

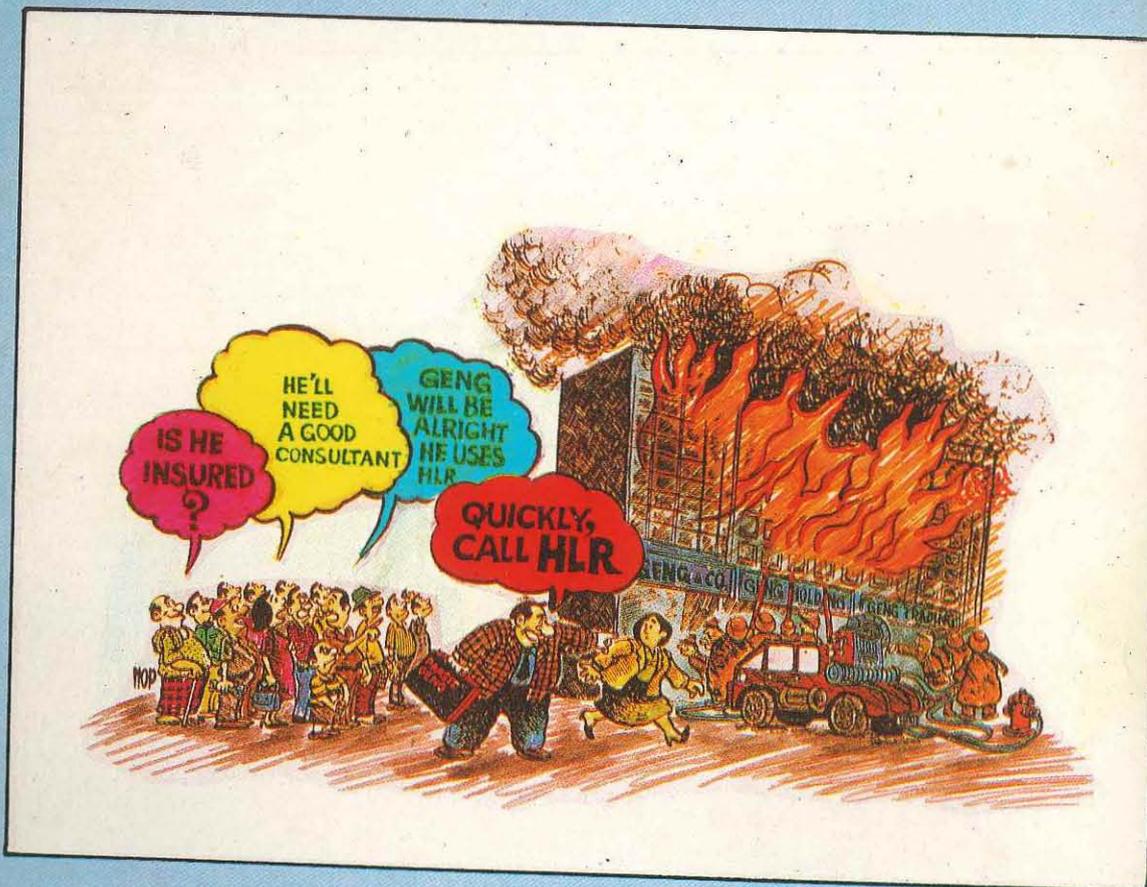
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EDITORIAL

Xmas is past for another year! And what fun it was at the BC.

The Squash and Soccer sections also held their annual pool-side bash, which as usual was extremely well supported.

Its nice to be able to report that our requests to use the Club more are paying off. The latest trading period shows a great improvement.

And the new candidates photo board has not looked so healthy in a long time.

Good luck to all members - old and new - for 1985. We all look forward to seeing you down at the Club.

Ed.



"The Chairman's getting delusions of grandeur!"

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the Club in December 1984.

Ordinary

Mr. T.M. Czerwinski	Weatherford Inc.
Mr. D.T. Humphreys	Hong Kong Bank
Mr. A.J. Kefford	Meridian Advertising
Mr. T. Ryan	Canadian Embassy

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Mr. R.M. Broad	Rompho International
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Up-Country

Capt. M.G. Harper	United Thai Shipping Corp.
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Associate

Mr. S.D. Skeldon	Pfizer International Corp.
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Rejoined

Mr. D.A.G. Johnson	Construction Cost Consultants
Mr. D.P.E. Smith	

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	10	
Ordinary	352	
Non-Voting	4	
Associate	52	
Ladies Privileges	36	
Up-Country	21	
Candidates	36	
	TOTAL	511
Absence		750
	GRAND TOTAL	1261
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LETTERS

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The Editor of Outpost
c/o The British Club
Bangkok 10500

30th November 1984

Dear Sir,

After two decades in the East - including 13 happy years in Thailand - my family and I are moving back to Europe. I do wish to take this opportunity to thank the British Club Committee and the numerous friends we have made through the wide facilities of this Club for countless, indelible and delightful memories.

While we are 'going home' to our roots, my family and I feel that we are leaving an extremely accommodating, generous but challenging 'foster home' to which we have grown increasingly attached. Apart from many Thais, we are proud to count a great number of other nationalities among our friends. The range of professional and recreational interests encountered through our acquaintances has been very stimulating.

Basically, I am going back to 'The Company' for a couple of years of 'brain washing' to prepare for further assignments in Asia. We hope to be making annual 'home-leave' visits here to keep up the valuable friendships, documents and connections for the next tour of duty. In Germany we can best be contacted via:

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We wish the British Club continued prosperity, Thailand lasting Freedom and Peace and all our friends a heartfelt AUF WIEDERSEHEN.

