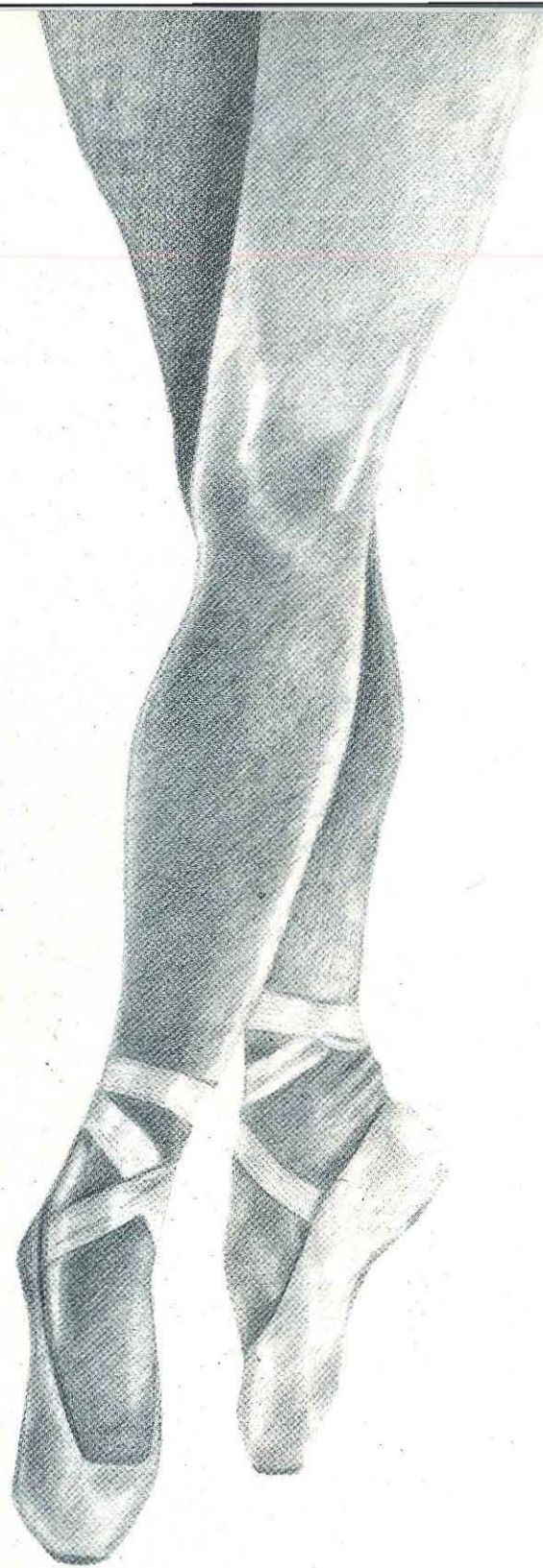


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FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

THIS month is especially gratifying for me because we've finished the last stage of construction on our renovation projects.

I hope everyone is satisfied with the results. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to Brian Lewis, Committee Member, for his tireless efforts overseeing the contractor. Without his support these projects would have floundered for lack of expertise.

Additionally, during construction we unexpectedly found several structural and mechanical problems which resulted in adjustments to our anticipated time scale.

THE Christmas season will be upon us before we know it and the mad rush to arrange all those office and house parties. Think no further, let us assist you in arranging revelries. Now we have a newly renovated kitchen with new equipment we can cater for anything from small cocktail parties to formal dinners in either the Silom Room/Suriwongse Room or you can dine under the stars on the back or front lawns. Please don't hesitate to call me for advice or suggestions for your next occasion.



Ching-Chok

1. As many Members will be aware, the new restaurant is now open. While we do not wish to introduce any regulations, Members are asked to dress appropriately and, if dining with children, to get them to behave with due decorum.

In essence, this entails them sitting quietly in their places at the table and not charging around the room disturbing everyone else.

2. Members are reminded that there are suggestions books at the poolside and in reception. If you ask for the book it will be given to you. But they are deliberately not kept on display.

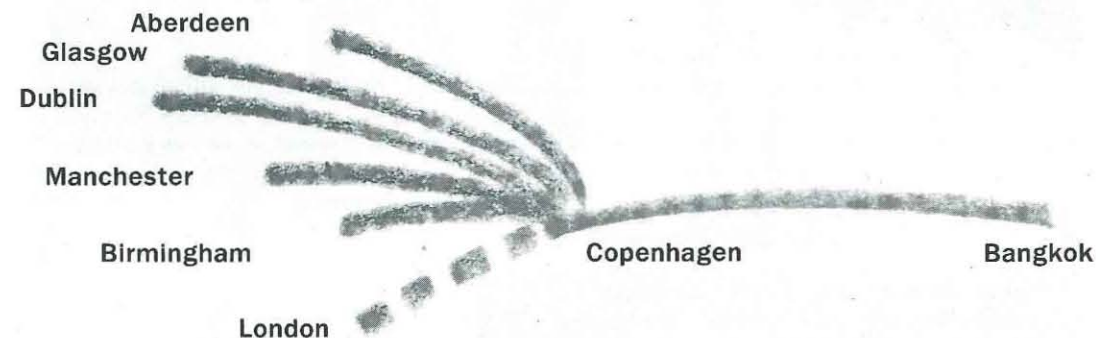
Please also remember that they are suggestions books and not complaints books. As such, suggestions are most welcome. The books are read out at every Committee meeting.

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Meet the New Members



Jenifer Bowmer — Salmon has been here for four and a half years and has suddenly discovered a place that has grass tennis courts. She is PA to Mr. Darkin at the British Embassy and is here with husband Mick who is an electrical engineer addicted to steak and kidney pie.



Mary and Keith Collins are a golfing couple. Keith is with Vosper Thornycroft who build warships; he's an ex-navy man who's a weapons systems engineer. Mary likes swimming.

Ronald Watkins runs English language programmes for local Riche Monde executives. He's originally from Tombstone, Australia but has been in Thailand for donkeys years. Ronald is a journalist ex-Laos and Klong Toey.



Derek Marsh from the UK, here working with British Telecom; he is the Director of the Network Expansion. Derek plays a little golf and is a side of the pool swimmer, ie. he doesn't get wet. Back home in the UK he is an avid gardener, flowers being his speciality.



Richard Perry is the production manager for Reebok and was in Lusaka before coming here. His main interest in life is boating but he is giving golf some serious thought.



Udo and Inga Quedenfeldt are from Germany but have lived almost anywhere you care to mention, including an eight year spell in Dublin. Udo is a consulting engineer who likes playing golf. Inga is into Thai culture and antiques. They also enjoy tennis, swimming and a very relaxed game of squash.



Bradley Segal is single and working for Dodwell. He's from Minnesota; started going west at a tender age and eventually ended up here. Hobbies include cattle rustling and stamp collecting, with a bit of tennis and a smidgen of squash thrown in for good measure.



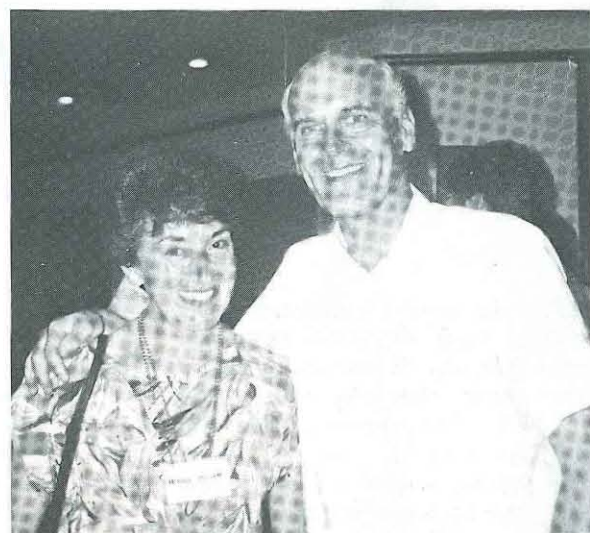
Paul Scales spent the last seven years in Hong Kong. He's a real estate man from Eire and is married to Derval from Ulster. They play tennis, a bit of golf, like swimming and will basically have a bash at almost anything when they're not looking after their eight week old twins.

