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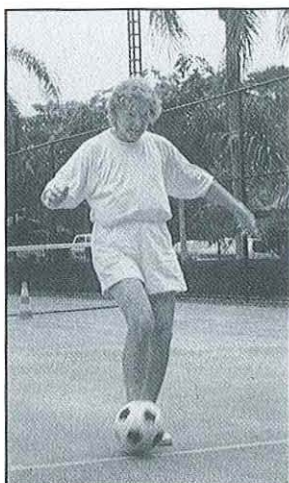
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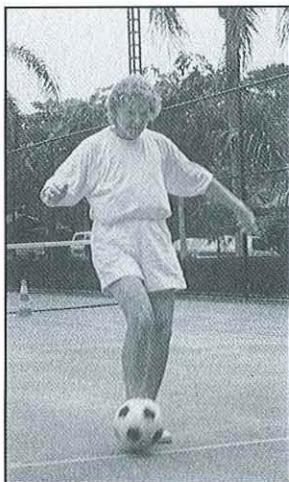
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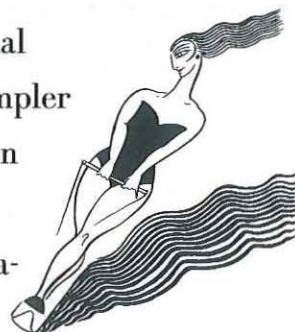


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## From the Editor

Dear Readers,

Well, all has settled down again ... for now anyway. I have been told off by some readers about my article on people throwing things in rubbish bins in England. Apparently the Brits are environmentally conscious and do use separate bins for plastic, glass etc. So I am afraid I will just have to tell my in laws off and say which bin they should use for what. This would have made an excellent article for Outpost of course, so next time you have any comment to make on Outpost writings, please put pen to paper and send them to me!

Last months sports day for the children was an excellent event, so much so, that the tennis section has requested a day a week - especially when tennis events are on - so if there are any volunteers around we'll have a go.

The rugby ball should have been on on 15th October, hopefully Bangkok was not flooded on that day. Predictions of flash floods on 6th October made us all hold our breaths.

What an unfortunate sight it is to see "CANCELLED" stamped all over announcements of events coming up at the Club. There is always an awful lot of work involved organising these evenings, afternoons etc. Sponsors must be found, dates set, bands booked (sorry once again to the Brass Band for the Oktober Fest, who we forgot to cancel, please forgive us and come next year!). It is like a vicious circle, if there is nothing on at the Club, people will say "There is never anything on at the



Club so we are not going there." If something is planned and announced and we have to cancel it because of lack of interest people say: " Anything that is ever planned at the Club, is always cancelled so why book up for it." Let's break this trend, surely all of us Members would like to see the Club as the thriving social centre point of Expatriate life. With major and minor events on, a good place to visit, to bring friends and clients to. An enormous amount of work has gone into getting the food up to scratch, and is still going on. The menus have been revised, no items have been taken off that were ordered by any off you during a two month period. Some new delicious foods have been on the menu now from 1st September and apart from a few teething problems, these have all been tried and tested (tasted) and are up and running. If you have any complaints, please let the F&B Committee know, all the ladies and the new edition, Mr. Bill Caddy,

eat something different every time they visit the Club, just to make sure that quality and quantity is the same as the F&B Committee planned it to be, but they cannot eat every single item on the menu every day. Plans are on the way to devise a special children's menu, so any suggestions, write them down and send them to Joy Masood.

This month in Outpost the usual sports sections, an article on the Ploenchit Fair, an article from a member (Yippee!!!) and all sorts of interesting bits and bats. Still more help is needed with articles and advertising. Sorry to badger you all the time, but **IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?**

If Outpost looks slightly different from previous months, this is due to it being done completely "in-house". In previous months we have had the excellent services of Blakes to do all the artwork, now we are on our own. So excuses already, before you complain about layout, spelling mistakes etc. It will be alright on the night!

If there is any budding artist out there (adult or child) who would like to design a nice front cover for the December issue, please give us a buzz and we will select the best one and use it for our special Christmas Outpost and give the winning artist a prize. Please send all design to me before 15 November 1994.

Regards,

*Bea Grunwell*

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## From the Manager



The sad death of Khun Kulwadee and the injuries to Khun Nopadol cast a sad blight on all the Staff in early October. The poolside service staff were the most affected and a very large thank you must go to all the members who frequent the Sala's, for their kindness to the staff over those sad days. Also a big thank you to those of the members who helped the poolside staff in collecting money for Khun Kulwadee's mother and who helped the staff cope with their loss. Members will be pleased to know that the Club is fully insured for accidents like this and could therefore make a full and generous contribution covering all the expenses surrounding this sad event, as well as making a significant award to Khun Kulwadee's mother.

On a happier note, at least it is for me, exactly a year ago I started here at the British Club, and doesn't time fly? I well remember my indoctrination into the ways of the Club, it was the celebration of Guy Fawkes day 1993. That was a day which, for many reasons, will live in my memory for a very long time!

Guy Fawkes Day is coming round again and this year there will be rigorous safety precautions, or as rigorous as we can make them within the limitations of the Club. These rules have been

sent to all members and are reprinted in the magazine as well, so do please read them. The main imposition this year is that in order to STRICTLY control the numbers at the event, the Club will be closed until 2.00pm on Saturday 5 November and when we do open up at 2.00pm only those with Guy Fawkes tickets will be allowed in. Please also remember that there will be no cars allowed into the Club on Saturday 5 November until after the event is over, instead AIA have kindly agreed that member's can use their car park once again this year. Lets have a wonderful and safe firework display this year!

November will also see the start of building works designed to improve the appearance of the Club and the services provided for members. These works have been explained in detail by letter to all members but in brief the areas affected will be the rubbish area (by the children's pool), and the access points onto the back lawn. The inconvenience to members will be limited but there may be noise during the construction phase, periodic limitations on access to some parts of the Club and piles of building materials may appear from time to time, the work is scheduled for 3 months, so please bear with us for this short time.

The Loy Kratong festival will soon be with us once again and on Sunday 13 November the Club will be celebrating this unique festival with a traditional Thai style dinner and dance on the back lawn. After which the Kratongs will be cast off in the swimming pool, do not miss this spectacular event!

November also sees that special charity event, the Ploenchit Fair, held in the grounds of the British Embassy on November 19, do go along and support the UK Committee for Thai Charities, they really do a terrific job. Also on 19 November, the BC takes a party to Surin for the Elephant Round Up.

Lastly, November sees the St Andrews Society hurling themselves, and others, around the Front Lawn every Monday night in preparation for the St Andrews Ball on 25 November. On 23 November the final practice for the Ball will see a super marching, dancing and musical display from the band of the 1st Royal Tank Regiment, certainly the best Pipes and Drums in the Armoured Corps of the British Army! Don't miss it .... enjoy November at the Club!

David Vickers  
General Manager



### OBITUARY Khun Kulwadee

Members will be saddened to learn of the death of one of our staff, Khun Kulwadee. On the morning of Friday 30 September, she was returning to Bangkok with her husband, Khun Nopadol, (also a BC employee, a cook in the Clubhouse), when the bus they were travelling in was involved in an accident and overturned, killing Khun Kulwadee and critically injuring Khun Nopadol, who, at the time of writing is in a very serious condition in hospital. The accident happened in the area of Singburi and Khun Kulwadee was cremated in Chairat on Monday 3 October. Khun Kulwadee joined the Club in February 1984 and was employed as a Poolside waitress until moving into the Clubhouse as the Housekeeping Storekeeper earlier this year. She met her husband at the Club and they have lived together since 1989, they had no children. Khun Kulwadee was a very cheerful, conscientious and reliable employee and was a very popular member of Staff. She will be sorely missed.



# Elephant Round-up Surin

18, 19 & 20 November 1994  
Surin



*For those of you who are participating in the British Club Elephant Trip to Surin we have put together a schedule, so you know exactly what is going on. David has organised this with military precision, so please don't be late at the train station, the train WILL leave without you. There will be a British Club Bar available in Surin, and the excellent Thai Railways will have drinks available on the train. We would suggest, if you have any special needs, like special brands of beer, milk for babies etc. please bring your own coolbox and snacks for the train trip. We have a large group of people joining in for this trip, so one and a half cabins are booked. Hopefully everyone will have a wonderful (and tiring) time.*

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

9.00 pm Train departs Bangkok for Surin

### SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER

04.30am Train arrives in Surin

We are then met by tour coaches and a tour guide. We move to Surawittakarn Boys School (10 minutes by bus) for breakfast, ablutions etc.

05.30am Full breakfast, coffee, tea, croissants, 'Bucks Fizz' - for the hardy travellers - orange juice, fresh fruit etc. prepared by British Club Staff

07.30am Move to showground (5 minutes by bus)

08.00am Show starts

08.15am Governor of Surin formally opens show. This is then followed by a mass procession of the Elephants, a rocket display, and several demonstrations of Elephants at work etc.  
The show ends at 12.00.

12.15 Move to Prasat Ban Plung (30 minutes by bus) for picnic lunch provided by British Club staff, full bar (using BC chits) available.

2.00pm One bus will then go to Prasat Him Phanom Rung (45 minutes by bus) which is a large Khmer monument on top of a mountain with beautiful views over the province. The other bus will go off to the local handicraft centres (45 minutes by bus), there are silver and weaving industries in the area. For those of you who would like to explore on your own, the second bus can drop you off back in Surin.

4.30pm Depart Prasat Him Phanom Rung for journey back to Surin

5.00pm Depart handicraft centres for trip back to Surin

6.00pm Thai buffet dinner prepared by British Club staff at Surawittakarn School, full bar (using BC chits) available

7.45pm Move by bus to train station

8.25pm Train departs Surin for Bangkok

### SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

05.20am Train arrives Bangkok

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## Loy Kratong Festival

BC Back Lawn

Monday 13th November 1994 - 6.00pm

Authentic Thai  
of Thailand.  
and barbecue  
folk band  
national dances,  
join in with  
'Kratong' (to  
dess) at the



### Tickets

Thai Buffet, welcoming drink, show and 'Kratong'

Baht 450 - adults

Baht 250 - Children (12-15 yrs)

Baht 100 - Children (under 12 yrs)

Men to wear a "Moh Hom" - a deep blue T-shirt with "Pah Khao Ma" and long

Ladies - traditional Thai classic costume - if possible.

Costume" contest for children and a "Nang Noppamas" contest for ladies.

To avoid disappointment sign up now at Reception!



# Children's Sports Camp

19 - 23 December 1994

The British Club plans to run another activities camp at the Club for children between the ages of 9 - 15. The plan is to run the camp from 9.00am to 1.00pm on Monday through to Friday.

The activities will be tennis, squash, football, cricket, rugby, aerobics, gym work, drama workshop, swimming and much more. The camp will be run by a PE teacher. We need 30 children to go ahead.

The cost for members for the summer camp is B2,500 (incl. mid morning snack) per child. Non members children will be taken if we have space at B3,000 per child.

If you are interested please fill in the form below and send to the General Manager, David Viccars before 14 December 1994.



## CHILDREN'S SPORTS CAMP

1) I would like to book ..... places on the sports camp

2) The children's details are

Name ..... M/F Age .....

Name ..... M/F Age .....

Name ..... M/F Age .....

Name ..... M/F Age .....

3) Their particular interests are:

.....  
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4) Any other information we should know (i.e. special medication, non-swimmer etc)

.....  
.....

Member: ..... Club Number .....

Signed: ..... Contact Telephone: .....



# Management News

## BUILDING PROJECTS

November will see the start of a number of building projects designed to improve the appearance of the Club, the facilities for members and the administration of the Club.

Firstly a low level building will be constructed on the current rubbish area, which will provide proper facilities for the Staff, included will be showers, ablutions, changing rooms, individual lockers, a rest room and a dining area.

Secondly a proper Workshops and Stores complex will be constructed alongside the Clubhouse kitchen (in between the gap between the end of the Clubhouse and the School).

This in turn will mean that the 'temporary' workshops in the car park can be cleared.

Lastly, the area by the back entrance to the Clubhouse will be levelled, the small stores there will be removed and a proper, paved access onto the back lawn will be built.

These extensive works will take in the order of 3 months to complete and we apologise now for any inconvenience to members while the work is on going.

We must also thank Mr Maurice Lamb for all his hard work in getting this work underway.

## HAPPY HOUR

1 November will see a change in the arrangements for 'Happy Hour' in the Churchill Bar. Currently 'Happy Hour' is from 5.30 to 9.30p.m. on Mondays, from 1 November 'Happy Hour' will be from 7.00 to 8.00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. During this time Members will be served two drinks for every one they order, within the limitation that this applies only to soft drinks, beers, glasses of house wine and the normal brands of pouring spirits (Gin, Whisky, Vodka, Brandy and Rum). This new 'Happy Hour' will run from 1 November to 1 December then the effectiveness will be assessed and a decision made as to future policy.

## CHILDREN'S WINTER SPORTS CAMP (19 - 23 DECEMBER)

After the success of the Summer Sports Camp we will be repeating the programme in December.

The camp is aimed at children between the ages of 9 and 15. The dates will be from 19 to 23 December, the timings will be as before, that is from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

There will be the same range of sporting activities, including Tennis, Squash, Water Sports, Volleyball, Netball, Cricket, Rounders, Soccer, Rugby etc.

Cost will be Baht 2,500 per week per child and there will be food and drink provided. If we have space we will take non members children provided they attend as a guest of a member, cost in this instance will be Baht 3,000 per child.

Fill in the proforma elsewhere in the magazine if you are interested.

## GUY FAWKES

5 November will see Guy Fawkes Day being celebrated at the Club as usual.

This year there will be stringent safety controls, please read them and remember the code of conduct as printed elsewhere in the magazine.

