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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Anybody out there? Maybe I am the only person awake and this is an alternative Rip van Winkle situation, or rather the Sleeping Beauty in reverse. The Beauty is awake but everyone around her is asleep. Ask anyone in the BC if they would like to attend a function: Oh, I don't know have to ask the wife/husband/boyfriend/boss/kids. OK, no problem give me a buzz if you want to come. A few days later, with no sound or signal from the other party, I usually ring again. Hey, it's Bea, are you coming to the function? Oh, well, can I let you know a day/two days in advance?

It is very difficult for any committee to plan events when signing up is either non-existent or people leave it so late that the Club is not sure an event should go through with barely enough people there to cover costs or cancel it in which case the phone calls and complaints finally prove that there IS someone out there.

Advertising in Outpost is a similar problem, with so many Members running their own businesses or being in positions where they could quite easily make a decision on advertising, where are they? Outpost is paid for by the advertising and at



the moment there are serious doubts that it is profitable enough to go on with it. Surely you must enjoy seeing news of the Club and being informed about results of the different sections and functions coming up? Help us out and keep me working, please!

Deadlines, another problem, most people are very good but I must insist that the deadline for copy is 1st of each month. This is to make sure that Outpost is received by members in the first week of the next month.

Children ... Nigel Oakins' letter sure shocked me, I did not realise that children were THAT badly behaved in the Club. We all know it is very difficult to train maids to control our children when we are not there, what I did not realise was that some of us parents, actually need a bit of training too. Grem-lins were maybe fun to watch, but unruly children are definitely not. My children are certainly not angels and I have a

son who will always be attracted to trouble, but I certainly hope he has enough respect for other people's property not to do the things Nigel mentioned.

Lethargy rules in Bangkok, wake up people, this is still the real world out here, the same as in the UK, Australia, Switzerland, Netherlands. We all lead a busy social life, one of the attractions of being an expat, but lets not forget where we came from!!!

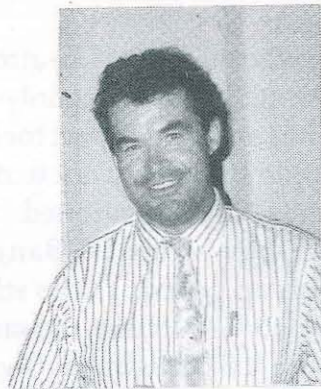
This month in Outpost a report on The Knight of the Round Table, good fun!, the Bar Quiz, more about Vietnam, have YOU been somewhere other Members may want to read about? Please send me an article, in its completed form or just some notes, we'd love to hear from you. If you pick up any interesting articles whilst on leave, bring them back to Bangkok and send them to Outpost.

Also the usual sports sections. No football this month, did you not have a game, boys??

Watch out for the Community News page, if you know of a function coming up in September, please fax it to me and we will try and publish it.

Finally some photographs of the "new" committee, so now you know who to corner if you have any questions.

Bea Grunwell



cow bells, lederhosen and alpine meadows on 1 August, but we hope that by the 26th of the month you will 'fancy a fondue'! Because from 26 August to 4 September we will be highlighting all things Swiss in the restaurant. Of course the decorations will be all cow bells, alpine scenes and other 'authentic' little touches, but the highlight is obviously the Fondue menu we will be serving for lunch and dinner at weekends, and for dinner only midweek. We will have the help of the excellent staff of the Arnoma Swiss Hotel and we have prepared a small but really high quality (and economical!) menu for Members. Fondue dining is great fun and can be an entertainment in itself. It is also ideal for families and groups, so do come and lose your piece of chicken/seafood/beef/pork/vegetable/bread or whatever at the bottom of our pots. By the way, we do strongly recommend that you book your table in advance.

August is also the month to think of Grouse. Famous Grouse that is! For every tot of the Famous Grouse whisky sold in the Bar, Members can enter a draw to win a vat of the stuff! Or at least a 4.5 litre bottle of it anyway.

What else is new in the Club in August? Well certainly the advent of the imprinters is a pretty fundamental innovation. Please remember to bring your membership card (the plastic ID style one as shown on July's front cover) when you come to the Club, because you will need to present it to the security staff (as usual!?) to enter the Club, and you will need to hand it over to the service staff when making a purchase. The staff will take an impression of your card on the chit, note your order then return the card to you. When you leave you will be given the chit to sign (as usual!) and a copy of the chit for your retention. If you have forgotten your card then the committee have decided the only option open to you, in order to use the facilities, is to buy coupons at reception. If you still do not have one of these all important cards then please contact the General Manager!

David Viccars
General Manager

It's that time of the year again! The time to think about recommending a member, or members of Staff, for an award has come round once more. The next round of quarterly awards will be made in September, so if someone (on the staff!) looks after you particularly well, please fill in the form printed elsewhere in the magazine so that their efforts can be recognised with a cash award under the Staff Incentive Scheme.

August is also the month when all good men and true think of Switzerland! Well, perhaps not everyone's mind automatically switches into yodeling,

STAFF INCENTIVE SCHEME

If you find any member of staff particularly helpful, please fill in the form below and send to Mr. David Viccars, to recommend this staff member for the quarterly staff incentive bonus. Line managers are not eligible for this bonus as they will be helping the Manager balancing the votes from the membership.

I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBER FOR THE STAFF INCENTIVE SCHEME:

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The St. James Club of Los Angeles

Members will wish to know that the St. James Club at 8358 Sunset Boulevard in Los Angeles has now closed and has been converted to a Hotel. Thus our reciprocal arrangements with this institution have been terminated.

STAFF PAY AND TRADE STRUCTURE

On 1 July the Staff received their annual performance related pay award. Also on this date a graded employment structure, introduced on a trial basis earlier in the year, was refined and confirmed. This system pays according to the skill factor involved in the task, taking into account the employees experience, qualifications and length of service. Thus there is an overlap, in pay, between the highest paid individuals in a lower group, and the lowest paid individuals in a higher group. This system will enable individuals on the Staff, who have the ability, aptitude and ambition to progress within the structure of the Club by either identifying the requirements for promotion in their own field, or by transferring to another (higher paid) employment stream within the Club. The jobs at the Club have been grouped as follows:

- GROUP 1 Cleaner, Gardener, Pool-man
- GROUP 2 Waiter
- GROUP 3 Storekeeper, Deputy Supervisor, Cook, Clerk, Receptionist
- GROUP 4 Skilled Tradesman (Carpenter, Electrician, etc)
- GROUP 5 Supervisor, Specialist Cook
- GROUP 6 Head Chef, Membership Secretary, Members Accountant etc.

GROUP ENTERTAINMENT

Members will wish to be aware that, at a recent Committee meeting, the General Committee ruled that groups numbering over 30 (that is in total, hosts and guests) could not be entertained in the Churchill Bar, but would be entertained using other facilities at the Club.

THE QUIZ

A big thank you to all those who organised teams for the very successful BC Bar Quiz. A special thank you to Mr. Rodney Bain, the inscrutable question master!

FITNESS CENTRE

The Fitness Centre will be running a special "Think Light" low fat living plan throughout August. Do call in to the Fitness Centre and see what it is all about, you may well wish to take part!

WHISKY PROMOTION IN THE BAR

After taking part in the "Think Light" programme in the Fitness Centre what better way to recover than over a soothing glass of Famous Grouse whisky. Throughout August we will be using the Famous Grouse as our pouring whisky in the Bar, and for every tot bought you will be able to enter a free draw for a massive 4.5 litre bottle of the stuff! The draw will take place on Friday 2 September.

SWIMMING

At a recent New Members night, in fact on 6th of June, one brave couple said to the Chairman how much they enjoyed helping out in organising swimming events. Are you out there? Indeed is there anyone out there who would like to take on the swimming section? We now have a dedicated Staff to help and it would be super to see a regular series of events based in and around the pool. The entertainments committee have a swimming gala planned, but can anyone else help out on a regular basis? Please see the General Manager, if you want to help.

BOOKING OF STAFF

The Management have real problems when members of staff "vanish" when they are meant to be on duty at the Club. Quite often this disappearing act is because a Member of the Club has organised a private party and has asked a particularly favoured "old retainer" to help out at that party. There is absolutely no problem with that, provided the management knows and the individual is not meant to be on duty at the Club. Frequently this is not the case as the Member speaks directly to the individual, who "forgets" to tell his supervisor! This is really not helping anyone! The member of Staff is normally caught, in which case he/she loses pay for the time he/she is away and is also formally warned for being absent. The management also have to make hasty plans to cover the absence, thus inconveniencing other members of staff. Please, if you want a certain Staff member to help at your house then speak to the Manager or Khun Orasa, it will not normally be a problem. Just let us know!

MR. STEVEN BRITTON

A humble apology to Mr. Steven Britton for getting his nationality wrong in a recent edition of this magazine. Mr. Britton is a true blue Brit ... as his name suggests! Our apologies for suggesting anything else.

BREAD, ROLLS, BUNS AND CROISSANTS

We are now making all our own breads, the croissants in particular are proving to be very popular. We are very happy to take orders, just telephone Khun Orasa and tell her what you would like!

CAR PASSES

Members will be aware that their car passes expire at the end of August. In order to bring the issuance of these passes onto an annual cycle the Committee have decided to extend their life until 31 December 1994.

THE FONDUE PROMOTION IN LORDS RESTAURANT

Following on from the success of the Tandoori Festival in Lords in June we have organised a Fondue Promotion for August. Starting at 6.00 in the evening on Friday 26 August and running until 10.00 at night on Sunday 4 September, we will be offering members the chance to sample fondue dining at it's very best, courtesy of the Arnoma Swiss Hotel. We will be running the promotion for lunch and dinner at the weekends but only for dinner from Monday to Friday. This well known form of dining is ideal for families and groups, so why not book a table and give it a try!

GUARDFORCE SECURITY GUARD SAVES BC

REWARD TO KHUN SAM-ANG
GUARDFORCE BRITISH
CLUB



Members will no doubt be interested to hear of an incident which occurred at the Club in early July, which, but for the quick thinking of one man could have had serious implications for those who enjoy using the swimming pools. The following paragraphs relate the event.

While on routine patrol at about 02.00 on the morning of the 5th of July, Khun Sam-Ang Kampakun of Guardforce became aware that there was a major leak in the pump room of the swimming pool. Ignoring the rapidly rising water and the stream of high pressure water squirting across the room he removed his clothes and plunged in to find the problem and stop the leak. In fact the leak was from a pressurised pipe which had burst and he could not

stop it. Instead, showing great presence of mind in the maze of piping and valves in the pump room, he identified the main supply valve and shut it down. All of this he had to do by feel as all the fittings were under water by this time. By closing the valve he sorted out the problem in that water could no longer flow into the pump room.

In the morning the fault was easily found, a pipe had burst from its mount. Had Khun Sam-Ang not acted in the way he did then the swimming pool would have emptied through the pump room and all the equipment therein would have been badly damaged.

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New Members

The New Members night of 4 July came as a bit of a shock to the system, after so many with more than twenty people joining, the list of eight for this month looked a bit bare.

Suzanne and I managed to do a group interview first, which we found very enjoyable, I don't know about the new members.

We also had a couple celebrating their anniversary - 13 years - and the General Manager kindly surprised them with a bottle of bubbly.



Craig and Julie Plumb are English and lived in Australia for 5 years. In England people reckon they have an Australian accent and in Oz they think they speak very English. He works for Jones Lang Wootton and is Assistant Director of Research and Julie is looking for a job as a catering manager. She used to run a catering business in Australia. Craig plays soccer, tennis, badminton and used to be a roadrunner in Oz but gave up because of the pollution ... well he has no chance here then has he? Julie enjoys swimming and tennis. She also does lead lighting, for which I am sure is a market here.

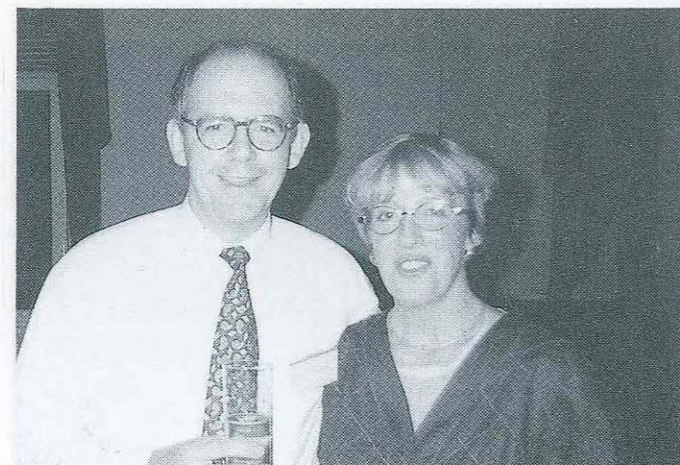


Marc Hagelaeur is from France, been here for 6 months and speaks English and French with an English accent. He has been to the BC several times before and thought it was about time he joined. He is single, works for Berlitz Language Schools and teaches English

and French. He enjoys tennis, football, squash and Gavin reckons he should also say snooker - apparently he paid him to say so. His other hobby is photography and he promised to make some nice photographs for Outpost. (Remind me to ask him about this in a few months B.)



