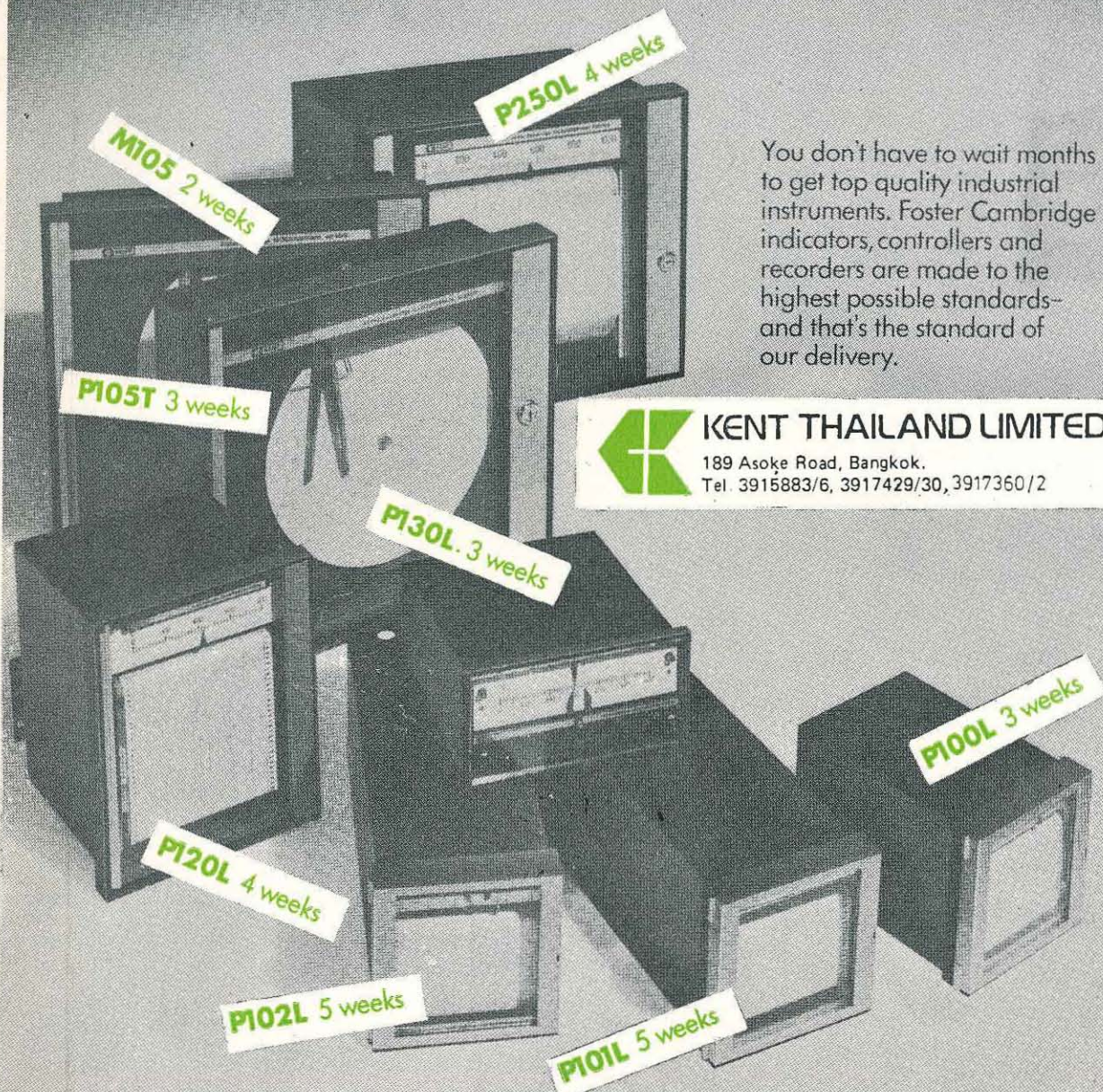


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Cinema Room on Monday 26 February at 5.30 p.m.

BOOKING OF PREMISES

Members who book parts of the Club premises for use by a non-club organisation are reminded that such requests must be approved by the General Committee.