Thanking Outpost for keeping us up to date on Club News, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

Knut Dagmar Inka Britta



ENTERTAINMENT

Childrens Xmas parties

On behalf of the Entertainments Committee, I would like to say a big thank you to the following mothers who so cheerfully and willingly organised the Christmas Parties for our children, with the exception of the 14 and upwards, where Peter Tinson Junior was in charge, under the keen eye of our manager David Williamson.

- Under 5's Kaye Hambleton, Judith Strange, Lee Thorpe, Amanda Young, Lavita Hughes, Elizabeth Holton.
- 6-9's Jenny Baillie, Diana Wingfield, Babara Fancy, Edith Johnson, Margaret Curry, Ann Swankie, Lindsey Barlow, Rita Dunford.
- 10-13's Jill Sayer, Barry Collins, Fran Hazell, Ann Pettinati, Helen Rasmussen, Jackie Bond, Pat and Ron Kidd, Joyce and David Gillett, Diana Wingfield, Rita Dunford.

(Games equipment was kindly loaned by the Bangkok-Patana School)

If your name has not been included above please feel assured that your assistance was much appreciated by the organisers.

A special thankyou to our jovial Mike Evans, who cleverly disguised himself as Father Christmas.

Last but not least, without whose support, those parties would have been a bit of a headache, our appreciation and gratitude is extended to David Williamson, recently appointed manager, and his staff who laid on splendid food for all the parties and provided the necessary equipment.

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"An Inspector Calls" first produced in 1946 is set in 1912 in a North Midlands town. It is the story of a wealthy manufacturer and his family, whose view of their place in society and the appropriate behaviour is brutally questioned by a police inspector.

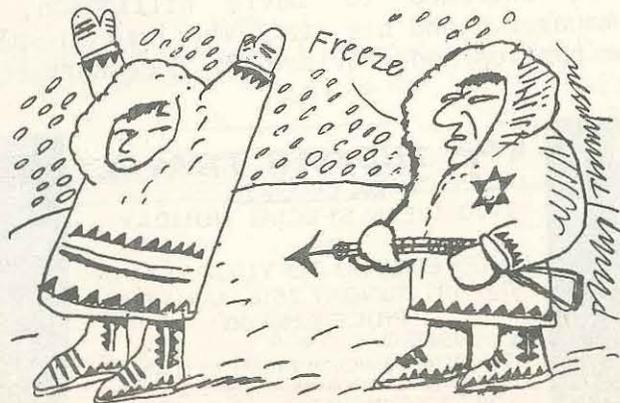
Mr. Birling, the head of the family is supremely confident of the place of capitalists in the future prosperity of his country and Mrs. Birling, of superior birth to her husband, unshakeably sure of the duties which her class demands, are the "old guard". Their children, Eric and Sheila are indulged and spoilt, leading empty lives, but nevertheless, respond more positively when faced with a tragedy, which seems to be a direct result of their way of life.

The whole of Europe was soon to be engulfed in the inferno of World War I and faced with the same sort of questions, the answers to which began the change in the whole fabric of society.

The play is gripping and suspense is built up as the Inspector persistently pursues his enquiries. Priestley once again indulges his interest in "time theories" but to reveal any more about that aspect would be giving away the plot!

So come and enjoy the genius of the cast which is as follows:

Inspector Goole	-	Richard Wells
Arthur Birling	-	Barry Hussey
Sybil Birling	-	Cheryl Sinsabaugh
Sheila Birling	-	Rebecca Court
Eric Birling	-	David Hall
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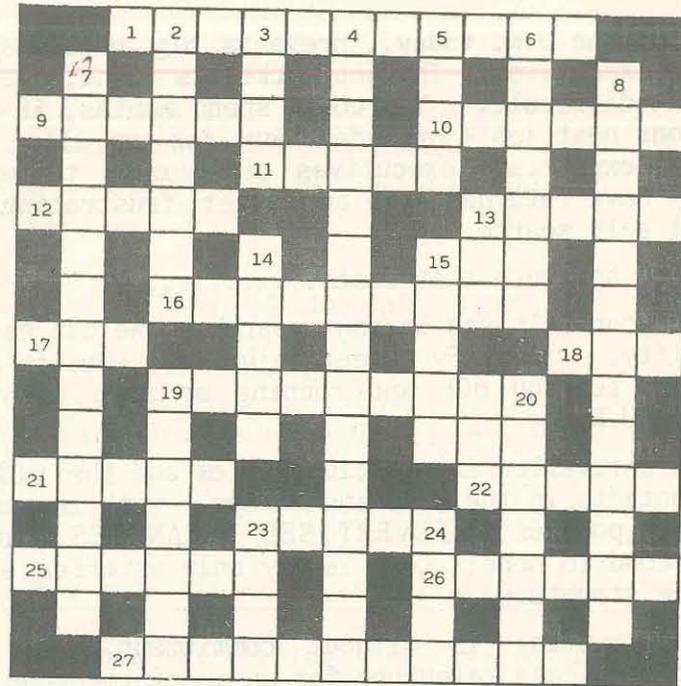
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Club Crossword



CLUES:

Across:

- 1 Just the night for a party. (3 words)
- 9 This worker might put the top on.
- 10 Say it's not yours.
- 11 Fruity meetings.
- 12 Morning that might be painful!
- 13 Amphibious animals make impressions.
- 16 Pins a slit for some ariel manoeuvres.
- 17 Haggard woman.
- 18 A question of what reason.
- 19 November was on 1 across. (two words)
- 21 Condition of Maryland or Massachusetts?
- 22 It is customary practice.
- 23 Stop round a duck to condescend.
- 25 Like a little devil.
- 26 Sin around on a back street and puts out.
- 27 Make them on 1 across, and make them good!