Paul and Cath Meggison emigrated to Woga Woga from the UK, six years ago. Cath teaches at Patana School and in her spare time is aiming for the top of the squash ladder; currently at the bottom but is not daunted. Paul is here to empty full glasses, play rugby and escort Cath around town. In his spare time he is GM of Rovithai and an experimental sailor. They have four boys.

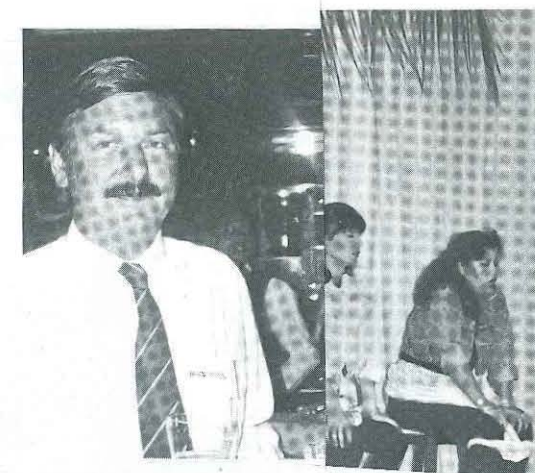


Caroline and Dominic Faulder. Caroline's claim to fame is that she was the first person to swim in the BC pool some time back in the 60's. She runs an export business and in her spare time paints. Dominic is a photojournalist and runs a news bureau; he is also President of the FCCT. Favourite pastimes are sleeping and reading. They have one son at Patana School. Cherie Aung-Khin is from near Rangoon but has lived in Thailand for 11 years; she is owner of the Elephant House. Reading is her favourite amusement with the occasional swim or game of tennis when feeling energetic.

Michael and Tricia Yeldham are here with BP looking for new oil possibilities. They previously spent three years in China. Tricia is a brilliant bridge player, Michael plays lousy golf and very rusty tennis.



Stuart Jarvis of New Zealand is the MD of TNT Skypack. With his wife Colleen Duffy he has lived in the UK, Scandinavia and New Zealand. He's been talked into running with the Hash House Harriers, plays squash on Tuesdays, tennis on Sundays, likes a drink and has a nice telephone voice.



David Johns spent five years in Jamaica, with a 24hour armed guard and two large black dogs; he found it a very stimulating place. He works for a British Aid organisation looking after investments here, in Bangladesh and HK. He is married to Enfys from Wales and they have three children. He plays tennis, golf, bowls and is an active theatre man.



Francis and Iris Yap are from KL and Cheshire respectively. Francis is here to make lots of money in packaging. He's a "golf nutter", loves eating, drinking and making lots of money. Iris loves reading, knitting, people and spending money.



Janet Siddall is with the Canadian Embassy and came here from India, which she loved and hated. She has a twelve year old daughter at ISB. Janet joined the Club to take up squash; has racquet and shoes! Folk music is a favourite relaxation.

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ROUNDUP



'The Bear'.



'Skidmarks'.



'Groupies Intro'. ▶

◀ 'Hey Hey Porn'.

The End.



Follies



'Over the Fence'.



'Vice Squad'.



'Three Little Girls + Fred'.



'Two-Headed Man'.

'He didn't'. ▶



'Mekong Cola'.



'Money'.

CANTABILE -- not a religious group



THE next time Keith Bell rings up on a Monday morning, recommending you take the wife (or vice versa) to see a group which sounds vaguely like a mission to save your soul don't tell him to go to hell or you might have missed out on one of the most delightful moments of your life.

Indeed those of us who packed out the hall of the British Club on Friday night had little or no idea of what to expect and were more than pleasantly surprised for CANTABILE, far from being just another group of close harmony singers or hicksville barbershop quartet were a class act, "presented with infectious enthusiasm and superb technical command..." as hailed by

the New York Times.

The four a capella (Italian, they joked, for where the ... are the instruments) fellas with piano player introduced themselves with Swinging at the Cotton Club, dived into Java Jive, excelled themselves with the Creole Love Call and ended before intermission with Pub Crawl bringing tears of laughter to seasoned tipplers



and teetotallers alike.

After that, they pulled out all the stops and entertained with a repertoire that has earned them international acclaim where ever they perform. The piano played perhaps only three times during the entire performance; and



not once when the boys sang Chopin's "Minute Waltz". An old favourite, "Memory", from

the musical "Cats" had lyrics that went like this:

"Memory, how on earth do the words go

Never mind I can busk it
I'll make out nothing's wrong

If I mention some moonlight or a streetlamp or two

They will think they've heard the song."

Later, they cornered some poor, unsuspecting maiden and thrilled her with "Are you Lonesome Tonight" and not so thrilled her male companion, in this instance, one Richard Green, with their personal rendition of the same song.

They also performed "Love Changes Everything" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical "Aspects of Love", the "Lambeth Walk" - backwards; and after trying unsuccessfully to leave after two table thumping encores departed with "Goodnight, Sweetheart Goodnight".

Cantabile are four well-groomed, cleancut boys - Richard Bryan, Stewart Collins, Paul Hull, Michael Steffan doing vocals and Andy Read on keyboards. They started flexing their vocal chords some eight years ago and have quickly become a leading harmony group whose fame has spread rapidly through Europe. They enjoyed appearances in Tim Rice and Stepehn Oliver's "Blondel", and "Cricket" a Tim Rice/Andrew Lloyd Webber production.

Their most recent accomplishments include winning the 1989/1990 "Ensemble of the Year" Wavendon Allmusic Awards, performing at a sellout



concert in March at Queen Elizabeth Hall, in June, at the Arts Festival in Singapore and on Friday night, (thanks to a cancellation by the Shangri-la) at the British Club, Bangkok.

For the less fortunate who missed this skilled, stylish and scintillating group, there's a couple of compact discs floating around that carry their sound. And I also understand there's a promotion video that

is shown intermittently on television around Europe and quite recently in Singapore. See them strut their stuff and you too will be willing to sell your soul for tickets next time round.

As seen and heard by Delia Oakins.

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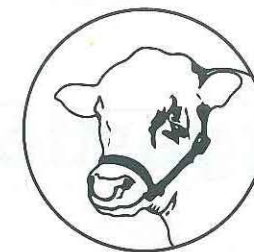
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Gentlemen Spoofers



After the official opening the kids rushed into the classrooms. The promise of free snacks did the trick.

PERHAPS the most surprising thing about the spanking new Ban Saphli primary school, located about 15 kms from Chumporn town along a rough dusty un-made road, is the gleaming copper plate that names the donors who made the re-building of this school possible.

In the middle of a long list of rich and generous individuals, stands the legend "The Gentlemen Spoofers of Bangkok". Known for their sporting achievements, and sportsmen-like actions, the "Gentlemen" devoted a total of over Baht 17,000 to the fund established by the Bangkok Post to rebuild this friendly primary school in the most unfriendliest of locations. Typhoon Gay completely destroyed the previous facilities in November last year and the 214 students had been forced, over the following months to study

under canvas.

The money was raised by the spoofers during the national championships and the subsequent world championships, both of which were held at the British Club earlier this year.

There is no doubt the money has gone to a good, and well appreciated, cause. At the opening ceremony held in July, only 50 of the 214 students turned up. The head-

master had instructed that only children with shoes could attend as he did not want to offend any of the dignitaries present for the event. However a sense of pride is evident from the headmaster to the youngest pupil, because they now have the finest primary school in the area.

Not many of the kids present had heard of the Bangkok Post and it is a fair guess that none had any clue who the 'Gentlemen Spoofers of Bangkok' might be. But in the years to come, and given the prominence of the nameplate, questions are sure to be asked. so if you are in Ban Saphli and you happen to have three coins in your pocket look in. You might find a game and in any case classes are sure to start with the immortal words ... "Children when the hands are out".



Some of the school children receiving "goodies" from British Club members John Leiscester and Nigel Oakins.

