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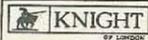
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'FROM THE EDITOR'

A very good New Year to our reader(s). Our New Year's resolution is to stop being rude to people - and we all know what happens to New Year's resolutions! As our lives return to normal and we are faced with reality i.e. our December Club bill, we can now look ahead to the exciting events lined up for January ?

The highlights of December's main events have been captured by our on-the-spot reporters. Branching out, we have added two new sections this month. "In depth" and "New Horizons" take a look at happenings outside the Club. Thanks to Sakdeb for his work on the new logos and thanks to Amanda Young for the suggestion of printing new members' photographs. Now we know who all those new folk are around the pool.

Apologies to those who were expecting to see Frank Rowland's Trafalgar Night speech in last month's Outpost. We didn't have space for such a long item but a copy is available in the Manager's office for those who would like to refresh their memories.

Thanks to all the "sports correspondents" for their wholehearted response to the earlier copy dates for Outpost. It was unfortunate that the December 15 fell on a Sunday, or so the Cricket correspondent tried to persuade me. We eventually agreed to hold the presses so that the write-up could include Sunday's match - shame about the result!

Could all sports correspondents please confirm their current phone numbers with Terri Jeph - especially the tall, dark and handsome ones. Please leave a message for her at Reception. Talking of Sports writers, there were these four people, named Somebody, Everybody, Anybody and Nobody who were supposed to be doing the month's write-up.

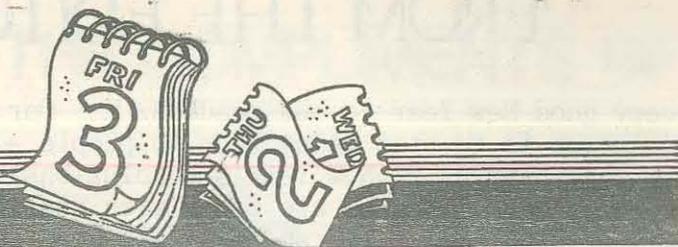
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could have done it. Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

So it ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done. (Pinched!)

ANNE STUART

DIARY



JANUARY

- Thu 2 British Club closed at 2.30 p.m. for Staff Party.
- Fri 3 Fathers & Sons Cricket Match - Polo Club, 12.30.
Contact 233 8350, 235 5450 for information.
- Sat 4 Dinner Video
- Sun 5 Dinner Buffet
- Mon 6 British Council - Film - A Private Enterprise,
6.30 p.m.
- Tue 7 General Committee Meeting
- Thu 9 British Council - A Private Enterprise, 6.30 p.m.
- Sat 11-
Sat 18 New Zealand Film Week at British Council,
see press for details.
- Sat 11 Distance Swimming Tests
Dinner Video
- Sun 12 Swimming Gala, 11.45 a.m.
Dinner Buffet
- Thu 16 BWG AGM at the ORIENTAL HOTEL, 12 noon.
Tel: Pat Garvey 251 6555 or Sue Fernandez
258 7313.
- Bangkok Community Theatre - AGM at Teen Club,
USIS, Sathorn Road - 7.30. For information,
telephone 286 0046.
- Thu 16-
2 Feb. "Painting the Town" - Art Exhibition at Bhirasri
Institute.

- Fri 17 Music Hall Night - in the bar - 8.00 p.m.
- Sat 18 Hill Tribe Sale - ISB School, Sukhumvit Soi 15,
9.30 a.m.
Dinner Video
- Sun 19 Dinner Buffet
- Mon 20 British Council - The Living Planet - David
Attenborough - BBC Documentary - parts 1 & 2
6.30 p.m.
- Tue 21 General Committee Meeting
- Thu 23 British Council - The Living Planet - parts 1 & 2,
6.30 p.m.
- Sat 25 Burns Night Ceilidh - Contact Ian Stuart 236 2787
for information.
Dinner Video
- Mon 27 British Council - The Living Planet - parts 3 & 4,
6 p.m.
- Thu 30 BWG Coffee Morning - Talk on Reflexology,
9.30 a.m. Contact Pat Garvey 251 6555 or Jean
Parrat 258 0680.
British Council - The Living Planet - parts 3 & 4,
6 p.m.
- Fri 31 Reunion of Former Students in UK, 6.30 p.m.
Contact Robert Court, 252 0191, for information.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 0-5 YRS.



CLUB ROUNDUP 

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 6-9 YRS.

About 60 children attended this party and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. The children were organised into several animal groups and took part in team relay races on the back lawn - a water race, a sack race and a dressing-up race. Then it was tea-time: a special mention here about the beautifully decorated cake. Tea was followed by entertainment in the Suriwongse Room with Prince Alfonso the Magician. As the children went downstairs they were all given "going home" gifts and a balloon from the Club. To round off the afternoon Father Christmas arrived on the front lawn with a sleigh full of presents which he distributed to the eagerly awaiting children.

Many thanks are due to all the helpers - Jennie Baillie, in particular, who had the task of organising and coordinating everything.


IAN I. STUART
Hon. Secretary

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Numbers are restricted so write soon!

Yours Aye,

IAN I. STUART
Hon. Secretary

SAINT ANDREW'S NIGHT

The celebration of the festival of St. Andrew's on Friday the 29th November was once again a tremendous "thrash."

Starting with cocktails at 8.00 p.m. on Friday the celebration, held for the 14th year at the Napalai Ballroom of the Dusit Thani, continued through until 6.00 a.m. when survivors staggered to the British Club for a black pudding breakfast at dawn (the test of a true Scot).

Although recollections of the latter part of the evening are dim some highlights worth recording are:-

- The immaculate, as always, performance of the Society's exhibition dance team doing "Madge Wildfires Strathspey." They were joined by Duncan Niven apparently doing "Dalkeith's Strathspey". Duncan was also seen to smile during the routine and is off the team for next year.
- The magnificent virtuoso interpretation of Scottish dancing mounted by Ian Hendrie which drew spontaneous applause during the pipers' first appearance (he was later found to have been signalling to the light crew).
- The Chieftain's impromptu Donald Duck impersonations when the mike developed a fault during his speech.
- The Chief of a certain other Society's comments about the lady in the third row with the large chest heard when the top table mike was left on.
- The appearance of the mysterious "10th piper" seen performing the Highland Fling in the darkness behind the pipe band during their final performance at 3.00 a.m. This was subsequently found to be Jock Miller-Stirling (who else!) The committee have voted for funds for a crossbow for immediate use in the event of a recurrence next year.
- The all-male Strip the Willow since which 73 cases of tennis elbow have been reported at Samitivej Hospital.
- Lastly the Hon. Sec.'s 7.00 a.m. squash match in full national dress (for which he still awaits a case of Kloster Yai from a certain "slack" Australian gentleman).

All in all such a great evening that the committee will be putting the price up again next year. Look forward to seeing you all.

HON. SECRETARY



Bruce Murdoch demonstrating that nothing is "worth" under his kilt.



Alistair and a friend.



The Vice Chieftain drawing blood for the black pudding.



Ian Hendrie explaining Strip the Willow to a lady.

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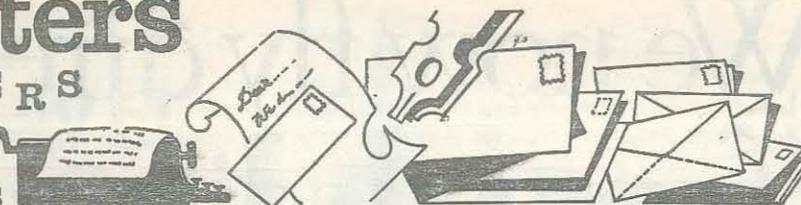
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November 11th, 1985

The British Club - Entertainments Committee

Dear Members,

I am writing on behalf of myself and the Entertainments Sub-Committee, to thank all those parents who so kindly helped us with the races, etc. on Saturday 2nd November, Guy Fawkes Day.

A special thank you to Eric Turner, who did an excellent job as M.C., and Deirdre Johnston who so kindly gave up her time to help us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their cooperation with the races, and especially for all those lovely guys. They worked very hard and made it very difficult for us to judge the first, second and third, as they were all great.

I hope that all the mums and dads enjoyed themselves, I know we did.

A special thank you to be made to our chairman and his wife who so kindly helped with the judging of the guys and the giving of prizes to the winners.

Yours sincerely,

Tricia Lewis
Entertainments Sub-Committee

Sorry to miss this from our December issue. - Ed.

We now fly direct in five new directions.

