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The Editor on his favourite theme " do not use our membership books as telephone directories, they are a list of contact addresses" to further the cause of friendship and fellowship outside our own single club areas

Editing THE HINGE must be similar to running a pub with no beer! You have nothing to do, nobody bothers you or even goes to the trouble to send in reports or pictures to print.

That's why there are such daft pages like "Daisy's letter from Buck House", "Partonoko puzzles", "Life after 40", and now the new exciting series of "THE HINGE guide to the English & Danes" next edition will feature the Italians and Swiss and so on.



**THE HINGE needs YOUR reports!**  
(no, the picture is not of Bernard Rey. (F) he is to be seen on Page 9)

On page 9 of this issue we must really ask if you are interested that Israel spend 8,7% of their GNP on Military purposes,(To achieve this they must have some good discounts from Boeing)

All this will STOP as soon as you START sending to me reports as to what is going on in your own Club 41 in your country. Anybody can write to us.You do not have to be National President or I.R.O or even Press secretary.The report should be accompanied with pictures.

This way we shall be able to produce a Superb worthwhile magazine

**It is said that, if you want to get ahead, you should wear a Hat**



But, as you can see below, you will need more than a silly "Hat" if you want to become the International President!



Uwe Kerstan (D)...Footballer of the Year!



Dieter Straka (A); he is the one on the right, At least, he has a glass in his hand



John Bellwood (GB); Secretary & Treasurer Club 41 Intl. trying to find at least some use of his unused World Cup Winners Hat. But the "one-off" Club 41 patriotic coloured waistcoat is fabulous **2**

**Nobody knows why the Austrians have got the minus on their Flag. Maybe some of our readers can enlighten us?**

**Maybe through the famous "faux pas" by the Austrian Police Chief "Alles gerettet Majestät" (Everyone's safe,your Majesty) the over-anxious-to-please report of the Police chief to Franz Joseph after the Ringtheater had burned down in 1881. ( In fact. 386 people were incinerated.)**

**We are still trying to work out how the Swiss got a plus sign! Maybe it is the muesli and Rösti**



## Foreword from Uwe Kerstan 4I Intl. President

Dear friends,  
This is the second HINGE this time in printed form., Our editor Bob Parton has again generously put much work into its production. I am sure you will like the output just as well as I do. The success of this magazine depends upon the support of everyone. We must see that we are all involved by sending contributions, reports and photos to the Editor. So bombard Bob with that — he waits for them! Ring him “The Hinge” Free of Charge on [www.Skype.com](http://www.Skype.com)  
**An urgent request to all member countries:**  
**Please, make contact when organising dates for meetings with the Secretary of 4I International, John Bellwood and clarify, whether the dates for an AGM requested by you, also for a special events in your country does not clash with other international events before you fix the dates. After we already had several unhappy coincidences this year, there already is the first one next year, too. It is simply annoying and a pity if interesting events take place during the same weekend, not forgetting the missing courtesies! Every Organiser would like to be able to welcome as many international guests as possible. This applies also and particularly to First Charters of Tables in countries in which do not have any 4I**

clubs as yet. It would have been wonderful anyway if the charter of the first 4I in Poland would have taken place on a weekend at which no other international events had been organised. The others on this weekend had long been known and reserved in the International Calendar.

Further request:  
Please, organize with your national committees that the new committee names and details are immediately forwarded after the AGMs to the International Secretary John Bellwood, also the webmaster Renato Bonfini and the editor of the 4I International directory Peter Poech (together with address, phone numbers etc.). Our publications can only be up-to-date and useful when all the right contact persons are found fast.

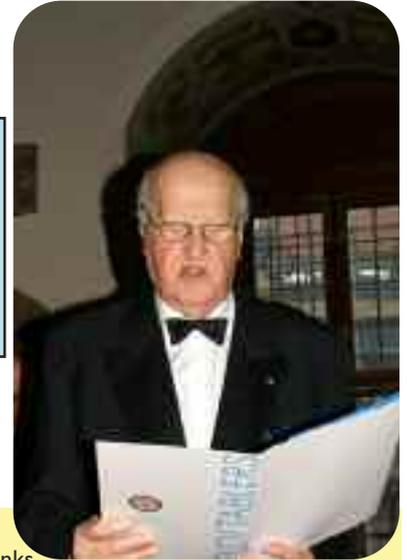
The next 4I International HYM in Southend-on-Sea lies ahead; I hope for a numerous participation from the individual member countries and look forward to good conversations, pleasant meetings and a good, productive course of the meeting.

Until then I remain  
Cordially  
yours in 4I

Uwe Kerstan  
President 4I International

## Dramatic and emotional reaction to the two Leipzig Charters in Germany

Past 4I INTERNATIONAL President Einhart Melzer (D) message to the Leipziger from the “time-honoured” Leipzig City Hall



Dear Leipziger!

Again many thanks for your invitation to the Leipziger Charters. They were indeed charter celebrations which brought all people involved together and taught us all to love Leipzig.

I firstly addressed myself to Leipzig which since 1923, they did not lose me as its citizen when I was convicted by SED (²) for resistance and followed by 16 months in prison from these thugs.

In the exile of Berlin I took every opportunity as Tabler (Round Table and Old Tablers) since 1956 to serve the reunification of Germany and with that the reintegration of Leipzig also.

In many talks and lectures, - above all abroad – I was able to express the German feelings about this time. I invited during my journeys the friends from abroad and at home to my home in Berlin to show them, what was really going on in this City.

They returned to their homes as heralds and reported in lectures or in their magazines from what they had experienced in Berlin.

I thanked the present mayor, the borough council and the citizens of Leipzig for the excellent progress which the town had made at the reconstruction without forgetting to keep the old urban features.

I transmitted my gratitude, to the Leipzigers, that had made it possible for me to be at this Charter in the time-honoured City Hall of the town and also to commemorate my father who lost his liberty between 1934 and 1945 as a former city councillor because of resistance and again in 1947 once more because of his resistance activities.

I welcomed your members from Ireland with special joy and expressed the opinion that these correspond to the cosmopolitan character that two Dictatorships of our town were not able to extinguish.

Thanking you for the honorary membership to Club 203 I said goodbye with the words: My heart belongs to Leipzig my gratitude to Berlin “.

I wish all friends a lot of joy in the new clubs

In friendship your

Einhart

²) SED = Unified Socialist Party ( Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschlands) of the German Democratic Republic.

June 2006



## The First 41 Club to open in Poland



### Charter of 41 Club GDAŃSK

It is with enormous pleasure and pride that we formed the very first 41 Club in Poland – 41 CLUB GDAŃSK.

The Charter Weekend took place on 6-8 October in the beautiful 1000-year-old city of Gdańsk, on Poland's Baltic shores.

The cost of the weekend (excluding accommodation) was held at 150 EUR per head and for this price we were given a unique historical weekend.

The Charter Ceremony and Dinner were gentlemen-only events when we were entertained to a Cabaret and our girls were given an alternative programme to occupy them during the time we were in the Night-Club. All other items in the programme were open to all.

With the help of 41 Club in Britain, we had generated substantial interest in this event.

The Lech Wałęsa Gdańsk International Airport is served by Ryanair out of Stansted also Frankfurt and Stockholm and by Wizzair out of Luton also Cologne, Cork, Dortmund, Glasgow, Hamburg, Liverpool, Stockholm, so there were excellent (and cheap) connections for the guests from England and other parts of Europe. The Gdansk airport is also served by most Airlines from all European airports. The conference hotel was the Hotel

Hanza, is a 4-star hotel on the banks of the River Motława in the historic heart of the city.

We were looked after like the Kings from France

**Tad Wolanski**

Founder Secretary, 41 Club Gdańsk  
(e-mail: [angtzw@univ.gda.pl](mailto:angtzw@univ.gda.pl))

#### Hospitality

The old Polish tenet of "A guest in the home: God in the Home" still holds good, and most Poles view hospitality as a sacred obligation. Given the acres of still uninhabited terrain and the weather, this is probably a good thing.

However more recent cynical versions such as "a guest in the home: a pregnant wife", or "a guest in the home: God knows what for" might be an indication that it is all wearing a bit thin.

Another tenet, still observed, is, "Get into debt, but be a good host" which can be a source of bewilderment for guests.

Even in times of shortages or hardship, Poles laid a table which had visitors disbelieving reported economic realities. Polish hospitality has a way of leaving guests embarrassed with *richesse*, and hosts eating up leftovers for a week.

