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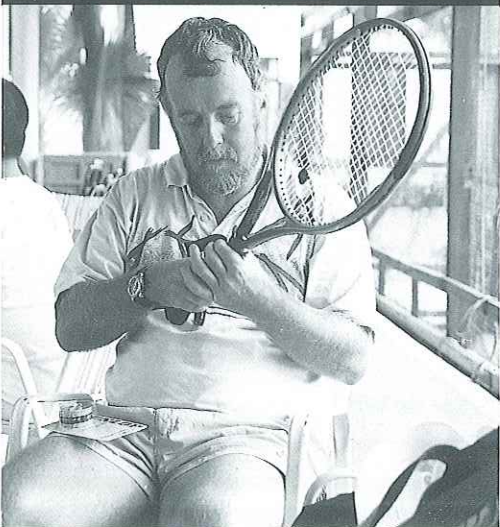
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From the Editor

While this edition was being compiled, the tragic news of the death of British Ambassador H.E. Mr Christian Adams came through and was received with considerable shock by many, both within and outside of the British

community. Although not a frequent visitor, Mr Adams had been very supportive of the Club, writing a personal message in the 1996 Yearbook and presenting prizes at the Christmas Ball. Heartfelt sympathies are sent to Pauline Adams at this sad time.

Onto Outpost, you will see on the next page a rare photo of Tom Bain captured

at the New Members night in July without his familiar moustache; at a subsequent sighting it was growing back with vigour. A similar state of temporary clean-shavenness recently affected Barry Osborne, whose picture on the Committee page (taken at the AGM in March) shows a total lack of facial hirsuteness, yet pictures taken at the Middle East food festival at the end of June clearly display the return of the lip caterpillar. Anyone with an explanation for this odd phenomenon please forward it to me.

It is suggested that the crosswords were deemed too difficult to solve for many of you (including me), so Margaret Miller has kindly supplied several 'straight clue' crosswords which even I can fill up most if not all of, kicking off this month with a puzzle with a sporting theme. As an extra incentive in this quiet month of August, the first legible, correctly completed grid I receive **by fax** at The Creative Partnership (285 4723) will win a bottle of wine. However, the recent claim by

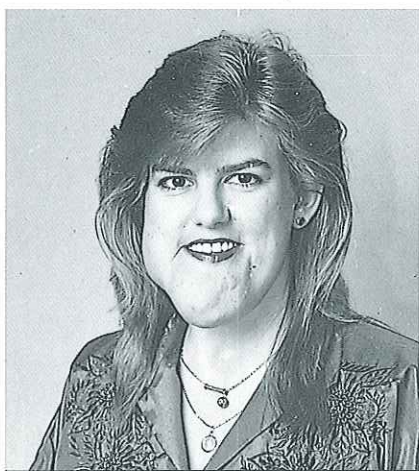
members E44 and B229 to a bottle of whisky of an unspecified but preferably large size on their successful completion of May's cryptic crossword had to be discounted due to the fact that their claim was made on the day June's Outpost hit Reception containing May's solution... notwithstanding their wails of "We have witnesses!", as one of said witnesses was Margaret, the crossword compiler herself!

Things are definitely happening these days round and about the Club - there are reviews about the Club's first wine-tasting and the Racquet Ball in June and of last month's BCT dinner theatre, and then there's *those* pictures of Barry the Genie of the Lamp from the Middle East food festival. From the latter event comes this month's choice recipe, a dessert with a difference.

Trixie's topical poem on man's destruction of nature is accompanied by an appropriate illustration by Shelley Neighbour while on work secondment from Bangkok Patana School. After a fair break, there's a welcome return this month of the Rugby section report hailing the start of the season, although the Badminton reporter, Lek Farang, deserves shooting and we're still awaiting news of the Cricketers...

Don't forget that it's Mother's Day in Thailand on the 12th, so why not send a card home to Mum and surprise her with her second Mother's Day of the year (presuming you remembered the British one, in March). Finally, I would like to wish Pat Lewis a belated farewell as she set off last month back to UK to take up studying for a year; all the best and hurry up back!

Gaynor de Wit
Editor



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From the Manager

By now most members will have noticed the new security gates and drivers room being erected on the Club's premises. As well as the new gates a card swipe system will be introduced to control both vehicular and pedestrian access to the premises.



Thomas Bain - General Manager

Members' cards will be encoded to activate the gates to gain entry. Non-members will have to approach the guard who will be able to open the gate electronically if access is permitted. This system will be easy and convenient for members but should discourage people from trying

to enter the Club who do not have a legitimate reason. However, once the system is introduced members will have to bring their cards when coming to the Club!

The tennis hard courts have been upgraded with a new plexipave surface. This will provide a much better surface for players which is virtually non-slip. I am sure the standard of tennis will now improve out of all recognition.

Staying on the subject of the tennis courts, it was reported to me that someone has been running on the synthetic grass courts in football boots! This is NOT good for the surface so whoever it was please desist!

At the end of June a second Middle East Food Promotion was held in Lords. This was an extremely successful event with more than 120 people attending over the three days. The kitchen and Lords staff worked extremely hard on the event and even dressed in Arabic costume (see article later in this edition) to give an authentic atmosphere! If you missed this event, please make a reservation to come to the Caribbean Festival, nights of tropical fun taking place on 30th and 31st of August in Lords.

Also, don't forget that the next wine tasting will feature a talk by John Harvey from the Harvey's Wine Family, famous for Bristol Cream sherry. This event will take place on Friday 16th August in the Surawongse Room.

Tom Bain
General Manager

Management News

7 BC Satellite TV

To increase the number of television stations available for viewing at the Club, and hopefully our ability to receive major sporting events on "The Big Screen", the Club has arranged to receive IBC by satellite. Please contact the GM or catering services staff if you wish to book "The Big Screen" - the picture quality is excellent.

Banners

Club members will have noticed that banners are not displayed at the poolside or tennis courts any more. This is because it was felt by the Committee that the banners are unsightly and untidy. Instead of banners, notices can be put on the Club's notice boards. Recognition to sponsors can be put on these notices or be mentioned in section write-ups in Outpost. However, it should be noted that there is no intention to allow free advertising for Club sponsors in Outpost.

The BC trip to the Surin Elephant Round-Up 14th-16th November

Places for this event are limited and filling fast, so if you wish to join the party please complete the form in this magazine and return it as soon as possible!

Churchill Bar Menu

The new quarterly menu has arrived in the Churchill Bar. Come along and try potato wedges, bitter ballen and a host of other treats.

Lords Promotion

Congratulations to Ken Airey, winner of the bottle of Cognac donated by Allied Walker



Ken Airey receives his Cognac from Barry

for the Lords Restaurant promotion week which launched the new and much favoured Lords menu.

Pool Supervisor

Khun Chamnan the pool supervisor has sadly left the Club for greener pastures. Khun Amnat has been promoted from the position of deputy pool supervisor to pool supervisor.

Staff Uniforms

You will soon notice the Club staff in bright clean new uniforms. These have been ordered and should arrive in the near future. Some styles and colours will be the same as before while for some staff a change in style will be the order of the day.

Wine Tasting

Don't forget the next wine tasting with John Harvey of Harvey's Bristol Cream Sherry fame on Friday 16th August in the Surawongse Room.

Caribbean Festival

Following hot on the heels of the very successful Middle Eastern Festival will be the Caribbean Festival to be held on 30th and 31st August. Book your seat in Lords now and receive a free tropical cocktail when you arrive at the restaurant.

Obituary

H.E. Mr Christian Adams CMG

The Committee, members and staff of the British Club would like to express their sadness over the sudden and unexpected passing of the British Ambassador to Thailand, His Excellency Mr Christian Adams CMG, on the 10th July while on holiday in the UK with his family. Christian Adams joined the Club on arriving in Thailand in 1992; he occasionally played tennis for the Club and was

one of the regulars at the Scottish country dancing nights held on the front lawn of the Club every November prior to the St Andrews Ball.

Christian Adams was a highly respected figure among the British community in particular and in Bangkok, and will be greatly missed. Deepest condolences are conveyed to his wife Pauline and family on their tragic loss.

BCT Club Nights at the Club

The Bangkok Community Theatre organises monthly 'Club nights' in the Surawong Room on the first Thursday of every month which are open to anyone at the British Club as well as BCT members. Recent evenings have featured tap- and line-dancing lessons, acting workshops improvisations, play readings, make-up seminars, theatrical charades and similar theme entertainments for amdram enthusiasts.

For more details on these nights or on upcoming full theatre productions please call Angela Mitchell (258 8495) or Bonnie Zellerbach (286 2196). The August Club Night is on Thursday 1st; pop upstairs to the Surawong Room to take part in some costume-based improvisation, or just come along to watch! See you there at around 7.30pm!

CSB needs volunteers...

For their annual Shoppers' Day extravaganza on October 12th! The Shoppers' Day brings together over 100 hundred vendors of handicrafts, clothing, fashion accessories and Christmas gift items under one roof at the Siam

Intercontinental Hotel, but to make this day a success we need volunteers to help. Just a few hours on the day would be a great help! Please call Marilyn Fabian on 261 4867 or CSB on 258 4998 or 258 5652.

More Mouthwatering Events in August

Wine Tasting and Sale with John Harvey

Friday 16th August 1996 from 7pm,
Surawongse Room

John Harvey from the famous Sherry makers will be at the Club to give a talk about sherry and some of his favourite wines.

You will be able to taste and purchase some of these wines and have a good time into the bargain.

The cost is Bht 100 which includes tastings and light refreshments. Please sign up at the Club or fax the booking sheet below.

