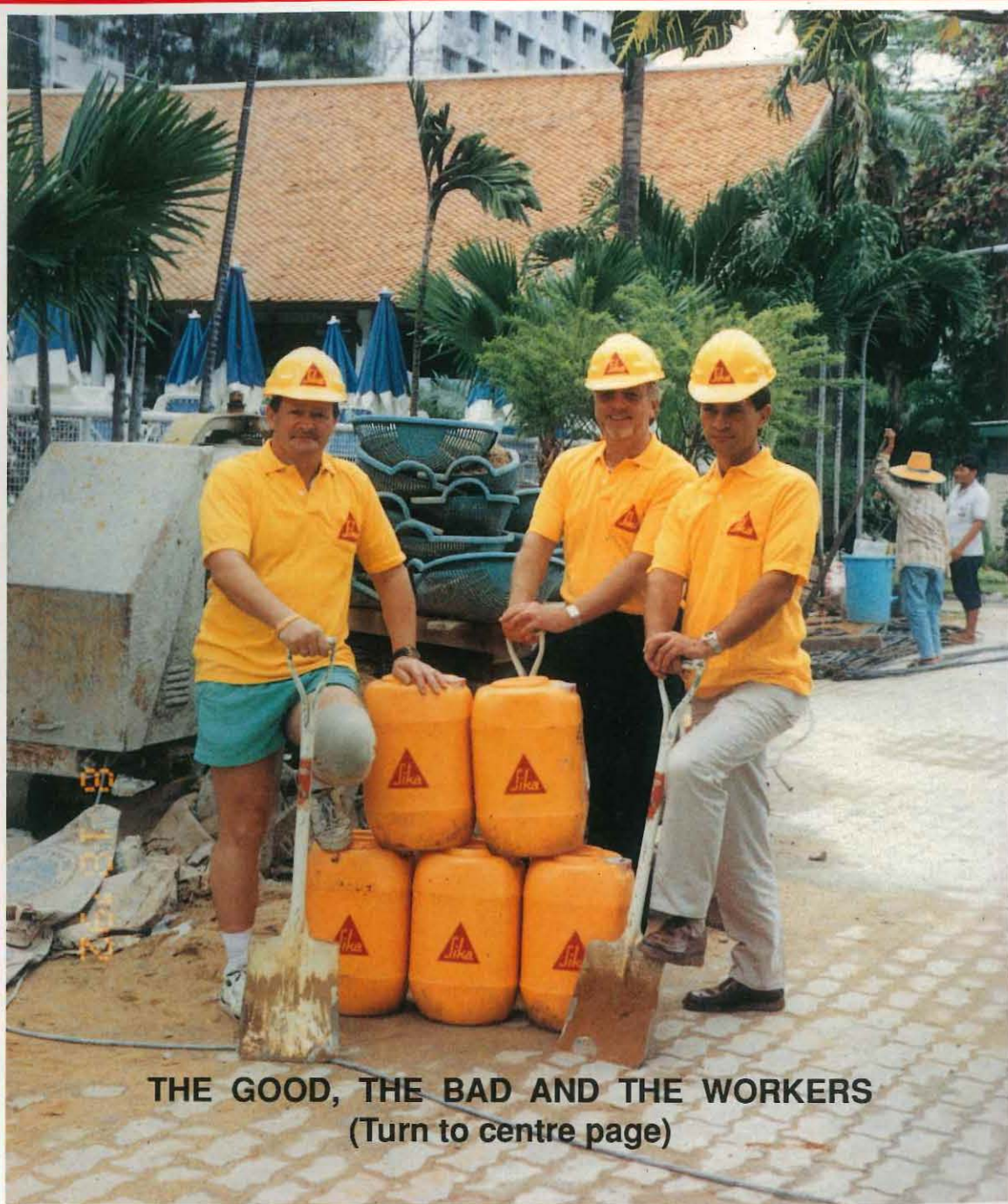


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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

First of all a thank you to Fiona is in order as she proof-read last month's edition of *Outpost* and interviewed this month's New Members. I returned from home leave on Monday 3rd and was still suffering from jet lag. England and Holland were great in the sunshine and I even got a sun tan. Urgent purchases had to be made of course and now we are enjoying M&S extra strong tea and lovely Dutch cheese. Hope you all enjoyed your hols and look forward to seeing you by the (new) poolside.

Bea Grunwell

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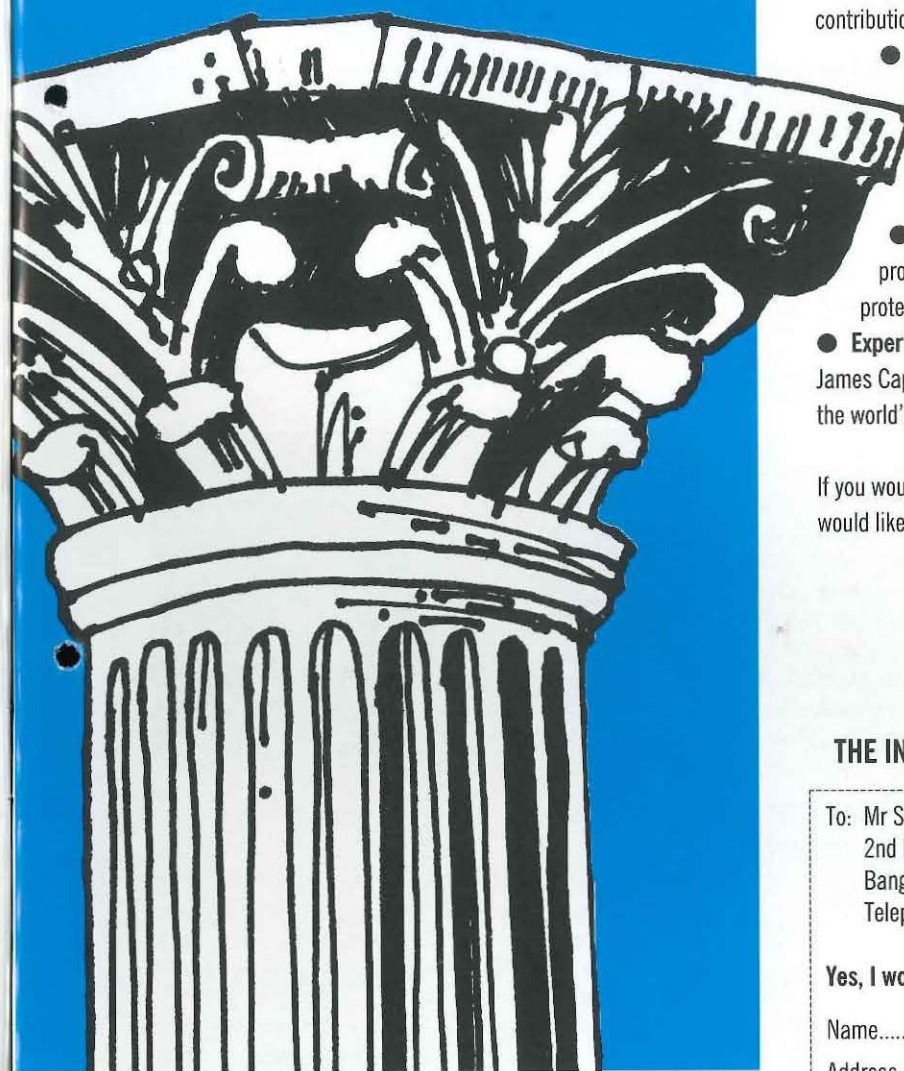
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Meet the New Members

Helen and Robert Armstrong. Robert has been here for 6 months but Helen just arrived a month ago. At present they live on a building site on Soi 49 which they are assured will be lovely once finished. Now where have I heard that before? Helen doesn't like the dust and the traffic while Robert finds Bangkok "fascinating". They have 2 boys aged 15 and 10 who will attend school here. They've joined the St. Andrew's Society and according to Robert, Helen will train the display dancers (Helen didn't seem to agree).



Jackie and Rajiv Goel have been in Bangkok just 10 weeks and are really enjoying themselves. They came here from Seoul which may explain things. Rajiv works with BAT but used to work for a condom manufacturing company — now they have and 18 month old daughter Emily. There must be a connection there. Jackie enjoys aerobics and is learning to play bridge. Rajiv plays squash and is looking for partners. He also likes beer and looking after the baby — not necessarily in that order.



Jeffrey Kestenbaum works for AIA and has been in Bangkok for 5 months. Claimed to be closer to the BC than Mike O'Connor and will prove it by diving into the swimming pool from the AIA building next door. You have been warned. Jeffrey has worked in Hong Kong and Tokyo before coming here and is originally from Boston. Enjoys tennis and travelling and had in fact come straight from the tennis court to the bar (via the shower thankfully). Jeffrey's wife Judi will arrive in September.



