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Editorial

Plenty of activity at the BC this month (are we being spoiled?) and therefore another marathon for your scribes! The event of the year must be Bjorn Borg's visit on 22nd January for which we were able to rush out some photos for this issue. We hope to have plenty more in the next issue too.

We're pleased to see the GOLF (male half) return to the press -- only just in time, which is why they are at the end of the magazine! We hope they will be able to get their cameras clicking again soon, too. The CRICKET report is recommended as an example of inspired lyricism -- must get that chap on our staff.

The HOGMANAY BBQ is included in the SQUASH report since that thriving section both organised the event and covered it for us (good principle this). There's also hidden treasure in the BILLIARDS report, which announce their Section AGM and, as an enducement to attendance, a video of the 1982 WORLD CUP SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP won by Hurricane Higgins. The article also reports an historical event for the BC (which may cause some controversy!)

Another apology -- this time for the quality of the photographs last month. We're thinking it's time OUTPOST changed to a process that would do justice to the standard of original material. Cost is a problem and in this respect we're always on the lookout for MORE ADVERTS. Please?

Oops! -- No PUZZLE? Geof! Where are you, for Pete's sake!!

Ian Hill, Editor

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Overheard Last Saturday:

American Visitor: "You sure have plenty of things going on in your Club -- some interesting speakers, too!"

Modest Marathon Man: "Yes, well, the Ayatollah did ask for an opening, but we had to turn him down -- he clashed with a good video."

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Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in January 1982:

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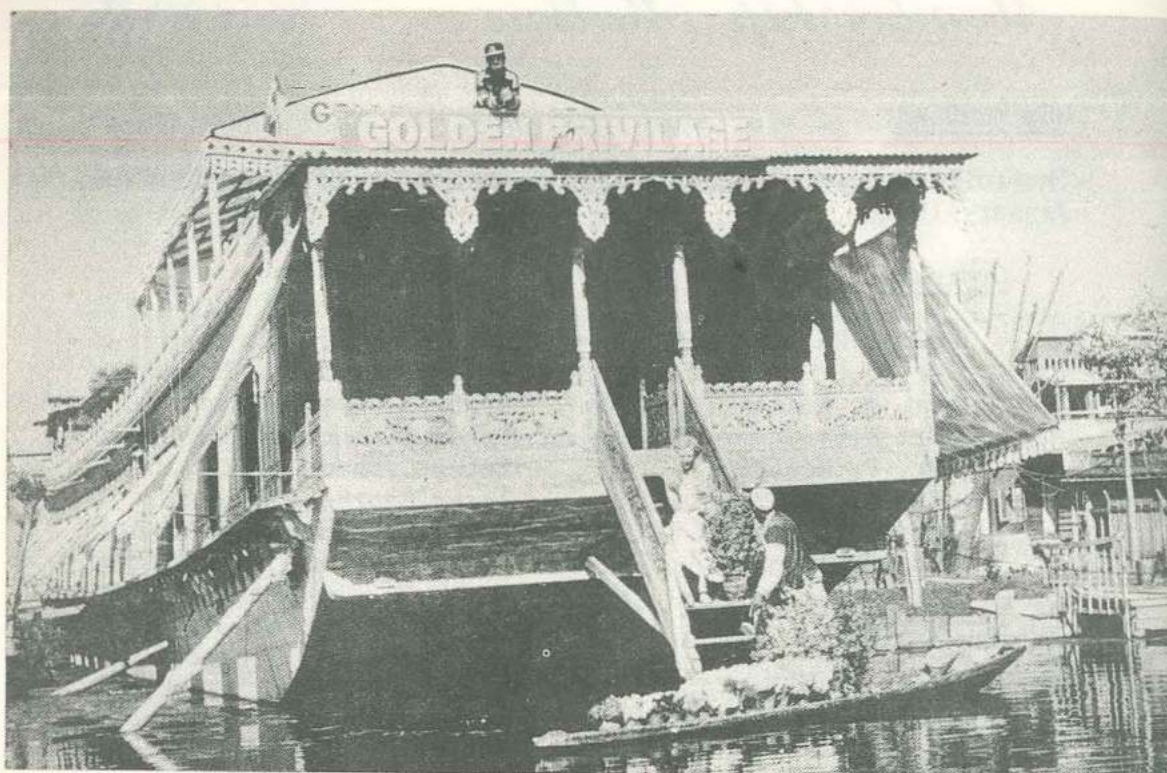
Associate

