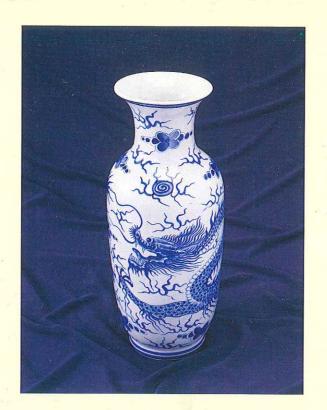
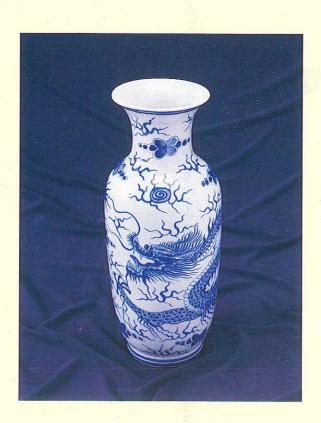


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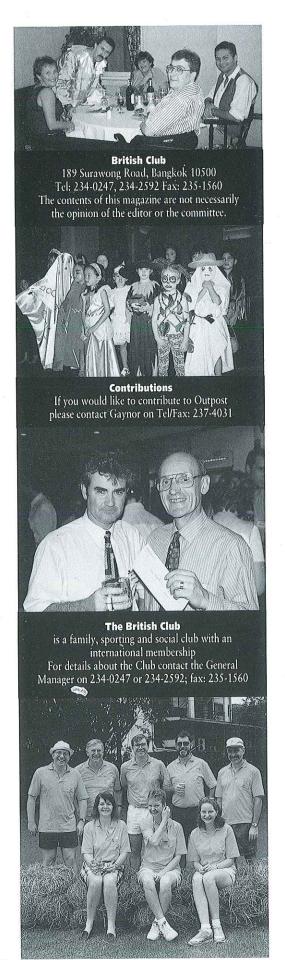
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Children with serious chronic heart, lung or kidney diseases, epilepsy or diabetes mellitus should not travel to countries that do not have sufficient and appropriate medical facilities. For children with milder chronic diseases like certain skin conditions, seasonal asthma and allergies, medical consideration should be examined on an individual case basis, with a view to minimising the risks of exacerbation.

**Preparations** 

Before travelling, consult your doctor regarding the adequacy of your child's immunisation, particularly for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Tuberculosis, which are still prevalent in many less developed countries. Your child may also need additional vaccinations against Hepa-



Dr. Petra Herm MD, Paedriatics (Germany) AEA Coordinator Doctor

titis A and B, Haemophilus influenza B, Yellow fever and Japanese encephalitis. Parents travelling with children in tropical areas should take a small medical kit along. This should include a thermometer, anti-pyretic (anti-fever) medication, oral re-hydration



preparations in dosages according to your child's age, an antibiotic, cough medicine, antiseptic lotion or cream, plasters, gauze pads and elastic bandages, remedies against bites and a high factor sun-screen cream.

If you are staying in a remote area for an extended period of time, you will need a more comprehensive medical kit. Seek your doctor's advice for this.

## **Precautions**

Parents should be aware that living in the tropics requires additional hygiene and health habits to be followed. One of these is the need for water.

In tropical countries, the need for fluids increases substantially. Encourage your child to drink frequently even if he or she does not feel thirsty. Boiled water and mineral water are better than sweetened drinks, and if you prepare formula milk for your baby, the water should be boiled.

Some foods may be unfamiliar to your child. Avoid overly spicy food, as well as raw vegetables and fruits that cannot be peeled, especially during your first few weeks overseas. Also, any cooked food that has been left standing for some time should not be consumed.

Outdoors and in the sun, your child should be protected with a sun-hat, loose cotton clothing and a sun-screen cream. In cold countries, make sure your child is well wrapped in warm clothes, with proper shoes to avoid the cold. You should also take note of the fact that malaria is still endemic in many countries. Besides anti-malaria drugs, simple precautions can be taken to avoid malaria such as using mosquito netting at doors and windows; in the evening, wearing long-sleeved clothing to cover as much skin as possible. Also, use insect repellent, sleep under mosquito nets and do not keep stagnant water. Check with your doctor as he can advise you regarding these precautions.

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- jaundice
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# From the Editor

is but that time of year again, when the goose gets fat and the turkey looks worried, when the trees twinkle orange and old "Happy New Year" signs left up all year are rejuvenated for the new season. We start by wishing His Majesty the King a happy birthday on the 5th and by congratulating the new Prime Minister. Whoever won the election, one can rest assured that there'll be no immediate end to traffic chaos, pollution, city subsidence or annual clampdowns on Silom bar opening times. Provides some sense of continuity from year to year, I suppose.

If you thought November was busy, December will be even busier; the back lawn especially faces the equivalent of the beating an English grass court takes during Wimbledon fortnight, as several hundred people attend events held under the stars, from the Christmas Ball and carol singing to the play with Flibberty and his Penguin and the children's camp out. Then there are all the other events held in other parts of the Club, like the Christmas fayre, children's sports camp and Christmas party; all good family fun and well worth travelling from the far reaches of Greater Bangkok for.

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I'm starting to see life through a viewfinder these days, having become a total shutterbug this last couple of months. For examples of the results, see the report from the Sports Day in which "Tiger" Bain made his debut, the sweaty bods at the highly-attended Scottish country prancing with a write-up from Susan Dakers, the hilarious play "Relatively Speaking", all the fun of the fireworks and the Italian food promotion with Barry looking

truly, er, remarkable, although diners trying to figure the connection between his outfit and Italian-ness were advised not to think too hard as it spoils the appetite.

After wondering whether we'd ever see them

again, this month's issue sees the relaunching of the Badminton and Cricket section reports, and there's also the first mega-scribbling by Football's new correspondent following John Sheehan's strategic transfer out of Bangkok this summer. Trixie kindly left a few poems to be getting on with so we finish the



year with one of her more recent compositions; there's a report on the children's Halloween party and please note that this month's crossword carries a prize bottle de planque, so get your thinking hats on!

So all that's left is for me to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a very Merry New Year, and see you all in 1997!

# Gaynor de Wit Editor

Front cover illustrations by Shelley Neighbour of Bangkok Patana School

# From the Manager

hristmas comes but once a year and yes, it's that time again folks! May I sincerely wish all members and their families a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year for 1997. (What a year it's going to be for

Hong Kong!)

Thomas Bain - General Manager

Last month was very busy at the Club. Activities got under way in October with the Halloween party on the 27th. About 50 kids attended the party and all were dressed up in very spooky costumes. November proper commenced with the annual Guy Fawkes party. This year

about 500 turned up for the event, which makes this night one of the Club's biggest functions. Hot on the heels of Guy Fawkes was the Vin Garbutt Show; attendance for this event was quite low but a good time was had by all attending.

On 8th and 9th November we had an Italian food promotion in Lords. As usual, Barry produced a fabulous array of mouth-watering food. On Saturday we had a full house which created a wonderful atmosphere for all to enjoy.

At the time of writing this article we still have Loy Krathong and the Black Beach Bush Band to go before the end of the month. A number of members have mentioned that they have not been aware of some of the events taking place at the Club. We are trying our best to promote these activities and are always looking to improve our advertising, but all these events have been advertised in the Outpost, on posters around the Club and by flyers. Please keep your eyes open!

It is regretted that this year the elephant trip to Surin had to be cancelled. This was due to the National Elections, a change in date for the elephant round-up and associated difficulties with travel arrangements. Let's hope we can all go next year!

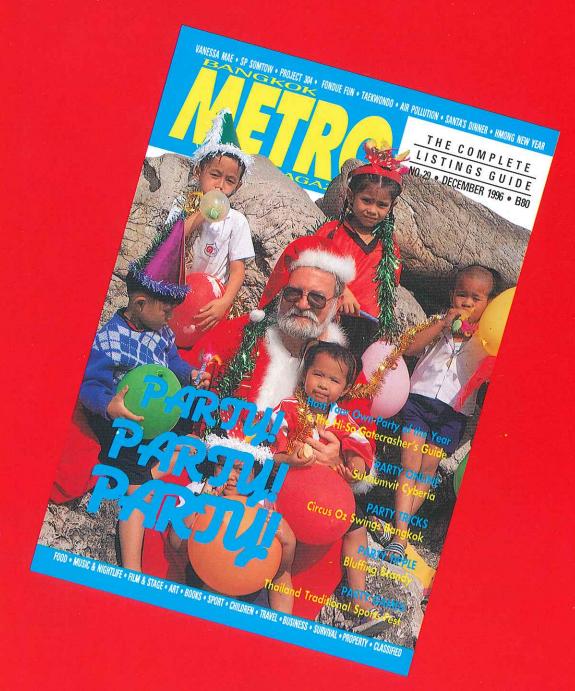
December Celebrations

Now to December's festivities. We have the Christmas Fayre at the Club on the 7th and 8th. The not-to-be-missed Christmas Ball is on the 14th, the Children's Sports Camp from the 16th to the 20th (organised by Sportathlon), the Children's Christmas Party and Carols by Candlelight will be on the 19th and the Christmas Day lunch will be (of course) on the 25th. The Children's Campout will be on the 27th and last but certainly not least the New Year's Eve barge cruise will be on 31st December.

Have a great festive season.

Thomas Bain General Manager

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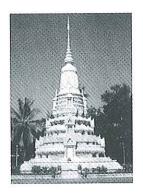


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# **Management News**

# ew Reciprocal Clubs

Baywatch lovers eat your hearts out. We've just signed up with another club from the other side of the world, The Surf Club, Miami. The Surf Club has a wide range of facilities, including accommodation at reasonable rates. Also in the States, a more traditional alliance is being formed with The Army and Navy Club in Washington. This club also has accommodation. For more information about these or any other of our growing list of reciprocal clubs, please contact the Membership Secretary, Khun Goong.