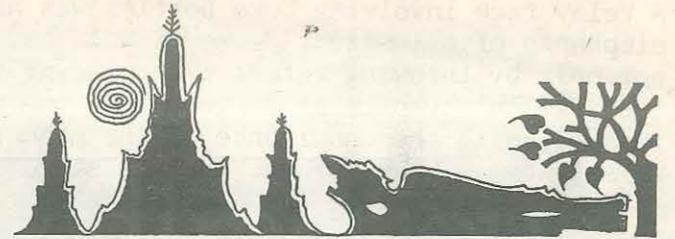


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ELEPHANT ROUND-UP

The week-end of November 15-16 provided something of interest to both elephant lovers and Walter Mitty fantasists. The fantasists, at any rate those who took the Tour Royale ticket to Surin, were the first to be satisfied when they discovered that a police escort had been laid on for the journey. At the head of our cavalcade of ten coaches, the magic combination of a flashing red light and a waving white-gloved hand dissolved the traffic for mile after mile. The monsters of the road were transformed to mice. Smoke-spewing express buses ahead of us sought refuge on the hard shoulder while oncoming ten-wheelers braked sharply and pulled off the road. This was sweet revenge for all those times we had been forced off the Bangkok roads by these horrors of the highway. We were all to play Crown Prince for the weekend and we might as well enjoy it.

The Elephant Round-up at Surin has happened once a year for twenty years, sponsored by the Tourism Authority of Thailand. The Suay people in the area, we were told, are famous for their ability to catch and train wild elephants to help them with logging work. We expected to see forests in view of this local industry but discovered that we had arrived too late: they have been cut down. Sadly, there must now be less reason for training the animals.

The three-hour show included some events which must be regarded as unusual by any standard. There was a series of pachyderm sprints which had the ground shaking under our feet. Then nine Suays lay down in a row while their heavy charges walked over them and back again. The commentator, a young American living locally, reflected the general feeling of relief when he announced that all nine had survived the outward and return journeys.

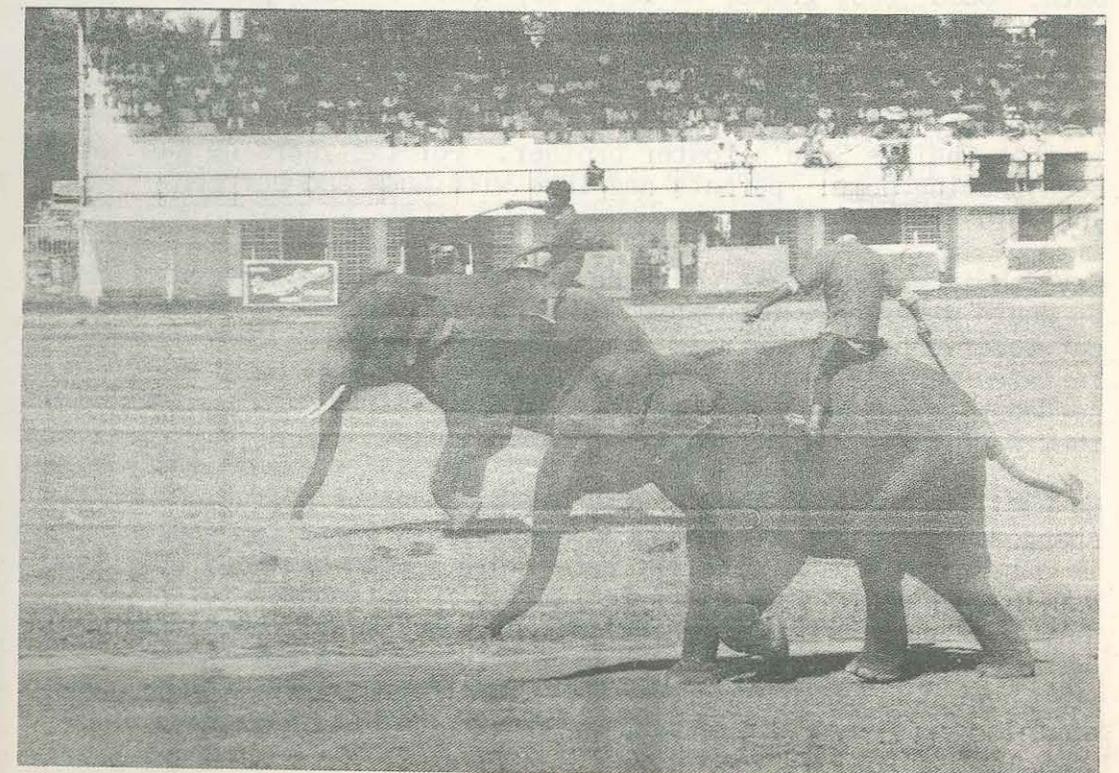
A relay race involving Coke bottles was hotly contested by elephants of all sizes, some of whom had learned to cheat not only by throwing rather than placing their bottle over the line but by picking up more than one bottle at a time, possibly with the connivance of the mahout though from where we sat in the shade of the tourist stand it looked like elephant initiative.

A six-a-side soccer match, using a ball of larger than normal size, seemed to be greatly enjoyed both by the mahouts and their animals, some of which had developed a surprising degree of ponderous skill. Goal kicks were particularly impressive; corner kicks need more practice before next year's match.

A tug-of-war between one trained elephant and sixty trained soldiers was won by a five tonner without great effort. A further twenty conscripts were then ordered on to the rope causing the animal to sweat as he pulled them gradually across the line. It took a hundred men to produce a match by which time the army was tiring and the reserves of elephant stamina proved decisive.

The finale involved over a hundred elephants in the re-enactment of a battle of long ago. Here again the conscripts provided the opposition and looked capable of putting up a spirited infantry fight. However, the sight of so many battle-equipped behemoths approaching in formation and the sound of many strange horns must have been enough to put dread into their hearts, at least until they could see the grinning faces of the Suay who seemed to be having the time of their lives, and the footsoldiers were duly vanquished.

R.M. WINGFIELD



IN DEPTH

ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES

by

Karen Schur Narula

Seven-year old Suda sits contentedly on her mother's lap. Nearby, framed in the doorway of the small wooden house, four-year old Chai is on the floor building triangles out of bricks. His narrow hands arrange the orange slabs with care and from time to time the sound of his delight breaks out over the post-rain stillness. Suddenly he leaves the bricks and with an infectious smile moves onto the lap, nestling in between the girl and her mother, who hugs them both. Suda, too, grins, as if to say there's still plenty of affection to be shared.

It's a picture of domestic bliss that looks almost too good to be true. Yet it is. And what makes it even more special is that Chai is Suda's foster brother. For two years he has been sharing home, parents and love with Suda and her ten-year old brother Pong.

Says their mother Vilai: "If the children had been different we would never have been able to take Chai into our hearts. But they've been wonderful. In fact, they were the ones who insisted we take Chai out of the orphanage. They said he needed a real home." Her smile is proud. "Can you imagine they were only five and eight at that time?"

Up until that time, Chai's life had been one of confusion. Abandoned at birth, he had spent most of his first two years in a hospital ward. Shortly before his second birthday he was taken home by an expatriate family. His response to the warmth of such an intimate environment was instantaneous and he quickly became a beloved member. In order to make him a permanent one, adoption proceedings were begun. Yet it was at this point that things again began to go wrong for Chai.

Under present Thai law, adoptions by foreigners can be carried out only if the family has no more than one child already. This ruling seeks to protect the interest of the adopted child but, as with most rules, there are exceptions. The family already had two children. Chai was sent to an orphanage.

Again his reaction was immediate. He withdrew from the dozens of children about him, shrank from the world. Despite the concerned efforts of the attendants to draw him out, Chai regressed to a point near infancy, barely swallowing his food. His weight dropped. Even at two, he seemed to have lost the desire to live.

It is difficult to assess what might have happened to Chai had Vilai and her family not come onto the scene. After all, scores of orphans spend their childhood in these necessary institutions, sharing shelter, food and affection with scores just like themselves. Perhaps Chai simply had better luck. His expatriate foster family had developed a friendship with Vilai and now took her to visit the child. Vilai realized she must try to help, and called upon her own family. Thus it was that Suda and Pong came to see Chai.

Since its inception in Thailand only two years ago, LIFE (Love in Family Environment), a project of the inter-denominational relief agency World Concern under the auspices of the Department of Public Welfare, has seen a dramatic rise in the number of orphans like Chai being taken in by foster families. In 1983 there were 45; as of today there are over 900. Perhaps the numbers would swell even higher if there were greater awareness of this program. For although it's a near inescapable fact that every country has orphans, children abandoned whether through neglect or necessity, this does not mean that each such child must remain an orphan.

