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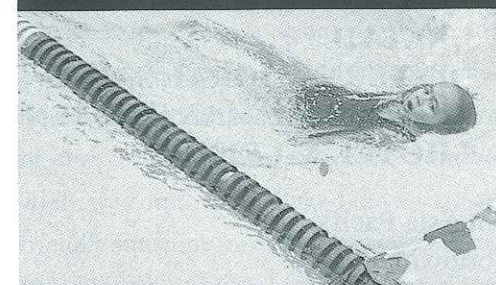
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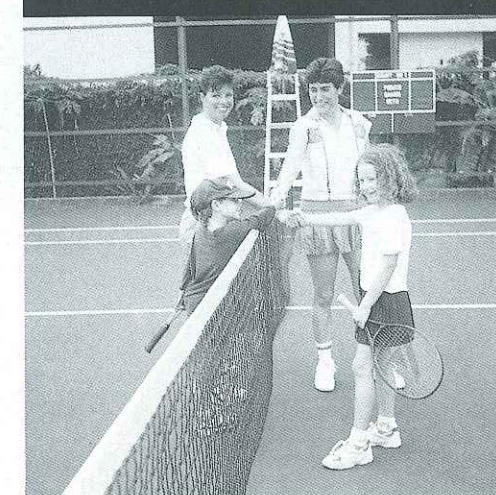
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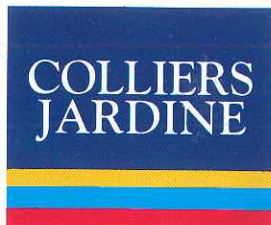
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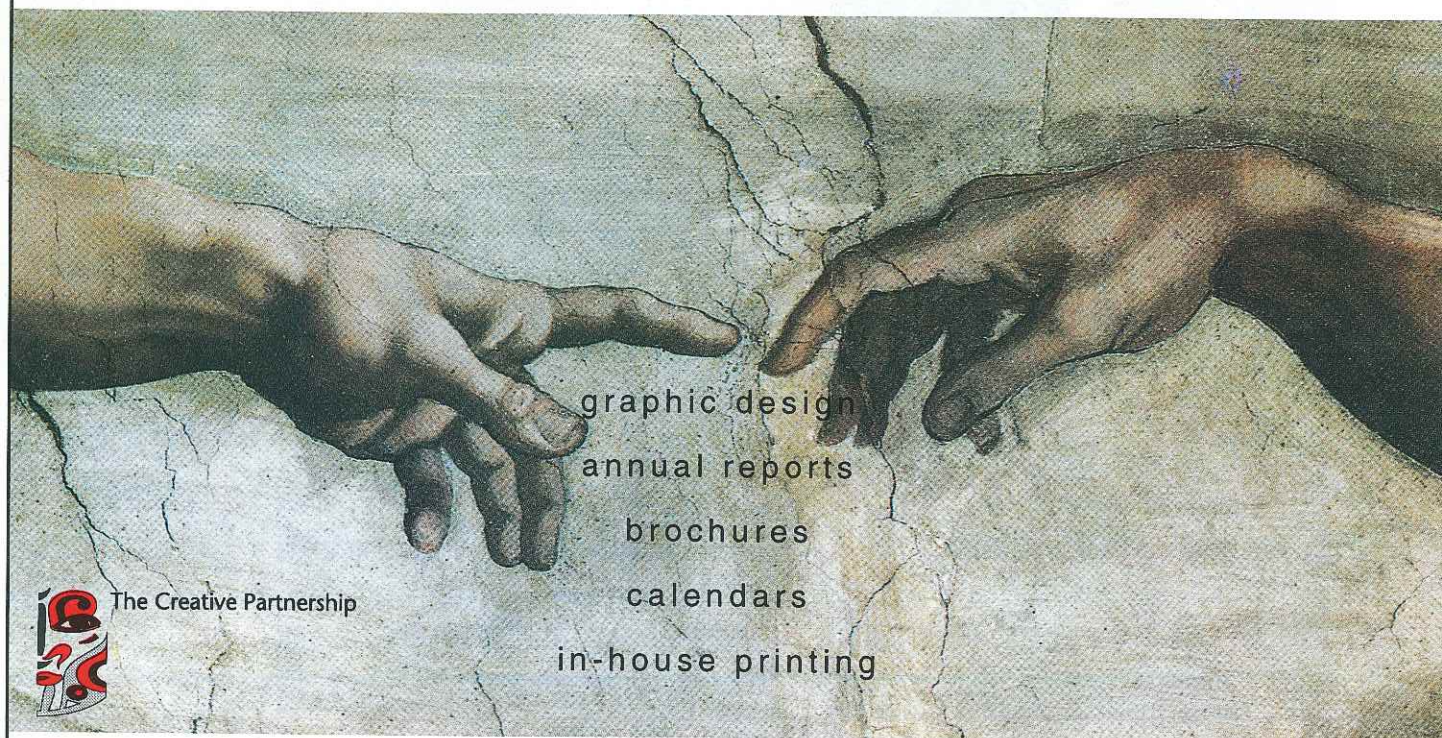
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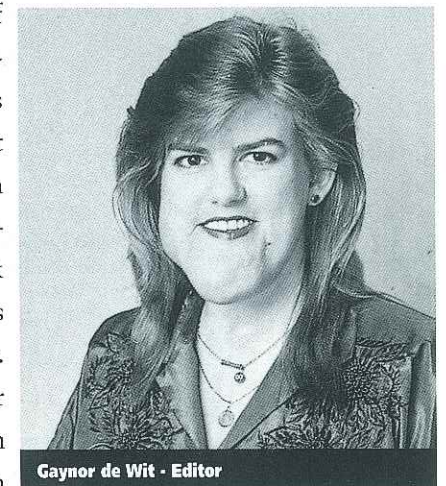
From the Editor

Well, what a dry summer this one turned out to be - relatively speaking, of course. And not a particularly humid one either, giving us considerable cause to gloat as Wimbledon faced two weeks of atrocious weather; one of the wettest Junes on record in Britain and one of the coldest summers on the continent while we comfortably baked in very tourist-friendly sunshine mixed most unusually with cool breezes - unusual for this time of year, anyhow. It can't last! However, while it does I see many members have been making the most of it and getting out there and sportifying. The New Members section has returned to Outpost, hopefully permanently from now on, following the New Members Night in July during which I managed to take all but one of the twenty new members' photographs and give out info sheets on which I base their write-ups, though regretfully I had little time to talk to anyone.

On the subject of the New Members Night, it was a great success as usual with new and new-ish members meeting each other and generally spending a pleasant evening in the Churchill Bar. Given that about the same number of General Committee members turned up as used to appear at the previous monthly events and that these are beneficial evenings enjoyed by new members and longer-term members alike - as acknowledged in this month's reports by the Chairman and the Manager - it makes the decision to reduce the

frequency of them all the more odd. The Committee does indeed work in strange and mysterious ways.

At the end of this month the Club is organising a river cruise disco which if it is anything like the legendary New Year cruises should be great fun and at only Bt 550 is well worth signing up early for in Reception, or simply fax back the form inside this month's Outpost to the Club office. Also in this issue is another fascinating poem from Leonie Vejjavija about an



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

antique horse, a report on one of our affiliated clubs in Singapore, the Tanglin Club, by Shirley Kennedy, several sports reports including the results and photos from June's swimming gala, and an interesting view of Hong Kong, which is especially relevant following last month's emotive handover ceremony. There's also a plug for the Sunday carvery penned by our very own Barry, to whom also many thanks for that somewhat original decoration on the front cover!

Gaynor de Wit
Editor

From the Manager

At a recent committee meeting some discussion was held about the "readability" of Outpost. The magazine is generally well written and produced and the combination of the

contributions from the membership and sports sections and the input from The Creative Partnership provide a very good Club magazine. However, it was felt that improvements can be made and in particular ways should be found of increasing the magazine's "general appeal". If any members feel the magazine

can be made to appeal more to the membership in general or have any interesting articles to contribute please contact myself or Gaynor at Creative.

A new membership application form has been produced and is now in use. Previously it was Club practice to invite new members to a monthly new members night, so they could meet committee members and was the final step in the application process. Now that the formal requirement to attend a new members night has been done away with a new practice has been put in place. New members now have to meet with at least two committee

members and a section has been created in the application form for committee signatures to be obtained at the meeting. This process should streamline the application process. By the way, the first quarterly "purely social" new members night was held in July and, as the Chairman reports in his message, this was a great success.

The Surin elephant round-up trip is fast approaching and places are filling fast. The trip to see the round-up is highly recommended and fully catered for by Club staff. Please use the booking sheet in this edition and fax it to the office to secure your place.

On a personal note I am pleased to say that after 15 months of the bachelor life my wife Jeryl and daughters Olivia and Georgia will be joining me from Singapore this month. Jeryl has a teaching position at NIST and the girls will study there. We are all looking forward to being a family again!