Pauline and Andrew Spiers. The Spiers family which includes two girls of 3 and 4, have been in Bangkok just 2 weeks. They had been here before on holiday and on business so it's not all new to them. They spent 2 years in Holland prior to coming here. Pauline is hoping to learn Thai and do some cookery courses and then would like to work. Andrew enjoys tennis, skiing and watersports.



Bobby Harris. Not a new face so I was surprised to find he's a new member. Bobby is a political officer with the US Embassy and has been in Thailand for a year. He chose the BC over the Polo Club and the Heritage Club (quite right too). Plays tennis and is a member of the rugby section's support staff. Bobby also enjoys chess and volleyball.

Patricia Klewpatinond (in the middle) has been back and forth to Bangkok over the last 13 years. She has 4 sons aged between 8 and 17. Patricia's ambition is to join the rugby section and meet Joe Grunwell (unfortunately Joe was not at New Members Night and fortunately neither was Bea!). Husband Viraj works for Dow Chemicals and travels a lot which is the reason for the interest in the rugby section. When not travelling Viraj likes eating, drinking and making babies.



Sharon Riley will be familiar to anyone who goes to the gym at the Dusit as she is manager down there. She has only been here for 5 years and joined BC as soon as she could. Sharon joined to play tennis and squash and to do some swimming. When not keeping fit she likes movies and travelling.

Mark Dobson is a "cute bachelor" whose wife is married. In fact he married Lynda in June, came out here on honeymoon, quick career change from aviation to Thai International and new wife is still in UK. Nice one. Mark is actually Georgia Bell's brother (which no one explained to me until later — talk about feeling dumb recalling asking Georgia had she known Mark a long time!)



Gaynor De Wit has been here just 2 months but her parents are working here and she has visited them here. She is working with Thai Oil in their publications section. When not working and flat-hunting Gaynor enjoys tennis, badminton, rowing and walking.



Sally and Alan Black have been here two weeks and so far so good. They were in Belgium and Seoul previously. Sally has a degree in European Business Administration and hopes to work while they are here. Alan enjoys squash, rugby, football and hashing and they both play darts.

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FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

A very important aspect of the Club's well-being and a continual task, rather like the firth road bridge in Scotland by the time it takes to paint from one end to the other, it's time to start again.

To assist the Club to keep on top of this job and the maintenance staff who sometimes see all, hear all and say nowt. There will be maintenance job cards placed in areas communally used by Members.

If you discover a fault; be it electrical, water or anything else which you feel needs attention, please fill out the card and leave it at the reception or Salas for my immediate attention.

MEMBERS ACCOUNTS

May I remind Members once again to pay their monthly accounts in a timely manner. If part of your account is in doubt, please pay the remainder and contact my office so that I may sort things out. Rule No. 60 is quite specific and quoted below:

RULE 60 :

"If a Member's account to the Club be two weeks in arrears the Club shall inform the Member by registered post or by hand to the current address on the Club records requesting such Member to pay the indebtedness within fourteen days. In default the Committee shall be empowered to cause the name of such Member to be posted on the Club Notice-Board. While posted for non-payment of indebtedness no Member nor the Member's family may use the Club. If the debt remains unsettled for fourteen days after posting, Membership of the Club shall cease. If given a satisfactory explanation the Committee may decide that the Member may be reinstated on such terms as the Committee may decide.

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No Member whose account is over two weeks in arrears may attend or vote at any meeting of the Club".

What Kind of Man Reads *Manager*?

That was an easy question to answer back February 1990, when *Manager* first arrived on the scene in its then biweekly format. In a city swelling with a six-figure expatriate population starved for quality reading beyond what the daily press could offer, the phones in the Subscription Department were ringing off the hook in response to a radio blitz initiated by the magazine's agency. The callers were invariably senior expatriate managers; in many cases, they were calling from their cars. By the time a few issues had circulated around the country, *Manager*'s niche was secure.

We reasoned that there were at the time — as there are now — more Thai-language dailies than one could count on both hands, a triumvirate of business weeklies, and a slew of glossy monthlies; and we noted that we were the publishers of the market leaders in all three categories. But we pined for the forlorn expat who looked on it all as so much hieroglyphics.

Manager was launched essentially as a translation of its Thai namesakes — *Poo Chad Karn* daily, weekly and monthly: a team of crack translators and editors was recruited, seventeen Macintoshes purchased, desktop designers trained (there were few to recruit at the time), and the copy flow diverted to the new offices. Stories were selected, translated, edited once, twice, thrice, the ambiguous clarified for those who had not been born here, the facts verified, the style made to glisten.

The same positioning and procedures remained in place when *Manager* switched to its monthly format in June 1991. But the editors, not content to rest on their laurels, wanted more. They wanted original stories, stories so good that their sister publications would begin to translate them. A stable of freelancers was carefully nurtured, and staff writers were recruited. The phone began to ring again, but this time it was the foreign correspondent community calling. Everyone wanted to be a part of it.

Then came May 1992, and the incomprehensible slaughter of citizens at Ratchadamnoen. When the smoke cleared and the wailing calmed, an interesting phenomenon began to reveal itself: the much heralded Thai middle class was willing to put its life on the line in the name of freedom and decency; these conspicuous consumers had a conscience after all.

The outspoken *Poo Chad Karn* daily saw its sales soar throughout the turmoil, had its telephone lines severed and its offices shut down; but it was back the next morning — and it was mad. *Manager*, with its offices situated virtually on the front lines, could hardly ignore an event unprecedented in its bloodthirstiness and its revelations. On its way to the printer, the June cover story was abruptly changed from an analysis of Bank for International Settlement regulations to a photographic essay on the massacre entitled **Fire in the Lake**.

Business and politics had suddenly become inseparable, Thais and foreigners indistinguishable; forsaking its cherished niche, the magazine embarked on its current mission. No longer content to be the voice of men, or women, or foreigners, or Thais, or rich, or poor, it now aims to be the voice of reason: the Family of Man, it is hoped, will become the Family of *Manager*.

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SPECIALS

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In England one is used to the more gentle rainfall but it can rain there with something like the force of the rains of tropical parts. In a day and a night in 1912 sixty million tons of rain fell on one part of Norfolk, one of the greatest rainstorms ever seen in the country.

In July 1902, 3.63 inches of rain fell at Maidenhead, Berkshire, in only one hour. At Bruton in Somerset, the equivalent of 965 tons of rain per acre fell in one day in June 1917, and for 89 days rain fell every day at Eallabus, Isle of Islay, Western Scotland, the longest ever spell of rain in Britain.

In California some years ago, rain fell at the rate of 1.03 inches a minute. That would fill a bath faster than having two taps running full on.

Hailstones can also create havoc. The world over farmers dread the destruction and devastation which these icy bombardments can bring. In the June of 1983, Georgia, USSR was struck by a terrific hailstorm and thousands of cattle were killed in the fields by the huge chunks of ice which fell from the sky, vast areas of fruit trees were striped bare. In a bad year British growers can lose more than a million pounds worth of crops due to hail damage.

Hailstones are classified by size: pea, mothball, marble, ping-pong ball, goose egg, tennis ball and melon. Hailstones are formed every time raindrops are sucked into the upper layers of cloud where they get a coating of ice, eventually these millions of bits of ice are released in a cloudburst. A big raincloud can weigh as much as the QE2.

In Delhi, India, in the 1880's nearly 250 people died in a fall of chunks of ice or were buried under drifts that froze solid.

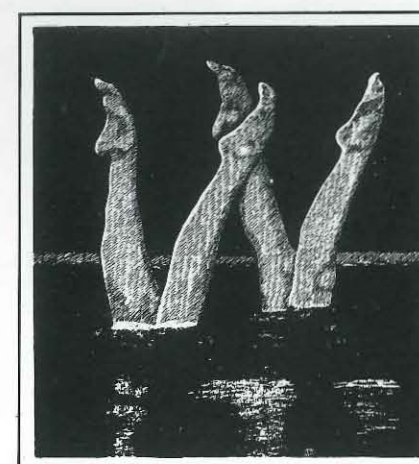
A group of five Germans gliding thousands of feet above the earth were sucked into a huge cloud by a fierce updraught. Fearing that their glider would be smashed to bits by hailstones, they baled out. When they came down to earth, four of them were found to be dead, encased in coffins of ice.

In this century it has rained fish on Washington, jellyfish in Melbourne, frogs in Wigan, pilcards in Cardiff and even frozen beans in Los Angeles.

Many weird things have fallen from the skies over the centuries, such as the black rain which fell on the fisherman off Cornwall in 1969, and in the same year, washing hanging on the lines in the back gardens of Huddersfield, was treated to a shower of indelible red rain. In 1950 a blue kind of fruit squash fell in Leicestershire. One theory is that elderberries were stripped off the trees by a freak whirlwind many miles away, squashed in the clouds and dropped.