The families that participate in LIFE are from all walks of life -- middle class, struggling and well-to-do. Many of the Thai families already have several children of their own, but open their arms to embrace another. Perhaps they can do so because loving is a strange thing: the more one does it, the more one is able to.

Initially most of the families are motivated by pity. "We felt sorry for him", says Vilai of their decision to take Chai. But as the child lives within the fold of the family, sharing and contributing to its life, emotions can change their forms. An orphan becomes a real child, then a member

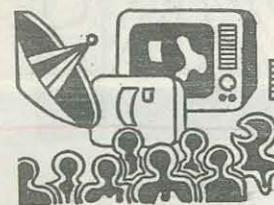
of a family. The metamorphosis from pity to love may be gradual or sudden, and a good many of the foster families eventually decide to adopt their foster child.

For Chai a new world is waiting. Soon he will start school, a special school. For although tests show him to be free of brain damage, the trauma of his early years have impaired his speech. His understanding is rapid and complete, but his powers of communication need strengthening. Upon completing the course, he will go on to a public school. By that time, Vilai and her family are confident that his adoption will be finalized. "We're thinking of a new name for him," she explains, and big sister Suda grins. "Of course he'll continue to go with his nickname Chai, but we think a brand-new first name to go with his new family name would be fitting."

Chai is one of the lucky ones. He will grow up surrounded by love. When he cries out at night from the depths of a bad dream, he will no longer be sharing his tears with the thousands of children who continue to inhabit orphanages throughout the land.

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WORTH WATCHING

"Mrs. Soffle" Mel Gibson

Based on a true story, this film tells of two condemned brothers who escape from prison with the help of Mrs. Soffle, the prison governor's wife. Whether you decide that they use criminal cunning to deceive her or that the brothers were genuinely wronged - not murderers but robbers made by poverty - and deserve compassion, the violent ending will please or distress you. The film is set in USA at the turn of the century.

"Betrayal" Jeremy Irons, Ben Kingsley, Patricia Hodges
Screenplay by Harold Pinter.

Ben Kingsley plays the cuckold deceived by his wife and his best friend. Although our sympathies should be with him, the character he plays seems to delight in teasing, dangling the mouse from the cat's paw. Set in London, Pinter has written some uncomfortable scenes - "she knows that I know, but does he know that she knows that I know that he knows."

"Cat from Outer Space"

Walt Disney's story of a flying saucer landing at a US airbase and the search for the alien pilot begins - but whoever would think it's a cat? The beautiful cat who talks and performs all kinds of scientific wizardry is well supported by a whacky script.

NEW HORIZONS

DIVING IN THAILAND

For anyone remotely interested in exploring the Deep, Thailand is a great place to learn to dive. Any fool can strap an aqualung on his/her back and many do. The more sensible among us, discover the right way by trial and error; however, prefer to find out what we should be doing in the relative safety of a swimming pool.

In safe hands, diving is one of the least dangerous of sports and there are many safe hands available to pass on their knowledge (for a sizeable fee unfortunately).

There are several recognised courses of diving instruction which lead to an international qualification and novices would be well advised to sign on for one of these. The most commonly available ones in Thailand are the P.A.D.D.I. and the N.A.U.I. Both are US systems and lead progressively upwards in terms of skill and competence.

Many diving centres offer these courses but the largest in Pattaya is Seafari adjacent to the Royal Garden Resort Hotel. Bill Burbridge is the proprietor and he runs courses every weekend for the beginner. He also offers intensive courses (mostly for tourists) to give novices a taste of diving but with no qualification at the end. The necessity of qualifications, apart from self preservation, is that dive shops will hire out equipment only to divers with valid certificates of competence.

For those who don't fancy a weekly trek to Pattaya, Dave of Dave's Dive Shop in Soi Asoke (Soi 21 Sukhumvit Road) offers the same pool training in Bangkok, although obviously the final sea training must be done in Pattaya. He provides transport and everything else for these expeditions.

It is also possible to take intensive weekly courses to learn diving in the UK. But why anyone would want to leap into that freezing cold, murky water just to look at a few cod is completely beyond me.

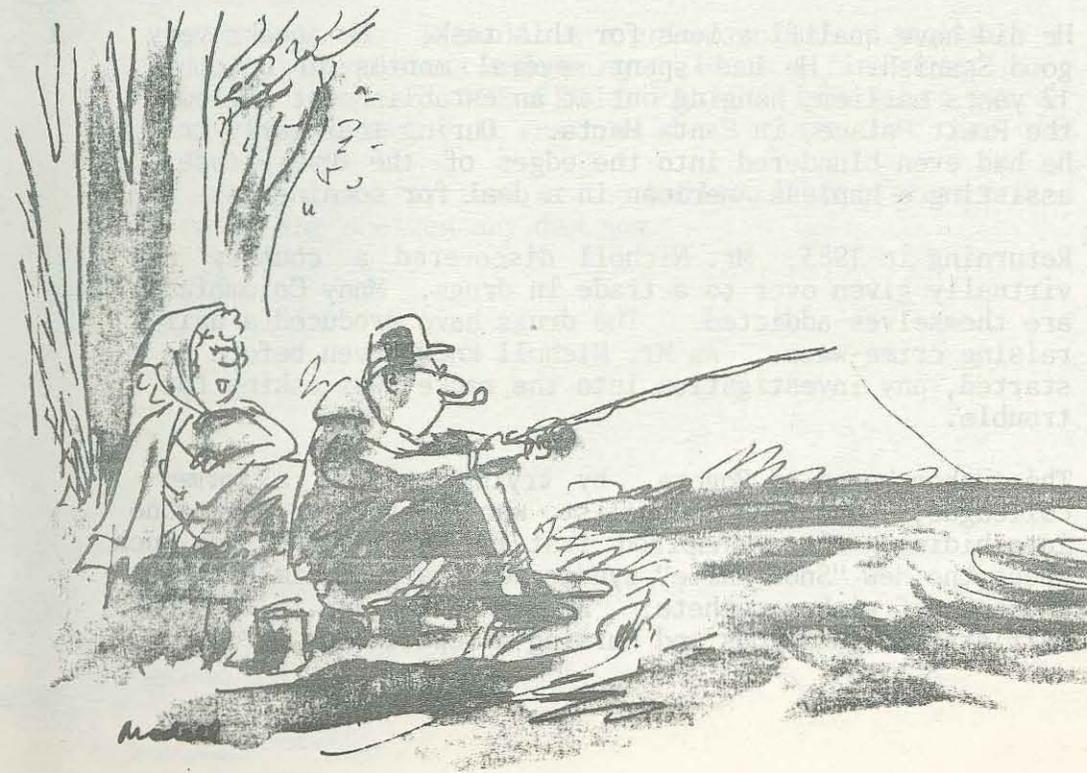
Once qualified the diver is very welcome to join the Thailand Sub-Aqua Club, P.O. Box 11-1196, Bangkok and benefit from cheaper diving with more experienced divers. Most of us tend to potter around the Coral Islands but there are more spectacular dives available, including several wrecks - fishing boats not galleons. The highlight of the TSAC year is a trip to the Similan Islands where the diving is superb.

The more adventurous (and richer) have been known to sample the delights of the Australian Great Barrier Reef, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Diving is a relatively expensive sport to begin, but once the training is finished and all the gear has been purchased (either expensively here or cheaper elsewhere) then the costs per dive can be from as little as £110.

The freedom of being able to watch life on a coral reef unimpeded is indescribable. The colour and variety of life on the ocean floor is a remarkable experience and well worth all the trouble and expense. Happy diving!

ANNE STUART



"How come you never seem to have this kind of patience at home?"

WELL WORTH READING

THE FRUIT PALACE

by Charles Nicholl

Old Latin American hands are agreed that Colombia is by far the most dangerous country; worse than El Salvador, where there is fighting. Over the last 20 years, Colombia has become the world's largest supplier of marijuana and cocaine.

It was therefore brave, even foolhardy, of Charles Nicholl to sign a contract with his publisher not only to write a book on Colombia but to try to expose the Great Cocaine Story.

He did have qualifications for this task. He speaks very good Spanish. He had spent several months in Colombia, 12 years earlier, hanging out at an establishment called the Fruit Palace, in Santa Marta. During that early trip, he had even blundered into the edges of the drug trade, assisting a hapless American in a deal for cocaine.

Returning in 1983, Mr. Nicholl discovered a country now virtually given over to a trade in drugs. Many Colombians are themselves addicted. The drugs have produced a hair-raising crime-wave. As Mr. Nicholl knew, even before he started, any investigation into the racket was asking for trouble.