Mr. V. Phutrakul	Lever Brothers (T) Ltd.
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Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	373
Non-Voting	5
Associate	43
Ladies Privilege	39
Up-Country	19
Candidates	39
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Total	518
Absent	705
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Grand Total	1223
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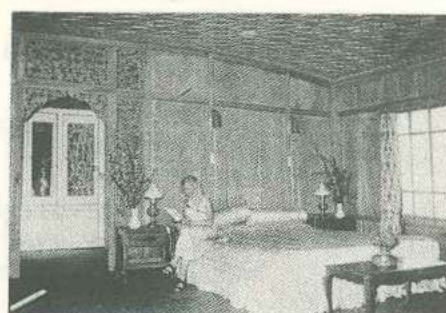
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Fly

Having seen much renovation carried out in and around the Club in the past year, Fly discovers that more is on the way. The Clubhouse is to receive a face-lift (possibly a mud-pack in places) and maybe the roof will be re-painted too.

Fly pleased the Editor when he retailed the news that cushions will be provided on the Sala chairs.

There's an idea to have a Happy Hour at the Poolside once a week. Sounds great if beer's half price!

There's also a fight developing between soccer and croquet players over right of way on the back lawn. Fly thinks the contest would be interesting to watch and should be arranged to coincide with the Happy Hour!

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Weekly Club Events

MONDAY	7.30 p.m.	- Bridge
TUESDAY	9.00 - 12.00	- Ladies Squash
	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
WEDNESDAY	4.30 p.m.	- Cricket Nets
THURSDAY	3.00 p.m.	- Ladies Exercise
	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
SUNDAY	12 noon - 2.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Poolside
	4.30 p.m.	- Cricket Nets
	6.00 - 10.00 p.m.	- Buffet Supper, Dining Room



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Notices to Members

British Club Annual General Meeting

In accordance with the Constitution and Rules, Sections 22-27 inclusive, the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Suriwongse Room on
30 March 1983

Members are reminded of the requirements of Rule 61.

BYLAW CHANGE

Would Members please note that the General Committee, in accordance with Rule 17, has effected an amendment to Bylaw 11(c). The Bylaw now reads as follows:

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Stoney and Sparrow

AN EVENING OF COUNTRY AND WESTERN MUSIC

The poolside looked lovely under coloured lights, with tables set out around the pool and in the new sala, and the barbecue sizzling for the white-coated and pink-dressed cooks and waitresses preparing for our gartronomic pleasure later in the evening of January 14th. A small dais had been arranged against the back railing of the sala and a semi-circle of easy-chairs and coffee tables placed in front for the v.i.p.'s, and the whole scene invited all to relax and enjoy being seduced by the simplicity, warmth and honesty that charms the fans of this strong branch of the musical tree.

Master of Ceremonies Graham Millington (credentials and track record surely beyond question!) introduced Mr. Stoney (guitar, voice and Bangkok throat) and Ms. Sparrow (voice without Bangkok throat - a big advantage, this) with a brief outline of their present tour. This was augmented during the course of the evening when Sparrow told us she learned to sing as a child at her grandmother's knee and Stoney confessed over coffee (coffee? who was drinking coffee at that time of night?) to strumming for sailors in the honky-tonk bars of Baltimore at age fourteen. His size must have been necessary: this was no place for a kid in those days.

They warmed up with "Last thing on my mind", and followed with "Come all you fair and tender ladies", a favourite of Sparrow's grandmother in the mountains of Tennessee, and a favourite of generations of Britons too. Alluding to their recent train journey to and from Chiang Mai, Stoney then sang John Cash's "The train to St. Anton". They followed with Hank Williams' "Your Cheatin' Heart" "Whip-poor-Will" and "Hey, Good-Lookin'" and Jerry Jeff Walker's "Beau Jangles" & from Nashville, Tennessee, "Dawn". Stoney made us envy the writer of the next number, "We Got Married in a Fever" who makes eight hundred grand a year from one song. "We Got Married", we were told, is the writer's considered reply after reading "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolff?". Next some hard-core country: "Once a Day, Every Day, All Day Long!" and back to Johnnie Cash: "West Virginia" and a request: "The Green Green Grass of Home".

Stoney, resting his Bangkok throat, told us of an incident on a Russian ship which he took for a voyage from France to USA. It was July 4th, and the two protagonists were Boris (the captain?) and one Herman C. Klein from Georgia, USA. The ship was somewhere near the Land of the Free. The floorshow ended with "This Land is Your Land, This Land is Ours". Boris called for encore after encore, but in one of those frozen silences after the final fanfare, a Georgian accent growled "Not yet, Boris, not yet!"

After a short interval, Graham Millington joined Stoney and Sparrow for spirited renderings of "Beautiful Ebony Eyes", "Goodbye, Happiness!" and "Dreamin'". Then Stoney and Graham re-fought verbally a battle/skirmish of the War of Independence and sang "Fired our Guns" about the routing of Redcoats near New Orleans.

