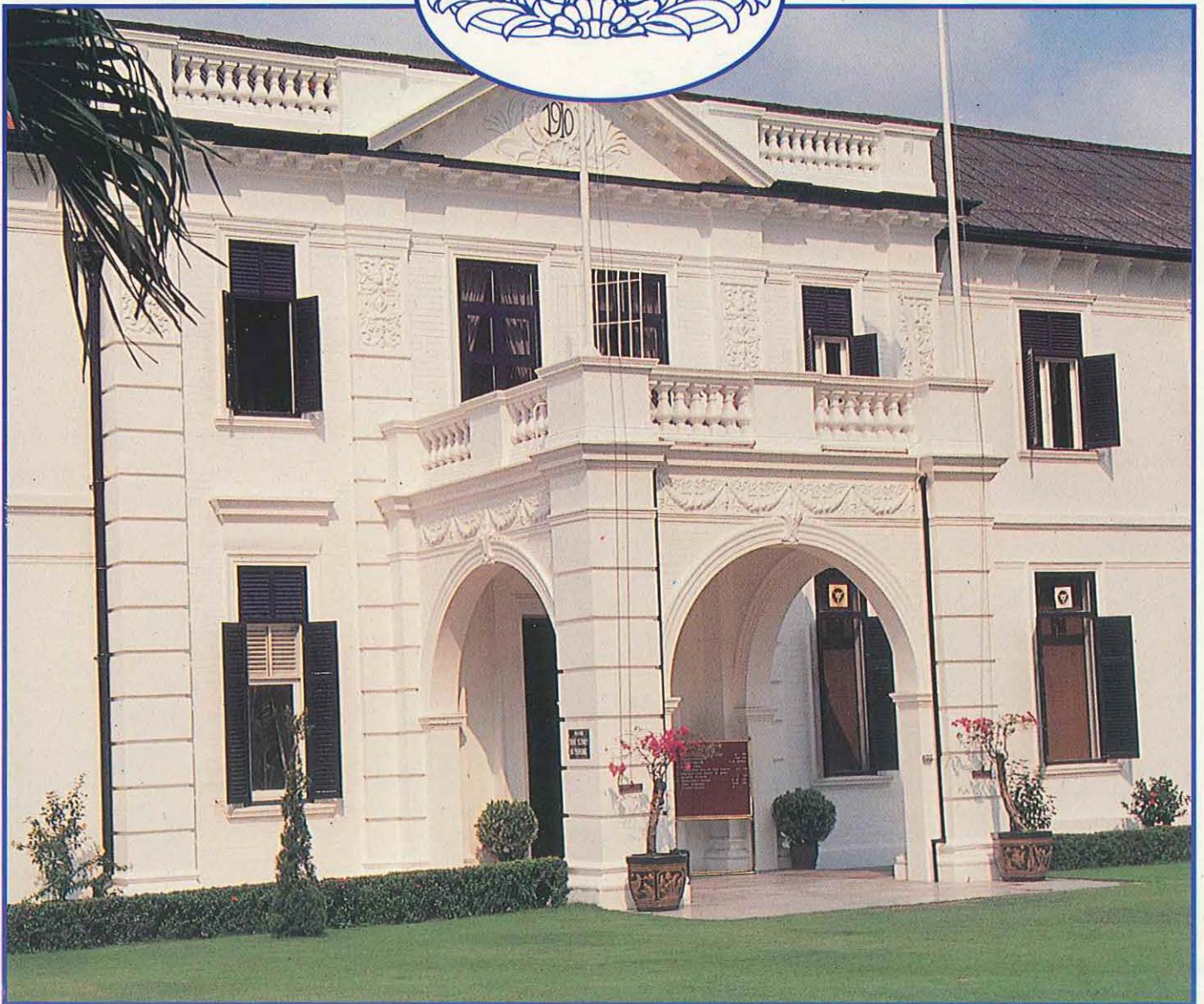


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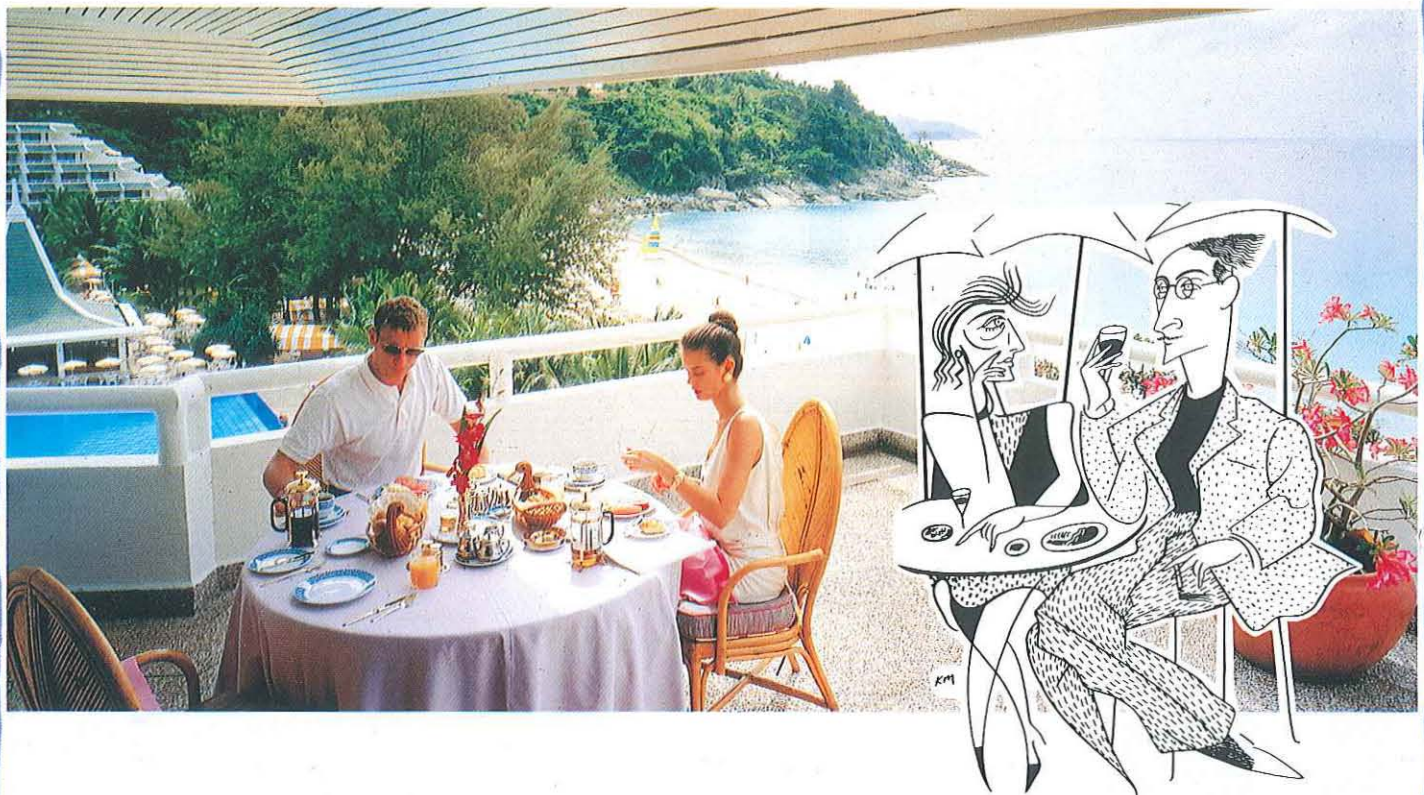
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

**O**ur second effort, hopefully in time for you to read in the plane on the way home. Hope you all enjoy your summer holidays where-ever you might go. I shall be staying here, watching over the place for you, and when you come back it shall all be still the same or maybe better. One thing is for sure, the traffic will not have disappeared.

This month you can find in OUTPOST a letter from a member who noticed there was some wrong information in a previous Outpost, the Chairman's report—which will appear on a monthly basis to inform you of things going on in the British Club to do with House & Grounds, Membership, Personnel etc. Also a brand new calendar, we made you a special pull out sheet so you can hang it up somewhere in your house, and never have an excuse to forget anything that might be on in the club. Morris Lamb has spent many a sleepless night over this and chased everyone up to get their facts and figures right. Should your section wish to be included, once again ring or fax me on or before 1st of



each month. For all of you who go on leave or summer holidays our roving reporter has been busy trying to find out how delays happen in airports. Another write up about AIDS and of course the regular contributors. The tennis section reports on their tour to Singapore, badminton with lots of interesting tidbits etc. etc. All, apart from football, Scoop decided he needed a holiday, but he will be back with a vengeance next month. It would be nice to see regular contributions from all the sections, so Darts and Snooker get it going and send your articles in.

We also have 3 competitions, not difficult and it would be nice to get some replies this time, just so we know you are all still out there.

But, still not enough, please let me have any of your writings, you will see, OUTPOST will print almost anything if it comes from its readers. Maybe whilst you are on holidays, you spot a suitable item to write home about? Also, please encourage your children, young and older, to write to Outpost with ideas they may have for the Childrens Corner in the magazine and now also in the British Club, every other Sunday in the Suriwong Room.

There is room in Outpost from the different societies too, we already have a semi-regular column from the St. David's Society, but come on St. Patrick and St. George, things must be happening in your societies too, let us know, it might even bring you in a few more members.

And of course we need advertisers. Outpost is a magazine that reaches over 1,200 families, business men, Farang and Thai. Anyone interested in advertising in Outpost please get in touch direct with me on fax/tel 258 9509, or Lynda Dobson on 392 2577.

Have a good flight and a happy holiday, don't forget us!

*Bea Grunwell*

## FROM THE MANAGER

**Y**ou may have noticed the absence of Mr. Keith Bell, the General Manager of the Club. Well, he has gone off on a well deserved holiday to England. In the meantime Mr. Mike O'Connor has been acting as General Manager, and what a busy person he has been.

In fact so busy, he hardly had time to come up with the "Managers Contribution" for this month.

He did say that should he doing this on a permanent basis, he would possibly come up with something nice to say about the members at the moment this is all we have...



Members are reminded that when they invite non-members to the Club, they have to sign them in the guest book at the reception.

Further more, the Member must be in attendance at all times, until the non-member leaves the premises.

Further more, I have noticed that there are still people walking around the poolside with their shoes on. Please do not do this as it is unhygienic and it will pollute the pool. The Club is trying its best to spray the poolside area on a regular basis so you do not get too hot.

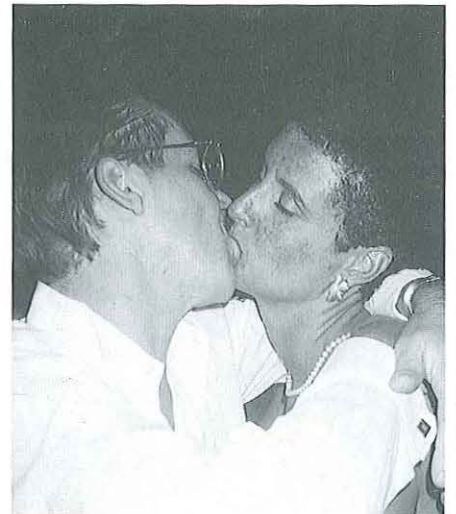
Thank you for your assistance

*Mike O'Connor*  
Acting General Manager

# LOVE IS IN THE AIR

*There was definitely romance in the air at the latest St George's Ball who was dancing with who, Outpost does not have a clue. You try and spot the couples and not so couples.*





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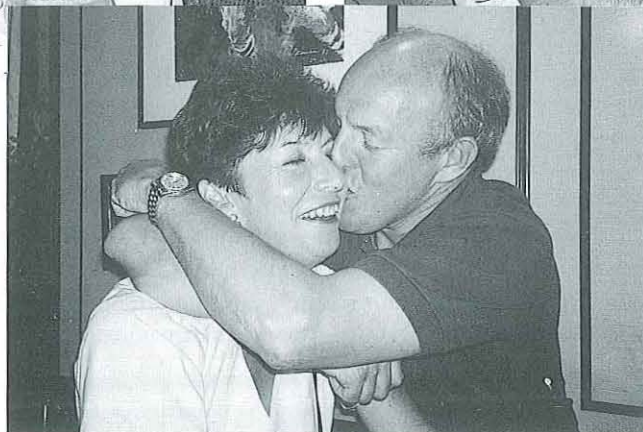
*Bernie and Joan Adams*



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*Jon and Jane Prichard*



*Archie and Eileen Cook*

# CONGRATULATIONS



On Friday 4th June at 7.30 am, 7.31 am and 7.32 am Mrs. Dugal Forrest gave birth to triplets. Mother and babies are doing fine.