When Poles cater, they cater for a battalion.

#### Partonoku, Medium, (for some)

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#### You know you are 40 when:

**you can remember thinking your parents were really, really old when they were younger than you are now!**

**Is wet-hair gel over?**

**Would it kill her to learn to read a road map ?**

**Is our anniversary this week or next ?**

**4**



Happier times in Israel, picture taken before the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in April this year at the occasion of the Charter of the first Arab Table, Taibe in Israel.

## ISRAEL 2006

### Letter from Oren Traistman past President of RT Israel on the situation for Israelis in August 2006

Hi Bob,

Thanks for your concern,

Unfortunately Israel is getting hundreds of missiles in the north in places when we have been together in April. RT Israel members and of course RT3 and RT14 in Haifa are very worried about the situation. We are home-hosting to many of our friends from the north and their families. And we are doing a lot to make our people from the north relax and trying to enjoy themselves far from home.

We are very proud to have been awarded the EMA award for the best Table of our region for opening the Taibe Arab Table and we will do our best to make this friendship by Round Table last for ever. Best Regards,

Oren Traistman

Past President RT Israel



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## Wallabies want to team up with Kiwis in attempt to win the Ashes Cup!



### Perth 4I Club want to leave GB!

“ it is too far away”! they say

In late 2005 the Perth 4I Club (Western Australia) formally applied for affiliation status with the National Association of 4I Clubs of New Zealand. They are currently affiliated to The Association of Ex-Tablers in the UK but because of the distance are finding that they get little benefit from the association. A copy of their initial email and the response from our IRO have been sent to the Board. Their application was considered by the National

Executive who proposed it as a remit to our recent AGM. The remit was carried unanimously. International President, Dr Uwe Kerstan who attended our AGM advised us to write and seek endorsement from 4I Inter-



How the World will change if the affiliation takes place

national before confirming their affiliation. We would be grateful if you could refer this to the appropriate body within 4I International for ratification and advise when the matter is likely to be considered.

### The President's personal Banner



coming up...Club 41 INTERNATIONAL

# HYM in Livingstone Zambia

## GETTING TO KNOW LIVINGSTONE

The 2007 International Half Yearly Meeting will be held in the Zambian resort city of Livingstone. It is situated about 480 km south of Lusaka, on the Zambia-Zimbabwe border.

Livingstone is the home of the earth's mightiest waterfalls, the renowned and world famous Victoria Falls which are one of the seven natural wonders of the world. This unbelievable curtain of water is

just metres away from the venue of the HYM 2007, the Zambezi Sun Hotel which is one of the Sun Group hotels. The mighty Zambezi River runs from North-West Zambia to the Indian Ocean, passing through five countries.

The greatest spectacle is in Livingstone at the Victoria Falls when the Zambezi at 2km width drops 100m down over impregnable basalt rock that has lasted millions of years. This was Africa's best kept secret until a Scottish explorer, Dr David Livingstone, became the first European to sight the falls in 1855, naming the scenic water feature after Queen Victoria in the United Kingdom. The local people called it 'Musi-o-Tunya' or 'the smoke that thunders'. The beauty and grandeur of the Victoria Falls defeats one's imagination. Spray caused by water falling into the gorge visible from miles away.

During the dry season, be sure to take a walk along the lip of the Falls themselves. Sometimes the water is low enough to walk all the way across to **Livingstone Island**, the place where David Livingstone had his first glimpse of the Falls. This is surely one

of the most magnificent views in the area. Another interesting perspective

rated as one of the world's top hotels.

Livingstone has many attractions and activities;

**White water rafting** through the Batoka Gorge.

**Bungi jumping** off the 111m Victoria Falls bridge, a real test of nerves

**Canoeing** on the upper Zambezi.

**Horse-back trails** along the Zambezi and surrounding teak forests

**Mega board rides**, including

booze cruises

Abseiling off the



is deep within the gorge into which the Falls descend. From the parking lot, look for the signs pointing to "The Boiling Pot." It's quite a steep climb, but well-worn steps make it a fairly easy descent. Coming up is of course a little more strenuous, but the view from below of the wide Zambezi thundering over the cliff, then compressed into the deep thin crevice turning into the Batoka Gorge, crashing and swirling over rapids, is quite spectacular. From this vantage point one can also see up to the impressive Victoria Falls Bridge, spanning the gorge over 100 meters above.

A new **Sun International Resort** has opened very close to the Falls. There are two hotels, **The Zambezi Sun** (3 star hotel) as well as **The Royal Livingstone** (5 star hotel). The needs of the widest possible range of clients are provided for, including families and corporate and conference groups, as well as top end individual travellers.

The Royal Livingstone is set on the banks of the Zambezi on its way to the falls, and one will always view the spray of the falls from the sun deck. It is

sheer cliffs of the Victoria Falls

**Tandem kayaking** through 'angry waters' of the Zambezi rapids.

**Microlighting and Helicopter rides** over the Falls

**River safaris** on quiet, jet-propelled boats taking you on the Zambezi

**Elephant Back Safaris** – tame elephants give you the best game-viewing in the Musi-o-Tunya Game Reserve.

**Jet boarding** – high speed jets taking you down the rapids

**Visit to Mukuni village** which has been in existence for over 700 years, and gives you an insight of traditional Zambian life.

The city centre of Livingstone provides many services such as restaurants, night clubs, banking facilities and tours. Located in the city are the Livingstone Museum and the Railway Museum, both of which are a must for visitors to see. The life of Dr Livingstone is very well illustrated in The Livingstone Museum. His memorabilia was donated by his family. There is also a craft centre as well as a cultural centre. For HYM 2007 delegates and guests, all tours will be guided and coordinated.

# News from SOUTH AFRICA

The time has come to greet all my 41er friends in Southern Africa and abroad as well as all the Table friends in ARTSA for the last time. The National EXEC has been very active in the past year. I would like to touch again on the 5 important pieces of the South African 41er puzzle that we have been trying to put together over the past 16 months. The activities of the past term were presented at our AGM in Somerset West on 9 September.

• **ARTSA** The relationship with ARTSA has reached an all time high because of diligent efforts of our EXEC as well as the EXEC of ARTSA, headed by Rikus Badenhorst. We look forward to meet the national Vice President, Danie Greeff of Namibia at our AGM. I trust that we will be able to extend an invitation to all the Tablers that leave Table at the end of this term to join our wonder-

am glad to report that there were no changes voted in that could affect our excellent position in Club 41 International. Our own John Hudson from Polokwane handed over the reigns to our new president Uwe Kerstan of Germany.

I also had the pleasure of spending a few days with fellow 41ers in Belgium and France. The absolute commitment and extensive structure of the 41ers in France made me realise that we are far away from what we can achieve in our country. It made me wonder what the reason for this might be. It struck me that perhaps our Tablers are either over-worked or over-partied by the time they reach 40 and that might be the rea-

battle to reach a total of 500?

cially were very disappointed



A very happy Barry Kriel (ZA) seems to be delighted with the "XXL Visa Card" (it is, in fact the pre-1994 South African Flag) London Myfulilwa ( Zambia) is not too sure about it.

## FAMEX

**(FAMILY EXchange Programme)** We are a prime spot for International fellowship with many friends wanting to visit South Africa. We are still awaiting a visit from Italy, who we visited as the first FAMEX exchange in November 2005. There is no longer a draw at the AGM to determine which country will visit who. France has shown interest to visit South Africa next. It is a lifetime experience to host International guests

in the low numbers. There are 9 youngsters from Europe who will visit us before our AGM. Two of them coming for the second time. You will be able to meet them at the AGM. YAP is open to all children and grandchildren of 41ers and is an opportunity you should make available to the youngsters. Our website is up and running and looking good, thanks to Spidey Knepscheld of Kroonstad 42.

**Directory** Most of you should have the latest directory in hand by now. In future only the names of members of the paid up clubs will be printed. In closing, please forgive me for any repetitions because: My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Barry Kriel, National President 2005/06

Thanks for your efforts Barry, you made a great impression promoting ZA Club 41 during your Tour of Europe



Pieter Carbon (B) prefers the new South African Flag (if he can get his hands on it) which Barry Kriel (ZA) is handing over. Michael Leenders (B) in the middle, looks on longingly "got another one tucked away Barry?"

ful group of friends with Table hearts. • **CLUB 41 INTERNATIONAL** I had the pleasure to attend the AGM in Dortmund on 20 May 2006. I

son why we battle so much to keep our clubs in South Africa alive. Did you know that there are more than 20 000 active 41ers in the UK and that we

as you remember from your time in Table. Remember, we will only take paid up clubs into consideration for hosting when planning a tour like this.

