

A Trip to Thailand

Submitted by Bob Danehy



Bob and Maureen, Marge Green and Mary Adamson shared an amazing adventure.

Amazing is the one word that comes to mind when thinking back about this trip. We really never thought we would ever visit Asia and participate in a third world culture. It was a thought that was remote, distant, and never had great appeal.

In reality, we should have taken this trip years ago. Thailand was magnificent, the scenery unique and unusual, the Thai culture and people accepting and friendly, even if most could not speak our language. The 64 people on our tour were friendly and supportive, and financially the dollar went far.

A group of four of us from PKS went on the trip, Marge Green, Mary Adamson, and Maureen and Bob Danehy. We were joined by a couple from Cedar Island, a woman from Beaufort, a mother and son from Raleigh, and a travel agent couple from Emerald Isle. Including us, the group grew to 64 once we arrived in Bangkok.

The trip was demanding. The airplane ride was 22 hours (Washington to Tokyo to Bangkok). We woke up early everyday, usually at 7 a.m. for breakfast. By 8-8:30 a.m. we were on the road. Our trip took us to six major cities, including three days in Bangkok (a city of over eight million). During our ten day guided tour of Thailand we visited many Wats (temples), saw the 100 foot gold reclining Buddha, traveled in a canal to the floating market, visited an elephant camp and saw the animals paint pictures, went to a remote Thai tribal

village, bartered in the night markets, toured a crafts market where they make umbrellas, visited a jade factory and an orchard farm, visited 11th and 12th century temple ruins, and toured the Royal Palace. The latter was one of the most impressive places I have ever visited. Until recent times it was the home of the Thai king. The grounds, temples, and artwork were magnificent. This is truly a national treasure and a place that is a must if one visits Thailand.

Upon our return, one of the most asked questions was: How was the food? Very Good! Thais tend to eat the same food at each meal. Usually this meant rice, a small amount of chicken (usually in soup), pork or fish, and many varieties of vegetables and fruits. Beef was not common unless you ordered from the American menus. We usually had the American style buffet for breakfast and ate Thai food the rest of the day. You had to be very careful not to drink the water or have any ice. This was not a problem as bottled water was plentiful, readily available, and ranged in price from 10 to 25 cents. The native beer was great.



Above: Bob and Maureen take a leisurely ride.



Left: The beautiful Grand Palace in Bangkok.

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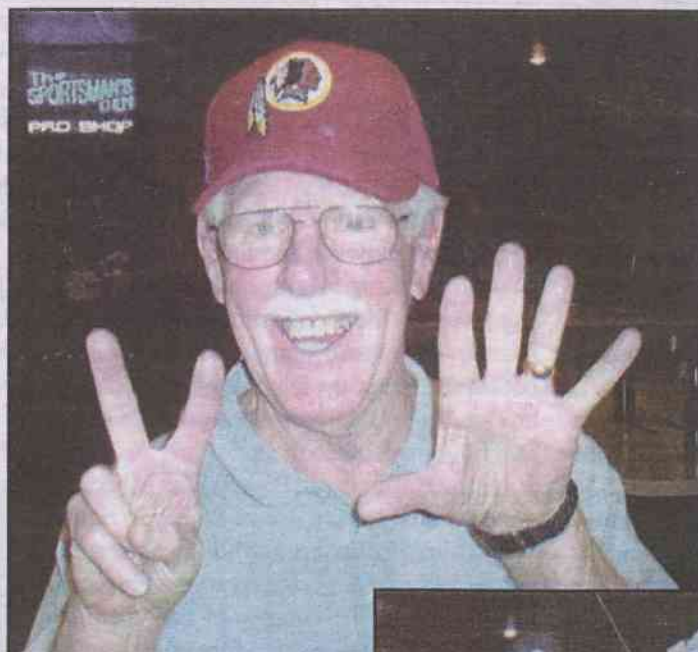
Submitted by Jack Doyle

Who says 13 is an unlucky number? That was far from the case on alley 13 at Carteret Lanes Jan. 31 when Tom Martynowski rolled six strikes in a row. That tied him with Janie Briley for the most strikes in a row this season in the Ancient Mariners Bowling League, Janie having performed the fete in December.

But Janie's and Tom's shared record didn't last long. While Tom was bowling his six strikes, Jay Nagle, also bowling on alley 13, was keeping pace and eventually set a new mark of seven in a row.

Not to be outdone, Carolyn Slater, who sports an average of 105, rolled a 197 the same day. You bet, that was on alley 13, too. Nagle's final score in the game was pretty impressive as well as he chalked up a 253. Must be something in the water.

If you would like to bowl with the Mariners, don't be intimidated by the above performances. They don't come along every day. The 2004-05 season ends next month, but a new season will get underway in Sept. To sign up call Sheila Doyle, 247-0590; Dot Manion, 247-2944, or Judy Gary, 247-2865.



Nagle



Martynowski



Briley