The barbecue fulfilled all promises and expectations. Heads counted numbered over 70 and many returned for seconds - some for thirds. Full marks to the catering staff!

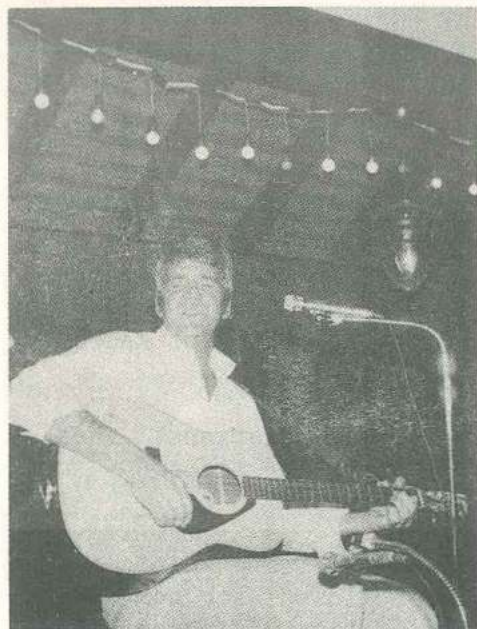
Splendidly refreshed, we were invited to sing along with Stoney and Sparrow. Many favourites followed each other - we even heard "Davy Crockett" again and Graham Millington proved again his versatility by joining the duo for "Bobby McGee", "That'll be the Day", "All My Love", and many others from the pens of Buddy Holly, Marty Wilde - too many titles and writers for this memory. With one exception: "Snow on my Doorway" by Dr. Harry Stoneback, written nearly 20 years ago.

Then a change. Stoney and Sparrow stepped down, to let Andy Dunlop and Dick Beck (who claims that his wife knows he's got a big repertoire!) entertain us for a while. We heard Andy sing "The Wide Missouri", "You Fill Up My Senses", and Dick, "A Lavender Cowboy". Then sea-shanties "Weigh, haul away" and "What Shall We Do, etc."

Stoney and Sparrow wound up the evening with "Okie from Muskogee", "A Gypsy from Poughkeepsie", a couple of others and a grand singalong of "Them Ol' Cotton Fields Back Home".

Excellent entertainment by Stoney and Sparrow, our thanks to them for breaking their schedule for us. Compliments too to Andy (marvellous voice!) and Dick, not forgetting Graham Millington who will never be short of a job! Finally our thanks to the Entertainments Committee and the Club Management for all their never-seen work which produces such splendid results.

Stoney and Sparrow



V.I.P.'s in foreground, us proles behind!



Stoney and Sparrow in happy vein



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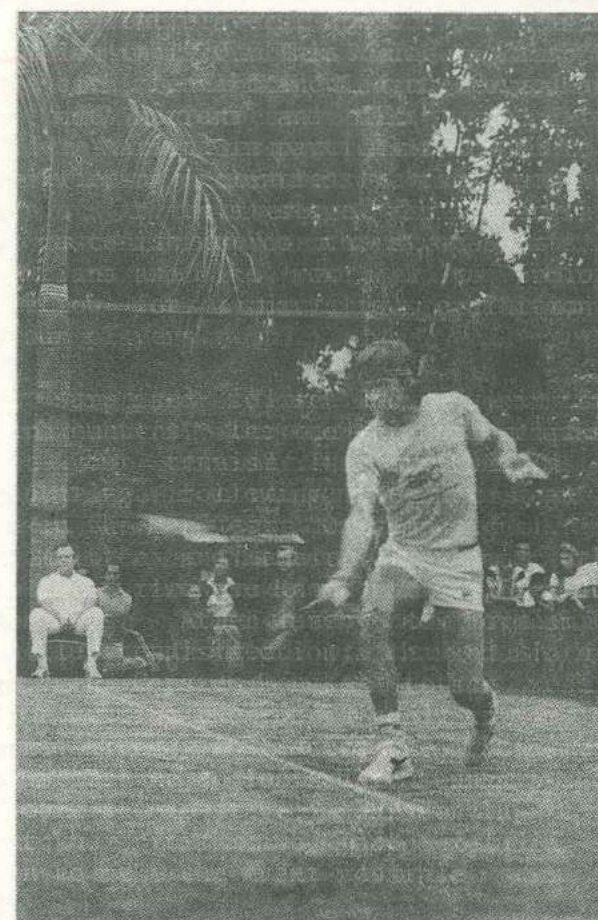


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Bjorn Borg Opens New Tennis Courts



Saturday 22nd of January was a great day for the BC. The possibility of a world champion gracing our courts had not occurred to anyone when the work of raising and relaying was started some months ago. But here he was, Bjorn Borg himself, knocking up for an exhibition singles match with the young Swedish tennis protege, Joakin Nystroem, while Lennart Bergolin and Mariana Borg were warming up on the lower courts for an exhibition doubles to follow!

