, AUGUST 1993

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
30 6 am Swimming 8-10 am Ladies Tennis 9 am BWG Mahjong 5- 8 am Squash Coaching 7- 9 pm Badminton 7- 9 pm Tennis Practice	31 7 am Ladies Golf 7- 9 pm Football Training 9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof		
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OPENING TIMES

CHURCHILL BAR	10 am-11 pm
CRUCJETERS RESTAURANT	11.30 am-2 pm 6 pm-11 pm
POOLSIDE BAR	7.30 am-10 pm
FITNESS CENTRE	Mon-Sat 6 am-9 pm Sun + Hols 9 am-9 pm
THAI MASSAGE	Tues-Sun 9 am-5 pm

VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BRITISH CLUB
EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:-

CASUALS FOOTBALL	– BANGKOK PATANA SCHOOL
BADMINTON (SUNDAYS)	– NEAR BANGRAK POLICE STATION
BADMINTON (MONS-THURS)	– SOI KLANG RACKET CENTRE
LADIES GOLF	– AS ADVERTISED

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 11 am-1 pm IPM Badminton 1 pm Squash Handicap Mix-In 3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In 3-6 pm Childrens Corner
6 6 am Swimming 8.30 pm T.G.I.F. 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw	7 8-10 am Childrens Tennis 9-11 am Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football	8 11 am-1 pm IPM Badminton 2-6 pm Tennis Fun Tournament
13 6 am Swimming 8.30 pm T.G.I.F. Bar Quiz 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw	14 8-10 am Children Tennis 9-11 am Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football	15 11 am-1 pm IPM Badminton 3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In 3-6 pm Childrens Corner
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13 6 am Swimming 8 pm Covenart Players Dinner Theatre 8.30 pm T.G.I.F. Gogong Folk Group 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw	28 8-10 am Childrens Tennis 9-11 am Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football Semi-Finals of Squash Tournament	29 9 am Finals of Junior Tennis Tournament 11 am-1 pm Badminton 3-6 pm Tennis Mix-In 1 pm Swimming Gala 3-6 pm Childrens Cover Finals of Squash Tournament

ALSO THIS MONTH

Tennis League

Junior Tennis Tournament

Squash Handicap Tournament

THINGS YOU MISSED IN JULY

REMBRANDT - A PORTRAIT - was performed to a full house at the British Club on 2nd June 1993 by Klaas Hofstra. In it, Hofstra plays Rembrandt at the age of 63, and he told us about his life, his paintings and the myth surrounding him. He talked about his technique, the way he worked with light and dark, his etchings, the good and bad times with Saskia his wife, Hendrickje his mistress and Titus his son.

THE BOOGONG FOLK GROUP were a great hit in the bar on 11th June and will return every month.

THE BAR QUIZ on 18th June was very popular especially for the winners:



Bogong Folk Group

- Picture Quiz** - Eileen and Archie Cook
- Trivia Quiz** - Mariana and Peter Smith and Caroline and Norman Bright
- Newspaper Quiz** - Helen and Mike Weekes (and friends)

COMING SOON

CHILDRENS CORNER - AUGUST 8TH, AUGUST 15TH, AUGUST 29TH

The first Childrens Corner was held on 20th June and was voted a great success by the 40 or so children who enjoyed the fun and games.

They will now continue on alternate Sundays provided there are enough willing mothers and fathers to entertain the children. If you would like to help please telephone Bea Grunwell on 258 9509.

The idea is to get as many different parents as possible so that every two weeks different activities and ideas are done with the children. Maybe some of the dads can tell the children something about their work, or if they produce something show them how this is made? T-shirt painting, sand painting, flower arranging, amateur dramatics, the children love it all and are very grateful for your help. If we can get a group of 20 people together you would only have to volunteer once every 3 months. Not much to ask for when you see all the happy smiling faces on a Sunday afternoon.

So call Bea : 258 9509 NOW!!!

QUESTION OF SPORT

Returns to the British Club

Every Wednesday in August at 8pm in the Churchill Bar with the Grand Finals on Wednesday 1st September 1993.

Come along, have a drink or two and perhaps a meal and encourage your team.

Please contact the chairman of your sports section, if you would like to represent your section in this sports quiz.

BRIDGE

Starts again in September

Every TUESDAY in the Suriwong Room at 8 pm

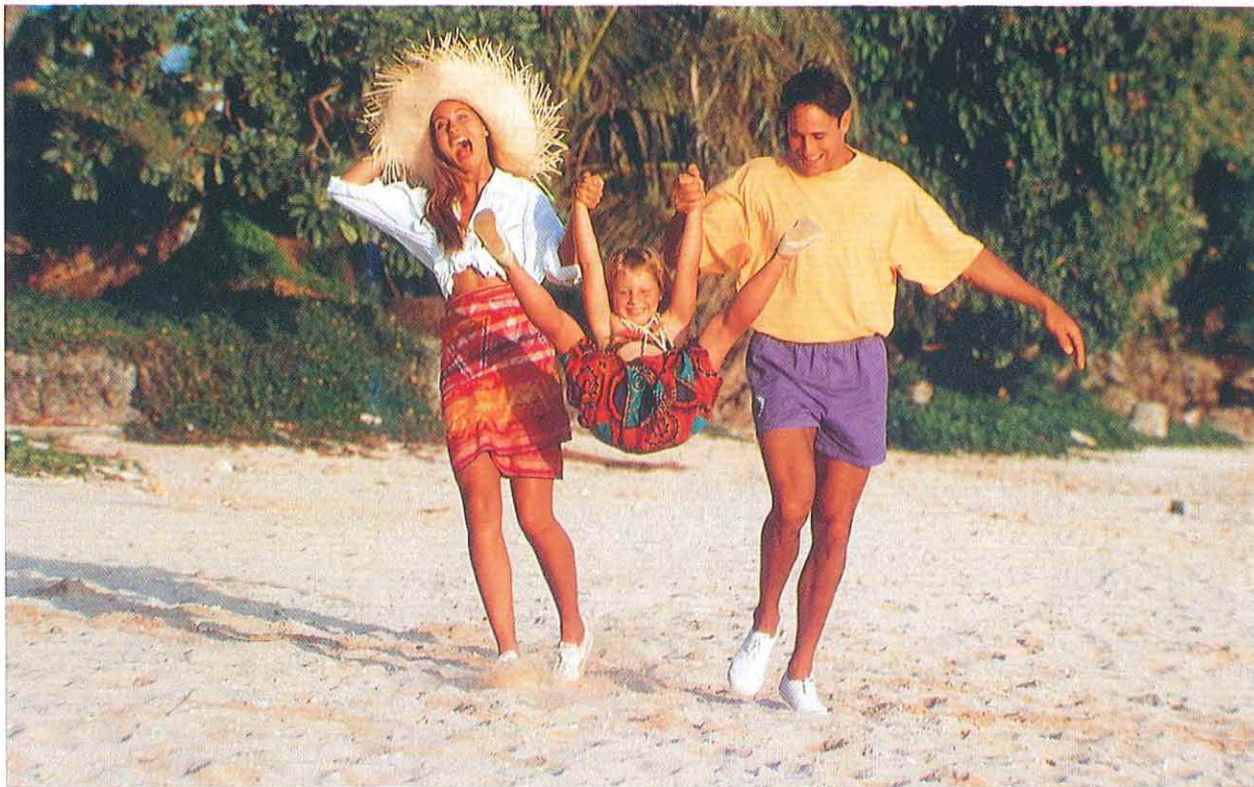
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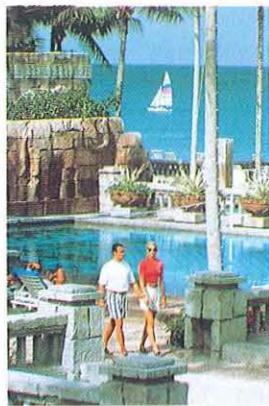
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Football

Hi gang,

Sorry I missed last month I was sunning myself on the golf courses of Hua Hin and generally enjoying life at Club Aldiana. The exodus of players continues with the completion of various infrastructure projects in the city and by the time you read this we will have bid adieu to ace goal scorer Ian Mackenzie, cultured defender Steve Lowry a goalkeeper Paul Barber and long time stalwart and former captain Mike Pomfret. With Angus Campbell and possibly Jim Boyd, Vaughan Elias and Ritchie Crooks to come or should I say go it truly is a black summer. We wish each leaver and their families all the very best in their new homes and countries. Each has played their part in a vintage three years for the Section.

