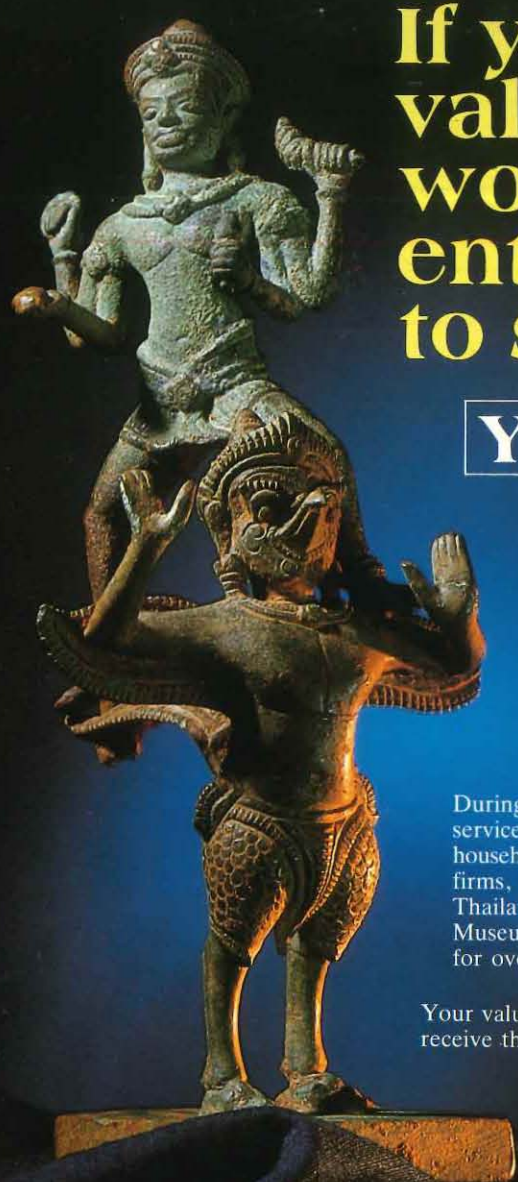


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Meet the New Members.



David Jenkins with his proposer Daphne Colwell. A Welshman from Cardiff who emigrated to Bristol at an early age, David works for UNDP and has spent the last twelve years in New York. He is an avid supporter of Welsh rugby, cricket and soccer and plays a little tennis and golf himself; whilst here he is hoping to relearn the art of relaxing with a snooker cue and a dart. His Austrian wife Irene and he have two children whose past-times include tennis and swimming.

Alex Kondras not accompanied by Sheila who had work commitments at the British Council; Alex provides financial services to individuals. The Kondri spent last year as mature students in the UK getting their MA's (mature adults) and prior to that lived in Brunei. Alex likes football and achieved international fame when he played alongside Findlay Mcpherson, Peter Snell left.



Karl Wolter and Andrea Weis from Germany, they couldn't remember which bit, probably the middle. Andrea is a product designer and Karl is a ball bearing man. They have been here for a couple of years having lived in Singapore before that. When not designing, socializing and exercise are Andrea's forte, Karl just loves ball bearings.



Graham Burgess (right) from Invergordon. His wife Jan is arriving in a few weeks with Amy and Alistair. This is their first time in the Far East. The family hobby is skiing which might be a slight problem here; Graham also has a bash at football and used to play rugby when younger. He remains unconvinced that childhood and youth last a lot longer here, and will therefore concentrate on golf instead when not giving time to Premier Oil.

Tim Mitchell (left) is a finance manager with the aforementioned oil company. He's been hoofing around this part of the world for years, latterly in Singapore; prefers Bangkok's chaos to the island's pristine cleanliness. A great sportsman especially squash but also footie, cricket and rugby.



Peter and Cathy Budd trading places with Geoff Thompson at O&M. Peter is a born and bred Kiwi and Cathy is a Swazilander. They have one delightful eight year old son, Jonathan. Getting away from 50 million sheep back home has been one of the plus points of coming to Bangkok. Scuba diving is Peter's addiction; Cathy is "just a swimmer" and acts as lookout up top (more commonly known as "spot the fin").

George and Jitda (Joum) Watt posing with Vince Swift: Joum is a former film star and song writer currently studying art in Washington D.C. George, when not eating, is a pacifist in the US army; a doctor. He couldn't say more without clearance from the US Ambassador who has gone on a long holiday. Hobbies? Torturing journalists.



David and Sylvia Hudson have spent the last four years in London but before that were in Indonesia, L.A. and Scotland. David is the GM of finance with Unocal (the last one died of exhaustion); in his spare time he enjoys hawking, paragliding and model railways. The pair of them are also dancing fans, disco variety. Sylvia from Jarrow likes walking too.

Norbert and Suzanne Staub on the left, he of Switzerland and Ciba-Geigy and she of Australia. They spent the last four years in Lima, Peru which Norbert liked and Suzanne didn't; but it was different and they did get to see quite a lot of South America. Extra-curricular fun includes children's activities and golf.

John (at work) Peter (at home) (take your choice) and Maureen Gibson. John manages the dye stuffs and chemicals division of Ciba-Geigy. The Gibsons spent eight very happy years in Sao Paulo, Brazil and would like to retire there. Peter likes swimming and spectator sports, especially grand prix racing. Maureen, who was at home looking after sick kids, plays badminton and squash while the three Gibson juniors swim and ride.





David and Patricia Owen, (foreground) making a foursome with Keith Bell and Angela Poustie. The Owens are from Wiltshire. Patricia is a would-be part-time astronaut and a deep sea diver whose ambition in life is to raise the Titanic. David, alias 008 (not good enough to be 007.5), licensed to kill ants, works for HMG. In his spare time he argues with taxi drivers. Judi "OUTPOST" Leddy in the background.



Marsha and Dil (of the pickle?) Williams, last abode Scotland. Marsha, who managed to avoid the camera, is a kept lady and is enjoying living it up here in Bangkok; she is a great orange juice imbiber. Dil, second left, already a B.C. forward bar prop, is an engineer with ICI and plays squash and occasional golf (a new game?)

Gil and Simon Hornby, on the right, are here for three months on their way to two years in Hong Kong. Gil is a secretary from London and Simon is a Securicor man from Cambridge. They hope to get fitter playing tennis and squash. Mike Poustie on the left.



Brian and Jan Shepherd: Australians who were polite enough not to mention the cricket. Brian runs BHP engineering which sounds very large and technical. Jan is a teacher at the Patana School. Hobbies include swimming, tennis, squash, skiing, playing bad cricket, making mango wine and money. Besides all that Brian paints oily landscapes.



Terence and Elizabeth Blake have two little Blakes; one with a broken leg and one who has just learnt to walk. That apart they're enjoying Bangkok; before this they were in New York. Terence is with Amex. Standing behind is?



Philip and Pamela Sayeg, with Jack Dunford (right). Philip, of Swiss, Japanese and Turkish origins is finding life slightly difficult here as a transportation consultant; to make life easier he is learning Japanese. Pamela is an artist, not famous yet but heading that way. The Sayegs have lived in the Philippines and Malaysia and come from Australia.



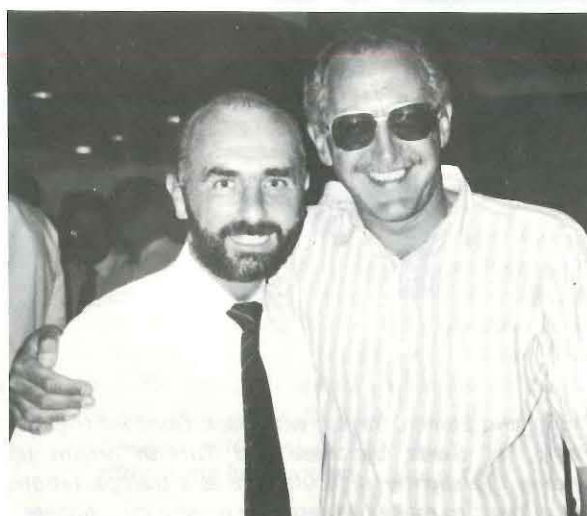
Harry and Meredith Hatton. We missed each other, sorry. Harry works for the International Labour Organisation which is part of the U.N.



Yuli Ismartono in the good hands of David Lamb and Dehlia Oakins. Yuli has been in Thailand for five years and is a journalist with an Indonesian Magazine. She hopes to find time to play tennis.



Nigel Castleton is the Deputy Managing Director of Nava Finance and Securities Co., Ltd. Nigel disappeared before I could interrogate him; sorry that we missed each other.



Old members Findlay Macpherson and Frank Hough. Findlay wanted to see his name spelt correctly for once and Frank was just keeping him company.



Peter and Linda Miller until the mid 80's had spent 15 years in Asia and now after four years sojourn in Copenhagen they're glad to be back. Peter is with the Maersk Line and is a keen tennis, squash and soccer player. Linda likes swimming and tennis. There are three young Millers going to Patana School.

Diana and Alan Taylor disappeared into the restaurant after having their photos taken and I thought that my notebook and I might induce indigestion – so apologies for not managing to talk to you in the bar. Alan works for Info-Med (Thailand) Ltd. (photo left to right) Alan Taylor, Sheila Kennedy, Peter Miller, Diana Taylor, Des Kennedy and Linda Miller.

Apologies to Iain McKensie who was rechristened Lian in last months New Members.

Congratulations to Hugh and Ricki Salmon on the birth of Kristoffer.

Maren

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Ching-Chok

1. CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The number of new Members continues to grow steadily (total 684 as at 20th August). As the membership increases, so the Committee is aware of the pressure that is being put on some of the Club facilities (especially the swimming pool area at weekends). We are currently prioritising the development projects that are in hand and will shortly be able to inform you of progress.

The proposal by some members that the British Club buy its own sports field has been thoroughly investigated and discussed by the Committee and the Sports Sections Liaison Committee. It seems that there is no way of raising the finance that would be required. We are therefore looking at various options whereby we share the existing facilities of schools or other clubs.

2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Rule 43 of the Club Constitution and Rules dated March 1989 states:— "Associate Membership will be limited to one hundred and eighty of which no more than one third may be of any one Nationality".

Members are advised that the limit of 180 Associate Members has now been reached and the waiting list is growing. Ordinary Members wishing to propose persons for consideration as Associate Members are asked to ensure that the correct procedures as laid down by the General Committee are followed.

3. ENTERTAINMENT

There are a lot of existing entertainment events coming up. Please try and take part in as many of these as you can. The more the merrier, as they say.

4. MAINTENANCE

Painting and renovation has been going on in the Suriwongse Room and the Clubhouse Ladies' Hong Nam.

Lockers are being placed outside the Swimming Pool changing rooms. We will install more if we need them, although the provision of locker facilities is part of a more complete renovation to the changing room area (one of the development projects under consideration).

5. FOOD & BEVERAGE

There will be a New Zealand Food and Drink Festival at the Club in November.