# **Fitness Centre Improvements**

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The good news is that the Committee has decided to repair the old treadmill and buy a new one too! It is a Life Stride TR9500HR, considered one of the best models available. The bad news is that it won't arrive until the end of January. However, by the time you read this the old treadmill should have been repaired.

# **Member Get Member Scheme**

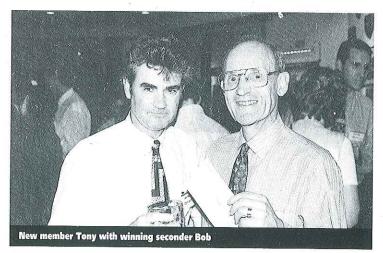
November's winner was Bob Carpenter, who seconded new member Tony Jeffreys, whose proposer James Roe was markedly absent.

# **Stocking Fillers**

Looking for an unusual gift for that person who has everything? Well, what about a British Club tie (Bt 210) or a Club car badge (Bt 270. Both items available at reception.

# **Events in December**

The BC Christmas Fayre



Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December, 2-6pm Surawong Room Many retailers No advance booking required

## Flibberty and the Penguin

Saturday 7th to Tuesday 10th December inclusive

Back lawn

BBQ supper starts 5pm; show starts 6.30pm Open seating: adults Bt 400, children Bt 300; limited reserved seating: adults Bt 480, children Bt 380 (can be purchased at the Club on Thursdays 7-9pm and Sundays 2-4pm). Inclusive of BBQ.

# The BC Christmas Ball

Saturday 14th December
Back lawn, 7.30pm
Black tie or National dress
Bt 950 per person, BUT TICKETS ARE
SELLING VERY FAST!
Traditional Christmas fare, music by the Asia
Band.

Tickets available at reception

# Children's Sports Camp

Monday 16th to Friday 20th December, 9am to 1pm

Ages 9-15; football, cricket, rugby, tennis, basketball, squash, swimming, etc

Sportathlon coaches

Members' children Bt 2,800; more than one child in the family Bt 3,200; non-members' children Bt 3,000. Lunch included

# **Children's Christmas Party**

Thursday 19th December, 3-6pm
Tea party on the front lawn
Party and Father Christmas
Bt 150 per child
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# **Carols by Candlelight**

Thursday 19th December, 7pm start
Back lawn
Sing your favourite carols
Mince pies and mulled wine
Bt 70 per person

# **Christmas Day in Lords**

Wednesday 25th December

Special Christmas menu at lunch and dinner with mulled wine compliments of the season from the Club. Reserve your place by booking with Barry.

# Children's Camp Out

Friday 27th December, from 5pm to 9am Saturday

Back lawn; ages 6-12 years

Dinner, snacks and breakfast provided Bt 350 per child

Children to be collected at 9am on Saturday 28th

\* PARENTS, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN THIS EVENT. LAST YEAR'S CAMP-OUT WAS CANCELLED THROUGH LACK OF HELPERS. PLEASE LET THE GM KNOW IF YOU WISH TO HELP

# **New Year's Eve Cruise**

Tuesday 31st December

Traditional BC river cruise to welcome 1997

Depart 8.30pm, return about 1am

This year there will be two boats with a limit of 120 per boat

No children under 14 for safety reasons

Dancing and buffet, fireworks spectacular at midnight

Bt 550 per person; bookings open 6th December

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers!



# **New Members**



# Stephen O'Brien

Aussie Stephen is VP of international business development for Vongvanij Property Development; he's 31 and single, acquired

some culture when posted in London and Dublin, plays cricket, squash and golf and "loves to put his party pants on!" Despite offers to bribe me for a good write-up, I can report that Stephen is a nice guy anyway and that has nothing to do with the 100 Baht...



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## Leo Hee

Equity analyst Leo works at Nakornthon Schroder Asset Management, where he is Head of Research. From Malaysia, he was

previously in Singapore and Australia before coming here, where he hopes to stay for three years. 25 and single, Leo plays soccer and tennis and enjoys reading.



# **Stuart Devine**

A loss adjuster with Cunningham International, Glaswegian Stuart lists his hobby as drinking, although he does play foot-

ball and golf. This is first major posting abroad, hopefully for three years, although he did live for a few months in the Caribbean, in St Thomas, St Maarten and Puerto Rico-life's tough in the tropics..

# Michael and Sara Pearce

Here for three years already, Mike is a Project Manager with Pro-En Consultants and he and Sara hope to stay "till we get thrown out"! Mike plays golf, squash and tennis while Sara plays badminton and enjoys reading, eating



and talking in between running a playgroup on Thursday afternoons; and their two daughters, Sophie, 3, and Katie, 10 months!

# **Graham and Elizabeth Beal**

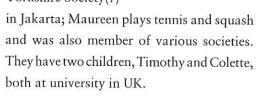
Although this is their first overseas posting, Elizabeth used to live here ages ago and swam for the BC between 1970-4. Graham is the Director of I.T. at Inchcape and shares Elizabeth's swimming hobby, but he



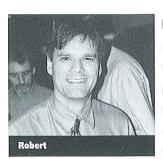
also plays tennis, reads and plays with computers. Elizabeth is completing a degree as well as bringing up Jessica, 11, and Joshua, 8, both at Patana, and their son Adam, 17, is finishing school down under.

# Jeffrey and Maureen Whittaker

Having spent 23 years in Zambia, Kenya, Australia and Indonesia, Jeff and Maureen have landed in Bangkok for a five year spell. Jeffrey is CEO of Aon Re Thailand and is a keen jogger and angler and was chairman of the Yorkshire Society(?)







# **Robert Darlow**

A software consultant for Oracle Systems for several years, Robert likes all sports but especially squash. He's also a traveller - he's off to India this month. Robert has lived in Paris for the last six years and before that spent

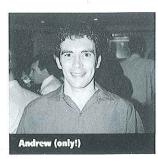
three years in Oman; he's interested in languages and is now attempting to learn Thai.



## Sharon Linthicum

Both Sharon and husband Ken work at the US Embassy (Ken is a Lt. Col. biologist with the US Army), but Ken was in Korea that evening so if you want to see his photo please see the finalists picture in the Tennis report!

Sharon also plays tennis and sometimes dabbles in golf with Ken. They have three children: Ben 18 at college and Kenny, 11, and Colin, 12, both at ISB.



# Andrew Gibb and Rebecca Harding-Hill

Rebecca is working with Bangkok Attorney Co and enjoys the sedate sports of hang-gliding, scuba diving and flying while Andrew is a business consultant who used to run a

snowboarding company in Glenshee, Scotland; conveniently he snowboards himself and also skis and plays football. Rebecca and Andrew have just arrived in Bangkok and hope to be here indefinitely.

## Ole Madsen

Ole has lived in Thailand an amazing thirty years already but only just got around to joining the Club; he's the MD for Scaneast



while wife Jaana is the MD at Bits and Bytes Ltd. Ole plays tennis, squash and golf and is involved in charity work through the Rotary and Jaana plays bridge in addition to tennis and swimming; they have four grown children and will be here indefinitely.

# **David Robertson**

David worked for a year as an outdoor pursuits instructor and openly admits to one bungee jump as well as a parachute jump, now



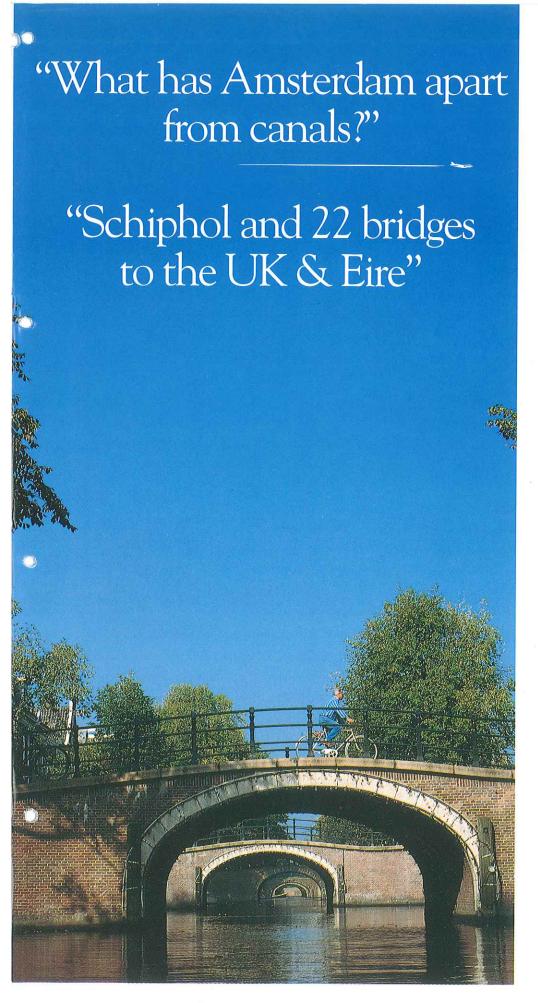
he is General Manager for Jardine Securicor Cash Services and restricts himself to football, badminton and being "pretty rotten" at golf. Single and 26, David collects British coins and enjoys drinking, walking, drinking...

# **Roy Greenfield**

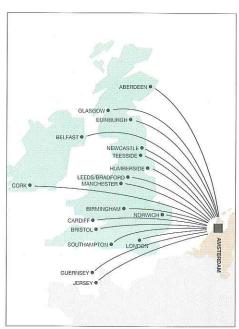
Despite his name card, Briton Roy is definitely not a Rory and is here for two years as a civil engineer with WS Atkins. Well trav-



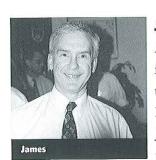
elled in Asia, he has lived in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Malaysia, and also in Kenya and South Africa. Roy plays squash, tennis and football and enjoys reading and photography.



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## **James Woodford**

Assam-born James has only been here four months but is already enrolled into the Phyathai Rotary Club; regional R&D Director for Ansell Thailand James is a surfer and a golfer so this place will be heaven compared to his

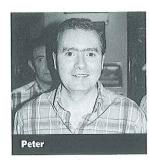
seven years in Tokyo and Hong Kong. He and wife Judith both enjoy reading and music; they have 2 sons, Daniel 18 and Nicholas 16, both studying in Australia.



