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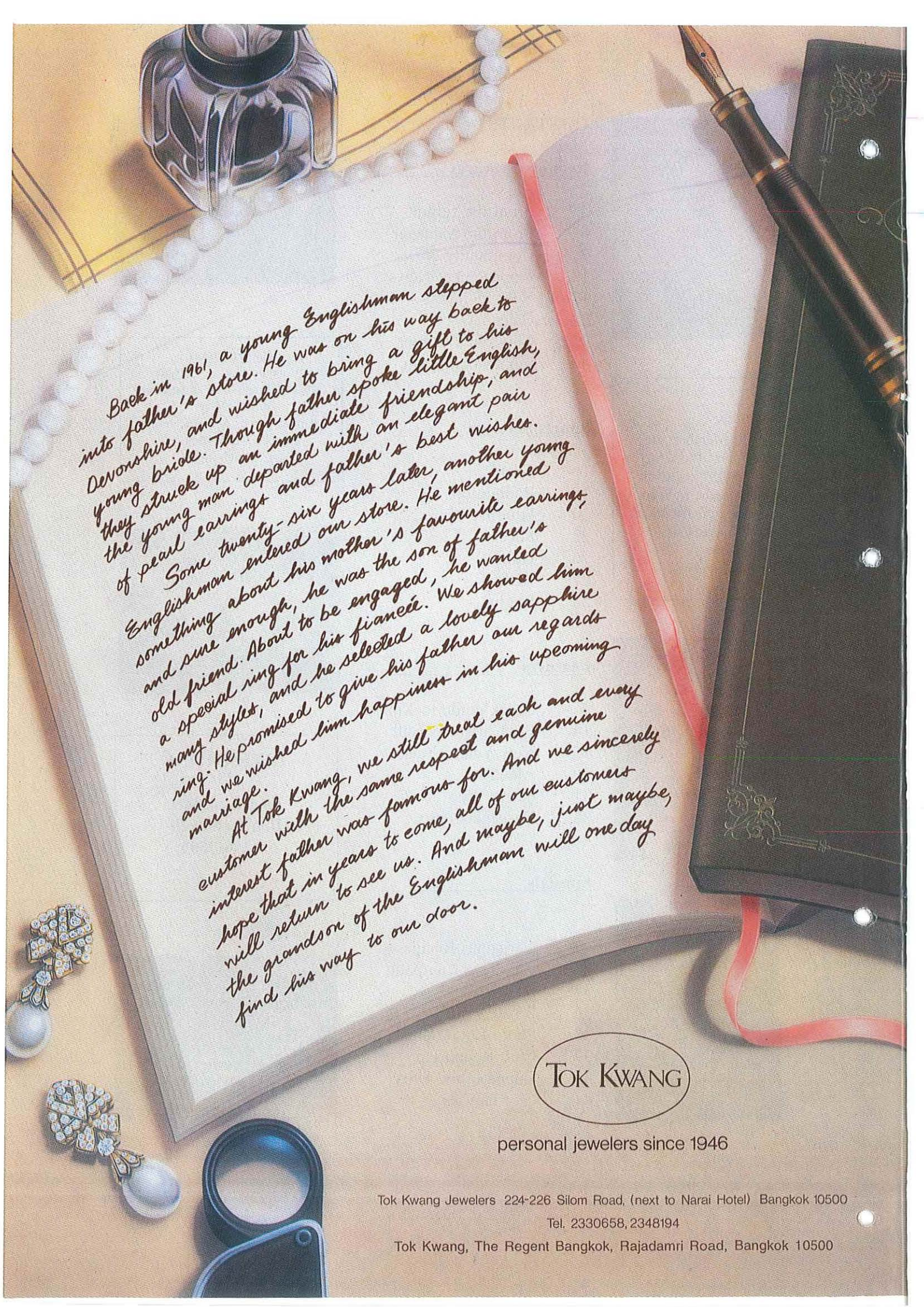


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# From The Editor

Dear Readers,

So many Members contributed to this month's Outpost, there was no need at all to search through my files, or memory, for something to fill the mag with. In fact, I had to keep some of these contributions for next month. We do have a humorous contribution from absent Member, Keith Welsh, now our correspondent in the USA. Plus around 100 contributions from unsuspecting Members who used the New Lord's Room Suggestions book as the outlet to vent their artistic penman (woman) ship. So why bother reading Outpost, just make your way to the Reception, Sala or any other place a Suggestions Book may lurk, and be amused, annoyed, whichever way the fancy takes you.

I was very disappointed to hear on the day of the fireworks display, how many people actually don't read the flyers or even your favourite magazine. How else are you supposed to know that the Club is closed, that special events are on, that we are doing something special for you. Please take the time to read Outpost and the flyers sent to you, they are there to inform Members of their Club events.

Amazing was also, the behaviour of some of the children at the Club. I really enjoy organising events for children, although I always say I hate them, that's not really true. I have a few of my own, some are grown up and some are still in that stage where they need careful watching (5 and 9). Where ever you go, children can quickly turn into horrible creatures, who you'd wish you'd never seen before. I myself have frequently denied all knowledge of sons and daughters. What I have never done though, or I would hope not anyway, is when another adult told me about the misbehaviour of one of my children, is automatically take the side of my offspring. I always believe when an adult has something to say about my children, there must be some truth in it. I know there are a lot of people in the Club who'd rather do without them, but I am certainly not one of them. It is very disheartening to hear adults complain about the way we have treated their children. Maybe with the new year coming along it is time for all of us to have a good look at our expat "brats" and make sure that 1995 welcomes a "child-happy" atmosphere at the Club. Both for your children, the staff, the volunteers at functions and the Management at the Club. Maybe that will change the mind of the "No children - No TV" voters at the Club.

On a happier note, it is now November and I am in the Christmas spirit already. The Christmas

watch came out of the drawer, only because my other one broke. My son is singing Jingle Bells, surely they have not started that already at Twinklestar?

The front page is designed by Lois Carson, congratulations you won 1st prize. Runner up is Donna (wife of Steve Byrom) whose last name has unfortunately escaped me whilst penning this article. I am sorry I was a bit late with the request for front cover designers, but please do not give up using your artistic talents. With Easter, Songkran, the Queen's birthday coming up next year, there are plenty of opportunities to photograph, draw, paint, collate or whatever for

Outpost's front page. Please feel free, if you have a good idea, send it to me and we'll consider using it for the front cover.

Welcome to Mr. Barry Osborne, the new Food and Beverage Manager, he sure has his job cut out for him. He certainly seemed to get on with it on Guy Fawkes night and hopefully will be able to contribute a lot to the Club. I wish him all the best and good luck.

This month in Outpost the usual contributions from the Sports Sections, New Members, Community News and all sorts of info about events at the Club.

The Guess Who This Member Is column proves to be very popular, with lots of people ringing up David to guess who it is. Unfortunately, I have only one picture left for the January issue, so if you have any piccies of yourself or anyone at the Club, please let me borrow them for a week or so. I also received a letter from a concerned Member for the Letters page. Unfortunately I could not publish it as it was not signed.

A few weeks ago Maggie Kerr was taken into Bungrumrad Hospital and at the time of writing is still seriously ill. On behalf of all the Members I would like to wish her a speedy and full recovery and lots of strength to her and her family in the next period.

Finally, to all of you and your families (including children) a very happy Christmas and all the best wishes for a prosperous New Year. Come and use the Club as much as you can in 1995, join the General Committee or any of the sub committees, join a section, play a sport or just lounge by the side of the pool or have a drink in the Churchill Bar.

*Bea Grunwell*



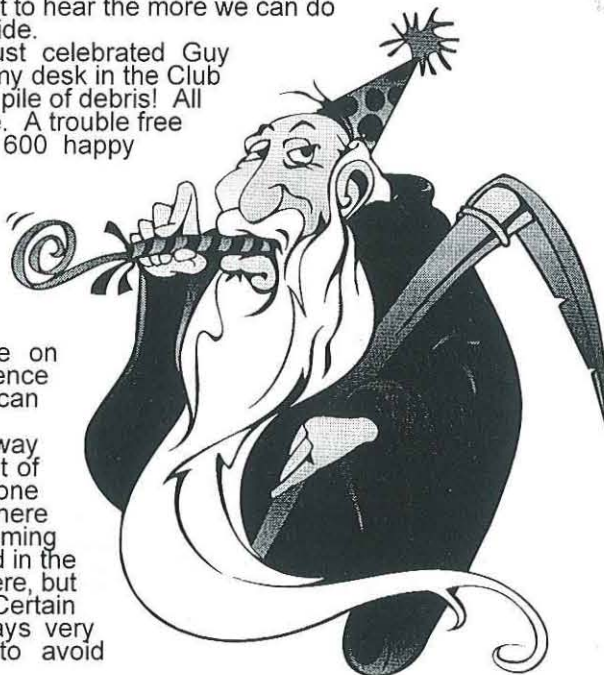
# From the Manager

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Dear Members

First, on behalf of all the Staff at the Club, please allow me to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the Club, their families and friends a very, very happy Christmas. On a personal note I would like to express my thanks for all the advice and comments I have had in my first year at the Club. Although it is impossible to please everybody, we do try to keep you all happy, and the more I get to hear the more we can do in our efforts to improve the services we provide.

As I write this we have just celebrated Guy Fawkes, and how nice it is still to be sitting at my desk in the Club House, rather than be surveying a smoldering pile of debris! All the precautions we took proved very effective. A trouble free event, a spectacular firework display and 600 happy people, what could be better! A huge thank you to the members of the Entertainments Committee and to all the volunteers who made the show so safe and so good, from the nurses to the marshalls, thank you one and all. To those who were inconvenienced by the rigorous crowd control policy my apologies, but as I once heard a senior military man say "you cannot compromise on safety". Perhaps next year, with the experience gained from this years event, the Committee can relax some of the controls.



December is only the mid way point in the 'silly season' for the management of the Club. November was busy enough, but one look at the programme for December and there really is never a dull moment! All the forthcoming events are well advertised around the Club and in the magazine, and I will not repeat the schedule here, but all I would say is please do book early. Certain events, like the New Year cruise, are always very popular, so please, please plan ahead to avoid disappointment!

Hopefully December will see the start of the improvements to the quality of our catering. Barry Osborne, our new F&B king, will be well in to the job and things should be starting to look up. If you do have any F & B concerns please do approach Barry. December will certainly see the continuation of the development work around the Club, again apologies for any inconvenience, and please can we ask that members keep their children away from the areas of work. Building sites are potentially dangerous places.

So as the year nears its close, the management can look back on a year of some sadness, with the death of a popular member of staff, and some achievement, but there is still an awful lot left to improve in the coming year. Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

David Viccars  
General Manager

## Ban on Roller Boots, Skates and Bicycles

**At the General Committee meeting of 7 November 1994, the Committee decided to ban the use of roller blades, skates and children riding bicycles on Club premises. This decision was taken purely as a safety precaution due to the rapid increase in use of these appliances.**

# Quick Guide



**YOUR QUICK GUIDE TO THE FESTIVE SEASON AT THE BC  
REMEMBER THAT THE BOOKS FOR ALL THESE EVENTS ARE AT RECEPTION NOW!**

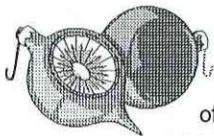
## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 3 - 4 DECEMBER**

The British Club Christmas Fayre will be an exiting afternoon from 12.00noon to 6.00pm with lots of different stalls selling Christmas goodies and a special wine tasting event organised by Allied Walker. There will be a Christmas Grotto for the children with a small charge of B50 per visit, incl. Polaroid Photo, for Santa to be able to buy some presents.

Do come along and have a bit of shop, some snacks and some pre Christmas drinks with fellow Members at the fairest Fayre of them all.

## **BC CHRISTMAS BALL - SPONSORED BY BA AND ALLIED WALKER**

Saturday 17th December, 7.30pm for 8.00pm on the back lawn, full traditional Christmas dinner, light breakfast, cocktail reception, door prizes, star raffle prize of two return air tickets to London with British Airways, dance the night away with Hot to Trot and The Non Commitments, and much much more. Dress: Red Sea Rig or National Costume. Tickets B900 per person.