Hugh Salmon
CLUB MEMBERSHIP

THE BRITISH CLUB ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 31ST

OCTOBER :

Sun 1st	—	Swimming Gala	Pool
Wed 4th	—	H.E. Mr. Derek Tonkin CMG, the British Ambassador's Farewell After Dinner Speech	Suriwongse Room
Sat 7th	—	Bacchanalian Toga Party	Poolside
Fri 13th	—	Trafalgar Day, St. George's Society Dinner	Suriwongse Room
Sun 15th	—	Children's Crackerjack Quiz	Poolside
Wed 18th	—	River Boat Cruise Party — Live Music Disco etc.	Chaophya River
Sat 28th	—	Hallowe'en Children's Fancy Dress Party	

NOVEMBER :

Thu 2nd	}	Bangkok Community Theatre presents "Fur Coat & No Knickers" Dinner Theatre	Suriwongse Room
& Fri 3rd			
Sat 4th	—	A North Yorkshire Comedy — not to be missed	Suriwongse Room
Fri 10th	—	Guy Fawkes Fireworks, Bonfire & Party	Back Lawn
& Sat 11th	}	Repeat performance of "Fur Coat & No Knickers"	Suriwongse Room
Sun 12th			
Sun 19th	—	Loy Kratong Festival River Boat Cruise	Chaophya River
Fri 24th	—	Swimming Gala	Pool
& Sat 25th	}	Ever Popular Follies III — Rock Follies Super Review	Suriwongse Room

DECEMBER :

Fri 1st	—	St. Andrew's Annual Ball	Dusit Thani Hotel Clubhouse
Sat 2nd	—	St. Andrew's Breakfast	
Sat 16th	—	Martin Palmer's One Man Christmas Show "Let's Not Be Beastly To The Windsors"	
Mon 18th	—	Under 5's X'mas Party	Back Lawn
tue 19th	—	6-9 Years X'mas Party	
Thu 21st	—	Carols By Candlelight	
Sat 23rd	—	X'mas Ball	
Sun 31st	—	New Year's Eve Party	

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CLUB ROUNDUP

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Bobby Charlton Dinner



Ed: See write up in football section.

PO Box 122,
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10 September 1989

The Editor
OUTPOST
The British Club
189 Surawongse Road
Bangkok 10500

Madam,

It is a sad reflection on the attitude of some members to elementary hygiene that the Club has found it necessary to promulgate By law No. 11(e): "Children's nappies shall not be changed on tables".

The Manager has now felt obliged to speak out against this "very unsociable habit" in the September 1989 issue of OUTPOST. It is not the first time that such a reminder has been given.

For health reasons alone, would it not be reasonable to invoke Rule 59 in cases of this kind? Offending mothers should think of what it is, besides sugar, that house flies prefer to eat.

I am,
Madam,
Your obedient servant,

Donald Gibson

D.J. Gibson.
UC 2

Ed: Rule 59 is too lengthy to print in full but in short deals with the expulsion or suspension of members who contravene Club rules.



BANGKOK

GENTLEMEN,

You are invited to celebrate the anniversary of The Lord Nelson's victory at TRAFALGAR at a stage dinner to be followed by post-prandial drinks and entertainment.

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For tickets contact:-

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FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

85 shopping days left to Christmas – had any thoughts on parties etc. for the office staff? Now that our tax situation has been resolved by the Revenue Department, how about making the BC front lawn or the Surawongse Room your company's venue this year or next – come and talk to me to arrange a theme party?

Help wanted

Are you good with children, can you sing, make up ghoulish faces? Then we need you for the children's X'mas parties – Hallowe'en – and carol singing. Apply to the Manager for a quiet few month's rewarding pastime.

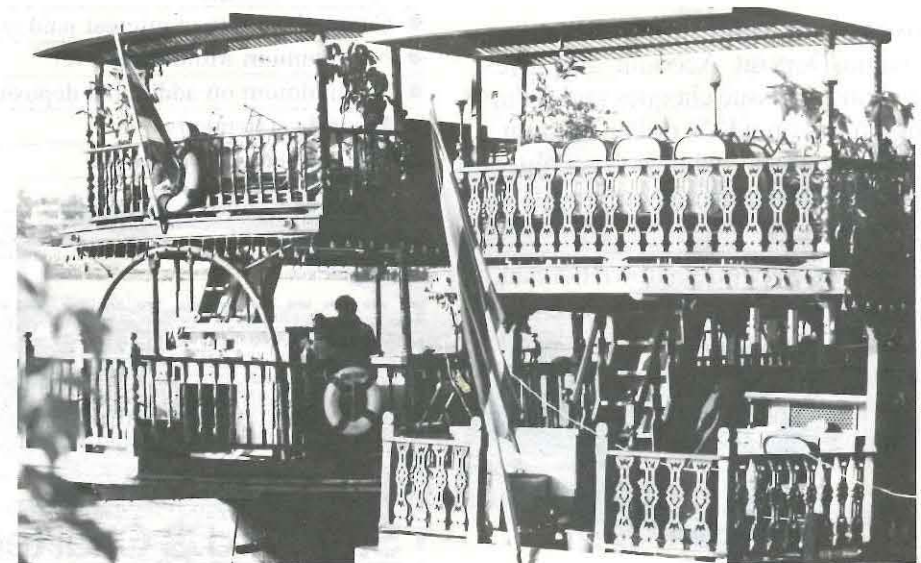
The inter-departmental winners were the Kitchen Staff for July and the Housekeeping Staff for August.



(July Kitchen Staff)



(August Housekeeping Staff)



Moonlight Cruiser Stern End.

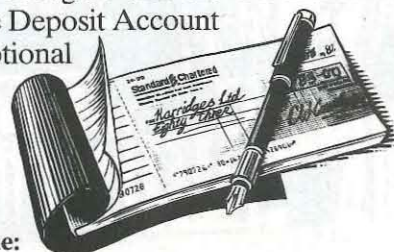


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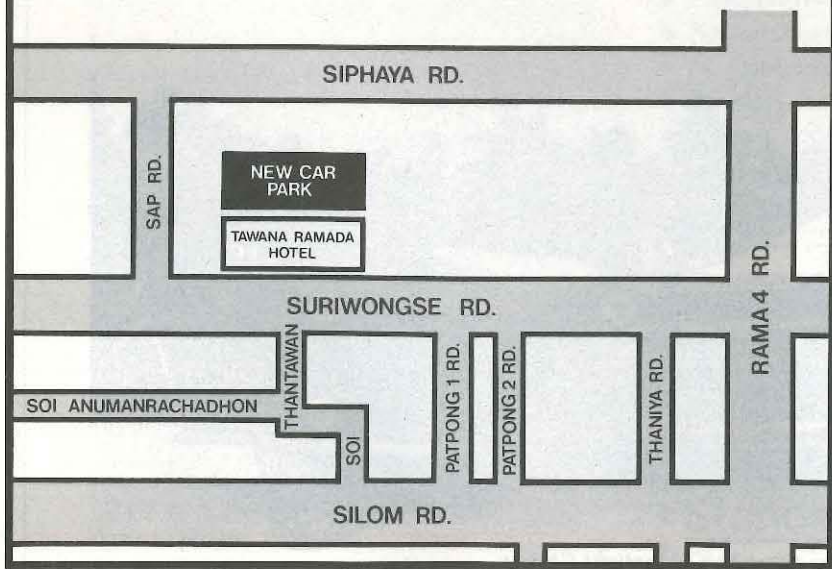
WEDS. THE 18TH OF OCTOBER
"MOONLIGHT CRUISE"
7.30 PM. SHARP
ON THE CHAOPHYA RIVER
BUFFET BAR & LIVE MUSIC
PRICE ETC... TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER THROUGH A FLIER

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SAT. THE 28TH OF OCTOBER
"HALLOWE'EN FANCY DRESS CHILDREN'S PARTY"
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The Moonlight Cruiser.

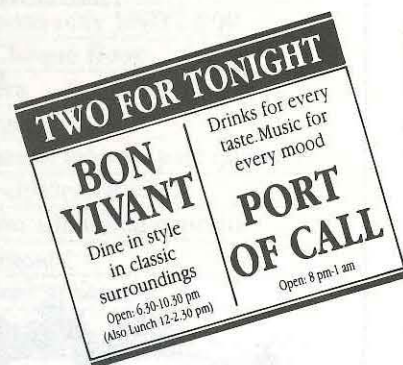


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TRAVEL LOG

Behind the Iron Curtain

WELL, Maren, you rashly asked in the July OUT-POST for people who go to interesting places to write about them on their return, so how about Poland? Why Poland? Because our youngest daughter Debbie was spending a term there as part of her BA course in Modern East European Studies at Sheffield. Her 21st birthday happened to fall during that term, which gave us an additional incentive. Moreover the Polish airline LOT offers the same rock-bottom fare between Bangkok and London as Aeroflot, but with better service and the possibility of a stopover in Warsaw. However, we found out through trial and error that there are one or two things to watch. The first is that you have to book hotel rooms from outside the country, and pay for them in advance in hard currency. We tried to get friends in Poland to make bookings for us, but they were not allowed to.

Once the bookings were in order, we realised that Poland was a country about whose history and culture we knew next to nothing. A raid on our local public library produced a couple of volumes of basic information. Did you know that in 1600, Poland was the



Sigismund Monument, Warsaw.

largest country in Europe? Yet from 1795 to 1918 it vanished completely from the map, being partitioned between Russia, Prussia and Austria. Things since 1918 have not been too smooth either, but they are somewhat better known. My linguistic appetite was whetted by a quick run through Debbie's course book "Colloquial Polish," which led to the conclusion that Polish has the most complicated form of Roman script of any European language. But, unlike English, it is at least consistent, if only one could remember all the rules.

Our journey from London was naturally on one of the days when the trains, tubes and buses were all on strike, but by rising at the crack of

dawn and going to Heathrow in a taxi, we got the worst part of the journey over without mishap. I had informed my colleagues in the Bible Society in Warsaw of our visit, but had not asked or expected to be met at the airport. However, there were Maria and Tadeusz, with Debbie, who had had her hair cut sufficiently drastically that her poor father walked past without recognising her. We were not merely transported to the Forum Hotel, but informed that we were being taken out to the ballet in the evening as well. This was especially welcome news to Rachel, our second daughter, who was spending a week of her holidays accompanying us. My only previous encounter with

this particular art form was over 30 years ago, and the predominant memory it left was not so much of fluffy young things doing graceful aerobatics as of the ungainly thuds when they landed. However, either the Polish dancers were more skilful, or the stage was better padded or else perhaps I am now too old and deaf to hear the thuds. Anyway, even I enjoyed it much more than I expected. And apparently the cost was not ruinous, though they wouldn't let us pay.