## PUBLIC TELEPHONES

Members will hopefully have seen that (at last!) we have a public telephone in the Clubhouse lobby which can operate to mobile phones, can call 'up country' and acts as most normal phones do!

## NEW YEAR AT THE BC

This New Year will again see the BC take to the river for a dinner cruise. We have a much larger, and newer(!) boat than last year, but numbers are strictly limited. The book will be put out on Sunday 20 November so please put your name down if you want to go. No telephone or fax bookings can be taken for this very popular event.

## RECIPROCAL CLUBS

Further additions to our list of reciprocal Clubs:

1. The Lansdowne Club of London. Located just by Green Park underground station the Club boasts all the normal wining and dining facilities and 69 bedrooms. Likely to prove a very popular location for overnight accommodation when in London!

## MORE RECIPROCAL CLUBS

2. The Royal Ipoh Club of Ipoh, Malaysia. All normal wining and dining facilities, bedrooms, normal sports facilities.

## STAFF BONUS

Please remember that in accordance with Club Rules (Rule 54 and Bylaw 14.b) all members are charged two months subscriptions in the month of December so as to pay the Staff their bonus.

## VISIT OF THE DUKE OF KENT - 18 OCTOBER

The list of guests for the visit to the Club by the Duke of Kent was approved by the Embassy, a general invitation could not be given to all members for security reasons, instead the Duke's household specified that he wanted to meet businessmen/women representing the complete range of UK interests. Thus the membership computer picked a list of names at random complying with the guidance from London. Apologies if you would have liked to have been given the chance to meet the Duke, but the computer failed to select you!

## FITNESS CENTRE STAFF

Due to moves within the Company, Club Performance Systems (who operate the Fitness Centre on our behalf) have changed the staffing of the gym. Khun Me, Khun Noi and Khun Aye will be doing their best to carry on where Khun Manop and Khun Tak left off!



# Management News

## DUTY MANAGER SYSTEM

From 1 November we will be trailing a Duty Manager system at the Club. There will be boards at both Poolside and by Reception which will indicate who the manager on duty is. The people on the rota will be the GM, Khun Orasa (Catering Manager), Khun Sarakit (Maintenance Manager) and Khun Novorat (Evening Supervisor). We will have pictures of these employees on the duty boards as well so as to ease recognition! The hours of work for the Duty Manager will be 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m., unless required to work later. This scheme has been devised so as to give Members a readily identifiable person to see in the event of a problem, and to give the Duty Manager the necessary authority to deal with other members of staff. If the system works well then it will become a permanent feature of management at the Club.

## NEXT MONTH'S OUTPOST

Watch this Outpost next month for special Christmas Recipes, a report on the Rugby Ball including hundreds of pictures (o.k. Joke!), a special Christmas Children's Corner and many more interesting articles.

## CHRISTMAS COVER OUTPOST

Can you design a special Christmas cover for Outpost? We would like one of the Members - or their children - to design a special Christmas Cover. Deadline 12 November - a prize is available. Send entrees to Bea Grunwell or David Vickers. Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!!! There must be hundreds of budding artists, graphic designers out there, just waiting to be discovered. Outpost could be your chance! Last years cover was designed by the Editor, you can paste, draw, paint, use the computer, get a little help from your friends, do it as a class project ... only one condition ... make the 14 day deadline!

## THE 'NEW' LORDS

Many Members have already seen the Committee's proposal for renovating Lords. The plan includes turning the room into a more relaxed environment for children and providing a venue for family entertainment. If you have not already seen the plans please take a look at the display board by the Reception desk.

## SWIMMING POOL RULES

1. Persons with infectious diseases especially skin diseases, are not allowed to use the pool.
2. A shower must be taken before using the pool.
3. Pressing down or sitting on lane lines in the pool is not allowed.
4. Swimming is not advised if the pool is unattended.
5. Any games or activities which may lead to other Member's inconvenience are not allowed.
6. Do not jump into the pool at the shallow end.
7. No pushing in or running by the pool edge.
8. Any accident must be reported to the Pool Supervisor immediately. Try to keep full details of the accident for the record.
9. If you find any problem in the pool such as cracked or broken tiles then please report the damage to the Supervisor Khun Chamnan.

## SIGNAL FLAGS AT POOLSIDE

\* Flags of different colours displayed on permanent flagpoles are used to indicate swimming conditions.

**A. Green Flag** - Facility open for swimming

**B. Red Flag** - Facility closed for swimming

**C. Yellow Flag** - Reduced water quality due to recent rains or plant malfunction

## FOOD PROMOTIONS

Thanks to the Novotel for making October so deliciously French! December will see a traditional Christmas menu served in the Clubhouse, while in January we will be offering an Indian Buffet menu courtesy of Mrs. Balbir.

## FRIDAY NIGHT JACKPOT

Following on from a change of club policy the JVK Friday Night Jackpot will stay at B5,000 each Friday night. The draw will be made at 9.00pm and if your name come out of the hat and you are on the Club premises at 9.00pm, you will get a B5,000 credit on your account! Easy money

## LOY KRATONG

Please don't forget the Club's Loy Kratong Festival on Sunday 13 November. Traditional Thai dancing, splendid Thai buffet and then the Kratongs set sail on the swimming pool. A super event and not to be missed!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Joe Grunwell and his merry team of helpers for organising the Sports Day.

## GUESS WHO THIS MEMBER IS

The October Member was Jack Dunford, recognised by Louise Truslow and many others!

The November mystery baby was Terry Adams recognised by Suphanee Pickup. A bottle of wine for both ladies sponsored by Allied Walker.

## \* STOP PRESS \*

The latest report on Khun Nopadon is much more encouraging. The Club recognised that his injuries were too severe for a country hospital to deal with and therefore moved him to Bangkok. He was diagnosed as having a fractured skull and he has also broken a small bone at the top of his neck, he has had an operation and his head has been placed in a frame. The prognosis now is that he may well make a full recovery.



## New Members

New Members Night of 3rd October was an evening of "chatty" prospective Members. Suzanne Partridge once again jumped in to help and managed to get round most people. Apologies to Hugh Baxter from Noronsulut Telematics and Angelo Ferrer from EDS (Thailand) Ltd, who missed out being interviewed. Hopefully we'll catch up with you on a later date. Apologies once again for the photographs, I have decided there must be a curse on the NMN photo session. This time we managed to stick a roll of film in twice and ended up with a lovely selection of NM superimposed over the Children's Sports Day. We printed them anyway, so see if you can spot a new member.

**Stephen Heaps** is a Merchant Banker who works for Schrodgers. He has been here for 2 weeks and lived in London before. During our brief chat he said he thought he could enjoy most of what the BC has to offer. His interests include cricket and soccer and he would like to learn to play tennis. He used to play squash and rugby but has given these up for the milder pursuits in life. He views on Bangkok ... well he's only been here 10 minutes but he thinks he likes it.

Sorry, no photograph, Stephen disappeared in among the children.



**Graham and Annette Wheeler** are from Australia and seem to have lived in just about every big city there, Adelaide, Perth, Sydney, Melbourne. This was followed by a 3 year stint in Papua New Guinea. After 8 weeks in Bangkok they feel ready for anything even travelling on motor bike taxis which they had to do to get to the Club in time for NMN. Graham works for Berger Paints and his interests, which he shares with Annette, include golf, squash, game fishing and scuba diving. Both are thoroughly enjoying Bangkok but hope the social pace slows down.

**David and Phillippa Kelham** have just arrived from the UK with their new baby girl Poppy. David works for Allied Walker and already seems to be a wellknown face around the Club and the Rugby Section. Apart from rugby, David's interests include medieval church architecture, ornithology, tennis, theatre, people and pubs. Phillippa is a keen sports woman and enjoys reading and travelling. She used to absail in the UK but finds the scope for this in Bangkok somewhat limited. Both think they'll enjoy Bangkok very much.



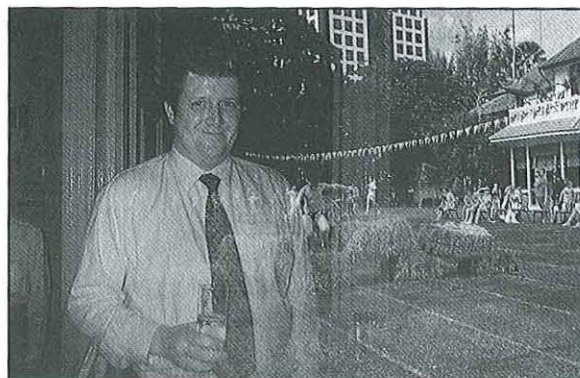
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## New Members



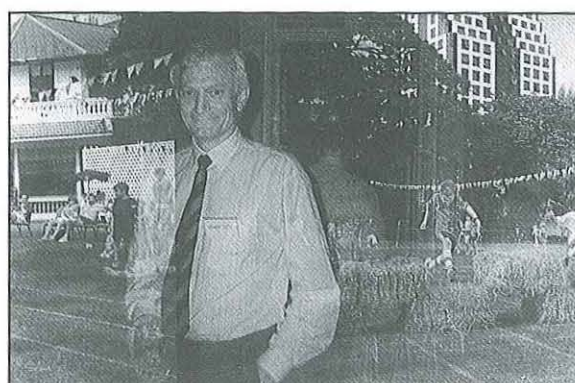
**Brian and Susan Hutchinson** were previously in Cairo and have lived overseas for 20 years. Brian is the Corporate Banking Manager for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. They have been here a little over one year and decided to join as their older son has now gone to boarding school in the UK, and they felt it would help their younger son who has friends whose parents are members. Brian said he is not very sporty but he's looking forward to using the club socially.



**Norman McLeod** works for Coopers and Lybrand and has been here on and off for over a year. He enjoys golf, tennis, rugby, swimming and snooker and wants to become involved with the St. Andrew's Society. Always in for an unusual story Suzanne managed to get Norman to tell her about the time he was bitten by the neighbour's gibbon, and he showed her the scar. Apparently the naughty ape escaped from his cage and managed to savage Norman who had to have 2 stitches.



**Paul March** works for Bangkok Exhibition Services and has been here for one month. His wife Camilla and 2 sons, William and Nicholas, will be joining him next month. He plans to be an active member of the tennis section. Brian has spent the last 10 years travelling extensively and is looking forward to being permanently based at last.



**Graham Smith** has been here 2 weeks and says his family will arrive in stages but will be up to full strength by Easter. His interests include bridge, badminton, horse riding and motor racing. He finds Bangkok fascinating and previously lived in Hamburg for 9 years.



## **SCANTHAI HOME FURNISHING CO LTD**

**Saturday November 12th 1994**

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## New Members



**Brian Dawes** works for ICI and has been here 5 weeks. and is married. He is at Patana School. He enjoys eating, drinking and swimming but says on the whole he is not sporty. He does however enjoy a game of bridge. This is his first posting outside UK, although he has travelled extensively with I.C.I.

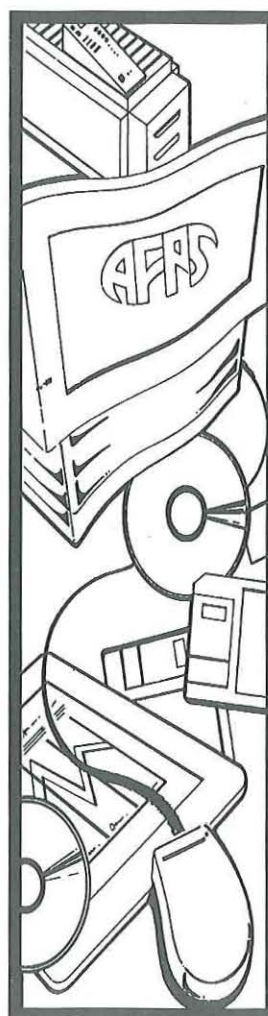
## MEMBERS LEAVING

Over the last few months we have had to bid farewell to a lot of members. We wish them all well in their new abodes and hope they'll enjoy it as much as they did Bangkok or more. Hope to catch up with you sometime in the future.

Anna Crawford, Andy Hunter, Graham and Hazel Spencer, Mr. Black, Rajiv and Jacqueline Goel, Eugene and Joy Robinson, John and Carol Coxon, Tim and Natalie Martin, W. and Mary Smith, John and Ackey Hilles, Peter and Cheryl McCready, Mr. Mann, M. Smith, Graham and Lynda Hunt, Darryl and Mae Whiteley, Alan and Maelynn Ellard, Arthur Sanderson, Mr. Bridal, Jonathan Morgan, Soon Inn and Kim Chwee Ho, Alfred and Irene Newton and John and Patricia Delves.

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# GUY FAWKES NIGHT - 5 NOVEMBER 1994

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### TO ALL MEMBERS

Please read these important **SAFETY REGULATIONS** for 1994 Guy Fawkes Night  
SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER AT THE BRITISH CLUB

1. The Club will be **CLOSED** to all cars from 11.59pm on Friday 4 November to 06.00am on Sunday 6 November. Instead cars may use the AIA car park at 181 Surawong Road.
2. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS**  
The Club will be **CLOSED** to all members until 2.00pm on Saturday 5 November. When the Club opens **ONLY** members with Guy Fawkes tickets will be allowed onto the premises. Members of the Club will be in support of the security guards at all entrances onto the property so as to ensure compliance with this rule. This restriction is to ensure that we do not exceed the numbers we are licensed for for this event.
3. Children must be accompanied by their parents, or if in a group then the nominated adult in charge of their 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 PREMISES BY ANY 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 on 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 fire posts established next to the first aid posts around the Club grounds. 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 15 ft between the crowd and the fireworks and a lower level rope to stop the crowd pressing against the net.
9. There will be nominated stewards in 'bibs' to help control the crowd.
10. All access points onto the front lawn will be closed off and manned by stewards.
11. All exits from the Club out onto Silom and Surawong Roads will be lit, manned and opened during the display.
12. There will be a 25m gap between the fireworks and the crowd.
13. Spectators will be positioned with their backs to the wind.