Nortey Omaboe (nickname Naughty) and his wife Cynthia are from Ghana and have been here for 4 months. They were in Geneva before and have 2 daughters aged 4 and 18 months. Nortey is here with SGS and as Jim Howard is the "Ratcatcher" we thought his nickname should be "Pied Piper". He enjoys tennis, football, squash and swimming. He is still trying to work out Cynthia and as she was not available tonight to help us out, here is a list of questions for you Cynthia. Do you really ... play tennis? Have a degree in Spanish and speak it as well? Participate in a gemology course at the moment? If so, please be in touch because you sound like an interesting lady.



David and Barbara Proctor English and Irish resp. have been here for 6 and 1 1/2 weeks resp. Barbara speaks Irish with an American accent and David is just ... English. They were in Hong Kong before and think Bangkok is great so far. David is the Country Manager for the Bank of America and Barbara used to import West Coast artists' work to HK and sold it to retailers. David enjoys squash, tennis, gliding ooops sorry I was supposed to cross that out and amdram from a distance. Barbara however is into amateur dramatics in a big way, is a member of the St. Patricks's Society and plays tennis and keeps fit.

New Members



Nuanchan (nickname June) and Frederic Ducrocq have 3 children aged 10, 7 and 3. June is originally from Thailand and Frederic is French. She is the Senior Executive Director for the Banque Nationale de Paris and he is here with Merlin Gerin who supply electrical substations (forgive me if I have this wrong but it was a bit confusing). They were married 13 years today, no not 30, David, and decided the BC was the place to celebrate. They met in France whilst they were students. June enjoys golf, tennis and swimming and Frederic enjoys all the above and reads a lot. They were in France for 14 years before and decided when Frederic was offered a job here it would be nice for them to spend some time in June's home country.



Alison Yeldham has been here for 5 weeks and used to live here with her parents. She is a teacher at St. Dominic's School. She is keen on tennis and swimming. Her parents lived here until 1992 and have now moved to Hanoi, she has been a to the British Club a lot so knows all about it.



Bernard (Barney) Phillips has been here for 2 weeks and lived in Thailand before, about 2 years ago. He works for Clough an Australian construction company and asked to be posted to Bangkok again as he liked it so much the last time around. He is going to try playing cricket for the Pavillionaires. His wife Gill and 3 children - aged 11 and 9 year old twins - will join him here at Christmas. Gill enjoys netball and did coaching before so watch out Patana netball team!

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Toasting the happy couple June & Frederic

Knight of The Round Table

Saturday 25th June saw the long-awaited night of drunken debauchery with wenches, witches and wild wizardry. The Suriwong Room was transformed (by the BC staff) into a medieval castle complete with Knights in shining armour and stocks for village idiots (and there were a few of them!). Buxom serving girls brought round jugs of ale and we supped on a veritable banquet fit for Kings.

We were graced with the presence of our own King and Queen - Maggie and Hugh Kerr - and were kept entertained by a host of jugglers and acrobats - the Goodie Goodies and trickery provided by the Master of Ceremonies himself Dr. Penguin.

There was a guest appearance by Lady Godiva and bookings may be taken by phoning 258 9509 or 381 1791, depending on which version you believed to be the true one.

To counter any evil spells, ably cast by Glorious Gloria the Witch, the Good Fairy was around sprinkling copious amounts of fairy dust on all and sundry, she was later seen dancing on the tables (as usual).

We were also honoured to have amongst us the gracious presence of Lord David Kelham - new father of a young maiden named Poppy - and a young gentleman who had sailed in from France on the good ship Maiden Voyage the afternoon of the fest. David's company Allied Walker generously provided us with wines and bottles of whisky and brandy, which were won by Squire Graham

Carson and Fairy Jane Prichard as having the best costumes. Graham's wife Lois is now in the market for medieval hats as well as spectacular birthday cakes.

A groveling Inn Keeper, David Viccars, was definitely a sight for sore eyes especially when he was locked in the stocks and all guests had the opportunity to throw sponges at the poor soul. Luckily for him he is tall enough to walk away lock, stock and barrel when the projectiles were not just sponges but pomelo, pineapple and unidentified fruits from the Orient. Alan Lovell, next in the stocks seemed to get unexpected joy from being fed a banana at close range by the venerable Madame Godiva (back in civilian dress by now).

All the guests made a good effort and turned up in costumes either rented from the Bangkok Community Theatre or homemade by maids and their own fair hands.

Well done, Entertainments Committee, keep the evenings coming and for those of you who were not there, YOU should have been in the stocks and we could have thrown sponges at you!

With love and deepest regard,

Your Fairy Liquid oops Godmother
JP

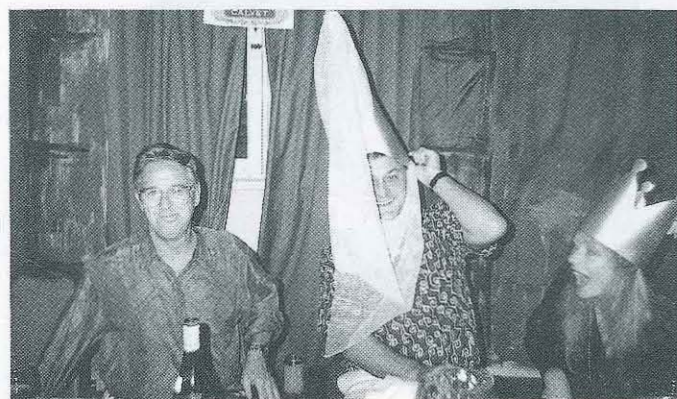
PS Many thanks to the staff and management of the BC who made the room look truly spectacular and served us well once again.



The "Minstrels" Graham & Paul



Innkeeper David where he belongs?



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Knight of The Round Table



More fair maidens and a pixie or was it a soldier?



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BAR QUIZ FINALS HELD ON 6TH JULY IN THE CHURCHILL BAR



Gentlemen Spoofer vs Soi Scholars

After beating Legal Entity, Boulder Shoulders and the Oilmen the Soi Scholars consisting of David Ingham (Captain), David Street and Graham Spencer were feeling well at home in the Churchill Bar. They were ready for an evening of questions and quizzing from Question Master Mr. Rodney Bain.

The Gentlemen Spoofer, Jim Howard, Steve Eaton and Paul Turner, quick as a flash on the button, thrashed the opposing team the Back Ups and IBC, were handy and ready for action too.

Rodney Bain enjoyed a leisurely meal in the Churchill Bar, meditating and concentrating on this evenings final. The bar was packed (well sort of anyway, where were you all?), the prizes were set out on the piano, an excited buzz went through the bar - Jim Howard testing the knobs.

Referee and Scorer Joe Grunwell was pacing the bar and later spotted having a meal with one of the contenders. When asked what they were talking about, David Ingham replied he was just calming Joe's nerves as being scorer and judge can sometimes be a nerveracking affair after a hard days work.

Graham Spencer got special dispensation from wife Hazel who was flying off to Wales. Her words were: "No darling, you cannot let the side down, off you go to the BC, I can get myself, the kids and my 24 suitcases to the airport, Mai Mee Pen Ha!"

What a woman, and it was worth it too! The quiz had two rounds with each round consisting of General Knowledge, Sporting Life, Rock & Roll, News to Me, That's Entertainment, The Singer & the Song and Pot Pourri questions.

At 8pm exactly, when the noise level in the bar was at its highest, mainly the Staff shouting orders of Carlsberg, Kloster and Amarit all over the bar, JWG Chairman of the Entertainments Committee decided it was ... fingers on the buzzers and go!

So, His Masters Voice Himself, Mr. Rodney Bain welcomed the supporters and asked the contestants to make their way to the podium. The tension rose.... Both teams were answering halfway through the questions, and sometimes left the audience guessing at what they were actually answering.

The music round was started off with a very popular Thai song - well very popular in Rodney's house, of course recently married to receptionist Bom, but resulting in almost total blanks by the two teams. Graham Spencer surprised us all by answering correctly it was Bird singing Boomerang.

At the end of the first round the score was 26 for the Spoofer and yes, their buzzers were tested halfway through the first round, and 54 1/2 to the Scholars.

By the way, did you spot the name of the Condo and the first answer in the target solution in the July bar menu?

8.45 saw the start of round two, beverages were taken and a quick rub-down for the contenders with medicated alcoholic potions made them all raring to go.

There were a few audience questions with a reward of a bottle of wine, many were seen desperately racking their brains over the right answer. In the end Roderick Turner and Suzanne Partridge managed to earn themselves a free drink each and Maurice Lamb sauntered in the bar after tennis and won the bottle of wine. He answered the question: "He who can, does and he who cannot teaches" who said it? George Bernard Shaw, answered correctly by Chairman Mau as he is now known as amongst tennis players.

By the final round of questions the SS were 15 1/2 points ahead, a deadly hush fell over the bar Jim Howard pulled the plug on David Ingham's buzzer in desperation, but all to no avail.

The last question for the contenders was: "Who in Hollywood had the same bust size as Mary Queen of Scots. Was it Jean Harlow, Jayne Mansfield, Madonna or Marilyn Monroe." The correct answer came from the SS, Jayne Mansfield and with this the reigning champions regained their trophy won in 1991 with 78 1/2 points, the last time the bar quiz was held.

Rodney asked the judge to present the trophies first to the gallant losers The Gentleman Spoofer and then to the exalted Soi Scholars.

Many thanks to Rodney Bain, please do it again!!!

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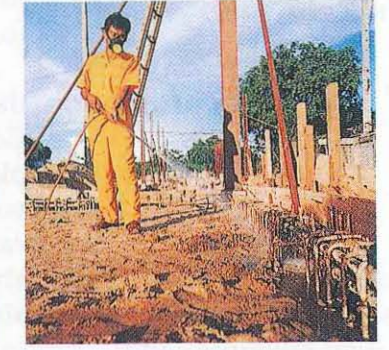
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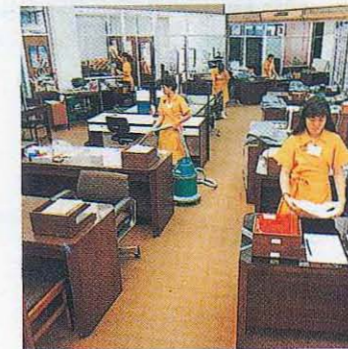
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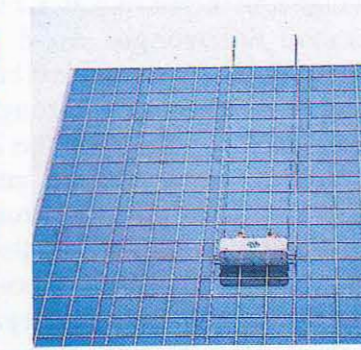
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Once again a letter from our favourite pen friend Mr. James Reid (R11), with specific instructions on the envelope not to censor this piece of literature ... what have I done to deserve this??

But sorry, I have censored this letter only slightly, the complete unedited version can be had from Mr. Reid, who you can find in the Churchill Bar several early evenings a week.

The Editor
The British Club
Bangkok (Our favourite City)

14 June 1994

Dear Madam,

Water, water everywhere, but be careful you don't fall down a manhole!

It was raining as it can only rain in the tropics. The old platitude "Raining Cats and Dogs" would be more like "Elephants and Buffaloes". It rains so heavily in Bangkok, the drains just cannot take the water away fast enough, so everywhere floods. Of course the drains are mostly full of silt and mud anyway, so they work only slowly. The Municipality does make an effort to keep them clean, sending out an army of convicts, the not so naughty ones that is, to dredge them out with buckets on long ropes, which they drag from one manhole to another, lifting out truck loads of black mud.

Where it all comes from is a wonder, because these same drains, once cleaned out, very quickly fill up again. So it rains, and the streets flood, and all the garbage and dog poo floats around, and people wade knee deep in this filthy septic water, and the traffic, already down to the usual Bangkok crawl, all but stops. The one thing that does not stop, apart from the rain, is the smile on everybody's faces. We have long ago learnt to accept the inevitable. It is even a welcome change, an adventure, something to break the monotony of the day to day routine.

Down in good old Patpong, the girls, God Bless them, in the Go Go bars and upstairs, in the completely naked bars, those lovely young ladies, (censor Ed.) carry on jumping and dancing about, and laughing and joking about all the vendors stalls outside in the street getting soaked by the rain, from which they try to protect themselves with sheets of plastic, which of course fill up with water, having to be pushed out every minute or so, drenching anybody in the way. It is all a lot of fun, when taken in the right spirit, vodka, whisky, beer and the odd pat on the bottom. Grin and bear it has no meaning here. We are all a bunch of adult children in one big circus.

Silom Road can go under at least eighteen inches of water, but of course Suriwongse Road is higher, so it never gets as deep, but it flows from Suriwongse, through the British Club, into Silom. It is in fact quite a strong current, and very visible when observed from the main entrance of the club house. At the Silom gate, there is a speed bump, which does an excellent job of keeping the flow in, so prolonging the time the Club grounds remain under water, after the rain

has stopped. Remember, that filthy septic water that brings a smile to our faces.