MATCH REPORT :

Due to the missed month many of the matches are history rather than news but a brief run down is in order. A combined Firsts/Casuals side headed south for the annual trip to Singapore to participate in the Windmill Cup hosted by the Dutch Club there. This is an eleven a side tournament with three round robin games of 15 minutes each way followed by semi final and final giving a taxing 5 game in one day schedule. We opened against tournament favourites, the Hotspur Casuals, who had been unbeaten in their previous 14 matches. Regular readers will know that morning kick-offs are not our forté but we put in a very creditable performance and were unlucky to lose one nil to a freakish goal. We then played the Singapore Germans who were the weakest team in the Section and had lost their first game two nil to the Swiss. As the heavens opened to cascade God's tears on the participants (it rained) we again performed very well and run out three nil winners thanks to a brilliant brace from Chairman Ron and one from Captain Carruthers. This meant we only had to draw with the Swiss to reach the semi final stage and we did this but not without a few occasions when all the worldly wiles of our experienced defence were called upon to extricate ourselves from dangerous attacks. It was onto the semi finals where we met our hosts the Dutch in what turned out to be the best match of the tournament. By now the incessant rain had turned both pitches into a morass of mud that would have been a hippopotamus' dream but both sides performed admirably. The Dutch opened the scoring early in the second half with an excellent headed

goal before our goal keeper Jimmy Hales nearly drowned in a huge puddle that had developed in the six yard box. With two minutes to go we crowned a fine battling performance when from a Casteldine cut back Colin Hastings drove the ball home from close range to make it one one. It finished that way which meant penalties and both sides converted six in a row with us taking ours second. Poor Colin went from hero to sinner however as he missed number seven and we went out on penalties beaten but not disgraced. With yours truly being taker number eight I had mixed feelings about our exit. The Dutch went on to win the Cup whilst in a third / fourth place game played in now farcical underfoot conditions we crumbled to lose three nil to the Hotspur Casuals who had also lost their semi-final on penalties.

Whilst we did really well in the Windmill it was a different story in our quest to win the renamed Spotlit Trophy. This was the successor to the Floodlit Tournament organised by the Royal Bangkok Sports Club which we had won the previous two years. This year we were the only Farang team invited which reflects our standing in local football circles and we considered it an honour. Unfortunately work commitments and injuries robbed us of our strongest team for all three round robin games and we were also giving at least 10 years a man an average in age to our opposition. We lost our first game to a team called Benchapol one nil in a fairly average performance. We were then desperately unlucky to lose out to the Bangkok Bank two one in the second game having gone behind by two early goals and battled our way back into contention through a Boyd header. We

were therefore out and whether it was because there was no pressure we went on to win game three against traditional rivals the Sports Club five two to salvage some pride. Boyd, Aston, Casteldine and Mackenzie (2) all scored in what was a fine all round performance.

CASUALS CORNER :

Highlight of the month was a game against the visiting British High commission of Kuala Lumpur team. Unfortunately I missed the game and nobody can tell me the scorers but this was another goal romp with the final score 4-2 in our favour. Casteldine, Ruttley, Boyd and Caro all scored. Gallacher did not. It was nice to have the Casuals line up against a visiting team and the High Comm were very appreciative of our hospitality. The rest of the month was virtually lost to ground improvement works at the Patana pitch with the installation of a sprinkler system but just before press time the Casuals continued their very enjoyable series with the Terminators team i.e. Asia Fumigation. With no fixtures for three weeks the team started lethargically and paid the penalty when the Terminators hit two goals mid way through the first half. This spurred us on however and we pulled one back from a delightful Brian Lewis chip after some good lead up work by the Houghman. This really was a goal of quality and Lewis says he meant it. With two minutes to half time we were awarded a free kick just inside our half and a beautifully flighted ball from (modesty forbids one saying) found Houghman running, well more like sauntering through to score the

equaliser with the Terminators defence caught square vainly appealing for off-side. The Casuals were to face a stern test in the second half as untypically there was only one substitute, young James Lewis, son of Brian, who came on and played very well. The wee team were up to it however and ten minutes into the half Houghman rose majestically to power a header against the bar from an excellent Martin Dawson corner. With the bar still reverberating Brian Quigley got his head to the rebound and it crossed the line for goal three despite a desperate attempt to clear by the Terminators. Fortunately the referee was right on the spot and he ignored the protestations of the Terminators that it had not crossed. Shades of Russian linesmen in 1966 but a correct decision. With our noses ahead we toiled manfully on an unusually hot day and held on comfortably to our advantage. A good win in a very sporting game.

POST-SCRIPTS :

With no major activity on the horizon the next couple of months are likely to be ones of experimentation with new line-ups trying to find the right formula for the 93/94 season. The heart has been wrenched from the current team but the new Committee are committed to the

job of rebuilding. At the AGM Ron Aston and Willie Carruthers were re-elected Chairman and Captain respectively. Peter Rogers takes over as Treasurer whilst your truly is Social Convener and Vice-Chairman. Steve Casteldine is Farang League representative and last but not least Norman Bright takes over as Casuals Captain. The first activity is a farewell tour to Songkhla where in honour of Mike the Fish Pomfret's departure we will play Unocal and then take up the golf clubs to challenge Songkhla Golf Club in a Sunday game - move over Dugal Forrest.

FINALLY

What's the difference between a bison and a buffalo.

You cannot wash your hands in a buffalo.

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Mummy bear and Daddy Bear had a little baby bear which had no fur on it at all - aw! They called him Fred Bear.

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

Patient "When I took off my bicycle clips".

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A YOUNG boy had to go to the family court about his custody as his mother and father had separated.

The judge said, "Well, my boy, I have decided to give custody to your mother."

"Please no," the boy said, "she beats me all the time."

"All right," said the judge, "You can live with your father."

"No, no," the boy said, "my father beats me too."

"Well," said the judge, "where do you want to go?"

The young boy said, "Send to me Notts Forrest, they never beat anyone."

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A MAN walked into a bar and said he wanted a beer.

The barman handed it over.

The man paid, and drank up.

"Thanks, donkey," the man said as he was leaving.

A curious fellow drinker asked the barman why he the man had called him donkey.

"I don't know," said the barman, "he-haw he-haw he always calls me that."

C U

'Scoop'

Don't be a hog,
give the other sections a chance,
no more than 1,500 words
and
3 photographs (Ed!)



Peter Corney presenting the Don Johnson Runner up Trophy to Andy Narramore



Dick Anwar the winner of the Don Johnson Cup receiving his trophy

The Don Johnson Cup competition is in fact the club closed squash championship. This year the semi finals and finals were played on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of June. The semi finals on the Saturday provided excellent free entertainment from the efforts to decide the Sunday finalists.

Number one seed Dick Anwar had quite tough game to confirm his ranking against Paul Taylor. After ten days away from Thailand and squash, he was initially finding difficulty in putting up consistent game together. On the other hand Paul played a controlled game using his height to cut of many of Dick's attempts to lob him. Gradually Paul found that his earlier authority was eroding fast as his opponent killed the ball with boasts and drops. This left him wrong footed too many times to save the match in spite of being so close to Dick who won 9-7, 9-5 and 9-7.

Andy Narramore and Colin Hastings followed on to decide who was going to meet Dick on Sunday. Having been in Thailand since 1974 it was fair to assume that many of the long term members were hoping that at last this was going to be success for Colin. He looked a particularly sharp number two seed and had beaten Andy on the only two matches that they had previously played. Seeded at three Andy appeared to have the more difficult task. However, Colin had found that his left handed opponent had gone turbo for this occasion. It was a very fast game with both players hitting the ball early on the volley and half volley. Super retrieving to dig out a continuous barrage of accurate lengths from both players produced some long exciting rallies. The hard forehand drives from Andy on the wrong side (that is to us "normal" players), of the court threatened Colin the whole match. 9-5 to Andy for the first was a very long game and the second was even tougher at 10-8, again for Andy. One mistake from Colin, whilst under a lot of pressure, at the end of this game was enough for him to be 0-2 down. The third ran away from Colin leaving Andy the victor at a surprising 9-1. Colin had been so very close to one all but found himself still at zero. In such a closely fought game, perhaps not surprising at all.

For the first round losers the Parry Handy Plate served up a strange offering in that once Marvin Lewis had found himself in the final then it was an all Welsh affair. Both Bryan Dodd and Howard Randall are also from Wales.

Marvyn tried to entice the unwary into bets of even money that a Welshman could win the plate. Bryan couldn't find his usual steady concentration against Howard which spoiled his game. Howard played well to beat Bryan into the

final and he beat Marvyn as well on Sunday. Mr. Lewis didn't get any takers on the bet either! Nice try though!