# RIDING THE ROLLER COASTER

For reasons too numerous to go into here, Asia's stockmarkets are known for the queasy feeling one gets in one's investments as the markets lurch to great heights only to drop with dizzying speed, but without monotonous regularity.

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- ✧ Then invest, but as soon as profit hits 2 or 3 %, this is the time to consider going right back on deposit.
- ✧ Accept lost opportunities on deposit; don't be greedy and concentrate on minimising losses.
- ✧ Recognise that 2 or 3% gained on a regular basis *and held*, will beat big gains which are trashed by big losses.

Thus *inaction* brings gains simply by cutting losses.

In fact, intelligent gains of just 2 or 3% on (say) a monthly basis, net an annual return which will keep all parties happy.

And reduce the Big Dipper to a gentler, kinder beast.

Sounds fine, how does that pan out in practice?

There's much more we would like to tell you about our investment strategy and how well it has been working for us and for our clients, but we'll leave that for next month.

*Meantime, if you'd like more details about how we could manage your investment portfolio, at absolutely no obligation, with no unsolicited phone calls or unexpected visits, simply fax your business card to 652 0733.*

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# Tennis

**YOU WANT MATCHES?** We got 'em all this month, home matches, away matches, touring sides, national sides, Chambers of Commerce, not to mention Graded Championship matches (finals: Sunday 27th), ladder matches, league matches ... you name it, we've got it. All this and more; don't forget the Charity Tournament on the 13th in aid of Wheelchair Tennis. Just as well the rainy season is officially over, huh?

Told you it would get silly on the run up to Xmas. To the chagrin or otherwise of the captains, here is the inter-port match sched as far as we know as we know it for this month:

**Sunday 6th** - 8am-1pm  
British v German Chambers of Commerce

**Saturday 19th** 2pm-6pm  
Away match v Royal Thai Navy  
**Sunday 20th** 8am-1pm  
Visiting side: Penang Sports Club

The second-Sunday bash in November is the **Charity Tournament** on the 13th, and this year all proceeds are earmarked for Wheelchair Tennis, a worthy and relevant cause indeed. Just turn up at 2pm (amazing how many people still turn up at 3pm every second Sunday), and the event will be followed by a buffet meal. The **Junior Round Robin** is on **Sunday 6th**, with a 9am prompt start please. The **Pennant League** has introduced a mixed double league as well as the ladies doubles ... what monster hath been created here?! Matthijs also kicks off another **Paradise** coaching sesh this month. Last but not least, the **Graded Champs** finals will be on **Sunday 27th**, book your ringside seat in the sala now. Booking courts will certainly be a jolly jape this month; so get stickin' den stickers and good luck!

## LADDER MATCHES

These changes are intended to boost ladder challenges, and were passed by your Committee in September:

1. In the rare situation where the first ten active players above you are all men, those women shy of challenging members of the opposite sex are now allowed to challenge the **first two active ladies** above them, however far up the ladder these two may be.
2. Match format: in response to queries, the Committee has agreed that a ladder match may consist of a three-setter **if - and only if - mutually agreeable** to both players beforehand. If there is any dispute, however, the standard **pro-set** (first to 9, tie-break at 8-8) **MUST** be played.

However, if you see the dismal performance in the leagues below, I fear that these adjustments will not be enough and a complete rethink is in order. However, the contents of this column are not necessarily those of the management, so they say.

The other important Committee Wittering is that, due to the calling of pastures new, Maurice will be resigning as Chairman of the section as of this month. At time of writing, a successor has yet to be named, but it's definitely going to be a tough act to follow. The amount of time and the attention to detail that Maurice has dedicated towards organising the numerous events and making the Section participating has been tremendous, and a large, social and active membership bears testimony to this. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank Maurice for all his hard work over this past year and a half, and all the very best in his new assignment.

Onto the reports:

## **JUNIORS ROUND ROBIN - 4TH SEPTEMBER**

Now given that children's coaching attendances average 54 kids, what happened here? Whatever, the two participants battled it out over a pro-set, with David Lindsey overcoming Courtney Williams 9-4 after several deuce-games. Well done, David. Hope to see more of you lot now that school is upon us again.

## **HANDICAP TOURNEY - 11 SEPTEMBER**

Cancelled due to last-second lack of organisers. Sorry.



# Tennis

## HOME MATCH V MOO BAAN PANYA - 18TH SEPTEMBER



The Moo Baan Panya Community & us, in front of an average sized Panya house

A rather impromptu match against a housing estate (an upmarket one, mind) arranged I believe by Surin. A close one - OK, we lost, but only by 13-10, hardly our usual score, and many good games were played all round. A mixed bag of standards; their top players must have been pretty good - players like Surin and Chalatip, James Young, Mahmoud and David I. all getting beaten early on whereas later mixed pairings (with these players and others) fared much better. All enjoyed the buffet.

## HOME MATCH V. BANGKOK PATANA SCHOOL 25TH SEPTEMBER

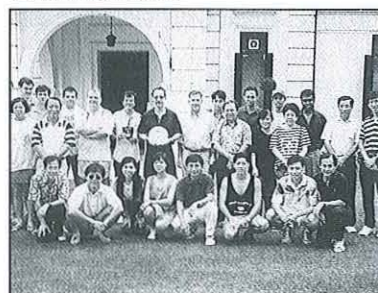


"Just wait until we see your kids on Monday" - Patana school de facto captain graciously accepts a consolation plaque

We won!! A laid back and

enjoyable morning of tennis, this, with several of our flock swapping sides to make up the numbers. Our team comprised: Alessandra, Anki, Bruce, Gaynor, Gisi, Jaree, Joy, Les, Malcolm (visiting!), Maurice, Mike W, Oud and Roger, whereas Bernie and Joan Adams, Colin Monk and later Les Elliott played for t' other side. Linda (and therefore James) Young and Shelagh both have excuses for playing for the opposition - they teach at the skool, so I'll let them off. Anyway, we won 13-5; a refreshing change or what? As Gisi commented at the delicious new-food buffet, we'll invite them back again! Prophetic quote of the day from James Young, having just lost the first match: "And I used to think it was the British Club who couldn't win a match - I've found out that it's me who can't win anything." I am pleased to report that the teachers spotted the deliberate spelling mistake in the name of the school on the announcement banner .... just testing!

## CHINESE SWIMMING CLUB 7TH AUGUST



The Chinese Swimming Club of Singapore on tour ... with Dave savouring that plate!

An extra bit on the back of October's report on this one, to explain the accompanying (late

photo. The match where the only player to win both of their games was Pat - a deserved pat (Har!) on the back there. Did you know that in their letter to us the CSC informed us that they would be sending a 'weak' team? We lost 12-4. In the oft-quoted words of the Trinkman, any comment would be superfluous.

## AWAY MATCH V SILOM CLUB 21ST AUGUST



The Silom Club army after thrashing us AGAIN!

The one that got away; I don't know how, but this was completely omitted from last month's rag, apologies to the players involved. Despite the strong team fielded, we lost 16-5, with only one match (between Henry and Mahmoud and Tonamsak and Pramuan) being really close score-wise. Sigh. What do we do wrong? For a change, most of the matches won were men's doubles (mind you, most of the matches played were men's doubles -G), and Mahmoud gets the round of applause as the only winner of two matches. A good day around the corner from our own Club, but the superior strength of the Silom boys lives on.

Yet again, another blank list of winners on the ladder draw due



# Tennis

to absolutely no relevant matches played (with the singles league being once every three months it does kind of reduce the frequency of ladder activities I guess). Jackpot on the B500 draw for Henry.

As for the league, ah yes, that tragi-comedy episode. The single-sex doubles leagues running July through August were as follows:

## LADIES

Kaye Stannard and Julia Freeman (I may have mentioned this before somewhere - G)

## MENS DIV 1

Steve Goode and Bruce Gordon - only by virtue of the fact that they played one measly match and won it; no other matches were played. Do we even count this as a victory?

## MENS DIV 2

Chris Aspden and John Sands (all matches played)

Think Div 1 result was bad? Read on for the singles league for August/September:

Div 1 - Bruno, the only person in that league to play 2 matches

Div 2 - Fabien Lefebure (a good result in a complete league)

Div 3 - No matches played

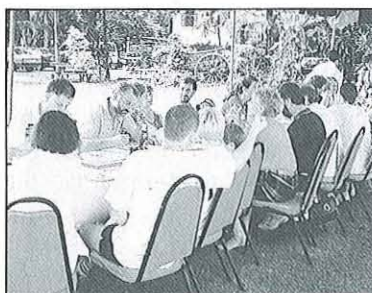
Div 4 - No one particular winner here, although I'll give this to Gisi as a moral victory - she was the only one to organise all three matches, even if she lost all three (and therefore everyone else got a score of 9)

Div 5 - cancelled early due to lack of interest

Div 6 - Newcomer Sanny Bayet - after a better but still not

complete league

What's going on out there? Methinks a drastic overhaul is well overdue, keep eyes tuned for the next instalment in December's ish.



Typical apres-match nosh-up.

Other news; we have now restocked in the kit department, including wristbands at long last! Also have the usual section shirts, skirts, badges, towels, visors, etc. Roll up while stocks last.

For the skinflints, ye olde Aertex tops still available for the laughable price of B50.

Next month I'll hopefully get a report on the replacement October holiday weekend at that old haunt, the Royal Cliff in Pattaya. Devils for punishment down there, eh? And this time the schedule definitely had no buffet or pizzas earmarked ... There was also the Sports Day; likewise I didn't have details of this moved date for the last issue, hopefully reports/pics next month.

Social news: Clive Tilby now lives in Jakarta ... but if you think you've been seeing him around an awful lot for someone who doesn't live here any more, don't

worry, it's not the beer; Alessandra and young'un are staying put until the end of the year, hence his trips back here for the time being. Hope all is going well for him in Jakarta.

Quote of the month, and I am honestly not making this up nor taking it out of context, it is from Dawn Monk, who sidled into the sala one afternoon and said: "Hello Robert, you've got clothes on!" Nudge is as good as a wink to a blind bat, eh?

Yo, bros

Me  
XXX

**P.S.** This month's silly section: Where does the expression 'pro-set' come from? I always thought it meant 'professional set', yet if you think about it, you never see professionals play sets of the first to 9 games; well, not on the telly I watch. My guess is that the 'pro' stands for 'prolonged', which would be more accurate. However, if you think you know better ... all answers on a scrap of paper to the Tennis pigeon hole; most original answer gets a Blue Peter badge (or a drink) and their name in this esteemed column.



# Cricket



Cricket Section receiving 3rd prize at the Inter Section Sports Day.

To kick things off though, the Cricket Section held their AGM/Devon Malcolm Appreciation Society Dinner on Monday 19 September and as usual a huge crowd was in attendance - well to watch big revving Devon destroy the South Africans in a Dennis Lillee like display in England. The AGM in fact attracted a record breaking 9 diehards. The meeting went as smooth as a Frank Hough stumping, with the usual discussions on the season passed, the season ahead and who wants another Carlsberg.

After much discussion on whether Devon's bowling action was legal, or whether Devon was in fact that superstar of all sports - Joe Barker-Bradman-Bennett. A new Committee was voted in. Oh, before one forgets if anybody knows of a flight to Calcutta from Bangkok, departing on a Friday evening and returning Sunday evening, please contact Mr. Barker-Bennett at Hongkong Bank.

Anyway, the Committee and Captains for the 1994/1995 season will be:

**CHAIRMAN - Dr. Nick White**

Quick bowler and smashing bridge player

**SECRETARY - Peter Roebuck**

Portly opening batsman and nothing like his namesake

**TREASURER - Frank Hough**

Genuine allround cricket genius who keeps wicket a lot better than he keeps the books!

**BC CAPTAIN - Peter Young**

The same height as Brian Lara - the similarities stop there but has had extensive experience playing in Africa - sponsored by Safari

**BC VICE CAPTAIN - Brian 'Sparkles' Diamond**

An Aussie, obviously can play and hopefully that down under

magic will wear off on his team mates

**PAV'S CAPTAINS - Frank Hough/David Lamb**

What a great duo - these guys rekindle memories of many great partnerships - Laurel and Hardy, Cagney and Lacy, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum and Bill and Ben

**TCL REP - Adam Caro**

What can I say, just a great all rounder in the mould of Bruce Reid, but bats like Devon Malcolm

**TOURS - Joe Barker-Bennett**

Chief! CHief! What to do? Hopefully tours are not as wide as his bowling otherwise we may just end up on Mars for next year's Chiang Mai Sixes! Definitely a legend in his own lunch box.

**OUTPOST SCRIBE - Richie Benaud**

Super bowling that - in fact marvelous Australian team performance all round" Richie can be heard saying this regularly during an Ashes series

So for all those interested in playing for the BC/Pavillionaires this season, please get along to nets which will begin very soon indeed. On Sunday November 6 at about 2pm and then Wednesday 9 November at 7.00pm to make use of the wonderful lights provided at the close of last season.

