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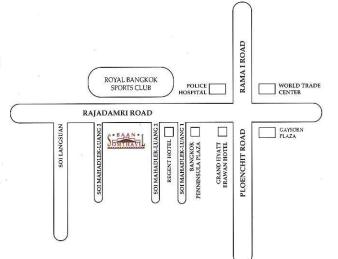
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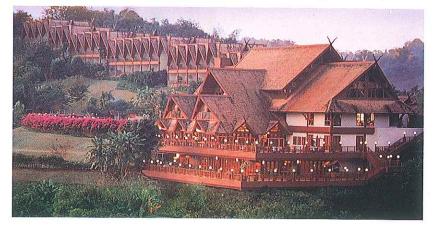
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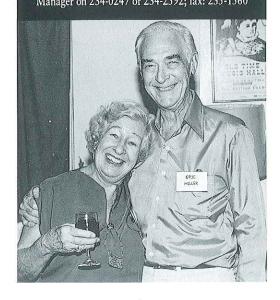
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#### From the Editor

thoughts turn to the mass mail-out of Christ-mas cards around the globe, things are hotting up here with several of Bangkok's best events

Gaynor de Wit - Editor

coming up this and next month. The Club leads the way with the fireworks display, the Loy Krathong festival, the Scottish dancing and the Surin elephant round-up amongst others, with the ever-popular Ploenchit Fair on the 23rd, once again being held at the British Embassy. Please note that the General Election, conveniently called

for the middle of this month, has seriously affected some of the dates for the above. Check with the calendar in the centre pages or in the Management News section to see how these changes may affect you.

Talking of the election, why not enjoy that long weekend far from pick-ups armed with high volume loudspeakers, blaring out the virtues of this politician or denouncing the credibility of that one, by relaxing at the Club, which is still a most serene setting in the increasingly mad world of Bangkok. Don't think that by running to Hua Hin or some obscure little farming village that you'll escape the pollsters; I can promise you they'll be shattering the peace everywhere that weekend, so you might as well make the best of it and get in a few good games of tennis or squash or savour the delights of the poolside barbecue.

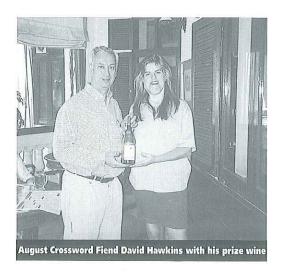
In Outpost this month is the report from two evenings of nostalgia: the long-serving members night and the bar music quiz, where many memories were jogged with a smile. There's also a farewell poem from Trixie, Ron is back with explanations of more everyday expressions and there's an article to make you smile - or not, perhaps - from Lauren Lambert, which continues in the Educating Peter series started in previous issues.

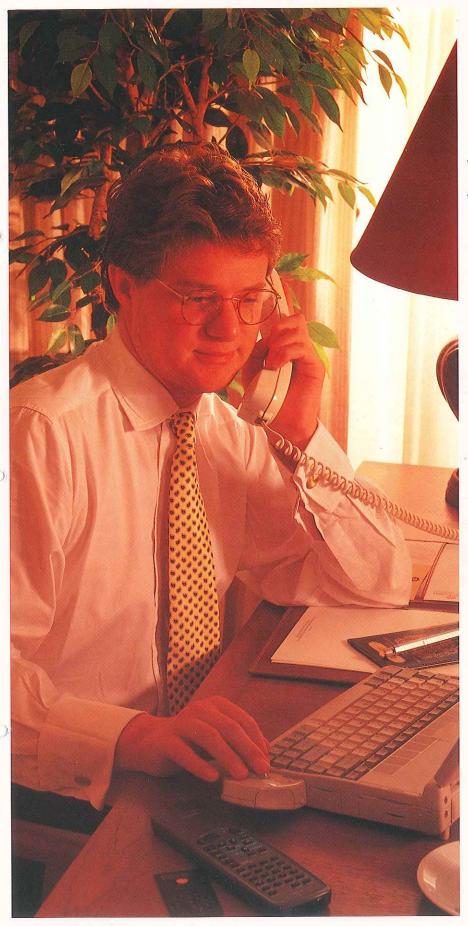
The picture below shows that it really is worth entering competitions in Outpost as David Hawkins is presented with his complimentary bottle of vino for being the first to fax his correctly-completed crossword in August. He didn't think he stood a chance of winning, but someone has to so it's always worth entering! There will be another prize crossword competition in next month's Outpost, so a prompt response could mean opening a seasonal bottle of booze by Christmas!

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#### Gaynor de Wit Editor





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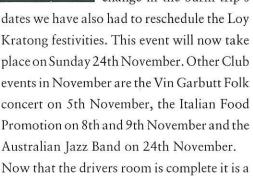
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# From the Manager

ell, we're entering the busy time of year again with many Club events, functions and parties to look forward to in and around the Club. Please support the Club and attend, participate in and enjoy as many of the func-

tions as you can.

Because of the national elections on 17th November, we have had to postpone this year's trip to the Surin Elephant Round-up by one week until 22nd/23rd November. This inconvenience is regretted but is beyond the Club's control. Because of the change in the Surin trip's



requirement of the Club that all drivers either remain with their vehicles or use the drivers room while on the Club premises. The drivers room is air-conditioned, has a TV and separate toilet and shower facilities. Would members please advise their drivers of this requirement.

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Members will be pleased to know that the General Committee has reviewed the price of wines at the Club downwards since the recent price increase. In October, the Government tax on wine went up substantially and this mean't that wine prices at the Club were increased considerably. The Committee felt that prices should be kept as reasonable as possible for members so has decided to reduce the mark up which is normally made on sales of bottles of wine. This will mean that wine at the Club will not be as cheap as it once was but will be a little cheaper than it could have been!

Thomas Bain General Manager

Thomas Bain - General Manager

# **Management News**

# PECIAL NOTICE

#### Surin Elephant Round-Up Rescheduled

Due to the general election called for 17th November, the Surin Elephant Round-up has been postponed for one week. It will now take place on 22nd/23rd November. Any inconvenience is regretted.

As a result of the above change, the Club's Loy Krathong night has now been changed to Sunday 24th November.

#### **Wine Prices**

By now many members will have realised that wine prices at the Club have gone up! This is due to an increase in Government wine tax. As the price increases are significant, the General Committee has decided to reduce the normal Club mark-up on wine prices. This means that by the time you read this the price of wine will have been adjusted again-slightly downwards! No, I'm not drunk!

#### **Member Get Member Scheme**

Don't forget that a new member get member scheme started in September. Each month a Bt 1,000 voucher, to be redeemed in the Lords Restaurant, will be awarded to the lucky proposer whose name is drawn from the bucket. The Club always needs new mem-





bers so if you know of anyone wishing to join please sign them up.

