

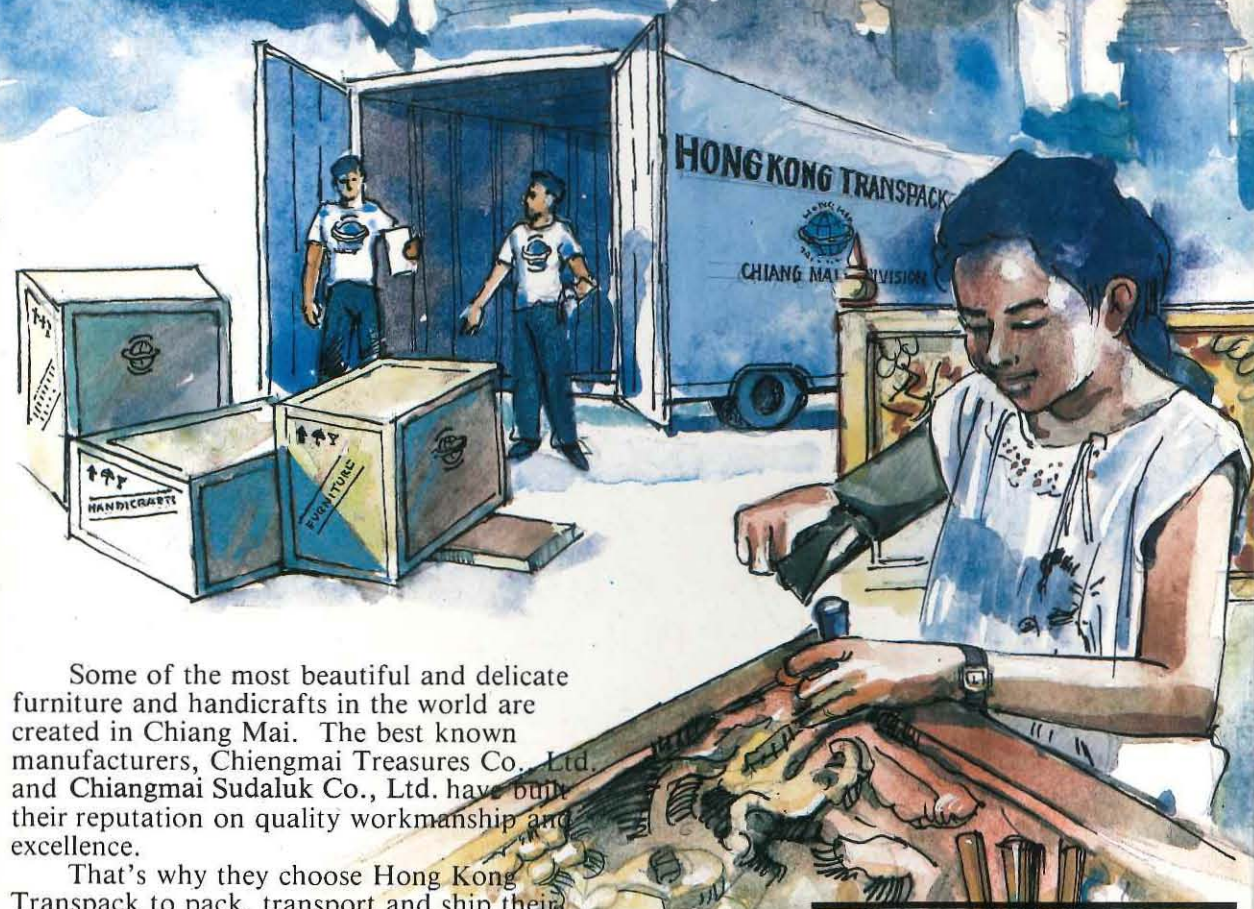
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Travel Log: Stone Carving, Bhaktapur.



Tennis: A small group of the section who visited Darmstraet.

DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Tue	1	Ladies' Golf	7.30 p.m.
		Bridge	7.30 p.m.
Wed	2	BWG Bridge - Wordsworth Room	9.30 a.m.
		Tennis and Squash Club Night	from 6.00 p.m.
Thu	3	Ladies' Tennis	8.30-10.30 a.m.
		Ladies' Squash	9.00-12 noon
		BCT Club Night - Community Services, Soi 33	7.30 p.m.
Sat	5	Dinner Video	6.00 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun	6	Buffet Supper	from 5.00 p.m.
Mon	7	BWG Mahjong - Wordsworth Room	9.00 a.m.
		Ladies' Tennis	3.00-5.00 p.m.
		New Members' Night/Happy Hour	5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tue	8	Ladies' Golf	7.30 p.m.
		Bridge	9.30 a.m.
Wed	9	BWG Bridge - Wordsworth Room	from 6.00 p.m.
		Tennis and Squash Club Night	8.00 p.m.
		Castrol Sponsored Motorsport Film Night including free beer	8.30-10.30 a.m.
Thu	10	Ladies' Tennis	9.00-12 noon
		Ladies' Squash	9.00 a.m.
		BAMBI Meeting at the B.C.	6.00 & 8.00 p.m.
Sat	12	Dinner Video	from 5.00 p.m.
Sun	13	Buffet Supper	9.00 a.m.
Mon	14	BWG Mahjong - Wordsworth Room	3.00-5.00 p.m.
		Ladies' Tennis	5.30-9.00 p.m.
		Happy Hour	
Tue	15	Ladies' Golf	7.30 p.m.
		Bridge	9.30 a.m.
Wed	16	BWG Bridge - Wordsworth Room	from 6.00 p.m.
		Tennis and Squash Club Night	8.30-10.30 a.m.
Thu	17	Ladies' Tennis	9.00-12 noon
		Ladies' Squash	11.30 a.m.
		BWG Lunch - Oriental Hotel	
		Guest Speaker Cherie Aung Khin - Elephant House	
Sat	19	Dinner Video	6.00 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun	20	Buffet Supper	from 5.00 p.m.
Mon	21	BWG Mahjong - Wordsworth Room	9.00 a.m.
		Ladies' Tennis	3.00-5.00 p.m.
		Happy Hour	5.30-9.00 p.m.
Tue	22	Ladies' Golf	7.30 p.m.
		Bridge	9.30 a.m.
Wed	23	BWG Bridge - Wordsworth Room	from 6.00 p.m.
		Tennis and Squash Club Night	8.30-10.30 a.m.
Thu	24	Ladies' Tennis	9.00-12 noon
		Ladies' Squash	6.00 & 8.00 p.m.
Sat	26	Dinner Video	8.00 p.m.
		Allan "Wolfman" Morton's Welcome Back from Vacation Disco	from 5.00 p.m.
Sun	27	Buffet Suppr	9.00 p.m.
Mon	28	BWG Mahjong - Wordsworth Room	3.00-5.00 p.m.
		Ladies' Tennis	5.30-9.00 p.m.
		Happy Hour	
Tue	29	Ladies' Golf	7.30 p.m.
		Bridge	9.30 a.m.
Wed	30	BWG Bridge - Wordsworth Room	from 6.00 p.m.
		Tennis and Squash Club Night	

For further information: Ladies' Golf (Tuesdays) contact Wendy Binns Tel. 331-5686
Ladies' Squash (Thursdays) contact Barbara Overington Tel. 260-1965
Yoga resumes on 21st September at Fitness Clinic, Soi Somkid

FROM THE EDITOR

I am sitting here in my office with my arm in plaster (following the severe twisting it got from the OUTPOST team who have deserted me in my hour of need) wondering what on earth an editor is supposed to do or write about. The answer to my first quandary is easy - I am on my own so I do everything. The answer to my second quandary is less obvious. I had intended to counter the 11 month long female slant to OUTPOST by turning it into a more "men-only" type issue. However, following the severe ear-bashing and wrist slapping (ouch! ouch!) I received for allowing the insertion of "that" advert in an earlier magazine I am a little baffled as to where to draw the lines of decency. Being a young, virile, sensitive, open-minded, devil-may-care type of individual I have decided to "print and be damned." A new feature I have included is the statutory "Playmate of the Month" which together with the syndicated News-of-the-World - Shock - Horror - Sex - Bonanza - Bingo which I intend to start next month will I feel boost circulation and I am sure increase the presently meagre, "letters from members" section.

Finally, I would just like to say a very big welcome to all new members who have joined during this traditional vacation period and welcome back to all of you who have been on home leave.

David C. Williamson

P.S. Put on your dark glasses before turning to page 25



Trafalgar Night

PLEASE make a note in your diary now for the annual stag Red sea rig dinner at the Hilton.

Tuesday 20th October, 1987

Hilton Hotel

Ticket Price £600 (corkage included)

Bangkok's Star after-dinner speaker Frank Rowland is being couriered back from Australia by TNT-Skypak.

and the Bangkok St. George's Society is already rehearsing some naval (navel?) comedy, and sea Shanties.

Application forms will be mailed to all members of the Bangkok St. George's Society, and will be available at British Club Reception desk for members of the Club and all other loyal societies.

Start making up your table now!