Last Saturday night, the 7th May 1994, there was a Lu Lu of a deluge, and the water level was nearly into the Churchill Bar. Can you imagine that. Anyway, we think our good Manager, David Viccars, experiencing this for the first time, here in Bangkok that is, took it as a personal challenge. Ever since, he has been seen by many, that determined look on his face, with pumps and pipes and automatic switches, preparing for the next attack. We are all on his side, and if it works, we can call it the "Viccars Anti Flooding Defence System"

Talking of systems, what am I supposed to do with all these bar chits I keep collecting? I have a stack of them, and all it tells me is that I spend a lot of money in the Churchill Bar ... Hick! ... I liked the old system better. We don't have this problem in Patpong. No time to notice, all those (censored Ed.)

Sincerely,

James A. Reid
R11

Dear Mr. Reid,

Those inconvenient little chits are not only there to remind you how much you spend in the Churchill Bar, but also for you to be able to keep a check on your monthly account. Keep the chits and you will be able to check your account, bin them and you cannot complain if you think your bill is too high or too low.

Ed.



Hate to see the bar like this ▶



◀ Don't forget the Fondue



Guess who this is



and this !! ▶



Runners-up: Neil Buttery, Eric Hudson, Gerry Fisher

Competition : British Club vs Japanese Association
 Date : 5 June 1994
 Venue : Royal Gems

The annual event proves to be popular, in competing for the Honda Cup. The competition is a Best ball Nett and although the British Club won 10 to 6 to retain the Honda Cup, we did not manage to take first prize. A pair of Japanese opponents had a nett 57, closely followed by the tournament runners-up Gerry Fisher and Neil Buttery with a nett 58.

Ernie Jurgens and Lloyd Houghton came in third with a nett 60. Our girls, Cheryl Lamb and Angela Poustie were the best from the women with a nett 66.



Eric Hudson, Stuart Davy, Brian Hughes

Competition : Stableford
 Date : 19 June 1994
 Venue : Laem Chabang
 Sponsor : Stuart Davy

To bid farewell to a most loyal supporter and hard working committee member is always difficult. Stuart certainly ensured that we would remember his farewell, by not only sponsoring the event, but by organising a "Gentleman's Weekend" in Pattaya.

Those who could make it, joined Stuart and Berli Jucker for a round on the Saturday.

It would be odds-on that we will see Stuart back in Bangkok, even for a holiday. In the meantime we wish him well and a big thanks for his work for the Golf Section.

WINNERS

Flight "A"
 Winner Alistair McManus 36 Points
 Runner Up David Stewart 35 Points
 Third Dugal Forest 35 Points

Flight "B"
 Winner Peter Martenson 37 Points
 Runner Up Colin Gething 34 Points
 Third David Copp 32 Points

Flight "C"
 Winner Brian Hughes 31 Points
 Runner Up Mike Howard 30 Points
 Third Mike Poustie 30 Points

At this outing we also said farewell to David and Pat Copp. David and Pat have been regular players in the twelve months of living in Bangkok. We wish them a happy and healthy retirement.



Eric Hudson, Ron Sparks

Competition : Aussies versus Brits
 Venue : Bangpoo
 Date : 3 July 1994
 Sponsor : British Airways and Qantas

Some 42 players gathered for the keenly contested Aussies vs Brits competition. Unfortunately the Aussies went down again - 305 points to 294 points, meaning the Brits retained the Maxwell Shield.

All the recruiting Ron Sparks did to ensure a strong Aussie line-up was in vain, but the Brits can rest assured that Ron is going to win back the cup before he leaves Thailand. How long is your tenure, Ron?

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

First Alexi Hughes 41 Points
 Runner Up Kevin Hughes 41 Points
 Third Lloyd Houghton 40 Points

Nearest the pin: James Thompson-Glover
 Ken Softly
 Eric Hudson
 Alexi Hughes

Longest drive: Men: James Thompson-Glover
 Women: Lavita Hughes



Stuart Davy, Peter Martensen



Stuart Davy, Alistair McManus



GESTETNER TROPHY



5 Winners of Gestetner Competition

The two day stableford competition sponsored by Trevor Whalley managing director of Gestetner took place May 17, 18th at the Rose Garden Golf Course.

Once again laughter rang out from "Thai House # 2" as the ladies relaxed to enjoy a game of bridge, charades, a sing song lead by Nena, and a bit of bubbly, after the first days game.

Unfortunately, Penny and Trevor were unable to attend this years event, due to the death of Penny's father and were greatly missed.

In the absence of Trevor, the trophy and prizes were presented by Joanie Jurgens.

The results of the competition were as follows:

OVERALL WINNERS: 1st Place: Lavita
 2nd Place: Alison
 3rd Place: Kitty
 4th Place: Joke
 5th Place: Magda

1ST DAY WINNERS: 1st - Dinie, Runner-up: Margaret c/b

Long drive: Silver Magda, Bronze - Sally



Gestetner Competition Near Pin Winners: Katrina, Nena, Margaret, Alison and lastly Joanie Jurgens

Near Pins #6 Margaret, #14 J.J., #15 Alison

2ND DAY WINNERS: 1st - Sally c/b, Runner Up: Barbara

Long drive: Silver - Nena, Bronze: Joke

Near Pins #4 Lavita, #6 Nena, #14 Katrina, #15 Lavita

Long drives: Silver - Magda, Nena
 Bronze: Sally, Joke

I would like to say a very special "THANK YOU" to Trevor for his generous support.

Although not everyone took home a prize, they all had a lot of fun and will always have many good memories.

Happy golfing,

Barbara Wehrle
 Captain BCLG

ELEPHANT ROUND UP IN SURIN FINAL REMINDER

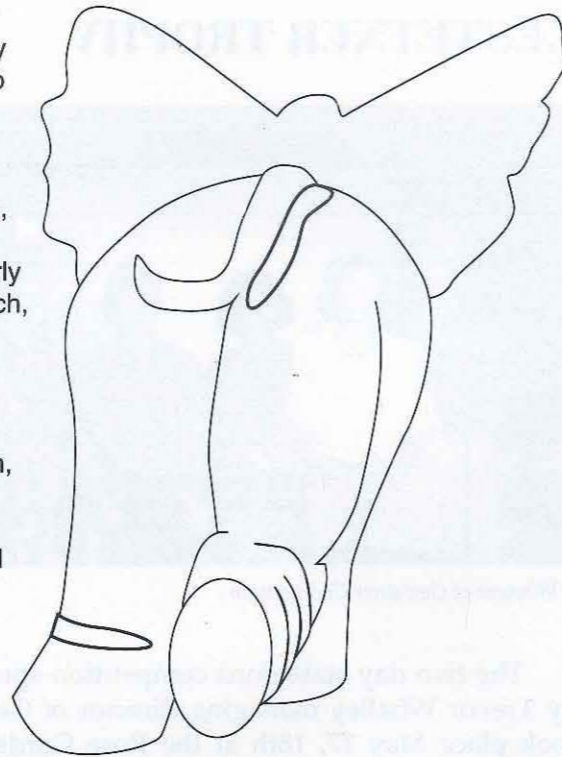
Fancy watching hundreds of elephants in Surin? The yearly elephant round up is a spectacle that needs to be seen to be believed. Bring your children and join the British Club entertainments team on a trip of a lifetime.

We have booked 48 overnight sleepers on the train to Surin, leaving Bangkok on 18th November at 21.00 hrs from Hua Lumpong Station, arriving in Surin at the bright and early time of 4.30 am. the cost for the train tickets is Bht. 950 each, and the Elephant Round Up tickets are about Bht. 250. Breakfast will be had in Surin and then it's off to see the elephants at 8 am. *

Return to Bangkok on 19th November on the 21.46 pm train, arriving in Bangkok at 5.20 am on 20th November.

If you would like to come please fill in the attached form and fax to **Joe Grunwell** on **258 9509** or send to him at the British Club.

* Catering will be by the BC, and we will inform you of the costs by the end of August.



Yes, I would like to come on the Elephant Round up Trip to Surin on 18th November 1993.

Traintickets Leave BKK 18/11, Return BKK 20/11..... Tickets

... Adults,Children (Ages.....,,)

Name :

Club Number :

Contact Number :

Signed :

Please note that cancellations will not be accepted after 17 August 1994 and a deposit of Bht. 1,200 per person is needed before 10th August 1994 in order for us to pay for the train tickets and the Round Up Tickets. The full amount has to be paid before the actual trip.

Sunday 26th June was a day designed more for sitting quietly in the sala, sampling and discussing the merits of various icy frothing brews, than playing squash. Though not of an extreme temperature, the day's clime came steaming and dripping with humidity.



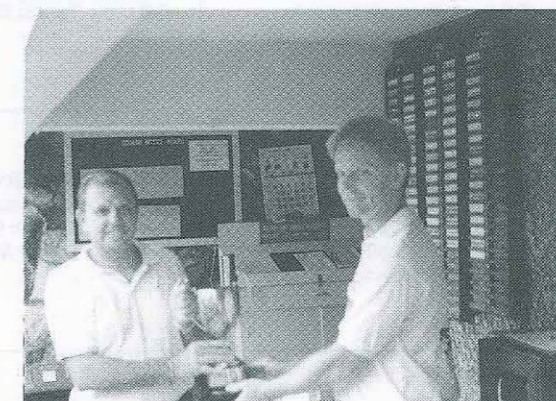
Finalists and trophies shine

Never the less, as this day was designated as that of the final of the club's closed squash championship - or "DON JOHNSON CUP" - gladiatorial, racquet - brandishing might was on duty to battle for the honours and the silverware.

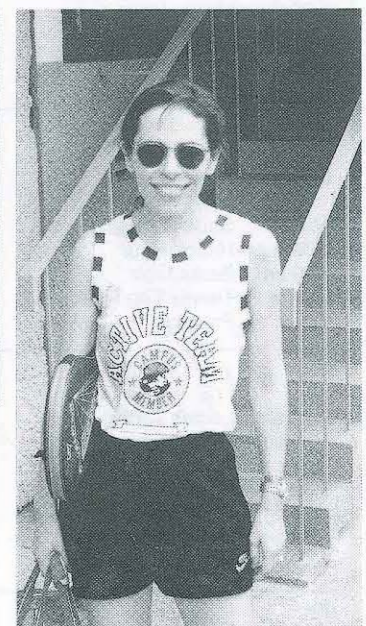
It was a case of experience outmanoeuvring youthful aspiration in the two semis. The ever-durable Colin Hastings had eventually beaten "the lad" Dunford 3-2 in a very hard-fought game. The other semi had seen the even more "experienced" Dave "joy-stick" Bryant clinch the match 3-0 against Paul Taylor - another very close game, belied by the scoreline.

The aggregate ages of the finalists then, saw eighty-nine years of "experience" take to the court to do battle this soggy day. It must be said that the standard of both the squash and on-court banter, proved to be of the highest order. A well fought contest was witnessed by an enthusiastic crowd and was aided by a change of shirts for both players after just two games. An hour of play saw Dave Bryant eventually win 3-1. Just shows you that old squash players don't in fact fade away, but rather mature to perfection, like a good bordeaux. To cap it all, David had to collect his silverware quickly, as he was due out at the airport to take a jumbo full of passengers up to Honkers on an evening flight. David, when not on court, is an airline pilot. However, as someone said there was really no need to hurry, as working for Thai International the flight was bound to be delayed anyway!

Colin took home his runner's-up plaque, to join the approximately seven others he already has gracing his man-



Paul Taylor presents the Don Johnson cup to David Bryant



Gracida Haube - a living testament to the benefits of a squashing life.

tle-shelf. Clearly, Colin will win the cherished cup eventually, but as yet he still needs to build more "experience" prior to that great day.

The PARA Handy Plate competition came next with the also pretty "experienced" Martin Reed taking on the somewhat less "experienced" Iain Young. Another sweat-soaked clash saw some fine rallies, before the greater consistency of Martin's game carried him home 3-1 just before the court had to be pumped out.

A fine afternoon of squashing was rounded off by Ross Bryant, son of David, and Khun Peerapon playing an exhibition match, which contained some of the most thrilling rallies the courts of the British Club have ever seen.

Our grateful appreciation to both players for providing such a spectator's feast, on such a humid day.

General Squash news now:

Court three is at last fully operational and in excellent nick to play on. Being back up to three courts has relieved the Bangkok traffic-like congestion we'd

been experiencing in bookings and getting games played.

The Club's Handicap Tournament will be played throughout August. The handicapping is based on the entrant's ladder position, and the games are the best of five, using American scoring. The finds will be played on August 28th, and entries will be accepted up until July 29th.

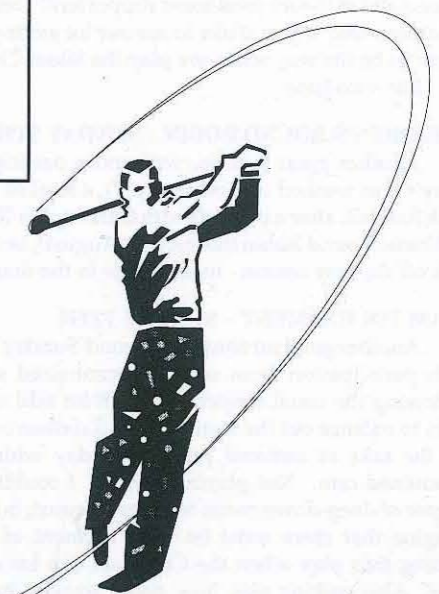
June saw Alexis Welsh and her husband leave Bangkok and the club. Her stalwart support and the enthusiasm will be sorely missed by the squash section - but our loss will certainly be Atlanta's gain. Our very best wishes go with you both.