The lucky winner for October was Michael Callan, who proposed John Blaxland. We hope you enjoy your dinner in Lords!

#### **Long Standing Members Night**

Last month's reunion of members who have belonged to the Club for twenty years or more, the "Twenty Plus Club", went very well with over fifty members attending.

#### **November Staff Awards**

The staff awards for November are as follows: first Khun Prasert from the maintenance section and second, Khun Piwan, one of the Club's gardeners. Well done and congratulations to both these members of staff.



#### **SEASONAL EVENTS**

For the following events being held at the Club over the next couple of months, please book at reception.

#### **Scottish Dance Practices**

Every Monday in November Front lawn 7.30pm

#### **Guy Fawkes**

Sunday 3rd November All around the Club \* Note: the Club will be closed all day on Sunday 3rd November to all except Guy Fawkes ticket holders.

BBQ starts at 5pm - not included in ticket price Fireworks - 7pm (approx)

Adults Bt 250, Children under 16 Bt 100, Under 5s free

#### **Folk Concert - Vin Garbutt**

Tuesday 5th November Surawongse Room 8pm onwards Bt 200 per person

#### **Italian Food Promotion**

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November Lords Restaurant Adults Bt 300, 12 and under Bt 150

#### **Remembrance Day Service**

Sunday 10th November
At the British Embassy 10am
All welcome

#### **Australian Jazz Band**

Sunday 24th November Back lawn 12-3pm Bt 100 (BBQ not included)

#### Elephant Round-Up - Surin

Weekend 22nd-23rd November All places fully booked

#### **Ploenchit Fair**

Saturday 23rd November
The British Embassy gardens 10am to 5pm

#### **Loy Krathong**

Sunday 24th November
On the back lawn then the swimming pool
Thai Buffet - as much as you can eat
Adults Bt 500, Children 12-15 Bt 250, Under
12s Bt 125 6pm onwards
Come in Thai dress and win prizes

#### St Andrews Ball

Friday 29th November Breakfast at the Club on Saturday 30th

#### **Club Christmas Ball**

Saturday 14th December Back lawn Tickets available from 8th November

#### New Year's Eve Boat Cruise

Tuesday 31st December Tickets available from mid-November

#### **New Members**



#### **Brian Churchman**

Despite claims to "an incredibly sedate life", Brian plays golf, squash, snooker and in fact anything with balls, as well as

scuba diving and the guitar, not to mention game fishing, photography and attempting to learn Thai! An information systems manager for Exel Logistics, this is Brian's first overseas posting.



#### Vicki Schouten

In Bangkok on a student internship in the Commercial Trade section of the Canadian Embassy until April next year, Vicki's pre-

vious posts have included Rotterdam, the Netherlands and Rome. Sport-wise Vicki plays "everything" but especially enjoys running, and is often found lifting heavy things in the fitness centre.



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#### Eric Jordan

Eric lives above his office at Finexco Administrative Services, where he is the Branch Manager. Single and 35, Eric is a keen

sportsman, playing tennis, golf, football, squash and occasionally swimming and hopes to learn to dive while he's here. His less active hobbies include reading, dining out and "having a good time!" Previously in Hong Kong, Eric should be here for around five years.

#### **Thor and Anne-Lise Krogh**

Norwegians Thor and Anne-Lise have already been in Bangkok for three years; Thor is with Norconsult and Anne-Lise used to be a nurse but here is involved with a Scandinavian group work-



ing with children in Isarn. Both play tennis and golf and Thor also paints. They had to leave New Members night early to get to the Oriental for dinner with the Norwegian Prime Minister... as you do.

#### **Lydia and Desmond Holmes**

Both Des and Lydia were ANZ Bank executives before coming here, Lydia used to be a training officer and Des is now Group Representative here in Bangkok for three years. Both of them



play a game called 'balut' and enjoy reading and swimming; Des also plays baseball and reads while Lydia includes 6-month-old Jacinta as her hobby along with needlework.

#### **Hugh and Jennifer Hamilton**

Australians Hugh and Jennifer were previously in Taiwan for three years and hope to be here for five; Hugh is the National Distribution Manager for Davids Distribution and Jennifer is a



secretary and they have three grown children. Both play tennis and golf though Jennifer's still a novice but she also enjoys needlework and reading.



#### Keith and Laura Murdoch

That Keith works with Kvaerner is methinks where the seriousness on their form ended! Laura is training to be a voluntary guide at the National Museum and is also a trained counsellor and

teaches English, but somehow finds time to be editor-in-chief of the Bangkok Bugle and cultural correspondent for the Thailand Trumpet! As for snowboarding, haggis hurling and building snowmen for snow-women...



#### **Laurence Lipman**

Not a run-of-the-mill expat, Laurence doesn't actually work in Thailand but lives in Pattaya for months on end when not in Wimbledon earning his keep. Single and 45, Laurence

modernises and sells houses in the UK, then escapes the Blighty winter over here while dabbling in the money market. He plays tennis and is learning golf and has a sister in showbiz (not called Maureen!).



#### **Robert and Lindsay Rowe**

Keen travellers Robert and Lindsay are out here on their first permanent posting; Robert is with Intertec Thai and plays all the sport, including football, golf, cricket and squash, although

Lindsay does enjoy swimming, aerobics, skiing and cooking. They both like travelling and they have two children, Eleanor, 3, at nursery school and Charlie, 1.

#### **Kerrie Day**

Some longer-serving members may remember Kerrie and Trevor from a couple of years ago before their stint in Pattaya;



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Trevor is with Eastern Petroleum Services and Kerrie lists his sports as rugby, rugby and rugby and his hobby as, er, rugby. Kerrie plays badminton, aerobics and mah-jong and is an avid wine-taster (!), and used to help at the Tarn Nam Jai Aids babies home.

#### John Blaxland

This two-year stint in Bangkok is Australian army officer John's second overseas move, having previously been posted in Chile. An exchange student



with the Thai Army Command and General Staff College, it's unsurprising he's an active bod, playing tennis, squash, swimming, golf and jogging. John's fellow Aussie proposer, Michael Callan, won the draw this evening!