How does anything but water fall from the sky? Water spouts, whirlwinds or even just gusty winds can suck dust, fishes etc. high into the atmosphere, sometimes 20,000-40,000 ft high, and carry them many miles before they are released when it rains.

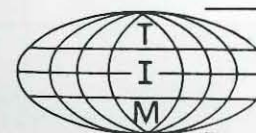
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 'But everybody else has got one.'
 'This is your son's (daughter's) headmaster speaking.'
 'Can you have a look at my maths homework?'
 'What's that man doing to that woman?'
 'I feel si-ick.'
 'Don't forget the school play on Saturday.'
 'But you promised.'

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You don't automatically rush to the back seat when you get on a bus
 You think book tokens are a good present to receive
 You check your hair whenever you pass a mirror
 You think fish fingers and baked beans are unsophisticated
 You can spell unsophisticated
 Someone calls you 'Sir' or 'Madam'
 You start sunbathing
 You choose your own clothes
 You stop walking through puddles
 You're embarrassed by your parents

TEN REASONS NOT TO WORK OUT

Picture yourself in a leotard
 Didn't the bloke who invented jogging die of a heart attack?
 It's much more satisfying to develop the mind
 All those Huey Lewis records they play in gyms
 Somebody's bound to discover it's bad for you
 What's so great about being able to run up the stairs?
 It's so narcissistic
 You'll make all your friends feel inadequate
 Arnold Schwarzenegger has said it all, really
 Carrying a sports bag around is so inconvenient

DEATH, HERE IS THY STING — TEN IGNOBLE WAYS TO GO

Charles VIII of France dies after hitting his head on a low doorway in 1498
 Frederick, Prince of Wales, died after being hit on the head by a cricket ball in 1751
 King John died after eating vast quantities of peaches and cider in 1216
 Lady Coventry died after using white lead as a cosmetic to paint her face
 The Duke of Clarence drowned in a cask of sweet wine in 1478
 George I of England died of apoplexy after eating too many melons in 1727
 King Haakon VII of Norway died after falling into his bath in 1957
 King Alexander of Greece died after being bitten by his pet monkey in 1920
 Henry I of England died after eating too many lampreys (eel-like fish) in 1135
 Edward II of England was disembowelled with a red hot poker in 1327

TEN INSIGNIFICANT NUMBERS

336 (dimples on a golf ball)
 50 (eggs eaten by Paul Newman in Cool Hand Luke)
 206 (bones in a human body)
 4,280 (buffaloes killed by William 'Buffalo Bill' Cody)
 227 (different ways to cook chicken, according to Escoffier's Le Guide Culinaire, 1921)
 775,692 (words in the King James' version of The Bible)
 600 (ways of making love according to the Marquis de Sade)
 24 (dollar value of the trinkets paid to the Indians in 1626 for Manhattan Island)
 277 (mountains in Scotland over 3,000 feet)
 20,000 (pieces Lenin's brain was cut into for research purposes after his death)

CHILDHOOD AILMENTS CELIBACY AND OTHER SOLUTIONS

What every parent needs is an indispensable guide to infant problems ...
 or at least a good laugh

Most people worry endlessly about their children, especially when they get sick; worry a bit too much, in fact. Normal, healthy kids are sick a lot. If they don't get sick, there's something wrong with them.

But to allay some of those fears, the following is a guide to some of the more common ailments and what to do about them, including a lot of things your family doctor never told you ...



desperate lunges on hearing the magic words: "Catch me!"

Since it is impossible to function as a parent while in plaster, take an aspirin, keep the affected part as immobile as possible and see a doctor as soon as the child starts school.

Child battering

Child battering is a serious and little-discussed problem. Children

between the ages of two and three can be extremely violent, and are liable to scratch, bite and punch at the slightest provocation, especially when crossed. If you feel you are in danger of becoming child-battered, you should:

- never turn your back on them for a moment
- never bend down if the child appears to be angry
- give in to them whenever practical
- see your doctor if pain persists.

Colic

Also known as chronic crying. Doctors call it colic because it tends to offer a pathetic ray of hope to parents who might otherwise contemplate suicide. There is no known cure for colic except lifelong chastity. No, not for the baby; for you!

Band-Aids

Band-Aids are a recent medical phenomenon. Since all children are chronically addicted to sympathy, they can often say the word Band-Aid before they can sit upright, and demand them for everything from a snagged toenail to a sore haircut. In chronic cases, children become so dependent on Band-Aids that they suffer severe vitamin D starvation due to sunlight being unable to penetrate through to their skin. Use sparingly. No more than 50 on any one child at a time.

Broken bones

This is quite a common occurrence, usually found in parents who have been struck with a butterfly ball in a fight over eating up all the peas; or broken fingers and wrists, after making

Deafness

Deafness in small children is an extremely common problem. It is usually brought on by being asked to do something they don't want to do (eg, tidy their room). You should see your doctor only if the child has obvious hearing problems — if they cannot hear a chocolate being unwrapped through two closed doors at a distance of 100m, for example.

Diarrhoea

Childhood diarrhoea can easily be avoided. It is usually brought on when the child knows they have you at their mercy and there's nothing you can do about it. To prevent diarrhoea:

- (a) never take them on a bus
- (b) never dress them in white
- (c) don't get them christened
- (d) never put them in a friend's swimming

pool.

Head banging

Rhythmically knocking the head against something hard — a wall or a door — is a common enough problem, most often found in parents who have been (a) trying to teach a child to share, or (b) trying to persuade a two-year-old to eat broccoli.

Hyperventilation

A common childhood problem resulting in vertigo, light-headedness, spots before the eyes and fainting. Found in adults at birthday parties after blowing up too many balloons.

Nightmares

Many children have nightmares. It's no good screaming: "It's three in the morning! How can there be a Big Purple Crocodile under a trundle bed on the seventh floor of a security apartment block?"

Children tend to be irrational, and you will have to go along with it. Get an axe or meat tenderiser and get under the child's bed and simulate a fight to the death with the Big Purple Crocodile. Make plenty of noise; and don't fall asleep under there or the child will assure the Big Purple Crocodile has eaten you and scream even louder.

Pretend to drag the body of the Big Purple Crocodile from the room, wrapped in a bunny rag. Kiss the child goodnight and go back to bed. Make

sure the Big Purple Crocodile is dead, or it may come after you for revenge later.

Pain

Don't panic if the child comes to you screaming. Calmly ask the child what hurts, and why. Children tend to be a little overdramatic at times. Stepping on a bindi-eye can send them into convulsions, and a broken toenail can bring on total collapse — all this from a child who will pull his own front teeth to get 20 cents from the tooth fairy two weeks early. The best known analgesic is a Band-Aid and a biscuit.

Plague

A much under-rated problem. Plague can be carried by bath dolls, the corpses of small animals secreted in matchboxes under the child's pillow or from picking up a baby with severe cradle cap. For some reason children are totally immune, but there is a significant risk to parents. For this reason, you should never allow children to put their fingers in your mouth. If it happens, seek medical advice immediately.

Poisoning

While it is vital to keep household chemicals, garden poisons and prescription drugs well out of a child's reach, you should not worry too greatly over some of the more common substances. Children as young as 18 months have been known to eat a whole pack of tissues, including the box, without any apparent side effects.

It has been calculated that, on average, most children eat a kilo of sand by the time they are three years old. Apart from the abrasive effect — if you find your child's nappy in shreds in the morning, keep them away from the sandpit for a few days — it is apparently harmless. Children have remarkably strong constitutions. The only thing known to make them gag is fresh celery.

Rigidity

Many children suffer from this condition, also known as toddler mortis. The only known cure is to let the child have his or her own way.

Sleeping

All children suffer from sleeping problems at some stage, so a routine is vital. At the same time every night you should tuck them in, read them a story, sing them a song, turn off the lights,

leave the room, shout threats through the door, get them a drink, shout more threats, let them get up to go to the toilet, tell them you won't tell them again, get them medicine for their stomach ache, tell them you won't tell them again, get them medicine for their stomach ache, tell them you won't tell them again, sit with them because they're frightened of the dark, go out, shout threats, tell them you won't tell them again, sing them another song, tell them it's absolutely the last time, then sit with them until they fall asleep.

Deviate from this routine and you could find yourself with a child with sleeping problems.

Sniffing

All children sniff. This is not, as some doctors believe, because of allergic rhinitis or similar complaints, but because they like to hear you say "stop sniffing". No known cure.

Vitamin deficiency

No child will eat anything that's green, with the possible exception of mucus. This is why chocolate is brown. However, a child can generally get the vital nourishment it needs from other sources, eg snails, crayons, cigarette ends it finds in the street, etc.