To those of you going overseas on summer vacation, Bon Voyage and safe return, and to those of you visiting Bangkok for your summer holidays, Welcome!

Tom Bain
General Manager



Tom Bain - General Manager

Management News

Disco River Cruise

Join us on a river cruise on the Chao Phraya booked for Saturday 30th August from 7.30 pm to midnight! On-board entertainment and light buffet is included and a full bar will be available. Please fill out and return the application form in this edition. Numbers are limited, so book now!

Surin Elephant Round-Up

This popular trip is on again this year. Bookings are limited and are being taken solely on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please use the form in this edition of Outpost and fax your booking to the office to secure your place.

New Court Booking System

At the time of writing the final touches are being put on the new telephone booking system for Tennis and Squash. For more details contact Sport & Recreation Coordinator Lisa Fitzpatrick.

Aqua Aerobics

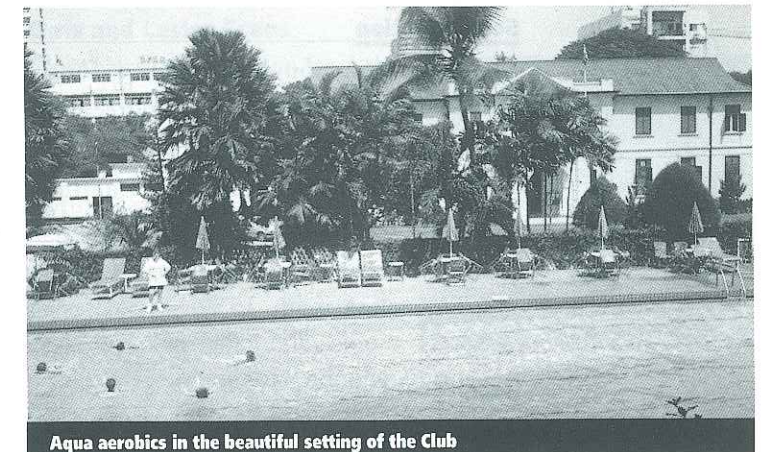
Due to the holiday period and difficulty in getting regular participants (and instructors) aqua aerobics will now run every Saturday from 9.30-10.30am with Bozena. The Tuesday morning class will recommence on Tuesday 16th September at 10.30am. The evening class is still to be confirmed.

Parents & Babies Swimming

For babies 6 months - 2 Years. Every Monday - all welcome. Contact Lisa Fitzpatrick.

Sunday Carvery

This weekly event is gaining in popularity especially as more and more members realise



Aqua aerobics in the beautiful setting of the Club

what good value the carvery really is. On several Sundays all tables have been fully booked, so it pays to make an advance reservation.

For those members who haven't yet sampled the carvery, the details are as follows: the carvery is held every Sunday from 5.30 pm n Lords at a cost of Bt 370 for adults and Bt 175 for children.

Children's Movie Sunday Afternoons

Every Sunday from 4 pm onwards there are up-to-date children's movies shown in the Suriwong Room. Usually there are two films shown each week, and they are screened through the video projector onto the 'big screen'. Free soft drinks and popcorn are also available.

Poolside Banners

It was about this time last year that banners disappeared from their prominent position above the pool. Members may have noticed their recent return but they are now more strictly controlled. Regular weekly events cannot be advertised this way but one-off events can be advertised up to three weeks prior to the event.

Scuba Section

The Scuba Section has received formal approval from the General Committee and at their meeting in July elected a full committee. A barbecue is being organised for all those interested in scuba on Saturday 13th September, see the article in this article for further details.

Reciprocal Clubs

Another club has joined the ever-growing ranks of reciprocal clubs. This time it's The Club El Nogal, Bogata, Columbia. If you are heading off overseas don't forget to call Khun Sri, the Membership Secretary, to get your reciprocal club card.

Lamination Service

The Club has purchased a laminator so Club notices, etc, can be covered and protected. The machine is available for use by members who may wish to have documents laminated. The machine will laminate anything from business card size to A3. Rates are reasonable; please call at the office if you wish to use this service.

Anyone for Darts or Snooker?

The revival of the formerly very active darts and snooker sections is under way. Friday



Two of the Club's latest rat-catcher recruits find an alternative use for the Editor's sports bag!



Bryan with his Castrol new members (with badges!) in Lords

night is darts night in the Churchill Bar and Saturday afternoons are set aside for friendly snooker competitions. Furthermore, there is a snooker tournament is now set for the weekend of 5th, 6th and 7th of September. For more information please contact Lisa Fitzpatrick.

Yoga

Yoga classes will commence on Saturday 9th August from 11am - 12.30pm in the Surawongse Room. For more information please contact Lisa Fitzpatrick.

Letter Box Clearance

A reminder to ALL members to check the mail box in the hallway of the Clubhouse for your mail. The boxes are becoming rather full and we will soon have to remove mail that has been there too long.

Club Catering

Many of our newer members may not know of the Club's outside catering services. We can cater for large or small groups for functions either at the Club or at an outside venue such as a member's home; we've even done cocktail parties for shopping centre openings. If you are planning a business or private function please call Barry or Khun Chirachada to arrange for a quote.

News Members

Bob Fowler



Bob

Here for a year already, Bob is the Operations Manager with Thai Poly Acrylics and is a golfer. He and wife Rose both enjoy walking and reading and they have two grown daughters working as secretaries in South Africa, Bob's previous posting. Bob's an off-road racer on the quiet, having done the 'Roof of Africa Rally' amongst others, while Rose used to work in a home for the mentally handicapped in South Africa.

Julie Regester



Julie

Another of the large Castrol new members clan present that night (the others will be covered in next month's issue or when I get their forms back!), Julie has also just arrived in Bangkok after stints in France and Switzerland. Here for 3 years as the Automotive Marketing Manager, Julie is 33 and single and is keen on tennis and sailing.

John Stevens

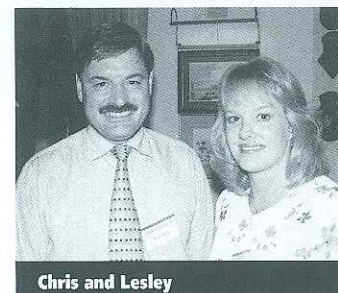


John

Vancouver lad John is on his first overseas posting as a Trade Development Officer with the Canadian Embassy and expects to be here for a couple of years. Single and 25, John is quite the active soul, playing sport including tennis, squash, golf and "ice hockey of course", acting - expect to see him in an upcoming dramatic performance, and I don't think he meant in a bar - and music; he may even start a concert production company here. Good grief, such energy!

Chris and Lesley Evans

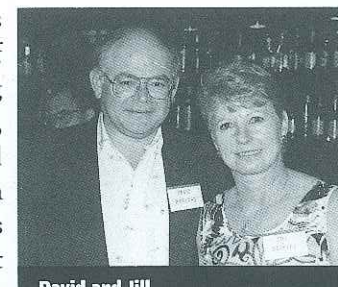
Chris has been Our Man from the Pru for over 2 years already; what have they been doing to join only now?! Chris plays golf "really awfully" and tennis "even worse" but isn't bad at clay pigeon shooting and skiing, both sports for which he'll have plenty of opportunity here - not. His wife Lesley enjoys tennis, mah-jong, horse riding, painting and is also a skier. They have two children, daughter Alex 7, and Adam 6; both play tennis, ride horses and wreak havoc.



Chris and Lesley

David and Jill Barclay

Just arrived to take over the reins of Castrol where Bryan leaves off (so need considerable buttering up for sponsorship purposes), Shanghai-born David and wife Jill are both superb golfers and lawn bowlers, Jill is also good at aerobics and they have two fine, intelligent grown children (Enough?! - G). They were previously in Hong Kong for 7 years and Malaysia for 5 and expect this will also be a 5-year posting. Jill's hobbies include mah-jong, interior decorating and reading as well as riding for the disabled and travelling.



David and Jill

Mike and Jane Simoni

Mike has just arrived on his first overseas posting for 3 years as the Technical Manager for Coates Thailand, who make printing inks; he and wife Jane are active bods, playing tennis, squash, horse riding and scuba diving as well as bridge and scrabble. Mike also plays badminton and skis and Jane enjoys calligraphy; they have a son Robert who has just had his first birthday.



Jane and Mike

Paul and Allyson Carty



Allyson and Paul

Paul has come in as the MD of Financial Objects Asia and this is his and wife Allyson's first overseas posting which they expect will last between 3 and 5 years. Paul's speciality on the golf course is new bunker creation and his pet hobby (sorry!) is getting rid of the cats that Allyson makes a hobby of collecting! Allyson also mentioned belly dancing but didn't elaborate - pity. They have two children, James 9 and Oscar 5 who are into any sort of mischief they can find!

