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February 1981

Top news this month is the Extra-ordinary General Meeting to be held on Monday 16th February at which the Committee will propose changes to the Club Rules and Schedule of Fees, Subscriptions and Deposits.

Outpost

By the end of February, the three major development schemes will be complete, the downstairs area of the Clubhouse, the Poolside Sala and the Third Squash Court (delayed a bit for a few minor adjustments). The completion of the outdoor projects will mean that the construction equipment and debris can at last be cleared away, making it safer for children to play. However, here is a special plea, from Committee, for parents to ensure children under 14 are supervised and do not enter the Clubhouse or back lawn areas unless with an adult.

Norman Musgrave will take over as editor of Outpost, beginning with the March edition. Good luck Norman and I hope you enjoy the job as much as I have. Many thanks to the people who have helped to produce the magazine, particularly Arthur, Rupert, Norman and Judy (the proof reader); also, of course, to the late Mike Dutton who set up our early editions.

### MEMDERSHIP MATTERS

#### NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in January 1981:

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#### Ladies Privileges

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## WEEKLY CLUD EVENTS

Monday	7.30 p.m.	- Bridge*
Tuesday	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	- Ladies Squash
	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
Saturday	12.00-15.00	- Buffet Lunch, Dining Room
Sunday	12.00-15.00	- Buffet Lunch, Poolside
	18.00-22.00	- Buffet Supper, Dining Room

\* Every first Monday - Duplicate Bridge (7.00 p.m.)

The reel club will meet again in the Suriwong Room on Thursday 19th February at 7 p.m. Please note that the reel club has nothing to do with fishing, cinematography or audio equipment but is concerned with heathen ritual dancing of the Scottish and Hugh variety.

#### NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

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

Tuesday 3rd February(Closing date 31 January)Tuesday 3rd March(Closing date 28 February)

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. There is still a small but persistent minority of Members who, for reasons best known to themselves, continue to ignore the common-sense ruling that no footwear is worn in those designated areas around the poolside (By Law 22m).

For those few people, the reason for this ruling, is one of <u>HYGENE</u>. One of the most common methods of transmitting decease - especially in the tropics - is on the soles of footwear. To continue to wear shoes etc. around the poolside demonstrates a total disregard for the well-being of others. So for the sake of everyone's health, take off your shoes and socks before entering the poolside area and take a foot-path on the receptaciles provided for the purpose.

### FLY

The Committee met on three occasions during January, one meeting being specially called to finalise proposed changes to the Club Rules and to decide upon a suitable format for the Extraordinary General Meeting.

The E.G.M. will be held on Monday 16th February at 5.30 p.m. in the Suriwong Room. The business of the evening will be divided into three parts.

- 1. Proposals affecting existing rules 1 to 8.
- 2. Proposals affecting existing rules 9 to 70.
  - Proposals for a new schedule of fees, deposits and subscriptions.

If the proposals are accepted then, in accordance with current rules 11 and 61, a second E.G.M. will be required to confirm the decisions of the first E.G.M. which concern item 1 above. The second E.G.M. will be held on 23rd March immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting.

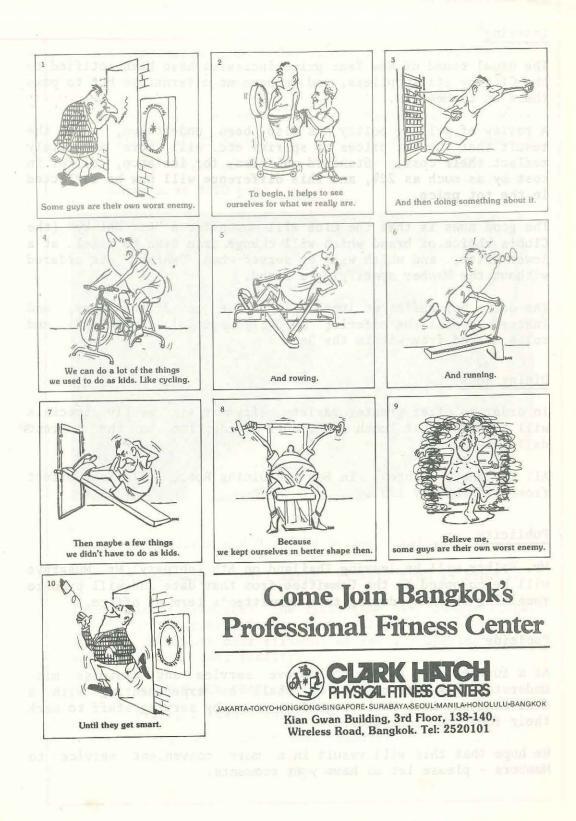
#### Entertainment

A provisional programme of entertainment functions for 1981 has been drawn up. Approximately one event per month is planned (see page 20) and the programme promises to cater for all tastes.

#### House and Grounds

Dave Boskett can always be relied upon to provide readable reports on his "House & Grounds Sub-Committee" Meetings. However a recent General Committee was somewhat stunned to read the following extract from Dave's latest offering.

