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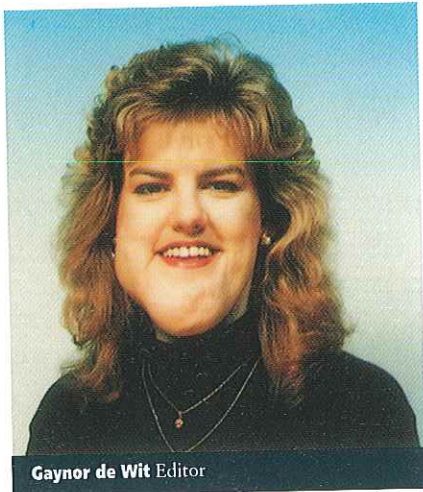
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From the Editor

Hi there, and welcome to the new look Outpost!

I'd like to introduce myself, Gaynor, as your new editor of Outpost, and The Creative



Gaynor de Wit Editor

Partnership as the professional publishing team who will be producing the magazine each month. Between us, we've come up with several ideas which we hope will keep everybody happy, some of which should be immediately noticeable - the front cover, for example - and others which are more subtle or

will be introduced over time.

One of the most vital elements of a Club magazine is input from the members, whether directly in the form of articles or indirectly in the form of suggestions. I know you've heard this many times before, but if you really want to be proud of your magazine, it's up to you to tell me what you think is missing. I'd also like to encourage more 'letters to the editor' in order to stimulate discussion between members about issues which may affect us or the Club.

Contributions

You will often see me around the Club grounds, being a keen tennis and badminton player, so please feel free to approach me with your views, pictures, articles, etc. Anything you want to contribute please leave in

the Outpost pigeon-hole, which has the dubious distinction of being next to the men's toilets on the ground floor of the Clubhouse. Otherwise, my telephone / fax number is 237- 4031.

Those reading the tennis section over the past couple of years will attest to the number and variety of photographs that were included - sometimes too many! To me, photos give life to a club magazine - they prove that many people do brave the traffic to join in activities at the Club, and they connect names to faces ("Oh so that's who s/he is..."). So I'd like to see more members carrying cameras and clicking away at the more interesting aspects of life, sport and having fun as well as the prize-giving pictures representative of the sports sections.

Last but by no means least, we all owe Bea Grunwell a big thank you for taking the helm of Outpost for the last few years. Although you can gain justifiable pride when you hear that someone likes your magazine, I know from previous experience as a magazine editor that it can often be a thankless task, requiring hours sat in front of a computer trying to decipher handwriting, allocate page space etc, so thank you very much Bea and good luck for the future.

That's it for now, enjoy all the activities October has to bring and see you all next month.

Gaynor de Wit

Editor

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From the Manager

October should see the Club buzzing with activity, there are events planned which should appeal to most peoples' tastes! For example, there is an EGM (10 October), a music quiz (6 October), a children's Halloween party



David Viccars General Manager

(28 October), a Murder Mystery Gala Dinner with our friends from the BCT (12 & 13 October) and much more besides. Added to these events at the Club there are the 'away' fixtures such as the Trafalgar Day dinner organised by the St George's Society and the British Club Rugby Ball; October will certainly

fly by, before we know it we will be well into the hectic months of November and December!

The "silly season" at the Club will start off with the proverbial bang with the BC Loy Kratong (4 November) and one of the best firework displays in Bangkok at the BC on 5

November when we remember Guy Fawkes Day. With all this activity perhaps the best thing to do is just sit quietly in the bar enjoying the cheapest Tetley Bitter in town or perhaps watching Aussie rules in the Wordsworth Room live from Australia via the new satellite TV system or even sipping a delicious freshly brewed coffee from our new coffee machines in the redecorated Lords! You see, we try to cater for everyone!

Book early

No 'pleas' from the GM this month! Well, only a small one: do try to book early for the events coming up at the Club, it is so hard to cater and plan when the numbers are not confirmed until the last moment. If you can not come to the Club just send us a fax and we will make the booking for you. Enjoy the Club and all the attractions planned for October! If we are not getting it right then please tell us.

David Viccars

General Manager



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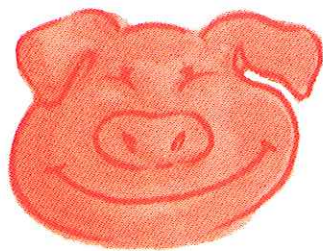
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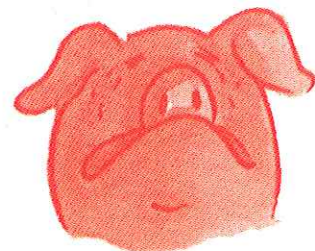
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Management News

New Reciprocal Club

France: The Saint James Club of Paris is housed in a chateau in central Paris, 5 minutes walk from the Avenue Victor Hugo. This prestigious Club is over 100 years old and has about 900 members. The Club boasts 48 bedrooms and suites, restaurant, bar and billiards room, health club, tennis courts and a golf club only 20 minutes away by car. A super addition to our list of reciprocal clubs which now numbers 97.

Member Get Member Scheme

Don't forget that the first draw in the Club's 'Member Get Member Scheme' will take place at the New Members Night in November. You can win a holiday in Phuket with air fares and hotel all paid for! Nominate a new member now!

Guy Fawkes Day

- Sunday 5th November 1995

Please make a note that we will be celebrating Guy Fawkes Day quite properly on 5th November, which this year falls on a Sunday. As always it will be a super evening but we must take all due precautions concerning safety. The Club will be **closed** on that day to anyone who does not have a ticket for Guy Fawkes. The full safety rules are published in this edition so please make yourself aware of them.

The New 'Outpost'!

Well done to everyone involved in this the first edition of the new 'Outpost', very impressive it is too! Thanks and well done to

Bea Grunwell for all her work as the editor over the last two years.

New Member of Staff

Khun Chatuporn has joined the Club as a receptionist and will cover the day shift while Khun May will 'man' the desk at night.

Forthcoming Events at the Club in October

There are loads of events in and around the Club planned for the month of October! Sign up at Reception.

Inter Section Sports Day

- Sunday 1st October 1995

All around the Club.
9.00am start, all day event.
B1,500 per team.

Music Quiz

- Friday 6th October

Churchill Bar.
8.00pm start.
B100 per person

Extraordinary General Meeting

- Tuesday 10th October

Surawong Room.
7.30pm.
Free entry!

Murder Mystery Gala Dinner

- Thursday 12th & Friday 13th October

Surawong Room.
In conjunction with the BCT.
3 course dinner.

B500 per person.
8.00pm start.

British Club Rugby Ball

- Saturday 14th October

Delta Grand Pacific Hotel
B999 per person.
Tickets from Messrs Partridge and
Grunwell.

Children's Halloween Party

- Saturday 28th October

Surawong Room.
Fancy Dress - as spooky as possible!
3.30pm start.
B140 per head to include food and drinks.

The Traditional BC Loy Kratong Party

- Saturday 4th November

On the back lawn then the swimming
pool!
Thai buffet - as much as you can eat.
Adults B500, children 12-15 B250,
under 12's B125.
6.00pm - come in Thai dress and win
prizes!

The Equally Traditional BC Guy Fawkes

- Sunday 5th November

All round the Club
*Note that, for safety, the Club will be closed to all
except Guy Fawkes ticket holders all day on Sunday 5th
November.
BBQ starts at 5.00pm - not included in
ticket price.
Fireworks at 7.00pm(ish!).
Adults B200, children B100, under 5's free.

Thai Craft Sale



Shoppers: do your Christmas and New Year shopping early at the forthcoming ThaiCraft Sale on Saturday 28th October at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre from 10am to 1pm. This sale will give you ample time to send unique gifts at reasonable prices to relatives and friends in your home country and will indeed reach them in time for the holidays.

Date:

Saturday 28th October 1995

Place:

Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre

Time:

10am-1pm

**Do all of your holiday shopping in one location.
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Please note: There will be another ThaiCraft sale in December, on Saturday 2nd, at the QSNCC. Sale time will be from 10am to 3pm, allowing shoppers more time to make their purchases.

