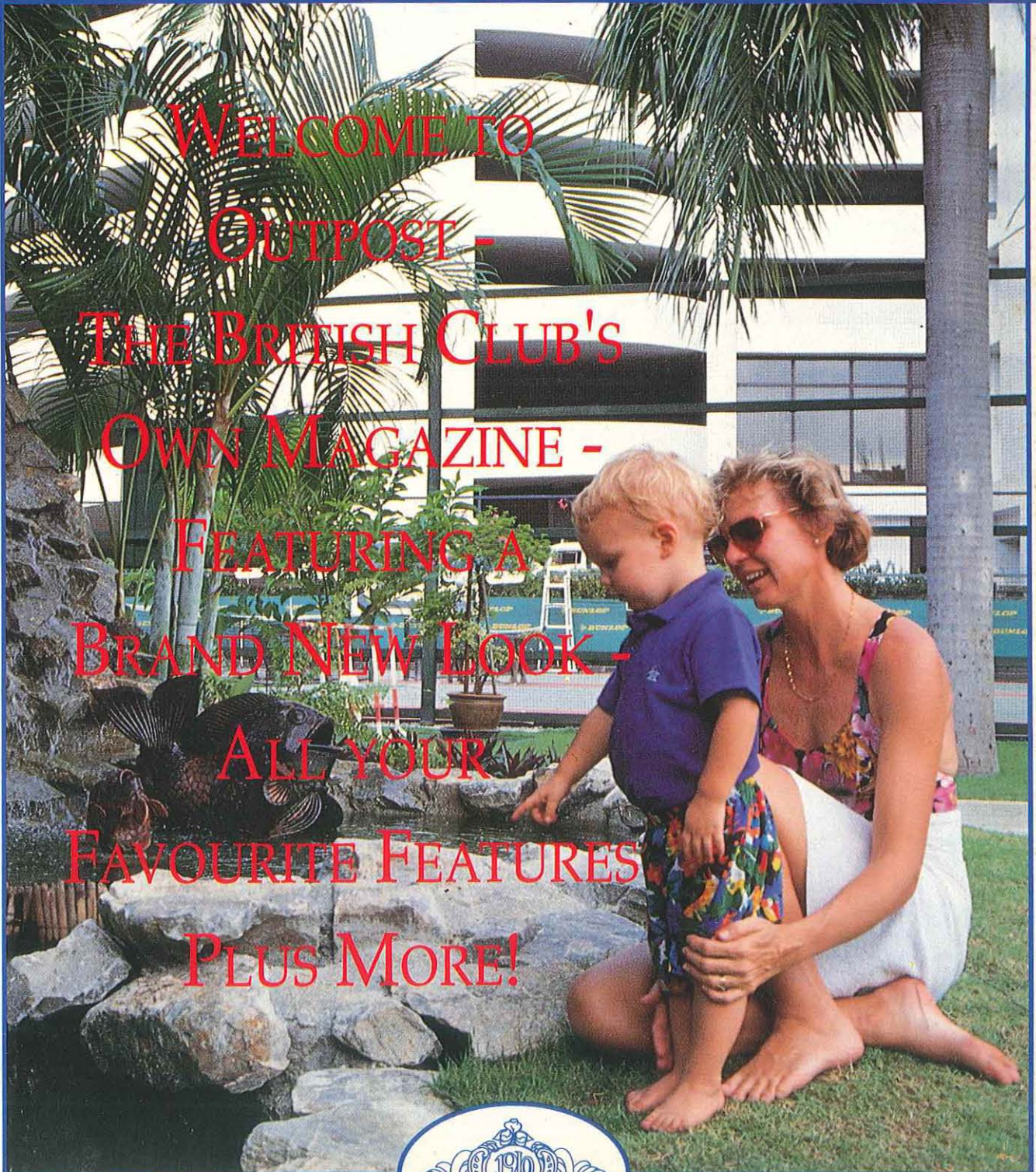


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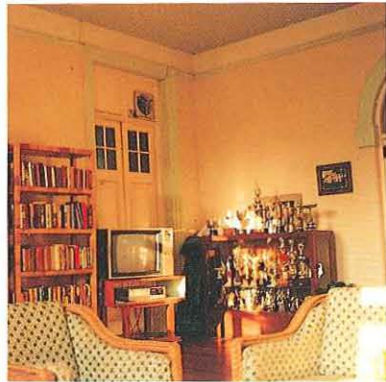
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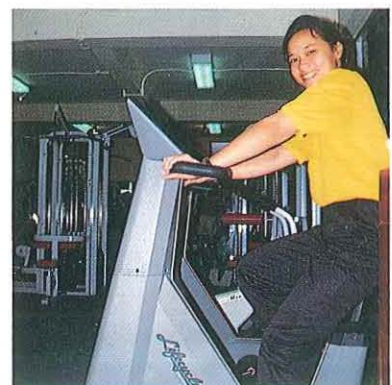
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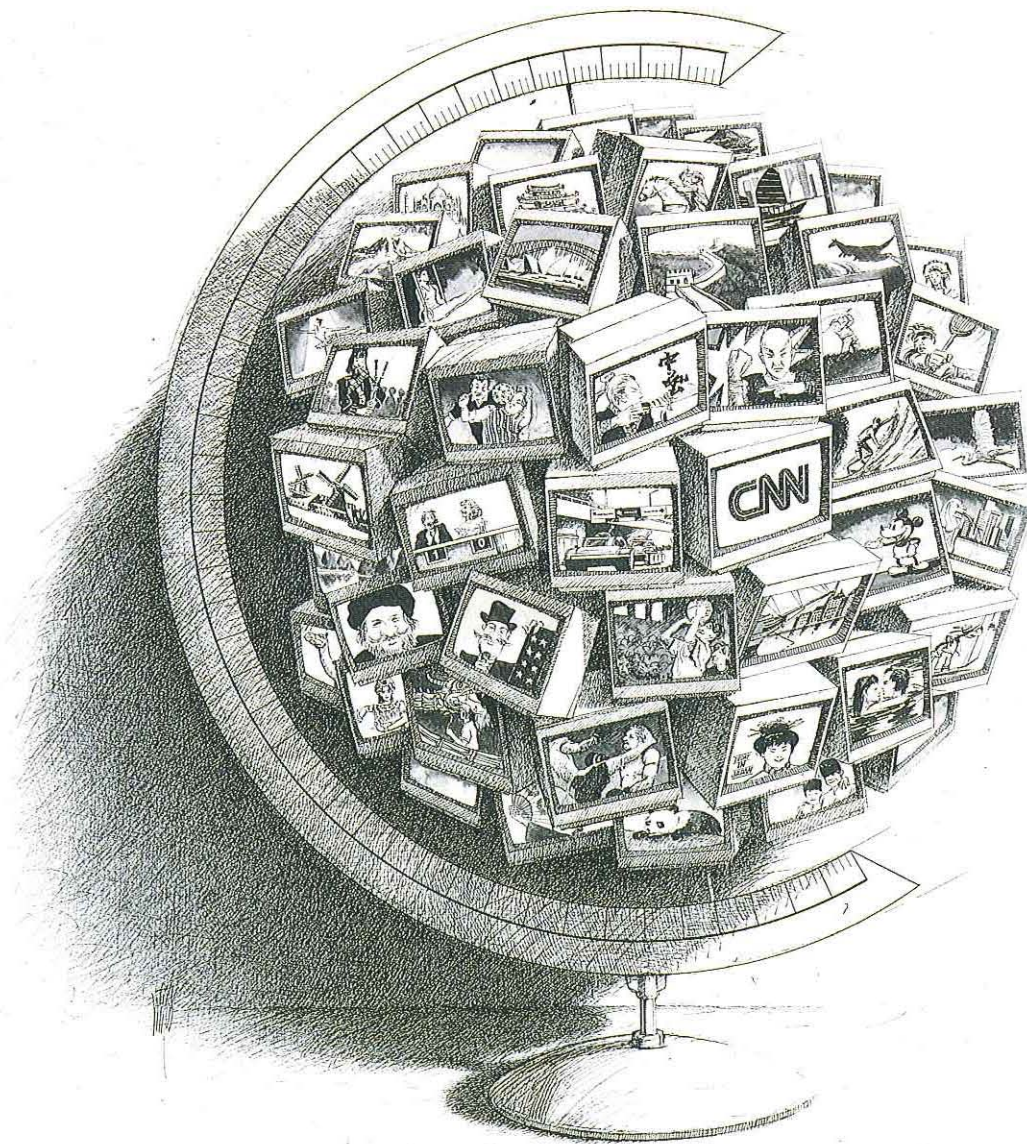
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Come on you people, you've all had a nice (quiet???) break in your home countries or in Bangkok - the children are back at school. Why don't you be daring and put pen to paper, write something for Outpost. I've made it even easier for you and got my own fax number : 279 4033. You can send anything at all, write about your favourite place in Bangkok or Bournemouth, your ideal holiday spot in Guatemala or Guernsey, your favourite recipe maybe French Onion soup or french fries, I need some help. We (the British Club so that's all of us) would like to see the Outpost grow into a full monthly magazine. With lots of contributions from everybody. Out of almost 900 members one or two writers must be lurking in the wood-work. Come out of the closet and let us enjoy your pen(wo)manship. Look forward to hearing or reading from you!!! Remember copy should reach me by the 5th of each month.



Kind regards, Bea Grunwell

## FROM THE MANAGER

From the "frustrated" Manager



**Junk Mail** - I have heard from several Members of the Club that they have recently been bombarded with junk mail resulting from misuse of the Club Directory. This is very disappointing and I would like to point out that the Directory is for use of Members only and it should not be given or sold to tour companies or high flying financial advisers. Should you receive any junk mail I would suggest you return it to the company in question stating on it: Address unknown. Junk mail not appreciated.

**Pool Side Etiquette** - No Shoes around the Swimming Pool - the reason the area around the pool is a no shoes area is that Bangkok is not the cleanest of cities and dirt or bacteria picked up on the shoe soles will end up in the water and on the side of the pool. Toddlers are crawling around on this area and as most of these are still going through the oral stage it is therefore not a welcome sight for mums and dads to see anyone walking around with their shoes on. The foot-baths at the entrance of the poolside are there to clean feet and not for children to paddle in, this is not a very hygienic game.

**Changing Facilities** - Some people have been spotted by the side of the pool changing into their swimming gear. This might be a very welcome sight for some, but most people think that changing into anything should be done in the changing rooms. Please be considerate to your fellow members and use the changing rooms. The children's changing room is equipped with state of the art changing cushions, a fridge, tiny tot toilets, showers etc. Could mums (and dads) please do nappy changing there as it seems to offend some members of the club who are having lunch by the poolside.

The British Club prides itself on being a "family club", but all the above just boils down to a few things: common courtesy and consideration to others.

Thank you, Keith Bell

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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

*On behalf of the Committee and Management I am very pleased to introduce this new style Outpost. It is produced by The Creative Partnership which gave a face-lift to our Annual Report and Membership Directory earlier in the year.*

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*Finally, a word of thanks to Bea Grunwell who is doing such an excellent job as editor. Please support her by providing features and articles likely to be of interest to members. Thanks.*

*Yours sincerely, Bryan Baldwin*



## 100,000 BAHT FOR THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION IN KLONG TOEY



A smiling face that will be sadly missed by staff and regulars to the Churchill bar. Art de Boer, a true supporter of the club returned to Holland at the end of August. I'm sure Art and Hannah will return one day. A true "Flying Dutchman."



Keith Bell presenting Baht 100,000 to Father Joe Myers of the Human Development Foundation in Klong Toey. The donation comes from the UKCTC-the United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities - of which Keith is the British Club's representative. The UKCTC derives its funds from the Annual Ploenchit Fair held in the grounds of the British Embassy. This year the fair will be held on Saturday 21 November.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST

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- 7 *Trafalgar Night Dinner (Gentlemen only) at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel*
- 10 *Annual Rugby Section Ball at the Oriental Hotel*
- 22 *and 23 and 24 Annual Football Section Tour in Chiang Mai*
- 23 *and 24 and 25 Holiday Weekend on Island off Trad Province, Koh Krardard*
- 31 *Halloween Party on the Front Lawn*



n o v e m b e r

- 7 *Guy Fawkes on the Front/Back Lawns*
- 8 *Loy Krathong at the Poolside*
- 8 *Remembrance Sunday at the British Embassy*
- 9 *St. Andrew's Society Dance Practice on the Front Lawn*
- 12 *and 13 and 14 Fine Arts Sale at Christ Church*
- 14 *Annual Bangkok Patana School Winter Ball at the Shangri-La Hotel*
- 16 *St. Andrew's Society Dance Practice on the Front Lawn*
- 21 *Ploenchit Fair at the British Embassy*
- 23 *St. Andrew's Society Dance Practice on the Front Lawn*
- 28 *Annual Sport Sections Sports Day, All areas of the Club*
- 30 *St. Andrew's Society Dance Practice on the Front Lawn*



d e c e m b e r

- 2 *St. Andrew's Society Final Dance Practice plus "Beat the Retreat" (with the pipes and Drums of the Second Battallion of the Scots Guards) on Front Lawn*
- 4 *St. Andrew's Society Ball at the Dusit Thani Hotel*
- 5 *St. Andrew's Society Breakfast on the Front Lawn (5am onwards)*
- 5 *and 9 and 11 and 12 Bangkok Community Theatre "Return of the Old Time Music Hall" in the Surawongse Room*
- 19 *Annual Christmas Ball on the Back Lawn*
- 21 *Teens Disco Party in the Suriwongse Room*
- 23 *Children's Christmas Parties on the Back Lawn, (afternoon)*
- 23 *Carols by Candlelight on the Front Lawn*
- 31 *New Year's Eve River Cruise on the Chaophya River*



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Tuesday	7.00 am	Ladies Golf • 8.00 pm Bridge Silom Room • Rugby Training
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Thursday	8.00 pm	Darts • Football Training
Friday	9.00 pm	Accumulator Night
Saturday	1.00 to 3.00 pm	Children's Painting Lessons • 6.00 pm Flicks for Kids
Sunday	11.00 to 1.00 pm	Badminton • 5.00 pm Flicks for Kids • 3.00 to 6.00 pm Tennis Afternoon • 5.00 pm onwards Family Buffet

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On the first Monday Evening of the month, The British Club hosts an informal cocktail party to introduce and welcome new members to our club. Our last party on 7th September in the Suriwongse Room was enjoyed by all and below are the new members who attended the party.