Many preparations had been made, not least the preparation of the new courts which a week before were only just promising. On the day, they were firm and flat, newly cut and looking good. A red, white and blue tape had been fixed above the net, tied at the posts and held aloft by a colourful bunch of balloons. For some reason, Thailand produced an unusual overcast and light breeze reminding us of English - or Scandinavian - weather. Strawberries and cream in the marquee on the front lawn contributed to a Wimbledon atmosphere.

Mr. Borg's party arrived promptly just before ten. At this time there were about two hundred spectators present but the numbers were soon to swell to over three hundred. There were Bjorn and Mariana, Bjorn's parents Rune and Margareta, Lennart and Rose-Marie Bergolin, Joakin Nystroem, Radu Nunweiller, and Olle and Marina Nyman. These were welcomed by Scott and June Younger, Norman and Heather Musgrave, Roy (Chairman of BC tennis) and Mayurin Fordham, Carsten and Lisa Dencker Nielsen (Carsten had been instrumental in arranging the occasion) and Club Manager Bob Vlietstra. They wasted no time, going straight to the courts.

Opening the proceedings with a brief outline of the programme, Norman handed the microphone to Scott Younger, Chairman of the British Club. Scott welcomed our distinguished visitors and reminded us that much of the BC area had been, in the early 1900's, occupied by a Scandinavian tennis club. It seemed appropriate that our new courts should be opened by the Swedish champion. Scott then invited Bjorn to cut the tape. This done, the balloons soared out of view and the courts were declared open. After the applause, Scott thanked Carsten Dencker Nielsen for his successful arranging, SAS for their considerable cooperation and Roy Fordham for his work in arranging the courts, the ball-boys (kindly lent by RBSC) and the equipment. Anne Williams (age 9) charmingly presented a bouquet to Mariana Borg. Carsten mounted the umpire's chair, and there it was -- the best-loved world tennis champion playing at the British Club.

Bjorn won the first two games but in the third, Joakin took his opponent to deuce twice, first with a perfect backhand cross-court shot, then with another backhand from the net. Borg won that game, and the next, mainly by making fewer mistakes. Both players were showing how to play strokes correctly and gave a good demonstration of tactical play. We caught more than a glimpse of the speed, strength and accuracy that has made Bjorn Borg the idol of millions. Joakin won two games before Borg took the last against service.

Bjorn then retired, eventually to spend much time signing autographs at a table thoughtfully arranged near the refreshment tent.

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Scott Younger invites Bjorn Borg to open the new courts with Mariana Borg, Joakin Nystroem and Lennart Bergolin supporting.



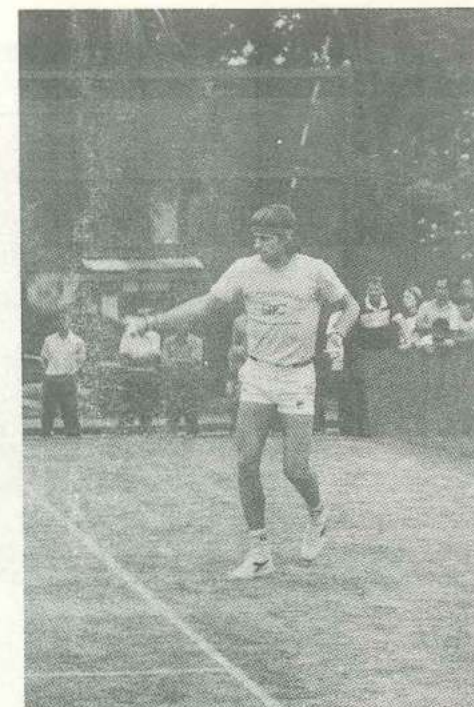
Bjorn takes a breather while Carsten tries to sort out the score!

In the doubles, Mariana Borg and Lennart Bergolin split to be partnered by BC players Mike McAlister and Annette Wellmann respectively. Both excellent players, Annette was a ladies' doubles Thai open champion in 1970. This was an absorbing match. From one game each, Lennart and Annette forged ahead to set point at 5-1, but Mariana and Mike were getting stronger all the time. Mariana in particular seemed to get more into the game and working relentlessly they won game after game to equalise. At this stage the strength of Mariana's shots was astonishing to their opponents and spectators alike. Mariana and Mike won 7-5 to prologued applause in appreciation for a marvellous exhibition of doubles play by all four players.

