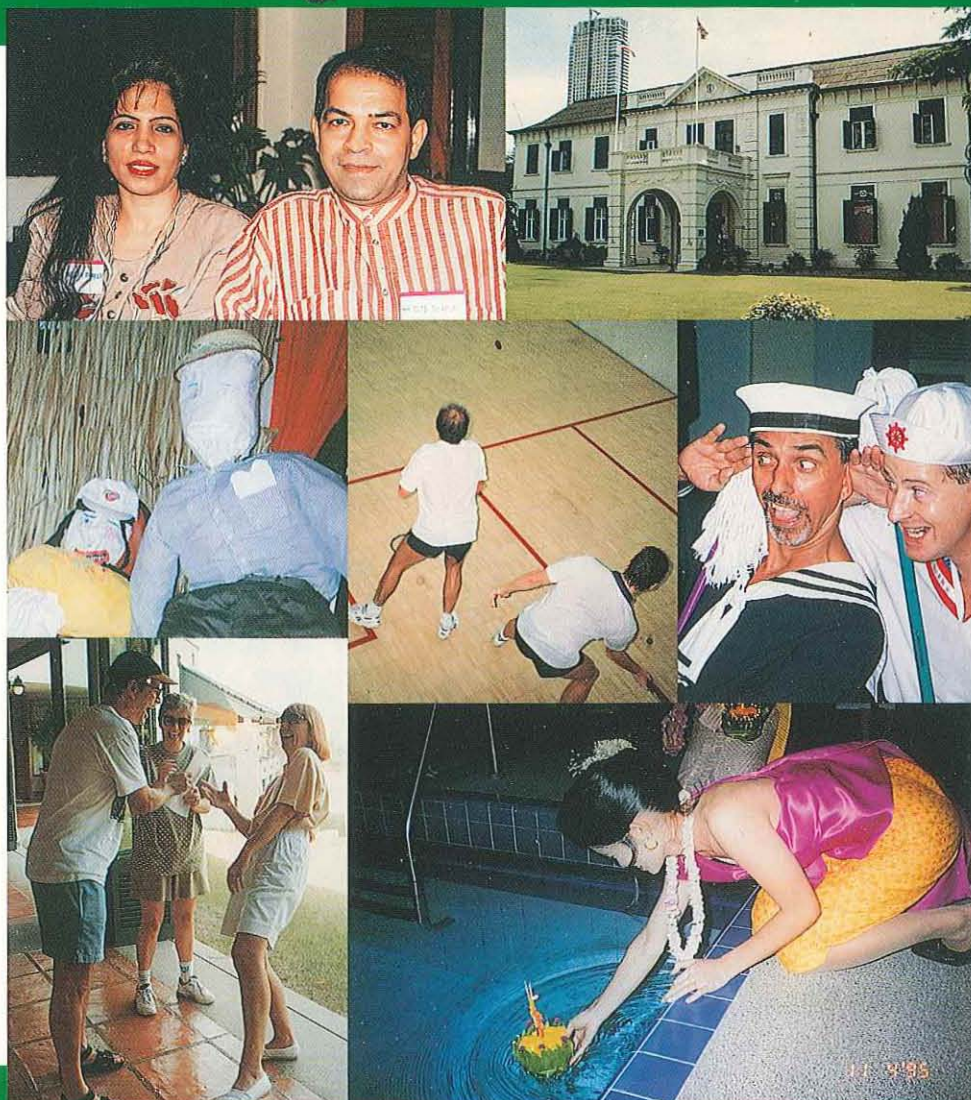




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Visit to Bangkok 9th to 13th December 1995

One of our Directors, Mike Harris will be in Bangkok from 9th to 13th December, 1995, staying at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Rama IV Road, Bangkok. He is looking forward to meeting present and potential clients to discuss the London Property market and property investment in the UK generally.

To arrange a meeting with Mike, please contact him through our London office as above or direct at the Dusit Thani Hotel (Tel: 662 2360450 Fax: 662 2366400) during his visit. Please suggest a suitable time and place (which could be at the hotel or at your office) to meet.

A Summary of our Services

Drury Estates Ltd was set up in 1987 by Ray Fry OBE ED FRICS and Mike Harris BSc CEng MICE, both of whom have lived in the Far East for some years and who remain as the Directors of the Company.

We offer a full range of residential property services to our overseas clients. These services include:

- ② **The purchase of London residential property;**
- ② **Furnishing and equipping such properties to an appropriate and pre-agreed budget (particularly when they have been bought primarily as letting investments);**
- ② **Letting flats and houses;**
- ② **Providing full management for let properties or 'caretaker' service for unlet houses or flats;**
- ② **Selling London residential property; and**
- ② **Project management, including improvement, refurbishment and conversion of houses and flats.**

All these services are designed with a view to acting solely on behalf of our overseas clients, and are based on building an ongoing relationship in which the interests of the client are paramount, both in the selection and purchase of suitable property and, where appropriate, in its letting and management thereafter.

We act mainly in London, partly because we feel that we best provide a full professional service in an area we know well, but also because we consider this to be the most suitable location in the UK in investment terms, both for letting return where relevant (usually circa 8 - 9% gross per annum) and for potential capital growth.

However, we are also sometimes able to take on special assignments involving identifying and purchasing residential property outside London and we are always prepared to tailor our services to suit the particular requirements of clients.

And Finally..... Our Fees.....

Our services are on behalf of our clients, the overseas buyer/investor, and, when we are acting for the buyer, we do not seek or receive any fee from the seller of a property.

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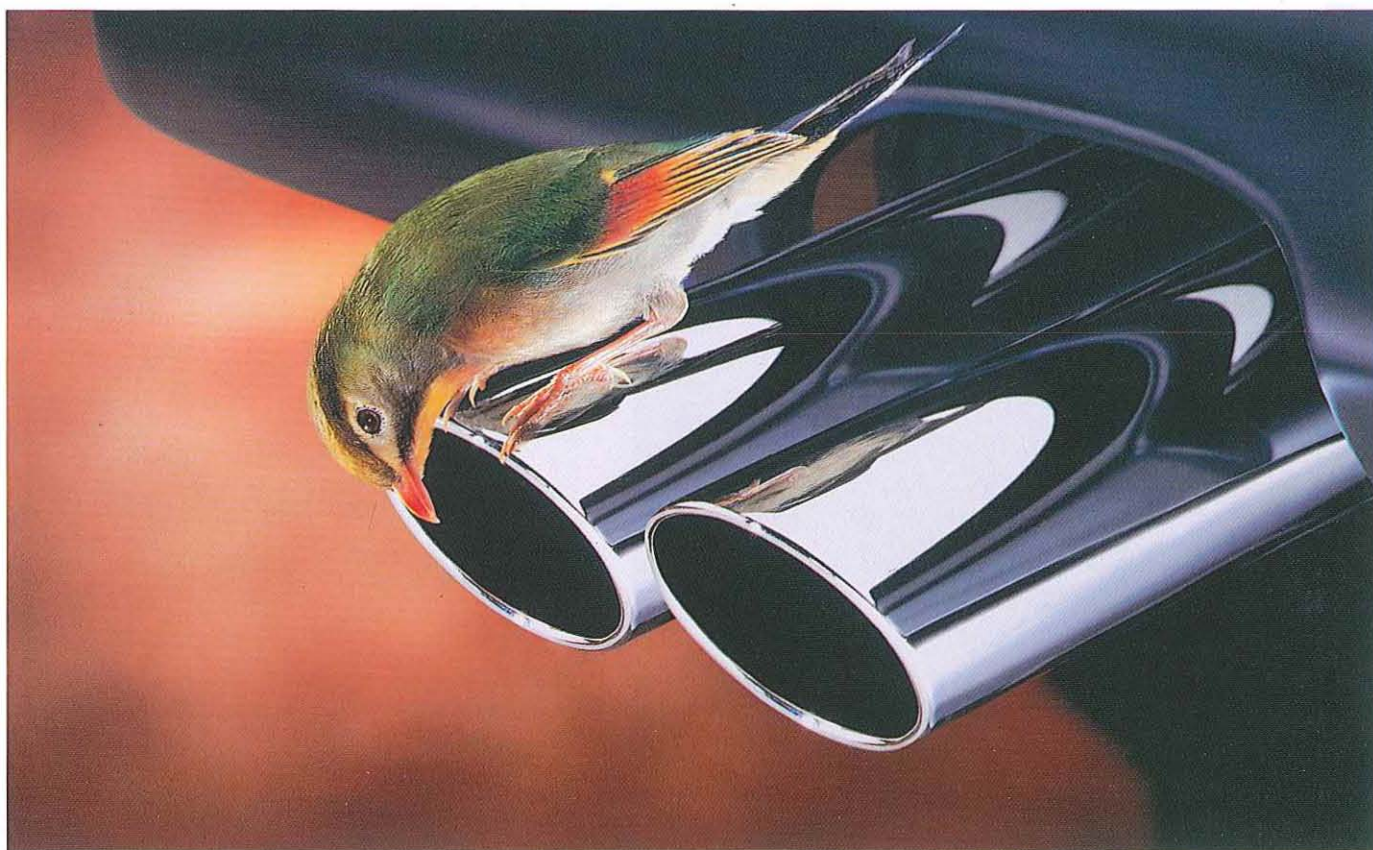
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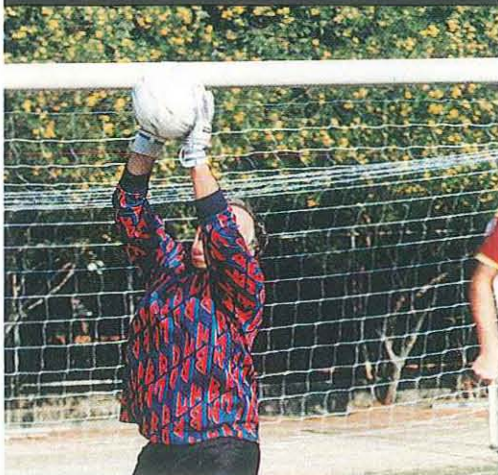
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From the Editor

Christmas is upon us again, highlighting just how fast time flies in this city. Along with all the great Club and city-wide events, there are a whole host of celebrations around the country as the Thai people mark the festive



Gaynor de Wit - Editor

season, starting with His Majesty the King's birthday on the fifth, with beautiful fairy lights festooned everywhere and loud fireworks.

At time of writing, the Club Christmas Ball tables were filling up fast, so if you haven't booked by now you may be sitting a fair way from the dancefloor. And

don't forget the BCT Christmas Panto, Robinson Crusoe, held on the 9th to 11th - entertaining for all the family.

Also, spaces for the New Year cruise are limited to a couple of hundred, so do be sure to book early for this one - the fireworks from the large riverside hotels at midnight are spectacular, and the cruise itself is a charming way to ring in the new. I was DJ on one such cruise a couple of years ago, and it was a great party with good food and lots and lots of booze... so much so, it had to be shifted around the boat to balance it!

Onto the seasonal subject of food, a quick Xmas tip for those who find Christmas cake a little heavy after a traditional Yule meal - try eating it with white Cheshire cheese! An old Yorkshire custom, I believe, and it really works to lighten up a heavy fruit cake. If you fancy a sharper taste, there's always Wensleydale.

And more on food: **I need your curries!!**

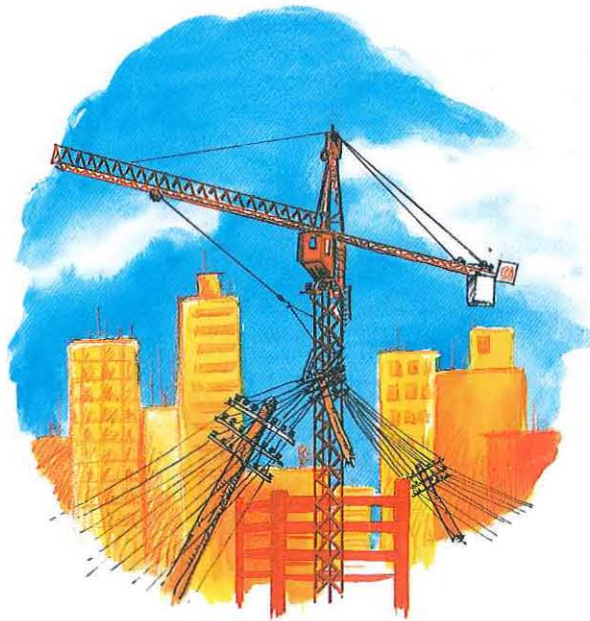
Next year I want to run a series on Thai cooking on the Recipe Page, ranging from curries to snacks and desserts, as there are many members who want to try making the local cuisine at home. Therefore, if any of you have tried and tested recipes for your favourite dish, especially Thai but also other Asian specialities, please put them in the Outpost pigeon hole.

So far I've had no response from the parents and children out there about the fate of the Children's Page. If there really is so little interest in this subject, I'll drop the whole page, especially given the recent boost in member's contributions. Talking of which, many thanks to the contributors this month, including Margaret for her seasonal cryptic crossword and Joan and her animals and my first letter to the Ed. I must apologise to those people who have sent in articles which haven't been printed this month; they should be appearing in January's issue instead. Since October, the Outpost has grown into a 52-page magazine, mostly through the increase in member's contributions, but even so we still couldn't fit everything in this month. Sorry!