The eldest is a daughter called Helen Elizabeth Wanwisa and weighed 2.3 kg, the oldest boy was named Christopher George Yook and weighed 1.7 kg and the youngest of

the trio carries the grand names of Peter Milne Patchari and weighed at 1.6 kg.

Congratulations to the Forrest family, we will look forward to seeing you all at the BC.

Dugal has promised some photographs for the next issue, so watch this space.

## LETTER PAGE

*Should you wish to write any comments on the BC, Outpost or anything at all to do with life in Bangkok, please contribute to this LETTER PAGE, by sending your letters to the British Club - Outpost Editor.*

As a yesteryear member of the BC I am writing to point out that HBM's Consul-General Thomas Knox could not have forwarded a letter from the Siamese Government to the BC complaining of foreigners riding furiously along the public streets of Bangkok, (see March Outpost - Last Laughs) as Thomas Knox left the country in 1879, whereas the BC was not founded until 1903.

My correspondent reminds me of the quite tragic events that led to

Consul-General Thomas Knox leaving the country. In early 1879 the Governor of Prachin Buri, who had enemies in high places, eloped with his elder daughter Fanny. The governor was arrested and charged with offenses against court rules, specifically with censurable behaviour on his yacht with the daughter of a foreign official and contempt of Royal authority. He was also charged with other offences, such as mismanagement of gold mines in his province,

being involved in the murder of two prisoners and causing a third to drown. He was put on trial and sentenced to death. Knox was recalled to London in August 1879, given a pension and made a KCMG. The son-in-law of HBM's former representative was beheaded later that year. Fanny died in Bangkok in 1925. Her sister Caroline married Louis T. Leonowens, the son of Anna. But that's another sad story.





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# New Members

*A quiet night this Monday 8th June in the Suriwong Room. Jane Prichard came to offer her assistance this time and we shared the heavy burden of interviewing FOUR new members. I did manage to spot two of last March's new members there (remember the one without the film??) and took a piccie of them.*



This is Eric Jelinek who is the new country manager for British Airways. He does not dare to come into the bar now for fear of being asked to sponsor this that and the other. A nice person.



Ian Walton actually threw himself at me offering to have his photograph taken. He said he really liked the cartoon and said he is actually a lot busier than the picture suggests.



Joy Masood and her husband Mahmood are a much travelled couple. Mahmood is G.M. of the Holiday Inn in Bangkok. They have 2 children aged 15 and 11, both at school in Singapore. They have lived in Farnham, Pakistan, Middle East, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang to name but a few

places. Joy spent 10 years in Pakistan with Mahmood and his family and learned to wear a sari, understand the punchline of jokes in Urduh and was married in full Moslem regalia!

Both are very athletic, play tennis, badminton and squash. Mahmood also enjoys a round of golf and will play cricket if pushed. Joy has her own 'step' and enjoys working out at home to the latest step videos.



Gregory and Marion Harris met in Hong Kong and were married there. Gregory is the Residential Manager of Richard Ellis and Marion is here with the Dusit Thani Group as their Corporate Director PR and Communications. They are planning to take up tennis and Rita Dunford had a word with them about coaching. Greg is a keen hockey player and a retired rugby player, unless BC has a Vets team. He also likes Scuba diving. Marion enjoys swimming, and together they like eating and watching films.



Guy Hollis (Management Asia) is eagerly awaiting the arrival of his Irish wife Karen and their two little

boys of 7 months and 3 1/2 years old. Karen is a avid BA fan so Guy just managed to corner Eric Jelinek into giving her some extra service!

Guy enjoys playing rugby, although he promised his wife to hang his boots up. He is also keen on squash.

Karen is a former Ardra knitting champion and even had one of her sweaters disqualified because it was too professional. She also likes drinking, tennis, telling stories and cooking. (No wonder Guy can't wait for her to get to Bangkok!ED)



Mal Ferguson, who did not want to be know as Mr. Malfunction, is here with the Australian Embassy and a statistician by trade. He is single and has three children in Australia. He enjoys cricket, on a more social basis, but wouldn't mind playing in Bangkok if it's still physically manageable.

He likes drinking scotch - purely medicinal of course, and is a member of the Bangkok South Rotary Club.

He often spends his weekends in Baan Serai which is by the sea past Pattaya. Asked about Bangkok his advice to other members is to avoid driving at all costs.

On sports, Mal thinks Aussie Rules Football is God's gift to all sporting fraternities of the world.

# QUESTION OF SPORT BAR QUIZ

DRAW FOR THE FIRST ROUND:-

DATE	TIME	MATCH	COMPETITORS	ROUND
WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST 1993	20:00	A	SQUASH v SOCCER	FIRST ROUND
	21:30	B	SNOOKER v GOLF	FIRST ROUND
WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST 1993	20:00	C	CRICKET v SWIMMING	FIRST ROUND
	21:30	D	BADMINTON v RUGBY	FIRST ROUND
WEDNESDAY 18th AUGUST 1993	20:00	E	TENNIS v DARTS	FIRST ROUND
	21:30	F	WINNER 'C' v WINNER 'B'	FIRST ROUND PLAY-OFF
WEDNESDAY 25th AUGUST 1993	20:00	G	WINNER 'D' v WINNER 'E'	SEMI-FINAL
	21:30	H	WINNER 'A' v WINNER 'F'	SEMI-FINAL
WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 1993	20:30	I	WINNER 'G' v WINNER 'H'	FINAL

## BRITISH CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Just to disprove the theory that everything closes down at the British Club during July and August, we have prepared a July pull out calendar, so you can hang it on your notice board and not forget important sporting or social events at the club.

Also, every month there will be a reminder of things to come in the next two months. So this month you can book your dates for August and September.

Any sections or societies wishing to use this calendar, please let Maurice know one month before publication of Outpost, which events you would like to see included.

- Tennis League and Junior Tournament in August - Finals on Sunday 29th August.
- A question of Sport - Every Wednesday in August 8pm in the Bar
- Tennis Section Monthly Tournament - Sunday 8th August
- Ibycus Orchestra plays in Restaurant - Saturday 21st August
- Family of Strangers - Covenant Players - Friday 27th August
- Swimming Gala - Sunday 29th August
- Squash Handicap Tournament in August - Semi Finals and Finals on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August
- Tennis Section Handicap Tournament starts in September
- Bridge starts again in September - every Tuesday - in the Suriwong Room
- Musical Quiz Evening in the Suriwong Room - Saturday 4th September
- After Dinner Speaker in Restaurant - "The Maastricht Treaty" - H.E. Mr. Gwyn Morgan Ambassador of E.C. Delegation - Thursday 16th September
- Last Night of the Proms - Saturday 25th September

## BRITISH CLUB BANGKOK TENNIS TOUR



B.C.B. and American Club – Saturday May 1st

### Dear Diary,...

*Ye merry band of troopers who flew out to Chewinggumsville on Friday 30th April included Dave and Kathy Haworth, David and Anna Ingham, Simon and Stella Fox, Archie and Eileen Cook, Pat Dean, Fran Kucera, Sven Alkalaj, David Jenkins and yours truly. In Singapore we met up with Bernie and Joan Adams (still living in Thailand but in the sticks) and recently-moved-from-Bangkok Nigel and Kate Davies.*

### American Club

Kicking off at 2pm on the Saturday, there was a gorgeous temperature of around 30°C, more than 10°C cooler than the Bangkok we had just left. OK, it was slightly more humid, but there was a breeze (What's one of those? - Ed). We loved it, but the wimpish colonials were complaining of the heat. Sad.

The American Club is very 'vertical', well-equipped and with a good sports shop which allowed me to demo racquets. Great atmosphere in the

grandstand during the match, fueled by the free hotdogs. The two teams were generally well-matched; we were narrowly pipped 10-8 in the end, with Eileen, David and Fran emerging as our 100 percenters, winning all their matches.

In the evening all of our lot and about 4 of theirs ate at the Orang Utan, where, due to the large amount of heavily-taxed alcohol consumed, the bill came to a hefty S\$ 65, over B 1000 per head. That's a patriarchal government for you.

Following much confusion over the proper name of the Singapore Swimming Club, Sunday's venue, not to mention directions ("On the East Coast somewhere"), your intrepid reporter did a little investigating. Crumbs, you can tell this used to be a British colony from the enormous number of clubs on this small island: well over 100 listed in the directory, including the "Reptile Skins Business Club" (wonder what sports facilities they have?) and more obscure, the "Goh Loo Club". Each to his own, I guess.



B.C.B. and Singapore Swimming Club – Sunday May 2nd



B.C.B. and Tanglin Club – May 3rd

## Singapore Swimming Club

Sunday dawned overcast but bright, and with a 9am start it was bleary eyes all round. Despite the cloud cover and 31°C, many of us had lobster-coloured exposed bits by midday. Playing amid a construction site to make us feel at home, again there were several good long set matches and again a narrow-ish defeat: 5-3.

Archie got the ladies vote (well, 4 of us) as the most stylishly dressed, following my comment about his being “nicely coordinated”. Eileen, however, got the wrong end of the stick and expounded for a couple of minutes on hubby’s tennis style and skills on a squash court before the meaning of ‘coordinated’ was gently explained! There’s devotion for you.

Things were definitely done differently here. Now I consider myself fairly au fait with Thai bartering and sharp practice, but I wasn’t prepared for the barman at this Club. On enquiring about the price of a Diet Coke and a 7Up (which it wasn’t, it was a disgusting syrup drink), I was told S\$ 1.40. Returning with required coupons I was told S\$ 1.80, and then on handing over said coupons it went up to S\$ 1.90! I’ve heard of galloping inflation, but 35% in five minutes? That’s hairy.

The lunch was a grand affair in the Main Hall, with twangy country and western whining over the PA (where were you, Andrew Francis?) mixed with the universally popular 105 FM-style easy-lis’nin muzak. By coincidence, we shared the hall with

the SSC badminton section and their counterparts from the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. Thus followed probably one of the most embarrassing moments in Dave ‘Skip’ Haworth’s life as captain: the present-exchanging. Y’see, due to an oversight on the committee front, someone had forgotten to order presentation plaques, which was bad enough. But to rub salt in it, not only did the first-up RBSC have a plaque to give, they and the SSC exchanged club shirts for each and every member of the teams! Don’t you just hate it when that happens?! Somehow, yesterday’s excuse of the plaque being held together with chewing gum and stopped by customs wasn’t going to wash. You know when you just want the ground to open up? - well, it was like that!

Sunday afternoon was an opportunity to either crash out or go shopping; I opted for the latter and like several on our tour, bought a new racquet. In the evening many of us met at the Fleapit, sorry, the Cesspit, no, no, the Cockpit, where most of the party were staying, and forwarded ourselves to Newton Circus - a small triangle of hawker stalls wot is nailed down - for a considerably cheaper meal. By the time the satays ordered by ‘Skip’ for starters arrived, Fran and mate Phil Charlton had already demolished large portions of ‘chilli ray’, and they’d arrived after us! On to Bugis Street, we sat outside enjoying a drink in the breeze, and in my case, a gorgeous sweet ice dessert, which for some unknown reason turned every-

one else’s stomach. Dave and Simon were doing a great job chatting up the waitress until she announced that Fran and Simon must be from Manchester (!), to which Simon replied. “No, Skegness!” Archie was last seen pitifully wandering up and down Bugis Street desperately seeking transvestites, as he’d “read so much about this place”... Shame.

Despite being opposite the Ding-Dong-a-Go-Go and the Boom Boom Club, Bugis Street has definitely lost most traces of ‘Eastern promise’ since its demolition, rebuilding and sanitisation. However, I wonder if the same could be said the for the ‘Fukwee’ cocktail lounge or the ‘Pink Live Entertainment’ club, in other parts of the city? Maybe next time..