Happy squashing!

Barry Daniel

BRITISH CLUB – SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME, AUGUST 1994

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 8-10 am Ladies Tennis 8 am BWG Mahjong 6-8 pm Squash Coaching 5.30-9 pm Happy Hour 7-9 pm Badminton 7-9 pm Tennis Top Twenty Practice 8 pm New Members Night	2 7 am Ladies Golf 7 pm Rugby Training 8 pm Friendly Bridge 7-9 pm Football Training 9 pm Gentlemens Spoof	3 6-8 am Early Bird Tennis Mix-in 9.30 am Aerobics 5-8 pm Squash Coaching 6-9 pm Tennis Mix-in	4 7-9 pm Rugby Training 7-9 pm Badminton 6-9 pm Squash Mix-In	5 9.30 am Aerobics 6-9 pm Tennis Coaching 9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw Sponsored by JVK	6 8-10 am Children's Tennis Coaching 10-12 am Adult Tennis Coaching 1 pm Tennis Volvo League Match v Air Force Home 4.30 pm Casuals Football	7 11 am-1 pm Badminton 9-11 am Tennis Match v Chin. Club Singapore 1 pm Tennis Mix-in Childrens Sports & Video
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OPENING TIMES

10 am-11 pm	CHURCHILL BAR
11.30-2 pm	LORDS RESTAURANT LUNCH
6-11 pm	LORDS RESTAURANT DINNER
7.30 am-10 pm	POOLSIDE BAR
6 am-9 pm	FITNESS CENTRE MON/SAT
9 am-9 pm	FITNESS CENTRE SUN/HOLS
9 am-5 pm	THAI MASSAGE TUES/SUN

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
GOLF	- AS ADVERTISED
RUGBY MATCHES	- AS ADVERTISED

****Don't forget the FAMOUS GROUSE PROMOTION

SURIN ELEPHANT ROUND-UP IN NOVEMBER

TO NOMINATE A STAFF MEMBER FOR THE STAFF INCENTIVE SCHEME

THE ACCUMULATOR IN THE CHURCHILL BAR SPONSORED BY JVK IN JULY STOPPED AT OVER BHT. 8,000

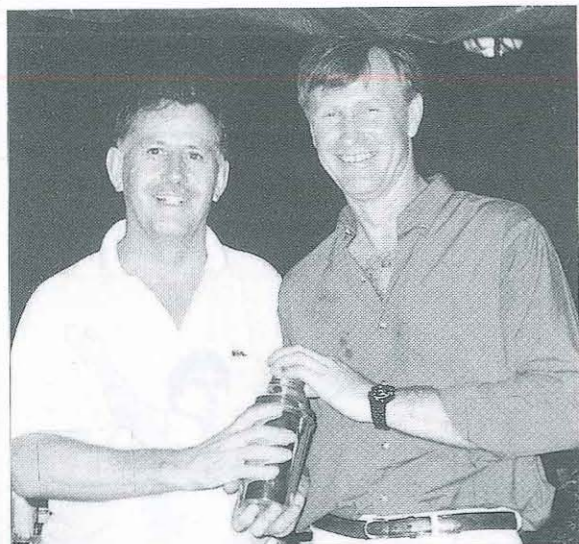
SPORTS SPORTS SPORTS

If you are interested in joining one or more of the Sports Sections of the British Club, please contact the following person(s), they will be happy to tell you all about it.

BADMINTON	David Overington	312 0100
CRICKET	Peter Young	679 7644
DARTS	Frank Hough	642 1500
GOLF	Stuart Davy	367 1000 (F)
RUGBY	Joe Grunwell	262 0220
SNOOKER	Mike Brann	758 7128
SQUASH	Barbara Overington	258 7306
SOCCER	Peter Rodgers	240 0678
TENNIS	Maurice Lamb	272 4530

NON BRITISH CLUB SPORTS:

LADIES GOLF BCLB	Wil Agerbeek	259 7019
LIGIT LADIES GOLF	Eileen Cook	287 3605



Colonial Joe (Noel) accepting the Team Cocktail Shaker Trophy



The Farewell Committee: L to R Malcolm, Marie, Shelagh, Maurice and Kate

"We're all going on a summer holiday ... " - Pack your buckets, spades and shades, folks, we're off to Phuket on the 11th - 14th of this month!

Our intrepid Tennis Section are off again, this time to get all bronzy-bronzy at a seaside where it is possible to swim in the water ... if it wasn't so rough at this time of year! Having popped down to Phuket myself in June, I can confirm the sight of sandbags being filled in preparation for our invasion, so make sure you sign up in time, it promises to be another good 'un. The plan is to leave sometime Thursday evening of the 11th (Friday 12th is a bank holiday) and trudge back to the Big Smoke Sunday night. Come along, the more the merrier!

Also in August is the Round Robin on Sunday 7th, there are two more matches as part of the Volvo League (report of the first two below) and a match against the Silom Club on the 21st, which although is an away match Club on the 21st, which although it is an away match, it's all of a couple of hundred yards away from the Club so we could in theory send some supporters? Details on request from Chairman May if you'd like to see our lot getting thrashed again, as seems to be the way when we play the Silom Club.

But onto June:

CHILDREN'S ROUND ROBIN - SUNDAY 5TH

Another great success, with more participants than in April (May's was washed out, remember?), a total of 14. The winner was Nick Rendell, after a play-off with Christopher Reed. Note that there will be no Round Robin this month (August), but September 4th will kick off the new season - make a date in the diary.

TEAM TOURNAMENT - SUNDAY 12TH

Another good turnout for a second-Sunday tourney, good to see such participation from such a decent-sized slice of the Section. Following the usual desperate search for odd ancestral nationality links to balance out the teams, around sixteen couples battled it out for the sake of national pride on a day which fortunately only threatened rain. Not playing myself, I couldn't really gauge the degree of deep-down racist feelings on court, but you can't help but imagine that there must be some element of the revenge factor coming into play when the Colonials win for a second successive year. Also striking was, how much weaker the Celts side is these days, having lost some key players since the early days of the Team

Tourneys. Photo shows Chairman Mau handing over the trophy - the jumbo cocktail mixer, as seen making its debut at the Championship Dinner earlier this year - to Noel Williams. Indeed, the Williams family appear to represent the Colonials (it's the accent, seeing as they entered three competitors for their team. Still, the Brits (collectively) will get another chance later in the year...

MATCH VS ROYAL THAI NAVY - SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

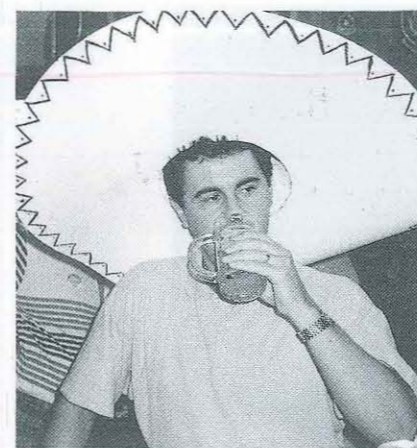
No match report here, probably no-one willing to own up that we lost yet again, although at least we're over 50% here; a 17-10 final scoreline, not bad for us. As befitting his status Maurice played against the Admiral and duly lost, but I do have the names of the winning couples, in no particular order: Megan McBain and Robyn Brooke, Carol Y and Kay Swallow, Judy Kestenbaum and Carol G, Robyn and Roger Fitzgerald, Megan and Mike Weekes, Vanessa B-J and Surin (won 6-0, no surprises there), Carol G and Bruce, Vanessa and Chris, Owen and Clive and Bruce and Henry. Megan and Vanessa to be slapped on the back for their double victories. A reasonably level match but still some room for improvement on our side, which hopefully we might have achieved by the return match loosely arranged over the buffet for later in the year. There's still time for some team practice!

VOLVO LEAGUE

Pronounced "Woh woh" in Thai (according to the advert), the Volvo Doubles League kicked off in June with plenty of 'velleying' and 'little bit trick ball' in the two matches per month to report on. First off, we played Ramkhamhaeng University at home on the 18th, and we were losing 3-1 with one match still to finish (rained off), which Megan and Chalutip stand a good chance of winning when it is concluded at the return match. The partnership chalking up our first win of the league and the only one of the day comprising Alessandra Tilby and Kay Swallow, well done to you two for preventing an embarrassing zero score first time!

Then on the 25th, another little teamlet trooped off to near Chatuchak in order to face the wings of the Royal Thai Air Force on their grass courts. Here we fared slightly better, only losing 3-2, with Chalutip and Vanessa being the winning ladies and Noel and Owen Williams being the only mens, the latter going to a gruelling three sets.

Most ignominious double-defeat award goes to the heroes of the Japanese match (see below), David Henton and Maurice, and I must add that feeling obliged to lose against the Air Chief Marshall in the second match does not count as an excuse!



El Gringo Roger...



...and Angela White, getting into that Portugal spirit

MATCH VS JAPANESE - SUNDAY 29TH MAY (carried over) That promised report from David Henton: GAIJIN 5 NIHONJIN 21

The rising sun saw our hosts in full practice on the courts by 7am, while the 26 strong BC team arrived in dribs and drabs in various stages of MANBI - Morning After the Night Before Illness. The enthusiasm, consistency and level of regular practice was evident in the final score; the men's doubles was nearly a white-wash, honour only being saved by a victory for Maurice and David Henton (ahem), and this was only possible once Maurice had removed his sunglasses (compliments of Zimmer? - D) and could see the ball which he then attacked with youthful vigour. (Methinks David's still gone on the post-match whisky here - G). The ladies fared better, with good wins for Megan and Anki Wibling, and Carol Y and Eileen; the other ladies only losing by a whisker. In the mixed, the individual scorelines picked up a little but victories were few and far between, with Anki and Bruce and Phyl Xumsai and Roger Fitzgerald picking up the only honours in this section. Anki achieved the only double of the day for the BC - well done Anki!

Afterwards we were entertained for lunch at the Japanese Association at Sathorn. A very tasty, friendly and noisy occasion, enlivened by exploding coke bottles and our chairman's juggling of the plaque (not to mention the whisky - G). Good fun and very enjoyable!
DOMO ARIGATO

One comment about the match reports; what is very evident from these and other recent reports is the lack of familiarity of playing with partners as displayed by our shower. If I've said it once, I've said it a zillion times:- this is simply a lack of team practice. For most matches, teams and partnerships are cobbled together by whoever can make it on the day, which is all very common except that in our case, the team usually consists of people who have never played together in anything more concentrated than a mix-in. And yet such practice is possible and available: the ladies morning is Monday 8-10am and the men's night is Monday 7-9pm. If you enjoy playing for the team, get some practice in!

Right onto the regulars:

May single league results:

League 1	Pat Dean
League 2	Not enough matches played
League 3	Andy Hunter
League 4	Guy Hindley
League 5	Mike Weekes
League 6	Kate Henton

Don't forget, those who do not play at least two of their singles league matches in any particular month will automatically drop two places on the ladder. This rule is now in full operation, so all players in League 2 look set to go down some!

And as for the ladder draw:

1st	Surin Dunnvatanachit
10th	Jeff Kestenbaum
25th	Robert (the Ladder) Campbell
40th	David Henton
55th	Rita Dunford
70th	Bernie Adams

(I've often thought some people appear on the wrong rung, but judging by the last name on this list, some people have some mighty climbing up the ladder to do!)

The 500 Baht lucky prize draw was won by ... um, our Treasurer, John Sands. I'm saying nowt.

Note: Next month we will be starting a ladder challenge evening every Friday night from 7-10pm on two courts. Anyone who turns up can challenge anyone else present, with matches being the usual first to 9 with a tie-break at 8-8. For this night only, all matches will count as valid challenges, whatever the difference in ladder positions; i.e. the normal rule of challenging a maximum 5 places above you on the ladder will be dropped.

On the social side we were sorry to say goodbye to a few stalwarts of the section in June, especially Malcolm and Marie-Jose Moor back to UK on the 18th and Roger and Angela White off to Oporto, Portugal on the 25th. In fact, we're not one hundred percent sure whether the former couple have actually left for good, but I'll include them in the great big GOODBYES bit coz I think they deserve it! Hope all goes well for our departees, they'll be missed.

KIDS COACHING

The regular Saturday morning coaching as you knew it ended on 9th July and restarts again on 10th September, with all those currently signed up remaining on the list unless otherwise advised. However, for those in Bangkok for or all the Saturdays in between, there should hopefully be an open coaching session on Saturday mornings between 9-10am with Pichet, at B100 per sesh. All queries to Jenny Clarke (258 5105).