## **Matthew Millard**

Here for two years already, Matt represents Central Connections Travel - they of the travel tips show held at the Club recently. Previously in Jamaica, Singapore and Malaysia, 28-year-old Matt intends to stay here "till I get

rich!" Calling himself not a sporty type, he does enjoy travel, photography and writing among other hobbies.



## Peter McDonald

Peter's wife Chris couldn't make it to the New Members Night as she had a few days previously given birth to their first child, a son, which I suppose will halt her badminton for a while! Peter is here as Marketing Manager for Zeneca

Agro Asiatic for a couple of years, and is a golfer and a tennis player, and both enjoy scuba diving.

# **Gregory Meadows**

Golfer Gregory is the new GM at the Sukhothai Hotel and his wife Sivaporn, who couldn't make it to the Club that night, used to be Ex-



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ecutive Secretary of the Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce and is a tennis player. They have two children, Alex 10 and Katy 8, both at Patana; Gregory was previously posted here form 1980-85, and in between they have lived in Antigua and Hong Kong.

# **David Harper**

David is an Environmental Consultant with AEA Technology and is here indefinitely; he plays squash and swims and also plays



the guitar. Wife Susan, who was not at the New Members night, is a riding instructor and David not surprising lists her main sport as riding; they have two children Adam, 6, and Isabel, 1.

# **Nicholas Roberts**

Recently arrived as Director and GM at Chubb here for a few years, Nick has previously worked all around Europe and South



America, including Spain, Italy, Germany and Eire and Peru and Ecuador. He shares the game of squash with his son Richard, 15 and at Patana school, who also plays tennis.

# **Paul Tyrer**

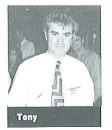
Missed from last month, Paul is a self-employed barrister-at-law and collects shells as well as plays cricket, tennis and swim-



ming. His wife, Tina, is in marketing and her sports and hobbies were listed simply as Mahjong! Paul enjoys writing and used to be English consultant editor to Beijing's China News Service. He has also worked in Australia, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Spain.

# **Anthony Jeffreys**

Last but not least, Tony is the new GM at Wall Street, Tullett & Tokyo Forex and it was his name picked out of the bucket to win sec-



onder Bob the monthly luncheon voucher!

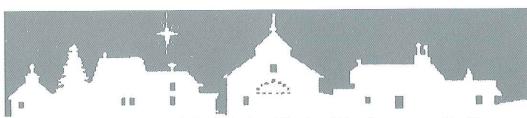
Tony enjoys most sports but especially golf and running, having completed five London marathons as well as a couple of others, and was in Singapore for a short time before arriving here.

# Kevin and Sheila O'Reilly

The sporty couple: Irishman Kevin and Zimbabwean Sheila play tennis, squash, swimming, cycling, running (both are triathletes) and horseriding, and Kevin also sails and plays soccer, rugby



and golf... where do they find time to travel, their hobby, or look after one year old Cian?! With previous postings in Malawi and Guam, Kevin is here for three years as Executive Director of Inchcape Insurance.



The Annual British Club Christmas Ball

njoy cocktails on the front lawn. Traditional Christmas fare provided by the Banquet department of the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza.

Dance the night away with The Asia Band Late, late, really late bar with breakfast Tickets only Bt 950 Please book early!

Saturday 14th December

7.30pm for 8pm

Dress: Black Tie or National Dress



# Great Response for New Members Day



This was held at President on 6th October. The format was a modified stableford played with 3 clubs and a putter; the clubs were a personal choice. Everyone had an enjoyable day (except the author who was holed up at home with a sore back!) and a must to be repeated at a later date. The results are as follows:

Winner: Bryan Dodd (57 pts)

Runners up Peter Bond (52 pts) and Greg

Lambert (50 pts)

Special Prize for least stableford points went

to Kelly Lambert (5 pts)

Near Pin: Geoffrey Lamb, Mike Corey

Long Drive

Ladies: Joan Adams Men: Roger Fitzgerald

4th Medal - Sponsored by Johnnie Walker



This match was held at Royal on 20th October and was sponsored by Johnnie Walker.

The results as follows: Flight A (hcp 1-16)

Winner: Mike Corey (73)

Runners up: Phil Wittke (74) and Bernie

Adams (76)



Flight B (hcp 17-24)

Winner: Des Keane (86)

Des was the only competitor in this flight

Flight C (hcp 25-40)

Winner: Angela Poustie (77)

Runners up: Greg Lambert (78) and Peter

Griffiths (82)

# **Club Day - New Members**

This event was held at Muang Kaew on the Thai National holiday (Chulalongkorn Day), Wednesday 23rd October. The response from new and old members was great. Even the downpour about an hour into the match didn't dampen spirits. The use of the Callaway System was used for everyone who participated.

Winner: Angela Poustie (41 pts)

Runners up: John Marten (36 pts) and Brian

Churchman (36 pts)

Near Pin: Ken Sturdivant (guest), Bob Carpenter, John Lee and Dave Haworth

Long Drive

Ladies: No one made the fairway!

Men: Chris Gething

# **Inter-Section Sports Day**

(by Geoffrey Lamb)

At the Golf Section's pitching event during







the recent Inter-Section Sports competition, the excitement of the day was provided by none other than your intrepid BC General Manager, Tom Bain. Standing in as a substitute in the Rugby Section (after all, it was the morning after the Rugby Ball), Tom picked up a nine iron for the first time in many years (we now believe him) and attempted to chip a ball twenty five yards over some straw bales and into a rather large circle. Tom addressed the ball, wiggled his wrists and slowly took the club back and upwards to shoulder height in a classic trajectory. The crowd fell silent, the club descended with a mighty "whoosh", impact was made and the ball sailed up, up into the air and was only prevented from braining some unsuspecting tuk-tuk driver on Surawong Road by the presence of an obliging tree which materialised from nowhere and prevented Tom's ball from leaving



the BC grounds. Trouble was, the ball's downward trajectory led straight through the rear window of a perfectly legally-parked Mercedes Benz resulting in Tom's immediate retirement from the game of golf accompanied by hoots of derision from the Churchill Bar and a rather browned-off Mercedes owner... the only consolation, Tom, is that





the claim for one rear window has to be infinitely smaller than buying off a tuk-tuk driver with a lump on his head! Wannabet that his entire family would have been maimed by your shot?

Honorary Player of the Month: Tom Bain Quote of the Month: No quote - everyone seems to be tight-lipped.. wonder why?

Please put these dates in your diary for December Events: 1st December is the Medal Final and will be played at Royal, Lad Krabang, tee off at 11.48am. 15th December will be played at Vintage and is a match against the Golfers Cocktail Lounge, tee off is 9.30am. The sign up sheets are on the Golf Section notice board; we would love to see you there.

Happy Golfing

## **Lauren Lambert**

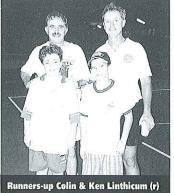


# Match Folly with Generation X

# atch v. RBSC, 27th October

The day proved fine, cool and sunny and that was the best of the news. From there on things went rapidly downhill tennis-wise. BC were never in the race from the beginning with none of our top players, except Pat Dean, Surin and Chalatip, being available through injury or more pressing engagements. However, where we perhaps lacked in quality we more than made up for it in sheer numbers and enthusiasm which proved to be

Winners Hannah & Les Elliott (r)
with runners-up



with Matthew & Paul Jensen

an excellent recipe for a most enjoyable event. Given that "winning" was not on the BC's agenda, we all set to with a will to plays as many games as we could within the time available. This unique approach rather threw RBSC who might have suspected an ulterior motive in the kamikaze-like waves of pairs in myriad combinations (Bayok Bt. 25 a pair) which we threw into the fray right up to the last minute.

Was it that the BC hoped to prevail by sheer numbers under the heat of the midday sun, which is after all an historically well-developed Asian battle strategy. Well no, actually we were just trying to make sure we all got as much live match exposure as possible against a vastly superior team.

Out of a total of 26 sets played, BC's "mix 'n' match" pairs succeeded in winning only 3. "Three cheers" for the famous few: Pat and Chalatip, Ken and Mark and our guest pair Pichai and Nanthiya.

It is perhaps best to draw a discreet veil over the rest of the results with the possible exception of close encounters by Chalatip and Nanthiya, Pichai and Graham, Dick and Kamol, Pat and your scribe. The rest, as they say, is "history." Of course, regardless of the result we all enjoyed ourselves on and off the court with our very friendly guests from RBSC and we were as usual provided with an excellent buffet by Barry and his efficient staff.

## Bruce Gordon

# Junior Tennis Tournament, 6th October.

We had a great turn out for the Junior Tournament on Sunday 6th October. 24 Juniors turned up for an eight o'clock start, including new faces Gillon Bowman, Michael Jones, Bram, Bart, and Jacob Newijn. Players were divided into three groups. The division is getting more difficult as players improve and new young players are starting. There were 10 in group 3, many of whom could have held their own in group 2. Soon we will have to look at new ways of setting up the draw.

There were joint winners in groups 1 and 3. In the third group, where the tennis has improved enormously in the last few months James Lanham was joined at number one by



George Henton. Alex Stamp again led the top group, but this time Chris Reed deservedly joined him as winner with equal points. Again, some excellent tennis was played. In the middle group Graeme Jewell was an outright winner, against some tough opposition.

The Junior Ladder has been replaced by a Junior League which involves each player in 4 or 5 matches each half-term. In order to promote the league the courts were set aside at the end of the Tournament for challenges. The courts were full from 11:30 am until 2.00pm and a number of league matches were played. By the time of publication a second league will be under way. Anyone wishing to join this league should contact Jill Phillips (259 3640).

Anyone interested in joining the Junior Tennis events should contact Shelagh Weekes (398 2717) or Kate Henton (254 1582) for more information.