WINE SPECIALS

The wine specials for February will be:

Cotes du Rhone	Baht 125.-
Casal Garcia	Baht 110.-
Mateus	Baht 110.-

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to membership of the Club in January 1979:

Ordinary

Mr. I.B. Brenton	P. Fraenkel Partners
Mr. L. Demery	UN
Mr. E.J. Durham	Thai Industrial Gases
Mr. D.H. Kenneally	Thai Industrial Gases
Mr. M.A. Oppertshausen	Canadian Embassy

Ladies Privileges

Mrs. E.J. Uahwatanasakul	Housewife
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NEW MEMBERS NIGHTS

New Members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Reading Room at 5.30 p.m. on the following days:

Tuesday 6 February (Closing date 3 February).

Tuesday 6 March (Closing date 3 March)

Candidates and sponsors are invited to bring their wives to the New Members Night which will take the form of an informal drinks gathering. Dress: Tie (but no jacket) or Safari Suit.

Dining Room/Bar News

Any item from the main Dining Room menu may now be served in the Bar on request.

Ladies Advisory Committee

The members of the main committee would like to thank the Ladies Advisory Committee for all their help in arranging the following social events:

The Childrens' Party

The Teenagers' Dance

The Christmas Ball

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Grateful thanks go to the following people for their considerable help and efforts in organising the Childrens' Christmas parties which were a great success:-

David Bailey

Bradey Crump

Caroline Davidson

Margaret Fleming

Mary Gilbert

Liam Jamieson

Co McCall

Cathy Spratt

Joyce Walsingham

Beth Weymouth

Anne Workman

TWO OF OUR CHAPS ARE MISSING

El Salvador Earlier in the day the British Club cricket team had been whopped by the Army boys from Belize.

And even now, though everybody was boogying like mad to the Beatles, you could tell their hearts weren't in it.

The club's walls told their own story: A painting of the Spitfire that the club's founder gave to the wartime RAF; enough placards and silver cups to start a foundry.

That week there'd been a meeting of the Union Jack Society, two rehearsals of the Drama Club's Christmas production "Jack and the Beanstalk" and tonight's cricket dance.

But something was wrong.

Although no one would mention it, two of the club's members were absent; Ian Massie and Michael Chatterton who'd only arrived with their wives three months ago had been kidnapped 48 hours earlier by terrorists.

"We thought of cancelling the cricket match," said club president Earl Sutherland. "But we thought it really would not help them and life's got to go on."

To understand the senseless kidnapping of Massie and Chatterton, it is necessary to try to understand the social forces at work in this tiny country on the Pacific coast of Central America.

More than anywhere else in Central America the wealth in El Salvador is concentrated in a few hands.

While the landless peasants live and die in mud hut squalor ("They live like serfs in Europe 400 years ago," one priest tole me) "The 14" rich families own the majority of property.

Against such a background is being fought a bloody combat in which both sides are playing tit-for-tat atrocity.

On one side: An increasingly strong coalition of workers, militant peasants, students, and a considerable number of liberal Roman Catholic priests.

Then there are the three terrorist groups which over the past few years have been orchestrating a mounting campaign of assassinations, bombings and kidnapers.

On the other side: a paramilitary group known as the white Warrior Union which has claimed responsibility for much violence, especially against the progressive police -- and which is said to be composed of Army officers, politicians and landowners associated with the Government.

In addition an "official" vigilante force is said to have conducted a campaign of rape and terror against peasants squatting on farm land.

The deepest fears of the country's rulers are that the peasant uprising of 1932 that was put down with the loss of over 20,000 lives will be repeated.

A Jesuit report recently recorded.

"Slowly they begin to understand that their hunger, their diseases, the infant mortality, their unemployment, unpaid wages, were not the will of God, but the result of the greed of a few Salvadorians and their own patriotism."

Which is why the kidnapping of Massie and Chatterton is so absurdly tragic.

In order to claw its way out of poverty El Salvador desperately needs the foreign investment that the two abducted Britons represent.

Meanwhile this week, as prayers are offered, the British Club will try, somewhat against the odds, to continue business as usual. -- London Express Service.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

With effect from 1 January 1979 the rates payable to staff assisting at Members homes will be:-

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- b. Over 4 hours - 10 Baht per hour or part hour
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ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 1979

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

12 Feb - MAKHA BUCHA DAY

WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	BRIDGE	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
	CRICKET NET	5.30 p.m.
Wednesday	FOOTBALL TRAINING	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
	BACKGAMMON	7.30 p.m.
Friday	CLASSICAL BALLET	2 p.m.