Meet the New Members



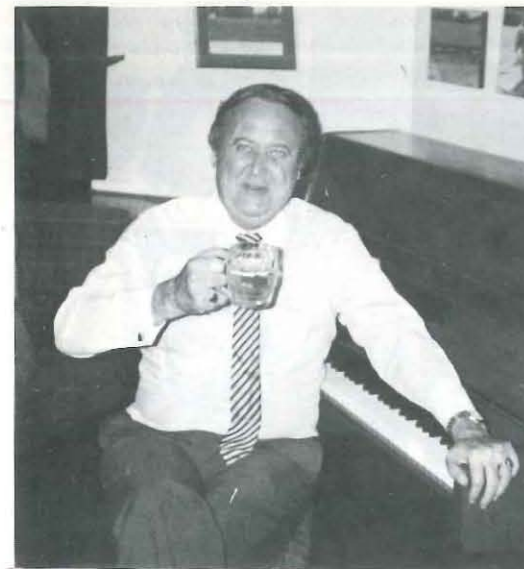
Chris Taggart — Ex. Committee Member of the Nomads (need one say anymore) who has come here to work for Unocal.



Colin Hare together with new member Wyn Ellis who works for Ciba-Geigy in insecticide R and D.



Gudzia Hasnani who came here three years ago from Pakistan with her husband Gulamali and daughters Sana 5½ and Farah 3, sitting with Nida Hare and Sunsaner Ellis.



Tony Neil the new club pianist kindly donated by Standard Chartered Bank.



Jonathan Letchfield who assures me, he is a very exciting management consultant — yawn yawn.

Alistair Rider attempting to look smooth in another of his converted parachute suits.



David and Caroline Mitchell. David is the Regional Director of Animal Enterprises who import livestock and semen/seamen? to S.E. Asia. Caroline assures me, she has nothing to do with either product!



Kevin Ireland who has come to Thailand to work with the "Save the Children Fund". Kevin says he is a great friend of Bob Geldorf and spends all day singing "We are the world"! Fiona Richmond sitting next to him looks suitably bored.



Mali Vongsuly — very very clever, choir member, Olympic swimmer. Richard "Ivories" Hopkins — everybody's flavour of the month!



*Bob and Agneta Johnson
She works hard at the Swedish Embassy so that Bob can lounge around all day playing tennis, darts, squash and drinking.*



*David and Gay Lantz.
David is the head of the Fine Arts Faculty at I.S.B. — it's about time we got some culture round 'ere.*



*Charles Harvie — Ex Hong-Kong policeman who has come to Thailand to run Securicor.
Richard Ellis — tall suave man about town.*



Sunsanee Ellis who is a cotton researcher in Nakorn Sawan with Jongruk the membership secretary.



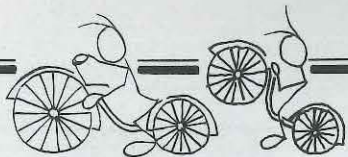
Keith and "Fishface" Ross about to go out on the town!



Wipapan Herman — the woman who is primarily to blame for the manager's appalling Thai. Cor cuppa tea kap!



Left. Peter and Jo Snell. Jo is expecting twins in October, Peter reckons he is a rank squash player and a so-so rugby player. Centre. That old Thespian-Geoff Thomson. Right. Simon Bolton and his wife Ms. Patricia Goldsmith! Patricia says she feels warm and excited. Simon says he feels very good about D.C.W's management bonus!



ARE YOUR CHILDREN BORED?

The Entertainment Committee want to gauge the interest that parents would have for their children to take part in a regular monthly Activities Day on a Saturday.

Activities thought of so far are:



- cycling proficiency testing
- talent contests
- treasure hunts



Other suggestions would be gratefully received.

If you are interested, please fill in the tear off slip below and return to Richard Hopkins, c/o British Club Reception.

Yes, I am interested in regular Saturday Activities for my child/children: _____

Family Name: _____ Club No: _____

Child's/Children's Name(s) & Age(s): _____

Other Suggested Activities: _____

CLUB ROUNDUP

10 Downing Street
Whitehall



The Manager
The British Club Bangkok
189 Suriwongse Road
Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter of the 28th June 1987 and the very useful though typically ill-informed observations made within it.

Firstly as any bonus orientated business minded publican will tell you air-conditioning should at the very worst always be inadequate and at the very best be constantly in a state of disrepair. As you noted this produces a lemming-type reaction in the members present who buy copious quantities of hallucinogenic liquid to cool themselves down. This has two results, members go home happy, I go home a little richer. Need I say more? It is fairly obvious from your lack of understanding about this phenomenon why you are in poitics rather than in business.

Secondly your criticism of the standard of the local doctors is I feel totally unjustified. Although you may prefer to go to see a doctor who is in a drab office, wearing a drab suit with lots of drab degrees who keeps you waiting for hours and forces you to pretend to read a three year old Punch, then that is your prerogative. Here, most people prefer to be doctored. I'll write that again! Most people prefer to be tended by larger-than-life, happy go lucky characters, who smoke incessantly, wear ridiculous flowery shirts, play the piano whilst diagnosing and invariably make you feel better even if you are dying!

Thirdly I feel your criticism of members dressing up as women is most unfair. As you probably realise the majority of women we socialise with here wear very little clothing at all. It is very refreshing to drink with somebody, male or female, who is completely attired in a pretty frock and high heels.

Fourthly, you will be glad to hear that both hot dogs and hamburgers have now been struck from the British Club menu. There is still fierce debate about corn on the cob but I am keeping my legs crossed that this will be retained! As for the bus on the lawn, the damage caused by your sub-normal son is limited, although now we have an

additional problem as it is presently occupied by 21 assorted refugees, 16 stray dogs and a flatulent elephant.

Lastly your offer to set up an entertainment charity fund is more than generous and I would appreciate it if you would send all cash or cheques to the "Keep Williamson and his gang on the strip fund".

Yours sincerely,

B. S. W.

P.S. The snaps Mr. Thatcher sent of Mrs. Thatcher are not suitable for use in our family magazine "OUTPOST". You will be pleased to hear however that they are selling like hotcakes on the strip.

P.P.S. If you feel there may be some chance of me being included in next years honours list I would like to be known as Sir Crawford of the Snakepit

Tristan Jones

FAMOUS one-legged Welsh adventurer and novelist Tristan Jones, who has been much in the local press recently on account of his crossing of the Kra Isthmus by boat, was entertained in the British Club Sala on 5th August by members of the British Naval Association in Bangkok. He was accompanied by his companion, Thomas Ettenhuber, who hails from West Germany, and his Phuket-based crew of four young Thai boys, all of whom are handicapped. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon, and heaped plates of Thai food were rapidly demolished.



Tristan, a 63 year old with a great sense of humour and a tremendous fund of fascinating stories, is the founder of

the Atlantis Society of New York, a non-profit organisation aimed at helping to rehabilitate handicapped people.

Tristan's philosophy is - to be handicapped is not the end of the world, but a challenge to make a new future.

The British Club Outside Catering Menus And Equipment Hire Charges

WITH the festive season nearly upon us why not consider using the services of the British Club at your home or office. We are able to cater for any variety of food, supply all your equipment needs and provide staff who are friendly efficient and trustworthy. For your consideration please find below a list of staff charges, store hire charges and some sample menus. If I can be of any help in planning your next function whether it be at the British Club or outside please do not hesitate to contact me.

D.C. Williamson
Manager

MENU:

Cocktail Menu
No. 1
No. 2
Buffet Menu
No. 1
No. 2
Curry Buffet
Thai Buffet
Barbecue Menu
No. 1
No. 2

BAHT

100.-
150.-
185.-
220.-
120.-
140.-
120.-
200.-

OUTSIDE CATERING STAFF CHARGES:

Supervisor
Cook, Waiter, Steward

55.- (per hour)
45.- (per hour)

STORE HIRE:

Dinner Plate
Side Plate
Dessert Plate
Soup Bowl
Coffee Cup
Coffee Saucer
Serving Plate
Knife
Fork
Tea Spoon
Dessert Fork
Dessert Spoon
Serving Fork
Serving Spoon
Whisky Glass
Wine Glass
Brandy Glass
Champagne Glass
Sherry Glass
Liqueur Glass
Beer Mug (L)
Beer Mug (S)

Hire Charges per Day

£2
£2
£2
£2
£2
£2
£3
£1
£1
£1
£1
£1
£2
£2
£1
£1
£1
£1
£1
£1
£2
£2

Loss or Breakage Charges

£45
£25
£15
£20
£25
£25
£110 (S)/£230 (L)
£30
£15
£15
£15
£15
£35
£35
£15
£15
£20
£20
£20
£15
£55
£40

Chair
Table
£10
£10

Table Cloth	฿15
Napkin	฿3
Ice-Box	฿50
Food Warmer	฿40 (L)/฿20 (S)
String of Coloured Lights	฿200
Large Barbecue	฿200
Marquee	฿1,000 (including erection)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- 1) All transportation is charged at cost according to distance.
- 2) Where any food items are not available on the day required, a substitution of similar quality will be made.
- 3) A booking fee of ฿40 will be levied when booking staff.
- 4) All catering hire and transportation charges will be billed directly from the British Club. Please do not pay cash to hired staff.