The format for the two leagues is:

**PAV's - 25 Over Games** on Saturdays, either in the morning or afternoon

**BC - 50 Over Games** on Sundays - all day

Thanks for joining us, Richie Benaud

Richie Benaud  
Cricket Section Scribe



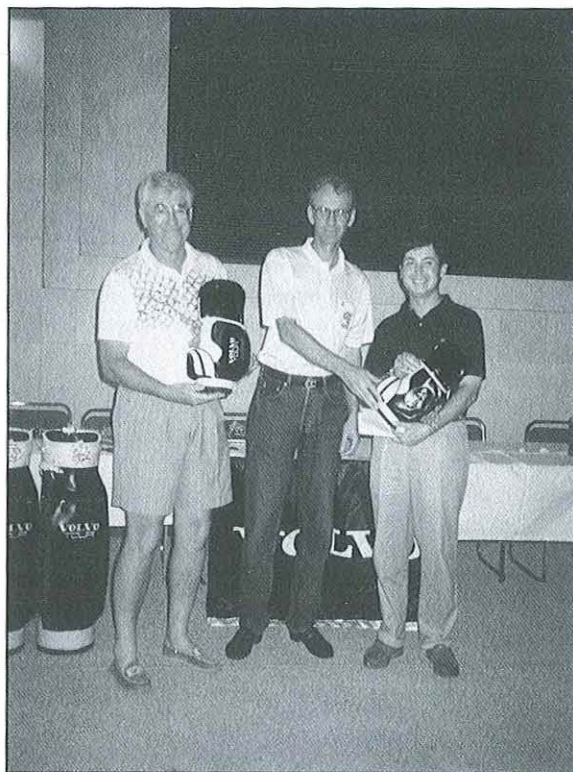
# Golf

## MATCH VERSUS SCANDINAVIANS SEPTEMBER 25, 1994

The annual match against the Scandinavians took place at Bangpoo, sponsored once again most generously by **SWEDISH MOTORS**. Several of our regular players were still on home leave, so we were a little understrength but even so the result was very close. The format was a pairs competition with Ryder-Cup style scoring for the team event, and although all of our pairs were under par for their net scores, the Scandinavians were able to squeeze through and win back the Volvo Cup by 4 point to 3. The winners of the pairs prizes were:

- 1st Niels Clausen and Jorgen Jorgenson  
Nett 57
- 2nd Erki Savolinen and Roland Fisk  
Nett 58 (c/b)
- 3rd Sverre Haug and Bjoern Aaslund  
Nett 58
- 4th Eric Hudson and Mike Baker  
Nett 59

The Scandinavians also made off with most of the technical prizes, but Eric Hudson was able to get something for the home team by winning the long drive.



Match v Scandinavians  
Our own Mike Baker and Eric Hudson picking up  
4th Prize.

**ATTENTION :** Recent new Members of the British Club who are interested in joining the Golf Section, please contact our Secretary, Lavita Hughes on 259 3617 or our Treasurer, Mike Poustie, 679 7614 (O) or 285 6172 (H).  
Regardless of your standard of golf you are most welcome.



# BCLG



## CATHAY CUP - BCGS vs BCLG Sponsored by CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS

On Sunday September 11, 1994 the Annual Competition hosted by B.C.G.S. was held at Bangkokpong. The format for the competition was Stableford, with the higher total of 10 scores from each team winning the Cup. For the past three years the Cup was held by the B.C.L.G. Last year our team only managed to win by a very slim margin. This year, however, the B.C.G.S. played extremely well to win the **CATHAY CUP** with a whopping 57 point lead. After golf, B.C.G.S. treated B.C.L.G. to dinner at the Bua Restaurant. To compliment the dinner, wine was supplied by Gerry Fisher. Eric Hudson was under the weather hence unable to play, so the **CATHAY CUP** was presented by Barbara Wehrle to acting captain Dugal Forrest who took great delight in accepting the trophy on behalf of B.C.G.S. The major prizes - return tickets Bangkok - Colombo - were won by Gerry Fisher with 40 Stableford points and B.C.L.G.'s Gill Hough with 39.

The runners up were presented with jackets; Brian Hughes 37, Graham Hunt 36, Angela Poustie 36, Neil Buttery 35, Dugal Forrest 35, Mike Poustie 35.

Long Drives; Men - Russell Morgan, Ladies - Rita Hadorn.

Our sincere thanks to **CATHAY PACIFIC** for their generosity and continued support and to my fellow Canadian Gerry Fisher for the wine.

Congratulations to the B.C.G.S. and thanks a million for a great day.

PS. Please keep the trophy polished and if served a glass of 'Barbe d'Or' vintage before tee off next year, we might just take the Cup back.



## CUMBRIA CUP - September 13 Sponsored by Graham Hunt

The event was a great success, with 18 ladies competing for the beautiful **Cumbria Cup** named after the county in the U.K. where Graham was born. Play was at Muang Ake. We were delighted to have both Graham and Lynda join us as they are leaving Thailand at the end of September. The prizes were presented by Graham to the following winners;




- |              |                             |                 |                          |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Low Gross | - Gui Yong 71               | 2. Long Drives: | Gui Yong, Barbara, Lorna |
| Low Net      | - Margaret 72 c/b           |                 |                          |
| Runners Up   | - Lorna net 72, Gill net 75 | 3. Near Pins :  | Gill (2), Joke, Livia    |
|              | Judi net 75 c/b Ade, Vera   |                 |                          |

**A SINCERE 'THANK YOU' TO GRAHAM FOR HIS GENEROUS SUPPORT**



# CALENDAR

## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
	1	2	3	4
	7am Ladies Golf 8pm Friendly Bridge 7-9pm Football Training 9pm Gentlemens Spoof	6-8am Early Bird Tennis Mix In 9.30am Aerobics 5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix In 7-8pm Happy Hour	7-9pm Rugby training 7-9pm Badminton 6-9pm Squash Mix In	9.30am / 6-9pm / 7-8pm I 9pm J
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### OPENING TIMES

10am - 11pm CHURCHILL BAR  
11.30am - 2pm LORDS REST. LUNCH  
6-11pm LORDS REST. DINNER  
7.30am - 10pm POOLSIDE BAR  
6am - 9pm FITNESS CENTRE MON/SAT  
9am - 9pm FITNESS CENTRE SUN/HOLS  
9am - 5pm THAI MASSAGE EVERY DAY EXCEPT MON

### VENUES

ALL EVENTS ARE AT BC EXCEPT:  
CASUALS FOOTBALL - BANGKOK PATANA SCHOOL  
BADMINTON (SUNDAYS) - NR BANGRAK POLICE ST.  
GOLF - AS ADVERTISED  
RUGBY MATCHES - AS ADVERTISED

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## NOVEMBER 1994

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	5	6
aerobics Tennis Coaching <b>Happy Hour</b> VK Lucky Draw	<b>CLUB CLOSED UNTIL 2PM</b> <b>5PM Guy Fawkes Celebrations</b> <b>7PM Fireworks Display</b>	11am-1pm Badminton 9-11am Childrens Round Robin 8am-1pm British v German <b>Chambers of Commerce Tennis</b> 2pm Cricket Nets Practice 5-7pm Childrens Video
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### SPORTS

Joining to join a Section:

David Overington	312 0100
Peter Young	679 7644
Lavita Hughes	259 3617
Joe Grunwell	262 0220
Barbara Overington	258 7306
Peter Rodgers	240 0678
Maurice Lamb	272 4530

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3CLG	Wil Agerbeek	259 7019
GOLF	Eileen Cook	287 3605
	Lois Carson	258 5295

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### DECEMBER DIARY DATES

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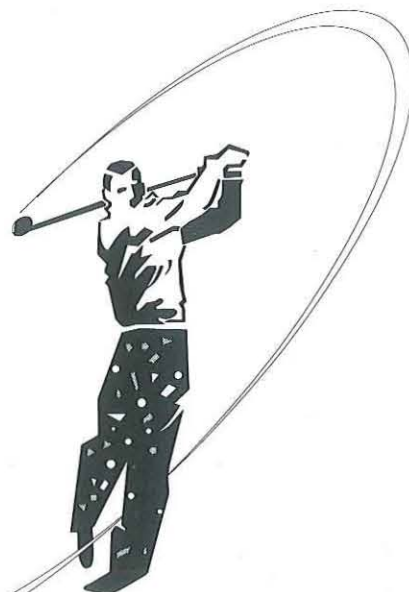
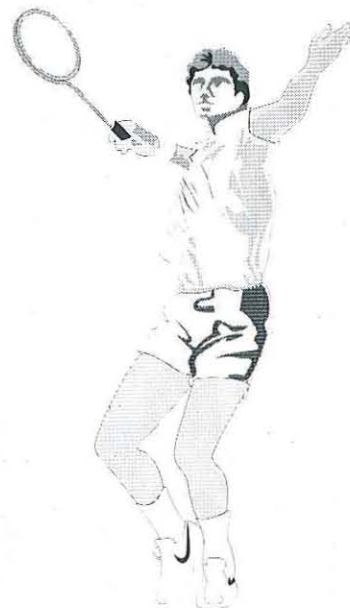
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Read all about it in next months Outpost





# Badminton

## UNOCAL MATCH - SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER

This time it's the real thing, fellow-swatters, so mark this date in your diaries: it's the Match of the Month and it promises to be another closely-fought one. In a bid to get organised, please let someone on the Committee know whether you will be available.

Following our 'trial run' for this match back in the heady days of July, for once we have an idea of what sort of opposition we're facing here, so there's no excuse for not putting out a reasonable squad against them. For those who were on leave and haven't read September's Outpost (and why not? - G), we only narrowly lost 6-4 to this group in July, so anything is possible this time. Do us a mega-favour, save Wanna and I the phone bill of ringing around everyone and tell us if you can play please! Thing I'm most interested in is who will Alex and Stephen represent in this one?



American Tournament **Champs** Henry and Peter



And the **Chumps** (booby prize) Stephen and Katy!

### AMERICAN TOURNAMENT - 18th September

I can only assume that the morning dawned bright and sunny again coz unfortunately I overslept and was a little late arriving. However, having bought the prizes at 2am the previous night (thank the stars for a 24-hour Foodland in Patpong!) I was determined to go ahead with it, and the ensuing competition justified this. Luckily there was an even number of players, so everyone was paired up and on court doing battle PDQ.

The results of the day read something like this:

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|----|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | Peter Tinker and Henry | 60 points - CHAMPS! |
| 2. | Wanna and Kosol        | 55 points           |
| 2. | Gaynor and Anant       | 55 points           |
| 4. | Barry and David        | 32 points           |
| 5. | Katy and Stephen       | 28 points - CHUMPS! |



# Badminton

A few close games among this lot, amazing what a little injection of competitiveness does to your play - both positive and negative effects. Despite Barry's great sense of foreboding he didn't actually come last. Despite being half-asleep, neither did I. Instead, the father and daughter team of Henry and Katy ended up 'winning' the prizes of tins of biccies - one for the winner, the other the booby prize! Congratulations to Peter and Henry for pulling this one off, but boy was it a close race for second place.

As previously, methinks the American format spiced up an ordinary Sunday mix-in session, although next time the partnerships will be chosen on a more random basis - especially seeing as the only couple who actually expressed a wish to play together came last!

By the way, "next time" will probably be the third Sunday in January, due to everyone being away at odd times during December, although keep your eyes peeled for next month's Outpost, you never know what might happen 'round here.

Next month you will be able to read the report about the Ciba Cup, and possibly also a report on the Sports Day (gawd help us!), which was shifted back a couple of weeks from September to October. Talking of which, where were all those commando-types I asked for?

No section gossip this month, boring lot. Come on now, do something outrageous that I can get a photo of! Otherwise, until December.

Lek Farang  
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## GAYNOR-GUIDE TO BADMINTON

### THE 'INS' AND 'OUTS' EXPLAINED

The first rule relating to faults (Rule No. 14) in ye hallowed Rules of Badminton says, and I quote:

**"A fault made by a player of the side which is 'in' puts the server 'out'; if made by a player whose side is 'out' it counts as a point to the 'in' side."**

I would love to see this translated into Thai, because native English-speakers themselves have enough trouble with this sort of phraseology (read: gobbledegook), however literally correct it may be. So for those people who are normally scared of the fine print, those non-native English-speakers and those of a nervous disposition, here goes with the first-ever Gaynor-Guide simplistic Rules of Badminton. Hope this helps:

1. The basic rule is that you must aim to stay 'in' for as long as possible. This means, obviously, that you've got to avoid putting it out for as long as possible.
2. The initial 'getting in' is the first hurdle in this game, and depends completely on the toss. If you're 'in' first, and you cock it up and put it out, you are put 'out' straight away. This often puts players out.
3. During the game, if you are put 'out', you must get it in twice in order to get 'in' again.
4. If you're on the 'out' side and you put it out, you stay put on the 'out' side and they're still 'in'.
5. If you keep it in (or they put it out) when you're 'in', you stay 'in'. You get a point for this.
6. Of course, if you're on the 'in' side and you put it out, you may still be 'in'. It depends on who was doing what last.

Clear as mud.



# Squash

**This month, a return to the fundamentals. Just how do you play a game of squash in Bangkok? In other, shall we say "more normal" parts of the planet, this question would be redundant. You just get a partner, to go to a squash court and .... play squash. In our fair city, of course, things are never so straightforward.**

Firstly, there's the problem of actually getting a message through to your intended victim, ah sorry, partner, to arrange the said game. As the number of Thai secretaries who have actually heard of something called "squash" is zero, the chances of any coherent message being passed to a prospective partner are slim indeed. Naturally, the prospective partner can never actually be spoken to directly, as they are either caught somewhere in traffic, or as one secretary once ingeniously told me: "in the toilet". Well, there is nothing like being truthful about your boss's whereabouts.

The next problem is getting to the British Club at the appointed hour to play the game itself. Of course, as you embark on the journey, a sea of immobile, fume-belching vehicles are stuck in front of your office, and for as far as the eye can see. The only recourse is riding the dreaded motorcycle taxi - an activity about as healthy as leering over a "Penthouse" centrefold, in the midst of an Australian feminists' convention.

There are only three rules I can suggest for surviving Bangkok's motorcycle taxis. Firstly, wear a crash hat. And not one of those silly, spray-painted construction workers' helmets, with no chin strap. Admittedly, you'll probably catch hat lice, but better that than headbutting the concrete.

Secondly, select an older-looking driver, i.e. one of about 25, rather than one of those teenage ninja mutant, headbangers with a little brown bottle of Red Bull up their noses. Such a driver, although still a maniac, who thinks he is Geoff

Duke, has at least survived to the ripe old age of 25 - no mean feat in his line of business.