First of all an apology must go to two members who were mixed up by me in the August edition of Outpost - I blame it all on my sore throat. These people here are Paul and Barbara Gibney they are from Australia. Barbara is a retired dentist and Paul is here for Thai Leighton. They have two children; Andrew of 4 1/2 and Annabelle of 2 1/2.



The other couple were described as Paul and Barbara but are in fact Robert and Lynnette Zaccai. I do hope I have it right this time as I still did not meet them properly. Robert is the General Manager for Readymixed Pioneer Concrete and they have two girls of 7 and 4 1/2 years old. They both want to take up golf and are looking for a golf coach to teach them a thing or two about birdies etc.



Jeremy Rush, English, divorced with two children a son of 21 and a daughter of 20 in England. He has been here for 3 months and spent all his life in the Far East, Middle East and Australia. He was born in Singapore. An ex-pat for life Jeremy is here for the total communications firm (he says) Ogilvy & Mather in their Public Relations Office. He likes tennis, cricket (not another one), reading and travelling



Paul and Veronica Blanche Horgan, otherwise known as Smith, which they thought was too common for Bangkok have come here from Malaysia as temporary members. He works for EDS Zuellig Ltd which he reckons is the ultimate software house for mini computers. Paul is from the UK and Veronica is an extremely attractive lady from Malaysia. So guess where they will go back to from here? Veronica is doing some computer courses and is getting involved in the Badminton. Paul used to drive rally cars as a semi professional and completed the circuit of Ireland in 1978 and 81. He would like to take up cricket and wants to be introduced to Jon Prichard as he loves to drop his pants in public (old rugby players never die!)



Eirveen and Josephine Knox, American and Spanish Filipino respectively, have been in Thailand for 6 months. Eirveen is here for the Standard Chartered Bank and has not had a lot of time to discover Thailand yet as he is a very busy man. Josephine was a banker too and hopes to set up her own business either in fashion or import/export. Josephine enjoys golf and tennis and is learning to play squash. They both enjoy opera (Verdi) and cooking - Eirveen would like to invite the entire Committee and he will cook them a 6 course meal. His speciality is cooking Au Flambe



Gary and Caroline Scarborough from New Zealand have joined us from Sydney, Australia. He says he is the boss but then again he might not be of Concrete Construction. One of their big projects at the moment is to treat Bangkokians to a brand new 90 storey building. We will see a lot of Caroline in the club as she is going to do Coaching for Swimmers there. She used to be a Representative swimmer for Australia so I'm sure she can teach a few things to adults and children alike. They have no children but did bring their dog, a black Labrador called Henry. Gary enjoys swimming and sailing and tennis.



**Nathorn Vatanasuk** was introduced to me as Khun Meechai's son by Jim Howard. A few minutes with him on my own, convinced me he was definitely worthy of being a member in his own right. He is on his third year at the Assumption University studying Marketing. He has lots of girlfriends already but his father told me there is room for more. He enjoys tennis, swimming and drinking. He is otherwise known as Pum.



**Carolyn and Bob Pounds** from Australia, they have been in Bangkok for three weeks and were told that the BC is the only club to join. Bob works in the Australian Embassy in the Public Affairs Department. They spent the last 3 1/2 years in Canada and quite look forward to living in Bangkok. Carolyn collects dolls and teddy bears (and probably Pound Puppies too) and Bob is into model boats.



**Uwe and Nettaya Warncke**, Uwe has been here for 4 years. He is German and she is Thai. They have two children aged 3 years and 8 months. Uwe imports light fittings for hotels etc. from Germany and Nettaya is a lawyer. Uwe is particularly interested in bedroom lights, particularly red ones. He plays squash but at present has back problems - all those red light fittings. He says he likes to sweat. Nattaya enjoys sewing and tennis.



**Merete and Steen Morch-Petersen**, two Danish subjects arrived in Bangkok straight from Nigeria. They have been here 1 1/2 years already and enjoys all sports. He is here for Jumbo Shipping Limited and she works for Globe Trotting a Scandinavian Tour operating company. They love it here and are especially impressed with the food and beverage section of the British Club.



**Christopher and Susan Leon** are Australian and have been here for almost three months. They were both born in South Africa and they met whilst at university. They have two girls in Patana. They both enjoy sailing, tennis and have a weeny boat. Christopher also likes gliding and flying which he might take up again instead of travelling by car to the office of TIG the Industrial Gas company, who he works for.



**Derek Ensco** from UK is married to a charming Thai lady called Kwanchai. He has known her for the last twenty years and spends every day together with her and still is not bored. She must be quite something. They both work for Chamber Publications and have a 17 year old son. Four years ago Derek still enjoyed a spot of running but has stopped since and has thrown himself into his work. He has spent the last 20 years (on and off) in Bangkok and says his wife is a lot more interesting than him.



**Philip and Anna Beasley** from the UK have been here for three weeks and this is their first ex-pat posting. Philip knows Bryan Baldwin as he works for Castrol too. An extremely tanned Anna explained that this was an English suntan and assured me that this was the solemn truth. They have two children of 7 and 10 who are both going to Patana School. Anna is into sun, sex and badminton and Philip agrees. He is into railways and travel, but does not want to be approached by train spotters as he is more into restoring old railway stations in England. He also says he does not drink too much, which leaves a lot to the imagination.



**Karen and Diego Bevilacqua** (also known as the Drinkwaters) are here from Wimbledon, they say they have seen more of the tennis in Bangkok than they did in the UK. He is into Mayonnaise and Jam with CPC/AJI Thailand Ltd and Karen's biggest wish is to be able to write something for Outpost. They have two children one in the Expensive (oops Early) Learning Centre and the other in Patana. She likes swimming and reading and going out for meals and he prefers to do nothing as he just likes to ski. He might play the occasional game of golf though.



**Julie and Horace Siow** are both Singaporean. Horace has been here for 14 years and Julie for just 2 1/2 although she did spend a lot of time here before moving up. Horace is an architect and never stops working. On the odd occasion that he does stop he enjoys sports particularly tennis. Julie works for a French bank and is also treasurer of the Singapore Club. Julie likes badminton but doesn't like getting up on Sunday mornings.



Malcolm and Andree Sabourin have been here 4 months and 2 months respectively. They came here from Auckland, New Zealand and have two children a boy of 3 and a girl of 19 months. He is the Project Manager for Delta Engineering/Downer Construction and likes sailing and tennis. She loves tennis, reading and gardening and jogging but the latter not so much in Bangkok.



David Grant, a quiet young eternal bachelor, has been here for 2 weeks and works as the Route Development Manager for East West Air Services. He was accompanied by his lady boss who was checking the scene out for him. Finally, another rugby player, David from Newcastle is very keen and looks forward to playing rugby in Bangkok. He also enjoys swimming, running and weight training.



Dennis Gill is married to Joyce who is coming out to Bangkok soon. They have three children and two of these will be joining them here. Dennis Gill is here with Bangkok Cable Company. They have been here for three weeks and reckon Bangkok is a city of extremes and think the BC is an oasis in the midst of all the chaos. Cricket Section beware, Dennis is another mad keen cricketer and wants to start hearing the leather on the willow asap. Gill prefers horseriding.



Christopher Panes is the Managing Director of Cunningham IAP and was born and bred in England. His wife is in Australia at the moment her name is Maureen and will be back on 26th September. He likes drinking, butterfly collecting (not really) and squash. His wife is into tennis and Thai culture, cooking and riding motor-bikes. He has been in Bangkok for 6 weeks and thinks it is and enjoyable, interesting existence. He did ship his mountain bike but does not think there are any mountains in Bangkok



Peter Young is the sales and marketing manager of Thai International Moving and is here to help Gordon Bell out. He is a single person from Adelaide and wants to set up an Australian Rules FC, we decided he'd only need to find another 39 people and off he goes. Another keen cricketer, I hope Jack caught him, he also likes squash, tennis and travelling. He has a short term girlfriend in Australia and she will be visiting him in November.



Claude Dubernet, an extremely charming Frenchman who has a lovely wife named Martine who is a French teacher at the Alliance Francaise. They have two grown up children, a girl in France and a boy in Bogota. Claude plans to be a major asset to the Rugby Section as he is an international rugby referee. He also sells a tyre or two for Michelin Tyres and admits to spending two months in a special school to learn Thai and he is still trying to work it out. He likes golf and Martine enjoys gymnastics.



Eileen and Adriaan Rodenburg, from Fiji and the Netherlands They were in Singapore for the last 7 years and have been in Bangkok for a year and a half. He is the Managing Director for Hagemeyer Thailand. Eileen said it took her a while to get used to Bangkok after the extremely clean and organised life in Singapore but she now really enjoys it. They are members of Varuna Yacht club. Adriaan plays the occasional game of golf when he can find a spare 5 minutes or so and Eileen is a busy mother of 3 children of 15, 14 and 11. She is very impressed with the restaurant of the BC.



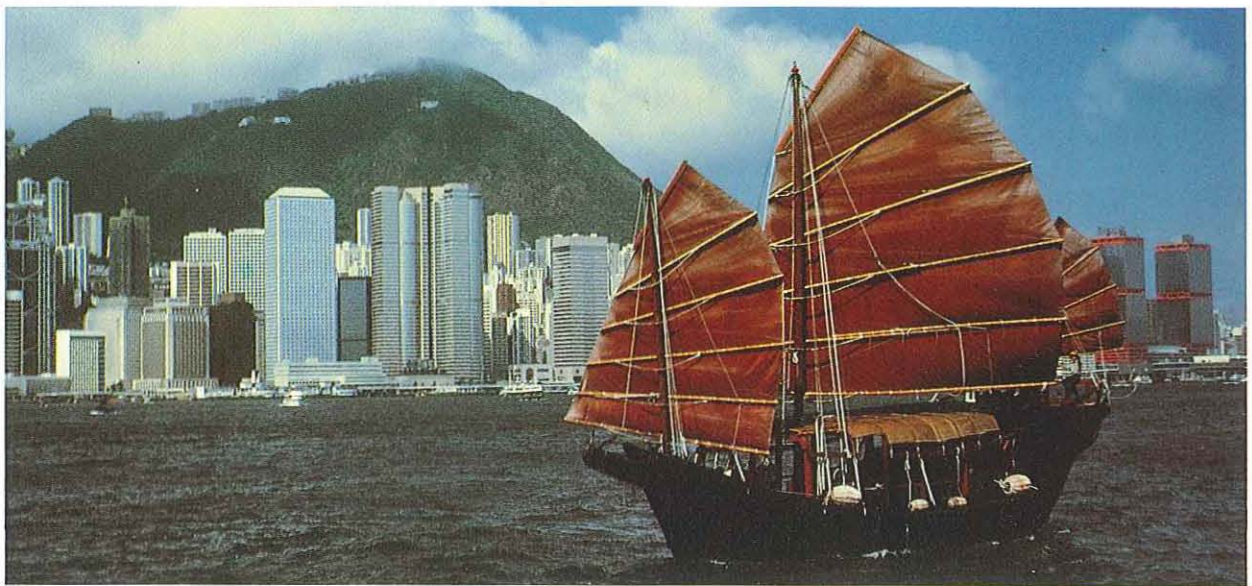
Terry Sears' wife Brenda is the one to get to know he says. She will be out on 21st September and has done lots of exciting things. She was a dancer in the Benny Hill Show and even made it into the News of the World. They have two grown up children and a grand daughter called Abbie. He plays golf and his handicap is 24, Christopher Panes who was taking the interview with Terry reckons that is not too good. Terry wanders around Patpong quite a bit saying Mai Au, which he thinks means I don't need it. He is here on a 6 month assignment and works for British Gas. He admits to being homesick for good old England and quite looks forward to seeing little Abbie again. He personally would like to see his picture on Page 3.



Sorry if I missed speaking to some of you, I hope to catch up with you in the future. My apologies also to the "mystery person" in the photograph, I just cannot remember who he is. Can you please identify yourself and I will rectify this in next month's edition.

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# ACROPHOBIA

Are you afraid of things that go bump in the night? Or does the thought of scaling a wall turn you to jelly? This article is not for those of a nervous disposition, read on at your peril ...

**W**hat is a fear of heights exactly? Fear of heights, also called acrophobia or vertigo, is in short an unrealistic fear of heights. The fear of heights occurs as often with men as it does with women and is, after fear of flying one of the most common phobias. A lot of people are slightly afraid of heights, but not everyone suffers from acrophobia. It is a real phobia when someone cannot function normally in his daily life.