Next morning we were collected by Tadeusz and another Bible Society staff member, Malgorzata, who took us to the Museum of Warsaw in the Old Town, to see the English version of a film about the rebuilding of Warsaw. This included some captured German film of the systematic destruction of the city in 1944. It was stunning to see the meticulousness with which such wanton and militarily futile vandalism was carried out and recorded. The city was 85% rubble at the end of the war, but in the following years, the Old Town, at least in its facades, was lovingly and painstakingly restored. Architectural plans did not survive, and much reconstruction was based on old photographs, and even Canaletto paintings from the 18th century. The general effect is very pleasing. Even some of the ruins of the Barbakan (medieval walls and gates) have been reconstructed, a distant reminder of similar work in Chiang Mai.

More recent history was brought into focus by visits

to the site of the former ghetto where the uprising began in 1943, and to the church where Fr. Popieluszko, the Solidarity priest murdered by the secret police only three or four years ago, is buried. The former ghetto area is now an open square with a somewhat grim memorial befitting the events of 1943. Next stop was the Lazienki Palace, the summer residence of Stanislaus Augustus Poniatowski, the last king of Poland in the 18th century. The Palace is on an island in a lake in a beautiful park, with peacocks wandering and screeching among the visitors. And the weather was perfect. After lunch, we paid a visit to the Bible Society office, where a committee had been meeting. I was invited to tell them a little about Bible Society work in Thailand, which I did with some trepidation, as several people there were not too familiar with English. However, I needn't have worried. Children are never slow to make it known when parental orations become long and boring, but when it was over, Rachel told me, "Well Dad, even I found that moderately interesting." After that bit of duty, we went off on our own, walking around, and of course with three adult females in the party, shopping. That evening we learnt the hard way that hotel dining rooms are nowhere near big enough even for the hotel guests, let alone the visitors who flock in from outside. If you want to avoid a long wait, you have to reserve a table in advance.

The following morning we made our own way back to the

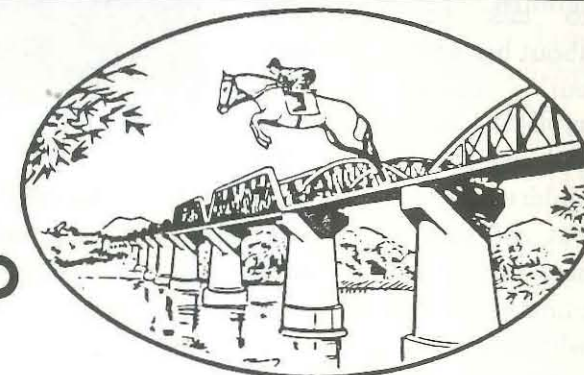
Old Town, and wandered round in a more leisurely way. We were also introduced to the curious two-tier exchange rate system. The official rate at the airport, the hotel and most banks was 1,250 zloty to the pound. On the free market (not, please, the black market, as it is legally permitted, and even some banks offer free market rates) you could get at least 5,000 zloty to the pound. Of course, you have to find the free market, but that is not a serious problem, as in a place like the Old Town Market Square, the free market will soon come to find you.

At lunch time, Tadeusz and Maria took us to the Wilanow Palace on the outskirts of Warsaw. This made us realise afresh what an attractive city Warsaw is, with its wide straight streets, many parks and trees, riverside walks, and no traffic jams. Wilanow is another stately home with extensive gardens dating back to the time of King Jan III Sobieski (1677-96). We were able to go on a tour of the Palace, but the commentary was in Polish, so you are spared a summary. Finally Maria and Tadeusz deposited us on the train for Krakow in southern Poland - a comfortable non-stop three hour ride that really was non-stop, through pleasant though rather flat agricultural scenery. Krakow was where Debbie was studying (or supposed to be!), and was where we were to spend most of our week, but more of that next month.

David (& Glenys) Clark

NEW HORIZONS

River Kwae Family Camp



If you've had your fill of the sea and the sand and your children have built enough sand-castles to last them a lifetime or if you just fancy getting away to somewhere and something different, pay a visit to the River Kwai Family Camp. The drive, one of the better upcountry ones, will only take you two hours, it's dual carriage-way all the way, or you can get an express bus from Thonburi. Once you've been there the chances are you'll want to keep going back.

Although basically an equestrian centre it actually provides a variety of other activities as well for the younger family members, plenty of relaxation time for Mums and Dads and the opportunity to visit many of the "sights"

in the area. Children over the age of eight can go and stay without their parents and will be picked up from school in Bangkok on Friday afternoon and taken all the way to the camp; at the end of their stay they will be put on the bus to be met by their parents at the other end.

Situated on 70 rai of land, the farmlike site has three dormitories, an air-conditioned guest house and three cottages serving

as accommodation; stabling for 40 horses and ponies; a chow house and all the necessities for keeping the younger set amused. If children are there with their parents they can stay in the dormitory with the other children or with their family as they choose.

The camp was set up in 1972 by Mrs. Lee Rhodes who at that time also ran a riding school at the "old" Polo Club in Bangkok; she moved to Kan-



Riding lesson - how to trot.

chanaburi permanently in 1981. Mrs. Rhodes first came to Thailand in 1924 and is a fascinating person to talk to, not only about her adopted country but a myriad of other subjects too. Her fondness and involvement with the children is very obvious but she runs a very tight ship and is a strict disciplinarian; a state of affairs which the children seem to respond to very well. It is a family camp in more than one way with many members of her own family helping in the everyday running of the camp's various facilities.

Horseback riding covers the whole spectrum through informal or supervised rides to lessons for the beginner, intermediate or advanced rider; children groom, feed and look after the animals that they have ridden and generally learn all about horses. Some activities are center-



The chow house.

ed on the river; canoeing, swimming and fishing. Within the camp there is bike riding, snooker (for the kids), ping-pong, soccer, badminton and a cross country obstacle course. All activities are very well supervised and children are not allowed out of the camp without an adult.

Breakfast, lunch and supper are taken in the open air dining and lounge



Washing the 'bit'.

area. Food is Thai and Western, simple but nourishing. You can buy beer but otherwise only soft drinks, tea, coffee and cocoa.

There is a lot more information available, too much to cover in this short article but if this has whetted your appetite give Mrs. Rhodes or Miss Verna a ring at the camp 034 512733 after 8 pm. or go to Pacific Horizon Travel in the Federal Hotel Soi 11, where they keep maps and other details. Bookings can be made directly with the camp or through the travel agent.

Mrs. Rhodes philosophy is that children who grow up caring about animals, and there are many there besides horses, will grow into positive caring adults. The camp certainly has a peaceful, calm atmosphere and is a boon for parents with children looking for new horizons to conquer. Why not go and see for yourself.

Maren



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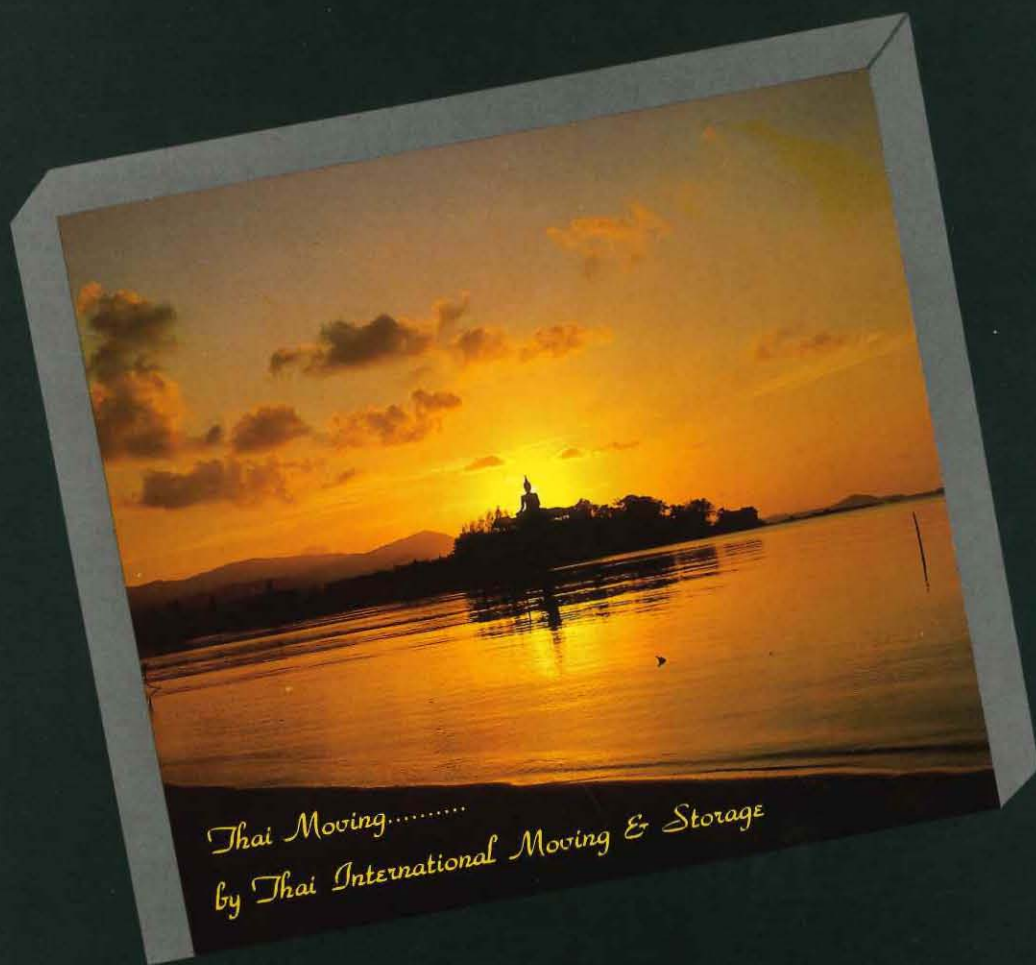
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Scuba Diving in Thailand



DURING the past few years, Thailand has established itself as a major international holiday destination.

Millions of overseas visitors have poured into this lovely part of Southeast Asia to see for themselves its wealth of marvellous attractions.

Recently, though, a new kind of activity has been bringing visitors to Thailand's shores: scuba diving.

Visitors from all corners of the globe have discovered that this country's long coastline offers some of the finest diving opportunities not only in Asia but anywhere in the world.

Indeed, many have compared it to the Maldives, the Red Sea and Australia's east coast, all recognised as world class dive destinations.

What's more, Thailand's tropical climate keeps its surrounding seas warm all year round, allowing divers to participate in this challenging pastime from January to December. So, for most divers, there's never any need for a wet suit, so balmy are its waters.

"ABOVE SEA LEVEL"

From everywhere in Thailand all sorts of diving tours and excursions are organised. All, offer a fantastic world of tropical fish, including groupers, lion fish, turtles and seahorses as well as a large variety of sharks, marlin, sailfish, barracudas, stingrays, moray eels and even porpoises, as well as fabulous coral formations.

The underwater world around the reefs is a wonderful and colourful garden. It often looks like a fantastic firework display. Flowers are spread between many seafans, sea whips and corals of all sizes and shapes.