Finally, as I'm getting into the festive spirit (and I'm leaving the country for a fortnight), I'm generously allowing all sports sections until the **5th of January** to get their contributions in, as the 1st has historically not been a great day for a deadline around these parts. Have a wonderful Christmas and very 'merry' New Year!

Gaynor de Wit

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From the Manager

*H*aving been chastised for taking up too much space in previous editions of our expanding and increasingly impressive magazine, this month I will be short: - HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS AND



David Viccars - General Manager

SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR to all members from the management and staff. Well, not that short! Just to say thank you to all those who came to the Club on Guy Fawkes Day on Sunday 5th November, whether to watch the display or not, and who made potentially the most difficult and busy day for the

Club go so smoothly. We have never had over 700 people at any Club event before (or so I am told) so once again my thanks!

Events planned

There are so many things planned at the Club for December, all of which are advertised in

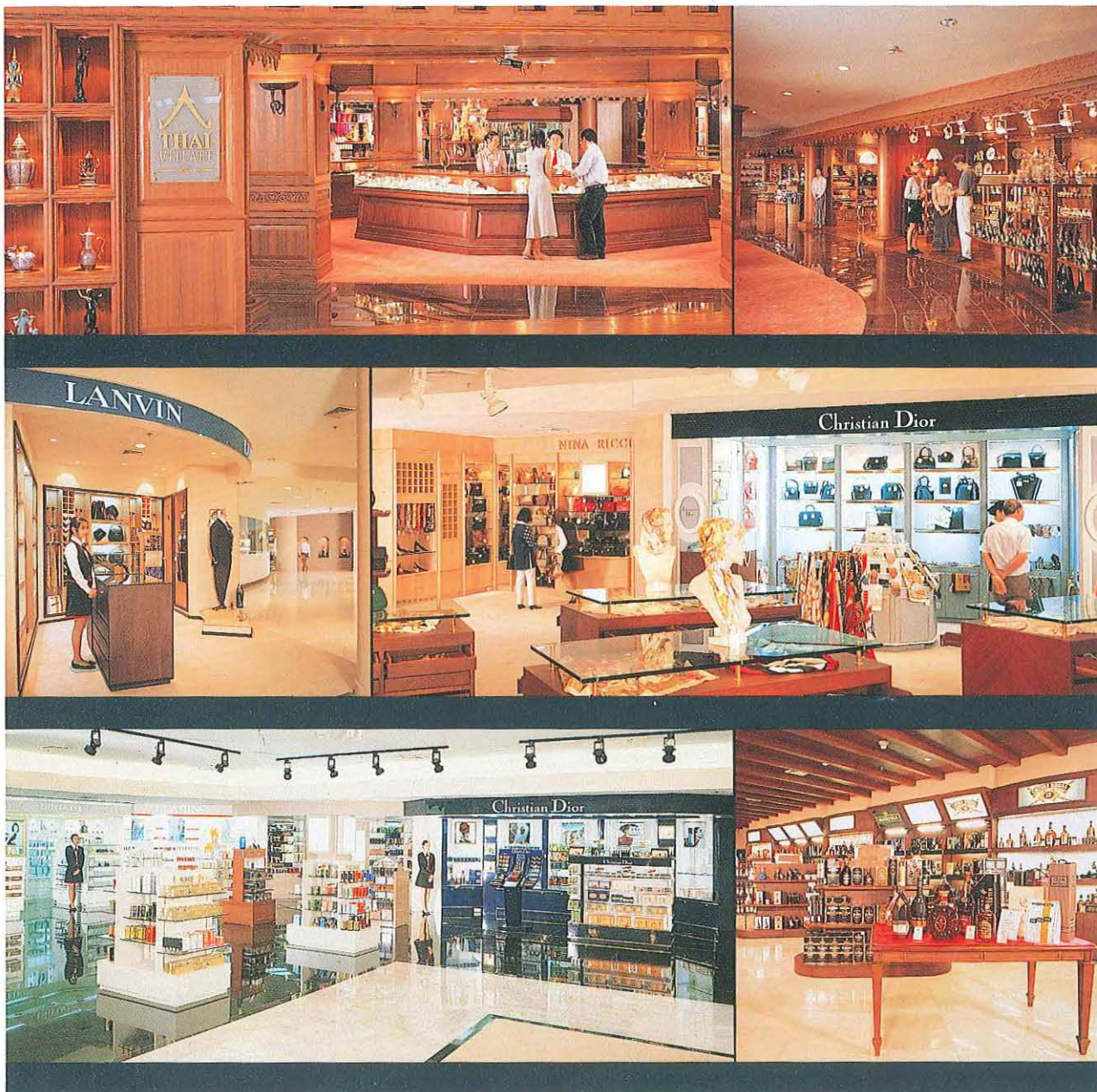
the magazine so I will not repeat them except to say that we do need helpers for the Children's Camp Out. Every year this event is so popular with the kids but this year our normal 'staff' of volunteers are all fleeing the country over Christmas - HELP! Any volunteers please come and see me, you have no idea how enormously grateful I would be to get some names of helpers! Lastly, another thank you. On behalf of all the staff thank you to the members for their contribution, by way of an additional subscription charge on the December account, for the Staff Bonus - the 13th month salary.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

David Viccars

General Manager

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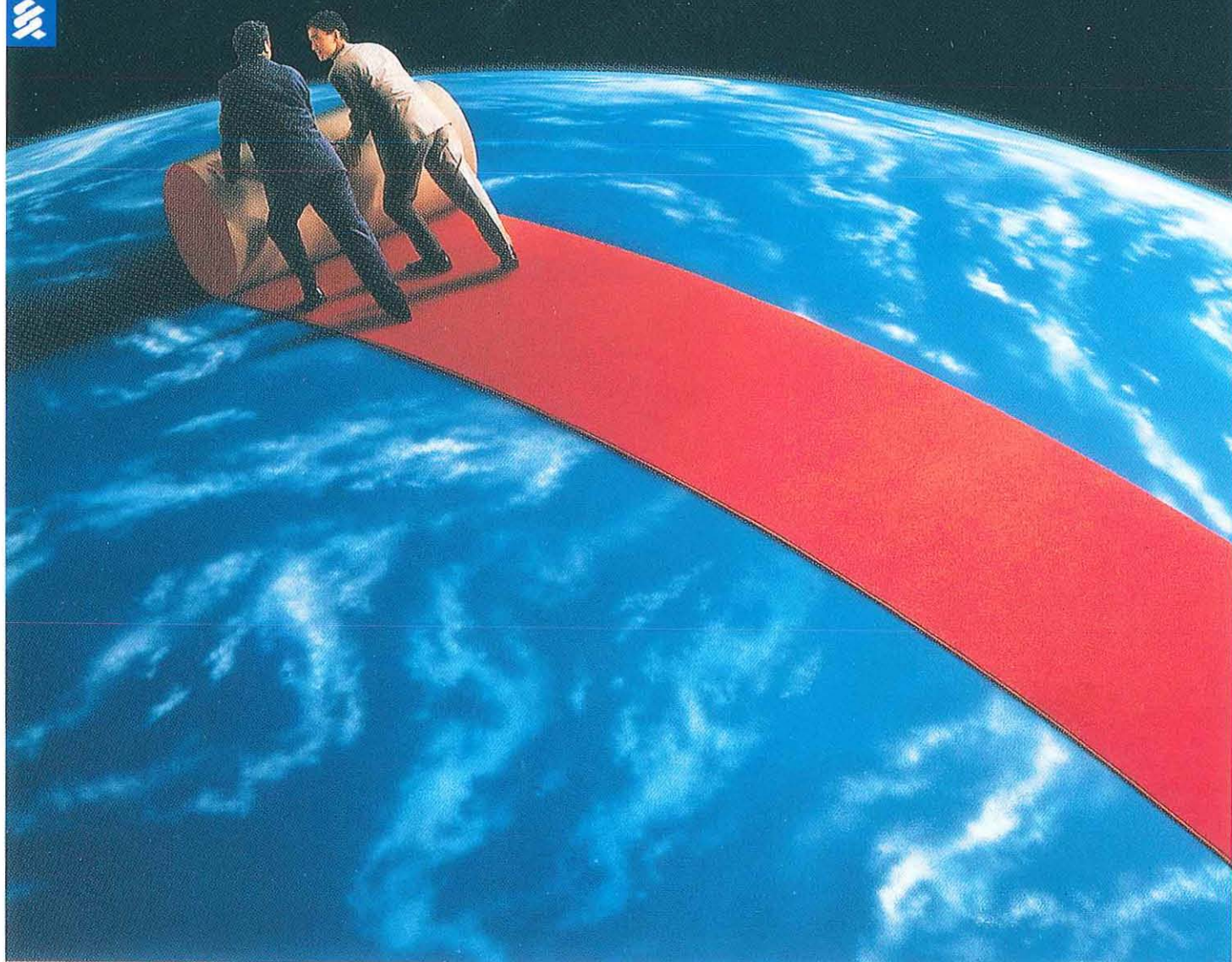
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Christmas Day at the Club

At the time of writing Lords is almost fully booked for both Lunch and Dinner on 25th December, but there are still a few vacancies. The F & B Manager is taking the bookings personally so please see Barry if you wish to enjoy a Christmas feast in Lords.

Stocking Fillers

How about a BC tie (B210) or car badge (B270) as a gift this Christmas? The Club shop has a wide range of sports shirts, bags etc all of which would make ideal gifts.

Festive Foods

Don't forget that you can order your festive fare from the Club, we will provide you with Turkeys, Hams and Mincemeat Pies just complete the order form and return it to the Club.

Member Get Member Scheme

Congratulations to Brenton Dalheimer, who won the long weekend in Phuket at the Holiday Inn Hotel in the November prize draw,

and to Phillip Wittke, the new member he proposed to the Club, who subsequently won the long weekend at the Rayong Resort Hotel. The next draw will be made at the New Members Night in February, when a holiday at the Holiday Inn in Penang will be on offer. Many thanks to Holiday Inn and the Rayong Resort Group for their generous support. Propose a candidate for membership now and get your name into the draw. Don't forget that the member who has successfully proposed the most applicants by August 1996 will win a stay at the Holiday Inn in Bali!!



Prize winner of Member Get Member - Phillip Wittke

Events at the Club in December

St Andrew's Society Ball

Friday 1st December

Dusit Thani Hotel

Tickets from St Andrew's Society

St Andrew's Society Ball Breakfast at the Club

Saturday 2nd December
On the front lawn from 6.00 a.m. after the
Ball. Full, traditional Scottish/British
buffet breakfast. Gallons of coffee,
orange juice and champagne.
The true test of survivability!
No advance booking needed

The BC Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December
In the Surawong Room, 12noon-6pm
Allied Walker tastings
Mince pies, chocolates
Santa's Grotto
All kinds of Christmas gifts and
handicrafts for sale
No advance booking needed

The BC Christmas Ball

Saturday 16th December
On the back lawn, 7.30pm, Black Tie
B950 per person BUT TICKETS ARE
SELLING VERY FAST!
Win two return Club class tickets to UK
with **British Airways**
Cocktails from **Allied Walker** and
Carlsberg
Traditional festive fare. 'Power House'
will perform throughout the evening
Tickets available at reception

Children's Sports Camp

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd December
9.00am - 1.00pm
Age 9 to 15 ish!
Members' children B2,800, more than one
child in the family B2,300, children's non
member friends B3,000

Lunch included
Football, cricket, rugby, tennis,
basketball, squash, swimming etc
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Children's Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th December
2.00 - 6.00pm
Magic Show
Clowns and fun and games
Father Christmas will give out
presents
Christmas tea party on the front lawn
B150 per child, sign up at reception
**Parents please leave presents for Santa
to give to your child at reception; they
should be clearly marked and set at about
B150 in value**

Christmas Carols by Candlelight/Glowstick

Wednesday 20th December
7.00pm start on the back lawn
All the old favourite carols led by Graham
Taylor
Mince pies and mulled wine
B50 per person
Sign up at reception

Christmas Day at the Club

Monday 25th December
Special Christmas menu at lunch and
dinner with wine compliments of the
season from the Club
Reserve your place by speaking to the
F & B Manager

Children's Camp Out

Scheduled for Thursday 28th December
On the back lawn from 5.00pm all night
Children to be collected at 9.00am on

Friday 29th PLEASE!

Children aged 6 to 12 years

Dinner, snacks and breakfast provided

B350 per child

** BUT WE WILL NEED AT LEAST 4 ADULTS TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT THE CLUB TO RUN THE EVENT AS THE HELPERS OF PREVIOUS YEARS ARE NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR. ANY VOLUNTEERS TO THE GM PLEASE, AS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE THE EVENT WILL VERY RELUCTANTLY HAVE TO BE CANCELLED **

New Years Eve Cruise

Sunday 31st December

Traditional BC river cruise to welcome in 1996

Depart River City pier at 8.30pm return about 01.00am.