In Praise of Orchids

ORCHIDS are just like weeds - I mean there's really nothing special about them, is there?" This comment from a visiting friend broke my reverie - my thoughts had been lost some-

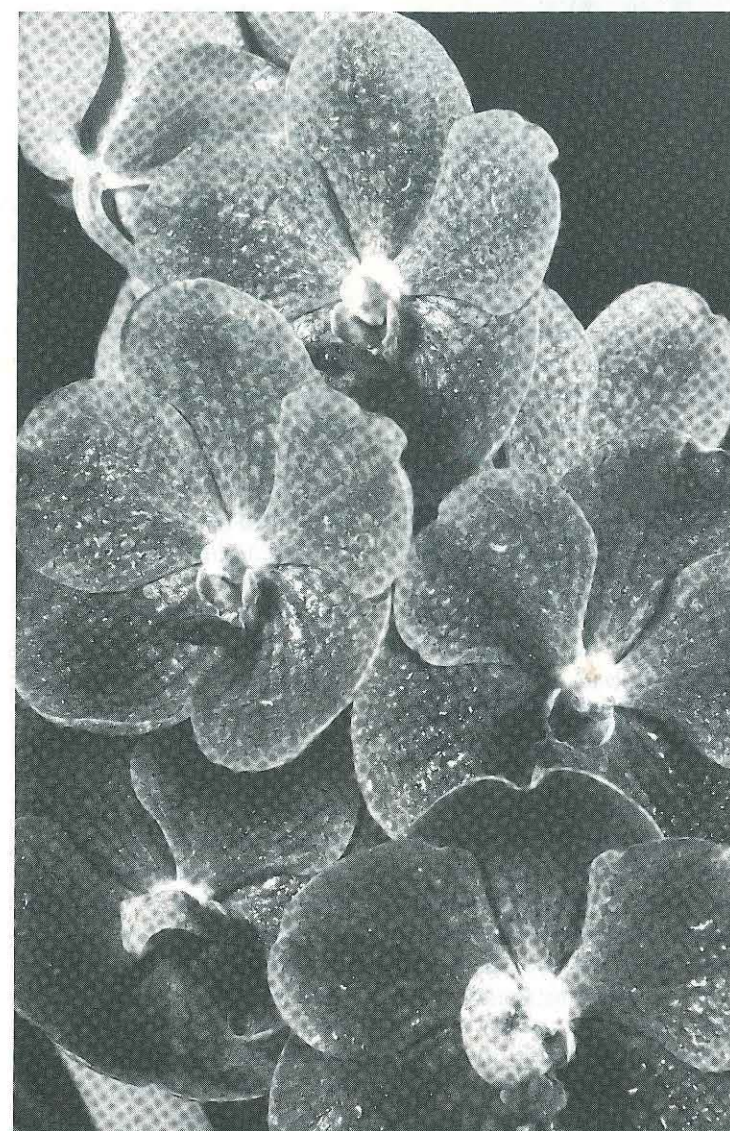
where between a wedding bouquet, many years before, and our first arrival in Bangkok when the airline meal trays and hotel room pillows each had an orchid gently placed on them. Then to the colourful

massed displays on roadside stalls and in every hotel foyer and banquet hall in the city. Were these really flowing in profusion with - weeds?

As a world-renowned grower of weeds the temptation to nurture this one persuaded me to venture into the wilds of Chatuchak (on Saturday!) and buy little a pot with lots of holes packed with bits of unappetising coconut husk. From this, at the time of purchase, a healthy shoot appeared. Once home, this prima donna of the plant world had no problem in proving to me that whatever they were, weeds they most definitely were not. So then, what are they?

They were named (I gathered) in the third century BC by the Greek philosopher - botanist Theophrastus who referred to the strangely-shaped tubers of the plant he was studying as 'orchis', meaning testicle (of all things) while he was classifying the native Mediterranean species. These plants are not uniquely tropical and can in fact be found throughout most of the non-polar world, although they prefer to live and are especially abundant, in hot, humid jungles.

It was from the tropical regions that the present mania and love of orchids began. And the blame can be placed firmly on the shoulders of a Brit. In 1818 a trader, William Cattley, became intrigued by some strange looking roots that



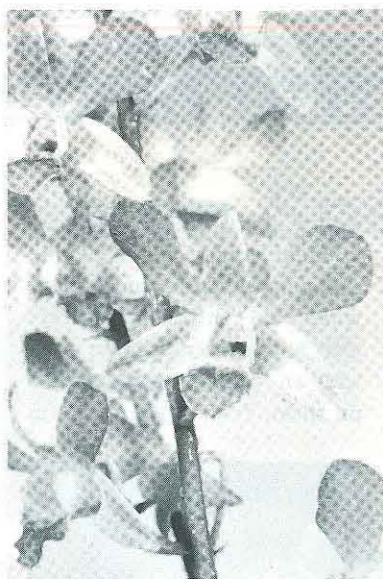
were used as packing material for a shipment of tropical plants en route to English conservatories. He took these bulbous tubers into his greenhouse and, after several months of careful nurturing, was rewarded by the unfolding of a beautiful lavender flower with purple markings and ruffled lip. Its appearance caused an immediate sensation and dazzled by this discovery intrepid explorers scurried to its source in search of more.

For the next 100 years trees were hacked, peaks were climbed and entire forests stripped by hunters driven to ship vast quantities of plants back to the temperate zones where the financial rewards promised to be quite considerable.

In those early days many misconceptions, myths and legends surrounded the tropical orchid. Charles Darwin, when exploring the Brazilian jungles in the 1830s, marvelled at what he called the "wonderful and beautiful flowering parasites" growing on trees. Darwin was the first to assume that the plants fastened onto their taller forest hosts, thus leading to the popular view of orchids as sinister, leech-like creations.

Despite research — and much proof to the contrary — as late as 1894 in H.G. Wells' science fiction story "The Flowering of the Strange Orchid", the hero is only just saved from the clutches of a monstrous plant whose scent has rendered him unconscious and roots drained his blood.

Through this and many other tales it was assumed that with their strange 'trap like'



look they at least devoured the insects who ventured unwarily into their clutches and the notion that man-eating varieties may exist added further excitement to the search.

These perennial plants are not, in fact, parasites or carnivores. They grow in soil or on other plants — but their roots in either case remain on the surface and they live on moisture in the air — which the tropics have in abundance. They draw their nourishment from dissolved organic matter, as it runs down a tree, or through the decaying debris trapped by their roots and in bark crevasses.

Some scientists have speculated that, by preferring to live aloft, orchids avoid dense shade and other competitive hazards of the forest floor and can disperse their masses of tiny seeds more widely on the wind. The seedpod produced by a single flower may contain more than two million seeds.

Darwin produced the first

detailed study of this strange plant, admittedly always with his theme of origins in mind. In a paper he published in 1862, he showed that the flowers have a shape that has been specially adapted to insects landing in search of nectar, collecting pollen sacs in the process which are then transferred to pollinate other flowers.

Many flowering plants lure insects through the use of bright colours to indicate the presence of nectar, but orchids have adapted even more sophisticated ploys. They alone go to the extent of mimicking other flowering plants without offering any nectar, relying on those that do provide to reward the seekers. Another group carries the deception even further by actually resembling the female of the bee or wasp they wish to attract and thus totally confusing the issue. To make life even more difficult the orchid can even mimic the odour of the females of their desired prey.