Sunday at 15.00hrs... the final... both players had already warmed up from their separate knock ups beforehand; then they had another knock up at the start of the match together. This was getting really serious.

Andy started the match blasting his way around the court with a horrible selection of left hand boasts all over the place, giving him 9-5 for starters. Meanwhile Dick had been working out how to combat these rapid changes in the direction of the ball. Anwar boasts from behind the opponent (from way behind himself as well) in the back corners 2mm above the floor, mixed up with a nice selection of drops and deceptive drives got him level with Andy at 9-7. This was the turning point in the match because Dick gained confidence and went for more shots very close to the tin. Much to Andy's dismay most of them came off giving Dick 9-4 and a 2-1 lead. Concentrating his deep lengths to the left handers back hand gave Dick a respite from Andy's hard drives from the left hand court in the fourth. This game went to Dick 9-3, giving him the match at three games to one. Thanks to both players for a well thought out, varied and entertaining match. Also thanks to everyone who participated this year in what was a sporting and competitive tournament. Well mannered too, there wasn't a \$\$\$\$^ or a #@\$#\$ all weekend.

RESULTS OF 100TH SQUASH LEAGUE

Winners of the 100th Squash League sponsored by THAI INDUSTRIAL GASES LTD are as follows:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nick White | 9. John Bueno |
| 2. Paul Taylor | 10. Anthony Laven |
| 3. Paul Tuffy | 11. Wayne Needoba |
| 4. Rob Nottingham | 12. Mike Dwight |
| 5. Chris Platt | 13. Dick Souter |
| 6. Steen Morch-Setersen | 14. Ross Horwood |
| 7. Jim Howard | 15. Id Hastings |
| 8. Peter Miller | 6. Mariana Atkins |

Congratulations to all those winners. Don't forget the next league starts in July and again will carry on for a 6 week

period. Try to get your games early to avoid the rush on the courts at the end. Remember all league games should be played with a black ball. Any players organising a game which requires scorers or referees, please get in touch with any squash committee member who will be happy to organise this service for you.

THURSDAY CLUB NIGHT

Don't forget the Thursday Club Night from 6.00 - 9.00pm. This is an excellent opportunity to mix in and meet with players of all standards. For those lower ladder players you will have the chance to play with those of a higher standard than you'd normally meet in your leagues, or that you would (dare to) challenge. **THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME.** There are usually a few players from the top 10 who are higher standard players who are happy and keen to play lower ladder players. It provides the higher standard players with a chance to practice particular strokes, pass on some tips and all in all is aimed at strengthening the squash section.

During this evening we hope to organise formal scoring and referees. This is aimed at providing players with the experience of playing games under match conditions, as well as providing those interested in developing their refereeing and scoring skills a chance to practice.

MOVEMENTS AT THE TOP

There is a fair amount of action at the top of the A ladder at the moment. The top position is being fought hard for by players such as Andy Narramore, Dick Anwar, Nick White and Colin Hastings. Rumour has it that Phil Evans will be claiming the spot soon and George Dunford has it in his sights. Paul Taylor now well on the way of recovery from injury is planning his challenge and of course David Hedge is always in contention.

Relative new comers to the A ladder, David Bryant, Howard Randall, Rob Nottingham and Chris Platt are all training hard to move up the ladder. With such sharp competition at the moment, any players not active are finding themselves quickly slipping down the ladder. Everyone agrees that the overall action in the squash section, in all the ladders is as keen and competitive as it has been for a long time.

Top positions in the flights as of Tuesday 29th June are as follows:

Flight A	Flight B	Flight C
1 Dick Anwar	Peter Snell	Simon Hornby
2 Andy Narramore	Keith Welsh	Roger Daniel
3 Nick White	Caroline Jones	David Fewster
4 Colin Hastings	Jacob Hansen	Gordon Belton
5 Paul Taylor	Patrick Murphy	Ross Horwood

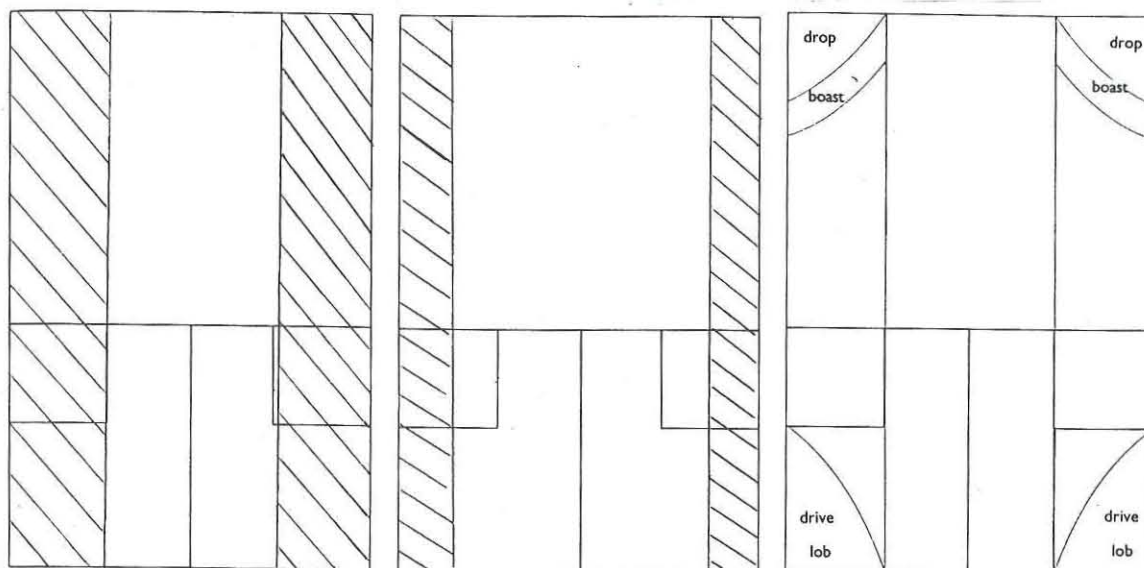
IMPROVE YOUR SQUASH

The squash section is slowly building up a library of books and video's which can be made available to all members interested in improving their game. If you have any items that can be included in this library please contact any of the committee or leave them in the fitness centre. We currently have a few training books and a video available from the fitness room. Members are asked to sign them out and return them within a week.

COACHING

Don't forget that squash coaching is available on Monday and Wednesday by Khun Peerapon from 5.00 - 8.00pm. Half hour sessions can be booked on the squash notice board (outside court 1) using squash stickers. Charge is only 125 Baht per session. You need to book up well in advance for prime time sessions.