Caribbean Food Festival

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st August,
Lords Restaurant

This event will be a festival full of the sensuous smells, sounds and tastes of a moonlit tropical Caribbean night. So out with your grass skirts and floral shirts and come along for a fun-filled evening.

Book your seat and receive a free tropical cocktail upon arrival at Lords!

Wine Tasting and Sale with John Harvey - 16th August

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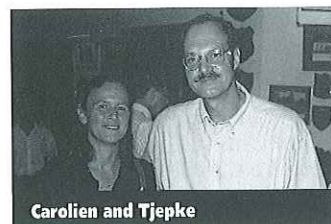
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New Members

Tjepke and Carolien Nawijn

Well-travelled Tjepke and Carolien have previously lived in New York, Colombo, Sharjah (UAE), Kenya and the Netherlands before moving here a year ago and could have listed a whole host of adventures, their favourite being pushing their range rover to its tilt limits over dried up river beds. Tjepke and Carolien enjoy golf, tennis and swimming and have 4 children: Willem 4, Bart 8, Bram 10 and Jacob 12, all at Patana.



Carolien and Tjepke



Matthew

Matthew Pennington

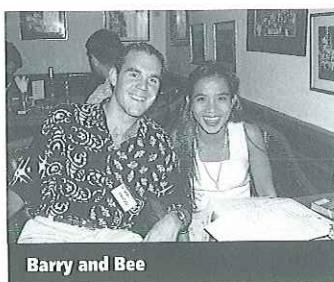
Matthew is a British correspondent with Agence France-Presse who has just spent the last two years with the UNDP in Laos as an Information Officer, so he offered to give anyone advice as to where to go in Laos on holiday! He has been here three months so far and intends to stay "as long as his lungs can stand it". Matthew plays cricket and a bit of squash, he's single and 27.

William and Min Jong Christie

William is the National Certification Manager at SGS (yes, another one) and lists his greatest adventure as living in Seoul for two and a half years, which is where he met Min Jong. William plays football and squash badly, and otherwise enjoys fishing, reading, ten-pin bowling, pool, darts and most pub games while Min Jong likes ice skating, lying by the pool and films.



Min Jong and Willy



Barry and Bee

Barry Crawford and Sahattaya Krisanayotin

Barry was previously with Nestlé but is now studying Thai full time before starting a degree course in Thai studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London while Bee is a copywriter at McCann-Erickson. Barry plays football and enjoys travel and learning Thai while Bee likes swimming, photography, travelling and gardening. Barry assured me that their relationship had nothing to do with the fact that Bee won Bht 3 million on the lottery a few years ago...

Richard Bryant

Single engineer Richard is with Adams Parking and is definitely a long-stayer - he's been here a year and a half so far and expects to be here at least another five years. An 'old hand' here in Bangkok, he lists his sole hobby as sitting in traffic! Previously stationed in Hong Kong, Richard is a tennis, squash and cricket player and enjoys diving.

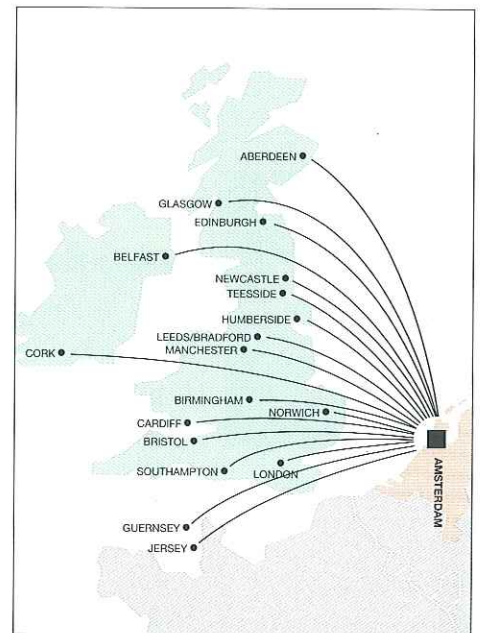


Richard

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Capt Philip Weaver MBE

Otherwise known as “Veer 6 Chinatown”, Philip is much into what is called ‘radio sport’ and ‘met’ his proposer Tony years ago on the airwaves. Stationed in Hong Kong for 21 years with the HK government, latterly setting up the Hong Kong Maritime Search and Rescue (lifeboat) service, Philip is a keen and qualified boatsman - for those of you who own large yachts, he would love to skipper your boat for you for a cruise anywhere!

Eran Banon

Yet another SGS bod, Eran is an economist and has no idea how long he’ll be here. His wife, Jacqueline, a dentist, was at home with their two children Eyal, 3 1/2, and Meiran, 15 months. Both Eran and Jacqueline play squash and swim, and Eran also enjoys photography, having exhibited his colour landscapes, scuba diving, reading and surfing the Internet.

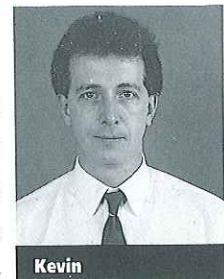


Rudi Spaan and Rebecca Pierson

Dutchman Rudi is the Regional Manager for the New Hampshire insurance here while American Rebecca is Regional Sales Manager for MICL, part of the Manager group; both play golf and intend to go diving; Rudi also plays squash and enjoys horse riding while Rebecca enjoys aerobics. Rudi lists his hobby as “wine” and Rebecca’s as “drinking it,” and defines ‘adventure’ as “living in Bangkok!

Kevin Connolly

I missed Kevin at June’s New Members as he was in and out quicker than you could say boo, so here he is now. Kevin’s the MD at Dale Electric Power Systems and has spent over 8 years working in Asia, which is “starting to grow on him,” including three stints in Korea and one in Taiwan before arriving here 10 months ago. Kevin is 41 and single, and lists his sole hobby as “watching the box” as he has no time for anything else.



Gareth McIlroy

Listing his only hobby as ‘Singha Gold’, methinks Gareth will fit in well here! Belfast lad Gareth’s the Business Development Manager with Mivan and has been here two years already. He plays squash (and won this year’s Don Johnson Cup), tennis, football and golf, indeed, anything with a ball; Gareth is 29 and single, and has previously lived in Malaysia and Gibraltar.

Robert and Janet Hirons

Bob is with Sandvik making cutting tools while Jan was a secretary in UK but may try teaching here. Bob has already found the Huamark stadium where he can indulge in his hobby, clay pigeon shooting, whereas Jan will be Club-based with swimming and aerobics. They have four grown children in Britain.



New Committee Kicks Off

The Annual General Meeting of the football section saw the election of a new administration under the stewardship of Alex Forbes. Following in the footsteps of the highly successful Vaughan Elias regime will be a challenge in itself, and we wish Alex and his team every success in the season ahead.

Elected officers are now as follows:-

Chairman:	Alex Forbes
1st Team Captain:	Terry Grogan
Casuals Captain:	Alan May
	Peter Downes
Treasurer:	Stuart Edwards
Entertainment:	Paul Greenhalgh
	Marc Hagelauer
Farang League:	John Sheehan

Alex has requested the new committee to meet on the first Tuesday of each month after training at the British Club. Hot on the agenda at the moment are tours to Pattaya and Chiang Mai, and Frank Hough's 50th Year Celebrations.

In the past season the section won two trophies, the first team were Bangkok Farang League champions, and the Casuals won the Pattana Teachers Competition.

The following awards were confirmed:-

Player of the Year: Keith Dougall
 Runners-up: Chris Davin, Dave Atkinson,
 Terry Grogan, Tim Ross and
 George Everest

Farang League Player of the Year: Tim Ross

Injury of the Season:

Frank Hough's ham-string
 Paul Greenhalgh's toe-nail

Own-goal of the Season: John Sheehan's 40 yard lob over Norman



Your new Chairman Alex Forbes

Profile of the new Chairman

Born at an early age in Aberdeen, it is said of that town :-

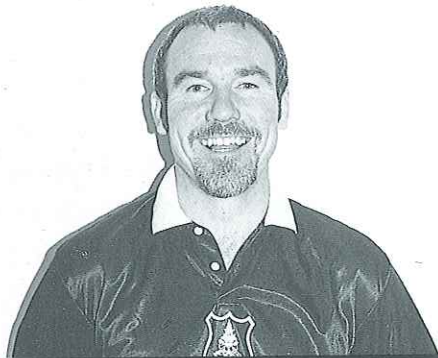
"The bonniest town you ever seen
 Oil and fishing and a football team
 It's grand to stay in Aberdeen"

A pupil at Robert Gordon's College, "Fatty Forbes" as he was then known started his sporting career excelling at the oval-ball game - Rugby section please note ! Tipped as a likely Scottish schoolboy international at loose-head prop, the pinnacle of his rugby days was a match-up against the great "Mighty Mouse" himself, Ian McLoughlin, who was then Captain of Scotland and a British Lion. Finding himself on the end of a severe mauling from the great man, Alex displayed great personal initiative by biting McLoughlin on the ear, causing him to leave the match to have his ear stitched up, and Alex's team to come back and win the match ! Understandably frightened of the repercussions, Alex then thought it safer to transfer to the round-ball game where he joined Hermes Amateur Football club, winning his first medal in 1968, on the same day that Scotland lost



3 - 1 to Peru in the World Cup Finals. Many medals later (for Alex, not Scotland!), the oil business brought him to Asia in 1984, initially to Singapore, where he says he enjoyed his most successful soccer times with the Singapore British Hotspurs, remaining unbeaten for 15 months.