Michael Floyd



Michael

Aussie Michael is the GM of FAI First Pacific Insurance and has been here for over a year and a half on an open-ended contract; he plays tennis, golf and enjoys walking whereas his wife Gilda doesn't play any sport "but she should"... there, who said there was no controversy in this magazine! They have two children, Astrid 6 and Hugo 3, and Bangkok is their first overseas posting.

Roderick Kerr



Peter Young, Rod, Jon Prichard

Standing amid these two reprobates is another one - Rod, who has arrived in Bangkok with Mivan after 16 months in Phuket and rejoined the rugby lads! He's also a sailor and plays Aussie rules football and, true to form for a rugby bod, gives drinking as his main hobby. 32 and single, Rod wouldn't reveal his most embarrassing moment as he was "probably drunk and it doesn't matter in the morning when you're sober"...! Previous postings include Perth (in Australia!) and London.

Libby Ginnetti

Libby is on his own here as his wife Annalee is working at the Bank of Boston in, er, Boston; meanwhile he's here with AIA as VP of Marketing/Training. An old Thailand hand, this is Libby's fourth posting here in as many decades: 3 years in the '60s, 5 in the '70s, 5 in the '80s and now in the '90s; you can safely say he's seen some changes here! Annalee is a past VP of the American Women's Club. Libby swims and plays golf and previous postings include Vietnam, Hong Kong, Manila and Taiwan.



Libby

Ted Ridge

Ted is the Thailand GM of Meissner & Wurst (S) Pte Ltd, who make 'clean-rooms' for the electronics industry, and is a long-stayer: here for two years already he expects to be here at least another 8 as he sets up the Thai company. He and wife Joy enjoy golf, squash, tennis and running; Joy is also a member of the BWG and plays mah-jong, and they have two children: Caroline, 11, is at Patana while Jennifer, 18, has just finished her 'A' levels in the UK.



Ted

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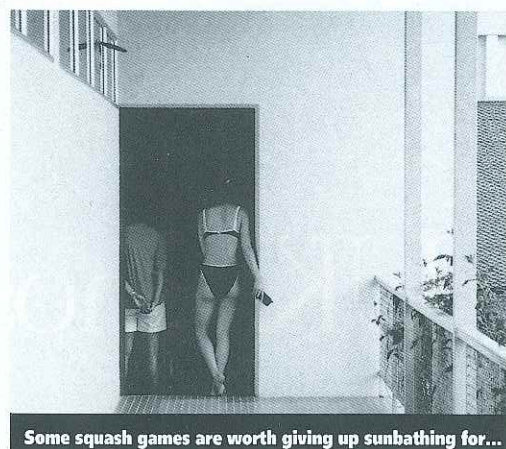
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New Club Champions - Congratulations

Don Johnson Cup

Marc Hagelauer is our new Men's Club champ after he defeated Khun Ja in a fast paced and enthralling match at the end of



June. Ja won the first game and it looked like he had the better of Marc, but Marc upped his effort and won the next 3 games with some great volleying and retrieving. Ja was always in the hunt but in the end it was Marc's day. Marc beat David Bryant and Dick Anwar on his way to the final while Ja had to overcome the other Marks, Prothero and Reading.

Parra Handy Plate

Martin Reed is the proud holder of this trophy for the next 12 months after emerging tired but victorious from his match with Bob Faherty. The match was keenly contested, despite the 3/0 score. Bob chased every ball but Martin kept the pressure on and controlled the game.

Len Alexander Plate

Janet Vivian is the 3rd new name for 1997 in the BC Squash Hall of Fame. Janet beat Jill

Phillips in the final to win the Ladies Club Champs. Due to the small entry numbers there was no plate competition in this section. Janet was a worthy winner and showed good control of length and a variety of shots to secure the win. Yours truly was not popular when I took a photo (with flash) during a crucial early rally. If looks could kill.....!!!! Sorry Janet - especially as the photo was a dud!!!

Match vs Vajiravudh College

The BC Squash section was invited to play a match against Vajiravudh College and their Old Boys association (commonly known as OV) on June 21st. Unfortunately for us there was rather too many of the Old Boys and not enough of the college boys resulting in a 4-7 defeat for the BC. Winners for the BC were: Mark Prothero, Peter Corney, Tom Livingston and Phil Evans, the other BC participants shall remain nameless. OV were generous hosts and provided a superb after-match meal which went a long way towards cheering up the defeated BC team.

Dawee Cup

A team of 10 players attempted to defend the Dawee Cup in our annual match against the Thais (represented by the Polo Club) on Sunday 6th July at the Polo Club. After our win last year we were optimistic that we could retain the trophy, but it was not to be. Our top 5 players were well beaten - with only a single set won in 5 matches! The remaining matches were much closer but at the end of the day the Thais emerged victori-

ous 6-4. The BC team was Dick Anwar, Khun Ja, Colin Hastings, Nick White, Marc Hagelauer, Mark Prothero, Peter Corney, David Bryant, Mark Reading and Dave Jewell.

The Sermon.

A few on-court incidents resulting in players abandoning a match have been reported recently. It is disappointing that some players become so upset during play that they feel the need to walk off the court. We play this game for fun and enjoyment. If you are playing without a referee then please give a little latitude when it comes to calling 'lets' and remember a little sportsmanship goes a long way. You're not playing for sheep stations after all!!

If you have arranged a referee (and there are often others about prepared to do just this if asked) then abide by his/her decisions, whatever they are. He is doing his best and arguing with the referee is poor sportsmanship in any sport. End of sermon.

Snippets

- Those participating in the leagues will be pleased to hear that the committee has generously decided to put up a prize at the end of each league. This will be Bt 5,000 of sporting goods. The league winners plus any others who completed all their matches in the time allotted will go into a draw. We hope to encourage more players to be involved with the leagues and get their games played. So even if you're not winning there's incentive to play all your games.

- In conjunction with a revamp of the gym, it

is intended that a phone booking system for the squash courts will soon be implemented. This would mean an end to sticker purchases and a much more convenient system for all of us. Watch this space!

- League winners for May/June were:

1. Khun Ja
2. Mark Reading
3. Phil Evans
4. Simon Davies
5. Malcolm Addy
6. Ross Horwood/James Lawden
7. Leif Rasmussen
8. Bill Randall
9. Mike Dwight
10. Natalie Bennett
11. David Turner

- Last month we farewelled one of our most active squash members, Malcolm Addy. Malcolm has moved on to new adventures and more squash in the Middle East. Best wishes Malcolm - you'll be missed.

Upcoming Events

- Handicap Tournament. This is imminent, so watch the noticeboard for details.
- Sunday Mix-in. Don't forget our regular handicap tournament on the first Sunday of every month. Next one is on 3rd August and then 7th September. Sign up on the day at 12.30 pm. All welcome.

See you at the courts
Dave Jewell

It's the Generation Game!

Yes, July saw the celebrated Generation Game (but without our Brucie) attract dozens of young and old to slog it out over an afternoon if not the day; many thanks to Kate



Generation Gamers

and Shelagh for organising that and to the latter for the report following below the Patana Teachers match report. A month of sad parting, was July, as the Tennis Section bade farewell to James and Raymonde Marshall with a beautiful tome and card - don't forget us!

Match vs Patana Teachers

Sunday 29th June

The day began with the traditional BC start - all the opposition on time and waiting expectantly to play tennis whilst the BC team slowly trickled in over the course of the next hour. However, that was the last thing the BC did wrong. With our new found secret of playing clubs or groups that have nothing to do with tennis, the BC team stormed home to a convincing victory of 15-9.

The men's doubles proved to be the strength with a 7-1 scoreline to the BC. The only defeat was at the hands of Terry and Kamol who played for Patana to make up the numbers

so you could call it 8-0 if you weren't biased. The Patana ladies, however, proved to made of sterner stuff albeit with a few familiar BC faces amongst their ranks. Patana won 6-3 with Kate and Ally winning all 3 of their matches. The mixed doubles went 5-2 to the BC although David H and Sharon for the BC suffered the only whitewash of the day!

Individual BC results showed some strong performances from what was our social team. Ken played 4 won 4, David B P4 W4, David H P4 W3, Voratthep P4 W3, Neil P4 W3, Ray P3 W2, and for the ladies: Wan P4 W3, Geap P4 W3, Gaynor P4 W2, Napa P4 W2, Jaree P3 W1, Anita P3 and Sharon P3.

A very sociable match followed by the long-table-in-the-sala lunch format, and we look forward to the invitation for the return fixture out at the School.