SECTION EVENTS

Sat 3	- <u>Tennis.</u>	Club Championships
Thu 8	- <u>Darts.</u>	League
Sat 10	- <u>Tennis.</u>	Club Championships
	<u>Golf.</u>	Society Weekend at Hua Hin
Sat 24	- <u>Tennis.</u>	Finals Club Championships
Sun 25	- <u>Tennis.</u>	Finals Club Championships
	<u>Golf.</u>	Unico - Single Stableford

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRITISH CLUB 1979
FEBRUARY 1979

We are happy to announce that the British Club Tennis Championships 1979 will take place during February.

The following events will be held:-

Mens Singles	- Horne Trophy
Ladies Singles	- Kinnaird Cup
Mens Doubles	- Spink Cup
Ladies Doubles	- Docherty Plate
Mixed Doubles	- St Johns Cup

Semi-Finals and Finals will be played on the weekend of February 24th/25th - and depending upon the number of entries eliminating matches will be played on preceeding weekends - commencing either the 3rd or 10th of February. Wherever possible playing arrangements will be made to suit members convenience in the eliminating rounds. Entries are invited by January 31st latest, from all members of the Club - entry forms are available from the Club Office or by contacting members of the coordinating committee, who are:

John McDermott	Tel. 391-5275
Tessa Wells	Tel. 252-2074
Vernon Hall	Tel. 252-6407
Malcolm Kelsey	Tel. 392-3094

Members wishing to play in any doubles events, who may not have a partner, should submit an entry form and the committee will do their best to arrange a suitable partner.

All matches will be the best of 3 sets.

This is a sporting/social event, accordingly entries are invited from both inexperienced and experienced players.

Closing date for Entries is January 31st.

Tennis Committee

TENNIS

The New Year started well with great enthusiasm and successes in matches with the International Sports and Recreation Club.

At ISRC we won overall with our men leading 2 to 1 and the ladies level-pegging.

In the return match, given the advantages of the grass bouncing for us, but also with greater enthusiasm and organisation, we triumphed 3 to 1 in both the ladies and mens events and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Over 22 players were involved in these matches, but we still need more racket-wielders and all interested (experienced or not) are urged to participate in the club championships in February (separate details are included in this bulletin).

Work has commenced on court improvements aimed at having the best possible conditions for the annual championships. This will entail the temporary closure of selected courts -- in the ultimate interest of all - and members are asked to check the bookings register (by the poolside bar) for details in advance, to avoid disappointments.

Naturally courts will also be closed at various times during the championship tournament (especially at weekends) and again details of these closures will be confirmed as early as possible at the bookings register.

SQUASH SECTION

Christmas Eve Round Robin Handicap. 24 people entered this tournament, which was divided into morning and afternoon groups. In the morning group, Cindy Thomson won and Judy Harrison was runner-up; in the afternoon John Blay was followed past the post by Barry Blundell.

The 22nd Squash League, now in progress, has only 105 entrants after the withdrawal of your correspondent, restricted for a few weeks to such activities as he can manage left-handed, such as drinking.

At the time of going to press, it is still expected that Court 2 will be closed for some weeks during the league, for re-flooring and painting. A circular will be sent round as soon as a date has been set. The league will be extended beyond March 5th to take account of whatever period Court 2 is out of use.

Results of 20th League. There was a mistake in the list of results in last month's newsletter. Neville Downer and Nick Launder came equal first in Division 2.

Don Johnston Cup/Parra Handy Plate. This tournament will be played in March, as usual, with the finals (provisionally) on Thursday 5th April, on which evening (also provisionally) there will also be a poolside squash social. Make a note, and meanwhile, to enter the tournament, fill in the slip enclosed with this newsletter. The D.J.C. is the club's squash championship and the plate is a competition for those who come second in the first-round matches (seeded draw). Recalling the final of the Plate last year when before a packed gallery Norm Stanley (gone but not forgotten) couldn't quite pull it off after an amazing comeback (5-9, 0-9, 9-7, 10-8, 7-9!) there is sure to be great interest in this year's plate competition and remember all you have to do to be in it is lose (who said throw?) your first-round D.J. match.