Alex came to Bangkok in 1987, and captained the Soccer section of the BC in his first season (Another one of those runners-up in the Farang League seasons!) He re-instigated touring for the section and was a founder member of the Bangkok Junior Soccer League. In 1993 he served on the British Club General Committee and in 1994 was Chieftain of the Saint Andrews Society. He has a wife Linda, and son Steven 17, who shows many signs of following in his father's footsteps.



New first team Captain Terry Grogan

Profile of the new first-team Captain

Born in Dublin's fair city, Terry claims never to have kissed the Blarney stone, but to have once kissed a girl at school who had ! At 39 years of age, just, Terry is living testimony to the widespread belief in the section that football players peak at 40. For Terry this may be true of his football, but for others in the section it may be more appropriate to their perfor-

mance in the night-time entertainment venues! Brought up in Birmingham, Terry continues to be an avid "Blues" fan to the extent that the elder Grogan junior is frequently seen in replica strip. According to the scribe's records, Birmingham City's last noteworthy achievement (ie. real trophies, lower Division stuff, Mickey Mouse competitions and Euro-farce excepted) was their appearance in the 1956 Cup Final where they lost 3 - 1 to Manchester City. Unfortunately being born in June 1957, Terry has never had the fortune to witness the Blues do anything meaningful in his lifetime. There are those who might question whether he ever will, nor indeed will Terry's children! Terry's own performances on the park are fortunately for the BC more successful than those of his adopted idols. Originally starting at left-back for his Junior School side, life went full circle for Terry last season with the BC when he returned to this position in the Championship winning side. He reckons his best seasons were between 1978 and 1982 where he played in the centre of defence for Midland Combination side Ashted Rovers, near Solihull. Blessed with a sweet left foot and a good eye for goal, Terry consistently gives inspiration to those around him on the park and shows excellent leadership qualities. Now, with the benefit of a few grey hairs (but nothing Grecian 2000 couldn't overcome), Terry is a popular choice of Captain and we wish him well in his pursuit of victory in the coming season.

Terry's wife Lesley is a frequent visitor to Saturday afternoon games along with sons Connor, 2 and Rory, 1.



Alan May and Peter Downes getting the Casuals in order

Congratulations are also due to Alan May and Peter Downes for their excellent organization and efforts with the Casuals, and we also wish them continuing success in the season ahead.

Stuart Edwards is already showing marked enthusiasm for his new task as Treasurer, though whether members want faster soccer

charges on their monthly accounts is a debatable issue! We also wish Paul and Marc well in their new joint-role as entertainment secretary. This is traditionally a difficult and thank-



Injury of the Year- Frank Hough shows us his ham-string

less position and it is hoped that members will give them every support and encouragement possible.

The BC are Back!

The rugby section is back in Outpost after a long, hard summer. After 3 months without any report at all we have persuaded our old friend M.Y. Opic to continue with his match reports for another season.

This year the committee will again endeavour to keep you up to date with ongoing events. Please, please, please respond to Peter Hutton's faxes. If you don't get one every two weeks, telephone him to check the fax number.

For your information, the latest programme for August and September is as follows:

11 Aug	BC v Navy	Chula Stdm 5.20pm
18 Aug	BC v Corsaires	Army Stdm 4.00pm
25 Aug	BC v Police	Chula Stdm 4.45pm



Peter Hutton 15 stag tour to Jakarta

8 Sep	BC v Southerners	Chula Stdm 3.30pm
14-15 Sep	Hat Yai 7's	Hat Yai
21 Sep	Barbarians v HK Tigers	
22 Sep	BC v RBSC	Army Stdm 3.00pm
28 Sep	BC v Army	Army Stdm 3.00pm





Anybody got any interesting rugby tales to tell, please fax them to the BC for the attention of M.Y. Opic, ace reporter venturer.

BC Register Warning

During the latter half of June the BC sent out a warning that they are back. In three consecutive weeks they destroyed the expatriate opposition and yet again appear to be the strongest of the foreign sides.

Southerners 5, British Club 7

3pm on 15th June 1996 and I was in a taxi on Palarm See headed towards the Army Apprentices College to see the BC take on the new look Southerners. And new look it is. Foxy has molded a side together which will compete with the best.

The game itself was riddled with mistakes in atrocious conditions. However, it was full of excitement with many scoring opportunities which unfortunately were not taken. The game remained scoreless until the last five minutes. Then, from a penalty 10 metres out, Graham Atkinson crashed over and Graham Carson converted from an acute angle. Minutes later, the Southerners scored in the corner but the conversion went wide and the BC won 7-5.

Corsaires 18, British Club 19

The old enemies met in this pre-season friendly which could quite easily have been a cup final. The previous week, the BC had the luck, but this time it was the French. Had the BC not made many changes, as skipper Alex Stewart tried to identify his league squad, the score could have been greater.

The Corsaires took an early lead through a drop goal but the BC responded with a superb try from Richard Barton which was

converted by Graham Carson. The rest of the first half was played in the middle of the field with fly halves competing for the golden boot award. Then late on the Corsaires scored two tries to lead 15-7 at the break.

In the second half the BC threw the ball around and played some very attractive rugby which should have brought them several scores, however, the final pass went astray. Two tries were scored by Khun Wai and Francois Bacchetta with Graham Carson converting one.

This was a fine performance by the BC who with several players missing looked very strong for the season.

British Club 53, Bangkok Japanese 19

Smarting from a fine victory over the Corsaires, the BC gave out a lesson against their weaker Japanese opponents. However, the never-say-die attitude of the Japanese combined with their fine rooking skills reminded Alex Stewart that there is still work to be done before the season begins in earnest. Tries were scored by Chris Markey (break from a line out), Graham Carson (blind side break from the half way line), Andy Davies (interception 5m out), Carlo Casagrande (length of the field handling by the backs), Graham Carson (crash ball 5m out), Wai (along the line from a penalty), Graham Carson (blind side break 20m out), Wai (length of the field break) and Nigel Wixcey (break through the centres).

Everything looks very positive for the season; don't forget training at Soi 15 - Mondays at 8pm, and the BC - Thursdays at 7pm. New members welcome.

M.Y. Opic

Didn't They Do Well!

Generation Game Sunday 9th June

June's "second Sunday" tournament replaced the mix-in format with an inter-family competition. Juniors were invited to select a tennis playing parent, and if they did not have one, or if there were not enough to go round the children in the family, they could team up with one of the 'loose adults' we had waiting in the wings!

There was a lot of enthusiasm and most pairs had signed up before the day, which gave us much needed time to decide on handicaps and the types of games to be played. In the end, there were 22 pairs, most of whom were ready well before 3pm on the day. We all gathered for a pre-match photo, and I hope that Gaynor kept taking shots at the point when we announced that the games would consist of the best of 3 tie-breaks....There was a stunned silence, and then the trusting Jun-



The best of 3 whats ?!

ior faces turned up towards their adult partners..."you know how to do one of those, don't you Dad.?, don't you?"!

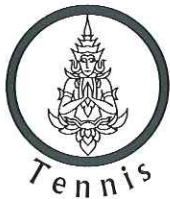
Well it turns out that they did, and if they didn't, they soon did after a few early games. The big problem was keeping a hold on the score throughout 3 tie-breaks, and there were



Generations of players

many tired brains by the end of the day! Nevertheless, it worked well. The games moved quickly, no-one was waiting for much more than it took to have a cup of tea and all the matches were played by 6.30 pm and the rain. There were 4 groups: The Junior Juniors had 7 pairs in a Round Robin format, and ended up playing 4 out of the possible 6 matches. It was fun watching people like James and Eric trying desperately to slow down their serves, and having to suddenly charge across the court when their trusting young partners watched a ball coming towards them and made not a single move towards meeting it with their racquets. It was a great learning opportunity for the Juniors and they all played up to it. The overall winners were George Henton (helped a little by Kate), followed by Carly Young (with James) and David Weekes (with Mike)

The rest of the players were divided between 3 leagues, with a range of players in each and handicaps to suit. Each pair played 4 matches. There were no family rows (not obvious ones at least), so maybe the penalty of a 2 point loss for a row was enough of a deterrent. There were the odd rumbles ("We aren't



winning because Dad is too jolly”, “I wish now that I had played with Mum!” “I am a squash player really”), but really it was a very good humoured afternoon. Each division had a clear winner - Don and Thulike Wijeratne, Ryan and Moira Mcneilly, and Sandy Wijeratne and her “spare adult” partner, Dick Blackmore. There was a play-off between them from which Sandy and Dick emerged clear winners. The Wijeratne family has really made its mark on the Junior tennis in a very short time!

Not amongst the leaders, but definitely deserving a special mention, is Cara Mcneilly, who had hoped for a quiet afternoon spectating, but courageously agreed to play so that we could have even sized leagues. She did really well, in borrowed shoes, top and skirt, and had to play with two different partners as well. Thank you Cara!

The last major Junior event before the long holiday was on Sunday July 7th and the next will not be until Sunday September 8th at 8am. Put it into the diary before you go away!. Please talk to Jill Phillips, or Kate Henton 254 1582 to book in a ladder match. The next adult ‘Sunday tournament’ will be on Sunday 11th August in the afternoon, at 3pm.

Shelagh Weekes

Home Tennis Match v. Japanese Club (As Hosts)

For this event your scribe had to make a straight choice between Wimbledon or the B.C. Never a moment’s doubt as to where his true loyalty lay, Wimbledon ambitions were once



The Japanese and us and a Barry buffet

more firmly set aside in favour of setting up yet another winning BC team. Well almost!! ‘Almost’ indeed, as the BC men excelled themselves on the day winning overall by one match at 7/6. Particularly strong showings were made by Bernie and James who won both their matches comfortably. It was good to see James back on court in surprisingly sharp form after nearly 6 months lay off with disc trouble. Ladder men had better watch out for this one! Pat Dean and Arthur were also in pretty convincing form, winning both their matches but surprisingly Surin found the going a bit tougher when partnering Marc, losing 6/3; however, he soon made amends winning with Richard by 6/4. Other notable wins were achieved by Richard and David, Roger and your scribe who had to dig deep to come through.