Many parents try to force the child to eat nourishing food like vegetables and fruit, but this is plainly futile. The only known method of getting small children to eat carrot or broccoli is to leave some behind the fridge for six months and

let them find it for themselves. It is then practically impossible to stop them eating it.

Vomiting

There are many reasons for children vomiting. It is usually brought on by picking up a child when wearing your best clothes, eg just as you're about to go out to dinner. Try not to go out to dinner. Enjoying yourself is for singles.

Colin Bowles
for Australian Woman's Weekly





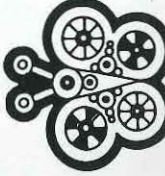


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	5 Children's Painting Lessons 1-3 pm Flicks for Kids - 6 pm	6 Badminton 11 am-1 pm Tennis Afternoon 3-6 pm Flicks for Kids - 5 pm Family Buffet from 5 pm	7 BWG Mahjong* - 9 am Happy Hour 5:30-9 pm New Members Night	8 Ladies' Golf - 7 am Bridge+ - 8 pm Rugby Training 7 pm	9 Tennis & Squash Club Night from 6 pm	10 Darts 8 pm Rugby Training 7 pm	11 Accumulator Night - 8 pm
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"INDIAN FOOD FESTIVAL" July 20th-29th

Our thanks go to the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza for providing this event through their Tandoor Restaurant.

The photograph shows the Tandoor Restaurant Manager Mr. Rakesh Shama, their Master Chef Mr. Durga Prasea, yours truly and not forgetting our lovely Indian maid (Bom) alias Receptionist.

If Members have any other restaurants they would like us to promote please call me.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Dear boys and girls,

Did you enjoy sitting in the car in your home countries and actually going somewhere? Was it a real shock coming back to Bangkok being stuck in your first traffic jam after a long plane journey? Well here follow some tips to make it easier for you:

Things to take on a long journey — so any time you get into the car in Bangkok —

1. A pad of scrap paper for writing or drawing on. Keep a rubber band around it to stop the sheets flapping about.
2. A selection of pens. Felt-tipped ones are best because they don't have sharp points. Slip your pens under the rubber band when you are not using them, so they don't get lost.
3. A box or bag full of counters. These can be almost anything, spent matches, bends, dried pens, plastic discs, paper clips, even strong peppermints!
4. Something hard to rest the paper on. A small flat suitcase is ideal as long as there is enough room for it, even better — a book. When you are tired of the games, you can always read the book.
5. Tip for the parents: take something to chew. There is no need to start chomping through a pork pie, but a tin of sweets on some fruit gives you something to look forward to. The sweets or fruit can be awarded as prizes to winner, or rationed out (one every half-hour?) during the trip.

Games to play in the car:

Baker's Dozen

For this you need thirteen counters — or match sticks, or buttons. It does not really matter what they are, as long as you have thirteen — a Baker's Dozen.

The thirteen counters are placed on a flat surface between two players. The first player now picks up one, two or three of them. His opponent does the same. Each player must pick up at least one at the time, but never more than three. They go on until none are left. The winner is the person who ends up with an even number of counters at the end. As there are thirteen counters, and only two players, one person is bound to have an odd total, and the other an even total.

Tongue Twisters

'What noise annoys a noisy oyster?' 'A noisy noise annoys a noisy oyster.'

'Peter piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.'

'She sells sea shells by the sea-shore.'

These are tongue-twisters which everybody knows — but that does not make them easier to say. You can practise all you like but you will still make mistakes. Here are some other difficult tongue twisters. Take them one by one and ask someone to repeat them five times as quickly as possible:

'Red leather, yellow leather.'

'A proper cup of coffee from a proper copper coffee pot.'

'The sixth sheik's sixth sheep's sick.'

'The Leith Police dismiseth us.'

'My black back brake-block's broken.'

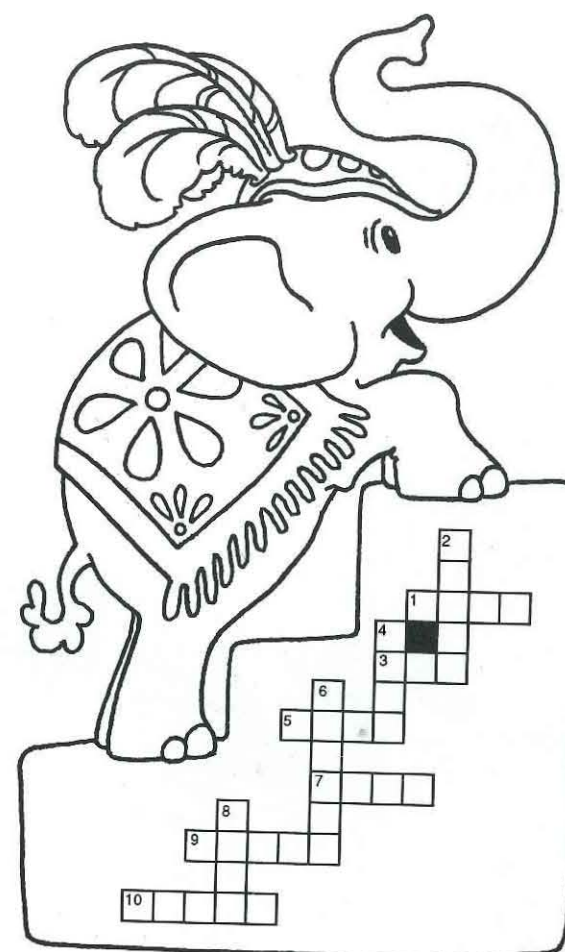
'I'm not a thistle-sifter, I'm a thistle-sifter's son, and I'm only sifting thistles till the thistle-sifter comes.'

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Cows.
Cows who?
Cows go "moo" not "who".

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Fitzwilliam.
Fitzwilliam who?
Fits William better than it fits me.

Till next month.

PS The winner of July's Quiz was Roy Steinback Club No S191. Keith Bell has a prize for him in his office.



AT LAST !!



Ray Hunt of Sika (Thai) explaining to Phil Evans (how, why and what for) when applying the water proofing membranes.



It looked an impossible task.

The walls and floors had more cracks and holes than a conical strainer.



Just one of the Sika products being mixed. Close supervision by Sika ensured the contractors carried out the recommended applications.

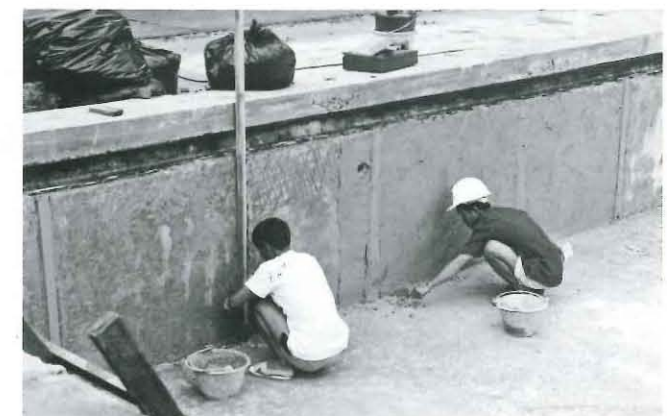


The first stage gets underway.

Not only was the pool completely sealed and retiled, the top was also re-aligned and leveled. Topping up the pool was no easy task either, 65 fire-trucks belonging to Bangrak Fire Station, each carrying 10,000 gallons, took four days to fill.



THE FINISHED PRODUCT.



FINALLY the Chairman, Committee, Management and Members acknowledge the time effort and sleepless nights of PHIL EVANS and RAY HUNT of Sika. Thanks are also due to ED BATCHELOR for the marvellous gesture Sika made over the product discount. "I NEVER BEFORE HAS SO MUCH BEEN OWED BY SO MANY TO SO FEW".

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Traditional Men Only Night
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Sept. 26th
Second Annual SKIP
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British Club
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complete Bar-B-Que Dinner
Soft drinks

Raffle
Entertainment by SKIP Children

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Oct. 10th
The British Club Rugby
Section
Second
"ANNUAL BALL"
at Oriental Hotel

BADMINTON



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So, the Badminton has finally come to the British Club, or should I say we have gone to IT.

To all those interested, we have got regular booking on 3 courts every Sunday morning 11 a.m.-1 p.m., with a view to increase the number of courts as interest grows. We've had a very impressive turnout so far, with our Club Manager eagerly sweating it out with the rest of us. We've had to teach him though that "love all" means no score and NOT kissing your team mates!!!

Our session is taking the form of a general mix-in or round robin, which means we are able to welcome all standards of play. We just ask that you wear appropriate sports gear and shoes and bring your own racquet and shuttle-cocks.

