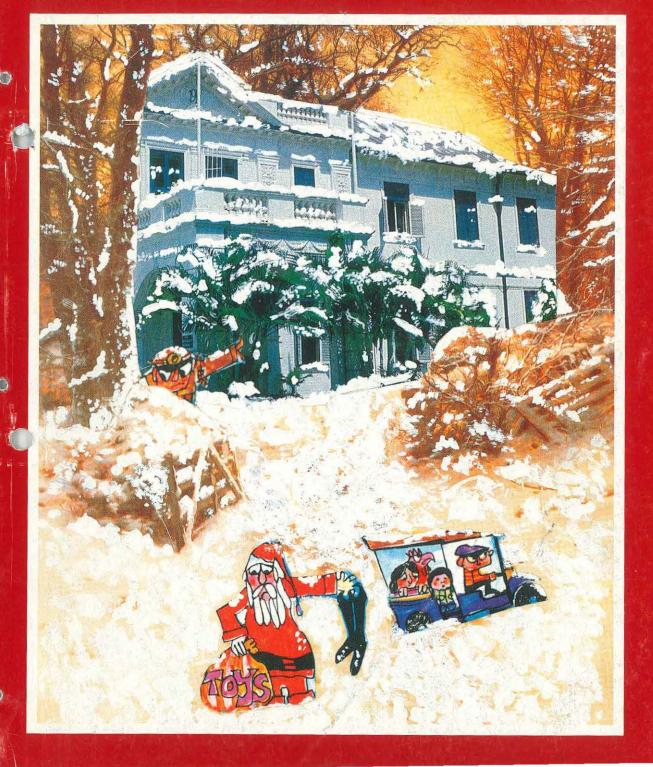
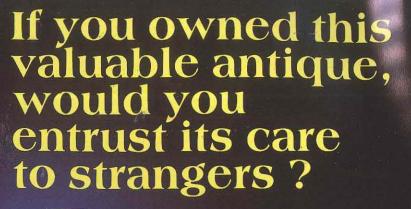
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- 1. All the poolside chairs and stainless steel loungers have been re-covered. 10 more wooden loungers are being manufactured.
- 2. The rusty tubular staircase rail which leads to the changing room behind the Suriwongse Sala is being replaced.
- 3. The guttering above the Suriwongse Room is being fixed.
- 4. The railings and plant boxes surrounding the pool area were recently repainted.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

 The Committee has approved the purchase of some banquet heating equipment (as used by The Oriental, no less). These will improve the quality of the meals that we offer at Club functions and would have been required irrespective of the new kitchen equipment that is being ordered.

SUGGESTIONS BOOKS

- The Committee is keen for members to know that we appreciate constructive suggestions from all members on all areas of the Club's facilities and activities.
 We are all too aware that the Committee itself does not cover every area of interest in the Club. Sadly, for instance, there are no ladies on the Committee.
- The Suggestions Books are kept in Reception and the Swimming Pool Sala Suriwongse end and are read out verbatim at every Committee Meeting. Needless to say, constructive suggestions are much appreciated.
- 3. But they are Suggestions Books and not Complaints Books. Complaints can be made (verbally or in writing) to any Committee Member or the Manager.
- Above all, on no account are the Suggestions Books an avenue for discussing personnel issues relating to the Club's employees. These are private matters and should be respected as such.

The General Committee
of the British Club
wishes all Members
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.



a happy tropical christmas.... and a prosperous 1990

THE BRITISH CLUB ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

DECEMBER:

FRI 1st -St. Andrews Ball Dusit Thani Hotel WED 6th - After Dinner Speak "The Use of Sex in Advertising" Folk Night Churchill Bar FRI 8th # MON 18th - Under-5 Children's Xmas Party Back Lawn # TUE 19th - 6-9 Children's Xmas Party Back Lawn # WED 20th - 10-14 Children's Xmas Party Silom Sala THU 21st - Carols By Candlelight Front Lawn SAT 23rd - Xmas Ball Front/Back Lawns # TUE 26th - Jack Edgar's Family Show Suriwongse Room SUN 31st - New Year's Eve Silom Sala

JANUARY:

SAT 13th - Baron Knights U.K. Singing Group - not to be missed Landmark Hotel
SAT 20th - Camp Out (Children)

FEBRUARY:

- South Sea Bubble & Pig Roast - Follies IV - "The Very Best Of...."

MARCH:

* FRI 23rd - Max Boyce

SPONSORED EVENT* TO BE CONFIRMED

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THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

At the recent AGM of the St. David's Society the following members were elected to Office:

Tel:	2581589	Mrs. Norma Darkin		The Bard
	3927885	Mr. Martin Thomas	-	Vice Bard
	2585109	Mr. Roger Daniel	-	Hon. Treasurer
		Mrs. Angela Fowles	_	Hon. Secretary
	et i	Mr. Leighton Fowles	-	Hon. Membership Secretary
		Mr. Richard Hopkins	-	Member
		Mr. David Williams	-	Member_
	*	Mrs. G. Chaturachinda	-	Member
		Mrs. C. Sullivan	-	Member
		Mr. R. Hughes	_	Member
		Mrs. A. Whiting		Member
		Mrs. M. Yeomans	_	Member



RECENTLY the Club purchased a baby pen and nappy changing pads for babies and small infants.

Unfortunately, these will soon be destroyed by school girls aged around 10 who delight in jumping inside the play-pen (which is now broken) and throwing the changing pads around like footballs.

Members are requested to inform the Management when they see this kind of behaviour so that disciplinary steps can be taken.

Parents are reminded of Bylaw 11 - perhaps, a little session with your children to explain what they can and can't do at the Club would go along way to help.

The accumulator continues to accumulate each Friday. At the time of going to press you could stand to accumulate § 9,000. Just a few Members who would have been lucky if they had been in the Club on Friday nights:

John Lightbody	-	₿ 5,250
Simon Makinson	-	₿ 5,500
Leighton Fowles	_	₿5,750
Warren Chittick	_	₿6,000
Haridoss Narayanan	_	₿ 6,250
Richard Warham	_	₿6,500
Adrian Topham	-	₿6,750
Craig Rennie	_	₿7,000
David Clark	_	₿ 7,250

May I remind Members who book events organised by the Club that they will be charged for late cancellations (48 hrs). By so doing you effectively block other members who wish to avail themselves of the events. Please bear in mind the cost and effort that goes into organising such events, only to be short of numbers on the very last day.

Sadly we learnt of the sudden death in Singapore of Mr. David C. Williams known to all his friends as Willam.

Willam who retired from Crown Cork & Seal (T) Co., Ltd. after 26-years service joined the British Club in 1974.

The picture shows Willam enjoying himself at a recent new members evening.



R.I.P.

Meet the New Members



Brian Sanders and young Jack. Brian is from rural Cambridge, living abroad for the first time. He's working on an E.C. funded, ASEAN project dealing with industrial standards. His wife, Jennifer arrives in the New Year; she is a teacher and a thespian. Brian plays golf and snooker, is a former rugby coach, declined to join the Morris dancers, is basically a clean living lad with no dark secrets (I believe anything).



Lynne and Gary Wallace spent the last year in Vanuatu, a tropical paradise, though they were both originally Brisbane's answer to chartered accountancy. Unsuccessful with golf clubs and horses but crazy about food and ballroom dancing; the latter a little difficult at the moment with Wallace Jnr. No. 1 on the way.

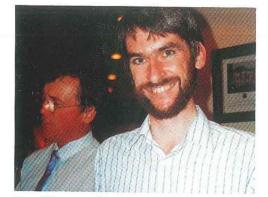


Alan May on the right. Has spent the last four years in Singapore but hails from Holmes Chapel, Cheshire (are there any more of you out there?) Alan has been sent here to take over from Findlay Macpherson at left back but would like to help build the expressway at some stage; nothing happening yet, but he lives in hope, so in the meantime he's just watching.

Stephen Lowry on the left, another watcher but doing a bit of planning too. He's been here for a month, slowly getting used to it along with Somporn and their one and a half children (not present). Stephen is an ex-cricketer, not totally enveloped in cobwebs and also a former soccer secretary — he'll play when he finds his shorts.