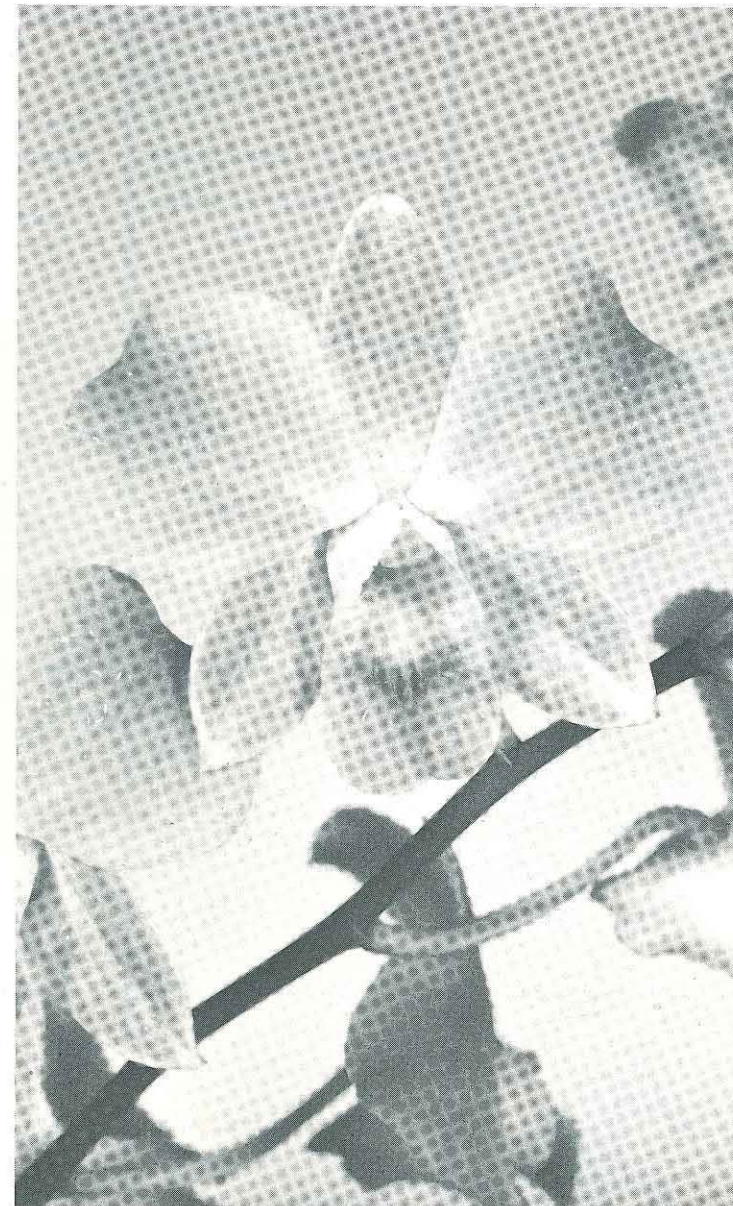
Because of this unparalleled power of mimicry orchids have been named for moths, butterflies, bees, spiders, monkeys, swans, slippers and dancing ladies. Their flowers are diverse beyond belief. Some are so tiny that several would fit on the head of a pin. Others have huge, gawdy blooms of over a foot across. A single specimen of "Queen-of Orchids," a native of South-east Asia, has been estimated to weigh more than a ton, producing perhaps 10,000 flowers over a blooming season of five months, with as many as 3,000 out at the same time.

And although they all have the same bilaterally symmetrical flower structure, with three sepals, all the flowers vary greatly in colour and shape.

My very first meeting with an orchid was in early childhood when a favourite uncle, along with his seemingly ordinary friends, retreated down to the bottom of the garden to potter in the greenhouse and to produce, among other things (some of which were edible), a perfect specimen — an orchid. The arrival of one single flower would send these normally stable gentlemen into a frenzied joy, which I would later learn may, but not always, be the way they would herald the birth of a child. True aficionados, it turns out, treated the advent of an orchid in their temperate climate greenhouse as a much more important event.

Perhaps it was this challenge of discovery which presented itself to growers when attempts were made to produce new varieties in the hothouse in the quest for more exotic combinations of shape, colour and scent. The first successful hybrid flower appeared in 1856 and today orchids can boast more named man-made varieties than any other family of plants. The official registry, maintained by the Royal Horticultural Society of England, numbers over 75,000 varieties at the last count.

These exotic flowers do not exist for their beauty alone, they do have their practical uses. From them we obtain the flavouring Vanilla and a medicine for the treatment of a serious intestinal illness in



children. In Paris a face cream is made with orchid pollen which is very rich in proteins, amino-acids and vitamins, which all women are assured, when applied will prove very good for ageing faces.






But why all the fuss? Could it simply be that orchids are recognised as horticulture's crown jewels: the most extravagantly beautiful and varied

of flowering plants in the world? This mysterious, complicated and irresistible creation will always hold us in its spell. They belong to the largest and most advanced flower family known to botany — and new ones are still waiting to be discovered and nurtured.

Frances Harker

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the *OUTPOST* Calendar, please contact Judi Leddy on 258-5110. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month. *Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room."

	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 Flicks for Kids - 6.00 p.m.	2 Golf - Railway Flicks for Kids - 11.00 a.m. LUNCHTIME Indian Curry Tiffin Churchill Bar - 12-2 p.m. Sunday Family Buffet - 6 p.m.	3 Aerobics - 9.00 a.m. B.W.G. Mahjong* - 9.00 a.m. New Member's Night/ Happy Hour - 5.30-9.00 p.m. Chess Club - 7.00 p.m. Men's Tennis Mix-In 6.00-8.00 p.m.	4 Duplicate Bridge* - 7.30 p.m.	5 Ladies' Golf - 7.00 a.m. Aerobics - 9.00 a.m. LUNCHTIME Indian Curry Tiffin Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 p.m.	6 Ladies' Tennis - 8-11.00 a.m. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon Darts - 8.00 p.m.	7 Aerobics - 9.00 a.m. Accumulator Night - 8.00 p.m. \$6,250
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I'M GONNA WASH THAT MAN RIGHT OUTA MY HAIR

GOOD old-fashioned soap is about as old as civilization. It is dependable and durable, but made of natural ingredients that bacteria can handle. It's always a threat to dirt and germs, but never to mankind or the environment. It breaks down beautifully in city sewage systems and it does not poison anyone or anything as it decomposes. What's more, it cleans very well, too — even in hard water, if the right methods are used and minimal care is taken.

Anyone inclined to dismiss soap as outmoded would do well to reconsider the merits of a product still used by surgeons. Also, far more skin irritations, allergies, and nasal passage inflammations are caused by detergents than by soap. When I say soap, I'm talking about the straight stuff — not the bars that are "boosted" by additives that are often poisonous. No one should eat a bar of soap, but try telling that to an adventurous two-year-old. If they chomp into a plain bar of soap, they bubble and perhaps vomit it back up and emerge from the experience wiser and unharmed. If they tackle a boosted soap bar, they can become desperately ill.

One of the healthiest heads of hair can be had by twice-weekly washings with coco soap, followed by a vinegar rinse. The following two conditioning recipes, one of them soapless, can serve as an occasional change from regular shampoo.

HAIR-NOURISHING SHAMPOO

Ingredients: 1 egg yolk, 1 cup warm water

To prepare:

Beat the egg yolk and then add gradually one cup of warm water. Use this mixture instead of soap shampoo. Work well into the scalp and hair, rubbing mixture-coated hair between the hands if your hair is long. Rinse thoroughly and then dry.



EGG SHAMPOO

Ingredients: 1 egg, Little shampoo, Rum or brandy

To prepare:

Here you use the whole egg, plus a few drops of your usual shampoo. First, you separate the egg, putting the yolk aside. Beat the egg-white together with one teaspoon shampoo and one teaspoon either rum or brandy. Wet your hair and rub in the mixture. Use half this mixture the first time, rinse it out, then rub in the second half. Leave it on, and now you take the yolk. Rub it in carefully, working with fingertips. Allow it to remain in your hair for a full five minutes; then rinse off thoroughly with warm water.

A lemon juice or vinegar rinse as a final rinse is often a good idea.

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WELL WORTH READING

A Window on ISAN Thailand's Northeast

WHEN I was asked to write a book review I didn't quite know where to start. Being a relative newcomer to Thailand, I thought it would be made easier by the prospect of reviewing a book about a part of Thailand totally unknown to me.

This book by Peter Rogers doesn't live up to the expectations generated by the introduction. After remarking that the scant literature available about Isan tends to be specialised, dealing with such things as economics, agriculture, politics, history ... not of particular interest to the visitor, he leads one to believe that the book will provide a fascinating and perhaps sympathetic guide for the visitor.