#### Clare Meehan

Kilmarnock lass Clare is a teacher at St John's International School, she's an active sportswoman playing tennis, hockey, ice skat-

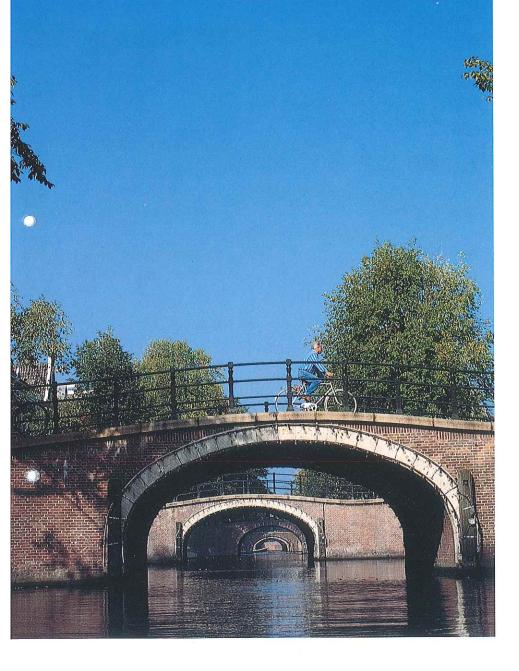


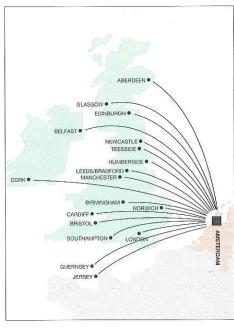
ing and skiing and likes trying new sports, socialising and reading. Previously in Italy and Japan, Clare is 31 and single but still looking, ideally for "a creative type with good muscle tone"...



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#### Per and Ellen Saltvedt

Norwegians Per and Ellen are here for several years after a 3year stint in Kuwait. Per is the MD at Barwil and enjoys squash, swiming, sailing and bowling while Ellen likes aerobics/step-

ping, swimming, sewing and painting. They have two children, Mathilde, 6, at ISB and Kristoffe, 2. Per enjoys reading but says that small children allow little time for hobbies...



#### Ken and Sheena Gibson

Ken is an Upcountry Relay Station Manager with the Beeb, stationed in Nakhon Sawan, setting up the World Service relay station which will take over the Hong Kong station he set up in

his previous posting! Ken is a keen sailor, used to be a golfer and likes classic motor cars, Sheena likes ten-pin bowling and used to play tennis, and they have two children at Patana, Steven, 17 and Craig, 12.

#### **Neil Challis**

Neil has already joined the tennis mix-ins so was a familiar face at New Members



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Night, and he also plays badminton and squash. Working with Seacor Holdings, Brit Neil is 30 and single and is here on an openended contract; his hobbies include photography and playing the guitar and his last overseas posting was in New York.

# THE ONE AND ONLY PLOENCHIT FAIR!

he beautiful grounds of the British Embassy will once again come alive for the Ploenchit Fair, the annual fund-raising jamboree for charity organised by the UK Committee for Thai Charities. Hundreds of volunteers from the Embassy and British companies help run stalls selling a wide variety of goods and offering games with mountains of prizes, and charity organisations sell local handicrafts. Entertainment includes perennial favourites jazzman Khun Tewan and the magic Dr Penguin as well as Canadians Vinyl Sun. Bobby's Arms, Mrs Balbir's, Sally's Choice and the Wine & Cheese Bar will be selling delicious food, helped down with cold drinks at the Crown & Anchor Pub.

#### Come along and enjoy all the fun of the fair!!

Date: Saturday 23rd November 1996, 10am to 5pm Venue: British Embassy Entry: Adults 50 baht, Children 20 baht



# You Win Some and You Lose Some!



The Volvo Cup sponsored by Volvo and Swedish Motors was played at Vintage on Sunday 8th September against the Scandinavians. The match was well played with a walkover by the Scandinavians with 9 ½ points to the British Club 4 ½ points. Oh well, maybe next year!

The results are as follows:

Winner of the Volvo Cup: The Scandinavians Pairs Winners: Joan Adams and Angela Poustie (nett 51 stableford points)

Runners up: Regi Larssen/Margaretha Nilsson (57)

James Lawden/Angelo Ferrer (59)

Near Pin: Lennart, Henrik, Geran & Margaretha (Scandinavians)

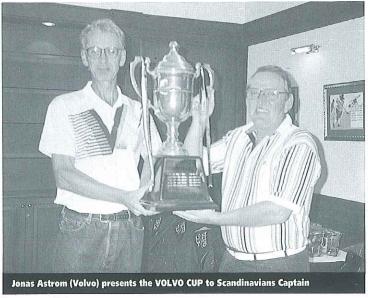
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Ladies: Regi Larssen

Men: Geoff Rydon

At least there wasn't a complete loss of face, with congratulations going to Joan and Angela; hmmm, wonder if the handicaps will be given a bit of a nudge?





#### **Inaugural Cup**

The Inaugural Cup sponsored by Rhone-Poulenc was played at Vintage on Sunday 22nd September against the Bangkok Cosmopolitan Ladies Golf. The BCLG (with 362 points) finally lost their hold of the cup, having played a close match, with the BC being victors on the day.

The results as follows:

Winners of the Inaugural Cup: British Club (371 points)

Best nett score

Winner: Penny Whalley (43 stableford points) (BCLG)

Runners up: Geoffrey Lamb (41)

Rita Hadorn (41) (BCLG)

Near Pin: Brian Roberts, Phil Hall, James T-

Glover, Ray Fazackerly

Long Drive

Ladies: Chako (BCLG)

Men: Chris Gething

Players of the Month: Joan Adams and

Angela Poustie





Quote of the Month: "It always happens whenever the ...... driver is there!"

Dates for the Diary

Please put these dates in your diary for this month, November: Sunday 3rd at Vintage, tee off at 7.30am, Ryesome Bowl sponsored by Castrol. Sunday 17th at Muang Kaew, tee off at 11am, against the British Embassy. The

sign up sheets are on the Golf Section noticeboard, we would love to see you there.

Happy Golfing **Lauren Lambert** 



# **NETBALL GALA!**

Following the enjoyment in September, we're holding another Netball Round Robin on Sunday 1st December!

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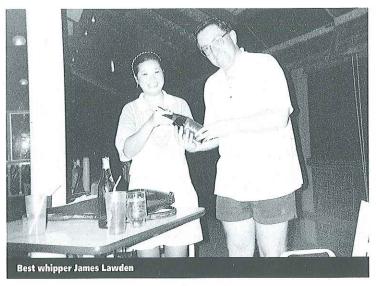
# Game for a Laugh

# way Weekend Amari Pattaya - 28th/29th

#### September

We're a game lot, we tennis sectioners. Every now and then Shelagh organises us into forays from the comforts of the Club sala and we get to experience real life out there on hotel courts in and around Thailand. This time, 25 or so assorted members packed their racquets and golf clubs and ventured forth to the Amari at Pattaya.