It's been great fun so far — 11 a.m. is not so early and the courts are only a couple of minutes walk away from the British Club. So, come on, what better way to start a Sunday, especially now you can cool off afterwards in our newly repaired pool.

Give Peter, myself or Keith Bell a call for more information, or just show up at the Club around 10.45 a.m. Sunday morning.

Pauline and Peter Dalton
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The Club organised an inaugural Badminton event and BBQ on Sunday 12th of July starting at 12 noon. 35 enthusiastic Members and their guests attended for what turned out to be the start of a full fledged Badminton Section which is now incorporated into the Club Bylaws.

The courts (15 indoor) were discovered in a chance encounter by Peter and feat Pauline Dalton. No mean feat as Pauline suffers from that rare disorder of Blindes Bates. Next was to find a leader.

Pauline (a born leader according to Peter), stood there in a line up with 20 Members wearing those wonderful words fail me (trousers) and got volunteered as chairperson.

Well done, Pauline.

The Section has booked 4 courts every Sunday starting at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. additional hours can be booked if demand dictates. We meet here at the Club at 10.45 a.m. and walk down to courts (3 to 4 minutes). Pauline, always last, to leave shouted "There goes my team, I must follow them because I'm their leader".

Keith Bell



Some of the girls after the game
Susan looking flushed and Carol (well, what do you expect)



Pauline in those

DARTS



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In the previous month the games see-sawed from winning to losing 4-3, so our match results stood at played 4, won 2, lost 2, points for 14, points against 14, so pretty average to say the least.

It is just past the half-way stage now with the Hongkong Transpak League and the Lions having gone from strength to strength.

During the last month the Lions, with new recruits Wattana and Suthen (spelling mistakes due to Frank's bad writing sorry ED) and the return from leave of Middy and Cathy, together with the ever regulars Ott and Frank, went undefeated, playing 4, winning 4, points for 11, points against 6 and averaging 9 tons per match.

There are now 6 matches to go, the Lions are geared up and roaring. Every match is going to be critical, but with the Squad's present form, which according to some experts is not up to full potential yet, to quote El Capitano: "there will be some silverware in the British Club Trophée cabinet at the end of the season."

It has to be said that it is not merely coincidence during the winning streak this month El Capitano's role has been that of a non playing El Capitano-nuff said.

For this critical period in the season and potentially the scene of one of the Lions greatest achievements, El Capitano is going on holiday to Dartmouth, of all places, where he'll be doing much needed ochee practice. Whilst he is away, and obviously not missed, Ott and Middy will be in full charge.

Very soon the Johnny Walker League will get going again and both the Lions and the resting Unicorns will need more players, so if you're interested please contact either Frank (Lions) 391 8693 or Orin (Unicorns) 399 4582.

GOLF



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Recent results:

Sunday 12th July — Ekachai — vs Amcham — The Deemed Trophy

BCGS beat the Amcham 740 stableford points to 686.
Low gross was achieved by J. Constantine with an 82.

Flight A:

Winner	G. Revill	40	R/up	P. Barrett	38
Third	G. Askew	37	Fourth	R. Barrett	36

Flight B:

First	J. Constantine	Second	E. Branston
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Near pin: D. Stewart, S. Davy, P. Barrett, D. Forrest
Long drives: B. Johnson (2), Sue Shields, Dixie Ingram
Our many thanks go to Deemed for the trophy.



Graham Revill won flight A of the Amcham Competition with 40 stableford points.



Runner up with 38 points Philip Barrett.

Sunday 26th July — Rose Garden — Captains Day — Davison Cup

Dugal Forrest's team beat immediate past Captain Lloyd Houghton's team 9.5 points to 6.5.

The winning team members were: Sally Voravarn, Lavita Hughes, Dixie Ingram, Margaret Bayliss, D. Stewart, L. Vise, G. Fisher, J. Marten, P. Speed, G. Revell, A. Hughes, S. Davy, B. Walker, E. Jurgens, M. Corey

Congratulations to Dugal on another win.

Many thanks to our sponsors Dugal and Sriwan Forrest.



The Amcham President hands over the Deemed Trophy to BCGS captain Dugal Forrest.

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 9th August — Ekachai — Quarterly Medal first tee off 09.36.

Sunday 23rd August — Rose Garden — Aussies vs Brits. first tee-off 09.48, an event not to be missed.

Sunday 6th September — Bangpakong — first tee-off 11.35 for the BLGS/Cathay Cup.

LADIES' GOLF



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First and foremost, I must thank Debbie very much for 'holding the fort' admirably for the last two months. A good variety of competitions were held. My leave of 2 weeks turned out to be almost 8 weeks as a result of our extended stay here in Thailand.

Debbie's newsletters were wonderful what a pity she won't continue. Thanks to her anyway, and for all her help while I was away.

Thank you to Magda too for taking over the sale of BCLG shirts, books badges etc. I have NOW collected the new shirts for those of you that placed your order 3 months ago!

STARTER FOR AUGUST — Lavita 391 2688

STARTER FOR SEPTEMBER — should be Debbie if she returns in time from leave, however call me first.

September	1st	—	Texas Scramble
	8th	—	Blind Partners — strokeplay Medal 11
	15th	—	All irons (?)
	22nd	—	Starters choice
	29th	—	Strokeplay Medal 12

Remember if it has rained all day Monday or all night, then golf will be cancelled. Please use common sense when deciding if there is a game on the Tuesday or not.

We welcome Birgitta Weber this month — this brings BCLG member to 52, the biggest we have ever been! An updated list of members will be circulated very soon.

Handicapping system

I haven't as yet received from the LGU the table showing how we may increase our handicaps when we need to. As a matter of fact, I forgot to mention in the last newsletter that this table is to be entered in the R & A rules of golf.

We have approximately 5 months to go before the LGU year ends, and as we have already in our possession the LGU Pendant, (to be played for in September) the Silver and Bronze medals, (winners determined at the end of January 1993) perhaps a change of the new handicapping system should commence in the new year with the new Captain and committee.

The new scratch scores at Muang Ake 72, (dry) and (74) wet should be implemented either with effect from 1st February 1992 or 1st February 1993. Our Handicapper Wil and I favour 1st February 1993 if our members vote to continue the LGU system.

New handicaps

Annette had her best game ever on July 21st and almost broke 100. The same can be said for Dixie who had a splendid game at the Rose Garden and had it not been for the 11 on the last hole she would have broken 100 too. She also had her very first birdie. We played in the same group that Sunday 26th July in a matchplay competition with British Club Golf Section, when she out drove me at almost every hole — I haven't recovered I am still sulking!

Well done the two of you.

Annette	—	36*	—	32
Dixie	—	36*	—	33

Don't forget to turn in any cards that may effect your handicap whenever you play in the weekend or otherwise.

See you on the course soon.

Lavita

Golf Clinic held recently. Thank you Peter — the girls are waiting for the next one.



"I will give it a try — head down
Listen to the lovely music"



"Did I really hit the ball that far!!?"

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Competition Results

July 7th 1992 — Matchplay — Muang Ake

Debbie/Hitomi	15/25	won 4 and 3
Wil/Gloria	14/25	
Lynda/Annette	14/36*	won 2 up
Magda/Maud		
JJ/Diana	18/25	Drew
Kerstin/Anna		

Near Pins 6 — Maud 12 — Magda

July 21st 1992 — 6 throw out (2/3 hcp) — Muang Ake

Silver Division	Lavita	(16/11)	net	46
R/up	Kitty	(12/8)		47
Bronze I	Hitomi	(25/17)		42
R/up	Gloria	(27/17)		43
Bronze II	Annette	(36/24)		33

July 28th 1992 — Strokeplay — Medal 9

Silver Division	Debbie
R/up	Lavita
Bronze I	Gloria
R/up	Penny
Long Drive	Silver JJ
Bronze	Penny

Near pins 6. Lavita, 8. Eilleen M., 12. Gloria, 17. Anke

RUGBY



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When a telephone call informed the rugby section about 4 weeks ago that Rob Montgomery was in Samitivej hospital, with a broken neck, we all held our breaths. Thank heavens, he is o.k. now, surgeons took a piece out of his hip bone to replace the shattered vertebrae and after 3 weeks in traction Rob was up on his feet again. He must have more than a few guardian angels, as not only did he, after he had his accident on Friday, walk the rest of the Hash in Phuket, he also had a massage to relief the pain. When the doctor saw him on Monday in Bangkok he could not believe Rob was still walking around. His mother flew in from Canada — she is a nurse — to care for him, and so she did. She was in the hospital from morning until night time and pampered Rob like mad. There was nothing he could do this time as there was nowhere for him to go. She also got rid of his mobile telephone, which seemed to be



Richard, Rob, Gareth.