## Tanglin Club

The grand finale of the tour was a match against the Tanglin Club, 5pm kick-off. It having chucked it down all day, it was rather humid. Nice to see that for a club with such fantastic facilities, those on the courts were comparably crumbier than ours: water containers which held less than ours and also leaked, for a start. For hydrophobes like myself there was no sala bar from which to order a drink, but there was a large drinks machine... which was out of order and looked like it had been for some time. However, they did have the same floodlights, but theirs stayed on for as long as required and didn’t flicker once. Ahem.



Matthys van den Broek (far left) and Ross Cunningham, Marketing Director of Montien Hotels (far right) with some of the participants in the paradise sports pre-tennis..

*Oh to be in England in the summertime... in July we look forward to the climax of Wimbledon back in Blighty, while out here there is the 'Family Mixed Doubles' on the 11th, as well as the launch of a Juniors tournament to coincide with skool hols.*

*Oh 'eck, I hardly know where to start with all this lot going on! First off, welcome your new committee for this year, who took office early May, list below. Second: a policy change - 'racquet' shall be spelt as shown from now on, the Ox. Eng. Dic. can't be wrong!*

#### Two major announcements for July:

- a) We have a trophy cabinet! Presently tucked away in a corner of the Churchill Bar, it looks a tad sparse at the moment, so get winning some silver.
- b) Apparently, the floodlights SHOULD be working properly by the time you read this!! At long last a new cable has been laid down to carry sufficient voltage, or something technical like that, so theoretically this epic saga will be brought to a close. (Hark, do I see a pig fly-eth past my window?) Only a cynic would point out that this cable was laid at around the same time as traffic was due to be reversed on Sukhumvit and another crackdown on corruption in politics was launched. Let's hope that at least one out of three succeeds!

May was Maurice's month, or 'Maurica Kamb', as he was billed in the April/May issue, and well, if it's in print it must be true, mustn't it? Maurica organised the Round Robin and was also elected as new Chairman on the 9th; and last but not least Mr Kamb excelled himself with the successful Racquet Day competition on the 30th. May's diary read as follows:-

#### SINGAPORE - May 1st-3rd

There should be a detailed report on this great tour elsewhere in this rag, but suffice to say that the 17 of us participating played several good matches but were narrowly pipped twice and well beaten once, ate a great deal, spent a lot of dosh and generally had some fun. We look forward to returning the hospitality of all three clubs: the American, Singapore Swimming and Tanglin Clubs, later in the year or early next.

#### ROUND ROBIN and AGM - May 9th

Sunday 9th dusked warm and fairly mozzie-free; following a truly knacker-ing Round Robin conducted in the heat of the afternoon, shattered players shuffled into neat rows of chairs which didn't stay neat for very long, and Dave 'Skip' Haworth called the rabble to order. The AGM opened with the announcement of the winners of the days exertions:- Sandra for the ladies and Howard for the men, ably assisted by Gavin's booby score of minus 22!

Then the nitty gritty: the treasurer, David, gave his final report after three years of bean-counting. [It was interesting to see the new treasurer, John Sands, getting into the spirit of the job later when he was spied stuffing a wad of the folding stuff into his top pocket on the way out...] Dave gave a final chairman's speech generally thanking everyone, as you do, and recounting some of the memorable occasions, ending on



*Andrew practising his role as Chairman of Vice*

a high note with a reminder of some great red-faced moments in Singapore.

Your new chairman, Maurice, then took over, thanked the older, outgoing committee, and nominated Andrew Francis as his new vice-chairman, although what our Andrew knows about vice has yet to be discovered. And that was it for this year, only 20 minutes to stumble through a complete agenda. In hindsight, it was an extremely tactical move of Maurice's (in cahoots with the committee?) to hold the AGM after a tortuous afternoon of hard slog - everyone was too pooped to dissent to anything the committee had to say, and the only heckling came from Paul (who else?), who had finished early.

Afterwards, all that was left was to eyeball some of the antics of the Tennis section in a photo montage by yours truly. Cellina McIntyre was spotted pointing out that now (in)famous picture of Stella revealing her modesty in the 'No Talent Night', and stating to Amy Fox "That's your mother, isn't it?". Roll on the inferiority complex.

## APRIL LEAGUE RESULTS

A return to the league fold by several of you lot and a much lower truancy rate than December made for many matches in the leagues in April and some good scores. Congrats to all winners, namely:-

### Divisions

1. Surin Dunnvatanachit
2. Fran Kucera

3. Chalutip Dunnvatanachit
4. Sven Alkalaj
5. Carol Young
6. Maria McIntyre
7. Ian Harbeck
8. Rachel Lind

The next league is taking place in June, results out in July.

## PARADISE SPORTS - May 15th-30th

In the latter half of the month, the Paradise Sports Pre-tennis programme was held for 6-8 year olds, several of whom had racquets larger than them! (see photo) The programme was conducted by tennis pro Matthijs van den Broek and was sponsored by Montien Hotels. This kind of programme is beneficial to youngsters as it is far better to nurture sporting aptitudes early. Pity this sort of thing wasn't available for several of our adult members in bygone years.

## MATCH v. ORIENTAL - May 16th

This was a friendly match against the Oriental Hotel Tennis Club and was a combined effort with the Squash section. Unfortunately, playing time was cut short due to the heavens opening mid-morning, but when the deluge eased and after a mega-lunch some went back on court, bloated, to waddle around finishing matches. Despite winning most of what games were played, some



*Andrew still practising his was not quite what we meant by "Vice..."*

people's memories seemed dim and distant when asked about this match, so apologies for the lack of interesting details. No photos from this one (I was under cover elsewhere), more apologies, but perhaps a camera will be present if there's a return match once the Oriental have resurfaced their courts?

## RACQUET DAY - May 30th

The first of what is set to become an annual event, this was a mammoth collaboration between the Tennis, Squash and Badminton sections organised by Maurice, and what's more it only required one flyer, which was outstanding restraint on Maurice's behalf when you think about it. This event fulfilled its purpose of getting many of each section involved, if not playing then supporting, and acted as an excellent introduction to people of different sections. As far as results go, I'm afraid we didn't fare that marvellously, but mai pen rai, better luck next year, ahem! Other non-racquet sports sections displayed such envy at this event that more inter-sports days of this ilk are now on the cards for later this year... what sort of monster has Maurice created here?! Full write-up next ish.

## VETERANS ('INVALIDS') CORONATION TOURNAMENT - May/June

Entry restricted to those dated enough to have been around on Coro-

nation Day 2nd June 1953 (before my time), this old fogies set-to is still in progress at time of writing and has attracted a fair number of entrants... they were right about the 'aging population', weren't they?! Methinks Maurice is aiming for a NHS zimmer frame handicaps knock-out later in the year, continued stability of health of participants permitting.

So far there has been a considerable amount of spirited and speeded doddering around court by many players who have played up to their quarter-final matches (a.k.a. the first round for most categories, but that sounds less impressive); semis to be played by 19th June. Maurice 'mentioned in passing' that he and Gisi had "taken Surin and Chalatip to 6-4, 6-3" before succumbing to defeat. Hmmmm. Anyway, the final for those remaining standing will be on Sunday June 20th.

That more or less closes a hectic May diary. However, June promises little easing up on the pace (and July even hairier), with the booking sheet looking something like this:-

## CLUB ALDIANA WEEKEND - June 4th-6th

Taking advantage of yet another bank holiday (I love this country!), this time Wisaka Bucha Day on Friday 4th, around 40 of our number are heading South West to Hua Hin. If previous such outings are anything to go by, this should be a fun-packed weekend with absolutely loads of tennis of one form or another played, and probably a not inconsiderable amount of alcohol imbibed by the older members of the group. Hopefully, photos and report for next month.

## RACQUET BALL

What promises to be the ball of the year, over 200 people have already signed up at time of writing. Taking place at the Shangri-La Hotel, there's a delicious mega-meal to be followed by dancing with the Hot To Trot band with special guest singers. Be there or be quadrilateral! There's bound to be photos galore from this one, more next month!

## TEAM TOURNAMENT

Another Maurice speciality and scheduled for June 20th, this event will take place in the afternoon after finals in



*A reflective outgoing Chairman  
Dave Haworth*

the morning of the crumblyes, sorry, veterans competition to occur on the two 'show' courts. Teams will be formed on the day as usual, dependent on your tribal group, clan, whoop, order, etc.

As mentioned earlier, there will be a 'Family' Mixed Doubles competition on the 11th July, just turn up at 2pm as usual, it'll be convenient adoptions all round to make up the 'families', but no divorcing of parents by children allowed! There are also plans to start a Juniors competition of one form or another, details not available at time of scrawling, so that the brats shall be happily occupied while on summer vacs.

Looking even further ahead, Maurice is plotting another fun tournament of some form or another, and perhaps a competition for teenagers, details as available. So we've had oldies, and now teenagers, what about us 'in-the-middle-there' bods? There is talk of a 20's to 40's match in the not-too-distant future. Fingers crossed.

Late committee news items to report:- a B 25 charge will be levied for ladder membership as from August 1st to encourage ladder challenges and a prize draw will be held at the end of the month, with names posted on the notice board. Also, there is a new signing-in book for the mix-in sessions - ye olde faithful yellow mini-ledger is being phased out. The new 'un will be kept behind the sala counter as usual. On the subject of mix-ins, an edict from your new committee requires that only committee members may sign for new balls on behalf of the section. Finally, despite the purchase of cup-holders on court, the committee requests that before leaving the courts or after finishing your liquid refreshment, you put your disposable plastic cups in a bin so that they don't go sailing across a court. Thank you!

## YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

Maurice Lamb	- Chairman
John Sands	- Treasurer
Stella Fox	- Secretary
Andrew Francis	- Vice-chairman
Simon Fox	- Men's Captain
Eileen Cook	- Ladies Captain
Chris Aspden	
Patrick Dean	
Rita Dunford	
David Haworth	
David Ingham	
Howard Neville	
Gaynor de Wit	
Carol Young	

## MEN ONLY!

That grabbed your attention. Just to inform you that Monday evenings 7-9pm are the last bastions of men-only tennis! Playing men's doubles a little more seriously than mix-ins, all players except beginners are welcome.

Normally the evenings are organised so that participants can have competitive but enjoyable matches, however, we also use them to practise together before team matches. Anyone interested please contact Simon Fox [254 9913 (O), 287 2744 (H)] or just turn up.

**'Family Mixed Doubles'  
Tournament  
July 11th  
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# RECOGNISE THIS MEMBER??

A new competition for all you lot to keep you on your toes!!!

This member spends quite a lot of time in the BC's Churchill Bar and is also found on the tennis courts, but not necessarily playing tennis. The member is married and British his spouse controls the haggis.

Send in your answers before July 31st to THE EDITOR of OUTPOST at the British Club and a prize will be there for your collection

GOOD LUCK!!





*Dywidag Consortium JV challenge friendly*

***July marks the first anniversary of this section – many thanks to all who have been with us since those early days, and welcome to all new-comers! May was officially declared as Great Big Thank You to Maurice Lamb Month, what with the Dywidag match and the highly successful Racquet Day, both organised by or with the help of the man himself. We Badmintonians excelled ourselves at both events! Read on...***

There was a real 'electrical' atmosphere during the **Dywidag Consortium JV challenge friendly** in mid-May, and how! The most terrific thunderstorm rolled on overhead but we kept dry inside.. or did we? Despite the helpful presence of a roof, drips started falling on certain courts, prompting some evasive action. In fact, Matthew Overington was heard to say that he spent much of his time "avoiding the wet patches"... so we all know what sort of a gentleman he is, eh ladies?!

The match was played in great spirits, although was slightly one-sided score-wise, with our team winning with flying colours. Well, I say "our" team.. Judi Leddy and I were swapped over to make up female

numbers on the Dywidag side, and indeed added to their total, but you know what I meant. The scoresheet should be included here somewhere; as you can see there was a good turnout from both sides, with an impressive array of nationalities representing the opposition: British, German, Austrian, French, Columbian and, of course, Thai.