• **YAP (Young Ambassadors Programme)** Only three young South Africans were part of our YAP tour to Europe. The Belgians espe-

# YAP TRIP to South India 2006

## **Mombai/Bombay 22-27 of July:**

In the evening the last YAPS arrived in Bombay, which was the first city during our travelling in South India for almost 5 weeks. Already on the way from the airport to the host families some of us had our first cultural chock because of the big differences between Europe and India, like for an example the terrible traffic, many slums, crowded people every where and the hectic city in general.

We went on a really nice picnic where all the YAPS met each other for the first time. We had the chance to see many monkeys – but unfortunately no tigers – and we have tasted Indian food for the first time and it was not as spicy as we had expected it to be.

We also had a nice sightseeing trip and a good shopping experience and the Indian girls showed us how to bargain.

## **Pune 27-30 of July:**

Unfortunately it rained really heavily in Pune and because of that we had to rest a lot at home. But we visited the OSHO INTERNATIONAL ASHRAM where we had a small guided tour. We also got our first historical lesson of Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial.

All the girls – and the boys too as well – got their first mendhi in Pune.

## **Hubli 30-31 of July:**

In Hubli we had the first chance to see how people in small villages manage their every day life without any comfort or electronic items and no knowledge about modern facilities. We were invited into a house and it was amazing to see how they live together with each other and the animals too as well. In the village

we visited our first temple too.

Hubli is also very famous for the national flag factory and they showed us how their flags are produced.

Some of the YAPS were really lucky to get the first meeting with an elephant in the street.

## **Bangalore 1-5 of August:**

In Bangalore we have met the coordinator, Mr. Jugnu Uberoi, for the YAP program in India for the first time. He had arranged a really busy schedule for us in Bangalore and all the YAPS really enjoyed it, because we saw so many things in Bangalore.

We really enjoyed that so many of the Round Tablers, 4 Iers and their families and children joined us to our trips to the safari, the temples in Hassan Belur and to the Mysore day trip and they all took really good care of us and our wishes and interests. They took really good care of us and took care of everything.

In Bangalore Mr. Jugnu Uberoi had arranged an amazing dinner party on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor in a really nice hotel and we had the most incredible view over the lights of Bangalore by night. The dinner was fantastic and the two different Indian dance performances where they showed us the national style and a very modern dance we all enjoyed very much.

## **Salem 5-8 of August:**

After a very busy stay in Bangalore we had a few relaxing days in Salem that was the first city with high temperature and no rains.

We went to a coffee plantation where they told us a lot about coffee

productions and coffee in general. They also showed us a lot of green houses with anthodium flowers in the most beautiful colours.

We also visited gold jewellery workshops where they showed us how difficult it is to produce a wedding necklace. It was really interesting to see how a piece of gold is becoming jewellery in the showroom.

Until now we have had a really great time in India, and we have met a lot of friendly people and we will like to thank all the hosts that has been taken really good care of us and treated us like we were their own children.

We would also like to thank all the Round Tablers and 4 Iers because they made this trip possible.

In friendship and tolerance,

**From Germany; Julia, Nikolas and Tristan**

**From Austria; Anna, Katharina, Lukas and Daniella**

**From Belgium; Leen and Lisbeth**

**From Denmark; Christina, Adam and Martin**

**From France; Cyrielle and Aude**

**From Germany; Julia, Nikolas and Tristan**

## **Future 4I Intl. President Randolph celebrate his 50th Birthday doing a mini FAMEX**

“Randolph in Cyprus”

with great pleasure Randolph Riedlinger, Rosie and their daughter Rebecca made their holiday this year in Cyprus. They were hosted from David Illingworth, the 4 Ier from Scotland - Aberdeen, in his wonderful “Summer P(a)lace” near Paphos on a wonderful hill, called Vikla Village. David made it possible, that Randolph could meet the national president of Club 4I Cyprus Christoforos Nicolaidis and the Past President of Club 4I Cyprus Marinos Kritikos, two very active 4 Iers in Cyprus.

The first meeting was in David's house with the family of Christoforos. Immediately

there was good understanding between Randolph, Rosie and Rebecca and the charming wife of Christoforos, Maria and their sons Andreas and Dimitris. The guests were surprised with Italian food and they made good use of it, even though they had had a great lunch, as only Cyprus people can make. Immediately Christoforos invited Randolph, David, Rosie and Rebecca to a dinner in his house in Limassol and three days later all together made the 70 km trip to Limassol, visiting the town first and then reaching the wonderful house from Christoforos. What a surprise that also the national past president of Club 4I Cyprus Marinos Kritikos and his

charming wife Christia and their children joined the Italian/Scottish guest. It was a wonderful feast and the Cyprus specialities were superb. Mountains of lamb on the grill and a lot of vegetables and Cyprus cheeses, consumed with most wonderful Cyprus wines. It was a wonderful evening, with a lot of fun and great friendship.

All this should show the 4 Iers worldwide, that if they make a holiday or trip to a country, where are 4I clubs, to contact the local 4 Iers and get in contact to establish a wonderful friendship. For this 4I was also made.

Randolph Riedlinger (I)



YAPs from Europe at the Heritage. 14th Century Temple at Belur Town in Southern India.  
Full report on Page 8 THE HINGE



**No, No, No....No Comment,  
Bernard Rey (F) trying to get out!**

# Know your Club 41 Neighbour

Country	Population Millions	Land Area 1000 km <sup>2</sup>	41 Clubs	Food Intake Calories per head per day	Chocolate Consumption Kg/per Person per Year	Imports US\$ per Head	Exports US\$ per Head	Internet Usage per 1000 people	Motor Vehicles per 1000 people	Military Spending % of GNP
Austria	8,2	84	28	3673	9,8	12341	12524	567	586	0,9%
Belgium	10,4	31	75	3583	6,8	22596	24587	386	523	1,3%
Cypruss	0,8	9	5	3254	2,5	7091	1429	294	516	3,8%
Denmark	5,4	43	50	3439	8,2	11750	13530	513	430	1,5%
Finland	5,2	338	72	3100	7,3	8687	11738	534	485	2,0%
France	60,7	552	290	3653	4,8	6914	6903	366	590	2,6%
Germany	82,4	357	211	3495	8,2	8698	10841	473	580	1,5%
Great Britain	60,4	242	893	3412	8,4	7275	5748	423	497	2,4%
India	1080	3287	70	2459	2,1	83	64	17	13	2,5%
Indian Ocean	2	2,5	4	2954	1,3	2	53	4	113	0,2%
Israel	6,3	21	4	3661	3	5848	5462	301	295	8,7%
Italy	58,1	301	23	3670	3	5668	5790	337	641	1,8%
Netherlands	16,4	42	29	3362	4,5	15409	17872	522	438	1,6%
New Zealand	4	271	17	3219	4,8	271	13	526	632	1,0%
Norway	4,6	324	25	3484	8,3	9991	16661	346	523	1,9%
Romania	22,3	238	7	3454	1,8	1275	1056	184	166	2,5%
South Africa	44,3	1221	28	2956	2,4	890	947	68	145	1,5%
Switzerland	7,5	41	24	3526	10,3	16147	17427	351	562	1,0%
Zambia	11,3	0,753	4	1927	1,4	134	137	6	0,8	1,8%

## For Your Eyes Only



Downstairs  
Buck House  
Buckingham Palace Road  
London E2

in September 2006

Dear Mr Bellwood,

Wow! You and Mr Parton have certainly stirred up the problems here in Buck House, certainly whilst they were delighted to meet you and Mr Parton personally at the Garden Party in July his comments about our watercross sandwiches did not go down too well and they have asked me to tell him that "bangers and mash" (sausage and potatoes mashed) are not served in this house. They thought Mr Parton was also a little bit tactless when he said to Charlie that he did not think "Cammi" was as good looking as Lady Di. They do hope your back is now fully recovered, but you certainly did not need to run after the waitress with the "Moet" there was plenty left in the cellar, at least, if that is what you were chasing her for! They were though, pleased to hear about the wonderful festivities in Cyprus to celebrate the future 41 President Randolph Riedlinger's 50th birthday. My, those were the days! 50! It is certainly nice to find such friendship and fellowship like what you have in your wonderful Club. Your present President Uwe seems to be everywhere, they are sure "upstairs" that they will "bump" (meet) into him somewhere, sometime in the near future, you know, with all their travels. It must be very good for the Clubs to be able to touch the President and realise that the International Board, particularly the President is closely available to everyone. We understand that an Austrian General will be following him as President, this should bring even more efficiency into the whole scheme of things, they feel they must be related somewhere back in their families, is he a Count or something like this?. Have you got any pictures of him other than the one taken in his Ladies outfit in Bristol!