The next Junior Tournament will be held on the morning of December 8th at 8am. This will be a proper tennis tournament, but with a Christmas flavour! Look out at the end of this month for details of the Club championships which are held from January to March and will include Junior competitions!

# Shelagh Weekes

## Watch v. Capitol Club, 22nd September

On Sunday 22nd September the BC competed (I believe it was almost a competition) in the inaugural challenge against the Capitol Club at President Park. With eighteen enthusiastic players from both sides a total of 30





sets of doubles were played.

The men, most of whom has been at a St Andrew's ceilidh the night before, did not respond too well to the 8am start, with the Capitol Club running out the winners by 12 sets to 2. The ladies tried valiantly to rectify the situation but unfortunately were up against a tough team and succumbed 9 sets to 0.

However, as stalwarts of the BC know, our expertise lies in mixed doubles and socialising. On the court we were on the brink of victory until the CC won a final tie-break to edge ahead 4 sets to 3.

Undoubtedly, despite fielding one of our strongest teams, we do not have the strength in depth to match the Capitol Club's fine players. It is hoped to establish this fixture as a bi-annual event with the return match at the BC in February. Many thanks to all who played and in particular Bernie Adams who contributed 2 points to the meagre BC score. As a footnote, we are looking for a sponsor to provide a trophy or shield for this event which could be passed back and forth between the Clubs. If anyone is interested please get in touch with James Young on 7149040 or John Kelly on 641 4214-6.

James Young

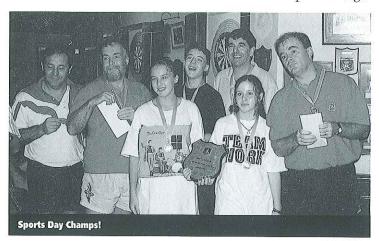


Didn't They Do Well!!

# The Generation Game, 3rd November

Fireworks Day at the British Club might be thought by some to be a long wait followed by a lively, loud, sparkling but short-lived display. No long wait for some this year instead there was a lively, maybe not so loud, but definitely sparkling display of tennis from 12 pairs of juniors and adults.

The matches began at two and the finals were just over in time for a quick meal and the fireworks. The rules were simple - no argu-



ments between adult and junior, and no disputing with the organisers, Kate and Shelagh, who reserved the right to change handicaps at will. A powerful deterrent....! However, it was a well-behaved lot who took up their racquets and played through the pain of Mum or Dad missing that winning shot, or bore such retorts as "they haven't taught us that shot yet" with admirable calm.

Some of the juniors made their adult partners work very hard, and some adult partners chose to work very hard - and were seen sprinting from tramline to tramline, back line to net, all for one point, while a relaxed junior

looked on! Well-balanced father and son team James and Bob Lanham were gathering the points when Bob succumbed to a vicious attack of cramp and had to drop out. Luckily we had one of our "loose" adults still around, and Raymonde Marshall stepped into the breach.

There were two groups, and from each we had a winner and a runner-up. The runners up were Colin and Ken Linthicum, who played against Matthew and Paul Jensen, and won. The finalists were Luke and David Jezeph versus Hannah Morrison and Les Elliott. Luke put up a great fight, running for two, while David did his best with a damaged foot. In case anyone is wondering what the Generation Game does to the Oldies, it should be noted that his foot was already hurt before the game started! Despite the injury it was a great final, with both the Juniors playing to a great standard. In the end, Hannah and Les came through to win.

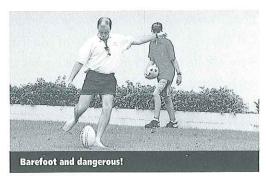
It was a very enjoyable afternoon, played in good spirit. The next Generation Game will probably be held in June, 1997. Watch out for news!

Next Junior Tournament: Sunday 08th December, at 0800. Christmas special!

Shelagh Weekes

To end the year, your Outpost correspondent would like to wish all members of the Tennis Section a Happy Christmas and Tennis-Filled New Year, but he isn't writing this so I will. Suggested resolutions for 1997 include abiding by Tennis Committee decisions without giving Committee members grief, ensuring that

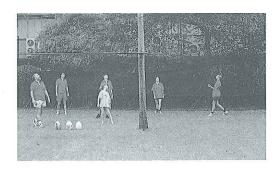




you are wearing non-marking soles on the hard courts to prevent the sort of black skid marks now evident and most of all to buy me a drink whenever you see me... no, sorry, that should read 'to always enjoy your tennis.'

Merry Festivating! **Me** 

Don't forget: Club Championships begin in January!

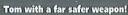


# **Sports Day Capers**

o report from the Rugby Section this month but a few photographs of those morning-after boys and girls who battled valiantly to overcome Ball hangovers and a rather over-enthusiastic ringer!









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# Sports Day Fun

nter-Section Sports Day

The squash section team tried hard to improve on last year's third place but unfortunately were narrowly pipped by the soccer and tennis teams. (Maybe we should lodge a protest in case Marc Hagelauer was bribed to be in the soccer section team......)

As always, it was a great day and thoroughly enjoyed by all the participants and supporters. Although we obviously do not spend as much time in the Churchill Bar as some of the others (our darts playing was diabolical!!), our ability in the other events made up for that.

Joan Jewell took away the individual prize for the top woman competitor - the covetted BC Sportswoman of the Year prize. Gareth McIlroy was runner-up to Marc for the men's award. Other less notable team members were John Vivian, Richard Plummer, Betty MacLaine and Dave Jewell.

Betty "Gazza" Maclaine showing her finishing style

"Twinkletoes" Mcllroy is obviously more than a squash player, despite the hangover

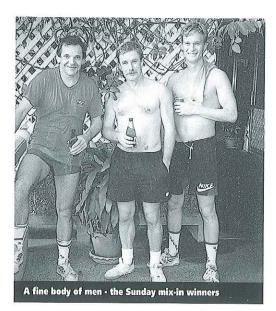
# **Rod Carter Open**

Khun Peerapon has taken away this tournament (again!!). Well done and congratula-

tions. There were a few organisational glitches unfortunately - apologies to any of you that were affected. Next year you can expect to see a different format.

# **Tony Austin Cup**

At the time of writing, the outcome of the 'oldies' tournament was unknown - you'll have to wait until next month for the details.



## **SNIPPETS**

For the record, Paul Jensen recovered from the unfortunate injury to his knee during the playing of the final of the Plate in the Handicap tournament to beat Chris Platt in the rematch three weeks later.

The Sunday Mix-in on 10 November was enjoyed by all participants, as always, with Greg Brown, Bob Faherty and Mike Weekes winning their respective groups (despite Mike Prinz's handicapping efforts).

Barb has organised a group of lady squash players to have a regular hit together every



Tuesday afternoon from 2:30pm onwards. Anyone interested in joining in is welcome to go along. Call Barb for more details (258 7306)

# **Upcoming Events**

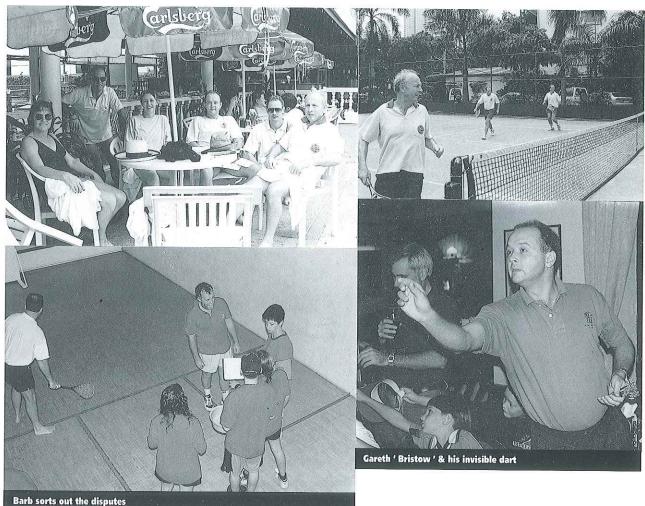
Sunday Mix-in

1st Sunday of every month. Next one is 1 December and then 5 January for those of you who are staying in Bangkok over Xmas and New Year. Sign up on the day at 12:30p.m.

# Dave Jewell

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# **Calendar**

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

# **Sunday**



Golf - Royal 7.30am

11am-1pm Badminton Wix-In-Soi Wares

3-6pm Tennis Wix-In 5-7pm Children's Video

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In-Soi Nares

2-6pm Christmas Fayre

24-6pm Tennis Tournament 5-7pm Children's Video

5pm Flibberty & the Penguin

# Monday



**BWG Mahjong** 8am 2pm

Aerobics Squash Coaching Tennis Team Training 6-8pm 7-9pm

7.30pm New Members Night

**BWG Mahjong** 8am

Aerobics 2pm **Squash Coaching** 6-8pm 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training** 

5pm Flibberty & the Penguin



**Ladies Golf** 7am 2.30pm Ladies Squash 7-9pm **Soccer Training** 

8-11pm Friendly Bridge 9pm **Gentlemen's Spoof** 

7am **Ladies Golf** 2.30pm Ladies Squash

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

5pm Flibberty & the Penguin

# Wednesday



9.30am Aerobics

5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

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Tennis Mix-In 6-9pm

# Thursday



6-9pm Squash Mix-In 7pm 7-9pm Aerobics **Rugby Training** 

6-9pm Squash Mix-In Aerobics 7pm

7-9pm Rugby Training

# **Friday**



# (5)

9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching

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9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching

# **Saturday**



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

2-6pm Christmas Fayre

5pm Flibberty & the Penguin

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

7.30pm CHRISTMAS BALL!

# **Children's Sports Activities**

**Tennis Coaching** 

Friday Evening & Saturday Morning

**Swimming Coaching** 

**Saturday Morning** 

# Don't Forget !!

SMILE!!