Acrophobia shows up as a panic attack through the whole body. People sense strange happenings in their heads, their sight deteriorates. They cannot breathe, perspire and stand in a cramped and lopsided manner. "Now my body is abandoning me" is the fear that strikes whilst suffering from an attack, the fear is to have no control over one's own body and as a direct result; to start doing strange unexplainable things.

How do people get affected by acrophobia? It is generally assumed that acrophobia is a fear that affects people gradually over the years. Most people who suffer from acrophobia, will tell you that they already suffered when they were children. It seems as if heights do not bother them at all because they can avoid these situations quite easily. Only when they are forced to cope with heights, for example because of their jobs, their fear comes to light.

There are two theories on how acrophobia starts. The first theory is that someone who finds himself at a great height and does not feel physically well at that moment, then starts to associate that feeling of unease with heights. But it could also happen to someone with emo-

tional problems. This could be because of the loss of a loved one or a difficult problem that one cannot solve. That person is probably so upset he associates these feelings with heights.

Both explanations tell us there is tension in the body, because of illness or small or big mental problems. These negative feelings are coupled to what happened at the time and at this moment that was heights. If these feelings are not handled in the right way, a fear of heights can then turn into acrophobia. This fear of heights is different for everybody. For some people standing on a chair or the first step of a ladder is a terrifying experience. Even a doorstep can cause problems. With others, this fear does not come out until they find themselves at heights of say ten or twenty metres.

How does one recognise acrophobia in children? It is very hard to recognise acrophobia in children. The problem is that you hardly ever take children to extreme heights and if you do, it is still not easy to discover why exactly the child is afraid. The child itself cannot really explain it's feelings very well. It could be that in this case the fear is not a fear of heights but a fear of the unknown. But acrophobia does occur within children. Children that hang totally cramped up on a climbing rack on the wall definitely suffer from a fear of heights. With some encouragement and support most of them grow out of these feelings. Never try and protect a child against these feelings and do not avoid situations like these. It is better to conquer this fear together with the child by for example standing behind him with your arms around him, looking down over a balustrade. Try and

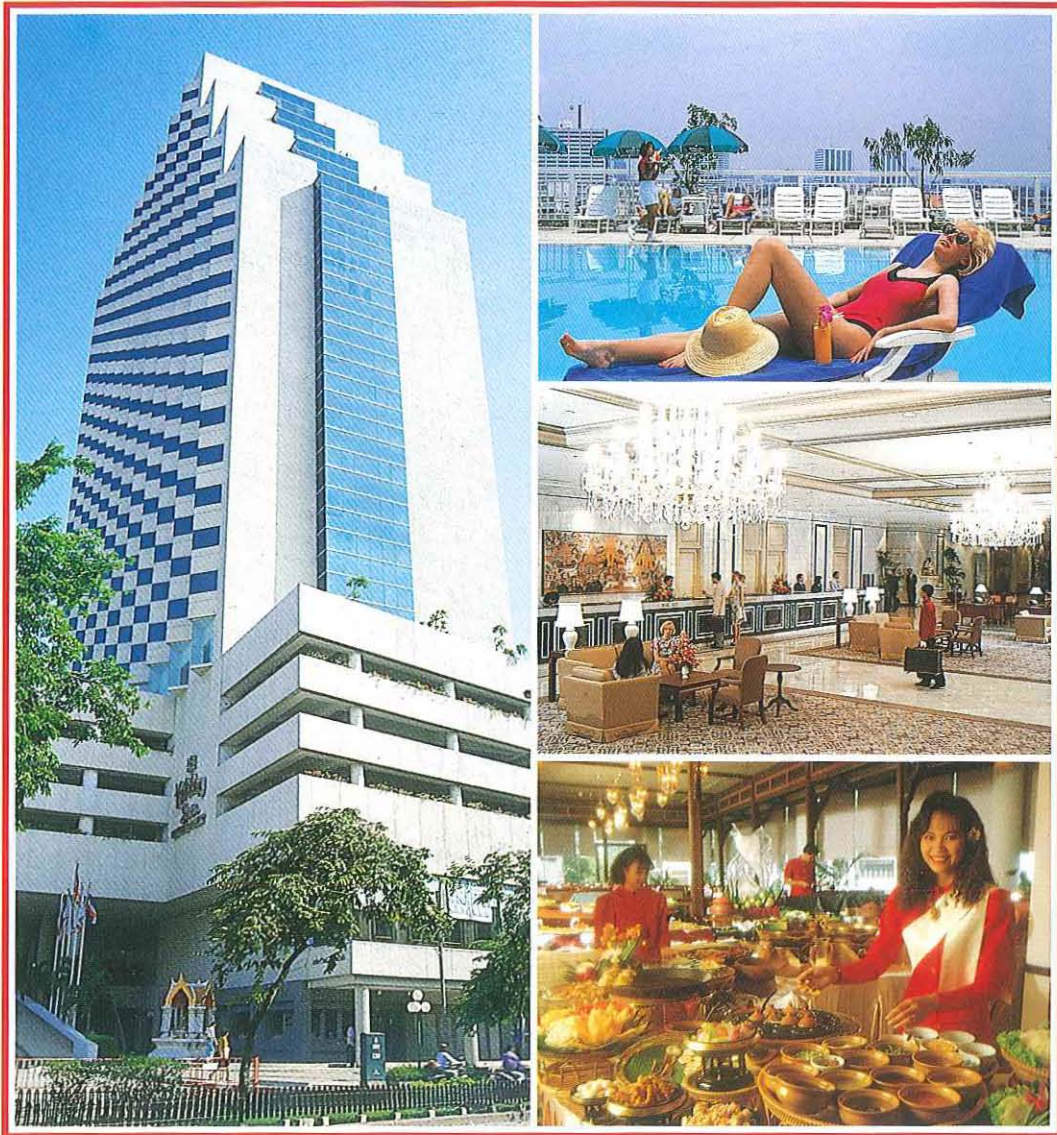
attract their attention by pointing out amusing things, a child walking below, and try and let the child look over the edge with you. Comforting words like "don't worry you cannot fall I am with you" work very well in these cases.

How to conquer acrophobia. The best thing to do when you feel you suffer from acrophobia or an extreme fear of heights is to get in touch with a professional therapist. Acrophobia can be treated very well with therapy. When the background problems are still there it is important that these are solved before trying to treat the fear of heights.

Often the problems are solved but the fears still exist. In this case there is only one way to continue this therapy and that is by convincing the person to conquer these heights with help from the therapist. First about ten different height situations are found with a different grade of difficulty. For example: the first floor of an apartment building, then the second, the third, higher and higher.

Choosing these locations should be done with great consideration as different people react fearfully to various situations. For one person it might be important to have a wooden or iron fence around the balcony, for another it will have to be glass and other people prefer to have lots of grass and bushes under the building. To start off the therapist will accompany the sufferer, but later these heights will have to be conquered alone. These treatments differ very much from person to person. But in general about fifteen treatments are necessary to conquer acrophobia.

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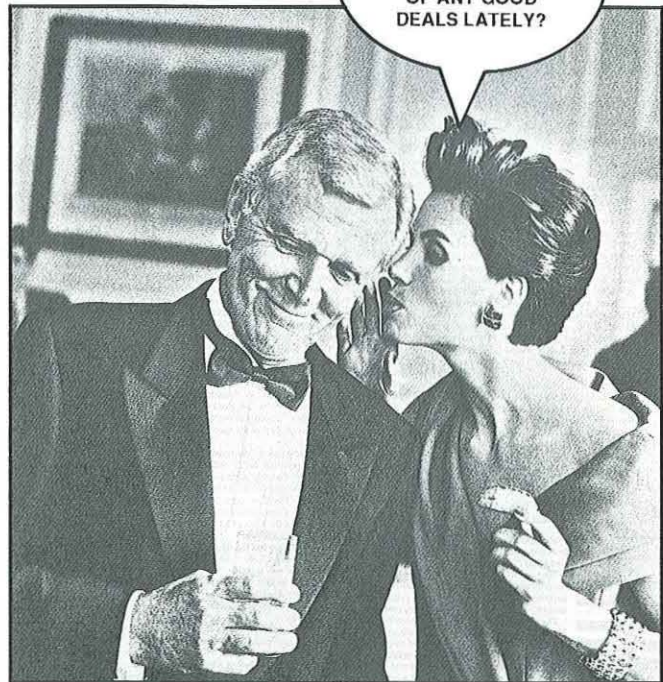
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# UK TAXES

## DO YOU ACTUALLY NEED TO PAY THEM?

A lot of people have recently been bombarded with junk mail and cold telephone calls - all to advise them on how to deal with tax shelters and overseas investments. Some of these companies have not given good advice - and members of the British Club have been several thousands of Baht or in some cases Pounds Sterling worse off. Maybe the following will help.

by Peter Downs



In the 1980's investors were obtaining excellent returns from the world's stockmarkets. Taxes in the UK were also higher then and investors attempted to ensure that these profits were safeguarded from the taxman as investment allowances were only £3,000 per annum per man and wife. With returns of up to 30% per annum achievable it meant that investment sums of £10,000 could attract taxation.

Tax shelters were the order of the day. However, tax shelters are increasingly unnecessary and expensive for the average expatriate. Firstly, 30% per p.a. returns now are far more unlikely. Secondly in the budget of April 1990 the allowance for Capital Gains was more than trebled

overnight, with separate taxation for man and wife. The wife was allocated an allowance in addition to her husband and the allowances were raised to £5,000 per annum each. This allowance has since been raised to £11,600 per couple. If joint investors commence with £50,000 and 12 months later have made a 20% profit (10,000) and wish to draw this profit, there will be no tax payable as the profits are tax-free.

What then is the point of a "tax-shelter"? There is now little or no reason to worry about taxes from the investment point of view and in 1991 only 165,000 people paid Capital Gains tax in the UK. Why then are tax shelters still heavily sold? The investor should be aware of the possible conflict of interest. Despite what

many "financial advisers" state they do not earn a salary and only earn commission when they sell a product. Investment products vary considerably particularly in terms of commission. Generally speaking Insurance Companies pay far higher commissions than Unit Trust Companies.

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The front-end charge on Insurance Bonds is 7%, Unit Trust 5%. Quite often products such as Person-



al Portfolio Bonds are marketed heavily. These do not have front - end charges but instead have much higher on-going management fees usually double or treble that of a Unit Trust and also penalty fees on encashment. Usually over a three year period and certainly over a five year period a client ends up paying far higher charges than a front-end loaded Unit Trust. The commission on a Personal Portfolio Bond can be 6%, again payable up front.

However the greatest area of conflict is not actually "lump sums" but regular savings. All too often a 10 year Insurance Plan or Pension is promoted by the "adviser" when in fact there are far cheaper and better alternatives. Usually tax-efficiency is promoted as the main advantage. Again a large commission is the problem. The highest commission on a 10 year "tax free plan" pays a more generous 11% of all contributions to the "adviser". Furthermore this is paid out immediately you sign on the dotted line. For example £100 per month for 10 years = total input of £12,000, 11% commission payable = £1,320 paid day one to salesman (or £500 per month pays £6,600 commission). Obviously if the client encashes he is heavily penalised and in the first 1 or 2 years will probably forfeit all of his money.

Recently the Financial Times carried out a survey and discovered that 45% of these policies sold in the UK either lapsed or were encashed in the first two years resulting in heavy losses for the client. Furthermore potential clients are not informed that even ceasing contributions or "paying up the policy" usually attracts the same drastic penalties.

Who pays for the commission? Basically the Insurance company will take the client's money and deduct the commission. In the case of the 11% commission payable on approximately 60p in the pound is invested but generally around 85p to 90p in the pound is invested. The bottom line is that a client must make a significant profit simply just to break even. In fact the client requires about 12% per annum to break even, and approximately 25% per annum to make a profit above bank rates (10%). In today's extremely

difficult stock markets this is rather difficult to achieve. There is risk in every investment, but with high commission products the net effect is virtually to ensure that your returns cannot exceed bank rates. Most Pensions offered to expatriates are Offshore Pensions which are not recognised in the UK and are simply savings schemes disguised to tie up the clients monies as long as possible to enhance commission payable to the salesman. What are the alternatives? By far the cheapest regular savings plan is a Unit Trust - but it is rarely publicised. Again the reason is commission. It only pays a 2% commission and this is payable quarterly in arrears. The Unit Trust company does not impose any conditions enforcing clients to continue contributing or any penalties whatsoever for encashment. This totally flexible product means that the client is in no way committed, hence the Unit Trust company will only pay the adviser when it receives payments. In short it is a low commission payer. The most significant factor is that instead of receiving a potential £1,320 up front on a £100 per month Pension the adviser will receive 2% in arrears every quarter, or £6 as commission.

Those vast differences in commission are reflected in how many pence and pounds are invested - 97 pence, versus 85/90 pence. Of course the client must still make a profit to break even but in this case it is a much more realistic target.

Overall when considering investing in any product particularly a long term savings plan or Pension you should demand the following in writing: 1) how many pence in the pound are invested. 2) Projections of encashment values at zero growth after one, three and five years. 3) Total commission payable on the product. (In the UK it is now law that this must be provided if requested. Finally you may also find it to your advantage to: 1) Negotiate on charges (commission). It is after all a buyer's market. 2) Seek several opinions and not simply take the first "offer", which you may ultimately regret.