Numbers limited to 200, no children under 14 for safety reasons

Dancing and buffet, firework spectacular at midnight

B550 per person

Sign up at reception, THE BOOK OPENS ON 1st DECEMBER

Annual British Club Christmas Ball

Under the stars, on the back lawn

**Saturday 16th December
7.30 for 8pm**

Traditional Christmas 4-course fare served by the Banquet Department of the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. Cocktail Reception on the Front Lawn. Door prizes and give-aways. Dance the night away with "Power House". Late... late bar with breakfast

Make a date - Don't be late!

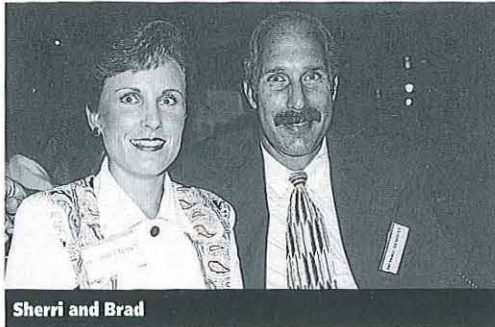
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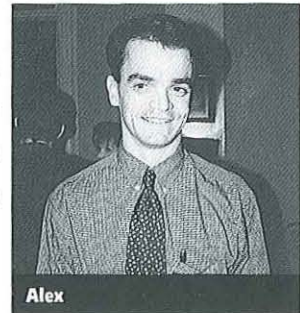
Sherri and Brad

Mr. & Mrs. Brad Bennett

Brad is with AIG/New Hampshire Insurance and is an ex-NY Yankees baseball player, so plays softball here, and golf. Sherri is the "domestic goddess" in the house; her sports include golf and shopping and she'd like to learn tennis. They're from Texas and have two daughters, Hannah 7 and Natalie 10, who are at ISB.

Mr. Alexander Brenneisen

Alex is the head of finance and admin. at Ciba-Geigy, he's single and 31 and into squash, golf, diving and waterskiing. He's Swiss by nationality but his home is in Kenya (colonial England), and his hobbies include doing up furniture from junk shops and reading. He expects to be here for 4 years.



Alex

Mr. & Mrs. Ian Glendinning

Ian works at Gab Robins, a loss adjusting arm of SGS, and being in insurance has been very involved in all the recent disasters here, like the floods and shopping centre fires. He and Diane have three boys, Thomas 7 and Christopher 4, both at Patana, and Oliver is 3 months. Ian hopes to "resurrect his football career" and is a beginner at golf while Diane enjoys aqua aerobics, and both play badminton.



Diane and Ian



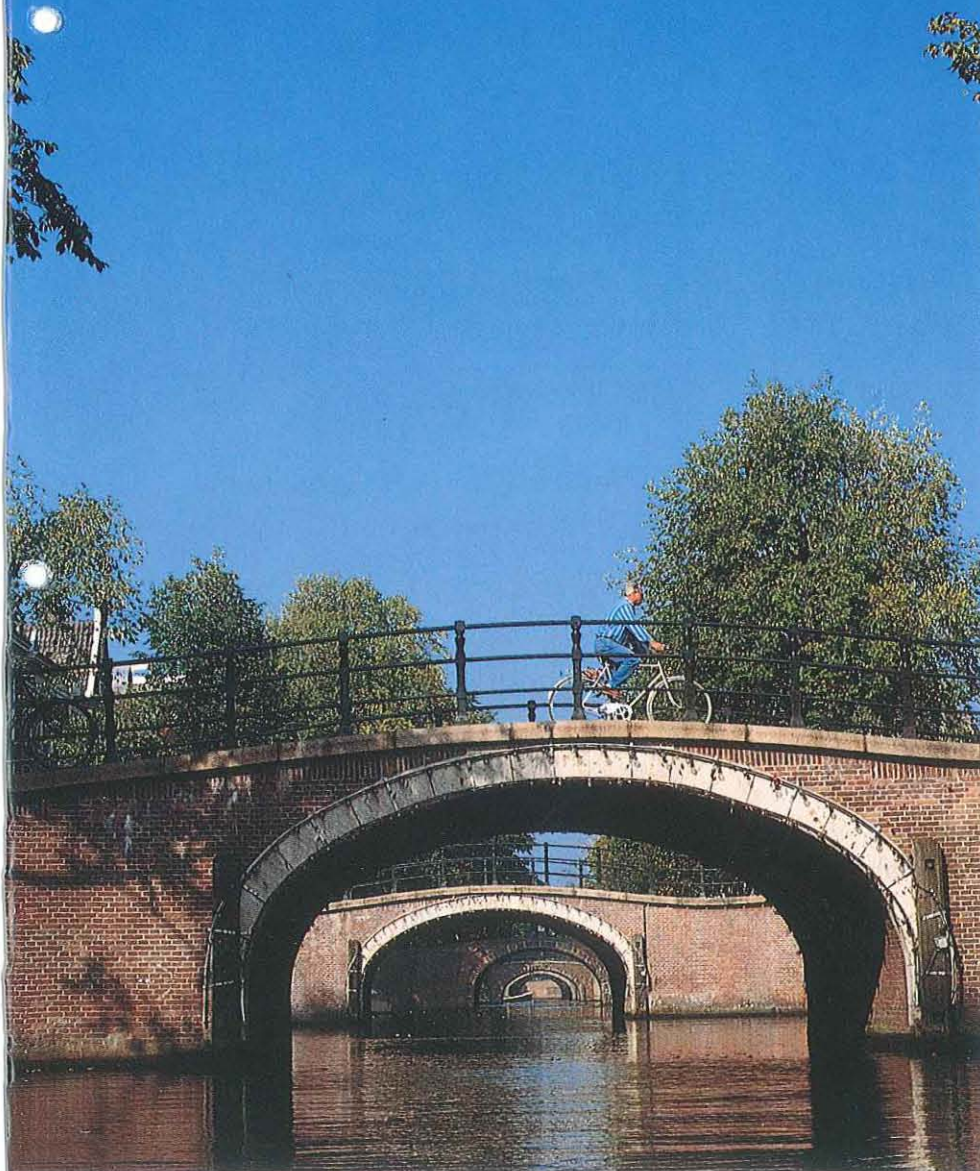
Rick and Jane

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Campbell

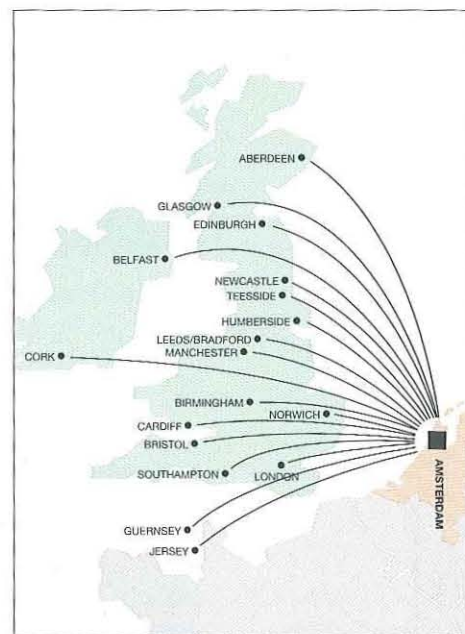
Rick and Jane were 17 years in South Africa before coming here with Schneider, which manufactures industrial and electrical equipment. They have three children, Michelle 7, Mark 5 and Debbie 4, who are or will be at Patana. Rick plays golf, swims, reads and hikes and Jane enjoys aerobics and playing the clarinet. They hope to be here for 3-5 years.

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Varsha and Joti

Mr. & Mrs. Joti Thakur

President of the Sindhi Association of Thailand, Joti plays cricket, tennis and badminton and loves driving and reading. Varsha also plays badminton and table tennis, and enjoys swimming, travelling and reading. They have two grown sons, 17 and 30 years old.



Lolita

Miss Lolita Lundbaek

Lolita's half-Danish and half-Thai, 24 and single but not looking. She works at Hour Glass, a retailer of expensive watches, she enjoys tennis, swim-

ming, aerobics and going to the sea to collect shells in her little spare time.



Phillip

Mr. Phillip Wittke

Phillip is an Aussie, works for ESAB, a welding equipment company, and plays cricket and golf and has started an MBA in his spare time. Josephine,

his wife, is a food technologist and a gym freak, and they hope to "invest" in children next year.



Carol

Mrs. Carol Kirkwood

Carol's from York and plays tennis and table tennis, used to work for the Samaritans and is into art and world affairs; her husband Ken is with Stone and

Webster Engineering and his hobbies include fixing up old houses, opera, classical music and general house-pottering.



Niraj

Mr. Niraj Sarhdev

Niraj works in the garment business just around the corner from the Club, at Murkh Tailors, so he won't have far to go to enjoy his games of badmin-

ton, snooker, football and swimming. Niraj is single and 27.



Harry and Kate

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Parkhurst

With Kate working at FiServ computer software and Harry a commercial interior designer, they haven't had much time for hobbies for a few years, although Kate enjoys swimming and hiking while Harry does 'Chung Moe Doe' a Korean martial arts. From Orlando, Florida, they have two grown children.



Ampai and Ashok

Mr. & Mrs. Ashok Thakur

Ashok is President of the India Thai Chamber of Commerce and an Honorary Lion, of which there are only a few in the world. Ampai is a rival Rotarian. They both play tennis, badminton, swimming and golf, and Ashok also plays cricket; they have four children aged between 13 and 17, at Chula University school.



Thomas

Mr. Thomas Banker

Thomas has been here for 8 years with no plans to leave and is originally from California. His company is Gem Essence, which has taken him from Australia and New Zealand to Brazil. He plays squash and greco-roman wrestling, and loves drama and directing plays. He's single & 50.



Crystal

Ms. Crystal Kiy

Crystal has a 5 year old son, Xavier, who is at pre-school in Ruam Rudee. Originally from Hong Kong, she has lived in Taipei, Beijing and Kent before coming here. Crystal enjoys swimming, horse-riding, gymnastics, springboard diving and tennis, and is involved in the publicity side of BCT and the Bangkok Music Society.



Tony

Mr. Anthony Paul

Tony started Asia Inc. magazine and now works for the Manager Media Group, originally going to Hong Kong for a year and staying 23! Tony's from Australia, is married to Anne, and they have two grown-up sons working in Shanghai and Singapore. He enjoys walking and Anne is a gemologist, and will be teaching at AIGS. Both are great at packing & getting on 'planes.



Orathai and Chuni

Mr. & Mrs. Chuni Thakur

Chuni and wife Orathi have two daughters, 7 and 4, at Wittana-wittayalai school. Chuni is President of the Indian Association here, he's Zone chairman of the Lions Club and has received appreciation from the royal family for his charity fund-raising activities. He's a jack of all sports, including petanc, while Orathi plays tennis, badminton and swimming.



Caroline and Charles

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gregory

From UK and working for Standard Chartered for "a considerable time", Caroline and Charles have a daughter Charlotte, 7, and son Oliver, 5, both at Patana, so the family can be summarised as C₃O. The whole family enjoys tennis, squash and swimming and Charles' special hobby is banking.



Niall

Mr. Niall Meade

Previously in Moscow, Niall considers Bangkok a good alternative despite having only a six-month contract. He's single, 23 and from Dublin; he works at Allied Walker and plays badminton. Niall's also interested in rugby, but only because his boss is into it!



Martin

Mr. Martin Thaysen

This is Martin's first overseas posting and he hopes it will last at least a year; he's Danish, single and 24 and works at Maersk Line. He plays squash & tennis.



Matthew

Mr. Matthew Wyborn

Here for two years, Matthew is from London but is based in Hong Kong with Price Waterhouse. He's single and, turning 30 the day before New Members, felt aggrieved at missing out on the half-price deal from the recent EGM. Matthew plays tennis, golf and cricket, but claims negligible filth in his past due to being an accountant.



Rosemary and Rob

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Woodward

Rob is here with Rolls Royce aero engines, and has previously worked in Singapore, Indonesia, Saudi and California. He and Rosemary have two grown up kids in UK; Rob plays golf and squash with bad knees and Rosemary is into china painting and making silk flowers.



Neville and Suthin

Mr. & Mrs. Neville Smith

Neville is from Northampton and is into telephone systems with Norconsult; he's also an accomplished musician, playing the saxophone and penny whistle. He and his wife Suthin have two children, Jay 9 and Lisa 5, both at Patana. Neville swims and plays golf and Suthin plays badminton and is learning to swim.

The CIBA Cup is here to stay!

Congratulations to all the stalwart Badmintonians who turned up on Sunday 29th October to vie against Ciba-Geigy in our annual challenge match for the Ciba Cup, and won after a really close race.

Despite a strong start by the Ciba men, surging ahead to take a 5-2 lead in the early stages, our brave women battled back to level the match by 12.30, and then it was neck and neck until the final 10 minutes, by which time we'd managed to eke ahead 7-6 with all to play for in the final ladies' doubles, with the on-form Katy saddled with the somewhat heavier me playing against their better ladies pairing.