SUGGESTED BUFFET MENU NO. 1 (BAHT 185.—)

COLD DISHES:

Farm Ham with Pineapple
Roast Sirloin of Beef
Roast Sirloin of Pork
Smoked Plakapong

SALADS:

Cole Slaw
Beetroot Salad
Potato Salad
Tomato, Cucumber, Onion and Green
Pepper Salad

HOT DISHES:

Steak & Kidney Pie
Roast Pork with Crackling
Red Snapper with Sweet and Sour
Sauce
Braised Duckling in Orange Sauce
Garden Vegetables

THAI DISHES:

Chicken Curry
Fried Fish Fillet with Ginger Sauce
Beef Masaman
Pork with Pepper and Garlic
Yam Woon Sen
Steamed Rice

DESSERTS:

Trifle
Fresh Fruit in Season
Pineapple Pie with Custard Sauce
Roll and Butter
Coffee or Tea

HOT DISHES: Braised Duckling in Orange Sauce
Red Snapper Meuniere
Roast Smoked Pork Loin with
Sauerkraut

Lamb Pie
Braised Beef Roll in Red Wine Sauce
Garden Vegetables

THAI DISHES:

Beef Masaman
Chicken Curry
Sweet and Sour Shrimps
Pork with Pepper and Garlic
Yam Woon Sen
Fried Fish Fillet with Ginger Sauce
Steamed Rice

DESSERTS:

Trifle
Fresh Fruit in Season
Pineapple Pie with Custard Sauce
Roll and Butter
Coffee or Tea

SUGGESTED COCKTAIL MENU NO. 1 (BAHT 100.—)

COLD DISHES: Liver Mousse Canape'
Dried Salami Canape'
Hunting Sausage Canape'
Roast Beef Canape'
Cheddar Cheese with Crackers
Ham Roll with Asparagus
Khao Tang Na Tang
Stuffed Egg
Stuffed Cherry Tomato with Chicken
Salad
Potato Crisps
Prawn Crackers
Salted Peanuts

HOT DISHES: Meat Balls with Mustard Sauce
Fried Snow Crab's Claws in Batter
with Sweet Sauce
Chicken Satays with Peanut Sauce
Liver with Bacon on Sticks
Tord Mun Pla Grai served with
Cucumber Sauce

SPECIAL:

Roast Paris Ham with French Bread
and English Mustard (sliced by
our cook)

SUGGESTED BUFFET MENU NO. 2 (BAHT 220.—)

COLD DISHES: Roast Paris Ham with Pineapple
Roast Sirloin of Beef
Roast Sirloin of Pork
Roast Chicken
Smoked Plakapong

SALADS:

Cole Slaw
Beetroot Salad
Russian Salad
Potato Salad
Tomato, Cucumber, Onion and Green
Pepper Salad

SUGGESTED COCKTAIL MENU NO. 2 (BAHT 150.—)

COLD DISHES: Liver Mousse Canape'
Dried Salami Canape'
Hunting Sausage Canape'
Roast Beef Canape'
Prawn Pyramid with Cocktail Sauce
Chilled Mixed Fresh Fruits
Cheddar Cheese with Crackers
Paris Ham with Pineapple
Khao Tang Na Tang
Stuffed Egg
Cocktail Sausage
Stuffed Cherry Tomato with Chicken
Salad
Potato Crisps
Prawn Crackers
Salted Peanuts

HOT DISHES:

Seafood Vol Au Vent
Charcoal Grilled Mini Kebab
Deep Fried Shrimps with Tartare Sauce
Fried Spring Rolls with Sweet Plum
Sauce
Pork Satays with Peanut Sauce
Chicken Satays with Peanut Sauce
Fried Snow Crab's Claws in Batter with
Sweet Sauce
Liver with Bacon on Sticks
Tord Mun Pla Grai served with
Cucumber Sauce

SPECIAL:

Roast Fillet of Beef with French Bread
and English Mustard (sliced by
our cook)

SUGGESTED THAI BUFFET MENU (BAHT 140.—)

Pla Pad Prik (Plakapong)
Chicken Curry Thai Style
Beef Masaman
Sweet and Sour Shrimps
Fried Mixed Vegetables
Yam Woon Sen
Hoh Mok Pla
Broiled Duckling Chinese Style
Larb Nua
Steamed Rice
Fresh Fruits in Season
Custard Cake
Pineapple Pie with Custard Sauce
Coffee or Tea

SUGGESTED B.B.Q. MENU NO. 1 (BAHT 120.—)

Fillet Steak
Pork Kebab
Chicken Leg
Sausage
Baked Beans
Jacket Potato
Mixed Salad
Cole Slaw
Roll and Butter
Fresh Fruits in Season
Coffee or Tea

SUGGESTED B.B.Q. MENU NO. 2 (BAHT 200.—)

Lamb Cutlet
King Prawn
Beef Kebab
Sausage
Chicken Leg
Jacket Potato
Mixed Salad
Cole Slaw
Roll and Butter
Fresh Fruits in Season
Pineapple Pie with Custard Sauce
Coffee or Tea

SUGGESTED CURRY BUFFET MENU (BAHT 120.—)

Lamb Curry
Chicken Curry
Beef Masaman
Fish Ball Curry
Vegetable Curry
Steamed Rice
Traditional Condiments
Trifle
Fresh Fruits in Season
Coffee or Tea

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TRAVEL LOG

BHAKTAPUR (Bhadgaon)

WE took a whole day out to visit Bhaktapur, a medieval town 13 kilometres east of Kathmandu founded in 889 A.D. We avoided the tours, took probably the oldest taxi in Kathmandu, and bumped along through beautiful farmland to Bhaktapur. Never visit Nepal without seeing this



Bhaktapur



Silversmith at work, Bhaktapur



Temple, Bhaktapur

wonderful old town.

Almost every town in Nepal has a Durbar Square. Durbar Square, Bhaktapur, is just full of exquisite temples. Don't miss the Golden Gate, once described as "the most lovely piece of art in the whole Kingdom". From here we left the normal tourist route and just walked and walked through small side streets. With cameras constantly clicking, we recorded simple everyday life: children playing on an old, ornate funeral carriage; shy young girls giggling and hiding from the camera; markets; a silversmith at his work; women grinding corn — the list is endless. In many narrow streets the medieval houses almost touch at the top — but beware where you tread, since toilets are obviously sadly lacking inside!

Relax in the recently restored square near the Dattatraya temple and enjoy a coffee in the restaurant at the top of the main building, whilst watching the world go by below: and don't forget to look up at the erotic carvings on the eaves of the building before you leave!

Ray Butler



Golden gate, Bhaktapur



Scene in Durear Square Bhaktapur



Women grinding corn, Bhaktapur

Our Family Holiday In Malaysia

WE almost missed the train by not allowing sufficient time to get through the Bangkok traffic with a thunderstorm brewing. However, thanks to Khun Somchet's expert driving, and just getting through two traffic lights as they were turning red, we ran onto the platform at Hua Lampog just as the guard was raising his green flag. Had we missed it, we'd have lost a day!

Once we found our seats, we collapsed, more than ready for a holiday, and with nothing more to think about for at least 21 hours! The first part of the train journey was interesting as we had fun trying to recognise places and familiar landmarks we already knew.

We had decided to make use of the train's catering service, and despite initial misgivings, we enjoyed an excellent supper, served exactly at the agreed time: American fried rice (complete with egg and sausage), chicken and cashew nuts, beef in oyster sauce, and such staples went down well.

It was already dark by 6.40 p.m., but we could just recognise Hua Hin as



From the top of Penang Hill. Can you see the bridge across the Straits on the right?

we came into the station there. Despite having plenty of water for drinks, and numerous games and activities to keep the children amused, it seemed a long time before the steward came round to perform the transformation and make up the berths: eventually it was done, and we were all gratefully bedded down by 9 p.m.

After a long, hot night, during which some members of the family coped with the lack of aircon better than others, we were awake by 6 a.m. and ready for breakfast. This was a full scale ham 'n' eggs, toast and coffee, ordered the night before, and once again delivered punctually: at B35, one could not complain! At

8 a.m. we had reached the Malaysian border. The stop for passport and customs control was fairly relaxed and turned out to be only one hour, not the two we had expected, because of the time difference. Watches were duly adjusted. There was enough time anyway to buy some cool boxed drinks and snacks!

Our shortened Thai train then proceeded through the noticeably greener and lush Malaysian countryside. During the two hour stop to change trains at Butterworth we had time to make a few phone calls and sample the ferry across to Penang and back. We were surprised by the number of car and pas-

senger ferries plying back and forth despite the new bridge — we counted no less than eight on the water at one time. Despite an overcast day with drizzle, we were able to see the 13.5 km bridge with its dual plane cable stayed navigation span quite clearly.

Returning to Butterworth, we collected our left luggage (just before the office appeared to be closing for the day!) and boarded the Malaysian train bound for KL. This was a single mode (sit not sleep) train and considerably more comfortable, even in the second class, with reclining airline type seats. Soon, despite the interesting scenery, with the train climbing up to Taiping, parents were snoozing, and the children happily playing games (we thought). In fact, while exploring the train, they discovered the airconditioned first class carriage at the rear, persuaded the one passenger and guard in residence that they were persona grata, and settled down to watch TV! — poor deprived mites! Actually I give them seven out of ten for ingenuity (no-one in our family ever gets more than seven, to give room for improvement!).



The Freeman Family (well, almost complete!) all aboard the train to Malaysia.

At last, at 8.15 p.m., 29 hours after leaving Bangkok, we drew into KL station and thankfully gravitated to a strategic A+W while waiting for our friends to collect us.

Kuala Lumpur is a large and sprawling city which was difficult to get to know in the few days we had allowed ourselves. We "did" the area round the station fairly thoroughly, and managed to get up the 36 storey "Daya Bumi" building from where we had good panoramic views over the city. We found, and enjoyed attending, the lively service at St Andrews expat Presbyterian church, and made a half day trip out to Genting Highlands from where, despite clouds, we were just able to see the city far away below us.