Rob Montgomery surrounded by friends from the Rugby Section.

permanently attached to his ear, by dropping it in the local klong. Whoops, a friend did try first aid with a hairdryer etc. but the patient was beyond help. The moral of the story is, ladies, if your husband or boyfriend has any habits you don't approve of invite his mother for a holiday.

Rob said good-bye at the BC on Tuesday night to a few "selected friends" and will be recuperating in Canada for the next two months. He hopes to be back for the Rugby Ball on 10th October.

July was a busy month for the Section. Nigel, Amanda and Steven Pearson had to say their good-byes, but they are hoping to come back if and when Nigel has found a new job in Bangkok. Eyes open please girls and boys, Nige is

looking for a position as Postman Pat in any district of Bangkok, but insists he will get a black and white striped hat plus a cat called Jess.

Nigel's leaving do included a nightmare spoof game, with Tequila's, Drambui, Port and any other drink found in the Churchill Bar poured down several unsuspecting players. They all felt the worse for wear in the morning and could not even remember in whose honour the night had been.



Chairman Joe: "I wish my mum was here too!"



Andy Davis and Tu had their baby, it's a little girl called Stella, although the Thai government has insisted on them finding a Thai first name, for registration purposes. Congratulations to all three of them. Andy has informed us it is a beautiful girl with long black silky hair and lovely eyes, we look forward to meeting her.

The boys had a very successful Kodak 7's competition, the first time in BC history they reached the main competition by winning their group on the first day. On the second day they continued with victories until the last hurdle in the final where they narrowly lost to the Royal Thai Air Force 11-5. Congrats boys, keep it up (or down whatever!).

The Ruskies were in town too, yours truly was on holiday (unfortunately), and the British Club Perestroikad the Bolsheviks well and truly on the field but were severely beaten when Wladimir, Alexander, Bubka and Nikita plied the boys with their local Vodka at the BC. Two Russian words were learned by the Brits in case they come back again: Nasdrowvja and Glasnoss.

Famous visitors graced the Churchill Bar with their presence on Tuesday 4th August, England's scrum half Richard Hill and ex England Prop, Gareth Chilcott totally over-



BC (left)-Russians (right): The teams were perfectly matched in their coordinated pink/black and pink white outfits.

whelmed Chairman and Captain, who could hardly tear themselves away from personalities that big. The wives were put in a strategically out of the way place, but were taken out for dinner by the stars later.

The Chairman did ask if they fancied a game for the BC but the England players had to decline due to worries about injuries and pre-booked flights to Phuket.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

10th August 1992, another baby has been born, Mark Thomson and Puk were delivered of a baby son this morning at 6 a.m. The baby was born two weeks early, but is doing fine. More details to follow later, many congratulations to Mark and Puk.



Captain Jon Richard and Chairman Joe Grunwell and Vice Stephen Rees with new players Richard Hill and Gareth Chilcott.

MATCH REPORT

BRITISH CLUB 38 FRENCH CLUB 0

On Saturday 8th August, the BC strolled out at Chulalongkorn with a side missing many of the household names. However, it was a side that matured the longer the game went on, and on the day was far too strong for the French. With both captain and vice on holiday, the side was led jointly by Grunwell and Meggison who came together to renew the old partnership of three years ago.

With the absence of many senior players on holiday, six youth players were brought into the first team for their first outing. All performed admirably. In the forwards, Chapman Young and Klewpatinond foraged and scrumaged well, but it must be said that Chapman and Young lack a little fitness and Klewpatinond needs another 15 years before he meets the average age requirement. In the backs, Black, just out of puberty and endeavoring to grow a beard, ran 50 metres for his debut try. Seligson and Niven both ran and supported well and will undoubtedly be seen again in the pink and black.

At the end of the day it was the old hands of Carling, Butler and Hunt that were the main stay of attack and their experience clearly lifted the play of the newcomers. Tries were scored by Carling, Bryden (2), Brewster, Hunt and Black, four of which were converted by Grunwell.

The final word must be left for Sylvain Bily who skippered the French side and is returning to France next week due to business commitments. He has been a great supporter of the BC both on and off the field and we wish him well back in Paris.

M.Y. Opic

MATCH REPORT — KODAK SEVENS

THE British Club Rugby Section served warning to followers of the game in Thailand of their growing potential at last months (July) Kodak National Sevens competition.

Starting as outsiders, the BC nine-man squad showed real grit over two days of rugby at the Chulalongkorn National Stadium, as they battled their way to the final of the main competition against the much-fancied, golden boys of Thai Rugby, the Airforce side.

Playing under lights and in front of a chanting crowd of madly enthusiastic Thai rugophiles and BC supporters, the expat side, marshalled superbly from the front by Captain Marcus Carling, came within minutes of creating a major upset.

The Airforce, unused to the bruising, physical style of BC, were thrown off their usual pacey game in the first few minutes of the final as Carling's men produced some "no prisoners taken" tackling.

One tackle by former Bath Flanker, 24-year-old Julian Olds, a recent recruit to the club, stood out for its clinical ferocity. In the first minute, Olds took one of the RTAF key forwards head on, stopped him dead, and then drove him backwards.

The strength of the tackle made a real impression with the rest of the Thai side.

"It was a shuddering tackle and just the sort we needed in the first few minutes. We knew we had to stop the Thais getting into their stride because they did have more pace than us on the park," explained Carling after the final.

BC having unsettled the fliers, then produced the first score of the game. Working the ball wide on the left hand side of the park, Hunt linked inside with Olds who fed Carling. The skipper broke two tackles and cruised in for a five point, unconverted try (new rules) from forty yards.

The crowd, which included many Thai Army and Navy players, were almost to a man behind BC. The stands erupted as Carling scored and the chant of "BC, BC, BC" could be heard around the ground.

Just after the half-time turnaround, the Thai side demonstrated its lethal finishing potential, as their winger took a ball wide on the right, slipped a BC cover tackle, and went over for a try which levelled the scores at 5-5.

The Thai side did not cross the line again. "Our defensive work was very solid. To face a side with the speed of the Thais and keep them stretched and only allow one try was a great achievement," said experienced BC prop John Prichard.

BC's title dream was not to be, however, as they were starved of possession in the final seven minutes. The RTAF side were forced to kick penalties to secure their victory.

"It's been many years since that side had to resort to kicking goals to win a Sevens tournament. They usually run in a bag of tries — the BC gave them a real fright," one senior Thai official commented minutes after the final.

Following the final, a number of BC players were invited to take part in the Thai National Team trials for an Asia rugby tournament in Korea in October. After competing in two days of trials, Carling, Olds, Huw Butler, a second recent recruit from the leading British Club side, Bath, Ian Brydon and Aussie second rower, Jordan, made the 30 man squad which will train together in preparation for the tournament.

In the run up to the final of the Kodak competition, the BC side defeated the only other "Farang" side in the tournament, Slavia, made up of former Soviet Internationals, a Thai University side, and although losing narrowly to a military side from Din Daeng in their group, went through as top seed on points difference.

In a close fought semi-final, BC drew with a Thai Army side and went through to the final on the toss of a coin.

"There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that the BC were the better side and I think the Thais acknowledged that. By that stage of the competition our boys were playing a very high standard of Sevens rugby," commented former Club Skipper Joe Grunwell.

SOCCER SOCCER

Hi folks,

Hope you all had nice summer breaks where-ever. Those of you with kids at Patana will just be getting back in time to read this whilst the ISB'ers are already well into the old routines again. It's nice to be back.

Now in the last article I left you with tales of daring do and finished on a very positive note with the team retaining the RBSC Floodlit to add to the Chiang-mai Trophies and let's not forget the runner up slots in both Farang League and the prestigious international Windmill Trophy. The summer however provides a very pleasant contrast to competitive football for the section as it is the time when Casuals and First team come together and all play for fun. This year was no exception and indeed I would say it was a vintage summer with the bond between the two playing groups further cemented. First though we had a great end of season disco and thanks should go to Chairman Ron in particular for his hard work in organising it at short notice and to Inchcape for the excellent deal on the wine.

MATCH REPORT/CASUALS CORNER

Since most of the matches were combined it seems only fair to have a joint billing this month. There were several epic games to report and in no order of priority except to save the best for last here they are:

BC versus SGS win 3-2

An excellent game by all accounts with virtually a Casuals squad coming out on top thanks to a hat trick from Andy Anastasi. Peter Smith made a welcome return from vacation where he almost went to Argentina but when he heard Boca Juniors were no longer interested he didn't bother. John Gallacher missed the sitter of the season (what's new) and the real star of the game was Norman Bright making a first appearance in goal and pulling off a string of excellent saves.