Michel and Corina Prokop of Austria and Germany respectively. They both like diving, tennis and skiing; when she's not busy with those Corina works with CSB and the Museum Volunteers and Michel manages the F & B side of the Montien Hotel. Before coming here they were in Cairo.



Paul Fielder doing the electrical and mechanical bits of the magic roadway — quite when he didn't seem too sure of. Paul's a steam train, vintage car and home brewing enthusiast; music is his other forte, classical and folk, he sings and plays guitar and trumpet.





Paul Geelmuyden; Gilmaydun if you're a Brit, Chalmanden if you're Dutch. Paul is nevertheless from the U.K., was living in Hong Kong before this. Officially he's a loss adjuster; to you and me that means he says "No" to your insurance claims. Likes the three S's — sailing, snorkeling and wait for it, snooker. A lost adjuster?



Barbara and Tony Randall have moved 23 times in the last 29 years and were in London for three years before arriving here. Barbara is from Holland and Tony is KLM's regional maintenance manager. Although Barbara likes handicrafts, badminton, tennis and walking, family hobbies depend very much on location. In Italy they learnt to ski, Middle East it was water skiing and in the UK, Tony built a kit car, full size, a 1930 Morgan which passed its MOT and awaits his return. He actually wants to build a house. No cement here Tony!



Peter Hughes and a very smart looking Terry. Peter almost had me convinced that he was a gynaecologist until I discovered that he's the creative director at J.W.T. It must be the Northumbrian sense of humour. Came from three years in New York otherwise more recently Sukhumvit Soi 23. Loves London, underwater wrestling, keeps ducks, geese, hens (getting the message?) has thought about sheep. Became speechless at this point; creativity?



Gordon 'actually Mastin' and Chandra Wishast here to draw the Master Plan for solving Pataya's sewage problems; Paul used to be a prawn person in Songkhla. Two small Wishasts go to Patana and a tiddler is on the way. Chandra plays squash and darts, the kids like tennis and swimming and Martin likes family visits to Pataya.



Peter and Judith Carson with Melanie have been here for two years already. Peter works with Shell; used to be in drilling now a chief. Has played some football; joined the B.C. to be on the winning side. Judith used to be a nurse and likes reading.

Peter and Anne Hickmott (centre) here after four years plus in Singapore. Anne is commercial attache with the French Embassy and Peter is a 2nd Dennis Thatcher. Hickmott is an old Norman name "mott" meaning fortification. Their hobbies are too dreadful to print.

Also Daryl and Elaine Hennig whom I missed, sorry. Daryl works for Kumagai Gumi.





David Stewart (left) has been coming to Bangkok for the last ten years, has been in Hong Kong and Singapore also, has returned here fulltime for three years. Suprani was at home with the baby. David has an engineering consultancy company, currently working on the new I.S.B. construction and looking for tunnels! He's the best striker of a sand wedge in Bangkok (that's golf) and is a H.K. darts champion.



Philip Holcomb with Tony Laven. Philip is from New York but spent many years living in Honolulu. He's been here for two months and has spent a lot of time parking, otherwise he's kept busy with the International Civil Aviation Organisation. Thinks that Americans make better hamburgers, but the Brits definitely come out on top with clubs. Philip is a brass band man — the section currently need a french horn player.



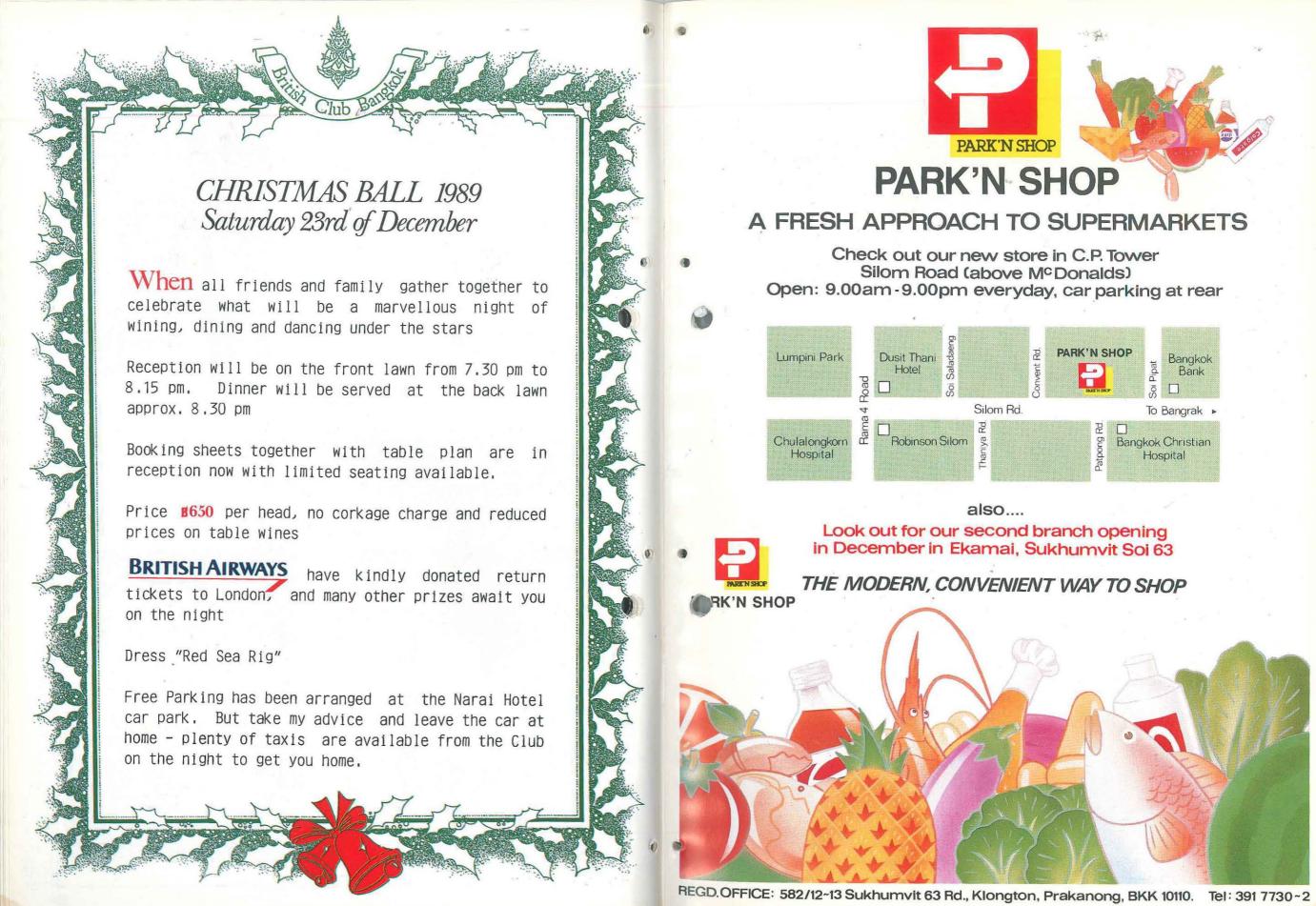
Vaughn Elias is a tunneler, trying to build bridges for Kumagai Gumi. He, Marie and two daughters were in Singapore and Hong Kong before. Vaughn is a great football fan, on the action side; Marie worked with refugees in Singapore and hopes to do the same here.

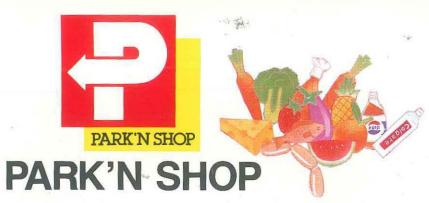


Fiona and Duncan Ramsay from I know not where, they disappeared before questioning could begin. Duncan works for the Ben Line Agencies.



Peter and Anita Whiting, again obviously heard that I was on my way and disappeared. Peter is another Kumagai Gumi man.





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'What a lovely neck.'



'If only I wasn't so hungry.'



Hello, Mum.



Heads I win, tails you lose.



Witch is which?