THE CHOICE OF SHOT



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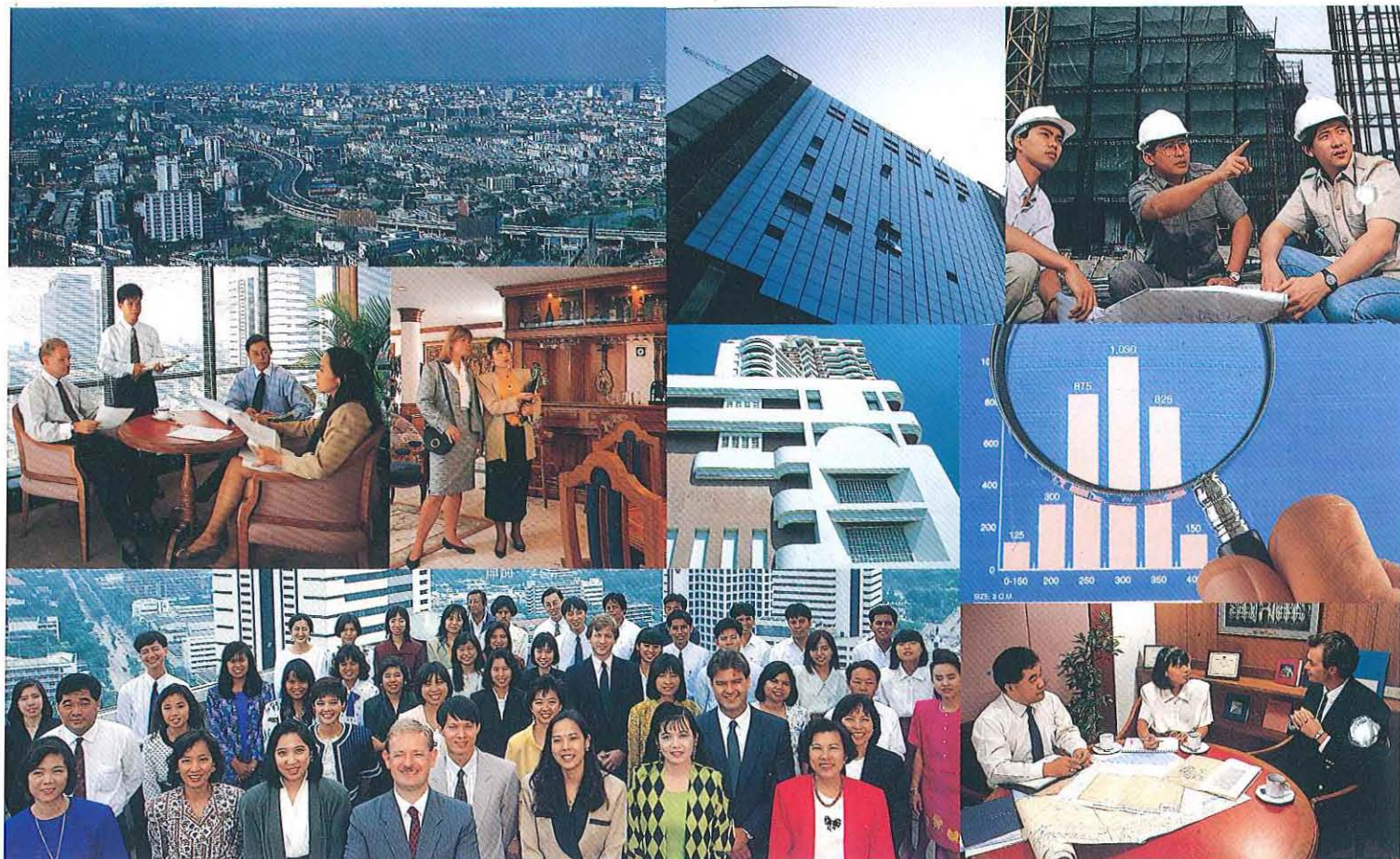
The ideal target areas for your various shots.

STAR TIP

Never drop from a drop.
Geoff Hunt

KEY POINT

In squash, as in life, what was true yesterday is no longer true today. So if the drop that was working lie a dream in your last match suddenly becomes a disaster, don't persevere with it. Analyse the problem when the game is over and solve it for tomorrow. Use boasts and drops to move your opponent out of position, and only when you can regain the T position quickly.



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RACQUET BALL



The Bouncers

There it is, the baby is born, a new addition to St. Andrew, St. David, St. George and St. Patrick, now we have St. Racquet. It arrived after long and hard labour from Stella - thanks for all the organisation - and from Bruno, the one who likes tennis as much as imaginative cooking. And thanks to all who contributed either with ideas or with old racquets.

Everybody was quite excited what the outcome would be. Dressed up as usual for the ball the cocktail atmosphere was very relaxed. Recognising each other was not that easy after meeting most the time in ball gowns of the sporting type.

After being seated for dinner another surprise awaited us; the colourful and shapeful troupe of Ambassadors of Opera. I was not quite sure what to think; was it really the veterans elite of the Metropolitan Opera from New York or an emigre team of well equipped jugglers.

Anyway I enjoyed the voices, the melting faces, the plentiful shapes and the waiting for the dinner. Gershwin's outcry "Maria, Maria, Maria..." raised not only the appetite for music, but, while nibbling my bread-roll, also a longing for Bruno's promised creations.

Well!!! Whata colourful gourmet feast. Introduced by a staff tennis match and a trophy carrying,

bouncing two legged Shangri-La tennisball, followed by a triumphant procession of plate bearing waiters. Each course had a little something. I really wished I could have had restrung my sweet course chocolate racquet. Thanks again, Bruno!

For the rest of the night there was something for everyone; Bands entertaining - not so much "Hot" but ore "Trot" singers, raffles, champagne-free



A small taken of appreciation for Stella

of charge - and later on a real German lentilsoup, and nobody was found asleep.

The night finished off with a tennis match on the real grass court in the Lobby.

The winner? - I think everybody.

On my way home, I could not stop thinking of Trinkies code word: "Keep them coming."

Thoughts of Uta from Dusseldorf, Chesterfield and Majorca.



Sven amongst the confetti and streamers



Pauline about to devour the sweet course



Wanna and Barry on a crowded dancer floor



Big Bruno as we've never seen him before!



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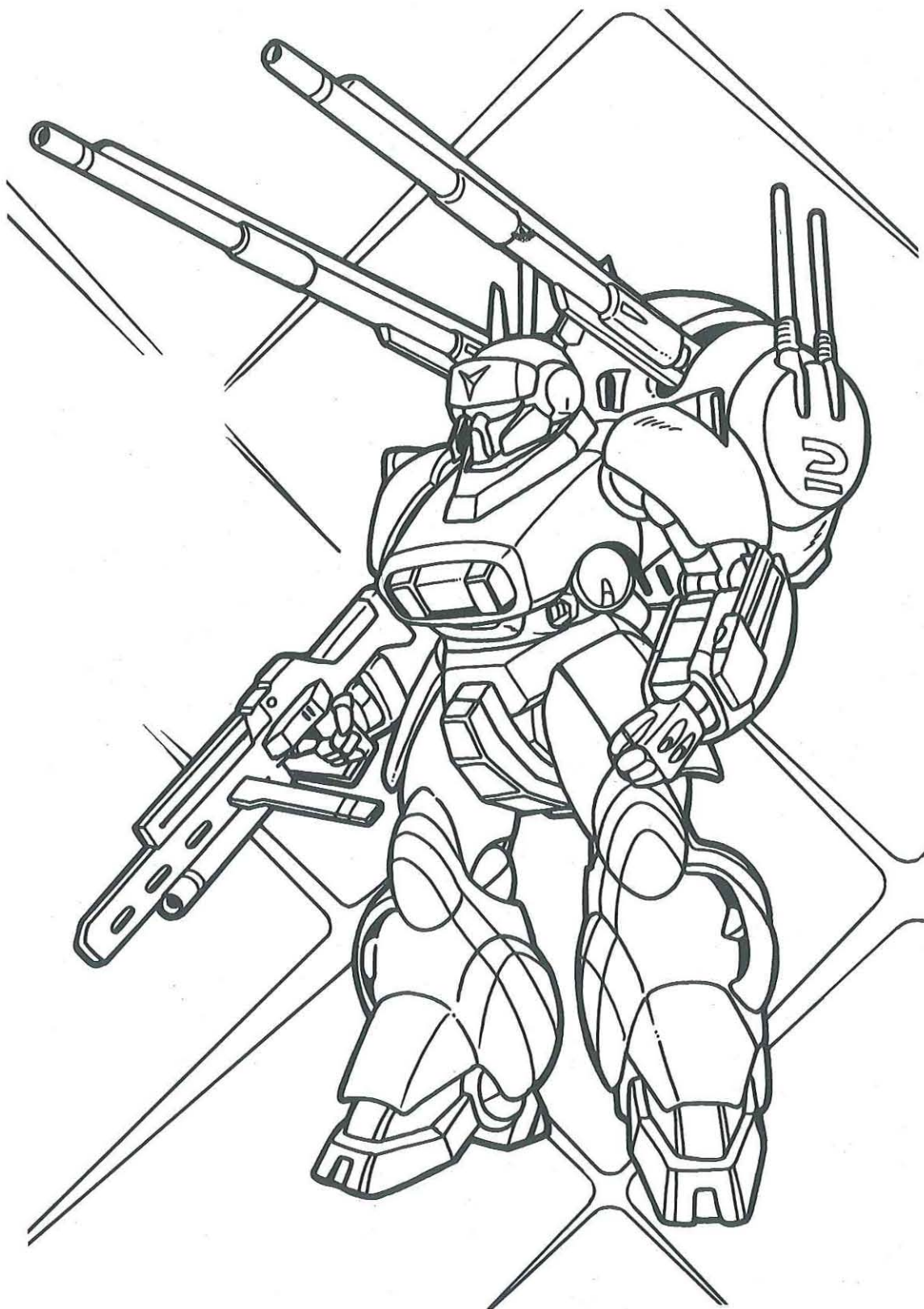
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COLOUR THIS IN YOUR SPARE TIME

THE HOUSE ON THE MOORS

"It looks like rain" said Jenny as her younger friend Lucy looked up in the same direction. The two girls had spent the last day walking across the moors of southwestern England, making the most of a fortnight of pleasant weather. Until that moment, white cotton-wool clouds was all that gently scudded across pale blue skies, but now some ominously silver-grey clouds had quickly encroached and threatened to cover the entire sky, and it had caught the girls out. They had planned another hour or so of evening walking before they reached the next campsite.