David Henton

Generation Game

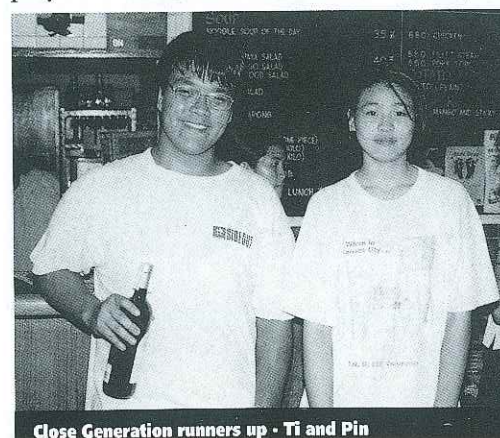
Sunday 6th July

The day went from 7:45 to 18:00, for some people without a break! In the morning there were 14 pairs of adults and juniors for two leagues of round robin. Most players got 5 matches and few people sat around for very long. The rules were simple - no arguing between adults and children, and Kate's decision was final. The former was mostly adhered to, although there were a few mutterings that family partnerships might be less successful than those with friendly outsiders! We have to thank Lisa, Sarah and Patchanee in particular for allowing themselves to be drafted in as 'loose adults' (and Tawat who was not given time to think when Lisa had to take time off to teach swimming!). Yaneck,

Brooke and Tim did really well as the youngest and least experienced players. They kept their opponents guessing and it was good for everyone's concentration practice!

The winners of each league, James & Bob Lanham and Daniel & Alex Stamp (playing as an adult!) played in a final, with the runners up in each, Michael Evans & Laura Stamp and David & Shelagh Weekes, playing for 3rd/4th place. Daniel and Alex came out as the winners after a great fight with James and Bob. This is not Bob's favourite activity and he deserves a special mention for getting through the whole morning with no back-up from Raymonde who substituted last year! 3rd place after 2 close tie-breaks were David and Shelagh.

The finals finished - and there were the 'senior juniors' arriving for the afternoon match, due to start 5 minutes later. There was a scramble for pens, paper and brains as we tried to work out the best way to give an uneven and ever-changing number of juniors and adults an even and consistent competition. The result was a 'timed' competition in which all courts were started at the same time and stopped again after 20 minutes, when the completed games were counted. Every junior played with a different adult each time (and



Close Generation runners up - Ti and Pin



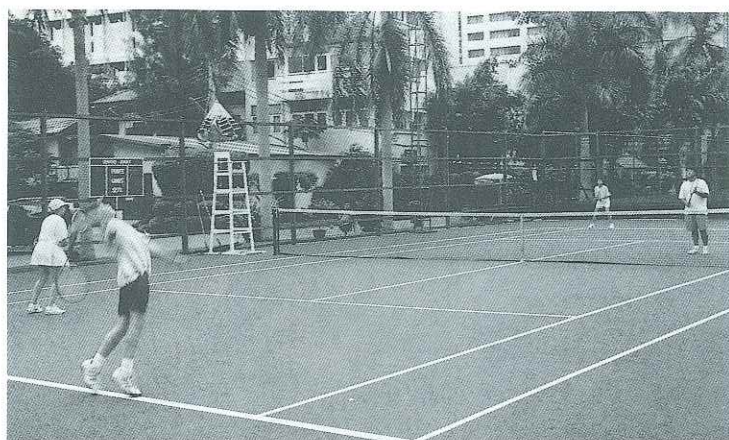
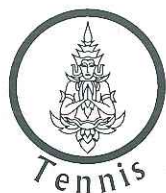
Chips all round for the Patana teachers and us

we only slipped up on that once!) and all juniors managed to have 5 games of 20 minutes in length - plus the odd warm-up when we were so engrossed with the complications of arranging the next round that we forgot to start the game!! In each 20 minute period there were an average of 4 or 5 games being played, at the start... by 5.30pm scores after 20 minutes had dropped to 2-1 or even 1-1! The outcome was uncertain right up to the very last round, when the leaders emerged as Pin (14 pts) and Chris Reed (13 pts) in the junior section and Sharon (11 pts) and Tee (11 pts) in the adults group. Close behind and worthy of a mention were Andrew Jones, Brett Kershaw and David Weekes in the Juniors and Voratthep, David B, David H and Steve in the Adults.

David H deserves an extra special mention for playing throughout the entire day, as did Alex Stamp, Sarah and George Henton, Peter Evans and David Weekes.

There was a final play-off in which Sharon and Chris managed to beat Tee and Pin - but only just, by 2 tie-breaks to 1!

It was a great day; all the players really deserve a mention because everyone worked



The Final!



A captive audience for the speeches



really hard and pulled out some of their best tennis. Thank you to James Young and David Blowers of **The Creative Partnership** for providing the prizes. There will be another Generation Game in December - date to be announced!

Next Junior Round Robin - Sunday 7th September.

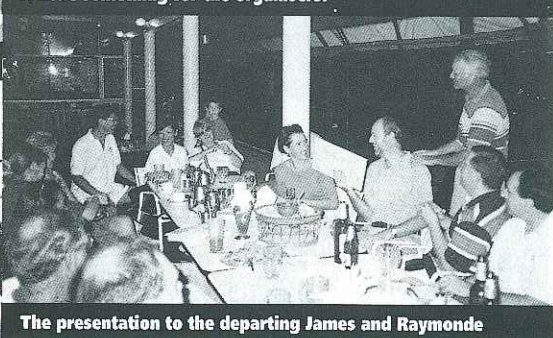
Shelagh Weekes



Generation Champs Chris & Sharon



A little something for the organisers!



The presentation to the departing James and Raymonde



Lions in Africa

In the early hours of Friday 27th June, 8 British Lions set out on a mission to assist in conquering the Bok deep in the plains of South Africa.

The mission was successful and the following pictures depict the battle scenes through the eyes of those who survived to tell the story.

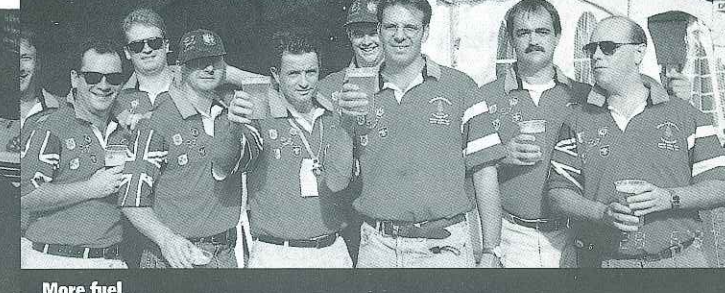
Joe Grunwell



Fuelling up at Don Muang prior to the first salute



More fuel



More fuel



Dawn raid by the enemy



Surrounding the enemy

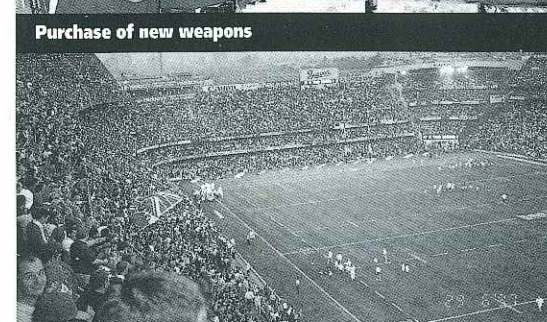
Combat gear at J'burg airstrip



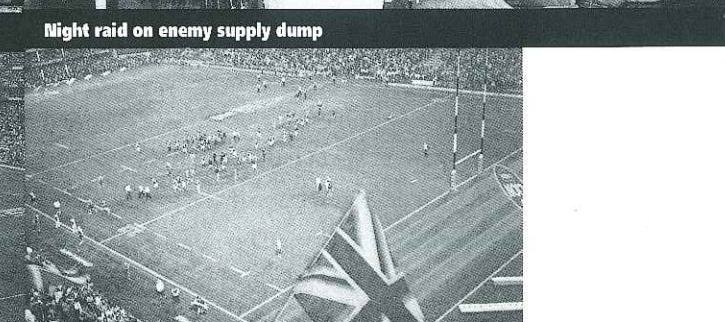
Purchase of new weapons



Night raid on enemy supply dump



The final battle



Victory secured



We're a Section!

The Scuba Section has now received formal approval by the General Committee and at the meeting in July elected the first committee to run the section for the 1997/98 year:

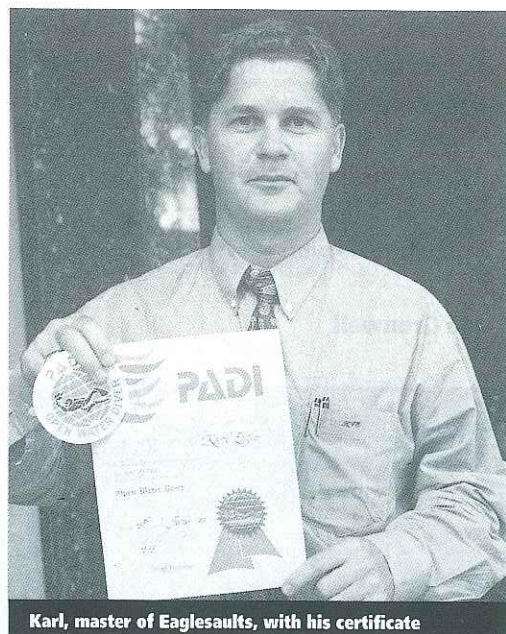
Chairperson: Cheryl Lamb
Treasurer: Liz Stewart
Secretary: Gaby Hoontrakul
Trip Organisers: Peter Gary & Ged Allen
Promotions: Sarah Allen
Sponsorship: Ged Allen

Any suggestions for events or courses, please contact any of the above committee members. A barbecue/get-together for anyone with an interest in scuba is being organised for Saturday 13th September at 5 pm on the back lawn (near the bar); keep your eyes out for further details on the notice board at the top of the stairs above the Fitness Centre near the men's changing room.