Then once the Saturday coaching proper gets underway next month, it will be split into three divisions:

8 - 9 am	Young beginners
9 - 10 am	Under 15's intermediate/advanced
10 - 11 am	Beginners/intermediates over 9

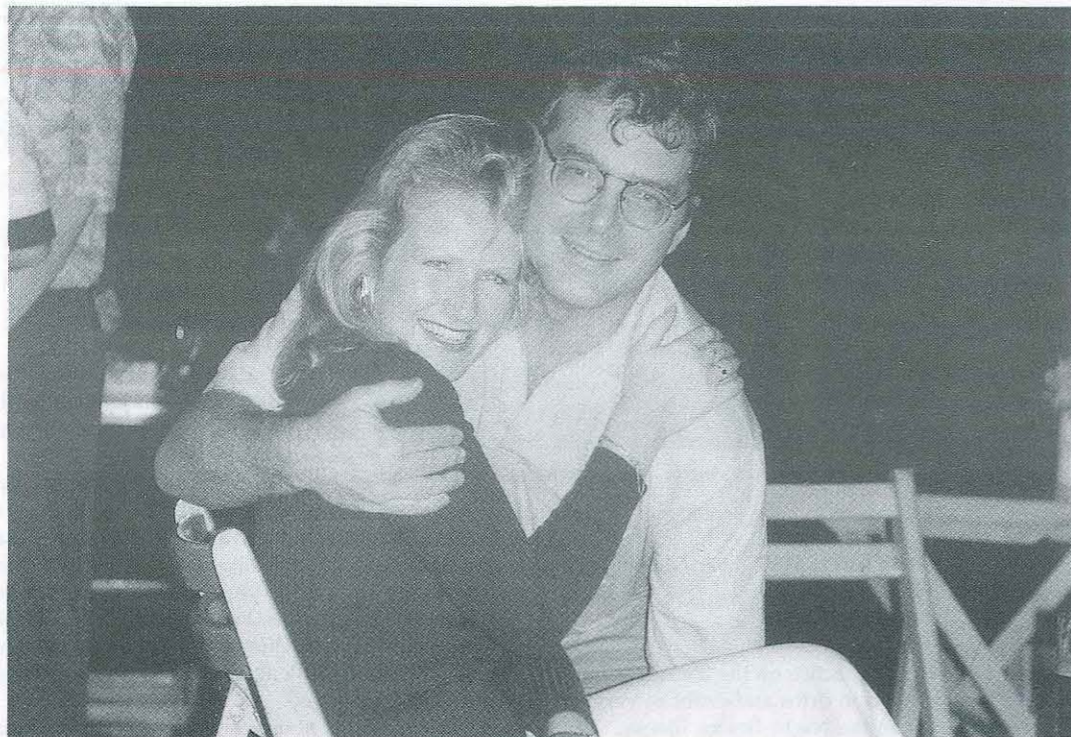
As vaunted in last month's rag, there will be a Sunday morning coaching session from 8-9am, which should satisfy those parents with football or rugby tendencies. This will be on a first-come, first-serve ('scuse the pun) basis, so call 258 5105 now to register your child. Cost will be B500 payable in advance for 4 weeks.

I know how broken-hearted you'll be, but I'm afraid there's no committee witterings this month as I was too busy earning me keep to remember about the meeting. Grovel, grovel, sorry Maurice! Anyway, it was bound to be something about a faulty light (it nearly always is, I hear you mutter).

Roll on September and the start of hecticness all over again: The graded championships start; the Bangkok Ladies Pennant Competition restarts for its second season in '94 (aaargh!); there's a Handicap tourney on the second Sunday (11th, save you looking it up); the monthly match is a home one against the Bangkok Patana School Staff followed by lunch, and finally, Volvo matches continue unabated. Whatever, you try booking a court in September, heh, heh, heh!

Ciao!

Me
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Kevin & Sally, single for the night!

11 JUNE 1994, BC VERSUS ROYAL THAI NAVY QUARTER FINAL

Injuries, late arrivals to the game and holidays sent the boiler house of the BC onto the field in a mood more fitting for ballroom dancing than rugby. The Navy however, were fired up and it showed in the early stages as they mounted attack after attack upon the BC line. Brave tackling kept the Navy out but lack of coordination meant the BC remained in their own half. The Navy scored a try after 15 minutes and then a penalty after 25 minutes to take them to a 7-0 lead. Then on the stroke of half time it appeared that the final nail had entered the coffin. The BC attacked the Navy line but a loose pass was picked up by the Navy centers who ran the length of the fields to score in the corner. 13-0 at half time and the BC looked down and out.

At the start of the second half the BC were a different side. Whether it was a stiff talking to, or Meggos pills we will never know. Two penalties by Carson in the 10th and 20th minute lifted the BC and when Meggison scored a try in the 30th minute the BC were back in the game only two points behind at 13-11. From then on it was all BC but we had to wait for

the final minute of the game for that victory score, but what a try! Day crashed through the middle and fed the ball back to the looping Carson. He took on the outside centre and gave the ball to Whiting who made the overlap for Vipond to run 25 metres and score 10 metres in. Carson added the cream and the BC were winner 18-13.

18 JUNE BC VERSUS RBSC SEMI FINAL

The semi-final was a completely different game in which the BC dominated from start to finish. The RBSC, who the previous week had taken apart the French Corsaires, rarely entered the BC half in the first 40 minutes. Tries by Davies, Carson and Martin, two of which were converted by Carson, took the BC to a half time 19-5 lead. In the second half it was a similar story with tries by Whiting and Vipond and a conversion by Carson resulting in a final score of 31-10.

This was a much better performance by the BC, even with 3 important players injured, including Prichard, who paced the touchline the whole game.

M. Y. Opic



The Mudies & Gloria



Delicious food and an extra curricular BWG meeting

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Boat trip on the Chao Phya River

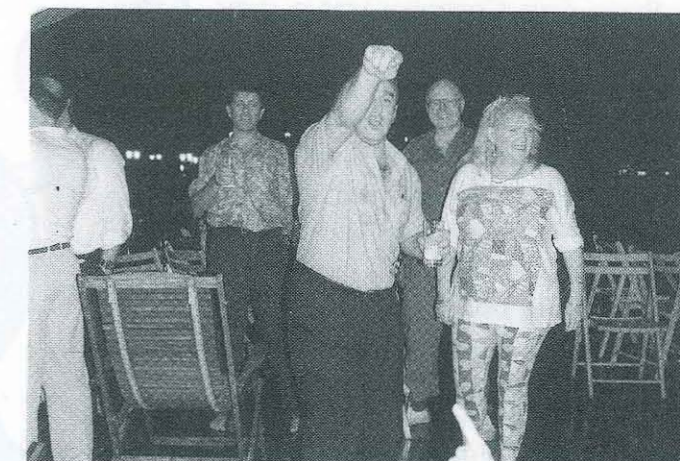
The Rugby Section on their latest night out spent some time on a beautiful converted rice barge courtesy of the Siam Voyages Company.

Time to meet was set for 7.30 at the Riverside Plaza jetty and a quick drink was had whilst admiring the boat.

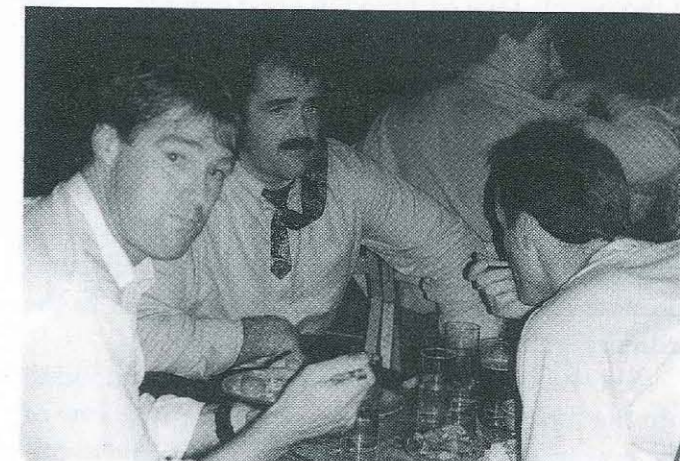
Boarding was at 8 prompt and having barely set foot aboard off we chucked down the river. The views are spectacular at night and Wat Arun's fairy lights were magical.

The food was lovely, the beer was cold and a good time was had by all.

The evening was finished off by a visit to the Old Dutch where bitterballen were had and a nightcap and then it was off to bed to prepare for the next days final of the Thailand Open, very well done BC boys to get this far in a very hard competition. Unfortunately on the day the Police were the better team and won by 48-10 scoring some magnificent tries along the way. Better luck next time!



Rule number 1...



It's going to be a tough game tomorrow boys, no alcohol tonight

August Fixtures: 6 August - HK Contemptables vs Barbarians, 13/20/27 August and 3 September British Club play in the British Council Cup, 13/20/27 August and 3 September Barbarians play in the Chindarak Cup. More details on the Rugby Notice Board.

THE STORY OF LADY GODIVA

The city of Coventry is one of our greatest industrial towns, famous for its production of cars, motor cycles and aeroplanes, and also for its splendid new cathedral. Nine hundred years ago it was even more important for it was the fourth largest city in England; only London, Bristol and York were bigger. It was ruled by a very powerful man called Leofric, who lived in a magnificent castle with a huge retinue of guards and serving people of all kinds. Even in those days Coventry was a very busy centre, making leather and woollen goods and soap. But most of its inhabitants were distressingly poor and Leofric forced them to pay heavy taxes, so that he could live in luxury in his castle. His wife, Lady Godiva, was very unhappy about this, but there was nothing she could do.

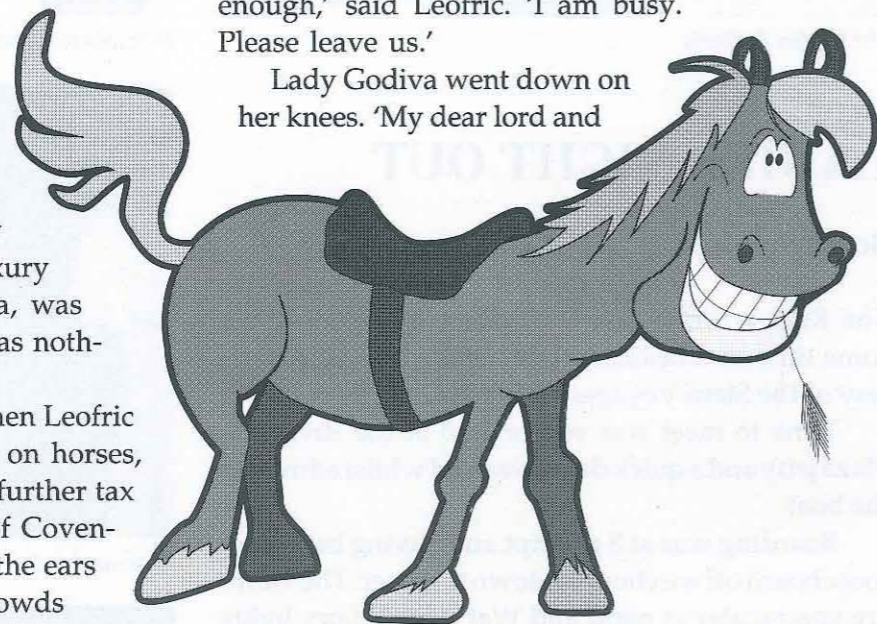
One day, at the end of a month when Leofric had spent more than his usual quota on horses, wine and meats, he decided to levy a further tax upon the long-suffering inhabitants of Coventry. When this terrible news came to the ears of the people they gathered in great crowds outside his castle to beg their lord not to impose this further heavy burden upon them. Lady Godiva, watching from a high window, could see the women and children dressed in rags, pale and underfed, and the men gaunt and sunken-eyed. She could see the guards down below driving the people brutally away and she realised that her husband did not care on what happened to the ordinary people of Coventry.

She hurried down to her husband and burst into the room where he was consulting with one of his stewards. '...and see to it that this tax is collected promptly,' Leofric was saying. He turned angrily to Godiva. 'And pray what is the meaning of this, wife? You know I am not to be disturbed when I am discussing important financial affairs with Godfrey here.' 'I must speak with you my lord,' said Lady Godiva. Leofric looked at his beautiful wife and relented slightly. 'What is it?' he asked. 'I have been watching those wretched, miserable, starving people from my window and I know that

it will be impossible for them to raise this new tax.' Her big blue eyes were moist with pity.

Leofric stared at her, then smiled. 'Pray return to your tapestry, good wife,' he said. 'These matters do not concern a woman.' 'But they are my concern,' persisted Lady Godiva. 'These ill-fed, ragged people are my fellow-citizens and I cannot help being touched by their wretched plight.' 'Enough, enough,' said Leofric. 'I am busy. Please leave us.'

Lady Godiva went down on her knees. 'My dear lord and



husband,' she said, 'I will do anything you ask if you release the people from this burdensome tax.'

Leofric was looking down absent-mindedly at the documents spread out before him on the table, but at the word 'anything' he turned round sharply.

'Did you say 'anything'? he asked.

'Yes my lord, anything'

'Well,' he said, 'if you ride naked through the streets of Coventry, I will not only repeal this tax but will also give you three bags of gold to distribute to the poor.'

Lady Godiva looked startled and her eyes filled with tears. She rose from her knees and hurried to the door. Then she turned round and looked Leofric straight in the eye.

'Very well, my lord,' she said quietly and deliberately, and left the room.

Then she went to her room and penned the following letter;

*My Dear Unhappy People of Coventry,
I know well how grieved you all are by the news of the new tax which my lord and husband has levied upon you. I am now able to tell you that the tax will be repealed provided I will ride naked through the streets of our city. For your sake, I have told my husband that I am prepared to do this. I have made this painful decision because I have confidence that you, the citizens of Coventry, will respect my modesty. I therefore ask you, dear kind people, to remain indoors tomorrow morning between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock and to keep your shutters closed.*

She then signed the letter simply 'Godiva' and dispatched it with a herald, ordering him to see that every man, woman and child became aware of its contents.