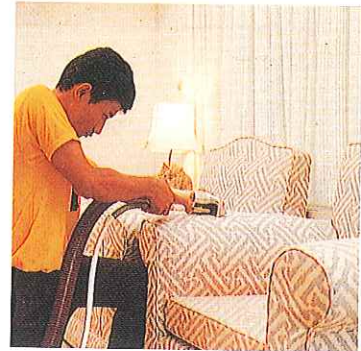
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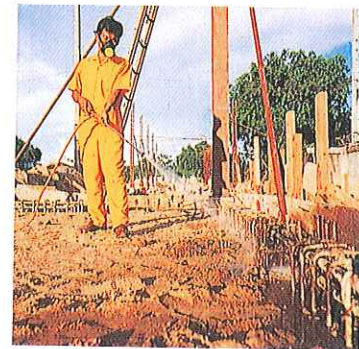
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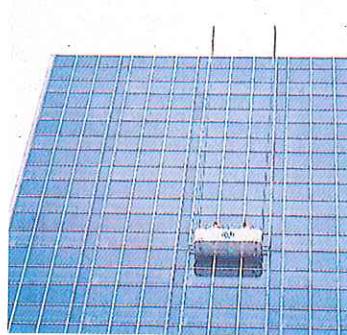
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New Members



Steven & Lynne

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Thacker

Steven and Lynne are both from Melbourne and they have three children: Bradley, 12, Sarah, 10 and Brent, 5, all three of whom are at Patana School. Steven manages TNT Logistics here in Bangkok and enjoys tennis and golf in his spare time, while Lynne is - wait for it - a brown belt in karate! She also enjoys aerobics and the more energetic sports of watching tennis on television and reading.

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Hill

Bruce and Susan, both from the south-east of England, were stationed in KL, Hong Kong and Barcelona before arriving here four months ago. Bruce is the quantity surveyor for the Siam Techno City Building and plays rugby and squash in his spare time. Susan enjoys aerobics and swimming, and both of them enjoy a drink or two. They have two children, William, 3 and Robert, 5 who started at Patana this term.



Bruce and Susan



Terry

Mr. Terry Wilcox

Terry clinically decided to wait over a year before joining the Club to prevent him from feeling homesick sooner! He's single "and young enough" (35), and plays football, volleyball, tennis and just about any other sport. During the day he's a computer bod at EDS. Terry came out this way because he was bored of working in England and wanted a challenge - and now he doesn't think he'll ever go back.



Charles and Angela

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Harrison

Meet someone else who is here because of the traffic - Charles works at the Bangkok Mass Transit System Corp., but he stresses he is not on the construction side so denies all responsibility for the concrete trees sprouting up around the city. It comes as no surprise that his contract is open-ended! Charles and

Angela are both keen badminton players (and they're quite good, too. - G), and Angela also plays a mean hand of mahjong and enjoys tennis, cycling, hiking and all sorts of handi-crafts, whereas Charles mucks about with computers in his spare time. They met in Brazil, and have also lived in Portugal and Switzerland.

Mr. & Mrs. Thada Rittirajcomporn

Thada works at Mamy Co., which trades in things like Jergens lotions. He has his own gym at his house although he will be using the facilities here as well. He swims, sings, plays a little squash and likes "good eating". Yaowana would like to improve her swimming and hates snow - which is unfortunate as Thada



Thada and Yaowana

loves it. They have travelled widely and enjoy going for drives upcountry. Two of their three children, Dawan and Thana, are working, while Thanida, 19, is studying at Chula.



Kathy and Chris

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Sewell

Another member joining the Christiani & Nielsen fold, Chris and Kathleen both play tennis, scuba dive and are keen hashers. Chris also plays squash and Kathy likes swimming and apparently plays the piano better than Chris, judging by his performance when their piano arrived last week. They love

wildlife and look forward to seeking out Thailand's flora and fauna both overland and underwater. To start them off, a bat has taken up residence outside their apartment. Kathy was a nurse in Britain and hopes to set up a health visiting service here.



Greg and Lauren

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Lambert

Greg has been working in Thailand off and on for over three years before taking a senior position with the Datamat computer company in their software division on a more permanent basis. Greg and Lauren have two grown-up daughters, Tracey and Kelly, both living in Sydney, although they visit frequently.

Greg is a keen squashie and also plays golf and watches motor sports, and lists Lauren's hobbies as "washing, cooking and ironing" - hmm. Lauren is the active one, playing golf and squash, sailing and going to the gym, in between which she fits in cross-stitch and reading, and she will be starting voluntary service with the CSB soon.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Huddart

Born in England, Michael now calls Melbourne his home, and it's where he met Elizabeth. He has been working for Ayudhya Life for eight months now and expects to be here for another five years.

Michael plays golf and loves watching Aussie rules, while Elizabeth swims, reads and wants to learn to play tennis,

and they both love bridge. They have two children whom they adopted whilst living in Jakarta for five years, Robert, 8, and Sarinah, 7, both of whom are at ISB. I did catch a snippet of when Michael was picked up (literally) by the police while rolling around on the floor one drunken evening down under, but more of that later!



Michael and Elizabeth



Tony

Mr. Anthony Wright

Tony has been working in the industrial water treatment business in and around Asia for the last decade, but has now settled in Thailand with the intriguingly-titled Water Doctor Company and expects to be here for "a long time." He is 46, from Melbourne, and is into squash, Tae Kwondo and serious drinking. Tony won this month's award for the most bizarre hobby - he collects hats, unique and unusual ones, and has dozens of them, although he can't find a good example of a boater - can anyone help him out?



It's CIBA Cup time again

It's October, therefore it's time to throw the annual gauntlet down to Ciba-Geigy in the tussle for the highly prized Ciba Cup,



Kosol Supremo in the chair!

which has held pride of place in a trophy cabinet somewhere in our Club for all of two years now. There will be a twist this year, however - we're playing on their turf this time around! This will give us the opportunity to prove that we don't need the vision of a nearby comfy chair in a breezy Sala to boost morale. Put the date 29th October in your diaries. And don't even think of letting me down!!

We're hoping to field a team of about 20+, so all players wanting to take part please get in contact with either myself or Wanna as soon as possible, whereupon you shall be show-

ered with warm praise in this column. You will also gain the prestigious opportunity to represent your Club in one of our rare away matches. I am hoping that there will be, among you, a couple of you with cars who can ferry the wheelless and directionless like myself to the courts, but anticipate a more coordinated statement nearer the time!

Q8 invasion

Also in October is planned the Thursday match against Q8, deferred from mid-August due to the main organiser on their side not being in the country much at that time. This will be a friendly against John Auld's mob, and priority for our team will be given to those who are regulars down at our Soi Klang sessions (Mondays and/or Thursdays). The confirmed date will be posted on the noticeboard and widely nattered about at the courts on the preceding Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. Expected team numbers are currently around the 10 mark.

Finally, as you read this the championships should be under way, so all luck to everyone and may the best swatters stand out from the crowd!

Lotsaluv

Lek Farang

Anyone interested in swatting a few shuttles, please give one of the following a shout:

Chairperson - Gaynor 237 4031

Captain - Wanna 321 4599

Secretary - Barry (work) 260 1210

or come and whisper in our ear when you see us at the Club!

Farang league kicks off October 31st

The new season now kicks off on October 31st, the Farang League inform us. Missing from the line-up this year will be the Indian Cougars, and their place has been taken by the Siemens works team. The Brazilians have been renamed Santa Fe Brazil but otherwise there are no further changes. We look forward with enthusiasm to the season ahead and wish Captain Greg Watkins together with Chris Davin and Alex Forbes every success.

The build up to the season has been dampened by the rainy season through fixture cancellation as a result of unplayable pitches. Indeed the school on Soi 15 cancelled all games in August and a number in September too. As a result, full turnout occurred at Thursday night training at the British Club, which at times were overcrowded but nevertheless enjoyable.

Spot the Baby

Under pressure from the members, the football section have requested their own "Spot the Baby" competition. This first competition has been kindly sponsored by storming Norman Bright who has kindly offered a bottle of wine to both the first member of the football section and the first non-section British Club member who can successfully identify the baby. Calls please to section Chairman Vaughan Elias.