Each chapter is devoted to a particular aspect of the Northeast covering the past, the land, the people and various other topics. The author appears to be addicted to the use of facts and figures, which makes you wonder if it is not just another specialist book. That said, it is informative and educational and you learn that the area is clearly steeped in history, ancient cultures and civilisations.

Frequent references are made to the apparent poverty of the area and how it has long been ignored by the government in Bangkok. Combined with the description of some superb scenery in the many National Parks it conjures up a picture of a vast unspoilt domain. To counter that, the towns are described as functional and unattractive with traffic already becoming a problem. Is it as unspoilt as we are led to believe?

Many readers will undoubtedly be amused by the fact that government officials tried to dissuade a foreign anthropologist from carrying out research in a Northeastern village because

"... the area is remote, the food unpalatable, and the women unattractive". The people of Isan, a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Khmer, are described as happy-go-lucky. They enjoy their farming and freedom, only working as hard as is necessary to maintain a relatively poor but contented way of family oriented life. The author, however, seems hell-bent on changing this into a thriving economy of cash crops, heavy industry, and the dreaded tourist attractions of luxury hotels, and a nightlife akin to that of Bangkok and Pattaya. Is this what the people of Isan really want or need?

The chapter about 'Festivals and Fairs', whilst covering many national celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Songkran, and Loy Krathong, briefly describes three festivals native to Isan. Boon Bang Fai, the rocket festival, for which huge ornate rockets with real gunpowder are constructed and lavishly decorated. These are then fired to encourage sufficient rain for the rice planting season. Khao Pansa celebrates the start of Buddhist Lent when gigantic candles are formed into figures from Buddhist and Brahmin mythology. These are paraded through the streets of the town of Ubon and presented to the temples where they are lit. The candles are apparently so large they will burn throughout the three month Lent period. Not to be forgotten is the Surin Elephant Round-Up in November on which there is also an account.

The penultimate chapter is the author's 'prediction' for the future. I was particularly struck by the statement that 'a turbocharged boost is needed to bring the Northeast into line with the rest of Thailand'. Apparently changing agriculture, industrialisation and tourism are a must. Yet, surely, this will dramatically change

the face of the Northeast which the author frequently claims has much to offer in terms of its scenery and culture. A quote from *The Economist* "Thailand is more suited than almost anywhere else to make the leap from an agricultural economy to service economy, bypassing the industrialisation that has so far been assumed to be the necessary second stage of development" is used to demonstrate how, in his view, tourism is clearly the best option for Isan. However, this is immediately followed by the view that industry must also receive priority.

I would recommend the book to people who want a fairly detailed insight into the economy and land of Isan without having to plough through a variety of specialised publications, as can be seen from the bibliography. As a guide for the visitor it lacks the detail required to plan a travel itinerary but I found it interesting and informative.

A Window on Isan, Thailand's Northeast
written by Peter Rogers

D.K. Book House, Editions Duang Kamol.
Available at The British Club Reception.



"We'll have to start keeping him in more. I found a blonde hair on his collar this morning."

WELL WORTH WATCHING

THE MILAGRO BEANFIELD WAR

WERE it not for some very persuasive friends. I might never have seen this film. Alone, I would certainly have waited years to watch it – until I had exhausted every other possible option. Why? Because of Ordinary People.

Ordinary People, as addicts of Trivial Pursuits will know, marked Robert Redford's debut as a director. It came out in 1980. To be honest, I can remember very little about it – apart from wishing that Redford had stuck to acting. It was, I think, a tragedy, about a couple coming to terms with the death of their teenage son. A heart-rending theme, undoubtedly, but one ruined for me by histrionics and too much treacle. It should have been called Extra-ordinary.

So, it was very lucky that I was not consulted before we watched Redford's latest, because it is altogether different.

Set in New Mexico, The Milagro Beanfield War is a charming tale about the people of a dusty little town which is doomed to extinction. Their immediate future is threatened by a take-over bid from a huge business corporation, which plans to turn their valley into a leisure complex for the idle rich. But they are blinded by false promises of fantastic wealth and do not dream of resisting the march of progress, until, one day, José Mondragon accidentally floods his father's beanfield.

José is unemployed and has little prospect of supporting his family. Driven by economic necessity and a certain truculence, he lets his beans grow. As they flourish, they become the symbol for Milagro's struggle to survive – because the land on which they thrive is bang in the middle of what the developers see as the thirteenth fairway.

The people of Milagro are not natural rebels. For the most part, they are ancient, like Amarante Cordoba, and, like him, eccentric. Amarante's closest companions in life are his

pet pig, his angels and the ghost of José's father. Awakening the community's political consciousness is therefore, no easy task. It falls to Ruby, proprietress of the body work shop, and her reluctant co-optee. Charlie Bloom, a retired 'progressive' lawyer, who came to Milagro for the quiet life.

Worried that José's beans could signal the end of their lucrative project, the developers enlist the help of Kyrill Montana, a big city cop to diffuse the tension. He is played impassively by Christopher Walken (Deerhunter, The Dogs of War). However, Montana's devious tactics come up against opposition from an unexpected quarter, to wit, the ghost of José's father. Or is it, perhaps, Milagro's traditional scapegoat who is to blame? – el brazo d'Onofré, Onofré's missing arm.

From the opening shots of a sombreroed accordion player skipping through the wind-swept dawn, this film is steeped in whimsical wit. Its light unpredictability and drole humour lend a continental magic to a traditional plot. This is enhanced further by the rich cast of Milagro's inhabitants, unique, if not peculiar, to the last. I was surprised that such an unpretentious, modest film would attract the likes of Melanie Griffiths (as the sleazy developer's wife) and Sonia Braga (as Ruby). Perhaps they, like me, simply fell for it.

Over the years, Robert Redford has developed a reputation as a crusty recluse with a passion for the environment. John Nichols' book about Milagro must, therefore, have come as a godsend to a him as a director. It gave him a channel to voice his concern about such social problems as ethnic minorities, rural depopulation and preserving the disappearing past. All credit to Redford that, this time he has restrained the urge to lay it on thick and let the form of his film carry the content.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A Dingbat is a cunningly disguised name or saying which is turned around, upside-down, all jumbled up or hiding in a colour. Can you find the name or saying in these Junior DINGBATS?

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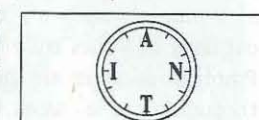
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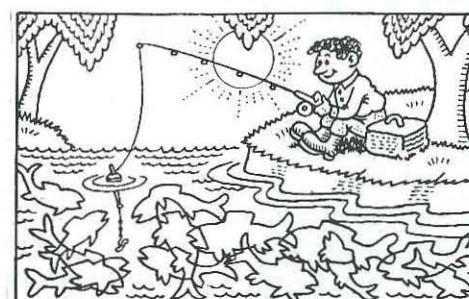


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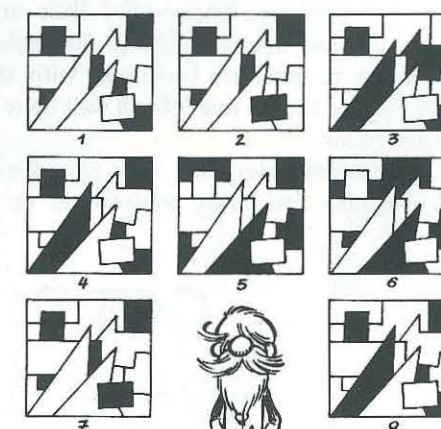


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Our Willie has been fishing all day, how many fish did he catch?



Two of these pictures are identical. Which ones?



RUDLEY-3/6
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Answers on page 16

DARTS DARTS

THIS month heralded the long overdue start of the Johnnie Walker darts league, both British Club teams have played as expected, that is to say neither team have won yet.