The next morning she ordered her white mare to be brought to the castle gates at ten o'clock. Alone in her chambers she removed the hair pins from her magnificently long, flaxen tresses. Then she undressed, and her beautiful hair fell loosely over her shoulders and hung down to cover most of her body. She went to the gates, mounted her white steed and set off through the streets of Coventry. There was an eerie stillness over the city. Every person was in-

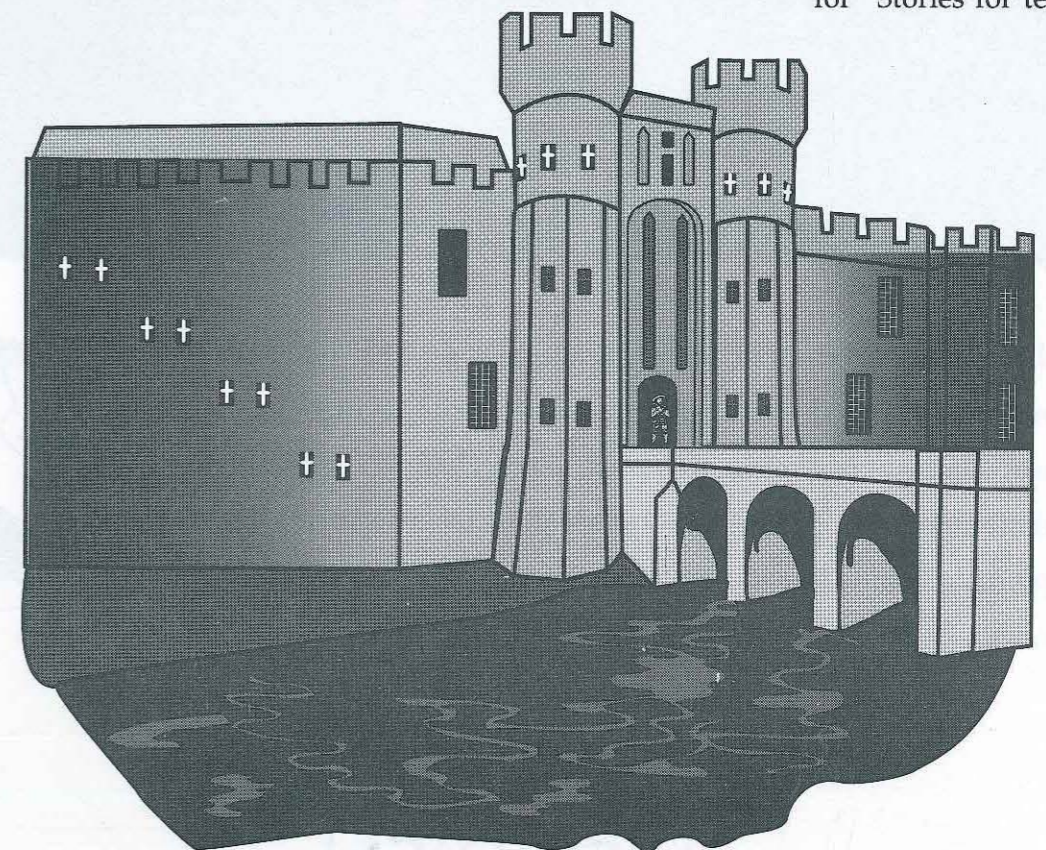
doors and all the shutters were drawn. Did I say 'all'? Well, except for one house, where a tailor called Tom could not conquer his curiosity and had drawn his shutters slightly aside so that he might see the gallant lady. (Later this tailor became known to all the world as 'Peeping Tom' and there is even a legend which says that he was immediately struck with blindness as a punishment for his inquisitiveness.)

Lady Godiva rode calmly through the city and arrived back at her castle just as the church bells rang for mid-day.

Lord Leofric was so full of admiration for his wife's bravery and generosity that he not only kept his word - repealing the tax and giving her three bags of gold for the poor - but from that day onwards made up his mind to treat his citizens less harshly.

As for Lady Godiva, she is remembered by the people of Coventry to this very day and every year her courageous action on their behalf is celebrated with much pomp and pageantry. And in one of Coventry's old houses you can see the figure of a man peeping through one of the windows.

By Stephen Corrin
for "Stories for tens and over"



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Travels in Vietnam

TRAVELS IN VIETNAM (PART TWO)

by Alastair McManus

Well, I'm still in love, chasing the girl on the right (wouldn't you if you had the chance?).

Having left lovely Hanoi, I am now in a rather exiting Russian jet, whizzing over marvelous coast (alcohol not needed). In fact, it is the very first time that I have ever memorised the place where the plan of the plane's escape routes should sit. Its rather like being in a rocket, with landing in Danang being nothing more than a controlled stall. But the Aussie or Turk co-pilot knew the plane, thankfully. Danang is a lovely airport to land in and the one Mercedes taxi will deposit you in a very pleasant hotel overlooking the river if you mention the words "Bach Dang". At some US\$65 for a functional room, river view and the security of the Christie's Harbourside Bar, dancing halls and the fishing fleet (great photo's) within staggering distance, plus one of the best breakfasts imaginable (in aura and style), Danang is worth a visit. There are many absurd schemes slated for nearby China Beach, but for now, it remains an important reminder of the past. Where else does an "ex-French" and "ex-American" beautiful Vietnamese person of 65 sidle upto you and furtively offer you a hand of bananas from his beachside garden? We spoke of history, writing, recent wars, politics, monkeys, miming and fitness.

By then I was on a bike to inspect the Russian hotels for sale along the beach. "Bike" is a bit of a misnomer really, it was more like a Grandma Shopping Model - one (high) gear, solid brakes, shopping basket, all delivered for the huge sum of \$ 2 per day, complete with a sexy smile from the owner and a warning not to take it back to China. The old China Beach is just over the river and worth going to. Looking north, "Monkey Mountain" lies at the distant beach head (4 miles?) and over the hills are many fantastic Cham Dynasty ruins and artifacts. Looking south

(many, many sore miles, 20 minutes by car) is to be found the expensive and pushy child guides who populate the limestone caves made famous by subversive activity - watching the US airstrip courtesy of Russian and Chinese binoculars in the 60s. OK, only a couple of bucks each, but I thought it was an Asian country where paying to see religious relics (many buddhas) was "up to you".



"Please return"

Sanctuary was at hand - beautiful terrain, a good haircut for 50 cents and a stunning river moonrise from "Christie's" run by amiable Kiwi Bob of the same name. About number six of great Asian bar settings.

Onwards to Yung via a train ride from Danang - expensive, uncomfortable but worthwhile. The train passes through recent battlegrounds, rice fields populated from dawn to dusk and glowing sunsets. Linking-up with a Canadian backpacker, we out-manoeuvred hustlers at Ho Chi Minh City railway station and were soon established at a central colonial French hotel, complete with wooden shutters and high ceilings. Sadly, the building is ending its useful life, as evidenced by decay and its US\$ 10 a night cost.

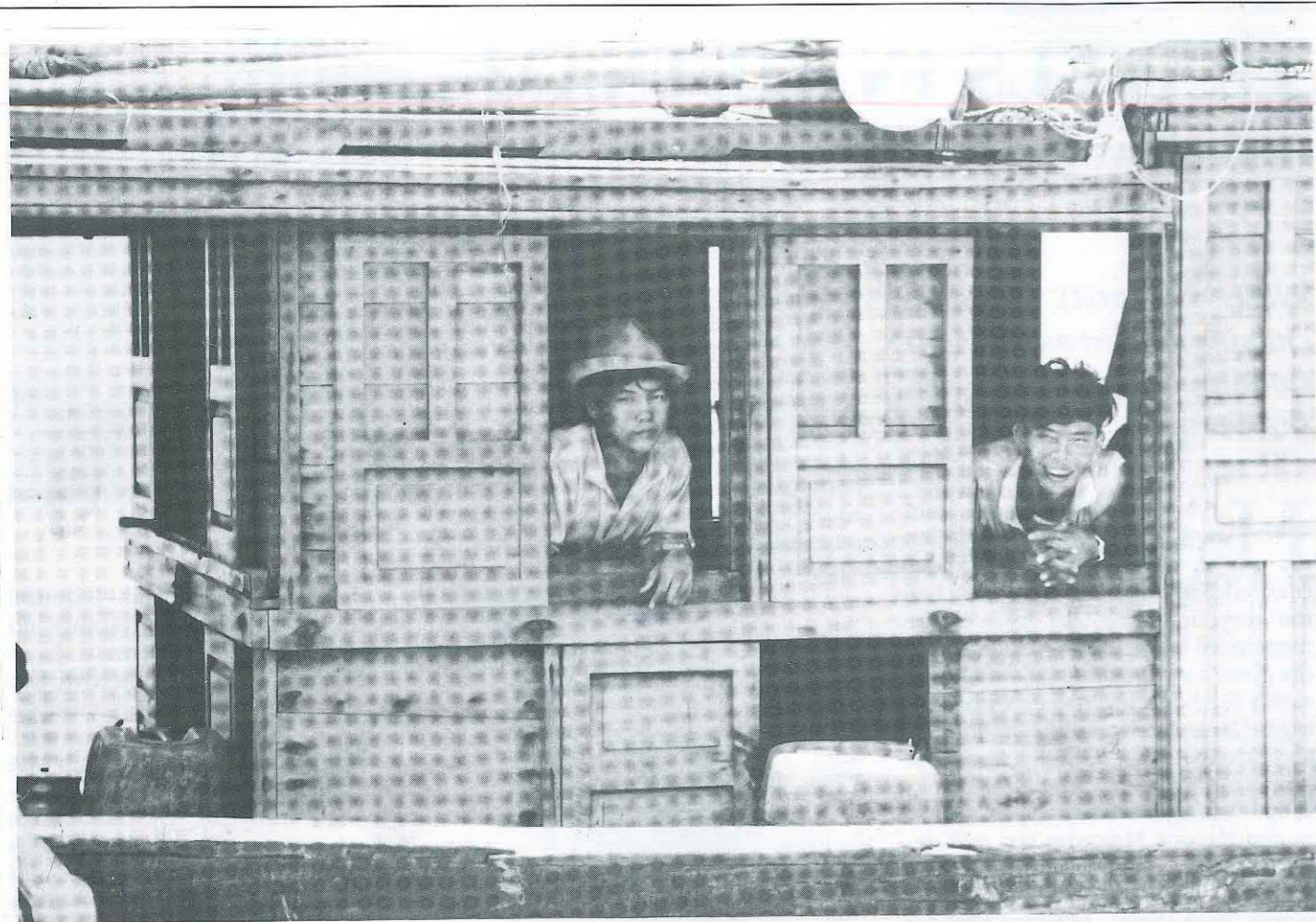
I enjoyed Ho Chi Minh City the first time, I fell in love in Vietnam. Not



National day, Vung Tau "Barracks"



Endless Shopping



Squid fishermen, Danang

only with a lady, but with its people. Two years ago, beggars and hustlers had mostly been removed, progress was being made. The country's future lay in its youth, corruption was being removed. Cyclo drivers and people had a sense of humour. Regression now reigns.

Here I was, devoid of (thankfully) sold golf clubs, with wallet, computer,

camera, papers and watch still in possession, ready to commit marriage proposal to Yung (if I could find her). Even the work about completed. Really in fine shape. But it was all wrong. Every excursion was despoiled by outright hustling. Maybe you're not meant to walk in the streets. Maybe being transported by wheels of some sort is



Lunch at China Beach

"de rigour". Maybe you have to give in, open your wallet and say "Hey, I am sorry to have all this cash, please take as much as you need." Maybe they've been doing this for hundreds of years, maybe its now a tradition, whether you are from Lyon, Rhode Island, Vladivostock or Brussels. Or Bangkok.

Finding Yung was by now a half-hearted exercise. Even if she were found, she might have forgotten the photographer, be married (as was the case) or working in a bar (apparently she had been, that's where she found her husband). I didn't pay much attention, probably saving myself the family fortune and headed off to an outstation Hash run in Vung Tau. So the love story



Middle Vietnam from the train

ended. The Hash was ideal - a long hard run (first runner back again, via devious short cuts over an unstarted golf course - reputedly a scam), a lot of laughs and a couple of big nights at the V.F. Bar by the old beach. Wined and dined with oilmen from such diverse places as Kidderminster and Arbroath.

Returning to Ho Chi Minh City to hunt the golf developments, in turn being hunted by mobs of cyclo drivers, with the latter prevailing it was straight to Vietnam Airlines to return to the peace of Bangkok. Part of my heart still remains in Vietnam, but next time it will be a real holiday around Hanoi and the islands to its north. Saigon and Vung Tay? Maybe.