## **HOLIDAY INN CROWNE PLAZA SPECIAL OFFER FOR BC CHRISTMAS BALL GUESTS**

Should you feel too exhausted after having danced the night away, please take up the special offer from the Holiday Inn to stay the night. The rates are B1,300 ++ for the Plaza Tower, B1,800 ++ for the Crowne Tower and B500 for an extra bed.

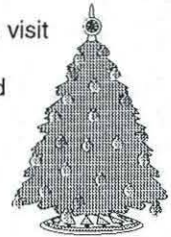
These rates only apply if:

1. It is for the night of 17 December 1994
2. When booking at the Hotel you quote your BC Christmas Ball ticket number
3. Although this arrangement is made through the British Club, the guests will settle their own counts at the hotel.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Tuesday 20 December, childrens party from 2.00pm with fun and games through the afternoon, a visit by Father Christmas and a festive tea. Baht 140 per child.

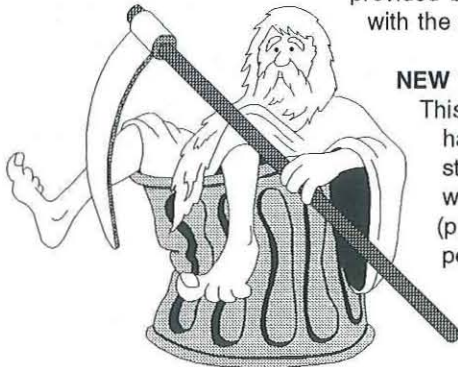
After the Children's Party we will go straight into the BC Carol Service, backlawn, 6.30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served, with Graham Taylor leading us through everyones favourite carols. B100 per adult, Baht 50 per child.



## **CHILDREN CHRISTMAS CAMP OUT**

Wednesday 28 December from 5.00pm to 9.00am on Thursday 29 December, dinner, breakfast and "midnight" snacks provided. For children from 6 to 12, tents

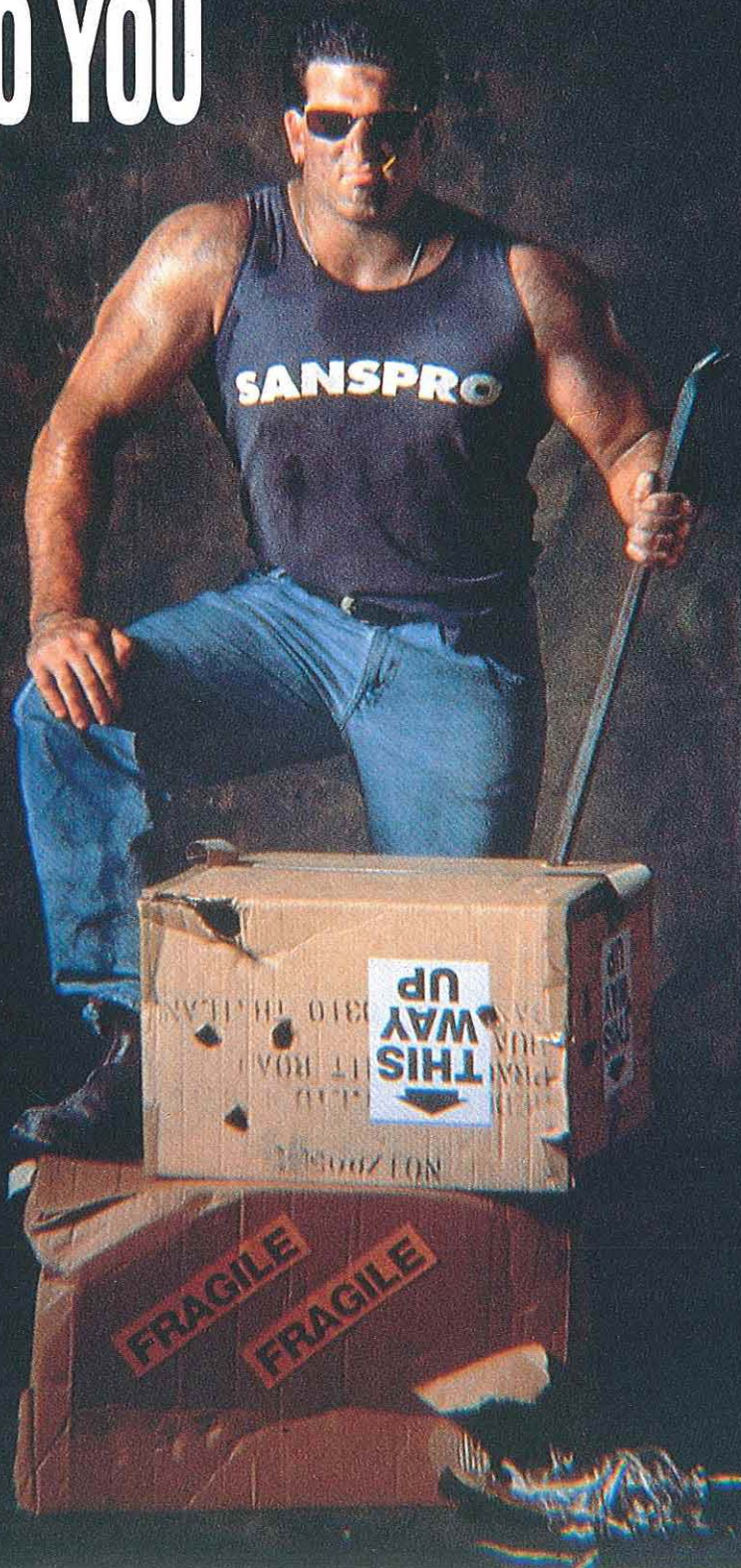
provided but bring your own sleeping and overnight gear. Games all night for those with the energy. Baht 200 per child.



## **NEW YEAR WITH THE BC**

This New Year will again see the BC take to the river for a dinner cruise. We have a much larger, and newer (!) boat than last year, but numbers are strictly limited. The book is out now, so please put your name down if you want to go. Departure from River City Pier (Sheraton Hotel) at 8.45pm (prompt), super Thai biffet, river cruise, dancing, disco and fireworks. B500 per person. Children over 12 years of age only.

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# Community News

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Christ Church would like to inform you of their special Christmas services; the address is:  
Christ Church (Anglican/Episcopal), 11 Convent Road, Bangkok 10500.



**Sunday 27 November**

8:00 Advent Carol Service (Creche facilities available)

**Sunday 11 December**

10:00 Sunday School Christmas pageant

**Sunday 18th December**

18:00 Carols by Candlelight (Creche facilities available)  
Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

**Saturday 24th December - Christmas Eve**

15:00 Scandinavian Society Christmas Service  
22:30 Christmas Music - Sung by Christ Church Choir  
23:00 Christmas Day at Midnight - Festival Eucharist  
Be early - or risk sitting out in the garden!

**Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day**

10:00 Family Christmas Eucharist  
Children bring presents for the underprivileged children

Usual Times of Sunday Services are:

07:30 Eucharist (1662)

10:00 Sung Eucharist (with Choir, Creche and Sunday School)

15:00 Thai Language Service

17:30 Evening Worship

For more information please phone: 234 3634/233 8525



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## NEW CHRIST CHURCH HISTORY

This new publication "Spiritual Oasis" tells the story of Christ Church from its foundation as "The Church by the River" in 1864 to its 125th Anniversary 1989 with a postscript dealing with more recent events. It is a very well produced edition of 66 pages with an excellent selection of colour photographs and is available from Christ Church at B 200. The first 90 years are covered by Canon Harry Fowke (Chaplain 1951 1955) the next 10 by Padre John Ironside (the 1st Vicar from 1963 - 1966) and the last 25 years by ex-Navy and Shellman Peter Norman who is now in his 30th year as a worshipper at Christ Church and an annual Club visitor. Peter can supply copies to "absent" Club Members now in Europe. His address is : Marsden Rise, 81 Lower Road, Fetcham, Surrey KT22 9HG. Please allow 50p for P&P in UK and 1 BPS elsewhere in Europe.

# Management News



## B.C ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS

What about a Club sports shirt, a Club sports bag, perhaps a car badge (B270), a tie (B210) or some other item from the British Club as a Christmas gift? Ties and badges are obtainable at Reception while all sports wear can be got from the Fitness Centre.

## OUTSIDE CATERING

Let the Club organise and provide for your Christmas party! Be it at the office or at your home, we can provide the staff, the food and the drink! Simply call Khun Orasa at the Club and we will give you a quote for your requirements. Why pay more?

## MR BARRY OSBORNE



Although the Chairman has already written to all Members concerning the appointment of Mr Barry Osborne as the new F & B Manager at the Club it may help Members to read something about him. Barry is a 31 year old bachelor - but has not always been 31 or a bachelor! He is an Englishman from just outside London and was a chef in the RAF for 8 years. He has a strong instructional and catering managerial

profile from the Forces and has also worked as a catering manager in the Far East. Before joining the Club he was a sous chef in a leading French restaurant in Surrey, close to London. His background is more the 'F' than the 'B' side of his appointment, but then that is the area assessed as needing attention!

## RECIPROCAL CLUBS

Further additions to our list of reciprocal Clubs:

### BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB - PHILIPPINES

Established in 1905, 250 kilometers from Manilla, 200 bedrooms, 9 F&B outlets, 18 hole golf course, swimming pool, tennis, sauna, snooker etc. See the Membership secretary for details.

**The American Club of Hong Kong** has both a City and Country Club. The City Club is located on the 48/49 Floor of 2 Exchange Square on Hong Kong island, right on the harbour, it has restaurants and bars with superb views over the harbour and Kowloon. The Country Club is on the south side of Hong Kong island at 28 Tai Tam Road, here there are tennis courts, squash courts, restaurants, bars, swimming pools and a private beach.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Do come to the Christmas Fayre at the Club on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December in the Surawong Room from 12.00am to 6.00pm. There will be a Grotto to occupy the children, while the adults enjoy the wine tasting from Allied Walker, or sample the Christmas cakes and mince pies, or browse around the stalls of crackers, silver items, wood 'things', carpets and much, much more for

those Christmas presents.

## GUY FAWKES

A big thank you to all the stewards, volunteer nurses and other helpers who made the Guy Fawkes party so safe and therefore so spectacular. Thank you also to all the membership for being so cooperative and tolerant with regard to the safety rules imposed for that one day. An apology also to those 3 or 4 members who had not read any of the notices telling them that the Club would be closed on 5 November to all those without Guy Fawkes tickets, and who turned up at the gates only to be denied entrance. Perhaps this apology will be read even if all the warnings were missed!

## GUESS WHO THIS MEMBER IS

The November mystery member was Mr Dugal Forrest, well done to Zoe Skelcher and Kathy Howard who dead heated for the bottle of wine! Thanks to Allied Walker for donating the prizes.

## STAFF BONUS

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

## DUTY MANAGER SYSTEM

From 1 November we have been trailing a Duty Manager system at the Club. There are boards at both Poolside and by Reception which indicate who the manager on duty is. The people on the rosta are the GM, Mr Barry Osborne (the F&B Manager), Khun Orasa (Catering Manager), Khun Sarakit (Maintenance Manager) and Khun

# Management News

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Novorat (Evening Supervisor). The hours of work for the Duty Manager are from 10.00am to 10.00pm unless required to work later. This scheme has been devised so as to give Members a readily identifiable person to see in the event of a problem, and to give the Duty Manager the necessary authority to deal with other members of staff. If you have any difficulty at the Club then please see the Duty Manager.

## CLUB SERVICES

As a reminder to all members please do not forget that we can offer a range of additional services to members over and above the usual range of catering (both inside and outside) or equipment hire. We sell bread freshly baked in the Club ovens, genuine English sausages, we

can paint you a banner or use the Club maintenance staff to build items for your parties or functions. Speak to the GM or Khun Orasa for details.

## FATHER CHRISTMAS SUIT

At the BC we have two F.C. suits complete with beards and boots. We hire them out at B500 a time, please contact Khun Orasa if you would like to reserve one.