From massive brain corals to delicate branched forms, they all come in a wide variety of colours. While the common bathroom sponge comes to mind, the sponges underwater also take the form of long-tubes, "baskets" and encrustations. They occur in many colours although yellows, reds and blues are the most common. Anemones are beautiful; gently fan the water around an anemone's tentacles and you can see the small clown fish or shrimp which are especially adapted to living

there. Fireworms are often brightly coloured, as you approach, they pop back into their tubes and disappear. If you wait patiently and remain still, they will reappear in a few minutes. Living within the underwater environment is an amazingly diverse spectrum of flora and fauna. The number and variety can be overwhelming, especially if you are lucky enough to have your first dive in an area such as a coral reef. Thailand presents a fantastic opportunity to start diving in one of the most beautiful diving spots in the world.



COME and JOIN ...

If you are ready to discover new and wonderful scenery, to experience the weightlessness and the thrill of being out of this world, to admire things that few have seen, to explore the unknown, make exciting discoveries and be part of a great adventure, do not miss this fantastic opportunity now that you are living in Bangkok, COME and JOIN the NEXT NAUI OPEN WATER I SCUBA DIVER TRAINING COURSE.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Become a qualified and certified NAUI diver in 3 weeks: two evenings per week for the classroom lectures and pool sessions + two week-ends at Pattaya for the Open water dives. (It is of course possible to complete the training in less than 3 weeks ...) you do not have to know anything more than how to swim to take a course. It is not even necessary

to be in tip-top physical condition as the training is designed to make learning safe and enjoyable.

QUALITY DIVING EDUCATION WITH NAUI

NAUI is one of the largest and most respected Diver Training Agencies with over 10,000 Instructors teaching diving worldwide. The NAUI certification card serves as a diving passport. It provides international recognition of the diver's high level of training. The NAUI certification is your ticket for the underwater world and it allows the diver to buy or rent equipment, get air fills, go on diving charters and participate in diving at resorts around the world. The Open Water I training course will provide familiarisation with the equipment, understanding of the important principles that apply to diving water skills, safety and building up the student's confidence. After a while, that undersea

world of King Neptune isn't as hostile as it seems.

The cost of scuba diving in Thailand is extremely competitive. Indeed, it is considerably lower than anywhere else in the world. The prices are less than half of what you'd expect to pay in the west.

FACILITIES and SERVICES include:

- organised diving trips (week-end and holidays);
- equipment rentals for certified divers. A full range of diving equipment is available for hire;
- training courses (it's possible to arrange courses from beginner to instructor levels);
- equipment repairs (depending on spare parts);
- diving expeditions ...

DETAILS OF MONTHLY COURSES:

Introductory Scuba Course 1 day-minimum 3 persons:

This course is designed to allow people without any Scuba Training or Experience, to

try Scuba Diving with minimal instruction so they can go on a Shallow (15-30 feet) Reef Dive with a certified Instructor.

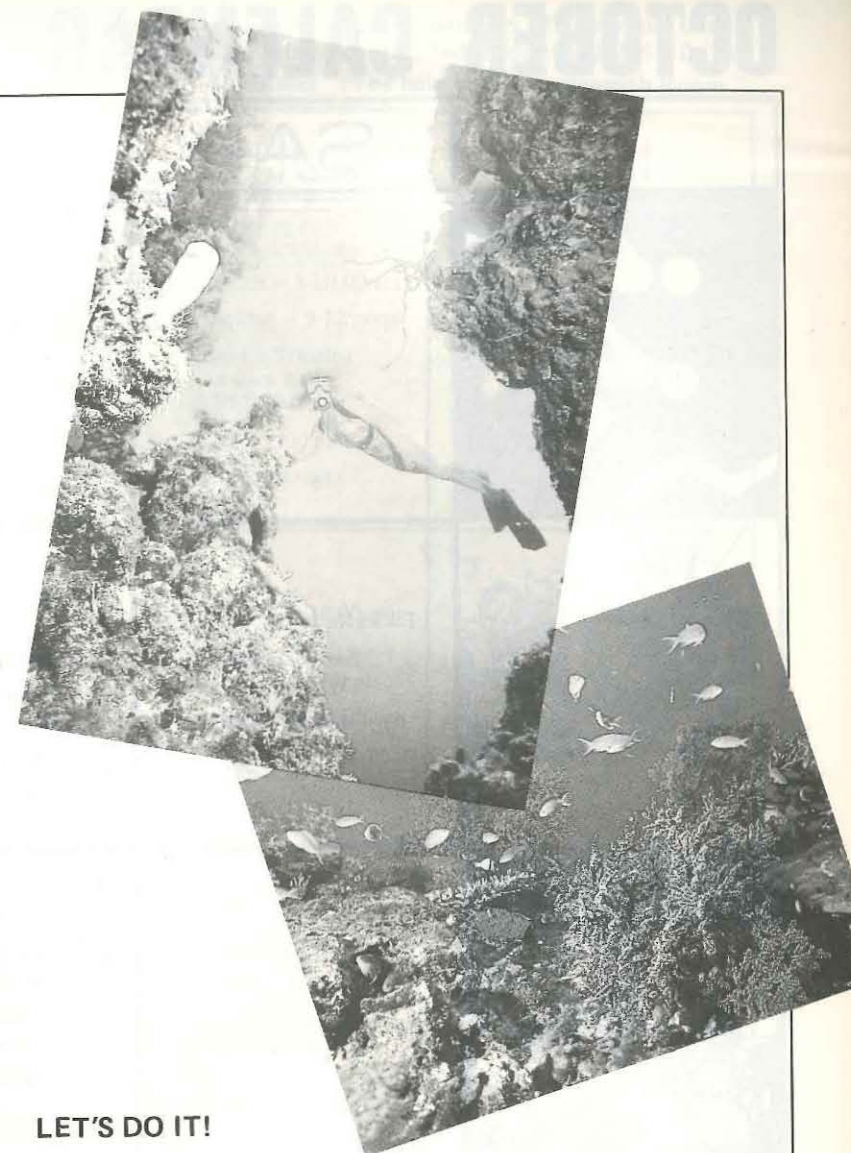
Anybody in fairly good Physical Condition, between the ages of 12 and 60 can take this course. Students are first given a Brief Lecture on Basic Knowledge needed for Safe Diving. Then, they are introduced to the necessary Diving Skills in a Pool Session. In the afternoon, the Student-Divers are taken to a nearby Coral Reef for a shallow dive with an accompanying Instructor.

Open Water I Scuba Course from 5 days to 3 weeks-minimum 3 students:

The most popular training course; this is the perfect course for people that want to be trained as Safe Scuba Divers. Upon completion of the course, Student-Divers are registered with NAUI and issued a NAUI Open Water I Certification card. This Certification is recognised Worldwide and is sufficient for you to dive in conditions similar to those you were trained in. The classes are small, so you learn more ... faster.

Experienced Diver Course or Refresher Course 2 days-minimum 3 divers:

Experienced Divers that have: military, scientific, commercial or no formal training, can be issued a NAUI Open Water I Certification upon completion of this Course. The course consists of a morning Pool Session, followed by an afternoon Classroom Session, then, on the second day, one Skin Dive and two Scuba Dives in the ocean.



LET'S DO IT!

If you are ready to discover a new world of wonderful scenery, colourful fish and beautiful coral, every month, a new OPEN WATER I TRAINING COURSE is opened to the public by a qualified NAUI Instructor-Dive Master at the BRITISH CLUB. All details and information concerning this training are displayed on the events board.

If your friends, family or yourself are willing to register, don't miss this opportunity, JOIN THE NEXT COURSE. Please, leave your name and phone numbers (home + office) in the envelope marked "SCUBA DIVING"

on the board next to the Churchill bar, in order for me to get in touch with you.






I really hope this short presentation on Scuba Diving will stimulate your adventurous inclinations. It will be my pleasure to meet you and help you become a good, safe diver.

See you underwater...

CHRISTIAN BOUTEILLIER
NAUI INSTRUCTOR-DIVE
MASTER NO. 10189
Tel: 2795373

OCTOBER 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 – 11.00 am. Curry Tiffin in Silom Sala – 12 noon-2 pm. Sunday afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6 pm. Swimming Gala Family Buffet in dining room from 6.00 pm.	2 B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. New Members' Night/ Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm.	3 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Bridge – 7.30 pm. Keep Fit Training on Back Lawn 6.30-7.00 (start)	4 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm. H.E. Mr. Derek Tonkin CMG, the British Ambassador's, Farewell After Dinner Speak	5 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Keep Fit Training on Back Lawn 6.30-7.00 (start) Darts – 8.00 pm. BCT Club Night	6 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm.
	7 Flicks for Kids – 6.00 pm. Seafood Night in the Restaurant Bacchanalian Toga Party	8 Golf – v Scandinavians Flicks for Kids – 11.00 am. Curry Tiffin in Silom Sala – 12 noon-2 pm. Sunday afternoon Club Tennis – 3-6 pm. Swimming Gala Family Buffet in dining room from 6.00 pm.	9 B.W.G. Mahjong* – 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Happy Hour – 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* – 7.00 pm. Scottish Country Dancing – 7.30 pm.	10 Ladies' Golf – 7.00 am. Bridge – 7.30 pm. Keep Fit Training on Back Lawn 6.30 pm.-7.00 pm.	11 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm.	12 Ladies' Tennis – 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash – 9-12 noon Bambi Meeting at B.C. Keep Fit Training on Back Lawn 6.30 pm-7.00 pm. Darts – 8.00 pm.	13 Aerobic Classes – 9.00 am. Accumulator Night – 8.00 pm. Trafalgar Day St. George's Society Dinner
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Exotic Pets

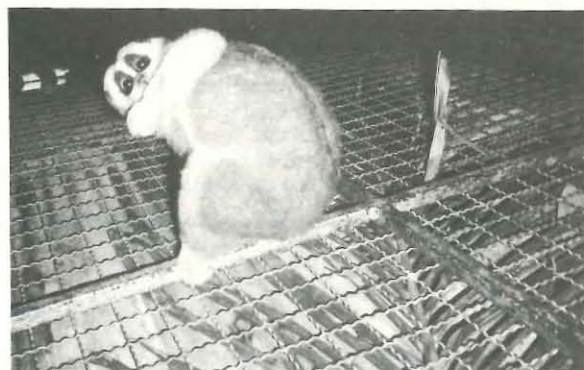
Why you should not buy, accept or keep them.

Firstly, it is against the law to hunt and sell most wild animals. Present law permits you to possess a pair for breeding. Vendors only carry 2 animals and so avoid arrest.

The hunters are very cruel. They must shoot a mother primate to steal her baby for sale. Many babies die with their mothers when they fall from the trees, at least ten for every one on sale. Do not believe dealers who tell you that the baby gibbon, monkey, bear, squirrel, tiger, barn owl, etc. they are trying to sell you has been bred domestically. They are lying. Adult bears and tigers are shot and the meat sold in Chinese and speciality restaurants, other parts are exported to countries such as Korea, Taiwan etc. Langur blood and meat are consumed by perverted men as an aphrodisiac.