Don Johnston Cup holder: John Weymouth

Parra Handy Plate holder: Brian Heath

4th East Asian Squash Championships

This is something else again. For 4 days in April (12th to 15th), Bangkok squash fans will be able to see in action the best in Asia this side of the Bay of Bengal. This championship is a team contest and six countries, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand will be represented. The bulk of the action will be at the Sports Club but we shall be staging some of the matches on our courts. Watch for details.

Soccer Section - Mid Season Report

Our chances of regaining the Farang League Championship in 1979 are still in the balance after a rather mediocre first half of the season. Our recent loss by 0-1 to the Scandinavians has certainly made our forthcoming task during the second half of the season significantly more difficult.

However at the half way stage our record reads.

Played 8 : Won 3 : Drawn 2 : Lost 3 : Goals For 19 : Goals Against 16 and our playing record as follows:

V Swiss	L 1-5	Boustead
V Indians	L 0-4	
V T.S.D.	W 2-0	Lenaghan (2)
V Germans	W 6-1	Lenaghan (3), Winter (2) Wallace
V I.S.B.	D 1-1	Winter
V Ruam Rudee	D 2-2	Winter (2)
V Scandinavians	L 0-1	
V Cosmos	W 7-2	Winter (2), Cobbett (2), Charles Worth, Fairbrother, Goring-Morris

Had it not been for our poor start when losing heavily to both the Swiss and Indians we would certainly be in contention with the leaders. As it happens with finally a fairly settled team, and with all teams dropping valuable points, our chances still remain good.

Stalwarts such as Tony Trail and "Boots" Brown continue to provide the right blend of youth and experience respectively and together with new signings Howard Tiffin, Tom Farrington and Dave Wallace we now have a well balanced team.

Goal scoring responsibility remains with Roger Winter and John Lenaghan but the defenders had to show them the way to goal in our most recent match against a depleted Cosmos team.

With "Groper" due to leave shortly we shall require a replacement, or rather we should like a goalkeeper, before the defence suffers too many more nervous breakdowns. Applicants should contact Dave Cobbett to discuss terms.

Meanwhile training continues on the back lawn on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. and all members are welcome, footballers or not!

The hard core of B.C. supporters still turn up each week, but more members with their families would be* Union Jacks, rattles and banners. All matches are played at I.S.B. School, Soi 15, Sukhumvit so watch the notice board for forthcoming fixtures. Please note entrance is free.

* Welcome, particularly those sporting.

ADVERTISING

Members are reminded that they can place advertisements in the Newsletter at reasonable rates. Notices on the Club notice boards are seen only by those using the Club whereas this Newsletter is sent to all members.

Rates are:

Members Personal Advertisements

Ten line box - 25.-
Half page - 50.-
Full page - 100.-

Business Advertisements (Not on the Covers)

½ page - 250.-
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EDITORS NOTES