## THE FITNESS CENTRE

In recent months many members have been disappointed by the staff of the Fitness Centre. Club Performance Systems, who manage the Fitness Centre on the Club's behalf, have been approached on many occasions to remedy the position. Sadly the dissatisfaction level of the

members is, if anything, rising. In consequence, at the time of writing Club Performance has been given formal notice that an improvement is now required.

## KHUN NOPADON

Members will recall that one of our cooks, was badly injured in a bus crash. After many operations and a long time spent in Hospital, Khun Nopadon is now making a good recovery and should soon be back at work.

## DON'T FORGET .....

To sign up for the Christmas Party Carols on the Lawn, the Christmas Ball, The New Years Cruise. All these events are typical British Club Specials and very popular year in and year out!

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## MOIRA HOUSE SCHOOL EASTBOURNE

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Senior Boarding School ages 11 - 18

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## Expectations

We are delighted to report that 90% of the Sixth Form go on to University, including Oxbridge, where we have former pupils currently reading medicine, law and geography. The 1994 A Level pass-rate was 94%, with a 95% pass-rate in A Level Sciences (49% of which were A/B grades). It is pleasing to note that, of the nine pupils from the Far East who graduated from our Sixth Form in the summer of 1994, one is reading medicine at Bristol University, five are reading law, pharmacy, economics, psychology and business studies at London University and the other three are reading nutrition, engineering and business studies at other universities. At GCSE the 1994 pass-rate was 86% (33%

above national average). Our A grade pass-rate was 50% (37% above national average). Whilst academic excellence is at the root of our ethos, we are equally concerned with the well-being of the girls in our care and offer a full and varied programme to enable our pupils to leave Moira House as fully-rounded, independently-minded adults. As parents will know, there is conclusive evidence that all these results are best achieved by girls in a single-sex environment.

## Meetings

If any parents would like to discuss the possibility of their daughters joining Moira House, please telephone Mr. Eric Miller on 236-0121 who will be arranging appointments for 9,10 January 1995. In addition, Adrian Underwood, as Vice-Chairman of the Boarding Schools' Association, would be happy to talk to any parents about boarding in general in the UK. We would also be delighted to meet any old Girls who should contact us on the same number.

# New Members

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**Bob van Es** from Belgium has been here for 7 1/2 years and came out to Thailand with his father. He studied at ABAC for several years and is now the General Manager for I Hennig & Co (T) Ltd, a diamond brokerage company. They provide rough diamonds to diamond cutters. He enjoys squash and soccer and meeting people, is single and does a lot of traveling. He likes Bangkok and tries to keep Steve Britton (British) on the straight and narrow.



**Robert Braun**, who is French sent his wife Eugenie off to France to show off their brand new baby, Edoard. He has been in Thailand for 11 years but only 4 years in Bangkok, his wife has been here for 1 1/2 years. He likes tennis, squash, swimming, rugby and soccer. He works for Trimoro a jewelry company. His wife likes tennis, swimming, theatre and cinema.



**Mark Ryan** is the Qualitative Researcher for Deemar and did not disclose much info about himself. I warned him I would just make it up so here we go.... He has been here for 3 months, came from the UK is single. He likes to drink beer and has the promise of being quite a nice guy.



**David and Joan Jewell** are from New Zealand, they have 2 sons aged 10 and 12. David works for Bilfinger and Berger (T) Construction Co and is their General Manager. He enjoys squash and snow skiing. Joan teaches and enjoys tennis.



**Malcolm Davies**, a friend of Mark (see previous interview), is Australian, single, available and works for Deemar as a Strategic Marketing Consultant. He likes watching films and sports.



**Jan and Paul Mallett** were in Singapore and Hong Kong before and have been in Bangkok for three months. Paul is the V.P. Operations Asia for Christiani & Nielsen and he plays rugby, squash and golf. He reads a lot and travels too much. Jan enjoys improvised dancing and works with children in creative dance.

# New Members



**Nigel Townsend** has been here for 1 month. He works at IBM and is a Data Base Administrator. He is married to Julie, who is in England. Nigel was in Muscat, Oman before, he loves to be a marshall and is available for any functions at the BC. He enjoys rugby, tennis and any other sports available. He lived in The Hague, Netherlands for a while and will be in Thailand for about 2 years.



**Graham Wool** is the Manager of Business Administration and Development of Stat Oil. He has been here for 6 weeks but has been traveling to Thailand for the last 3 years. He was in Stavanger for 9 years before joining us in the tropics. He is single, likes plants, wants to improve his tennis. He is also a squash player and a bad golfer with no handicap.



**Craig White** is an Australian Pilot who teaches Thai pilots to teach other prospective Thai pilots to fly aircraft. He has been here for 8 months and is based in Kamphaeng San. He enjoys squash, golf, flying and touring the country, if you can drive there he'll go and check the scene out. He speaks Thai fluently and says he would be lost without it.



**Alison and Jonathan Parry** have been here for 5 weeks. He works for Sun Alliance Insurance and is the Company technical Adviser. He enjoys golf, squash, tennis and British and Thai food. Alison is pregnant and expecting twins at the end of February. She likes traveling and used to be a stewardess for BA. She also likes golf, tennis and aerobics, when not pregnant..



**Ken Barrett** joined me in a double interview with Nancy Little. He is a writer and originally from London. His wife, **Ratana**, was up country. He has 2 children in University in the UK. His main hobby is writing. He is a food critic and owns a Thai restaurant in Kowloon called Her Thai.



**Nancy Little** was on her own as husband **Alex** was in Italy. She is from Wilmington USA. They have 2 children, one of 20 who is here in Thailand and one of 19 studying in the US. Alex is the MD of HMC Polymers who fabricate plastic products. They both like tennis, golf and bridge.

# BC Christmas Ball

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## BOOKING GUIDE

This simple guide is to ensure that you get what you want at the BC Christmas Ball. All we would ask is that you please follow the system as in this guide, then all your desires will come true - or at least some of them!

### RESERVING YOUR TABLE

1. Bookings should be made in person at the Club Reception, or if you can not get to the Club yourself bookings can be made on your behalf if you give your representative the completed consent form which is at the bottom of this page. Bookings will also be accepted by Fax, but no reservations can be made over the telephone.
2. The preferred method, and the best way to guarantee that you get exactly what you want, is to come to the Club and fill in your requirements directly on to the plan which you will find next to Reception.

### CHOOSING YOUR TABLE

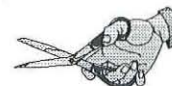
3. Simply select your party and then fill up a table by writing all your parties names onto the plan corresponding to the table position you require on the chart next to Reception, please bear in mind the following points:
  - a) The optimum table number is 10 or multiples of 10. Smaller groups can be accommodated, but the Club may have to make up tables to 10 places, or so, if the demand for places exceeds the space available!
  - b) Please put in all your parties names "Guest of" is perfectly acceptable (provided you are also purchasing the tickets for your Guests), then sign chits and collect your tickets at exception. Remember that a signed consent slip is required if you are making reservations on behalf of other Members.
  - c) Should you have any special wishes, such as wanting adjoining tables connected, then please indicate that in the space provided on the table plan when you make your bookings.

### DEADLINES

4. Should you have to cancel please note that as the Holiday Inn Hotel are doing the catering we are required to confirm our figures to them 5 days before the event, thus any cancellation after 12th December will, unfortunately, have to attract the full cost of a ticket.
5. The booking sheet will be taken down at 6.00pm on 15th December, after that it will be very hard to be accommodated!

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### CONSENT SLIP - CHRISTMAS BALL 1994



I hereby authorise : \_\_\_\_\_ Club No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
to make reservations on my behalf for the Christmas Ball 1994. I further authorise this person to collect Ball tickets on my behalf and to debit my account accordingly.

Member's Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Club No.: \_\_\_\_\_

# New Years Cruise

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## BRITISH CLUB NEW YEARS CRUISE 1994

We are boarding at  
8.30pm sharp from River  
City Pier (Sheraton  
Hotel)

Tickets are Baht 500  
(Incl. Buffet Dinner)  
Disco, fireworks!

Book now! Only 180 tickets are  
available.



Dance the night away  
and welcome 1995 with a bang on the Chao Phrya River

**Unfortunately due to safety precautions the BC has decided  
not to invite children under 14 years of age on this cruise.**

# Tennis



The Finalists Silom & Polo Club of the Bkk Men's Inter Club Championships



Pat (Captain) and some of the team cheering on Bruce & Ron

Two major events this month; the Tennis Section Christmas Party on the Saturday 10th followed one week later (recovery time) by the Pentathlon on the 17/18th. Then there's Christmas, of course.

The **Chrimble party** will run along the same lines as that of last year, with all the silly games, copious food and drink and lots of fun. Wear something comfortable! As for the Pentathlon, as far as I am aware this is a new competition which utilises all the facilities within the Club grounds, with each team having to compete in squash, darts, snooker, swimming and of course, tennis. But this will be a proper game, not just a demonstration of one of the skills of the game, like on the Sports Day. So get honing those alternative talents, and sign up for an interesting one.

Don't forget the regular items this month; the **Junior Round Robin** on the 4th, the **Team Tourney** on the 11th (second Sunday), which rather laughingly falls on the day after the Xmas knees-up, not to mention the **Pennant mixed men and ladies doubles leagues**, normal Club leagues, ladder challenges, etc, etc. However, please note that there is no tour to Chiang Mai this month.

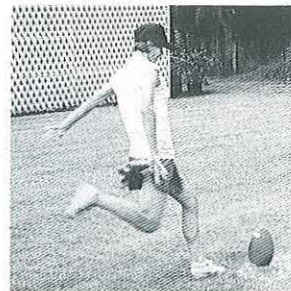
Onto October's misadventures..

## JUNIOR ROUND ROBIN - SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

This report by Shelagh:

13 Boys took part in this month's tournament (where were the girls?!!) Each boy got to play in 4 games, each time with a different partner and the games all moved really well. Overall winner was newcomer Chris Kelly who played very steadily and scored maximum points. Equal second place went to Michael Rayner and James Crocker-White, Tom Henton came fourth. For future Round Robins, please arrive at least ten minutes before 9am for a prompt start. Thanks again to all the willing helpers for the umpiring. All participants will be put on to a Junior Ladder to start soon - any other juniors who would like to be included should contact Shelagh 258 5107 or Elaine Kelly 252 5314.

## WE CAME SECOND!!



Carol in action ...

That, and Carol (now Aspden) won the coveted SWOTY trophy (Sportswoman of the Year) for the second time running. Moreover, the other Carol (Golsby) came second for the above cup until the darts game - hell, what a bunch we are, and that's just the women!! Pity we were pipped at the post by that Rugby shower. Actually, our

men didn't do that marvelously on an individual basis, although David Ingham got the fastest swimming time, but it was a case of consistently reasonable scoring adding up to the second-best score of the day. Of course having SWOTY and an aspiring SWOTY on the team helped!

Everyone I have spoken to about this day said that they greatly enjoyed it and hoped for another one next year, when the two Carols will no doubt battle it out again. A fun day despite the downpour before lunch. See photos for a terrific day. Our team comprised: Carol Aspden (SWOTY), Carol Golsby (runner-up SWOTY) Chris Aspden, David Ingham, Steve Golsby and Malcolm Moor, the latter back in the country again. Incident of the day has to be when Chris dived into the pool for his lap of the swimming game and his trunks ended up somewhere around his knees!! Carol put a golf ball into the car park, ahem, and somebody was heard to have put a rugby ball through the school window, cough, splutter (but not Tennis, I hasten to add). All in good spirits!



# Tennis



Two scorers grinning & bearing the most strenuous job of the day

## MATCH v POLO CLUB - SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Now considering this was held the 'day after' the Rugby Ball I thought this was a fairly credible performance only losing 19-7 to the team who came a close second in the inaugural Bangkok Mens Doubles Interclub Championships (may not have been those actual players, of course ...).