I reflected on this "gameness" on several occasions during the weekend, usually around the times we got trapped yet again under the (comparatively) minuscule "sala" dividing the two Amari tennis courts. It's one thing watching one's courts gently flooding whilst Amphorn and co bring pots of tea and beers and quite another to watch one's tennis shoes fill up as yet another stream of monsoonal precipitation cascades down one's back. I missed John Sands rendering of Gene Kelly's "I'm singing in the rain" but I'm told it was a classic of its time and I regret the omission. This was, I think, our second sojourn under the dripping caves but maybe not... they tended to merge into each other after a while. Despite the rain, we did manage a minitournament and even a prizegiving. John Lee, Zandra and Tom Henton made up the winning team. Each team played a series of doubles and an exciting innovation to the section - the 3-a-side match. Once we'd worked out where to stand and who was to receive, the games flowed, rather like the rivers of rain surrounding the courts from whence we gingerly plucked the leaden tennis balls after each exciting rally.



On Sunday the golfers escaped to the relative aridity of the golf course whilst the juniors and some stalwart non-juniors valiantly returned to the courts. As was becoming customary, the session started with the ritual sweeping of the courts. And isn't it just amazing how those balls find out every patch of wet and then deposit it on one or more of the players?

The weekend went swimmingly - the rain caught us by the pool, too - and all down to Shelagh's expert organisation and hard work. Unfortunately Shelagh didn't actually make it herself but through her efforts the rest of us were able to enjoy a very entertaining break.

#### **Kate Henton**

#### **League Results**

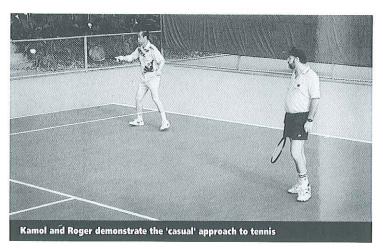
The winners of the Singles League for September were:

League 1 Bernie Adams (not again!)

League 2 Richard Blackmore

League 3 Paul Williams (not really)





League 4 Terry Adams

League 5 James Lawden

League 6 Wan Adams

League 7 Gaynor de Wit (welcome back Gaynor!)

Special tip to all league players: you don't have to beat everyone in your division to be the winner... you just have to play most/all of your matches when possible, or your last name should be Adams! This holds true for quite a few of the above winners. Those who would like to join the Singles League or Ladder please sign up or call Jaree Lee on 256 7308 (work) or 01-495 7781.

#### Jaree Lee

#### **Veterans Tournament, Pattaya**

(The less Bauglerised version)

It has long been one of the my ambitions to participate in the annual Veterans Tennis Tournament held at the Royal Cliff Hotel in Pattaya, this year held during the first week of October, which fitted in fairly well with my busy schedule so I duly entered in the Over 60s Doubles, foregoing the Singles as I was

still unsure of my troublesome shoulder. However, as there was a two event per player limit, I asked that other intrepid "veteran" Kn. Kamol to join me in the Over 55 doubles. Of course, I have already played in a number of local veteran events around Bangkok, all of which were good fun but in most cases I seem to have been the only "Fried Farang" around. Pattaya, on the other hand, is run under the auspices of the International Tennis Federation and ranks as an "international" event with points counting towards world ranking!! We even had an ITF Tournament Referee officiating who was a dead ringer of Michael Chang, I suppose one does rather keep it in the family in Asia!

With such an elevated status, it was not altogether surprising that players from over twenty countries were participating. Prospects of "A British Victory" were therefore somewhat curtailed.

Men's and women's events were available for Over 35s, 40s, 45s, 50s, 55s and 65s, although regrettably there were no mixed doubles events; an omission which we hope will be/rectified in future. The general standard of play was to good club level with the top players being to UK country standard, so this is a level not beyond the reach of a good few regular players at the British Club. As Kamol and I reached the semi-finals in Over 55s and I made the quarter finals in the Over 60s event, you could see that our younger and more talented brethren stand a serious chance of doing some considerable business.

Incidentally, our ever-talented Kn. Chalathip and her sister Kn. Chareeya are to be con-

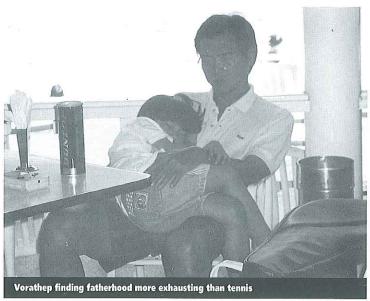


gratulated for putting in some impressive play to win the Ladies Over 50s but were rather comprehensively seen off by the Princess of Nepal and her partner in the final set of the Over 45s. What an overhead that lady's got!! Well, you can't win 'em all.

Quite apart from the tennis which was always going to be fun, it was a wonderful opportunity to meet with many old friends from the club and Thai veteran circuits and make new acquaintances in such an august international gathering. After all, rubbing shoulders with royalty has to be better than slumming it with you lot down at the ol' BC, doesn't it?!

Saturday night was party night with a magnificent buffet providing as much to eat and drink as you cold manage and all included in the entrance price. What a bargain! National songs were sung, with notable contributions by Taiwan, Nepal and GB. The British song (Foggy Foggy Dew) was delivered by an old BC member, Derek Tonkin, long since retired back to the UK, whose introduction was delivered in flawless Thai. He didn't quite win 1st prize but then it was the Nepalese Princess who was judging so perhaps Thai was not quite the right language on that particular night. Better luck next time Derek with Nepalese!!

After the entertainment, dancing and much laughter engendered by our Indian MC and a number of his compatriots, prizes were awarded to all and sundry, your scribe included, who to date has no idea how he qualified for a quite magnificent POT. With "Loser's Luck" like this, I definitely want



more and have duly made my diary entry for July 1997.

If it's a taste of international tennis with that unique Thai flavour that you're looking for, then I can thoroughly recommend this event to all of you aspiring younger veterans. So make a note in your diaries for next July and look forward to a really enjoyable three of four day break at the Royal Cliff Hotel (special players' rates) with just a little not too serious tennis thrown in here and there. Details and dates available any time from the B. Gordon.

#### **Gord in Heaven**

#### Don't Forget!!

The Graded Championship semi-finals and finals will be played on the weekend of 16th/17th November. Let the General Election pass you by quite painlessly by booking your courtside seat for the weekend!!