Down:

- 2 Earnest way to beg.
- 3 Enclosure measuring 914 millimetres.
- 4 Reply to a toast -- or a taunt! (5 words)
- 5 Bad bits of turf?
- 6 Container ships?
- 7 Ancient representative of 1 across. (3 words)
- 8 Epiphany or what you will - (2 words) - but more than one.
- 14 Put right in the clenched hand to be in the lead.
- 15 Links made into places where one can bake.
- 19 Cleat it for a kind of window.
- 20 Old Nazi and a Scotsman make tough material.
- 23 Get away with you!
- 24 Ripe confusion for an Eastern myth.



"I wouldn't call our first meeting love at first sight, but you were in the right place at the right time."



SQUASH

The year has drawn to a close and we have had a very good year indeed with the working visit of Roger Sellek in 1984 and the prospect of more lessons from this fine teacher in 1985. The courts have been refurbished and are now playing much better than before with bright walls and light coloured floors.

The Alkema 50th League ended in fine style with the division winners as follows (*: won all games)

Division 1	Len Alexander* Dave Mason	18 points 16 "
Division 2	Chris Platt* Mike Withford	15 points 13 "
Division 3	John Dequenne* Jack Dunford	15 points 11 "
Division 4	Neil Mayo* Roger Gain	15 points 12 "
Division 5	Barry Smithson* Paul Welford	18 points 15 "
Division 6	Leif Rasmussen* John Debouge	15 points 11 "
Division 7	David Gillett* Andrew Morris	15 points 12 "
Division 8	Drew Wilkins* Larry Wakefield	12 points 10 "
Division 9	Rory MacWilliam* Sam Cohen	9 points 6 "
Division 10	Fran Hazell* Ria van Weers	15 points 10 "
Division 11	Colin MacWilliam Ian Bossenger	14 points 14 "
Division 12	Geoffrey Slack-Smith* Bert van Weers	15 points 12 "

Division 13	Rodney Lay* Kartini Thompson	15 points 12 "
Division 14	David Hall* Frank Montgomery	15 points 10 "
Division 15	Lee Thorpe* Barbara Fancy	9 points 6 "
Division 16	Ann Storey Joyce Dunlop	12 points 10 "

Congratulations to all the winners and others who have won prizes in this league sponsored by Alkema.

The 51st league is in progress and with three good courts to play on we should be all out there working off those extra pounds gained during the holidays... easy come, easy go!



Deirdre Johnston has spent many hours working through the old records and presenting the information on specially designed Record Sheets, which will be sent out in January to all our swimmers who will then have an up to date record of their proficiency badges, endurance badges and swimming gala achievements. These will be up-dated every 3 months.

Next Gala:- Sunday 13th January at 12 noon.

SEASONS GREETINGS (from the Swimming Committee) to all our swimmers and coaches, supporting Mums and Dads, volunteer time-keepers and patient pool-users.



brian bagnall

"See if she'll take ten"



GOLF

Dear Member,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the British Club, Golf Section, will be held in the Suriwongse Room, at the British Club on Wednesday, 23rd January 1985 commencing at 18.00 hrs.

The Agenda will be as follows:-

- (a) To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th January 1984.
- (b) To receive the Captain's Report.
- (c) To receive the Treasurer's Report and to adopt the accounts.
- (d) To elect the Captain and, thereafter, the Committee for the next year.
- (e) Any other business, with the consent of the chair. If you have any points to raise under this heading, please give details to the Hon. Secretary before Friday, 18th January 1985.

We hope as many members as possible will make an effort to attend this A.G.M.

Reports coming from the B.C. golfers weekend at Hua Hin over December 7th to 10th suggest that there were many "happy hours". The first day saw a selected group of the B.C. golfers take again the converted "mooney bell" from the "golfers of golfers cocktail lounge fame" B.C. winning with 60 points.

This memorable weekend saw 43 players turn out on both days with some excellent scores being turned in, much to the delight of the sponsors.

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Following are the results of the two days golf:-

Group A

First	V. MacWilliam	69 pts.
Second	D. Johnson	67 "
Third	B. Harrold	66 "
Fourth	R. Armstrong	65 "
Best Front Nine	M. Lazenby	17 "
Best Back Nine	R. MacWilliam	16 "

(on a count back from
 Norman MacDonald)

Group B

First	S. Lamb	75 pts.
Second	B. Hyde	72 "
Third	J. Maxwell	69 "
Fourth	E. Turner	66 "
Best Front Nine	N. Summers	21 "
Best Back Nine	P. Smith	16 "

(on count back from
 Colin MacWilliam
 and David Tarrant)

There were four closest the pin sponsored holes.

Winners

13	H. MacWilliam
14	H. MacWilliam
5	J. Gill
7	B. Fraser

Longest Drive for Men was won by Rory MacWilliam and Mo Harris won the Ladies.

The Best Ladies	1st Koi Armstrong	68 pts.
(Mobil Oil)	2nd Muriel Harrold	58 "

Des and Pam Smith presented a Left Handed v/s Right Handed Plaque to Malcolm Lazenby and George Walck who beat John Maxwell and Des Smith, but only on count back. This lefties v/s righties plaque will be played for annually during this exciting weekend golf tournament. Captain Ron Armstrong presented a special Captain's prize, a real live piglet to none other than Des Smith.

The party and prize giving was great fun commencing with a never ending firework display followed by a fantastic B.B.Q. and on to the prize giving hosted at the Borneo Bungalow by David Tarrant.

All that now remains is to once again thank our sponsors and to all British Club golfers. Your Captain and his Committee wish you and your family a very happy Christmas.

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LADIES' GOLF

This month's notes just have to start with a report on the most important event - the Kitchen Sink which is a mixed Stableford competition. This event was organised, as in the last three years, by Eileen Ford to whom a big thank you is due. Unfortunately, Eileen was taken ill which in itself was sad but was made doubly so as she had to miss the Kitchen Sink. Forty five players turned out in perfect weather at the Rose Garden which was in good condition. At the end of the round, the players were refreshed with food and gin and tonic whilst the scorers tried to sort out the results - with the help of only one G & T.