Winners on our side were: Les Elliott and Bruce

Gordon, Wat and Pat (sounds like a double act in Barnham and Baily), Eileen and Gisi, Carol Aspden and Anki Wibling and in the mixed, Anki and Kiyoshi, Noriko and Kyoshi and Gisi and John Sands, the last mentioned being a real squeaker of a 7-5 finish. Congratulations to Gisi, Kiyoshi and Anki who scored the double wins of the day, but well done to the rest of you for putting up a reasonable show.

This match was held in the pleasant surroundings of the Polo Club and was followed by a buffet lunch by the side of the pool. Noone got chucked in, but perhaps they should have been because it was a pretty hot day!



David and ....



Chris doing the silly walk!

## ROYAL CLIFF WEEKEND - 22/23 OCTOBER

This was a fairly last minute decision to shoot off down to the coast, given that Club Aldiana was fully booked on this bank holiday weekend, so a show of around 20-odd people wasn't bad. A great way to spend a long weekend, weather was fab I believe, although I haven't had a report/revealing photos from this one. Any gossip I hear I'll pass it on.

## BANGKOK'S MENS DOUBLES INTER CLUB BONANZA 29-30TH OCTOBER

We'll try to do a proper write-up for this next month, but

I've included a couple of pictures on this page to show you the mug shots of the winners - our old and near rivals, the Silom Club! After a close-fought final in which the whole title rested on the final match after some outstanding tennis, the Silom pulled through to win the rather grandly titled Colossal Cup, kindly dedicated by a true tennis aficionado from the RBSC. hope some of you managed to watch some of the tennis, the standard was very high and some of the players had some cracking shots.



## A well deserved lunch

One thing I couldn't resist mentioning; I found it fascinating how a certain English swear-word (actually an Americanism, according to the dic.) has crept wholeheartedly into the Thai vocabulary. You know, that little word beginning with 'sh' and ending in 't' .. I have to admit - for the proper occasion (like stubbed toes, hopeless mishits, etc) you can't beat it. And the most effective quote from the Sunday morning, which really put paid to Rajan's further comments on team organisation, was from Captain Pat; "We are going in age order, oldest to youngest, and you're on next ..." Seriously, the Brits played reasonably but the complete and utter last place did not necessarily represent this! Indeed, our team had a bet going amongst themselves about who could lose by the most games, or something like that.

A short Outpost report this month, blame my employers. **Don't forget** in January the Ayutthaya tour, get those names in print to secure a place on the coach/ court/ restaurant/ Wat/ museum/ boat back! Have a really great Christmas, wherever you are for it, and don't forget to work off those excess calories running around the court, especially getting your league match backlog out of the way in time for the New Year Resolution! Have fun, festivity and plenty of Alka Seltzer handy!

Me  
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# Badminton



We won! Wanna's face says it all.



Us and them, the Ciba Geigy crew

## WE WON AGAIN!!

**Yes, the Ciba Cup is ours for another year - well done to the strong BC team for a conclusive victory over the sports gentlepeople of Ciba-Geigy!**

Boy was that a hot or was that a hot day! I now understand why those courts are booked up early morning and late afternoon and they leave the lunch time to those mad farangs, which may explain the advantage we have playing against Thai companies... Cunning, huh? No, seriously, it was frigging hot but a great deal of fun. By the way, did I tell you that we won? Actual score was that we won ten, drew five and lost one, and mostly close matches at that, pretty impressive for us. Our team consisted of, in no particular order:

Marian Jones, Henry and Katy, Barry and Wanna, John and El, Vanessa and Neil, Janet A, Steve, Alex and Stephen, Anand, Kosol, Peter and Clive.

Some of these players haven't been seen too much on court of late, so it was nice to see them flying around court again. One of those magic moments of the day was when Barry realised he was playing with his reading glasses on only after he started missing shots ... three or four points into the game! Sad...

A 'lish buffet lunch followed, with the tables continually being shifted over due to the sun beating down too strongly, making ones chair too hot to sit on! Please see great photo of Wanna and the Ciba Cup, as well as a pennant from Ciba and a great new cup which looks decidedly more prominent in ye olde trophy cabinet! Incidentally, that present that the Ciba people generously gave all our players was a magazine rack, in case you

hadn't worked out what it was, or as Janet said "Something to put your knitting in". She leads a thrilling life, that one. Roll on 1995!



Kosol wearing his umpire hat



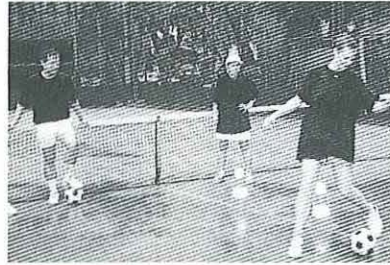
Mel: "It's not looking too good over here, lads."

I tell you, we've been dining out on the Ciba Cup day since the event itself, Sunday 16th, if for no other reason that it covers the embarrassment and shame of having come totally last for the second time running in the Inter-Section Sports Day, ahem! Yes, Sunday 9th October saw us relive November 1992 when we didn't do ourselves justice, or something like that. Actually this time we only came sixth (out of six, I need not add), as opposed to ninth last time.

# Badminton



The team!



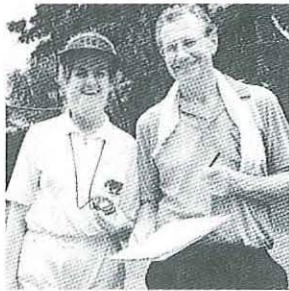
Robson in the rain; Rebecca dribbling like a pro



Drenched but happy! (Temporarily minus David)

So what can I say about the Sports Day which isn't in the pictures on these pages? it could be summed up in four little words: It poured, we lost. However this would not be fair, as it was enjoyed by all. Wanna did us proud for the women in the squash, although her football skills were a touch lacking on the day, but despite the report in the last issue, she also had the highest darts score with 106, owing to a mind-boggling bulls-eye which she'll probably never get again as long as she lives, but ah well! Kathy also excelled herself in the rugby, kicking three conversions and playing twice to replace David while was off hospitalising poor Matthew's foot.

Our team were: Rebecca and David, Wanna, Stephen F, Henry and Katy.



We were the ones who scored!!

Comments on the day were all favourable, as last time, so we really must make this an annual thing, even if we do have a bit of a miserable track record! It's all for fun, as we keep telling ourselves! By the end of the day only one Overington was left standing - David; with Barbara out with a bad back, Matthew and that unfortunate incident with his foot, and Rebecca

twisting her knee in the rugby game.

An interesting fact; the overall winners were also the highest scorers in the Badminton game. The rugby crowd with the help of the outstanding Graham Carson (SMOTY - Sportsman of the Year), rugby amassed the largest score of the day, cricket coming second (with the help of newcomer Nigel Townsend) and only narrowly beating the cricket, whereas in the final results

the tennis and cricket were reversed. Not that I'm implying anything about our noble game, of course. It goes without saying that Barry and I, your organisers were so efficient that we had 'done' all the teams by lunch time, allowing us a relaxing afternoon's observation of the knackered teams! Definitely a day to repeat!

Quotes of the month: One from Wanna - "I just can't keep away from these bananas" (I'm getting worried about her - G) and the other from Chris Gething - "I'm just going down the road to see if I can score", following a conversation about scoring and how Janet is no good at it. (Who says I take things out of context? - G) All profoundly disturbing stuff. No Gaynor-Guide this month, to make room for all the photos!

As for December, please note that there will not be a tournament this month coz everyone is always away, so it only remains to wish you all a wonderful winter season, most fab time of year weatherwise, and a great deal of eating and

drinking, wherever you are. There is supposed to be an AGM around this time of the year, but I have no details as yet, so it'll have to wait for next month. Keep your ears and eyes peeled.

Happy Christmas and New Year!!

Lek Farang  
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Pre-injury Matthew demonstrating his skills for the Squash Section (hiss hiss)

# Squash



A happy Captain???

We've all repeatedly heard the adage that you shouldn't get fit by playing squash - but rather you need already to be fit to actually play the game.

The same might be applied to the relationship between squash and sobriety. You shouldn't really engage in chasing after the little black ball, when alcohol is a guest in your vascular system. And that's equally true, whether the alcohol has only recently arrived, or is stubbornly hanging on from the libations of the previous evening. Rather, you should be as sober as a ... hmm .. as a what in this day and age? Anyway, you should be sober to play the game, particularly in these fetid climes.



A.N.Z. and St. Patrick Society

The benefit of this approach is not only a better performance on court, but the opportunity to slake the raging thirst generated by the squash itself, with a few well deserved beers afterwards,



The Winners - St. Andrews Society

rather than collapsing in a heap as you leave the court.

This is all very well in theory, but the crowded social schedule of many of the British Club's squashes, leads to unfortunate juxtapositions, wherein the unholy matrimony of squash and alcohol collide with disastrous results.

So it was on Sunday October 16th, the day of the Inter Society Squash Tournament, and more menacingly the day **after** the Rugby Ball. Now, I've never actually been to a Rugby Ball, so I don't know the exact nature of the tortures inflicted upon the participants. However, the ragged band of survivors from the Ball who turned up to play squash on Sunday were a gruesome sight indeed.

It was as if an extra "Society" were represented that day, titled "Saint Hang Over", the members of which had been instantly transformed into charred remnants of their former lithesome selves. Notwithstanding the inherent handicaps born by the "walking dead", a great day's squash was enjoyed by all. St. George Society were narrowly, and quite unjustly, squeezed out of winning the silver, by a motley band purporting to be Scottish.

St. Andrew's somehow amassed a total of 503 points, ahead of St. George's 487.

Congratulations go to: **Colin Eversden, Paul Taylor, Chris Platt, Simon Davies and Alex Eversden**, although it is doubtful whether any of them know one end of a haggis from the other!

# Squash



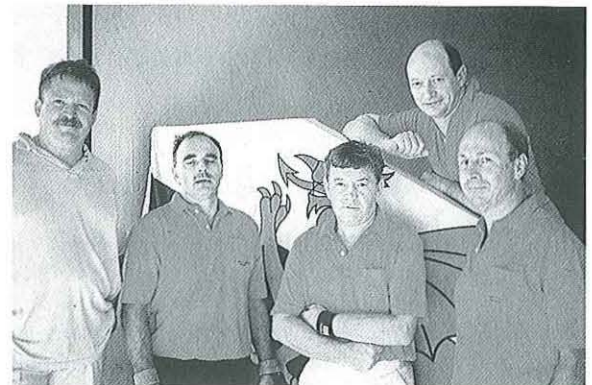
St. Elsewhere & Nowhere



St George's Society

Noteworthy individual performances were turned in by Dick Anwar (St. Elsewhere), Mahmoud Masood (St. Elsewhere) and Barry Daniel (St. George) who won all their five games. Noteworthy also, was David Hedge's performance (St. Hang Over). The usually fit and tough competitor was reduced to a shadow of his former self, managing just four pints (sorry) points in his opening game.

The beers at the end of the day were particularly enjoyable as the sun set behind the Club House, accompanied as they were by witty banter and the snores of the St. Hang Over survivors.



St. David's Society

The 108th league was completed in September and October, with a good percentage of games played. Winners were:

- League 1 - Paul Taylor
- League 2 - David Hedge
- League 3 - Mahmoud Masood
- League 4 - Tom Livingstone
- League 5 - Alan Payne
- League 6 - Dick Souter
- League 7 - M. Dwight
- League 8 - S. Cook
- League 10 - Kamal Sandarusi
- League 11 - David Overington
- League 12 - F. Ramsay

Now that the "cooler" weather has arrived, we've reached the best season for squashing in Thailand - so let's try and get all the November/December League games played.

Happy Christmas and enjoy your squash!!  
Barry Daniel

# Soccer

## NEW LEAGUE SEASON KICKS OFF IN STYLE

**DATE : 3RD SEPTEMBER**  
**BC 1ST VI vs BANGKOK GERMAN ALL STARS**  
**SCORE : 5 - 1**

A one sided game against a weak German side. In treacherous conditions BC dominated in all parts of the pitch. With an early goal going in for us courtesy of Chris Davin, we never looked threatened. Midway through the first half the German defence seemed mesmerised by a Vaughan "Torville" Elias twist and allowed him to lash a cross shot into the net. The half's performance was sealed by a fine route one through ball from Captain Watkins which Willie Carruthers neatly tucked away.