"The contractor agreed to supply details of a used erection which he was able to offer". Notwithstanding, Dave has supervised a very visible level of Club development over the last two years and is now moving on. Our sincere thanks, Dave, for all your work and best of luck for the future. Hugh Jamieson is now in H & G hot seat so aim any complaints at our thick-skinned reeler.



FLY continued...

#### Catering

The usual round of New Year price increases have been notified to the Club by its suppliers, and we have no alternative but to pass these on to Members.

A review of pricing policy has also been undertaken, with the result that the tot prices of spirits etc. will more accurately reflect their cost. Standard whiskies, for instance, differ in cost by as much as 22%, and this difference will now be reflected in the tot price.

The good news is that the Club will now offer a "Bar Whisky" (the Club's choice of brand which will change from time to time) at a lower price, and which will be served when "whisky" is ordered without the Member specifying a brand.

The daily bar buffet at lunch will cease on 31st January, and instead we shall be offering a daily special, sandwiches and rolls served from within the Bar.

#### Dining Room

In order to offer greater variety, five or six weekly specials will be offered at lunch and dinner in addition to the current daily specials.

All the above changes, in Bar and Dining Room, will take effect from 1st February 1981.

#### Publicity

Mr. Walker will be leaving Thailand on 8th February: Mr. Musgrave will be co-opted to the Committee from that date and will produce remaining OUTPOST during this committee's term of office.

#### Poolside

As a further step to try to improve service and minimise misunderstandings over orders, we shall be experimenting with a mini-menu on which Members will be asked by serving staff to mark their food and drink orders.

We hope that this will result in a more convenient service to Members - please let us have your comments. SEE THEM AT THE BHIRASRI INSTITUTE OF MODERN ART Soi Attakarn Prasit (Soi Jusmag), South Sathorn

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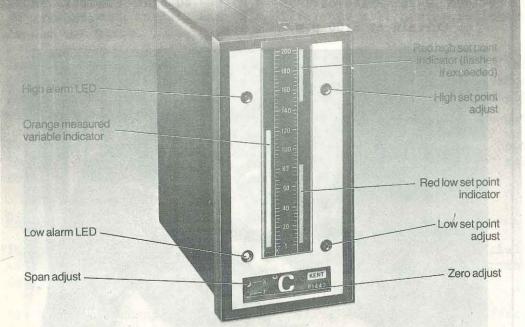
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The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Advisory Group was held on Saturday January 10th in the Dining Room, and about thirty ladies attended. Before the meeting started the children made two small presentations. One was to Mr. Russell-Cobb and the other to Khun Sunida, in appreciation of their help and cooperation throughout the year.

The Committee for 1981 was elected and held its first meeting on Friday January 16th. The first business of the meeting was the allocation of various posts which is as follows:

Chairlady	-	Sylvia Price
Secretary	-	Gwladus Adams
Co-ordinators for House & Grounds and Poolside	-	Mary Davy and Wendy Burrows
Co-ordinator for Catering	-	Cynthia Hyatt
Co-ordinators for Children's Activities	-	Ruth Sherwin and Valerie Conway

Discussion ranged over many subjects but centred mainly on the Saturday morning activities. It is hoped to be able to offer a varied selection of activities during the year. Do watch the poolside notice board for details. The next activities morning will be on February 28th. It is felt that during the Saturday morning activities there should be an adult on the Club premises who is responsible for each child. Children do leave the activity areas from time to time and it is very difficult for the limited numbers of helpers to continue organising their activity and supervise these children. So for the safety of the children the normal club rules for supervision of children should apply. If for any reason you have to leave the premises while your child is taking part in an activity, please could you ask someone else to be responsible for your child.

In order to streamline the system for listing children who attend, we propose to introduce a system for signing in children when they arrive, Ruth or Val will be at a table in the foyer of the main building, so that parents can fill in the form for their child and add their club number. We do hope that everyone will co-operate in making this system work. As a new ladies committee we welcome any new ideas from members. Do let us have your views, or pop a note in the suggestion box at the poolside.

You may remember that during the Easter holiday last year many of our children took part in a sponsored swim. As a result of this, school materials were purchased and sent to the Kamput Holding Centre. We have received a letter of thanks from the Centre, a photo-copy of which is on the notice board. It is obvious that the materials they received were much needed and are greatly appreciated.

Finally we would like to record our thanks to last year's committee, and particularly to Prima Stead. Good wishes for the future Prima.

## CHRISTMAS DALL

The Christmas and New Year celebrations are over and the Club is settling down again to its usual routine. One of the highlights of the festive season was the Christmas Ball which took place on Friday 19th December.

After gathering on the front lawn for cocktails the merry-makers made their way to the rear of the Club where tables and chairs had been laid out and a raised platform provided for the band.

An evening of wining, dining and dancing ensued and Master of Ceremonies David Frost was obviously enjoying himself as he drew the many door prizes. The large gathering of Members present enjoyed everything to the full.

The three "Champagne and Oyster" bars were greatly appreciated and added a welcome touch to the seasonal cheer.

New Year's Eve saw us attending the "Night of 100 Cocktails" to usher in 1981. Attended by about 80 people the champagne sales were almost as high as on the morning after the night of St. Andrew.