In the Ladies section of the competition the results were close. Sally Lamb was the winner with 37 points, followed by Koi Armstrong (36), Kay Enterline (35) and Kanda Phillips and Sally Voravarn (34). The men's results were a little higher but still fairly close. Roy Marsden, with 42 points, won on a count back from Barry Hyde, in third place was Ernie Jurgens (39) then Haus Daniels and Malcolm Lazenby on 37. In the husband and wife or partnership draw the winners were Wynne Fraser and Roy Marsden on 72. Pat Dodsworth and Haus Daniels took second place on a count back from Koi Armstrong and Ian McLean (71), while Sally and Mike Lamb were in fourth place on a count back from Kay Enterline and David Cadwallader (70).

There were also prizes for best and second best front and back nines, lowest and second lowest scores etc. In fact only seven players did not win a prize. However, everyone took something home because there were Nearest Pins and Long Drives, plus free hats and boxes of toiletries.

The final event of the day was to award the frying pan to either the Brutes or the Beauties. The girls added together the top ten scores for each side, then applied their own secret formula. The men still won!! Congratulations, but beware next year. Many thanks to all the willing helpers.

And so to our normal activities, although they weren't very normal; there were two farewells and the Round Up.

The first farewell was to Eileen who chose Navatane as the venue and donated the prizes. Nineteen girls turned out for an enjoyable morning. During her stay in Thailand, Eileen has worked very hard for the Ladies' golf section and we will miss her very much. Best wishes Eileen and Tom.

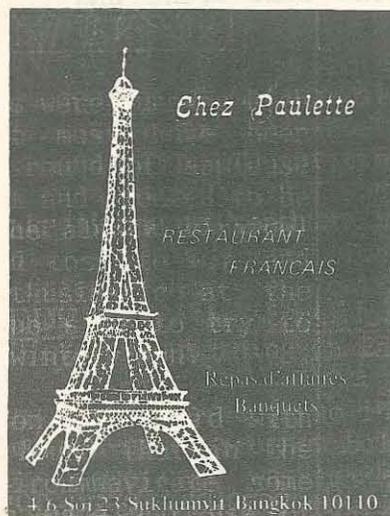
The second farewell was for Wynne Fraser who close the Rose Garden for the golf and her home for the lunch. There was no doubt about the winner of the first prize - prizes donated by Wynne. Mo Harris had 42 Stableford points. Well done Mo. There were three people on 34, Anne Swankie, Lise Dencker Nielsen and Pam Hardy on the first count back, Anne took second place and on the fourth count back Pam came third and Lise fourth. We're sorry that you and Brian are leaving us Wynne.

The final event of the year was the Round Up and election of a new captain. Lise Dencker Nielsen was noted in as Captain for next year, and I'm sure that she will enjoy the experience.

From all these activities our good friend and regular supporter Joan Jurgens was missing. Joan had an accident in her home and will be out of golf for three months. Our best wishes Joan. We look forward to your return.

The first game of 1985 will be on Tuesday 8th January at the Army Course. Starter Lise 286-8264.

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CRICKET

According to our soccer players we are lucky that they are such gifted sportsman and that they are just as brilliant at cricket as football. Unfortunately however, the cricket and soccer seasons are at the same time in Thailand and we never know which sport they are playing! Since our new Outpost scribe is one of these mixed up character he was playing soccer during our first cricket match of the month (!) and was unable to fulfil his literary duties. Apologies therefore for a return of your old scribe for the first match report.

The first accolade must go to the RBSC Polo Club Committee for the magnificent new cricket facilities which are being used for the first time this season - and in particular to Adrian Gundlach who has produced a beautiful wicket from nothing, and has been the Kin-pin in specifying and overseeing the construction of the facilities. It is indeed a privilege to be able to play cricket in Bangkok - we now have facilities of the highest standard and which would be the envy of many a Club in the major cricketing countries let alone the Outpost of Thailand. (This was written before the match played on 16 December!)

BCB vs Post Publishing Co. - 9 December 50 Overs.

BCB won by 187 runs.

After the successes of Chiang Mai, spirits were running high for this first league encounter and it must have been nervous tension which brought the biggest round of applause of the day when Jack Dunford won the toss and elected to be the first ever league team to bat on the almost virginal Polo wicket. It did indeed look a good toss to win and our Post friends were not entirely enthusiastic at the prospects of being the first ever League side to try to survive 50 overs sunbathing in Bangkok's wintery sun.

Merry Terry Adams who needs no introduction took guard with moustacheed new-comer Stephen Bolton and found that in the early overs some care was needed to circumnavigate some tight if not intimidating bowling which made good use of proved in the end to be the most testing of the innings. As the sun rose higher the pitch played easier but unfortunately both Lavral and Hardy tossed their wickets away when the opportunity was there to capitalise on a good start made.

Enter stage D.J. superstar Craig Price and another craggy newcomer, the imposing Alistaire Rider. The score 32 for 2, the batsman both armed with new clubs just flown in in time by Messrs. Dunlop Co. These two capitalised on the good start and it was soon apparent that they had no qualms about taking the rewards that Adams and Bolton might have made their own. Price, as we have always known is a stylish, wristy batsman as good as any in Thailand. Rider, we now know, has a slightly more belligerent approach to batting and blasts at everything in sight whilst somehow reserving a straight bat for these balls which really command it. To cut a long, but glorious story short, these two put on 112 for the 3rd wicket by which time Rider had put together on impressive maiden 58 including 7 fours. 144 for 3.

David Hall joined the fray, completing the shortest two-star in Bangkok cricket, and found himself pretty much on observer as Craig Price rushed on to his century. But the disappointment of the day was that it was not to be. Now married, Craig did not have the energy to remake his ground after charging at adiabatical ball from the BP Sports Editor, and was stumped for a magnificent 90 off 102 balls including 8 fours and a 6 off the handle. This was Craig's second ninety for the Club and that ton must come soon.