**HALF TIME 3-0**

The second half continued as the first with a second goal from Chris Davin and a Tony Green screamer. Late in the game All Stars scored a consolation goal as a result of careless BC defending.

**DATE : 3RD SEPTEMBER**  
**CASUALS VS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**SCORE : 0 - 1**

A frustrating game for the Casuals in the fixture following. After holding a fitter, faster and much much younger School side they eventually succumbed to a second half goal.

**DATE : 9TH SEPTEMBER**  
**STEVE GOLSBY'S BIRTHDAY**  
**SCORE : BC LOTS - STEVE GOLSBY - EVEN MORE**  
Friday 9th was a significant occasion being the celebration of Steve Golsby's 40th birthday. Steve's symbolic liquid induction into the ranks of the 40+ veterans was well supported by the players well into the early hours, and no doubt contributed to the Saturday performance which for many could best be discussed as 'jaded' or to be politically correct "hungover".

**DATE : 10TH SEPTEMBER**  
**SHELL vs BC 1ST XI**  
**SCORE : 2 - 1**  
**SHELL vs CASUALS**  
**SCORE : 0 - 0**

Spectators watching the double header at Klong Toey experienced a complete range of Bangkok weather from scorching heat to tropical rain which no doubt had an influence on both matches.

The team match was ill-tempered and badly disciplined with Shell deservedly winning 2-1. The first half saw us chasing a smaller, quicker side. As the half wore on the heat told and we were fortunate to hold them to a 1 - 0 scoreline at the break. The second half was noticeably cooler and much more evenly contested but



BC 1st XI verses British Club Seoul

marred by bookings to Messrs. Crooks, Elias, Hough and Grogan. Highlights of the half were some excellent saves by Neil Torrance including one finger tip deflection out of the top corner. Also memorable was a deft flick from "Old Maestro" Hough which looped over the Shell defence setting up Terry Grogan for our only goal. Touch judge Vince Swift dapper and resplendent in black, patrolling the wrong touchline will always be remembered.



El Greg Watkins being presented with a copy of Jimmy Hill's favourite quotes

Quote from El Greg "Well Dess, overall a disappointing result, but I learned a lot out there today!" Quote from our lone supporter "A lovely day, slept through it all, shame the rain woke me up!"

The following Casuals game was in the post match analysis described as a "Dulux game" - it would have been more exiting watching Dulux drying - no goals, few chances and a dubious penalty fired wide by Shell.

**DATE : 17TH SEPTEMBER**  
**BC 1ST XI - vs BRITISH CLUB SEOUL**  
**SCORE : 1 - 2**

A disappointing game which never really sparked into life, once again played in very poor conditions. BC Seoul brought a strong squad and did not deserve their 1-0 halftime lead. Early in the second half this was increased to 2-0 due to poor defending. Late in

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the second half Terry Grogan pulled one back for BC and for the final 15 minutes we laid siege to the Seoul goal, but they managed to hold on to their lead till the final whistle.

**DATE : 17 SEPTEMBER**  
**CASUALS vs LONDON BARBARIANS**  
**SCORE : 2 - 2**

An evenly contested game with goals from Mark Haelaer and Neil Amas justifying a fair result. In the evening a reception was held in the Lords restaurant which will be remembered by all for the snake wine courtesy of Saigon Raiders and especially by El Greg who had to drink it twice!

**DATE : 24TH SEPTEMBER**  
**BC 1ST VI vs SCANDINAVIANS**  
**SCORE : 3 - 0**

With big Willie Carruthers restored to defence the backfield unit looked much leaner, meaner and solid. The first half started slowly with few chances and at half-time the game remained scoreless.

The second half sparked into life with an Adam Caro 20 yard thunderbolt from a Terry Grogan corner. Terry added a second at the near post after fine work from Peter Campbell. Our final goal was an own goal by the Scans sweeper thanks to pressure from Tony Green who was later unlucky along with Peter Campbell not to add further to our tally.

Adam Caro and Terry Grogan were voted "Man" and "Person" of the match respectively. Quote from El Greg "Well Des, ... Bring on the RSBC".

**DATE : 29TH SEPTEMBER**  
**BC 1ST X1 vs RBSC**  
**SCORE : 3 - 2**

The first Farang League match and the big one against the team who pipped us for the league title last year. A thrilling match with at times fabulous football in poor conditions, plenty of goals, much incident and Farang League debuts for Peter Campbell and Mark Hagelauer. Many of the players thought the first half to be the best half of football they could remember in a BC shirt - Total domination in all parts of the pitch with a fine team display. After 10 minutes "Marvelous Marvin" Hagenauer crowned his debut with a poachers goal after a cross from Paul Greenhaugh was fumbled by the RBSC keeper. Shortly after Terry Grogan scrambled the ball through the keepers legs 2-0. Terry Green's first Farang league goal raised the margin to 3-0. On the way we picked up yellow cards for late tackles for John Sheehan and Terry Grogan, in spite of his explanation "I got there as soon as I could!".



Peter Downs having problems with his boot lace lessons

## HALF TIME 3-0

The second half looked set to follow the pattern of the first with RBSC unable to make any impression on our defence until fate struck! Willie Carruthers "lost" the ball in the lights, an RBSC forward broke clear and Willie had little option but to bring down the forward from behind. Fortunately only to receive a yellow card, the RBSC forward then fell to the ground clutching his mouth or his foot (or perhaps both foot and mouth!) for no apparent reason at the following free kick. The referee who had not seen the incident, after consulting the linesman decided to give John Sheehan a second yellow card and as a second bookable offence dismissed him and reduced the BC to ten men. The effect on RBSC was dramatic - 15 minutes of furious action followed with the player previously marked by John scoring two goals. The last ten minutes were tense but less pressured and we were unlucky not to score further goals by Mark Hagelauer who hit the crossbar and Paul Greenhaugh who shot narrowly wide.

Captain El Greg was too overcome by the emotion of the occasion (or was it alcohol?) to give a proper quote in the post match celebration but tearfully did say "What a fabulous result and a fine start to the season Des".

The BC Soccer Section would like to wish all BC Members and their families a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year !

# CALENDAR

## BRITISH CLUB SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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### OPENING TIMES

10am - 11pm CHURCHILL BAR  
 11.30am - 2pm LORDS REST. LUNCH  
 7.30am - 10pm POOLSIDE BAR  
 6.00am - 9.00pm FITNESS CENTRE MON/SAT  
 9.00am - 9.00pm FITNESS CENTRE SUN/HOLS  
 9.00am - 5.00pm THAI MASSAGE EVERY DAY EXCEPT MON

### VENUES

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



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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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9.30am Aerobics 6-9pm Tennis Coaching 7-8pm Happy Hour 9pm JVK Lucky Draw	8-10am Children's Tennis Coaching 10-12am Adult Tennis Coaching 4.30pm Casuals Football 12-6pm Xmas Fayre	11am-1pm Badminton 9-11am Children's Round Robin 2pm Cricket Nets Practice 5-7pm Children's Video 12-6pm Xmas Fayre Squash Mix-In
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Contact the following to join Sections:

BADMINTON	David Overington	312 0100
CRICKET	Peter Young	679 7644
GOLF	Lavita Hughes	259 3617
RUGBY	Joe Grunwell	262 0220
SQUASH	Barbara Overington	258 7306
SOCCER	Peter Rodgers	240 0678
TENNIS	Maurice Lamb	272 4530

NON BC SPORTS

ADIES GOLF BCLG	Wil Agerbeek	259 7019
ADIES GOLF LIGHT	Eileen Cook	287 3605
IOCKEY	Lois Carson	258 5295



# Golf



Winner Veterans Tournament Windeler Cup 1994  
Roy Barrett being presented with his prize by Captain Eric Hudson



Veterans Cup - Semi Finalists  
Brian Dodd, Alex Southcombe, Roy Barret & Mike Poustie

## Veterans Cup

Date : 22, 23 & 24 October 1994  
Venue : Forrest Hills  
Sponsors: **Sun Alliance Insurance (Thailand) and Sedgwick (Thai) Ltd**

A most enjoyable long weekend at Forrest Hills Golf Club was attended by sixteen members of the section. The surroundings were very picturesque but the Golf course was tough. Over the 3 days, we experienced quite windy conditions which did not assist in playing this unforgiving course.

The first round had the Veterans competing for a semi-final berth on a stableford competition. Those successful were:

Brian Dodd	33 Points	Roy Barrett	32 Points
Mike Poustie		Alex Southcombe	

The Technical prizes for the day went to:

### Nearest Pin

James Thompson-Grover	Eric Hudson
Brian Hughes	Mike Poustie
Longest Drive (Men)	Eric Hudson
Longest Drive (Women)	Angela Poustie

The semi-finals saw Brian Dodd playing against Alex Southcombe and Roy Barrett versus Mike Poustie on a Mtach Play basis. Alex pipped Brian on the 18th hole to move into the final. Roy, although alittle worse for wear from the night before, had an easier time of it winning 5 and 3 against Mike. The remainder of the players, minus 'hic' Hughes, continued on in playing a Stableford Competition which went towards a total aggregate

for the weekend.

The Technical prizes for the second day were;

### Nearest the Pin

Mel Leddy	Mike Baker	Roy Barrett
Longest Drive (men)	James Thompson-Glover	
Longest Drive (women)	Liz Southcombe	

The final day saw Roy Barrett taking on Alex Southcombe for 1st and 2nd position, whilst Brian Dodd and Mike Poustie played off for 3rd and 4th. Brian and Mike had a tense struggle being all square on the 18th hole. Brian was able to win on the first play-off hole. In the final, Roy appeared to be let off the hook by Alex, who missed several short (ish) putts, to go on to win 4 and 3. Congratulations to Roy Barrett on winning the Veterans Tournament (Windeler Cup) for 1994.

The Technical prizes for the day went to;

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Mel Leddy (2x)	Neil Buttery	Roy Barrett
Longest Drive (Men)		Eric Hudson
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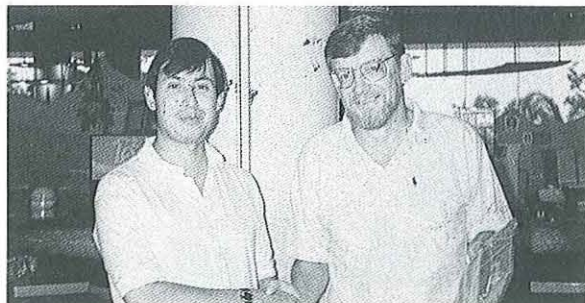
The Stableford Point winners for each day were:

Day 1	James Thomspson-Glover	30 Points
Day 2	Liz Southcombe	39 Points
Day 3	Mel Leddy	30 Points
Combined 3 day winner -	Eric Hudson	98 Points

Thanks to **SUN ALLIANCE** and **SEDGWICK** for sponsoring the weekend prizes and also to our Captain, Eric Hudson for organising the weekend.

# Golf

## OUTING SUBHAPRUEK OCTOBER 9TH 1994



Subhapruek 9 October - Chris Gething

There was a smaller than usual turnout due to many of our Members still being away on leave and so a section sponsored event was held instead of the Ambassadors Cup, which has been postponed.

We had a stableford competition with everyone playing in the same Flight and the results were;

Winner D	Dave Stewart	35 Points
Runner Up	Sue Baker	33 Points
Third	Chris Gething	33 Points

### Technical Prizes:

Nearest the Pin			
Hole 2	Dave Stewart	Hole 6	Mike Baker
Hole 14	Dave Stewart	Hole 16	Eric Hudson
Longest Drive (Men)	Chris Gething		
Longest Drive (Women)	Alison Stevens		

Happy Golfing and a Happy Xmas Holiday Season

Neil Buttery

# BCLG

## WALLS TOURNAMENT

A stableford competition sponsored by WALL'S a division of LEVER THAI LIMITED, took place at Muang Ake on October 18 1994. It was a perfect day for golfing, a cool breeze and lots of sunshine. There were 17 girls competing for the 6 major prizes and 4 near pins selected by our prize committee. The prizes were awarded by Livia Dijkstra, wife of Marketing and Sales Controller Mr. Jan Dijkstra, who unfortunately could not be around.