Yours in Royal service

Daisy

Housemaid

Castles or Palaces in most Principal Cities

# Eight Quid a year Club 41 Membership in GB! That is nearly as much as a Beer

If I was an Aussie I would stay with GB at this price, see report Page 5

Hello and welcome to all 41 Club members. | far and the input from Round Table has been | clubs have all nearly been in contact with us.

Thanks to Richard (2 T'S ) Matthews we have just launched our new look magazine Links.

It was my belief that our magazine in the past had been very much a newsletter and not a magazine. The reports back from our members suggest that the changes made have been welcomed and the various items within the magazine have certainly created some talking points. This was one of the aims.

The magazine is very much the property of the membership and you can help to further improve the content. Go on, help us to help you and let our Comms Officer have your comment and articles that you think would be of interest..

More importantly these newsletters are aimed directly at your 41 Club region.

Again we need your input, let us have your club news, events, pictures and articles and you can have them published within your regions pages.

Finally on communications we have just launched the online directory and handbook. Our thanks to Martin Green in particular for the many hours of hard work undertaken to complete this task.

Looking further ahead Terry Cooper our National Conference Officer is looking at venues that will give us even more value for money. We have to change and modernise our conference and make it affordable to all the membership.

Onto Forward Planning It pleases me to report that we have had two very good meetings so



Ian Mackenzie, Nat.President GB, trying to "blott out" Stephan Betschen, Nat.President CH, no, not with the Whisky but with his hand

fantastic.

In just a few weeks National Council will discuss the details for changes to the Regional Boundaries and also to our management structure.

Who said we do nothing?

Membership is our main concern and the items mentioned above are for the membership, for without clubs and members we have nothing. Tablers joining 41 Club are a big concern as only about one third joins each year. Clubs dis-affiliating is another problem. It would appear that some clubs take the view that we offer nothing for £8.00.

The Feeder Table Project is now nearly completing its first stage and the nineteen chosen

Sales and Marketing; through Nigel we have started on the work to get our sales items back out in the regions at events and meetings. Already Nigel has launched the new badge, which can be described as large and clearly defining who we are.

On Marketing ,Drew Cochran is working on a few ideas and with our Mosaic Profile in place and available on our web site.

International this year had a very good start with the chartering of the new club Calpe, but more good news followed very soon with the news that Gdansk 41 Club will charter in October. This year we have the honour of hosting the HYM in Region 9 at Southend on Sea.

Your National Treasurer Arnold Allen still has a large amount of clubs with Capitation fees outstanding and I am certain that the arrival of your club cheque would be appreciated.

The First National Council Weekend in June in my own region at Cambridge and in particular the Charity Ball was a great success.

Nearly £2,500 was raised for Charity. My thanks to everybody who attended, also to my own club Haverhill for the surprise appearance of the Scottish Pipe Band and the fantastic cheque of £500.00.

Also to the Tangent girls for selling the Pink Bow Ties.

Also in June I attended the Round Table Development Day and this proved to be a worthwhile visit with forums on Marketing, Membership (the Boot Camp) in particular I look forward to the next couple of months the next few months will show what I believe we are best at, Fun, Friendship and Fellowship. Enjoy your 41 Club.

**Ian Mackenzie**

National President GB



Seen in a German Supermarket window it says

**MASSIVE REDUCTION**

## WARM GREETINGS FROM HIMALAYAN KINGDOM OF NEPAL !!

We wish to introduce ourselves as CLUB 41 Kathmandu ( NEPAL ), inaugurated in mid 2003. We would like to get ourselves Chartered in the coming year. We also wish to organize a Mass Tour for Old Tablers along with the Charter Ceremony. Please also let us know in good time for organizing Mass Tour so we can attract a very good number of participants for both the functions. We request Club 41 International to kindly help and guide us as how to proceed. We also need your personal full co-operation at this juncture.



Two very happy Danes realise how much money they have just made on the Danish AGM Niels Holmen Andersen (DK) und Michael Dalbo Pedersen PIP (DK) discuss tactics for next years event Carsten Flink, as ever, in the background appears to be in on the act !



A very cold Club 41 International President Uwe Kerstan (D) takes in the Danish weather



Ulver Oswald (D) Club 41 YAP Convenor and Beat Berger PIP (CH) Club 41 Archivist caught in a typical "Muppets" pose



Hubert did not miss the joke, he told it! Hubert Braeckmans (B) & Uwe Kerstan (D) Club 41 Int.President enjoying a warmer Club 41 life whilst taking a picture of his "Testoni" shoes



Are you sure you only want Ex-Tablers in Club 41 ?

**PIP = Past International President  
I think it means something different in Danish!**

# **Calpe and District 41 Club**



Gloria and Ian Mackenzie Nat.President GB with Calpe President Andrew Johnson and his wife Kathy at the Charter Dinner - Dance members of Costa Blanca



Although there has been a 41 Club on the Costa Blanca for over 20 years, a number of us decided to form another Club in May of 2005. Interest grew over the following 12 months, and at our Charter Presentation Weekend in May of this year our Membership had grown to 26.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month, except July and August, at a Restaurant in the centre of Calpe where we have exclusive use of their dining room. Since Calpe is a popular holiday resort all year round, we have many visitors from other 41 Clubs – particularly those in the UK. We also hold regular Social Events, at which our wives,

Club, and other 41ers visiting the area are always welcome. Calpe has become the seventh club within the Iberian Cluster, and some of us attended last year's Cluster Meeting in Gibraltar. We will again be represented at this year's Cluster, which is being hosted



by the Costa del Sol Club from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October in Puerto Banus. It is perhaps interesting to note that the pub-

licity we generated over the past year has benefited our friends in the Costa Blanca 41 Club. Since they have not publicized their activities for some time, we have received several enquiries from Ex Tablers and 41 Members living in 'their area' but unaware of their existence! Thus, far from reducing the Membership of the Costa Blanca 41 Club, which was one of the main reasons for forming the Calpe Club, their Membership has increased. Additionally, we have also introduced at least one Member to the Costa del Sol Club.

Yours in friendship

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# King Arthur & his Knights of the Round Table

## King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table

The Saxon invasions clearly burst on many of the people of fifth-century Britain with over whelming, catastrophic force. In cultural terms, the shock was traumatic, brutally ending an era, destroying and distorting memories, and prompting the manufacture of myths and fantasies by way of compensation.

The process by which Saxon mercenaries became English settlers, however, was not all sudden and violent; it was often an infiltration rather than an invasion. But the fact that there was resistance, and that it was sometimes effective, is certain.

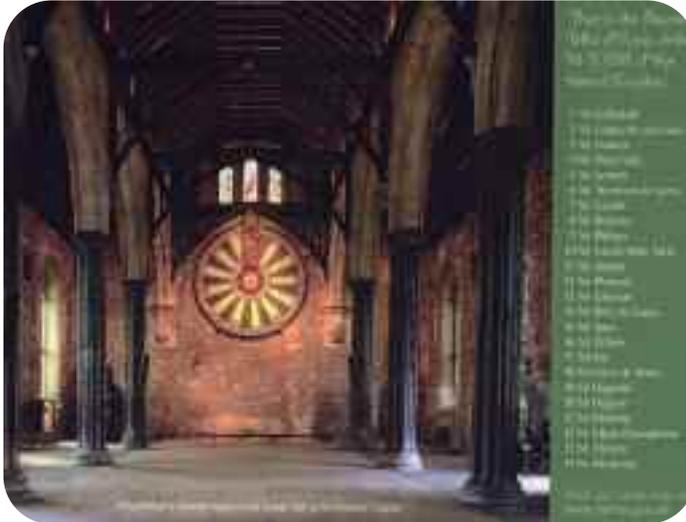
It was a struggle which, by its nature, would have had many episodes and seen many leaders; two figures emerge with tolerable clarity from amid the confusion

– the greater of the two being the more darkly shrouded in myth- King Arthur

In the legend of King Arthur, the Round Table was a mystical table in Camelot around which King Arthur and his knights sat to discuss matters crucial to the security of the realm. In some versions, the wizard Merlin also has a seat.