Diving News

Congratulations to PADI's most recent certified divers: Karl Eagle, Robert Scott, Gillem Lawson and one non-member Warnon Engkagul. They successfully passed the **PADI Open Water Diver** course on June 15th, having completed their academic training at my office, their confined water training in the Club pool and their open water tests in the sea by the islands of Pattaya.

Karl Eagle (see pic) has established a reputation for loving to fly underwater by doing underwater somersaults! We call them "Eaglesaults" - ask him for a demonstration in the pool sometime! Several staff and management personnel of the British Club personnel have recently participated in the **PADI Medic First Aid** course,



Karl, master of Eaglesaults, with his certificate

including Tom Bain, Taweekiat Chattaweewut, Ruengrit Turiwong, Amnat Saklebpradu and Chirachada Suwanawong. In addition to CPR and resuscitation, the Medic First Aid course includes control of bleeding, managing choking and shock, illness assessment, hyperventilation, poisoning and diabetic emergencies, epileptic seizures and injury assessment such as fractures and dislocations, head, chest, neck and back injuries, lifting and moving of such injured, snake and spider bites, eye injuries, exposure to cold and heat, burns and electrical injuries. With no diving or pool activity required, this 8-hour course is very useful for everyone - divers and non-divers alike - as we would all like to be able to do something to help and maybe save a person's life when and if the situation calls.

Peter Gary & Lisa Fitzpatrick

A Tanglin Songkran

We went to Singapore for Songkran. We lived and married there in the '50s so we decided to revisit old haunts and stay in the Tanglin Club of which we were then members - we were not disappointed.

The Club is a delightful Colonial building within easy walking distance of the main Orchard Road shopping area. In spite of this, it is a peaceful oasis due to the carefully planned lay-out of the surrounding gardens. The accommodation consists of about 16 comfortable double rooms of wonderful proportions on the top floor (3rd). Each room comes equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, a fridge, a TV and a safe (and excellent) air conditioner. The bathrooms are large and modern, with a bath and separate shower cubicle, plus a hair dryer and the acceptable 'gifts' of a shower cap, shampoo, bath gel and soap. There is no room service, but the rooms are cleaned everyday and all towels lavishly replaced. The 2nd floor has an excellent library and a relaxing reading room with a huge selection of international newspapers (including the Bangkok Post) along with other rooms used for different occasions. Coming down a grand sweeping staircase to the ground floor you find the entrance and reception area - comfy chairs and flowers! To the side of this there is another lounge for casual snacks and gossip; always popular.

Also on the ground floor are the two restaurants: the Churchill and the Tavern, the latter being the easy-going, crowded and noisy one. But be warned! There is a very strict dress code in both. In the Tavern, men must wear long socks and shoes with shorts (in fact, no shorts after 8 pm) and ladies "proper" sandals or shoes and suitable attire. As Des didn't own a pair of long socks he had to change into trousers! There is an Olympic-size swimming pool and a separate children's pool and play area. There are squash courts in the Club, a Billiards room and across the road are the tennis courts (check dress code). The Wheelhouse restaurant by the pool caters for meals all day and special barbecues and buffets at the weekend (swimming costumes to be covered up!).

The cost per room per night is S\$ 210 + 3% Govt. tax which includes a continental breakfast eaten at the Wheelhouse. We were given a card and number which we used for everything we ate and drank while there and paid the total as we left.

Singapore is a lovely city. You walk under the shade of trees everywhere. Taxis are plentiful, the mass transit is marvellous and everyone speaks English! A great holiday for all the family.

Shirley Kennedy

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - August

Sunday



10.30am **Adult Swimming Coaching**
11am-1pm **Badminton - Soi Nares**
3-6pm **Tennis Mix-In**
4-6pm **Children's Video**
5.30pm **Sunday Carvery - Lords**

Tennis Away Match vs RBSC

Monday



Sports - Contact the following:

Non-BC Sports

Ladies Golf
BCLG **Will Agerbeek 259-7019**
LIGIT **Eileen Cook 295-4596**
Hockey **Lois Carson 258-5295**

Tuesday



Venues

Soi 15 **NIST grounds**
Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police Station**
Aerobics Surawong Room
Golf - As advertised

Wednesday



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**

Thursday



Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton **Gaynor de Wit 237-4031**
Cricket **Peter Young 679-7644**
Football **Alex Forbes 260-1950**
Golf **Chris Gething 261-1963**
Rugby **Joe Grunwell 262-0220**
Squash **David Turner 279-1234**
Tennis **Bernie Adams 674-0810**

Friday



9.30am **Aerobics**
3-9pm **BC Tennis Coaching**
7pm **Social Darts**

Saturday



8am **Junior Tennis**
9am-1pm **BC Swimming Coaching**
9.30am **Aqua Aerobics**
8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
3-6pm **Snooker Tournament**
4.30pm **Casuals Football - Soi 15**

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10.30am **Adult Swimming Coaching**
11am-1pm **Badminton - Soi Nares**
2-6pm **Tennis Generation Game**
4-6pm **Children's Video**
5.30pm **Sunday Carvery - Lords**

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8am **BWG Mahjong**
9.30pm **Aerobics**
10am **Parents + Babies Swimming**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

Holiday Sports Programme

5

7am **Ladies Golf**
9-11am **Ladies Tennis**
7-9pm **Soccer Training**
8-10pm **Badminton - Soi 22**
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

Holiday Sports Programme

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9.30am **Aerobics**
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6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

Holiday Sports Programme

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6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
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8-10pm **Badminton - Soi 22**

Holiday Sports Programme

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Holiday Sports Programme

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3-6pm **Snooker Tournament**
4.30pm **Casuals Football - Soi 15**
11am **Yoga starts**

Don't Forget !!

- This is your last chance to sing us for the Elephant Round-Up in November
- The River Cruise on the 30th - the disco on water!
- Snooker tournament on 5th-7th September and the Squash mix in on the 3rd September

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8-10pm **Badminton - Soi 22**

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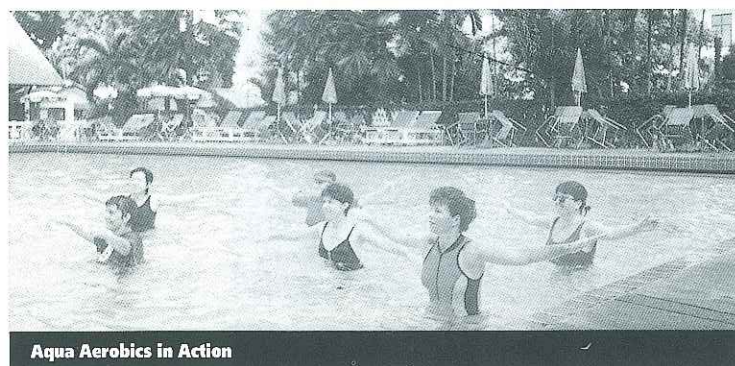
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7.30pm **Disco River Cruise**

Sport & Recreation News

Welcome back to those of you who have been away on holidays. The Club has managed to remain relatively busy throughout



Aqua Aerobics in Action

July and into August. Last month we saw lots of tennis action with Wimbledon being a highlight in the UK and the **Generation Game** being a highlight in the BC! A very successful day for juniors and seniors run by Kate Henton and Shelagh Weekes. Well done ladies! (see Tennis Section for more details)

The second of many more **Scuba** meetings was held on July 13th. This being the more formal of the two, with a committee being elected to run this section on a permanent basis (see details elsewhere in this issue).

Tennis and Swimming Coaching has continued religiously every Friday and Saturday respectively. **Adult Swimming** classes are also being run on a Sunday morning at 10.30 am, and a **Mothers & Babies** class at 10am on a Monday morning. I am interested in starting regular **Swimming Fitness Training** early in September. Please let me know if you are interested and indicate which days/times are most suitable.