Clues:

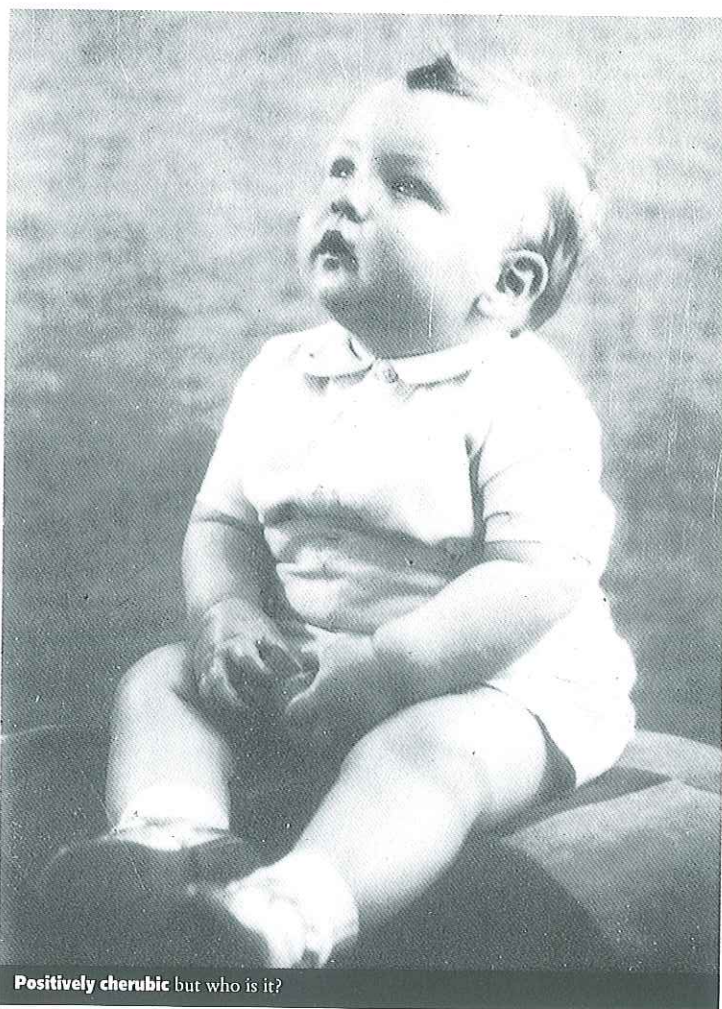
- He is fat, very very fat.
- He is past his prime, way past.
- He drinks beer, lots of beer.
- On mornings after he suffers from wind.

He loves football and still dreams of scoring at Wembley.

He is late tackling and in everything else he does.

His ball control is suspect.

He never knew his father.



Positively cherubic but who is it?

As this applies to 90% of the football section, you are probably none the wiser after reading these clues. Answer next month.

P.S. It is not ex-chairman Ron Aston.

John Sheehan



Tennis ladies - old and new!

There must be masses of you out there who can wield a racquet and would love a good fun game of tennis. Maybe, as when I first arrived here, you don't know quite where to start, or don't have the courage to do it! Well, fret no more.

On Monday 16th October, with holidays well and truly over (and some of us probably feeling slightly depressed!), we are going to have a get-together with everyone who wants to play - **regardless of standard** - from 8.00am to 10.00am at the Club. It will be a great opportunity for us all (both old and new members) to meet each other, play some tennis, then have a coffee or two afterwards. It will also give us the chance to talk about all sorts of things, for instance:



L-R François, Jaree, Sally and John

- 1 what sort of tennis you like to play (i.e. serious / not so serious!)
- 2 what morning would suit the majority for a regular get-together

- 3 who would like to play on the Club teams, if selected, against other clubs in and around Bangkok, etc.

*Where are you?
We need you*

So **please**, all you tennis freaks, come out of the woodwork. We know you are there; the write-ups in Outpost for New Members Night give you away constantly! Just ring me (Diana) on 285-6923/5 to

let me know you are coming, and I shall then look forward to seeing you on court.

Diana Howard

Monthly Tournament

- Sunday 19th August

Surprisingly for August, when a lot of members are away, twenty turned up for the handicap tournament and, also surprisingly at this time of the year, the rain did not turn up!

The afternoon went very smoothly except for a bit of confusion about the way to score (well, it was my first time at organising a tournament), but with a lot of help from Maurice (yes, he's still here) and Pat, everyone played all their games. The finalists were François and Jaree against John Cochrane and Sally, the latter taking the prize after a hard fought game.

Great fun

The evening ended with five-a-side tennis which was great fun and a real incentive to come and join in next month.

Joy Masood

Not much to report for the Junior section this month, as many of them have been away as well as most of us, the organisers. However, we kick off October with the Round Robin on Sunday 1st, at 8am. All juniors are welcome, as long as they can serve a reasonable number of serves into the right place! Cost is 30 baht per participant. Whether the tournament is for singles or doubles depends upon the numbers present, as usual, and if



L-R John, Joy, Mayurin and Maurice

there is time at the end we have some friendly matches. Any queries to me at 258 5107. Don't forget - that's a prompt start at 8 o'clock!

Then there's the Ladder - positions have been held over the holiday period, but challenges are needed this month if people wish to maintain their places. Queries about joining or playing in the ladder, or about match results, should be directed to Elaine Kelly on 252 5314.



Tim and Nicky

Shelagh Weekes

St George's Society Trafalgar Night

on

Friday 27th October 1995

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or call Peter Hutton on tel: 260-7248-52 for details.**



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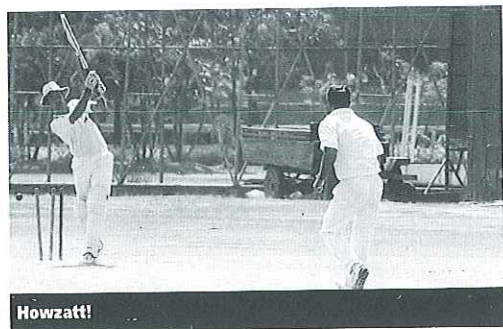


A quiet couple of months

Welcome back to the cricket section after a brief summer spell. The Poms have given the West Indies a real fright during our off season and must count themselves unlucky not to have cleaned up the former champs obviously still reeling from the thrashing the Aussies dished out early on in the year.... It's been a quiet couple of months on the cricket fields of Bangkok but that's about to change during late November when the '95/96 season gets under way with the traditional TCL Sixes competition at the RBSC and Polo grounds.

The season will see the welcome return of the 25 Over League to complement the 50 Over

team competition in the 50 Over League. The British Club will enter one in each so there will be plenty of cricket available this year! There is also hope that a major sponsor will come to the fore to support the league.



Howzatt!

As well as these two leagues, the BC hope to play in two sixes tournaments and even put together a tour or two, but that will be handled by the new committee who would have been voted in at the AGM on 29th September.

All those interested in playing cricket please contact any of the following regulars:

Peter Young (work) 679 7644
(mobile) 01 498 6006

Brian Diamond (work) 287 2680

Adam Caro (work) 238 2568

We hope that training will get under way during October or at latest early November at the British Club.

Well that's all for this brief report but we will finish with a profile of one of last season's promising rookies - Barney Phillips.

Catch you next month

Richie B.



Good straight arm action for a change!

League that ran last year. Seasoned veterans such as Ian Hamilton, Ron Scobie, Jim Howard and even Mr. Dunlop - David Lamb - will hopefully be gracing the cricket fields once again as the Pavilionaires team make their comeback.

There will most likely be a 9 or 10 team competition in the 25 Over League and a 6

Cricketer Profile

Name

Barney Phillips

Nationality

Australian

D.O.B.

11/2/1955 - yes, quite an old rookie!

Nature of Business in Thailand

Construction Manager - Beta Clough

Position/Speciality

Number 7-11 batsman, medium pace r/ arm bowler; usually a safe catch (no comment! - Richie)

Career Highlight

At school (were there schools back then, Barney??), once hit 7 fours in an 8 ball over.

* 5 wickets for 13 against opposition that made a total of 32

Favourite Alltime Player

Doug Walters, especially after blasting the West Indies for 788 runs in four test

matches, including 242 and 103 in the same match!

General Likes

Australian outdoors - fishing and shooting; Aussie rules football (obviously a connoisseur of real sports)

Dislikes

Not being able to see the colour of the sky, lazy people and people who use traffic as an excuse (so Barney doesn't get on with many people in Bangkok!)

Most embarrassing moment on a cricket field

First match of the season - the trousers don't fit quite as well as they used to - you're on second slip and the old seam splits in the first over of the day. Having been late you saved time by wearing the whites to get to the game, so no spares and nothing to change into! The old concentration goes right out of the window for the rest of the match..!



Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar

Sunday



1

8am **Tennis Tournament Juniors**
 11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In - Soi Nares**
 3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

9am Intersection Sports Day

8

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
 2-6pm **Tennis Tournament**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

Monday



2

8am **BWG Mahjong**
 8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
 2pm **Aerobics**
 6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**
 7.30pm **New Members Night**

9

8am **BWG Mahjong**
 8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
 2pm **Aerobics**
 6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

Tuesday



3

7am **Ladies Golf**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
 8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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7am **Ladies Golf**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
 8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

7.30pm Extraordinary General Meeting

Wednesday



4

6-8am **Early Bird Tennis Mix-In**
 9.30am **Aerobics**
 5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

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6-8am **Early Bird Tennis Mix-In**
 9.30am **Aerobics**
 5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

Thursday



5

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
 6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
 7pm **Aerobics**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training - Soi 15**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Soccer Training**

12

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
 6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
 7pm **Aerobics**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training - Soi 15**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Soccer Training**

8pm Murder Mystery Gala

Friday



6

8am **Junior Tennis**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

8pm Music Quiz

13

8am **Junior Tennis**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

8pm Murder Mystery Gala

Saturday



7

8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 9.30am **Aerobics**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

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8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 9.30am **Aerobics**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

Rugby Ball

Children's Sports Activities

Tennis Coaching
Junior Tennis Tournament
Swimming Coaching

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning
Sunday 1st October
Saturday Morning

Don't Forget!!!

Extraordinary General Meeting
Tuesday 10th October
7.30pm - Surawong Room

15

11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
 3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

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11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
 3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

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11am-1pm **Badminton Mix-In**
 3-7pm **Tennis Mix-In**
 5-7pm **Children's Video**

16

8am **BWG Mahjong**
 8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
 2pm **Aerobics**
 6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

23

8am **BWG Mahjong**
 8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
 2pm **Aerobics**
 6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

30

8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
 8am **BWG Mahjong**
 2pm **Aerobics**
 6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Tennis Men's Team**

17

7am **Ladies Golf**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
 8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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7am **Ladies Golf**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
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 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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7am **Ladies Golf**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training**
 8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

18

6-8am **Early Bird Tennis Mix-In**
 9.30am **Aerobics**
 5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

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 9.30am **Aerobics**
 5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
 6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**

Opening Times

10am-11pm **Churchill Bar**
 11.30am-2pm **Lords Restaurant - Lunch**
 6-10pm **Lords Restaurant - Dinner**
 7.30am-10pm **Poolside Bar**
 6am-9pm **Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat**
 9am-9pm **Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols**
 9am-5pm **Thai Massage - Tue/Sun**

19

10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
 6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
 7pm **Aerobics**
 7-9pm **Rugby Training - Soi 15**
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 7-9pm **Soccer Training**

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 7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
 7-9pm **Soccer Training**

Venues

Soi 15 **NIST grounds**
 Soi 49 **Soi Klang Racquet Club**
 Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police Station**

Golf - As advertised

20

8am **Junior Tennis**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

27

8am **Junior Tennis**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton **Gaynor de Wit 237-4031**
 Cricket **Peter Young 679-7644**
 Golf **Paul Nears 254-1342/3**
 Rugby **Joe Grunwell 262-0220**
 Squash **David Turner 279-1234**
 Soccer **Peter Rodgers 240-0678**
 Tennis **John Kelly 264-2100**

21

8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 9.30am **Aerobics**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer - Soi 15**

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8-11am **Tennis Coaching**
 9.30am **Aerobics**
 4.30pm **Casuals Soccer**

Sports - Contact the following:

Non-BC Sports
 Ladies Golf
 BCLG **Wil Agerbeek 259-7019**
 LIGHT **Eileen Cook 295-4596**
 Hockey **Lois Carson 258-5295**

3.30pm Children's Halloween



Excellent turnouts

The last few weeks have been fairly busy for the Golf Section.

Early in June we had our annual match against the Japanese Association. Strength in depth told in this event and the Japanese won back the Honda Cup. However, the overall individual Stapleford winner was our own Lavita Hughes. The Inaugural Cup was played against the BCLG at Muang Ake.



BCGS vs. the Japanese Association

After a hard fought match and a re-count the BCLG emerged victorious.

Enjoyable day

In July the Brits vs. the Aussies was enlarged to the Brits vs. the Commonwealth. An excellent turnout was achieved and after adding all the Stapleford points we lost again! However, a very enjoyable day was had by all. The Captain's Day was held at Lakeview Princess at the end of July. All prizes were

either champagne wine or whisky. The result was a fun competition and the accompanying liquor at the Bar-B-Q went down very well.

The Johnnie Walker Eclectic was held at Eastern Star in mid-August. The results from

the twenty six players was very mixed. Once again our sincere thanks to Riche Monde.



Phil Barrett Winner of the Eclectic 1995

Day 1

1st	M. Baker	nett 68
2nd	P. Barrett	nett 69
3rd	B. Dodd	nett 69

Day 2

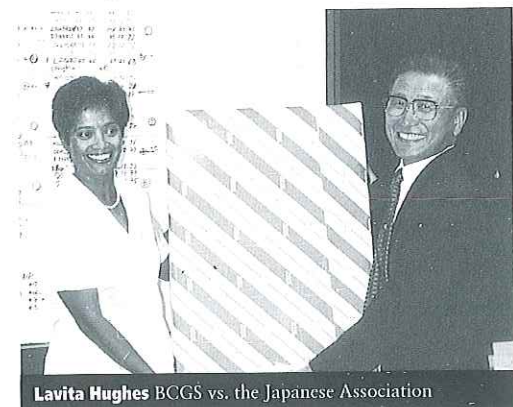
1st	M. Corey	nett 64
2nd	A. Poustie	nett 69
3rd	B. Adams	nett 72

Day 3

1st	P. Barrett	nett 68
2nd	D. Lamb	nett 70
3rd	M. Baker	nett 71

The overall winner was Phil Barrett with an excellent nett 56, closely followed by Mike Baker with Des Keane coming in strongly in third place.

For your diary two events in October are a match against the British Embassy and the



Lavita Hughes BCGS vs. the Japanese Association

Veterans Weekend. In November the Rysome Bowl will be played and the last quarters Medal. The year will be rounded off with the Hua Hin weekend in early December which is followed two weeks later by the Medal Final.

One encouraging feature recently has been the number of new members and guests coming along. Great, keep it up.

Paul J. Nears

Captain

A competitive mix

The month of August saw several new members join the squash section and we extend a warm welcome to each of them. Judging from their performances at the Thursday night mix-ins, the next league competitions promise to be very keen!

If you managed to watch a few games of the Hong Kong Open on Star TV in early September, you would have seen some great semi-final games. Watching squash on TV, however, doesn't quite do justice to the sport nearly as well as in tennis. So, to really appreciate high calibre squash, one needs to experience it in person. In mid-August, Terry Gardiner, from the UK (seeded 25th in the world), played five of Thailand's top players at the Polo Club. The 100 people who turned out on a rainy Friday night for this exhibition match (sponsored by the Bank of Hong Kong) were treated to a dazzling display of skill and fitness. Mr. Gardiner got to everything and defeated all five opponents handily. After those matches, I'm looking forward with heightened enthusiasm to the Asian Games for squash later this year in Jomtien. Watch for the dates in the next Outpost. Be sure not to miss it!

For those of you with juniors (under 16) who want to learn how to play squash, Sunday afternoon coaching will commence on October 8th. This is an excellent opportunity to bring your teenagers along in squash. Remember, the earlier one learns to play the game, the sooner the benefits begin!

We are very grateful to Christiani & Nielsen for their league sponsorship.

Coming Tournaments

Rod Carter Open - Starts 9th October.

Tony Austin - Starts 16th October.

One way to generate more enthusiasm for the game of squash is to hold more competitions.



Some Sunday Squashers

With the two coming tournaments, in addition to monthly leagues, there is ample opportunity for increased participation. All it takes is a few phone calls to set the dates and you're in! Make a point of playing your league games early to lessen the chance of a no-show. Then everyone wins.

Looking ahead, a Racquet Ball has been scheduled for June '96; the committee will reconvene in October to begin initial planning.

Happy squashing!

Tom Livingston



A successful rainy season

In spite of the inclement weather playing havoc with our training and fixtures, the BC Rugby Section has in fact enjoyed a most successful rainy season.