"Come on, let's hurry up." Jenny and Lucy quickened their pace, stumbling with their backpacks swinging about on their backs, but before long the rain came down in large drops and night loomed early on the horizon. The girls began to despair of reaching civilisation as they hurried on to find a patch of flat land where they could pitch their tent.

"Look!" In the distance was a light, a warm yellow glow and a very welcome sight to the two cold and wet figures. Despite a niggling doubt in Jenny's head that she hadn't seen any buildings on the map in this area, at this stage she was too worried to notice, and they headed for the warming light. They found themselves approaching a large old house, an imposing timber building which they assumed to have been converted to a pub or hotel. The girls gratefully dashed towards the door as the darkness of the night set in.

Jenny lifted the huge and heavy latch to open the door but their eyes were not greeted with the expected sight of a familiar saloon or a reception area, but a large entrance hall sparsely furnished with a few wooden benches and tables, on which stood some oil lamps, which gave off the light that they had seen across the moor. The focal point of the room was a vast iron fire place housing a roaring fire. Momentarily forgetting they were cold and damp, Jenny and Lucy stood staring around them. The coat of arms on the wall, the swords, the lamps, indeed, the total lack of anything modern, not to mention the lack of people held them spell-bound.

Suddenly from a side foot came a

woman dressed in a floor length grey smock and apron, who looked similarly surprised to see the two dripping girls. Jenny quickly remembered her manners, and said: "Excuse me, we were out walking but the rain came early and we can't find our campsite. Is there a room we could stay in tonight?" The woman's face at first registered concern, but then she broke into a broad smile, although it was obvious she was still bewildered about some aspect of the girls' appearance. "Aye", she boomed, "I think we have room. Follow me. Can't have you lasses wandering about the moors at this time." With that she picked up a lamp and marched towards the corner of the hall, where the entrance to a staircase was shrouded in darkness. The girls followed, taking in all the details of the dark creaky wooden stairs as the woman led the way with the oil lantern swaying from side to side, creating dancing shadows. On reaching a door at the end of a corridor decorated only with a few oil paintings, the woman fumbled for a set of keys underneath her apron. She found the right one, swung open the heavy door and ushered the girls in, and then set about preparing a fire in the large fireplace against the outside wall. The girls stood again in amazement at how dated every detail seemed, but now they realised they were shivering and moved towards the flickers that started to envelop the logs. Both Jenny and Lucy were muttering thanks to their benefactor.

As she turned to leave, the woman looked round, seemingly disturbed. "Now listen to me. We are expecting John Stoneman and his men to come by this way tonight. Whatever you hear, do not unlock the door and do not come out until morning. Understand?" The girls nodded and Jenny accepted the heavy iron key which the woman held out. And then she turned and left the room, leaving an eerie silence as the girls just looked at each other.

"Is this place for real?" asked Lucy, "I mean, it's like one those 'theme' hotels, where everyone dresses up like in the olden days." "Yes, that's what I reckon. Incredible, though, to go to all this trouble, isn't it? There aren't any radiators or even a decent light," indi-

cating towards the oil lamp that the woman had lit on the table in the centre of the room, "I wonder how much it'll cost? I forgot to ask." "I didn't see any price list downstairs. In fact, I hardly saw anything. Still, at least it is a roof over our heads. But just look at that bed!" Two pairs of eyes fixed on the large four poster, an older and less ornate version of what the girls had seen in stately homes. "Amazing", breathed Lucy.

Both sat in front of the fire until they warmed through. Jenny walked over to the door, turned the key and removed it, slipping the key in her tracksuit pants that she would sleep in. Lucy was already unrolling the sleeping bags on the bed, having hung her wet clothes over a wooden rack in front of the fire. "I wonder who that John Stoneman is?" "I don't know Lucy, but I for one don't want to find out. As soon as I've dried out I am going to bed." "Me too", replied Lucy, as Jenny threw a couple of extra logs on the fire and crawled into her sleeping bag. Despite their curiosity with all the unanswered questions about the house, exhaustion overtook the girls and they were asleep within minutes.

Barely two hours later they were both woken by noises from downstairs - deep voices, hearty laughs, the scraping of the benches across the wooden floorboards - which continued for some time, prompting the girls to imagine the scene on the floor below, but remembering the woman's warning not to leave the room. Lucy was already asleep again when there was a loud thumping on the door and a rattling sound as someone tried the doorknob. The two girls sat bolt upright, terrified, as a deep man's voice called "Who's in there?" Not daring to even whisper, they listened as the man pounded the door again, then growled something inaudible and stomped off down the corridor.

"Jenny, who was that?" Lucy knew that her older friend knew as little as she did, but she had been so frightened and wasn't sure who the enemy was. "I think it'll be all right now, Lucy," reassured Jenny, although she felt ill-assured herself. "Try and get back to sleep." It was some time before their nerves would

settle again, but when sleep did overtake them, they slept heavily.

Indeed, they slept so well that they did not wake until the sun was rising steadily in the sky, at around 9.00am. By this time the temperature was rising again, the storm of the previous night had passed and the sky was turning blue filled with wispy clouds. The girls stirred, woken by the sun in their eyes... Jenny sat up suddenly, realising that she shouldn't be feeling the sun in her eyes if she had been spending the night in a Dumbfounded, she found herself in her sleeping bag on the open moor, surrounded by heather and gorse bushes, with Lucy stirring on her left, and their backpacks about four yards away by a cluster of heather. There was no log fire, no four poster bed, no old

woman, no rowdy party, in fact, no old house for as far as the eye could see.

The girls didn't dare to say anything for fear of betraying their confusion and disbelief. Silently they emerged from their sleeping bags and found their clothes which, although lying in long damp grass, were relatively dry.. almost as if they had been under cover all night, "drying by an open fire, perhaps?" shivered Jenny, as she quickly dressed.

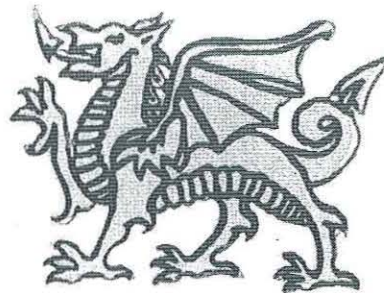
Lucy was the first to break the silence. "Did it really happen?" "What, you mean the hotel that woman and...." Jenny tailed off, "it can't have. A building can't disappear overnight. We must have had a vision or something." "But surely we can't both have had the same dream?" questioned Lucy, "surely not?" "I know what you mean, but I can't

answer you. I could have sworn... well, it's not here now, and noone would ever believe us. We'll just have to say we found somewhere sheltered," Jenny tried to sound braver than she felt. "Sheltered? Round here? I suppose we have no choice." agreed Lucy.

Still confused, hardly daring believe what they knew they had both seen with their old eyes, they started to pack up their belongings. "And yet, it all seemed so real." reflected Jennysadly, as she rolled up her sleeping bag. And as she did so, there was a clunk as something heavy fell out of the sleeping bag and hit the ground. And as they looked there was a large, rusty iron key lying on the grass.....

Gaynor de Wit

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DEWIS DOINGS

Regrettably, I must commence this brief epistle by bidding a formal farewell to Julie and Ian Williams (off to South Africa), Ray and Anita Hughes (back to Wales to build, single handedly, the new Severn Bridge) and David and cDolyn Fall who will no doubt take on the new assignment in Australia with true conviction.

In may, our social event was a fancy dress party with an cFé theme held at the Embassy Social Club. Fortune favoured frivolous fanciful featuring festooned frogmen, floosies,

fantoms, forty fousand fevvers, footballers and flipping fools.

In June, Marvyn and Pat Lewis, who had noticed that the normal inhabitants of a rather posh house were away, took the opportunity to claim squatters rights and then organised a splendid garden barbecue, complete with a 'Welsh Connections' quiz - every answer appearing to have something to do with Pontllanfraith! The event was enjoyed greatly by everyone including the construction labourers working diligently (well, sort of) on the house opposite.

Dewi

P.S. Did you notice that in June Glamorgan were top of the English County Championship?

TALES OF TRAVAIL

One thing I do for a living is travel, and I am fortunate enough to travel quite a lot and quite well! I put this missive together out of a sense of sharing frustrations and a deep rooted belief that most of could use any available additional humour, particularly if it involves someone else's misfortune!