With all eyes glued to these four players, this final game was closely-fought and kind of summed up the match as a whole. The suspense was so great that the administrators didn't even switch the court flood lights off at 1pm, as we overran by about 10 minutes. In



the end, the British Club edged ahead to take the game with an unrepresentative 15-6, 15-7 and therefore consolidate a narrow victory 8-6.

After the match we welcomed a scrumptious buffet, although some of their players were

restricted only to fruit due to the vegetarian period, then the piccies on the front lawn as shown. Finally, some of our number got out the mallets and proceeded to swipe a few balls around the front lawn, theirs and other people's, during a characteristically wicked game of croquet!

I would like to thank very very much Khun



Banchaa and Khun Phirapong from Ciba-Geigy for organising their side of things and to Khun Chris Gething for being chief people-mover on the day, and to Mel for his continued support for the annual challenge.

Our team comprised:

Anand, Henry and Katy Cherdumphai, Dympna, Gaynor, Peter Griffiths, Charles Harrison, Kosol, Kym, El Leicester, newcomer Mark, David O., Roy, Stephen Forbes, Peter Tinker, Barry and Wanna Whittaker

Lotsaluv

Lek Farang

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

Chairperson - Gaynor 237-4031

Captain - Wanna 321-4599

Secretary - Barry (work) 260-1210



BC invades Lakeview

The enthusiasm for tennis in the British Club is boundless. October must have been one of the wettest months on record, with water coming from all angles, but our determination to play tennis didn't flag. Some of the sights will remain in memory. Jaree and Rita wielding the squeegee mop with great determination, Bea Howie trudging in from be-



The farewell presentation for Joy and Mahmoud

sieged Pinklao in welly boots, and many people sitting around the sala, waiting hopefully. In between the floods and showers we managed an amazing amount of tennis. The graded Championships started, we held two tournaments and an excellent weekend at Lakeview organised by Shelagh.

Sunday tournament 8th October

"Help, we haven't got our chief organiser here any more; maybe we'll just have a mix-in.." However, one look at the faces of those turning up at 1.45 when mix-in was mentioned was enough to send Jaree and Shelagh to whiteboard to plan a round robin. From 2 till 6pm 28 keen people battled it out in 2 divisions. It was a good humoured afternoon and it was great to see some of the new members joining in. At the same time we said

goodbye to Joy and Mahmoud, who are off to Singapore. Only because of this sad fact were they allowed to play together, and they won their division, with Noel Williams and daughter Courtney winning theirs.

In a short final Joy and Mahmoud beat Noel and Courtney 4-1. What a great way to bow out of the BC. There followed a farewell presentation to Joy and Mahmoud with the promise of a BC tour to Singapore!

Away Weekend at Lakeview 21st October

The response to this was so enthusiastic as 55 adults and children made their way to Cha-am, that by lunchtime Saturday the poolside of the hotel closely resembled the British Club sala!

Saturday afternoon both tennis courts were in full use from early afternoon for the mix-in, while some of the golfers went off for a quiet practice. The games room was also in full use, as was the pool and even the poolside, where keen games of scrabble were contested. Young teens were involved in everything from biking to blading. Bob Rayner, off exploring a nearby national park on his bike, almost didn't return when his party "lost" a bridge, but he made it back for the buffet. At the evening buffet the younger children and teenagers had large tables to themselves, and the rest of us just fitted in! Sunday morning saw some bleary-eyed golfers at the first tee for the Texas scramble organised by James Young. Meanwhile there were junior tennis matches to play and the long-awaited "ultimate" treasure hunt, as organised by Maurice for the last time. There was a record turn out and a record number of

pages to work through; Lakeview had never seen anything like it. Tension was high as the answers were checked and Maurice risked life and limb by imposing handicaps on the adults. The winning teams were Courtney Williams, Sarah Henton, Sarah Lindsay, Carly Young and Jessica Albrecht, in a tie with Matthew Jensen, Andrew and Stephen Burns, Michelle Gautrin, and their adult advisers! Many thanks to Maurice for another great treasure hunt. Then the golfers returned and the beer tasted extra good. The winning team was James, John Lee, Christine Lamb and David Henton.

In deference to the weary golfers the tennis tournament was put off till 4pm. Some had to be roused from their beds to join in! 11 pairs were drawn and a round robin tournament began. Everyone enjoyed the lack of background noise and hills instead of high rises in the background; good for the soul. However by 6.45, many souls were withering and a sudden blackout was greeted with unmasked relief by some, despite no overall winner.

Raring to go

Next morning the juniors were raring to go for their mix-in at 8am and Kate did a marvellous job mixing age, gender and personality to get the best out of everyone. In all, we had 20 juniors playing, aged 9-16.

However, all good things have to come to an end (don't I just sound like my mother?). It was a weekend that worked - we will do it again - come and join us next time!

Shelagh Weekes

Wheelchair Tennis - Sunday 29th October

This was the second wheelchair tennis demonstration by The Wheelchair Tennis Club of Thailand. Despite their disabilities, the play-

ers showed how skilfully the game can be played from a wheelchair and, other than being allowed to let the ball bounce twice, the game follows normal rules. Club members tried out the wheelchairs: Colin Monk had difficulty making contact with the ball, and Bruce seemed to find back flips far easier. Wheelchair tennis has been played in Thailand for 4 years and there are now 50 players throughout the country. All the players have full-time jobs so practice sessions are restricted to evenings and weekends. This year,



Smiles on wheels

WTCT has participated in the World Team Cup competition in the Netherlands, the team was ranked 18 out of 28 and their leading lady took the ladies singles title.

Following the presentation of a beautiful trophy by the WTCT, it was decided to hold an annual fixture between the two clubs; the trophy being engraved with the winners name each year. Thank you to all BC members who supported the event by their generous donations which will be forwarded to the WTCT of Thailand to enable more disabled people to enjoy this great game.

And lastly, a big thanks to Jaree Lee and Bruce Gordon for their enthusiastic support!!

Rita Dunford

Pre-season mixed form

The build up to the new Farang League season has begun in earnest. The players are starting to achieve a degree of fitness and turnout and Tuesday night (yes, please note, back to Tuesdays!) training at BC has been good. Pre-season matches have shown mixed form with a good win against the Germans and a disappointing loss against the Brazilians. It was reported in the Bangkok Post that the RBSC and Italians will be favourites for the title closely followed by the BC and the Germans. Certainly there are a number of sides capable of winning and the season is

making Bangkok into a second home and the BC their second favourite team after Rotherham United!

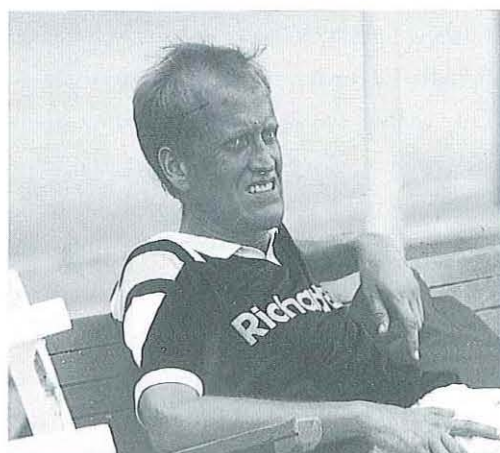


Pre-season line up

likely to be extremely competitive. May the best team win!

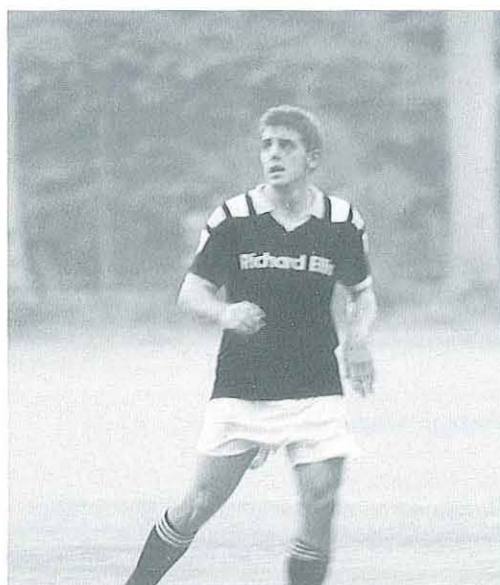
Competitive

The most competitive Preseason friendly occurred against the Brazilians on a superb playing surface at Pattana School, BC were supplemented by two German guests and welcomed back a number of close season absentees, notably Marc Hagelauer who scored our only goal on the day. We also welcomed back our most distant supporters Mr and Mrs Lou Gambles who seem to be



Peter Downs assesses form

The Brazilians, containing a number of ex-BC players, seemed to have a point to make on the day and were extremely vigorous in terms of their approach to the physical aspects of the game. The BC did well not to be provoked at times and generally the game was played in a good spirit. Half time score



Bill Randall - who needs a ball anyway? -

was 1-1. The BC dominated the first part of the second half but were unable to score and the second part of the half belonged to the Brazilians. Unfortunately one of our German guests decided to go walkabout in this period and the Brazilians swept through four times scoring on two of those occasions. Final result Brazilians 3 - 1 BC.

Final preseason friendly was a double header BC v Germans and Casuals v Delta fixture at Soi 15. Both our teams won with a number of players turning out in both fixtures. In the first team fixture Terry Willcox made an

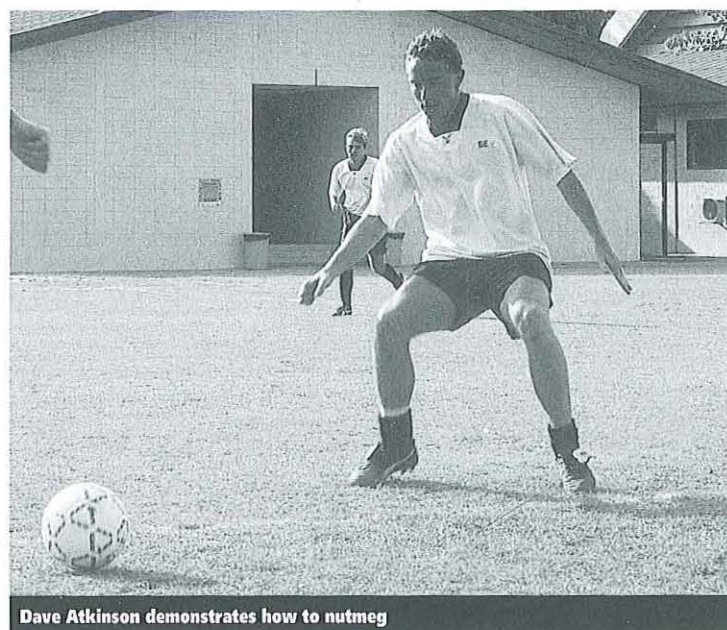


Norman showing style

energetic debut for the BC and Paul Greenhalgh showed the after effects of a heavy Trafalgar Night celebration at the beginning of each half! The game itself was well controlled by BC with the Germans showing little adventure. Keith Dougall scored twice with Dave Atkinson adding a penalty. In

addition, BC hit the post three times whilst the Germans barely had a shot. Result BC 3 - 0 Germans.

Seven Casuals players were supplemented by first team players against an under strength Delta 11. Frank Hough, 1 goal, and Dave Atkinson, 4 goals, gave the Casuals a 5-3



Dave Atkinson demonstrates how to nutmeg

margin. Congratulations are due to Dave for this first BC hat-trick but the team is still waiting for the statutory post match drinks round!

Fixtures

Early Farang League fixtures have been released and the first three games look interesting:-

- BC V Scandinavians
- BC V Italians
- BC V French

Games are held at the International School, Sukhumvit Soi 15 under floodlights, kick off either 7.15 pm or 8.45 pm, Tuesday and Thursdays. Supporters and football fans will be most welcome both at the match and at post match liquid rescussitation.

John Sheehan

An active season

The rugby season has been extremely active in recent times - a tour to Hat Yai, the completion of the British Council Cup, the annual Rugby Ball, the BO Sports Day, preparations for a trip to Hanoi, and of course lots of fitness training.

The BC approached the Hat Yai 7's with the seriousness the competition deserves. When



A representative of Alitalia hands over the airline tickets to Chairman Joe Grunwell

confronted with a game on the Saturday where victory would have ensured an 8 o'clock kick off in the morning, the BC and Richard Barton played accordingly and the match was duly lost. Through to the semi finals of the bowl at 3pm on Sunday the BC cruised to victory against a Malaysian team. Victory in the final was not to be in spite of a try from John Saunders with his first touch of the ball and a 70-yard try from Andy Davies which left him requiring oxygen. Nevertheless, the tour was most enjoyable and will be fondly remembered. Simon Daker's granny.

British Council Cup

The 1995 British Council Cup will be recalled as one the BC should have won. A

narrow victory over the Airforce was followed by narrow defeats against the Sports Club and the Royal Thai Police. The BC were winning for the vast majority of both games and played the better rugby. There is little one can do, however, when the referee is so adamant that the Thai team will win. It is something we have all seen before and should be used to but it doesn't lessen the disappointment.