The author began in Bogota, by trying to find a former colleague, a Scottish journalist, who appeared to have gone into hiding. It transpired that he had learned too much about the new "Snow White" syndicate; part of him had been chopped off with a machete; he was holed up in a suburb, half starved, scabrous and nursing a septic leg.

The author continued his search for the Great Cocaine Story (perhaps "sniffed around" would be more appropriate), meeting peddlers, traffickers and strong-arm men, in a phantasmagoric haze of alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and "basuko" a powder made from cocaine base. "He handed me a joint and I took my first hit of basuko. Into the arms of "la morenita", the brown-haired girl, sweet little step-daughter to "la blanca," the white lady.

He traced the Snow White syndicate to a slaughter-house where he was nearly discovered and might have been himself strung on a hook. He bullied information out of an addict with promises of a thousand-dollar loan. He posed as a European buyer, was found out in deception, and blackmailed into smuggling a load of cocaine on to a Swedish ship - a blood curdling episode that luckily ended in fiasco.

The Santa Marta drug traffickers threaten to "check his oil" or stick a knife into him. His Scottish friend vanishes after stealing cash and cocaine from a dealer in Medellin.

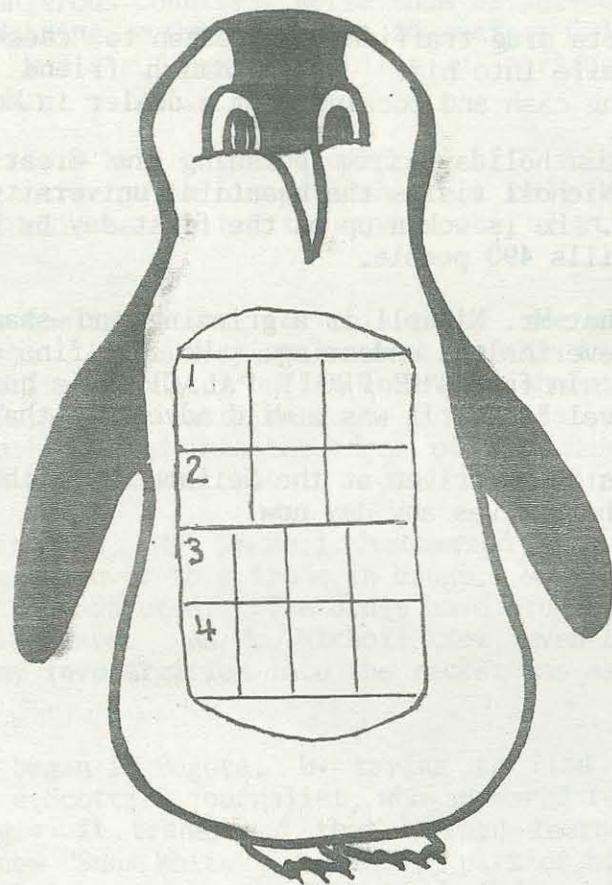
In one of his holidays from pursuing the Great Cocaine Story, Mr. Nicholl visits the beautiful university town of Buenaventura. He is woken up on the first day by an earthquake that kills 490 people.

It appears that Mr. Nicholl is a grinning and shameless rascal but nevertheless endearing. He is a fine descriptive writer. In fact THE FRUIT PALACE is a quite extraordinary travel book. It was a wild adventure that came off.

This book has just arrived at the Neilson Hays Library and will be on the shelves any day now.



PENGUIN PUZZLE



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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. I walk on this. | 3. I have no lips but a..... |
| 2. I lay this. | 4. I eat this. |

Some chilly jokes for the cool season.

First : What nationality are you?

Second : My mother was from Iceland and my father was from Cuba so I suppose I'm an ice cube.

Why is it difficult to keep a secret in the North Pole?
Because teeth tend to chatter.

What do Eskimoes call their money? Iced lolly.

Do you know why Eskimoes eat candles?
For "light refreshment."

What is an Ig? An Eskimo's house without a loo.

Did you know that an igloo is so strong that a polar bear can climb over it without breaking it?

What's white, furry and smells of mint?

A polo bear.

Why is a bald man's head like Alaska?

It's a great white bear place.

What's red, black and white?

A sunburnt penguin.

Why don't elephants eat penguins? They can't get the wrappers off.

What's black and white, black and white, black and white?
A penguin rolling down a hill.

What animal has two humps and is found at the North Pole?
A lost camel.



Grapevine



Thanks to PATRICIA LEWIS and the Mums for all their hard work on the Children's Christmas Parties.... A big thankyou also to Santa Claus (1), (alias Patrick (M15) Brook) and Santa Claus (2) (alias A.W. Atkinson) who, with only 5 minutes to curtain time, so kindly filled the vacancy left by Santa (1) when he called in sick.... what did happen at the under 5's party?

.... A big hand for our valiant MC at the "Snakepit" who discharged himself from hospital so as not to disappoint all those hundreds of snake lovers. It really is malaria, folks, so stop all those nasty rumours - he caught it in Hua Hin which is a long way from where we thought he might have caught what we thought he might have caught.

.... An elephant and Santa Claus turned up at the Bangkok Patana School Christmas Party and one of them was played by Bob Coombes (Good luck with the Angus Steak House in Soi Pipat - no connection with elephants!)

.... A sad farewell to Marlene Wiggins Brooke and Simon Brooke Wiggins, long time members of the British Club and hosts of the Embassy Scottish Dancing Club. Mairhead Sweeney will be taking over and the Wednesday night boozy knees-ups will resume in the New Year. All are welcome.

.... The St. Andrew's Society are justly proud of their Vice-Chieftain. After all it's not everyone who can fall asleep at the St. Andrew's breakfast in mid-conversation while sitting upright on a dining room chair - and still be there half an hour later turning pink in the morning sunshine.

.... All contributions should be placed in a sealed plain wrapper, marked 'Outpost - confidential' and left with the Receptionist.... she could do with a good laugh.



“Reassess our life style? Why?”



BRIDGE

Recently the Monday bridge evenings at the British Club have been sparsely attended, and therefore the regular players have been suffering from a lack of competition and challenge from new blood.

ALL CURRENT PLAYERS WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME MORE BRIDGE PLAYERS TO THIS FRIENDLY EVENING OF ENJOYABLE BRIDGE ENCOMPASSING A WIDE RANGE OF ABILITIES.

Any new and existing players, please contact Mike Evans 252 9871-9 to give their opinions on changing the evening of play from Monday to Tuesday, as some people have suggested that Tuesday may be more convenient.

Play resumes after the Christmas break on January 6.

A Happy Christmas & a Prosperous New Year to all.

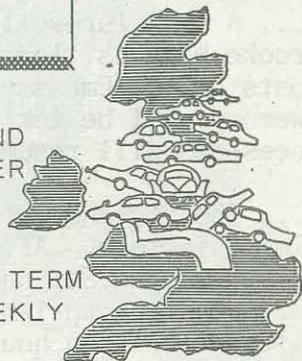
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CRICKET

December again, and all over the English-speaking world thoughts turn once more to that most dearly-loved and traditional of all annual festivities, the beginning of the cricket season in Bangkok. Preparations seem to start earlier each year: Mac was practising rubbing his shoulder back in October; an early sighting of the migratory Sid was reported; Jack's worried "will-we-have-enough" face changed even more rapidly than normal into his worried "shit-we've-got-too-many" face (this change reverses direction sometime around early February); and the British Club by the time this article goes to press have already played six matches.

True, the first match was an unrecorded warm-up against the newly-formed Wanderers; BC batsmen all got a reasonable bit of match practice and most got into double figures; "new find Cliss Old" - as the "Post" has memorably named our new leg-spinner Neville Clissold - took a wicket with his first ball in Thailand and generally mesmerised the opposing batsmen; unfortunately, an RBSC opener was to make very good use of his experience of being caught at mid-off off Neville when they faced each other again in our first competitive match of the season.

BC vs RBSC, 1 December. Marshall Trophy. BC lost by 5 wickets

BC had a more antipodean look about it than in recent years as it lined up for pictures at the Polo Club, with New Zealander Pat Patterson and new Aussies Cliss Old and John Bertacco joining old Aussie Charlie Price; but with no Canadians (see last "Outpost") and no Jeff Parry, the bulk of the team was still provided by the Brits, especially Alistair Rider. Terry Adams and John opened and got off to a steady start before John was bowled with the total on 17. Our "class" batsman Price tripped over the boundary on his way out to the wicket but managed to avoid it on his way back to the pavilion two minutes later. "Tonker" Adams and Cliss Old then set about building a VERY patient partnership worth 14 runs. The middle order then provided us with something of a batting feast, Nick White scoring 41 runs in just over an hour, Steve Bolton, making full use of a dropped catch before he'd scored, making 22, and Rider playing as we'd always known he could and making 41 not out in as many balls as the lower wickets tumbled about him.