Recently the 'brains' in my company determined that a tactical restructuring was necessary for the good of the business, and without boring you with the corporate details, suffice it to say that the implications of this action were that my 'stay' permit for Thailand became invalid, and my 'work' permit likewise. To some people these might possibly be viewed as to pp's (potential problems). This however, was not going to be an issue in my case because we had already prepared all the necessary paperwork to apply for a new stay permit and work permit. Easy! No Problem, OK? NO!! Read my lips, none of the above!

The first application was made to the wrong office! Never mind, it will certainly be OK the next time, yes?

NO... The next application was missing a vital piece of taxation information and resulted in an extension of the 'stay permit' by thirty (30) days, rather than the 'normal' ninety (90). It also allowed some helpful Thai official to get the chance to stamp my passport with the lovely phrase "must leave the Kingdom by May 3rd", in Thai, so that there was almost no chance that I would know about this new twist. (pp).

We next discovered that the aforementioned stamp re leaving the Kingdom, does not really mean that, according to our legal advisors anyway. Presumably, this is some jolly wheeze dreamed up by one of the jocular Thai chaps at the Department of Immigration, these chaps are internationally well known for their splendid sense of humour! If you have forgotten this, just ask to be reminded by anyone who has ever flown into Don Muang Airport and been greeted by happy, smiling, helpful Immigration Officers (in the plural only when there are no aeroplanes scheduled to be disgorging tired passengers into the terminal building).

It will therefore come as absolutely

no surprise to any of you to learn that when I attempted to leave the country, on a trip to Nepal, there was in fact a problem, not a (pp) but a real one.

The conversation(s) as I recall them went a little bit like this:

"Hello Sawasdee Khrap", says the aforementioned traveller (me, for those of you that are easily confused). "You should leave the Kingdom by May 3rd", says jovial Immigration chappie, not smiling.

"Ho, ho, ho, you Chaps and your little jokes", responds our hero, entering into the spirit of things.

"You have no permit, you should be gone already!" jokes the Immigration chappie.

"Ho, ho, ho, you chaps love a merry jape" responds our hero, noticing however that the chappie from Immigration is not really entering into things and laughing very much; also that he is wearing a not in the least bit funny gun, of the bang bang you are dead variety.

"You have no permit" says I. man, proving to have a rather limited range of the comic banter for which his profession is so justly famous.

"I had a permit 'till December", says your author with just a little less confidence than previously, also wishing that he had paid attention to Alexis jabbering in the vernacular, instead of only learning the phrase "I would rather like to have two beers please, nice young lady."

Next time I will listen closely, to several more relevant phrases! (Not that ordering beer is irrelevant).

"You no have any more permit now, no good, you should leave already! this major soliloquy from our fun loving Immigration Officer persuades this very seasoned traveller that things are not moving along quite as smoothly as one might have hoped (reference the "no problem" bit a little earlier).

"But look here at this new stamp

for 30 days" I say, "Sam Sip" I add triumphantly in a sudden fit of recalling the Thai for 30.

"Oh, so you speak Thai?" inquires the comical one. "Nit noi", ventures your correspondent, having an ominous feeling about what is going to happen next.

"%%#\$@*&#*((!_@)_@_)) @**#^@^@&, Nahkhrap?" burbles the Immigration chap, confirming my suspicions and now also wistfully fingering the butt of his very unpleasant gun, at least a magnum, maybe an Uzi or some other thing best read about in James Bond books.

This last bit is all completely over my head, and my well known patience when travelling has just about evaporated. Added to this is the fact that I do not want to go to Nepal, and I unfortunately have somewhat of a headache from last night's red wine, and you can probably detect a little tension creeping into the events. I then, rather foolishly, reach over the I. man's desk, grab my passport, open it to the page with the 30 day stay permit, and say triumphantly "Ni ni", which I am confident means "there"

This outburst causes a rapid disappearance of both passport and the jovial I. person off out the back. "Oh, whoops" I muse quietly to myself, and the lengthening queue behind me. "I wonder if I may perchance have caused a mild upset in the Immigration area?"

I also wonder how much money I have in my wallet, and just how many people to whom I may have to give 'special consideration', in order to escape from this in one piece, or at least at liberty. I must confess that it was not actually "Oh whoops", that I allowed at this juncture.

In order not to put you in a completely comatose state I will finish off this particular incident by reporting that when my passport came back, with the

Immigration chappie, I was sent to see another, funnier, more senior Immigration personage. He, being more senior, understood almost straight away (actually in about ten minutes), he then pronounced in a very humorous and senior voice: "You have no permit you must go before May 27th!" This being a distinct step forward from the 3rd.

"Oh yes sir, I certainly will, in fact I am going right now, just as soon as you stamp my passport, Sir." I said with not inconsiderable authority in my voice. To my tremendous surprise he then stamped the passport handed it back and smiled?!! I knew by then it was just their little joke all along.

I am reasonably confident that you will have had some understanding of the foregoing, and you may also empathise with the next couple of snippets, as they also feature my discomfort. Firstly, the aforementioned trip to Nepalling, resulted in my contracting a 'bug', this had a very unpleasant result in the bathroom area, so much so that I had to cancel a game of golf! Secondly was the trauma connected to my next trip, to Sri Lanka this time, the following week. Oh no, not more rambling on about Immigration? Correct. There was absolutely no problem leaving the country this time! I think that it is the consistent approach that gives one such a feeling of comfort and security. The elections in Sri Lanka had been held over the weekend before my arrival, and even after all of the excitement that the pre-election bombings and killings had generated, there was still no problem. The requisite work agenda was duly despatched, with absolutely no problem there either. The Hilton, in Colombo, where I was closeted for the duration of my visit, had elected to open a new 'pup' style bar on the last day of my stay, so off we went for a beer after the work was concluded. Upon arrival in said establishment I am accosted by a number of pleasant young ladies laden down with bottles of beer, and we learn that it is Heineken promotion night, free beer for two hours, no problem! I was leaving to fly out to Singapore at 23.45 that evening, on Singapore Airlines. This flight being scheduled to arrive at 6.00am the next morning, I then had meetings arranged for that afternoon and would be ready to meet Alexis when she flew in from Bangkok in the evening. Easy? No!!

Things went pretty much according to plan for the first part of the performance, drinking of free beer, even if it is Heineken, has never presented too much of a problem. Moving to the room, showering, packing, check-out from the hotel, even the 'death-ride' from the hotel to Colombo airport all conducted with acceptable efficiency, relatively speaking. Even the cumbersome security procedures, that involve throwing all the contents of your carefully packed luggage up into the air, and then screwing them up into an un-packable ball, are conducted with only major inconvenience. The first class check-in desk is as well attended as a Norman Lamont fan club meeting, although there seem to be countless staff available to fawn all over the economy passengers with their sacks and 99lb. plastic carry on luggage.

Eventually a person looking like Andre Tissera's better groomed brother, saunters up to the desk, merely pausing to comb his hair, before saying to me "You are going to Singapore, no." "Yes", I say calmly, "that has been my plan for some time." "Passport", comes the friendly request. "Here you go", I respond, somewhat more cheerfully because a) I am about to leave the country and b) I have had several bottles of free H.

"You must pay departure tax over there", says helpful person, gesturing to the other end of the concourse. "I have already done so actually", I quip pleasantly, "it is inside the ticket, which is inside the passport, which is in your hand." I have flown out of this airport before! "Oh" this being the best from Andre's brother realising that the bloody tourist has already avoided two of Colombo's best passenger aggravation traps. "I would like to have a non-smoking window seat, please" I request pleasantly knowing that I am winning this particular travail match; "if possible, I would like to have seat 2A please."

"You can't". "Oh, really, why might that be?". "Because, that seat has already been reserved for a Priority Passenger!" the helpful one has delivered this refusal with great enthusiasm, and a barely disguised glee at regaining the initiative from the smart-ass tourist. "Would the Priority Passenger Number be JFTBUU?" I enquire. "Yes, how do you know?" asks the now less sure check-in jockey. "Well, that happens to

be MY number", this coup-de-grace, being delivered simultaneously with the unleashing of documentary proof of this statement. As I set off for Immigration, clutching my repacked bag and a boarding pass for seat 2A, I feel that I am on the verge of an historic victory, and have gone some way to avenging the most unpleasant result of the Test Matches recently lost in the sub-continent by the hapless England team! I pass through Immigration with the minimum of delay - this means five minutes in Colombo, which is a lot faster than Lahore or Karachi! Into the lounge, some coffee and orange juice (served separately) and we are almost high and dry. Almost.

After six hours in the aeroplane on the tarmac, we are returned to the terminal building, still in Colombo, at five in the morning, not in very good humour. The reason for this non-flight situation occurring? Would you believe it was because the in-flight de-icing system was not functioning?!