The Lions have played 3 matches to date, the first with only 5 players and we lost 11:6, the opposition were very kind throughout though they did score at least 15 tons. Our own superstars, Mike & Frank, threw a fair number of tons and Mike really excelled by scoring the magical '180', well done Mike. The next match was played at home and we lost again 13:4, the other team were very serious and very good dart players. Last week we improved a little and went into the lead 8:4, at this stage the 'amber nectar' began to interfere (as usual) with the standard of play and we lost 9:8, oh well there is always next week.

The Unicorns, alas, have only played one match and they too could only muster up 5

players, they lost 13:4. The other 2 matches had to be postponed due to the absence of team players, to that time of year again, never mind, lots of time to storm in and grab the lead.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 3 new players to the Section, Francis, Iris and Phil, great to have your support, sorry Patrick they have already registered for the Lions. Any other members interested in joining please come along on Thursday evenings to the Churchill Bar as one of the teams will be playing at home, alternatively contact one of the team captains or yours truly for details of venues etc. Practice sessions are held at irregular intervals throughout the week, usually when the area near the boards is fairly quiet, standard of play varies enormously and usually depends on the time of night!, do come and join us for some fun, frolics and the odd game of darts.

Anne Douglas

GOLF GOLF

Aussies V Brits — Muang Ake — Sept 9th

No need to mention that the antipodeans are looking forward to defending their spectacular win last year and will no doubt repeat the performance. The Aussies could need to call on a few Paddies or Canadians to fill out their numbers but that shouldn't be a problem — everyone likes to be with a winner.

Versus Scandinavians — Rose Garden — Sept 16th

Always a hard one and this year it shouldn't be any different. The honourable draw last year needs to be reversed.

New Members:

Great to see the influx of new, keen golfers to the section and we welcome Nigel Pearson, Gerry Fischer, Mary and Keith Collins, Michael Bain, Stephen Buttling, Bruce Miller, Bill Wright and Andrew Neate.

Recent Results:

Muang Ake — 17th June

A GRADE			B GRADE		
Winner	Ernie Jurgens	43 pts		Rodney Bain	42 pts
Runner up	Barry Hughes	41 "		Judy Farmer	41 "
5th	Chris Branston	39 "	7th	Sriwan Forrest	38 "
6th	Alistair McManus	38 "	8th	Eric Hudson	37 "

Nearest Pins — Rodney Bain, Al McManus, Judy Farmer, Ernie Jurgens

Longest Drives — Men's — Brian Hughes — Ladies — Sandy Brice

Ekachai — 24th June — British Club V Wanderers

This enjoyable challenge match was played as a "Texas Scramble" and once the somewhat unfamiliar rules of the game were mastered by the teams, became a fun competition. If comments from the competitors are anything to go by, it will become a regular feature in future matches.



Winners of 'Texas Scramble' — Eric, Judy and Lloyd.



Texas scramble 3rd.



Texas scramble runner up.

Seven teams of three were chosen from each club and six-balls were played in a gross stroke event, but with a difference. The best shot of each team was chosen and the other two team members moved their balls to it and each of them hit again. Some players were hitting balls from spots where they had never been before.

The British Club team was successful in the overall match winning 5 to 2, but the "sartorial elegance" award definitely went to the Wanderers. They were togged out in club colours to a man (and girls) and if dress had made the golfer, would have won the golf as well.

Individual team scores on the day went to:

1st	Lloyd Houghton, Eric Hudson, Judy Farmer	-	66
2nd	Barry Cable, Jon McArthur, Mac Bower	-	68
3rd	Dennis Farmer, Doug and Charles Whittaker	-	69
4th	Decho Suripatra, Paul Nears, Roger Daniel	-	69
Nearest Pins - Dugal Forrest, Jim Ritchie, Dennis Farmer			
Longest Drives - Men's Alistair McManus, Ladies' Sriwan Forrest			

Rose Garden Weekend - 7/8/9 July - Johnnie Walker, Eclectic Shield

The prestigious annual Eclectic competition was played over the 3-day weekend at the Rose Garden. Riche Monde and Co., supplier of Johnnie Walker, Black Label Scotch, was the sponsor and there is no more heartwarming a sight for serious imbibers than to see upwards of 40 bottles, in varying sizes, all together in one place.

The overall Eclectic competition was a close fought battle with the eventual winner coming from the first day leaders of Lloyd Houghton, Chris Branston and Eric Hudson. The second day's round saw eight players come into contention, with the leader's remaining Lloyd Houghton, net 60. Mike Majer, net 60, Chris Branston, net 61 and Roy barrett net 64. In the ladies' Eclectic Sriwan Forrest and Judy Farmer were locked together on net 67.

On the final day, with nerves and hangovers taking their toll, no bolters appeared from the pack and the results were



Khun Damrong of Riche Monde presenting the Eclectic Shield to Lloyd Houghton.

Winner	-	Lloyd Houghton	-	net 57
Runner up	-	Mike Majer	-	net 58
Third	-	Chris Branston	-	net 59

In the ladies, Sriwan Forrest held onto her lead and won with a net 64 followed by Judy Farmer on net 67.

The individual daily results were:

Day 1

A GRADE				B GRADE			
Winner	Lloyd Houghton	-	net 69	Chris Branston	-	net 71	
Runner up	Eric Hudson	-	" 74	Judy Farmer	-	" 75	
5th	Richard Green	-	" 74	7th Decho Suripatra	-	" 75	
6th	Dennis Farmer	-	" 74	8th Dave Stewart	-	" 76	

Day 2

A GRADE				B GRADE			
Winner	Roy Barrett	-	net 72	Mike Majer	-	net 68	
Runner up	Eric Hudson	-	" 73	Chris Branston	-	" 72	
5th	Dugal Forrest	-	" 73	7th Bob Marry	-	" 73	
6th	Richard Green	-	" 73	8th Dave Stewart	-	" 74	

Nearest Pins - Eric Hudson, Mike Majer, Keith Collins, Roy Barrett

Longest Drives - Men's - Padriac Casey, Ladies - Mary Collins

Day 3

A GRADE				B GRADE			
Winner	Lloyd Houghton	-	net 72	Sriwan Forrest	-	net 75	
Runner up	Dennis Farmer	-	" 74	Phillip Barrett	-	" 75	
5th	Roy Barrett	-	" 74	7th Patrick Windeler	-	" 75	
6th	Keith Collins	-	" 75	8th Padraic Casey	-	" 76	

Nearest Pins - Brian Hughes, Judy Farmer, Paul Nears, Frank Hough

Longest Drives - Men's - Padriac Cassey, Ladies' - Sriwan Forrest

Rose Garden Fellowship

The people who took advantage of the subsidised accommodation and entertainment package had a great weekend and this is supported by the happy Faces depicted in the photographs. The Eclectic leaders on the first day didn't all go to bed early, but there were notable early retirees on the second night.

Stephen Buttling, who led the singing was noted as a stayer and reports indicate that several approaches have been made to entice him to various choral societies - mainly situated in Burma and Laos, but firm offers none the less. Richard Green, noted musician around town, has promised to have the words of all the songs rendered, printed for next years outing so we can all join in.

Patrick (Windy) Windeler had an invitation to take up the Presidency of the Rose Garden Chapter of alcoholics anonymous but graciously declined on the grounds of lack of experience.

HAPPY GOLFING



One of the classier sets of earrings on the day.



Richard contemplating a water shot.



"If we don't land shortly".



"Ok, who was it this time?"



Wanderers Captain Alistair McManus trying to explain how they lost.



John drying his finger nails before the trip.



Lloyd Houghton accepting the B.C. v Wanderers perpetual trophy.



Rose Garden extra-curricular activity – not compulsory.



During "Grace" – Dinner at the Rose Garden.

SQUASH SQUASH



LANCING FAR EAST TOUR

The British Club Squash Section were very pleased to welcome a team from Lancing College, U.K. last month. The team were on a far east tour covering Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand and consisted of 5 extremely able and fit young men. Facing this stiff opposition were Phil Evans, Dave Bennington, Bernie Adams, Mike Stockley and Peter (The Dutch) Fangman. The British Club team members showed skill and fortitude at the beginning of each match but the age and fitness of the Lancing boys showed through in the end and the outcome was a four to one victory for Lancing, with Peter Fangman preventing a whitewash situation.