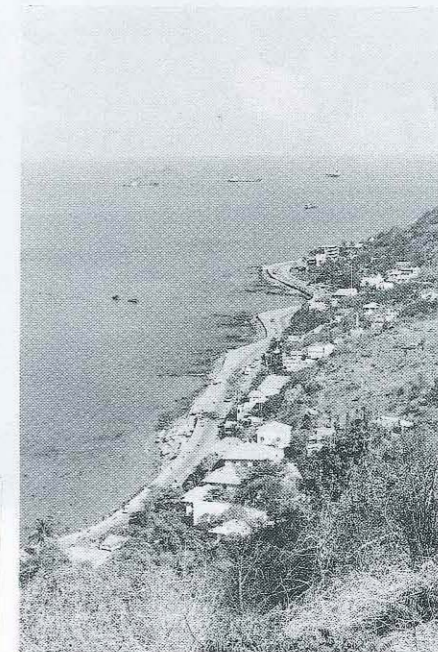


Construction in Saigon

Vietnam Hints

If you go on a package tour or organised business visit, unlike a BCB Golf Section Veteran's Cup weekend, everything is taken care of, from waking-up to retiring. Sights, shopping, restaurants, nightclubs are visited at speed. This avoids most confrontations with street beggars, cyclo drivers and hustlers. Going alone provides a deeper insight and much greater flexibility, but with more hassle. Those of a nervous disposition are strongly recommended to take the safer option. All must accept a two-tier price structure. - 30% for locals, 125% for foreigners.

Alistair McManus
Roving Reporter



Vung Tau View



On On

FOOTNOTE

Unfortunately, I found Vietnam in a general state of frenzy. That is a frenzy of monetary variety, which rather pissed me off. Maybe it was the recent lifting of the U.S. political embargo, or even a genuine thirst for funds - preferably in the forms of large (and real) U.S. Dollars, I don't know. Every transaction had its added cost, whether it is the state-run 7 per cent on currency (try and get the real value of the dong for dollars - anywhere), or genuine simple and uncomplicated ripping-off. The central and local governments appear to be expending their energy in overseas trips and local deals. The most big brother invention I saw was the occasional tap by a traffic policeman with his truncheon on a cyclist's rump who had strayed into the car lane.

Hey but it's not all that bad. They have a delicious taste in clothes and make acts like passing of wind a natural and proud occurrence. There are beaches, mountains, golf courses, tennis courts, opera houses, great art and photograph galleries, as well as real percolated coffee, great bread and a cyclo driver wherever you are - 24 days hours a day.

Vietnam is enjoying phenomenal acceptance by world lending bodies and international investment sources. Its economy is basically sound in terms of progression and potential. The only clouds on the horizon, are that of being plagued by both historical and future debt, and perhaps more importantly, owning a solid block of youngsters ready to kick against authority in terms of strikes and violent group action (both of which happened during my trip). Throw in the returning Viet Kieu and Vietnam's history, and maybe a cynic would argue that turmoil has never left the country.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE



F & B Committee "suffering" whilst doing yet another food tasting.

Well, food tasting has certainly brought a whole new perspective to life for me and no doubt for my fellow F&B CM too!

Our first food tasting was a leisurely affair in the Lords Dining Room where the head chef Khun Suwan presented us with potato skins (too thick) and no dressing, pasta salad (delicious if you like cold pasta - I don't), potato lover salad (great if you love tatties - not me!), apple or was it rhubarb crumble (not crumbly enough). Eileen made her way into the kitchen and showed the staff exactly how a British cookie crumbles.

The next one - food tasting that is - saw a procession of foods; chilli con carne, spagbol sauce, blackened chicken and fish, chewy toffee pudding (yum!), bread and butter pudding (not to Dutch taste, sorry!), upside down apple pie (turned down flat), custard - finally without the bright canary yellow col-

ouring, and a delicious minestrone soup. Oh, and lets not forget the vegetable chilli and butter cake. It was thumbs down" however for the chilli c.c. and spagbol, the ever patient Suwan was asked to try again next week.

Well he did! This time in a meeting with Suzanne Partridge - food tastress extraordinaire - Joy Masood part of the time - Drill Sergeant David Viccars (the leader) et moi. He well and truly rushed us through (he is a busy man after all) another load of chilli cc, spagbol, pate, beef carbonade, yoghurt dressing, salsa (for the too thick potato skins which never reappeared in a final slimmed-down version), carrot and cheese cake, yes these were served separately, cherry trifle, chocolate mousse and a selection of sandwiches.

This time I purposely did not eat - to keep the taste buds clean you know - but 10 minutes flat and we'd done that, seen it, been there and have the t-shirt to

prove it.

The spagbol and chilli cc were once again thumbs down, the salsa too runny, the choc mousse made of plastic chocolate, so I was this time selected to present myself in the dungeons oops, sorry, kitchens of the BC and spent some time cooking all of the above with the chef and Khun Orasa as an able translator.

Of course on Wednesday afternoon, the selected day, after rushing about trying to organise shelving, filing cabinets etc for our new office I'd left behind the Piccalilli, chocolate, recipes and the bread. I did manage however to spend an afternoon behind a hot stove, some say that's where I belong anyway. We cooked spagbol and chilli cc, it sort of came out the way we have it at home and the chef reckoned it was aroy mak mak, so there we go.

I forgot to tell you about the piccalilli, to be served with our revitalised

Ploughmans Lunch. What arrived at a food tasting the first time was a full plate of delicious, crunchy pickled vegetables minus the necessary mustard sauce to turn pickle into piccalilli. They had forgotten to read the final half of the recipe.

The next time it was too brown and too sweet so a jar was purchased to show the chef what it should look now. He is now convinced by the way, that all Farangs are crazy.

Put your worried carnivorous hearts at rest, vegetarians do not rule the BC (yet) and there will still be meat on the new, revised menu which will hopefully surprise you all by September.

All of the above is of course not without problems, Mai Mee Pen Ha does not exist in the F&B world. If you have for example, never tried Tom Yam Goong and get served with a bowl of the stuff, how do you know if it tastes right according to Thai standards. So when we give the chef a recipe for chili cc he thinks it is a bit bland and chucks in a handful of salt. When we suggest we should have whole meal bread and whole meal flour is "not available" the otherwise extremely competent pastry chef decides ... syrup!! that will turn my white bread brown. And of course it tastes good, according to Thai standards, very sweet and not at all crunchy and healthy like!

But when at first we don't succeed we try and try again until we will be able to put a selection of delicious new items on you menu. Don't let it put you off food at the BC for life, you must have noticed the delicious croissants and some of the specials on the notice board already.

Now, you may ask what my qualifications are to be able to serve on this committee. I love food, good food that is. I am among the worlds worst people for smelling everything that comes out of a bottle, jar, pot, pan, fridge, cupboard .. you name it, I've smelled it.

When I was small I always used to know what day of the week it was by the smell that wafted through the house when I came home from school. Sprouts so it must be Tuesday. Variety is the spice of life and every day spinach is not everything either as we say in cloggy land.

I also spent 12 weeks (felt like 12 months) in what we call a "kolonie" in Holland when I was about 8 or 9. Nowadays I suppose you could describe it as

a sort of "health farm", not too slim but to fatten up and become healthy again. I was a thin, pale, sickly asthmatic child, a typical ugly duckling and yes, before you say anything, I did grow up to be a beautiful swan. So my parents and the doctors decided I needed a change of environment, fresh sea air, forests, no pollution (which pollution 30 years ago in Amsterdam may I enquire), and lots of healthy food.

Most of the children there came from inner city areas, with out of work parents and were either sick, underfed or had never been away from the city in their lives. Not a bit like me of course, we went on weekly fishing trips (yes, dad and three kids on a scooter, we must have Thai blood) and were fed properly, I hasten to add before my mum kills me!

The food was *unbearable* - really it was! We would all pile into the dining room, where long tables were set out with plates of lukewarm porridge (already on the tables of course). Boys and girls were seated separately - just imagine what might happen when you're 8. If you were very thin - like I was - the nuns would come round and chuck an egg white in your porridge which, when stirred, would turn into a shiny, slimy cold globule, and you were made to eat the stuff. Halfway through the meal the signal was given and faces would be turned up, mouths opened for the next nun with the bottle of Cod-Liver Oil. A spoonful a day keeps the doctor away, or so they reckoned anyway. This would happen voluntarily or by force (noses pinched and stranglehold) and I still cannot bear the smell or taste of porridge or anything oily or fishy! If you could not finish your porridge - no Goldilocks and her bear friends around at that time - you were served your same old plate again at lunchtime. By which time your plate would look like the original three ringed dinner. One ring when first served and 2 spoons eaten, another one after reheating, and another one after struggling through another few bites. I cannot remember if I ever had porridge for dinner but I certainly hope not.

Lunch would be after a healthy walk in the cold, fresh sea air - it must have been November or January because I remember there being snow - which promptly brought on an Asthma attack. I think I spent more time in the sickbay than on the beach or in the forest, where the pine trees and the awful added

homesickness set off more of the same. For lunch either grated carrot sandwiches or jam sanies were served, prepared hours in advance, with dried out bread, a scraping of butter (or heaven knows what), with jam or carrot juice seeping into the bread making it soggy and leaving it in the appropriate red, purple, or orange colour.

Dinners I cannot remember, they must have been bad, as they are pushed so far into my subconsciousness that only regular visits to a psychiatrist could ever bring them to the surface!

Birthday... another delightful culinary experience. An enormous jelly would be brought in, enough to feed an army, wobbling, shaking and shivering all over the place, in an awful poison green, rabid red or 'orrible orange or worse yukkier yellow. I still cannot bear to see my children eat the stuff.

I never finish my food, because I always had to when I was small. I never eat anything I do not like when in restaurants. I do conform when invited for dinner at a friends or acquaintance's house, so don't worry I am also a great "food around the plate shuffler" and "hide it under the lettuce" person.

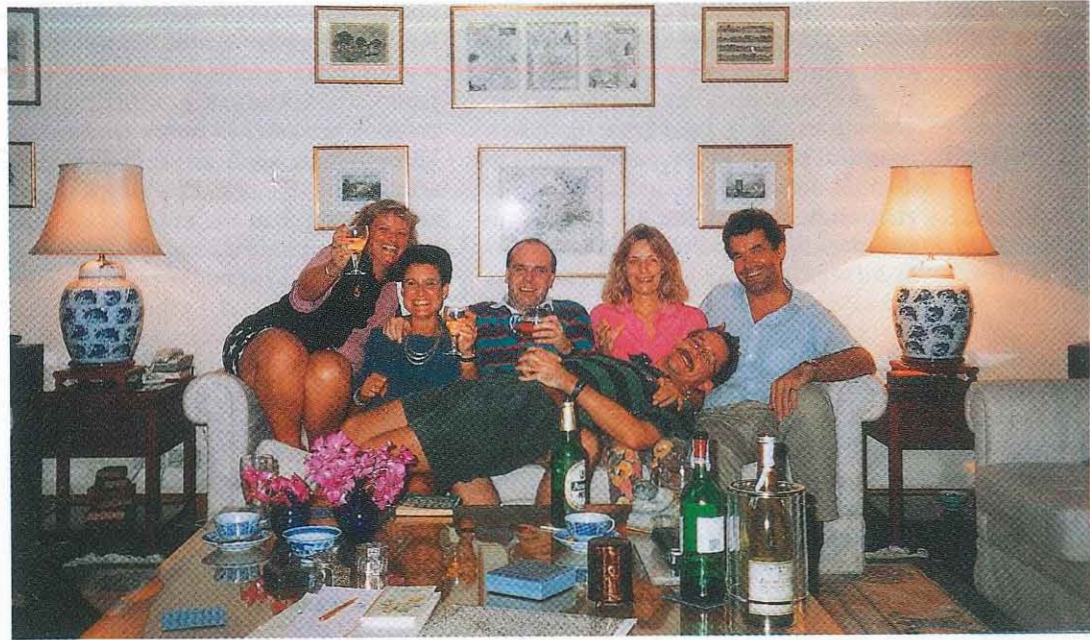
I've enjoyed many a good meal in different houses, restaurants and hotels in different countries, occasionally turn out a very reasonable meal myself now. In the past before becoming an expat wife, I cooked a hot meal a day for about 20 years and have a brother in law who is a very good cook.

So ok, Suzanne, Kathy, Joy and Carol let's have your qualifications on the table by next months deadline ... shall we?

What I want to know is when do we get to taste the beverages???

Bea Gruntwell

If you have any complaints suggestion, questions about F&B please if you spot any of us around the club, or on Sukhumvit, please corner us or drop us a line. We'd love to hear from you.



The entertainments Committee left to right: Suzanne, Kathy, Joe, Bea, David & Dave.



The BC is a whole lot of fun!