Rugby Ball

This year's Rugby Ball seems to have been very well received by all who attended. Almost 300 people packed the ballroom of the Delta Grand Pacific Hotel in various forms of pink and black and various states of drunkenness. Peter Snell's generous donation of pre-dinner drinks got most people in the mood while Mark Partridge's outstanding job as MC ensured a great evening as well as a steady stream of missiles aimed at our beloved chairman, Joe Grunwell. Many



Winner of the 'Best dressed pink and black man'

thanks must go again to Suzanne Partridge and Bea Grunwell for their superb organisation. Also for our sponsors:

Carlsberg for the beer, Pepsi Cola for the softies, AMI for the cocktails, Alitalia for the doorprize, Quality Inn Resort for the cruise



Sponsor David Kelham of Allied Walker having a ball

and London Royal for emergencies, and also to Air New Zealand, Allied Walker, Hoechst Schering Agro Evo, M.D. Tours, Burns Associates, Thai Gammon, Kodak, Muang Thong Seiko, Siam Intercontinental Hotel, Sun Alliance, Regent Cha Am, Sportathlon, Chilli House, Rembrandt Hotel, Bea & Jane Woodwork, Ericsson, Guardforce, L'Oreal, Pansy's



Alan Black's surprise singing telegram

Beauty Salon, N.I.C. Nail Salon, Kathy Haworth's Fitness Consultancy, Lois Carson's

Kitchen, Rajawongse Tailors, Motorola and the Royal Garden Resort Cha Am. Many thanks.

Coming up in the month of November is a fixture against the Corsairs on the eleventh at Soi 15 and the following week the BC are off on their first ever tour of Vietnam. Guy Hollis is the Tour Manager and seems to be very efficient as he has a clipboard wherever he goes. Most insiders, however, think that Guy is planning to overthrow Joe on the basis that his clipboard is larger and he has a touch more hair. More than 20 tourists have already signed up and it would seem that the authorities in Hanoi are going to have their hands full with the likes of Phil Russell,



Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Mann, sponsors of the 'emergency pack'

Graham Carson and Trevor Day. It has been suggested that these three be handcuffed together throughout the tour not even excluding games.

More about the tour in the next issue, Anyone who is interested in joining the club can call Joe Grunwell on 259-5816, Andy Davies on 583 3401-10 or join us for training on Thursday nights at 7.00pm at the British Club.

Andy Davies

Calendar

British Club Sports and Entertainment Calendar

Sunday



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

8.30pm **New Year's Eve Cruise**

3

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

12-6pm **BC Christmas Fair**

Monday




Opening Times

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

4

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

Tuesday



Venues

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

Golf - As advertised

5

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

Wednesday



Sports - Contact the following:

Badminton	Gaynor de Wit	237-4031
Cricketer	Peter Young	679-7644
Golf	Paul Nears	714-9040
Rugby	Joe Grunwell	262-0220
Squash	David Turner	279-1234
Soccer	Peter Rodgers	240-0678
Tennis	John Kelly	264-2100

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

Thursday



Sports - Contact the following:

Non-BC Sports

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

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

Friday



1

9.30am **Aerobics**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

7pm **St Andrew's Ball**

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9.30am **Aerobics**
 4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
 9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

Saturday



2

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

12-6pm **BC Christmas Fair**

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

Golf Weekend - Hua Hin

Children's Sports Activities

Tennis Coaching
Junior Tennis Tournament
Swimming Coaching

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning
Sunday 3rd December
Saturday Morning

Don't Forget!!!

Christmas Ball
Saturday 16th December
7.30pm

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

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

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

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

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8am **BWG Mahjong**
8-10am **Ladies Tennis**
9am-1pm **Children's Sports Camp**
2pm **Aerobics**
6-8pm **Squash Coaching**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**
7-9pm **Tennis Team Training**

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

Christmas Lunch & Dinner in Lords

12

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

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7am **Ladies Golf**
9am-1pm **Children's Sports Camp**
7-9pm **Soccer Training**
8-11pm **Friendly Bridge**
9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof**

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

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

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6-8am **Early Bird Tennis Mix-In**
9am-1pm **Children's Sports Camp**
9.30am **Aerobics**
5-8pm **Squash Coaching**
6-9pm **Tennis Mix-In**
2-6pm **Children's Christmas Party**
7pm **Carols by Candlelight**

27

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

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

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9am-1pm **Children's Sports Camp**
10-12 noon **Ladies Squash**
6-9pm **Squash Mix-In**
7pm **Aerobics**
7-9pm **Rugby Training**
7-9pm **Badminton - Soi 49**

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

5pm Children's Camp Out

15

9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

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9am-1pm **Children's Sports Camp**
9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

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9.30am **Aerobics**
4-9pm **Sportathlon Tennis Coaching**
9pm **JVK Lucky Draw**

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

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

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

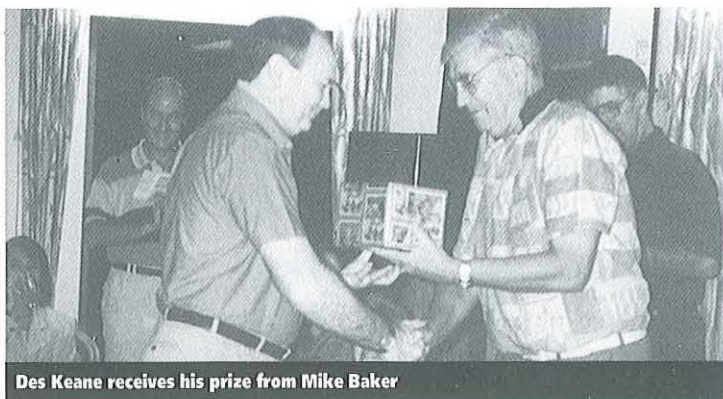
7.30pm Christmas Ball



Winter Rules at the Veterans Cup

Match v. British Embassy

This match was held on October 8th at the President and produced a large turn-out for both teams. There were many prizes to be



Des Keane receives his prize from Mike Baker

won - The Emirates Cup and the British Club Golf Challenge Cup and all the individual prizes which were donated by the British Club member Mike Baker on behalf of British Gas. It was a very closely fought competition and unfortunately the British Club just lost out to the British Embassy for both Cups. It was a very enjoyable day with everyone, plus better halves, ending up at the British Embassy Social Club for a fun evening with the food and drinks kindly provided by the British Embassy. The results were as follows:

Inter Club Competition

Emirates Cup

British Embassy won 198 to 194

British Club Golf Challenge Cup

British Embassy won 545 to 538

Individual Prizes

Handicap 25-36

Des Keane (40)
Bob Turner (38)
Mike Poustie (36)



Mike Baker presents Mike Poustie with his prize

Handicap 16-24

John Pollard (44)
Paul Nears (40)
Les Mouat (38)

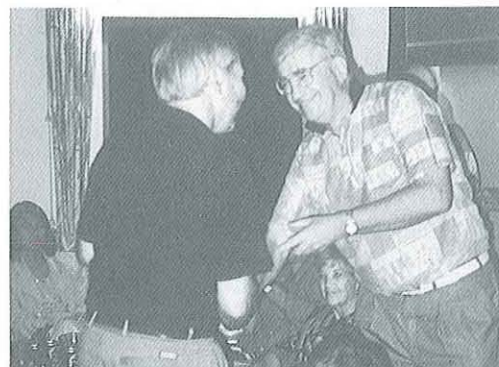
Handicap 0-15

Mike Corey (41)
Stuart Grant (39)
John Kelly (39) c/b

Best BC Player not receiving an Individual Prize - Geoff Rydon (37)

Best BE Player not receiving an Individual Prize - Peter Thompson (37)

Best Gross Score non-Handicap Players - Greg Lambert (112)



Geoff Lambert - best gross score for non-handicap players

Near pins

John Kelly, Gill Hough, Bernie Adams,
John Lee

Long Drives

Ladies: Di Lamb
Gentlemen: John Wallace

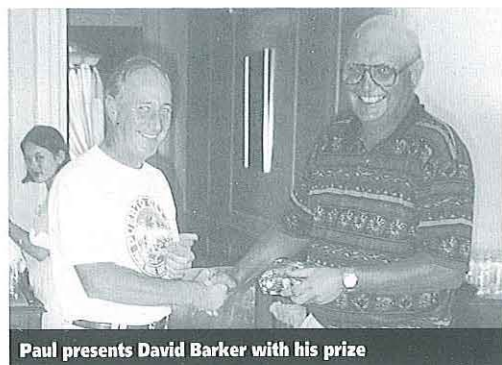
Veterans' Competition - October 21st - 23rd

This was another well-attended competition with 28 members tee-ing off at Laem Chabang on Day 1, Saturday 21st October. The course proved to be very tough as the conditions



Overall winner - Veterans Cup - Paul Nears

were extremely wet but we were lucky not to be rained on. It also kept fine for Day 2 and Day 3 at Bangphra although the course was again in a very wet and muddy condition and Winter Rules had to be applied. However,



Paul presents David Barker with his prize

everyone seemed to have a good time and the prizes were well spread out amongst the contestants. It was also a nice occasion to bid farewell to Sue and Mike Baker who have been staunch supporters of the Section. We wish them all the best for their life back in England.

The overall winner of the competition was our Captain Paul Nears and we would like to thank Ron Sparks for his kind donation of Golf equipment for prizes.

Here are the weekend's results:

The Veterans' Cup

- 1 Paul Nears

- 2 Roy Barrett

- 3 Alex Southcombe

Stableford Winners

- 1 Mike Poustie

- 2 Ernie Jurgens

Daily Winners

Day 1

- 1 B. Adams

- 2 B. Dodd

- 3 C. Gething

Day 2

- 1 M. Baker

- 2 L. Houghton

- 3 D. Barker

Day 3

- 1 M. Leddy

- 2 R. Fazackerly

- 3 P. Bond

The 2 remaining events for 1995 are:

Weekend 9-11 Dec - Hua Hin

Sat 16th Dec - Medal Final, Royal Golf 8am

Fixture list

On going to print, the 1996 Fixture List is not available but it will be posted at the British Club and faxed to all members as soon as it has been arranged. If you have not given Geoffrey Lamb (326 0241) your fax number, please do so, so that he can keep you informed.



Lloyd Houghton - runner's-up prize - day 2

On behalf of the Golf Committee I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you at Fixtures in 1996.

Judi Leddy



Allied Walker indoor games evening

Following on from the success of the September floodlit croquet evening, a second event was planned for the evening of Friday 20th October. Sadly the rain gods decided that Friday 20th October was to be very, very wet and so the croquet was cancelled and an impromptu bar games evening was organised instead.

With thirty or so participants, Dave Haworth and Mark Partridge organised a tournament around snooker, darts and shove-ha'penny. The players organised themselves in pairs,

wine for the darts and Norman MacLeod and Nonie won the wine for the shove ha'penny.



On the oche!



Gillian with her hands full!

The overall champions, who won a bottle of Teachers whisky, were Dave Haworth (no fix!) and his partner, Dawn.

The evening was a great success, and many thanks to Dave Haworth, Mark Partridge and Bernie Adams for running the games. We will hold another floodlit croquet evening, or bar games evening if the weather drives us inside, on Friday 24th November - see the next Outpost for the results!

David Viccars

and, assisted by Bernie Adams, Dave Haworth set the evening off at 8pm.

The winners

Several hours and plenty of Lanson champagne, Strongbow cider and Tetley bitter later, the results were declared. Carol Anwar and Craig Abson won the bottle of wine for the snooker, Kathy and Chris Sewell won the

Rod Carter open finals this month

Carlsberg have generously sponsored the November league and t-shirts are available in the gym for those of you who have entered.



Paul Taylor enjoying a cuppa behind court 1

Our thanks must go to Carlsberg for their support.

At the time of writing this article (the beginning of November) there is not a lot of things out of the ordinary happening in the squash section. The middle of the month will see the finals of the Rod Carter Open (B.C.B. open squash championship) and the Tony Austin Cup (open veterans), the results of which will be published next month.

Hovering around!

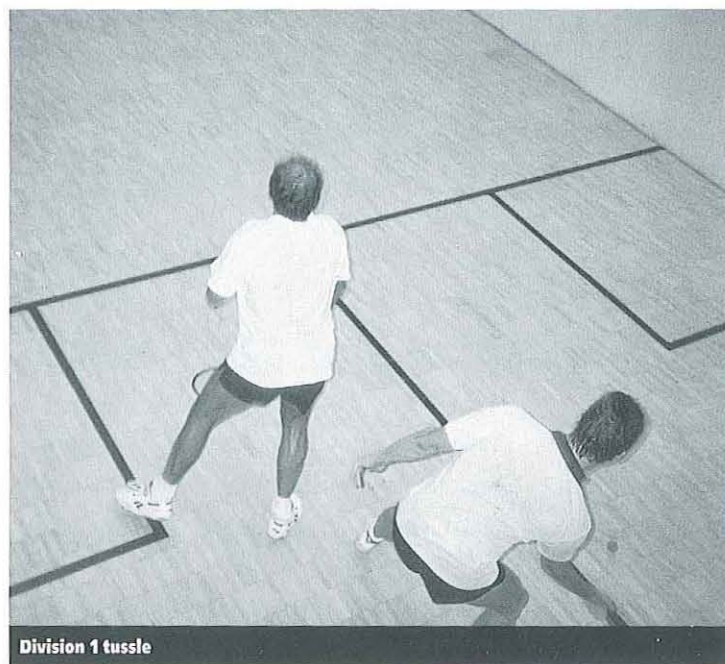
Paul Taylor, who capably organised the leagues for a couple of years until June, when he was transferred to Mae Sariang, was seen hovering around the squash courts last month. His enthusiasm and input are missed at the

committee meetings and it's good to catch up with him when he is in Bangkok.