A word of thanks is due to our sponsors for these events. Those were: Louis T. Leonowens, Cathay Pacific, Qantas, Central Department Store, The Butchery, Dunlop, Tavorn Hotel Phuket and Kakata Inn Phuket.



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### LETTERS

20th January 1981

Dear John,

#### New Year's Eve Barbecue

Thanks should go to the staff of the British Club, for organising a first class evening to end 1980.

The food and drinks were excellent and also plentiful.

As usual David 'Frosty' worked hard and performed well as entertainer, compere and general organiser etc. We are enjoyed his version of the "OKEY COKEY" but surprisingly he has forgotten "knees up MUVVER BROWN" and the "Lambeth Walk 01" as he was unable to demonstrate these.

Although the numbers were a little low, the barbecue was well enjoyed by those present.

As well as the dining and imbibing of the many varieties of drinks offerred there was also disco dancing. The staff also provided some impromptu entertainment as they tried to avoid being strafed by the fireworks bombers, diving off the porch roof!! Fortunately no harm was done and the evenings entertainment continued until well after the midnight hour and dancing to AULD LANG SYNE.

#### Frank (H82)

and, from our golfing correspondent!

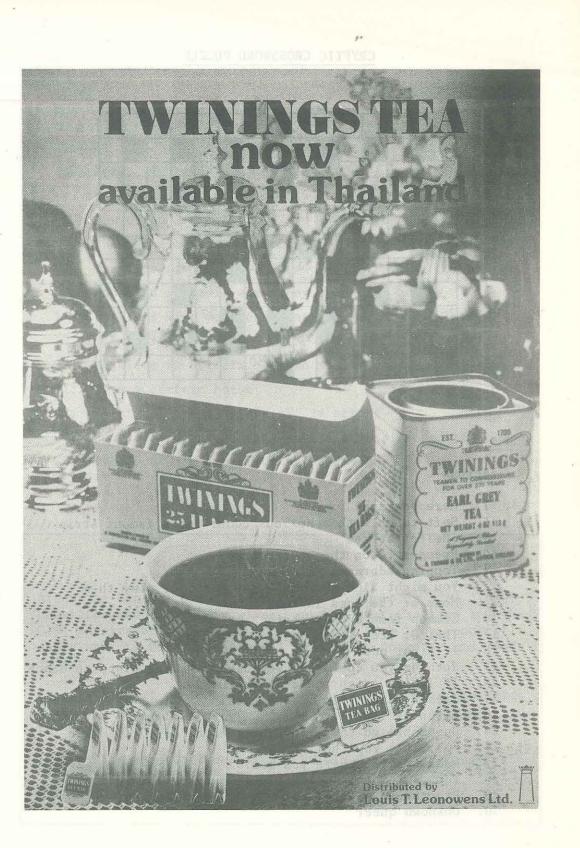
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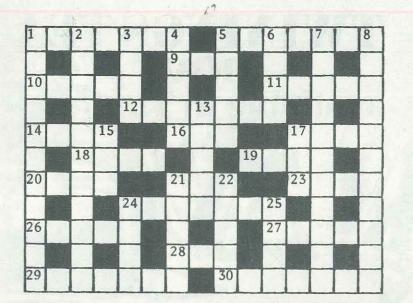
#### Dear John,

As usual, extrapolate, deduct, exaggerate, adulterate the above as you wish....either way you will buy me a beer for all my effort in submission of these articles.

### Clive



#### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE



#### CLUES:

#### Across

- 1. Here you are!
- 5. Soft touch with a noxious odour for a famous strip
- 9. Shelter at sea
- 10. Presses....on the golf course?
- 11. Topping adornment for a lady
- 12. You might find them in a gay bar...or play them
- 14. Home of the Dogs in London
- 16. Common female chit-chat
- 17. Thai Or Ice
- 18. It's not odd!
- 19. Nothing you could add would make this a place to dance
- 20. If ladies catch theirs they run
- 21. Caesar said "I am....the total"
- 23. Given as fact
- 24. Do people go there for the son and heir?
- 26. Go...it's your holiday
- 27. Madame says "There you are!"
- 28. You can do this well at one down
- 29. Prop up....on the bed?
- 30. Unknown queer

#### CLUES

#### Down

- 1. It's outlook is in front of you now
- 2. Al fresco dinners are served here
- 3. Curl...it takes two to!
- 4. More than one in one across
- 5. One often does it after too much exposure to 24 across
- 6. These can be taken at the bar...or to play in the pool
- 7. Tourists are this.... (three words)
- 8. And head for this when they reach one across (two words)
- 13. Run this with your emotions in 5 across!
- 15. She started it all
- 17. Obsolete in Britain but can still send you on a trip
- 21. Lead a certain horse
- 22. Plenty of these to see off 24 across
- 24. Some of 6 down can be a bit of a this around the Club!
- 25. Take your age away from par and swear!

#### FAREWELL DINNER

After the General Committee Meeting on Thursday 22nd January, Committee Members, their wives, several past Chairmen and the Club management gathered in the Suriwong Room for cocktails and dinner to mark the farewell of David Boskett and John Walker.

Charles Stewart presented both gentlemen with pewter tankards suitably inscribed as mementos of their valuable services to the Club and Nigel Overy proposed a vote of thanks.