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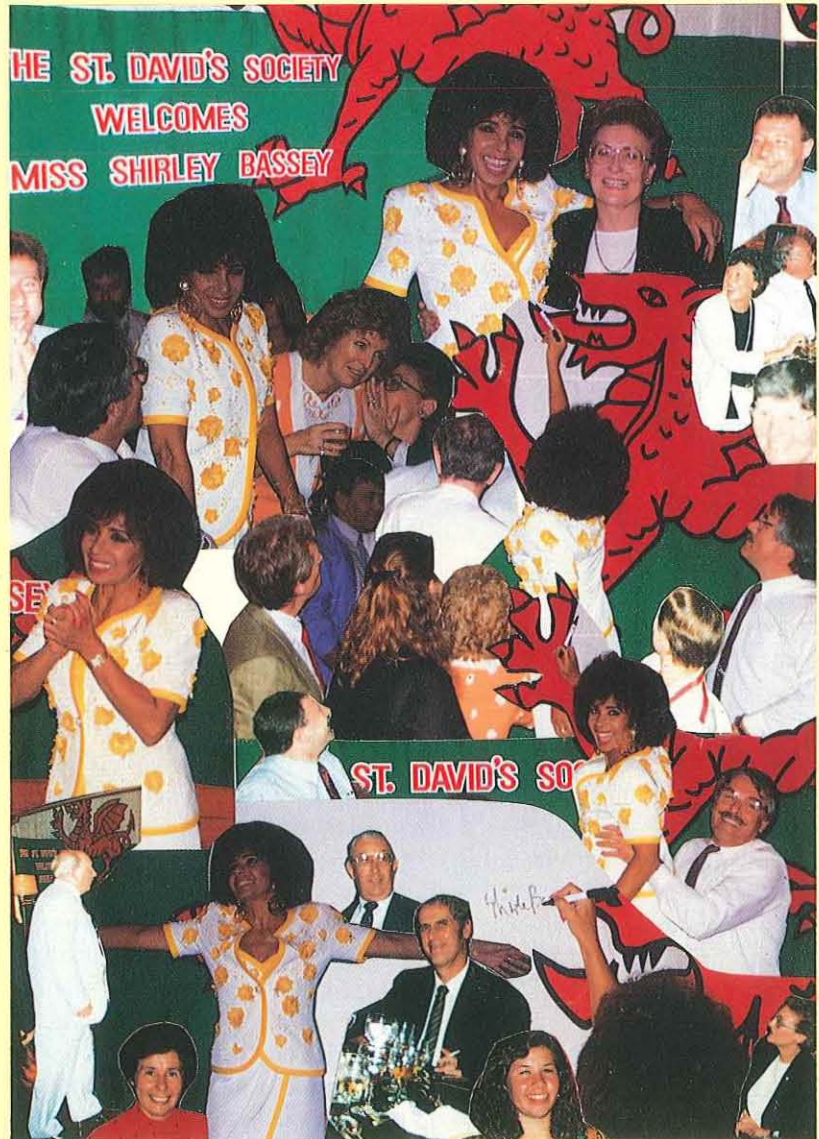
**A**t a time when many of our members are enjoying the delights of home and those of us remaining can merely be envious, this year we were able to boast our own object of envy, as one of Wales' most talented Dewi's of recent years burst in on our Social Scene.

Here for a Royal Command Performance in honour of Her Majesty, Queen Sirikit's 5th Cycle Birthday, the Society was privileged to honour Miss Shirley Bassey at a private party in the Dusit Thani Hotel.

The evening was a great success. Although apprehensive as various edicts issued forth from the inner sanctum and a little nervous at the thought of meeting a star of her calibre, Miss Bassey totally dispelled the popular myth that star personages must be a royal pain in the neck. She was charming, relaxed, and chatted effusively during the cocktail hour. As the evening wore on she delighted everyone by requesting photographs with our national flag, at least one of which will be used in publicity for her upcoming U.K. tour, we understand. Her decision to autograph the flag so that funds from a subsequent auction may benefit some of Bangkok's neediest children, showed a side of the star rarely exposed. As the mother of adopted children herself, she is acutely aware of the pain and suffering some children face each day.

Since the chair available was not quite high enough to allow her to reach the mouth of our dragon, the strong silent husband of our Secretary was called into service. I understand he enjoyed it so much he's thinking of changing professions. I have to admit that "Alan Lintott - stairway to the stars" has a certain ring to it.

So there we are - a good time was had by all, and now we are looking forward to our charity auction. Watch for the date. Together we can make a real difference to some children's lives.



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# PAUL ROBERE MENTALISM AND MUCH MORE!

**O**n 26th August BC Members had a special guest for dinner, Mr. Paul Robere came to entertain the crowds. After a very enjoyable dinner, the stage was set for magic. The electrician had a little bit of a problem with the music and Mr. Paul told him to turn it down otherwise the waves would not reach his brain. Paul is a professional magician and he has performed in many cities in America, England, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. He was asked to give a special benefit performance for Prime Minister Anand.

He is an active member of the Magic Castle, a private club for magicians in Hollywood and also an Honorary Member of the Magic Circle in London. He enjoys performing all sorts of magic but his speciality is mentalism.

"The power of the mind can create greater magic than the most elaborate stage effect" he states.

His company "Robere and Associates" specialises in team building and process improvement consulting. He uses his magic to illustrate important principles of management to those who attend his seminars. On Wednesday 26th August, Mr. Robere entertained us all. It was unfortunate that not everybody in the Suriwongse room was able to see the full stage (maybe a little improvement on layout next time).

He astonished people by guessing cards that people held, whilst blindfolded he "read" cards and spouted off names, addresses and telephone numbers, plus some personal details that no-one could have known about. His predictions (5) which were placed in a sealed glass box for all to see on the reception desk two weeks previous, were next. He got 3 out of 5 right, which is not bad considering the music was interfering with his receiver.

All in all a very enjoyable "different" magical evening.



*The badminton girls showing Kathy lost for words!*



*Paul during his introduction for words!*



*Hello Mum, "Yes" its me!*



*Young Peter looking attentive*



*Words fail to describe!*



*Eyes down and off you go!*

Hi Gang, Another busy month on the football scene but a shorter article than normal on account of my misplacing some of the archives whilst wandering my weary way home. Sorry. It was however a month with a couple of milestones ...

We kicked off evening four-a-side football at the British Club on the new all weather surface and it's great. The Committee have the hearty thanks of the Section for providing such a fine facility and if/when the other two courts are completed to give an even larger surface it will be positively brill. The other milestone - a Vaughan Elias goal. Not a brilliant goal but a well taken strike from one of the section stalwarts not renowned for his striking ability. Up the Canaries!

**British Club versus German All Stars 5-1**

We trotted out on new territory when the Germans asked us to provide the opposition in a farewell match for one of their players at the Bangkok Sports Club. This was the first full first team fixture of the new season and in torrential rain we opened the match in style by scoring in 35 seconds. From the kick-off Brian Lewis made a run on the right and after interplay with Forbes and Casteldine the cut-back fell to Ray Hughes who literally lashed the ball into the net from 18 yards. Midway through the half John Cochrane latched onto a Lewis free-kick for number two but the Germans pulled one back just after to make it 2-1. Chairman Ron however scored just before half-time to restore to two goal cushion. The quality of football in the second half was first class considering the rain and the earliness of the season. We cored two more through Angus Campbell and John Cochrane plus missed a barrow load more. All in all it was a very satisfying game and the Germans did us proud with a first rate reception at Haus Munchen after the match. Thanks to Ralph Zilinski and their team for their excellent hospitality.

**Combined British Club versus Asian Fumigation - Alias the Terminators 2-0**

A strong combined team were given a good run by the Terminators and held scoreless up to half time. Again our finishing was less than satisfactory but we did come good in the end with goals from John Cochrane and Vaughan Elias.

**Casuals versus Joolstock 6-3**

The fourth game in the series was played in absolutely atrocious conditions with rain throughout. Joolstock were missing their star player, our own John Cochrane, but were bolstered by three other of the BC Squad namely Paul Barber, Greg Watkins and yours truly. It wasn't enough however and the pressure was always on. Joolstock opened the scoring through an 'own goal' but the BC were soon in front with goals from Aston, Ruttley, Robertson and Bell. Joolstock pulled two back, one from a Wan penalty, before Casteldine struck from the spot and Ruttley rounded off the rout with the last kick of the match. A large crowd turned up at Jools Bar that evening enjoying a sumptuous feast provided by Mine Host Kim Fletcher and a great evening was had by all. Fines were levied with a difference in that if you were fined you had to down a cocktail or two and this not unnaturally raised the atmosphere in the bar and it turned into one of these unexpected but terrific nights. Any Brit who has not sampled the cooking on offer should make a point of doing so.

**BC versus Sports Club 3-1**

The build up to the Farang League season continued with a game against RBSC at the Polo Club pitch which is one of the finest in Thailand. The match never scaled great heights but we did enough to comfortably win with a brace of goals from Ian MacKenzie, making a welcome return after a summer's absence and Ron Aston. Unfortunately one of our players was sent off for dissent which



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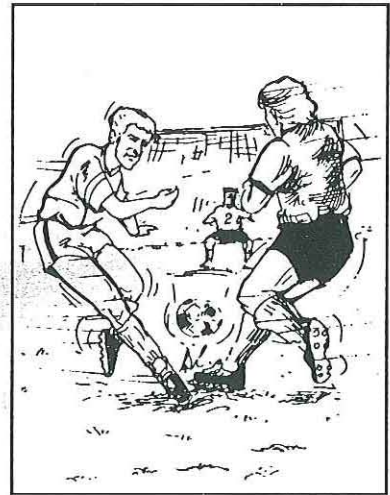
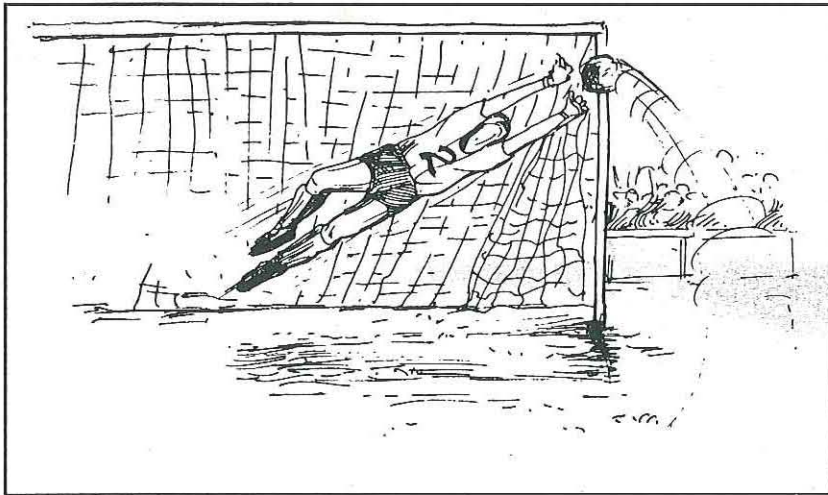
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somewhat marred a competent performance but hopefully lessons will have been learned.

**Post-Scripts**

Off the field activity has been high and by the time this hits your homes we will have hosted the Farang League pre-season dinner at the British Club. Vaughan Elias is Chairman of the League and is to be complimented for both organising the dinner plus putting the League fixtures and finances on good footing despite the trauma of losing the old ISB pitch which was the League's home for many years.

Three tours have been planned with around 10 travelling to Singapore early this month, fifty going to Chiang Mai later this month (two teams) and twenty signed up for Manilla in November. There we will have an over and under 40's team. Thanks go to Lufthansa for an excellent deal.

Well that about wraps it up for the month except: Did you hear about the butcher who backed into the bacon slicing room and got a little behind on his order or About the Secretary who was so dumb that she wore a very long necklace so that her boss could count on her. Once upon a time there was a teddy bear who was fed up with being a dole dodger. So off he went to the DHSS and they sent him

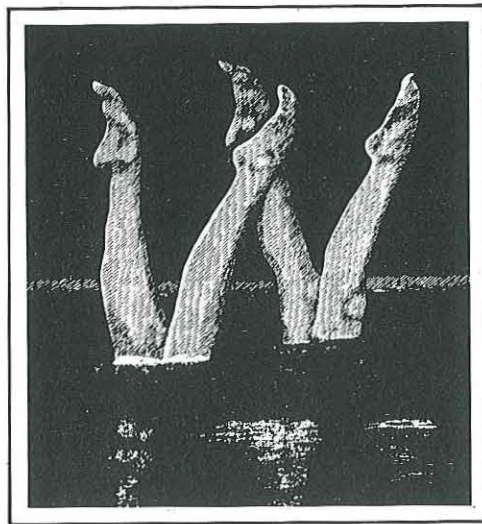
round to see the local council, where there were vacancies for labourers. And the teddy bear joined one of the road gangs and spent his days digging holes with pick and shovel. But one day when he arrived for work he could only find his shovel ... his pick had vanished. "Oi!" he said, "what's going on then?" "Don't you know, mate?" said the foreman. "Today's the day that teddy bears have their picks nicked."

There's these two blokes at a nudist club and they're sitting on the veranda out in the sunshine and discussing books, politics, art and the state of the world in general. After a while one of them says "Have you read Marx?" "Yes" says the other bloke "it's these wicker chairs, they really give you hell, don't they?"

"So" said the schoolteacher "God has sent you a little brother. That was kind of God wasn't it?" "Oh yes" said the little girl "and he knows where the money is coming from too. I heard my daddy say so"



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Welcome back all those of you that have been on holiday, we have missed you especially those committee members that help at every weekly competition ...