Jazz Boat Night



Dancing cheek to cheek.

Vic Luna's Happy Troop.



"Two little maids from school are we."



We all know what Dugal got for his birthday!



I said: "Could I have another glass of wine, please."



"Beer was it Rodney?"



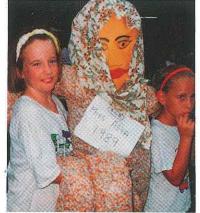
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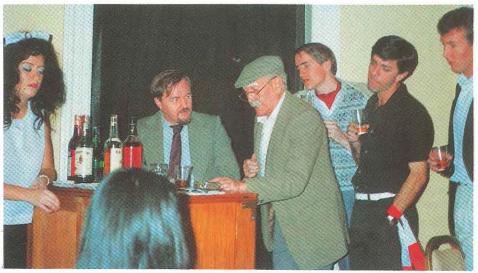






"Fur Coat and No Knickers"

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'I'll have another double rum please.'



"Hitler definitely had the right idea."



"Where did she come from then."



The stripper.



James and Christine Gray.



Kevin Martin and Bill Vincent



Maureen and Keith Denner with Fiona Munro.



Barry Daniel with Mum-in-Law.



Alex and Linda Forbes.

ETTERS

Madam,

Once again this year, my family and I enjoyed the spectacle and fun of the Guy Fawkes evening. The "Village Green" atmosphere will be one we will surely miss whenever we return to Sydney.

Sadly however, this year was marred by a lack of parental control and the potential for an accident was ever present. We witnessed parents lighting children's sparklers in the sala and other children storming through the sala with lighted sparklers, oblivious to the risk to babies in prams and oncoming children. Broadcast appeals from the organisers appeared to have fallen on deaf ears when at the bonfire, children were to be seen sending some type of firework, I am unsure if it was sparklers or small rockets, over the fire almost into the crowd on the other side of the fire. When a gentleman who was close to one of the culprits, remonstrated with the children, he was told by the father to leave the child alone.

If that is the attitude which prevails, it seems to me that the organisers have no option but to ban the sale of sparklers before the inevitable accident occurs. This would be a pity as many children including my own have obtained much enjoyment each year playing with them.

In closing, I would like to thank the Committee and Management for organising what was otherwise another fun event.

Yours sincerely,

D.M. Murray (M121)

Dear Editor,

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May I express my thanks through you, to Club Members for their hospitality during the first half of my annual visit?

Having been here 1951/7 (and with the Royal Navy 1945/6) and visited Bangkok every year since 1970, it is a great pleasure to be back once again and to have been invited to give a talk as a Tennis Umpire on my return next month.

I am also a Retirement Counsellor and would be glad to give advice to any members expecting to return to the UK in the next few years. I shall be here from 2-16 December and a note left at Reception will find me.

There would be no charge or obligation, as I would regard any assistance given as some repayment for hospitality received over the past years. However should the chosen venue not be at the Club, transport would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely.

Peter Norman

Happy Festive Season

- 12 Pies~a~Piping
- 11 Breads-a-Baking
- 10 Quiche-a-Quiching
- 9 Rolls-a-Rolling
- 8 Sausages a Stuffing
- 7 Fruits ~a ~ Fruiting
- 6 Hams-a-Hamming
- 5 Trout a Swimming
- 4 Cakes-a-Mixing
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DEAR VIVIENNE

Dear Vivienne,

When I lived in England, we never used to go swimming, but in Bangkok our life revolves around swimming pools. Now, whenever I try to swim a length, I keep getting overtaken by eight-year-old girls. Also, I am sure that people are laughing at my sunken chest and skinny legs. My life is becoming really miserable; please can you give some advice?

M.W.B. (Mr.)

Dear M.W.B.

This certainly is cause for concern, I sympathise greatly. My suggestion to you would be to embark on a series of swimming lessons and attend a body building class. If these do not work then I'm afraid it's a dry life for you, sitting on the pool side well covered.

V.

Dear Vivienne,

My son, aged 15, and my daughter, aged 13, are at boarding school in England, and come to stay in Bangkok during the school holidays. We used to have such lovely times together; at the British Club, eating at the restaurant or watching videos at home. But now our children seem so surly. They stay out late with other expatriate children whom we do not really like, and they keep saying they wish they were back in england.

Please can you help.

A.T.D. (Mrs.)

Dear A.T.D. (Mrs.)

These are modern times, I hope I don't detect a 'fuddy duddy' attitude in your letter. Children are growing up so quickly nowadays, and why not? Don't try and smother them, let them express themselves and you will reap the benefits.

Dear Vivienne,

It's about my warts. I wouldn't mind so much but they're in such a inconvenient place. As I said to Alf (he's my husband you know) some of the most famous people have them. But its OK for them they can get them seen to with no publicity.

You know how it is at Samitivej — the first thing they ask at the desk is "what's wrong with you". I mean, how can I reply with all those people around; "well, it's these warts you see". Actually they can see them clear enough, especially the one on the nose.

Oh, Viv, can I call you Viv seeing as I feel I know you so well already, what can I do? I'm desperate. I know what you'll say. You will say "have some counselling dear" or "don't worry it's what you're like as a person not what you look like." But that's no good to me its real help I need.

Inflicted

Dear Inflicted

I must say it is not what you look like it is what you are like as a person that counts. You sound to me like a loving caring person and that's what is important.

Say to yourself "I have not got any warts on my personality". If that does not work for you, as I know it did for me, then may I suggest some counselling from an expert. In fact by coincidence I do know a very good man (in fact I know a few). Drop me another line if you feel so inclined and his name and address will wing its way to you in no time at all.

V.

THE BRITISH CLUB PRESENTS

SATURDAY 13TH OF JANUARY 1990

KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR

at the Landmark Hotel Ballroom with a fantastic cabaret sh

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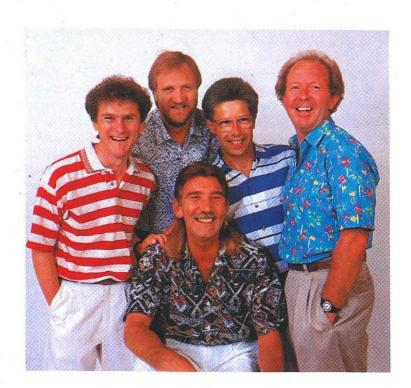
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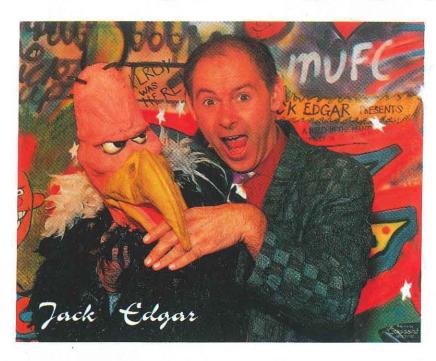
erve a table of 10 before January 1st and receive a \$500 discount

8.00 pm for 8.30 pm - Dress Casual



OMING EVENTS

Jack Edgar Biography



FOLLOWING JACK AND SNOG'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL APPEARANCE ON "POP SAYS OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS", WHERE THEY GAINED A 99 WITH THE STUDIO AUDIENCE SECOND ONLY TO THE EVENTUAL WINNERS ROSSER AND DAVIES.

JACK EDGAR HAS ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP VENTRILOQUIST ACTS.

IN THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS JACK HAS APPEARED WITH CANNON AND BALL AT THE PAIGNTON FESTIVAL THEATRE, THE DRIFTERS AT THE LAKESIDE COUNTRY CLUB, LES DENNIS, LESLEY CROWTHER, AND ROY WALKER. JACK HAS HAD VAST EXPERIENCE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY HAVING STARTED AT PONTINS HE HAS WORKED AT MOST OF THE TOP VENUES IN THE COUNTRY, APPEARED IN PANTOMIME WITH NORMAN COLLIER, CRUISED FROM NEW YORK TO BERMUDA, APPEARED WITH STU FRANCIS ON THE CRACKERJACK ROAD SHOW AND MADE SEVERAL VISITS TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

JACK RETURNS TO THE MIDDLE EAST THIS WINTER AND CONTINUES ON TO HONG KONG AND AUSTRALIA.