On the Monday we were taken in hand by an old friend of Anthony's father who looked after us right royally. Because of his contacts, we were able to drive along 60 very impressive kilometres of almost completed, but still unopened, motorway on the way to Malacca (now Melaka). This is part of the North — South highway now taking shape along the whole of the Malaysian peninsula, and another completed stretch of which we had already seen from the train in the North.

In Melaka, we met some of the Engineers working on the new road, and Anthony had the opportunity to inspect the section under construction South of Melaka more closely. The old town, now surrounded by a growing, modern city, is a fascinating place, steeped in history, having been occupied at various times by British, Dutch, and Portuguese traders. For those who like to browse through antique shops, Melaka is well stocked, and bargains are available for those who barter. In the short time we had available there was more than enough to see in Melaka, even confining the scope to things

children would enjoy.

Our friend then drove us up the coast to Port Dickson where we stayed at his club (the PD Club and Yacht Club (not affiliated to BCB?). We relaxed then for two very enjoyable days by the seaside at an almost totally deserted beach. Of course, for those who desired, there was wind-surfing, canoeing, rock scrambling, and plenty of opportunity for long walks along the beach...

By Thursday, it was time to return to Kuala Lumpur to catch the overnight train back to Butterworth. This time it was a sleeper only train, the third type we had experienced. It was very nice, but there were no blankets or covers, so be warned. We were glad too, to have been able to refill our large flask with cold water as bathroom facilities on this one left a bit to be desired.

We arrived at Butterworth just as dawn was breaking, and were relieved to find that our telephone calls and letters had not been in vain, and our hire car was ready and waiting for us. We piled in, and thinking this would be a good opportunity, headed off for the

bridge. In fact it was quite hard to find the road leading to it — clearly people are expected to take the ferry when starting from the station, and the bridge suffers from the fact that for various reasons it crosses quite a considerable distance from the most convenient line for cars going between Butterworth and Georgetown, Penang's main (and

only) city. When we finally found the complex and impressive network of approach roads, we soon found ourselves crossing the 13.5 km viaduct in a glorious sunrise: well worth it.

Having used the bridge, we then had to find our way through Georgetown in the rush hour traffic: we managed it relatively easily, and were soon enjoying breakfast in style at the Penang Club, where on a friend's recommendation we had booked to stay. We had a very nice family suite with main bedroom (parents'), and a large sitting-cum-children's bedroom, complete with TV of course. This we soon had rigged up to view the family videos of our adventure thus far.

Now, whether it was solely due to the fact that we hired a car and could therefore get around more easily, I'm not sure: certainly for me Penang was the highlight of our holiday with plenty of interesting things to do.

On our first day, we took advantage of what seemed likely to be the best available weather, and ascended the two stage funicular railway to the top of Penang Hill (800



Our last swim in the pool of the Penang Club, affiliated to the BCB.



Mark on the top i.e. the helipad of the Dayaburi Centre with view over Kuala Lumpur.



A view of Hat Yai.

metres above sea level). There were excellent views, and an ice cream – it was hot! We also fitted in the botanical gardens, where apart from the horticultural specimens, the main attraction was the monkeys waiting to be fed with peanuts for sale at the otherwise free entrance. The monkeys were fun, but inclined to be a bit too persistent and a little scary for five year old Anna.

On our second day we drove right round the island, taking in the Snake Temple (there were snakes of every size and description in and around everything), the airport which we had passed through on our way to Australia last year, the Butterfly farm, and the Beach at Batu Ferringhi (foreigner's beach), Penang's resort hotel area. On the route round we enjoyed the views and the roadside

durian trees, and for the last section we squeezed in a couple from England/Australia, whom we entertained to a (very English) tea back at the club.

On the Sunday, after enjoying the well attended service at Georgetown Baptist Church (congregation almost all Chinese, and a very gifted Chinese lady preaching), we ascended the KOMTAR tower: at 57 storeys, by far the tallest building in Georgetown. (If you decide to do this, find out before you go what times the generally hourly conducted tours are taking place.) The views from the top were marvellous, and rounded off a wonderful stay in Penang.

By the time we left, I think we had managed to see and do just about everything, and all that remained was to return the car, as arranged, and board our homeward Thai train.

This we did at 12.30 in the afternoon of Monday 11th May, having sadly had to abandon our plans to stop off with friends in Hat Yai for 24 hours, because of not immediately apparent inflexibilities of the train booking system – berths bookable onward from Hat Yai were sold out because of the Thai bank holiday.

On this final day of our holiday, we suddenly (!) remembered homework that had to be done, so the time in the train was well used, and we were more than ready for our beds when the time came. We felt quite at home in our beds when the time came. We felt quite at home in our Thai train, and enjoyed another "train" supper and breakfast, finally arriving at Hua Lumpong (unusually one hour late) at 9.30. We were so glad to be met by Mr Somchet who rushed us off to school (Sarah had taken her kit all the way with her and was duly changed already!), work, committee meetings, and a visitor already waiting from New Zealand! That's what holidays are all about – getting away from it all.

Julia Freeman

NEW HORIZONS

National Museum Volunteers --Bangkok

THE National Museum Volunteers is a group of people of many nationalities, interests and talents. The aim of the group is to help the National Museum in various ways, to introduce newcomers to Thai and Oriental Art and Culture and to expand horizons either through study or travel.

The most important activity is Guiding and this is the main service to the Museum. Training courses are organised every year and would be guides are encouraged to try this rewarding and enriching experience. An Introductory Lecture Series is held twice a year, in the evenings from September to November and on Wednesday mornings at the Museum from January to March. The lectures are an essential introduction to Thai art and history.

Study groups are held two or three times a year enabling participants to study specific subjects over a period of 8-10 weeks. Research material is available from the Museum Library and Slide Library. Subjects currently being studied are Chinese Art, Indian Art and Thai History and Art.

Study trips are organised regularly to various places of interest in Thailand, sometimes these are day trips, sometimes longer e.g. Sukhothai. There are several out of country trips, for example, to Burma and China. These trips

are very well organised and are led by very well informed tour leaders, sometimes experts in their field.

Every month a lecture is held at the Museum Auditorium on a wide range of subjects related to Oriental Art and Culture. These are presented by prominent personalities and/or experts in their fields. Recently, an eminent archaeologist from the London School of Archaeology gave a very interesting talk on the evidence he is discovering on the early Indian links with Thailand.

Membership of the National Museum Volunteers costs 300 baht per year and that includes a very interesting monthly newsletter. Members who would like to volunteer to help can do so in a variety of ways. Help is always needed in the library, with hospitality, typing, helping mail the newsletter as well as guiding, cataloging, writing articles etc.

If you are interested in joining please contact the Membership Chairman at:

NATIONAL MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS
P.O. BX 11-1305
Bangkok 10110

or for further information please can
Janine Gray on 391-4796.

On September 23rd at the Alliance Francaise, 29 South Sathorn Road, a ten-week lecture series sponsored by the National Museum of Thailand Volunteers will begin. These lectures are designed to acquaint the newcomer to Thai art and architecture and will be accompanied by slides and syllabus.

James di Crocco will lecture first on: The Dawn of Civilization in Thailand at 6:30 pm.

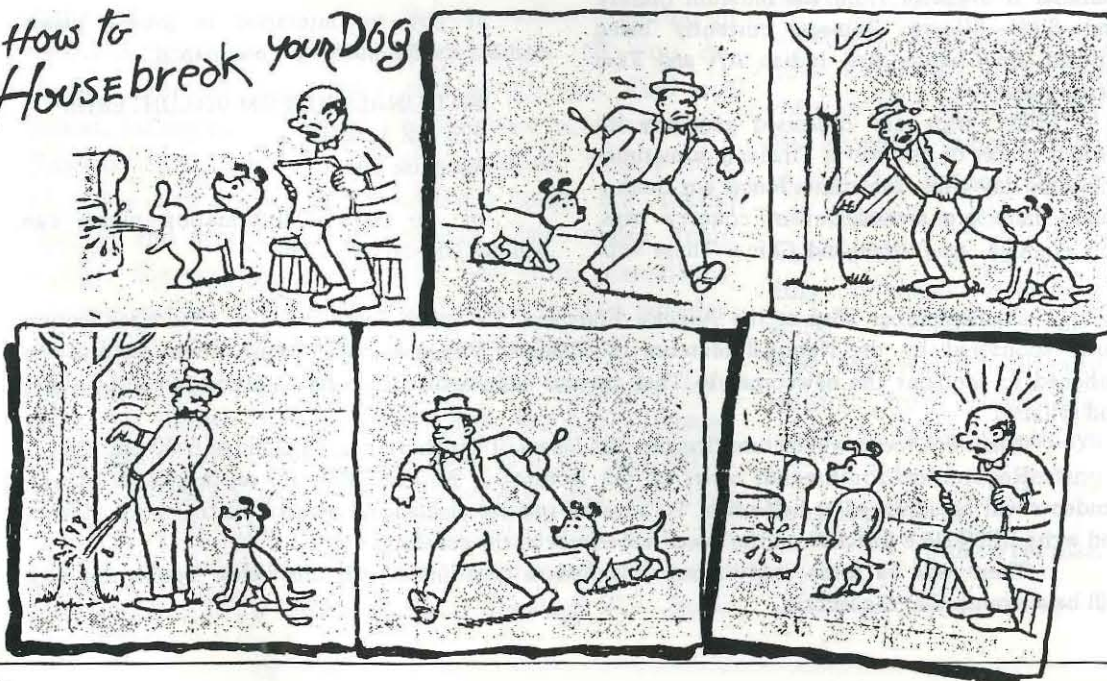
Registration for the full series of ten lectures is B400 or B60 for an individual lecture. Students will be admitted at half-price. To advance register please send a check to the above address, and write LECTURE SERIES on the lower left corner of the envelope.