Some indication of the seriousness with which RBSC took this game is shown by the two opening bowlers who, having taken all the wickets between them, were kept on for all but seven of the overs.

BC's total of 149, using 44 of the allotted 45 overs, did not really look enough, but when the first three RBSC wickets fell for 27 and we still had Neville the Secret Weapon up our sleeve, hopes were high that we could do it.

However, it was not to be. Neville failed to produce the expected crop of wickets, foiled by some excellent batting from the opening batsman who had seen him the previous week; Mac did a Dave Smith (see "Outpost" May 1984) and had to be rested; and even Nick White began pitching the ball in the block-hole (at his end, unfortunately). All in all, though, BC stuck well to the task and it was 42 overs before RBSC passed the modest target.

BC vs Chiangmai, 7 December. Richard Woods Trophy.

BC won by 41 runs

In what is always one of the most enjoyable fixtures of the season, BC batted first and once again found runs difficult to come by on a slow but unpredictable Chiangmai pitch. Nick and Alistair were again in the runs with 22 and 20 respectively, but it was Neville who provided the backbone to the innings with a patient and well-deserved 56. This week there was more support from the other batsmen, and three others scored double figures before the innings was closed after 50 overs at 162 for 8. Jack Dunford altruistically and unselfishly put himself at number 11 and thus failed to get a bat, having done something similar the week before when, batting at number ten, he had done a very good imitation of a number eleven.

When Chiangmai batted, they also struggled to keep up a reasonable scoring rate but nevertheless they had reached 41 without loss when Jack called on Neville to bowl. The results were spectacular, as five Chiangmai batsmen fell for 26 off his first six overs; with another wicket provided by a superb run-out throw from Steve Bolton on the boundary, Chiangmai were struggling at 82 for 6. Then came a worrying time for BC as old foe Tony Buckley found a partner to stay with him and began to get hold of the BC attack. The 100 was passed with a huge six back over Neville's head. Two balls later, another big hit carried to David Hall at mid-off and was caught with an ease which suggests, incorrectly, that he does this sort of thing all the time. (Modesty prevents me from mentioning that this

was the sort of catch old men will tell their great-grandchildren about many years from now.) After that the rest of the innings folded with two late wickets to Nick and another Steve Bolton run out, and Chiangmai were all out for 121 in 40 overs.

Although dominated by Neville's feats with bat (56) and ball (6-53), this had been an excellent all-round team performance characterised by tight bowling, steady batting, and very keen fielding. Rider had a triumphant day behind the stumps, stumping two, catching one, and letting only two byes through. Geoff Thompson took a spectacular one-handed overhead catch. And Jack, as skipper, kept a very tight grip on the situation.

Which is more than can be said for him once the match was over.

The thirst induced by the long day in the field, the long stretch of time between the end of the game and the evening barbecue, and the abundant supply of alcoholic refreshment laid on by Chiangmai, all combined with the unaccustomed (indeed, unknown) elation of winning the trophy to produce a clutch of BC evening performances not seen since the days of Gordon Bells (see "Outpost" January 1984). Notlob's series of spectacular dives (no hands), Jack's fine exhibition of "swing", and Rider's forearm action on more than one occasion that night, will long be remembered by those sober enough to remember anything (Nadia).

BC vs Chiangmai, 8 December. Friendly. BC lost by 34 runs

In retrospect, perhaps both sides were suffering a little from the effects of the night before, but that's not the way it seemed at the time, and some very keen bowling and fielding performances were seen in this 30-over match. Jack won the toss again and put the opposition in. The opening batsman was unlucky enough to get a fast ball from White which pitched half-way down the wicket and shot along the ground to the stumps. With the first ball of his second over, White had the number three spooning a simple catch to Bolton at silly mid-on. He was then rested with figures of 2 for 3 off 3 overs. Chiangmai continued to suffer, however, as their two hardest-hitting batsmen were bowled in consecutive wicket maidens from Pat Patterson, and Luke Hornby took his first wicket for BC. With five wickets down for 33 runs, BC let up a little and the sixth wicket was allowed to put on 37 somewhat streaky runs. At this point the Chiangmai top scorer helped things along by running out a couple of partners, and was then clean bowled when the doc was brought back for one eventful over containing a wide, a no-ball and two wickets. In the general cascade of wickets,

both Jack and John managed their first wickets of the season, and the eleventh wicket fell with the score on 88 after 24.5 overs. (No, "eleventh" is not a mistake; this was a 12-a-side match.) Nick White finished with 4 for 5 off 4 overs, and Pat with 2 for 16 off 6. It was a very satisfied and confident BC side who washed down the customary large Chiangmai lunch with G & T and decided on an experimental batting order which involved the openers going in at 10 and 11.

The rest is an old familiar story as far as BC are concerned. The day's openers, Rider and Bolton, both managed to get themselves bowled in the first over of the innings, and things went fairly rapidly downhill after that. At 17 for 4 there was brief hope for BC as White and Hall put on 23 for the fifth wicket, but then the last seven wickets fell for just 14 runs. Only Nick White got into double figures, continuing a fine start to the season with another 23 runs. 22 wickets - 13 of them bowled - had fallen for just 142 runs in less than 46 overs during the day's cricket. I don't think the pitch can be held entirely responsible for such abysmally low scoring, but it will be interesting to see what happens to other teams in Chiangmai as the season wears on. Their next visit - from RBSC on the weekend before Christmas - will already have been played by the time this report appears.

To the stock of train-incident stories can be added David Hall's interrogation at midnight for having had the bunks opened by unqualified people and Terry Adams' failure to get a second dinner despite the fact that the restaurant car was not due to close for another hour.

The Sunday result notwithstanding, this annual pre-season visit to Chiangmai confirmed itself as one providing lasting memories for BC cricketers and their supporters; many thanks to Chiangmai for making it memorable.

Jack's 50th Match as Captain

BC vs Indian CC, 14 December. 50-over league.

BC won by 8 wickets

Jack celebrated his 50th match as captain by losing the toss for the first time this season, but it soon began to look like a good toss to lose as the early Indian batsmen collapsed against the opening attack of White and Patterson, backed up by some excellent fielding and catching by B.C. Seven Indian batsmen were back in the pavilion for only

47 runs, before the tail started wagging and the last three wickets put on 58 runs, aided by some rather less impressive BC fielding and catching. Nick finished with 4 for 21 off 14 overs, Pat with 2 for 27, Neville with 2 for 32 off 11 overs, and Craig got the final wicket off his one over for two runs. When BC batted, a transformed Terry Adams started with 9 off his first four balls before being caught off a straight drive. John Bertacco was joined by Craig Price and together these two put on 80 runs in even time. John was unlucky to be out on 47, stumped off the Indian skipper's first ball. Craig stayed to the end, finishing on 42 not out, and Nick White finished the proceedings with a towering six back over the bowler's head.

This was a very satisfying start to the league season, an eight-wicket victory against last season's joint champions; it was, needless to say, celebrated fairly liberally, on the pretext of its being Jack's jubilee match, in the bar afterwards.

BC vs RBSC, 15 December. 30-over league. BC lost by 4 wickets

Jack won the toss and, with White and Bertacco still out negotiating the horrendous (they said) Bangkok traffic, finally decided to bat with Terry and Craig opening. Terry was once again in aggressive mood, hitting 15 out of the opening partnership of 22 before being bowled. This signalled the start of a familiar BC procession, as one batsman after another walked out for extremely temporary occupancy of the crease. Craig was in sparkling form, however, and as wickets tumbled at the other end he was hitting 61 runs off 60 balls, with nine fours and a six. None of the other BC batsmen got into double figures, although Jack was not out on 9 at the end, and we were all out for 110 after using only 24.2 of the allotted 30 overs. Pat removed both RBSC openers with only 22 on the board; all five of the BC bowlers were used before the 15-over break and all bowled so economically that RBSC had scored only 39 for 2 and had increased their required run-rate of just over 3½ an over to almost five an over. The last fifteen overs were predictably tense as the game swung backwards and forwards; the tension was perhaps responsible for a few fumbblings in the field as RBSC began to go for risky singles, and Neville, brought back for his last two overs, proved a bit expensive as batsmen were prepared to chance their arms. Four more wickets fell (including a "Stumped Rider, Bowled Clissold" for the fourth time this season) before RBSC finally passed our total with only six balls to go. As so often in the past against the RBSC, it

seemed to be a case of a match which we really ought to have won and which we threw away, first by not having batsmen prepared to apply themselves and stay with Craig, then by giving runs away in the field. Five bonus points were nevertheless salvaged from the wreckage and although two victories against three defeats is about par for BC, there is considerable optimism that we can live up to the "Post" description of us as one of the strongest BC outfits ever fielded. (For similar sentiments, see "Outpost" January edition, almost any year.)