BC versus Kumagai 3-3

Incredibly the seventh game in a row again failed to produce a result against a Kumagai side made up almost exclusively of British Club

players. This game had everything, thrills, spills, goals aplenty, bite, humour. Kumagai went two nil up, were pegged back, scored a third and the BC rallied to equalise with ten minutes to go as a result of a hotly contested goal which lead to yours truly, guesting in goals for Kumagai being whisked to Samitivej to have eight stitches on a torn tendon of the index finger which for good measure was also dislocated. It was that sort of game but I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Boyd and wife Linda for the help given after and Nigel Oakins for the immediate use of his driver (writer's privilege). No fault to the opposition either as it was a fair challenge. Scorers for Kumagai were Peter Rogers with an almost farcical own goal that smacked of 'customer football', big Jim Boyd with a header and a genuine Kumagai lad called 'Johan'. The BC goals came from a brace by a returning and surprisingly fit John Cochrane and new Captain Willie Carruthers who pounced on my mistake with the sharpness of a skin head in a Dr. Martin's factory to equalise.

BC versus Bangkok Post win 11-5

As the score suggests this was a real romp but was enjoyable for all that. The Bangkok Post team featured three British Club players in Colin Hastings, Nigel Oakins and he of the Amber Liquid fame, the infamous Crutch — which he needs after every game these days, the one and only Roger Crutchley. Nigel scored forty percent of the Post's goals but his feat was surpassed by our very own 'Bubble' Anastasi who scored and astonishing forty five percent of our eleven goals. Yes a five goal feat even against lesser opposition is something to keep the punters happy. Well done Andy, you will be missed. Our six other goals came from John Cochrane, relative newcomer Arthur Ruttle and a brace apiece from Chairman Ron Aston and John Gallagher — yes that's not a misprint. Wee John after months of trying finally broke his duck with two well taken goals. Perhaps Andy's feat wasn't such a big deal after all.

BC versus Joolstock 3-3

Game 3 in the series with the rapidly improving Joolstock team taking great credit from a

draw having lost the first two matches 10-3 and 6-2. Their equalising goal was just a shade offside but they thoroughly deserved their result. Kim 'the Cat' Fletcher forsook his goal keeping beat to play first as a deep lying centre forward and later as permanent substitute. The tactical change paid dividends and with his girth and weight he proved a real anchor man. Star for the Jools lads was our very own John Cochrane with the enterprising Matthew Swire cutting a dash on the wing. They also had a couple of younger imports on vacation from England that made us work this time. BC goals came from a "Houghman" brace and the Bubble.

BC Casuals versus Firsts 3-3

Having a week without a scheduled match we decided to put a bit of bite in the Saturday kick about by billing a firsts versus Casuals fixture. The wee squad turned up bolstered by some of the Italian squad for whom Andy Anastasi had played last season on the excuse that it was Andy's last game. The first team meanwhile had only seven squad members and were augmented by some visiting members of the Denny Loanhead and Dunipace Derby and Joan Club (and two of them were in the Joan category) — sorry guests you really did acquit yourselves well but it makes for a better excuse. The Casuals quite frankly ran riot in the first twenty minutes and should have capitalised more but surprisingly by half time they only had a fine John Cochrane strike and an Anastasi toe poke to show for their pressure. The latter came from some indecision caused by the fact we were playing the new no passing back to the keeper rule for the first time. Still at two nil it looked good for the wee team and the first team prospects darkened further when the Casuals scored a third early in the second half through Pavarotti or one of them other Italian stars. The game however is not over until the fat lady sings or as we've cliched about the first team before, when the going gets tough, the first team start to cry (sorry get going). A brilliant through ball from Frank Hough saw the now famous Scoop impression of Alan Wells as he sprinted past a despairing Des Sullivan and managed to get his feet to the ball before the advancing Casual keeper, George Madsen. It rebounded off the keepers body to 'Scud' Rodgers who calmly slotted it home despite the attention of the now recovering Casuals defenders. "Threeone, three one, three one, three one", sang the Barbers on the touch line. Five minutes later the tune changed to three two when Jim 'McCoist' Boyd headed a so typical

goal from a corner with Hough drawing the defence in a dummy run. Heads and hearts went up or down depending on which affiliation you had and inevitably Hough-man had the last say with a rifled shot to make it three three. A great result and a really good competitive game to play in. All credit to the Casuals for a top rate performance which would comfortably grace the Farang League. They really will miss Andy Anastasi but in Keith Bell's son Craig they have unearthed another excellent player and whisper it he's under twenty. The big team welcomed Chairman Ron Aston back in this game and he proved he has lost none of his old competitive spirit. Up United!

BC Football Section versus Rugby Section 3-0

Technically this was Houghman against the rugby section as our Frankie was in the 'mood' scoring a hat-trick. All in all the rugby lads put in a good performance with the main differences being big Frank and the lack of an experienced goalkeeper for the first half although big Ian Bryden turned out to be quite a star there in the second half. Particularly impressive were Ritchie Crooks who ran and ran and ran, Paul Meggison and Captain Prichard who played in every position and was abysmal in them all — apparently he's the same at rugby.

BC versus Kinsun 6-2

Before we come to the top games there was one other match, this time against Peter Roger's Kinsun team. A match against the sponsors should be diplomatic but we blew the diplomacy by winning 6-2 with Jim Boyd scoring a hat-trick and other goals coming from Gus Cambell, John Cochrane and Amos. Ferocious tackling from Scud was not enough to overcome the silky skills of our new well honed squad.

BC over Forties versus Under Forties — two legs

With both the 'Bubble' Andy Anastasi and Coke man Brian Lewis set to leave someone came up with the idea of an 'over versus under' forty game for their farewell with Andy to Captain the youth team and Brian to lead out the old boys. It soon became obvious that pride and reputation were at stake and this introduced a real competitive edge to the match. Captain Willie Carruthers on sizing up the respective teams

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aged' rapidly and transferred himself to the old boys side to make up the numbers along with Mark Wilson as the absence of Steve Casteldine and Ron Aston had left the squad at nine — surprising as at least half the youth side in particular performing very well. The ball was played to foot with amazing regularity by the old boys whilst the youngsters persisted with the long thru ball. In the end the 2-1 score in favour of the over 40's did not really reflect their superiority. The goals came from Angus Campbell and Willie Carruthers who 'ghosted' in for a header with the youngsters replying through John Cochrane. On a day of many fine performances the oldest player on the park Arthur Ruttley had an outstanding game and earned my man of the match vote. The youngsters deeply embarrassed promptly challenged their elders and betters to a rematch vowing to avenge the defeat and two weeks later the gauntlet was taken up and the second leg took place.

Again both sides were missing some players and the over 40's had Mark Wilson as a guest along with Angus Campbell's son David who had been sent along by his unavailable father. At 14, the lad gave us a much needed pair of legs and he proved to be a 'canny' player. The youngsters started off as if they meant business and by early in the second half had forged a two goal lead through a brace of Cochrane goals. Their spirits were visibly higher and they obviously felt that result was a formality and they would dispense the black clouds hanging over them from the previous defeat. Huh!! The old boys had other ideas particularly the front pairing of Houghman and Terry Thodesen, the Bangkok Soccer League Commissioner. Their partnership had threatened in fits and starts hitherto but from early into the second half it positively blossomed. Memories of famous striking pairs of the past came flowing back Best and Law, Millar and Brand, Hurst and Peters to name but three. With a dazzling display of football artistry at its best these two turned back the clock and with uncanny understanding found each other with devastating one two's to keep the under 40's defence on the rack. When that defence was eventually prised open the quality of finishing from both was deadly. Whilst the whole over 40's team again played excellent football these two were quite simply different class on the day. A pleasure to watch and an privilege to play with sums it up. Frankie scored a fine hat-trick and Terry scored two cracking goals with a Mark Wilson goal somewhere in between and before the youngsters could say 'Chelsea Pensioner' it

was six two. The one thing about playing alongside quality players when they are a song is that it brings out the best in you and this game was no exception. Regular Casual Andy Robertson came on to a fine game and hit a screamer from 30 yards that rocketed back off the bar to save the kids further embarrassment. The final rocketed back off the bar to save the kids further embarrassment. The final score was 6-2 or 8-3 on aggregate and the youth versus experience argument is finally resolved once and for all. As a indication of the competitiveness young Vaughan Elias ended up in hospital the following day with what turned out to be badly bruised ribs. Men of the match were Hough and Thodesonably backed by Arthur Ruttley again, but give credit to the youngsters who saw some battling performances with Elias and Cochrane always trying to get things going.

POSTSCRIPTS:

The summer's gone and we look forward to a busy autumn with three tours to Chiang-mai, Singapore and Manila build up plus Farang League action due to start in September. Watch this space! In the meantime we bid farewell to Andy Anastasi and Brian Lewis. Haste ye back!

Finally

THE doctor was a creature of habit, and on his way home from work he always called in at the same bar at the same time and had the same drink — an almond daiquiri.