There will be some study groups planned to coordinate with this series. Details and cost will be announced at the lecture.

The Drinkers' Fault Finding Chart

SYMPTOM	FAULT	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
Drinking fails to give satisfaction and taste; shirt front wet	Mouth not open while drinking OR glass being applied to wrong part of face.	Buy another pint, and practise in front of mirror. Continue, with as many pints as necessary until drinking technique is perfect.
Drinking fails to give satisfaction and taste; beer unusually pale and clear.	Glass empty	Find someone who will buy you another pint.
Feet cold and wet	Glass being held at incorrect angle.	Turn glass the other way up, so that open end is pointing at ceiling.
Feet warm and wet	Incorrect bladder control.	Go and stand next to the nearest dog - after a while complain to its owner about its lack of house training and demand a pint in compensation.
Bar swaying	Air turbulence unusually high - may be due to darts match in progress.	Insert broom handle down back of jacket.
Bar moving	You are being carried out.	Find out if you are being taken to another pub - if not, complain loudly that you are being hi-jacked by the Salvation Army.
You notice that the wall opposite is covered with ceiling tiles and has a fluorescent light strip across it.	You have fallen over backwards.	If glass is still full and no-one is standing on your drinking arm, stay put.
Everything has gone dim, and you have a mouthful of dog-ends and broken teeth.	You have fallen over forwards.	As for falling over backwards.
Everything has gone dark.	The pub is closing.	Panic
You have woken up to find your bed hard, cold and wet. You cannot see your bedroom walls or ceiling.	You have spent the night in the gutter.	Check your watch to see if it is opening time - if not, treat yourself to a lie-in.

How to Housebreak your Dog



WELL WORTH READING

"Moscow Rules" & "The Spike"

IF anyone wants a good bit of 'pulp' reading whilst reacclimatising to Bangkok life. I would recommend a couple of books by Robert Moss.

"Mowcow Rules" is an intriguing political thriller. Its starting point is the death of Yuri Andropov and the shaky succession of Konstantin Chernenko, showing the precarious nature of the leadership structure in the USSR at the time. The novel is set in Moscow (of course), the battlefields of Afghanistan, and the USA. The hero is Sasha Preobrazhensky, a member of the GRU, the sister service of the KGB. He is bent on revenging the death of his father. as he moves up te ladder of the military machine, working with the UN and fighting in Afghanistan, he plots against the

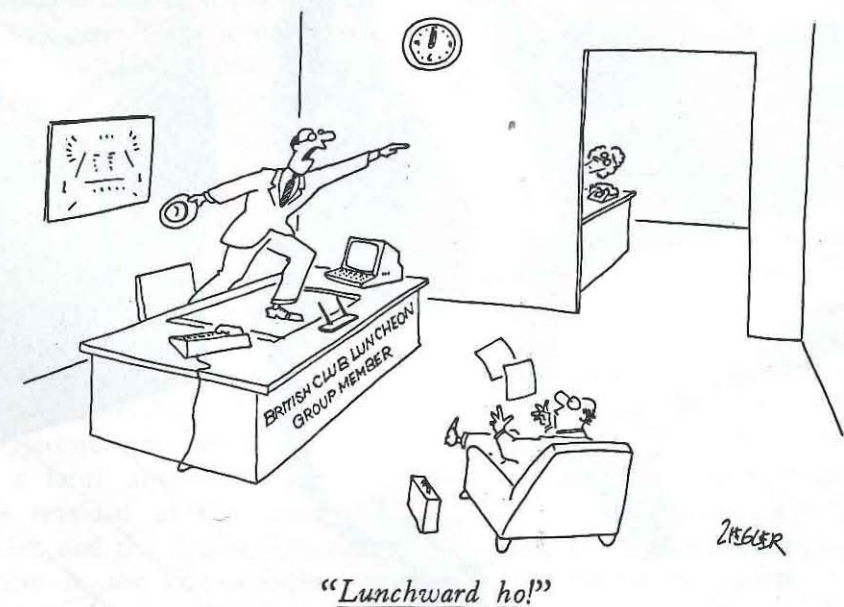
system that is strangling his country. I will say no more.

Robert Moss, the author, is a recognised authority on espionage and terrorism. He has interviewed most of the important Soviet Bloc intelligence defectors, and has covered wars and revolutions all over the world. He is currently a visiting lecturer at a number of universities and NATO military academies.

"The Spike", of which Moss is co-author, is also an exciting read. It deals with Soviet manipulation of Western media. After reading this you will never view your Daily Telegraph in quite the same way.

Both books are available at Asia Books.

Maren White



"Lunchward ho!"

ZIEGLER

Playmate Of The Month

Miss Jennifer Lamb. 20"-18"-20". Aged 6½ Jennifer says that when she grows up she wants to be a nurse, have babies and grow bigger. At present looking for a tall blond muscular boyfriend.

And offers?



WELL WORTH WATCHING

"The Trial Of Lee Harvey Oswald"

NOVEMBER 22nd 1963. What were you doing that day? We may have problems remembering anniversaries or the wife's birthday, but most of us will remember the day President Kennedy was shot. The assassination had a profound effect on virtually everyone in the world. It is not just the fact that he was killed, or the way that he died, but the ensuing events made certain that it will remain one of the most controversial happenings in modern times.

"The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald" tries to settle the issue once and for all. It is presented as a real life courtroom drama in the 'Crown Court' vein. The lawyers, the witnesses, the jury and the judge are real and not actors. There is no script and nothing was rehearsed.

The main characters are the two lawyers: Vincent Bugliosi for the prosecution and Jerry Spence for the defence. Bugliosi became famous when he successfully prosecuted cult leader Charles Manson for the Sharon Tate murders in Los Angeles, while Spence is well known as the lawyer who won £10m for the family of Karen Silkwood, the nuclear worker who died of radiation exposure. He had not lost a case in 17 years.

This TV trial was set up and recorded live last year and conducted in the present. That is to say, the evidence used in the Warren Commission Report and the House of Representatives Select Committee investigations were submitted. Consequently, a large amount of facts that were not revealed at the time of the assassination and the Select Committee's investigation in the mid-seventies, were made available under the Freedom of

Information Act.

The statements of some of the witnesses are extraordinary. There is the young lawyer who served on the House Select Committee who hints at a conspiracy, and states that there are FBI records which can support this, but cannot say more as he is bound under the secret oath. There is also the witness who ran away to England to escape the FBI after they allegedly shot him.

Then there is the conflicting evidence of whether Oswald acted alone or if others were involved. Did one bullet enter Kennedy's back, travel through soft tissue, exit from the neck, change direction, enter Governor Connolly's back, break his rib, exit his chest, enter his right wrist break it, enter his thigh, break it, and exit .. without any deformity?

Despite the new evidence and the two extremely capable lawyers the viewer is still left with considerable doubt at the end of the trial.

Although the proceedings are clinical and without drama it is still a fascinating subject that does not require good actors and directors. There are moments when the witnesses dry up in front of the cameras, but the viewer never loses interest.

How can, you, when even the making of the film is shrouded in mystery? At the beginning of the trial the judge thanks the jury for attending and, particularly, for making it off the Texas freeway that morning. Yet the trial was conducted at Independent Television's studios in London! ●

CONSERVATION MATTERS

THAILAND entered the 20th century with more than 80% of her soil densely covered by forest, and at the same time it must have been inconceivable that such richness could ever disappear. But short-sighted exploitation, with little or no thought for the future, has still resulted in a terribly swift and near total destruction of Thailand's most sustainable resource. In the brief period of 80 years, more than 75% of the country's forest has disappeared. Mature forest now covers less than 20% of Thailand's land area, (some say as little as 13%), with 5,000 square kilometres being cleared annually. Once a major exporter of timber, Thailand must now import wood at an annual cost of US\$44m in foreign exchange.

Is anything being done to retard, if not halt, this trend? Reforestation is woefully lagging behind forest loss: less than 3,000 square Km of land has been reforested since 1945, less than the average annual deforestation from 1976-1980. Of the number of actions taken over the last 30 years, the most significant has been the establishment of the country's system of 50 national parks, 27 wildlife sanctuaries and 22 non-hunting areas, which total 50,000 Km² or about 10% of the land area of Thailand. Many of these protected areas are rich in wildlife and of huge extent, forming a network on which Thailand's future conservation policy will be based.

About half of all remaining forests in Thailand lies within the boundaries of our parks and sanctuaries, and given the present rate of deforestation, it is unrealistic to expect that much extensive forest will remain outside of such areas by the end of this decade. As many farmers are now beginning to realise, these reserves are of paramount importance in safeguarding watersheds, which protect soils and provide a reliable source of water for crop irrigation.

Wildlife has, of course, suffered greatly from such massive destruction. Owing to its position as a biogeographical crossroads where the Indo-Burmese, Indo-Chinese and Malaysian subregions meet, Thailand is still the home of

one of the richest faunas on earth with over 870 species of birds, more than 250 species of mammals and at least 630 species of butterflies. Yet the overwhelming majority of these are forest species and rely on the forest for their survival. Because the forest is an extremely stable environment, free from temperature extremes and resistant to fluctuations in food and water supply, many forest inhabitants have become highly specialised with a very low tolerance for environmental change. Extensive forest clearing results in entire animal populations, unable to adapt to any new environment, becoming locally extinct.