A sincere thank you to our sponsor for their continued support. It was a most enjoyable day



B.C.L.G. IADIES



Captain Barb & Winner Gail and Mrs 'Walls Icecream' Livia

### Winners

1st	Gail	38 P
2nd	Lorna	33P c/b
	Ade	
3rd	Ade	33 P
4th	Margaret	32 P
5th	Gill	31 P
6th	Gayla	30P c/b
	Sally	

### Near Pins

Gail, Alison, Gill, Lorna



The Winners: Gayla, Ade, Gail, Livia, Gill and Maragaret

Happy Golfing,

Barbara Wehrle

# Rugby



Well, it now just seems a distant memory but I think it will be generally agreed that Saturday October 15th 1994, was a great night for all. After moments of extremely high tension the old adage "It will be alright on the night" came true. Booze flowed (thank you CARLSBERG and REMY and PEPSI), speeches were minimal (thank you Joe Grunwell and Jon Prichard) and everybody settled down to have some fun. Special thanks to Khun Pensri and her staff at the Delta Grand Pacific Hotel .... yes, that's where it was if you missed it.

Bea and I both survived wrapping 300 of those pink and black boxes (thank you **BEA & JANE WOODWORK**) in cling film with the help of Lois and Jane, placing **Pepsi** keyrings and sample packets of **Durex** (thank you **London Royal**), glasses courtesy **Thai Glass** and **Jardine Trane Technical Services** on the tables. We agonised over the seating plan and knew we wouldn't please everyone (sorry Paul, next year your near the speakers!) and finally arrived at the hotel on the afternoon of the 15th with what can only be described as pre exam nerves.



A particularly horrendous 2 hours followed in the hairdressers with Bea becoming extremely skeptical (to say the least) with her bouffant hair creation - 5 gallons of concrete and 54 hairclips later - and the general realisation that the 2 'hair sculptresses' didn't know what they

were doing. By 6.15 tension was running high with half finished hair 'do's' and shattered tempers all around. Meanwhile upstairs where those of us who were finished were trying to dress, other disasters loomed. Screaming flower girls, bad tempered mini filthy tempered five year old rugby players, holes in expensive stocking (yes we were going all out that night), Chairman finding his dj a little too snug for comfort, me sitting in a tray of lip gloss in all my glory, I think the whole Delta Grand Pacific knew we were there. Once downstairs, with smiles fixed,

dresses safety pinned and gloss removed, the first guests had already arrived at 6.15, problems disappeared with 3 or 4 glasses of hastily knocked back compulsory Moet and with the help of Jim Howard, Steve Byrom, Mark Partridge and Phil Jackson a tremendous amount of

raffle ticks (generously provided by **Gestetner**) were sold on the night. Squeezed and squashed perfumed bodies were supping Margaritas, Pink Ladies, Kir Royal, beer and coke and **AMI's** (Peter Snell's) generous pre dinner cocktails and barrel of beer. Noone complained until the aircon seemed to go off.



The BC Choir from Hell welcomed us warmly into the Ballroom, we'll say nothing about there singing but they were very enthusiastic.

Mr. Prichard once again introduced us to one and other, welcomed our guests for the evening, Mr. Barry Shea, Khun Decho, thanked our sponsors and forgot to announce the Chair. Who in turn managed to bring his



# Rugby



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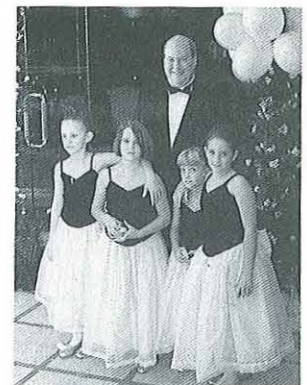
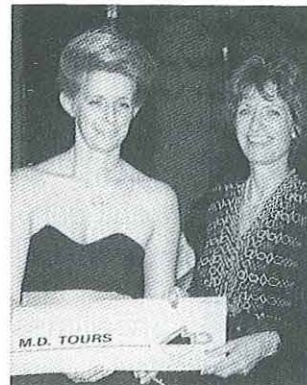
Dinner was served, more CARLSBERG and REMY wine flowed and then ... we had the **Non Commitments**, they sure got all and sundry onto the dance floor with a raunchy performance of songs which left the Ballroom stirred but not shaken. Well done, they have now gone professional and if you would like to contract them call Simon Pomeroy at Patana School or Jane Prichard on 390 1047. The next band, the Bad Guys had a hard act to follow, and did their usual Thai slow numbers and made everyone relax once more.

The raffle was announced with marvelous prizes donated by: **REMY, Air New Zealand, M & D Tours, SGS Cost Consultants, Bangkok Airways, Santa Fe, Burns Associates, Richard Ellis, Shangri-la Hotel, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Oriental Hotel, Jardine Trane Technical Services, Jones Lang Wootton, Hoechst Thailand, Sun Alliance Insurance, Tawana Ramada Hotel, Securicor, Gallo Thai Chocolates, Delta Grand Pacific Hotel, Allied Walker, Mr. Kinnaird, J & B Whisky, Emma's Collectibles, World Travel Service and Bea & Jane Woodwork.**

The doorprize of flights to Hong Kong by JAL Airlines was sponsored by **REMY Thai** and the lucky winner was Keith Rowley, who had completely forgotten his lucky dip the day after. We had gate crashers too, nice to see you Des and Sandra! The kids went to bed, duly presented by the Chair with some nice pressies, our visitors from Italy, Dr. Pettini and guests seemed to enjoy the night and wanted to join the BC on the spot. By 3 we were kicked out by the staff and retreated to room 1021 with a few of the other stalwarts, and a snoring Graham Carson, to have bacon and eggs and the comforting thought ... only 364 more days until the 5th Annual Rugby Ball!

May we take this opportunity to wish all the Rugby Section Members and BC Members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

M.Y. Opic/Co Writer Suzanne Partridge - Social Secretary



# *Aladdin*

Siam City Hotel  
December 10, 11 and 12



Don't miss the action packed, traditional English pantomime, a delight for the whole family with songs, dances, wacky comedy and lots of opportunity for audience participation. Give your children a real Christmas treat and come and see some of your British Club friends on stage as you've never seen them before!



To make it a complete family outing contact the Siam City Hotel and ask about the special "Aladdin Buffet Lunch".

Book early to avoid disappointment and you could win a free trip to Hong Kong!

Showtimes: December 10,11 at 2.30 and 7.30pm  
December 12 at 2.30pm

Tickets are available at the British Club, the Siam City Hotel, Asia Books (Peninsula Plaza and Sukhumvit 15), Nichada International Country Club and Bookazine (Sukhumvit, Silom and Villa Supermarket).

Price: Baht 300 adults and Baht 200 children and students.

# Guess who this is

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This Member has been around and although the saying went "Hello Sailor" he now prefers the occasional "Dram" and a linger in the Churchill Bar. He loves visiting the Club and reckons 'Och Ay De Nu".

He rrrreckons nobody we'll be able to recognise him, so good luck members.

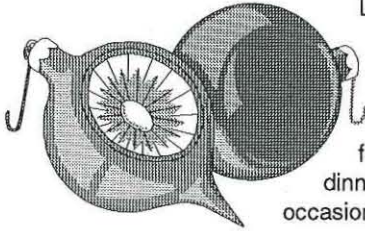
Anyone who can guess who this Member is please call David Viccars at the Club and the first one with the right answer is entitled to a bottle of wine sponsored by Allied Walker.

Family Members are excluded from this competition.

# Christmas Recipes

The following recipes are taken from "A Plain Cookery Book" for the Working Classes by Charles Elme Francatelly, late Maitre d'hotel and Chief Cook to Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, dated 1861. You may be interested to know that in those days a cooking stove 2ft. 6in. wide would set you back 1 pound 6 shillings, a potato steamer 2 shilling and a frying pan (oval) 10 shilling.

## ROAST FOWL AND GRAVY



Let us hope that at Christmas, or some other festive season, you may have to dress a fowl or turkey for your dinner. On such occasions I would recommend the following

method :- First, draw the fowl, reserving the gizzard and liver to be tucked under the wings; truss the fowl with skewers and tie it to the end of a skein or worsted, which is to be fastened to a nail stuck in the chimney piece, so that the fowl may dangle rather close to the fire in order to roast it. Baste the fowl, while it is being roasted, with butter, or some kind of grease, and when nearly done, sprinkle it with a little flour and salt and allow the fowl to attain a bright yellow-brown colour before you take it up. Then place it on its dish, and pour some brown gravy over it.

### THIS IS THE BROWN GRAVY FOR THE FOWL

Chop up an onion, and fry it with a sprig of thyme and a bit of butter, and when it is brown, add a good teaspoon of moist sugar and a drop of water, and boil it all together on the fire until the water is reduced, and the sugar begins to bake of a dark brown colour. It must then be stirred on the fire for three minutes longer; after which moisten it with half-a-pint of water, add a little pepper and salt; boil all together for five minutes, and strain the gravy over the fowl etc.

### BREAD SAUCE FOR THE ROAST FOWL

Chop a small onion or shalot fine, and boil it in a pint of milk for five minutes; then add about ten ounces of crumbs of bread, a bit of butter, pepper and salt to season; stir the whole on the fire for ten minutes and eat this bread sauce with roast fowl or turkey.

### BUTTERED SWEDISH TURNIPS

Swedish turnips are mostly given as food to cattle, true, but there is no good reason why they should not be considered as excellent food for Christians, for they are sweeter, and yield more substance than the ordinary turnips; let them be peeled, boiled in plenty of water, and when done, mashed with a little milk, butter, pepper and salt.

## CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDING

Ingredients, two pounds of flour, twelve ounces of raisins, twelve ounces of peeled and chopped apples, one pound of chopped suet, twelve ounces of sugar, four eggs, one pint and-a-half of milk or beer, one ounce of salt, half an ounce of ground all spice. Boil the pudding four hours. First, put the flour, suet, and all the fruit in a large pan; mix these well together, and having made a deep hole in the middle thereof with your fist, add the salt, sugar, and allspice, and half a pint of the milk or beer, to dissolve them; next, add the four eggs, and the remaining pint of milk or beer; mix all vigorously together with the hand; tie up the pudding in a well greased and floured cloth, boil it for at least four hours, taking care that the water boils before the pudding is put in the pot to boil. When done, turn the pudding out on its dish and if you can afford it, pour over it the following sauce:-

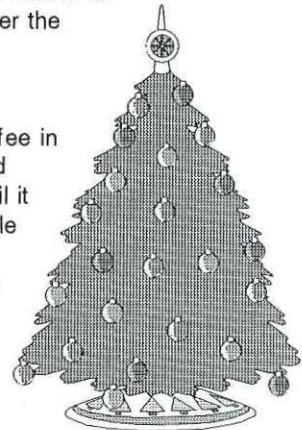
## SWEET PUDDING SAUCE

Ingredients, two ounces of common flour, ditto of butter, ditto of sugar, chopped lemon peel, half a gill of any kind of spirits, and half a pint of water. First mix the flour, butter and sugar in a small saucepan by kneading the ingredients well together with a wooden spoon, then add the water, spirits, and lemon-peel; stir the sauce on the fire till it comes to a boil, and then pour it all over the pudding.

## COFFEE

Mix one ounce of ground coffee in a clean pot with a pint of cold water, stir this on the fire until it boils, then throw in a very little more cold water, and after allowing the coffee to boil up twice more, set it aside to settle, and become clear and bright. The dregs saved from twice making, added to half the quantity of fresh coffee, will do for the children.

It is best to make you coffee overnight, as it has then plenty of time to settle.