Even the Mixed Doubles event was very close, just turning in Japan’s favour by one match at 4/5. There were many ‘IF ONLY’ sagas with Mark and Zandra coming closest at 5/6; a victory that would have just swung the mixed in our favour. Nevertheless there were some excellent wins particularly those of Bernie and Chalatip, James and Grace,

Dick and Chalutip, Richard and Kip, and it was particularly pleasing to see the big improvement in Kip's all round play. A match winner for the future to be sure!

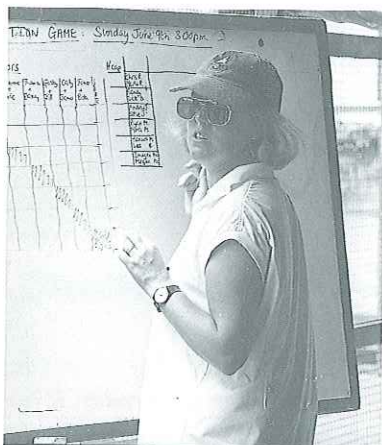
But on the day the Japanese ladies proved all conquering, achieving a whitewash which even our talented Chalutip's best endeavours could not prevent. In spite of many close matches BCLadies could not prevail. Of course most of our ladies are relative newcomers to tournament tennis and have much to learn about tactics, court positioning, playing key points etc. It is therefore certain that this match experience will stand them in very good stead for future matches. Certainly none of them should be downhearted by the result as they all have an abundance of that rare and most important of attributes, namely the determination to play as often as possible and improve all the time. With a few more matches under their belts and a bit more practice, I'm sure that we have the makings of a good all round ladies team for the future and most important of all, a team of ladies who want to play for the Club and enjoy doing so. Ahmen!! Our Japanese friends were hosts for the day



The host with the toast !

and needless to say, with the help of Barry and his staff, we were once again provided with an excellent buffet. Although we did our best to consume it all, the task proved even harder than winning the match and several members of both teams were seen staggering away to sleep off their acute over-indulgence. After prudently short speeches, the proceedings closed on a high note with two or three Japanese players expressing a keen interest in becoming members of the Club. All present expressed their enjoyment of the match and all looked forward to the return event.

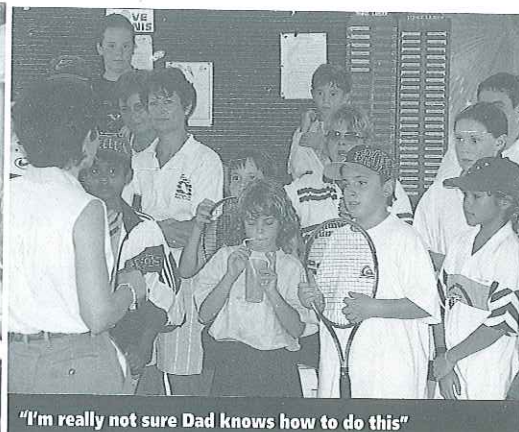
Bruce Gordon



And the Scores on the Boards...



Daye'll Fix It



"I'm really not sure Dad knows how to do this"

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - August

Sunday



Venues

Soi 15 **NIST grounds**
 Soi 49 **Soi Klang Racquet Club**
 Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police Station**

Golf - As advertised

4

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares**
 3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

Monday



Opening Times

10am-11pm **Churchill Bar**
 11.30am-2pm **Lords Restaurant - Lunch**
 6-10pm **Lords Restaurant - Dinner**
 7.30am-10pm **Poolside Bar**
 6am-9pm **Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat**
 9am-9pm **Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols**
 9am-5pm **Thai Massage - Tue/Sun**

5

8am **BWG Mahjong**
 9.30am **Golf - Club Day**
 2pm **Aerobics**
 6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

7.30pm New Members Night

Tuesday



Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton **Gaynor de Wit 237-4031**
 Cricket **Peter Young 679-7644**
 Golf **Geoff Lamb 326-0381**
 Rugby **Joe Grunwell 262-0220**
 Squash **David Turner 279-4234**
 Soccer **Peter Rodgers 240-0678**
 Tennis **John Kelly 264-2100**

6

7am **Ladies Golf**
 7-9pm **Soccer Training**
 8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

Wednesday



Sports - Contact the following:

Non-BC Sports
 Ladies Golf
 BCLG **Wil Agerbeek 259-7019**
 LIGHT **Eileen Cook 295-4596**
 Hockey **Lois Carson 258-5295**

7

9.30am **Aerobics**
 5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

Thursday



1

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
 6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
 7pm **Aerobics**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7.30pm **BTC Club Night**

8

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
 6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
 7pm **Aerobics**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

Friday



2

9.30am **Aerobics**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

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 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

Saturday



3

8am **Junior Tennis**
 8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

10

8am **Junior Tennis**
 8am **Golf - Eclectic**
 8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

Children's Sports Activities

Tennis Coaching
Swimming Coaching

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning
Saturday Morning

Don't Forget !!

John Harvey Wine Tasting - 16th August
Caribbean Food Festival - 30-31 August

11

8am **Golf - Eclectic**
 11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares**
 2-7pm **Tennis Tournament**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**
 5.20pm **Rugby - Chula Stdm**

18

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares**
 3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 4pm **Rugby - Army Stdm**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

Scuba course - poolside

25

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares**
 11.45am **Golf - Royal Golf**
 3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 4.45pm **Rugby - Chula Stdm**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

12

8am **Golf - Eclectic**
 8am **BWG Mahjong**
 2pm **Aerobics**
 6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
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 6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

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 7pm **Aerobics**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
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 6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
 7pm **Aerobics**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

16

9.30am **Aerobics**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

7pm John Harvey Wine Tasting

23

9.30am **Aerobics**
 11am **Golf - Dunlop Cup**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

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 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

Caribbean Food Festival - Lords

17

8am **Junior Tennis**
 8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

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Caribbean Food Festival - Lords



Stringing Along on Club Day

Dunlop Cup Sponsored by Dunlop

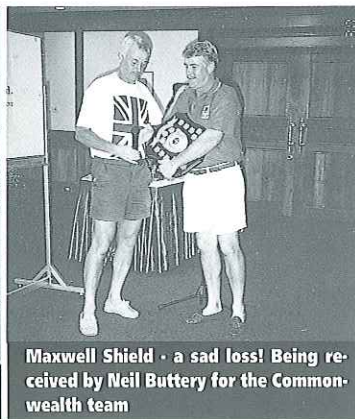
This was held in Kanchanaburi on the weekend of 31st May - 2nd June. The first and third days were played at Nichigo River Kwai with the second day at River Kwai, and the results are as below. The weather for the three days was (in a word) HOT. The accommodation was at Nichigo and the overflow stayed next door at the Pavilion. An excellent weekend was had by all with a great turnout of members. Many thanks to David Lamb of **Dunlop** for sponsoring such a fantastic event. The results of the 3 days are as follows:

Day One - Nichigo River Kwai

Qualifying pairs: Peter Talbot & Des Keane, Geoffrey Lamb & Mike Poustie, Lloyd Houghton & Roy Barrett and Greg & Lauren Lambert



Dunlop Plate winners Mark Verheyen and Bernie Adams



Maxwell Shield - a sad loss! Being received by Neil Buttery for the Commonwealth team

Technical Prizes

Near Pin: R. Barrett, Bernie Adams, Mike Poustie

Longest Drive Ladies: Judy Fitzgerald
Men: Mark Verheyen

Day Two - River Kwai

Finals pairs: Talbot/Keane and the Lamberts

Technical Prizes

Near Pin: R. Barrett, David Lamb, Cheryl



Dunlop Cup winners Peter Talbot and Des Keane

Lamb, Alex Southcombe

Longest Drive Ladies: Lauren Lambert

Men: Lloyd Houghton

Day Three - Nichigo River Kwai

Winners of the Dunlop Cup: Peter Talbot and Des Keane

Runners Up: Greg & Lauren Lambert

Winners of the Dunlop Plate: Bernie Adams and Mark Verheyen

Runners Up: David and Cheryl Lamb

Day Three Prize: Geoffrey Lamb and Mike Poustie

Technical Prizes

Near Pin: Des Keane, Angelo Ferrer, R. Barrett, Greg Lambert

Longest Drive Ladies: Angela Poustie

Men: Bernie Adams

Johnnie Walker Bangkok League 15th June

Bernie's first outing as surrogate Captain of the Johnnie Walker league side ended in a close loss for the British Club to the Lighthouse Club. The final result was 9 to 7 for the Lights. The pairs event, with Bernie Adams and Mark Verheyen, lost on the 18th to a chip in birdie from a 24 handicap player!! Mark, however, was severely handicapped (cut to 5) for the day in recompense for playing well on the previous outing at Nichigo, although a 6



shot cut was a little harsh. Des Keane and Mike Corey teamed well to a comfortable victory. In the single, Peter Talbot snatched a draw; Angelo Ferrer won and both Phil Wittke and David Lamb lost. Still, all is not lost. We are in second place, only 4 points behind the leading team. With one match remaining against the bottom club, the Japanese, we have every chance of overtaking them to win the league.