It's Christmas I

**Golf-Vintage** 11am

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In-Soi Nares

3-6pm 5-7pm

Tennis Mix-In Children's Video

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In-Soi Nares

3-6pm Tennis Mix-In

5-7pm Children's Video

11am-1pm Badminton Mix-In-Soi Nares

3-6pm Tennis Mix-In

5-7pm Children's Video

8am

**BWG Mahjong** Aerobics

2pm

6-8pm

**Squash Coaching** 7-9pm

**Tennis Team Training** 

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6-8pm

**Squash Coaching** 7-9pm **Tennis Team Training** 

9am Children's Sports Camp

7am **Ladies Golf** 

2.30pm Ladies Squash

7-9pm Soccer Training

8-11pm Friendly Bridge 9pm

**Gentlemen's Spoof** 

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8-11pm Friendly Bridge

**Gentlemen's Spoof** 9pm

8.30pm New Year's Eve River Cruise

# 9am Children's Sports Camp

9.30am Aerobics

5-8pm Squash Coaching 6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

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5-8pm Squash Coaching

6-9pm Tennis Mix-In

# **Christmas Day Lunch**

# **Opening Times**

10am-11pm **Churchill Bar** 

11.30am-2pm

**Lords Restaurant - Lunch Lords Restaurant - Dinner** 6-10pm

7.30am-10pm Poolside Bar

6am-9pm Fitness Centre - Mon-Sat

Fitness Centre - Sun/Hols 9am-9pm Thai Massage - Tue/Sun

9am-5pm

6-9pm Squash Mix-In

Aerobics

7-9pm **Rugby Training** 

9am Children's Sports Camp

3-6pm Children's Christmas Party

9am Children's Sports Camp

**7pm Carols by Candlelight** 

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6-9pm Squash Mix-In

Aerobics 7pm

7-9pm **Rugby Training** 

# **Sports - Contact the following:**

Badminton Gaynor de Wit 237-4031 Cricket

Peter Young 679-7644 Geoff Lamb 326-0381

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Golf

262,0220 Rugby Joe Grunwell

Squash **David Turner** 

Peter Rodgers 240-0678 Soccer

Tennis James Young 714-9040

# 2(1)

9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching

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9.30am Aerobics

4-9pm Sportathlon Tennis Coaching

5pm Children's Camp Out

# Venues

Soi 15

**NIST** grounds Soi Nares **Behind Bangrak Police** 

Golf · As advertised

# 9am Children's Sports Camp

8-11am Tennis Coaching

4.30pm Casuals Soccer - Soi 15

# Sports - Contact the following:

# **Non-BC Sports**

Ladies Golf

**BCLG** Wil Agerbeek 259-7019 LIGIT Eileen Cook

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**Junior Tennis** 8am

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

**Junior Tennis** 

295-4596



# Semi's at the Sevens

his month's soccer section report is the first under the captaincy of Terry Grogan. Showing his versatility as an all rounder he prepared the story on the ISB and the RBSC 7s games. The other reports are from a new special correspondent recruited by the soccer section specifically to take care of such matters.

# **England - Scotland**

The fifth annual encounter for the Anglo-Thai Cup produced a cracker of a match even though the scoreline finished 0-0. Captains Greg Watkins for England and Terry Grogan for Scotland fielded two highly competitive teams for what was certainly the highest quality match since the series started.

The Patana School pitch was in fabulous condition and this helped both sides produce end to end football. Although the Scots hit the woodwork in the middle of the second half, it was the English who most looked like scoring. Scotland's keeper George Everest produced one of the finest displays seen in a British Club encounter, making a number of breath-taking saves from Dave Atkinson, Tim Ross and others too numerous to mention. The performance earned George the Frank Haffey Trophy presented to the player who most makes his mark on the match.

Grogan was booked for ungentlemanly conduct. Elias dished out retribution in the form of an overly fierce and somewhat late challenge from behind. Matt Duke was also booked for a late challenge but the game was played in splendid spirit throughout. Other notable performances came from Vince Swift

and Will Carruthers for Scotland, Stuart Bradley and Stuart Edwards for England. But in truth everyone played well.

Touchline observers were impressed with the combined strength of the two teams and this should give new captain Grogan plenty of heart as he starts shaping his squad for the upcoming Farang league.

The evening dinner and quiz show held at the



Lord's dining room was attended by 30 or so of the players and their wives, with the TOYS 'R' US team crushing the other five teams to win the bubbly. Thanks to Mr & "Mrs" Greenhalgh for all their hard work in arranging the function.

## BC First XI 2 - 0 ISB

(Ross 20, 42)

The first team's season finally got under way against ISB at Nichada Thani after weeks of cancelled fixtures. The pitch was, as expected, pretty damp in areas, so champagne football was simply not on the menu. The starting line included debutante new member Mel Birkinshaw who started the game up front partnering last season's top scorer, Tim Ross. BC having lost the toss defended the 'deep' end of the pitch but still managed to take control of the game fairly early. BC's supremacy created a number of chances from

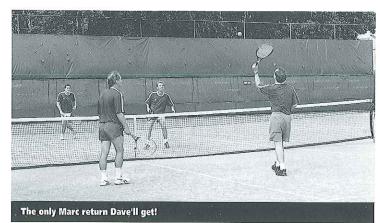


both their own perseverance and errors from ISB, who far too often failed to get the ball clear of the casual water.

The breakthrough came after twenty minutes. Chris Davin pushed the ball wide on the right to Marc Hagelauer who beat his full back, got to the bye line and crossed a good ball into the penalty area finding Tim Ross. Ross, with his back to the goal, turned his marker and struck a sweet left foot shot, giving the keeper no chance. Five minutes later BC were forced to make changes with Vaughan Elias carrying a knock, making way for Ian Sanders and Mel Birkinshaw departing for John Osborne to make his BC debut. With the defensive change and ISB pressing forward, BC found themselves under pressure for the first time in the game. ISB almost got the equaliser when a deep cross from the right beat BC's central defence and ISB's centre forward was unlucky to see his header fall narrowly past the post with goalkeeper George Everest well beaten.

Five minutes into the second half, BC stamped their authority on the game when a long clearance from George deceived the ISB centre half and was picked up by Tim Ross. Once again Tim's "golden" left foot did the damage, beating the keeper from 15 yards.

ISB never seriously threatened in the second half, and with even further enforced changes BC always looked to be in control. Andy McDonald left the field with a twisted ankle mid-way through the second half, having put in a good performance, first at left back and then pushing up to midfield. All in all a solid performance and a deserved opening victory



for new skipper Terry Grogan and his team. Team: G. Everest, V. Elias, T. Grogan, G. Watkins, A. McDonald, M. Hagelauer, C. Davin, D. Atkinson, A. Caro, T. Ross, M. Birkinshaw Subs: J. Osborne, I. Sanders

# 1996 RBSC 7s

A spirited display from the British Club saw them go through to the semi-final of the main event, the Chairman's Cup.

# BC 2-0 Grand Hyatt

BC started well with a solid 2-0 victory in their opening game against Grand Hyatt. Everest found Atkinson in the opposing penalty area who skilfully side-foot volleyed the kick past the bemused Hyatt goalkeeper. The game was sealed when Atkinson claimed his second, rounding the keeper and slotting the ball home.

# BC 1-0 Jatunavy B

A much sterner test from the Shell-based second team with the only goal of the game coming right on half-time. Atkinson held off a suspicious challenge from a defender and prodded the ball past the goalkeeper. BC kept a second clean sheet due to good organisation





and positional discipline. Terry Grogan picking up a yellow card for a late tackle was the only blemish on another fine 14 minutes.

# BC 6-0 Moojam

A marvellous performance with both Atkinson and Hagelauer claiming hat tricks. BC were far too strong for the previously twice-beaten Moojam side. Pick of the goals: Hagelauer rasping drive from the edge of the box going in off the underside of the bar and Atkinson's fierce right foot volley which literally carried the goalkeeper over the line. Clendenning debuted in the tournament coming on at half-time for Sanders.

The reward for winning group D so easily was an 8am kick-off on Sunday morning against August.

# BC 1-0 August

The line up that finished against Moojam started against August. Once again the well organised BC stuck to their task and were justly rewarded with a 1-0 win. The goal came in the first half with Atkinson claiming his 7th of the tournament. Everest maintained a clean sheet and the BC were into the quarter final.

# BC 0-0 Jatunavy A

# BC won 1-0 on penalties

With Clendenning retiring injured, Terry Grogan reverted to a defensive role leaving the more mobile combination of Davin and Hagelauer in midfield. Once again BC were well organised with both Watkins and Birkinshaw turning in excellent performances to help BC achieve another clean sheet. Everest was once again on hand to make a fine save, diving low to his left to keep out Jatunavy's best effort.

So onto the penalty shoot-out with BC up first. The irrepressible Atkinson strolled up and slotted the spot kick home with an excellent shot into the right hand corner. Jatunavy's captain was up next appearing slightly nervous. His kick was struck towards George's left, who got down brilliantly to keep the ball out and see BC through to the semi-finals.

# Semi-Final

BC 0-5 Bangkok Christian College

The BC finally came unstuck against the eventual tournament winners, Bangkok Christian College. The younger Thai side were far superior and put the game beyond BC's reach with three quick goals in a five minute spell just before half-time.

All in all a very good showing by the BC who should be extremely satisfied at finishing equal third in an extremely strong tournament. Atkinson's haul of seven goals made him the tournament's highest scorer but alas administrative errors prevented him from receiving the trophy he so thoroughly deserved.

Squad: Everest, Birkinshaw, Clendenning, Watkins, Davin, Hagelauer, Atkinson, Grogan, Sanders

# Twelfth Man



# Cricket Lives!

es, believe it or not, cricket is still going at the BC despite rumours to the contrary and a distinct absence from the Outpost in recent months. It has been a long off-season. Especially if you're an English supporter who had to endure the Poms being cleaned up by the Pakis in the recent Test series! Not to worry, it's only 6 months until the Aussies make the trip back for the Ashes Series next summer, when England are sure to show their true fighting spirit.

Enough grovelling.

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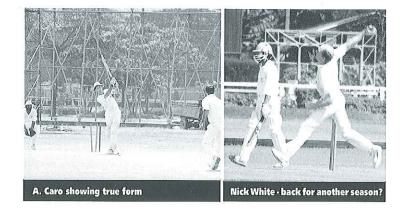
The new season commences in mid-November with the traditional season opener, the TCL Sixes Competition.