Apparently, in the event of an occurrence of this nature the 'plane must fly within a certain distance of an airport for the entire journey. Geographers amongst you will be aware that there are not too many airports in a straight line between Sri Lanka and Singapore, as it is almost all sea! The only way to complete the journey was up the coast of India, across Bangladesh, down Burma, Thailand and Malaysia to Singapore, a seven hour flight.

The Indians would not let us into their airspace for some reason, so we just sat there whilst negotiations went nowhere. After much unpleasantness, to-ing and fro-ing, reasoning and cajoling; I finally was able to resist being returned to the Hilton, and eventually got a seat on the Emirates flight at 11.00am and reached Singapore at six in the evening, somewhat fatigued and well hacked off with Singapore Airlines and their de-icers. Almost any other reason would have seemed preferable to that one, bearing in mind the climates of the territory involved.

As a postscript, I was reliably informed that Air Lanka would have flown anyway, so I should obviously book with them next time!!

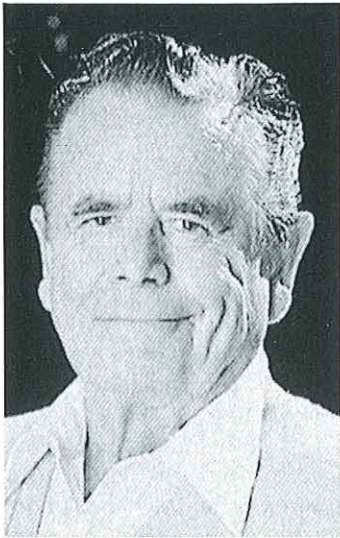
Happy Travailing!

Keith Welsh

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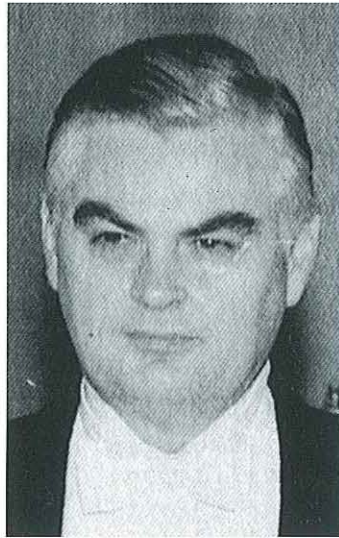
The following pages are fillers, due to computer problems (see Editor's page) OUTPOST quickly had to come up with something to fill up those last few pages. Courtesy of "HELLO" magazine this time. OUTPOST is always in need of extra articles, do not hesitate to send them to Bea or leave them in the OUTPOST pigeon hole behind reception in the Club.

GLENN FORD
"Separation Settlement"



Veteran actor Glenn Ford has offered to pay his estranged wife of only two months Pounds Sterling 100,000. The sum is being offered so that Miss Jeanne Baus, 33, will not contest a divorce. The offer was proposed at a court hearing in Santa Monica, California. It is estimated that Mr. Ford, who made some 250 films including *Gilda* and *The Big Heat*, has an estimated 22 million pound sterling fortune. Miss Baus was the nurse who helped him back to health after he contracted pneumonia and ulcer-related blood clotting. The marriage hit problems when it was revealed that Mr. Ford had proposed to his previous nurse of 10 years just before his March wedding to Miss Baus. Friends of the star claim that Miss Baus was a gold-digger while she has said that Mr. Ford was never sober enough to consummate the marriage. His lawyer said: "It was easy for her to take advantage of him due to his sickness. He really loved her."

NORMAN LAMONT
Resignation revenge speech



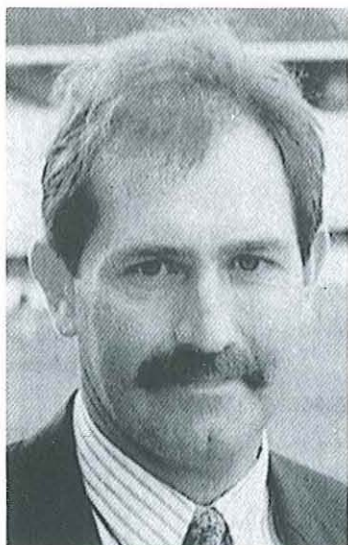
In his first speech as a back-bench MP since leaving the cabinet office of Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Norman Lamont took the opportunity to make a devastating attack in Prime Minister John Major's leadership, citing, for example, his reliance on opinion polls and implying that Mr. Major manipulated interest rates for short-term advantage and reacted to events rather than shaping them. He said the government gave the impression of "being in office but not in power". Mr. Lamont used a debate on the economy as a vehicle for his resignation speech, which is a customary courtesy given to outgoing ministers, but it is believed the Government was unaware of Mr. Lamont's intention to make such a damaging attack. The 20-minute speech which, by Commons tradition is heard in silence, brought gasps from the Government benches.

MIA FARROW
Relieved the court battle's ended



The bitter court battle between Mia Farrow and her former lover Woody Allen ended with Mia Farrow retaining custody of the couple's three children Satchel, five, Dylan, eight, and Moses, 15. She was pronounced a "caring and loving mother" by Judge Elliott Wilk, who stated that Woody Allen "has no parenting skills that would qualify him as an adequate custodian for Moses, Dylan and Satchel." Judge Wilk left Mia's accusation that Woody had molested Dylan unresolved, despite independent experts' advice which cleared him of Mia's claims. Nevertheless, the judge increased Woody's visiting rights to see his natural son, Satchel. Mia has since returned to court to try to get Woody's adoption rights over Dylan and Moses lifted, because he had not disclosed his affair with Soon-Ye-Previn at the time they were adopted.

GRAHAM GOOCH Historic Dismissal



England cricket captain Graham Gooch wrote himself into the history books last month after falling victim to one of the rarest forms of dismissal in the game. He was given out "handled the ball" as England lost to Australia by 179 runs in the opening game of the Ashes series at Old Trafford. Having made 133 runs, Gooch edged a delivery from the bowler over the top of his stumps with his hand which is against the rules. He is the first England player to be dismissed in such a way and became the fifth player in Test history to suffer this fate. The incident is the latest setback for England which has now lost six successive Tests, Australia are favourites to win this series. Said Gooch: "It was just instinctive, I saw the ball hovering over the top of the stumps. I shall never know if the ball would have hit them, but I know the rules."

GRETA GARBO Fan buys her letters

A collection of 66 letters written by Thirties screen goddess Greta Garbo who died in 1990 were sold at Sotheby's in London last month. A Florida based amateur collector, David Walskovski, paid British pound Sterling 26,450 for the let-



ters which span a period of 40 years. They were from Miss Garbo to her close friend Salka Viertel, a Polish-born writer and actress. The two women first met when they both acted in the German version of *Anna Christie* in 1930. The letters give a fascinating insight into one of the cinema's most enigmatic characters. They tell of her desire to be alone and she confesses: "It is sad to be alone but sometimes even more difficult to be with someone." Another reveals: "I have no lovers but I have troubles all the same." Mr. Walskovski met Miss Garbo in the Forties and has remained a fan since.

CARDINAL BERNARDIN GANTIN Significant papal appointment



The first African to be appointed dean of the College of Cardinals - the most prestigious department of the Vatican - is Cardinal Bernardin Gantin. The Pope has approved the election of the 71-year-old, who is from the Republic of Benin, where he was the Bishop of Cotonou for 20 years. In the past the College of Cardinals has been dominated by Italians now the College of 151 has only 36 Cardinals from Italy and it is considered quite likely that the successor to the present Pope will be from Asia or from Africa. Cardinal Gantin is now one of the front runners. The Italian newspaper *Corriere Della Sera* agreed that Cardinal Gantin's new post is highly significant. "This confirms that nationality no longer counts for much in the church," it said.

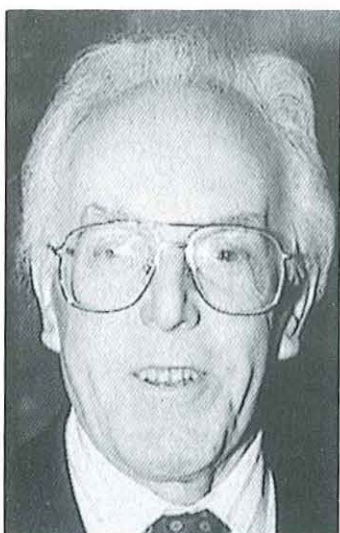
PRINCESS DIANA A meeting with Mother Teresa



Princess Diana had private meeting with Mother Teresa at Kensington Palace last week. Mother Teresa was in Britain after her trip to Ireland. This is the third time the two women have met and their meeting has fuelled the speculation that Diana may convert to Catholicism, although she recently told a friend: "I've as much chance of becoming a Buddhist or becom-

ing a Muslim as converting to Catholicism." The pair originally planned to meet at Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Order in West Kilburn, but the venue was changed when a crowd of photographers and well-wishers gathered. After their 15-minute chat, Mother Teresa said: "It was just a simple visit, and there were no discussions. She was as I know her."