Club Day Sponsored by Raja Fashion

The Club Day was held on Sunday 16th June and was a Stableford and String competition, with the first nine holes being scored using the normal Stableford format and using half of the player's full handicap. The back nine was where the fun started, with a long piece of string, one foot for each handicap point, used to move the ball without a shot being counted, either out of hazards or for holing it. Those with 36 to 40 handicaps seemed to be in a very good position but this was not to be, as they very soon discovered. Players who were not long hitters soon found out that by the time they were near enough to putt and thus able to use their string, they were not in a position to get any Stableford points. Maybe a slightly different format could be worked out for when this competition is played again. **Raja Fashions** kindly donated three vouchers to enable the winners to order a new suit. The winner was Mike Corey, runner up was Peter Talbot and third was Des Keane. A special prize was awarded to Pauline Griffiths for her first competitive round of golf with the BC. Near Pins were won by Joan Adams, Angela



Dunlop Cup runners up Greg and Lauren Lambert



Club Day winner Mike Corey (with most of his string intact!)

Poustie, Mark Verheyen and Mike Corey. Men's long drive was won by Graeme Revill and Ladies' long drive by Angela Poustie.

Brits v. Commonwealth Sponsored by ProjectsAsia Ltd

A very enjoyable competition was held at the President Golf Club on 30th June between the Brits and a large number of Australians and New Zealanders. Once again the Commonwealth walked away with the Maxwell Shield, winning with 421 points to the Brits' 404. But our turn will come next year.

A total of 21 players were fielded by the British team and 22 from the Commonwealth, the top 12 scores being counted from either side. The day was finished off with a buffet and plenty of amber liquid, to reach those parts that the water didn't get to.

Near pin at hole 3 was won by Dugal Forrest with the other near pins going to Commonwealth players Sue Jones and Max Kruse. Near pin at hole 5 was won by Bob Fowler, a visiting Brit from South Africa. Men's long drive was won by Steve Pritchard and Ladies' by Sue Jones.

Mark Verheyen came first, second was Peter Talbot and third was Joan Adams, to win prizes which were sponsored by **ProjectsAsia Ltd** for the British team.

Lauren Lambert



Dawee Cup Revenge

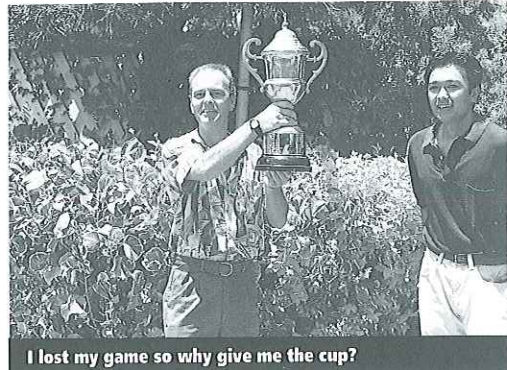
Dawee Cup

The British Club successfully avenged the trouncing received last year and are the proud holders of the Dawee Cup for the next 12 months. The Dawee Cup has been the prize for an annual squash match between Thais and farangs living in Thailand (represented by the BC) since 1974. In recent years, the Thais have been conspicuously more successful and this is the first time since 1992 that the BC has had its name on the trophy. The match is between teams of 10 players and our team triumphed 6 - 4. (Judging by the age difference between most of the BC players and their Thai opponents, this is going to be a difficult trophy to defend next year!!)



Dawee Cup winners - note the looks of satisfaction

Congratulations to the team of Dick Anwar, Michael Prinz, David Hedge, Colin Hastings, Mark Smith, Mark Reading, Chris Platt, David Bryant, Dave Jewell and newcomer Gareth McIlroy. As it turned out, Gareth's 5 set victory over K. Visarut was the decisive match and a wonderful exhibition as well - although Gareth reckons he couldn't walk for 2 days afterwards!!



I lost my game so why give me the cup?

Don Johnson Cup and Parra Handy Plate

The British Club men's closed championship took place during July with the finals held on Sunday 29th. Congratulations to Gareth McIlroy who won the Don Johnson Cup and Michael Prinz who won the Parra Handy Plate. Their respective opponents in the finals were Mark Reading and Greg Lambert. Both matches were won in three games but the standard of squash was excellent and a good crowd was on hand to cheer the players on. It is interesting that these four players were all competing in their first BC championship. Out with the old and in with the new!!

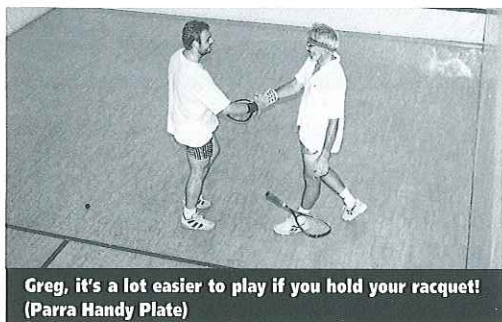
Paulaner Brauhäus Handicap Competition

This annual event is being sponsored this year by Paulaner Brauhäus (thanks to Michael Prinz for organising this) and will be played during August and September. A fun tournament for all levels of players so make sure you sign up on the sheet outside Court 1. The organising committee's allocation of handicaps is final and no correspondence will be entered into (unless the bribe is too big to turn down!)

June Leagues

The winners of the League No.118 played during May and June, sponsored by **SGS Construction Cost Consultants Ltd** were

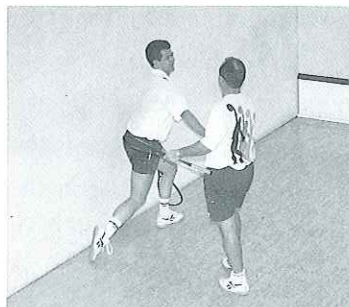
- League 1 Dave Jewell
- 2 Mark Reading
- 3 Marvyn Lewis
- 4 Mike Poustie
- 5 Mel Leddy
- 6 Greg Lambert
- 7 Terry Grogan
- 8 Bill Randall
- 9 no winner
- 10 Natalie Bennett
- 11 Emma Wright



Greg, it's a lot easier to play if you hold your racquet!
(Parra Handy Plate)

Snippets

The Racquet Ball was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to all those people who put their time and energy into making it a success. For those who enter the Leagues - it's obvious that some of you out there are not making much effort to play your games - we know it is not always easy in this madhouse but please try your best to complete your games, as the intent is to get people playing squash and it is not fair on other players who may be trying to advance up the leagues if some players are not making much effort.



You can't run away Mark - he's already beaten you! (Don Johnson Cup final)



Well done Gareth. Prize presentation of the Don Johnson Cup by Blaise McConnell, the squash league sponsor for 1996

Don't forget your court stickers - for normal play and also for the Thursday or Sunday mix-ins.

Ladder Draw - winners for June were Bill Randall 1000Bt, Mike Staples 500Bt.

Upcoming Events

Paulaner Brauhäus Handicap Tournament - see above

Sunday Mix-in

1st Sunday of every month. Next one is 4 August and then 1 September. Sign up on the day at 12:30p.m.

Chiang Mai weekend away

The committee wants to know the level of interest in a weekend away to Chiang Mai (probably 23/24 Nov). It is expected that we would play some squash but that there will be opportunity for golf, shopping, drinking or whatever else takes your fancy! Keep your eye on the notice board for details.

Rod Carter Open

This is the BC's big tournament of the year (to be played in October) and we are looking for a sponsor. If anyone out there can help, please contact the Committee.

See you at the courts,

Dave Jewell

Reciprocal Club

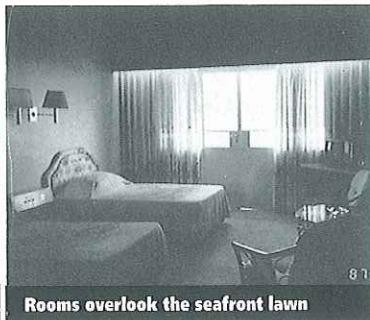
The Penang Club

This Club was on my affiliated club visit list in 1995 and I liked it so much I sauntered in again a few months ago. Located on the seafront in Georgetown, this is definitely **the** place to enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the large and luxurious dining room - what I call a 'heavy serviette' venue - with a huge bay window looking out over the sea; one of the best cuppas on the island not to mention the good food.

There is an accommodation wing with several comfortable residential rooms which may be hired by reciprocal club members, and there's a library and a conference room. Considering the lack of sporting facilities (a nice pool, a snooker room and a squash court) and the relatively numerous eateries - the family dining room, an even more luxurious Dolphin Room and the 'Sunken' dining room, an open-air poolside coffeeshop, a men's bar and a comfortable lobby lounge, the Club appears to have a very active membership, which says something about the correlation of facilities to activity other clubs might learn from.