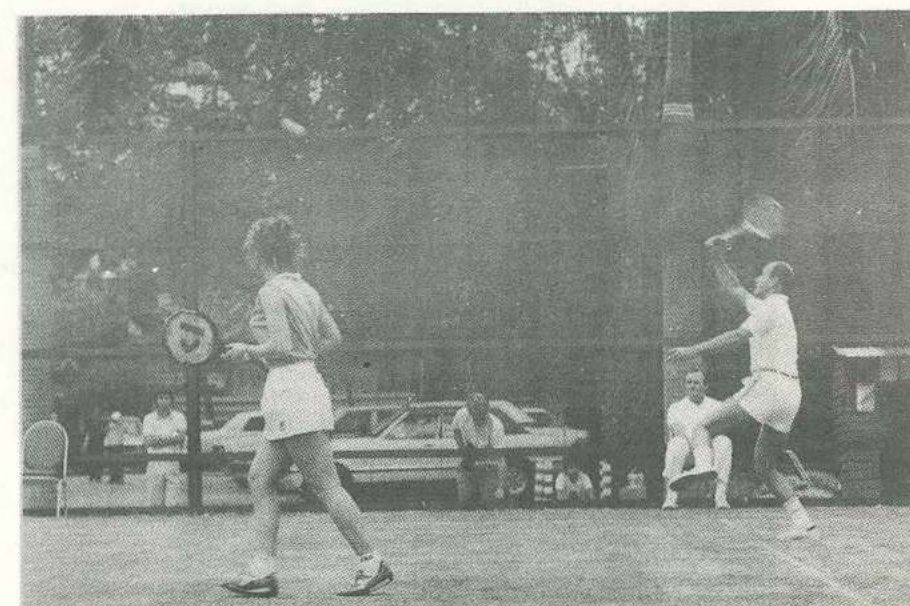
After this we were surprised to see poor Bjorn still surrounded by autograph hunters! The thought occurred: does writers' cramp effect your tennis? The strawberries and cream were fast disappearing, following the hot dogs and other goodies laid on in the marquee. On some signal, the visitors, the Club Committee and their wives and others selected adjourned to the Suriwongse Room for a buffet lunch which ended the proceedings. After lunch, Roy Fordham, on behalf of the British Club tennis section, thanked Bjorn for opening the courts. Then Carsten Dencker Nielsen rose to thank Bob Vlietstra for getting the courts ready in time and pointed out that Bob had already instructed the groundsmen to continue their improvements! He apologised to Lennart Bergolin for mis-calling the score at one stage. Carsten thanked all concerned on behalf of the British Club, not excluding SAS who had helped so much to make the event possible.

Winding up this extraordinary morning, Scott Younger introduced John Williams (loosely connected with another airline) and gave out the secret that this was John's fortieth birthday. Amid justified hilarity, Bjorn presented John with a quite large and delicious-looking birthday cake iced with the legend "The Marathon Man" (John is the BC sports convenor and seems to run in every marathon in the world!) There followed presentation of gifts to each member of the visiting party.

We hope that Bjorn will remember a warm welcome and a not too arduous formality at the British Club. We will remember for a long time the charm of the world champion, his wife, his parents and all of his companions, and the day they came to the British Club.



Bjorn Borg in action



Mariana Borg and Mike McAlister



Mariana serves ... an ace! ...



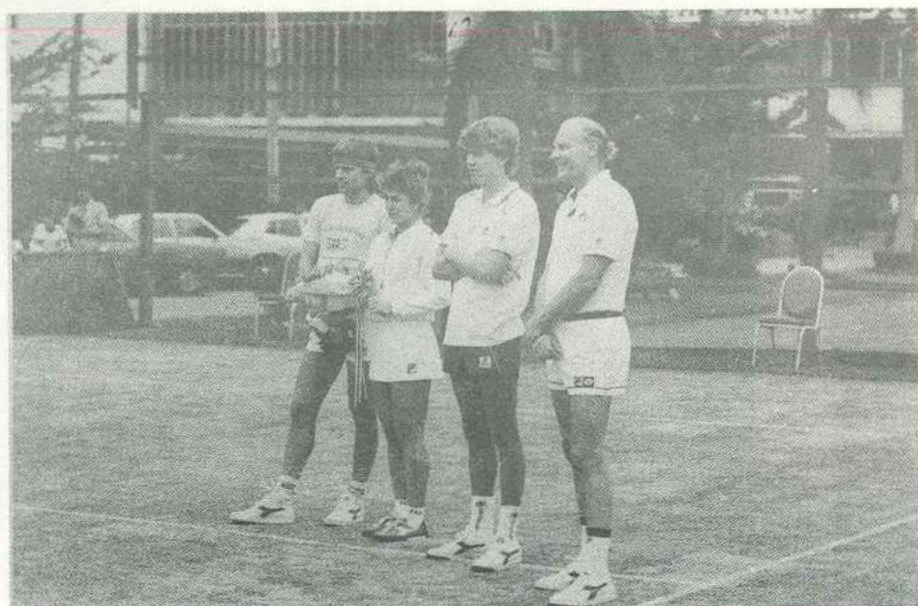
... and receives a bouquet from Anne Williams.