If you buy an exotic pet you are encouraging the hunters to catch more and kill more.

The dealers do not feed their victims properly nor



Slow loris — an exotic pet that can carry rabies.

check for rabies. Some animals on sale at Chatujak Park carry rabies especially squirrels, slow loris and flying foxes.

Heartbreak — for you and the animal. Yes, animals do have feelings! America bans the entry of non-human primates and many other species. Other countries have similar laws or long quarantine periods.

Animals often pine and die when left in a zoo or with another family. A sole primate that has lived as a family pet cannot identify with others of the same species — it only identifies with humans. It is a myth that they can be rehabilitated into the wild. Some monkeys may survive when released in national parks where there is sufficient food and no hunters.

Exotic pets need specialised feeding and care. They are cute and cuddly when young but get wilder and grow long canines as they grow older and mature. Gibbons start to bite at 3 years and to sing at 4+ years, their singing is loud and can drive your neighbours mad.

What is an exotic pet?

Basically any non-domestic bird and animal; gibbons, monkeys, langurs, slow loris, are all primates. Then there are bears, squirrels, most birds, civet cats, fishing cats, tigers, flying foxes, parrots, etc. etc.

How can you recognise an exotic pet?

Most primates are usually easy to recognise, everybody knows what a monkey looks like. If you're not sure of any animal, Wildlife Fund Thailand can advise you. You can contact WFT at 255 Soi Asoke, Soi 21 Sukhumvit, Bangkok. Tel: 258-6000.

If you want to see wild animals in the wild, join the WFT on their conservation trips to some of Thailand's 50+ national parks where you can see many animals and birds. Or visit the Khao Khiew Open Zoo at Choburi, near Bang Saen. Take a picnic and spend the day there.

Leonie Vejajiva

Confessions of a Gem Dealer

DON'T let the title fool you. This is not a sordid account of my post business activities but an introduction to the fascinating world of gemstones. However, feel free to contact the editor should the former appeal to your late night reading.

There are basically two types of gem dealer (honest & dishonest a friend quipped) firstly, those that have received gemmological training and those that have not. With the plethora of man-made and imitation stones on the market those with training have an obvious advantage in discerning the genuine article — a factor of some concern to the potential buyer. Many dealers without training rely on intuition and trust when purchasing for stock but eventually have to consult a gemmologist, if they have any doubt. Currently there are two gem laboratories in existence in Bangkok which issue full, documented certificates. One of these is operated by myself for both the trade and the public. Do not be misled by the tourist certificates issued by some establishments purporting the authenticity of the purchase. They are meaningless and are purely cosmetic to obtain the confidence of the buyer.

What is a gemmologist?

A gemmologist (try saying it after a few gin & tonics) is someone who has attained infinite wisdom by undertaking examinations in gemmology set by various worldwide bodies. One of these exists here in the centre of Bangkok; the Asian Institute of Gemmological Sciences (A.I.G.S.) has nothing to do with blood testing. They offer a full time 6 month course, combining theory & practice with emphasis on the practical side. I must stress that this course serves only as an introduction to the business and additional experience is required, as with other professions. For the serious student one can also sit for the examinations held by the Gemmological Association of Gt. Britain, normally a 2 year course which may be done by correspondence or if in the U.K. at a number of colleges. Upon qualifying one is designated a Fellow of the Gemmological Association (F.G.A.). If anyone is interested we will be conducting elementary courses in gemstone identification over the next 4 months.

One of the great advantages of studying gemstones in Bangkok is the accessibility and variety of gems that are avail-

able here. This is now the world's largest coloured gemstone cutting centre and one of the largest markets. The major gemstones originating from Thailand are ruby and sapphire, 80% of gem quality ruby comes from the Chanthaburi-Trat mining area.

Every second retail shop in the Silom Road area sells gemstones and a majority of the wholesalers and dealers are situated in or around Mahaesak Road close to the British Club.

Gem mining areas

Closely allied to gemstone studying and of equal interest are the gem mining areas themselves. It is surprising how few people within the gem business have visited the sources or the markets such as in Chanthaburi. Many dealers relying on brokers and other middle men to supply them. However, the larger wholesalers leave in a mass exodus each Friday to spend the weekend in Chanthaburi. Fleets of Mercedes travelling in convoys add to the already congested highway.

There are two major ruby and sapphire mining areas:

1) CHANTHABURI-TRAT AREA: Located 330 km south-east of Bangkok (a 3-4 hour drive). Close to the town of

Chanthaburi are the Khao Ploi Waen and Bang Kha Cha mining areas producing blue, blue-green, yellow and black star sapphires. A further 50 km east and only 20 km from the border of Kampuchea are the ruby mines based in Bo Rai/Bo Waen district. They are all part of the same basalt field which continues all the way to Pailin inside Kampuchea. Many of the Thai miners stray over the border and then have the dangerous pastime of avoiding the copious supply of landmines. The area has the highest concentration of amputees in Thailand!

2) KANCHANABURI: Located 130 km west of Bangkok (a 2 hour drive). The mining area of Bo Phloi is a further 40 km north from Kanchanaburi town. Sapphires are the principal gem found here.

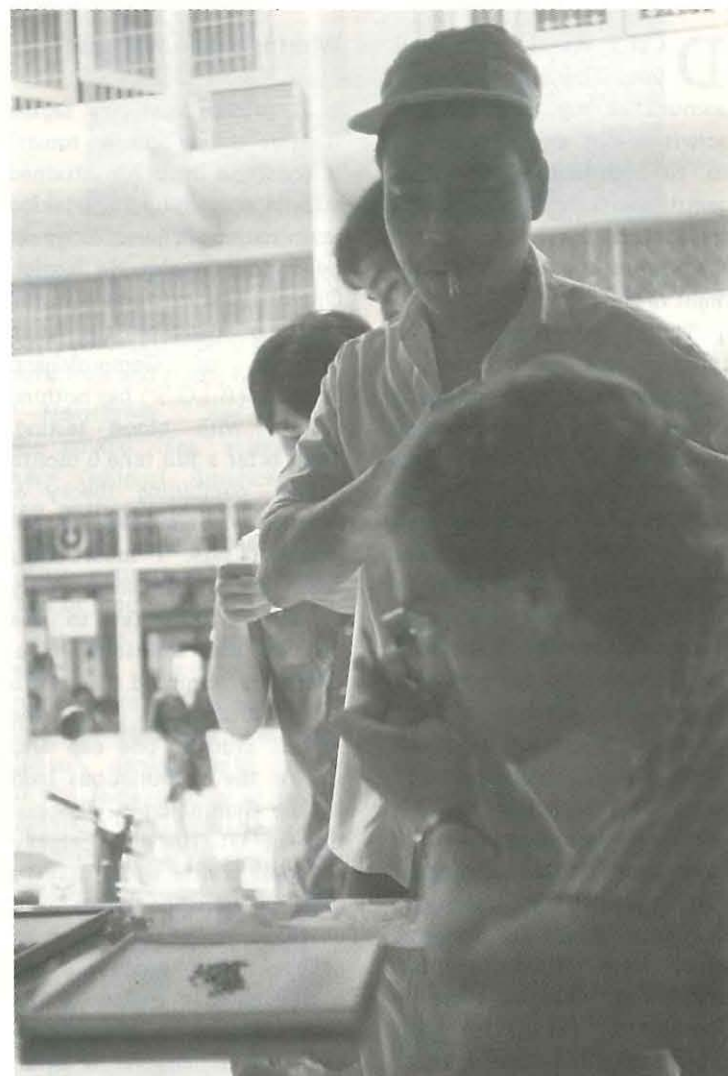
Kanchanaburi may be visited within one day and in addition the site of the notorious "Death Railway" and "Bridge over the River Kwai." It is also of archaeological interest for its Neolithic burial grounds.

A visit to Chanthaburi requires an overnight stay (usually a Friday) to comfortably see both the wholesale cut gem market in the morning and the mining areas for the rest of the day.

We are organising a weekend trip to Chanthaburi tentatively on November 10 returning on Saturday 11. An overnight stay is included, anyone interested should contact me for further details at Troy International Co., Ltd. Tel: 235-2803.

Like Bangkok, Chanthaburi exudes an air of prosperity with cars and motor-cycles

clogging the streets. Almost every shop has a row of cutting wheels and the main street, Treerat Road is crammed with buying offices. For £3,000 per month anyone can rent a desk (most are open air) to sit at, while broker after broker stops by to sell single and lot parcels of gemstones.



Writer examining a gem under the watchful gaze of a broker. The gemstones market is active only during the weekend from Friday to Sunday.

Chanthaburi is not located right at the mines. They are scattered and spread out in an

area fanning out to the Kampuchea border east of Chanthaburi.

Mining methods

1) PRIMITIVE PIT MINING: Utilising Murphys tools (shovels and buckets). A lot of mining is done in this tedious

fashion digging pits by hand ranging from 5 to 15 metres in depth and 1 metre in diameter.

Some of the pits are reinforced with bamboo and workers can lower themselves either with bamboo ladders or by using the foot/hand grips hollowed out on the pit sides.

The gem bearing gravels are dug out by hand and hoisted up in buckets using a crude pulley type tripod. Individual miners lease the land for upwards of £2,000 per square metre.

2) OPEN MINING: A large scale mechanised method using bulldozers to remove the overburden (top soil) creating craters from 50 to 300 metres across. The gem bearing gravel is collected and washed then



Pit with bamboo ladder.



Pit with bamboo reinforced sides.



Willoughby table washer.

using a suction pump it is passed over a jig or a Willoughby table washer to concentrate the ruby and sapphire. The basic principles evolved from alluvial tin mining.

NEXT MONTH: The Diamond Myth. De Beers have succeeded within a generation to convince the majority of the public that diamonds are a precious commodity. Nothing could be further from the truth...

Paul F. Kessler

IT is with great sadness that we inform you of the unexpected death of Iain Scott whilst on home leave in the UK. Iain was the British Airways Bangkok Maintenance Manager and had been a member of the British Club for one and a half years. He leaves Jean his wife and two children Victoria and Andrew.



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THAILAND'S FESTIVALS

OCTOBER'S FESTIVITIES

"OK PHANSA", on October 14, celebrates the Buddha's return to earth after spending the season of lent preaching in heaven. It marks the end of the three month long Buddhist Rains Retreat and the beginning of Kathin, a time to make-merit and present new robes and gifts, nationwide to each temple's resident monks.

The THOT KATHIN period extends from October 15 to November 12 (the eleventh lunar month), and also celebrates the end of the rains, the clearing skies heralding a season of relative rest for the farming communities. As is the custom for almost all religious ceremonies here, it is, for the festival loving Thais, an excuse for a month of merry-making, joyful processions, country fairs, village celebrations and boat races.