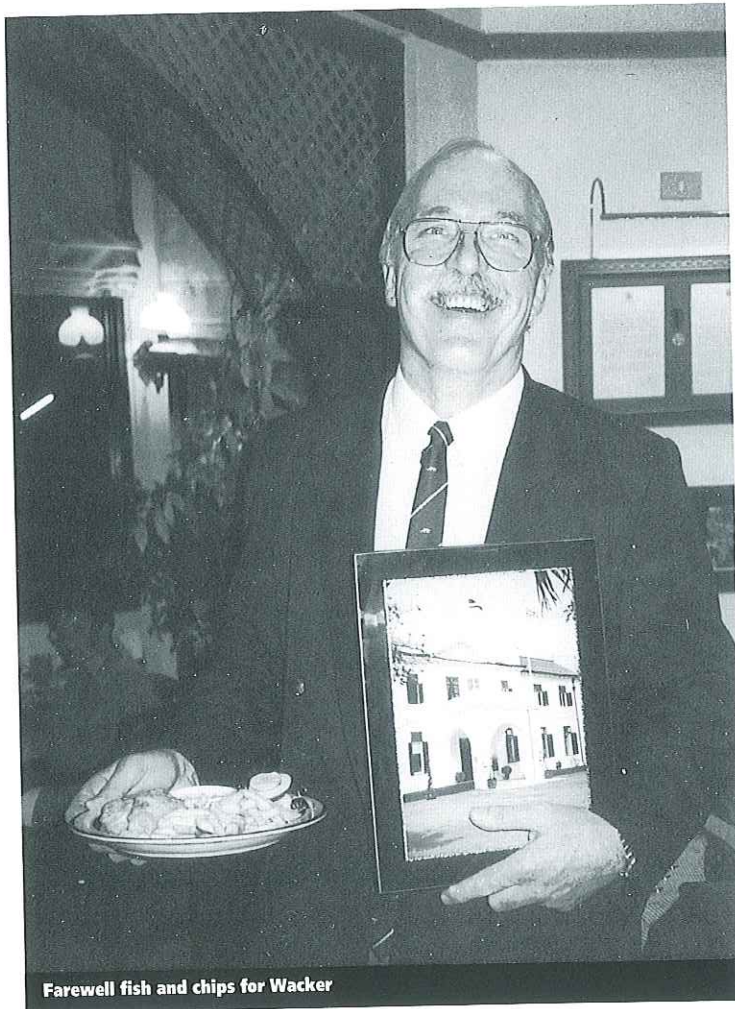
The inaugural Rayong Retreat was extremely well received by all who attended. Those who

rugby that almost put everyone in bed for the rest of the weekend. The smell of beer, predictably, prompted a swift recovery and by eight o'clock all travellers were assembled in the bar of the Cosy Beach Hotel ready to be led astray by our old friend Trevor Day. As always, an Indian restaurant was the choice and the slow service was punished by the choral skills of Jim Howard and the souvenir collecting of Alec Stewart. After a late night, the Sunday morning session of touch on the beach was attended by only ten.

The following week the BC put up a solid performance at the Kodak 7's with the first team reaching the semifinals and the over 35's being unlucky losers to the Air Force in the final. It was great to see the slim and evergreen figures of Joe Grunwell, Guy Hollis, Carlo Cassagrade, Colin Hastings, John Saunders, Jim Howard, Vince Swift, Alan Lovell, Wacker and Lorry Smith play good rugby.

Keenly contested

Our next major encounter was a game of 15's with our good friends the French Corsaires. Joining the international ban was discussed but it was felt that more damage could be done to them on the field. The BC emerged deserved victors with a scoreline of 18-14. Tries came from John Saunders and a superb solo effort from Rod Kerr. After two early losses in pre-season warm-up games, it was great to see that a full strength BC still has the edge over the French. The next weekend saw the BC thrash the Japanese by 47 points to 10 with two tries from Andy Davies and one each from Stewart, Townsend, Whiting,



Farewell fish and chips for Wacker

felt it would be a jog around the park followed by a gallon of beer were horribly mistaken, as someone forgot to tell Wacker. The motley crew of 20 who had somehow assembled at the International School Eastern Seaboard were forced into a three hour session of drills, sprints, exercises and 7's

Walker and Saunders.

Waterlogged

The final weekend of August was busy with the Barbarians playing Gai Wu from Hong Kong and the first team coming up against the Royal Thai Air Force in the first round of the British Council Cup. A small problem arose just hours before the Gai Wu game when Jim was informed that Soi 15 was waterlogged. A hundred unsuccessful calls were made to any institution with a bit of grass. Ultimately, we managed to turn up at Chulalongkorn Stadium and bribe the groundsman. Gai Wu ended the game with a well-earned victory of three tries to none and BC ended the game with only 14 men as Steve

“The Boot” Rees was sent off by Terry Adams in dramatic fashion for taking the law into his own hands.

The next day, the first team defeated the Royal Thai Air Force 12-11 with a last minute try from Richard Barton. Graham Carson was the other points scorer with a try and a conversion. Apart from that, Graham was

better off on the touchline as all he could do was belt the ball straight into touch. As his wife Lois later commented, “The only time you got muddy was when you scored the try.”

In the near future we have a fixture against the RBSC in the next round of the British Council Cup on 17th September and a 7's tournament in Hat Yai on the weekend of 23/24 September. Those who wish to go should call Joe Grunwell on 259 5816/7 or Andy Davies on 583 5401-10.

Rugby Ball

The most important date for your diaries, however, is the annual Rugby Ball which will be held at the Delta Grand Pacific Hotel on Saturday 14th October. The Rugby Ball is one of the more lively so-

cial events on the calendar. Tickets are priced 999 baht which will include some free drink, a meal and entertainment. Sign up at the Club.

Andy Davies

*The only time
you got muddy was
when you scored...*

5th Annual Rugby Ball

on

Saturday 14th October 1995

at the

Delta Grand Pacific Ballroom

Kick off with cocktails at 7.30pm followed by food, drink, band, raffles and lots of fun - have a ball!!

**Tickets are 999 baht. Sign up at Reception now!
(Please state whether a vegetarian meal is required)**

Dress: Pink and black preferred, black tie, national dress.

For more information, phone Bea Grunwell on 262-0220 or Suzanne Partridge on 258-8228



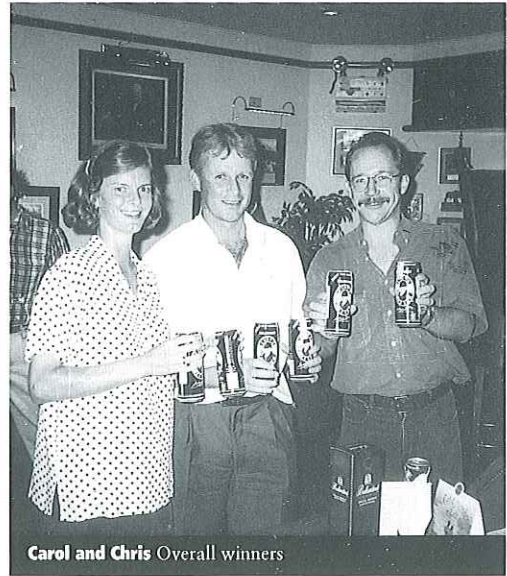
The Allied Walker inaugural night

The inaugural Croquet night of the season was attended by twenty keen amateurs eager to learn the intricate rules of this (supposedly) genteel sport and, importantly, the correct way to hold one's mallet. After a number of false 'roquets' and some corking 'croquets', with the competitors fortified by free Pimms, Tetley Bitter and Steinlager beer, the competition soon became intense. The 'Steinlager Plate' was won by novices Chris and Kathy Sewell, who overcame 'the Partridge family' in a keenly contested final.

Sporting champs

Under the brilliant floodlighting the main final threw up those perennial sporting champs, the soon-to-be-departed Aspdens, Chris and 'SWOTY' Carol (at least their move back to the UK will give someone else

Adams, who had managed to defeat favourites Ian Webb and Mary McMillen in the semi-final. In a climactic finale, Chris and Carol



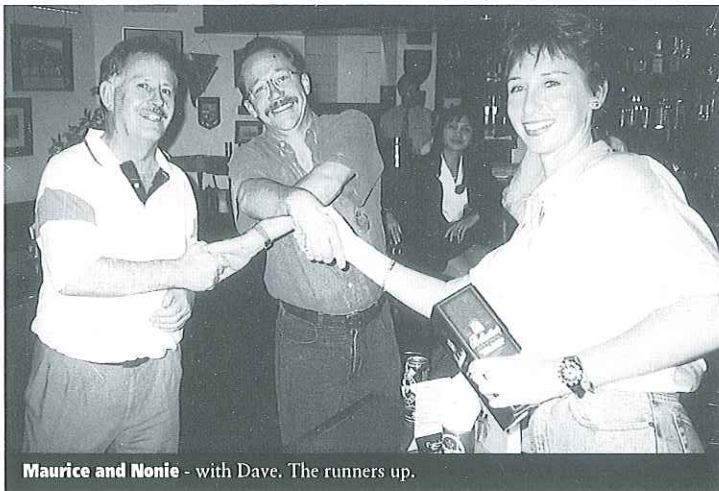
Carol and Chris Overall winners

just pipped Maurice and Nonie to the peg and took away the much-prized case of Tetley Bitter; the runners up receiving a bottle of Ballantines Gold Seal whisky. All prizes thoughtfully donated by Allied Walker, for which many thanks.