The Thai Cricket League has decided in their wisdom to reduce the 50 Over competition to 40 overs which will make it easier for some of us to face Sundays knowing we have to spend only five hours in the blazing sun rather than six or seven!

The league will continue to run with the 25 Over competition, which was re-introduced last season much to the delight of old timers like Jim Howard who thrived under the restrictions of the abridged version of the game. Nets commenced early November on Wednesday nights and the season proper has also started, opening with the following 40 Over fixtures:

## **December Matches**

Sun 1st, 10.30am BC v RBSC 2 at RBSC Sun 15th, 10.30am BC v ICC at the Polo ground



Sat 21st, 10.30am BC v RBSC 2 at AIT ground

One notable figure who will be absent is the legend Frank Hough. Frank and Gill have departed for wonderful India or, more accurately, Bangalore, to pass on the wealth of experience in cricket he has to offer. Frank is sure to have problems keeping to the spin over there and the fact that he's just notched up another half century won't help matters. No doubt we'll be receiving the odd fax begging for the chance to play and the opportunity to sledge a few RBSC batsmen.

## Richie B.

Anyone interested in playing cricket this season and joining the section please contact either of the following:

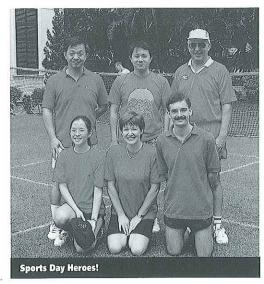
Peter Young 679 7644 or 01-498 6006 Steve Sloman 263 3555 x.820



# One Better than Last Year!

any things in Thailand go according to prophecy, and so it was with the Badminton section when we fulfilled Peter Griffiths' prediction that each year we would climb one place in the standings at the Inter Section Sports Day this year. Hence in '92 and '93 we were last, '95 we were fifth out of six and this year we were fourth out of six. We're getting there - at this rate we'll at least be placed next year!!

A great day was had by all, and thanks must go to the enthusiastic team members: new-comers Tim and Carol Gammons, Anant, Peter G and of course Henry and Katy, who all did a grand job representing us as a section very much alive and well, which is more than can be said for the Cricket section! Also thanks to Barry who spent the day keeping a sharp eye on shuttles flying past in all directions and bending down thirty times to count



them all! Your trusty chairperson did a sterling job on the organisational front and yet again organised herself out of the team, which allowed the taking of candid snaps, although sadly she was not in the right place when Tom "Tiger" Bain let rip or when golfer Greg nearly lost his modesty in the pool...

## NO MORE SOI KLANG!!!

Badmintonians Please Note:

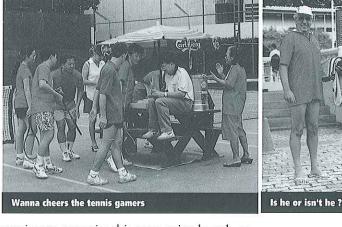
Due to the ridiculous price hikes at Soi Klang over the last couple of years which look set to continue as it attempts to make itself exclusive, the Committee have decided to call it a day and seek new weekday premises.

Our contract with Soi Klang finished at the end of November. Thanks to Anant, we have found what we believe are better premises in Soi 22 but they will not be available until January as the courts are being resurfaced. We have booked a court for Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 until 10pm, and although we will maintain the sticker system for offside facilities, the price will in future include the provision of shuttlecocks. Fuller details and directions next month.

So... THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY BADMINTON IN DECEMBER



Wanna, who acted as team cheerleader for the day, not only witnessed Tiger's first attempt at the golf game on behalf of the Rugby section but was first on the scene of the crime! Luckily (?), the ball only shattered the glass and didn't touch the bodywork, which is far harder to make like new. However, Barry was a brave man to drive home in the dark in that car! Anant, who was also watching with Wanna when the incident occured, promptly moved his car (originally parked next to the Whittaker's) to the other car park before Tiger played the rest of his allotted balls! If nothing else, the relative triumph at the annual Intersection Sports Day at the Club has at least prompted the long-overdue return of the Badminton report by yours truly... must keep it up now!



services to organise this easy-going bunch, as some of the long-standing committee members will probably be stepping down this year. Happy Seasonalising!

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**Lek Farang** 

# **Annual General Meeting**

The Badminton Committee will be holding its AGM on Soon. Please volunteer your

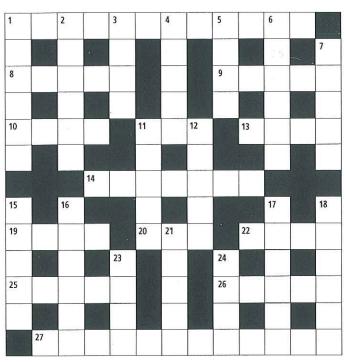
# **Farewells**

he following members sure did pick their time to leave the Club, just as everything has livened up for the festive season! This month we say farewell to:
Katrina Dockerty, John and Mem Gallacher, Martin Giliroy, Stephen and Carol Golsby, Peter Gyde, Chris Hill, Frank and Gill Hough, David and Jacqui Leamon, Stephen Lloyd, Carl and Hilary Olsson, Howard Randall and Paul and Derval Scales.

All the best for wherever you end up in the New Year!

# **Christmas Crossword**

# A Bottle's Tale



In a little grotto on one side of town, aka my office, gremlins rarely seen in daylight are plotting to hold a prime bottle of wine to ransom. Things look bleak for Bottle - there is a curse on the dungeon door, cast by a dastardly manager with a minimalist expense account.

## YOU can save Bottle!

Simply solve the crossword left, specially compiled by Margaret Miller to reflect the theme of Christmas, and the first person from whom I receive the correct solution by fax (285 4723) will crack the ancient curse, thereby releasing Bottle from a fate more horrible than work. Ye olde clubkeeper, Thomas Bainfellow, will be on hand to provide the wine. And in the spirit of the season, we'll let you take it away and give it a good home.

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# Clues

# Across

- Sink NE France to make a Christmas gift brought by 13 Across
- Satan around at Christmas? Yes, the kids love him!
- 10 House where all are welcome
- One was in the stable at the first Christmas 11
- 13 Wise men
- 14 Popular panto
- 19 Most people celebrate a new one
- We hope that no-one gets this call during the festive season
- He's said to give voice as he expires
- Do this with your voice or your glass!
- Must do this to the parcel to get your present
- His feast day is on 26th December (5,7)

## Down

- 13 Across decided to do this when they saw the star
- The man around for a song of praise
- Wenceslas was a good one 3 4 5 6
- Dress up to them for the party!
- Where 13 Across came from
- A day when 2 Down is performed
- Rich stuff
- 11 This ale won't put you in the Christmas spirit...
- but many of these will go into spirits!
- Another gift form 13 Across
- 12 15 16 Pat in a spin? No, just a shine!
- It must be on if you want the tree lit up
- "Faith... is the evidence of things " (The Bible)
- Gems as a gift for the October girl
- Leash put in front of deer to get Rudolph!
- Seasonal log

## **November's Solution**

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# Hough Red Card Farewell Tour

s the players boarded the 7.40pm night train to Chiang Mai there was the unmistakable air of confidence that goes with being Farang League champions 95/96. It didn't seem to matter that only two of the party had actually played in the award-winning team. A roll call of the players' ages seemed only to increase the expectation of victory until someone spoiled the atmosphere by pointing out that the aggregate of 350 years should be divided by 8 and not by 11 as three players had gone separately by air.

Alcohol intake was restrained to say the least and everyone had turned in for the night before the train even reached Don Muang. The only minor flurry of excitement came from Alex who finally won a hand of chase the lady (his first in six years), and the only misgiving was that someone had evidently offered Frank one egg sandwich too many. The train deposited its occupants at Chiang Mai station early on Saturday morning. Another Chiang Mai tour first occurred when transport arrived to take the players, wives and hangers on to the chosen hotel, the Pornping Tower. Such organisation. The train travellers were united with the air travellers and the full squad of 10 finely honed athletes made their own way to the Gymkhana Club. After listening to our excuses, the Gymkhana Club kindly agreed to lend us two of their stalwart players. And then we were ready for the match.

For the first 15 minutes the game was close although the younger and fitter side, the Gymkhana Club, seemed to lack the wily skills of the BC veterans. Then, with short

close passing manoeuvres, the opposition dissected the BC defence leaving a hapless Norman stranded on the goal line. 1-0 to Gymkhana. Almost instantly BC hit back. Nigel was sent clear by a good through ball from one of the guest players and he slotted the ball neatly past the advancing keeper. Although there was a hint of offside the referee wisely gave the goal remembering



that just two years previously he had been physically escorted off the pitch and out of the ground by Nigel after a minor disagreement over a penalty.

3 lucky goals to Gymkhana soon had them back in the lead by 4-1 at half-time. BC refused to lie down, however. That is, except for Stuart. A quick corner resulted in the keeper slipping and with Stuart falling on top of him Nigel notched his second goal of the match.

Norman, who didn't have to make a long range save all match, then quickly let in two more goals. 6-2 to Gymkhana. Alex and a suspiciously hopeless fallback provided by Gymkhana did their best to stem the flow while Scud launched himself at various on-

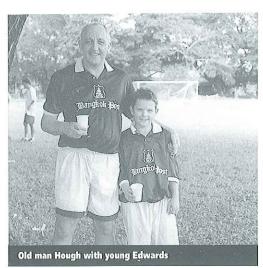
coming forwards. His timing was off, however, no doubt caused by the summer recess, and he failed to make any meaningful contact with either the ball or the opposition.

Frank, playing in possibly his last competitive tour for the BC prior to a posting in Bangalore (where the hell are you from?), took a beautiful through ball from Vaughan and tucked it exquisitely inside the near post. Norman then let in another goal. 7-3. Newcomer Ian capped a good all-round performance with a smartly taken goal and the



match ended with Gymkhana registering a deserved 7-4 victory.