Squash Dates

December

- 2nd/3rd Semis and Final of Ladies Cup (B.C.B. ladies closed squash championship)
- 3rd Monthly Mix-in. 9th/17th: SEA Games, Ambassador City, Pattaya



Division 1 tussle

January

- League sponsored by S.G.S.
- 7th Monthly Mix-in

February

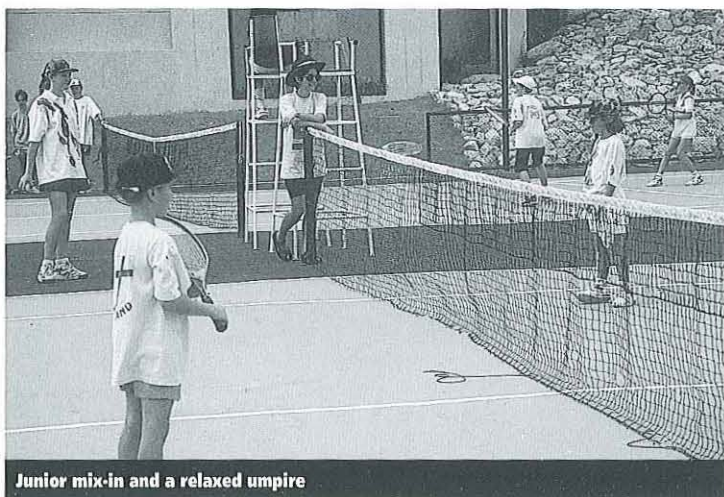
- Harold Mercer Cup: a team competition run throughout February, the semis and final being played on 27th and 28th.
- Please sign up before going on leave at the squash notice board, poolside.

Barbara Overington

The junior juniors' doubles

*J*unior Tournament - Sunday 29th October

24 juniors took part in November's Round Robin, held on October 29th. We divided them into three groups: Senior juniors, Juniors and Junior juniors! The latter group played doubles, while the other two groups played a round robin singles tournament.



Junior mix-in and a relaxed umpire

This was only the second time that the younger players had joined in the monthly tournament and they participated with enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone for a good morning!

Junior juniors

Winners: George Henton & David Weekes tied with Megan Philips & Imogen McBain
Runners-up: Thomas Philips & Sarah Lindsay tied with Gemma Xumsai & Gabby Philips

Juniors

Winner: Paul Stamp
Runners-up: Sarah Henton tied with Graeme Jewell

Senior juniors

Winner: Alex Stamp
Runners-up: Tom Henton tied with Courtney Williams

Next tournament

Tuesday 5th December 8am
Christmas Special

Note: Pichai has spaces in his groups for junior and senior coaching on Saturday mornings; junior beginners at 8am, older juniors and intermediates at 9am and adult beginners and intermediates at 10am. Just turn up and pay on the day, 150 baht per person.

A Junior Footnote...

It was great to see Courtney do so well in the adult tournament, and she was not the only junior who deserved a mention that Sunday. Earlier in the day a graded championship match was being played by junior doubles players, Tim Xumsai and David Lindsay against Lachlan McBain and Graeme Jewell. The match went to 3 sets, lasted over 2 hours and was finally won by Lachlan and Graeme. Some of the spectators in the sala who had nothing to do with any of the players, re-



Give Kate a whiteboard and she's happy!

marked on the standard of play, and the enjoyment they gained from watching it. Just a shame someone had to lose.

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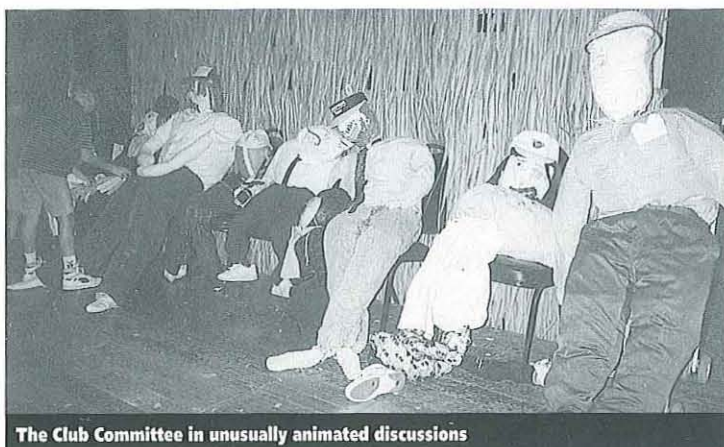
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Going off with a bang!

After living to tell the tale of the Battlefield Simulation Exercise (Guy Fawkes Display) at the Club in 1993, then witnessing the lengthy Committee discussions about the future of the event as a result it was with trepidation



The Club Committee in unusually animated discussions

that I watched the numbers climbing daily for this year's Guy Fawkes Day. In '94 we had a crowd of exactly 600, but on Sunday 5th November 1995 we had 733 people signed up! I believe we have never had that many at **any** event at the Club before!

I was concerned about safety aspects with so many spectators and the likelihood of rain or even Typhoon Angela. The F & B Manager was also pretty alarmed, never having had to cater for such numbers out of the BC kitchens; all in all we felt like the bridge crew of the Titanic must have felt, but with 700 people coming, we just had to carry on! As it happened everything went really well. The rainy season ended early and we had a clear, still day for the show, while Typhoon Angela dallied over the Philippines. The firework display company arrived in good time - unlike last year; as did the Fire Service with hoses with marginally fewer holes than in '94 and the Ambulance from Bangkok Christian

Hospital came with nurses and medication, much to the relief of our two volunteer nurses Kathy Haworth and Sue Edwards who nonetheless did an excellent job. Many thanks to both ladies.

The evening really got under way at 10 in the morning(!) when Dave Haworth and his team of excellent volunteer marshals got to the Club. They did a splendid job throughout the day helping the security staff and with crowd control during the display; grateful thanks to Ian Webb, Mark Partridge, Nigel Townsend, Neal Verga, Bernie Adams and Steve Rees. The cooks fed over 600 people at the various barbecues on the back lawn before the display got under way, Judith Turner and Warwick Newton managed to select the best Guys from the array presented, but everyone got a prize. The bonfire was lit on the side car

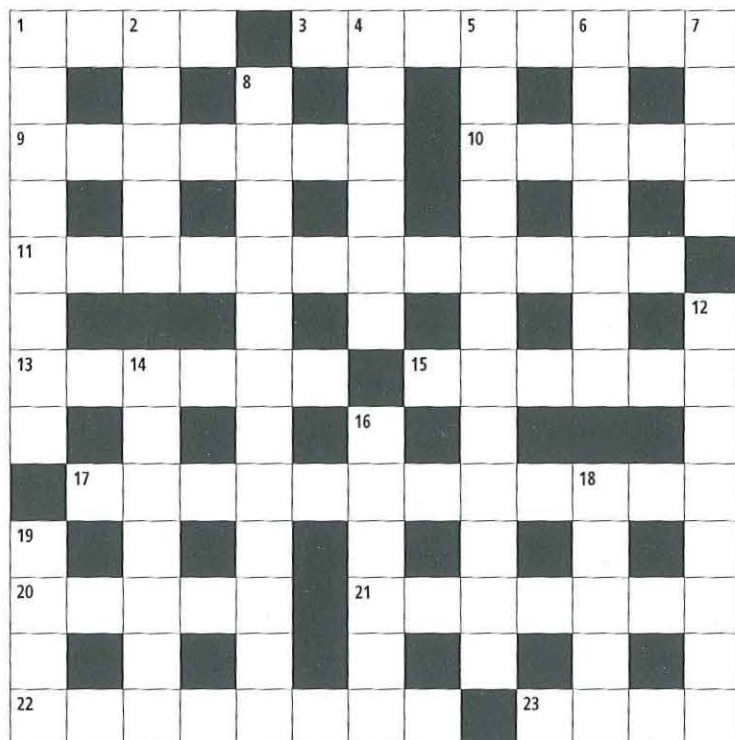


Guys being judged

park and after the burning of the dastardly guys (why did so many of them resemble the GM and F & B Manager?) the crowd moved around to the main car park for a really excellent firework display to the accompaniment of Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks. By 9pm it was all over. We had survived another firework day!

David Viccars

Christmas Prize Crossword



Many thanks to Margaret Miller for this seasonal puzzle. And, as it's Christmas, I'll offer a bottle of wine to the person presenting the first correct solution to David Viccars.

Across

- 1 Xmas situation...?
- 3 ...and what might come out of it
- 9 Not hear? Turn round and you'll get one more
- 10 How the stable was described
- 11 No fresh title for what we celebrate - and maybe sing (3,5,4)
- 13 Nasty round the middle note - it's not enough
- 15 One backward little man embraced another - made a noise in the night!
- 17 We hope that among 3 across there will be one (8,4)
- 20 Simply adored
- 21 Existing in a high degree
- 22 Not gentle - but God rest Ye - Robin Hood's band (5,3)
- 23 An American boy's skills?

Down

- 1 Stars must do it regularly if they want to shine perfectly
- 2 Might be found in the ring
- 4 Not the easiest to find
- 5 If nobody 15 across we would have these carols (6,6)
- 6 You might greet it with resolution (3,4)
- 7 Porkers' pads
- 8 This card May's sent round - time to celebrate (9,3)
- 12 Strides East - for Outpost's Gaynor
- 14 An apprentice swain? Yes - everywhere (3,4)
- 16 Has a limit
- 18 Next to bull's eye
- 19 One from the pudding on 8 down

Last month's solution



Letters Page

A word in your ear about moving house!

Everyone knows how difficult a decision is to make, and how many apartments, condos and houses you look at after you have made that dreadful decision to move home. Everyone knows how many real estate agents you go through, including those that turn out totally unreal, in the first few weeks of house-hunting. Everyone knows too how many nights are spent tossing and turning: "Are we making the right decision?", "Will the children/maid be happy/bored/leave home?", "Will the

dog/cat/husband settle in Sukhumvit?", "Will our driver ever find our new place again?" Everyone knows all that.

How is it then, when you have actually signed the lease for ten years, no reprieve, that everyone finds a hundred reasons just why you should never ever move there!! How lovely it would be, once you mentioned your new home-to-be, if everyone said "What a great place to live, I hope you'll be happy there". I wish it was me!

Elaine Kelly

Dear Member,

The General Committee have for some time been researching various methods to facilitate payment of accounts by members. The option of accepting credit cards at the Club is constantly under review, but as yet we have not been able to establish an arrangement which would suit the membership. However, we are now able to offer members the choice of paying their monthly accounts by Standard Chartered Direct Debit.

Within Thailand we are advised that it is not currently possible to transfer funds on a Direct Debit system from one bank to another. It is, however, possible to operate such a system from one account to another within the same bank. At the British Club our main account is with Standard Chartered Bank and we have now set up a Direct Debit scheme to

enable Standard Chartered account holders to authorise the transfer of variable amounts each month to the British Club account to cover their monthly statement balance. The Bank will make a small charge each month to the member to cover the cost of operating this scheme. We fully appreciate that, at the moment, this scheme will have only limited attraction to the membership as it is restricted to Standard Chartered Bank; however, if the operation proves attractive and works well, then we will expand the system to include other banks used by Members. Should you wish to take advantage of this plan, please apply to the Membership Secretary for the necessary form, complete and sign the mandate and return it to the office.

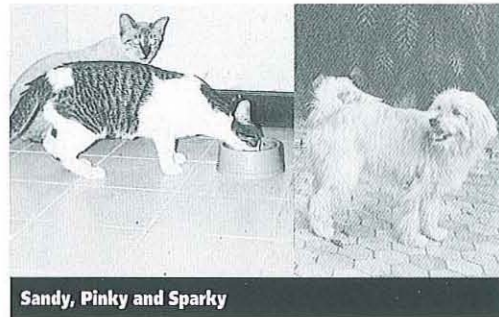
Dugal Forrest

Pets corner

Homes are presently wanted for a young dog and two young cats. "Sparky" was picked up on Nang Linchi without a hair on his very thin body, which was covered in sores. However, after a sojourn of over three months at the vet, his skin problem was almost cured and he had started growing a ginger coat. After a further five and a half months here, he has turned out to be a long-haired ginger poodle-type, now aged 17 months and in good health. He is a good little watchdog, likes plenty of pats and gets on well with children. The two young cats are 11 months old and in good condition. The male, "Sandy", has some Siamese in him and is sandy coloured

with dark markings. The little female, "Pinky" (she has a very pink nose) is white with tabby markings. Both would like to go together if possible. They are affectionate, playful and both are lap cats and love cuddles.