Regular event

We hope this will become a regular event on the BC calendar and further encourage a healthy turnout at the Club. There are two croquet sets at the Club which are kept in the stores. If you fancy a game, just go and get the kit!

David Haworth



Maurice and Nonie - with Dave. The runners up.

a chance to win things!), against the unfancied Maurice "Chairman" Lamb and guest Nonie

Special Notice

Guy Fawkes Night

All Members

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE 1995 GUY FAWKES NIGHT

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER AT THE BC

1 The Club will be **closed** to all cars from 11.59pm on Saturday 4th November to 11.59am on Sunday 5th November. Instead cars may use the AIA car park at 181 Surawong Road.

2 As last year, the Club will be **closed** to all members from 11.59pm on Saturday 4th November until 10.00pm on Sunday 5th November. When the Club opens, **only** members with Guy Fawkes tickets will be allowed onto the premises.

Members of the Club will support the security guards at all entrances onto the property so as to ensure compliance with this rule. This restriction is to guarantee that we do not exceed the numbers we are licensed for at this event.

3 Children must be accompanied by their parents, or, if in a group, then the nominated adult in charge of that group must enter the Club and stay with the group at all times.

4 ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWORKS OF ANY DESCRIPTION CAN BE BROUGHT ONTO THE CLUB GROUNDS BY ANYONE OTHER THAN THE CONTRACTORS.

5 There will be an ambulance on site by the Silom Gate and there will be clearly marked first aid posts on the backlawn and in the front car park.

6 There will be a fire engine on site by the temporary workshops with hoses deployed ready for use.

7 There will be a fire post established next to the first aid post. There will also be a fire post close to the point that the fireworks are ignited, with water and sand buckets and fire extinguishers.

8 There will be a fine mesh net up to a height of 15ft above the crowd to collect debris and a rope to stop the crowd approaching the display area.

9 There will be nominated stewards in 'bibs' to help control the crowd.

11 All access points onto the front lawn will be closed off and manned by stewards.

12 All exits from the Club out onto Silom and Surawong Roads will be lit, manned and opened during the display.

13 There will be a 25m gap between the fireworks and the crowd.

14 Spectators will be positioned with their backs to the wind.

The Pepsi Children's Sports Day

All-round fun

Twenty eight children attended the Children's Sports Day on Sunday 10th October.

Glorious weather

The weather was glorious - in other words, it didn't rain! Free soft drinks generously provided by Pepsi flowed, and Mark Partridge ably assisted by Graham Carson and Andy Kerr laid on a whole series of challenges and games for the children. The champ was probably James Kerr, who seemed to walk off with a huge amount of medals, but everyone got a prize and it was a really successful day. Many, many thanks to Pepsi for sponsoring the afternoon.

David Viccars



Bobbing apples



In the sack(s)



Potential Peles

Children's Corner

Colour in this picture of Witch Wanda flying on her broomstick with her faithful cat on Halloween



Wordsearch

R	I	D	I	N	G	S	Q	U	A	S	H
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G	R	A	S	O	S	C	U	B	A	W	N
B	B	S	O	K	W	T	T	N	D	J	I
Y	E	K	C	O	H	L	E	I	M	O	M
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G	M	B	R	A	N	O	I	D	T	I	W
P	O	A	L	A	L	G	R	X	O	N	S
I	D	L	L	E	H	O	C	E	N	G	E
G	U	L	F	S	O	F	T	B	A	L	L

See if you can find the 18 sports that you can play in Thailand hidden in the grid. Remember, the words may go up, down or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line.

The answers and the completed grid will be in the next issue.

Total eclipse of the sun

Once in a blue moon...

On Tuesday 24th October there will be a total eclipse of the sun which will be visible from much of the eastern hemisphere. We in Thailand are lucky enough to be in the direct path of this rare and spectacular event. Throughout history, solar eclipses have inspired awe, fear and reverence. Ancient civilisations like the Incas took an eclipse to be a sign from the gods. Nowadays, this celestial spectacle is treated as an object of scientific study, but it's still breathtakingly magnificent to watch. For those interested in this remarkable phenomenon, this is my non-technical summary of a NASA Eclipse Bulletin.

Path of the Eclipse

The path of the moon's umbral shadow¹ will trace a path from the Middle to the Far East; starting in Iran at sunrise, passing through Afghanistan and Pakistan and into northern India within an hour, travelling at a speed of 2.255 km/second and broadening in width. In Burma, the path reaches 61km across and the eclipse lasts up to 1 minute 30secs. Rangoon will see only a partial eclipse, being 100km south of the path.

There should be great views from the Ganges delta, as Indian skies are usually clearer than ours at this time of the year. Odds are 85-90% for good visibility there compared to 50% in Thailand and Cambodia. However, totality² will last longer in the latter countries.

An hour and a half after first sighting, the umbra will enter Thailand just south of Mae Sot. Slowing down to a speed of 0.73km/second as the sun rises, the umbral shadow will be travelling southeast over Nakhon Sawan and Pak Chong (south west of Nakhon Ratchasima) crossing the Cambodian border west of Sam Rong. Due to its relatively narrow width, few cities lie in the path of the shadow; however, Nakhon Sawan stands out as **the** place to be, with an eclipse duration of 1 minute 45secs and an umbra 68km wide. In Cambodia, Angkor Wat will have a marvellous view of the total eclipse lasting 1 minute 48sec, as will Siem Reap. From there, the umbra crosses Vietnam, passing 100km north of Ho Chi Minh City, and out across the South China Sea, touching the northern tip of Borneo before swinging eastward between the Philippines and New Guinea, ending

at sunset over the Pacific Ocean. At greatest eclipse, duration will be 2 minutes 10secs. A partial eclipse will be visible within the much broader path of the moon's penumbral shadow³, which

includes most of Asia and Australia.

Bangkok lies 140km south of the umbral path, so we will only get to see a partial eclipse of 0.957 magnitude (i.e. 95.7% of the sun's diameter will be obscured by the moon). And that's if it's fairly cloudless, which unfortunately is unlikely, as we are situated in a river valley and at the tail end of the rainy season. To improve your chances of seeing

*Nakhon Sawan
is the place to be*

something special, head north/northeast: the air is less polluted and inland skies tend to be clearer.

The Sky at Totality - things to look for

When the eclipse enters the 'total' phase, the sky will darken rapidly, resembling twilight about half an hour after sunset. This is a great opportunity to view planets and bright stars in the daytime sky, given clear sky conditions. Venus (the brightest planet) will be located 17 deg. east of the sun, and will be almost unmissable. Jupiter is well-placed at 42 deg. east of the sun, and it may be possible to spot it several minutes before totality. Mercury is 18 deg. west of the sun and another easy target. Many important stars will also be visible.

Saros Series 143

The total eclipse this month is the twenty-second member of Saros series 143, a family of 72 partial and total eclipses which began in 1617 AD and is due to end on the April 23rd 2897. Note that this eclipse is the twelfth and **last** total eclipse of Saros series 143.

Safety first!

Mind your eyes!! The sun can only be viewed with the naked eye during the brief seconds of totality. Even if 99% of the sun's surface is obscured, the remaining crescent is intensely bright and cannot be viewed safely without eye protection, like specialised filters. The invisible infra-red rays cause the most damage, so even though it doesn't feel 'sore', it doesn't mean you aren't permanently damaging your eyes.

For photographers: never look through the lens without using a mylar or glass solar filter during partial phases. A low to medium speed film is recommended (50 to 100) and a zoom

of around 200mm+ gives good results. If you have a point-and-shoot camera with 35mm lens, try photographing the ground under nearby shade trees during the partial phases - the gaps between the leaves act like pinhole cameras and each one projects its own tiny image of the sun

(don't forget to turn the flash off!).