While you were away, Anke has been a great help taking care of the handicaps, new members and helping when she can on a Tuesday morning. Meantime, August has been a busy month for receiving new members. Could you please enter the following in your August membership list, which Penney has circulated. We welcome: Linda Cameron, 159/2 Soi Song Sa-ard, Viphavadi Rangsit, Telephone: 276-5815 (Canadian), Sabina Musy, 3/1 Sukhumvit Road Soi 28 Bana Saru, Telephone : 258-6238, Marion Simpson, address to follow soon, Barbara Wehrle, 98/153 River View Village, Nonthaburi Road, Bangkruso, Muang 11000, Nonthaburi, Telephone: 526-2015 (Canadian).

**Change of address**

Wil Agerbeek, 11a Dara Mansion, Sukhumvit Soi 18, Telephone: 259-7019. To update those of you who have just returned the following people joined BCLG recently: Barbara Kelly, Annette Pendergast, Catherine Thomson, Ellis van Vliet, Dinie de Vries and Brigitta Weber. This brings our total membership number to 58 including 9 British, 12 Dutch, 11 Americans, 7 Australians, 4 Thais, 4 Swedes, 2 Swiss, 2 Canadians, 2 New Zealanders, 1 Austrian, 1 French, 1 Japanese and 2 others I don't know the nationality of. I think we all did well in choosing "Cosmopolitan" when deciding on our new name, "Cosmopolitan" we certainly are! Hopefully we shall see Gill Hough very soon, surely the Welsh must be fed up with her by now! Of course, I never said anything about missing her!

Starters for October - Debbie and Lavita, 6th October Dundee Cup (Sponsor Dave Stewart) - 13th October Strokeplay - score counts for medal 13 - 20th October Stableford - 27th Octo-

ber Strokeplay BCLG Medal 14

Don't forget our match against the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on 3rd November 1992 at their home course.

**Farewell**

We bade farewell to Eileen Marion on 18th August at the Royal Army Golf. Eileen gave away three beautiful enamel pens to the first three winners in the three flights. Thank you Eileen. She returns to Dallas, and we wish her and her family the very best of luck in the future and hope she will get a chance to visit us someday. Thank you Eileen for your friendship and support, keep up the good golf that you are now playing.

**New Handicaps**

As mentioned above we played at the Royal Army Course II on Tuesday 18th August. We had some record scores turned in, particularly Dixie who broke 100, gross score 94, well done Dixie. She was awarded the "100" badge. New Handicap 30. Golf balls and key chains from Kuwait Oil were given as prizes for this competition. Thank you Mike Bain of Kuwait Oil. I should also mention that my younger son Jeffrey, played his best game ever, a 99!

**Ex BCLG Member**

Judy Farmer informs us all that she will be visiting with her husband from 7th to 16th October on her way home from the United Kingdom. Don't say you were not warned.

**Omission from the Membership List**

For some reason we seemed to have left out Pojanee Kongsangchai, 404/56 Soi Ramkamhang 21, Bangkok 10310 - Tel 314-5413 from our previous list. Sorry Projanee.

Happy golfing, cheers,  
Lavita

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Our thanks go to Kuwait Oil for your Donation of Golf Balls and Key Chains and Eileen Marion for all her prizes.

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COMPETITION RESULTS  
AUGUST 1992

4th August Muang Ake  
Competition "No Excuses"

Place	Name	Net	Hc
Winner	Dixie	73	25
Runner up	Hitomi	76	19
2nd Runner up	Kerstin c/b	78	15
2nd Runner up	Barbara		
	Kelly	78	17
Near pins	Kerstin	#8	
	Dixie	#12	

11th August • Muang Ake  
Cancelled due to closure of course

18th August • Royal Army Course  
II - 7 Clubs and Putter

Place	Name	Net	Hc
Silver Division	Kitty		12
Runner up	Joanie		18
Bronze I	Joke		25
Runner up	Anke		27
Bronze II	Dixie		
Near Pins	Joke	#2	
	Gloria	#8	
	Lavita	#11	
	Jeffrey	#15	
	Anke		
Under par	Dixie	61	

25th August • Muang Ake  
Medal 11 Strokeplay

Silver Division	Lavita	16
Runner up	Joanie	18
Bronze I	Gloria	25
Runner up	Barbara	22
Bronze II	Livia	30
Runner up	Dixie	30
Near pins	Joanie	#6
	Kerstin	#8
	Gloria	#12
	Sabina	#17
Under 30 putts	Gloria	29
Long drives		
Silver	Joanie	
Bronze I	Kerstin	
Bronze II	Livia	



Kitty Store receiving her prize at Eileen Marion's farewell



Dixie shot her best game ever, even young Jeffrey Ingram was pleased!



Welcome New Members Barbara Kelly ...



... Sabina Musy and Linda Cameron ...



... and Marion Simpson



Alexi and Jeffrey Hughes, Youngest golfers of the day enjoying well earned ice cream sundaes at Muang-Ake!



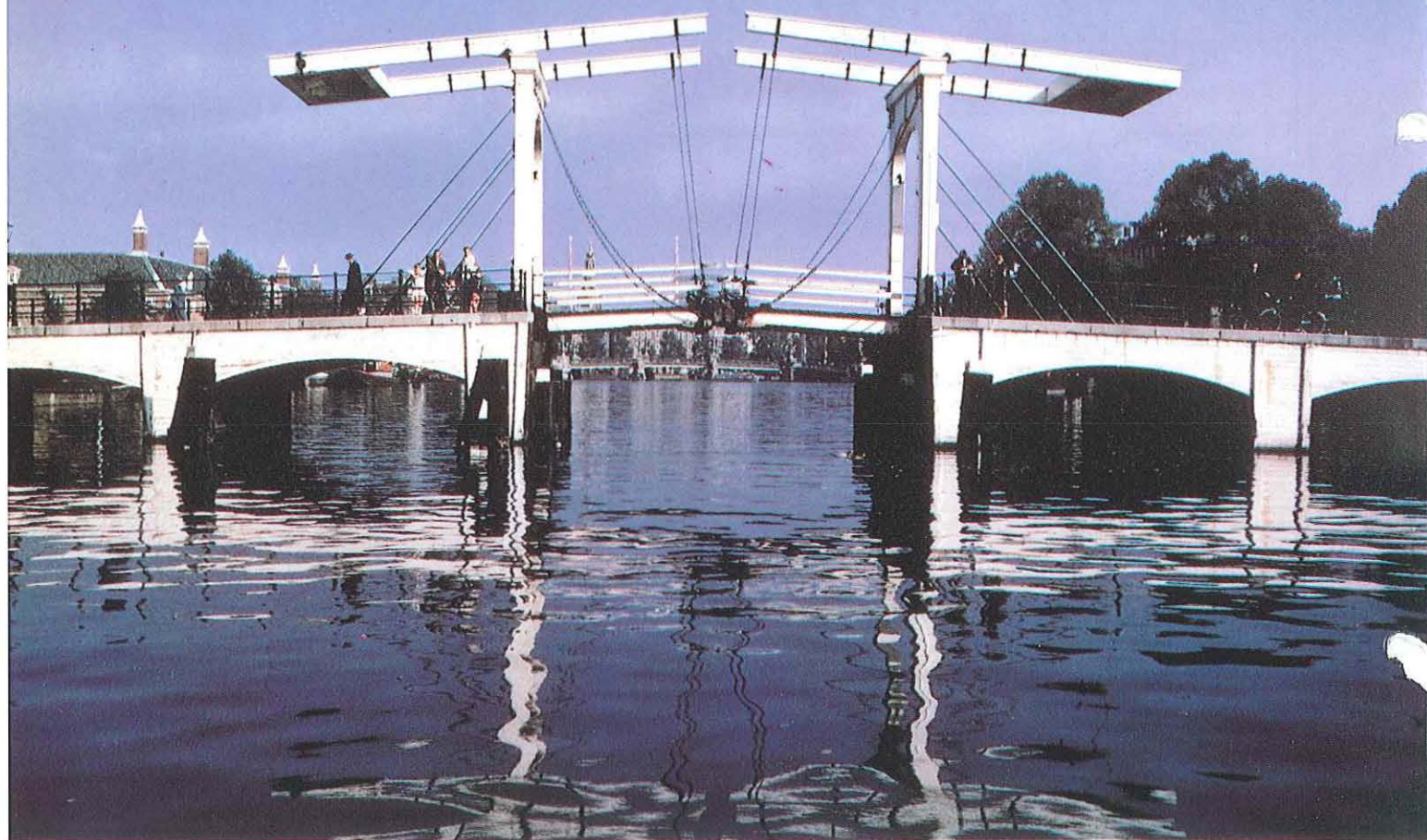
Yoke Van Amelsvoort seen here admiring her prize



Winners of the August Medal L to R Livia, Barbara, Gloria, Dixie, Joanie and Lavita

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## COMPETITION RESULTS AUGUST 1992

9 August • Ekachai  
Third Quarterly Medal

Place	Name	Hc
Winner	N Stuab	72
Runner up	P. Ingram	73
Third	R. Barrett	74
Fourth	G. Revill	74
Fifth	D. Newell	75
Sixth	C. Branston	75
Seventh	M. Corey	77
Eighth	A. McManus	83
Best Gross:	Peter Ingram	83
Near Pins:	P. Ingram	
	D. Newell	
	R. Barrett	
	P. Barrett	
Long Drives:	M. Corey	
	Sriwan Forrest.	

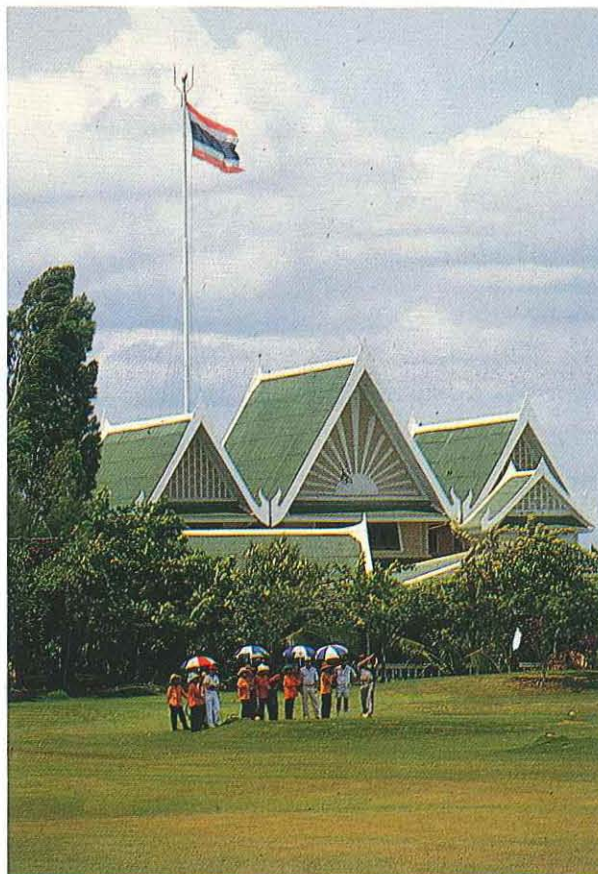
We welcomed four visitors namely:  
J. Baker, J. Mannix, G. Askew and  
G.Ingram.

23 August • Rose Garden  
Ozzies versus Brits

This was the Stableford competition jointly sponsored by Qantas and British Airways

Place	Name	Hc
Flight A:		
Winner	D. Newell	39
Runner up	D. Craft	38
Third	P. Stein	37
Fourth	D. Lamb	36
Fifth	L. Houghton	35
Flight B:		
First	N. Staub	43
Second	Alexi Hughes	41
Third	G. Revell	40
Fourth	R. Bain	40
Fifth	J. Coxon	38
Near Pins:	C. Gethingg	
	J. Leicester	
	G. Revill	
	K. Suraphol	
Long drives:	C. Groen	
	Sriwan Forrest	

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

On 4th October at Ekachai we shall play the first round of the Veterans' Trophy; for the majority who do not qualify to enter, because they have not reached the grand old age of 45, a parallel competition will be arranged. This will be followed on 11th October at Muang Ake Vista by the semi-final. A most popular outing for the section has always been the Nakon Nayok week-end at Chulachomklao Academy. We have arranged bookings and a limited number of rooms (so book early with Dugal Forrest, for 23-25th October where a variety of daily competitions will take place; so come along and enjoy a great weekend.

Our thanks go to our sponsors Caldbeck-McGregor for their excellent prizes for the third quarterly medal and to Qantas and British Airways who were the joint sponsors of the Ozzie versus Brits at the Rose Garden

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Dear Fans, with the Ball coming up soon and the new Outpost on my mind I have just not had time to write. A few things though, could players please let me have their names and address so I can send them newsletters and general info. Secondly thanks to Jane who has been a great help organising the ball - unfortunately with deadlines etc it was not possible to report on the ball in the October edition - next year we will have the Ball later in the month so you can actually read all about it in the earliest Outpost.

#### Invitation

The Rugby Section of the British Club would like to invite rugby players, fans, sufferers, sunbathers, tennis players, squashers, swimmers, golfers, cricketers, footballers and their friends to their Annual Rugby Ball at the Oriental - you still have time to sign up if this Outpost reaches you in the beginning of the month. Tickets are B950 - which will include dinner, live music, disco, door prizes and most drink (no liquors etc). Book up at the reception or phone Bea 2794033 or Jane 2587703 asap. See you there!!