THESE DAYS THERE ARE FEW ACTS THAT CAN SUCCESSFULLY TRANSCEND THE GAP BETWEEN ADULT CABARET AND FAMILY SHOWS BUT JACK HANDLES BOTH TYPES OF AUDIENCES WITH EASE. HIS ZANY PUPPET CHARACTER SNOG WINNING FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS WHEREVER THEY PERFORM.

DECEMBER 26TH - WATCH OUT FOR FLYER.



IMES change; music in particular goes through phases - think of the vast differences between the hits of the 60's (Beatles: Stones: Batchelors), the 70's (Leo Sayer; Queen; Boney M), and the 80's (Dire Straits; Pink Floyd; Shakin' Stevens; Cliff). You would be hard pressed to find any connection between the sounds, until you realise many of the hits spanning the last 25 years have been successfully reproduced and parodied by an outstanding group of musicians called The BARRON KNIGHTS.

Ask anyone about the Barron Knights and they'll probably remember hits such as 'Call up the Groups', 'Pop Go the Workers', 'A Taste of Aggro'; but these quick-fire spoofs are no more than the tip of the iceberg. A more talented, versatile group of entertainers would be difficult find. Guitarists Pete Langford and Butch Baker, vocalist Duke D'Mond, bassist Bill Coleman and drummer Dave Ballinger combine their skills in a unique way to entertain all ages - Their audiences are guaranteed to leave the show wanting to hear more, and



aching from laughter! It is nothing less than magic to witness an audience (rolling with uncontrollable laughter minutes before), hushed and spellbound during a heartfelt ballad — rendered with such feeling that they are swept up in the emotion, quite forgetful of the time, or day — until they are brought back to the NOW with another hilarious comment from one of the boys. Add to this their

breathtaking harmonies, split second timing, instrumental precision, up to the minute gags and parodies and you'll have some idea why they are the most successful International Comedy Act ever. Even their appearance is carefully harmonised, always smartly dressed in suits on stage — (their act never falls back on dressing up in costumes, or slapstick humour — words have always been their greatest

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weapon, rather than mere buffoonery).

Their long and distinguished career has taken them all over the world, particularly America, where 'The Topical Song', a spoof of Supertramp's 'Logical Song' hit the Nation's energy crisis right on the nose! Australia is also clamoring for the boys, in fact they kicked off 1986 with an open-air concert in Perth, Western Australia, attended by 25,000 people. The same show was performed in Barbados when a Major Car Manufacturer flew the band for a onenighter to provide personalised entertainment, to thank 500 of their top salespeople. The boys have also entertained the British Forces in Ireland, and the Ascensions.

Their popularity has gained the Barron Knights a coveted 'Golden Nationwide Award', presented to them when they were voted 'Family Entertainers of the Year' — A tribute to their professionalism and dedication. Their singles and 22 Albums (to date) have earned various platinum, gold and silver discs — not to mention a special place in the hearts of many of their fans.

Their T.V. career, which commenced with a captivating appearance (followed by several return appearances) on the popular 'Sunday Night at the London Palladium', has included guest appearances on all the major T.V. variety shows, and more recently their own T.V. Special which reached No. 1 in the ratings. They have written and performed many well known commercial jingles, and on radio their most recent show was extreme-

ly well received. So much so that later this year they will be recording a series of shows for the BBC.

The fact that the Barron Knights have been at the top of their trade for over 25 years is a remarkable achievement - but they are not complacent - their fertile brains never cease to come up with new material. As Ian Dury once said, 'A band hasn't made it until the Barron Knights have had a go at them!' It won't be long before another band 'makes it', but it will be a very long time before anyone equals the achievements and success of the Barron Knights. Long may they continue to make the world a happier place with their universal, unique brand of comedy.

Telly Nakhdjavani, the producer of 'Fur Coat and No Knickers', would like, on behalf of the Bangkok Community Theatre, to thank Mr. Keith Bell, the British Club staff and all the members who helped with the production. Also a big thank you to all who came to see the play.

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For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the *OUTPOST* Calendar, please contact Judi Leddy on 258-5110. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month.

*Indicates "to be held in the Wordsworth Room."

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One Matron's Workday



A FTER the long-familiar short but slow and tedious journey from the apartment to Convent Road. I arrive at the Bangkok Nursing Home at. 7.00 a.m. to the welcome cool of the Matron's Office. The first duty is to discuss with the night staff any problems or incidents arising during their shift before releasing them for their own weary journey home to bed. Then I read the Night Sister's Report before visiting all the patients to see at first

hand how they are progressing and to listen to such complaints or compliments as they may wish to make. Needless to say perhaps this is rarely completed without being called to answer telephone calls, to interview patients' relatives, or even, on occasion, to go running up Convent Road to retrieve some distinguished patient who has decided to see more of the Bangkok scene than the pleasant garden grounds of the BNH.



The Matron of a small but busy general hospital is not just a nursing position but may be seen more as that of a general manager - if not "chief cook and bottle washer!!! It is no surprise therefore to listen to staff seeking instructions for repairs to a faulty plumbing system or electrical apparatus to be asked for advice on gardening concerns. All this despite the most hazy personal technical knowledge of these subjects. I put my foot down about going on the roof to check for cracked tiles as I have no head for heights and could wind up as one of my own In-Patients.

The first morning rounds over there is a meeting with the Senior Resident Doctor. Dr. Irene, to discuss the duty roster to ensure that there is always 24-hour coverage by doctors. In the middle of this we are interrupted by a call from Bumrungrad Hospital urgently seeking Rhesus Negative blood. Not unusual as the BNH is the first to be called by the Red Cross, all the various private hospitals, and Embassies for such blood which is rarely found among Asian peoples. I get out the master index of cards and check for donors who have not recently been called on and might therefore be in a position to assist, then note down names and telephone numbers and start the process of tracking down someone who is willing and available to make an immediate trip to the BNH to make the life-saving donation. With the third call I strike lucky and call back to Bumrungrad to tell them when they might expect the blood.

A time-consuming chore, but vital and rewarding work.

A quick trip to the Out-Patients Department to see that all is well, enough nurses to cope with a busy day and sufficient chairs for waiting patients and relatives. On to the laboratory to discuss the test workload and procedures and then to the physiotherapy room to check that all is well there. Off to the Thai and European kitchens to see that the mid-day meals are in preparation and to discuss with the Dietician, Maureen, particular patients' requirements.

Back to the office after a laundry inspection to clear immediate paperwork and to prepare for the second morning round. By now lunch is being served to the patients and this round provides an opportunity not only to observe their condition but also to find out whether they are enjoying the food and to verify that the meals for those on the more restrictive diets are made as attractive and appetising as possible.

I usually join the staff for lunch, but am inevitably interrupted by one thing or another. In the office once more, it's down to the hospital management routine of paperwork: form-filling, entering registers, expense checking and payment approval, passing orders for medical supplies, arranging and re-arranging the working hours for about 50 nursing staff to try to accommodate holidays and special absences as requested while still providing adequate staffing for shift work. The afternoon session as usual is reserved for staff to discuss personal

problems and present requests, and is also the time to interview prospective candidates for nursing positions — this has to be done on a personal basis in view of the BNH requirement for staff who have an adequate knowledge of spoken and written English, not only for the benefit of regular subscribers but also to serve the extensive tourist clientele.

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Time to reflect on other doings of the day: the discussions with visiting Thai consultants, of whom over 60 at one time or another can have patients in the BNH, covering such diverse fields as cardiology, dermatology, E.N.T., gynaecology, neurology, psychiatry, orthopaedics, obstetrics, paediatrics, plastic surgery (including a breast clinic), general surgery - and so the list continues; a quick passing congratulation to the dentist on how well her clinic is patronised; a check on the equipment in the ambulance and the availability of drivers. And the telephone: why should it do its best to tie one to the office, why so many wrong numbers?

This should be the end of the day, but tonight there is a meeting with the General Committee to review the current position of the BNH, discuss patients' outstanding debts, propose equipment purchases, and to look at the progress of future development plans.