A total eclipse happens once in a blue moon - don't sleep through this one!

A great opportunity to view planets during the day

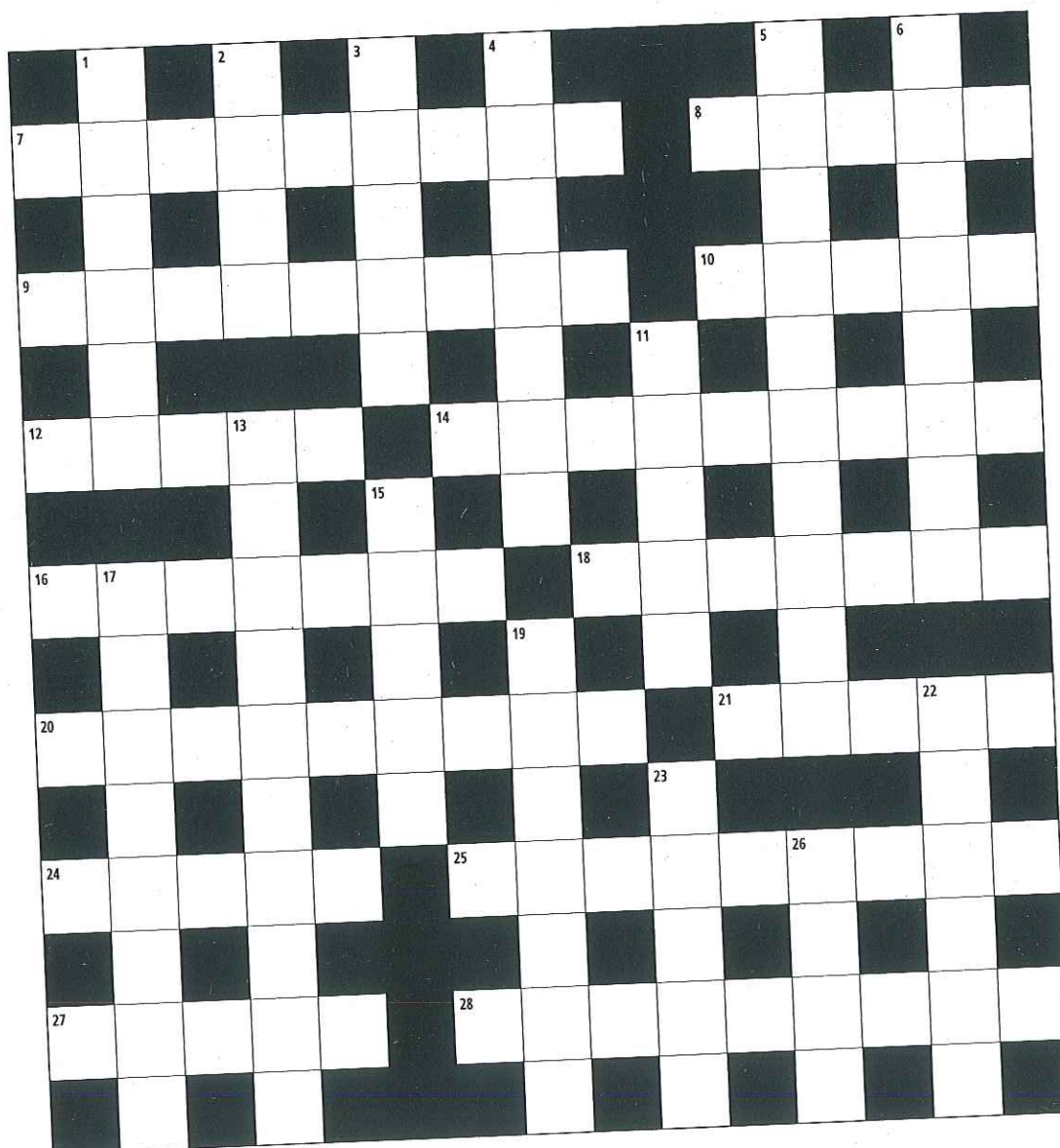
- 1 Umbra - shadow cast by the moon upon the earth during a total solar eclipse
- 2 Totality - the phase of total solar eclipse when the sun is completely obscured by the moon.
- 3 Penumbra - the fringe region of a half shadow cast by the moon during a partial solar eclipse

For more information, contact me or look it up on Internet:

<http://umbra.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/predictions/eclipse-paths.html>.han

Gaynor de Wit

Crossword



Across

- 7 English author whose novels include *The Good Companions* (9)
- 8 Francis _____, Irish painter noted for his distorted, richly coloured human figures, dogs and carcasses (5)
- 9 Jamaican reggae singer, guitarist and songwriter (3,6)
- 10 Member of an ancient order of priests in Gaul, Britain and Ireland in the pre-Christian era (5)
- 12 Japanese form of fencing employing wooden staves (5)
- 14 Country seat of the Duke of Beaufort (9)
- 16 Resembling a remote ancestor rather than a parent (7)
- 18 Reading desk or support in a church (7)
- 20 Former name of Ghana (4,5)
- 21 Australian or New Zealand soldier (5)
- 24 Material consisting of a mixture of metallic elements with non-metallic elements (5)
- 25 Armed services of the German Third Reich 1935-45 (9)
- 27 Insect which feeds by sucking the juices from plants (5)
- 28 Solanaceous plant such as tobacco (9)

Down

- 1 The French spoken in Louisiana (6)
- 2 Breadth of a ship or boat taken at its widest part (4)
- 3 English rock musician, original name Richard Starkey (5)
- 4 Of a form of government or a country in which power is divided between one central and several regional governments (7)
- 5 Recent Secretary-General of NATO (10)
- 6 Very large oval Indian diamond, part of the Crown Jewels (8)
- 11 Archaic or dialect word for ant (5)
- 13 English rock singer and writer of *Space Oddity* (5,5)
- 15 Cravat with wide square ends, usually secured with an ornamental stud (5)
- 17 Author of the Palliser series of political novels (8)
- 19 The exercise of self-discipline (7)
- 22 Goddess of wisdom, practical skill and prudent warfare (6)
- 23 Slang or jargon peculiar to a particular group (5)
- 26 Percentage payable for the exchange of one currency into another (4)

Recipe

Trifle

The recipe for this all-time favourite dessert comes from a friend of mine, and I can attest to its absolute deliciousness. Trifles are deceptively easy to make, so I would highly recommend trying this one if you want to spoil the family. It has been adapted slightly for ingredients actually available here in Bangkok.

Ingredients:

- 1 medium sized Pound Cake
- Seedless Raspberry Jam
- 1 cup of broken biscuits (amaretti or you can find biscuits topped with almond slivers in Villa)
- 1 cup of Marsala wine, plus a little extra for diluting the almond essence
- Frozen raspberries (thawed - about a cup) - optional

For the sauce:

- 3 tbsp sugar
- 1 1/2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 1/2 cups of milk
- 1 teasp real vanilla extract

Topping:

- 2 cups of heavy whipping cream (try to avoid the UHT cream if possible since it takes a long time to thicken here in Bangkok)
- 1-2 tbsp of icing sugar
- 1/2 - 1 teasp almond essence

Method

Cut the cake into slices - not too thick - and poke with a fork. Sprinkle some almond essence diluted with some Marsala wine lightly over the cake. Spread the jam thinly on both sides. Cut into cubes.

Crumple the biscuits into crumbs. Add some Marsala and almond essence to the crumbs, and toss into a bowl with the cake cubes. Add the cup of Marsala wine gradually to the mixture to ensure that it is quite moist. If you have the raspberries, add a little of their juice to the mixture.

Over the layer of the mixture, place a thin layer of raspberries (optional)

Making the Sauce

(like Creme Anglaise or Custard)

Whisk the sugar, cornstarch and egg yolks together until pale yellow in colour. In a saucepan heat the milk with the vanilla extract. When hot but not boiling, slowly add the egg mixture, stirring continuously. Keep on very low heat for about 6 minutes stirring continuously until the mixture begins to thicken. (*Tip:- the best way of checking this is on the back of a wooden spoon. Dip the spoon in the mixture and run your finger down the back. If the channel of the mixture does not refill then it is ready*). Make sure you do not allow it to boil or you will have scrambled eggs instead of a thickened Creme Anglaise.

Allow to cool and pour over the trifle.