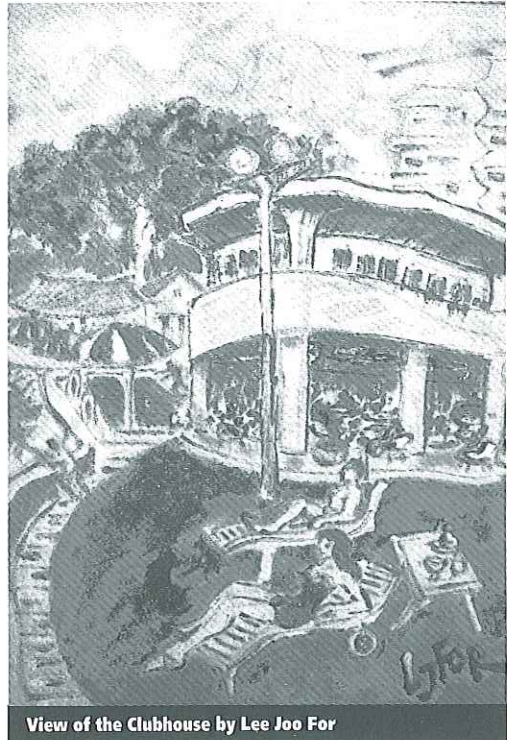


Relaxed lobby lounge



Rooms overlook the seafront lawn

According to their brochure, the Penang Club was established in 1868 and is not only a well-preserved landmark but has been a second home to generations of leaders in com-



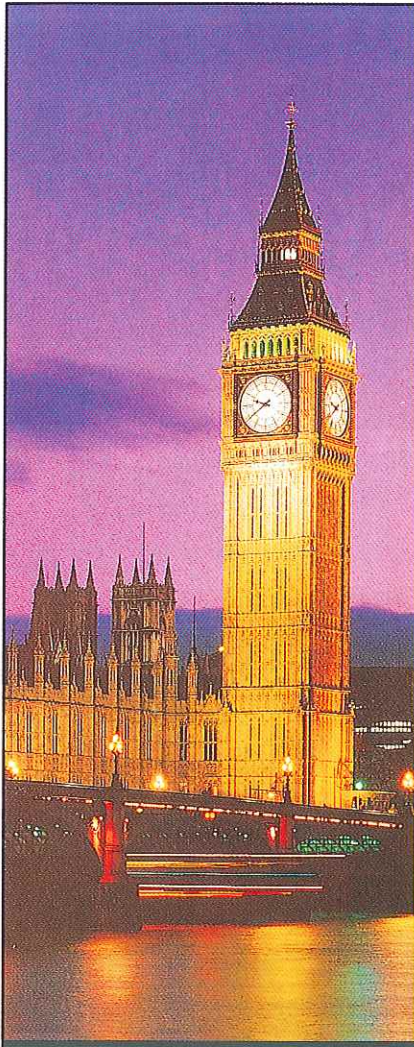
View of the Clubhouse by Lee Joo For

merce, industry and government. Early in the Club's history, the demand for its services caused it to outgrow a couple of clubhouses before the present one was built in 1964, with extensive modernisation planned (although no sign of it while I was there - G). The Club has an active social and recreational calendar which features special dinners, buffets, club nights, guest artistes and related activities for members, their families and guests.

Don't forget to ask Tom Bain for an introductory letter before you go to this or any of our reciprocal clubs.

Gaynor de Wit





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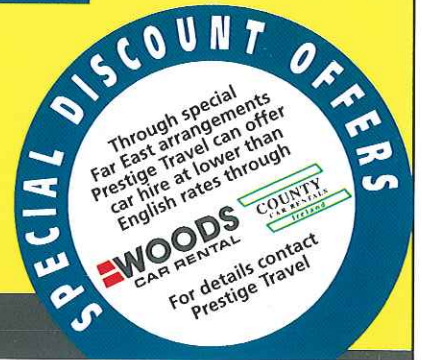
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Wine Tasting at the BC

The first wine tasting event was held at the Club on Friday 7th June. The evening comprised a tasting and sale of a range of wines from the warehouses of Allied Walker. A lot of the wines were sold at or below cost to clear stock from Allied Walker's storm-damaged warehouse. There was ample wine to sample so no one could claim they didn't know what they were buying (or maybe they could by the end of the evening). The event was very successful with over 90 people attending.

If you were unable to make this function, then make a date for the next tasting on Friday 16th August, which promises to be even bigger and better than the first.

The host for the evening will be John Harvey from the famous Harvey family, who have been wine merchants to the British Royal Family for 200 years. John will make available for tasting some of his famous sherries and a selection of his other favourite wines.

Tom Bain



BC Surin Elephant Round-Up

"Certainly the most stylish trip available"

On 15th November, the British Club will once again be packing their cooking utensils and sleeping bags ready for you to join them on this very exciting, once-a-year event. The elephant round-up in Surin makes news in Europe and the States; have **you** ever seen 250 elephants together in one field? All walking peacefully, munching away on bananas and sugar cane and not being lumbered by showy outfits, all au naturel! There is a show as well, of course, and an interesting market at the round-up site. Young and old enjoy this trip. We leave Bangkok at around 8.30pm from Bangkok train station (Hua Lumphong) and arrive in Surin early (4.30am - I said early), where you are collected by the BC tourbus and taken to our meeting point for a (Thai style) shower and BC breakfast. At around 7.30am we set off for the round-up - plenty of time for you to have a look around the market and make your way leisurely to your reserved, covered seats to watch the round-

up. The show ends at around 12.30 - 1pm, and the bus will take you to a Khmer ruin with a picnic area, plenty of safe space for the kids to stretch their legs and for you to have a quiet relax while enjoying the full splendours of the BC bar. In the afternoon there is time to visit local handicraft centres, ride on elephants in Surin town centre, visit a Khmer ruin on a hill, or anything else you'd like to do which can be arranged. The train leaves Bangkok at around 8pm and arrives in Bangkok at the unholy hour of 4am, so plenty of time for sleep in your own comfy beds. We expect the price for this incredible trip to be Baht 3,200 (adults), Baht 2,200 (children over 3 yrs old), Baht 1,200 (children 3 and under). As the trip takes place in November, this price is still a guesstimate; the total price will depend on the price for the train tickets, rental of the bus, round-up ticket prices, etc. As last year, we aim to book first class air-conditioned sleeper berths on the train both ways.

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I, _____ (name) _____ (Club number), would like to book the following spaces on the BRITISH CLUB ELEPHANT ROUND UP TRIP.

Adults (names):

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BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 16th AUGUST

** Please note that cancellations will not be accepted after 16th August 1996 and a deposit of Baht 1,200 per person will be made on your account on booking (not refundable after 16th August 1996), in order for the BC to pay for the train and Round Up tickets.

Arabian Nights!

At the end of June a Middle East Food Festival was held in Lords. The event took place over three nights and attracted over 120 people to sample the delights of Arabian cuisine.

The restaurant was decked out for the occasion to resemble an Arab tent and the staff too dressed up in typical Arab fashion. Barry Osborne borrowed a genie costume from the thespians which just about stole the show,

while restaurant manager Khun Kasem's head gear made him look very much like Yasser Arafat!

If you missed the Middle Eastern Festival please make a date in your diaries for the Caribbean Festival which is taking place in Lords on the 30th and 31st of this month.

Tom Bain



“Imaginary Lines” Dinner Theatre

The Surawong Room was again transformed into a mini-theatre for the first week of July as the Bangkok Community Theatre served up another of their highly successful dinner theatres. The evenings kicked off to a goodstart with an excellent meal provided by the Club catering service, with the dessert coming between Acts I and II to give you a chance to digest the performance thus far. The play, “Imaginary Lines”, captured a slice of life for Wanda (Louise Truslow), a dreamer, matchmaker and ideallist who unintentionally leads on the two men in her life: loud, successful MP and publisher Sir Michael Thurston (Roderick Turner) and gentle, serious Howard (David Kelham). Yet despite her

high hopes, her idealism ends up turning away both men. The play was well cast, with rookies David and Maria Achaz making first class amdram debuts on the Surawong stage as the book-ish dreamer and a militant teacher, respectively.

Of the ten people comprising the cast and backstage crew, eight were British Club members. If you fancy treading the boards, keep your eye on the monthly calendar and get along to one of the BCT nights on the first Thursday of each month in the Surawong Room, or call Angela Mitchell on 258 8495 for more details.

Gaynor de Wit



British Women's Group

British Women's Group
is a friendly and informal group of women
who warmly welcome anyone wishing to join us

Our voluntary committee meets monthly to organise a calendar of events which includes monthly coffee mornings and luncheons with a guest speaker on a variety of subjects, and sporting and recreational pursuits such as tennis, bridge, mahjong, craft activities and golf.



We can provide you with support and information on living in Bangkok whether you are a newcomer or longstanding resident and also the opportunity to join fund-raising activities or charity work if they are of interest to you



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The aim of ANZWG is to promote friendship, share experience and provide a support network (especially for newcomers) among Australian and New Zealand Expatriate Women living in Thailand. The group provides a friendly atmosphere in which to meet women of all ages and backgrounds: married, singles, with and without children. The combined experience of our members also provides a great resource for both old and new members needing to find information quickly or that is difficult to find.

Weekly activities include tennis, golf, bridge, mahjong and Kiwala toddlers. As well as the regular weekly activities, there is a constant flow of other events, such as trips away, guest speakers, demonstrations, lunches, coffee mornings, pub nights, shopping trips and lots more... there is something for everyone! Membership is open to Australian and New Zealand women and women married to Australian or New Zealand men. In addition, women closely associated with Australia or New Zealand may be eligible for membership.



AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S GROUP
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Poem

Our Earth

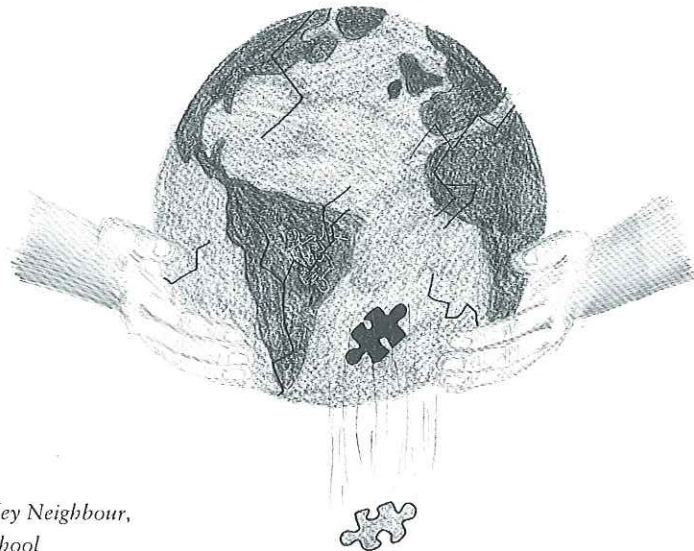
What happened to peace upon the Earth
And all the values that once had worth?
A long time ago peace was replaced;
War on earth has marred and defaced.