Aqua Aerobics is now in full swing. The evening class was due to commence on Wednesday 16th July but due to difficulty with getting regular participants and instruc-

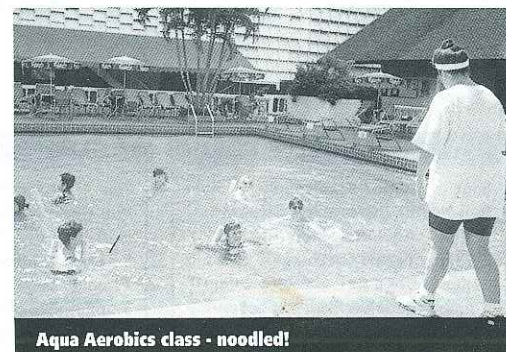
tors there will now be a Saturday morning class from 9.30-10.30am with Bozena (pronounced 'Bojana'). The morning class will recommence on Tuesday 16th September at 10.30am; however, the evening class has yet to be confirmed.

There will be Saturday morning **Yoga** classes commencing on Saturday 9th August from 11am-12.30pm in the Surawongse Room.

A **Sports Holiday Programme** is being organised (at time of writing) for August 4th-8th. If successful, we will look at running another one in December and/or January.

Another notable event this month will be my absence from the Club for two weeks! I will be heading for the UK for a wedding (among other things). However, I will be back in time for our mid-year **Disco River Cruise** on Saturday 30th August, from 7 pm to midnight. Following the success of the children's Black Friday Disco, PLS will be returning to play something to get us older folk onto the dance floor (please, not too many Macarenas!). See elsewhere in this edition for an invitation which needs to be completed and faxed to the Club a.s.a.p. as places are limited.

On the subject of Disco Dancing... classes are being run for all ages at Soi Klang Racquet Club on Sukhumvit Soi 49 every Saturday from 11 am to noon. If there is enough



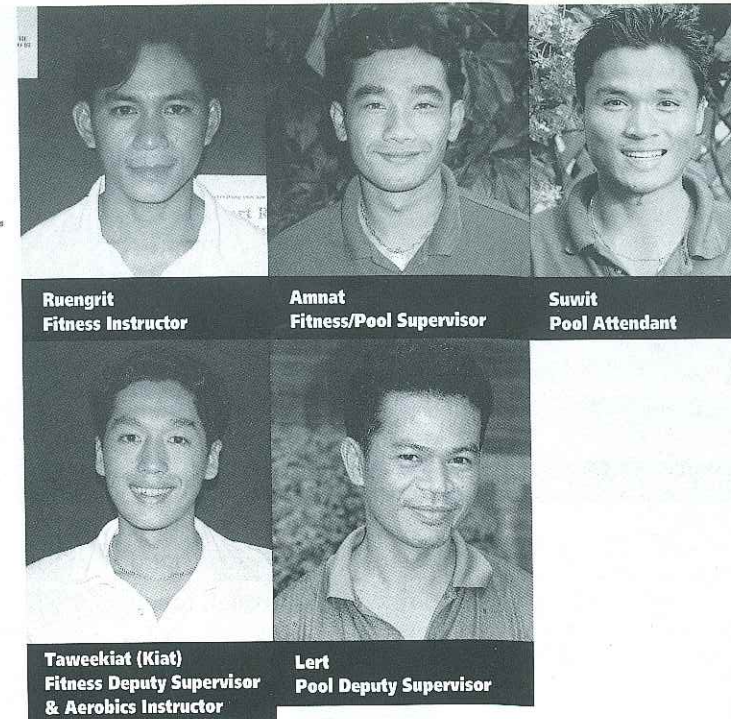
Aqua Aerobics class - noodled!

interest within the Club, Miss Eddi Gibson is happy to conduct a class at the British Club on a Saturday or Sunday. If you are interested please put your name down in the Fitness Centre.

Finally, of interest largely to tennis and squash players is a proposed new court booking system likely to be put into practice this month. More details will be forthcoming in the near future but the main aim is to enable players to book (or cancel) by telephone. All bookings will be made through the Fitness Centre. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lisa Fitzpatrick
Sport & Recreation Coordinator

The Fitness Centre and poolside staff:



Ruengrit
Fitness Instructor

Amnat
Fitness/Pool Supervisor

Suwit
Pool Attendant

Taweekiat (Kiat)
Fitness Deputy Supervisor
& Aerobics Instructor

Lert
Pool Deputy Supervisor

Farewells

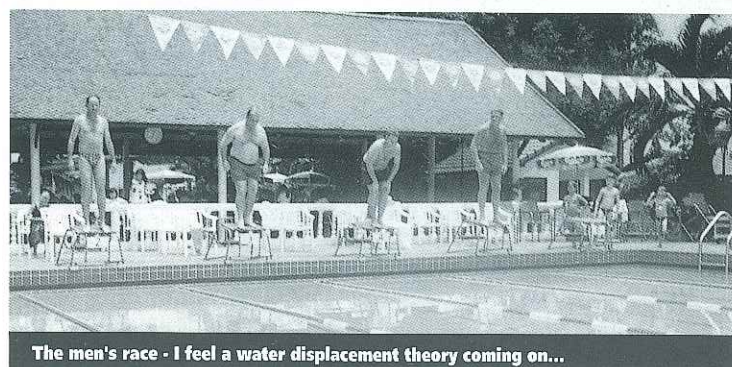
This month we say goodbye to more familiar names:

Malcolm Addy, Bob and Gloria Carpenter, Irene and John Darby, Terry and Suraphee Dockerty, Herve and Marie Guilloux, Tricia Heywood, Mr F Holmes-Higgin, Andrew Hursthouse, James and Raymonde Marshall, Andrew and Janet McDonald, Alan and Victoria Neil and Craig White.

Goodbye and good luck, wherever you go from here.

Coming Along Swimmingly!

The **Saturday Swimming** Classes are now an established part of the Club's weekend activities. It has been great to see such im-



The men's race - I feel a water displacement theory coming on...

provement in skill and water confidence in all ages, from toddlers through to adults. I will soon be calling upon interested members to formally offer their services to this section for future events/activities. There is so much potention for club and inter-club events, pool parties, poolside discos and more coaching courses.

Speaking of pool parties, we have already had a few successful children's **pool parties**. There is a lot more opportunity for poolside events/activities. If you are interested in a different type of party, please give me a call. Here is a reminder that a **Parent & Babies** class is held every Monday morning at 10 am. All are welcome to come along and learn how to introduce your baby to water and to develop survival skills if they are in or around aquatic environments.

I am also interested in starting **Swimming Fitness Training** for adults and advanced teenagers some time in September. This programme will involve endurance and interval training as well as stroke correction and general training tips for your own personal

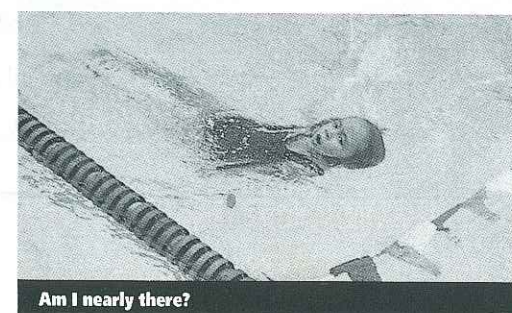
training routine. Please let me know if you are interested and which days/times are most suitable.

It is hoped that in the not-too-distant future we will have more **merchandise** for this section for sale in the Fitness Centre, which will include goggles, swimming caps, boards, hats and possibly swimwear. At the moment, the "noodle" (long foam thing!) has proved a popular swimming aid for both adults and children alike. They are on sale in the Fitness Centre for Bt 500. Please put your name on them as they can easily be confused!

We have had quite a few items from our "toy box" go missing in recent weeks. If anyone has any toys that they are not using and would like to donate them, please drop them into the Fitness Centre. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

Finally, a reminder that there will be another **swimming gala** in September on Sunday 14th (to be confirmed). The gala on June 22nd was a great success with all of the children and adults who took part, and I must give a special thanks to all the "helpers" for their efforts in judging, timing, announcing, marshalling and recording - all greatly appreciated. The results of the June gala follow.

Lisa Fitzpatrick



Am I nearly there?