The meeting closes at 7.15 p.m. and it is a tired Matron who returns home, hopefully off-duty but fully aware that her home telephone number is available for recall in an emergency.

Diamonds: The Brilliant Myth

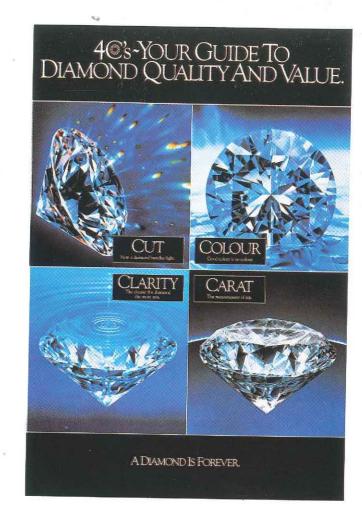
HIS article may prove disconcerting to any readers possessing diamond jewellery. I accept no responsibility for palpitations of the heart as a result of the contents.

1) HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Up until the late nineteenth century, diamonds were a genuinely rare stone that was found only in a few river beds in India and Brazil. Total world production of gem quality diamonds being approximately 26,000 carats. By 1870 the South African mines had been discovered resulting in a massive increase in the quantity of diamonds on the market (-1886, 3 million carats).

The British financiers who were controlling the mines realised very quickly that their investment was endangered as the diamond price depended almost totally on their scarcity. The major investors amalgamated to control production and De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., was born to perpetuate and foster the scarcity and illusion of diamonds.

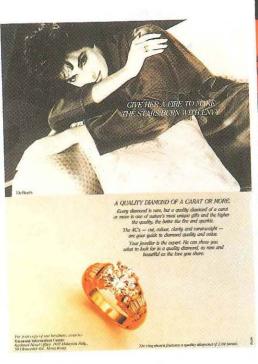
De Beers grew rapidly controlling all aspects of world diamond trade. In London they operated under the name of The Diamond Trading Company, in Antwerp C.S.O., (Central Selling Organization), in Israel, the syndicate. By 1981.



De Beers had proved to be the most successful cartel arrangement in the history of modern commerce. Whilst other commodities such as gold, silver, rubber etc. have fluctuated in response to economic fundamentals, diamonds have continually increased in value each year.

2) CREATING A MASS MARKET

A prime example of De Beers control is in the form of advertising. Massive expediture is incurred in perpetuating 'diamonds are forever! Manipulation of the psyche of the diamond buyer was a fac-





tor reckoned by Harry Oppenheimer to be of utmost importance. If the public's appetite for diamonds decreased as occurred during the Depression or women's fashions changed as it had with coral and pearls, De Beers could not prevent diamond prices from collapsing. What was needed was the creation of a mass mentality in which women would perceive diamonds as an inseparable part of courtship and married life. Not as precious stones that could be traded according to economics or

The classic modern example of this mass marketing technique occurred in Japan. Up until the mid 1960's Japanese parents had arranged marriages for their offspring. The matri-

monial custom according to Shinto law was to consummate the marriage by bride and groom drinking rice wine from the same wooden bowl. This custom had survived feudal revolutions, world wars, industrialisation etc. There was no tradition for romance, courtship or the gift of a diamond engagement ring.

De Beers, in 1967 changed the Japanese courtship ritual via J. Walter Thompson, then the largest advertising agency in the world. The agency started a campaign to popularise diamond engagement rings in Japan by subtlely suggesting that diamonds were a visible sign of modern western values. Colour advertisements appeared showing beautiful women with western facial

features and wearing European clothes flashing their diamond rings.

The campaign was relentless and took off slowly. In 1968 only 3-4% of Japanese women getting married received a diamond engagement ring.

In 1972, the figure had risen to 27%. By 1978, 50%. And by 1981, approximately 60% of Japanese brides wore diamonds.

In 13 years, the 1500 yearold tradition had been radically changed! Currently, 75% of Japanese brides have diamonds. This has been followed by men's jewellery. The recent campaigns have focused on the Japanese tradition of exchaning gifts (ladies' diamond brooches for diamond tie pins). In 1940 N.W. Ayer (advertising agency) was hired to promote diamonds to the American market. Hollywood was used to romanticise diamonds via the cinema. Subtle programmes were introduced such as arranging for lecturers to visit high schools. All lectures and other promotions revolved around the diamond engagement ring.

In 1948 a copywriter with N.W. Ayer introduced "A diamond is forever" which was signed on the bottom of a picture of two young lovers on honeymoon. Within one year this became the official logo of De Beers. Despite the fact that diamond is brittle and can be shattered, chipped, or incinerated to an ash, this concept of eternity captured the magical quality that De Beers required.

In the mid-1970's a 5 year study plan was set up which discovered that over half of all diamond jewellery was given with no participation or knowledge by the woman recipient. The man-woman roles closely resembled sex relationships in a Victorian novel with the man playing the dominant active role. The woman's role being more subtle, believing it was improper to receive a diamond gift, but buried deep down was a primary driving force for acquiring them. Namely, that diamonds are a traditional and conspicuous sign of achievement, success and status.

The psychological research paid off diamond sales increased a hundred times in twenty years!

3) HAVE YOU TRIED TO SELL A DIAMOND?

Selling diamonds is an extremely frustrating experience for private individuals. A jewellery store usually cannot pay more than 60% of the current wholesale price. The majority of customers pay a retail price for the diamond which in the U.K. may range from 100% to 200% markup over wholesale prices. Stories circulated in the media (generally primed by De Beers) about diamonds being resold at enormous profits relate to exceptional diamonds, usually large and of a very high quality, e.g. Elizabeth Taylor's diamond. This weighed 69.42 carats and has little in common with the millions of small stones that are mass-marketed each year.

You are lucky that in Bangkok you can purchase diamonds at substantially lower prices. A fair retailer will be selling at approximately 30% above wholesale price.

A New York dealer (Rappaport) produces a wholesale price list of all sizes / grades of diamond monthly. I have this list should any of the readers be interested. (Tel. 235-2803)

As mentioned earlier diamond prices do continually rise albeit artificially (as De Beers dictate, not market forces). Thus eventually a status quo will be reached where you will be offered a price by a jeweller equivalent to what you paid for it. This point will obviously be reached more quickly if you purchased at 30% over wholesale

rather than 100-200%.

However, the key factor in purchasing a diamond should be for its beauty / adornment value. Here in Bangkok, small diamonds (usually less than 5 points = 0.05ct) are frequently used to enhance coloured gemstones such as ruby, sapphire and emerald. The value of the diamonds used being a small fraction of the total



value of the piece. I would not advocate the purchase of diamonds solely for investment purposes for the above reasons.

It is interesting to note that the general public holds more than 500 million carats of gem diamonds. This is fifty times more than is produced in any given year. De Beers must prevent the public from parting with their diamonds otherwise diamond prices would collapse. This they achieve by keeping a balance between production and world consumption and restraining the public from selling diamonds.

Paul F. Kessler

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ECEMBER FESTIVALS



WO days before his birthday, on December 3, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulvadej presides over the Trooping of the Colours at the Royal Plaza (where the equestrian statue of King Chulalongkorn stands). Resplendant in their colourful full-dress uniforms, members of the Royal Guards swear allegiance to the King and march past members of the Royal family. Crowds start gathering early in the morning, long before the sleek vellow cadillac bearing the King arrives. I found the whole performance very reminiscent of the Trooping the Colour ceremony (as previously seen on the telly),

and well worth the effort of rising early and priming your cameras.

December 5 marks the King's 62nd Birthday. Thais nationwide express the deep reverance they have for their monarch, and government and commercial buildings, businesses and homes throughout country are decorated in his

He has been called the Renaissance King by western observers. Skilled in so many ways, he has demonstrated his talents as a painter, musician (if my memory serves me right, he played with Benny Goodman), composer, engineer, inventor, photographer and sportsman. He is also a man of letters, of enlightened religious faith and, perhaps the most important of all, it is he who is generally credited with creating the relative political calm that has allowed the Thai economy to boom during the past 10 years.