The barbecue at the Club was transferred indoors which made it cosier - indeed, it's the nicest atmosphere I've ever felt in Lords restaurant. Pauline swapped a BCB plaque for a framed piccie of the tollway project (just what we always wanted!), over which the opposition spend their days sweating. Relaxing in the sala afterwards, I did the journalist bit and

asked for opinions of the day. Most people came out with fairly uninspired remarks like "Had a great time", "Really enjoyed it", "It was nice to be on the winning side for a change" (Who left that one in? - G) and similar. Pauline kept repeating "wholesome sausages", but I couldn't decide whether she was talking about the lunch or was commenting about some of the lads from the opposition, so I thought I'd better leave that one out, this being a family magazine!

Anyway, we all had fun, it was nice to see Nick Bean again following the end of his brief dabble at Club membership, and as mentioned in last month's ish, we would welcome future challenges from anyone who works with fellow shuttle-swatting

# Badminton



*Pauline Dalton and Maurice Lamb*

colleagues.

In between this match and the Racquet Day was **Barry Whittaker's 60th**, oops sorry, 21st again birthday. Wanna threw a 'surprise' party.. well, it would have been a surprise had Barry not returned from Europe a day early and caught Wanna stringing lights to trees in the garden! Men, honestly. During the party there was a little, um, entertainment provided by a mystery busty blonde who helped Barry blow out all those candles! Any clues as to this lady's whereabouts on the back of an envelope, please, addressed to Barry, who was quite taken with the performance!!

It was also Pauline's birthday that week. Now claiming that her age sounds better in reverse, I would like to shake the hand of the charming bloke who suggested that she was therefore 26!! Pauline herself went temporarily dotty (dottier?) after returning from Mauritius, but outsiders claimed not to have noticed any difference. Anyway, Happy Birdie to all!

The Racquet Day was Maurice's second and by far his largest organisational triumph of the month. Held on 30th May and therefore too near the copy deadline for David Bailey 'ere to provide pics, there will be a full write-up next ish. Suffice to say, though, that I was extremely proud of everyone on our team who played well to

gain a solid victory against the Tennis and Squash sections. With 17 on our side, we employed as much badminton talent as possible, although we did borrow two people for squash due to the holidaying of squashing talents like Cathy, and one or two tennis players. Chitchavee particularly must be congratulated for chasing/organising the team, and with David O. was tireless in her pursuit of high standards mixed with participation of Section members; I am delighted for everyone that it all paid off. We have put Badminton on the map!!

June's main event will have been the Racquet Ball. Several Badmintonians will be making a respectable appearance at that one - actually, forget the respectable bit for the moment - and it promises to be a great event. Piccies for this grand spectacle may be a little later than expected, coz... I'm going on holiday!! Yeeee hah! Yes, my turn has come to go on home leave, just in time to see the sun in temperate climes while Thailand is left with an excess of falling water. Never fear, however, I shall be back in time for my birthday, and perhaps even for the Pattaya weekend match, which has been scheduled for either late June or early July. More on this as it happens.

July 12th of course marks the first anniversary of the Badminton section as is; it's hard to believe that we've only been going a year. Although a small-ish section of the Club, we've proved that we're very social and game for a laff, yet are capable of being quite competitive. Still open to new members, badminton is one of those games you can pick up again really easily, even if you haven't played since school days, so anyone out there who used to play in days of yore, come and join us!

Yours for want of an easier name to pronounce on the 'phone,

*'Lek Farang'*



*Gaynor de Wit, Barry Whittaker, Pauline Dalton*

## GAYNOR-GUIDE TO FAMOUSH-ISH QUOTES ABOUT BADMINTON

"I think badminton is great, because people at any age, and almost any level of ability, can play the game."

**Billy Jean King**, tennis player.

"What I like best about badminton today is that it's so fast, it's frantic. And it makes you laugh, because you get so out of control."

**Joy Kitzmiller**, US National Badminton Champion in women's singles and doubles, member of the US Olympic badminton team.

"The Badminton Club of the City of New York is actually the oldest badminton club in the world, although the English will not acknowledge this. (Flaming typical - G) The Roosevelts and Astors and Vanderbilts were members, and among the first badminton players in this country. But badminton was more of a social event then - people played in tuxedos and long gowns - until about 1906, when the six-foot-seven Lyle Evans Mahon took off his tuxedo jacket in order to play harder. There was a big scandal, but he won the battle, and people started playing in more casual dress."

**Diana Moore Hales**, badminton historian (Is this a serious job? Gad - G).

"There goes my team. I must follow them coz I'm their leader!"

**Pauline Dalton**, Chairperson of the Badminton Section, BCB, on noticing the inaugural badminton crowd disappear in the direction of the Bang Rak courts, July 1992.

Scoresheet: friendly against Dywidag Consortium JV, Sunday 16th May.

Onto the match: the hosts put a very strong team out and we were completely outclassed in this one-sided meeting, losing 12-2 in long sets. It didn't help that we had lost Fran and Eileen, as work duty called for Fran and Archie on the Tuesday. Embarrassingly, the only two we won, one or both players were TC members playing for our side!! Nigel holds the honour of being the only BCB player on a winning side! Pat and Nigel ran one game to 9-8 (7-5 in the tie break), but the rest of us couldn't get so close. Ah well.

Around the pool, under a light-bedecked tree, we enjoyed a sumptuous laid-back buffet (with desserts like lime jelly - chef please take note, coz I'm a dessert-freak). Chatting to a couple of TC members, including Francis Chan, one of the day's conveners and TC old bird, we learnt all sorts about an ex-member, one Maurice Lamb, who was on the Tennis Committee there several years ago! Small world, huh?

That more or less rounds off the tour of Singapore. Most of us flew home on the Wednesday (Coronation Day) after further shopping exploits and sight-seeing expeditions. It being my first tour I thought it was fun, sociable and with some good matches played, despite the three defeats. Dave 'Plaque' Haworth assured me that we always lose on tour - something to do with the quality of the players.... can't think what he meant!!

Yours until the next tour,

*Gaynor de Wit*

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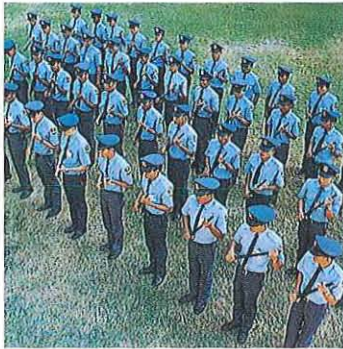
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Nok & Peter T	15-2, 15-6
Zoe & Thomas	15-1, 15-5
Far & Maurice	15-5, 15-9
Bird & Sam	15-1, 15-2
Judi & Nick D	15-0, 15-12
Gaynor & Frank	3-15, 6-15
Ann & Noi	12-15, 4-15
Bird & Miguel	15-11, 15-4
Far & Sam	15-7, 15-7
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Frank & Maurice	15-9, 15-13

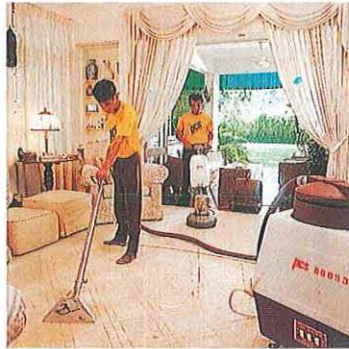
### ANSWERS TO BLOCKBUSTERS QUIZ

B: Baht, W: Wee, F: Fire, X: Xylophone, K: Kiss, Z: Zebra, L: Lager, S: Sukhumvit, C: Cute, U: Uniform, M: Morning, V: Violin, E: Enterprise, D: Desert, P: Pekinese, R: Royal, N: Nickel, O: Oral, T: Tarzan, G: Ghost

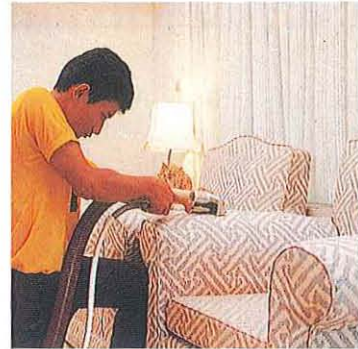
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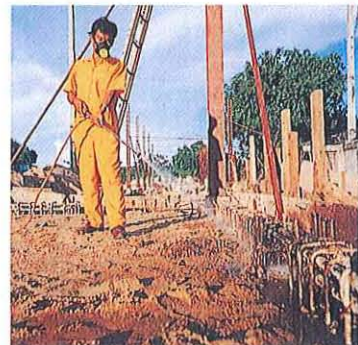
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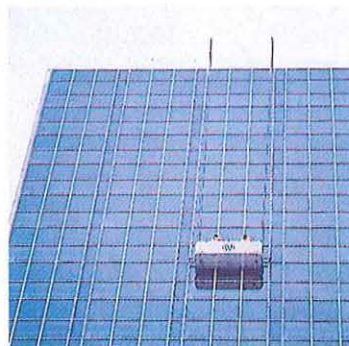
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(far left): Kevin and Neville guess who won?

(Middle): Who is the chubbyman? Is it Mike O'Connor?

(Right): Noi and Ed "These youngsters are too fit!!"

**May has been a busy month with the 100th league being played and a match against the Oriental Sports Centre combined tennis and squash teams. Ansy Narramore kindly wrote the following report.**

Matches were organised and played against OSC last month at home and away. The match on Sunday 16th May was the first round of this years exchange and due to the success so far the fixture looks like becoming established as a keenly competed bi-annual event. This year the event was expanded to a joint Squash/Tennis challenge with the tennis section putting forward a large number of players.

The squash competition consisted of 8 matches and ended in a 5-3 victory for B.C. Team members and results were as follows:

1 Andy Narramore	0	Wiwat	3
2 David Hedge	1	Poonyo	3
3 Neville Downer	3	Kevin	2
4 Marwyn Lewis	3	Nucharee	1
5 Phil Hall	3	Nucharee	1
6 Rob Nottingham	3	Alan Levy	0
7 Ed Batchelor	1	Noy	3
8 Mike O'Conner	3	Seng	0

The early matches, including my own against Wiwat, Rob's against Aland and Phil's against Nucharee were all over quite quickly. Rob must have brought his hidden talent out for the day as his opponent exited the court demanding a review of his ranking. Dave played Poonyo who made him work very hard in a match of long rallies and who eventually demonstrated his superior fitness (or perhaps youth). Mike seemed to go on court with something to prove, which he did. He won 3-0 and proved his new shape stressed his legs so much he had to limp to the bar in search of medication.

The two matches of the day were undoubtedly Ed's against Noy and Neville's against Ken. Ed was gratefully



Peter and Orowan both had sickies on the day

recruited into the team during an early morning re-shuffle. He proceeded with an exhibition of fitness and strength against a young and athletic Noy. The match lasted a considerable time and attracted a large and 'amazed' crowd. Neville played Kevin who has represented OCS in all matches so far - all 5 setters! Their match coincided with the thunderstorm that interrupted the tennis matches and that caused our able and unfailing BC staff to reorganise lunch into the clubhouse from the planned venue on the front lawn. As rumour about the battle of Court 1 spread, (and as the tennis courts sunk deeper under water) the crowd swelled and Neville turned up the pace much to their delight. Neville won the 3rd game 9-7 after being 7-4 down and 2-0 down in games. During this game and for the rest of the match the thunderclaps and lightning were overpowered by the hand claps and electricity from the crowd. As his play became more colourful, his face became less, and he took on a shade paler than Peter Corney, who was convalescing in the 'gallery' trying to find strength to jump up and down with the rest of the crowd each time another rally ended. Neville won the next 2 games 9-

5 and 9-7 to finish a great match with a 3-2 victory.

Marvyn played the last match against Nucharee who, even though she had played earlier, still managed to give him a hard and enjoyable one as compensation for all the waiting.

Overall, an enjoyable and successful morning which we hope to repeat in the second round return at the Oriental later in the year.

Dave Rendell is B1,000 richer this month as he won the ladder draw and Barbara Overington won the B500, that should give her some spending money for the coming holidays (I hear David is giving her her own credit card - limit \$500).