Finally, always accept the proposed price for the journey. Never bargain. The last thing you want piloting your way through the mayhem is a pissed-off maniac, who thinks you should be paying him twenty baht more than he's actually getting.

And so you arrive at the British Club with five minutes to spare, shell-shocked, coughing pollutants, drenched in sweat and with eye-fulls of grit.

Naturally, you've forgotten your new "what a terrible photograph of me" membership card, and even though you've been a member of the Club for eighteen years, there's no way the girls are going to rent you a towel.

You rush to the changing rooms to wash the grit from your eyes. As it happens, the lack of a towel isn't going to be such a problem after all ... as the water's off.

You hurriedly change, realising that you've forgotten your sport socks, so your already sweaty black business socks will have to do.

Finally, you enter the fetid cauldron of the squash court, in which lazy ceiling fans are barely moving the 5 degree centigrade air. Your partner is sitting in one corner of the court, sobbing quietly. He'd decided to take the car and driver, which he then had to abandon at the top of Silom and hoof it. You conduct a heated (literally) debate about whether to bother playing at all, or just give up and head for the Churchill Bar. Eventually you endure forty minutes of sweat-soaked torture, until in quick

succession your partner twists his ankle and your dodgy knee gives out again. And we do all this in the name of pleasure and relaxation!!

Now for some information on recent games, gratefully received from Barbara and Paul/

## **The Handicap Championship and Plate**

### **Semi Finals Handicap Championship**

Chris Platt bt Uwe Wancke 2-1  
David Bryant bt Tom Livingston 2-0

### **Semi Finals Plate**

Colin Eversden bt Mike Dwight 2-0  
Phil Hall bt Mike Weekes 2-1

### **Finals - Plate**

Colin bt Phil 3-0

### **Championship**

After Chris downed a glass of Alkaseltza, he proclaimed himself fit and went on court with David suffering from a long night. What a pair of finalists! Chris won 3-0 (21-13, 21-12, 21-17). We did consider testing the contents of Chris's glass after the game!

## **BRITISH CLUB SQUASH WEEKEND**

### **PATTAYA 24/25 SEPTEMBER AMBASSADOR CITY - JOMTIEN**

Attended by 12 squash players of all standards and some family members. A team round robin was organised. American scoring one game up to 21.



# Squash

## Total points scored

### TEAM A

Paul T, Tom L, Betty M 497

### TEAM B

David J, Phil H, Richard P 503

### TEAM C

Marvyn L, Howard R,  
Jongkanee M 522

### TEAM D

Dave B, Lek, Pep 459

Winning team, Team C with 522 points.

## SCHEDULE

Some people arrived on Friday evening, but the majority were there on Saturday for a 10.00am - 3.00pm non stop squash playing extravaganza with a total of 9 games.

3.00 - 6.00pm Light refreshments around beach pool

6.00pm Ablutions

7.00pm To Jomtien beach for seafood meal

9.00pm To Pattaya for night life exposure

11.00pm Return to Hotel (most)

Sunday AM Lazy Breakfast

Some to play squash

Most to Beach Pool for R&R

Sunday PM Travel back to Bangkok

## HIGHLIGHTS:

\* Betty M beat Dave B (his only defeat)

\* Richard P pulled muscle in opening game but carried on

\* Marvyn Lewis (captain of winning team was heard to say: "This is the first time I've ever won anything at squash."

\* Jongkanee highest score of the day despite suffering from bad cramp

\* Both Lek and Pep playing first competitive squash

\* Dave B arrived fresh from the previous day's victory for over 45's at the Polo Club

## PLEASE NOTE THAT:

1. There will be no more flyers sent to the squash members about the leagues or up-coming events. To enter the leagues sign the sheets in the folder at court 1 or ring Paul Taylor. If he is not available ring any committee member, a list is on the notice board. Upcoming events will be advertised in the Outpost, on the Notice Board courtside, and on the squash notice board in the club house.

2. The squash coaching fee will be raised from Baht 125 to Baht 150 per half hour from 1st January, 1995.

3. A misprint in the monthly club calendar - the mix-in is only the first Sunday of every month.

Don't forget the Tony Austin Cup - the Club's veterans over 45 competition will be held in October and November, with the finals over the weekend of November 12th and 13th.

Finally, we welcome David Turner to the squash committee.

Happy squashing,

Barry Daniel



# St. Andrews Ball



The Pipes and Drums of the 1st Royal Tank Regiment

What has come to be accepted as one of the social highlights of the year, the St. Andrews Ball, takes place on the 25th November 1994 at the Dusit Thani Hotel. This is the 104th Ball and the 25th held at the Dusit Thani where Dan McCafferty, Khun Narit and their staff provide excellent service through the night. The well proven format will be utilised again, namely Scottish food and drink combined with a Live Scottish Country Dance Band and the undoubted highlight of the evening; the Pipes and Drummers.

The Criag McCallum Scottish Country Dance Band will entertain us for a second time. Craig and his wife Hazel along with Duncan Henderson, Tom Murray and Alison Cairel are looking forward to another marathon session and meeting up with the many friends they made last year. The major change, however, is the debut performance in Asia of the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Royal Tank Regiment under Pipe Major R.E. Hunter and by kind permission of Pipe President Major CM Pelling. With our old friends the 1st and 2nd Butterlian Scots Guards amalgamated and serving in Northern Ireland, a change was necessary and we are very fortunate to have persuaded Club Manager David Viccar's old regiment to accept the challenge. I listened to a tape of their which was very good. It was only a half-track however - think about it. Thanks must go to John Longman and Stuart Hawkins at the British Embassy for assistance with the band appearance.

A brief history of the Band and the Tank Regiment will undoubtedly be of interest to many of the readers of Outpost who will be attending and thanks must again go to David Viccars for his major input into this.

The Pipes and Drums were founded in 1973 on the orders of the Commanding Officer of the Fourth Royal Tank Regiment, Lt. Col. L.A. New, since the Regiment recruited its soldiers from Scotland.

Sgt P W Elder formerly of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards was the first Pipe Major and he used a mixture of Pipers and Drummers from other Regiments and learner players from within the Fourth to form the Band. In 1972, the Fourth had been granted the unique privilege of wearing the Hunting Tartan of the Roses of Kilravock by Miss Elizabeth Rose, present Baroness of Kilravock and Clan Chief. The Pipes and Drums grew from strength to strength and have played in the United States of America, Canada, the former Soviet Union, Europe and are no strangers to Scandinavia, having performed many times in both Sweden and Denmark. In Scotland, the Pipes and Drums have enjoyed a healthy reputation both on the competition circuit and as regular performers at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

On the amalgamation of the First and Fourth Royal Tank Regiments in 1993, the traditions of the Pipes and Drums were carried forward to the new Regiment. Now, with the active support of the new Commanding Officer, Lt Col P Gilchrist, Pipe Major R E Hunter is rebuilding the Band.

The Pipes and Drums of the First are not established, they receive no official funding and are consequently the only wholly private Pipe Band in the British Army. As such, every musician is a fully trained tank crewman and devotes a large proportion of his time to training for his war role.

## 1st ROYAL TANK REGIMENT

1st Royal Tank Regiment came into being as 'A' Company, the Heavy Branch Machine Gun Corps, which was formed at Elvedon in Norfolk in May 1916. The Company crossed to France in October 1916 and in July 1917 it expanded to become 'A' Battalion Tank Corps, commanded by Colonel Sir Hugh Elles.

The Battalion took part in the battle of Cambrai on 20 November 1917 and on the 24 April 1918 emerged victorious from the first ever tank-versus-tank battle.



# St. Andrews Ball

When the cavalry regiments were mechanised in 1939, the Royal Armoured Corps was born and at the same time the Royal Tank Corps was renamed the Royal Tank Regiment. The outbreak of the war found the First in Egypt as part of the 'Mobile Division Egypt', which was to become 7th Armoured Division (The Desert Rats). The Regiment took part in the early frontier battles against the Italians and in Wavell's 1940 offensive. In reaction to Rommel's first offensive, the Regiment hastened into Tobruk where it remained throughout the siege. It then took part in the battles of Knightsbridge and Alamein and advanced with the 8th Army all the way to Tunis and then onto Italy. As part of the 7th Armoured Division 1RTR landed in France in June 1944 and fought its way across Europe, finishing the War in Northern Germany.



The post war years saw the Regiment based either in UK or BAOR, including 2 emergency tours in Northern Ireland in the early 1970's. Squadrons also served in Cyprus and Hong Kong, the latter being the last time an armoured regiment served in the Far East. In 1976 the First came together once more as an armoured reconnaissance regiment in Herford, West Germany. It fulfilled this role until moving to the RAC Centre at Bovington in 1982 where it served for 2 years with one squadron detached to Cyprus. In 1984 the First returned to BAOR to rejoin 22nd Armoured Brigade, with whom it had served in the Western Desert, as part of the 1st Armoured Division.

## NEW 1ST ROYAL TANK REGIMENT

The Parade on 1st October 1993 celebrated the Amalgamation of the First and Fourth Royal Tank Regiments. However, the First, Fourth, Seventh and Eight Royal Tank Regiments are all represented in the new Regiments by A, D, G and H Squadrons. The vehicles of each Squadron now bear some of the names of those old Regiments whilst Recce Troop's vehicles commemorate our VC and GC winners and Command Troop's our famous Generals. In addition the new First Royal Tank Regiment retains the Red Lanyard of the old First and the Chinese Eyes of the old Fourth which are painted on all 'A' vehicles. The Band of the Pipes and Drums from the old 4RTR is also retained maintaining the Scottish influence, these soldiers are recruited from within the unit and are all crewmen in their own right. The Regiment will celebrate Tobruk as one of its principal battle honours because all four Regiments were heavily involved there during the Desert War.

## 4TH ROYAL TANK REGIMENT

The early Fourth originated from 'D' Battalion of the Tank Corps which fought at Ypres, Cambrai - the first notable tank battle - and in many other operations in 1917 and 1918. Disbanded in 1918 and reformed in February 1920, the Regiment remained in England until 21 September 1939 when, equipped with the Infantry Tank, it joined the BEF in France. In 1940 the Fourth and the Seventh took part in the famous Arras counter-attack which reputedly bought enough time to undertake the evacuation of the BEF from Dunkirk.

In November 1940 'B' Squadron sailed for the Middle East to join the Eritrean Campaign. The Regiment then re-united in the Western Desert and fought at Tobruk in 1941 and 1942, initially alongside 'D' Squadron of the Seventh and later with the whole Regiment. It was for gallantry during the fighting of November 1941 that Captain PJ Gardner MC was awarded the VC. After heavy fighting in June 1942 the Fourth and the Seventh were forced to surrender at the fall of Tobruk and both Regiments went into suspension.

The Fourth was revived on 1 March 1945 from 144 Regiment RAC (East Lancashire), equipped with amphibious vehicles, its first operation was the crossing of the Rhine. Between 1945 and 1959 the Regiment served in the Middle East, UK and Germany, where the amalgamation with 7th Royal Tank Regiment took place.

Well that wraps it up. If you are lucky enough to have a friend that is a member of the Society who has invited you, I'll see you on the night. Perhaps we can get 'tanked' up together.

Slainthe Mhor  
Scoop



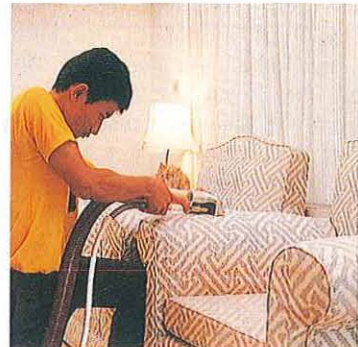
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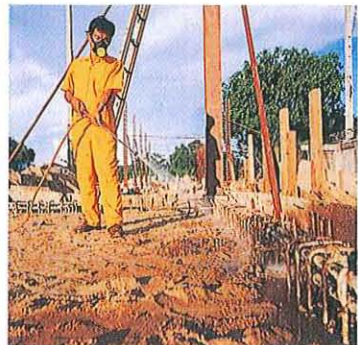
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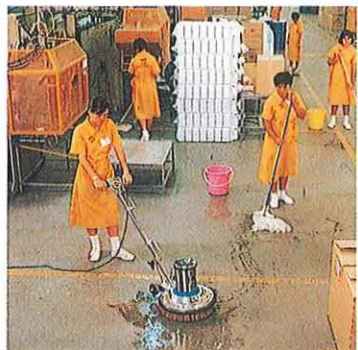
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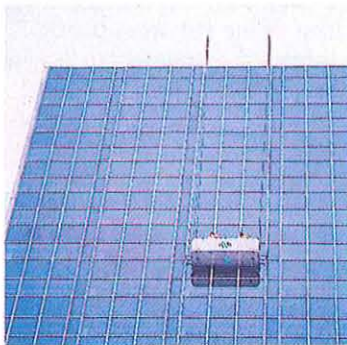
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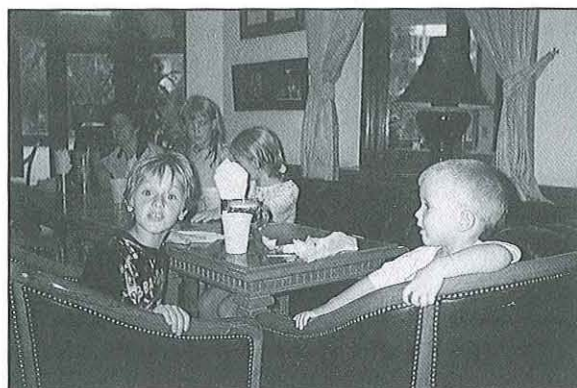
## Churchilds Bar



I'm bored stiff - wish she'd take me home!



Vice Chairman Joe trying to add up the points - he managed though - even with distractions!



Thomas, can you understand what all the fuss is about? I reckon we're having a whale of a time!