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When he was born in Massachusetts, Cambridge, where his father Prince Mahidol of Songkhla - one of the 76 children born to King Chulalongkorn - was studying medicine at Harvard, there seemed little chance of Bhumibol wearing the crown. Ahead of him stood not only any children who might be born to his uncle, King Prajadhipok,

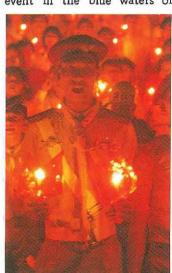


but also his own father and his elder brother Prince Ananda. One unexpected event after another moved Bhumibol ever closer to the throne. His father died in 1929. In 1932 rebels staged a bloodless coup and won King Prajadhipok's acceptance of a constitutional. rather than absolute monarchy. Two years later this king, who had no heirs, abdicated and the throne was passed to ten-year-old Prince Ananda. Twelve years later Ananda was shot dead under still-mysterious circumstances in the Grand Palace and 19 year-old Bhumibol was thus proclaimed the ninth monarch of the two hundred year-old Chakri Dy-

And the rest, as they say, is history ... However the sight of a floodlit Grand Palace is a sight for sore eyes.

These two events happening so conviently in Bangkok makes other festivals seem like an awful effort, but ...

Held for the first time two years ago, Phuket's King Cup Regatta (December 7-9) has become a premier sailing event in the blue waters of



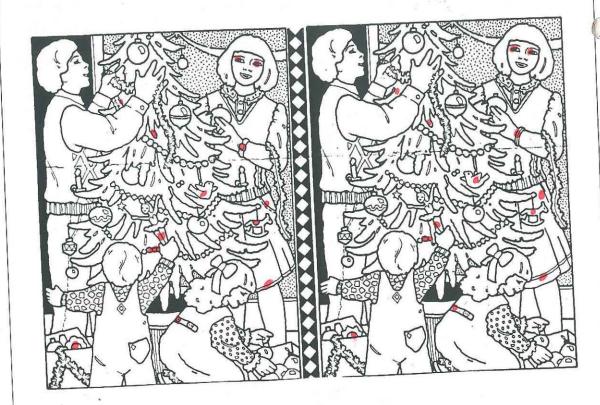
the Andaman Sea, off the island province of Phuket. Sponsored by the Phuket Yacht Club and other organisations, the regatta has participants from Malaysia, Singapore and other countries as well as Thailand

Those who love exotic fabric in general and silk in particular, should head up to Khon Kaen in the Northeast for the Silk Fair. Held on December 28, many shops set up at the fair will be offering their fabrics for sale.

However, the major festivity this month seems to be shopkeepers celebrating the fact that farangs are spending a lot of money. All shops will stay open on the 25th and the strains of "Silent Night" may just be heard above the ringing of the cash register bells. Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year to all.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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*** SEASONAL WORD GAMES

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Start at the top and write down the first letter of each picture then rearrange them to spell a word of something that's in your home now.

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How many Christmassy words can you find here? Read them forwards, backwards and diagonally, in straight lines.

GRID 1



There are more seasonal words to be discovered in this second grid, too . . .

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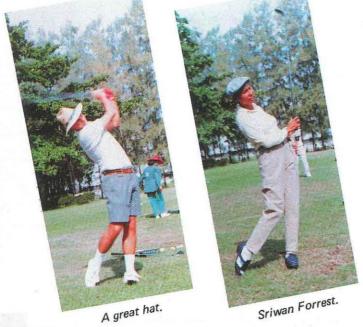


GOLF GOLF

THE B.C.G.S. versus the Japanese Association Golf Match held at the Rose Garden on 5th November; the Japanese won the team event 10-7, and Mike Poustie was the individual points winner. There will be a return match in May 1990.



David Lamb.





Phil Jackson.



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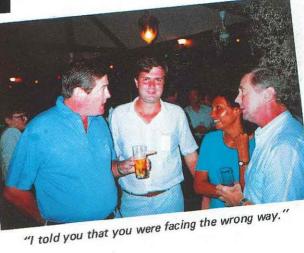
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Alistair Rider and Co.





"We'll try again next year."





Mike Poustie receiving his award.

Japanese golf gear.



The opposition.



Angela Poustie enjoying the après golf.



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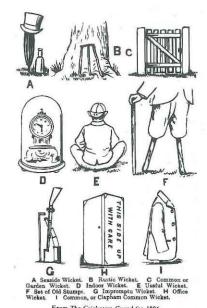
"Touch Down with Thai"

CRICKET





Out - beyond question or wrangle! Homeward he lurched to his lunch! His bat was tucked up at an angle, His great shoulders curved to a hunch.



- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: A Reminiscence of Cricket, 1922

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IT's early November, and backs and shoulders of cricketers throughout the club are being coaxed back into action, as nets once again get off to their usual soggy start. November 4th saw newcomers, superstars and cannonfodder alike turning out at the crack of dawn in order to avoid the afternoon's cremation celebrations. Since then, nets have reverted to the more civilised hour of two in the afternoon, and have been enthusiastically attended. There's no firm news, at the time of writing, about captaincy for the coming season, but an EGM on the matter is imminent, and it should be resolved before you read this.

Also by the time you read this, we should be on our way to (or even returned from) Chiang Mai, for our annual family cricketing trip. There we will attempt to lay to rest our rather dismal recent record there of having been dismissed for under 50 runs at least once for the last two years. We will be playing our 24th match against Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club, where our record is a little more one-sided: 17 wins for CGC, 6 for BC. We play in December for the Dick Wood Trophy, which we have not won since December 1986.

The rest of the fixtures for December/January are:

9 Dec Friendly vs AIT (at AIT)

10 Dec Trophy Match vs ICC2

17 Dec 45-overs vs ICC2 (at Polo, start 10.30)

7 Jan 45-overs vs Wanderers (at Polo, start 10.30)

20 Jan 35-overs vs AIT (at AIT, start 12.00)

21 Jan 35-overs vs Pavilionaires (at RBSC, start 12.00)

David Hall

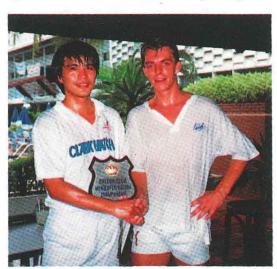
SQUASH SQUASH

THE Squash Section is booming and with the slightly cooler season upon us this is definitely the time of year to get back into it or take it up as a beginner. There are over 100 players on the ladder but we can always find room for more.

Following on from the Club's success in the finals of the T.S.R.A. leagues at the R.B.S.C. it continued to be a good hunting ground for us. The latest success came in the R.B.S.C. Ladies' competition which was won by our very own Emilie Fangman. Congratulations to her and we hope this victory will act as a stimulus to our other ladies to get more involved in competitions in the future.

A not-quite-so-successful encounter with the R.B.S.C. was the Dawee Cup which we lost narrowly. Our gallant lads put up the traditional good show but couldn't quite get the little bit of luck that is always needed to win such events. Nevertheless it is always enjoyable to have close games with calibre opposition.

Peerapong won the Rod Carter Cup which is the annual open competition held at the B.C. in memory of Rod. This is the fourth year in succession that Peerapong has won. On this occasion his opponent was Mike Stockley who couldn't find quite enough extra on the day to upset the fluid style of the defending champion.



One of the reasons for the bulging ladders in October was the newly introduced Dunlop Ladder Draw. Just a reminder again how this works. Every time you play a ladder match, win or lose, you put the result in the box and early next month the lucky draw takes place. The more times your name is in the box the more chance you have! So in October 51 ladder matches were played. Tony Laven seemed to play more than most, either to prepare himself to become the father of twins, congrats Tony, or to make up for the times he will be away in the future. Whatever the reason, the laws of probability worked and Tony won the 1,000 baht voucher from Dunlop to be exchanged at the Dunlop shop for any of their goods. Nigel Oakin's name was second out of the hat and Dick Anwar was next out. These two gentlemen receive 500 baht vouchers from Dunlop. Congrats to all and better luck next time to everyone

December means the Handicap Tournament and hopefully a good number of entries. All entrants must be on the ladder so that proper handicaps can be given and as far as possible a fair chance for players of all standards to win. Good luck to all, enjoy your victories over the top players!