#### Hat Yai 7's

The 17th Hat Yai 7's took place on 5th and 6th of September and for the first time the BC entered two sides in a field of 42. Like other 7's competitions, it is growing in stature every year and attracting teams from many countries far and near. This year teams came from Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Brunei and Hong Kong. Whilst the BC entered two sides, they were somewhat depleted due to injuries, holidays and the five players in the national side. However, these days wearing the pink and black instills confidence and lifts players, and this competition was no exception. On the first day, played in league format, both sides played well. The 'A' team finished top and entered the cup trophy and the "B" team entered the bowl trophy. On the second day, played in knock-out format, both sides suffered narrow defeats to sides that went on to lift the silverwear.

Away from the field of play, the BC enjoyed the tourist attitude to the full. In fact, it may be said that had other sides done the same the BC would most certainly have returned with 2 trophies.

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### COMPETITION RESULTS AUGUST 1992

#### DAY 1

A team v Ekthanakij	W 12-0
A team v Orca	W 15-5
B team v Pattani	L 7-0
B team v May Bank	L 12-5

#### DAY 2

A team v Chulalongkorn	L 10-5
B team v Utara	L 10-7

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August was a busy month with the Handicap Championship and Plate being completed. This competition proved to be very popular with 32 players entering. Most of the high handicap players were eliminated in the first round which showed that the handicap is definitely weighted towards the more inexperienced players ...

...The finals were played on Sunday 30th with David Overington and Paul Curtis playing for the championships and Graeme Reville and Andre Tissera playing for the plate.

David Overington starting on a handicap of +10 and Paul Curtis on -4 played first. David put everything into the game right from the start and played above his handicap putting much pressure on Paul who never gave up. Unfortunately Paul forgot the golden rule for the high handicap player, "play safe", he went for too many tight shots, some of which hit the tin. When you consider that he had to score 19 to David's 4 to win, each mistake is a loss of 5 points.

David finally won 15/3, 15/9, 15/6. He played above himself and won his points on good shots or mistakes from Paul, no lucky wood shots. The game was exciting to watch with both players making 100% effort.

In the plate event Andre started on -3 and Graeme on +10 in a one sided game, handicap wise. Graeme is too good a player to have +10 advantage on anyone, he hits the ball well and runs for everything. Andre could not make up the deficit with Graeme playing almost as well as him. Graeme finally won 15/4, 15/7, 15/0. I think Graeme will be making giant strides up the ladder if he maintains this standard of play.

The Handicap Championships was very successful and gave members a chance to play different standards of players who they normally would not meet on the court. next year we may revise the starting scores, +10 is probably too high as is evident by the results, very few people even won a game when their opposition started on +10, +8 may be a fairer starting score.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the tournament, it makes the work of the committee worthwhile.

Well done to the winners of the July League and also to the 60 players who helped make the June League a successful one.

The draw for the June ladder resulted in Peter Corney winning the Baht 1,000 and Guy Hindley winning the Baht 500 (no this was not prize money for being winner and runner up in the Don Johnson Cup). Incidentally Peter drew his own coupon out of the hat, and trying to be fair (if he happened to draw one of his own coupons), he called "challenger" because he only had one game where he was the challenger - you guessed it - that was the chit. Tim Mitchell was the opposite number on both chits and missed out on the 1000 and 500, that will keep him out of Patpong for an hour or two.

The July ladder draw winners were Jack Dunford for the Baht 1000 and Peter Smith for the Baht 500. Remember the more times you play ladder games the more chances of being in the money.

Peter Corney competed in the DHL Pattaya Open at the end of June and reached the final of the Plate event only to be beaten rather convincingly by Munir Shar from Singapore. He is never at his best on a Sunday morning, especially at 9.30am, it is no coincidence that David Hedge always challenges him on Sundays. In all, though, the event was very successful and it is recommended that more players from the British Club enter next year. It is worth the free weekend at the Ambassador in Pattaya and you will see some fine squash and meet some good people.

The top two players from Malaysia and 3 and 4 seeds from Singapore were there and played some unbelievable squash. The top Thai players were all knocked out in the quarter finals, with Peerapon giving the best resistance.

The maintenance on Court 3 should have been completed by now, that is the floor and walls taken back, repaired and re-painted and the lighting improved. A match is planned against the Oriental Sports Club for October 4th at the British Club and against Rama Gardens on Sunday November 22nd. Peeraporn is still coaching twice a week and any level of player will benefit from a coaching session with him.

He recently completed a coaching course in Singapore and therefore is up to date with the latest teaching methods.

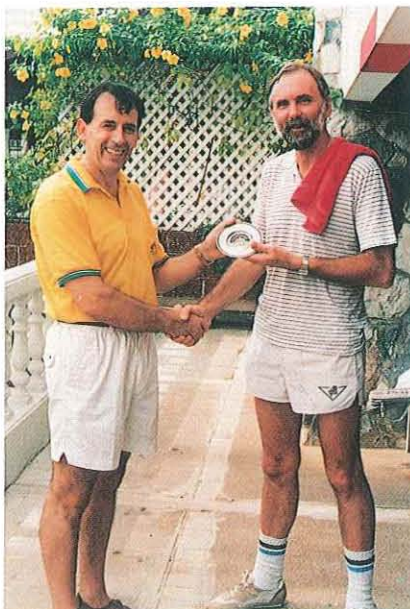
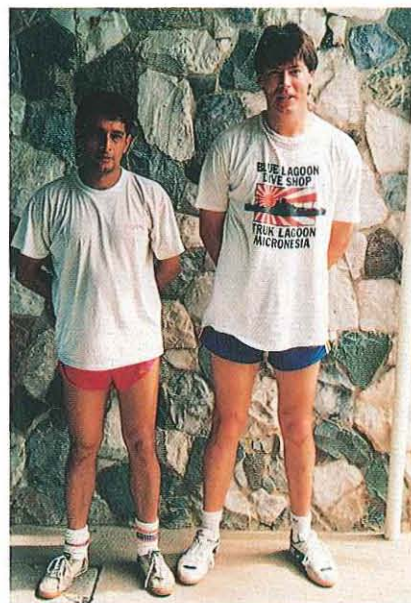
At the time of writing Tim Mitchell was expecting to transfer to Singapore in October/November. He will certainly be missed at the British Club (as well as Patpong) and we wish him all the best. He will be visiting Bangkok from time to time though, adequate warning will be given to the club members. That's all for now, happy squashing.

**Peter Corney**

*Left: Andre Tiggera and Graeme Revill Runner Up and Winner of the Handicap Plate*

*Middle: The Winner and Runner Up of the Handicap Tournament, David Overington and Paul Curtis*

*Bottom: The Winner of the Handicap Tournament, David Overington receiving trophy from Peter Corney*

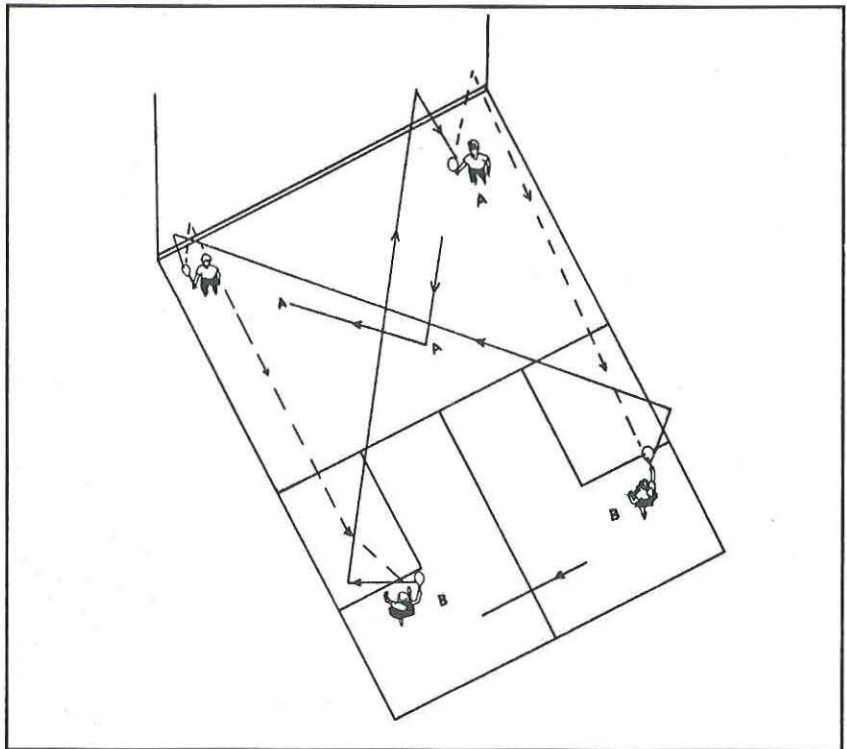


WINNERS  
OF JULY LEAGUE 1992

League	Winner
One	Peter Corney
Two	Phil Rowntree
Three	Andre Tissera
Four	Mike Rickard
Five	John Sill
Six	Phil Hall
Seven	Keith Welsh
Eight	Ralph Bierman
Nine	Duncan Ramsay
Ten	Simon Hornby
Eleven	Gary Looker
Twelve	Peter Lindsay

IMPROVE YOUR GAME ...THE BOAST AND DRIVE

Two players are necessary for this training routine. Player A stays in the front half of the court and drives the ball parallel to the side wall to the back of the court and then recovers to the tee. Player B remains in the back half of the court and boasts to the front wall where player A drives it back down the side wall on the opposite side of the court. Player B crosses to that side of the court and plays another boast to the front wall. After 10 minutes of this the players swap positions so that player A is now boasting and player B is driving down the side wall. Do this routine for twenty minutes and you will find you will be hitting your drives and boasts with much better length and so improve your general game play.



Boast and Drive Player A Driving, Player B Boasting

THE RULES OF SQUASH ...INTERFERENCE RULE (RULE 12)

This rule causes more problems than all of the other rules combined. Many players, including very experienced ones don't really understand when to call for a let and how to decide whether it is a let or a stroke. Hopefully the following comments will assist you. When a referee is making a decision on whether interference has occurred the following points are to be considered.

Referee's Line of Thinking ... Before making a decision on Rule 12

QUESTION	→	DECISION
1 Did interference occur? Yes	→	No → No Let
2 Could obstructed player have reached the ball and made a good return and, was he making every effort to do so? Yes	→	No → No Let
3 Did obstructing player make every effort to move clear? Yes	→	No → Stroke to obstructed player
4 Was the obstructed player in a position to play a winner? Yes	→	No → Let <i>He could only have made a good return</i>
	↓	Stroke to obstructed player

Every player should memorise the above chart

If you follow the above "Referee's line of thinking" the correct decision will become more obvious and maybe prevent a few raised eyebrows on the court. It is also important to remember that "every effort" must be made by both obstructed player and obstructing player. It is not acceptable for a player to be given a let if he does not make an effort to get to the ball.

The onus is placed on the player, after playing the ball, to:

- 1 Make every effort to get out of his opponent's way.
- 2 Make every effort to give his opponent a fair view of the ball.
- 3 Make every effort not to obstruct the opponent in the latter's direct movement to the ball.
- 4 Make every effort to allow his opponent freedom to play the ball
- 5 Make every effort to allow his opponent freedom to return the ball directly to the front wall.



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**New Developments - With the opening of the two new artificial grass courts on 27th June, we are now back to four courts again. Sometime next year, however, the other two hard courts will be converted to artificial grass, and an all purpose playing surface will then be available for several sports, but priority will continue to be given to the Tennis Section ...**

... The floodlighting of all four courts has been considerably improved, and the 'dreaded smell' has almost been completely eliminated by the culverting of the open drains and the installation of a pumping system. Improvements to the Tennis Court Sala have also been carried out in association with the repairs to the swimming pool.

#### **Use of Courts by other Sections**

At present the two new artificial grass courts are being used by other sports sections as follows: every Tuesday 7pm to 9pm Rugby Training, Every Thursday 7pm to 9pm Football Training. However the two hard courts continue to be available for tennis bookings at this time.

#### **Increased Court Charges**

The cost of tennis court and squash court "stickers" will increase to B30 per sticker with effect from September 1st 1992. The stickers can be purchased from the bar in the Sala adjacent to the tennis courts, and the booking sheets are also kept at this bar. One sticker is required per court per hour during the day, but three stickers are required per hour when the floodlights are in oper-

ation. Please remember to write your name and club number on each sticker.

#### **Tennis Section Committee Meetings**

The Tennis Section Committee meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of every month, so if you have anything which you would like to have discussed, please contact a member of the committee.

#### **Group Coaching**

Commencing on Saturday 3rd October 1992, group coaching lessons will be available every Saturday morning from 8am to 9am for advanced players, 9am to 10am for intermediate players and 10am to 11am for beginners. The coach for these sessions will be Khun Pihat and the cost will be B100 per person per hour. The two artificial grass courts will be used and anyone wishing to take part should just turn up at the appropriate time any or every Saturday morning.

#### **Individual Coaching**

Many members already have individual lessons from the coaches who operate at the club. If you would like to arrange any lesson the names and telephone numbers of the coaches are

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as follows:

Khun Bamchong 2793312

Khun Pichat 3734345

Khun Tom (not known at time of publication).

The charges differ from one coach to another and these should be checked with each coach.

#### American Tournament

An American Tournament will be held on Sunday 4th October 1992 between 2pm and 6pm. For this tournament, partners are drawn at the beginning of the afternoon and each partnership then plays against all the others in their half of the draw. A final is then played between the winning partnership from each half. It is therefore necessary for all participants to be there for the full 4 hour period. After the tennis there will be a Croquet Evening and Family Barbecue from 6pm to 8pm.