The weekly club night has been changed to Thursday nights which makes an extra court available. So far the club night has been very successful with most of the top players in the club participating. This is an ideal chance for the lower ranked players to gain some experience and improve their game by playing better players.

I will probably be returning to Australia at the end of August and would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed being involved with the British Club and the Squash Section in particular. The members have been very supportive of the squash committee and the standard of play has improved significantly because of your enthusiasm. I will return to Australia with many good memories and will definitely be back here on holidays which will be timed to coincide with a league month. All the best to everyone and happy squashing.

Peter Corney

# Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
			1 6- 9 pm Squash Mix In 7 pm BCT Club Night 7- 9 pm Rugby Training 7- 9 pm Badminton
5 8-10 am Ladies Tennis - 9 am BWG Mahjong - 8 pm New Members Evening 5- 8 pm Squash Coaching 7- 9 pm Badminton 7- 9 pm Tennis Practice	6 7am Ladies Golf 7- 9 pm Football Training 9 pm Gentlemen's Spoof	7 5- 8 pm Squash Coaching 6- 9 pm Tennis Mix In	8 6- 9 pm Squash Mix In 7- 9 pm Rugby Training 7- 9 pm Badminton
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## OPENING TIMES

CHURCHILL BAR	10 am-11 pm
LORDS RESTAURANT	11.30 am-2 pm 6 pm-11 pm
POOLSIDE BAR	7.30 am-10 pm
FITNESS CENTRE	Mon-Sat 6 am-9 pm Hols-Sun 9 am-9 pm
THAI MASSAGE	Tues-Sun 9 am-5 pm

## VENUES

All events are at the British Club except the following:-

CASUALS FOOTBALL	- BANGKOK PATANA SCHOOL
BADMINTON (SUNDAYS)	- NR BANGRAK POLICE STATION
BADMINTON (MON-THUR)	- SOI KLANG RACKET CENTRE
LADIES GOLF	- AS ADVERTISED



FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>2</p> <p>8.30 pm T.G.I.F. Paddy Dickson on Piano</p> <p>9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8-10 am Childrens Tennis 9-11 am Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football</p> <p>Wimbledon on T.V.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Badminton 3-6 pm Childrens Corner 1 pm Squash Handicap Mix In 3-6 pm Tennis Mix In</p> <p>Wimbledon on T.V.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8.30 pm T.G.I.F. Bogong Folk Group</p> <p>9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8-10 am Childrens Tennis 9-11 am Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football</p> <p>Badminton Tour to Jomtien</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Badminton 2-6 pm Tennis Monthly Tournament</p> <p>Badminton Tour to Jomtien</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8.30 pm T.G.I.F. Bar Quiz</p> <p>9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw</p> <p>8 pm Ibycus Orchestra Chamber Music</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8-10 am Children Tennis 9-11 am Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Badminton 3-6 pm Children Corner 3-6 pm Tennis Mix In</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8.30 pm T.G.I.F.</p> <p>9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8-10 am Children Tennis 9-11 am Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football 8 pm Folk Concert</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Badminton 1 pm Swimming Gala 3-6 pm Tennis Mix In</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8.30 pm T.G.I.F. – T.B.A.</p> <p>9 pm Accumulator Lucky Draw</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8-10 am Childrens Tennis 9-11 am Tennis Coaching 4.30 pm Casuals Football</p>	<p>ALSO THIS MONTH: SQUASH LEAGUE</p>

**For your information:**

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Deputy Manager : Khun Waraporn



Winners at Laem Chabang  
Brian, Graham, Lloyd, Gerry

*May began with a wonderful weekend of golf at three lovely courses and if you were not one of those playing at Laem Chabang on the Sunday, you should try and get a game there, it is truly one of the most beautiful courses in Thailand and very challenging as Jack Nicklaus would want it.*

*The first day of the weekend was played at Sri Racha, many players arrived an hour or so after the first tee time, this was due to the fact that many Bangkokians decided they too wanted to go to Pattaya! A journey that should have taken an hour and a half took over three hours! Nevertheless, we all managed to get there finally and have a game.*

**1ST MAY 1993 – SRI RACHA GOLF COURSE  
- STABLEFORD**

- Flight A Winner - Lavita (18) 32 pts on c/b from  
2nd - Lloyd (18) 32 pts  
3rd - Eric (5) 30 pts
- Flight B Winner - M. Baker (21) 36 pts on lower  
handicap from  
2nd - G. Hunt (23) 36 pts  
3rd - G. Staub (21) 35 pts

No near pins or long drives the starters were held up in the bad traffic that day, so '3rd' prizes were given instead.

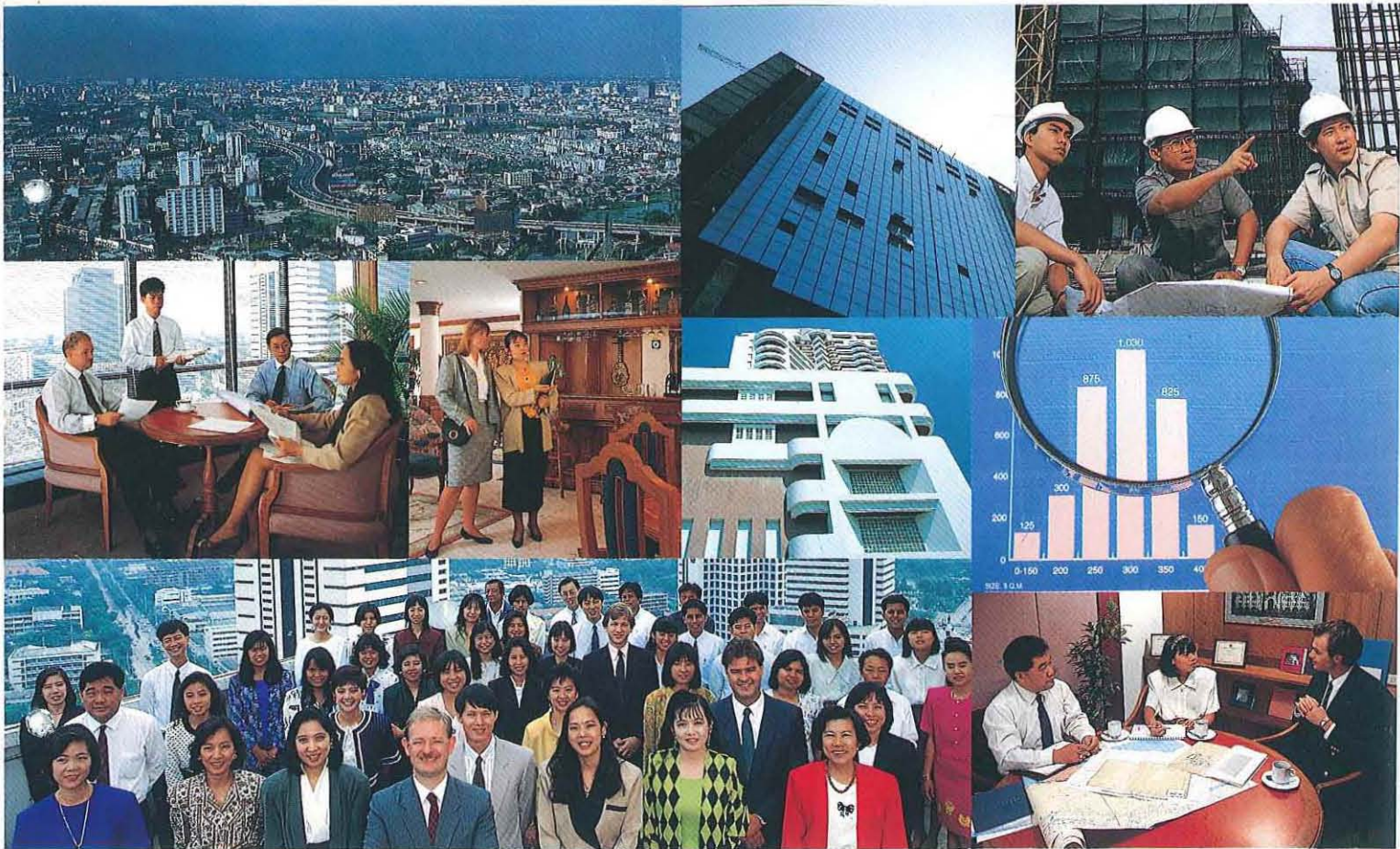
**2ND MAY 1993 – GREEN VALLEY RAYONG  
- STROKEPLAY**

- Flight A Winner - Gerry (18) net 74 on c/b from  
2nd - Lloyd (18) net 74
- Flight B Winner - J. Coxon (24) net 68  
2nd - M. Burnett(29) net 77

Near Pin #4 Norbert, #7 Lavita, #11 M. Burnett, #15  
J. Coxon  
Long Drives: Men - Gerry, Ladies - Lavita



Winners Green Valley Rayong 2/5/93  
John, Lloyd, M. Burnett, Gerry



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Mike Baker receiving his prize from B. Hughes  
1st - Flight B

### 3RD MAY 1993 - LAEM CHABANG GOLF COURSE - BISQUE BOGEY

Flight A Winner - Gerry (again!) (18) +5  
2nd - Lloyd (again!) (18) +3  
Flight B Winner - B. Hughes (24) +6  
2nd - G. Hunt (23) +3

Near Pin #3 no one, # 6 B Hughes, # 12 Gerry, # 14 no one

Long Drives: Men G. Hunt - Ladies - L. Hunt

We welcomed new member Jim Roe who joined us at Laem Chabang.

THE ABOVE THREE DAYS WERE SPONSORED BY THE CLUB

### 16TH MAY 1993 - ROYAL GEMS GOLF COURSE - STROKEPLAY

Although an expensive course, it was reported to be in splendid condition and a pleasure for all to play, especially for Eric Hudson who shot a gross 71 proving that it must be an easy course or game?!

We thank HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK for the many wonderful prizes received by the lucky winners and the other prizes given to those not so lucky players. THANK YOU AGAIN SANDY FLOCKHART OF HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

Flight A Winner - E. Hudson  
2nd - D. Stewart  
3rd - R. Barrett  
Flight B Winner - G. Lamb

2nd - R. Sparks  
3rd - L. Hunt

### Today was also Medal Day

Flight A Winner - E. Hudson  
Flight B Winner - R. Sparks  
Flight C Winner - S. Eggelhoefer

Near Pin Winners - D. Stewart (won 2), A. Phillips, R. Barrett.

Long Drives: Men - G. Lamb - Ladies L. Hunt

### Forthcoming Competitions

Please do check the Club's notice board to confirm as occasionally games have to be cancelled if previous golf bookings are not honoured by the courses.

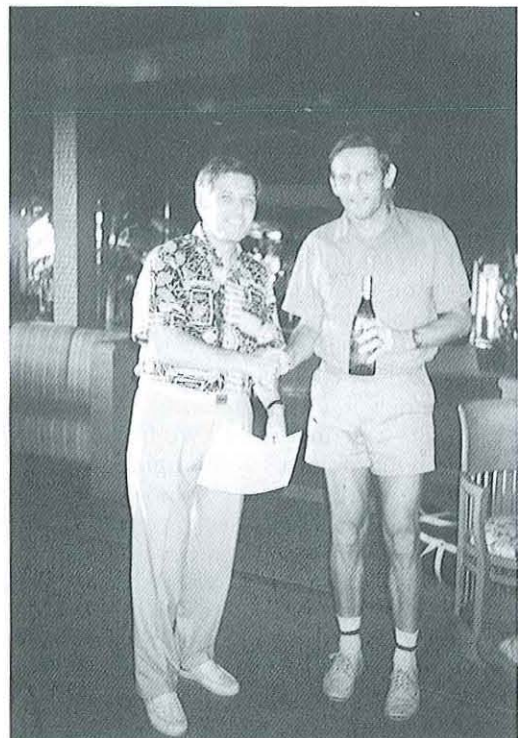
1st August Rose Garden - Captain's Day  
15th August Muang Ake - Medal 3  
29th August Muang Ake - Aussies vs Brits  
12th September Bangpakong - BCGS vs BCLG - Captains Cup  
26th September Rose Garden - BCGS vs Scandinavians

No tee off times yet for the above with the exception of Bangpakong which will be at 11.49.