#### **Calendar**

#### **British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar - November**

# Sunday



#### **Opening Times**

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

7.30am **Golf** - Vintage 11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In 2-7pm Tennis Mix-In 5-7pm Children's Video

#### 5pm Guy Fawkes Night

# Monday



#### Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton	Gaynor de Wit	237-4031			
Cricket	Peter Young	679-7644			
Golf	Geoff Lamb	326-0381			
Rugby	Joe Grunwell	262-0220			
Squash	David Turner	279-1234			
Soccer	<b>Peter Rodgers</b>	240-0678			
Tennis	John Kelly	264-2100			

2	Miles Political	
	8am	BWG Mahjong
	2pm	Aerobics
	6-8pm	Squash Coaching
	7-9pm	Badminton - Soi 49
	7-9pm	Tennis Team Training
	7.30pm	Scottish Dance Practices

#### 7.30pm New Members Night

# Tuesday



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

Golf - As advertised

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

8pm Vin Garbutt - Surawong Rm

# Wednesday



#### Sports - Contact the following:

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

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

# Thursday



## Enjoy a traffic-free election weekend at the Club!

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

# Friday



9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching

7.30pm "Relatively Speaking"

9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching

**Surawong Room** 

#### Italian Food Promotion



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

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#### Children's Sports Activities

**Tennis Coaching** 

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning

**Swimming Coaching** 

Saturday Morning

#### Don't Forget !!

To float your krathongs at the Club on the 24th

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In

3-6pm Tennis Tournament

Children's Video 5-7pm

**Golf-Vintage** 11am

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In Tennis Mix-In

Children's Video 5-7pm

**Tennis Graded Champs Finals** 

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In

Tennis Mix-In 3-6pm

5-7pm Children's Video

**Noon Australian Jazz Band** 

**6pm Loy Krathong Night** 

**BWG Mahjong** 

8am 2pm

Aerobics

6-8pm

**Squash Coaching** 

7-9pm 7-9pm

Badminton - Soi 49 **Tennis Team Training** 

7.30pm Scottish Dance Practices

**BWG** Mahjong

8am 2pm

Aerobics

Squash Coaching 6-8pm

Badminton - Soi 49 7-9pm 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training** 

7.30pm Scottish Dance Practices

**BWG Wahjong** 8am

Aerobics 2pm

6-8pm **Squash Coaching** 7-9pm

Badminton - Soi 49 **Tennis Team Training** 7-9pm

7.30pm Scottish Dance Practices

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7am

**Ladies Golf** 

Soccer Training 7-9pm

9pm

8-11pm Friendly Bridge **Gentlemen's Spoof** 

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**Gentlemen's Spoof** 

8-11pm Friendly Bridge

**Ladies Golf** 

7-9pm **Soccer Training** 

8-11pm Friendly Bridge

Gentlemen's Spoof 9pm

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9.30am Aerobics

5-8pm

**Squash Coaching** Tennis Mix-In

6-9pm

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5-8pm Squash Coaching

6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

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6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

10-12 noon Ladies Squash

6-9pm

Squash Mix-In

7pm

Aerobics

7-9pm 7-9pm

**Rugby Training** Badminton - Soi 49

10-12 noon Ladies Squash

6-9pm Squash Mix-In

Aerobics 7pm

**Rugby Training** 

7-9pm 7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49

10-12 noon Ladies Squash

Squash Mix-In

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7pm

Aerobics 7-9pm **Rugby Training** 

7-9pm Badminton - Soi 49

9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching

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#### Surin Elephant Round Up

#### St Andrews Ball

Junior Tennis 8am

8-11am Tennis Coaching

4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15

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#### 10am Ploenchit Fair - British Embassy 6am St Andrews Breakfast



# A Busy Month for the Squashies

# aulaner Bräuhaus Handicap Competition

Firstly, many thanks to Michael Prinz and Paulaner Bräuhaus for their generous sponsorship of this event. As always, there were many keenly contested matches and apart from the expected grumbles about handicaps (which, of course, where completely ignored by the organisers), a good time was had by all. Gareth McIlroy took away the major prize, defeating Marc Hagelauer 3-1 in a great final - sorry, Gareth, but your handicap for next year is not looking good!!

In the semi-finals, Gareth beat last year's winner Dick Anwar while Marc beat Mel Leddy.

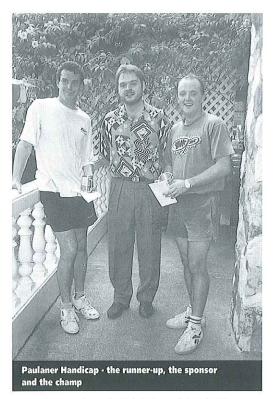
The Plate final between Paul Jensen and Chris Platt had to be deferred due to an unfortunate injury to Paul at the start of their game when Paul gashed his knee with his own racquet. At the time of writing this match had not been played. Paul had beaten Joan Jewell and Chris had beaten Bob Carpenter in their respective semi-finals.

#### **Rod Carter Open**

This is our only 'open' tournament of the year and it always attracts a number of quality players form outside the Club. The finals are on over the weekend of 9th and 10th November, so come on down to the courts to see some good squash. We've got our fingers crossed that someone from the BC might win this for the first time in a long while.

#### **Tony Austin Cup**

The men's "over 45" championship is also on at the moment, with the finals to be played



over the weekend of 16th and 17th November. I hope you can make it to the courts as the "old fellas" need all the encouragement they can get! David Bryant will be trying to win for the third time in a row, but Barb has volunteered to umpire all his matches with one eye closed after his injudicious remark during the Ladies Champs earlier in the year - see David for further details.

#### **SNIPPETS**

Unfortunately there have been a couple of departures from your Committee. Many thanks to Tom Livingston and Mike O'Connor for their respective contributions. John Vivian didn't need too much persuading to join the Committee in the role of Treasurer and we look forward to his contribution - welcome, John.



Winners of the lucky draw from recent months

June: Tom Livingston - 1,000 Bt, David Bryant - 500 Bt;

July: David Bryant - 1,000 Bt, Bob Carpenter - 500 Bt.

For those of you unaware of this, there's a draw every month from all the match result sheets submitted - so don't forget to put them in the box!!

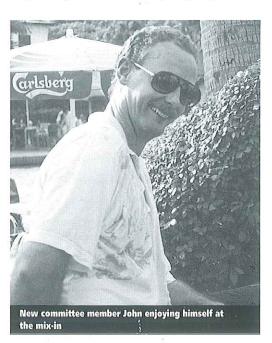
#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Sunday Mix-In

1st Sunday of every month. Next one is 3rd November and then 1st December. Sign up on the day at 12.30pm.