The highlight of the game, however, was new captain Terry taking disciplinary action against Willy for ungentlemanly conduct. Stamping his feet firmly on the ground to emphasise his point, Terry told Willy in no uncertain terms that he was taking him off if he didn't toe the line. But with only 10 men on the pitch and absolutely no back up on the line, Willy calmly pointed out that this maybe was not the smartest of captaining decisions and besides, Willy was the only recognised



defender in the team which at the time was already down 6-2. Terry changed his mind. A pleasant family dinner followed, as usual held at the German-style restaurant Haus München. A dreadful place made worse by the restaurant's surprise at the request for cold beers (and subsequent non-supply). Frank gave a tear-jerking good-bye speech. The wives went shopping and the boys found a quiet bar to watch football via satellite TV. Sunday saw something of a rematch, and a similar scoreline. But everyone agreed one game was enough. Whether the Chiang Mai tour will return to its former glory days is still debatable. But all those who participated this year enjoyed themselves as this trip remains one of the few very much for the whole family.

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# Twelfth Man

#### **Play Review**

# Relatively Hilarious

the London Globe Theatre Company stopped only a few nights in Bangkok on their Asian tour but one evening with them watching "Relatively Speaking" was an evening well spent. Of the two nights they played at the British Club, the first unfortunately clashed not only with Halloween but also with a gala dinner held in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth during her short state stopover, so attendance was considerably lower than it would otherwise have been; however, the Friday night crowd was a full house at around 100 people.

Following another culinary feast prepared by Barry and staff, the audience were treated to a delightful comedy of marital hiccups and misunderstandings; the Archers' Charles Collingwood and Judy Bennett in particular excelled in their role as the middle-aged married couple. Afterwards the cast joined the



audience in the bar for a pleasant and informal post-performance tipple.

Looking forward to the next production by this small theatre company, due out this way around May next year - keep an eye on the Management News!

**Thea Terr** 



#### **Children's Halloween Party**

## It's Hallooooooweeeeeen!

ifty plus girls and boys arrived at the Surawong Room for this year's Halloween party on 27th October, all dressed in elaborate and very spooky costumes.

To set the scene, the lights were dimmed and scary songs were sung. Then in the darkness many creepy things, such as body parts, were passed around for the children to feel and guess what they were.

Following this scary story, many party games were played and the afternoon concluded two hours later with a fine spread of party fare including a large size "Casper" cake for all to share.

The Entertainments Committee is always looking for volunteers to help with these

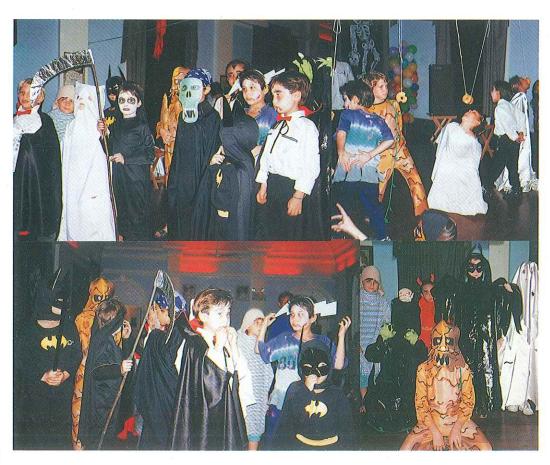


kinds of events and, as always, helpers were thin on the ground for this event. I would, however, like to give special thanks to Trish Heywood for coming along and giving freely of her time, being the only non-parent to help with the supervision.

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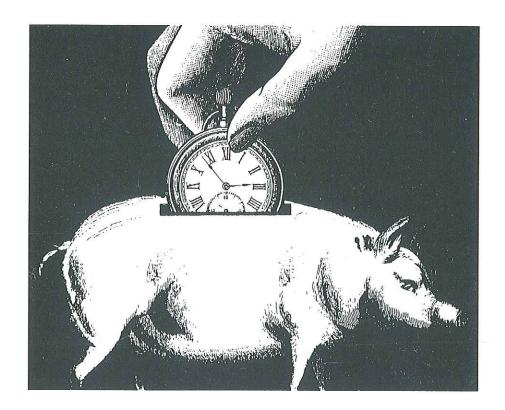
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**Tom Bain** 



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#### Recipe

# Honey-Rum Chicken with Mushroom Sauce

would guess that this recipe could be adapted to use turkey if you wanted a more alternative Christmas dinner, but here it's with chicken and it serves four.

#### Ingredients

- 4 clean chicken breasts
- ¹/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsps butter
- 2 crushed garlic cloves
- 1 cup button mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup oyster mushrooms, sliced
- 1 gill dark rum
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1/ 2 cup light cream
- 2 egg yolks, beaten
- salt & black pepper
- oranges to garnish

#### Method

- 1 Pierce the chicken breasts
- **2** Mix the orange juice and honey and marinade the chicken breasts for 20 minutes
- **3** Brown the chicken in the clarified butter and then remove the chicken from pan
- **4** Into the butter in the pan add the mushrooms and garlic; pour in the rum and then flambé the mixture
- **5** Add the chicken stock and the chicken and simmer for a further 20 minutes
- **6** Just before serving, add the cream and beaten egg yolks and season to taste
- 7 Garnish with orange slices



### Bangkok

Five years is a very long time To live here in such filth and grime Ups and downs with drivers and maids Using umbrellas to keep in the shade

Wanting to go to your favourite market Having a car and trying to park it Where's my driver, no one knows Oh, there he is, picking his nose

Off we go but he takes a wrong turn This bloody driver will never learn Just when I decide to give him the sack He smiles at me, and I smile back

Go to the office, and get the master For goodness sake, try to drive faster Off he goes at a frightening pace My cheeks are pink, I think I've lost face!

**Trixie Brann** 



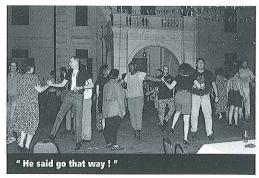


# **Ball Prancing**

way when someone says "See you on Monday at the BC for the St Andrew's dance practices." Yes, another year gone by already and great fun to be had each Monday evening on the BC front lawn.

Once you've beaten your way through the traffic on Silom Road, it's a great way to relax with friends, eating noodles, listening and dancing to Scottish music. Each dance is 'talked through' once or twice before the music starts, then it's off we go. If taken in the right spirit, nobody minds if you turn right instead of left or if you end up in the wrong place; it's a giggle and there's always someone who's been through it before to guide (push) you into position. Anyway, by the "Big Night" it will all fall into place, honestly!

On the last Wednesday before the Ball the Scots Guards will be in Bangkok and down at



the BC to "Beat the Retreat." Many a goosebump and shiver will be felt as the pipes and drums start up, making us all homesick and proud to be Scottish.

The St Andrew's Society holds a 'Pub Night' every third Thursday in the month. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the darts team, or watching Scottish videos or just chatting with old and new friends. For more details please contact Eileen Cook on 295 4596.

#### **Susan Dakers**



#### **Italian Food Promotion**

# Not a Pizza in Sight!

talianesque was the theme of the latest food promotion in Lords, when a wide range of delicious specialities including a thick minestrone-type soup to start, vegetable calzone, various salads and dips and a carvery and of course a couple of pasta dishes were served up by waiting staff dressed in all manner of get-up. True to form, Barry was the most over-the-top with a lime green, Woody Allenish flouncy outfit, complete with ruff, whereas the ladies although brightly-clad at least retained some sense of proprietary.

With wailing soprano arias playing (quietly) in the background, the scene was set for the buffet, which was followed by some heavenly desserts (all the tiramisu had been polished off before I arrived) and Amaretto coffees devoured with similar gusto. Well done to



Barry and the staff for two more successful evenings in Lords.

The costumes were kindly loaned to the Club for the two nights by member Michael Prinz of **La Commedia** restaurant; many thanks for this contribution which made the evening more fun.

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#### **Guy Fawkes Night**

# Glowing in the Dark!

The highlight (excuse the pun) of the Guy Fawkes night at the Club this year were those fluorescent necklaces, sticks or whatever else you could make out of them, which sold by the hundred on the back lawn. Chira was kept busy all evening as a stream of children twisted their parents' arms into letting them sign for at least one necklace, which when 'snapped' glowed warm shades of lime green, pink and red. As darkness set in these striking colours were bobbing about everywhere, from inside the cab of the waiting fire engine to all around the 'play area' on the back lawn while others were eating.

Luckily the rain held off all night as the smaller crowd than last year tucked into the delicious buffet on the back lawn. No guys were brought so there was no judging, but as usual a couple of guys went up in smoke (nearly taking a tree with them) in the back

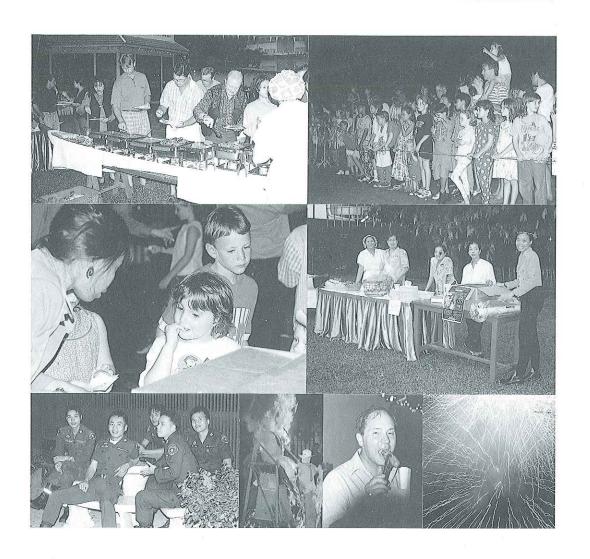


car park, and then it was round to the front lawn to watch the fireworks, which were spectacular if a tad short-lived.

The annual Guy Fawkes festival remains remarkably popular among the British community around the world and especially in Britain, so it's good to know that the Club here in Bangkok helps keep this strong tradition alive and well.