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DARTS

I'm sure you'll be pleased and not a little surprised to learn that the Lillywhites have not been defeated since "Outpost" was last published!

After Jusmag avoided us on 4th July and Thanksgiving Day, we all dutifully turned up at Sathorn Road on 3rd December with our strongest squad, only to find that our opponents had avoided us for the third time. We have therefore claimed a 17-0 walkover! We don't like to win this way because it limits our private contests to see who gets the most tons. So, assuming we get the credit of those points we will end up third in the Thailand Cups and Trophies Division of the Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League. Sadly though, it won't be enough to get us any trophies.

With the league finished we received a bye in the first round of the knockout cup and last week, would you believe, we actually beat "Green" to enter the third round. Considering they play in Division 1 and beat us 11-6 in a cross-division (cross-cultural?) match, it was an excellent result.

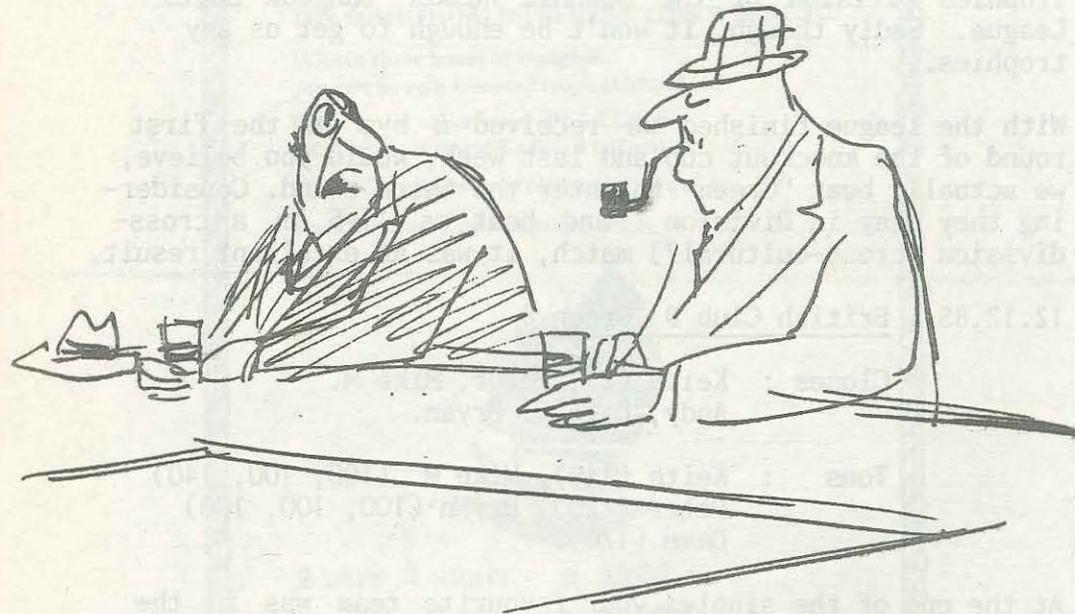
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Closes : Keith (2), Peter, Mike M.
 Andy, Dave F. Bryan.

Tons : Keith (140), Mike M. (100, 100, 140)
 Peter (120), Bryan (100, 100, 100)
 Dave (120).

At the end of the singles your favourite team was in the lead by 5-1 and started heading for the bar for refills. The Kloster was working, you see, and we didn't want to get back on the soda trail too quickly. Well, we won only one of the doubles, courtesy of Keith and were then only 7-5 up with the triples and team game to go. The first triple featuring the 'strong' team of Mike Majer, Keith and Terry narrowly lost, so it was up to Bryan, Peter and Dave Ferguson to win or lose the match. Well, class tells in the end for after an embarrassingly large number of attempts at all kinds of doubles by both teams, Bryan finally got the double 1. After that the least we could do was give away the team game.

Don't forget to read next month how we survived the Christmas Ball, Christmas itself and got into the final of the Johnnie Walker League Knockout competition and how Dan Dare (you still remember Dan Dare?) got a ton for us with every throw in the final, and how after such an exhausting season we all collapsed under the weight of all the trophies presented to us at the banquet, and how....we all wish you a very happy 1986!



"Sure, I'm a loser, and I'm proud of it. I deplore a society where winning is everything!"



RUGBY

This will be a relatively short report this month owing to:

- (a) lack of any reportable activity by the rugby section and
- (b) the writer being pre-occupied with a moving experience (Silom to Rajdamri) and thus forgetting to write anything prior to the deadline.

The new editorial regime (Well done in the last issue!) have, however, given a short grace period and insisted on a few words.

The only item worth noting is that we have confirmed our commitment to take part in the Singapore Sevens - unfortunately the same weekend as the inter-societies golf tournament. Travel plans are still being formulated but we envisage flying down on the morning of Friday February 21, playing Saturday and Sunday and returning on Monday February 24 which is a public holiday in Thailand. We are currently contacting the likely playing participants but supporters are welcome (especially since increased numbers may allow us to negotiate airline and hotel discounts). Interested parties should contact Terry Smith (tel. 391-5832 at home; new office number to be announced when T.O.T. get round to installing one).

Rugby story of the week

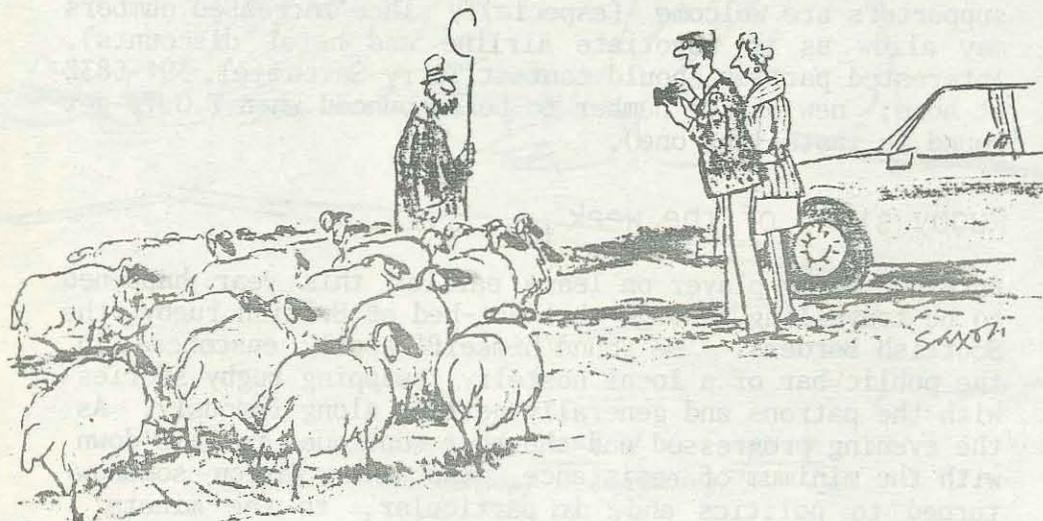
An expat rugby player on leave earlier this year happened to be travelling through that hot-bed of British rugby, the Scottish Borders. He found himself happily ensconced in the public bar of a local hostelry, swapping rugby stories with the patrons and generally getting along famously. As the evening progressed and the beer continued to slip down with the minimum of resistance, the conversation somehow turned to politics and, in particular, to the miners' strike recently ended.

"I think Arthur Scargill has a face like a sheep's bum", quoth our hero to the nearest worthy, who just happened to be the tight-head prop of the local first fifteen. The words had barely left his lips when they were replaced by what has sometimes been described as a knuckle sandwich.

The impact shattered the visitor's upper dental plate and so intent was he on salvaging the parts of this expensively inserted prosthetic device that he barely noticed the several following blows which brought him to his knees.

Struggling back to his feet he mumbled an apology to his assailant through rapidly thickening lips. "I'm sorry," he said, "I didn't realise you were a miner".

"I'm not", replied the prop, "I'm a shepherd".



"Would you mind if I took a picture of you all as a group?"



SNOOKER

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Since our team tournament has finished, the cues have been quiet. However, starting early in 1986, our club trophies will again be played for. Keep your eyes on the notice board for up-coming events on Wednesday nights.