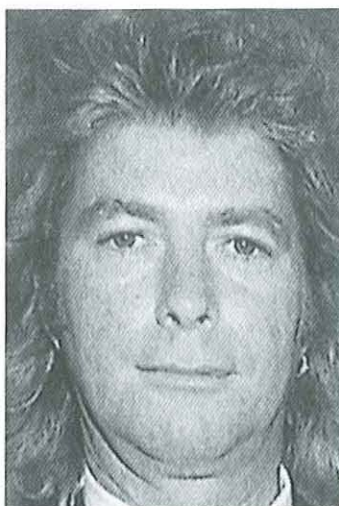
LORD RIX Leaving Arts Council



Lord Rix, the former actor, who became Secretary-General of the charity Mencap after a long career in the theatre, has resigned from the post as chairman of the Arts Council drama panel in protest at the council's "impotent" reaction to a British Pound Sterling 5 million budget cut imposed by the Government. Lord Rix said in a letter to Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council: "For more years that I care to think the Arts Council has been viewed with barely concealed contempt by successive arts ministers and their departments." Lord Rix had delayed his resignation until he read the Government-commissioned Price Waterhouse review of the

Arts Council. But the document did nothing to mollify Lord Rix, who criticised it for ignoring the work of both the drama and disability departments.

LARRY FORTENSKY To return to rehab clinic



Elizabeth Taylor's husband, Larry Fortensky, was ordered last week to attend an alcohol rehabilitation clinic for 18 months, even though he no longer drinks. Back in 1987 Larry was convicted on a drink-driving charge, but he contested it saying that an anonymous tip to Californian police was not a valid reason to stop him. However, the Supreme Court rejected his plea. The Hollywood star first met Mr. Fortensky, a former lorry driver, while they were both undergoing drinks and drug dependency treatment at the Betty Ford Clinic. Mr. Fortensky had previously served several jail sentences for drink-driving offences. Police took up the four-year-old conviction again after Mr. Fortensky made headlines worldwide after his marriage plans to Elizabeth Taylor were announced. A friend said: "He has quit drinking so for him there seems little point in going into an alcohol rehab clinic."

PETE TOWNSHEND Tommy nets five Tonys



The stage version of The Who's Tommy, which has taken Broadway by storm, won five coveted Tony awards last month. Pete Townshend, the group's guitarist, vocalist and the composer of all The Who's greatest hits, collected the prizes. Tommy, which began life as an album in 1969 took 24 years to reach the New York stage, despite being made into a film by Ken Russell and enjoying a successful run in London's West End. When the show finally made it, the story of the blind, deaf and dumb pinball wizard had the most successful Broadway opening in history, recouping more than half its BPS3.9 million production costs in advance ticket sales. Mr. Townshend, 49, shared the award for best original score with the writers of Kiss of the Spider Woman, while Tommy, an exiting mix of music, dancing and spectacular technological effects, also collected Tonys for best direction, choreography, lighting and scenic design.

The Final Countdown

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Club is a little quieter traditionally in the summer months as many of us take our annual vacation. But that does not mean that we ease up on our entertainment programme. In fact looking at this year's calendar of events, we seem busier than ever. So please give your entertainment committee your full support and attend some of the many functions lined up. The quality is almost always top drawer, and if we are to keep up a varied schedule, we need a good number of new faces in the audience. Sign up sheets are in the reception area, or if you are really hard pressed to get to the club, a phone call should be able to reserve you a place.

New Members are still not reaching the required number to finance the



many projects currently on the drawing board. As a result, we are considering the sensitive issue of sponsorship. Thoughts are divided on this matter with some of us taking the traditional view that the club should not be sullied by commercialism, while others see no harm in a major international company

sponsoring the construction of a new feature in return for the necessary publicity. If you have a view on this topic, the committee would welcome your thoughts. Address your comments please to the club chairman in writing to the club's address.

Finally, you would have noticed that Outpost is back to its regular monthly schedule again. It's not as colourful as before but we are packing in more club news and events and in a more timely manner. Bea Grunwell welcomes any articles or news from members so please don't be shy in sending in your stories, photos etc. It will help make for a more lively magazine and it's fun to get your name in print.

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WHERE DOES ALL THE MONEY FROM PLOENCHIT FAIR GO?

British Ambassador Christian Adams recently confirmed Saturday 20th November 1993 as the date of the next Ploenchit Fair to be held in the embassy grounds. This is a day of fun organised by the British community in Bangkok, featuring the British fairground theme of games for children and adults, many stalls, as well as the Crown and Anchor Pub and Bobby's Arms' specialty fish & chips on the back lawns.

The Fair is organised by the United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities (UKCTC), which was set up to run the Fair and administer the funds raised. Last year's fair raised 4.25 million baht, a 25% increase over the previous year and all for charity.

For those interested in statistics, the Takings for 1992 were 4,276,037 baht, against an annual expenditure of 113,127 baht. Adding the Assets this gave a Net Profit of 4,250,410 baht.

The major money earners during the Fair were the PCS Bingo (448,760 baht), Bottle stall (306,500 baht), the BWG's Castle Bakery (241,190 baht), Treasure Island (300,000 baht) and the very popular Grand Raffle (569,999 baht).

So where does all this money go? At a meeting in March 1993, the UKCTC allocated 4.9 million baht out of funds raised from the Ploenchit Fair to a wide variety of charitable and worthwhile projects.

These projects include HRH the Princess Mother's Flying Doctor Service, a number of hospitals -- Manorom, McKeans, McCormick and Rajanukul, -- the Colin Britain medical scholarships, Low Vision Centres in northern Thailand, Phud Hong Leper Colony, Cheshire Homes, Foundation for the Blind, various upcountry VSO projects, and Sisters of the Good Shepherd, to name but a few of more than 30 charity projects supported annually.

Charities wishing funds for projects must submit details of the projects to the UKCTC for consideration at its monthly meetings. Once a project is approved and



UKCTC funds the Low Vision Centre at the Bangkok School for the Blind

funds allocated, one committee member is assigned to oversee and visit the project regularly until completion.

In all cases purchases have to be accounted for by receipts and photographs. British goods and services should be used where possible, depending on prices and availability.

The committee never gives cash to projects. Instead it tries to provide goods that will benefit the Thai community on a long term basis and enable the charity to become self-supporting.

Recently there have been requests for support from a number of AIDS prevention societies. However, the UKCTC is concentrating its assistance to helping the Mercy Centre on Sukhumvit road.

Who are the committee members?

The Honorary President is always the wife of the British Ambassador, a position currently occupied by Pauline Adams. While the remaining members are up-standing members of the British community in Bangkok, and invariably long-term residents.

Carolyn Tarrant is the long-standing (and long-suffering) organiser of the Ploenchit Fair and Chairperson of the committee for the past 8 years. It is Carolyn's drive and experience which

ensures the smooth running of the Fair every year, despite enormous logistical problems and the difficulty of organising a large event.

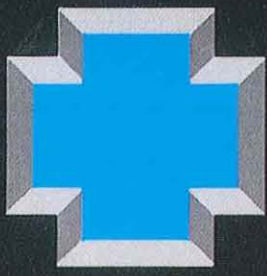
Brits are advised to keep well out of her way when the Fair is being organised or you will either be co-opted to help or chewed out for getting in the way. Talking about co-opted, Carolyn would like to hear from any volunteers to help with Ploenchit Fair.

Other permanent members of the committee are the representative of Standard Chartered (Peter Simpson), the vicar of Christchurch (Rev. Monty Morris), a representative of the British Women's Group (Sue Denton), and the liaison officer at the embassy concerned with aid and development (George Squires).

Other members are: Peter Speed (Hon. Treasurer), Penny Whalley (Hon. Secretary), Phyl Xumsai (British Chamber), Keith Bell, Liam O'Keefe, Jean Parrott, John Dienn and John Leicester.

So please come along to Ploenchit Fair on November 20 and spend lots of money; it's for a good cause. And the UKCTC will ensure it is put to the best use for the benefit of the community.

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