Even wild cattle, elephants, deer and other large mammals which normally benefit from some clearing suffer greatly because they are exposed to uncontrolled hunting; the numbers of large mammals may be only 5% of those found 40 years ago. The Javan rhinoceros, hog deer, brown-antlered deer and Schomburgk's deer have already vanished from the wilds of Thailand, while the elephant, wild water buffalo, Sumatran rhinoceros, kouprey, gaur, banteng, wild cats and gibbons may soon encounter a similar fate. Intensive drainage has destroyed most of the natural wetlands in Thailand, and even where semi-natural swamps remain, as at Bung Boraphet and Thale Noi, much wildlife has been decimated. Crocodiles, found in the thousands at Bung Boraphet only 40 years ago, have been exterminated. The sarus crane, giant ibis and white-shouldered ibis are all extinct in Thailand. With the exception of the open-billed-stork, most of the remaining large water birds are on the verge of extinction; their young are stolen from the nest and adult birds shot. Birds of prey, vultures and other large, open-country birds have disappeared from most of the country. Even the expansive seas which border Thailand have not escaped short-sighted exploitation. Thailand's fishing trawlers are frequently seized operating in other countries' territorial waters because, as one trawler captain explained, "There are no fish left in the Gulf of Thailand."

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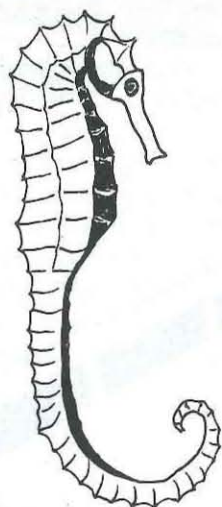
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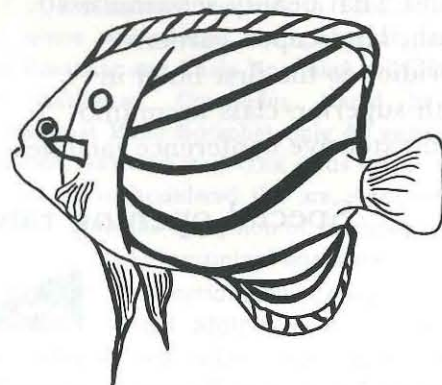
CHILDREN'S CORNER



On The Road To Pattaya

The Aquarium was built with a grant from the Japanese Government and is said to be the best in South East Asia. The tanks are very attractive and the marine life displayed is exotic and intriguing: the seahorses are fascinating — whizzing between submerged bamboo poles that are covered in clusters of mussels; the brilliance of the coral fish is always a delight to see; and the tanks of "weird and dangerous" creatures fill the children with awe.

The last tank is enormous and holds 200 tons of sea water. Here, the inhabitants of the deep cruise and glide. If you climb the stairs to see the tank from the top, you will see the dorsal fin of a small shark, circling the sides of the tank. The effect is spine tingling!



The Institute of Marine Science is open to the public every day, except Mondays, from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Admission: Adults 10 baht, children 5 baht.

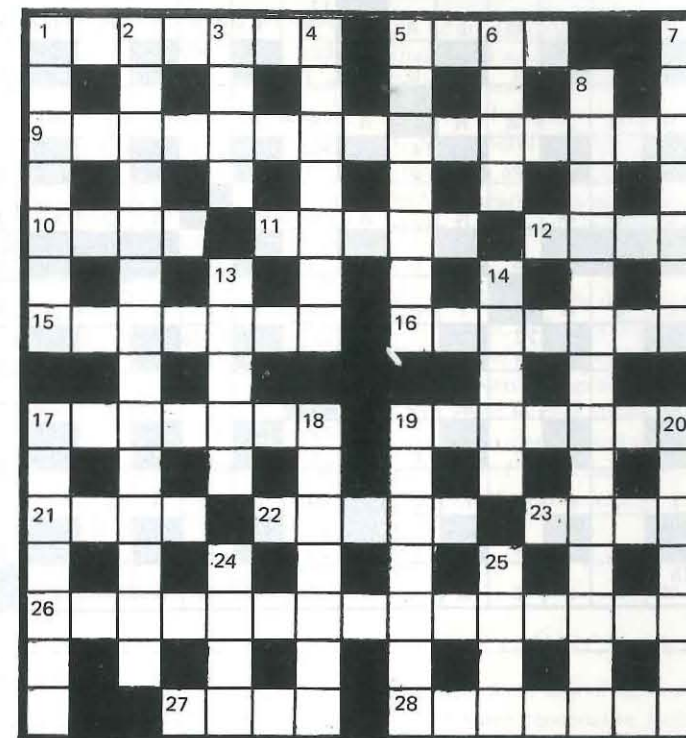
Shona Sanderson

THE Sukhumvit Highway passes the Resort of Bang Saen, 18 kms south of Chonburi. If you take the turning for Bang Saen, you will pass a low, modern building on the left: the Institute of Marine Science, a faculty of Srinakharinwirot University.

The Institute is comprised of three parts: the Laboratories, used for marine research, are not open to the public. But the Marine Museum and Aquarium are both worth a visit.

At the entrance to the Museum there is the skeleton of a whale, found beached at Bang Saen twelve years ago, to the astonishment of local fishermen. Upstairs, there are stuffed sharks, dolphins and giant turtles; glass cabinets display collections of shells and corals. There are modes explaining the various styles of fishing and other marine related activities.

CROSSWORD



CLUES

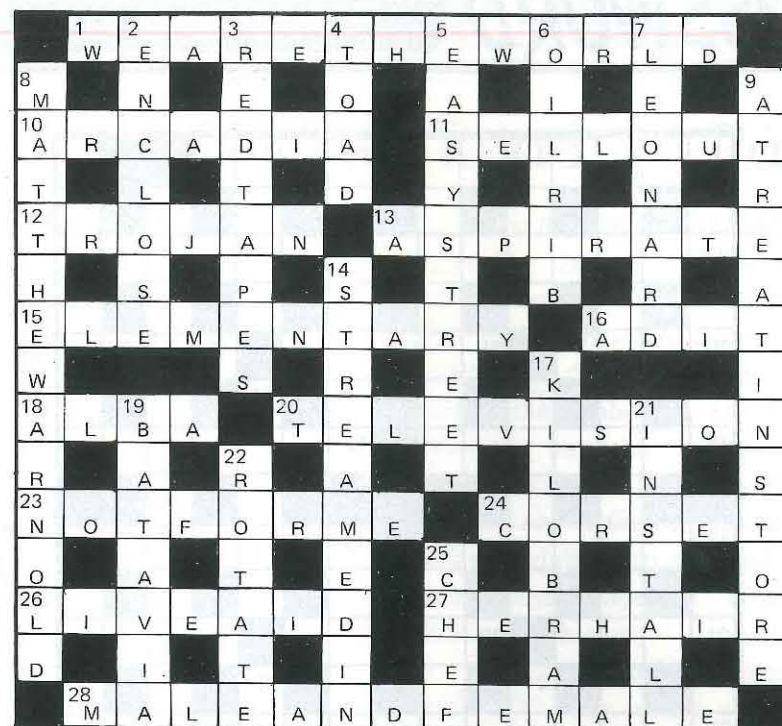
ACROSS

1. To very quietly have been first ... fell over.
5. Its a mixed wine.
9. Very happy at the North Pole. (5 words)
10. A little blow for a Magic Dragon.
11. Up to a time.
12. Leave.
15. Make mad with a gander round the capital of Egypt.
16. Jove had it in bolts.
17. Water on the wane. (2 words)
19. The sigh for top places.
21. Do it again Whittington!
22. Put on a show by organising the gates.
23. Do they kill flies in this Pakistani state?
26. Age-old cry still heard in Patpong. (4 words)
27. Should be filled on Sundays.
28. It's child is full of grace.

DOWN

1. The colour is this on H.M. birthday.
2. Have a chance to go under. (4 words)
3. Slip around for something to kiss.
4. Resistance of attack.
5. This tea doesn't believe.
6. Go out on it for a spree.
7. You'll be one if you last out!
8. Where Mr. Fogg went in 11 weeks and 3 days. (3 words)
13. Dispatched around the garden pest.
14. Tremble for a game bird.
17. Can be taken in.
18. Gets longer.
19. Uppity in a tall titfer? (2 words)
20. 'Tis Fay's! and it will content!
24. Give a leery look.
25. Old ailment.

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION



"You're in pretty good shape. You should stand up to hospital treatment."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CRICKET CRICKET

NOW that David Hall's presentation of lost season's vital statistics has come to an end and he is off bumming around Europe on his hols, the question remains as to how to fill the regular cricket column between now and the start of next season.

If this were the BBC's Test Match Special and rain had stopped play we could easily go back to the studio where music of some form or another would be played to fill the time: since we can't have music, what about a bit of poetry?

Poetry features strongly amongst the cricket — inspired literature that has accumulated over the past century or so. Much of it is too flowery in its verse and sentiment for my taste, but there are many pieces that capture perfectly an aspect of the game that is delightfully familiar. Take, for example, the following two poems.