Congratulations to our team for their all-round British Club Sports Day glory. Des Smith, David Hall, Jack Dunford and Ron Armstrong combined well to capture the honours.

WELL DONE TEAM!!

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TENNIS

OUR TEAM PARTICIPATES IN RBSC 7th CYCLE TOURNAMENT

Over the weekend of 22-24 November 1985, the Tennis Section of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club held a 7th CYCLE INVITATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT to commemorate the club's eighty-fourth birthday.

Our British Club team joined with eleven other in-country teams along with five teams from abroad to compete on the grass courts of the Sports Club over the three-day period.

The teams from abroad included: the Penang Sports Club, the Royal Selangor Golf Club, the Lake Club (the latter two from Kuala Lumpur), the Singapore Cricket Club and the Manila Polo Club.

The local teams were from: the Korat Municipal Highway Department, Ratchburi Municipal Tennis Club, the Royal Thai Air Force, the Royal Thai Navy, Thammasat University, Chulalongkorn University, the Royal Turf Club, the Medical Society of Thailand and the British Club.

Unfortunately, our British Club team faced two serious problems: one, the holding of the Ploenchit Fair meant the loss of several tennis stalwarts who dutifully gave of their time to the Fair; two, the luck of the draw saw our team meet the number two seeds in the first round.

The format of this team competition was that each team could use 14 players to compete in: two men's open doubles matches, one women's open doubles match and two seniors' doubles matches. In the seniors' pairing, the youngest player of the pair had to be at least 39 years of age and the total age of the pair had to be at least 84 years.

Our best efforts were to no avail as our team, playing on the Sports Club's hard courts, lost to the Singapore Cricket Club zero matches to five. The detailed results are as follows (British Club members cited first):

Men's Doubles:

George Grader and Ken Gilson (guest)
lost to Lim Loo-leong and Tan Poh-seng 2-6, 2-6

Colin Hastings and Peter Vereker
lost to Singapore national players
Albert Tee and Victor Pereira 6-0, 6-1

Women's Doubles:

Prue Pointer and Jackie Gramond
lost to Hilary Havelock and Nina Wing 6-3, 6-2

Men's Senior Doubles:

Gordon Martin and M.R. Krit Devakul (guest)
lost to Michael Wee and John Choy 6-3, 6-4

Roy Fordham and George Grader
lost to David Havelock and Melvin Pereira 6-1, 6-1

Our team's first round loss made us eligible for the Plate Competition. A first round and second round fault by the Medical Society and the Petchburi teams allowed the team to meet the Lake Club in the semi-finals where we lost 1 match to 3. The details are as follows:

Men's Doubles:

Michael McAlister and Gordon Martin
lost to David Sieu and A.N. Other 3-6, 4-6

Michael McAlister and Boakfar Ketunuti (guest)
lost to Malaysian former Davis Cuppers
Abdul Malik and Eddie Chiew 4-6, 4-6

Women's Doubles:

Prue Pointer and Jackie Gramond
lost to Mrs. Abdul Malik and Nancy
Spellman. 6-7, 5-7

Men's Senior Doubles:

George Grader and Ken Gilson
beat Raza Aznin and A.N. Other 6-2, 6-3



SQUASH

By the time this report comes off the presses Christmas and its celebrations will be past and the New Year will be upon us. The joint squash and soccer sections, Hogmanay Disco will have seen in the New Year and no doubt some of the traditional resolutions of abstinence, regular fitness training etc. will already have been forgotten.

On the squash courts, the long awaited January league will be underway with a good entry of ninety plus players keen to get back into the habit of regular bi-monthly leagues.

The handicap competition will be entering its final stages with the final due to be played on Saturday 15 January. The first rounds have been completed at the time of writing with most of the matches producing very close results and due to the accuracy of the handicaps allocated there is no obvious favourite for the title apparent at this stage.

A final look back at 1985 and the close of year ladder activity during December sees Howard Rutter leading in terms of activity having played six games climbing from B5 to A40, whilst newcomer Ian Newth is the highest climber having progressed from A23 to A9. In general there were 23 games played. 17 of which involved flight A players, not a single game involved a flight C participant. From these statistics it is tempting to make the deduction that the more games you play the higher your ladder position will be; hopefully 1986 will see increased activity from players in flights B and C and if anyone should have any ideas on how this could be promoted, your committee would be most grateful for your suggestions.



LADIES' GOLF

By the time you have received this copy of the Outpost, I hope all have enjoyed the Yule-tide season, and my very best wishes to all of you for a very happy and successful golfing year in 1986!

I must also take the opportunity here to thank you all for your help, co-operation and support during our golfing year of 1985.

Welcome to New Members:

Mary Brittain and Wendy Morris --- and a sad goodbye to Anne Swankie. We will miss you and wish you and your family all the best for the future!

Results of Games Played

12 November: Better Nines

Flight A:	Winner	:	Kanda Phillips	
	Runner-up	:	Mo Harris	
Flight B:	Winner	:	Jill Sayer	
	Runner-up	:	Sue Baker	
Nearest Pin		:	Prue Pointer and Mo Harris	
Under Pars		:	Jill Sayer	68
		:	Kanda Phillips	70
		:	Lynn Prochaska	70
		:	Diana Wingfield	71

19 November: Bisque Bogey

Flight A:	Winner	:	Dolores Aaron	+ 6
	Runner-up	:	Anne Hendrie	+ 6
Flight B:	Winner	:	Penny Whalley	+ 8
	Runner-up	:	Sue Baker	+ 7
Nearest Pin		:	Wendy Binns	
Under Par		:	Sue Baker	71
Low Putts		:	Mo Harris	28

26 November: L.G.U. Medal

Silver Division	: Winner	: Mo Harris	78
	: Runner-up	: Joan Jurgens	85
Bronze 1	: Winner	: Kanda Phillips	74
	: Runner-up	: Deanne Boucher	75
Bronze 2	: Winner	: Mariko Shimada	70
	: Runner-up	: Maureen Hyde	76
Nearest Pin	: Mo Harris and Wendy Binns		
Longest Drive	: Wendy Morris		
Under Par	: Mariko Shimada		70

3 & 4 December : B.C.L.G. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
"Le Petit" Trophy

Silver Division	: Winner	: Prue Pointer	139
	: Runner-up	: Anne Hendrie	140
Bronze Division	: Winner	: Mariko Shimada	130
	: Runner-up	: Merle Decot	141
Best 1st Day - Silver	: Joan Jurgens		74
	Bronze	: Janice Dahl	72
	Count-back from	Maureen Hyde	72
Best 2nd Day - Silver	: Lise Dencker Nielsen		73
	Bronze	: Sue Baker	73
Nearest Pins	: Wendy Morris, Joan Jurgens, Anne Hendrie and Lise Dencker Nielsen.		
Longest Drives	: Diana Wingfield and Prue Pointer		
Under Pars	: Prue Pointer	70 and 69!	
	: Mariko Shimada	68 and 62!	
	: Anne Hendrie	68	
	: Merle Decot	68	
	: Janice Dahl	70	

Some fantastic scores! WELL DONE ALL OF YOU!

11 December: Annual Round-up.. Stableford

Winner	: Prue Pointer	42
2nd	: Merle Decot	38
3rd	: Maureen Hyde	38
4th	: Kanda Phillips	37
Nearest Pins	: Prue Pointer and Lise Dencker Nielsen.	
Longest Drive	: Mo Harris	
Under Pars	: Prue Pointer	66! Fantastic!
	: Kanda Phillips	71
	: Merle Decot	69
	: Maureen Hyde	70

Keep up the good golfing!



GOLF

B.C. GOLF

(NOVEMBER 24)

Thirty three golfers competed at the Railway Golf Course sponsored by the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank. The course was in beautiful shape and the weather was especially good.

The results were:

"A" Group

1st	- R. Armstrong	39 pts
2nd	- D. Frost	35 "
1st Nine	- P. Young	20 "
2nd Nine	- J. Miller-Sterling	17 "

"B" Group

1st	- L. Houghton	40 pts
2nd	- K. Ross	38 "
1st Nine	- M. Harris	18 "
2nd Nine	- M. Baker	18 "

Closest Pin : A. Phillips, D. Smith
R. Armstrong, J. Addis

Long Drives - Men - D. Cadwallader
Ladies - S. Voravarn

Booby Prize - Tan Frost

Most Strokes on Hole #5 - E. Turner

GOLF ROUND UP

HUA HIN

Friday December 6 - Thai-Australia C.C. vs B.C.