He always said it was his favourite time of the day, and the drink helped him unwind.

The doctor was so regular that Dick the barman took to having the drink ready-made and standing on the bar waiting for him.

But one evening, the barman discovered, to his horror, that he had run out of almonds.

So, not wishing to disappoint a regular customer, he used hickory nuts instead, and stood the drink on the bar for the doctor's arrival.

The doctor came in right on time. He picked up the drink, sipped it, and turned to the barman.

"Is this an almond daiquiri, Dick?" he queried.

"No," said the barman, "it's a hickory daiquiri, doc."

THREE bits of string walked into a pub, but the barman refused to serve them. "We've had a lot of trouble in the past from you strings," he said. "You're all banned from here. Get out."

So they went outside, and one of them said, "I know how I can get a drink!" And with that he twisted himself this way and that, and plucked out a few threads. Then he walked back into the pub.

The barman looked at him very suspiciously.

"Aren't you a bit of string?" he asked.

"No," was the reply. "I'm a frayed knot."

What do you call a man with no arms or legs half way down Tina Turner's throat — Mike

Or a man with no arms and legs and with a speech impediment standing under a sink — Dwayne

How do you make a venetian blind — Poke him in the eye.

What do you give a cannibal whose late for dinner — The cold shoulder.



* "Now will you believe those replacement door people are a bunch of cowboys?"

Scoop

C U next month.

SQUASH SQUASH

July was a busy month with the league and Don Johnson Cup being completed. Unfortunately because of lack of numbers the ladies' squash championships had to be postponed to a later date. There were minor problems with getting all games completed in the Don Johnson Cup being completed. Unfortunately because of lack of numbers the ladies' squash championships had to be postponed to a later date. There were minor problems with getting all games completed in the Don Johnson Cup but on Sunday 12th the finals were played between the number one and two seeds, Peter Corney and Guy Hindley and the Plate final between Phil Hall and Paul Taylor. Those who saw the matches would agree that the games were entertaining and played in good spirit.

In the Parra, handy Plate event, even though Paul was much higher on the ladder Phil gave him

a good hard game. Paul was more consistent and won the first two games 9/5, 9-7 against a spirited defence. In the last game Phil was holding his own up to 4 all, both players battled very hard with the game see-sawing and then Paul gained four points in succession but still Phil still did not give up, but after a hard battle for the last few points Paul finally won a hard fought game with final scores being 9/5, 9/7, 9/6.

In the final of the Don Johnson Cup Peter Corney was favourite but Guy Hindley was not going to let that influence him and in the first game led 6/4 before Peter fought back to win the game 9/6. This seemed to take the fire out of Guys play and Peter won the second game 9/0. Then a courageous fight back from Guy saw him take the next two games 10/8, 9/4, but the hard play took its toll and Peter won the fifth game with the final match score being 9/6, 9/10, 8/10, 4/9, 9/5.

Future events are the Inter-society tournament on October 4th and the Rod Carter Open during October. The "DAWEE CUP", the annual competition between the Polo Club will be held on Sunday 27th September, there will be 10 players per side and a buffet lunch will be held on completion. Make sure you check the notice board for entry details for all of the above competitions.

It is pleasing to see that, even with all the renovations going on in the club, the squash players have been using the courts extensively.

IMPROVE YOUR GAME

This section will be used to give hints on the playing of the game and training methods to improve your standard whether you are a beginner or experienced player.

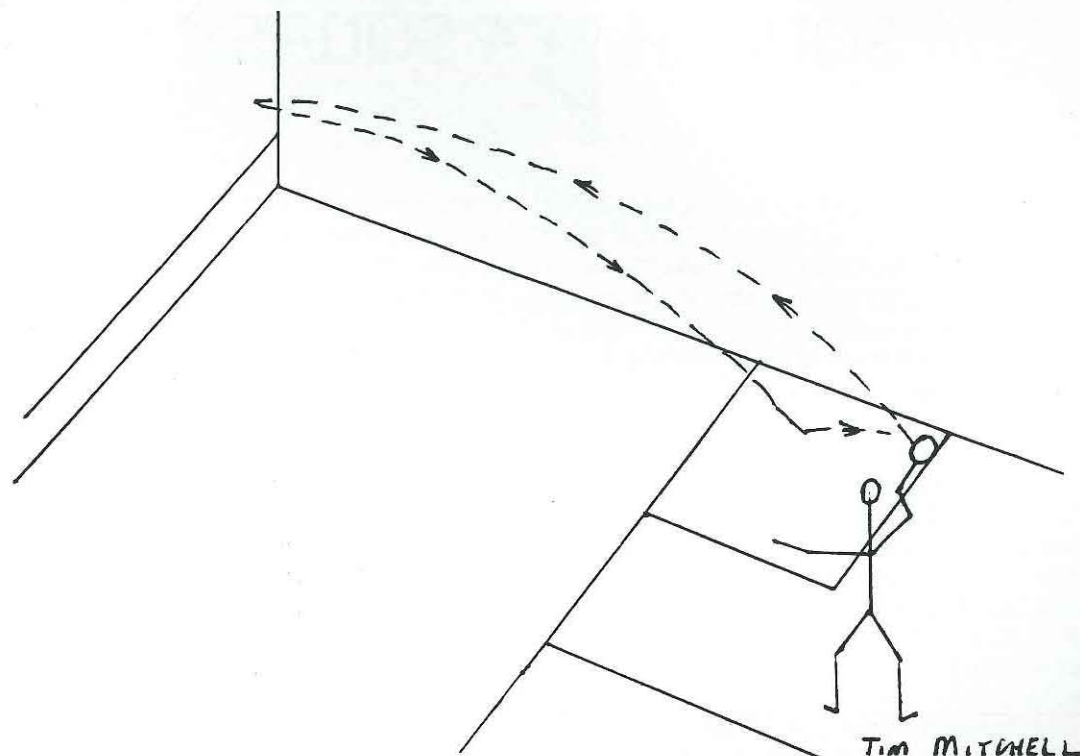
Consistency:

The major difference between players on the British Club ladder is consistency, the more consistent the player the higher up the ladder. Many players try to hit the front wall inches above the tin and wonder why they miss more than half of them. To bring this into perspective,

when you are warming up aim for the service line on the front wall, invariably you will be within a metre either side of the line. This is a good warm up exercise anyway as it will improve your accuracy at the start of the game. It also demonstrates how difficult it is to hit the ball consistently close to the line.

Therefore, if during a game you are hitting the ball into the tin more than usual, aim higher up the wall until your consistency returns. Remember it is far better to hit the ball to a good length and slower pace than bash it as hard as you can and hit the ball into the tin.

A good exercise to improve length and consistency is to stand near the service box and hit the ball to the front wall and parallel to the side wall and try to land it in the service box on the first bounce then hit the ball again repeating the exercise. If you hit the ball hard you can aim closer to the tin or, if you hit the ball softly, aim higher on the front wall. The important thing is to land the ball in the service box every time. Initially you will find that you will be lucky to land the ball in the box three times in a row. The great British player Jonah Barrington would not even coach players unless they were consistent enough to do this 200 times in a row.



THE RULES OF SQUASH

Most players don't have a good knowledge of the rules, this section is designed to improve your understanding of them and consequently improve your playing of squash.

Times: The times in used in Squash are:

Rule 15. The warm-up is 5 minutes long, the Referee calling "half-time" at 2 1/2 minutes when the players may change sides. At the end of the warm-up the Referee calls "Time" to start the game and then the marker takes over the announcement duties.

Rule 16.2. 90 Seconds are allowed for the interval between each game. 15 seconds prior to the end of the 90 second period the Referee will call "Time" to get the players back on court.

Rule 16.3. Should a player require a change of Racket, Shoes or Clothing he is allowed a

maximum of 2 minutes to change them. Note that the Referee must be satisfied that a change is essential.

Rule 16.4.2. Where a player has been injured and the injury has been accidentally contributed to or accidentally caused by his opponent then the Referee shall allow a "reasonable time" for the player to recover.

Rule 20.5. The Referee is responsible for ensuring that all rules relating strictly to time are enforced.

Rule 20.7. The Referee may award a match to a player whose opponent fails to be present on court, ready to play, within 10 minutes of the advertised time of play.

That's all for now, happy squashing.

Peter Corney

These photographs were taken before the finals. You should have seen them afterward. Peter Corney, Guy Hindley winner and runner-up Don Johnson Cup. "Those legs".



Phil Hall and Paul Taylor, runner-up and winner Parra, Handy Plate. "We are just good friends".



SWIMMING SWIMMING

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Sunday 2nd August

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The truth of the matter is — he didn't want to put pen to paper again and stick his neck out until he actually saw the clear blue water with his own little eyes lapping against the sides of the pool, amen.



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