The evening was concluded with RENDERINGS of "Okey Cokey" and "Knees up Mother Brown", the dancing being led by the departees!!

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Many people - far too many in fact - regard retirement as something which will happen naturally and inevitably and, as far as they think about it at all (and they may be much too busy to do so), they are likely to look forward to it with a mixture of expectancy and foreboding.

Like many other things - education, career, leave etc.- planning is essential if one is to get the best out of the 20 or so years which is about the average life expectancy for a person aged 55 years. After all, having worked for 30 plus years that is what we shall want to obtain for ourselves - and our wives.

The subjects for which planning some time ahead is required are:

1. Employment. Whether other full time employment, part time or voluntary work or 100% leisure time is the target will depend to a large extent on the financial situation at retirement - and also partly on temperament. To go direct from a 100% commitment to a business career to 100% leisure does not suit everyone - or one's wife.

Whatever the decision some planning is needed as neither a new job nor a consultancy is likely to develop automatically. Do realise that it is much easier to set either up before retirement than 3-4 months later. The use of one's office facilities are an enormous advantage even when overseas.

 Finance. For those in self-employment planning should start at a young age, but too many professional people neglect their own affairs because of involvement in those of their clients - an expensive omission!

Others will receive a pension or lump sum from their employer, but where there have been career changes this could well be inadequate and, unless remedial action has been taken well in advance through satisfactory investment of savings, further full-time work may be necessary rather than optional.

It should be noted that to take full advantage of the UK tax laws there are several steps which should be taken in ample time before returning to the UK.

One point worth acting on now is to check one's membership of the UK National Insurance Scheme. The Retirement Pension is now some £2260 for a married couple after a full contribution record (about 40 years) reduced proportionately for a lower record. In most cases it is possible to join as a

voluntary contributor when overseas; the cost is only £125 pa and back payments for 1-2 years are possible. It is an excellent investment - join as soon as possible and back date contributions as far as possible.

Housing. Most people will already have taken the precaution 3. of buying a home in the UK, but if not do start now. However, it will probably have been bought with an eye to leave requirements and family needs; its situation, size etc. may be less appropriate on retirement. Take a second look at it on your next leave with this in mind. In any case, aim to get as much as you can done in the way of alterations, repairs decorating, new curtains etc. before final return to UK. Pay for them out of overseas income and not UK retirement capital.

Many UK organisations now give their home staff a chance to go on pre-retirement courses, but comparitively few do more for their expatriates than offer them places on the UK courses or individual advice from various Head Office Departments. Neither is entirely satisfactory - the former are likely to be geared to suit the needs of UK staff and the latter given on piecemeal basis and probably not available for one's wife. To combine both aims is hardly possible for an individual employer, but can be achieved by an organisation where the courses are specially designed for expatriates - and their wives - irrespective of their employer.

My advice both from my experiences with Shell and subsequently as an international pension consultant and from running pre-retirement courses for expatriates at Farnham Castle, is:

- 1. Take good financial advice on first going overseas - and continue to do so.
- 2. Get on a pre-retirement course 2-3 years before retirement.
- 3. Start planning not less than 5 years beforehand.
- 4. Do it all as a joint exercise with one's wife.

#### Peter Norman

Peter Norman retired from Shell in 1977 after nearly 40 years in Malaysia, Thailand and UK. After further full-time work he is now semi-retired with 4 part time jobs, as an international Continued on page 20

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pension consultant with Martin Paterson Associates, a preretirement counselling adviser with the Centre for International Briefing, Farnham Castle, a Naval Officer on UK/NATO and Pacific Exercises 5-6 weeks a year and a member of the Lawn Tennis Umpires Association.

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He is a visiting member about once a year from the Naval Club London and engages in bridge and tennis when here (for both of which he used to be Organiser 25 years ago).

		E	NTERTAINMENT
		Pro	visional Programme for 1981
Sat	Feb	14	Valentine BBQ (To mark the opening of the new poolside sala)
Fri	Feb	20	Maori Night
Sat	Mar	29	Grand National Pub Night
Fri	Apr	17	Dixieland/Good Friday Guzzle
	or		
Sat	Apr	18	Family Fair
Fri	May	22	Arabian Night - Fancy Dress
			Belly Dancing
	June	e/July	V.I.P. Cabaret
5	Aug	ust	Calcutta Night
	Sep,	/Oct	Wine Tasting
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#### Game 1 vs AIT - Saturday 3rd January

The day started with a wrap for the powerful AIT side in the Post that morning. Reference to the British Club was limited to the captain described as an off spinner and hard-hitting batsman. Events proved they were half-right.

BC won the toss and sent AIT in on a shoftish track. Opening bowlers were Bob Dook and Cliff Symes, both playing their first game for the club. A catch went down in the second over in slips but apart from a very difficult high miss in the outfield later, the BC catching after that was first class.

Dook drew first blood with a catch to second slip and went on to bowl four well-directed overs out of his five. Symes at the other end bowled well for his five overs, having one man caught at point and equal top-scorer Suthakar caught for 23 at mid-on. Lanham and young Rod Harris continued with Harris getting two wickets, one of which was disallowed by a somewhat partisan umpire.