Although the Chamber managed to field only two golfers, they eventually won the fun match. Sixteen golfers turned up for the weekend of golf so split 8 to 8 it was a good competition.

Final Count : ATCC - 146 pts
B.C. - 143 pts

The scores were:

"A" Group

1st	- R. Armstrong	33 pts
2nd	- T. Moran	29 "
1st Nine	- D. Williamson	
2nd Nine	- E. Jurgens	

"B" Group

1st	- Pam Smith	35 pts
2nd	- J. Auger	30 "
1st Nine	- E. Turner	
2nd Nine	- P. Whalley	

Closest Pin - Ernie Jurgens

Long Drives - D. Frost, J. Jurgens

Saturday December 10 - Golfers Cocktail Lounge vs B.C.

Eighty-five golfers (54 G.C.L. and 31 B.C.) contested for the "Mooney Bell". The defending champs - British Club - found the competition very stiff and eventually folded under heavy pressure.

Team score: G.C.L. - 715
B.C. - 649

The individual top score was 42 pts scored by Ted Untalan of the Cocktail Lounge. He was a very deserving winner with a 75 gross score.

The top B.C. golfer was Tom Moran with 38 pts.

This annual skirmish was co-sponsored by American Express (Thailand) Ltd.

Sunday December 11

The regular B.C. outing sponsored by Chartered Bank saw 35 golfers tee off on the much improved Railway Course at Hua Hin.

Several competitions took place during this match and some phenomenal results occurred. A new "Ambassador's Trophy" was presented after the match to the first winner - Eric Turner - who was top player in flight "B". The trophy was donated to the golf section by His Excellency Justin Staples, the British Ambassador who will shortly be leaving Thailand. He has been a keen golfer with the section over the past years and will be missed by all.

The Left-Handers Plate was also contested for a second year. A strong pair of "righties" again defeated the "lefties" - 72 points to 65.

Roger King and Dave Williamson beat Des Smith and Tom Moran.

Other scores were:

"A" Group

1st	- Roger King	36 pts
2nd	- D. Williamson	36 "
1st Nine	- Tom Moran	20 "
2nd Nine	- D. Johnston	18 "

"B" Group

1st	- Eric Turner	36 pts
2nd	- Mo Harris	34 "
1st Nine	- Pam Smith	17 "
2nd Nine	- Mike Baker	17 "

Closest Pin - Tom Moran, David Frost, J. Jurgens, Des Smith.

Long Drives - Men - D. Johnston
Ladies - J. Jurgens

On Sunday evening, a barbecue was held at the Royal Garden Hotel where a small group of 30 enjoyed a good meal with lots of "free spirits" flowing.

Captain David Frost thanked H.E. Justin Staples for the lovely new trophy; thanked all the golfers for their support in 1985; thanked all the sponsors for being so generous and also thanked the committee for their assistance in 1985. He announced that the AGM would be held on January 7, 1986 at the British Club where a free buffet with wine would be provided.

Prizes were distributed, fireworks were lit by Tan Frost, the captain's wife, and a good time was had by all.

On Monday December 12 a small group played a 4-club competition, but as there were two groups at different times, the results were not available for this report.

INTER SOCIETY GOLF WEEKEND TO BE HELD OVER
THE LONG WEEKEND OF 22ND TO 24TH FEBRUARY 1986

Come to Hua Hin for the inter-societies annual golf tournament. For further information see next month's copy of Outpost or contact:

- I. Hendrie (provisional) - St. Andrew's
- J. Morgan - St. David's
- D. Frost - St. George's
- R. Armstrong - St. Patrick's

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Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the British Club in December 1985

ORDINARY:

Mr. D.J. Brittain	ICI (Thailand) Ltd.
Mr. R.A. Freeman	NECCO
Mr. J.K. Gidley	NL Sperry-Sun
Mr. B.J. Human	Grindlays Bank PLC
Mr. E.A. Jackson	Thai Shell E & P Co., Ltd.
Mr. A.B. MacDonald	EEC Delegation
Mr. J.D. Morgan	Clarkson (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
Mr. N.J. Newton	Department of Land
Mr. B. Quartermain	World Arabian Thai Intertrade
Mr. B. Smit	Ted Bates Thailand Ltd.
Mr. D.G. Street	Minet (Thailand) Ltd.

NON-VOTING:

Mr. F.H. Elderfield	Transmission Engineering Co.
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LADIES PRIVILEGES:

Miss A.C.L. Davidson	Saudi Arabian Airlines
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UP-COUNTRY:

Mr. F.J. Kirkland	Industrial Investment Co., Ltd.
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ASSOCIATE:

Mrs. W. Herman	Universal Language Centre
Mr. R.D. Sutfin	Cargill Ltd.

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	9
Ordinary	334
Non-Voting	5
Associate	51
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	21
Candidates	42
	TOTAL
	496
Absent	819
	GRAND TOTAL
	<u>1315</u>

ACTIVITIES

Anyone who is interested in participating in any aspect of the following activities should contact:

Billiards/Snooker	Ron Armstrong	390/2445
Bridge	Geoff Crittenden	391 4849
Cricket	Jack Dunford	234 0098
Darts	Mike Majer	513 1970
Golf	David Frost	258 5093
Ladies Golf	Mrs. M. Harris	258 5603
Rugby	Terry Smith	236 9507
Soccer	Steve Castledine	252 8141
Squash	Peter Young/ Tom Annas	252 8216 233 0649
Swimming Practice (Khun Choon)	Mrs. E. Majer	252 7492
Swimming Gala	Mrs. E. Majer	252 7492
Tennis	Bruce Pointer	233 2020

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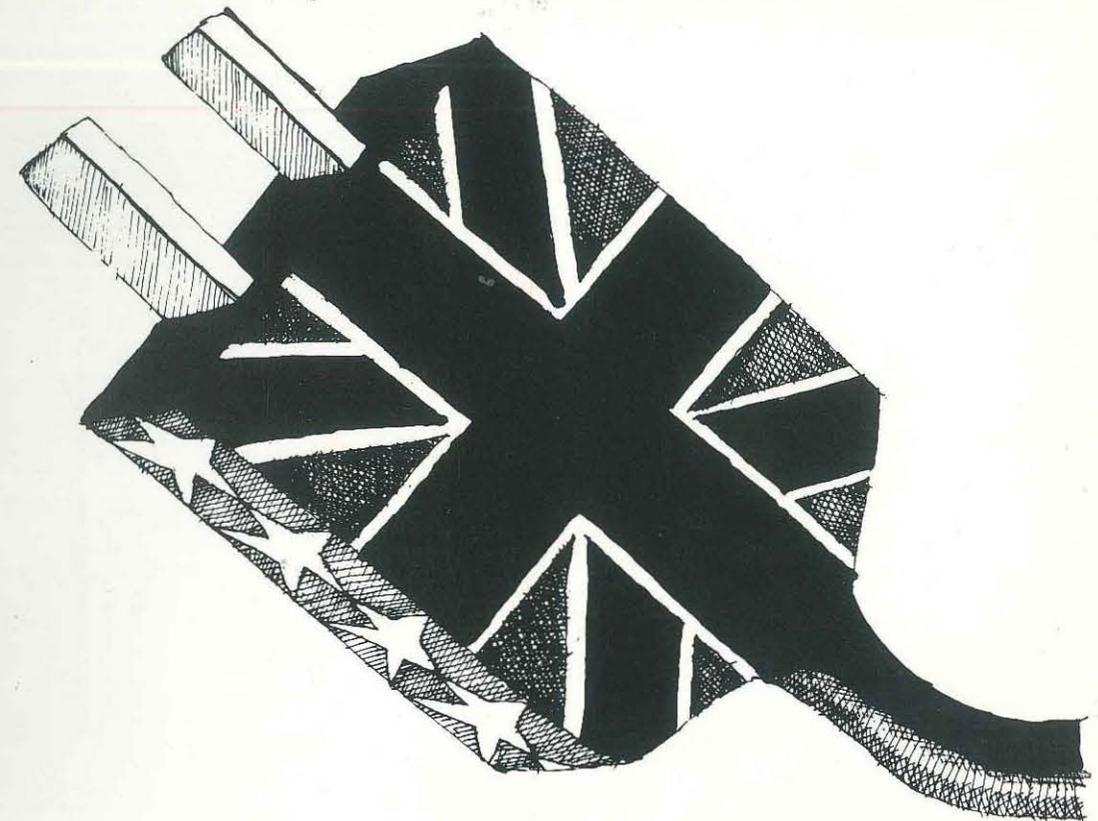
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