Well boys, what did you reckon to the results then?  
Bit of a fix, I take it?!



Mark: This is NOT my child! Suzanne: For goodness sake Mark, he's only changing seats!



# Intersection Sportsday

**DATE: 9 October 1994**  
**SPONSOR: Remy Thailand**



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Swimming	David Ingham/Carol Golsby
Squash	Alan Black/Wanna
Tennis	5 men tied/Lois Carson
Soccer	Alan Black/Carol Golsby
Snooker	Alan Black/Babita
Golf	Graham Carson/Betty MacLaine
Cricket	Alex Forbes/Carol Aspden
Rugby	Colin Hastings & Alex Forbes/Carol Aspden
Badminton	Graham Carson/Carol Aspden
Darts	Mark Partridge/Carol Aspden

Despite heavy showers during the morning, spirits were not dampened and competitors continued in the rain to finish the events on time.

There were some sparkling achievements during the day and the following athletes achieved the best performances.

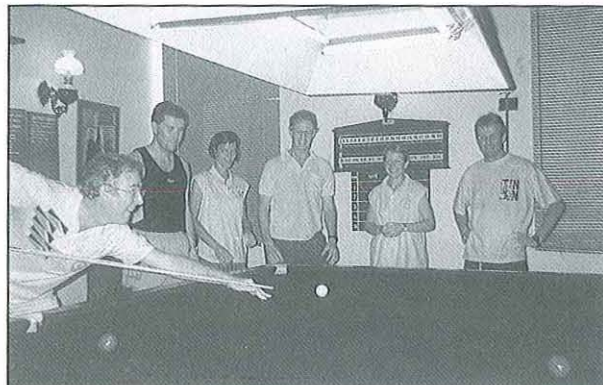


Not as easy as it looks!

There were also other types of performances. Vaughan Elias with his radar guided boot, steered the ball over the bar in the Rugby game, it went over the trees, over the wall and round the mesh netting. It came to a stop when it had been through the schools window! Petra (aka known as Peter) Young, was another player displaying unknown talents, representing the Cricket section as their "lady" player.



Petra (Cricket Team Lady) tries out the Swimming Game



Tennis plays Snooker



There were, however, some sad events. Barbara and David Overington had to rush their son, Matthew, to hospital with a large cut to his foot. In the end he had to have 20 stitches and spent the rest of the day home, in bed. Daughter Rebecca, injured herself whilst playing the rugby game, she slipped in the mud and injured her leg. We hope both of them still enjoyed the day and recover quickly.



Badminton Team collect their prizes



The non-injured Squashers receive umbrellas and bags. Well done!



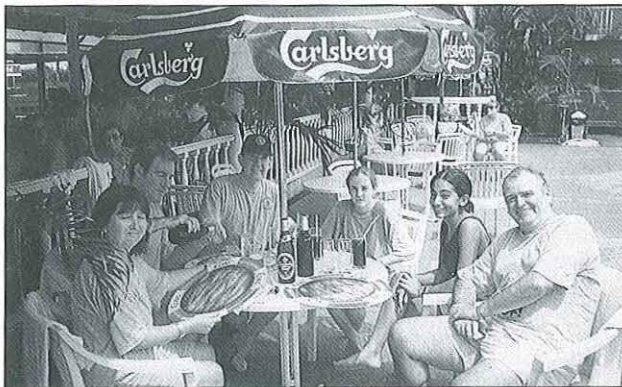
Rugby Team - Sports Team of the Year!



Sportsman and Sports Woman of the Year  
Graham Carson and Carol Aspden.

At the end of the day, the final positions were very close indeed. First prize went to Rugby (45 points), Second prize to Tennis (40 points) and Third prize to Cricket (39 points).

The contest for Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year was also close. Graham Carson side stepped Guy Hollis and Mark Partridge for Sportsman of the Year and Carol Aspden out volleyed Carol Golsby to take the title of Sportswoman of the Year..Congratulations to all participant and many thanks to the referees. A very special thank you must go to Remy Thailand who generously sponsored the day.



Football Section enjoying a well deserved lunch break!

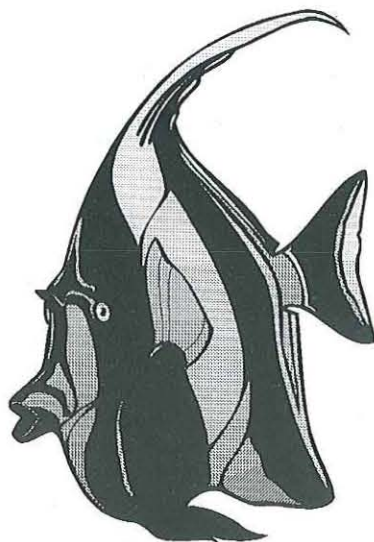


Bea as acting waiter for Remy - presenting BC Members with a free glass of wine.



# BANGKOK'S HALF HOUR

## A cautionary tale by Barry Daniel



It certainly presented the already emotional Burwho with a koan-like paradox. All modes of access to the bus station appeared closed. The logical response in a rational world would be a rapid return to the Miami's poolside bar, followed by a significant stream of iced Kloster. But Burwho was certainly not acting logically at present. And this was Bangkok, rather than a part of the rational world.

Hence, he began to walk. It was Burwho's belief that walking in Bangkok had two distinct advantages. Firstly, Thai street life was mind-blowing. Just that. It blew you away. What were you going to see next? A dancing elephant? A legless beggar playing spoons? All entirely possible. Secondly, the bomb-sites that purported to be the highways and byways of the City of Angels, were populated by mini-skirted office girls delicately picking their stiletto-shod way through the rubble.

Set against these two votes in favour of walking, were about three hundred good reasons not to. But Burwho had a bus to catch. So he walked. As he sweated and choked his way east, Burwho allowed his mind to drift, as it regularly did, onto the subject of fly fishing for trout.

There was little doubt in Burwho's mind that a singular lack of fly fishing opportunity in Bangkok was a major cause of the malaise that haunted it denizens, or the malaise that certainly haunted Burwho at present. Burwho believed that the trout, though possessed of a simple nervous system was clearly blessed with enormous spiritual perception. It had the great good sense to live only where there was abundant clean, fresh, oxygenated water. Such locales were usually accompanied by endless quietude and sweeping pastoral vistas. Qualities longed for by Burwho's fume-addled brain as he reached

Getting out of of Bangkok was always a daymare. The heat was so appalling that Burwho was almost slapped backwards into the air conditioning of the Miami Hotel's lobby, as he tried to get underway. Gaining the apparently recently-grenaded pavements of Sukhumvit Road, he wasn't at all surprised to see gleaming metal gridlock in both directions. Yet the stifling heat blast didn't seem to deter the drivers of these marooned vehicles from revving their catalytic converter-free engines, just in case another millimetre of tarmac could be covered.

the Asoke traffic lights.

It is true to say, in fact, that these pristine environments, which the various types of trout are willing to call home, are rapidly disappearing from our planet. If, by some miracle, the process were reversed and an alarming outbreak of quietude and oxygenation were to be unleashed, Burwho mused that this very intersection, in this very hot city, would probably be the last outpost of troutlessness to be touched by the miracle.

He looked about. Not a dimpled trout ring to be seen. Not a lazy swish of a venerable built cane fly rod to be heard. But rather an explosive death-rattle hiss from behind him. The image of a giant cobra, poised to strike, appeared in his mind. Whirling round, Burwho came to the unlikely conclusion that an advertising billboard was hissing at him. Unusual as this might seem, in the midst of this inferno, he supposed that there was no real reason why normally silent inanimate objects shouldn't give vent to their displeasure by letting off a furious jet of steam.

The lights changed, and after the mandatory lapse required for this development to be accepted by about a quarter of a million motor cyclists, Burwho and the miniskirts began their crossing.

Somehow a green minibus, emitting a trail of black exhaust, had broken loose from the pack, its underage, amphetamine-crazed driver didn't really see the point of allowing a minor consideration, such as a red light, constrain his celebratory charge into the intersection.

Burwho, his nerves already ajangle from the hiss of the billboard, was lucky. The bus missed him, but by a sufficiently small margin, that it ripped the suitcase he was carrying from his trailing hand. The bus ricocheted



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off the traffic light itself, then broadsided into the back of a stationary pick-up, packed with the regulation band of forty or so construction workers.

It was as though someone had pressed the freeze frame button on life's video. The event had occurred and its result was now evident, but no-one could yet move. It took a little time to grasp the actuality of the tableau now presented at the intersection. Several of the pick-up workers had been flung about like broken dolls. The bus was on its side, its uppermost wheels still spinning.

The video-reality started up again. The tableau became infused with sound and motion. There were screams and shouts. People rushed towards the epicentre of the collision. Burwho looked down at his left hand from which his case had been torn. His palm was slashed, and blood of a surprisingly sticky consistency was running off his fingers onto the scorched concrete.

The somewhat chastened bus driver climbed out of the now horizontal window of his cab, looked quickly about 'him, then hobbled across Asoke as quickly as he could. His leg had been fractured so badly that Burwho was later able to joke that rather than "fleeing the scene", as is normal in such cases, in this instance, the driver just "hopped it".

"That's not your drinking hand, I hope", someone said. "What. Oh, it's you, Kisser". "Are you all right? That was too bloody close for comfort". Burwho stared into the raddled face of his friend David Hopkiss "Kisser" to those who knew them him well. "Yeh, well I'm still here by the looks of it. But my suitcase seems to have caught up in the action."

The air was now full of the sound of frantic car horns, as vehicles began to flow around the aftermath of the accident. Like an irrepressible river of lava, the traffic moved on, taking to the pavements and the central road island to get past the walking wounded from the pick-up. Burwho's badly mangled brown suitcase lay amid the confusion. As he and Kisser attempted to part the assembled crowd of onlookers, an ancient leathery grandmother from the damaged pick-up gathered up the suitcase and reverentially carried it to the roadside.

As Burwho approached, the grandmother was about to lever the case open with a knife she'd produced from her clothing. "Hold on a minute, that is my bloody case! Do you mind, give me that!" Reluctantly the crone gave up her booty.

"Look my man", said Kisser, "I think we'd better get out of here before the police start looking for someone to blame for this little carnival. I'll bet you the Grand Place to a plate of Pad Thai, that they'll manage to pin the whole thing on a couple of white faces and a rather battered brown suitcase."

"Yeh, you're right. Where can we get two large Klosters and a large gauze bandage?"

Walking into the darkened interior of the Renoir Club at three thirty in the afternoon, both men became temporarily blinded. Clattering into a sea of bar stools, they eventually stabilised themselves amidst the laughter of the barmaids.

Halfway through the first icy beer, Burwho recovered himself sufficiently to speak.

"Whatever you might say about Bangkok's enduring ability to involve you in life threatening situations, there's always respite and succour to be found in the arms of Madam Kloster."

"That's right, not to mention the best medical attention that our technological world can provide." chortled Hopkiss looking at the reddened wad of toilet paper staunching the flow from his friend's non-drinking hand. "Where were you going in such a rush anyway, when the Jolly Green Giant stole your case?"

"The Bus station. My Thai partner was arrested for drunken driving by the Pataya police over the weekend and I was going down there to bail him out."

"I thought drunken driving was mandatory during the weekend in Pataya?"

"Yes, so did I. Apparently, they were about to let him out after he'd kindly bought two tickets to the Policeman's Ball, then he let slip that he had a Farang partner."

"Oh gawd, the silly blighter. So now you'll be up for the cost of new helmets for the entire Pataya Police Force and yet another beach cleaning machine."

"I know," sighed Burwho, "sometimes I really wonder if life in Bangkok is all worth the hassle."

"Quite my man. Hold on I'm just going to the hongnam, then I'll get you another beer."

Hopkiss hasn't seen Burwho for almost six months now. Pinned to the cork board in his office, however, he's still got the beer mat he found lying on the bar of the Renoir Club that afternoon when he returned from the toilet.

It bears a shaky drawing of a spotted fish, a droplet of blood, and two words: "Gone Fishin'!"



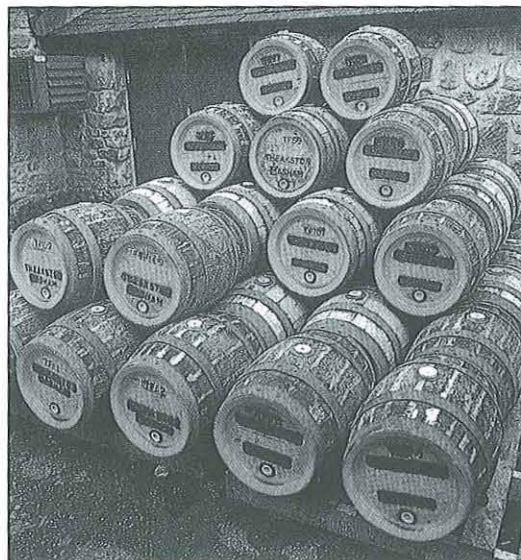
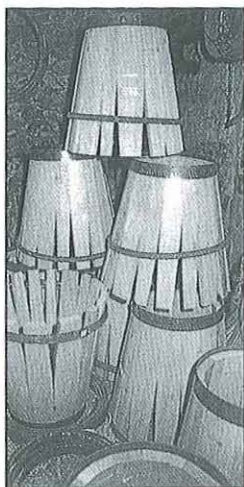
## B.C. Brewery Round Up

# ROLL OUT THE BARRELS

They don't believe in change just for the sake of it at one long established Yorkshire company which has found that age old techniques are still the best when it comes to beer.

Words: Tony Skinner  
Pictures: Bill Wilkinson

*Right: Partly  
completed  
barrels.  
Top: The finished  
product*



**C**heers!

Let's raise our glasses to a Yorkshire brewery which is keeping alive a centuries old tradition and pleasing beer drinkers in the county at the same time.