#### **Luminous Lil**







## ThaiCraft Sale

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#### **Annual Sports Day**

# A Smashing Day for Tiger Bain!

his year's Inter Section Sports Day will definitely go down as Tom 'Tiger' Bain's debut in the noble game of golf. Subbing into the Rugby team to make up numbers as many slept off the previous night's Rugby Ball, Tom's first ball shot him into the history books after a beautiful drive (with a chipping iron) ricocheted off a large tree into the car park, landing on the back windscreen of a member's Mercedes!! The owner of the luckless car, Wanna Whittaker (Badminton), was even cheering Tom on until the sound of shattering glass was heard...!

That tale did the rounds many times as six teams did battle for the coveted Sports Day trophy. The weather was overcast but dry so there were no hitches once the games eventually got under way. One competitor, Paul Williams, noted that it was the first time he'd set foot on the back lawn, having been a member for nearly two years. Several virtuoso performances were recorded but it was the steady players who triumphed in the individual stakes.



Marc Hagelauer (Soccer), who walked away with the SMOTY title on 59<sup>1</sup>/2 points - a



clear 10 points over Gareth McIlroy (Squash), also had trouble with the golf due to not knowing how to hold a club. This situation was remedied by Judy Fitzgerald (Golf) along the lines of X-rated manual instructions, and see how effective that tip proved as Marc's firm grip on his handle enabled consistent scoring...

Golf's Greg Lambert lost his trunks during a racing dive in the swimming game, but after wasting precious seconds futilely attempting to redress the matter, he decided to butch it out, sans trunks, whereupon spectators were treated to a landscape view of the white hills of Lambert... some female participants later lamented that Greg never attempted the backstroke!

The competition for SWOTY was far closer, with Squash's Joan Jewell pipping Soccer's Carol Golsby by 581/2 to 56; déja-vû for Carol or, as Dave Haworth put it, "always the bridesmaid and never the bride!"

There was a moment of concern for the computer at 5.30pm when the Churchill Bar was plunged into semi-darkness after a tripswitch flipped... however, all was safe and finally the foil-covered chocolate medals, the plaques and Dugal's hanky were



presented to the worthy winners. Well done Tennis on a second consecutive victory and to Marc and Joan.

Roll of thanks: Bernie Adams for sitting in the bar all day with laptop, perfecting his golf swing (courtesy of some neat software), with frequent beers supplied by passing members; helped later by Dugal Forrest and David Turner; 'Tiger' Bain for organising the nitty gritty; the individual sports sections for submitting enthusiastic teams and organising their games and, last but not least, we are grateful to **Allied Domecq** for their generous



sponsorship of the evening's free amber refreshment, John Bull beer.

As usual, a very enjoyable and exhausting day and much appreciated by all those who took part.

#### Candida Camera

#### Results

- 1. Tennis 37 pts
- 2. Soccer35 pts
- 3. Squash 34 pts
- 4. Badminton 28 pts
- 5. Golf 25 pts
- 6. Rugby 24 pts

Sportsman of the Year (SMOTY):

Marc Hagelauer

Sportwoman of the Year (SWOTY):

Joan Jewell

Special Merit Award for Spectactular Hitting (SMASH): Tom 'Tiger' Bain



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#### From the Chairman

nstallation of the new security gates is now complete and members will soon be able to operate them with their new membership cards. These have been delayed somewhat but are now available. Unfortunately, a number of members have still not applied for their new cards or supplied all the information that is needed. If you are one of these, please be aware that we are planning to make the security system fully operational early in the new year and, therefore, unless you are prepared to accept hassle each time you wish to enter the Club, you had better get your applications sorted out now!

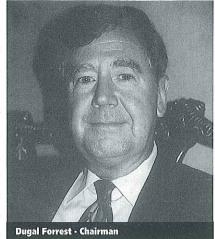
November has been a very busy month at the Club even though the Surin elephant round-up unfortunately had to be cancelled. We had the performance of "Relatively Speaking" by the Globe Theatre Company, Guy Fawkes Night, Vin Garbutt, the Italian food promotion, folk and jazz concerts and the Loy Krathong festival plus, of course, the St Andrew's dance practices and Beating the Retreat. All of these events were catered for in the Club's usual competent fashion and were enjoyed by all who attended.

Since the demise of the poolside banners, a number of members have commented (myself included!) that they have not been aware of some of the activities taking place. We are trying to achieve the advertising of events without the necessity of hanging eyesore banners around the premises and should anyone have any suggestions as to how this may

better be achieved please let us know. Everyone should, however, be aware that all forthcoming events are announced in Outpost backed up, where appropriate, with flyers and posters. So please keep an eye out for

these and if you need any further information on anything, do not hesitate to contact Club management.

Talking of Club events, the festive season is now upon us once more with its usual stream of parties and functions. The two main events are, of course, the Christmas Ball and the New

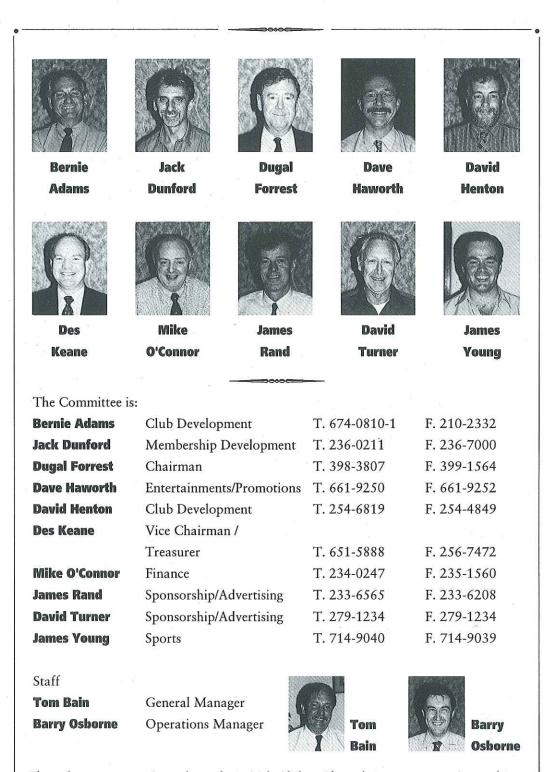


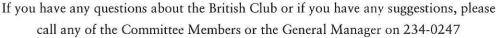
Year's Eve river trip, whilst other events include the Children's Christmas parties, carol singing, the Christmas bazaar in the Surawongse Room and Christmas fare in Lords. Also, please do not forget you can order your turkey, stuffing, ham, mince pies and shortbread through the Club too - details in the relevant flyer.

This all boils down to a very busy and, I hope, enjoyable time for everyone and may I close by wishing you all, on behalf of myself and the General Committee, a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

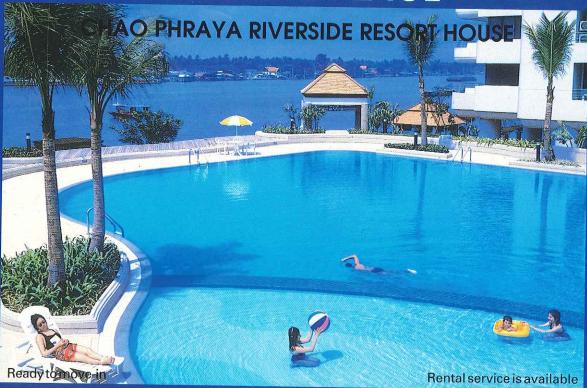
Dugal Forrest Chairman

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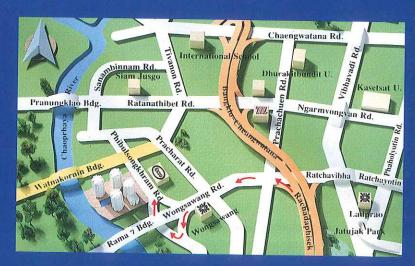


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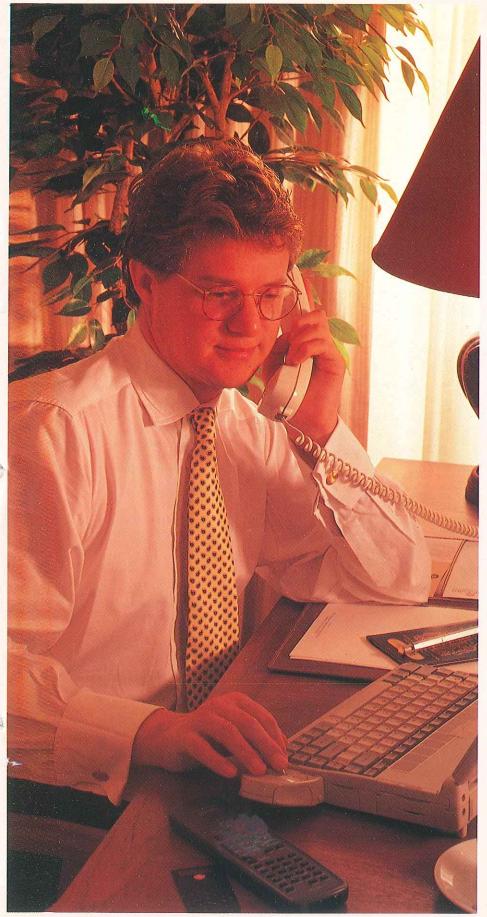
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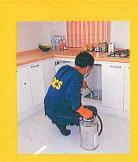
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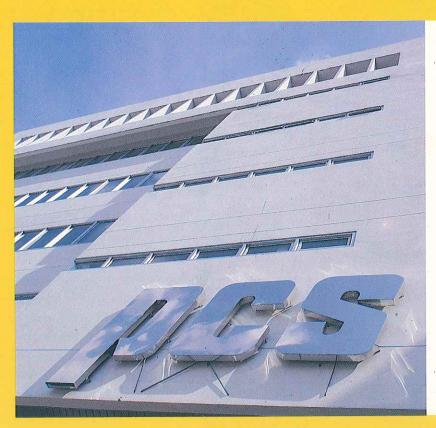


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