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T116	No TV, an appalling thought, members who do not control their children. Family concept or adult concept, mixing does not work.	B262	Good idea to have this book. Voting on this subject at an EGM. Why not have a kids cafe in a separate room, no mixing. Make Lords into the 'public bar'. Women have the BWG so this could be the long awaited Mens Bar. Two rooms connected pub style.
B226/T96	Good idea	T44	Terrible!
H155	No children, no TV, better food and lower prices	J67	Work out first why Lords is not used.
H48	No TV, renew aircon (is this included in the cost?), children aged 10 -12. Upgrade menu.	M199	Terrible! Club members need formal dining area.
S237	No TV, no children, peace and quiet.	R80	Excellent
A67	I entertain senior visitors at Lords, this concept will make that impossible. A small "Lords" elsewhere please.	C800	(Mrs E Clampton) We've survived a long time without brats in the bar, why do we need to start now. Kids should be kept outside, it's character forming. As WC Fields once said "Anyone who hates kids and dogs cannot be all bad".
G102	No children, no TV, link the two rooms, have a different menu. Good try and good presentation, but try it out first.	W93	Try and do it with style, no more tea towels and green walls.
M260	NO TV, children only with parents. Change menu, control children as too many wild packs of them already roam the Club. Children's area good idea.	B29	Wake up to 21st century; good idea. Look after the children and the mums and dads will follow.
F55	Children over 12's a good idea, TV good idea, small stage for pub entertainment. No children's play area, juke box please or is this too much for the BC members.	K82	Partitions are a good idea but should be used sparingly, use carpets to divide area otherwise room cannot be used for larger functions. Great idea.
D133/D140	No TV, no Kids only over 12 and accompanied by adults, improve the menu, separate room elsewhere.		
H159	Sounds great. Nowhere for families to go, good idea for a family club.		

# Christmas Party & Carols by Candlelight



## BC Children's Xmas Party

**Venue: Backlawn**

**Time 2pm**

Entertainment: Fun and Games, including ... the Goody Goody Show, Games, Afternoon Snacks, a visit from Santa and his sleigh.

Price: Baht 140

Important: Santa would appreciate it if Santa's helpers would leave a small present for the children (labelled with name) behind Reception one day before the event.

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## Carols on the Lawn

Tuesday 20th December

6.30pm - 9.00pm

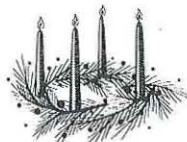
A real traditional get together for all the family with Graham Taylor at the piano

Song sheets - Mince Pies - Drinks for Children,

Mosquito Spray .... provided

Bring your Christmas spirit and sing all your favourite Christmas Carols

Baht 100 per Adult

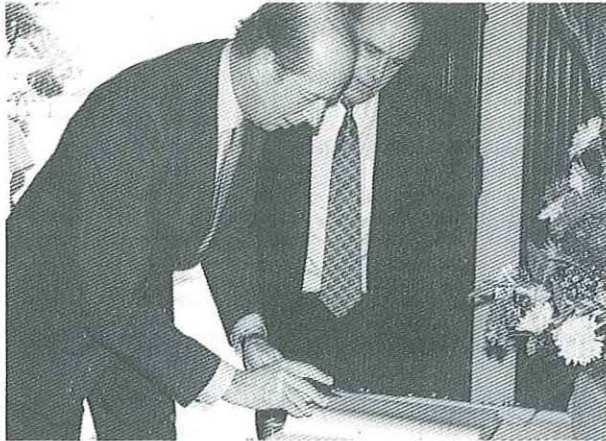


Baht 50 per Child

# Royal Visit

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On 18th October His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent visited the British Club and met some of the local British Businessmen and women. The BC put on an excellent afternoon tea and His Highness moved effortlessly from group to group. Nobody was left out (apart from yours truly). Vice Chairman Joe Grunwell welcomed the Duke of Kent on behalf of the Members.





# Royal Visit

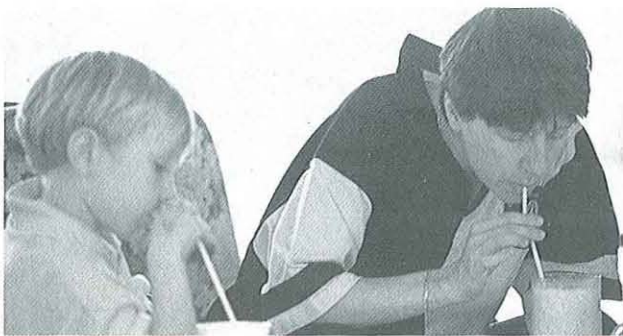


# Photo News

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Runner Up Front Page Cover Competition - Donna



The Hollis family enjoying a good, long, cold drink



Sports Day -Katy hitting it for 6

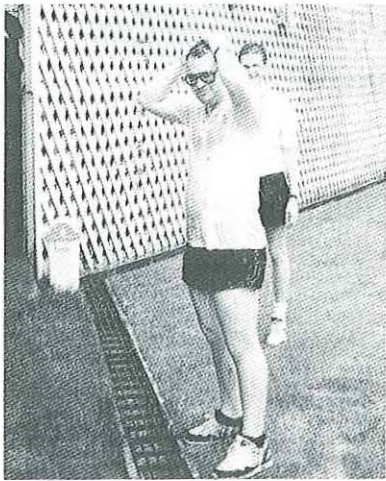


BCLG Near Pins Gail, Livia, Gill, Alison



Animal, vegetable or mineral? Players tucking into the buffet.

# Photo News



Joe B-B taking an overflow shower



The shuttle-thing doesn't bounce !?



Doughnut Eating Competition - Halloween



Draculas and ...



Draculettes

# Children's Corner

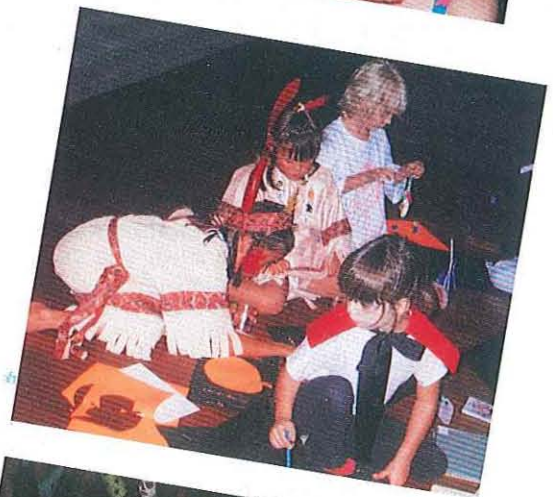
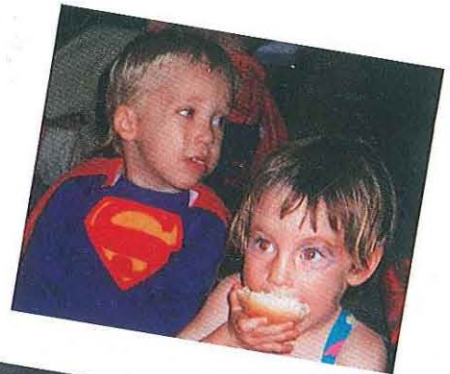
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Some pictures for you to colour and cut out. You can hang them on the Christmas Tree or use them as table decorations if you stick them on a menu or a piece of card board. Have a Happy Christmas and I'll see you again in the New Year!



# Club Round Up

Lots of children came with their mums and dads to the Halloween Party at the Suriwong Room. Wonderful scary costumes, witches, pumpkins, fairies, skeletons, Draculas and Draculettes, even someone's scary Bride. All the children received a present, there were some competitions as well, all I can remember is lots of Musical Chairs, Bumps and Ghostly Statues. Hope you all enjoyed it!



# Duped in the U.S.A.

As I start this intercontinental communication, it occurs to my simple and confused brain that I have been duped! We came here under the impression that we were leaving "developing" countries and moving an area on the leading edge of technology in all matters, wrong!

We eventually left sunny Bangkok after a week that had been conceived for golf and relaxation but that in reality was one of panic and last minute purchases and decisions. When we boarded BA10, it seemed like blessed relief to me, a view not shared by Alexis! We had markedly different feelings regarding the move to Atlanta, mine were of expectations and excitement, hers were of trepidations, loss and isolation, It would be unkind to mention that her views could be coloured by the prospect of washing, cooking and ironing looming large on the horizon!

Our arrival in London was greeted by a zero feet cloud-base and persistent cold drizzle, "Oh dear, he we go again" I thought. Memories of an abortive search for an idyllic cottage in Dorset the previous year, being beset by the advent of 72 hours of continuous rain leapt vividly to the front of my mind. On this occasion the pessimism was entirely unfounded, and by the time we reached the rural summer residence of Lord Richards of Spud, in Wansford, there was clear blue sky and, believe it or not, Sun!

Immediately moving into the grounds of the aforementioned residence, your scribe took up residence in a comfy chair whilst comely wenches brought gin and tonics from the kitchen area. Lord Richards was alerted to the arrival of pillaging hordes, and of the severe damage being wrought to the ancestral gin stocks. He swiftly and decisively took the only action possible, he left the toiling serfs and joined yours truly in the inhaling of Gordons and Schweppes. During the weekend, Alexis got mild sunstroke and your scribe contracted sunburnt legs. This was rather humbling for 5 year residents of the corrosive climate of Thailand! The only minor consolation was that I earned my "injuries" sitting in the garden of the local hostelry, whilst making a very creditable attempt of drink all of the Guinness in the Peterborough area.

On the Monday we set off for the sun of the South of France. The more alert amongst you may recall that a few hours we had collected solar generated injuries, so to set off for traditionally warmer areas may seem foolish. After a few errands in St. Albans, banks, letting agents etc. and then it was off to Heathrow for the flight to Nice.

The next port of call was to stay with Chris and Ann James. Chris works for NCR, now part of the AT&T empire, who have a facility just outside Nice, which cannot be bad. They live in the charming area of Biot, with a life style to be the envy of anyone. We had a most enjoyable time in Biot, and even found time for a little sightseeing amongst the gin & tonics, wine and good food. Without wishing to comment on the age of BC Members, I must mention that we went to the Nice jazz festival and saw John Mayall and the Blues-breakers perform. They were very good and

Mayall looked in incredible shape for a guy who must be pushing sixty! For the trivia buffs, this was the band with whom Eric Clapton started to make his name. Any further information on the bands of this era can be gleaned from Carol McGregor (When her husband is on the roof, looking into the bedroom of the young couple next door, I hear.)

Alexis and I had been quite interested, for some time, in considering a property purchase in the South of France and this visit certainly stimulated our interest in such a venture, maybe Roy's bank would lend me the money?

We were fortunate enough to be in France for Bastille\* day, so we all trotted off to Cannes for the celebrations. We had a good dinner and were then treated to a magnificent display of fireworks over the bay. Spectacular was the word to do full justice to this performance. \*(This was the day a lot of criminals got out of jail).

There was a very Bangkokian feel to this event, the traffic was so bad leaving Cannes that we had to abandon the car and retreat to a bar for a couple of hours until it cleared. C'est la vie!

After our break in France we returned to the Green and Pleasant to more spectacular weather. We stayed in the Crest hotel next to Winchester Cathedral, famous for the song of the same name (Dave Haworth can tell you the group). We spent the evening in a rather sophisticated pub crawl around the town in the company of John and Karen Gunn, ex Bangkok, via Australia. They have decided to settle in the Winchester area and have just bought a house rather close to a watering hole from my old cricketing days, the George at Warnford. John is trying to buy up all the housing in the college area of Winchester and rent it to female students!

The next stop on the journey was the "Hampshire Rose", in Purbrook, for a few pints of Guinness with Nick Crooks, along with Nick's sister-in-law, Jan and several children. My mother, sensing the chance of a few squirts in the sun, with he son, was already there when we arrived. My younger sister and her husband were also there so we took over the garden and discouraged the interference of any of the local inhabitants. I had not seen Nick for many years, so there were many insults to be traded! We were Chemistry partners back in school days (since when he has been busy making money). The "Rose" was the pub that we never went when we were at school, because we were all too busy studying! His brother, Richie, is known to all of you in Bangkok. The remaining time in England was occupied with several family related activities and a great deal of repacking, to accommodate all the may and various chattels. Would you believe that we were given a Pakistani carpet on our last day in Bangkok! Then bright and early on 26th July, it was off to Gatwick for the flight to Atlanta, the next phase of our lives.