Long-tailed boats are raced with great gusto in Nan (in the north); Nakhon Phanom (north east); Samut Prakan (close to Bangkok); and Surat Thani (in the south). The LANNA BOAT RACES in Nan are enhanced by the distinctive boats, made from long, hollowed-out logs, painted with bright colours and adorned with fanciful designs. The Nan races also pay homage to the Black Ivory Tusk — a prized treasure now kept in the National Museum of Nan — which is paraded in a colourful



Buffalo Roundup Chon Buri.

flotilla during the festivities.

"TAK BAT DEVO" means "to Fill the Bowls of the Gods". Early in the morning, on the day after Ok Phansa in Uthai Thani, the residents of Muang District head for Wat Sangkat Khiri in the centre of town. They line the steps up to the temple and wait to offer food to the monks as they descend from their mountain-top. Folk theatre and other entertainments are also provided.

But, for all the fun of the

fair, visit the CHON BURI BUFFALO RACES on October 13. The plodding water buffalo, dressed in all his finery, has his day of glory.

Early in the morning the competing buffaloes are trucked from outlying villages and districts to the ground in front of the Suan Tamnak Nam. Around 9:00 am., a parade takes place through the streets of Chon Buri and the races are scheduled to begin in earnest at around 10 am. (Local time?)

Besides the races, there are beauty contests for the healthiest, the most beautifully-dressed and the most outlandishly-dressed buffaloes, all adding to the fun of a festival



An extravagantly dressed buffalo with its little jockey during the annual Buffalo Racing Festival in Chon Buri.

that attracts crowds from Bangkok and the nearby seaside resorts.

Chulalongkorn Day (a na-

tional holiday) is held on October 23, the anniversary of the death of King Rama V in 1910. The people revere the memory of this great king who abolished slavery, re-organised the government service, set up the foundations of Thailand's road, rail and public works systems and was the first Thai monarch to travel abroad. (He was also, as Crown Prince, a pupil of Mrs Anna Leonowens.) Bangkok residents go *en masse* to the front of the Throne Hall in the Royal Plaza to lay lavishly-decorated wreaths at the foot

of the equestrian statue of King Chulalongkorn.



Bathed in a lunar light a Prasart Pueng, miniature wax castle, is displayed in a park in Sakon Nakhon, northeast Thailand, ready for the major festival and street procession marking Ok Phansa, the end of the three month rainy season retreat for Buddhist monks. (October 11-14)

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

POSITIVE-NEGATIVE

Can you spot which of the five photographs has been developed from the negative?



Photo no. 4

YOU NEED:

- An envelope
- A sheet of card
- A pen or pencil
- Scissors

SAWING A LADY IN HALF

One of the most famous magical tricks ever done is sawing a lady in half without causing her any harm. Here is a way that you can perform a version of this trick and convince your friends that you are a great magician.

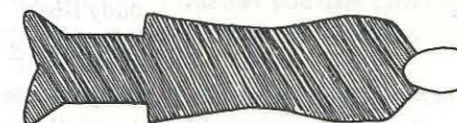
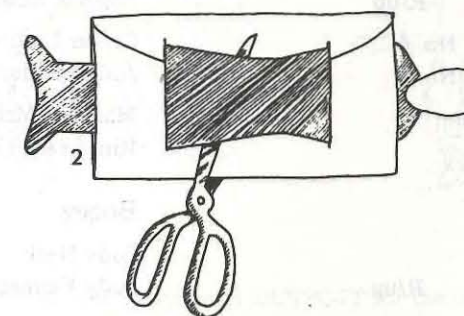
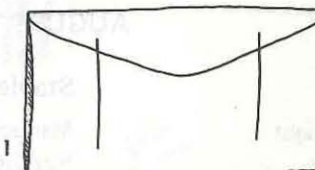
Take a long envelope, seal it, and cut a small piece from each end so that you have a paper tube. On the back of the envelope make two cuts, as shown (1), through the back of the envelope only.

Now draw 'the lady' on a sheet of card and cut it out. If you cannot draw, you could cut a full-length picture from a magazine and stick that on the card instead.

Show the lady to your audience and slide it into the magic cabinet (the envelope). In doing this you must make sure that it comes out at the first cut and re-enters the envelope through the second cut. Be careful that your spectators never see a rear view of the envelope or they will know how the trick is done.

Take a pair of scissors and, inserting one point between the lady and the envelope, as shown in the picture (2), cut the envelope in half.

Your audience believe that you must have cut the lady in two as well. But when you remove the envelope the lady is still in one piece! It must be magic.



LADIES' GOLF



LADIES' GOLF

NOW that a few girls are back from their long summer vacations, we should have a decent number of golfers to play a serious game or two.

We will miss having Mal Chessman on a regular basis, as she is playing super golf, but at least she'll join us once or twice a month commuting between here and Bangladesh.

Penny, Florene and Eileen are still away. J.J. is on a short break to the States in September and shall be missed. Trish, our secretary is away again this week, but will be back the end of September to resume her duties and play golf!!

A hearty congratulations to J.J. for a fantastic game on 29th August. To break 80 for the 3rd time in 25 years of golfing is a record, and deserved a Scotch over Kloster Yai. J.J. also had another record worth mentioning the week before at Hua Mark, putting 6 times at one hole, which goes to show the remarkable recovery a week later is not that difficult to achieve. Again, some encouraging news for us who are still trying to play golf.

Reminder to all members who are interested in playing in the combined B.C.L.G. and FLOGG Christmas tournament at Green Valley on 14th December to please contact J.J. or Judy.

Happy Golfing to all of you.

Your starter for September : Judy Farmer 2601716

New golfers very welcome.

Tee off Army Course every Tuesday 7.00 am.

COMPETITION RESULTS AUGUST 1989

1st August		Stableford	Army
Winner	A Flight	Margaret McEwan	39 points
	R/up	Rini Leach	37 points C/B
Winner	B Flight	Judy Farmer	39 points
	R/up	Pojanne Kongsanhchai	38 points
Near pin No. 4		Ginger Lash	
Near pin No. 8		Judy Farmer	
Under par		Margaret McEwan (69), Sriwan Forrest (71), Rini Leach (71), Judy Farmer (70), Pojanne (70)	

8th August		Bogey	Army
Winner		Judy Neck	+ 5
	R/up	Judy Farmer	square par
Near pin No. 4		Ruth Kennedy	
Near pin No. 8		Joan Jurgens	
Under par		Judy Neck	

15th August		Stableford	Army
Winner		Judy Farmer	32 points
	R/up	Lavita Hughes	30 points C/B
Near pin No. 8		Joan Jurgens	

22nd August

Winner	A Flight	:	Joan Jurgens	53
	R/up	:	Judy Farmer	54

Winner	B Flight	:	Lavita Hughes	48
	R/up	:	Inge Schwetz	50

Near pin No. 4	:	Judy Farmer	
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Under par	:	Joan Jurgens (71), Lavita Hughes (70)	
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3 Throw Cuts

Army

29th August

L.G.U. Medal

Army

Winner	Silver	:	Joan Jurgens	67 net
	R/up	:	Judy Farmer	75 net

Winner	Bronze I	:	Lavita Hughes	72 net
	R/up	:	Inge Schwetz	74 net

Winner	Bronze II	:	Judy Neck	
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Near pin No. 4	:	Lavita Hughes	
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Near pin No. 13	:	Rini Leach	
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Under par	:	Joan Jurgens (67)	
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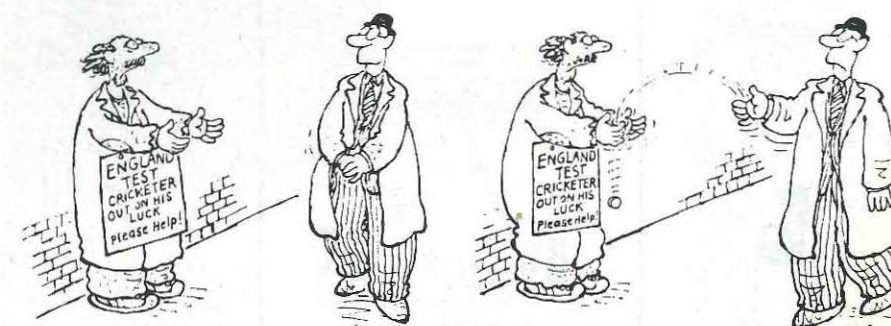
Long drive silver	:	Joan Jurgens	
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Long drive bronze	:	Lavita Hughes	
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CRICKET



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AND that's the last reference to English cricket in this section of OUTPOST for the rest of the season.

At the time of writing, we're a week away from the Cricket Section AGM, so there's little solid news of any kind to report. It seems likely that there will be two BC cricket teams again in the coming season, so those of you who are still wondering whether you dare turn the old arm over again after all these years should get down to nets when they begin in November. Nothing is quite so reassuring to the waverer as watching a BC practice session.

The Thailand Cricket League has had its first post-summer meeting, and its first pre-season social get-together. A good BC turnout, including a wife without her cricketing husband and a husband whose wife did not know he was back in town, graced the glittering occasion at Soi Eleven-thousand-and-something down New Road. Which brings me on to a few cricketing wives jockettes.



'Is that it? Heaven is where bad light and rain never stop play and a match never ends in a draw?'



'Now here it is once again, this time in slow motion. Just look how that ball takes out George's middle stump, making it the third time in succession he's been out for a duck, first ball. Here he goes, back to the pavilion, and I zoom in onto his face. There it is, that familiar little curl of the top lip as he scowls at the bowler...'



'So, it's true, Gerald. You are completely cricket mad!'



'I'm beginning to think that the only way I'll get my husband to notice me is to rub in linseed oil every day.'



BILL'S CHECKING HIS RECORDS BUT I THINK I'M RIGHT IN SAYING THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A BATSMAN'S BOX HAS EXPLODED DURING A FIRST-CLASS MATCH AT LORD'S



'We'll never play this afternoon if this lot doesn't let up soon, Samantha'

Only ONE MORE MONTH to nets!

David Hall

DARTS



YOU may or may not have noticed the absence of a July darts report, we did play darts but the performances of both the Lions and Unicorns were too depressing for words.

Alas! August was not much better for the Lions though we did have several close

counterparts are proving formidable adversaries.

Both teams have, over July and August, achieved 17:0 wins, the Unicorns at the BC when the opposition failed to show up and the Lions at the Moonshine joint when the home team 76 Diegers couldn't

competitions are open to all darts players who fancy the challenge. When dates have been agreed we will advertise same and leave forms at reception for names of all contestants. We would also like to keep playing by arranging friendly matches in the



Ian Kane (our one-man rent a crowd) being measured by Orin.

matches. The Unicorns had a wonderful victory of 16:1 against the 'sexy ladies' team, Bryan Baldwin closing all games, well done Bryan. I understand Terry Adams has also been closing quite a few games. Both teams scoring plenty of tons but the opposition often manage more. I feel it only fair to both teams to say if we were playing by British league standards we might achieve reasonable standings in our divisions, our Thai

be bothered to attend their own venue!