#### Chiang Mai Weekend

This squash and social event has been arranged for all and sundry who fancy a relaxing weekend in Chiang Mai with a bit of squash thrown in if you feel up to it. The tour departs by train on Friday night 29th No-





vember and returns by plane on Sunday afternoon 1st December. Sounds like it will be a ball, as the provincial squashies are always desperate for some competition and will no doubt look after us admirably. See the noticeboard for details or call Marvyn Lewis.

Dave Jewell

# Keen Competition for the New Term

# unior Tennis Tournament, Sunday 8th September, 1996

Nineteen Juniors dragged themselves and their parents out of bed to make it to the first Junior Tournament after the long holidays. Some were feeling out of practice, but it seems that the break had worked wonders for the Junior Juniors, all of whom played really well! The group was divided into three leagues for this morning, and everyone got at least 4 games in their league.

Winner in the Junior Junior division was James Lanham, with Daniel Stamp as runner up. Both will be pitted against stronger opposition for the next tournament! In the 'Middle' group, Sarah Henton played consistently well, winning all of her matches. The 'Seniors' had a knock-out which ended in a final pairing we have seen many times now - Alex Stamp v. Tom Henton, with Alex coming out as the winner this time. We should have kept a running total of their match scores over the year and have a private Henton/Stamp championships! Meanwhile the plate was strongly contested between Ryan McNeilly and Murray Jewell. It was a great match to watch. Ryan came out the winner.

While all the above people were resting between matches, Hannah Morrison was showing just how fit she is by playing in the middle league AND in the senior league which needed an eighth person, thus adding another 2 games to her morning and helping make the organisers' morning easier!

At the end of the school year we were sad to say good-bye to Matthew Jones, David Lindsay, Tim Xumsai and Duncan Morrison. We hope Matthew and Tim may return as 'guest' players in their school holidays! Meanwhile we were delighted to add 3 new players to the leagues, all from one family! Welcome to Bram, Bart and Jacob Newijn who joined the doubles games after the tournament, and showed us that they will all three be challenging for the role of "best in the league."

#### **Junior Leagues**

Talking of leagues - having found that the Junior Ladder was not a great success, Jill Phillips, in conjunction with Kate Henton, has worked out a League system which will hopefully encourage more games to be played. The Leagues are posted on the Tennis noticeboard. Each player has to play the other players in their league, in a pro-set (first to 9 games). The top two in each division will be put up a league and the bottom two will go down. Matches have to be played by 18th October and the next league will then start on the 26th October and last until the end of term. By the time this is published we will have been able to see how well it is working. Hopefully everyone has had some good games and is busy booking up the games for their next league! Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division. Any queries should be made to Jill Phillips (259 3640).

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# The GENERATION GAME, complete with fireworks!

Your brains have had long enough to recover from the last Generation Game in June, with all those tie-breaks, so we are holding another one! This will be on Sunday 3rd November at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This is the day when we have to buy tickets to come into the club, as entry fee for the fireworks. So, buy your tickets, and come and join the fun. The 'teams' should be a Junior tennis player with an adult. It does not need to be a relation - we always have some 'loose adults'(!) on hand who are looking for a

partner. In fact the last competition in June was won by a non-family partnership. If possible we need to know the pairings in advance in order to work out any handicaps. If you have not yet entered, please contact me, Shelagh, on 398 2717 and sign up!

Shelagh Weekes

# NATIONAL MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS LECTURE

"Buddhism and Animism through Lao Funeral Textiles"

By Karen Chungyampin

Amongst the Tai, the funeral rites are considered the most important and are the grandest of all ceremonies concerning a person's rites of passage. While the Lua, the Tai Phuan and the Tai Kaeo became Theravada Buddhist around the 13th century, other sub-Tai groups like the Tai Dam and the Tai Daeng remained true animists. This, therefore, makes it possible to do a comparative study between the two groups as to the changes and transitions funeral rites went through when a new philosophy was adopted, especially when viewed through the function of textiles.

Karen is the curator of a private collection of mainland southeast Asian textiles belonging to the largest and oldest law firm in Thailand, Tilleke and Gibbins.

Date: Thursday 14th November 1996, 10am Venue: National Museum Auditorium

# Recipe

# Caribbean Chicken Salad

ouldn't resist another recipe from that successful Caribbean food promotion held a couple of months ago; this time the easy-to-make chicken salad. This recipe is more family-sized, feeding four.

#### Ingredients

1 oz shredded ginger

1 chopped clove of garlic

200 ml fresh orange juice

• 60 ml lime juice

60 ml soya sauce

60 ml dry sherry

15 ml white wine vinegar

5 ml clear honey

4 skinless chicken breasts

Vegetable oil for shallow frying

· Sesame seeds to garnish

#### Method

- 1 Peel the ginger and the garlic.
- **2** Place these along with the orange juice, lime juice, soya sauce, dry sherry, white wine vinegar and honey into a blender, and blend until smooth.
- **3** Score the chicken breasts, place in the marinade and refrigerate overnight.
- **4** Fry the chicken breasts quickly in hot vegetable oil, then leave on a plate to cool.
- **5** Heat the rest of the marinade until it thickens slightly.
- **6** Shred the chicken and serve with a mixed salad with orange and grapefruit. Sprinkle with sesame.
- 7 Serve the marinade separately as a dressing.

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# **Farewells**

any more well-known names leaving the members roll-call this month, including:

Aodh Ô Bacachain, Knut Bjornebye, Derek and Rita Brinkley, Stephen and Lynn Cook, Brian and Leonie Croucher, Trudy Der-Kinderen, Brian and Lavita Hughes, Richard and Sarah Irvine, Michael and Cecilia Kerr-Patton, Brian and Vinadda Kristensen, Dominique Leenutaphong, Peter and Denise Lindsay, Jeremy and Christine Loughron, Jaswant Malhi, Ian and Catriona McLennan, Patrick Murphy, Peter and Janet Popham, Jeremy Rush, Anthony and Elizabeth Shepherd, Brett and Somjit Stevens, John and Elize Terwilliger, Steven and Lynne Thacker and Mark and Elizabeth Webster.

Wishing them early seasons greetings and best wishes as they leave for (doubtless) cooler shores.

# **Ron Thomson's Adages**

# Parkers, Burtons and Hobsons

# obson's Choice

- meaning no choice at all.

Who was Hobson? Thomas Hobson was a well-known Cambridge carrier who operated in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. He is mentioned twice by Milton. He always refused to heed customers' requests for a particular horse and hired out only those of his own choice.

#### **Nosy Parker**

There are quite a few of these around in the British Club.

But who was this Nosy
Parker? The finger seems to point to Matthew
Parker, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1559 to 1575. He was continually prying in great detail into the personal affairs of his clergy and so earned this ever-lasting sobriquet.