Allen came into the attack and bowled extremely well to wrap up the innings with three wickets, including two nonchalant caught and bowleds. Dook came back for his last over and bowled other top scorer Thamba for 23. Last man was run out in the 25th over leaving AIT all out for 95 - a pretty mediocre score.

BC started batting and both openers were back in the stands at 2-5, each with ducks. Runs were very hard to come by with the AIT bowlers swinging the ball to the limits of reach on many occasions. At 2-28 from 12 overs things were getting out of hand. Allen and Dook at the wickets had their problems. The 13th over was bowled by a spinner to Bob Allen. It cost 15 runs including 2 sixes onto the fairway. One extra club would have seen them on the green.

Short singles were the name of the game and AIT is the best fielding side in the League. Sadly Dook was run out for a handy 13 with the score 3-46 and Lanham coming to the wicket. Shortly after, AIT made the vital break when Allen was bowled for 39. He batted well and 2 sixes and 4 fours showed he will be a dangerous batsman for the opposition this season. Overs were running out and tight AIT fielding made it difficult to score boundaries. Despite good running between wickets, singles and twos were not enough to carry the day and BC finished at 8-87 with wickets being thrown away in the run chase. A disappointing result but a heartening game with new players bowling well in their first games and much better than usual fielding.

AIT 95 (Dook 2-15, Symes 2-16, Lanham 1-24, Harris 1-15, Allen 3-3) defeated BC 8-87 (Allen 39, Dook 13, Lanham 18 not out)

#### Game 2 vs RBSC - Sunday 11th January

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Anyone heartened by the last result would have to drown their sorrows after the 40 over game against the Sports Club. Once again the bowling was very good. RBSC made 131 all out in 33 overs - a low score for this powerful batting line-up.

Warburton batted very well for his 34. Sammy the Swami strolled along for 26 and Peter Wright powered his way to 21. BC bowler Nick White gave the RBSC batsmen a rough time on a placid pitch. He was too fast for them, the slips fielders and the lightning outfield and finished with 2-28. Bob Allen again bowled well for his 3-22 and Ker Thorburn proved that Pattaya is as good a place as any to practise and spread myscomatosis amongst the batting rabbits to the tune of 3-5.

The batting tale was brief. Allen unluckily (RBSC didn't think so) caught and fine bowling by John Leicester had the BC boys at 3-12 and in more trouble than a one-armed bill poster in a high wind. Opener Dook made the best contribution of 21, Darrington managed 12, Olson 11 and White 10 for a miserable total of 8-83 from 40 overs. RBSC 131 (Thorburn 3-5, Allen 3-22, White 2-28) defeated BC 8-83 (Dook 21, Darrington 12, Olson 11, White 10)



The snooker room is now finished and playable. Meters have been installed so that the Club can recoup some of the extra costs associated with airconditioning and lighting. The charge is 18 for 20 minutes and tokens can be purchased from the bar.

By the time Outpost arrives the first tournament will have been played. The Leonowens Trophy attracted 19 entries, which is very encouraging for the section, and it is hoped to run other tournaments in the near future. The results will be posted in next months Outpost.

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#### Sunday 4th January on a hot and sweaty day

Crowd trouble at the Soi 15 intersection on Sukhumvit road was the cause of chaos yet again, as the boys in blue, your favourite team, were about to take the field.

Your team were concerned, with JC appearing a little bleary having just been flown in to play at the last moment after New Year festivities in Hong Kong and with Col. Cobbett struggling to get permission to play from his Missus. Still, all was not lost, the Colonel's dad turned up and with new youngsters Duncan Morris a balloon Niven, Meanie Mitchell, Harry not Cliff plus our effervescent. Capt. Wallace we looked set to start the New Year with a win.

The game got off to a delayed start with the Swiss Mountaineers left cowering in the changing room. Their captain was still stuck in Haus Munchen along with the rest of the crowd (Gunter and his dog) plus the Mountaineer Kit.

But, with the capacity crowd getting irritable and the BC concerned that their keenest pair of supporters JR and the Nai had been unable to get through the already locked gates, the Mountaineers finally appeared. The size of our opponents caused further concern for the BC, as big John Sill was unavailable chasing some black balls back at home base. This resulted in last minute positional changes with David replacing Alison at centre forward as the latter was suffering from an old injury.

The match got off to a rapid start, Gunter's dog appeared but within minutes the ball was in the back of the Swiss net, the BC were in the lead. The game continued at frantic pace, it must have been good, as post script gave such a favourable report although we still await the honour of gaining a slot in the Sunday column.

After 90 minutes of enthralling play, the boys had scored 3 scintillating goals and trooped off for their just rewards at Haus Munchen. Here the other glass boot made its debut for the season, with Little Laurence found later hopeless under the table. Only minor disappointment, those Meanie Mountaineers scored 5 lucky goals Still, beware TSD, JC promises to face the right way next week and Constant's going to show off his beard.

P.S. Come back Merryweather all/1s forgiven

Result BC 3 Swiss Mountaineers 5

#### Saturday 17th January

A large crowd turned up to watch British Club play the Thai-German Students (TSD). There was an air of expectancy as the fans watched for British Club to unleash their full potential of which all know they were capable. Only bad luck thus far was keeping us in penultimate league position?