Early in the ninth century, the writings of a source known as „Nennius“ wrote in his *Historia Brittonum* and listed twelve battles in which King Arthur defeated his enemies. Few of the sites can be identified with any certainty, but it is fairly clear that sig-

nificant episodes took place in the neighbourhood of the great legionary fortresses of Lincoln on the east side of the island, and either Chester or Caerleon on the west. There appears



The Round Table on the wall of the Great Hall of Winchester Castle. Made in the early 14th century (as we know from carbon-dating) it was repainted in 1522 for Henry VIII.

There is no “head of the table” at a round table, and so no one person is at a privileged position. Thus the several knights were all peers and there was no “leader” as there were at so many other medieval tables. There are indications of other circular seating arrangements to avoid conflicts among early Celtic groups. However, one could infer importance on the basis of the number of seats each knight was removed from the king. Perhaps at each meeting King Arthur let his knights be seated at random without knowing where he might sit that day. The *siège périlleux* (“dangerous chair”) was reserved to knights of pure heart.

also to have been at least one important expedition to the far north, to Celidon Wood. All of these must have entailed mobile warfare on a large scale; not all of the battles necessarily involved the Saxons as enemies.

The last of this ninth-century list by „Nennius“ is the battle of Mount Badon, which is mentioned also by Gildas, (a monk whose writings provide us with some of the most vivid as well as earliest evidence for the Arthurian period,) and was most probably by the city of Bath.

After Mount Badon came a period of relative calm lasting for some three-quarters of a century.

If the list of Arthur’s battles is

largely speculative, at least it is founded on relatively early evidence. When we seek to identify individuals who may have followed Arthur on his campaigns, however, we can only launch joyously into pure fantasy.

The poems of the Black Book of Carmarthen and the Book of Taliesin, composed of verse written between the sixth and thirteenth centuries, contain enigmatic references to Arthur, such as this glance at a war-band or brotherhood:

“In Llongborth I saw Arthur’s  
Heroes who cut with steel”

Arthur would certainly have had a bodyguard of special companions, picked for their skill in the then rare art of mounted combat.

Here is the germ of that most exciting part of the Arthurian legend, the Company of Knights of the Round Table,

Medieval romancers, most especially Sir Thomas Malory, spun a series of stories about the deeds of an ever-increasing number of these imaginary knightly heroes. For a few, there may be some foundation of fact- Sir Kay appears quite clearly in the legend, as Cai or Caius, Arthur’s closest lieutenant, and Sir Bedvere as Bedwyr, the king’s spear holder. Sir Gawain may have had a similarly Celtic origin as Gwalchmai.

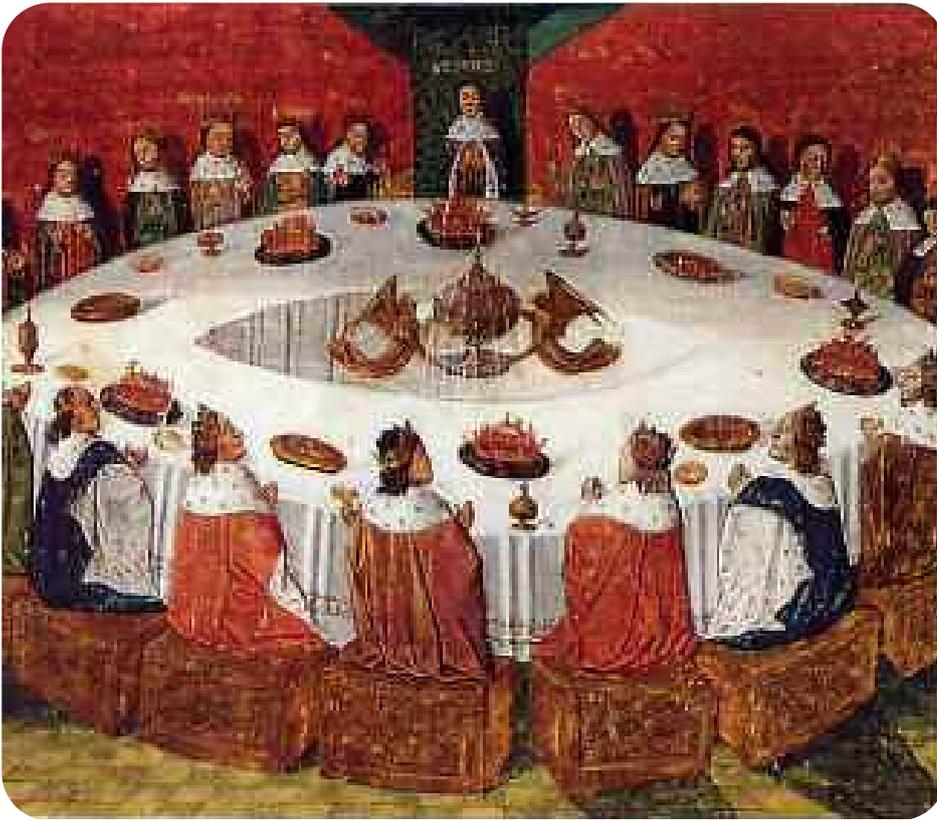
Sir Lancelot, on the other hand, was a medieval answer to the immortal search for a superman, an invincible warrior, whilst Sir Galahad is equally a figure of fantasy, the perfect exemplar of Christian chivalry.

Sir Perceval achieved his greatest glory as a figure of German literature and opera; Sir Tristan had an origin in Pictish folklore, but he too became even more of a continental than a British hero.

All these, and many others, had their places at the great Round Table which King Arthur caused to be made for his Brotherhood. It is a tribute to the power of the legend that such a table should still take pride of place in the Great Hall of the royal castle at Winchester- that ancient capital of Saxon kings

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Imitations of the Arthurian Round Table

# King Arthur & his Knights of the Round Table



terns of its tree rings,) to timbers cut about 1275, the reign of King Edward I. though a royal provenance is not proven so far.



The present "Winchester Round Table" was painted in 1522 under an order of King Henry VIII. The places at the table are divided up with alternating green and white panels with the name of each of the knights written in gold. However it is King Henry VIII's portrait that is painted at King Arthur's place and the Tudor red rose that adorns the table's center. In 1345, a Round Table in England led to

the founding of an order of 300 knights, which later became the Order of the Garter.



A German Renaissance vision of Arthur. This magnificent statue was cast by Peter Vischer to a design by Albrecht Durer. It stands in the Hofkirche at Innsbruck Austria, a tribute to both the extent and the durability of the Arthurian legend.

A climactic moment in the legend of the Holy Grail; the Grail appears on the Round Table, as Sir Galahad occupies the Perilous Seat. The Holy Grail was the vessel used by Christ at the Last Supper, and it was reputed to have been brought to Glastonbury by Joseph of Arimathaea. Joseph was venerated for his care of the body of Christ, and was thought to have visited Britain in AD 63 with a party of twelve. Joseph drove his staff into the ground where it took root as the Holy Thorn- a tree whose descendants flourish to this day and blossom at Christmas.

Since not even a picture of the round table remains from the time that Arthur is said to have reigned, the whole matter is one of total speculation. Also in inspiration of this legend, "a combination of jousting, feasting and dancing" called a Round Table was performed as an organized activity in conscious imitation of King Arthur and his court during the late Middle Ages. Participants would dress in the costume of such well-known knights as Lancelot, Tristan, and Palamedes. The first recorded instance of this activity was in 1223, when the crusader lord of Beirut held one in Cyprus to celebrate the knight-ing of his eldest son.