June Swimming Gala Results

Event	Name	Time
14-17 yrs Freestyle	1 Ben Quarmby	27.49
	2 Kalaya Bruton	40.76
	3 Kataya Bruton	48.60
11-13 yrs Freestyle	1 Jared Vivian	39.21
	2 Alastair Peacock	42.00
	3 Jay Smith	49.55
9-10 yrs Freestyle	1 Laura Hughes	41.19
	2 Jessica Beal	46.06
	3 Charlotte Gregory	19.41
7-8 yrs Freestyle	2 Louisa Price	21.54
	3 Joshua Beal	21.60
	1 Jessica Price	23.38
5-6 yrs Freestyle	2 Robert Hill	24.03
	3 Oliver Gregory	24.10
	1 Jamorn Teo	11.57
14-17 yrs Breaststroke	2 Lisa Smith	12.51
	3 Brian Loewe	13.95
	1 Ben Quarmby	36.57
11-13 yrs Breaststroke	2 Kalaya Bruton	54.41
	3 Kataya Bruton	61.01
	1 Jared Vivian	55.05
9-10 yrs Breaststroke	2 Jay Smith	61.04
	1 Laura Hughes	51.81
	2 Jessica Beal	54.28
7-8 yrs Breaststroke	1 Charlotte Gregory	27.29
	2 Louisa Price	27.89
	3 Joshua Beal	29.17
5-6 yrs Breaststroke	1 Jessica Price	32.95
	2 Oliver Gregory	32.96
	3 Robert Hill	33.06
14-17 yrs Backstroke	1 Brian Loewe	14.29
	2 Lisa Smith	18.00
	3 Christopher Hughes	18.36
11-13 yrs Backstroke	1 Ben Quarmby	37.32
	2 Kalaya Bruton	47.02
	3 Kataya Bruton	61.00
9-10 yrs Backstroke	1 Jared Vivian	49.94
	2 Jay Smith	55.08
	3 Alastair Peacock	56.59
7-8 yrs Backstroke	1 Laura Hughes	50.73
	2 Jessica Beal	53.89
	1 Joshua Beal	26.90
5-6 yrs Backstroke	2 Charlotte Gregory	27.09
	3 Louisa Price	27.64
	1 Jessica Price	32.22
14-open Butterfly	2 Robert Hill	39.55
	1 Brian Loewe	17.82
	2 Lisa Smith	21.72
14-open Butterfly	3 Jamorn Teo	23.15
	1 Ben Quarmby	14.99
	2 Lisa Fitzpatrick	18.01
	3 Liz Beal	18.01
	4 Neville Smith	24.20



11-13 yrs Butterfly	1 Jared Vivian	19.26
	2 Alastair Peacock	22.07
	3 Jay Smith	25.96
9-10 yrs Butterfly	1 Laura Hughes	20.68
	1 Louisa Price	12.15
	2 Charlotte Gregory	12.30
7-8 yrs Butterfly	3 Yanik Tissera	13.97
	1 Robert Hill	13.31
	2 Jessica Price	14.58
5-6 yrs 'Any' Stroke	3 Jamorn Teo	15.87
	1 Brian Loewe	14.39
	2 Chris Hughes	18.82
Relay (Mixed) Freestyle 4 x 2.5m	3 Lisa Smith	19.08
	1 Joshua Beal, Alastair Peacock, Graham Beal, Kataya Bruton, Jessica Beal	1.48
	2 Jay Smith, Charlotte Gregory, Oliver Gregory, Lisa Fitzpatrick, Kalaya Bruton	1.50
	3 Nattalin S., Jared Vivian, Liz Beal, Louisa Price, Robert Hill	1.55

Note: All 1st places are now current 'record holders'

Calling All Snooker Players!

It's time to 'cue up' for the first of the 1997 trophy season. We need 16 players to compete for the prestigious **Donofield Trophy**. This trophy has been polished and is ready to be lifted, together with a bottle of bubbly! The competition will take place over the weekend of the 5th, 6th and 7th September. Last registrations and the draw will take place at 8 pm on Friday 5th August and the finals will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 7th. Players can arrange convenient times to play

over the weekend provided that all the 'finalists' have been decided before 3 pm on the Sunday. A new 'League Table' is also being established, and the 1997 champion and runner up will be awarded trophies from our extensive and impressive trophy cabinet. You've got to be in it to win it, and also be a part of the Club's history. Sign up NOW in the Snooker Room.

Brian Griffin & Lisa Fitzpatrick



BC Surin Elephant Round-Up

Certainly the most stylish trip available."

On 14th 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 8.30 pm from Bangkok (Hua Lumphong train station) and arrive in Surin at 4.30 am, where you are collected by the BC tour bus and taken to our meeting point for a (Thai style) shower and BC breakfast. At around 7.30 am 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 12.30-1 pm, when 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 for Bangkok at around 8 pm and arrives at 4 am, so plenty of time to go back to your own comfy beds.

We expect the price for this incredible trip to be Baht 3,500 (adults), Baht 2,500 (children over 3 years old) and Baht 1,200 (children 3 and under). As the trip takes place in November, more general elections or other unforeseen circumstances notwithstanding, this price is still a guesstimate; the total price will depend on the price for the train ticket, bus rental and show ticket price. As previously, we aim to book first class air conditioned sleeper berths on the train both ways.

PHOTOCOPY AND FAX BACK TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

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

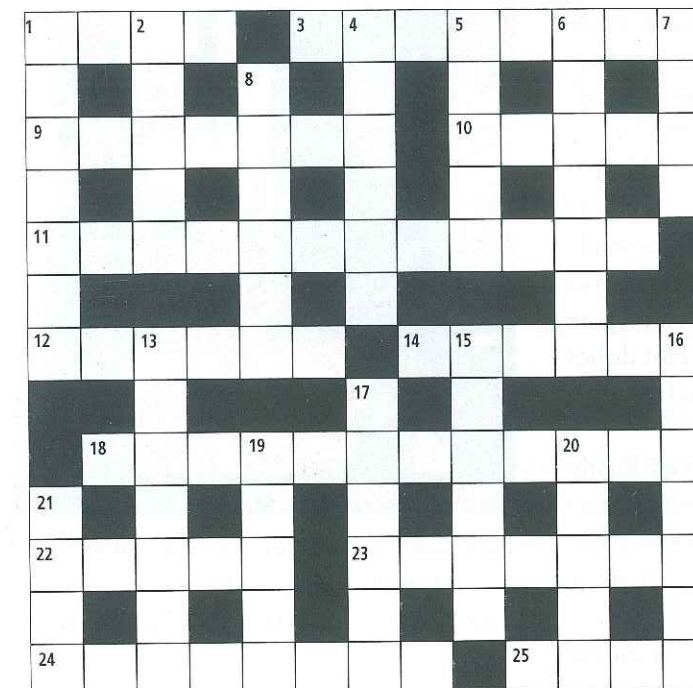
Adults (names):

Children (names and ages):

BOOKINGS REQUIRED BY 15th AUGUST

** Please note that cancellations will not be accepted after 15th August 1997 and a deposit of Baht 1,200 per person will be debited to your account on booking (not refundable after 15th August 1997) in order for the BC to reserve the train and show tickets.

Crossword Straight and Simple



Clues

Across

- 1 Beat the game backwards
- 3 Mail a son to produce a famous picture (4,4)
- 9 Brother or sister
- 10 Treacherous one
- 11 Where to store the wine (2,3,7)
- 12 Minute distinction
- 14 Makes a scene (4,2)
- 18 Pinches the soap? That beats everything! (5,3,4)
- 22 Surfeited perhaps - but makes appointments
- 23 See 1 Down
- 24 Cascades
- 25 Not in mint condition

Down

- 1 and 23 Across Way to show off the latest gear (7,7)
- 2 Course of a planet
- 4 Giants around one for licentious revelries
- 5 Often under the hammer
- 6 Means - and brings in
- 7 Subtle emanation
- 8 "She said nothing - her talents were of the more ____ class". (Byron)
- 13 A Knightly Order and part of a book.
- 15 "Loveliest of trees, the ____" (A.E. Houseman)
- 16 Squeezed and smoothed
- 17 Lay off! (4,2)
- 19 Follow on
- 20 Scandinavians around in the South American highlands
- 21 The rise and fall back to prepare for publication

Last month's solution

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Carving Up a Feast

Lords Restaurant now features a traditional roast dinner carvery and running buffet from 5.30pm until 9pm every Sunday. Each week we offer you two freshly cooked joints of meat along with the traditional accompaniments and roast potatoes and baked vegetables. There is also home-made soup of the day and various appetisers such as prawn cocktail, smoked salmon roulade, paté maison, barbecued eggplant, etc. Hot dishes include mixed grill, baked papaya, Irish stew and fisherman's pie.

The carvery and buffet has proved highly popular with families and booking is advisable. We actually had to turn away some members recently as there were no spare tables!

Lords Restaurant is also available for dinner or lunch party bookings, large or small. We



Carving the Sunday roasts

can create a table d'hôte menu or buffet menu to suit your needs. Just contact Khun Chirachada or myself at the Club for more details.

The Ageless Horse

About a pottery horse I found in the river at Ayudhya:

How many years were you hiding beneath
The ancient river's shallow sandy bed
Until I found you there
And fell in love
And you came
Home with
Me.

Whose magic hands carved your rippling curves
Combed your forelock - shaped your head
Moulded strength into your legs
And made his pride
Shine from you
Softly shining
Eyes.

You wonder why I let you go
Because my span is nearly gone
And you deserve a home
Wherein your earthy beauty
Will be always
Loved and
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Oh Pagan horse, teach your new guardian
To feel the same as I
When he runs his hands
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Me.

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Here Be Dragons

In the wake of the handover of Hong Kong from the British to the Chinese, many wonder what the dynamic island state has in store.