It was left for the skipper to have a merry Knock with wee Dave Hall and these two ground the publishers finally into the dust with 47 runs off the last 7 overs and remaining undefeated on 30 and 32 respectively as they took BC to a daunting 254 for 5. This was certainly the highest BC score for many years - possibly the highest ever. To be honest, nobody was very surprised that the Post were not in the right frame of mind to put up a serious challenge. They were blatantly under-practiced and soon in trouble. Jeff Parry and Tom Ryan were soon amongst the wickets despite some uncharacteristically loose balls and a tendency to bowl on the legs, and were aided by some good fielding and catching. Mac Sayer joined in the fun with a couple of Scalps and Geoff Thompson was brought on to finish off the tail. Alistaire Rider kept wicket very well under trying circumstances, David Williamson (sir) held a beautiful mid-wicket welly, Stephen Bolton held 2 catches including a testing overhead hanger. The skipper surprised everyone by also holding two well judged catches but surprised no-one when stopping a four with his chin and breaking two teeth! Ryan took 3 for 25, Parry 3 for 21, Sayer 2 for 13, Thompson 2 for 2. The Post were out for 67, BC had won by 187 runs (their biggest win ever?) and chalked up the maximum 20 points. All this and an early finish precipitated a rush to the bar where we were soon all put in our places as Terry Adams then proceeded to announce some obscure and totally unwarranted fines and the team revelled in their top of the table position.

British Club vs Pakistan - 16/12/84 - Polo Club.
Pakistan won by 31 runs.

Well it had to happen! Cricket, more so than most sports, has a habit of dumping high spirits unceremoniously into the gutter. On this occasion it happened to the B.C.

The Pakistan XI batted first on what appeared to be a solid wicket. Jeff Parry and Tom Ryan opened the attack and it was ominously evident from the start that the wicket would give little help to the medium paces. Jeff Parry, under the circumstances bowled admirably and finished with very creditable figures of 13 overs, 2 for 19. The pitch favoured Tom even less but in his usual determined style he stuck solidly to his task. With a combination of tight fielding and intelligent bowling wickets began to fall. Craig Price fielding at mid wicket made sure the batsman thought twice about quick singles. Good catches were held with Terry Adams plucking out a beauty at first slip and Jeff Parry taking one backward of square with effortless ease. (Such descriptions have all the makings of Colemanballs). Steve Castledine, with massive assistance from the wicket, took 3 for 21 and Malcolm Sayer took 2.23 after a very steady spell. The Pakistanis were all out for 99, well within the over limit and the British Club, quite rightly, were full of the optimism that exposes itself to wretched deflation.

The openers appeared to be struggling right from the onset and Terry was opening a bottle of Kloster rather earlier than expected. Don't be too disheartened Terry quality shines through in the end. Craig Price joined Stephen Bolton and the platform of a good stand was in the making. Stephen was soon to join Terry however in the beer queue. Steve Castledine joined Craig but not for too long and the Pakistanis were beginning to take the initiative. Wickets tumbled and good batsmen were not adjusting to the pace of the pitch whatsoever. Craig was given out in most unusual circumstances after batting sensibly for 20.

At this stage of the game the ball was darting all over the wicket and coupled with some over zealous appealing made batting a pressurised occupation. Jack Dunford, Jeff Thompson and David Hall batted in a gritty manner but by now the Pakistanis were bowling and fielding very tightly. Wickets began to fall rapidly, some more rapid than others! The BC were finally scuttled out for 60.

"How the mighty have fallen" spoke the Rev. Transham. How true he was!

The Pakistanis deserved their victory wholeheartedly and adapted better to the prevailing conditions. The pitch did cut up and batting was difficult for the second side but it should have been well within the capacity of the first 6 BC batsman to score 100 runs. Hopefully we can learn from this encounter. We do have a very good side and one defeat should not deflate us too much. Beware the next opponents!

I once saw Derbyshire Scuttle Yorkshire out for 75 on a similar wicket at Chesterfield and Yorkshire went on to win the county Championship!

Have a great Xmas and New Year. Next fixture 5th January, 1985 v AIT 30 overs. 1.00 p.m. Meet the BC 10.30 a.m.

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SOCCER

December: The SS are seduced by good times

After advancing impressively through November, the SS mean machine didn't run too consistently in December. It was side-tracked often, dropped gears occasionally and on one ignominious day it even ground to a halt. And yet at times there was never a missed beat, when all the components functioned perfectly, each one in total harmony with the others, each one a paragon of technical brilliance, flawless timing and sublime skill, each one a poem in motion. Unfortunately, the former modus operandi was observed most often on the pitch, the latter most often in the bar after the game (and sometimes, as we shall see, before it).

The December results were as follows:

2nd Dec	BC SS vs The French	Lost 1-3
8th Dec	BC SS vs The Scans	Won 4-2
15th Dec	BC SS vs The Germans	Won 16-0
22nd Dec	BC SS vs The Sikhs	Drew 0-0

And what, I hear you ask, is the reason for such inconsistency? Why did we lose against the scrappy, noisy Frogs, and draw against the keen but not-so-hot Sikhs when we thrashed the highly-fancied Scans and the Krauts in the intervening weeks?

Well, dear reader, let me enlighten you. I fed these results, the team lists, the temperature, humidity and pollen count, and a myriad of other variables into my pocket mainframe, performed a regression analysis, disappeared up my Lotus 1-2-3 and have arrived at an astounding correlation.

On the evening of Friday, November 30th, the St. Andrew's Ball piped up at the Dusit Thani, piping down about lunch time the following day in the British Club Bar. Key members of the team were present and active. A mere twenty-four hours later, the French humiliated us — not only by winning, but by beating us at our own game (physical intimidation and verbal abuse). The only positive outcome of this dismal encounter is that the rematch in the second round of the Farang League will be taken rather more seriously now that we have to avenge our wounded pride.