Now what's all this about new BC competitions and overseas squash tours? Well, all I can tell you at this stage is that based on the increased revenue from sponsorship on the courts, increased ladder entries, more members playing etc. there is a healthy supply of funds which the squash committee want to put back into the game. In addition, they are seeking ways in which back into the game. In addition, they are seeking ways in which players at all levels can benefit. Examples include the tour to Penang in January or February next year along with the Tennis Section. The squash team can be large and we will try to match our team with that of Penang so we can take as many ladies as possible, intermediate players, beginners, in fact anyone who would like to come along for a knock. The Squash Section will subsidise some of the costs

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involved so please check the Notice Board for details. There are also plans for a "fun" competition to be organised (in Pattaya? says the rumour mill) over a weekend, again sponsored, with a nice dinner to follow, plus "fun" prizes not even based on playing ability at all! The third competition I heard about was top prizes such as our tickets to Phuket etc. and again aimed at players of all abilities within the Club. It looks as though the next few months should be fun for all squashies ...

So see you in court.

Stamp Collection

I am happy to report that after our first exploratory gathering on October 3rd, this was followed on November 7th by the first formal meeting of this very select august body of enthusiasts.

The decision was taken to formally apply to the general committee for approval to become a section of the British Club. To this end a basic committee was formed comprising: -

Chairman and Hon. Secretary Hon. Treasurer Liaison Officer

Patrick Windeler Jack Dunford Hans Holstein

There being only three attendees at this meeting it was somewhat difficult to add to the size of the committee at this stage! The committee does have the power to co-opt.

We will call ourselves:-

THE BRITISH CLUB PHILATELIC SECTION

ALL interested members of the BC who wish to become involved, please note in your diaries that our gatherings will take place on the first Tuesday of every month, in the Wordsworth Room at 7.00 p.m. (Traffic Willing.)

Our aim is to share a common interest by discussion, display and exchange. Participants are welcome to bring examples illustrating what they do, regardless of country. Beginners are more than welcome. Those of us with spare stamps may be able to sell you some! We will certainly help you.

We hope to develop a library of catalogues and books of interest for reference, which will be at the BC.

Each outpost should contain updated information about our development as it occurs.

Those of you who are not stamp collectors, but somehow manage to tear off the corners of envelopes and don't know what to do with them, can help by letting us have them. Surplus stamps can raise good money for charity, although we have not yet reached that stage in our development. There has been talk of doing something for the children in time, so don't throw stamps away, pass them on to us.

We look forward to seeing you on December 5th (yes I know it's a holiday) and/or January 2nd (which isn't).

Patrick Windeler

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HI folks,

Missed the last edition due to lack of action but things are now geared up and we are into the season proper.

Tis here the story must be told Of how our touring teams did fold The BC Football team on tour again Wives, children and some real he-emn To Chiang Mai in the North we went On two good teams, our skills to vent After we arrived we were soon to know Our opposition would prove too tough a foe Our rivals past record, for us held no fear Alas! we reckoned without the beer These northerners are a canny lot At every opportunity they produced the pot Full, brimming with the amber liquid No wonder our performance was insipid Whilst on the field we played and lost And in a grim hotel we dossed These trivia did not seem to matter And we gave a endless stream of patter Hearts were won and friends were made Happy memories that will never fade The net result of the sport, cameraderie and all? Quite simply all participants had a ball! (as usual!)

More of the Chiang Mai tour later.

MATCH REPORT:

The season opened with our first match in the Chiang Mai Tournament which was in a new four team format this year with the entry of the 'Casuals' into the fray. The opener was held in Bangkok concurrent with the Gymkana Club versus Chiang Mai University fixture up north which finished 2-1 in favour of the varsity staff. Our game was tinged with sadness as it marked the farewell performance of Dave 'Wally' Wallace who has been transferred to Manila to accept 'heady' responsibilities with the Louis Berger group. The 'League' team were minus several regulars including a recognised goalkeeper

whilst the Casuals managed to muster a squad of 14. In a most enjoyable game the League side won 4-0. The first goal was rather reminiscent of the old 'Penguin' advert with Casuals goalie Finlay diving over the top of a fairly tame Pomfret shot ... pick up a ppppenguin — sorry Fin. The second saw debutante Mike Geary (press-ganged up from the Casuals) turn faster than milk to slot the ball home. This was followed by a great individual effort from Billy Wright who is shaping into a key player and the scoring was rounded off by a Pomfret header. After the match we had a glass of sherry for 'Wally' — more of his farewell later.

CHIANG MAI TOUR

One week later we hit the road to Chiang Mai — or at least some did travelling by charter coach, courtesy of Keith Bell and Peter Downs. Others went up by train and plane. A touring party of some 40 in all must be the largest ever in one single BC Group with 24 players (25 including Philip 'Jacko' Jackson) and sundry wives, girl friends and kids. Various trips were organised to waterfalls, umbrella factories, butterfly farms and the ubiquitous Night Bazaar. The primary purpose remained football and revelry however, not, as it turned out, in that order.

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The Casuals whose squad had been depleted to strengthen the league side opened against the Gymkana Club who always threaten to do well but had hitherto in the four year history of the 'Elephant Trophy' failed to win a match. A good end to end first half saw the sides level but the long journey eventually took its toll and the Gymkana Club finally won a game with a flattering 4-1 score-line. Our goal came after a chase and scramble and I think Brian 'Real Thing' Lewis got the credit. Incidentally Brian turned

out with a damaged hamstring and still looked a classy player. The first team/university game followed immediately and again some quality football was played. Again fitness was a key factor and although we created perhaps more direct chances the university ran out 2-0 winners. Tour organiser Peter Downs and Captain Casteldine called for some heavy elbow bending exercises and a special curry diet was laid on at Al Shiraz to augment some late night aerobics. A long lie on the Sunday and it was bring on round 2. The Casuals were pitted against the might of the now fancied university staff and were it not for some suicidal tendencies it could have been a David and Goliath clash. Some slack defending let the university score first but the Cash rallied and a brilliant Alan Morton lob gave them a deserved equaliser. The university gradually took command however and finished 5-1 winners helped by a Morton own goal. A sterling performance however with some like Grant Upton and Peter Snell turning on their best club performances. Jim Howard realised an ambition when playing alongside son Nigel, a late squad addition, for the whole of the second half. He probably realised another one by playing two full games in two days at the age of 73. For me however the man of the match was Finlay ppppenguin McPherson who answered all questions with an outstanding goal-keeping display.

The Elephant was won therefore by the University with a 100% record prior to the commencement of the last game. There was still something to play for however as there was the Shield which is for the competition between the BC League side and the Gymkana Club. In another exciting and sporting encounter we had the better of the first half but failed to score. Midway through the second however the deadlock was broken when from a Worrow corner, Oakins knocked-on for Vinny to toe poke the ball over the line from 6". Our joy was short-lived as within 2 minutes the GC had equalised from a lob after we had tried to be too fancy in playing the ball from defence. The game was really flowing at this stage and from a quickly taken free kick 'Oakins' popped up to head the ball past on astonished Gymkana defence for 2-1. With only 2 minutes remaining however the hosts equalised with perhaps the best goal of the game. A fine run from deep mid

field capped with a rasping shot and it was 2-2. The game finished in a draw and the Shield was shared. The draw gave the Gymkana Club second place on goal difference with the League side third and the Casuals fourth. Heads in disgrace? — not a bit of it. The games were played in good spirit although we had allowed ourselves to get riled at times and we can console ourselves with the fact that it is the Chiang Mai sides who have improved and not we who have regressed.

The serious side of the Tour started with the Annual party at the Gymkana Club house. Again they excelled on the catering side with the buffet preserved by the Chiang Mai players but blew it by running out of Kloster and Singha Gold. In the post dinner speeches Captain Steve Castledine warmly praised the opposition and as a gesture allowed the GC to hold the Shield for a year even though it was technically 'shared'.