Finally I hope this information gets printed in time so that the above information is not too outdated! (So do I ED!).

Cheers,

Lavita



G. Hunt receiving his prize from B. Hughes  
2nd - Flight B.



*Gestetner Trophée 27-28 April '93  
Trevor Whalley with all his "belly dancers"*

## **GESTETNER TROPHY - ROSE GARDEN GOLF CLUB**

Tuesday and Wednesday 27th and 28th April the BCLG "girls" had their yearly outing in combination with the GESTETNER TROPHY.

As usual they all had a lot of fun specially when they had their Margueritas before dinner, they sang and also had a demonstration of belly dancing.

The competition was a two day Stableford, this was made possible by Mr. Trevor Whalley, Managing Director of GESTETNER, the prizes were superb, and everybody went home tired but very happy saying 'until next year at the Rose Garden'.

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**OVERALL WINNERS;**  
1st Christine Selwyn

- 2nd Landa Sugimoto
- 3rd Kanda Phillips
- 4th Wil Agerbeek
- 5th Barbara Wehrle

1st Day Winner: Gail Paoli, Runner Up: Ade Bolding  
Near Pins: #4 Christine, #6 Kanda, #14 Debbie, #15 Debbie

Long Drive Silver: Nena Reid, Long Drive Bronze: Kanda

2nd Day Winner: Joke van Amelsvoort, Runner Up: Magda Rutten

Near Pins: #4 Erika, #6 Penny Whalley, #14 Penny Whalley

Long Drive Silver: Magda Rutten, Long Drive Bronze: Landa Sugimoto

Good golfing,

*Wil Agerbeek*

**"Don't be a hog, give other sections a chance to write about their activities.  
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Special consideration for special events."**

**EDITOR**



*Les Corsaires de Bangkok in action*

## **BRITISH CLUB BARBARIANS VS THE FRENCH CORSAIRS SUNDAY 23 MAY 1993**

Referee: *Khun Pornchai*

### **FIRST HALF**

The Barbarians, fearlessly led by Captain Louis, were off to a fine start with three points on the board within the first five minutes. Playing as a cohesive unit the Barbarians quickly pressured the Corsairs into making unnecessary mistakes. Another penalty (excellent kicking by Alf Hodges) gave the Barbarians a 6-0 lead fifteen minutes into the game. Unfortunately, they did not capitalise on their early advantage and the Corsairs rapidly regained their composure.

The brisk pace set early on in the match took its toll as the number of unforced errors increased and defence became somewhat sloppy. Strong attacking play provided the Corsairs with a large overlap, allowing them to

punch through the rather disorganised Barbarian defence.

A penalty late in the half put the Corsairs in the lead, but the Barbarians were quick to respond with a well earned try (Brydon) and conversion. On the whole, the first half was a very enjoyable display of tight forward play and aggressive running by both sides. The half time score of 13-08, despite being close, still reflected the enthusiastic spirit of the new Barbarian side.

### **SECOND HALF**

Both sides made several substitutions at the half which helped maintain the hectic pace of the first half.

Under pressure inside their 22, the French back rallied to create an overlap and run the ball the length of the field, scoring to tie the match at 13-13. Several costly penalties were awarded against the Barbarians in the last quarter, one of which led to a game winning Corsair penalty kick.

The final score was 16-13 in favour of the Corsairs. The referee, Khun Pornchai, is the first Thai to officiate a full farang game. Hopefully he will avail his services to us again to further strengthen the club ties within the Thai Rugby Union.

After the match, the Barbarians hosted a reception during which both sides exchanged awards, shared in an excellent buffet and drank a few beers (few being a relative term). The BC had to bring in an extermination team to fumigate the last players from the bar! Club Captain, Jon Prichard, led the charge after the reception, taking several of the rookie players out for a tour of the town. Don't be surprised if this summer's fashion line of go-go bikinis comes out in desert storm camouflage!

*M.Y. Opic*



*Grunno, Pricho, Meggo*



*The Children's Corner at the Rugby*

## BRITISH CLUB VS LES CORSAIRE 30TH MAY 1993

A balmy Sunday afternoon (for Bangkok) saw a good crowd gather in anticipation of seeing the British Club avenge the previous week's narrow defeat of the BC Barbarians by an Anglo French side.

A promising start was made by the BC when Semi rounded off a 70 yard sprint with a pass to Hunt, still on the pitch after 5 minutes, somewhere behind the French try line. Although not quite jelling, the BC applied considerable pressure for much of the first half which eventually paid off when Corsaire were forced into a number of errors in their own twenty five. Some good scrummage on the Corsaire line lead to crashes over and tries from Prichard and Hunt. Shortly before half time the French were Agin court conceding a 5 yard scrum and this time met their Waterloo from a crash over by Brydon (imaginative chaps these forwards when they get going).

A fine passing display in the second half by Kucera (which together with four conversions saw him pick up man of the match) brought the BC backs more into the game as they and the forwards began to operate more cohesively. Some fine jinky runs on the right wing by Semi (who had obviously been in the same vaseline pot as Bula's hands) brought him the first of his two second half tries and a number of other opportunities for the BC. Carling, clearly expecting a run at prop from his hirsute appearance, then ran in the first of his two tries. By this stage the BC forwards wanted Somme of the action and became a little more inventive; Pincock rounded off a superb 80 yard run with a try. Overcome with his new found ability to run like a back he opted to take the conversion but reverted to type in missing from under the posts. Serious debate was had in the bar afterwards as to whether his run had really included dummies or whether he had tripped over ruts in the pitch. The matter was unresolved, although by mid-evening the run was up to 100 yards.

The last quarter saw Prichard re-define "F.... Me" (again- see last issue of NEWSLETTER). Apparently it is the correct form of address when your hooker (Butler) attempts to put your rib cage through your lungs whilst joining a maul, as well as its more popular use as a request to hookers off the pitch.

Despite losing a couple against the head (clearly overcome by the stench of garlic in the front row) and Corsaire having the gaul to make a couple of dangerous late breaks the BC managed to keep a clean sheet and beret Corsaire 53-0.

Referee Terry Adams, pleased that the Gallic 'flair' of the French national team was not on display and that no French forearms and BC larynxes needed disentangling, officiated faultlessly. The match was also notable for the fact that Grunwell managed to stay off the pitch and in retirement for the whole match and Hunt managed to stay on the pitch for the whole match.

M.Y. Opic

## LADIES NIGHT OUT

On 21st May, the ladies and gents of the Rugby Section got together in La Banane Thai Restaurant, the Balcony, Soi Lang Suan for an evening of dinner and Karaoke.

Some unsuspecting players turned up to find the small private room heaving with bodies and smoke.

Jane Prichard was on the mike, and Mike Pincock was another borne again karaokist.

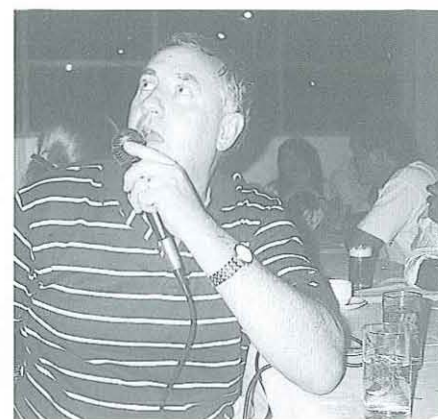
The food was excellent and the price was very reasonable.

Even Andrew McDowell thought so, he had brought his wife and two lovely daughters to be entertained by the young rugby players, but alas, they deserted us... the players I mean. Where were your young, virile bodies we needed you there.

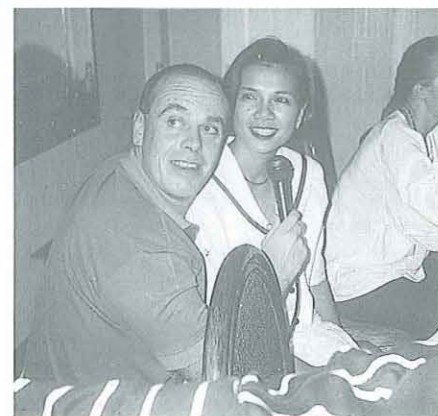
Even Paul Meggison turned up for the last five minutes or so, straight from the plane, that's the spirit!!

Our next ladies night out will be in June, more details in the next issue.

Bea - Social Secretary



*Andrew McDowell*



*Joe serenading Mrs McDowell*



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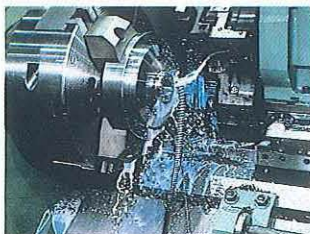
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# MAKE LOVE NOT WAR

*A few months ago Outpost published a report about a person suffering from AIDS, here follow some of his impressions.*

"Make love not war" we said, we chanted, we carried placards, we BELIEVED. Those heady days of the late 60's, when condoms were quaint, old fashioned objects carried in the men's barbers. "Anything for the weekend?" slyly murmured the hairdresser - mine was called 'Butcher Brunt'. We laughed, all the girls took the contraceptive pill, so who needed those horrible pieces of latex rubber? If two people liked each other, why shouldn't they make love? It didn't hurt anyone. How could we all know then that making love would kill more people than all the wars in history?

"Love in's", such hopeless innocence, in the face of the harsh reality of our planet, which corrects our mistakes with a cruelty, that makes us individuals, question the existence of a beneficent deity.

Oh yes, there is a 'god', or perhaps 'protective mechanism' would

be a better expression to describe the overall balancing act of our planet to protect itself from a disease called 'mankind'. A species which by an accident of evolution threatens the existence of 'Gaia', our world, our little, little world which by our thoughtlessness is dying as we die.

We, and by that I mean millions of us, including myself, are the modern embodiment of Count Dracula. Women and men welcome our deadly embrace, absorb our poison, and are transformed themselves into killers. A hundred Dracula's can quickly create a thousand new killers, each of themselves create many more murderers. Like malaria carrying mosquitos, but with a less delicate injection mechanism, we are oblivious of the effects of our actions. Many of us give our deadly venom with genuine love and affection, many of us are gentle, caring people who would not know-

ingly harm a mouse. But we are deadly nevertheless.

Ignorance is not enough today. Surely, everyone knows that AIDS is not the gay plague of the early 80's? - it is amongst us, gay, heterosexual or whatever - it has no conscience, not selectivity. It kills all. We who have killed ourselves will be killed by the poison we carry - our punishment (if that is what we deserve) is, by any stretch of the imagination 'cruel and unusual'.

Desperately slow, hopelessly debilitating, inexorable and barely enduring, we suffer, first mentally, with a heart breaking agony which only fellow victims can understand, then, at a snails pace, physically, until we are reduced to hopeless, helpless human ghosts.

It is of little comfort to know that we are merely correcting the imbalance of the human population explosion. How subtle is nature, that by creating a disease that takes several years to develop, gives all its victims the chance to infect, infect, infect, with murmurs of love and passion, feelings of giving, even of love.

The love that kills.

AIDS.

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# LIFE IS FOR LIVING



Derek Pratt

**L**ife Assurance has managed to get itself a poor image in some countries, because of connotations of hard selling salesmen with their foot stuck firmly in your front door. Nowadays, this criticism is less justified, especially in the U.K., because legislation and codes of conduct regulate the irritating minority who gave everybody else a bad name.

So what is Life Assurance? Let's start off with the realities of living. Sooner or later we are all going to snuff it, but the unknown question is "When?". The earliest forms of Life Assurance were very simple insurance contracts. You paid a premium, and then when you died, the insurer paid out a lump sum to your beneficiaries.

The next refinement was to draw a distinction between death in old age, a premature death, such as getting run over unexpectedly by a bolting horse. In the "old age" scenario, a claim is inevitable eventually, but premiums are payable over a long period of time. If you only need cover for a shorter time, say until you have paid off a loan, a claim is less likely, and the premium cost is therefore lower.

This outlines the two basic types of Life Assurance, namely "Whole Life" and "Term Assurance". A Whole Life Policy pays out to your beneficiaries when you die, whereas a Term Assurance pays out if you die before an agreed date.