#### Social Mix-Ins Tennis on Wednesdays and Sundays

Social Mix-In Tennis is organised

every Wednesday evening (6pm-9pm) and most Sunday afternoons (3pm-6pm). On some Sundays the Mix-ins are replaced by Round Robin Tournaments or American Tournaments, which normally start at 2pm, but there is something every Sunday, and all members of the Club are welcome to participate any Wednesday evening or Sunday afternoon, no matter what their standard of tennis (except absolute beginners). Just come along and join in, and perhaps join us at the bar afterwards for a drink and a meal.

#### Children's Tennis

A group of parents within the Club have joined together to organise childrens tennis sessions for members children between the ages of 7 and 14. These sessions are held every Saturday morning between 8am and 10am. Two courts will be used and the cost (to be debited from the parent's account) will be only B20 per child for the 2 hour session. Any

child who is interested in joining these sessions should contact either: Nena Reid - Telephone 2585146 Nicky Davis - Telephone 2543722 or just turn up on a Saturday morning.

#### Team Practice Evenings

Throughout the year the Tennis Section organises various matches versus other clubs from Bangkok or elsewhere in South-East Asia. If you would like to be considered for the team or would like to attend the team practice evenings, please contact Ray Liang on 2594199 (office) or 2588046 (home). These team practice evenings are held every Thursday evening between 7pm and 9pm.

#### Ladies Mornings

It is hoped, during October, to organise Ladies tennis mornings involving Mix-in social tennis, coaching and ladies team practices. Watch this space for more details.

*Below: The Tennis Courts at the British Club*



### OCTOBER PROGRAMME

- 4th (Sunday) • American Tournament 2pm to 6pm, followed by  
Croquet Evening at 6pm - Please sign up on  
Tennis Section Notice Board.
- 11, 18, 25 • Mix-In, Sunday Afternoons 3to 6pm
- 7,14,21,28 • Mix in Wednesday Evenings 6 to 9pm
- 3,10,17,24,31 • Group Coaching every Saturday morning
- 8 to 9am Advanced
- 9 to 10am Intermediate
- 10 to 11am Beginners
- 3,10,17,24,31 • Childrens Tennis
- every Saturday Morning 8am to 10am
- 1,8,15,22,29 • Team Practice
- every Thursday evening 7 to 9pm
- 27 (Tuesday) • Tennis Section Committee Meeting Tuesday at 7pm
- Individual Singles Tennis League
  - details available on Tennis Notice Board
  - Ladies Mornings More details later

The present committee, as elected at the AGM on 27th June 1992 is as follows:

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	Maureen Harbeck	Telephone not known at time of publication			

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FORTHCOMING TENNIS SEASON

#### October Tennis League

- 4th • American Tournament

#### November Tennis League

- 1st • Round Robin Tournament

- 28/29th • Team Tournament

#### December Tennis League

- 5/6th • Handicap Tournament

- 10 to 13th • Tennis Tour Chiang Rai

#### December/January

#### Teenagers Tennis during Holidays

- 10th Jan • Round Robin

Tournament

- 30/31 Jan • Weekend

Tournament

#### February Tennis League

- February • Club Tournament

- 7th • American Tournament

#### March Tennis League

- 6/7 • Semi-Finals and Finals of  
tennis tournament

- 14th • Round Robin Tournament

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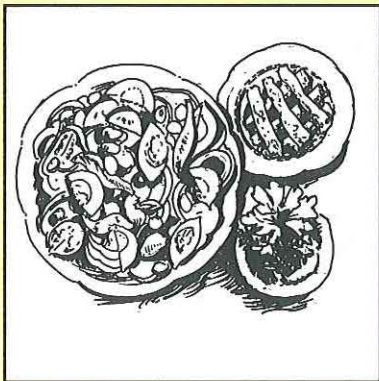
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# SALADE NICOISE



Serve this salad with crusty French bread as a light lunch or supper dish.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 Iceberg lettuce
- 4 tomatoes
- 2 eggs (hard boiled)
- 1/2 cucumber (sliced)
- 110 g (4oz) fine French beans, cut into 5cm (2in) lengths and blanched
- 1 green pepper (deseeded, halved and sliced)
- 1 onion (thinly sliced)
- two 230 g (8 oz) cans of tuna in brine (drained)
- 50 g (1.76 oz) can of anchovies (rinsed and drained)
- 60 g (2 oz) pitted black olives.

## FOR THE DRESSING

- 3 table spoons of olive oil,
- 1 table spoon white wine vinegar
- 1 to 2 cloves of garlic (crushed)
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

## METHOD

Thoroughly wash the lettuce leaves, then dry gently by spinning in a salad spinner, or pat dry on a large clean tea towel. Tear the leaves into edible sized pieces and place in an attractive serving dish. Cut each tomato and egg into six wedges and add to the lettuce leaves with the cucumber, beans, pepper and onion.

Flake the tuna into large pieces and add to the salad bowl. Finely chop the anchovy fillets and arrange on top of the salad with the olives.

To make the dressing, place all the ingredients in a screw-topped jar and shake vigorously until well emulsified. Taste and adjust the seasoning as necessary. Just before serving, pour the dressing over the salad and toss gently.

• serves 6

## restaurant guide

### BAN LAO

Sukhumvit Soi 36  
Telephone 258 6096

The restaurant is situated at the end of a very nondescript soi off Soi 36, but on entering, you are transported into a very Northern Thai/Lao atmosphere. Bamboo tables and chairs are arranged 'Al Fresco'. So it is unwise to visit the restaurant in a downpour!

There is a raised platform on which you can eat sitting on cushions around a table, but be prepared to be somewhat conspicuous. We were attended to very quickly by an English speaking waitress who may well have been the Manageress. She took our drinks order and found us a menu written in English.

Not having been to Laos we are not connoisseurs of Lao cuisine and on first sight the selection on offer on the menu seemed disappointing.

We ordered Spicy Duck Salad, Fried

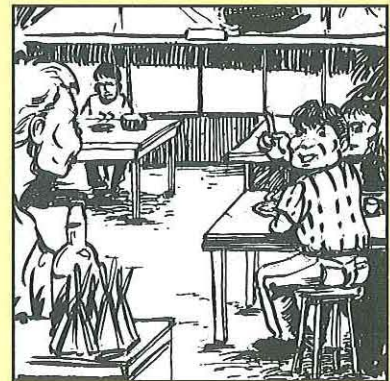
Beef (which unfortunately did not arrive), Fried Fish and Tom Yam Kai. We also had some Spring Rolls as an appetiser. We ordered Sticky Rice with the meal which they also forgot and we had to ask for!

The food was all attractively presented with salad garnishes and little bowls of sauce. The fish was particularly pretty with accompaniments presented on leaves around the dish. Everything was tasty and I especially enjoyed the Duck Salad as it was not too hot.

As we began to eat a Thai band started playing traditional Thai instruments, setting the mood exactly and we half expected some Northern Thai dancers to appear. It was a very pleasant experience, but we did get rather hot sitting outside and when we paid our B450 bill, we left in search of an air-conditioned bar for a nightcap!

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# K I D S K O R N E R

Hello Boys and Girls

Here are some more games to play in the car on those long Bangkok journeys. One word of warning though, try and keep the sound down in the back of the car, noisy children can be a terrific distraction to mum or dad (and even the driver) trying to negotiate the traffic! Hope you enjoy them. If you have any good ideas for this children's page, write them down and send them to the British Club for the attention of Bea Grunwell care of Outpost.

## STONE, SCISSORS, PAPER

"Spoofing" is an old, old sport. It consists of trying to guess what your opponent is going to do and then doing the opposite. The only equipment you need is a hand (one to each player, that is). The two opponents hold their right hands in front of them, bunched into fists. Simultaneously, they raise and lower their fists three times before opening their finger into any of three possible mimes, at exactly the same moment:

1

### STONE

the fingers are left as they are, bunched in a fist.



2

### SCISSORS

The first and second fingers are extended to make a 'V' shape



3

### PAPER

All four fingers are extended together



Each mime is able to 'defeat' one of the others. Scissors obviously score over Paper, because they cut it, but Paper scores over Stone because it can wrap it up. Stone scores over Scissors, because it can blunt them. Every time a player defeats his opponent, he scores a point. If the mimes are the same, of course, nothing is scored. The winner is the first player to reach ten points. A judge may be needed to watch out for cheating. By lagging a split-second behind his opponent, a player may see what is being shown, and change his mind accordingly. Anyone caught cheating loses three points.



# K I D S K O R N E R

## PUZZLE

Clue ...

Words with an "ea" sound, as  
in "pleasure"

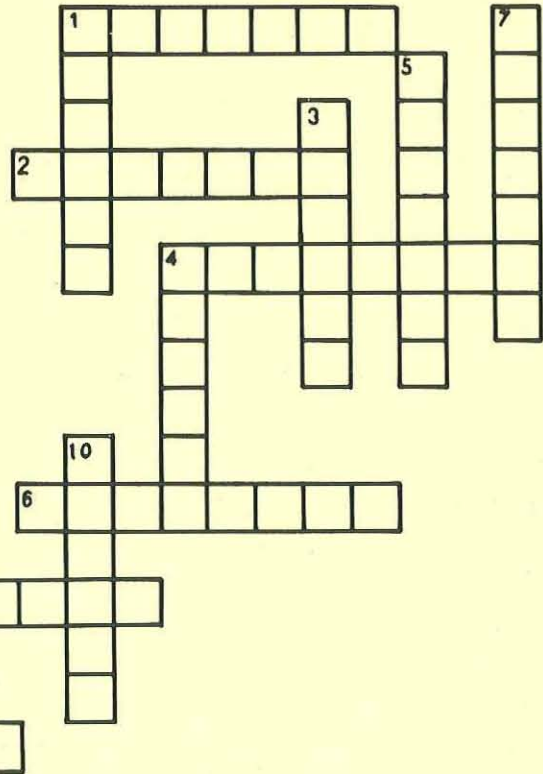
### ACROSS

1. A warm knitted piece of clothing to wear on cold days
2. Listen to the ... forecast to find out if it is going to rain
4. Explorers look for buried ...
6. These keep a bird's body warm
8. The opposite of light
9. Prepared to go. I'm ...

### DOWN

1. This is how you put butter on toast
3. You hold your ... under water
4. The wicked witch made this ... "I'll get those ruby slippers!"
5. You use a ruler to ... length and width
7. Shoes are made out of ...
8. The very top part of your body
10. The place where angels live

*No cheating,  
answers on bottom of page*



## ODD FINGERS, EVEN FINGERS

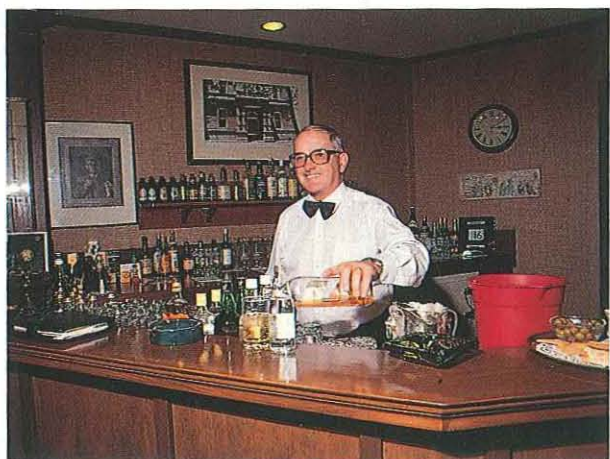
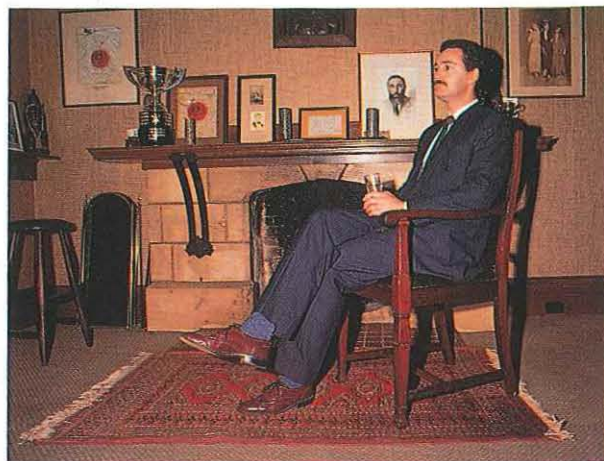
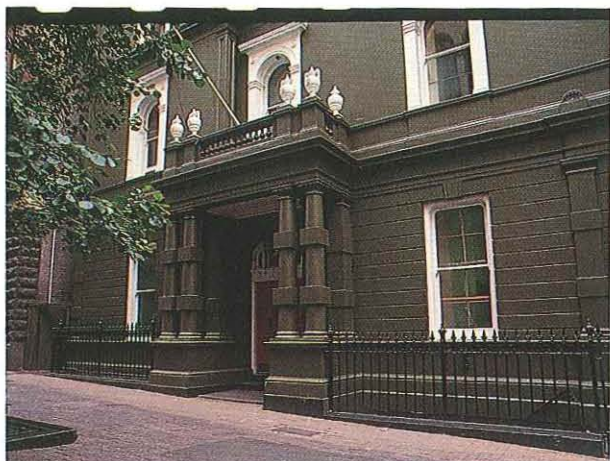
Here's another battle of wits which only uses fingers. One player hides his right hand (in his pocket, under a coat, or under an armpit) and keeps one, two, three or four fingers extended. Thumbs don't count. The other player then has to guess whether the number of extended fingers is odd or even. If he is right, he scores a point for each extended finger, and takes the next turn. The first player to reach twenty-one points is the winner.