Mike McAlister

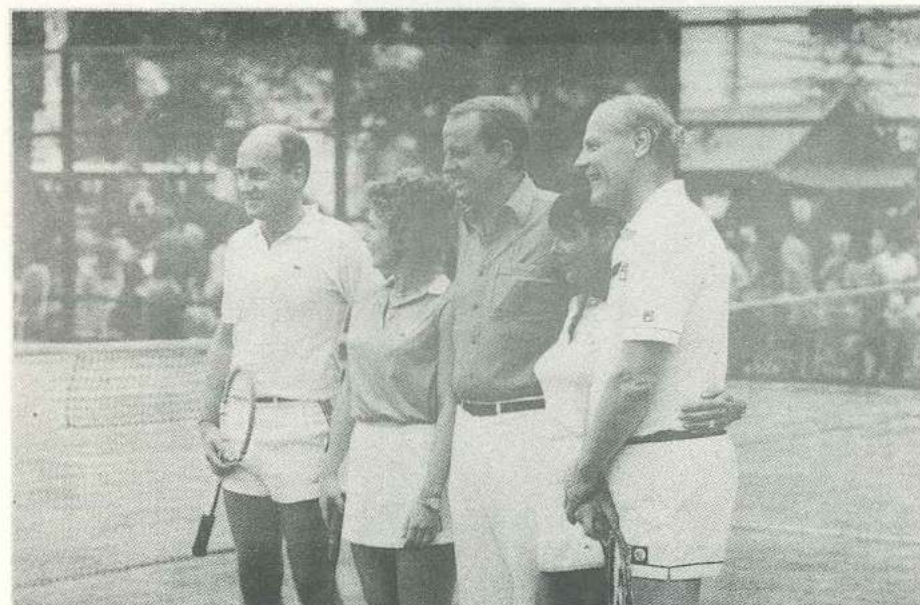


Annette Wellmann

... and receives a bouquet from Anne Williams.



Bjorn, Mariana, Joakin and Lennart.



Doubles players (L to R) Mike, Mariana, Annette and Lennart with umpire Carsten Dencker Nielsen the man in the middle.

The Patpong Mardi Gras!!



On Saturday February 19th from 11.00 a.m. onwards The Rotary Club of Bangkok South is organising The Patpong Mardi Gras, all profits from which will be donated to charity, mainly The Rural Ear Nose and Throat Project which is carrying out invaluable work up-country in the poorer regions of Thailand.



Entrance for adults is £40 and for children £20 and there will be a Carnival Atmosphere all day with plenty of attractions and entertainment.

The broad intention is to split the programme into two sections. The afternoon will be aimed at creating a family atmosphere with the entertainment being suitable for children. The evening entertainment will be planned to appeal to an adult audience. The highlight of the days programme will be an international stage show starting at 9.00 p.m. and running for hours.



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One of the stalls at the Patpong Mardi Gras is selling second hand items such as toys, household goods, unwanted gifts, ornaments, books or records.