How nice it was to see young boys with so much skill and ability but even more so, the enjoyment of the game and the experience of the tour was something they obviously will always remember. Lancing College last came to the Far East on tour in 1983, had a small European tour in 1985 and this 1990 tour promised to be the most successful.

We all enjoyed sharing the game with the boys and hope to be able to host the College again sometime in the future.

JULY LEAGUE RESULTS

Despite a number of people being away on leave we still managed to get together 13 leagues. Sadly, a number of the leagues were not completed and whilst this is obviously a result of the time of year, we would urge all entrants to ensure that they make every effort to play all their games. (This makes it worthwhile and fair on the other people in their league). Results are as follows: –

League 1	–	Mike Stockley
League 2	–	Guy Hindley
League 3	–	Tom Olsen
League 4	–	Nigel Oakins
League 5	–	Peter Snell
League 6	–	games not played
League 7	–	games not played
League 8	–	Ray Hughes
League 9	–	Suzanne Olsen
League 10	–	Helen Evens
League 11	–	Keith Welsh
League 12	–	Bill Barr
League 13	–	Steve Buttlng

*From the rumour mill – we've heard (but not yet had it confirmed) that there may well be a return trip to Pattaya for a weekend tournament at the end of September. Watch the notice-board.
Dunlop ladder draw; The winners for July were:

1st Prize	–	£ 1,000 Dunlop voucher	–	M. Bain
2nd Prize	–	£ 500 Dunlop voucher	–	
3rd Prize	–	£ 500 Dunlop voucher	–	A. Cooksey

**Don't forget to take advantage of coaching by the Number 1 player in Thailand;
***See notice-board for details and booking sheet.

Finally, remember:

GET TO THE MIDDLE OF THE COURT, BUT NEVER PUT THE BALL THERE!!

TENNIS TENNIS

BOB HOWE at the B.C.B.

It all happened at very short notice. David (Dunlop) Lamb contacted the Tennis Committee and said "Bob Howe is coming to the BCB on Saturday 28th July and he would like to give a tennis clinic to anybody that turns up in the afternoon, for free".

Frantic phone calls later, inviting the people who had booked the courts to join the clinic, a group of twenty or more took to the courts to be "clinic-ed".

Bob Howe, for the unknowing, was a foremost tennis player from Australia in the days of Hoad: Rosewall: Laver: Emerson: Fraser etc. and played at Wimbledon from 1954 to 1971. He won numerous titles but was noted mostly for his excellent doubles play. A self-taught player, his abilities belied his relaxed and even temperament. This is one lesson to be learnt by everybody who plays the game.

Bob is now regarded as the World's No. 1 in the over 60 category of Veteran tennis players and the trip to Thailand, sponsored by Dunlop, was primarily for the veterans tournament recently held in Pattaya. The Tennis Clinic was a bonus, so thank you to Bob Howe and Dunlop, especially David Lamb, who made the event possible.



Winning lady, Maureen Denner, August Round Robin.



Geoff Hassett wins a magnificent hamper in the raffle.

WITH torrential rain on the Saturday night we considered ourselves most fortunate to be able to use the grass courts for the August Round Robin – we must be on borrowed time! The drainage system was actually on our side for once and the grass was in superb condition except, it seemed, when Bill Wright was playing who, judging by his expletives must have been on the receiving end of a few dodgy bounces me thinks!

Bernie (simple games of tennis are not in my vocabulary) Adams did not let us down and came up yet again with the most wonderfully complicated Round Robin format to baffle even the most expert computer programmers! Phyl Xumsai attempted to assist but decided to keep quiet after being given 4 points without even stepping on a court!! By 6 o'clock everyone was exhausted not only from playing 4 rounds but also from trying to work out the correct mathematical permutation of Bernie's results to find out who had won! In the end it was left



Mike Stockley, August Round Robin winner.

to Bernie who assured us that MIKE STOCKLEY and MAUREEN DENNER had emerged clear winners. Many congrats to them and to Geoff Hassett who won the raffle with a last minute purchase of tickets – very crafty Geoff!!

It was particularly pleasing to see so many enthusiastic youngsters on the courts many of whom were giving the oldies a run for their money. Thanks once again to all the organisers – SEE YOU ALL FOR THE SEPTEMBER ROUND ROBIN (date to be announced).

TENNIS SECTION SHIRTS

Tennis Section Sports Shirts which are incredibly chic and durable (not an easy combination to achieve) are now available in all sizes in copious quantities from the Club House Reception for the bargain price of Baht 130.

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WEDNESDAY MIX-IN

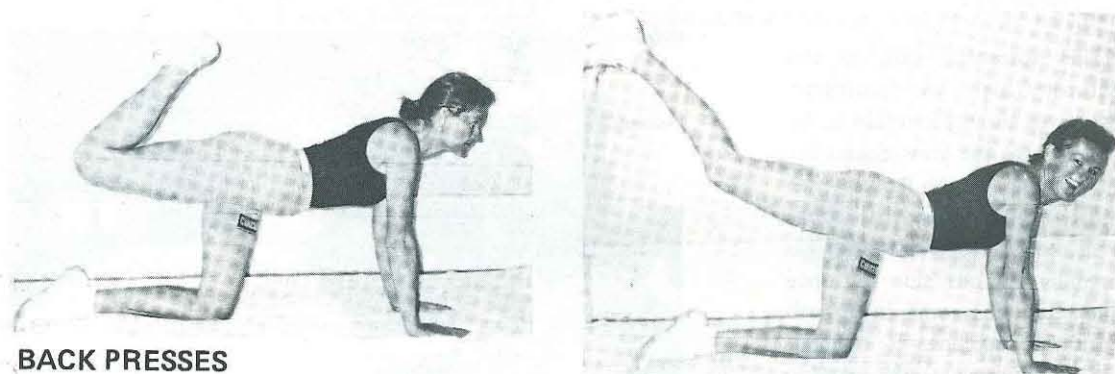
Due to the ever increasing popularity of the Club Night on Wednesday evenings, it has been decided by the Tennis Committee to extend the hours from 6.00-8.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

All players, of any standard, are invited to the mix-in which is followed by a curry supper in "Lord's". Write it in the diary.

SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT

Another date for the diary is Sunday 2nd September when, in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m. the "Autumn" Tennis Tournament will take place. Look out for the sign-up sheet at reception.

Aerobics



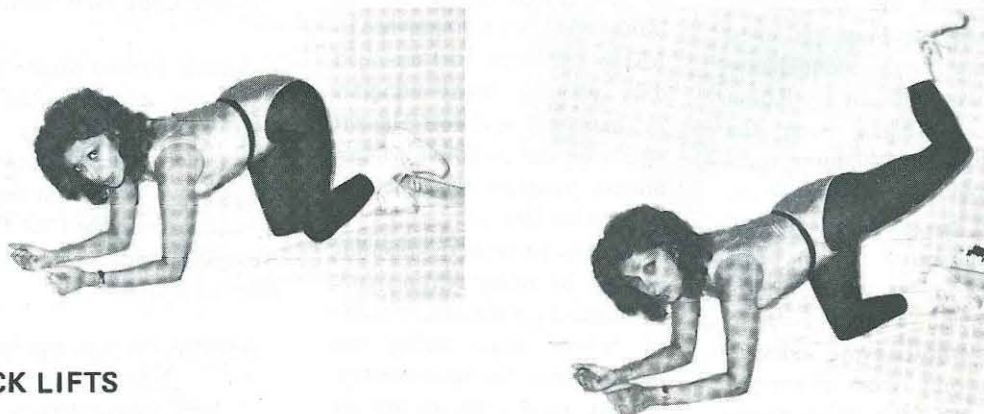
BACK PRESSES

Get down on your hands and knees. (It is advisable to do this on your elbows if you have any back problems)

Bring your heel in as in picture (1) and then press your leg out by straightening your knee. Remember not to snap your knee as you straighten your leg.