Puzzle Answers: Across 1. Sweater 2. Weather 4. Treasure 6. Feather 8. Heavy 9. Leaving Down 1. Spread 3 Head 4. Thread 5. Measure 7. Leather 8. Head 10. Heaven

# THE SAVAGE CLUB MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA



The Savage Club is housed in an elegant Victorian mansion at 12 Bank Place and houses one of Melbourne's oldest and most respected Clubs. The Melbourne Savage Club was founded in the late nineteenth century, and across the years, has provided a unique and relaxed atmosphere for members. Many visitors have expressed interest in the Club history and, in particular, the origins of the Club's exceptional collection of artifacts and art. This article provides a perspective of the Club and its "treasures". All photographs by Carmelo Bazzano.



**M**elbourne, in 1894, was tasting the bitter aftermath of the great land boom. Against this sombre background, The Melbourne Savage Club was founded. The first President, Dr. Harvey E. Astles, M.D., F.R.C.P., presided over a Club of "bohemian" spirit. In this respect, the Club was based upon an appreciation of music, art, drama, science and literature.

The Club name was adopted from that of the famous Savage Club in London. (In turn, the name of the London Club is attributed to the minor eighteenth-century poet, Richard Savage, as well as being a wry double-entendre on the spirited nature of its founding members.)

The early Savages not only established and secured the ideals and underlying strength of today's Club; in many outstanding instances they

also contributed to the then infant nation of Australia. Sir Arthur Streeton, Sir John Longstaff, Frederick McCubbin and David Low were dominant figures in Art. Alberto Zelman contributed much to the world of music. Other members played important roles in fields.

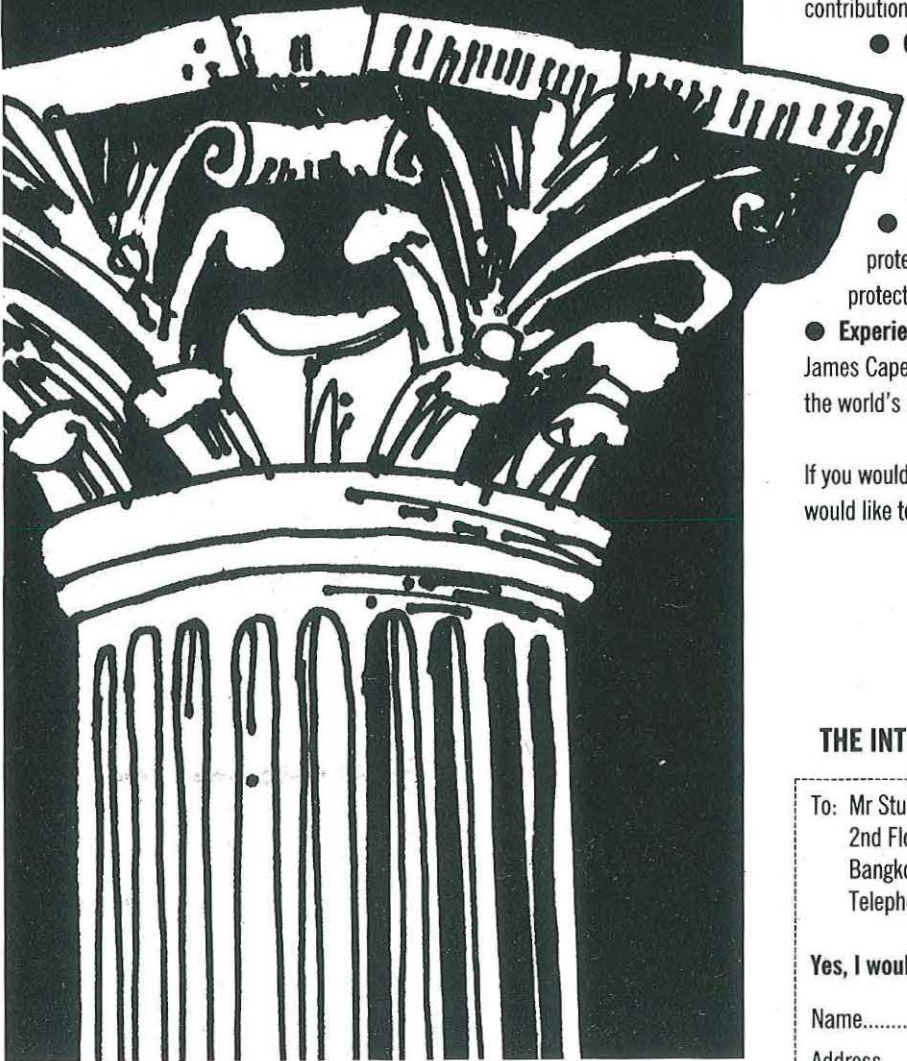
In 1923, the Club purchased the present building. Classified by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), the Club House was built in 1884-5 and was the one-time property of Sir Rupert Clarke, Bart. During the years of consolidation, one of Australia's most respected Statesmen played an important role in the Club's administration.

Sir Robert Menzies, K.T., C.H., Q.C., served as President 1947-1962. Many affectionate anecdotes surround Sir Robert's aims to ensure that the Club resist the temptation to accept some of the less-appealing innovations of the twentieth century.

The punkahs in the dining room are an example of his influence. The incorporation of the Yorick Club with the Savage Club took place in 1966, adding a further dimension. Founded in 1868, the Yorick Club brought together across many years such talents as Marcus Clarke (the Clubs' first Secretary) and Adam Lindsay Gordon, a foundation member.

The Yorick Clubs' background of such interests as literature, art and science were immediately compatible with those of the Melbourne Savage Club. The Club possesses a rare ambience. It is spacious, restful and presents a civilised place of meeting, conversation and relaxation against a background of superb furnishings and appointments. The Savages of today are inheritors of a priceless "home from home" They share, in addition, a meeting and luncheon place.

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## CONVERSATION

Sometimes one of our correspondents overhears a conversation that just has to be passed on to the regular club members - readers of Outpost. Any people that bear a resemblance to the two described in this article do not need to be worried - it was not them!



### BONES OF CONTENTION 10 THINGS COUPLES CAN NEVER WORK OUT

- 1 Who gets stuck holding the programme at the theatre
- 2 Who sits by the window on the plane
- 3 Whose turn it is to drive home from a party
- 4 Who gets the aisle seat at the cinema
- 5 Who should record the answering machine message
- 6 Whom holds whom around the waist whilst dancing
- 7 Who gets to read the newspaper first in the morning
- 8 Whose parents should be visited on Christmas Day and whose on Boxing Day
- 9 Who should take the rubbish out
- 10 Who checked that the front door is locked

The point is that I am not sure what Anita feels for me. I mean: sometimes I get the impression that she really likes me. Last time I was in the pub she said hello to me. **But did she come and join you?** No, she had that bloke with her of course. But I saw by the way she looked at me that she would have preferred to join me. And last Saturday we spent a full five minutes talking, just like that in the street. **What were you talking about?** Well, to tell you the truth, Anita was talking to a lady friend of hers and I was standing there too. But it was not as if she kicked me away, no she definitely did not. Sometimes that is totally different. Then I open a door for her and she says: oh you creep, can't you just leave me alone? You see? And it's that doubt, that feeling of uncertainty that I just cannot cope with any longer. **And you are really crazy about her?** I love her Fred, I would give my life for her. **Well, I would wait a bit with that. Have you tried making a date with her?** Of course! Last week we had a date for Saturday and on Friday it said on my answering machine that she could not make it. Something to do with her sister. That could of course be true. **Did she say anything about arranging a new date? On your machine?** No, she said she could not make it Saturday or Sunday and not on Monday either and could I please not call her for the next two weeks as she could not make it then either. So, then you know. **What do you mean. Well, obviously Anita - how shall I put this - is not head over heels with you. Ah, but sometimes I am very busy too, you should not see that as a problem. It was what she said after that that worried me. Oh, what did she say then?** After the two weeks she is leaving to go on a holiday ... until the end of the summer. **Bad luck. Yes, and after that she was probably emigrating to Australia. For four years, her brother owns a ranch there. AUSTRALIA!!!! I do fancy that, you know, a few years in Australia. But on one condition of course, I have to be sure she really loves me!**

### GOING ZSA ZSA 10 QUOTES FROM ZSA ZSA GABOR

- 1 You never really know a man until you've divorced him
- 2 I want a man who's kind and understanding is that too much to ask of a millionaire?
- 3 I believe in large families: every woman should have at least three husbands
- 4 I never really hated a man enough to give him his diamonds back
- 5 I'm a marvellous housekeeper - every time I leave a man I keep his house
- 6 Getting divorced just because you don't love a man is almost as silly as getting married just because you love him
- 7 The only place men want depth in a woman is in her décolletage
- 8 The woman's movement hasn't changed my sex life at all; it wouldn't dare
- 9 If they had as much adultery going on in New York as they said in the divorce courts, they would never have a chance to make the beds at the Plaza
- 10 You mean apart from my own? (When asked how many husbands she'd had)



"Every time he comes home he's legless with a bird on his arm."

### 10 LAWS OF SHOP CHANGING ROOMS

- 1 You bounce off the walls like a pin ball when trying on trousers
- 2 You always wonder if you can manage without taking off your shoes
- 3 There is only ever one hook
- 4 There are no hangers
- 5 However carefully you draw the curtain, there is a gap at one side or the other
- 6 There is always a gap at the bottom of the curtain
- 7 A shop assistant always says: "How are you doing in there?" when you're half dressed
- 8 You have to back out of the cubicle to see yourself in the mirror
- 9 The hessian-style wallpaper always has a triangular rip in it
- 10 Even the smallest cubicle is better than a communal changing room



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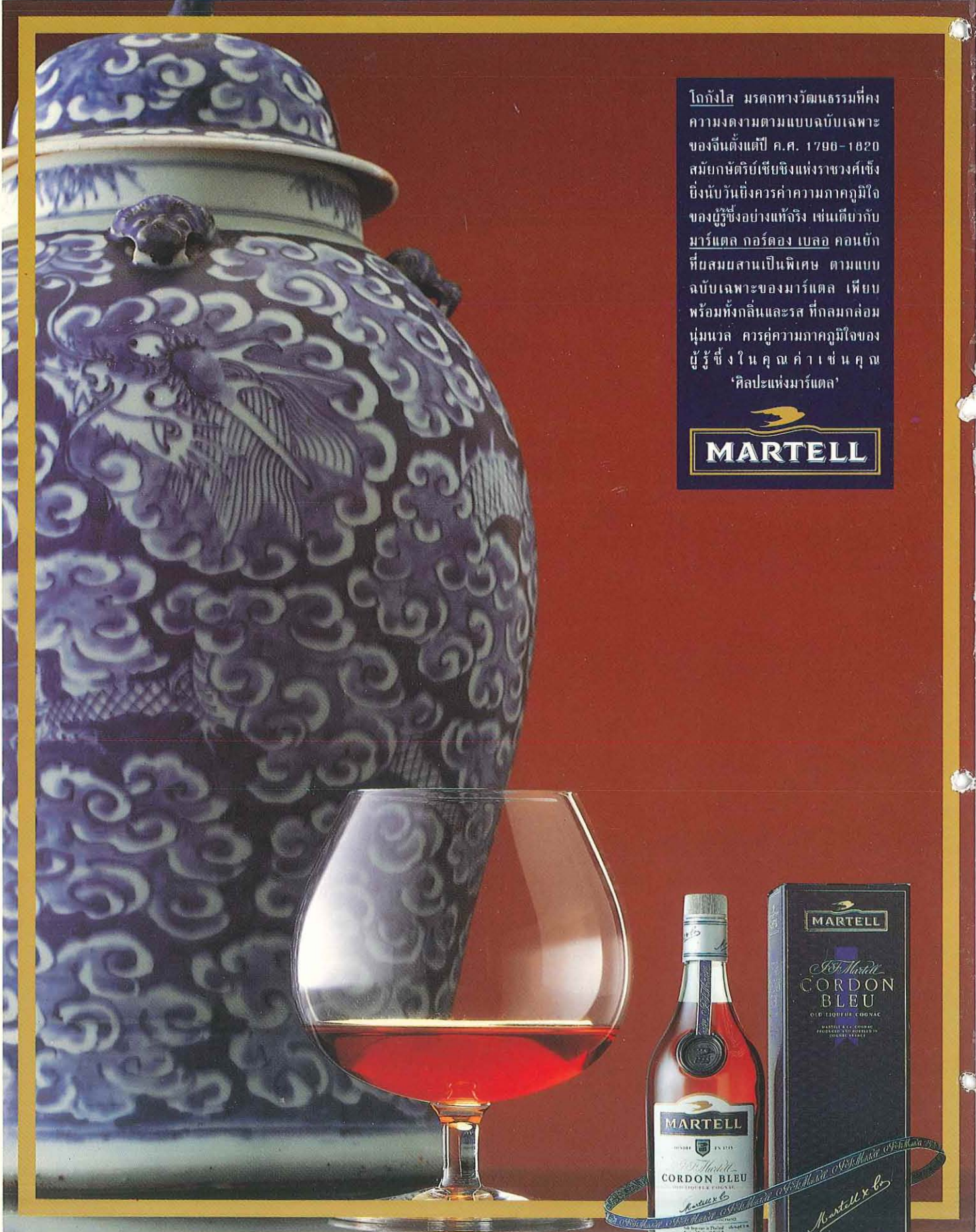
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