MISSED

The sun in the heavens was beaming;
The breeze bore an odour of hay,
My flannels were spotless and gleaming,
My heart was unclouded and gay;
The ladies, all gaily appalled,
Sat round looking on at the match,
In the tree-tops the dicky-birds carolled,
All was peace till I bungled that catch.

My attention the magic of summer
Had lured from the game — which was wrong;
The bee (that inveterate hummer)
Was droning its favourite song.
I was tenderly dreaming of Clara
(On her not a girl is a patch);
When, ah horror! there soared through the air a
Decidedly possible catch.

I heard in a stupor the bowler
Emit a self-satisfied "Ah!"
The small boys who sat on the roller
Set up an expectant "Hurrah!"
The batsman with grief from the wicket
Himself had begun to detach —
And I uttered a groan and turned sick — It
Was over. I'd buttered the catch.

Oh ne'er, if I live to a million,
Shall I feel such a terrible pang.
From the seats in the far-off pavilion
A loud yell of ecstasy rang.
By the handful my hair (which is auburn)
I tore with a wrench from my thatch,
And my heart was seared deep with a raw burn
At the thought that I'd fozzled that catch.

Ah, the bowler's low querulous mutter,
Point's loud, unforgettable scoff!
Oh, give me my driver and putter!
Henceforward my game shall be golf.
If I'm asked to play cricket hereafter,
I am wholly determined to scratch.
Life's void of all pleasure and laughter;
I bungled the easiest catch.

P. G. WODEHOUSE

THE CHURCH CRICKETANT

I BOWLED three sanctified souls
With three consecutive balls!
What do I care if Blondin trod
Over Niagara falls?
What do I care for the loon in the Pit
Or the gilded Earl in the Stalls?
I bowled three curates once
With three consecutive balls!

I caused three Protestant "ducks"
With three consecutive balls!
Poets may rave of lily girls
Dancing in marble halls!
What do I care for a bevy of yachts
Or a dozen or so of yawls?
I bowled three curates once
With three consecutive balls!

I bowled three cricketing priests
With three consecutive balls!
What if a critic pounds a book
What if an author squalls?
What do I care if sciatica comes,
Elephantiasis calls?
I bowled three curates once
With three consecutive balls!

NORMAN GALE

For most matches, the majority of us manage to stay within the safe band of mediocrity that lies between heroism and ignominy. We make the occasional crisp piece of fielding, take one or two reasonably priced wickets, push and prod for the handful of runs that make up a "useful" innings. Competent, undramatic stuff sufficient to be noted in the OUTPOST report, but not sufficient to incur either the admiration or scorn of the correspondent.

However, in every match there is at least one person to whom fate presents an opportunity for glory. If you can live up to the moment, pride fills you fit to burst. For days after, the

world is a marvellous place, and you are one of the most marvellous of its creatures. If, however, you should miss the opportunity (and, let's be honest, this is the far more common experience) the feeling of desolation is absolute. A dropped catch can jeopardise a marriage; nought for fifty off one over can suggest suicide.

The harsh realities notwithstanding, desire for that heroic moment keeps us coming back to the game week after week.

Norman Gale's "The Church Cricketant" and P.G. Wodehouse's "Missed!" capture both experiences perfectly.

Nicky Dunne

DARTS DARTS

Score sheets haven't found their way to me yet following my return from my annual darts tour of Canada, USA, UK and Germany, but I do know that the 'A' team is doing well and the 'B' team is short of players.

Your two favourite teams meet in a league

match tonight as this issue goes to press, but the report will have to make next month's OUTPOST. I hope my new 'Harrows' make the whole event worth reporting! I think it's the first time the 'B' team have had an away game at the British club.

GOLF GOLF

JULY 11TH – SIAM COUNTRY CLUB

Safcol sponsored a very good outing on this holiday weekend. The course was in marvellous condition and some good half was played.

"A" Group	1st	– J. Leicester	40 Pts
	2nd	– B. de Cozier	34 Pts
	1st Nine	– R. Armstrong	17 Pts
	2nd Nine	– M. Ross	15 Pts
"B" Group	1st	– B. Mancell	32 Pts
	2nd	– J. Wood	32 Pts
	1st Nine	– K. Ross	17 Pts
	2nd Nine	– B. Quigley	17 Pts
Long Drives	Men	– S. Chappell	
	Ladies	– M. Ross	

Closest the Pin

– J. Wood, D. Tarrant
I. Thomas, J. Jurgens

JULY 12TH – SIAM COUNTRY CLUB

Led by their 5 handicapper Mr. Gotoh who had a low gross of 78, the Japanese Association defeated British Club by 777 net strokes to 814. (10 man teams)

A beautiful new trophy donated by the Japanese Association was played for, for the first time.

Individual prize winners were mainly from the Japanese side although a few British Club players managed some individual 9 hole prizes.

59 golfers played.

(our thanks to Ernie Jurgens for his help to go extra starting times for us)

JULY 26TH – UNICO GOLF COURSE

Mr. Leslie Vize sponsored this outing on a very hot day in Bangkok. Seven groups started.

"A" Group	1st	– S. Chappell	35 Pts
	2nd	– D. Forrest	35 Pts
	1st Nine	– D. Williamson	18 Pts
	2nd Nine	– B. Merry	20 Pts
"B" Group	1st	– N. Hardy	42 Pts
	2nd	– P. Hardy	39 Pts
	1st Nine	– B. Mancell	21 Pts
	2nd Nine	– J. Cockroft	22 Pts
(Long Drives	Men	– D. Williamson	
	Ladies	– M. Ross	
Closest the Pin		– J. Leicester, B. Merry	
		I. McLean, J. Cockroft	

AUGUST 9TH – RAILWAY GOLF COURSE

Six groups played a club-sponsored-match last Sunday with some very good scores made.

"A" Group	1st	– D. Williamson	39 Pts
	2nd	– B. de Cozier	39 Pts
	1st Nine	– J. Miller-Stirling	20 Pts
	2nd Nine	– J. Leicester	19 Pts
"B" Group	1st	– B. Mancell	38 Pts
	2nd	– K. Ross	37 Pts
	1st Nine	– R. Barrett	20 Pts
	2nd Nine	– P. Speed	20 Pts
Long Drives	Men	– S. Edmonds	
	Ladies	– M. Ross	
Closest the Pin		– K. Armstrong, P. Speed	
		S. Forrest	

LADIES' GOLF



LADIES' GOLF

5th August 1987

Golf during the months of July & August is generally quiet with no major competitions being held, but having just returned from leave I am delighted to see so many people turning out for Tuesday games. I thought MOST ladies were away at this time!! The Army Course is in good condition despite the heat and lack of rain.

COMPETITION RESULTS

30th June - LGU Medal

			Nett	H/C
Silver Div:	Winner:	Nena Ried	73	18
	R/Up:	-		
Bronze I Div:	Winner:	Anne hendrie	68	23
	R/Up:	Gai Pitre	75	22
Bronze II Div:	Winner:	Benjamine Bronee	78	36
	R/Up:	-		

Congratulations Anne for such a super round - a Nett 68 - and on the LGU handicap!!

7th July - Stableford

Flight A	Winner:	Margaret Ross	34 pts	9
Flight B	Winner:	Joan Guthrie	37 pts	26

There were too few people for runner up prizes.

14th July - T's and F's

Flight A	Winner:	Joan Jurgens	Nett 32½	15
	R/Up:	Pam Hardy	33½	25
Flight B	Winner:	Benjamine Bronee	Nett 31	40
	R/Up:	Sriwan Forrest	34½	27

21st July - 3 Throw Outs

Flight A	Winner:	Ruth Kennedy	Nett 49	23
	R/Up:	Joan Guthrie	Nett 52	25
Flight B	Winner:	Kristeen Chappell	Nett 48	29
	R/Up:	Penny Whalley	Nett 50	26

28th July - LGU Medal

			Nett	H/C	H/C
Silver Div;	Winner:	Nena Ried	75	18	
Bronze I Div:	Winner:	Joan Guthrie	75	21	
	R/Up:	Florene Studebaker	77	28	
Bronze II Div:	Winner:	Benjamine Bronee	87	35	

Finally we welcome two new members, Florene Studebaker and Ginger Lash. Ginger has a handicap of 10 (+ or -!) and I'm sure that Margaret, R. will be delighted to have someone to keep her company down 'that end of the scale!' Anyone interested in joining our group would be most welcome. Please contact Wendy - Tel. 331-5686.

MOTOR SPORT



CASTROL SPONSORED MOTORSPORT FILM NIGHT

including

FREE BEER LUBRICANT!

Wednesday 9th September - Churchill Bar

8 p.m. onwards

Brief details of the films are:-

"Speed Freaks"

The speed, drama, frustration and sheer spectacle of modern sports-car racing are brilliantly portrayed in this film of the 1986 Brands Hatch 1,000 Km Race, fifth round of the 1986 World Sports Car Championship for Drivers and the second of the two events in the series to be held on the UK last year.

The film examines the Castrol-lubricated Jaguar team's participation in the race, tracing the team's progress from the preparation of the cars at Tom Walkinshaw Racing's Oxford workshops right through to the end of 1,000 gruelling kilometres on one of the world's most testing circuits.

The high-speed action is punctuated by conversation pieces with some of the sport's leading personalities. Especially interesting are World Sports Car Champion Derek Bell's comments on the differences between the factory Porsche which he normally drives and the privately-entered Joest Porsche which he was using on this occasion. Tom Walkinshaw, Derek Warwick and Eddie Cheever discuss the Jaguars.

Running time is approximately 29 minutes.