Hong Kong and its surrounding - fung shui all round

However, some believe there is more to the fate of a place than politics. The following is extracted from an article by Choi Hing Wah in *The Peak* magazine and forwarded to me some time ago by David Viccars:

The transformation of Hong Kong from barren rock to international city is not just due to a fragrant harbour, opium wars and hard work; *fung shui*, dragons and heavenly water also play their part.

Hong Kong is a territory with good fung shui. It is blessed land and is likely to remain so despite political and economic fluctuations. At the heart of its good fung shui is Tai Mo Shan, the territory's highest peak at 957 metres. It is part of a mountain range which rises in Guangzhou and sweeps through southern China to the New Territories and Hong Kong island. The range twists sinuously, sometimes disappearing only to rise in another place. These twisting, winding hills are known

as Dragon ranges.

The dragons within the mountains can be alive or dead, and vegetation plays a crucial role in determining its well-being. Lush vegetation not only looks beautiful, it also protects the earth and body of the dragon; thus a mountain covering in flourishing woods indicates a healthy dragon and good fung shui while desolate highland signifies a dead dragon and poor fung shui.

The quality of the fung shui in each place depends on whether it can be "held", which requires geographical barriers around an area such as rivers, mountains or hills. It's complex to explain but where fung shui is held in place, towns and business districts form.

There are three mountain sub-ranges in Hong Kong centred on Tai Mo Shan, all of which house living dragons. The first stretches to Lion Rock, another reaches Beacon Hill and the third rises at Kowloon Peak, drops down to Lam Tin and dips under the harbour at Lei Yue Mun. It rises again at Mount Parker then twists along the spine of Hong Kong island to Victoria Peak from which the dragon can look back at its body on the Kowloon peninsula. The good fung shui provided by this living dragon is held in place by the water in the harbour. According to Chinese tradition, a body of water begins in heaven and exits to earth. In Victoria Harbour, the water at Western District is regarded as "heavenly". This is, obviously, good fung shui. The Lei Yue Mun basin "holds" the water in the harbour preventing it from flowing away to earth. The mountain range which begins in China channels good fung shui from the

mainland into Hong Kong where it is held by the basin of water at Lei Yue Mun.

So whether you judge the territory's fung shui in terms of mountains or water, you come up

with the same answer: Hong Kong is blessed with excellent fung shui which has helped this barren rock become an internationally important city and one which is likely to stay that way.

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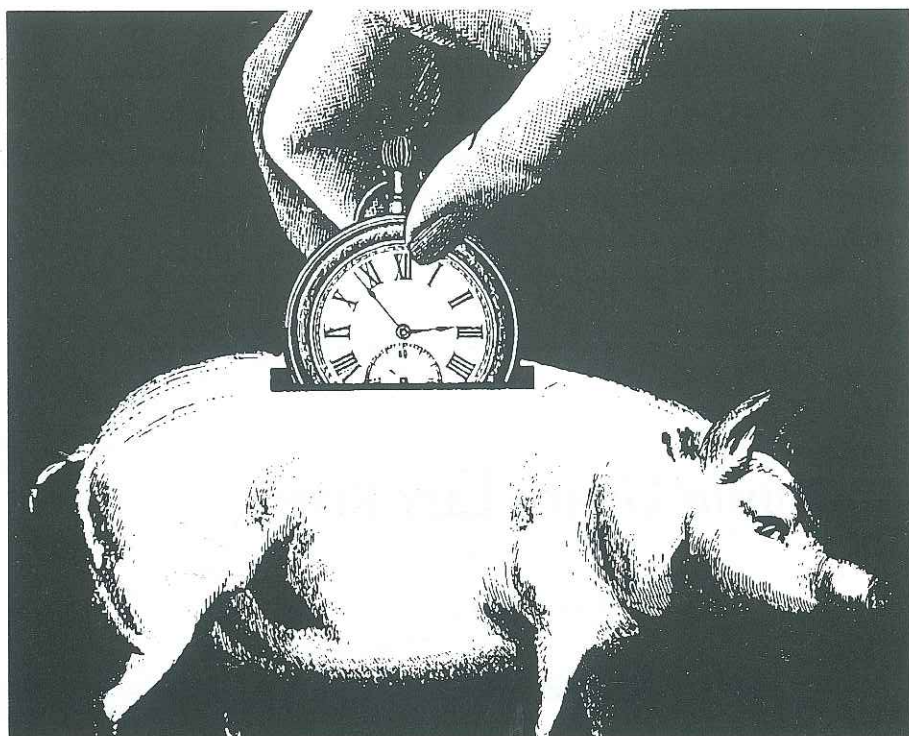
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From the Chairman

The silly season is once again upon us and many of you will be leaving for your annual summer vacations. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and relaxing holiday.



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

Whilst you are away, don't forget the comprehensive network of reciprocal clubs to which membership of the BC gives you ready access. If you get the opportunity why not try one out and let us know your views on it upon your return.

For those of you remaining in Thailand, the exodus of holiday makers means a

month of relative peace and quiet at the Club with all facilities readily available as and when you wish to use them. So come on down and enjoy it all.

In July we held our first quarterly New Members Night which seemed to go off pretty well. The bar was packed with new members and their sponsors which created a very good atmosphere for all new members to get to know each other and also meet some more

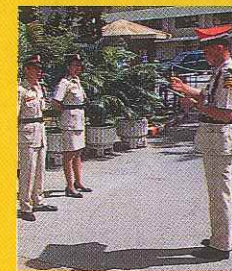
long-standing members of the Club. The next one will be held in October.

Speaking of new members, the Club has seen a steady downturn in membership numbers over the past several months. There are many reasons for this, I am sure, not the least of which is the current state of the Thai economy. However, there must be people out there who, given an introduction to the Club, would be more than delighted to join. So please, if you know of anyone who may be interested, invite them down to the Club and let them see what they are missing.

Finally, may I remind you that we are still on the lookout for someone prepared to join the General Committee this year to take Keith Bell's place. If you are interested or would just like to learn more about what's involved, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other member of the General Committee. Your Club needs you!

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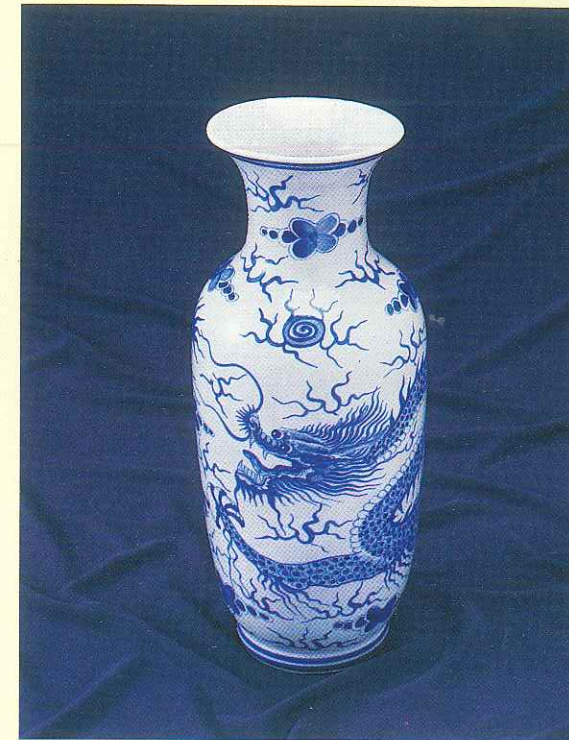
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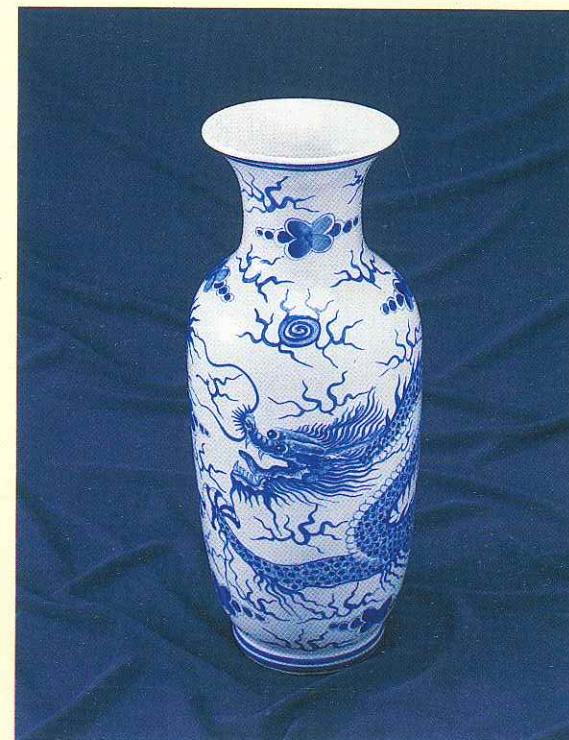
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