Thompson scored and was named Man of the Match, though I shouldn't think it's one he'd write home about.

On the evening of Friday, December 21st the British Club Ball commenced on the back lawn and was a modest, temperate and proper social gathering. By 3 a.m. on the morning of Saturday December 22nd the gathering was neither modest, nor temperate, nor proper. Of course, not everyone who set off was in at the final furlong. But of course all of the footballers were. By my count, eight of those who were to play that day had gravitated - or sunk - into the bar by 3 a.m. and were giving it some. (And two of three non-attendees were by this time tucked up like sensible boys in the Thermae.) So twelve short hours later, brimming with all the health, confidence, and vitality of alcohol poisoning, as clear-eyed as red stop-lights, and reeking like a distillery on overtime, the SS strode out to crush the upstart Sikhs. Never was there a more lacklustre performance: half-hearted tackles, sloppy clearances, abysmal shooting and general lack of commitment.

In lowering the standards of BC play to new all-time depths, two players, Wallace and Swift, made outstanding contributions and the captain had no hesitation in substituting them at half time. This was the only good example Wallace set all day.

Jim Howard was one of the few bright spots of the afternoon, steadying up a very shaky defence and collecting the Man of the Match award. Could it be a coincidence that he didn't go to the ball? (Note: MoM awards will henceforth be known as "Cinderellas" in his honour.) Terry Smith made a welcome reappearance at right back and saved Swift from further embarrassment, and Childs & Thompson, over short distances, looked as if their recent intake of high octane fuel suited them. But these were mere flashes in an otherwise murky pan.

So there we have it: two nights on the razzle, two pathetic results.

But do not despair. Amidst the gloom and despondency brought on by too much Christmas spirit there are glimmers of hope. Despite these two black days we have been more consistent than any other team and are still heading the league - though the Indians are breathing down our necks. We produced two impressive wins against the Scans and the Germans, and perhaps most importantly in each of these games a new star was born. Against the Scans, Stamper stepped into the vacant centre back slot, acquitted himself with honour, pulled the Cinderella, and looks as if he'll be difficult to shift. Unless, of course he happens to suffer a severe injury in training, heaven forbid.

And against the Germans, Craig Rennie, another refugee from the Gulf, turned on a virtuoso performance in goal the like of which we haven't seen since Keven Howley's father first pulled on the green jersey. Craig's competent and reassuring efforts earned him a Cinderella on his debut, and kept the Germans out, while Wilkins (3), Castledine (1) Pugh (1 - on his debut also) and Swift (1) stuck them in at the other end. So the good news for the team is that at long last we seem to have a stable goalkeeper. He says he'll also be able to play for us regularly. The bad news is that Colin Hastings thinks this is his big chance to re-emerge as Bangkok's Nobby Stiles. Come on Colin, just because we let you share in the shower-room ambience doesn't mean we have to humour your fantasies.

Happy New Year.



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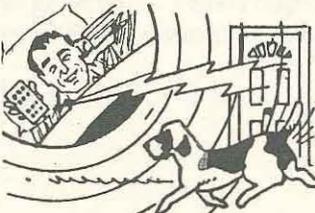
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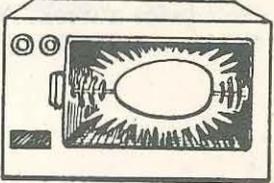


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SNOOKER

Forthcoming events at a glance:

Wednesday 9th January:	Mabbatt Cup
Wednesday 6th February:	O'Connell & Leonowens Trophies
Wednesday 20th February:	Les Collings Trophy
Wednesday 6th March:	The Ashes
Wednesday 20th March:	Annual General Meeting

The Mabbatt Cup

This is the foremost snooker trophy of the British Club and is considered to be the Club championship. It is played as a challenge trophy, with participants playing each other on a knock-out basis for the right to challenge the current holder, Ian MacLean.

Although there is no handicapping for this competition, players of all standards are invited to participate; this is a good opportunity to show your form to the handicapper for the O'Connell & Leonowens Trophies.

Play will start at 6 p.m., though entries will be accepted up till 7 p.m.

O'Connell & Leonowens Trophies

Both of these trophies are Volunteer Snooker Singles Handicaps played on a knock-out basis, with the Leonowens Trophy being played as a consolation competition for first-round losers in the O'Connell.

So with at least two matches guaranteed for every participant, and some very generous handicaps, we expect a large turnout for these very open competitions.

Start as for the Mabbatt Cup.

Others

The Les Collings Trophy is the Club Snooker Doubles Championship, so your invitations to Steve Davis to be your partner ought to get in the post pretty soon. The Ashes is the

annual match between Australians (and other assorted colonials) and Poms. Further details of these will appear in next month's Outpost.

The Annual General Meeting brings the 1984-85 season to a close. Following a decision made at a Committee meeting of the snooker section on 3rd December, we will in future try to change to a calendar-year basis, which will mean that all the 1985 competitions will be played before the end of 1985. (The four events listed above are the last of the "1984" competitions). We hope to be able to publish a calendar for the whole season as soon as possible after the AGM.

Following the death of Nick Nichols, and the appointment of David Williamson to Club Manager, the present committee is somewhat short-handed, and we will be looking for new participation at the AGM.

Match Report: British Club vs The Penang Club

A very enjoyable evening of snooker and drinking was had when the British Club entertained The Penang Club from Malaysia recently. The match was played on the basis of seven singles matches, with the strong Penang side running out convincing 5-2 winners despite some very close games.

In the top game, BC's Ron Armstrong lost narrowly to Penang's Lim Teung Chin, one of three matches to go to the black ball, (the other two being Tom Moran's defeat against Stanley Yeap, and Koi Armstrong's victory against Heah Siew Tee).