The rains don't come, the sun's too hot,
Trees are cut down and left to rot;
Where did all those creatures go
We didn't see them, we'll never know.

Now is the time to learn new rules,
To clamp down hard on crazy fools
Who slaughter animals for their parts,
Hurting our Earth and breaking our hearts.

It's too late now to go back in time
Removing stains of filth and grime.
Please don't repeat what's gone before
Let's care for our Earth and love her more.

Trixie Brann



*Illustration by Shelley Neighbour,
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Recipe

Thomas Om'Aly Special

This month's recipe hails from slightly further afield than originally planned, but still officially part of 'Asia' - it's the absolutely scrumptious Om'Aly (or however it's spelt; I saw at least three versions of the spelling around the Club at the time!), the milk and pastry dessert which was showcased during the Middle East Food Festival at the end of June in Lords. I can personally testify to its deliciousness, having devoured several of them. This recipe feeds 10.

Ingredients

500g puff pastry
200g almonds
200g pistachio nuts
250g shredded coconut
200g sultanas
2 litres milk
400g sugar or honey
1/2 pt fresh whipping cream
Pouring honey for decoration

Method

1. Roll out the puff pastry until 1/4" thick. Bake until golden.
2. Mix the milk in a pan with the sugar or honey and heat. (Coconut milk may be substituted as the sweetening agent, if desired)
3. Break up the puff pastry and place in ramekins or dessert dishes. Add the chopped nuts, coconut and sultanas, and pour on the hot, sweet milk.
4. Stir together and allow to set. Add more normal milk if required.
5. Pipe the whipped cream over the top of the mixture, and place in a hot oven until hot.
6. Decorate with flaked almonds and pistachios. Sprinkle the baked surface with pouring honey.

Please note that puff pastry no longer means slogging it out with a rolling pin against a stubborn lump of dough any more - you can buy it frozen from the Club! Just ask Barry or Chira for details.

Farewells

Definitely getting that goodbye feeling at the Club, with more farewells this month to:

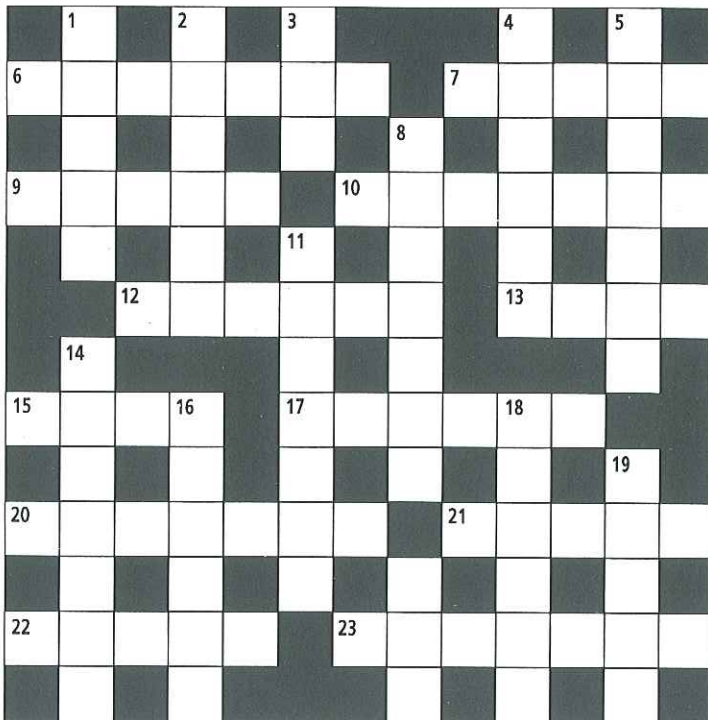
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Crossword

Sporting Crossword

A straight crossword on the subject of sporting personalities, places and tournaments. Seeing as it's somewhat easier this month, I'll offer a prize for the first correctly completed crossword faxed to my office (285 4723) - so get scribbling!



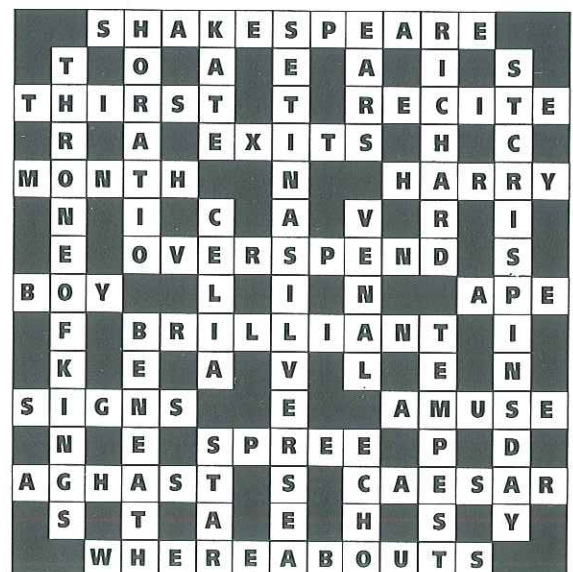
Across

- 6 A most famous name in cricket
- 7 Hill of Formula One
- 9 Pros play for it
- 10 Sevvly Ballesteros is
- 12 Flamboyant tennis star
- 13 You must do it before you can play cards
- 15 He's a defender on the field
- 17 You can start shooting grouse this month!
- 20 A person _____ the match if he's there!
- 21 Tennis star Chris
- 23 Archery ring
- 24 Fly it on your mast

Down

- 1 Famous Scottish golf course
- 2 Retired tennis champion
- 3 Mr Torrence
- 4 He's this if he's shown the yellow card
- 5 Welsh Ryder Cup player
- 8 Play here - Florida _____
- 11 These places are like Phuket - often have Yacht Clubs
- 14 Snooker star James
- 16 He's behind the wicket
- 18 Popular rugby games
- 19 British boxer
- 22 Mr Hutton (not the BC's Peter!)

Last month's solution



The Second Racquet Ball

On the evening of the 15th June, 150 Clubbies and their guests turned up in their finery for the second ever Racquet Ball at the Siam City Hotel. A joint effort between the Squash, Tennis and Badminton sections, this year's Racquet Ball was the brainchild of the intrepid Betty Maclaine, which is why it was especially sad that she could not make the event due to a family bereavement.

As the last ball of the school year, this promised to be quite a night and certainly the ballgoers were in good form, judging by the humour and creativity in the caption competition held outside the ballroom. Right up to the end people were still spied scribbling. Andrew Spiers was eventually given top prize of a night in the Siam Bayview or Bayshore, Pattaya, kindly donated by our host hotel (though there were rumours later of a female



ghost-writer) for overall effort, with cans of tennis balls to Dawn Monk and Bob Carpenter for best individual entries, although as everyone's sense of humour differs we didn't announce which captions won as we left it up to the guests to choose! Last month's Outpost showed the pics and most captions. The Asian Band were truly excellent, getting

everyone up and dancing with little trouble, although their guitarist's Hendrix-inspired version of the British National Anthem was unique to say the least!

Top raffle prize-winner was Sue Herniman, who won a family holiday to Club Aldiana with two return flights to Hua Hin, and the door prize winner, Jane, won a tailoring voucher for 3,000 Baht at Mr Balbir's, and as it was the first time she'd ever won anything she could well have been described as somewhat over the moon! There was a fine range of interesting prizes on offer.

The Siam City Hotel excelled themselves as the food was good, the table decorations beautiful, the service efficient and the amazing decoration of the ballroom with lots of mega-sized racquets of all shapes as well as the bright sporting back-drops were the inspiration of the hotel artist and were much commented on over the evening. Indeed, at one point we considered cutting down one of the biggest racquets over the dancefloor and entering it as a prize! Moreover, the staff at the hotel were friendly and helpful which made the organisation of the event so much easier, for which many thanks.

Now for the credits - firstly thanks to Betty as the driving force behind the Ball, and to Pat Lewis for rounding up sponsors and who stepped into Betty's shoes upon her sudden departure, David Turner, M.C. Bernie "Burnie" Adams, Paul Williams, Mike O'Connor and all those who helped make the evening such a success.

And of course, an enormous debt of gratitude is owed to the sponsors of the evening for

providing some wonderful and original prizes and for making the evening run that bit smoother:

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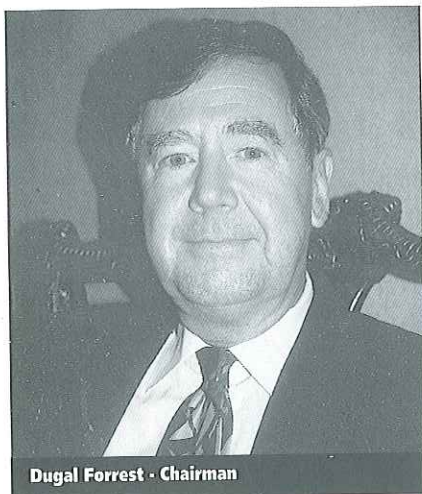
Two albums of photographs of the evening can be seen in the Club's reception until the middle of this month; order copies to remember the evening's highlights.