This exercise is mainly for the hamstring muscle (back of the thigh).

Start with 8-10 reps and build up to 30-40 reps on each leg.



BACK LIFTS

This exercise tones the glutes (buttock muscles) and the hamstrings. Get down on your elbows and knees, start as in picture (1), and then push up till you feel a squeeze in your glutes. Remember not to swing back. Push up till you feel a squeeze and bring it down again.

Start with 8-10 reps and build up to 30-40 reps on each leg.

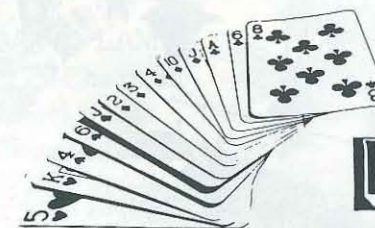


THE DONKEY KICK

One of the best exercises for the entire thigh area – adductors, abductors, hamstrings and quadriceps – also toning the hips.

Start on your hands and knees then 1) lift your knee up to the side, 2) kick out very gently without snapping the knee, 3) bend knee again as in first position, 4) bring it back to the floor. Effectively going like this: – lift, kick, lift and down.

Repeat 8 times on each leg and build up to 20 reps on each leg.



Bridge

Duplicate Bridge Results

Tue 10 July	(2½ Tables : 20 Boards	: Howell Movement)
1st	Elaine & Darryl	75%
2nd	Angela & Steve	53%
Tue 17 July	(2½ Tables : 20 Boards	: Howell Movement)
1st	Mark & Chris	81%
= 2nd	Sunisa & Pimpraphai	63%
= 2nd	Elaine & Darryl	63%
Tue 24 July	(2½ Tables : 20 Boards	: Howell Movement)
1st	Mary & Darryl	63%
2nd	Sunisa & Lapar	56%
Tue 31 July	(3 Tables : 20 Boards	: Howell Movement)
1st	Lapar & Puangkae	59%
2nd	Sunisa & Pimpraphai	58%

On Thursday the 20 Sept at 8:00 p.m. there will be "Introduction to Duplicate Bridge" evening. If you are a bridge player and would like to know more about this fascinating element of the game of bridge, or would like to try Duplicate Bridge then this evening is for you. There will be no admission charge!

On Sat 6 Oct, we will be holding a "Duplicate Bridge Curry Supper" evening. Play will commence at 7:00 p.m., we will stop about 8:30 for a buffet dinner and then return to the bridge table and play the remainder of the boards. Admission will Baht 200 per person which will cover the curry dinner, dessert, a glass of wine with the meal, tea or coffee, and prizes.

If you have queries' phone us at home on 331-5983 or come along to the Club any Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Elaine & Darryl Hennig

The Piscatorial Society (Gone Fishing)

ON Sunday 14th July Mike Stockley, Dick Dowson and Tim Walsh participated in the first fishing competition for the newest section in the club; "The British Club Piscatorial Society".

The match was held at a fishing park on the Bangna-Trad Highway, approximately 5 Kms after Lake Side Villas. There are two lakes well maintained and stocked with a good head of catfish (Pangasius) Carp and various other oriental freshwater fish the names for which are not yet known. The fish grow to a size of up to 40 lb.

The match started at 7.00 a.m. sharp to run for 4 hours. Expectations were high as the three adept anglers made their first casts from their respective swims, especially Dick with his new special bait of chicken hearts and luncheon meat (named "the Dowson supreme").

There was a brief discussion, as the anglers watched their lines for the tell tale bite, about how Mr. Crabtree and young Peter might have approached this very unusual water; would it have been a nice "knob of Paste" or a "Juicy Lob tail" float ledgered in the Margins for the wiley carp?

Just as they were reminiscing over every young anglers hero and his tactics, there was a scream from Walsh, a run; the rod was lifted sharply on the strike, but alas, another



elusive pangasius catfish had escaped.

The first fish came about 2 hours into the match when Stockley, fishing the classic Thai style ie paying no attention to his rod and sleeping on the bank, was awoken by the Thai angler next to him, "Pla" "Pla", Stockley rescued his rod



from drowning and a nice 7 lb catfish was carefully played to the net.

Walsh had the next fish about 5½ lb and Stockley the final fish of the match a whopping great 12 lb Pangasius (the B.C. record for such a fish).

Dick unfortunately blanked for the match but deserved some points for his innovative bait formula, expect to hear a lot more from this man in the future.

We expect to be having other matches shortly, also some sea fishing trips and possibly a pioneering expedition to a river in the northern region.

Anybody who is interested in any aspect of angling please contact

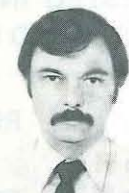
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or Dick Dowson
Tight lines

Mike Stockley

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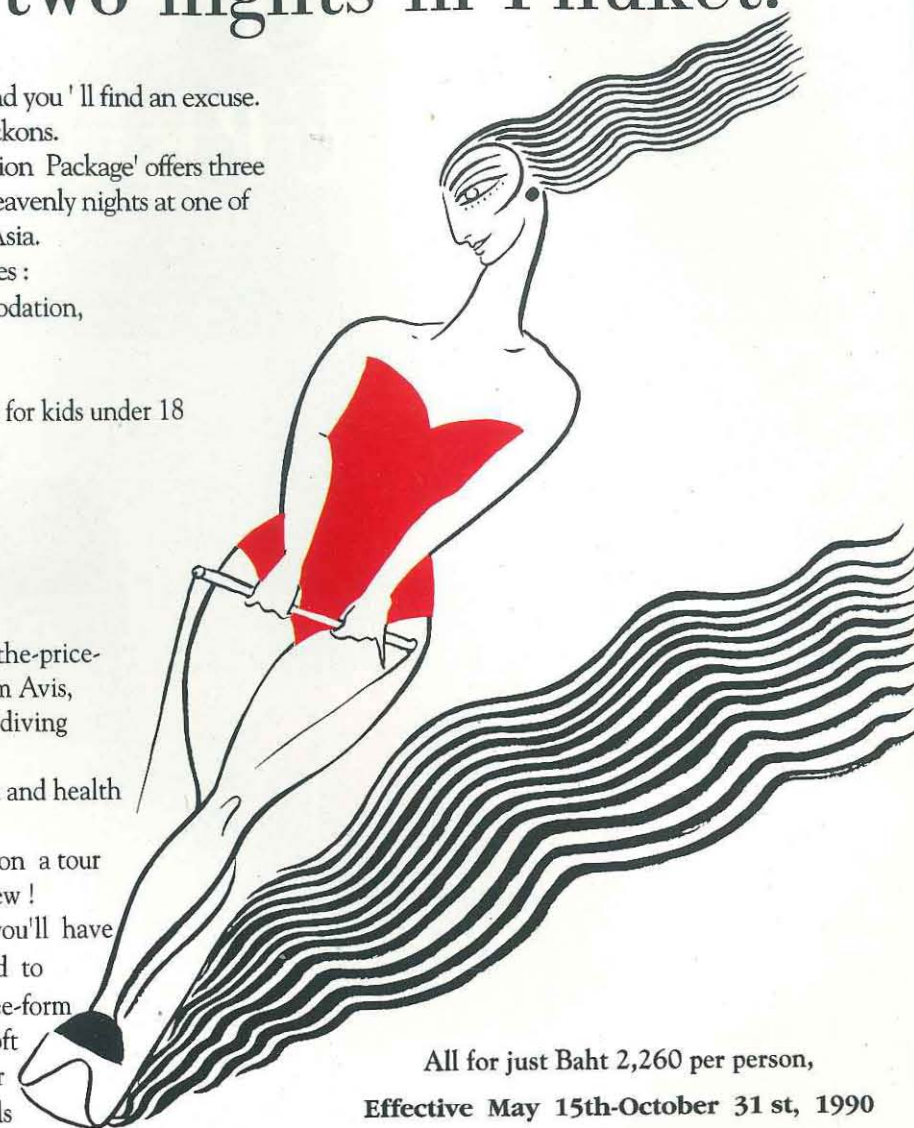
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