## PROFITS

Insurance Companies handle vast amounts of premiums and funds. For example, in 1992 the Commercial Union Group held Pds. 11.0 billion of Life As-

sets, and had a worldwide annual premium income of over Pds 5.5 billion. These funds are carefully invested and tightly managed, and generate very significant investment returns. A logical extension of basic Life Assurance is therefore to use the skill of the insurer's Management to handle their customer's investments as well. This gave birth to Endowment Assurances, where in addition to paying for pure Life Assurance, additional premium is paid and invested on your behalf. This will be returned to you together with the profits whenever a claim is paid.

There are numerous variations along these themes, such as linking into the Stock market via Unit Trusts, tailoring the cover to maximise tax advantages, paying of a mortgage, providing for the payment of school fees, or to provide a pension for your retirement. However, not every permutation is available in Thailand, nor necessarily are policies available in foreign currencies. Essentially they are used for some combination of two fundamental aspects of financial security:

- 1) Protection against the financial consequences of premature death or disability, or the impact of taxation, and/or
- 2) Conversion of current income into long term capital growth and/or deferred income, with inflation protection.

## PLAN AHEAD

Books have been written on this subject, which makes it rather difficult to condense a summary of all the options into one short article. My advice to you is as follows:

1. Think long term. Life Assurance is an excellent long term investment, and used wisely, also valuable in the short term, it is less viable and relatively expensive if you go for a long term commitment and then change your mind in a year or two's time.
2. Plan all your financial affairs carefully, including taxation in various countries. Think about your short term strategies as well as your long term ambitions and needs, including all your dependents, plus any other that might appear in the pipe-

line later. Consider all of your assets and liabilities, hopes and aspirations. What do you want out of life?

3. Don't rush like a bull at a gate. You have the rest of your life ahead of you. Don't make hasty decisions and long term commitments until you have carefully considered what you can afford now, and what you will need in the future. Remember that situations change. Stay flexible. Spread your investments. Don't put all your eggs in one basket, and don't tie up all of your funds inextricably - you may need some quick cash in an emergency. And if you're an expat and likely to change countries of residence, also consider what units of currency to use.
4. Go for security before you speculate. High returns imply high risks. High risks mean a greater danger of losing your investment. If you gamble you must be prepared to lose, so don't gamble or take high risks unless you can afford to lose some of that hard earned capital. Copy the experts and spread your investments over low risk, medium risk and high risk portfolios - preferably not all in the stock market. Remember October 1987?

By now you might be getting the message that you probably need good financial planning advice. You can get this by talking to professionals in the Life Assurance industry or insurance Brokers, specialist financial consultants or by reading books and expatriate magazines.

Please be aware that Life Assurance products are sold on a commission or fee basis, which means that the salesman may depend for his income largely upon how many policies he sells of a certain type. As with every product, there is always a danger that he/she will be tempted to sell you what is in THEIR interest to push. Remember, you are making a lifetime commitment, so go for what is in YOUR best interests to buy. You are the customer.

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Next month we will be having a look at Liability Insurance.

# MY MAID – A POEM

If you maid has gone missing  
then come here and listen  
This cute maid of mine  
is here all the time  
He never does complain  
even when I inflict pain  
He is such a sweet dear  
thank God he is not queer!  
He'll do anything to please  
(even gives me a squeeze)  
Works from dusk to dawn  
without a single yawn  
Sometimes he gets a bit frisky  
I blame that on the whisky  
He drives me quite wild  
he is good with my child  
Sometimes I do worry  
What is in this curry?  
My washing is so white  
(I think he soaks overnight)



We've just had a guest  
he did his very best  
Auntie thought he was a honey  
he wouldn't take her money  
I think he's quite sweet  
when he tickles my feet  
He answers the telephone  
"Solly madam not at home"  
Then he smiles his big grin  
as he hands me a large gin  
He now drives the new car  
but we don't go that far  
We'd rather stay at home  
just us two, all alone  
I can't hire him out  
'cos he'd give me a clout  
one think you should know  
before any further we go  
The maid in my house  
happens to be "MY SPOUSE"

By : *Trixie Brann*

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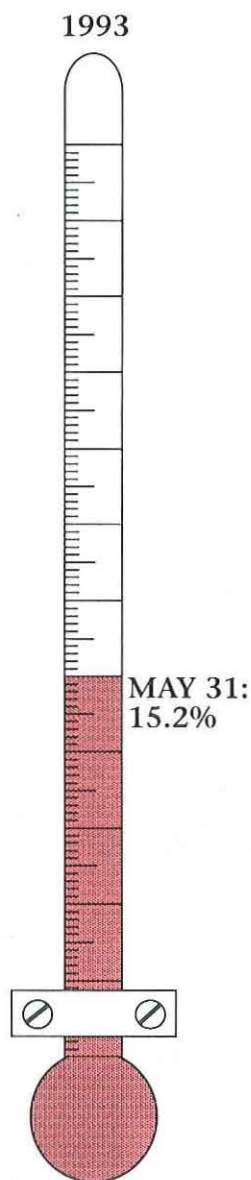
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## And there are still 7 months to go

For all you fellow puzzle-addicts and/or all you foodies out there, here's a wordsearch to whet the appetite! In this motley collection of letters are hidden several words or phrases which are all names of foodstuffs. More specifically, they are names of foods, drinks or whole dishes as available on the Churchill Bar menu.

Given that, chances are, the Bar menu won't change much by the time

this is printed (does it ever?), you more or less have all the words under your nose... and you'll need them, coz I ain't saying what they are!

Yes, this is **COMPETITION TIME**, and there'll be a suitable prize for the person who sends me the most complete list, or if there are several of you, the person quickest off the mark. All lists of words to the Outpost pigeon hole, please, and don't forget to put your name on them. Cheers!

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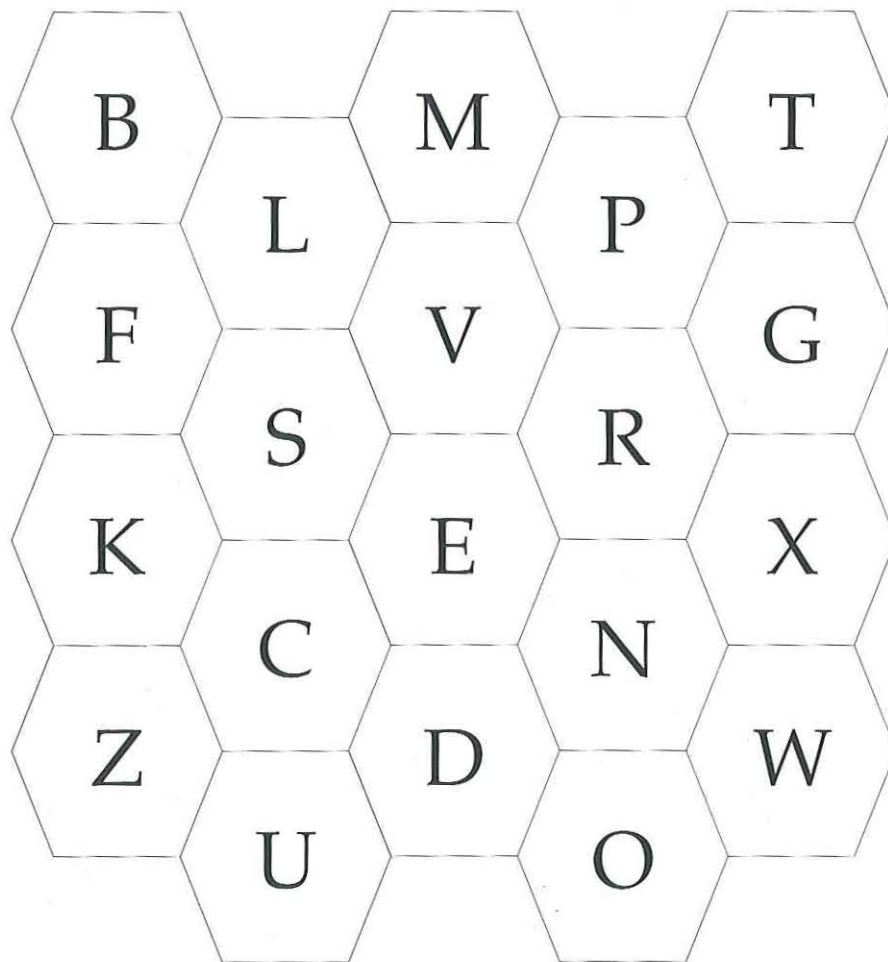
1. There are no words within other words, i.e. no word/phrase is completely overlapped by another;
2. ALL foodstuffs can be found on the Churchill Bar menu, any words submitted not items of food/drink on said menu will not be counted;
3. Menu spellings are used;
4. There is no rule 4;
5. As a guideline, there are more than 40!

Gaynor de Wit

## GET SEARCHING!!

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# Childrens Corner



**B:** What B is the Currency in Thailand?

**W:** What W is very small?

**F:** What F is hot and can burn you?

**X:** What X is a musical instrument?

**K:** What K do Eskimo's do by rubbing their noses?

**Z:** What Z is striped and looks like a pony?

**L:** What L is a type of beer?

**S:** What S is a long road in Bangkok?

**C:** What C means attractive or pretty?

**U:** What U do you wear to school?

**M:** What M is the dawn?

**V:** What V is a string instrument?

**E:** What E was the Starship in Star Trek?

**D:** What D is a waterless, treeless region?

**P:** What P is a short-legged, flat-faced dog with silly hair?

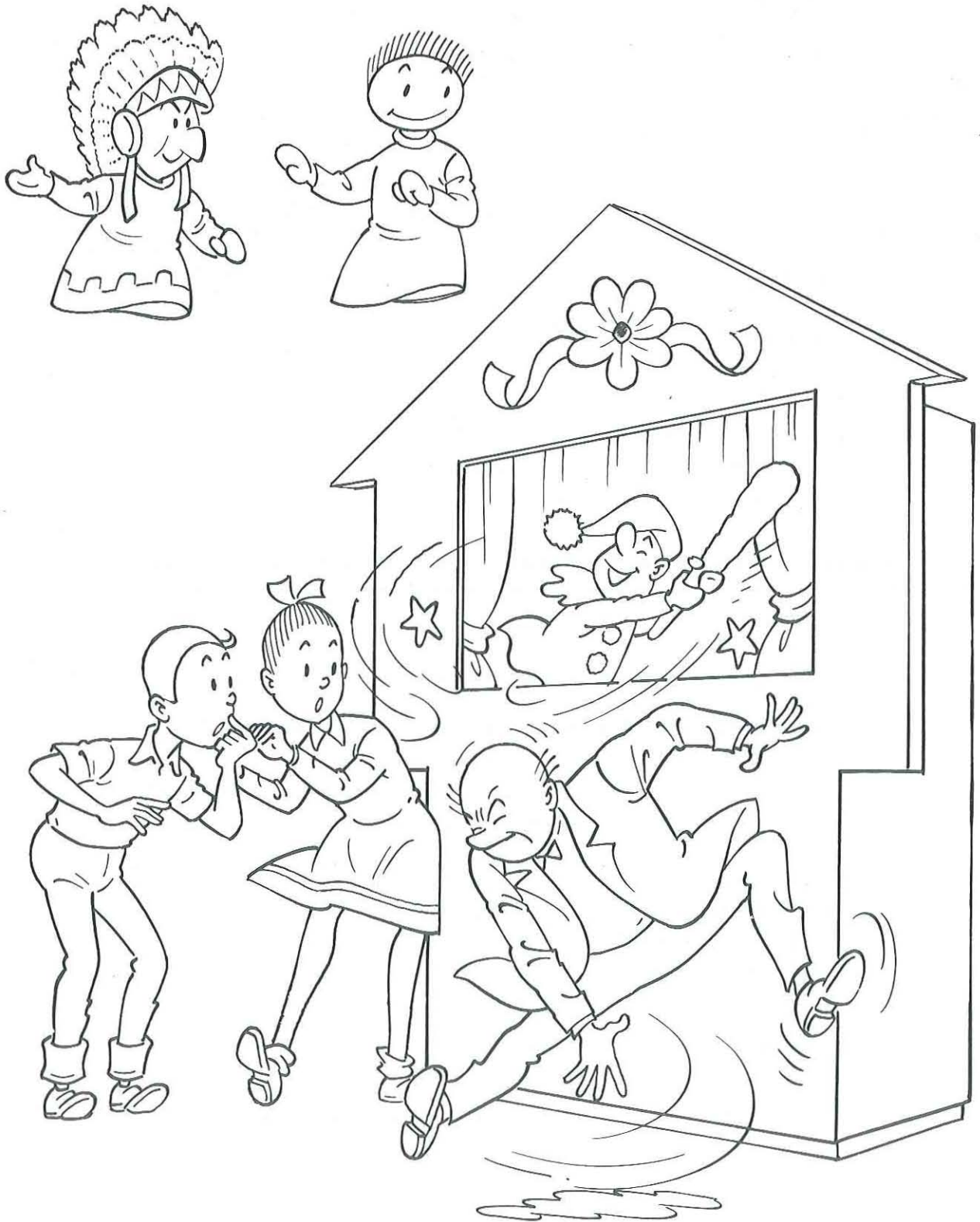
**R:** What R is the family of a king?