Gaynor de Wit



From the Chairman

*L*ike many of you, I am scheduled for a little holiday soon and in fact by the time this report is published I should already be in the UK. It always seems to surprise me when I go away on a trip that upon my return every-



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

thing still looks the same as when I left. I don't know why this is but I always expect things to have changed but this never seems to be the case, even here where change must be considered as endemic. I suppose it's because one tends to look at the overall picture rather than specific parts of it and thus things

happen before they're noticed. There can be little doubt, however, that virtually nothing stays the same in this city for more than the blink of an eye!

The Club has certainly changed out of all recognition from the rather fusty, colonial and somewhat unwelcoming place it was when I first joined way back when and without doubt its transition has been so gradual that it has not been that noticeable.

I worked in Silom in those days and went home regularly to Sukhumvit 23 for my lunch. Even then we complained about the traffic and impatiently awaited "Skytrain" which, we were promised, would be started "next year at the latest". My route to and from

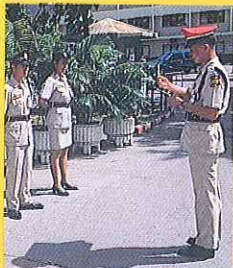
work took in Soi Sarasin which, long before it became the trendy place it is now, was a narrow bumpy road running alongside a klong sporting an enormous tree and, a little further down, a Chinese hotel both of which intruded greatly on the road proving formidable barriers to the passing traffic. There was also an old spaniel standing daily sentinel over a small grocery store who, when the mood took him, would cause as much chaos as the tree or the hotel by taking his siesta right there in the middle of the road and paying no heed to anyone who tried to make him do otherwise.

It was the absence of the dog that I first noticed and then, all of a sudden it seemed, the tree, the hotel and finally the klong inexorably followed. Similar changes have gone on in thousands of locations throughout the city over the years and most of it seems to have happened before the enormity of the whole has been noticed.

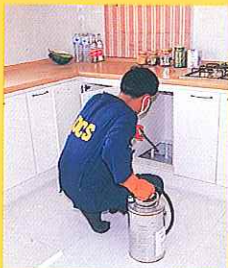
Fortunately, to date our Club and its immediate neighbourhood has not had much in the way of drastic physical change foisted upon it but I can't help wondering for how long this happy state will continue and I have to confess to a fear that the day will inevitably come when we are found to be taking our siesta in the middle of the wrong road:

Dugal Forrest
Chairman

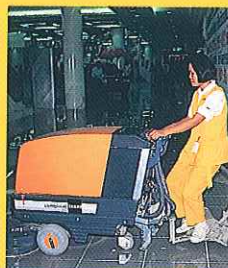
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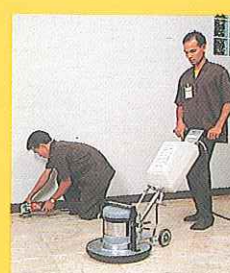
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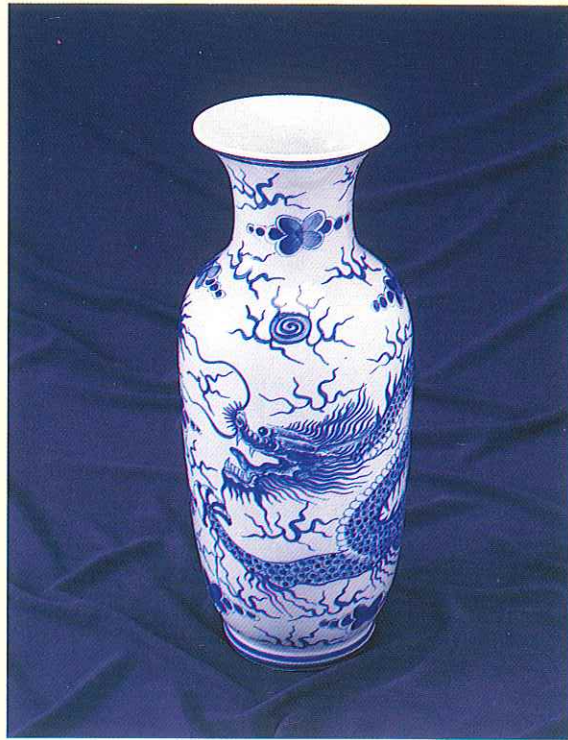


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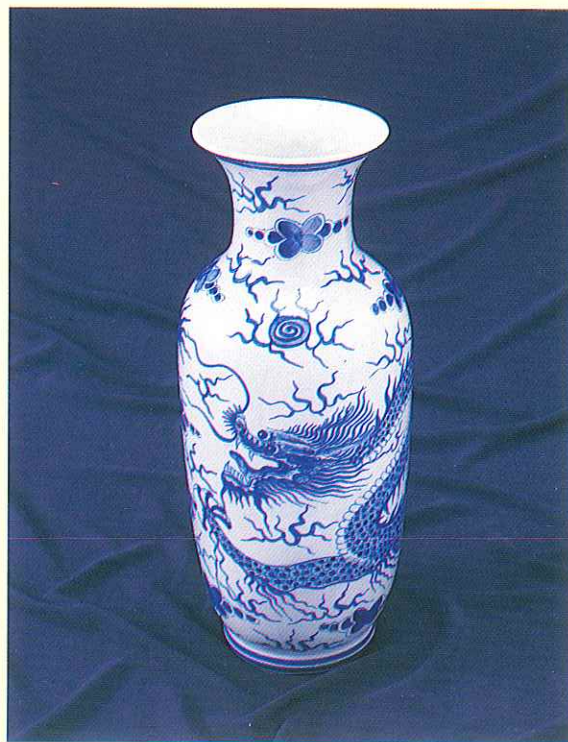
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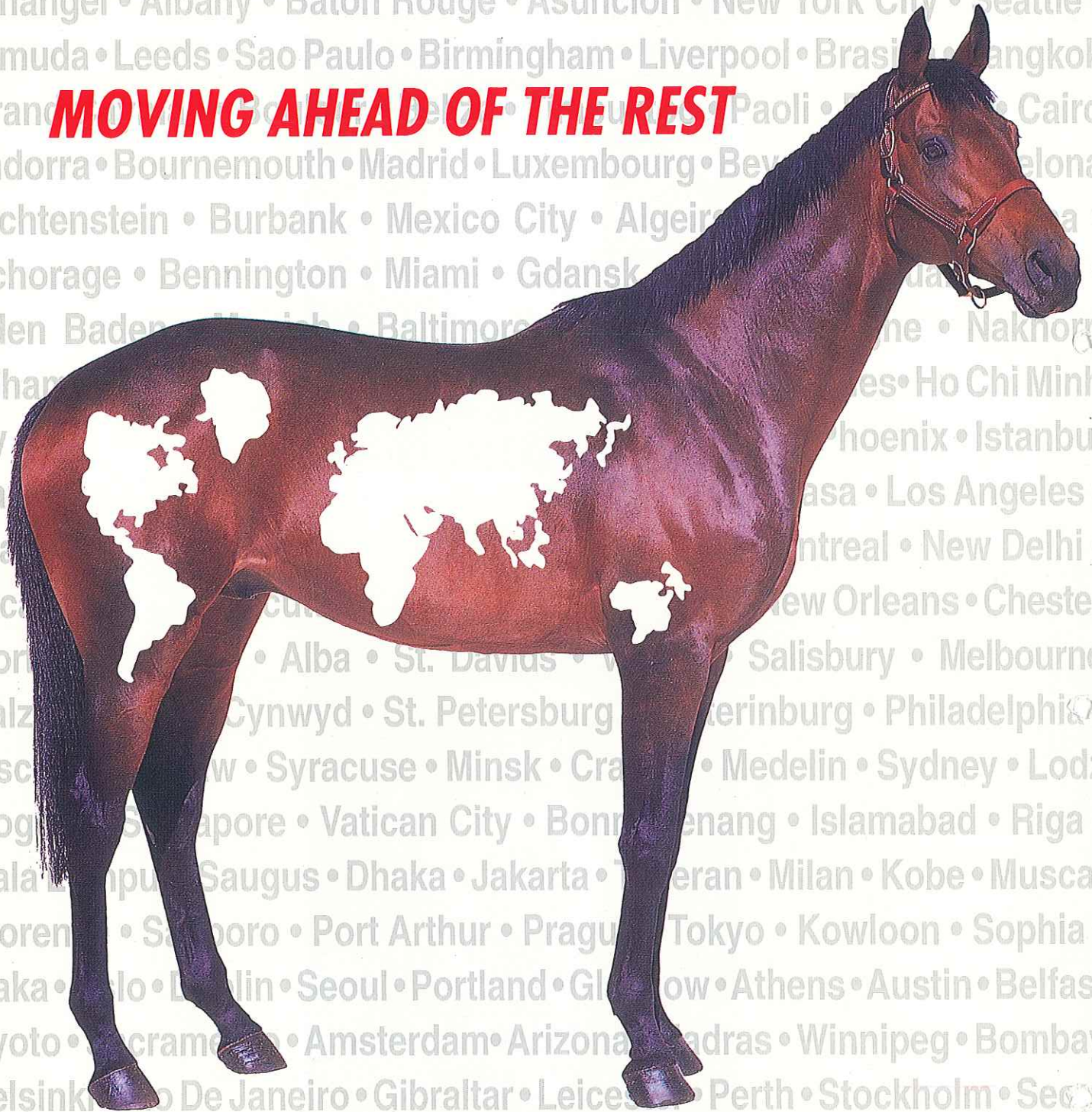
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