Results (BC names first):

Ron Armstrong	lost to	Lim Teung Chin	47-56
Tom Moran	" "	Stanley Yeap	54-60
Tom Watson	" "	Phillip Took	39-56
Mike Summers	beat	Peter Wong	43-39
Paul Elliot	lost to	Rajinder Singh	12-35
David Williamson	" "	David Loh	17-63
Koi Armstrong	beat	Heah Siew Tee	43-32

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TENNIS

1984 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

The Final was played on Sunday December and the result was:

John Kerr/Bruce Pointer defeated Roy Fordham/Kasem N.
6-2 : 7-5.

The match was well fought with the serve and volley tactics of the winners proving superior despite some alarms in the second set.

1985 TENNIS TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

The Tennis Committee have scheduled the following tournaments for the new year:

ROUND-ROBIN MIXED DOUBLED HANDICAP

Open to players of all standards. Entry may be made with or without partner.

Sunday	13th January	at	1 p.m.
"	10th February	"	"
"	10th March	"	"
"	14th April	"	"
"	12th May	"	"

A fee at Baht 30.- is charged to cover cost of tennis balls and tea. 16 point matches are usually played, allowing four services each. Every pair play every other other pair and a hidden handicap is introduced to provide everyone with an equal opportunity of winning.

1985 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Tournaments will be held in March/April. It is not possible to hold additional events due to the lack of playable courts. Entry form will be distributed with the February issue of Outpost. A fee of Baht 50.- per player per event will be charged to cover the cost of trophies. Tennis balls will be provided for the finals only.

SINGLES LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

League singles, basically a ladder, with fixed dates of play will commence in January. An entry list has been open at the Reception Desk through December.

Players of all standards, who are interested in playing singles, are welcome to enter providing they are willing to fulfill all their fixture. Matches consist of two long sets and each set is worth one point. Leagues will be formed in line with playing standards and may consist of a minimum of six and a maximum of eleven players. Matches may be played on or before the fixed dates of play, but not afterwards. No points will be awarded for walkovers. Final position will be determined by an average of matches played and points won. In event of a tie the number of games won and lost will be taken into account.

Ladies are welcome to enter this event.

COURT OPENING TIMES

The wear of the courts is still unpredictable. For a trial period it is planned to open the courts on weekdays from 3.30 p.m. and on weekends from approx. 9.00 a.m., the time to be dependant upon the courts being dry after the overnight dew. During the week courts may be closed at anytime for repair, but on weekends it is hoped to have all three courts open.

All these arrangements are, however, subject to approval by the groundman, who may order courts closed at anytime if he considers the wear is too great.

COURT BOOKINGS

Bookings may be made at the Reception Desk on an hourly basis. Only one booking per person may be made in advance. Special booking slips will be introduced for tennis, but in the meantime existing Squash slips may be adapted.

OUTPOST



BRIDGE

The end of year meeting was held on Monday, December 17th in the Suriwongse Room when 11 couples played Duplicate Bridge.

The first prize of a bottle of champagne was awarded to Jennifer and George Arnott.

The second prize of a bottle of Beaujolais went to Lois and Geoff Crittenden.

Bridge will resume after the holidays on Monday, January 7th at 7.30 p.m. and thereafter every Monday at the same time.

Articles, drawings, letters, suggestions, ideas, and contributions of any description are invited from anyone.

All material, for the February issue must reach the office by January 21st.