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Sandy, Pinky and Sparky

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Holiday Inn murder mystery night

On Thursday 12th and Friday 13th of October the Club played host to a Murder Mystery Dinner staged by the Bangkok Com-



Whodunnit...? Maybe David

munity Theatre (BCT). Two packed audiences enjoyed a lavish three course dinner, an enthralling and puzzling mystery to solve, extravagant 1920's costumes, splendid company and good prizes for those who could solve the clues cunningly laid by the excellent Brian Davies and his co-conspirators of the BCT. Two super evenings.

Best costume

On the first night Isabel Carnochan won the prize for the best costume while Liz Shepherd

won a bottle of vintage champagne for solving the crimes. On the second night, the best costume went to Mrs Bradshaw while the star prize, a long weekend at the Holiday Inn in Singapore, generously donated by the Holiday Inn Group, was very appropriately won by Mr Bowman, a guest of the Director Brian Davies.

Many, many thanks to Brian Davies and his cast for laying on such an excellent show. The ease with which 100 plus tickets were



Gorgeous gels!

sold for both nights proves the popularity of evenings such as this; we will do it again!

David Viccars

Farewells and Welcome Backs

It's that sad time again, when we say goodbye to those leaving our fair lawns. In October we waved a hanky to Keith Bradbury, Michael Hogan, Irene

Mallal and Paul and Janis Mallett. On the other hand, we say hello again to David Phillips, back amongst the ranks as P79. Welcome back!

Allied Walker Trafalgar night

The inaugural Trafalgar Night Dinner for 53 members of the British Naval Association and British Officers Association and their guests was held in Lords Restaurant at the Club on Monday 16th October. The evening



was a formal black tie stag dinner and was designed to mirror the style, pageantry (within pretty limited resources!), sense of occasion and sense of respect for the seamen on both sides that the commemorating of this event engenders in all Royal Naval establishments worldwide.

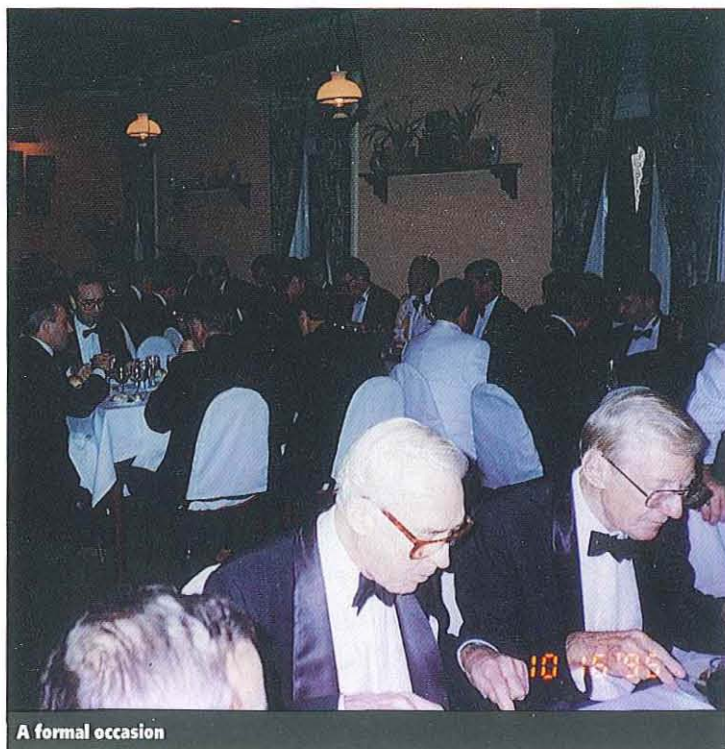
Guest of Honour

Admiral Vinai, Chief of Staff of the Royal Thai Navy, was the guest of honour; there was a menu of traditional British fare, a very good orchestra most kindly provided by the Royal Thai Army and most helpful sponsorship from Bryan Baldwin and Allied Walker with an array of French wines - just to show we're all friends now! - all of which helped to make the evening go very well indeed. Lords is an ideal venue for such an occasion and the

staff of the BC did very well working in such a formal setting.

Finale

The climax of the night was the traditional singing of the sea shanties and a very good speech from Ian Webb, who must be congratulated as the principal architect for the event, before Admiral Vinai proposed the toast to the immortal memory of Lord Nelson.



In the bar afterwards, the most often heard cry was "Let's do it again", so we will! Perhaps a new tradition has just started! Following the event, Castrol, who sponsored the orchestra, donated the 1,000 baht surplus to the Khun Pismai fund, helping to see her granddaughter through her education. Many thanks.

David Viccars

What happened at the EGM?

For those members unable to get to the EGM, the following outlines the various matters that were agreed, all of which are effective from 1st November 1995:

Non-Voting membership rates

Rates for Non Voting membership are to be revised, reducing the overall interest rates and spreading the payments evenly over the 24 monthly installment period. These will be:

	1st Payment*	Monthly Payment
Married	B7,250	B3,250
Single	B6,600	B2,600

* Note: Includes B4,000 refundable deposit
The above rates will not be applied to existing Non Voting members since the above continuing rates are actually higher than those being paid from months 3-24 under the old scheme.

Reduced rates for applicants under 30

On application to the General Committee, candidates for Non Voting and Full Ordinary membership under the age of 30 on the date of application may join the Club at 50% of the normal applicable fees (excluding the refundable deposit). Qualifying Non Voting members will, therefore, be enrolled on a scheme of installments set at 50% of the normal Non Voting rates and will continue in this scheme for the full 24 month payment period required, whether they attain the age of 30 during this period or not. Qualifying Full Ordinary members will pay 50% of the normal Entrance fee and 50% of the normal applicable monthly subscription rate. Thereafter, in both instances, qualifying members will continue to pay monthly subscriptions at 50% of the normal rates until they reach their 30th birthday, after which normal subscription rates will apply. The 50% subscription

level may, upon application to the General Committee, also be applied to existing Full Ordinary Members who qualify.

Transfer of membership

Membership may now be transferred between spouses and may be transferred as many times as the spouses choose, provided that on each occasion, General Committee approval is obtained, a B500 transfer fee is paid and the recipient is entitled to Ordinary Membership in his/her own right.

Transfer of voting rights

The right to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Club may now be transferred by a member to his/her spouse upon application to the General Committee. Application must be made on the form available from Membership Secretary at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to which it is to apply and will be specific for that meeting only.

The calling of General Meetings

In future the normal mail service may be used to send notice of General Meetings to the membership provided that all mailings are sent at least 21 days prior to the meeting being called.

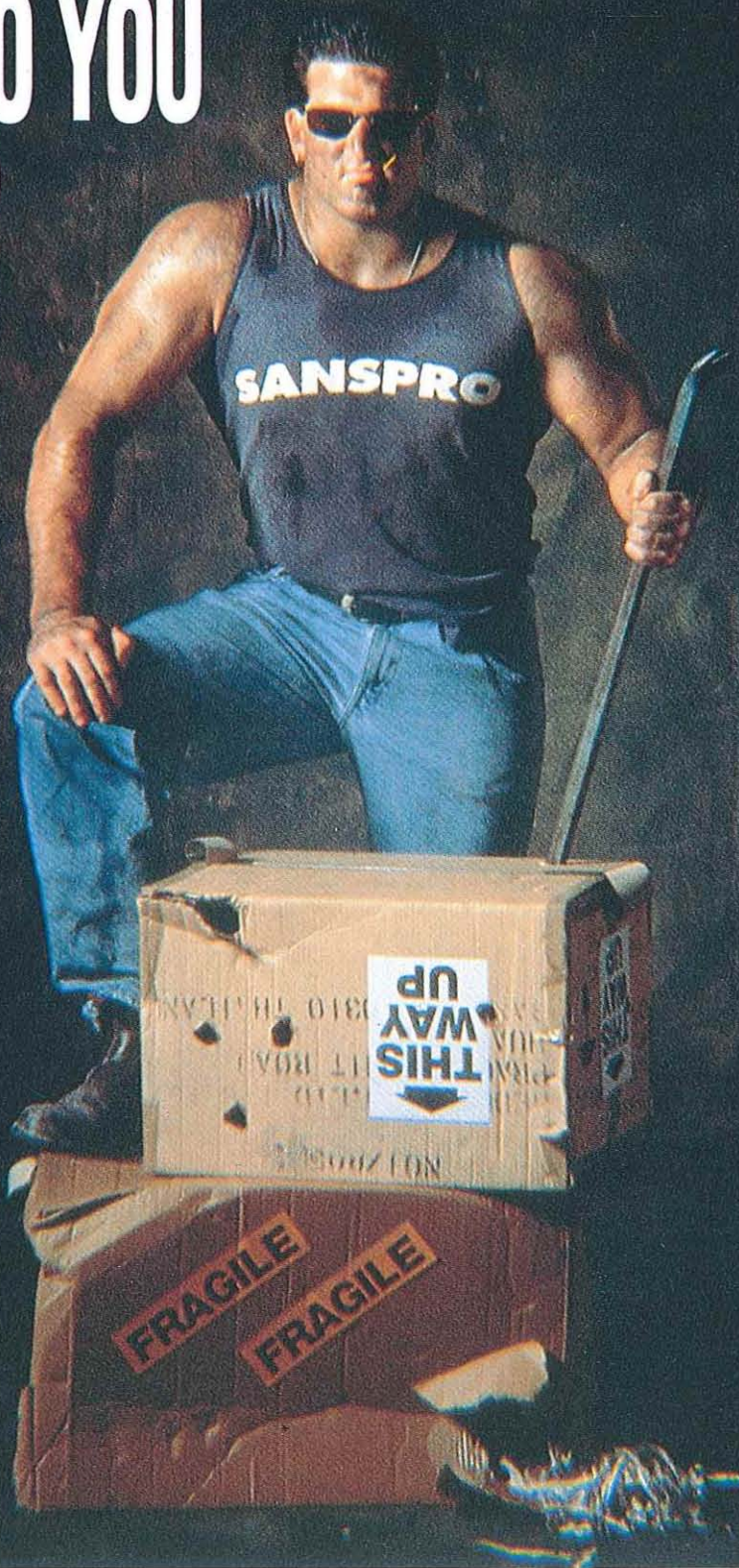
Charging a levy on overdue accounts

The General Committee at its own discretion may, in future, charge a levy on overdue accounts and on returned cheques and any other causes of expense to the Club resulting in delayed payment of dues.

Note: These rule changes together with other changes agreed at previous meetings will be included in a reprint of the Club Constitution and Rule Book to be undertaken.

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Loy Kratong at the BC

Seventy six members and their guests enjoyed a jolly Loy Kratong party at the Club on Saturday 4th November. True, this was a few days before the actual event (Monday the 6th) but the 4th was the only time in the



The staff looking stunning in traditional outfits

Club's busy calendar that we could celebrate this important festival.

Khun Chirachada organised the whole thing and did a super job. The dancing and performance by the troupe of students we hire each



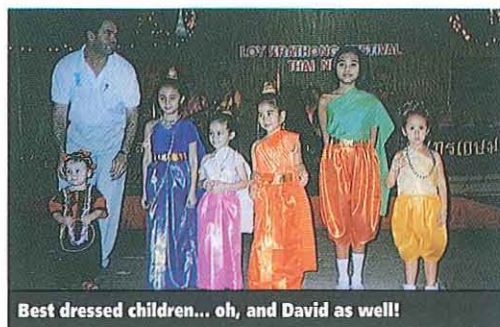
A beautiful lady floating her beautiful kratong

year was of a very high order. Their band was really very good indeed and several new dances and displays really did enliven their

show, the 40 minutes they were on for really flew by. Khun Suwan and the Club chefs did a marvelous job as well producing an array of mouth watering Thai delicacies, in fact all the Staff really entered into the spirit of the event with the ladies looking splendid having taken so much time and trouble to dress for the evening.

Best dressed child

The best dressed child prize went to Poppy Kelham, who came dressed as a child from the North and enchanted everyone with her attempts at Thai dancing and studious imita-



Best dressed children... oh, and David as well!

tions of the movements of the dancers, and all this at 18 months old! However it was very hard for the judges to choose a winner as all the participants looked so good.

Procession

The evening finished with a procession to the swimming pool and, accompanied by the band and a small firework display, the candles on the kratongs were lit, prayers offered to the water goddess and then the kratongs were pushed off to rock gently on the water. It was a beautiful sight and a fitting end to a very, very good evening. Well done Khun Chirachada!