Making the Cream Topping

Beat the cream until thick (can stand up in peaks), adding the icing sugar and almond essence near the end. After the trifle has stood for a few hours, add the cream topping and decorate.

You can also add some decorative raspberries or strawberries if available.

Leave to cool in the refrigerator.

Note: It can be eaten within a few hours but improves after a day or two as the ingredients, especially the Marsala, sugar and almond essence combine, giving a much better taste.

To catch a rat

In the company of Sally Dunford, back from university in England for a few months, is a member of our newly-appointed Cat Task Force, the British Club Mice and Rat



Sally's in safe hands (sorry, paws!)

Catchers (BCMRC). These healthy-looking feline employees are the result of months of training and preparation by our well-known animal loving member, Joan Adams.

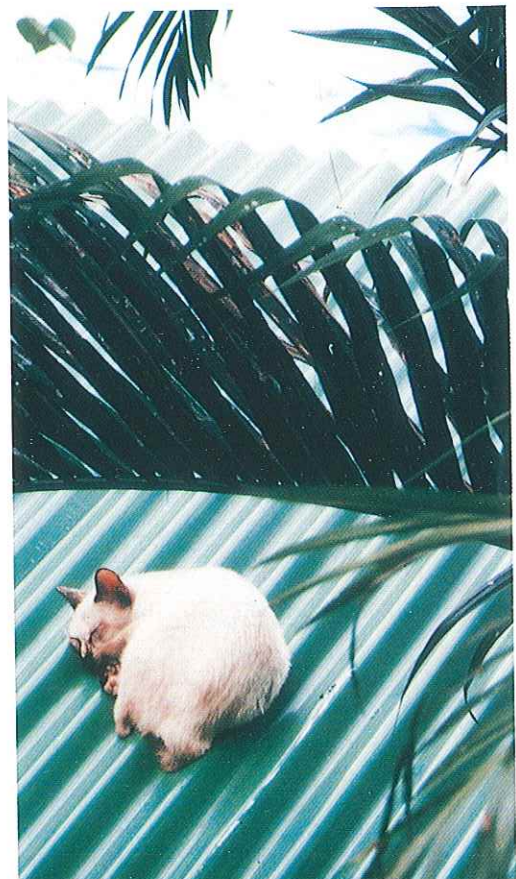
One day, about a year ago, when Joan was about to give up ever finding suitable candidates for these prestigious positions, she spotted two scraggy young

kittens by the poolside, one of which had just been tossed in the bin by someone who shall remain anonymous. She realised she had found what she had been searching for. Straight away she approached our manager, David Viccars, to arrange the training programme to prepare them for their future career with the British Club. Perhaps "training programme" isn't quite correct - "health programme" is probably more appropriate. This included regular meals, plenty of TLC and attention and regular rest periods (cat

naps). In addition, each was spayed. Now, 12 months later, we have five smart, healthy, confident female feline members of staff.

Since they work mostly during the night time, when non-card-carrying mice and rats try to sneak into the Club grounds, don't be surprised if you catch these new staff taking cat naps after a 'hard days night' of work, like in the photo. So next time you see a cat strolling or resting at the Club, remember she's a BCMRC, so please don't toss her in the bin.

Rita Dunford



British Club Staff - On duty



Jet Lag

*It's silent and it's lonely and it's 12 o'clock at night,
I'm full of life and wide awake, no sleep in any sight,
I've tossed and turned and thought enough, I've read near every mag,
The reason is quite simple now, I'm suffering from Jet Lag.*

*I've had such fun at Wimbledon with champers and fresh cream,
The tennis was superbly fought, Sampras played like a dream,
Our weather was quite scorching too, there was not any doubt,
But typical of Blighty folk - they're always screaming drought.*

*I lie in bed this moment here, owl-eyed and so awake,
My mind won't let me tarry long, it's running fit to break,
The memories of my grown-up lass with grandchild on the swing,
The laughter and the wrong notes as I taught her how to sing.*

*I hauled them off to Henley with our special hats all chosen,
We strayed too near the riverside, fell in and came out frozen,
Three jolly months I pattered on and loved just every moment,
With trips to Glyndebourne, Aberdeen and ice creams on the Solent.*

*I'm still awake and writing fast, poor Andrew's caught the bug,
With all lights blinding I've woken him up, does he think me a mug?
He understands so totally as it happens every time
He packs me off to far flung lands saying things like "I'll be fine".*

*So now I have fond memories that will keep me to the ends
As I touch down in Bangkok to unite with my dear friends,
You see, that's what it's all about, you're just the same as me,
With families scattered far and wide, we're one big family.*

*I understand why life is thus, the bee sucks and I follow,
I miss my kids so very much - a bitter pill to swallow,
We help our guys and sacrifice, our hearts are always with 'em,
They stand by us when needed most - could we survive without them?*

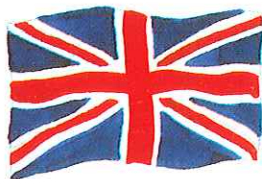
P.S. Answers on a postcard please.

Lynne Mudie.

British Women's Group

British Women's Group
is a friendly and informal group of women
who warmly welcome anyone wishing to join us

Our voluntary committee meets monthly to organise a calendar of events which includes monthly coffee mornings and luncheons with a guest speaker on a variety of subjects, and sporting and recreational pursuits such as tennis, bridge,



mahjong, craft activities and golf.

We can provide you with support and information on living in Bangkok whether you are a newcomer or longstanding resident and also the opportunity to join fund-raising activities or charity work if they are of interest to you



For more information contact:

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Weekly activities include tennis, golf, bridge, mahjong and Kiwala toddlers. As well as the regular weekly activities, there is a constant flow of other events, such as trips away, guest speakers, demonstrations, lunches, coffee mornings, pub nights, shopping trips and lots more... there is something for everyone!

Membership is open to Australian and New Zealand women and women married to Australian or New Zealand men. In addition, women closely associated with Australia or New Zealand may be eligible for membership.



AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S GROUP

c/o The Australian Embassy, 37 South Sathorn Road, Bangkok 10120

For further information contact our membership ladies:
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Farewells and welcome backs

Sadly we said goodbye in August to Greg Elton and family, off to Amman, Jordan, Gerry Fisher, David and Angela Hughes, the Lefebures, Rajan Rajaratnam and alphabetically last but by no means least, my parents David and Carol de Wit have retired to Britain!

But as people leave, new people join (see New Members) and other people come back after some time away - we would like to welcome back John Cochrane, Scott Davis and Frederik Visser-Zijlstra.

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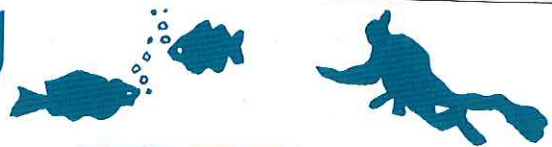
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From the Chairman

As I write this report I am anticipating the “new” Outpost produced from this month onwards by The Creative Partnership with Gaynor de Wit as Editor. The enormity of the



Dugal Forrest Chairman

task of producing a monthly magazine of this kind can only be guessed at by most of us and, if one is honest, I don't suppose many of us give the matter even a moment's thought as we thumb through it every month. Gaynor and The Creative Partnership should, therefore, be thanked for taking this job

on for us and wished the best of luck with it in the future.

A far greater debt of gratitude, however, must be due to Bea Grunwell who shouldered this responsibility a couple or so years ago and rapidly brought the magazine back from the shambles it had become to the professional job it is today. We all of us owe Bea a great deal for a job very well done. Thank you, Bea, from all of us and enjoy your “retirement”.

I suppose one of the most important matters facing us in October is the EGM due to be

held on the 10th. All members eligible to attend will already have received details of this meeting and I very much hope that as many of you as possible will be there to help the General Committee steer the Club in the direction you desire it to go.

A hectic three months

The next three months are the most hectic of the year for the Club, building up, as they do, to Christmas and the New Year. The Entertainments Committee have a pretty busy schedule arranged for this period and, in order to try to make registering for these events easier, it has been decided to introduce a process of fax-back booking. From now on all flyers sent out advertising events will include a fax-back form which only requires filling in and faxing back to the Club for any member wishing to join in the event to book their place. What could be easier?

Finally, a reminder about our Member-get-Member scheme. The first draw is scheduled for New Members Night in November so, if you would like a chance to win a free holiday in Phuket, sign up a new member or two now and try your luck!

Dugal Forrest
Chairman

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