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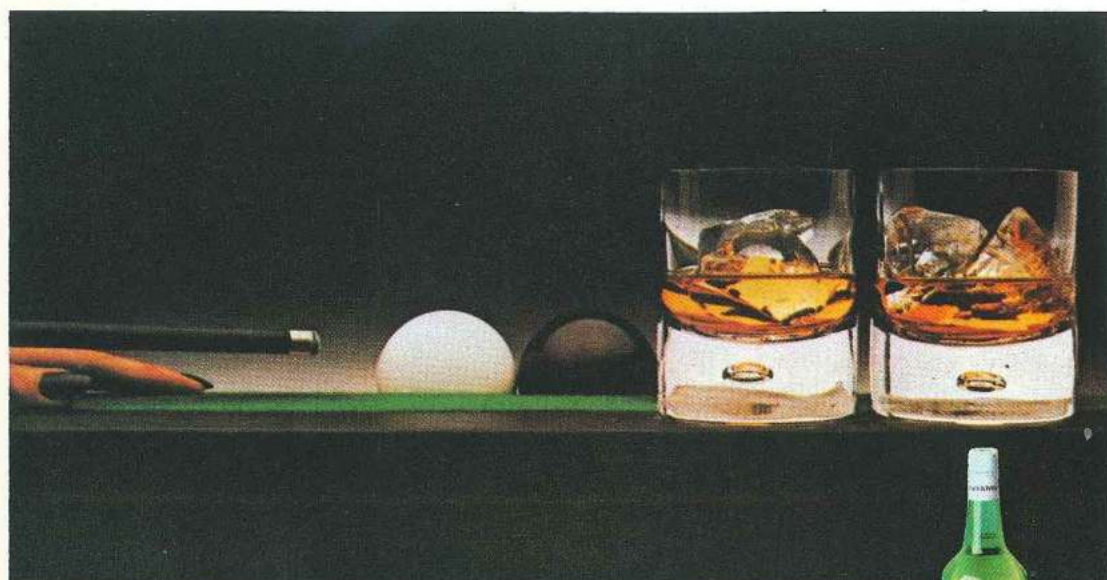
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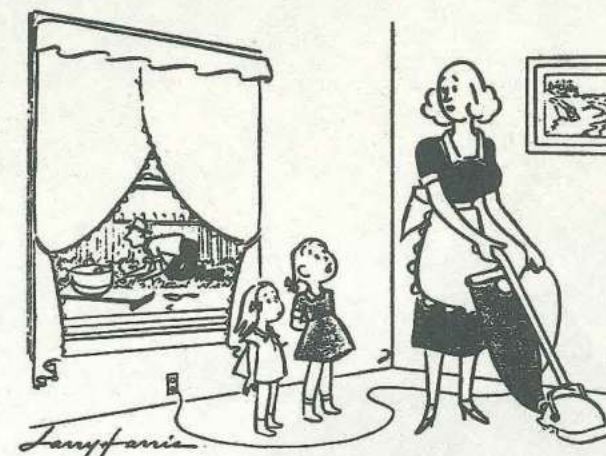
The Committee has in the past been concerned with organising activities for the children including Saturday activities, summer activities and the Christmas parties. For the past three months they have organised monthly Bring & Buy Coffee mornings. Many new ladies have enjoyed the new members' wives' coffee mornings which have been held regularly.

Ladies, if you can help with this group please come along to a meeting on Tuesday 8 February in the Suriwongse Room at 2.00 p.m.

Dates for your Diary

Bring & Buy Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m.

- Wednesday 2 February
- Wednesday 2 March



"But we were out helping Daddy. He's sent us in to help you"

Wine Tasting

After a busy festive season, we were surprised to find that this event ended up being oversubscribed.

The lucky fifty were treated to a sumptuous array of 6 French and 4 Australian wines provided by Thai Australia Co. Ltd. and "tasting" got under way promptly at 7.00 p.m. when our M.C. for the evening, the one and only Graham Millington opened the proceedings.

A serious attempt was made to grade the wines according to bouquet, colour, taste etc. and Thai Australia were given a large number of score sheets for their records.

After this point, the proceedings took on a lighter note when a wine tasting competition was staged, the object being to detect an Australian red from amongst three French reds. There was polite applause for the early winners but this turned to booing when two of the F & B Sub-Committee suspiciously chose the right wine with amazing alacrity.

The evening ended with an excellent set dinner enhanced by two more excellent wines and after dinner liqueurs.

Our thanks again to David Guy and Thai Australia Co. Ltd. for sponsoring a highly successful event.

NOTE: Watch the notice board for the February wine tasting; it should also be a sell-out.