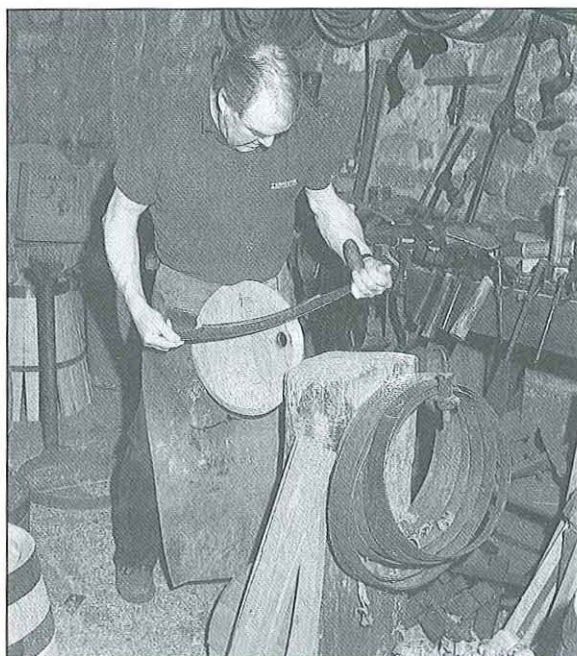
T and R Theakston Ltd, which has been brewing ale in the North Yorkshire village of Masham since 1872, has kept faith with its brewing heritage and actually made a virtue of it.

The company, now part of the giant Scottish and Newcastle empire, still makes beer barrels the traditional and best way - out of oak. Nearly all its rivals long ago dispensed with wood and moved onto metal barrels, but Theakston drinkers in a wide area of Yorkshire swear the beer tastes better coming straight from the wood.

The barrels are hand made by craftsmen called coopers who use special tools handed down through the generations. There are only 11 brewery coopers in Britain. Three of them Clive Hollis, Alistair Sims and Peter Coates, work at Masham. Theakston is proud of its heritage, so much so that it has created a visitors centre next to the working brewery where every year thousands of people gain an insight into how beer is made and the work of the coopers. There are also displays of old tools, pub games and a gift shop.



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Clive Hollis retires this summer as head cooper after 45 years in the trade which he joined straight from school and for which he served a lengthy apprenticeship. He has spent the last 18 years at Masham.

"Ninety nine per cent of beer barrels in this country are manufactured from metal so it is very satisfying to still be working with wood.

"We use oak for the barrels because it is easy to bend, the smell of the wood does not seep into the barrel and spoil the taste of the beer and it is a very durable wood. We make everything from 9 gallon to 36 gallon barrels and by the end of the year we are hoping that all of the draught beer brewed here will go out in wooden barrels."

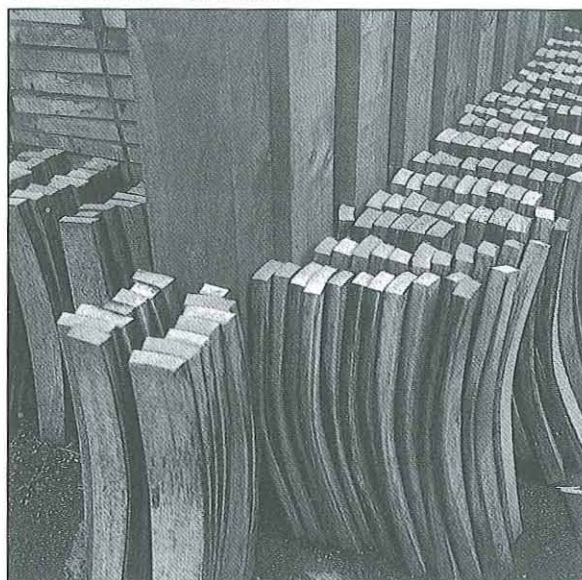
Theakston's commitment to this traditional skill is long term, with Alistair Sims and Peter Coates ready to carry it on into the next century. Peter is just 20 and finishes his apprenticeship as a cooper this summer.

The Theakston story began in 1827 when Robert Theakston started to brew behind the Black Bull pub in Masham. This brewhouse was replaced by his son, Thomas, who in 1875 created the existing brewery on Paradise Fields - prompting the somewhat idyllic name of The Black Bull In Paradise for the title of the visitor centre.

The brewery itself remains much as it was during the last century with some of the brewing equipment, such as the slate fermenting vessels, being original. Michael Theakston, the great grandson of the

founder, writes in a booklet about the company's history that: "The cooper's shop is now one of the few remaining in England where methods of making and repairing barrels have remained unchanged since time immemorial. Our ales are still brewed in the traditional way with ingredients which are much the same as those shown in my uncle Edwin's brew book of the 1890's."

Theakston brews four draught beers at Masham - mild, best bitter, XB and the wonderfully named Old Peculier, which has developed a cult status among real ale enthusiasts. The name comes from the Norman French word meaning particular, rather than odd and is derived from an earlier honour which was conferred on the market town - 'The seal of the Peculier of Masham.'



In the 12th century Roger de Mowbray, Lord of the Manor, was captured during the Crusades and held to ransom. He was redeemed by the Knights Templar and in gratitude gave the living of the church at Masham to the church of St Peter in York. However, the then Archbishop of York was not exactly thrilled by this gift because it meant he would have to make a journey through thick forests inhabited by cutthroats and vagabonds to administer church law. His solution was to free Masham of 'all the customs and claims of his archdeacon and officials' by establishing the Peculier Court of Masham, which gave a local officer the right to exercise power.

That independent streak continues today in this prosperous market town, epitomised by a famous brewery which continues to brew quality beer in its own time honoured way.



# THE MAGIC OF PLOENCHIT FAIR

*The British Community's annual blockbuster fund-raising event will be held on Saturday 19th November 1994. Everyone is invited to make this the biggest and best fun-fair ever.*

The magic words "Ploenchit Fair" conjure up nostalgic smiles at the thought of the British Community's annual moment of glory. All you really need to know is: British Embassy, Saturday 19th November 1994 from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. Entry fee 50 baht for adults and 20 baht for children. Attendance is obligatory. Please bring a lot of money — and spend it.

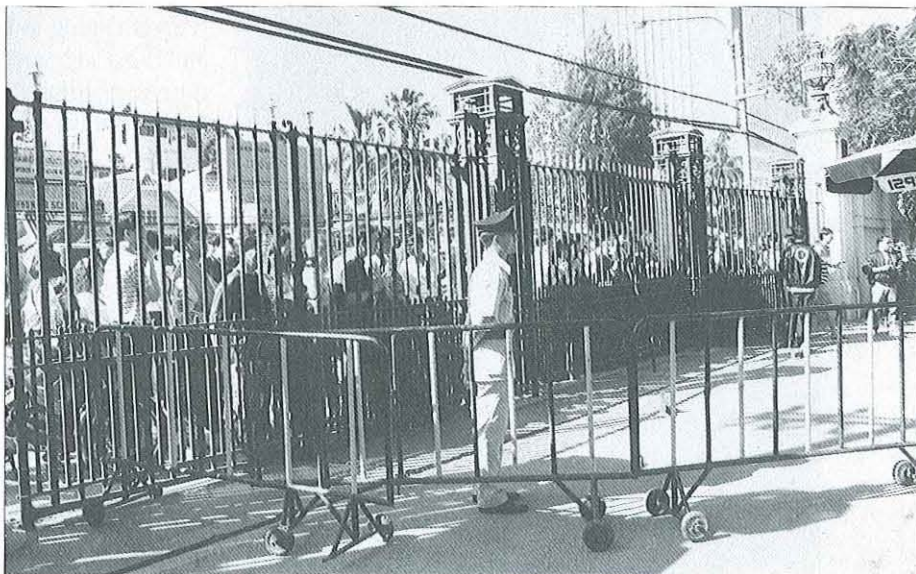
If there are still people in Bangkok who don't know what Ploenchit Fair is, then read on. There is a possibility that this is the last Ploenchit Fair to be held within the British Embassy compound, so this is your chance to make it a very memorable and very magnificent occasion.

The Fair is the British community's annual fun event to raise funds for Thai charities, held on the gardens and lawns of the British Embassy on the corner of Ploenchit and Wireless Roads. It is organised and run by thousands of volunteers, who devote an enormous amount of time to ensure the Fair's success.

Its theme is British fairground with lots of games, stalls selling produce and inexpensive goods, a Ferris Wheel for children, Treasure Island, bingo, raffles, refreshments, and lots of other ways to enjoy yourself. This year will also feature a train ride for children, (toy) rabbit shooting, while there are rumours that Body Shop and Marks & Spencers will make an appearance. While Mrs. Tarrant has vehemently declined to sit on the water drop, there is every likelihood of nubile, bikini-clad British girls lining up for a dip in the "drop". Not to be missed.

The afternoon is usually spent relaxing on the back lawn, where the Crown & Anchor pub, Bobby's Arms, Sally's Choice and Mrs. Balbir feed and refresh thousands, while they enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. Highlight of the day will be a jazz concert from Thailand's top saxophonist Tewan and his band.

British Ambassador Christian Adams will open the gates to the fair at 10.00 a.m., with coverage from TV Channel 3. While top DJs from 95.5 Gold FM will broadcast live from the Fair throughout the day.



*An anxious horde waits at the British Embassy gate for opening time.*

The British community's involvement in raising funds for Thai charities started in 1941, when the British Club used to arrange shows and monthly fund-raising efforts. British ladies organised regular morning cake sales, plays, games and jumble sales. Certainly a forerunner to Ploenchit Fair.

Following the war, the British Club renewed its commitment to charity fund-raising in Thailand with a fun fair jointly organised with a number of national communities.

The British community began organising the modern-day Ploenchit Fair in the grounds of the British Embassy in 1957. And it has been held within the embassy compound ever since.

The United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities (UKCTC) was formed in 1968 with the sole purpose of organising Ploenchit Fair and administering the funds raised. The UKCTC has the British Ambassador's wife as Honorary President, while members are drawn from the British community and British commercial interests in Thailand. There are always representatives from the British Club, the British Women's Group, the British Embassy, the British Chamber of Commerce, Standard Chartered Bank, and the vicar of Christchurch.



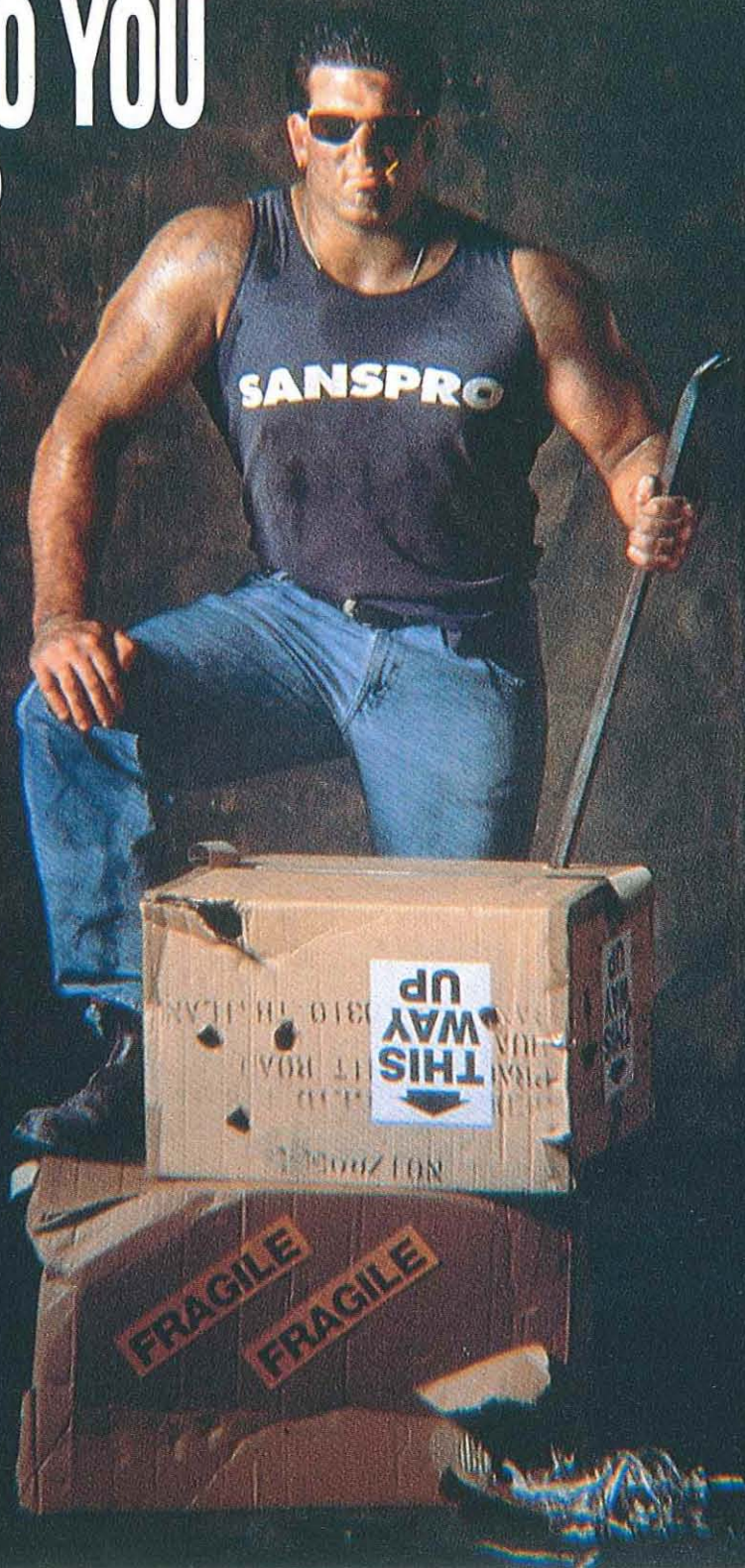
*"So take my advice, don't volunteer, son."*

This year the UKCTC feels extremely honoured and proud that its chairman Mrs. Carolyn Tarrant was awarded the MBE by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for her charitable works. She is now referred to as "Khunying" Carolyn.