David Viccars

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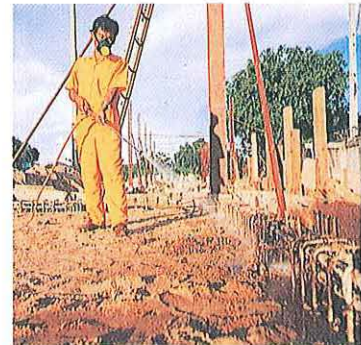
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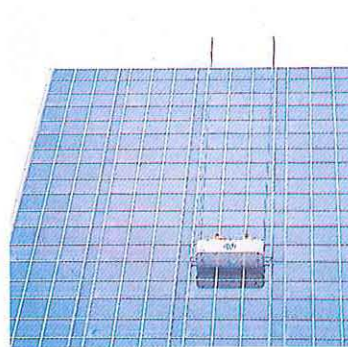
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For further ticket information, please contact Khun Oranuj at the Siam City Hotel (Tel- 247-0123, ext. 1928-33)



BCT in civvies!

Remembrance Service

This photograph was taken at the Service of Remembrance and Com-



mitment for the ending of the Second World War, held at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemeteries of Kanchanaburi and Chung Kai on Sunday 20th August 1995. It shows David Viccars laying a wreath on behalf of the British Club on the monument at the famous Kanchanaburi cemetery.



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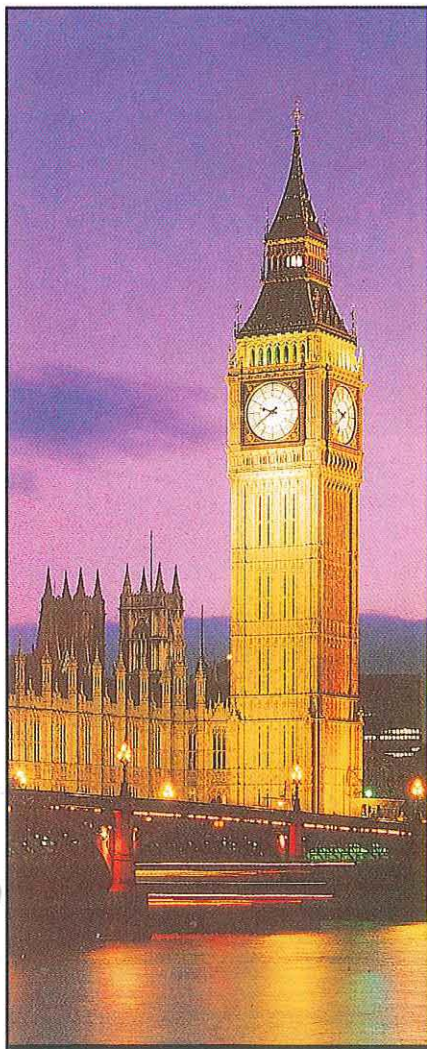
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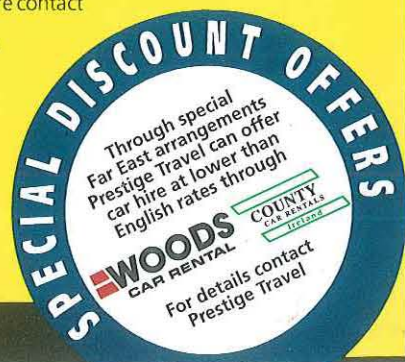
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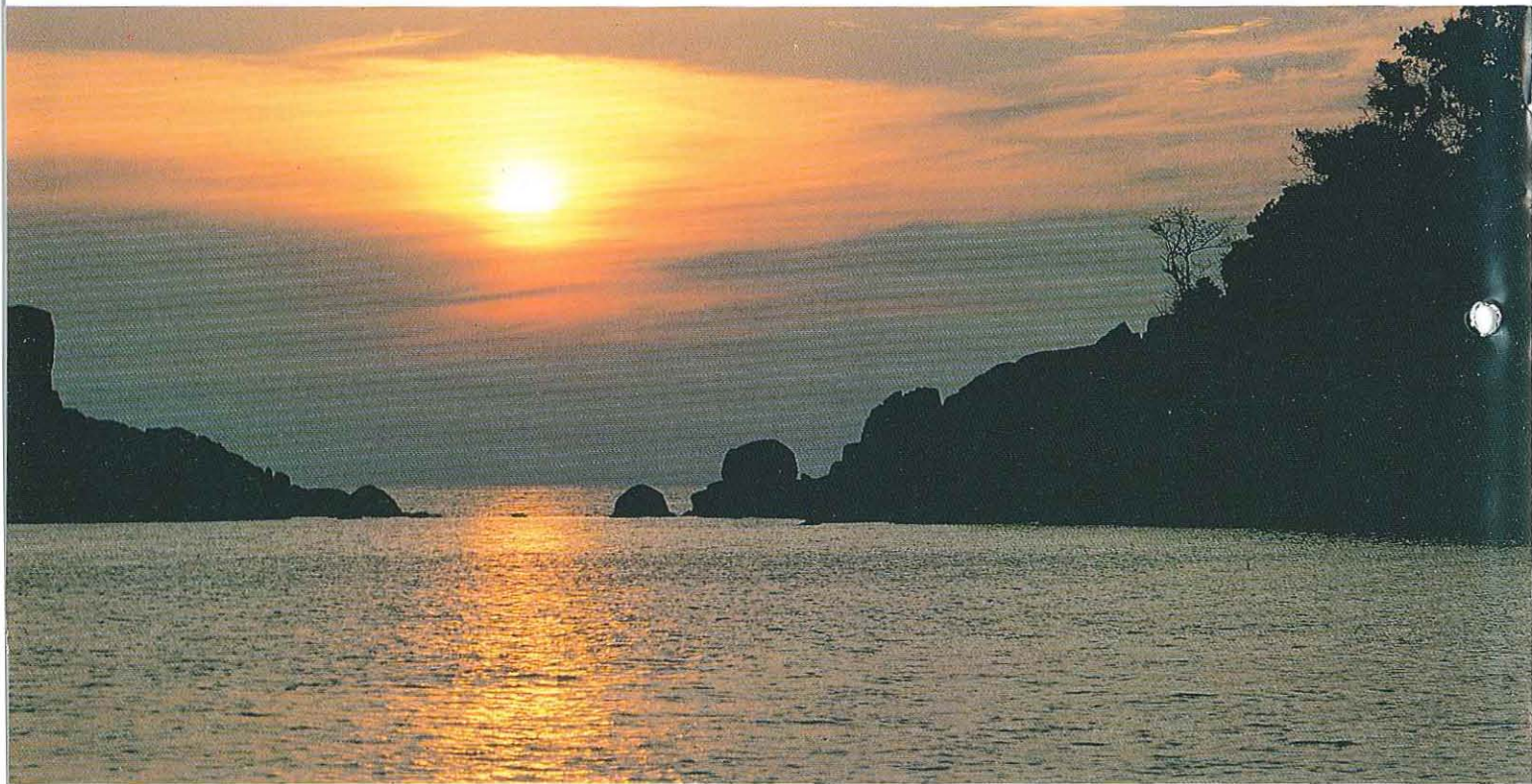
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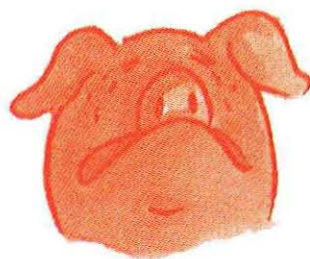




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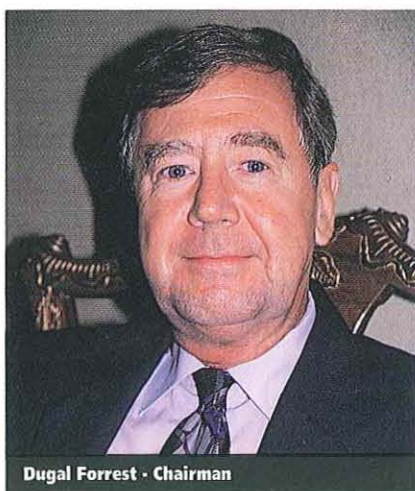
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From the Chairman

I am delighted to say we have just completed another successful Guy Fawkes Night at the Club. This event causes many of us on the General Committee a certain amount of



Dugal Forrest - Chairman

concern every year but the consensus of opinion seems to be that as long as we maintain the strict safety standards that were introduced a couple of years back then there is nothing more we can do other than cancel the event altogether. We are loathe to do that and, judging by the popularity of the event (733 at-

tendees this year), it would seem the membership are of the same mind.

The revised fee structure and the Member-get-Member scheme seem to be producing the desired results. The Club now boasts more members than it has had in nearly three years and there are promising signs of more on the way. Congratulations are due to Brenton Dalheimer and the new member he proposed, fellow Australian Phillip Wittke, for winning the first of our holiday prizes in the Member-get-Member draw. Brenton receives a weekend away at the Holiday Inn, Phuket, and Phillip a weekend at the Rayong

Resort. Well done and I hope you both enjoy your prizes.

Festive season

The year is rapidly drawing to a close and we are facing yet another Festive Season with all that that brings with it. The main Club event is, of course, the Christmas Ball, which promises to be a splendid event and I am delighted to say that the Ambassador Christian Adams and his wife Pauline have indicated that they are able to join us for a while despite the demanding schedule of other celebrations which they must also attend on the same evening.

Parties

Other events include the ever-popular Children's Christmas Parties, family Christmas carols, Christmas fare in Lords and last, but by no means least, the New Year's Eve river trip. A busy month indeed, and one which I am sure will see the Club bristling with activity.

Enjoy your Club and all that it has to offer during this wonderful season and may I wish all of you, on behalf of myself and the General Committee, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Dugal Forrest

Chairman

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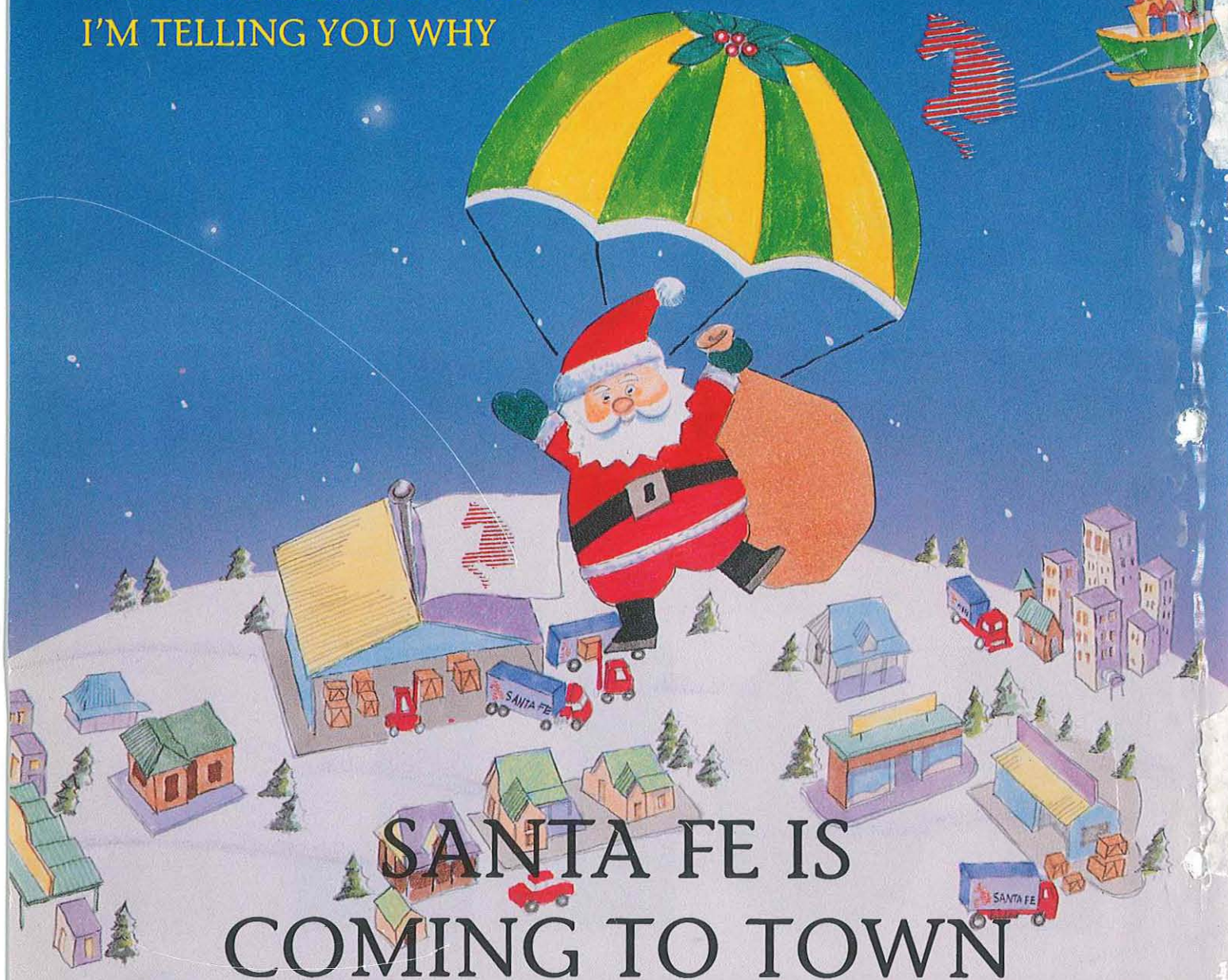
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