From the start it was clear that the BC strikers were in good form as Dave Mulligan tried an early snap-shot at goal. As play flowed from end to end, each side tested the others' strength and incidents included a near miss from a TSD corner, a good attack by BC caught just off-side and another Mulligan effort inches wide.

BC custodian John Charlesworth was in action twice within a few minutes to parry promising attacks by TSD and it became clear that BC must use their left-hand attack more - this was the weaker side of the TSD defence.

After 19 minutes, the crowd was treated to a great solo goal by Steve Balme who ran through TSD's defence from midfield and slid the ball home. BC 1 - TSD 0

Almost immediately, Roger Crutchley narrowly missed but despite stout defensive work by Cobbett, Symes and Wallace, TSD scored a lucky equaliser. Their right winger, attempting a cross, mishit the ball and it sailed into the BC net past an astonished Charlesworth: 1-1.

A firm penalty claim by BC was turned down by the referee but in 33 minutes, great BC forward play resulted in a great goal from Doug Docherty to put BC 2-1 up.

At half-time skipper Wallace, fearing that TSD would re-double their efforts, tightened up BC's mid-field and soon after the re-start it became clear that TSD were intent on levelling the scores. Several interesting individual battles emerged as the BC defence tackled strongly to keep out an ever-more attacking TSD. Cliff Symes was heard to mutter "tut-tut" as he was

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# It's just the beginning...



heavily tackled by TSD's left-winger and similar emissions came from Niven, Panhuys, and other stalwarts.

Despite greatly increased TSD pressure, BC held out until the very last kick of the match when TSD centre forward blasted the ball into the roof of the net for a last-minute face-saver to tie the game up at 2-2.

Very hard luck BC - the team deserved their post-match liberations at Haus Munchen and the crowd was left buzzing with excitement and hoping more of the same next week!



After almost 2 months without defeat, a relaxed post new year Lillywhite team crumpled 13-4 against Relax (the Lever Bros second team) at the Club on 8th January. Both John, and Tom, (making one of his all too rare appearances) came close to winning their singles, but your favourite team ended the singles round 0-6 down. The Derby Duo improved matters when Brian closed X2, and Ingrid and John brought the score back to 4-2, when John closed with double 16. Bryan and Roy lost the remaining doubles and both triples and the team game went to our Thai visitors. Tons were scored by Arthur, John and Bryan (107).

The following week Bert Hobson brought his "choice" team to the Club, and it turned out to be the usual close game. Peter, Chris and Bryan won their singles to give us 3-3 at the break and then we went 5-3 down when the visitors took the first doubles from Roy and Brian. An on-form Peter, partnered by John, closed double 16 to take the next doubles and Bryan, partnered by Arthur, took the third with the same finish.

Our first victory for some 3 years against Hobson's Choice was sewn up when John, aided by Arthur and Bryan, closed double 20 and John also closed the team game. John scored 2 tons as did Roy (120 and 100), Ingrid (105), Brian (105) and Arthur. All in all, it was such a good evening that several of our players had to be restrained from passing over our sportsmanship trophy to the visitors there and then!

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### SWIMMING

I must start this month by apologising to David Salinas for omitting to mention his name amongst the Silver P.S.A. passes in last month's OUTPOST. This was a special effort on David's part, as when he first came to Bangkok about 20 months ago he was not a swimmer, so he has worked very hard for this achievement. Congratulations, David and when you get your 'Gold' your name will be first on the list!

The January Gala took place on Sunday the eleventh and was quite well-attended though we seemed to be low on numbers in the 6 & under age group. So long as a child can swim a length, they are always welcome to enter these races, even if their strokes are less than perfect. If a five-year-old wants to do the doggy paddle in the butterfly race, that's fine with us - he at least gets used to competitive swimming and that's what the Monthly Galas are all about. At the other end of the scale, however, we did have one or two extra teenagers to compete with our stalwart Mark Duncan and saw some exciting swimming. As I have mentioned before, the Duncans are very regular attenders at the Training sessions and Mark proved the worth of all that slogging, in his races. Sandra took the Improver of the Month patch for December along with Timothy Collins - congratulations, both of you. Tony Blanc kindly presented P.S.A. badges and certificates to the children who took their tests last month, then Andrew and Susan Julius, and Jonathan and James Walker received their leavers' patches. It's very sad that in one month we have to lose three of our most enthusiastic swimmers (and James, when we can find him!) and Ann and Marie, both of whom have given tremendous support to this section. The Walker children are likely to be able to continue their swimming in Australia - the Julius's perhaps will be less enthusiastic in Aberdeen! We wish them all the very best in their new postings.

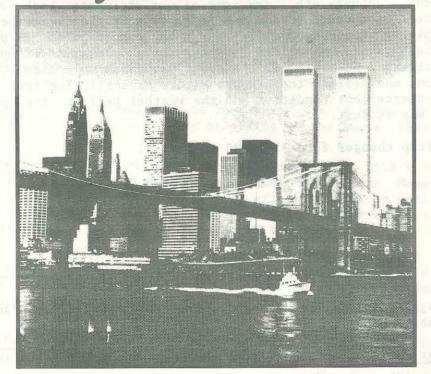
The Improver of the Month for January was Adam Betteridge.