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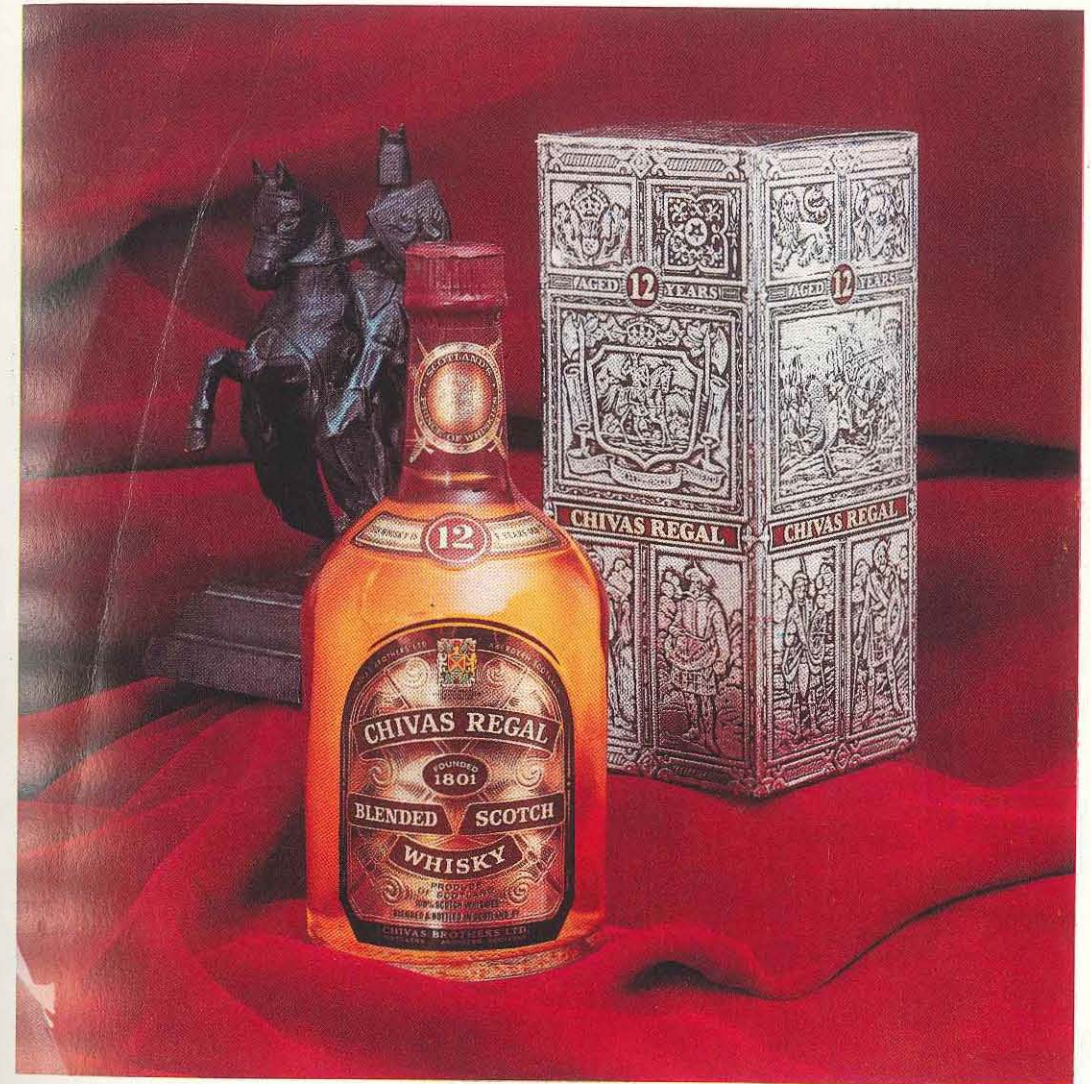
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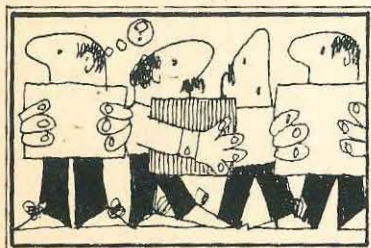


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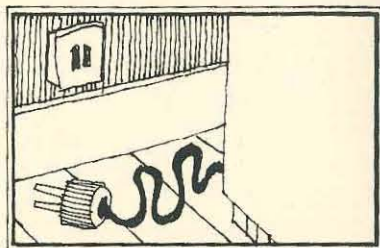
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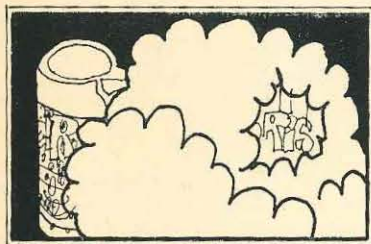
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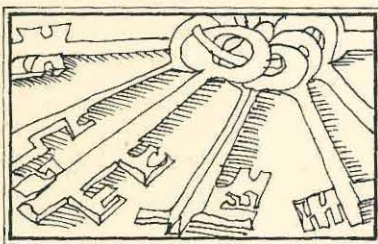
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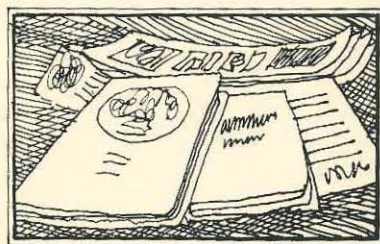
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