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Tennis	Roy Fordham	233 6638

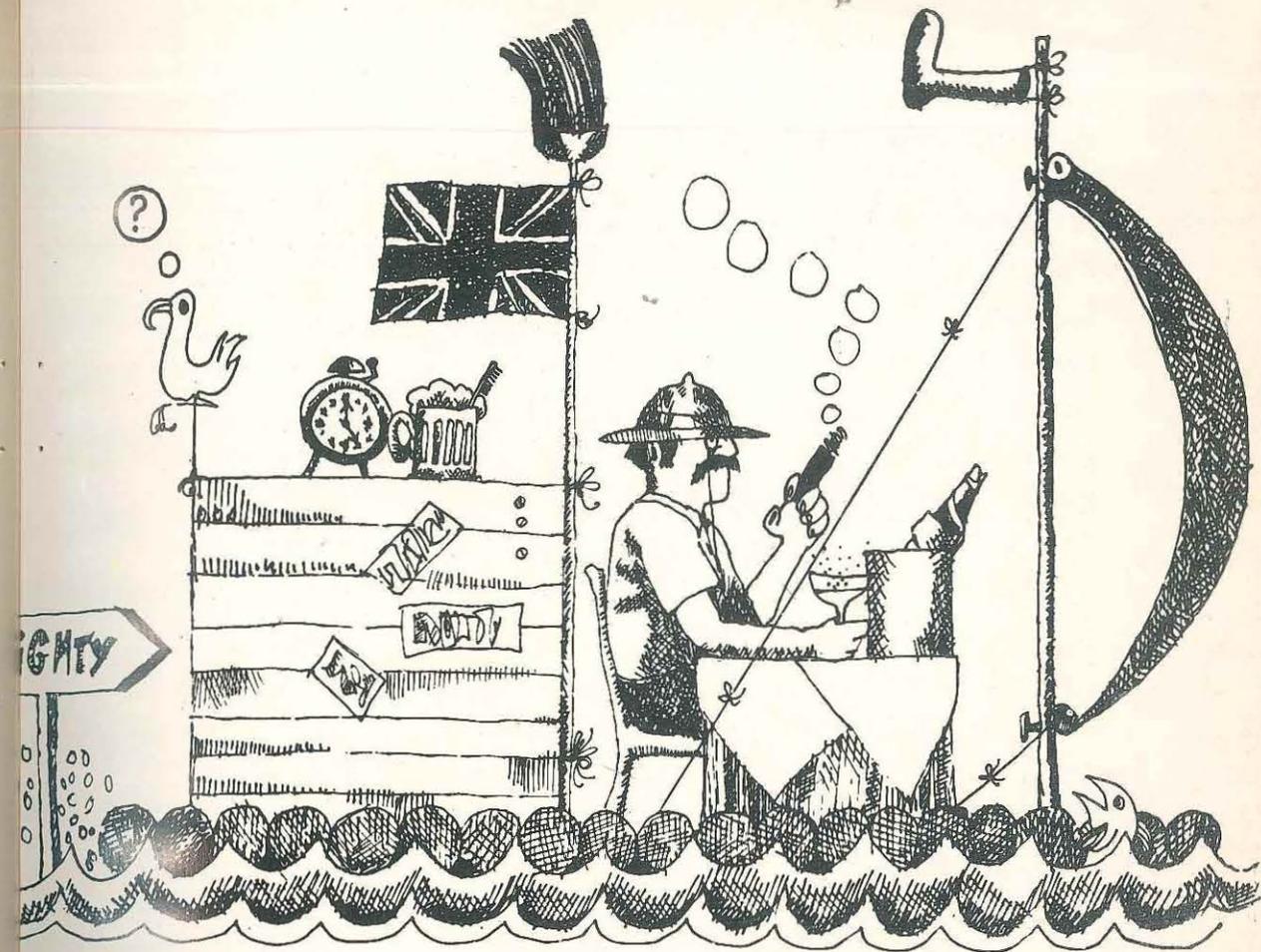
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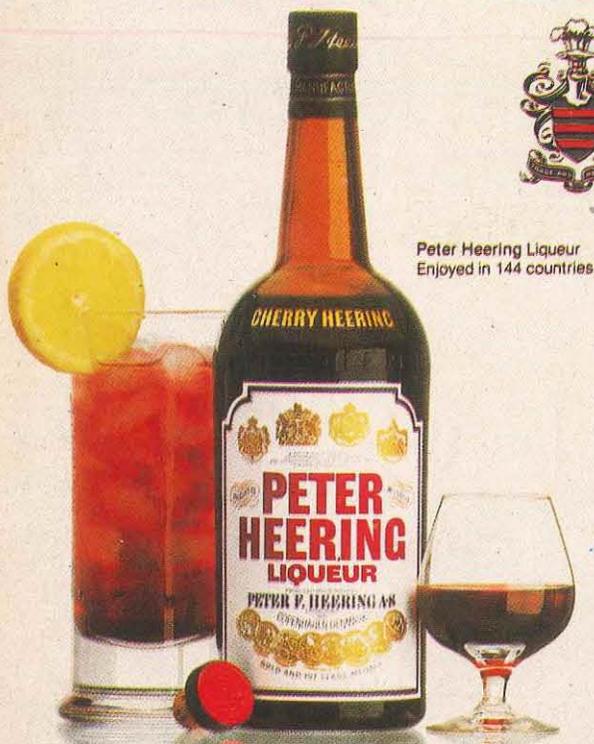
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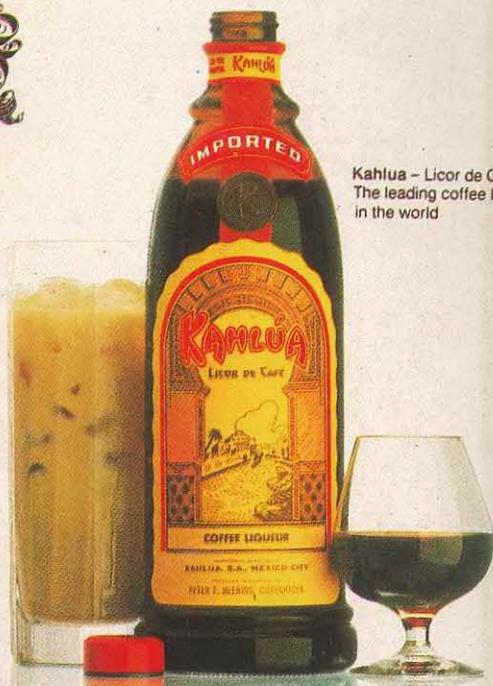
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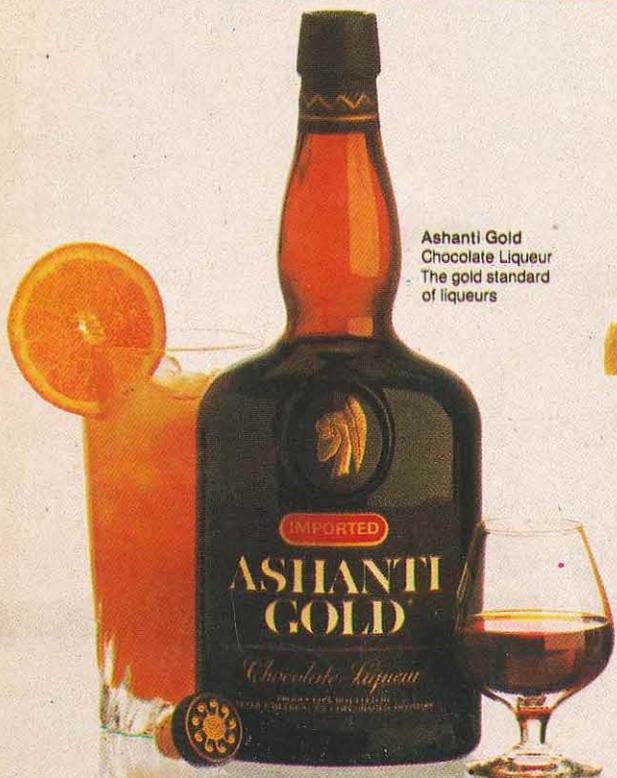
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