The next Gala will be held on Sunday, 1st February - look, or rather listen, out for the new Mystery Voice on the microphone!

#### HILLTRIBES HANDICRAFTS SALE

It's time to mark your calendar for the next Hilltribes Handicrafts Sale. The date is February 14, 1981, at the ISB gym on Soi 15, Sukhumvit, from 9:30 to 12 noon. As always it is sponsored by the Women's Association of the International Church.

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Tuesday, January 6th, saw some of our stalwarts back on the course at the start of the New Year. A Stableford competition was played and Joyce Lumsden was the winner with 38 points. Millie Marshall was close on her heels as runner up with 37 points. Well played. Longest Drive was our Lady Captain Eileen, and nearest the pin was Millie Marshall. The Army course was in excellent condition and the weather perfect for golf -long may it last.

Handicap changes from 31/12/80 to 31/1/81

Tomoe Coghill	18 to 21 T
Bea Donnelly	19 to 20 T
Joan Jurgens	17 to 19
Ruth Kennedy	30 to 28
Krystina Kukielka	25 to 26

The aggregate of the 4 best scores on Medal from January-December 1980.

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#### Silver Division

(0-18)	Sheila	Nevill

#### Bronze Division

(19-36) Krystina Kukielka 285

Congratulations to both of the Ladies.

#### Fixtures for February and through 10 March 1981

Tue - 3rd February	Stableford	Starter	- Krystina Kukielka
Tue - 10th "	Flag		- Millie Marshall
Tue - 17th "	lst Round of Astral Cup plus T's & F's	"	- Eileen Ford
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Tue	-	3rd	March	All Ironș	Starter	-	Sheila	Kerr	
Tue	-	10th	**	Stableford	H	-	Eileen	Ford	

An ECLECTIC will run from 3rd February - 10th March (inclusive) for six weeks. Entrance fee will be Baht 60.

Prizes. It has been decided by the Section Committee that the monthly MEDAL prizes in future will be a trophy which will be presented and engraved.

Medal Play. There must not be less than six players and the cut off on handicap will vary according to the number playing.

New Members. Lady Golfers arriving from Overseas with a legitimate current handicap covered by a letter from their Home Club will be accepted. They will play off this handicap until such time as five scorecards have been returned, after which it will be adjusted.

Handicaps. Following the USGA ruling on handicaps as we do, all cards should be turned in from all Clubs one plays in order for the system to work fairly.

High Handicaps. Once the handicap of 36 has been reached, members will not go up again but will retain 36 - and below.

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Membership Fees. Subscriptions for this year are now due please see Joyce Lumsden who will give you the necessary receipt.

Normal annual fees will remain the same as last year, but should a member know their time is only six months before they leave, they will be able to pay a half yearly subscription and still continue to play with the group. Similarly, new members arriving at the end of the year will have an adjustment made.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The A.G.M. will be held on MONDAY 23rd MARCH in the SURIWONG ROOM at 5.30 p.m.

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The regular Monday games have started up again and we have had three to four tables every Monday this year. We play informally, so anybody can come along for practice or just because they enjoy playing.

The following is the time table for the next month:

	7.00	p.m.'	2nd	February	Duplicate Bridge
		p.m.		February	Bridge Evening
4.20	7.30	p.m.		February	Bridge Evening
	7.30	p.m.	23rd	February	Bridge Evening
	7.00	p.m.	2nd	March in other	Duplicate Bridge



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of followers on the new committee **FOR** Johnson, Halliday and Miller). After accepting

On Sunday 11th January, we welcomed a sea of new faces to Hua Mark, some with excellent Klong exploratory characteristics and others thought to be new employees of the recently inaugurated ' Society - for - the Surveying-of-Jungle-Areas-bordering-the-Kruengthep-Golf-Club-Fairways '. On the other hand, some knew how to hit a golf ball occasionally, which is more than can be said for some of our older members (including the one compiling this report). Either way, all were made to feel thoroughly welcome, especially when the new rule about newcomers buying the first round of drinks at the 19th hole was invoked. They asked for their names to appear in print, so here you are, ....? Messrs. Robinson, Prince (not so regal on the 11th), Halliday, Bond (another gross 157, Norman?), Mumby, and Isle. A few others succeeded in lowering golf standards in general, for example, Messrs. Alderton, Duggan and Aitken, all who reached points' levels, in football language, equivalent to scoring an

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own goal. Not so, big (formerly, but now a streamlined 73 kg) George Walcke who swept all before him to be acclaimed the most popular winner since our last outing. He reached 42 points, which, using the football analogy again, means he scored about 5 goals, because the opposition goalkeeper was off injured at the time. In darts' terms, he scored a 'ton' (altho' I've no idea what that means). Ladies were represented by Sheila and Sally, but they were excluded from the prizes' list by Ward Washington and Tommy (the bear) Madar (2nd and 3rd respectively). Nobody reached the green (out of 35 players, which shows the high standard of BC golf these days) for the nearest-the-pin prize, so we can pass over that fairly quickly. Peter Speed and Derek Pott both won something, but I can't for the life of me remember what, so it couldn't have been so important.