**N:** What N is a silvery element and a US coin?

**O:** What O is spoken?

**T:** What T is a strong jungle man who knows Jane?

**G:** What G is a disembodied spirit?



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# Meet your Committee Members

*A while ago I gave all the Committee Members a questionnaire to fill in so that we could get to know them a bit better. Here follow the first two and this may encourage other Committee Members to fill in a form themselves. What I don't get from them I shall just have to make up.*

Of course everyone knows Frank Crocker, always around at a party, organising this and that entertainment, but what is the man like behind the happy grin? Read on and find out!

**What is your position on the BC Committee?**

Entertainment and Food and Beverage.

**What do you do for a living?**

Company Director

**Are you single, married or others?**

Confused.

**Do you use the Club on a regular basis, if so where would we be most likely to spot you?**



Yes, I am at the Club a lot and people can find me in the Bar or the toilets.

**How would you like to see the BC improved?**

Members participation.

**Do you feel there should be more input from members into the BC?**

Yes, but all members - most of our members fail to talk.

**Describe yourself so that we will recognise you without a photo.**

Short (dumpy), under tall, bearded.

**Do you get recognised in the club and what is the funniest thing that ever happened to you in the BC?**

Yes, giving my trousers to a lady so that she could enter the bar after six pm, I wore her shorts home.

**What is your biggest aspiration in life? What would you really like to do, even if it's only once?**

Skydive, and get a fax direct on my new fax number 2511779.

Next follows Jack Dunford, an upstanding members of the community and a long serving members on the Committee, I believe he is in his tenth year now.

**What is your position on the British Club Committee?**

I am the one who says: 'In the old days ...'

**What is your job?**

Regional representative Church World Service (Refugees, Relief and Development)

**Are you married, engaged or others?**

Married to Mrs. Dunford (Rita)

**Do you have children?**

Yes, two (as far as I am aware), George 19 and Sally 16.

**Do you and your family use the BC on a regular basis and if so where would we be most likely to spot you?**

Yes, I play squash and tennis, cricket (nets). I use the bar, poolside



bar, Committee Rooms, Morris Dancing practice room, BCT rehearsal rooms, car park etc.

**In which areas would you like to see the BC improved.**

It's brilliant as it is - but serious consideration should be given to breaking down the Club House and replacing it with a cricket square.

**Do you feel there should be a greater input from Members into the BC?**

Yes, especially organising children's activities.

**Describe yourself so we can recognise you without a photograph.**

5 foot 10 but shrinking, black hair but greying, dark complexion but getting wrinkly, slim figure (once upon a time), roman nose (all over the place).

**Do you get recognised in the club and what is the funniest thing that ever happened to you in the BC.**

1. Yes, especially by the toilet attendant.

2. Listening to Michael Ball's stories.

**What is your biggest aspiration in life? What would you like to do most even if it's only once?**

First question: To stay healthy and to help as many others as possible to do the same. Question two: I would like to tar and feather Mrs. Thatcher.

## A FILM REVIEW

Let me begin by admitting that in my opinion, any film starring Richard Gere, starts life with a severe handicap (Pretty Woman was just a sentimental story with a good soundtrack & Julia Roberts). But to prove that I do have finer feelings, it also has Kim Basinger in it.

Richard Gere okays a psychiatrist an idea which immediately induces fits of giggles in the viewer (me). He is, in the words of one of the character, 'an eminent psychiatrist & Head of the San Francisco Police Forensic Department'. Try saying that after a couple of beers - or even writing it.

Now, I always imagined eminent psychiatrists as being middle-aged men with German accents, wearing cardigans, smoking pipes and cuddling cocker spaniels. However, being Richard Gere, he's hip in a Bay Area sort of way and gets to cuddle Kim Basinger.

How? Why? Well, if I knew the answer, I'd be reading Freud and subscribing to 'Schizophrenic of the Month' magazine. It's complicated,

but suffice to say that Kim Basinger is married to a very nasty property developer (beautifully played by someone called Eric Roberts) and suffers from 'pathological intoxication'. This means that whenever she has anything to drink, she screams and shouts and suffers severe memory loss. So, at least by watching this film I have discovered that I'd been suffering from a psychiatric condition all these years and I never knew it.

During the course of her affair with Richard Gere, she kills her husband with a set of dumbbells, allegedly while under the influence of cough syrup, did you know it contains 25% of alcohol by volume?

This opens up a whole range of new excuses e.g. I'm not drunk, I've just got a bad cold. She goes to trial and beats the rap on a plea of temporary insanity.

Finally, after an hour of viewing, this is where the plot creaks into first gear (no pun intended). Is Kim Basinger really just a girl with a drinking problem? What do you have to do to be locked up in California?

Would you lie on a couch with Richard Gere? What does it mean if you dream about floral arrangements? (The answer to that one is in Freud's Collected Works Volume XII).

The film is too long, running to two hours and would have benefitted from tighter editing. The plot (when it gets going) is O.K., but then becomes overly complicated. The acting is mostly wooden, especially in the secondary roles. Uma Thurman, whom you may remember was in the other 'Robin Hood', with Patrick Bergin and Alan Rickman, is wasted as Kim Basinger's younger sister.

However, I've seen worse (especially from Richard Gere). Plus you learn some useful points:

1. Don't keep weights in the bedroom if your wife drinks.
2. If you get home at 5am and can't remember what you were doing the night before, call a psychiatrist immediately.
3. Stock up on cough syrup.

*Tim Mitchell*  
BC's own Film Critic

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Breakfasts start from 7.30am till whenever! Excellent continental for B50, full American for B90 and a good selection of A La Carte. Scrambled eggs on toast, a rare treat for most establishments.

Lunch and Dinner was a tough decision to make as there was too much to choose from. The kids opted for burgers and toasted sandwiches most lunchtimes, they stated they were brilliant.

We even had a take-away pizza (wrapped in foil) and ate it on the beach. The seafood pizza was our favourite - home made thin and crispy base topped with green peppers, mushrooms, shrimps and crab meat at B100.

The Dinner Menu consisted of 6 pasta dishes, 5 steak dishes plus the Lydia's Suggestions section, 10 in total. The steaks were done to perfection and served with chips or mashed potatoes and salad.

The favourite on the suggestion column was the Seafood Royal which came served in half a pineapple and

was full of prawns, squid and crab meat in a delicious piping hot white sauce, topped off with cheese and baked in the oven - the most delicious seafood dish I have ever tasted and was unbelievably priced at B150.

We met up with our old pals from Singapore and Hong Kong and I booked a table for 12 - everyone was impressed by my recommendation to eat at Lydia's. We all tucked into garlic bread, salads, steaks, seafood royals and cordon blues, with no end of Klosters and Singha Gold and coffee. The total bill was an unbelievable B 2,460.

So all you travellers heading down to Phuket be sure to try Lydia's - you certainly won't be disappointed.

*Marie T. Elias*

# Do your kids think Genesis is Phil Collins' old band?

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# Delays



*With so many people going on their annual leave and on holidays OUTPOST thought it was maybe interesting for you to read all about delays and why they may occur.*

No one likes delays. They can be just as frustrating for the crew as well as for the passengers. Although everything is done to ensure that most flights take off and land on time, inevitably there are times when an aircraft will be held up. Some people mistakenly assume that if they are delayed for a long time then something serious must be wrong. But it is more often air traffic controllers who have taken the decision to delay an aircraft from taking off, and the safety of the passengers is always the most important reason behind their taking such actions.

Pilots have to file a flight plan before their aircraft can take off. This plan is distributed to every controller along the flight route so that everyone is aware of the time of arrival. If there is a shortage of landing space at the end of the destination or the air space above a certain country is very crowded, then air traffic control will not allow an aircraft to start its engines.

The route along which a flight must travel has to be safe otherwise pilots will not be given permission to take off. Summer is a particularly bad time for delays, due to the number of charter flights operating and the con-

sequent scarcity of airspace available.

In Europe the problem can also be compounded by the number of different computer systems operated by each country. In the U.S. there is one standard system which makes communications between air traffic controllers simpler and easier.

If an aircraft is taking off from a particularly busy airport, pilots will be given a specific time to start their engines and when their planes can be airborne. If for whatever reason, pilots are not able to make their allotted time then this can result in quite a considerable delay.

Pilots then have to ask for a new time slot which could mean 'going to the back of the queue'.

Passengers can also cause delays!

If you leave it to the last minute to book in your luggage, or linger a little too long in the duty free shop, then you could miss the boarding calls.

There could also be some hold up at the gate if the cabin crew discover that passengers' special preferences - such as vegetarian meals - have not been delivered or carried out. Bad weather plays an important part in the deciding whether to delay a flight.

If the crew predict possible strong turbulence, then even if there is no

danger in flying in such conditions, they will nevertheless choose to delay take-off until the weather calms down purely for the sake of the passengers' comfort.

Once airborne, an aircraft can lose time if it has to fly against a strong headwind. Heavy fog at a destination can also be a main delaying factor, as can freezing rain, although snow is normally not too much of a problem.

If your car is indicating that something is technically wrong, you can choose whether to take a risk and drive it or not. Flight crew are forbidden to take such a gamble with their aircraft! Even if there is only one small piece of equipment which is not functioning, it has to be replaced.

Technical assistance have to be called on board to make the necessary repairs.

Of course this results in delays, but it is comforting to know that such precise technical checks are made in the interest of safety.

Although tiresome at the time, a flight delay could have some unexpected benefits. For instance, if it looks like you are in for a long wait, why not catch up on that mystery novel you've taken with you and never had the opportunity to read.....until now?



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# The Final Countdown

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Those of you that follow the Stock Exchange of Thailand may have noticed that first quarter returns were disappointing this year, perhaps reflecting a downturn in the economy. Even the government seems to be saying that it's original forecast for growth in 1993 may be optimistic.

And what, you may ask, has this got to do with the British Club? Well, for those of you who come along to our New Members Nights you would have noticed the lack of new blood joining the club. And this is starting to tell on the club's finances.

The General Committee is trying to address this problem and we are currently looking at drafting a resolution to put to the club's members to broaden the membership categories. As yet the details haven't been finalised but items under consideration are an extension to non voting categories, more associate



Nigel Oakins, Chairman

members and a general drive to increase membership.

Also of urgent concern is the need to construct suitable staff facilities and workshop space and the development sub committee under Dugal Forrest is now progressing with this and construction will start as soon as the drawings have been approved.

Dugal has a long list of develop-

ment projects but obviously the club's finances will not allow for everything to be done at once. We will be fixing priorities in the next few months and will keep you informed through this page in the months ahead.

The F&B Committee has been very active in recent weeks and is made up of members with extensive catering experience. They have the General Committee's full support to 'shake things up' with their recommendations and hopefully real improvements can be made to all aspects relating to F&B. Again more details to come in future months.

One final point this month. You may have seen more of Mike O'Connor than normal around the club lately. That is because he has been keeping an eye on things during Keith's well deserved vacation. Thanks Mike and welcome back to a suitably refreshed and revved up Keith Bell.

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