"TO BE CHAMPION"

The film follows the fortunes of Castrol-lubricated Marlboro Yamaha Team Agostini at the 1986 German Motor Cycle Grand Prix held on the new, short, Nurburgring circuit set in the picturesque Eiffel Mountains.

The races featured are the 250cc and 500cc events. Won by Carlos Lavado on his Castrol-lubricated Venemotos Yamaha, the 250cc race was notable for an epic duel for

second place between fellow Castrol riders Martin Wimmer (Agostini Yamaha) and Toni Mang (Honda).

In the 500cc class, Eddie Lawson (Agostini Yamaha) again wins for Castrol but, as with the 250cc race, the action centres on a race-long struggle for second place, this time involving Wayne Gardner (Honda) and the Yamahas of Christian Sarron, Mike Baldwin and Randy Manola.

The film also features some superb slow-motion sequences and interviews with Giacomo Agostini and his riders Eddie Lawson, Rob McElnea and Martin Wimmer. And to remind people of what grand prix motorcycle racing used to be like, the film takes a brief look at Agostini winning his last grand prix - riding the four-cylinder four-stroke 500cc MV Agusta on the old, long, Nurburgring in 1976.

Running time is approximately 28 minutes.

Plus many more exciting films. The show will last for 2½ hrs approx.



"For heaven's sake, Harry! Can't you just relax and enjoy art, music, religion, literature, drama and history, without trying to tie it all together?"

SNOOKER SNOOKER



Two doubles competitions were played during the last month.

In the Leslie Collings Memorial Trophy event Keith Ross and Ron Armstrong were handed the trophy on a silver platter when Peter Downs (playing with Mick Bond) scratched off the black ball in the final game of the match.

In the preliminary rounds Alistair Rider and Dave Williamson lost to M. Bond and P. Downs when Alistair scratched off the black

ball in the last game of their match.

K. Ross and Ron Armstrong won the last game in their best of three encounter by sinking the last two balls.

In the Fothergill Volunteer competition Bob Johnson and David Guy played extremely steady snooker to win over Dave Lamb and Dave Williamson.

In the preliminary match Guy and Johnson beat Keith Ross and Ron Armstrong.

SQUASH SQUASH



SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION (UK) RULES

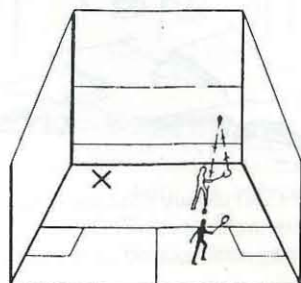
Judging by the poor turnout for Colin Reid's recent session on the Rules of Squash, one could easily be misled into believing that most of the 120 active squash players at the British Club already have a full understanding of the rules of the game, and therefore no further explanations of them are needed.

Sadly this is far from the truth, as so many of the players seen on court either have a total disregard for the rules, or blatantly abuse them. Whilst it must be recognised that a certain amount of gamesmanship can be an important part of the camaraderie and joie de vivre of competition, anyone who has ever been hit by a racket, or even the seemingly innocuous little black ball, will vouch for the feeling of well-being felt on entering a court when one knows that their opponent both understands and plays by the Rules of the Game.

Over the next few months, some of the more important and often most neglected rules will be explained in detail, in the hope that the general level of sportsmanship on court will slowly improve, such that it will be possible for 2 players to enjoy a highly competitive match without the need for a referee to intercede.

The one rule which causes the greatest controversy is Rule 12 – FAIR VIEW, FREEDOM TO PLAY THE BALL, AND INTERFERENCE This rule covers many of the situations that can arise during the course of a keenly fought match, and until it is fully understood and complied with by both players, a fair game, free of danger, cannot be played.

"a) After playing a ball, a player must make every effort to get out of his opponent's way."



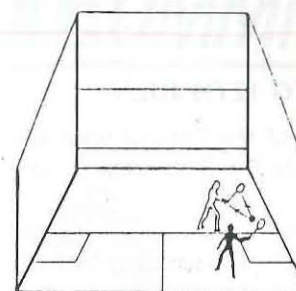
That is:

(1) A player must make every effort to give his opponent a fair view of the ball, so that he may hit it adequately for the purpose of playing it.

Ball returning too close to White – Black does not have fair view. Stroke to Black.

Always remember the striker in this case Black, must be in position to play the ball for the stroke to be awarded. If he had been say at position X, he would get neither the stroke nor a Let.

Basically, if you hit the ball and it returns within about 1 metre of your body, you should immediately stop play and give the stroke to your opponent.



(1) (II) A player must make every effort not to interfere with, or crowd, his opponent in the latter's attempt

... to get to, or play, the ball ...

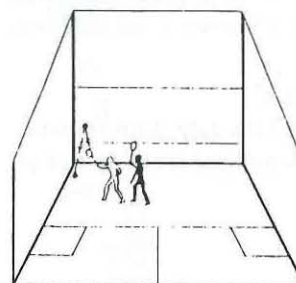
See illustration to (b) over.

(III) A player must make every effort to allow his opponent as far as the latter's position permits, freedom to play the ball directly to the front wall, or side walls near the front wall.

White's position does not allow Black to play any part of the front wall. In this situation stroke to Black.

White is also in danger of being hit by the ball –

In this situation it is not necessary to hit your opponent with either the ball or your racket to win the 'stroke'. If you are Black you should refrain from playing a shot which may endanger your opponent. White should immediately give a stroke to Black, thanking you for your considerate behaviour.



(b) If any such form of interference has occurred, and, in the opinion of the referee, the player has not made every effort to avoid causing it, the referee shall on appeal, or stopping play without waiting for an appeal, award the stroke to his opponent.

In the example illustrated every effort has not been made to clear the ball. White hits and stands and is impeding Black. As soon as White has completed his stroke he should have moved away from the ball.

Stroke to Black.

Several of the more experienced players in the Club can play this shot to perfection! If you are Black, and White does not move off your line to the ball as soon as he has played his shot, politely ask him (or her) for a let, and expect to be given a stroke. An experienced Referee would usually give a point in this situation.

In all of these cases, a stroke should be given – NOT JUST A LET! Remember this.

More on this Rule next month. Meanwhile let's hope to see less players around the Club nursing bruises from balls or rackets, and more strokes being given when you know that you have infringed this most important rule.



TENNIS TENNIS

TENNIS TRIP – DARMSTRAAT, GERMANY – 4TH TO 12TH JULY

A small group of the section visited Darmstraart at the invitation of the German team who visited the British Club last year. We joined forces with members from the B.S.C. to make 2 party of about 20.

Our members were: Gordon Martin, Sucharit, Bob and Terry Merry, Bua Wyder and Mal Chessman. A few stayed in a hotel, but the rest with German families where the hospitality was fantastic. We were wined and dined and taken on coach tours to see some of Germany, usually finishing up with wine, beer or champagne tasting! It really was an excellent trip and such a pity more members couldn't take part. We had three days of tennis in glorious weather without having to use a towel although there wasn't a cloud in the sky. We have a lot of hospitality to return when they visit us again, hopefully next year.

Thanks to Gordon for organising this trip and we are looking forward to seeing you back here in August. The contents page photograph was taken by the local Darmstraart paper in the Town Square. Bob and Terry unfortunately are not in the picture as they were busy touring in the hills with their hosts!

MATCH AGAINST SILOM CLUB – 25TH JULY

A mixed match was played against the Silom Club on Saturday the 25th July. Unfortunately we lost once again the score being 8 matches to 2. We will certainly have to pull our socks up and get some serious match practice in!

Results are as follows:

Men

Dick Chessman & Mervyn Rattray	V	Thada & Thongchai	– L 6/8
Steve Chappell & John Cockcroft	V	Sunsong & Prapanth	– L 5/8
Bob Merry & Sucharit	V	Tonglor & Jarumporn	– L 1/8
Derek Tompkin & Tony Strange	V	Sukij & Sumet	– L 0/8
Steve Chappell & John Cockcroft	V	Sumet & Thongchai	– L 3/8
Derek Tompkin & Tony Strange	V	Prapanth & Sukij	– W 8/3

Ladies

Mal Chessman & Terry Merry	V	Umpawar & Kullaya	– L 6/8
Kristeer Chappell & Julia Freeman	V	Kongsri & Pudpong	– L 4/8
Kristeer Chappell & Julia Freeman	V	Kullaya & Oranij	– L 6/8
Mal Chessman & Terry Merry	V	Kongsri & Pudpong	– W 8/5

Some mixed matches were played later. Jackie Grammond played instead of Julia and once again most of these matches were won by the Silom Club. It was an enjoyable morning and our next match has been fixed for Saturday, the 8th August against the Japanese Association.

Jackie Grammond is returning to France and later to England on that day and we all wish her well with the birth of her baby at the beginning of October. We will all look forward to seeing her back with the little one shortly afterwards. No doubt we shall be caught up with baby-winding while she plays tennis. We had better learn how to change a nappy once again!

Bob and Terry Merry will be leaving us on the 17th September. We shall all be sorry to see them go. Terry has been an excellent Committee Member and we would like to thank her for organising the Friday Ladies Matches. These have been great fun and good practice and hopefully some-one will be prepared to take over this task. They are off on their free trip to Australia at the end of August, which Terry won playing golf with the British Club at Hua Hin – earlier in the year. We all wish them a good trip and the best of luck in U.K. on their return. Hopefully we may see them back at the British Club in the middle of next year for a short time.

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