It was then another amazing milestone was passed. Keith Bell had carted several of Bobby Charlton's balls around (painful) hoping to auction them for SKIP (Slum Kindergarden Improvement Project). He waited until the crowd was mellow and then commenced the auction. The first went to our own Francis Maceever for a tame 2,700 baht (shop price 280 baht) but then the bidding went wild. Andy Maynard, Philip Jackson and the Bangkok Post's Chiang Mai representative Khun Norman were locked in a three-way tussle and the second ball was eventually sold for a record 13,000 baht - yes that is three noughts. The lucky? man - Khun Norman - who will be remembered by us all not just for his generosity but for his friendliness and hospitality. Despite the name Norman hails from Thailand and we sincerely thank him.

The party moved to sundry more raucous venues and all too soon it was Monday, time for a last visit to our tour home-from-home the 'Bierstube' Restaurant (as Trink says 'Check it out' N'uff said) before heading back for Bangkok, vanquished but very happy.

The final game at time of press was yet another BC versus BC match, this time in honour of Finlay Macpherson's departure. The first team again came out on top 4-0 on a sweltering Sunday morning and it was down the pub for a knees-up.

There were, I think, 4 Casuals games also in the period but I have not full information on these — Casuals scribe take note.

POST-SCRIPTS:

A good month what with the happy tour and lots of match practice to set us up for our first league game against the ISB which will be reported on next month. At the same time a month tinged with sadness at the loss of two good clubmen in Dave Wallace and Finlay Macpherson.

Wally has been with the section over 8 years and has captained for 2 of those. An unassuming, cuddly Scotsman he was a fit fellow for his age and was as industrious on the field as he was in the office and in his womanising. In addition to footballing prowess, he played golf, squash and rugby for the club, sat on the main club committee, was treasurer of the St. Andrew's Society and still found time to complete an MBA at Chula. He was also a member of the Crown Royal Rotary Club. A very committed person, the club justifiably recognised this when the football, rugby, squash and main committee hosted a farewell Friday for him at which he was presented sundry 'goodies', including a pair of high heeled golf shoes so he could look Filipino caddies straight

Finlay has been with us for only 3 years joining on a free transfer from the Singapore Cricket Club, Another Scot, but not of the same intelligence as Dave being a Rangers supporter, he quickly made his mark in football, golfing and squash circles. He also showed commitment to the community in becoming a very active member of the board of Bangkok Pattana and later in coaching football with the Bangkok Soccer League. He has also been known to have been charitable to the odd wench on the strip and bought a drink (a rare deed for a Scotsman).

Nuff of the serious stuff except to give a large vote of thanks to Peter Downs who took on the mammoth task of organising two teams to Chiang Mai. Well done Pete. He received able assistance from Keith Bell and Khun Nutta at Unocal, thanks to you all.

Finally - What about the cowboy who wore a paper hat, paper shirt and paper trousers? - he was caught rustling. Or the man with two left ears - he couldn't hear right. What do you get when you cross a motor-way with a wheel barrow? Knocked down.

Since it's December, a Christmas story.

A family were settling down to their X-mas dinner, when the next door neighbour burst in. "When your son brought my daughter home last night, he urinated on my front garden. spelling his name out in the snow."

"Well it is Christmas remember", said the boy's father. "he probably just had a bit too much to drink and got caught short. As for writing his name, I think it shows a healthy sense of humour."

"Yes I wouldn't mind that," the neighbour retorted "But it's in my daughter's handwriting."

A lecturer goes into a shop and asks for a tin of dogmeat:

"Have you got a dog?" enquires the storekeeper.

"Of course I have," replies the lecturer.

"You'll have to bring it with you to prove it. Some people actually eat the pet food and don't really have a dog at all."

So the lecturer does this and is allowed to buy the pet food. The next day a similar thing happens when he asks for some cat food. A couple of days later the lecturer enters the shop with a carrier bag under his arm.

"What's in the bag?", enquires the storekeeper.

"Put your hand in and find out", says the lecturer, which the shopkeeper does.

"Ugh, it's horrible and slimey", exclaims the shopkeeper, "What is it?"

"If I tell you I would like some toilet rolls" you can work it out.

That's it for now. Back next month with reports on the Farang League Action. In the meantime remember - you can never depend on a parachute - it always lets you down.

> Bye for now. Scoop

TENNIS TENNIS

Eric Eaton

NOW that the cool season is here it is difficult to get a court booking. It is indeed heartening to see so much interest and enthusiasm. A reminder that when you are booking a court please be sure to include your membership number on the sticky label. Please note also that the rule governing the ban on Junior coaching before 11 a.m. at the weekend has also been extended to include public holidays so therefore; no Junior coaching before 11 a.m. on weekends and public holidays and after 5 p.m. on weekdays.





Winning team: Terry Merry, Verene McCartney, Gordon Martin, Mike Poustie.



Group coaching is now underway for all those interested. If you would like to join in, please phone Julia Freeman on 287-1268. (refer Tennis Calendar below).

Fiona Munro has started a tennis training programme widely used in Australia called "Tennis Fitnique" This programme is geared to increase your fitness especially for the game of tennis. If you are interested please phone Fiona on 238-3922 (evenings). Everyone of all standards is welcomed.

At the time of writing the tennis section is in the midst of organising 'The Reebok Teams Tournament' – a seeded teams event to be played on the afternoon of the 25th November. Our thanks to spon-

sors — Reebok, ICI (Thailand Ltd) New Hampshire Insurance and the British Club for enabling us to stage such an event.

The Mini League is about to start play at this time of writing. Again this is a teams event with competitors of varying standards on each team. The teams all play each other over the course of 3 weeks, matching seeds playing each other at doubles and recording their results as they go. There is a winning team at the end of the league. All sounds very complicated but it's not. There will be many mini leagues played throughout the coming year. If you are interested in entering keep your eye out for the flyers or phone Terry Merry on 286-2216 for details.

On the 29th October there was a good turnout for the monthly round robin. Unfortunately it rained in the morning so play was limited to the 2 hard courts, Two rounds were completed and then the heavens opened causing the last round to be cancelled. Up to that point competition had been fierce with all teams being within half a point of each other in the placings. The final outcome was a win by the team comprising Mike Poustie, Terry Merry, Gordon Martin and Verena McCartney with 13 points. The raffle was won by Eric Eaton.

Keep up the tennis and come and join us in our various events.

TENNIS CALENDAR

DAY MONDAY	EVENT Ladies' coaching	TIME 8 a.m10 a.m.	CONTACT Julia Freeman
	Mini league*	6 p.m8 p.m.	ph 287-1268 Terry Merry
WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	Mixed Club night Ladies' Club Day	6 p.m8 p.m. 8 a.m10 a.m.	ph 286-2216
SATURDAY	Mini League* Tennis Fitnique	6 p.m8 p.m. 10 a.m11 a.m.	Terry Merry ph 286-2216 Fiona Munro
).	Junior group coaching	ll a.ml p.m.	ph 238-3922 Julia Freeman ph 287-1268
SUNDAY last Sun/month	Men's group coaching Mixed Club afternoons	1 p.m3 p.m. 3 p.m5 p.m.	Julia Freeman ph 287-1268
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^{*} Mini Leagues only played intermittently in 3-6 week blocks.

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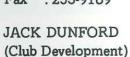
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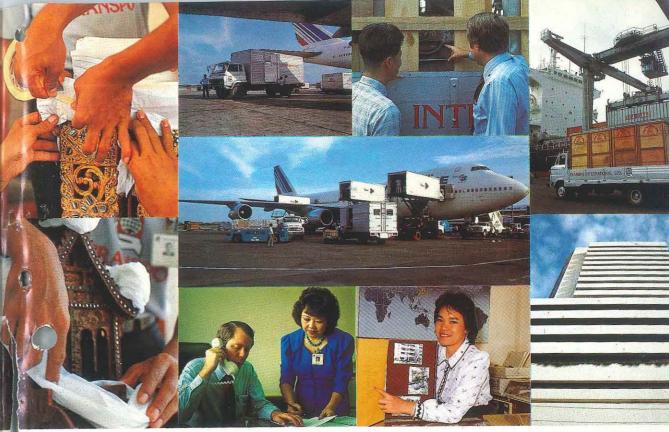
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