Round Tables were an aristocratic activity throughout Europe from the 13th century in to the 15th century. They are recorded as occur-

ring in France from 1235 to 1332. In Aragon they were held as early as 1269 in Valencia to as late as 1291 in Calatayud. According to R. S. Loomis, "Popes and prelates thundered against these costly, dangerous, and sometimes licentious frivolities, and denied Christian burial to those who took part." Even the middle classes were caught up in this spectacle. In 1281, an inhabitant of Magdeburg announced a Round Table in that town. Another was set up by the inhabitants of Tournai in 1330. England came late to this craze. Edward I held one in 1284 to celebrate his conquest of Wales, and is recorded as sponsoring several as late as 1304. One artifact that has survived from this craze in England is the "Winchester Round Table" in the Great Hall at Winchester Castle. This table is currently dated, by dendrochronology, ( the pa

# Sam Sampath and FAMEX

## 41 Family Friendship Exchange Program

### 1. Objectives:

- To nurse and foster the friendship among the 41ers by visits to other countries and appreciate the history, culture and lifestyles to bring them closer.
- To build lasting relationships for life by living together, develop and interact on common interests/hobbies/professional skills.
- To promote goodwill and peace among countries through a broader vision of human values by understanding and tolerance in spreading happiness.

### 2. Administration:

- The meeting of IROs appoints a "FAMEX CONVENOR" at the AGM. He will co-ordinate all the Famex activities with the Officers of the Associations.
- The National Associations at their AGM will appoint a "FAMEX OFFICER" at their AGM who will coordinate all the activities of the programme. In the absence of a FAMEX Officer the I.R.O. of the Association will be the co-ordination Officer.

### 3. Qualifications:

Member of a 41 club recognized by 41 international and his wife/ partner are eligible for the programme.

### 4. Registration:

The 41'er will register in the format form either as a hard copy or in the website (yet to be launched). The recorded data will be available on the site/Famex Convenor/Famex Officer of Association. The Registration fees for the FAMEX: To charge or not/amount to be charged is left to the National Associations. A code number will be given to all 41'ers who register. The Registration Format will help 41ers in identifying common interests in Pro-

fession/hobby etc.

### 5. Tour Program:

- Principle:** The tour will be on a reciprocal basis between the two associations based on the Rota Chart announced for the year at the 41 Intl.AGM. The Famex tour year will be from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June of next year.
- Number of FAMEX visitors:** There is no minimum but a maximum of 16 persons in a group.
- Duration:** There is no minimum but a maximum of 2 weeks.
- Places of stay:** Preferably home hosted and restricted to 2 cities/towns in the host country. The places selected by the 2 associations for the year will be announced. The programme envisages home hosting only (However if under special circumstances the guest has to be accommodated elsewhere it will be to the account of the host and host association).

### 6. Travel Plans:

#### i) Guide plan for the year:

The IRO's will draw out the annual Rotation chart Plan for the year (period of travel – 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June next year) between two associations, thus covering all the 19 Associations by rotation.

#### ii) Inter Associations and Intra Club Visits:

The Associations or clubs in an Association can take the initiative to visit each other on a reciprocal basis with the assistance of the FAMEX Officer.

#### iii) Individual Category:

From the website and through Emails/Correspondence 41ers can approach each other with common interests on a reciprocal basis. The Registration format will be of help in identifying families for such visits.

### Note:

In all the above three levels after a visit

the reciprocal visit must be completed within a period of two years.

**The FAMEX Program is for a couple and does not cover visits with children. However, it is possible on, special terms to be agreed by parties in consultation with the Famex Convener.**

### 7. Aims & Logistics:

The purpose of the visit is to experience life style, culture, visit places of tourist interest etc., in the two stations. The distance between the two stations preferably should not exceed 500 kms. and the duration in each station preferably one week. It is the responsibility of the host association to arrange the transit to the next station with the help of the Famex Hosts.

### 8. Finance:

Only registered 41ers and spouses are eligible for participation and shall pay the Famex fee on departure. The FAMEX guest will not pay anything else during his visit except for his travel fare/visa/insurance/taxes, etc., cost of exceptionally expensive shows/tourist places/museums etc., will be intimated by the host before departure of the guest. It is the responsibility of the host to take care of all other expenses like stay, food etc., transit between two places, etc. Any additional places of visit in the Country will be to the account of the Famex guest. If a visit does not take place Euro 100 fee collected will be returned back to the 41er.

### 9. Legal and Insurance:

The National Associations cannot be held responsible for any eventualities and the members must make their own arrangements for insurance cover.

### Sam Sampath (Ind)

Past President 41 INTERNATIONAL

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# REPORT ON THE ZAMBIAN AGM

## REPORT ON THE ZAMBIAN AGM HELD FROM THE 25<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2006 AT SIAVONGA LODGE, LAKE KARIBA

I had the privilege of representing President Uwe at this conference, in the very "Heart of Africa". August is the month the HYM will take place at Victoria Falls and already the day temperatures reached 40°C degrees, dropping to 22°C degrees in the evening. This is truly a very good time of the year to visit Zambia.

As usual I experienced a very well conducted meeting, and was surprised at the level of decorum for

such a young Association.

### TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- 1) 3 members visited France number 4, 4I club.
- 2) 4 clubs are strong, both in numbers and financially.
- 3) Belgium 4Iers to visit on the FAMEX plan, and 4 members to attend the Belgian AGM.
- 4) New clubs to be formed in Livingstone and Lubumbahi in Congo.
- 5) HYM to take place 24/25/26 August 2007. Pre-tours from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August. All information is on the website. (4Iclubszambia.com) All seems to be well under control.

- 6) The Board is to stay the same until the HYM in 2007.

Pre-tour 1 To game reserve South Luangwa National Park

### Pre-tour 2

On a houseboat on Lake Kariba. Unfortunately only 45 persons can be accommodated. This should not be missed. It is a wildlife and lifestyle experience of a lifetime. Watch game from the comfort of a houseboat.

JOHN HUDSON

## THE YAPS IN Northern India

The YAPS had a fantastic time in Mumbai, even though the flights were delayed. We were all at the airport to receive them. On Saturday 22-7-06 in the Morning 4I'er Sanjeev Shah who was a superb host at a venue facing the Marine Beach, which was followed by Lunch. It was party time at night. Rajender Gupta & Bakul Patel from 4I Club No.48 hosted this party.

On Sunday 23rd July they were taken to the observation point in Aarey Milk Colony & took a stroll through the greenery of Borivali National Park.

On Monday 24th July we visited the Bowling Company where they were provided excellent facilities, played the various games followed by a superb lunch. During the evening they were taken to the Sitaldevi Temple. But Danielle & Katharina from Austria were very much interested in seeing the real life on the streets.

At night it was a private party held at Ravi Verma's house at Chembur for his three Austrian girls staying with them but none the less the 5 Boys staying at the Chembur Gymkhana along with

Christina & Julia who were also invited. It was a potluck dinner, which ended with sweet dishes- gulab jamuns & Malai Sandwich.

On Tuesday, 25th July the morning session was a visit to MET (Mumbai Education Trust). It is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations (ECOSOC). The MET campus has state-of-the-art facilities. The atrium, classrooms, conference rooms libraries, computer labs, pharmacy labs convention center, recreation area, canteen, faculty rooms, online control room, post-production editing suite, shooting floor, recording studio have best state-of-the-art infrastructural facilities & all YAPS were taken around the campus. Thanks to Sanjeev Shah of 4I club No.48 who organized this visit.

We then rushed off to the LEELA where we were taken around their executive suites, shopping mall, and health club. It was a sumptuous lunch, which ended with not less than 20 desserts. On Wednesday,

26th July started the sightseeing tour. The places visited were the famous Sidhi Vinayak Temple, Haji Ali (a mosque in the sea), Governor's bungalow, Kamala Nehru Park, Hanging Gardens, NCPA, Hilton Towers, Mantralaya Jehangir Art Gallery, the Gateway of India & finally the TAJ Hotel. Lunch was at McDonald's & this tour ended with shopping at Colaba causeway in the heart of the city. Thanks to Neha (daughter of 4Ier Ravi Verma-in fact she had been on the YAPS Tour last year to Europe.). A few decided to go to the Disco KABANA in the evening after the hectic tour in Mumbai.

On Thursday, 27th July was the trip to PUNE. Yaps were offered to visit the city anytime in the future with their friends & family members. They promised to return to Mumbai.