The Johnnie Walker Darts League 89 comes to a close over the next 6-8 weeks leaving the Lions & the Unicorns redundant, however, there are challenges to be met within the Club. Each year there is a knock-out competition for the Castrol Trophy (Men's Singles) currently held by our Frank (Hough) and the Ladies' Singles Cup held by Carol Anwar. Both these

Churchill Bar, all interested parties will be welcomed.

For those players without team shirts Bryan now has a new supply sponsored by Castrol. The logo is the same but trimmings are now red instead of the existing blue. For people like Ian Kane and Peter Douglas much much larger sizes have been made available! Cost for members £150 and non-members £200.

Annie Douglas

GOLF GOLF

EVENTS for your diary :

Sun	8-10-89	Ekachai	8:30 a.m.	Brits V Scandinavians
Sat	21-10-89	Sattahip	8:30 a.m.	-
Sun	22-10-89	Bangpra	12:30 p.m.	-

Double Header — Pattaya Weekend

Please note — another Pattaya weekend double coming up in October. Numbers for these debauched weekends have been good recently and with great courses to play, why shouldn't they be. Make your accommodation bookings now.

August Results

The Pattaya long weekend saw two good courses put to the sword for regular club events. The condition of some members (they should remain nameless) on the Sunday at Siam C.C. would clearly indicate that some thought should be given to quantity and quality of liquid refreshments partaken of after the Saturday games.

Notwithstanding, results of the two days were :

Sattahip — Saturday 18-8-89

A Grade			B Grade		
Winner	D. Farmer	34 points	Peter Speed	35 points	
R/up	E. Hudson	33 points	Mike Majer	33 points	
1st 9	D. Forrest	17 points	Judy Farmer	17 points	
2nd 9	S. Forrest	17 points	Trevor Whalley	10 points	

Gents long drive, Eric Hudson, Ladies, Sriwan Forrest.

Siam Country Club — Sunday 13-8-89

A Grade			B Grade		
Winner	Mal Chessman	39 points	Brian Quigley	34 points	
R/up	Decho	35 points	Peter Speed	32 points	
1st 9	Eric Hudson	19 points	Terry Austin	19 points	
2nd 9	John Marten	19 points	Mike Majer	16 points	

Gents long drive, Nick Majer, Ladies, Mal Chessman.

Coca-Cola was the very generous sponsor of the two events and M.D. Stuart Eastwood turned out a S.C.C. and kept everybody honest by playing to his handicap. It must be said that the quality and quantity of trophies provided by Coca-Cola was definitely up to their high standard.

Amcham V British Club — Maung Ake — 27-8-89

The annual Amcham vs Brits challenge played at beautiful Maung Ake was a resounding victory for Mother England by 5 shots, net 1112 to 1117.

The competition was a blind callaway stroke event (the blind has nothing whatever to do with the condition of some players after the game) with the best 15 cards of each team forming the basis of the competition.

The results for the day (from memory due to the individual result sheet disappearing) were:

A Flight

Andy Deaken	net 72 (British Club Visitor)
Paul Martin	net 73 (Amcham)
Ernie Jurgens	net 73 (British Club)

B Flight

Roy Barrett	net 74 (British Club)
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C Flight

Doug Sheldon	net 74 (British Club)
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Ladies:

Joan Jurgens	net 73
Judy Farmer	net 73
Sriwan Forrest	net 74

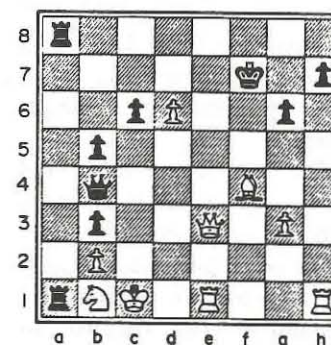
Amcham did a magnificent job in regard to providing trophy donors. Trophies were numerous and of quality and our thanks go to them and the donors listed — United Communication Industries, Pfizer Int. Corp., New Hampshire Insce Co., Canadian Airlines, Sea Land, Mobil Oil, Chase Bank, Kodak, Heritage Club, CoCa-Cola.

Course courtesy

Slow play is the bane of golf in Thailand and I think one way of speeding up play is to institute a Golf Section rule that you must only mark your ball once on the green. In simple terms, finish putting when you start.

Happy golfing and see you on the tee.

CHES CHES



PRIZE CHESS PROBLEM

A bottle of Champagne for the first person to telephone in the correct answer to this problem. Black to move and mate in 9 (9 moves by black). Call James Nichols Tel. 236-8831 office hours only.

N.B. There is only one correct sequence of moves.

SQUASH SQUASH

AUGUST is supposed to be a quiet month on the squash scene but you would not think so if you were around the B.C. courts. Then there was a full league programme in September and this month has the Rod Carter Open for players and spectators to enjoy.

At the time of writing all three of our teams in the TSRA leagues had battled through to the semi-finals and at least two of them should make the final. Hopefully at least one of them will have mounted the winner's rostrum!

Also in August, Paul Carter, one of the leading players in the U.K., visited the club and put all our top players through their paces. Thanks to Dunlop for sponsoring the visit.

For the second time in a few months we have a new number one at the top of the squash league, Mike Stockley, who has really made his mark since his arrival at the club. Can he hold the number one slot through the September league schedule? Watch this space!

If you want to improve your ladder position why not get a bit of coaching? Some of our leading players, namely Mike Stockley, Pieter Fangman, Rod Dominy and Tony Austin, have offered their services on a rotation basis from 10-12 every Sunday morning (see squash notice board for details). This service is



Tony Brazenell, Mike Stockley, Paul Carter and Rod Dominy.

free*, except for a court sticker, so why not take advantage of this generous offer.

*I'm sure they wouldn't say no to a beer or something similar from their "students".

The other photograph adorning this article tells the tale of the visit by a team from Hong Kong. B.C. won the encounter and a good time was had by all.

On August 20 to put a little bite into the normally genteel Sunday mix-in a handicap tournament was arranged with thirteen participants in action. It was "American" scoring with handicaps based on ladder positions. There were two flights with Stewart ("chip

off the old block") Dominy winning Flight A and Mark Webster winning Flight B. Most of the games were close and it was good to see some of the ladies and younger players getting in some match practice.

Due to the popularity of the Sunday afternoon mix-in the time has been extended. It now runs from 12.45-5.15 players of all standards, shape and sex welcome - come on down.

On the other hand the squash ladder could be more dynamic so to encourage people to participate more actively in the Squash Ladder the Committee has decided to introduce a monthly lucky



draw for ladder players.

Every ladder match played entitles you to an entry into the lucky draw. The draw is jointly sponsored 50-50 by Dunlop and funds from the Squash Section. It is intended to raise the money for our contribution by making a nominal monthly charge of £25 to players competing in the ladder.

The prizes will be:

1st Prize £1,000

2nd/3rd Prize £ 500 each

The prize will be in the form of vouchers redeemable only against Dunlop Products.

Anybody not wishing to participate should have left a note in the results box requesting their names to be withdrawn by 10th October 1989.

We hope that this will stimulate more interest in the Squash Ladder.

Don't forget every ladder match counts - if you play

10 matches you get 10 chances in the draw, if you don't play any matches - no chances. So don't forget to complete your results form.

League matches will also count as ladder matches and will be entered into the draw.

Reminder - please put your ladder number on all ladder/league squash sheets to help the organisers.

This month is the Rod Carter Open, commencing week beginning October 9. The competition is open to all players in Thailand (see squash noticeboard for details). A good chance to see some super squash at the B.C.

Last, but by no means least, we have recently lost the services of three squash stalwarts who have moved on to new pastures. Bill Wilcox who was last year's treasurer for the squash section and a member of this year's committee has gone to the U.S.A.

Mike O'Connor who was this year's treasurer and co-organiser of the leagues has also gone to the U.S. Tony Brazenell who was our Chairman this year, and has actively been involved in the Squash section for a few years has gone to Manila. All will be greatly missed on court but also as members of the administrative team of the Squash section. Hopefully we can still expect to see Tony on occasions as he's not going too far away. Many thanks lads and keep squashing.

Maureen and Keith Denner have been co-opted on to the Squash Committee and we look forward to having some new blood and ideas to keep the section buoyant. Welcome and good luck to them.

See you in court.

Mel Leddy

SNOOKER



SNOOKER

SNOOKER & BILLIARDS MATCHES

We have had 5 competitions played over the summer. Unfortunately the turn-out has been very poor.

We must emphasize the fact that all but three of our eight trophy events are handicap contest, so anyone has a chance.

We have a good snooker room close to bar and kitchen – well air-conditioned and comfortable.

Watch the bulletin board for the next competitions.

HAMILTON CUP (OPEN BILLIARDS)

David Hall played a great match against Ron Armstrong who eventually won.

Tom Watson and Tony Austin fought a very close game and Tom ended the winner.

Tom and Ron have battled a number of times for this trophy and Ron has won each time. This was Tom's year – down by 182-196 in a match of 200; Tom ran 18 to eke out the win.

O'CONNELL TROPHY (VOLUNTEER HANDICAP SNOOKER)

Tom Watson continued his good form by defeating Keith Denner in two games 156-150.

Ron Armstrong won over defending champion Chris Corlett 314-267.

Tom continued this year's hex over Ron by winning a great match 160-156.

FOTHERGILL TROPHY (HANDICAP SNOOKER DOUBLES)

8 pairs competed in a great evening of snooker:

Austin/Brazenell	beat	Williamson/Lamb
Hall/Lewis	beat	Watson/Ward
Windeler/Chessman	beat	Armstrong/Houston
Hough/Dunford	beat	Twemlow/Denner
Austin/Brazenell	beat	Hall/Lewis
Hough/Dunford	w/o	Windeler/Chessman

The final has yet to be played – more on that later!

MABBATT CUP (OPEN SNOOKER)

This Club Championship has been in the hands of Ron Armstrong for a number of years and 1989 was no exception:

Brian Lewis	beat	Eric Hudson 2-0
Ron Armstrong	beat	M. Stockley 2-0

In the final best of seven the first two games were split. Ron's game improved greatly after this and took the next three frames for a 4-1 match win.

LESLIE COLLINGS TROPHY (OPEN SNOOKER PAIRS)

This trophy was donated by the family of a great old snooker buff who died a few years ago.

Four pairs contested the first round – best of 3 games.

David Guy and David Hall lost to Alastair Rider and Ron Armstrong.

David and son Dale Lamb came from behind to beat Phil Jackson and Jim Pollard.

In the best of seven final – Rider and Armstrong outlasted the Lamb combination. Possibly the late hour and an effect on young Dales play.

It was a good match!!!

Ron

SOCCER



SOCCER

HI Gang,

Back after an all too short break in the U.K. and not sure whether to head this article the "Football Report" or "An Evening with Bobby Charlton – one man's review".