We had a tolerable journey to Georgia, although I was having great difficulty in coming to terms with the end of my days of first-class travel! Yes,

# Duped in the U.S.A

I know that I have been spoilt rotten and that it is high time I began to face the realities of life, and I should appreciate how lucky I had been. All this is probably correct, but it does not necessarily mean that I have to like it!

Regular readers may recall the splendid relationship that I crafted with the Thai Immigration officials, during my time there. (For anyone not familiar with this internationally acclaimed classic encounter, it was published in The British Club magazine, In September 1993. You may order a back issue from the Club for a small fee - Baht 500). You will therefore be amazed to learn that the initial encounter with the American Immigration Officials at Hartsfield International Airport did not go altogether smoothly. The problem seemed to stem from the fact that we had all the right paper-work, and it had all been completed and ratified by the US Embassy in Bangkok. So far, so good? The Officials in Atlanta had absolutely no idea what to do with all this documentation! Alexis and I were sent off to sit with a bunch of itinerant Cubans and Mexicans, and a child (American variety) who had managed to fly in from London without a passport.

All of the above gained entry to the US of A before my spouse and I, despite our having the totally correct and present paperwork. There was relatively little communication with the American "I" men, sorry persons, as there was almost never anyone to communicate with. The majority of the immigration business, in the United States of America seems to be conducted in a closet behind the public area! We were eventually admitted to the "Land of the Free", but not until the Immigration people had recorded my visa status on Alexis' immigration card, and hers on mine! We unfortunately did not notice this minor administrative slip, at the time. (Will this come back to haunt us in the future?)

A rental car had been arranged by the mighty Coca Cola system, so that the tired transferring travellers could speed themselves off to the comfort of the hotel. A small glitch occurred here, there was no record of a rental car in the Hertz reservation computer! Never fear, I have a Hertz Number One card, so I shall certainly be able to procure an automobile at the drop of a hat (card, actually). Wrong! Absolutely no vehicles of a rental nature are available from the chosen worldwide supplier of such items to the Coca Cola Company!

Not to worry, I also have a Priority Customer Card with Avis, so off I went to secure a vehicle from the next desk. You might have guessed that they also are out of cars! Rather strange, for companies that make their money by renting cars, not to have any available. In less than good humour, I collected Alexis, who had been guarding the luggage through all this, and we took a cab to the hotel. The bar, in which I had arranged to meet some of my new colleagues that evening, was naturally closed for renovation, actually pulled down and would not re-open until mid 1995. This seemed a long wait for a beer! So

much for day one of the new phase of existence, Alexis not impressed so far.

The next day dawned bright and sunny? No, it was raining, grey and dismal. Alexis even more not impressed! There are a multitude of stories derived from the frustrations of the next few days, but I shall spare you from all the gory details. It is a complete mystery to me how people ever move to the United States and exist. We had believed that we were in good shape, with the Coca Cola system behind us and our five year banking and credit card history to smooth us through the transition period. Just how wrong can you be!

Unless you have a Social Security number and a Georgia driving licence, you do not officially exist in Atlanta. I had obtained a Social Security number on my previous visit, in May, but had not linked it to my bank account! Remember this is the USA and the technology is on the cutting edge. Apparently, you have to fill out forms to link your Social Security number to your bank account, a fact that had never been advertised to this innocent "immigrant". You can only obtain a Georgia drivers licence by taking the test, having a Social Security number and having a permanent residence! You cannot obtain car insurance without a Georgia driving licence, and you cannot drive a car away from the premises of a car selling facility without insurance, and you cannot drive around to find a permanent residence without a car!! Gotcha!! Oh, and you cannot get a mobile phone without a credit history, which is determined from your Social Security number ... No we did not qualify.

Have things taken a few turns for the better since the nadir of the first week of August? Good question. You well might find an answer available from Alexis who has happily given the whole thing up and quickly returned to Bangkok! At one point, I might well have thought long and hard about joining her!

Since the initial problems, there have been many more! Fortunately for most of you, there is not time available, or space to Bea, to recount the entire litany of frustrations. Buy Alexis a Campari and Soda in the BC bar and she will enlighten you further. Alexis has not left me, I don't think! She is back in Thailand for the sailing of the Commodore's Cup and to help organise and participate in the King's Cup in Phuket, in December.

I hope that all our friends in Thailand are happy and healthy, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous 1995. When you are at out on the back lawn of the Bc for the Christmas Ball, spare a thought for those of us in colder climes huddled around a twig fire eating by the light of a small candle!

*Keith Welsh - American Informer*

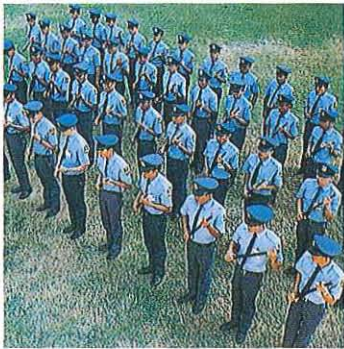
# Guy Fawkes

The 5th of November had children bring their Guys to the Club, show them off and burn them. A grand barbecue was laid on, marshalls in vile green outfits wandered around the Club when fireworks time came along. After the judging, fairly and squarely done by Guy Ingham, we went to the car park to see them burn. The fireworks display that followed was short, sharp and safe. An excellent display, with some spectacular fireworks exploding high enough not to leave burning fall out on the spectators. The waterfall and logo were great, can we do it again next year. (More photo's to follow in next months Outpost).





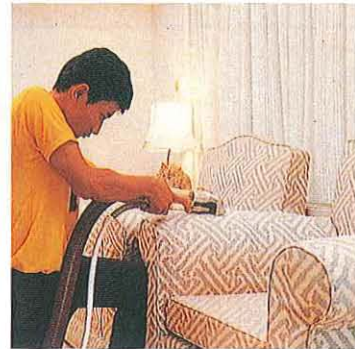
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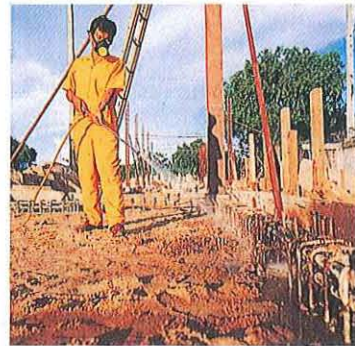
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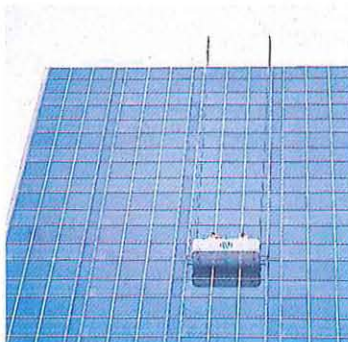
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# Final Countdown



Dear Members,

Gone are the days when the British Club was the only option for U.K. and Commonwealth expatriates looking to join a decent social club in order to make their stay in Thailand as comfortable as possible. These days clubs are opening up all over Bangkok with many offering facilities and services that compare favourably to those on offer at our Club. Most of these are located within residential or international school campuses and are often convenient for parents seeking recreational opportunities for their children.

As modern as these competitors are and as slick as their marketing campaigns make them out to be, they differ from our Club in a major way. The majority of them are businesses run for profit. The Members' rights take second place to those of the owners. As a result, the entrance fees tend to be higher and prices on the premises are close to those of a four-star hotel. They are also run, not by a committee of part-time volunteers backed by a dedicated general manager and his team, but by a board of directors made up of ex-politicians, prominent personalities and other assorted V.I.P.s.

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line results in order to guarantee continued employment.

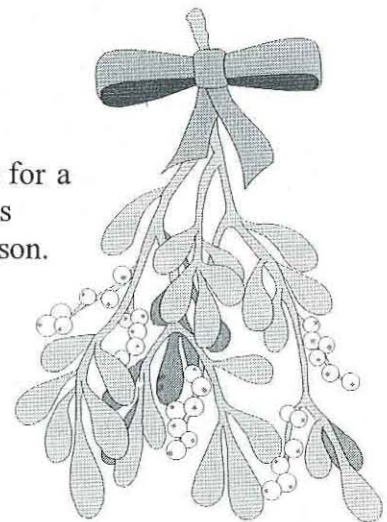
These differences are important. On the one hand we have the advantage of being a club whose sole purpose is to operate for the benefit of its members, while on the other hand we need to continually upgrade our facilities to ensure that we attract the life-blood of new membership who, these days, have so much more to choose from.

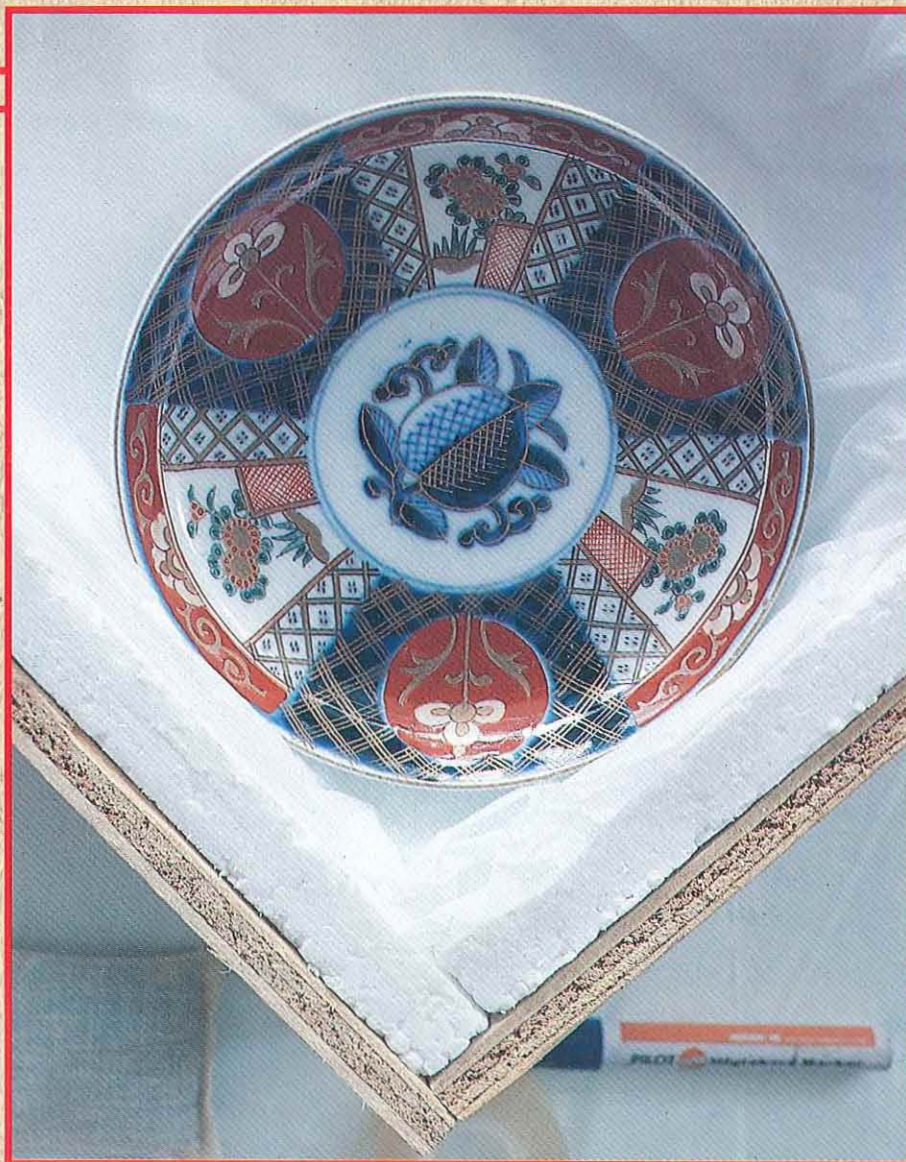
At the moment we appear to be winning the battle. Our finances are as healthy as they have been for a very long time, we have progressive development plans, and our sports and social sections are active and well supported.

The very hard-working committees put in many hours to the Club's overall benefit in the knowledge that the British Club is their Club and is not owned, like many of the newcomers, by faceless shareholders whose only motive is short term gain.

Nigel Oakins  
Chairman

PS Best wishes for a  
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