### Suresh Shivnani

Yaps Coordinator in Mumbai  
Chairman-4I Club  
No.48 in Mumbai (INDIA)

# 4 I Board recommends change to **RULE 5** in the Rules of 4 I International

OLD Rule 5 OFFICERS	NEW Rule 5
<p><b>EXISTING RULE 5.</b></p> <p>(a) The officers shall be the International President, the International Vice-President (who shall be President Elect), the Immediate Past International President and the Secretary. Each person shall take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting at which he is elected and hold office until he resigns or until the next Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(b) An Association wishing to host the International Vice-Presidency must submit a nomination to the Annual General Meeting prior to that at which the appointment will be made. Nominations will only be accepted from Associations who contribute the full basic fee to the budget. The successful Association shall present its candidate at the Half Yearly Meeting immediately following the decision.</p> <p>(c) The Secretary shall be elected for a term of three years and be the only one eligible for re-election.</p> <p>(d) All officers must be former members of Round Table.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUGGESTED AMENDMENT / ADDITION TO RULE 5</b></p> <p>(a) (b) No changes</p> <p>(c) Candidates for the post of Secretary must be supported by their Association and their names notified to the Secretary in writing at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>(d) The Secretary shall be elected for a term of 3 years and may stand for a further term of 3 years.</p> <p>(e) In the event of more than one nomination to host the Vice-Presidency or more than one candidate for the post of Secretary, the Association or the candidate will be requested to address the Annual General Meeting. Guidelines on procedure will be issued by the Board prior to the AGM.</p> <p>(f) All Officers must be former members of Round Table.</p> <p><b>The other Rule changes discussed in Dortmund please see –</b> <a href="http://www.club41international.org">http://www.club41international.org</a></p>

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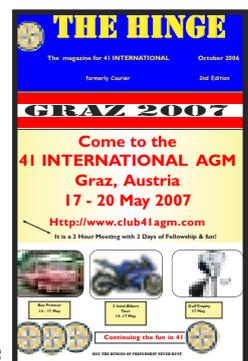
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# German Tabler critically injured in horror Seaplane crash in Hamburg Harbour

The German Active Help, mentioned by 41 President Uwe in his opening remarks to Club 41 in the July "Hinge", a German Table emergency help Aktiven "Guardian Angel" Hilfe organisation jumps into immediate action for the critically injured Tabler Juergen Zwibel

Report from Ulfert Becker, from RT 84 St.Pauli he reconciles with the followingly news about Jürgen Zwibel. RT 84

"Your Club, OTD (Club41 Germany), has shown a gigantic sympathy to this tragic incident, so it would be nice if you could please distribute this letter to all of the Tables in OTD.

So here it is, here comes the information to be passed on:

Dear friends, Tablers & OT!

I can finally give you some news, about Jürgen, I have to inform you about the Seaplane crash when he was seriously injured in Hamburg. I am therefore sending this mail to all of the RT presidents already. I have good news about his progress now!

Jürgen feels "astonishingly good" according to the circumstances. He is at full consciousness now, the skin is reacting to treatment. He is still lying in the intensive care unit, though various Operations lie before him ...although we cannot say that he is completely out of danger but it will be a long process that must be clear to us all.

Please always consider: it a very slow healing process. This means up to approx. a year hospital and another 1/2 year rehabilitation. Please also consider: he will not be happy & completely cured after that.

He will not walk completely healed out of the sanatorium! No, a plane crash is not a Ski accident. At present, his right hand is sewn-into the abdominal wall — this is one new method for the rescue of skin tissues. This way they may be able to save having the Fingers amputated. However, the hand will remain invalid and stiff afterwards.

About the possibilities of cosmetic Operations special for his face-wounds I would not like to speculate here at all ... of course the emotional consequences are still unforeseeable. According to the Nantiane, Jürgen's wife, the clinic in Boberg gives him excellent psychological support and a sensitive mourning through a parish priest.

What however, has touched his heart most is your incredible response which are the enormous sympathy reactions! It is not pri-

marily the donations — more about this later — your 300 mails which I have forwarded to Nantiane have given them great strength and "pleasure".

The offers for help, the common mourning, the condolences...and last but not least the candle placed in the Regensburg Cathedral. However, the sum of the donations, that have arrived at the Aktiven Hilfe organisation, is also overwhelming, nobody calculated in this measure such a response.

Jürgen still knows nothing about it, but he will know it approximately at the same time as we read it here: it is that 70,000.

EUR that has been received by Aktiven Hilfe!

I think this will stun him.....this is meant in the positive meaning.

As an immediate measure the Active Help has transferred € 5000. to Nantiane. With this money at first one can make a "normal" life for them and their remaining son.

This is concrete help because, within in our so called welfare state, Nantiane can now remain in their flat, which she would have lost, even after the death of her other son which normally she would not be allowed in a Flat of this size according to the new social welfare office !

It cannot be said exactly yet how it is going on now. We are still awaiting the definite accident report from Federal aeronautics office. It will only then become clear how much actually the insurance of the flight operator must pay to Jürgen, how much the occupational disability insurance pay will be etc. Firstly we must wait and see how big the re-

quirements are from the money actual donated. As we said: nobody calculated that such a huge sum would come from Table! Thank you! It can be that the sum will actu-



**Wreck of the Seaplane that crashed into Hamburg Harbour on 2 July 2006, killing Aaron , Juergen's 12 year old Son who died on his Special Birthday Treat in this awful accident**

ally be needed for Jürgen & his family to make a humane existence possible.

However, should this be covered satisfactorily from other sources, so I suggest — your consent pre-supposed, that money goes to charitable purposes (within e.g. the Aktiven Hilfe) putting it back at their disposal.

Let me offer many thanks to Thorsten Fink, (the Secretary of Aktiven Hilfe) and his team, who moved incredibly fast and uncomplicatedly and taken care of everything.

Probably we only just realise, maybe you too, that a "guardian angel" floats over us and have become conscious, what kind of terrific potential we as Tabler actually have!

I hope in foreseeable future further positive announcements can be made. Please understand, however, that it certainly will still last for quite a lot of time before we can visit Jürgen. But I shall inform you when the time has arrived for visits.

Once again to all of you: Thanks!

# THE FIRST THREE YEARS EUROMEETING DISTRICT 8

Let's Go Round Again! – The First Three Years of Euromeeting 8th Region

Three years gone already – 2004 Agde, France; 2005 Kaiserslautern, Germany; 2006 Stratford-on-Avon, England. Proof that a few good men who can, can. Time to go round again!

Chairman 2003-4. My task for the year – Euromeeting 8<sup>th</sup> Region!

Only 4 region 8's in Europe – GB&I, France, Germany and Belgium. Reces were done to Oxford in October (a memorable dinner with speechifying from a top table at a Hogwarts-style college refectory), and Sète, where we French were

countries. Time now for some international Table spirit! Home hosting was rejected in favour of hotel stays due to the size of the regions with events taking place centred on one town. Large numbers were also not the aim – we wanted motivated people and quality experiences!

So far so good with increasing participation every year so far. EM IV in May 2007 is expected to be held in historic Nimes and the exotic Camargue in my region – Languedoc Roussillon.

And yes, we are looking for extra countries to join us!!!!!!! EM III saw Belgium finally represented by Joe 'Go Joe' Vranckx, who will be endeavouring to increase the Belgian contingent in 2007.

We are all great friends now and the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> May is in all our diaries – a chance to party and catch up on each other's news.

A picture tells a thousand words – **Andrew Robinson**, President 157



**Mister John (Livingstone GB) models a natty line in kitchenwear while the French pretend they have not noticed.**

I had always wanted to be part of the Euromeeting concept which is tried and tested at Table-level but my Table Agde 270 (of which I was semi-permanent IRO being the étranger) had only one number twin (Enniskillen) in the world. GB 41 Club having no numbers (apart from the first few I am told), number twinning including the GB and Ireland looked a non-starter as I graduated to IRO of Club 41 Agde 157. Only one number twin again – Saar in Germany, a club which turned out to be semi-dormant. It looked like we were going to miss out again, but then my IRO passions were called on by François Yvrard, French Region 8

joined by three intrepid German couples in darkest November for a regional party. No reply from Belgium! We decided we could get on and the date was fixed for the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> May – end of the last great conflict between our



**La-la time at the Saturday night gala**

Agde and IRO 8<sup>th</sup> Region, France **20**

# AGM in Denmark April 1st 2006



The international guest has everything translated into English: Bob Parton (D), Uwe Kerstan (D), John Hudson (ZA), Ken Boden (GB) and Hubert Braeckmans (B)



Get together on Maja: Reijo Jakovuori (FIN), Uwe Kerstan(D), John Hudson (ZA), Michael Dalbo Pedersen (DK), Bob Parton (D), Karin Dalbo Pedersen (DK) filming

Kattegat.