Bobby Charlton – what a man and what a scoop (if you'll pardon the pun) for the old British Club. Quite frankly, for me, "An Evening with Bobby Charlton" put on under the auspices of ICI was at the top of the 'most pleasant evenings spent at the Club' list. Very often when you are given a media image of someone this is later shattered when you see that person live. For most of us in attendance we had not only the opportunity of seeing and listening to him but of actually rubbing shoulders with him and even talking to him. The image remains and if anything has actually been enhanced. Quite simply the man is a gentleman, a charmer, a gem, a raconteur (enthraling speaker to you lot) and above all an example of all that is best in sportsmanship. It was obvious he was going to have most of the fellows interested in his after dinner chat (speech is too formal for the way he presented it) but the way he won the attention of the wives and girlfriends in the capacity audience spoke volumes for his personality and humour. In case you haven't noticed, I

liked him and enjoyed the evening. One slight criticism to blemish an otherwise perfect night – the steak which was very tasty arrived cold. However all credit to the BC staff for coping with their largest dinner crowd in years. We are quick to criticise but really the staff worked very hard and contributed much to the evening, none less than Manager Keith Bell. Special praise must also go to the artist of the terrific football 'mural' painted as a back drop for the small stage. Keith tells me it was one of the staff Khun Puvanai who has obviously a lot of latent artistic talent.

Back to the evening itself however which started with a 'sundowner' in the Churchill followed by an excellent 3 course repast at which the Roy Broad trio filled in with background music. I vaguely recognised 'Ilkley Moor'. The draw for the raffle took place and a very big thank you to Gulf Air who donated a round trip ticket to London as the main prize which worked wonders at raising funds for the Football Section. The winner a certain N. Oakins Esquire of a wellknown local newssheet was a very happy man but as he has seen his name in print more times than a Crystal Palace goalie lets goals in against Liverpool we will not dwell on this. Well

done Nige!

It was then onto the Man himself Bobby Charlton. He regaled us with tales mainly past of great moments in his career – starting as a lad; his times with Manchester United; the World Cup; the European Cup; his favourite opponents (Pele and Beckenbauer); his team-mates; his mentors; and last but not least his brother, examples of his humour story-telling and frankness. Young lad at his coaching class – "You're Bobby Charlton. My grandad watched you " when he was little."

First time he played against his brother Jack at Leeds United "I didn't know what to expect. In the first 5 minutes I went for a 50/50 ball with Norman Hunter (not known for his 'shrinking violet' qualities) – brother Jack "Blind the little b.....d Norman".

On Pele – "Fantastic player but mind he had a great advantage in the dark".

– "First time I played him in the 1966 World Cup I went for a 50/50 ball around the half-way line saying to myself "OK Pele if your such a fantastic player show us what you can do" – 10 seconds later we were one goal down."

On Bill Shankly – Shanks gave a team talk and was always decrying the opposition e.g. Pat Crerand – he's de-

ceiving — he's a lot slower than you think. Alex Stepney — cannae catch a ball etc. He maligned almost the whole Man U. team except a trio of players before one big game and was about to send his beloved Liverpool out into the fray when upspoke Ian Callaghan "But boss you haven't mentioned Best, Charlton and Denis Law" "Och can ye no play against 3 men" says Shanks.

half" "Well I could have but I was sent off after 20 minutes."

What would he like to be remembered for: "Never being sent off — its silly when you love the game" and "Playing 100 times for my country".

I would go on and on but the written word does not reflect the charming humour and yet humility the man exuded. Perhaps the greatest compliment I can give him is to say I wish he was Scottish.

A major thank you to ICI and their Chief Executive Mike Poustie for giving us the opportunity of playing host to him. Thanks again to Gulf Air for the raffle prize and to the *Bangkok Post* for their free copy of Golf Thailand to each attendee.

Bobby's activities did not stop there however as the following evening he agreed to don the famous British Club Arselona Strip with the British



Mike Pomfret getting the team organised.

On brother Jack — England due to play the USA in a World Cup warm-up but the players find it hard to take the challenge seriously and decide to spend the day on Santa Monica beach. This leaves Bobby and brother Jack to face the Yanks (2 men versus 11). They go ahead with the game and at half time England lead 3-0. Bobby decides he wants to go to the beach and leaves the second half to Jack. Later that day they meet up "Away bonnie lad what wor the final score?" "3-3" says Jack to which Bobby replied "Can ye no hold 11 Yanks for the second



Bobby and Otto.

Airways Logo (have to be fair to our other sponsors) for a game against traditional rivals RBSC — and don it he did, being stripped and ready to walk out on the pitch at five to seven. Unfortunately it was not to be. The heavens opened and within 10 minutes the pitch was unplayable — we know because 22 of us were daft enough to try. It was a disappointment for the biggest squad of BC players ever to strip for a game, 24 in total, all hoping for at least a 10 minute stint with Bobby so they could say to their Grandchildren (and judging by their ages, many have these already) — "I played with England's greatest centre-forward" or "Bobby Charlton was a team mate of mine". A half back

line of Wright, Pomfret, Hough and Charlton — what a thought. *Mai pen rai* — we all adjourned to Otto's German Restaurant for a buffet and beer party where we chatted less formally with Bobby and equally charming wife Gill. All too soon it was time for them to go.

Incidentally prior to his scheduled BC appearance Bobby spend 2½ hours coaching over 60 children aged 6-11 from the Bangkok Soccer League which as many of you will know is the focal point of expatriate children's soccer in town. My son for one was totally enthralled by his show. Bobby also spent some time with the S.K.I.P. children down in Klong Toey.

POSTSCRIPTS :

Well that wraps it up for this month. No big team action on the field as it is the rainy season. The Casuals played several fixtures and did quite well. This social team is going from strength to strength and with the rumoured influx of several other good footballers from Singapore and Hong Kong to work on the new Expressway, we may need to think of a third team. We welcomed one excellent player to the Club in Ian Mackenzie, a fast, hard hitting forward and (sounds too good to be true) he is under 30. Peter Downs, El Casuals Capitaine also organised a great little soiree at the Club for all section members. Thanks Pete.



Hopefully we will have more action to report next month and don't forget we are off to Chiang Mai on Chula-longkorn weekend to play for the "Elephant Trophy" which currently adorns the reading room in the Club.

This year we are taking two teams on tour for the first time and hopefully it will double our chances of retaining the trophy although knowing us Brits we'll probably cut each others throats by drawing our game in the round-robin involving our two teams, the Gymkana Club and the Chiang Mai University Staff. If the weekend is half as good as previous years we're onto a winner off the field however.

Before I go, one for the kids:

Did you hear about the man who made a wooden car, with wooden wheels and a wooden engine?

It wooden go.

What goes putt putt, putt putt, putt putt....

A bad golfer.

A Scottish joke: Two coos in a field. Which one was on holiday the one with the wee c'alf.

This fella goes into a pub with a crocodile under his arm. He walked up to the bar and said "a pint and a Zulu please." The barman poured a pint for him and then went behind the bar and pulled out a 6ft. Zulu and put them on the table. The chap drank his pint and fed the Zulu to the crocodile. Next day, the same thing happened and this went on for

weeks until one night he came in and asked for his usual, "A pint and a Zulu" "I'm sorry" said the barman "I've got your pint but we're right out of Zulus."

"I see. What have you got instead?" "Well we've got a nice drop of Pygmies at the moment."

"Oh no! I can't have that, this croc gets very drunk on shorts."

Well that wraps it up for another month. Remember that a man who goes to bed with a flat chested women has good reason to feel down.

Bye for now.
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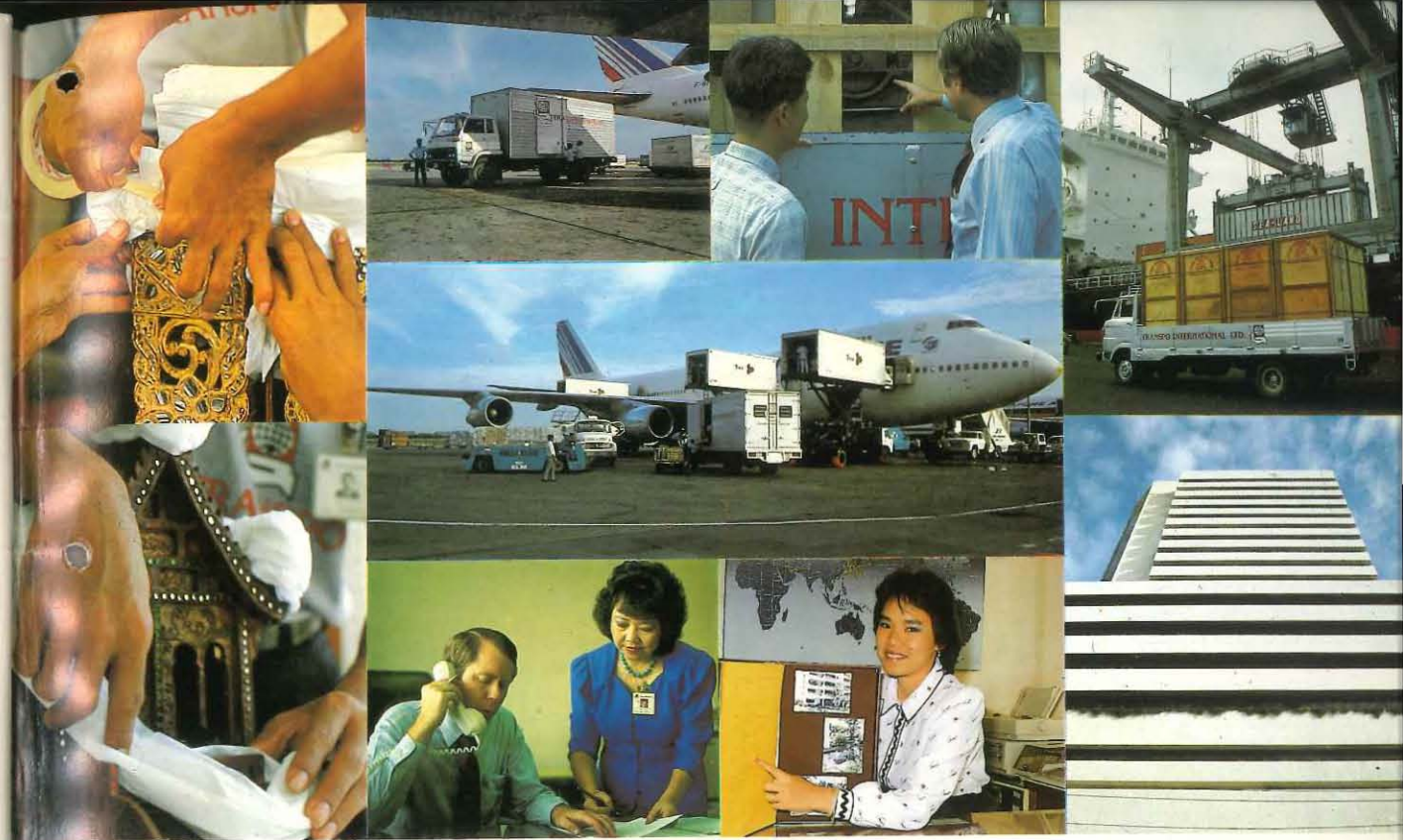


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