Good fun, bad golf, good course, bad headache next morning. New members welcome.

#### GOLF SECTION - A.G.M. 14TH JANUARY 1981

The hard core of golfers (24 men, and 6 lady invited observers) turned up on January 14th to witness the enthronement of John Kerr as the new Captain, for 1981, together with his merry band of followers on the new committee (Messrs. Daniels, Ford, Johnson, Halliday and Miller). After accepting free drinks from the outgoing captain (John Davidson) and the incoming captain, the conclave of enthusiasts quickly confirmed the minutes of the last A.G.M., found no matters arising, did not question the Treasurer's report, congratulated the outgoing committee and, generally speaking, followed the standard pattern of all A.G.M.'s, the meeting eventually closing with everyone patting each other's back. Prize winners for 1980 included Ian MacLean (Club Champion), Rupert Jamieson (Gestetner/Thai Glass eclectic), Johns Kerr and Burrows (Dunlop Cup) and Clive Miller (Boyd Cup). Films of the USA 1980 Masters and Open tournaments were shown, and everyone went home in peace and harmony looking forward to 1981 as an exciting prospect for all B.C. golfers.

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# SQUASH

#### Rod Carter Shield

The first British Club Open Championship was recently conducted and the winners were known just before the time of printing, there had been many good matches. In all we had 35 entries.



#### Third Court

After final inspection of the third squash court it was found that the width and height were incorrect and were outside the tolerances specified. The court will now be closed for a further three weeks to bring the court up to standard. We hope that all players will understand and be patient until its opening. Number 1 and two courts are still available for league 30, so don't postpone your matches!

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The junior coaching course was recently completed with nine very keen and energetic youngsters. As the results of the course were beyond expectation, a second course at two levels will be conducted in early March. Congratulations to all who took part. The practice put in by these budding champions is an example to our older members. The youngsters can be expected to perform well in league 30.

An adult coaching course is being arranged and will be run on a similar format to that of the juniors. Those players wishing to receive coaching will be required to commit themselves to a regular weekly time and practice. All interested should contact Tony Blanc.

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#### Farewell

One of the Club's keenest squash players who has been known to be partial to the ale and is noted for his literary flair is leaving in early February to take up a new position in South Australia. John Walker who has been a member of the squash sub section committee and the main committee and has been a staunch supporter of the club. His common sense and steadying attitudes will be greatly missed on these committees.

We sincerely wish John and Ann our best wishes and hopes in their new country.

Congratulations to the following members of the Club who have been included in the initial training squad to represent Thailand in the Far East Asia tournament in Hong Kong in April. Tony Blanc, Rod Carter, John Stevens, Jim Finnegan, Len Alexander Ken Green, Bernard Grogan and Steve Balme, Steve has been selected as captain/coach of the team. We hope that final selection will see many of them going to Hong Kong. Special congratulations go to Mike Greenwood who has been appointed Manager.

#### Squash Marathon

There were 20 participants in the Squash Marathon which began at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday, January 4.

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At lunch, Adrian's Little Lambs led Clive Miller's Team by 210 points to 152. As the afternoon continued, however, Miller's men gradually gained the upper hand, finally winning the second session by 476 points to 364 points and the overall competition by 628 to 574 points.

On an individual basis, Jim Finnegan had the highest favourable spread (helped by Adrian's bad back) of 42 points, while Bob Boulter had the largest unfavourable spread of 45 points (he had 4 tough matches).

The best junior was John Shomo who showed that he will be a force to be reckoned with soon; he won 3 of his 4 match.

For those of you who don't know, the Brutes Boys are none other than:

The Brute	John Sill
The Little Brute	Bob Russell
The Other Brute	Scott Younger
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The Pretty Wee "Brute"	Marjorie Rennie

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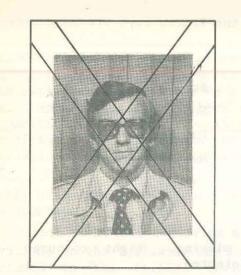
Our lady captain Carolyn Tarrant is again holding court on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. and all ladies, of whatever standard are invited to come along and join in the fun. games and coaching.

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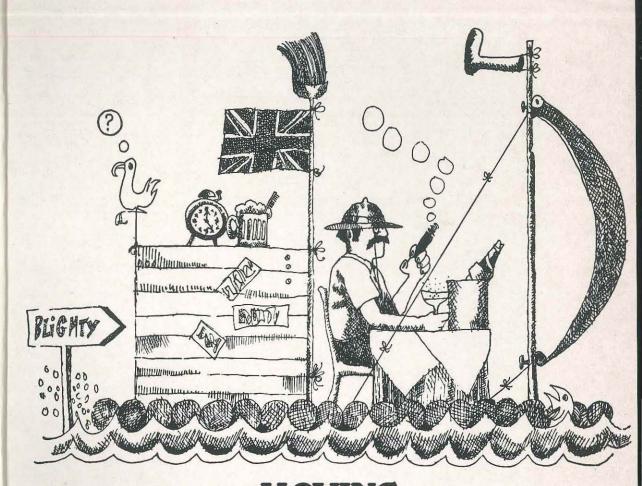
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