The reception was in the famous Dance Hall, where only the Danish Queen normally are allowed to make parties, and where Prince

A splendid festive Dinner was held in "The Royal Elsinore Shooting Club"

On Sunday a Farewell Brunch was held and the members left in a red Helicopter. Which turned out to be warmer

than a yellow submarine!

AGM in Denmark was held in the Castle Kronborg, where Shakespeare led us to believe that Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, uttered the famous words: "To be or not to be – that is the question!"

From there the motto for the AGM was taken "To be or not to be".....Here

The AGM was a huge success the best in many years...They are brilliant those Vikings!!

Get to-gether Party on Friday was held on the good ship "Maja" an elderly lady, a three mast schooner.



Not all of the members turned up on "push-bikes" (Bicycles) Ivan Svendsen (DK) leaving the AGM with his wife Ann Marie

The AGM was held in the Castle.

In the afternoon we sailed with the Maja over the icy seas of the Steen Lehmann IRO DK

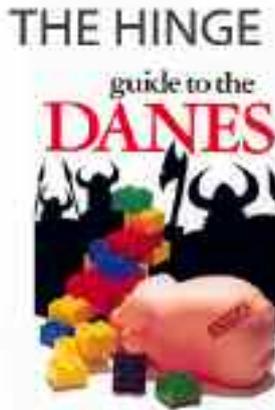


"But John (John Hudson ZA) you can ride the Ducati and I (Bob Parton D) will take the BMW"



"no Bob I am happy with the BM you can take the Ducati"

# Know your 41 Neighbour!



## Football:

Danish football has two problems. One is that though there are some very fine Danish football players, most of the best ones play for foreign clubs because they pay better than Danish ones. The other is that many leading Danish football clubs have names such as AB, FCK, AaB and OB, which sound more like Treasury bonds than anything to cheer for.

The greatest asset of Danish football, apart from some very good players, are the fans. They behave with good humour and sporting

enthusiasm and are known as roligans (from rolig meaning still or quiet). This maybe because it is impossible to work up a blood-lust for a team called B93.

Denmark has never really returned to earth after winning the European Cup in 1992. Qualifying for the final brought the whole country to such a fever pitch that some Danish passengers actually managed to persuade the captain of a flight from Norway to Copenhagen to fly over the stadium while the game was in progress.

Quite a few schools allow important qualifying games to be shown, but some employers are less sympathetic. One manager who watched a 2002 World Cup match during his lunch hour was subsequently given the boot. (sacked)

The fact that they stick to their Kronen and do not have the "€" (Euro) is because the "Euro" is like "uro" (meaning trouble, unrest, disquiet and concern) this does not help the EU cause at all, but maybe they are right.

## Dog-walking:

Dog-owning in Denmark is taken seriously, and many owners attend training sessions. Everyone is good at time management, so dogs live life in the fast lane too, running alongside bicycles to get their exercise instead of being taken for walks.

'I snor' ('on a lead') notices are common, but there are few other dog traces to be seen. The Danes were pioneers of the custom of dog owners taking plastic bags on dog walks, for doing what dog owners do with plastic bags on dog walks. (not to be confused with "Doggy Bags" these are for another purpose!)

## Do not miss this page!

In the next Edition; The Hinge guide to the Italians - "out-smarting other Italians" and the Swiss "The Bells! The Bells!"



## Cricket:

"If Josef Stalin had learned to play cricket, the world might now be a better place" claimed a bishop in 1948, Cricket to the English is not just a game. It is a symbol- a 22-man personification of English beliefs and philosophies. Ignore it at your peril. If you do, you could be "on a sticky wicket", you might then be accused of not having put your "best foot forward" and of not "playing a straight bat", both hallmarks of a bounder.

The English invented cricket 750 years ago and are fiercely possessive about it. Its laws are passed on among the initiated in a coded language, using phrases like "square leg", "bowling a maiden over", and "waiting for a tickle in the slips". In the past they took the game all over the world and always won. But gradually other nations' teams have got better at it, until now the English stand a pretty safe chance of being beaten wherever they go.

People who are interested in cricket are passionate about it; those who are not are totally indifferent to it. However visitors to England would have to be blind not to spot at least one week-end cricket match in their travels. On village green and television screen, groups of men, dressed in white, stand around waiting for something to happen. Watching cricket is like spiritual meditation: you become calm, the mind slowly empties, your mouth goes slack and you start to drool. When you are completely catatonic (gone) you will hear, after many hours a distant cry of "Owzat?!" (is he out?)

Because so little happens in cricket, it is customary to accuse everyone in sight of having cheated: of tampering with the ball by roughing up the surface (so that it behaves in an irregular fashion); or of "sledging" (i.e., shouting abuse at the batsman so as to put him off his stroke); or of playing too fast for a one-day match, all of which the English vigorously complain is "just not cricket" – unless, of course, they are at it themselves.

## Just Obeying Orders:

Because the English do not like being told what to do, any order has to be given with a degree of politeness which many other nations find incomprehensible. Should you follow custom and express an order as a request for a favour, you will achieve the desired effect. Express it simply as an order, with no hint of personal choice, and you will find that the English will invariably break for tea.



# 41 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

Date	Association	Event	Location
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**2006**

**OCTOBER 06**

6 - 9	Past National Presidents		Bremerhaven, D
6 - 9	CLub 41 Gdansk	Charter	Danzig Poland
6 - 9	Costa del Sol Club 41	Iberian Cluster Meeting	Puoto Banus, ES
7	Belgium	AGM	Ostend BE
14	→ 41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Southend-on-Sea, GB
21	Switzerland	AGM	Lucerne, CH

**NOVEMBER 06**

10 - 12	27° Törggelen	27th Chestnut Festival	Merano Italy
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**2007**

**MARCH 07**

10.03.2007	Finland	AGM OTSF	Lempäälä F
22 - 25	Italy	Euro Ski Meeting	Val Gardena/ Grödental IT

**APRIL 07**

14	Denmark	AGM	Slagelse DK
14	Great Britain	AGM	Newcastle GB
21	Indian Ocean	AGM	Mauritius

**MAY 07**

12	Germany	AGM	Esslingen D
19	→ 41 INTERNATIONAL	AGM	Graz. Austria
25	Norway	AGM	Geiranger N

**June 07**

2	France	AGM	La Rochelle
3	New Zealand	AGM	Napier NZ
8 - 10	Italy	AGM	Milano I

**August 07**

25	→ 41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Livingstone, Zambia
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**October 07**

20	Switzerland	AGM	ZUG
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**2008**

**April 08**

26	→ 41 INTERNATIONAL	AGM	Merano Italy
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**October 08**

?	→ 41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Mauritius, Indian Ocean
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## CLUB 41 INTERNATIONAL AGM

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14 - 17 May



3.Int. Bikers Tour  
14 - 17 May



Golf-Trophy  
17 May

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# Latest News

## Dieter Straka message from the Romanian AGM

Dear friends,

When I came home I took a look at the last Hinge and felt compelled to write something about Romania. Here it is:

Fed up with staying at home?.....Bob Parton asked in the last edition of our new magazine "The Hinge". So Lydia and I for the 7<sup>th</sup> time this year packed our 4I-cases and went to Brasov to enjoy a weekend of fun and work with our Romanian friends at their AGM.

The weather was good – meaning good sun, good clouds and good rain – and so was the mood. Romanian hospitality is an experience for itself and is not to be missed during the lifetime of a true

4Ier.

So we met quite a lot of them from several European associations like Italy, France, England (Bob), The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Denmark and Austria.

The AGM and the weekend were organized and celebrated together with RT. The Vice President of 4I International on behalf of President Uwe Kerstan – who that weekend joined our Indian friends at their AGM – made it a point to stress how important this "together" is and how well the Romanians do it.

This visit also gave us another opportunity to take a look at the other side of the coin: Lack of funds in many fields, but especially when it

comes to the needs of children, of orphans and on top of it, when those are in many ways disabled too.

Whoever wants to help those – Mihail Pionova, the Romanian Past President, is the man to send funds to. His wife is working in such a facility caring for almost 70 disabled orphans aged between 3 months and 18 years. Most of them don't even know what Christmas is.

To help them would certainly give us a good Christmas feeling.

Yours in friendship – and in the spirit of RT  
Dieter Straka