Ground Radio Operator instead. Hence in reply to the question in the Aircrew Mess-"Haven't seen old Fothergill recently, what the devil's happened to him?", the reply would come:

"He's gone for a Burton, old chap!"

#### **Ham Actor**

This will be of great interest to all members and supporters of the Bangkok Community

Theatre. A ham actor is defined as

a "ranting, inferior actor."

Several theories exist and the one I like best is that a Scotsman by the name of Hamish McCullogh toured in the USA with his troupe of actors in the late 1800s. Hamish was known as "Ham" and his actors as "Ham's Actors." None of them were very good.

Another interesting explanation is that the less impor-

tant actors in the 19th century had to make do with the cheaper ham fat instead of greasepaint for their make-up.

However, Shakespeare's "Hamlet" was probably the correct source. In his address to the players in Act III, Scene 2, Hamlet refers to actors who: "Strut and bellow" and "tear a passion to tatters!"

**Ron Thomson** 



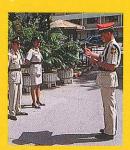
- meaning vanished, disappeared, evaporated.

A difficult one this to trace, but almost certainly from World War II slang - and RAF at that. It seems that Burton's clothing factory at Blackpool was taken over by the RAF during the war and used to train Ground Radio Operators. Anyone on aircrew training who failed a test at some stage was automatically and quickly sent over to Burton's at Blackpool to begin training as a

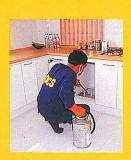


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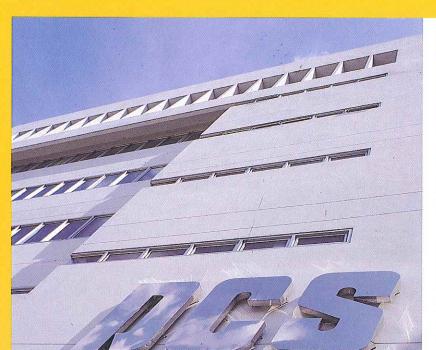


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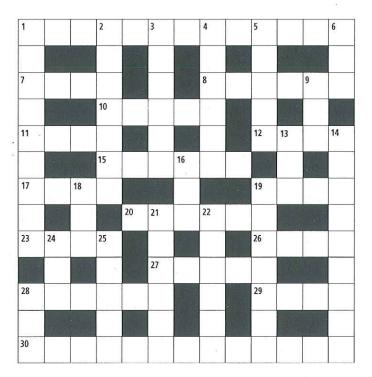


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#### Crossword

# Remember, Remember...



#### Clues

#### Across

- Conspiracy against King James I (9,4)
- On 30 Across, how long must you wait for another?
- Has no ball and chain!
- Tart around out East you'll enjoy it!
- Not pro Trees in the churchyard
- 12 15 Toast these friends
- "No \_\_\_\_\_ has ever ploughed that path before." (Shelley)
- "Too costly to \_\_\_\_\_ every day." (Much Ado About Nothing)
- Thai silk
- See a dog's name! Ancient Irish
- Mousey?
- 27
- Gilded bronze 28
- Have one for it before you leave! 29
- When 1 Across happened (5,8) 30

#### Down

- Activist in 1 Across (3,6)
- I trap Al somehow and am biased in favour
- Catherine's go round on 30 Across
- U.S. tone for a London terminus Kids call for this for 1 Down!
- " (Milton) "Trip the light fantastic \_\_\_\_
- Bend this way
- \_" (Winston Churchill) "We shall never
- Mary Queen of Scots said that this was her beginning
  "You've too much in your Cosmos." (Kipling)
  A little drink in Scotland (3,4)
  Move for the better

- 18 19 21 22
- 1995- as Julius Caesar would put it!
- Knock up an average score on course
- "Some evidence is strong as when you find a \_\_\_\_\_ in the milk." (Thoreau)
- It's just not on!

#### **October's Solution**

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# **Music Quiz**

# Skankin' to the Beat

his event just gets more and more popular, with the Churchill Bar completely packed out on Friday 11th October for another memoryjogging evening by Dave Haworth and Chris Payne. In all, nine teams entered although only eight finished, with "The 50's" dropping out after only a couple of rounds, despite getting the highest score in the first round. Last year's champs, the "Dancing Queens", were back in force and as previously were going strong on the Tetleys, but towards the half-way mark it was clear that they had serious competition on their hands. An unknown group calling themselves the "Grung Tep Skankers" put their ignominious start quickly behind them (1 point in the first round, the lowest score) and surged ahead, chased all the way by the "Kamakazes", the SGS mob - the "Bottom Inspectors" and the amazingly-named "99% of Gargoyles Look Like Matt Payne." However, despite some

teams taking life very seriously indeed in the closer latter stages, the Grung Tep Skankers (Cheryl Leend, Daniel Knight, Steven Jones and Richard Noble) kept a firm grip of the lead and won their Lords vouchers convincingly. Well done the Skankers!

The evening ended with most teams sticking around to sing along to all the old favourites playing on until late in the night. Thanks again to Dave and Chris for the nostalgia trip and an exciting night!

The final placings were:

- 1. Grung Tep Skankers (146)
- 2. The Kamakazes (130)
- 3. 99% of Gargoyles Look Like Matt Payne (129)
- 4. Dancing Queens (129)
- 5. The Bottom Inspectors (121)
- 6. Squash (113)
- 7. Boob Tubes (87)
- 8. The Young Ones (74)



# The Rules

urther education for all those men out there who still don't understand who rules the roost and why. Kindly submitted by Lauren Lambert.

- 1 The Female makes all The Rules.
- **2** The Rules are subject to change at any time without prior notification.
- 3 No Male can possibly know all The Rules.
- **4** If the Female suspects the Male knows all The Rules, she must immediately change some or all of The Rules.
- **5** The Female is never wrong.
- **6** If the Female is wrong, it is solely because of the flagrant misunderstanding which arose as a direct result of something the Male did or said wrong.
- **7** If rule 6 applies, the Male must apologise immediately for causing the misunderstanding.
- **8** The Female can change her mind at any given point in time.

- **9** The Male must never change his mind without express written consent from the Female.
- **10** The Female has every right to be angry or upset at any time without reasonable cause.
- **11** The Male must remain calm at all times, unless the Female wants him to be angry or upset.
- **12** The Female must under no circumstances let the Male know whether or not she wants him to be angry or upset.
- **13** The Male is expected to mind-read at all times.
- **14** The Male who doesn't abide by The Rules can't take the heat, lacks backbone and is a wimp.
- **15** Any attempt to document The Rules could result in actual bodily harm.