In the pioneer days of 1957 Ploenchit Fair raised a mere 78,000 baht. The 1993 Ploenchit Fair raised 4.4 million baht. Over 1,200 volunteers man the stalls at Ploenchit Fair, many companies and individuals donate money and goods, the UKCTC members donate their time to



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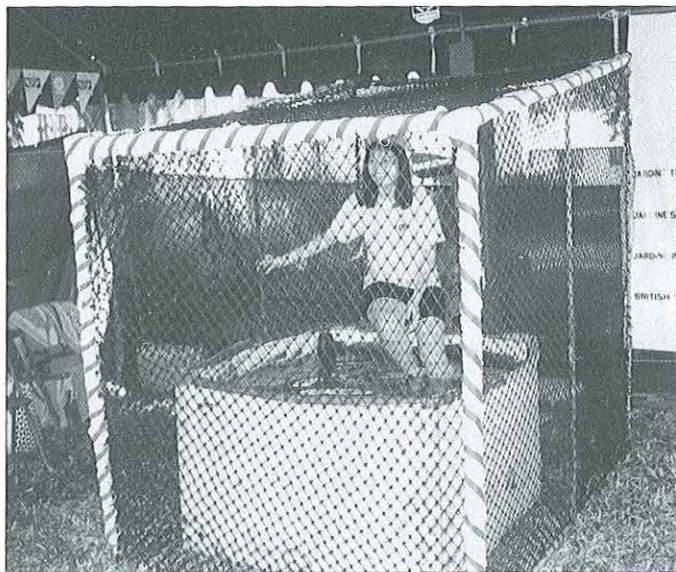
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*A damsel awaits her fate at the water dip....*



*... "There's no way you're getting me in there!"*

serve the community, so there are only a few minor costs of hiring equipment.

This enables the whole amount raised to be disbursed among a wide variety of Thai charities on a project by project basis. In fact by some magical process known only to members of the UKCTC, the committee manages to allocate each year more funds than it raises.

For instance, this year 5 million baht has been allocated to numerous Thai charities ranging from the purchase of medical equipment, wheelchairs for the aged in Pattaya, building waterwells, 35 first aid rooms for schools in Phitsanulok, repairs to the admin/medical building for Phud Hong Leper Colony in Nakhon Si Thammarat, medical scholarships for five students to study in UK hospitals, job training course for 180 rural women in Nong Khai under the care of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, and numerous small village self-help projects.

In selecting projects to support, the UKCTC gives preference to those which encourage the Thai community to help

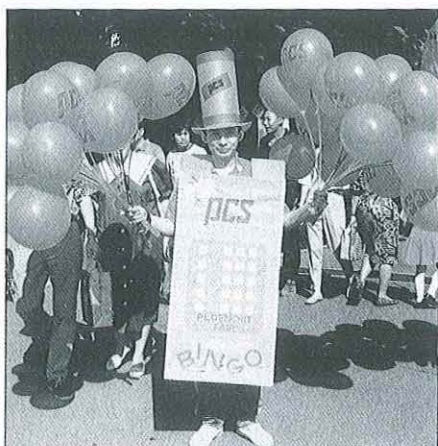
themselves. Goods donated are always of a permanent nature.

Charities or other needy causes wishing sponsorship for a particular project can contact Mrs. Carolyn Tarrant, Chairman of UKCTC, giving details of what it is needed and what benefits it is expected

to provide the Thai community. If approved at the monthly UKCTC meeting, the project is allocated the necessary funds and one committee member will be appointed to oversee the project through to its completion and monitor the proper disbursement of funds.



*"Fell off a lorry, ma'am."*



## Donations for Granny's Attic

Any old clothes, furniture, anything you don't want? Don't throw them away. Matron Edith Stewart needs more items for Granny's Attic. Everything that you don't want can be sold at Granny's Attic at Ploenchit Fair to help raise funds for some needy charity.

Please save all unwanted items and send them to Matron at the Bangkok Nursing Home on Convent Road. You can deliver your donation to Granny's

Attic to the side entrance of the Nursing Home down the first small soi on the left after Christchurch, Soi Jongrak Norasri. Or give a call to matron or the sister in charge at the Nursing Home, tel: 233 2610-9.

Alternative drop off points are the British Embassy on the corner of Ploenchit/Wireless roads, or to any PCS office (tel: 251-4658-9) clearly marked "Ploenchit Fair".



## Guess who this Member is



For anyone who can guess who this Member is, Allied Walker has provided the Club with a nice bottle of wine to give away. Please contact David Viccars at the Club, first one with the correct answer wins the bottle.

This Member has been around for a long time, not so long ago changed family status and turned from husband into dada, personnel and finances are some of his interests, he can be found in meetings, the bar and the baby pool (in the shade that is!).

Relatives of this Members are excluded from the competition. If you have a nice, or not so nice baby photo of yourself or another Member, please contact Bea Grunwell or David Viccars.



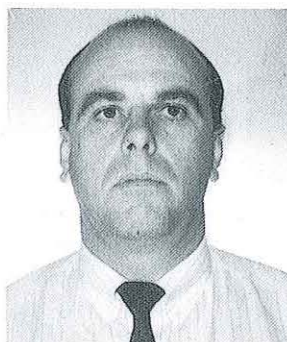
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*Chairman*

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**Joe Grunwell**

*Vice Chairman/  
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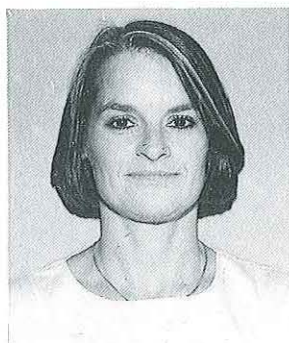
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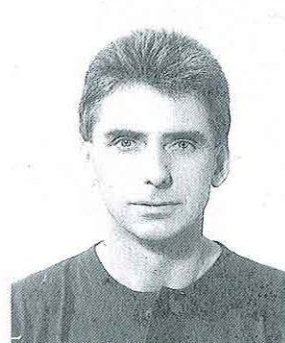
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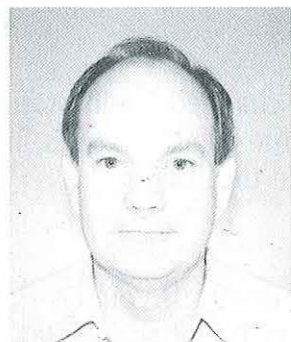
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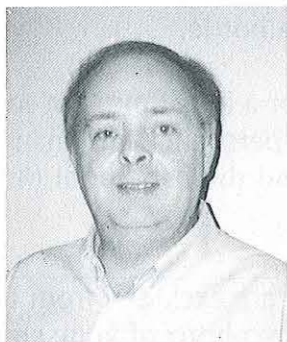
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## Club Photo Round up - Children's Sports Day



Line up for the next race .. ready, steady .... GO!!



A tennis ball, a football, a water balloon, no problem for this chap!



Obstacle Race - Nick and Graham show us how to do it ...



... but we know how to do it anyway, and much faster too!



Fill a cup and throw it in the team bucket ....



The judges are ready to time us. A job well jobbed by kids & adults!

Congratulation to all the winners, well done for helping your team members and thanks to all the sponsors and parents ... without you it would not be possible!



# Final Countdown

## From the Chairman

Perhaps the biggest event of the year at the Club is Guy Fawkes night. In the past up to 800 Members and guests have packed the grounds to enjoy a sumptuous buffet and a spectacular firework display. It's fun for the whole family but some of us have become increasingly worried about the safety aspects of the evening.

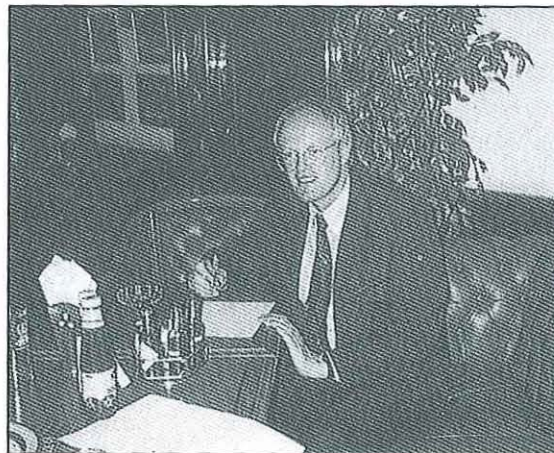
The decision to go ahead this year was taken only after extensive consultation, with out insurance agent and a thorough review of the programme. Guests have been limited to 600 and a whole host of new safety features are being introduced.

But no matter how many measures the Club undertakes, there will always be a small element of danger in such gatherings. It is therefore up to everyone who attends to make sure they take responsibility for themselves and their offspring. That means being vigilant and alert to any possible mishaps and helping the marshalls by following directions when given.

Some time ago we hosted Baroness Margaret Thatcher at the Club. The event went well but there were a number of Members who took me to task because they missed out on an invitation. Recently, the Duke of Kent was scheduled to visit and again invitations were restricted. So let me apologise in advance if you did not get to join the fun. And if it's any consolation I missed out too.

One final word this month. Guy Fawkes night signals the completion of David Viccar's first year as General Manager of the Club. I hope you will agree with me that he is doing a great job and also in wishing him much future success at the Club.

Nigel Oakins  
Chairman



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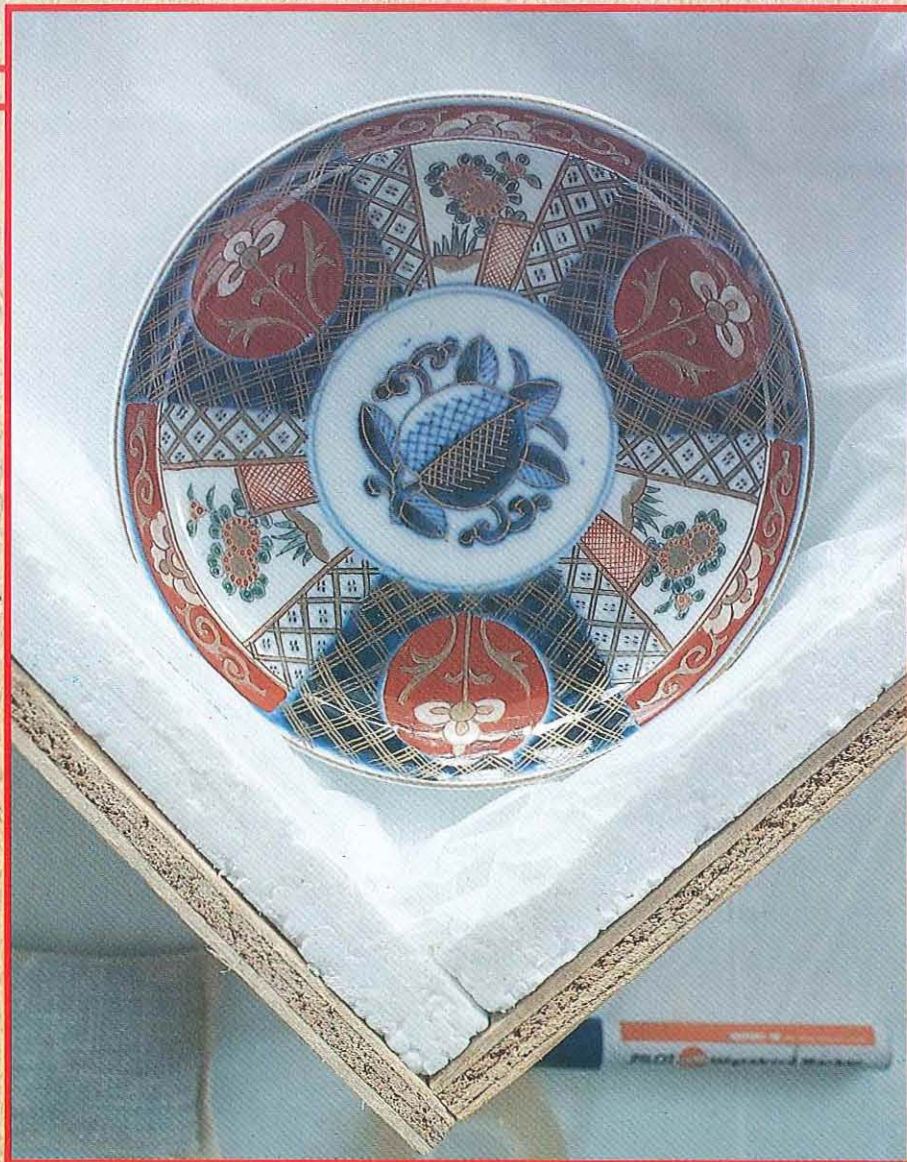
## RACISM

When I was but a child  
A little boy I knew,  
He was always picked on,  
Because he wasn't the same as me and you  
His skin was a darker colour,  
But it made no difference to me,  
because he was the greatest friend,  
That there could ever be.  
The other kids never took any notice,  
except when they were being cruel,  
Because they made him scared,  
they thought that they were 'cool'  
But me, I knew the truth,  
that inside himself, he was strong,  
and soon enough,  
he would prove them wrong.  
The anger burned inside him,  
just burning to get out,

But he, like a mouse, and them like cats,  
I feared his strength would melt.  
He couldn't tell his teacher,  
or his parents, only me,  
that day when I found him,  
crying secretly.  
As you could have guessed,  
he never got his dream,  
to teach those pigs a lesson,  
I remember how his face would beam,  
when he talked about it,  
about how they would scream.  
One thing really disgusts me,  
that racism still goes on,  
that there are still crazy people,  
who can't tell right from wrong.

By Rachel Elias, aged 13





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