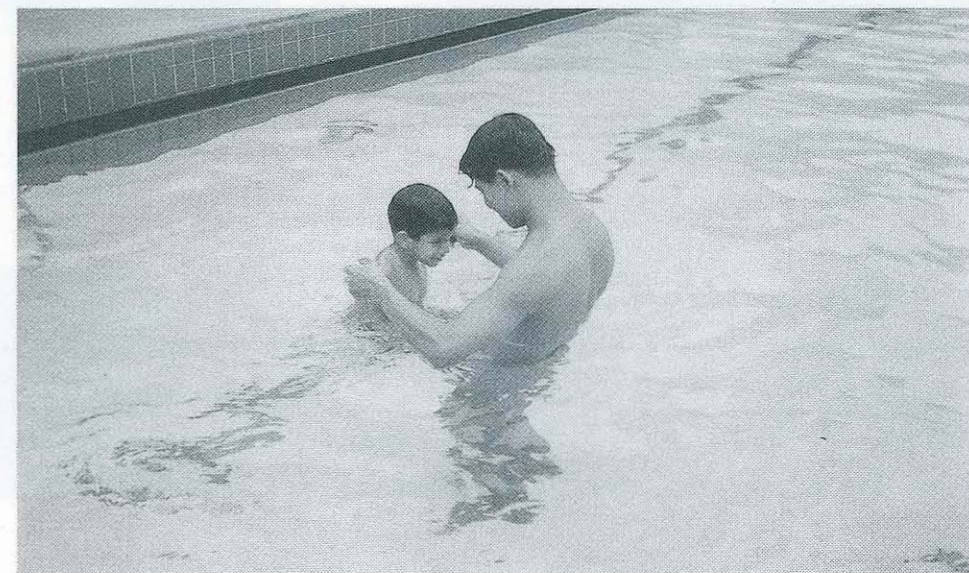
A fashion shoot took place at the BC in July for Caravan magazine



Thanks to Rodney Bain



BWG Mahjong



Swimming with K. Chamnan



Aerobics in Suriwong room



Runners up Bar Quiz Gents' Spoofers



GUESS WHO THIS MEMBER IS?

Quite a regular visitor to the BC this person is seen in the bar, sala, restaurant and occasionally the kitchens of the BC.

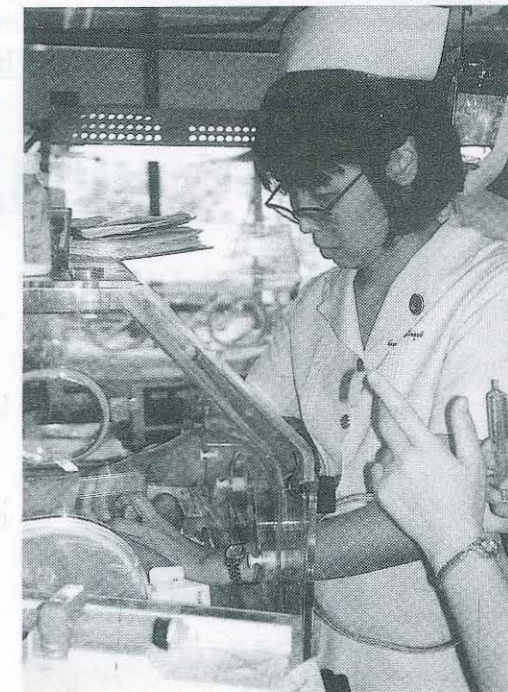
Maintained blonde hair through it's life and also the open mouth!

First person to ring David Viccars with the correct answer will receive a bottle of wine.

Relatives are excluded from this competition.



BWG members with Dr. Krijansak,



A nurse operating the new incubator

BWG DONATES HEART MONITOR TO SIRIRAJ HOSPITAL

Members of the British Women's Group attended Siriraj Hospital recently to see for themselves the life-saving capability of two incubators donated by the British Women's Group to the Premature Baby Unit as a result of fund raising efforts during 1993/1994. The money was raised through a variety of methods and the British Women's Group would like to thank all those involved, particularly Pauline Dalton, whose tireless enthusiasm for the project brought about such a worthwhile venture in record time.

Also thank you on behalf of the BWG and Siriraj Hospital to the different sections of the British Club who have donated proceeds of their events to this good cause.

ART FOR ANIMALS

The Wildlife Fund of Thailand, whose patron is HM The Queen (associated with the World Wildlife Fund whose patronage is under Prince Philip) are keen to create an awareness of the environment and the importance of the human role in the conservation of the earth.

Dance Centre are assisting of this by staging a production entitled "CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS" aimed at children and raising funds for the Wildlife Fund. This will be held at Chulalongkorn Auditorium on 26th August at 7.30pm, 27 and 28th August at 14.30pm. Ticket prices are B500,300 and 100 so treat your children to a show of dancing animals. All ticket proceeds go to the Wildlife Fund of Thailand and tickets can be bought from TOS, Asia Bookstores, DK Bookstore and the Dance Centre on Soi 15. For more infor please call Dance Centre 235 2119.

There will be a slide show at the start of the performance showing the dwindling elephant population in Thailand and then the first act of the ballet. Set on the music of Saen Saens original score "The Carnival of the Animals" act 1 takes place in a circus with different animals performing their tricks before the audience. Each animal is introduced by the Ringmaster of the circus. After the dance of a mother elephant and her two babies, two thieves rush into the ring and steal the babies. The Ringmaster then goes in search of them.

Act is 2 set in the forest where an assortment of animals appear to per-

form in a more natural setting. The Ringmaster comes upon this scene in his search for the baby elephants, only to find that they have been locked in a cage. After re-uniting the babies with their mother, all the animals are set free.

The finale sees the lost baby elephants reunited with their mother, a parade of all animals living happily in the forest passing through the audience and greeting people. Background music, from Michael Jackson's "Free Willy" should bring to mind that our animals and our environment should be protected so that we can all live in harmony together.

EDNA EVERAGE VISITS BANGKOK

On 30 September and 1 October Dame Edna Everage graces Bangkok with a visit. She will be holding court at the Grand Hyatt Erawan Hotel and tickets are available through the British Club. Ticket prices are ranging from Baht 1,500 to 2,500 and include a five course dinner. Please contact the General Manager if you are interested in booking. Booking through the Club will guarantee you good seats!

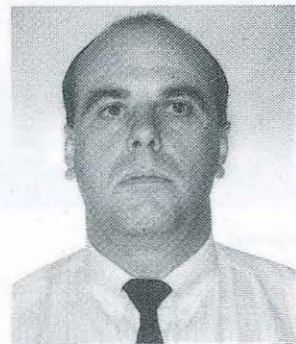
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Finally, meet your 1994/1995 Committee, photographs and all. Should you have any queries about the BC please call the relevant people. They will be happy to assist you!

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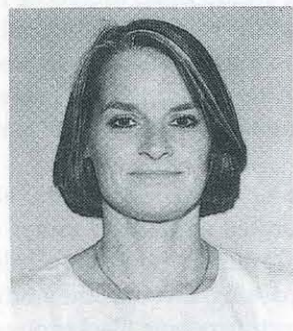
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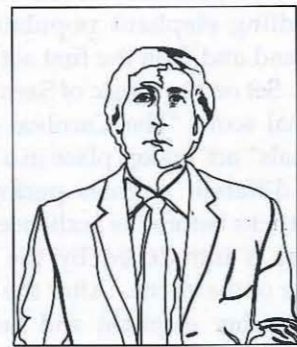
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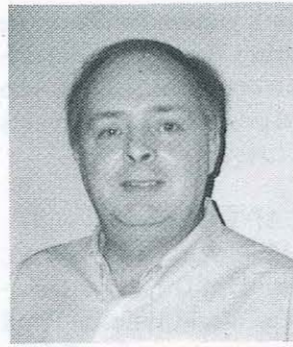
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Those of you who have seen the film "Gremlins" may be startled to know that something akin to these little creatures have been attacking all parts of the British Club in recent months. They enter the Club as perfectly harmless and pleasant characters but soon metamorphose into nasty little things who are difficult, and sometimes impossible, to control. A list of reported incidents in the past few weeks makes for horrifying reading:



of members left unsupervised to basically run riot.

Admittedly, we all like from time to time to get away from our kids but is it fair to burden other Club members with their boisterous behaviour? The Club rules are clear on the matter. Young children must be supervised by their parents while on Club premises. We are all responsible for our children's behaviour at the Club.

In the film the unruly Gremlins multiplied when sprayed with water and finally met an electrifying end.

Perhaps if the swimming pool and showers were off limits, the problems would be solved. If not, we need parents to take more care of their high spirited offspring. Let's hope so because children playing with the main power transformer could have frightening consequences and we really do not want a "gremlin like" finish to this situation.

Nigel Oakins
Chairman

1. Cricket nets torn down
2. Emptying 5 gallons of drinking water onto the sala floor
3. Breaking furniture by using chairs as trampolines in the Wordsworth and Surawong rooms
4. Play with the main power transformer
5. Convert the new squash court to a soccer pitch
6. Terrify small children out of the kids pool
7. Tear up documents in the Club's office
8. Get onto the kitchen roof to play hide and seek
9. Tearing up front lawn turf
10. Annoy receptionist by hiding behind counters

Our staff have been doing their best to ward off these "Gremlins" but unfortunately they take little or no notice of the plaintive cries for order.

Unlike the film, however, our Gremlins are real. They are the children

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY - SEPTEMBER!!!

Kick off your return to Bangkok properly, meet the Entertainments Committee and Nigel Oakins and David Viccars as the "new" temporary bar staff. On Friday 2 September you will find the above people behind the bar to serve you with drinks, meals and banter. Make an effort and pop in for a drink!!

10th September - Last Night of the Proms

Always a successful night at the Suriwong Room. Come along and be patriotic, watch the Last Night of the Pros, have a meal and join in with the singing, horse racing and bring your hats, British outfits and Union

jacks.

Until 4 September

Still 4 days to get the Fondue Food Promotion, in conjunction with the Felix Arnoma, Swissotel Bangkok the British Club presents a Fondue Promotion in the Lords Restaurant. Book now!

CHILDRENS SPORTS DAY - 18 SEPTEMBER

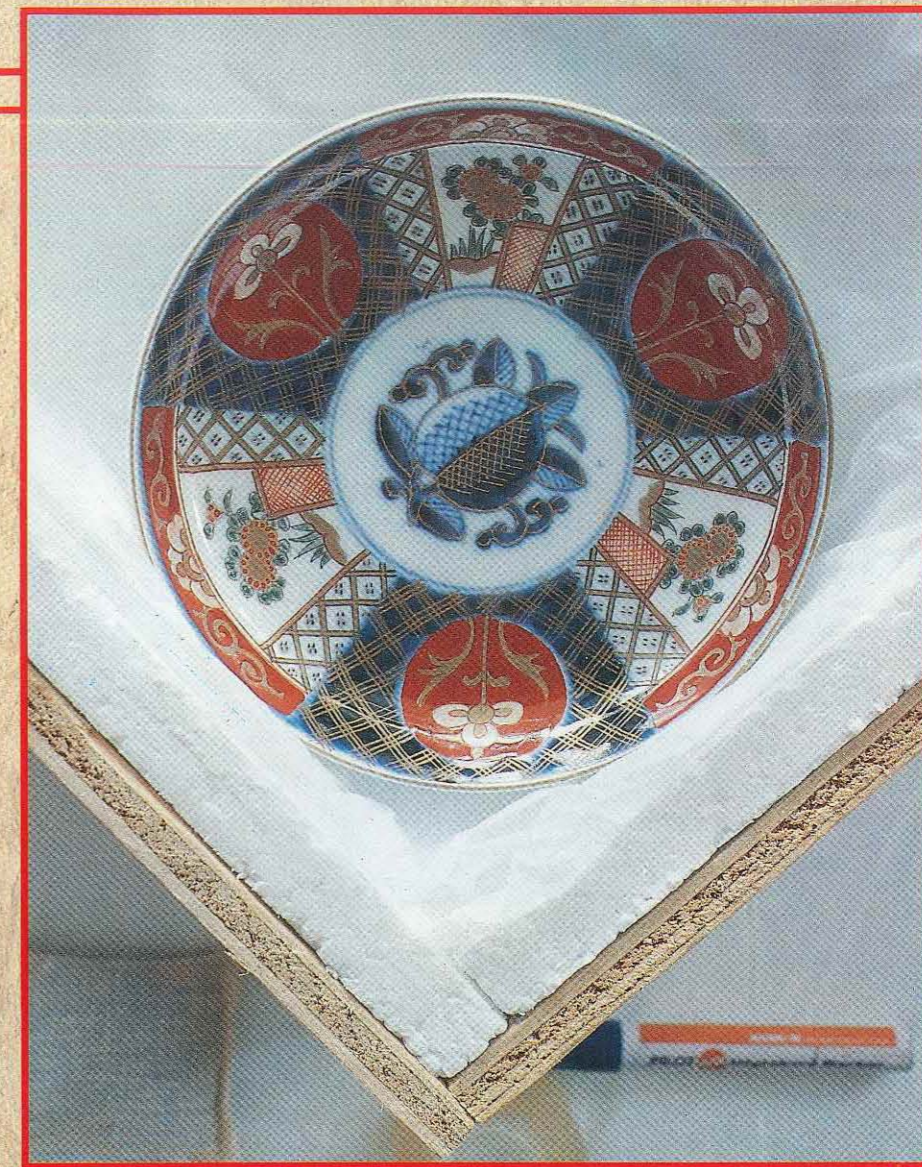
The yearly childrens sports day is held on 18 September. Sign up your children to join in with fun and games. Teams of 10 (not necessary to sign up a full team), ages 4 upwards. Cost: Baht 100 incl refreshments. Starts at 1pm. Dress: Swimming costumes, hats and t-shirts.

INTER SECTION SPORTS DAY - 25TH SEPTEMBER

The Inter Section Sports day, sign up your sections team and compete in this fantastic event! Good fun for all the family (for them to watch and for you to perform)

COVENANT PLAYERS - 25TH SEPTEMBER

After the Inter Section Sports Day, the children can enjoy a performance by the Covenant Players



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