# 'DEAR LADIES' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ear Ladies' projects have raised over 1.2 million baht supporting education upcountry, upgrading first aid rooms, supporting self-sufficiency projects and donating equipment such as books and clothing and machinery such as sewing machines and typewriters. The annual Christmas Bazaar is our main fund-raising event - please come and support us while stocking up on Christmas presents.

#### **Christmas Bazaar**

Date: Monday 18th November

Venue: Imperial Queens Park Hotel, Sukhumvit Soi 22

Time: 10am - 3pm



# A Poet's Farewell

Before I leave this mystic place
Look upon my smiling face
I've served my time and had some fun
Now it's time for me to run

All good things must come to an end
But some of my scars will never mend
I've been up and I've been down
If I stay here I think I'll drown

Going to a new place is always strange
When set in your ways, it's hard to change
But never mind, I'm bright and breezy
No one said that goodbye is easy

As I depart I know I'll be sad
And very grateful to friends I've had
These are the folks who kept me strong
Making me feel that I belong

I won't forget those precious years Or all my friends who dried my tears I'll always remember giggles and smiles When I think of you all across the miles

I promise to send you lots of poems When I'm settled in my new home Until then, I wish you all farewell Will we meet again? who can tell 0

Trixie Brann



# Flibberty and the Penguin!

or the first time ever, the Bangkok Community Theatre will stage their yearly pre-Christmas 'family music spectacular' in the open air right here at The British Club. The wonderful children's tale, "Flibberty and the Penguin," will be performed on December 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th in a fairytale setting under the stars!

This magical musical spectacular will delight adults and children alike with its cast of colourful characters including penguins, cuckoos, a goblin and a wicked kingfisher!

Tickets include a barbecue supper starting at

5pm, followed by the show at 6.30pm. Tickets will be on sale from November 13th at the Club, the Community Services of Bangkok, Asia Books (Sukhumvit Sõi 15 and Bangna branches) and American Express.

With dazzling costumes, energetic song and dance routines, boisterous chases and plenty of opportunities for the audience to become part of the action, this show is guaranteed to be an exciting, fun-filled opening to the festive season - don't miss it!!

#### **Angela Mitchell**



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# **Long-serving Members Night**

# The Twenty Year Plus Club

round sixty long-serving members turned up on Saturday 5th October for the special dinner hosted by the Club for those who had been members for twenty years or more. There was nostalgia aplenty as the diners recollected fascinating stories about the Club as well as life in Bangkok in days of yore. Members were asked to write down some of those anecdotes in order to compile an article for the Yearbook... so would those members still to complete them please get scribbling and send them to Manager Tom Bain!

There was a presentation of a bottle of Scotch made to Roy Fordham, the longest-serving member present that night, who has been a member for over 30 years. The wonderful buffet was followed by a group photograph session, during which the ladies laps were frequently mistaken for men's seats, then Brian Heath said a few words followed by James Reid. Finally many members stayed to

mingle, catch up with past acquaintances and compare tales. The group photograph will be hung in the Churchill Bar for posterity as one of the very few non-sport pictures of members, and especially members of that ilk.

Originally Tom's idea, the Twenty Year Plus Club proved a great success and will hopefully become a regular event in the Club's calendar.

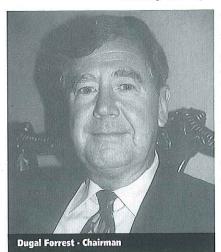
#### **Gaynor de Wit**

(Please note that I managed to write this article without using the word 'old' - G)



#### From the Chairman

o, another general election faces us this month. This has unfortunately caused the postponement, by one week, of the annual Surin Elephant Round-up and at the time of writing this report we are having much diffi-



culty in making the necessary altered travel arrangements for those of you who have indicated that you would like to attend this event. I hope that this has been resolved by the time this report is published.

The Round-up's postponement also has repercussions on another major annual event being held this

month, namely the Ploenchit Fair. This is to be held on Saturday 23rd, a date specifically chosen so as not to coincide with the Surin event. Now they are both taking place on the same weekend. Ah well, the best laid plans, etc, etc. These two events, together of course with the St Andrews Ball, always mark the beginning of the Festive Season for me when everyone, it would seem, is caught up in a wave of activity which does not subside until well into January. The Club, for many of us, is surely central to much of this and this year is to be no exception with many and varied activities scheduled for the next couple of months.

Before all this starts, of course, we have the annual attempt to set light to the Clubhouse, Guy Fawkes Night, for which the usual set of strict controls is to be introduced. Please be aware of the potential danger of such an event and accept and abide by all the regulations we have to bring into effect in order to minimise this risk.

Above all, do enjoy yourselves and take as much advantage as you can of all that your Club has to offer you during this most busy and congenial season.

Dugal Forrest Chairman

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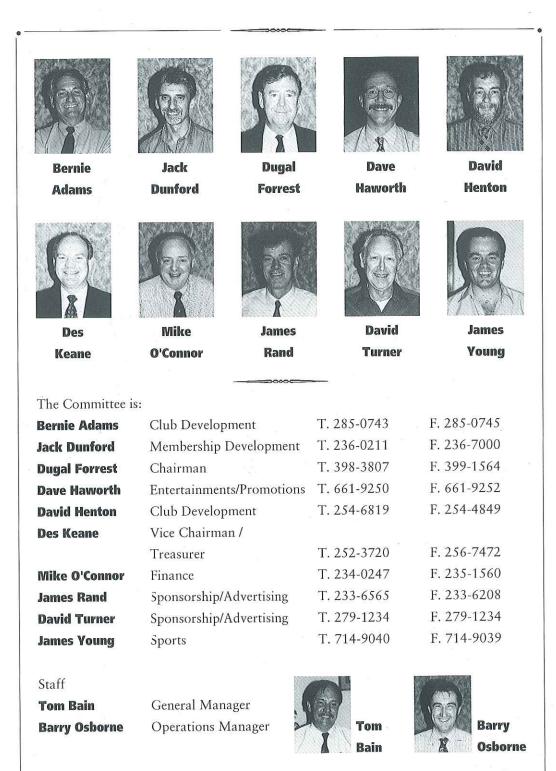
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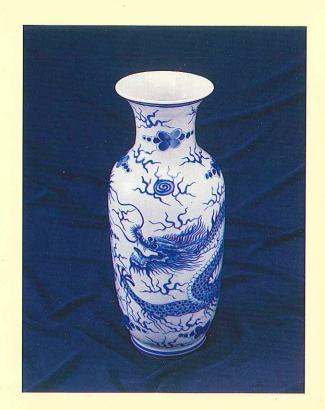
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