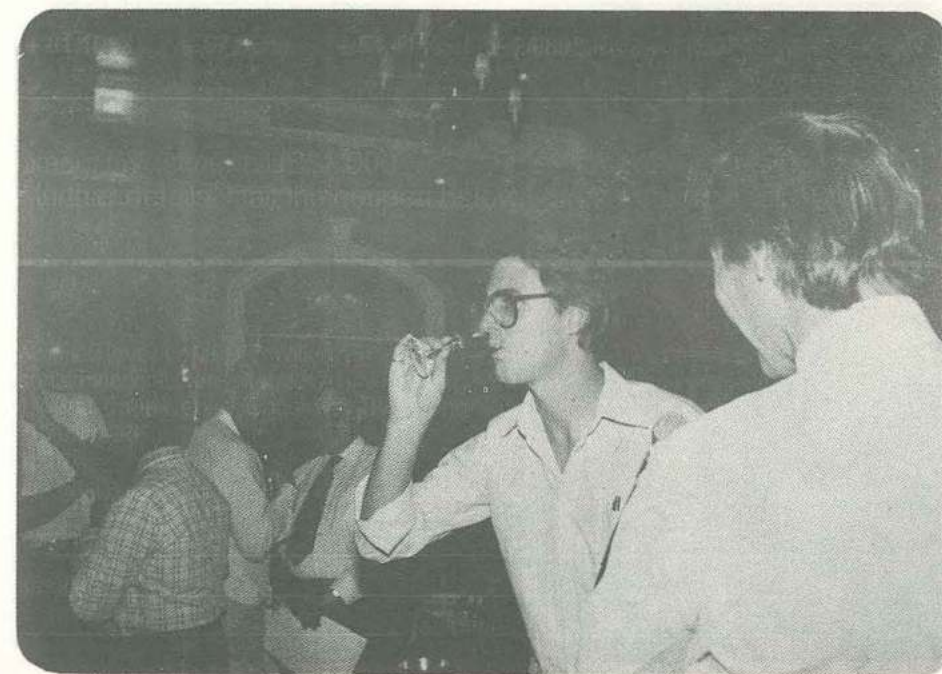


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WINE TASTING PHOTOS



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Presentation

Following their visit to Bangkok in November and December, 1982, the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards (stationed in Hong Kong) have presented to the British Club a plaque showing the battalion coat of arms and a beautifully made silver figurine of a Scots Guardsman. The plaque is on display in the Club Bar (where it will be permanently fixed) and the figurine can be seen in the cabinet in the entrance hall until it is found a permanent home.



These items were presented by Mr. Eric Miller and Mr. Ian Fleming, both past Chieftains of the St. Andrew's Society, on behalf of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards to Mr. Scott Younger, Chairman, and Mr. Norman Musgrave, Vice-Chairman of the BC on 22nd January, 1983.

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Annual Fathers v. Sons Cricket Match

Thursday 6 January 1983 dawned as one of those days that Fathers would prefer to cancel from their diaries. Sons, on the other hand looked forward to it with relish for the opportunity to outplay their opposition with a display of youthful prowess. Over breakfast some fathers found their mind slipping back to the day they scored that 100 not out or the day their unfathomable spin took 9 wickets for 10 runs. Over lunch dawning reality began slipping into focus. Had it really been 22 years since pads were last buckled on? Surely it wasn't in 1959 that those wickets were captured!

Reality finally appeared on the Sports Club cricket square and left its mark on the Fathers in the shape of a 40 run defeat and, more painfully, one ripped thigh muscle and several bruises generously donated by the Son's fast bowling. The after effects of that reality were suffered privately and silently by the fathers in the days after the match.

The Fathers took the field first and were feeling quietly confident when the sons' score was standing on 6 for 2 wickets. Both openers having left so quickly, one to a stunningly relaxed single handed caught and bowled by Ian McLean, must surely have meant that the full 25 overs would be unnecessary and that the final score would be easy to chase.

That same demon, reality, then began to appear. The size of the batsmen inexorably became larger and larger, culminating in Chris Coe who hooked and drove majestically for a total of 42 including two sixes.

At the end of those endless 25 overs the sons score stood at 116 for 9 and the Fathers were faced with producing a scoring rate of nearly five runs an over.

Peter Hodgson took up the challenge and had scored 24 before being bowled. John Williams stayed doggedly at the wicket for over half an hour but increasing terror of the bowling kept his score down. As with their batsmen, the Sons' bowlers became larger and faster - there was not one spin merchant or medium paced floater in the side. As batsmen, the Fathers finally knew they were in deep trouble, not to mention mortal danger, when son Hans Moore was bowling with his arm coming down above the sight screen at the far end.

It all came to a finish with the Fathers managing to put on 76 for 8 at the close of their 25 overs. The Sons being worthy victors with that 40 run margin.

At the barbecue at Alasdair Johnstone's house later that evening, Chris Coe was awarded the Best Batsmen Trophy for his 42 runs, Bruce Johnstone took away the Best Bowler award for his 6 for 13 spell and Kevin Gibson, upgraded to a Father for the Day, collected the Best Fielder award for his 3 catches as wicketkeeper for the Fathers.

TEAMS: Sons: Bruce Johnstone, Chris Coe, Hans Moore, Richard Morgan, Ross MacDonald, Liam Jamieson, Marcus Younger, Paul Hickson, John Thompson, Grant McLean, Mark Prendergast.

Fathers: Mike Jarvis, Adrian Gundlach, Alasdair Johnstone, Scott Younger, Ian McLean, John Williams, Peter Hodgson, Derek Gibson, Kevin Gibson, Tom Ford, Tom Prendergast.

FOOTNOTE: The foot was not broken and Peter Hodgson is now undergoing physiotherapy for his torn thigh muscle. The sons have returned to school -- it's safer that way.

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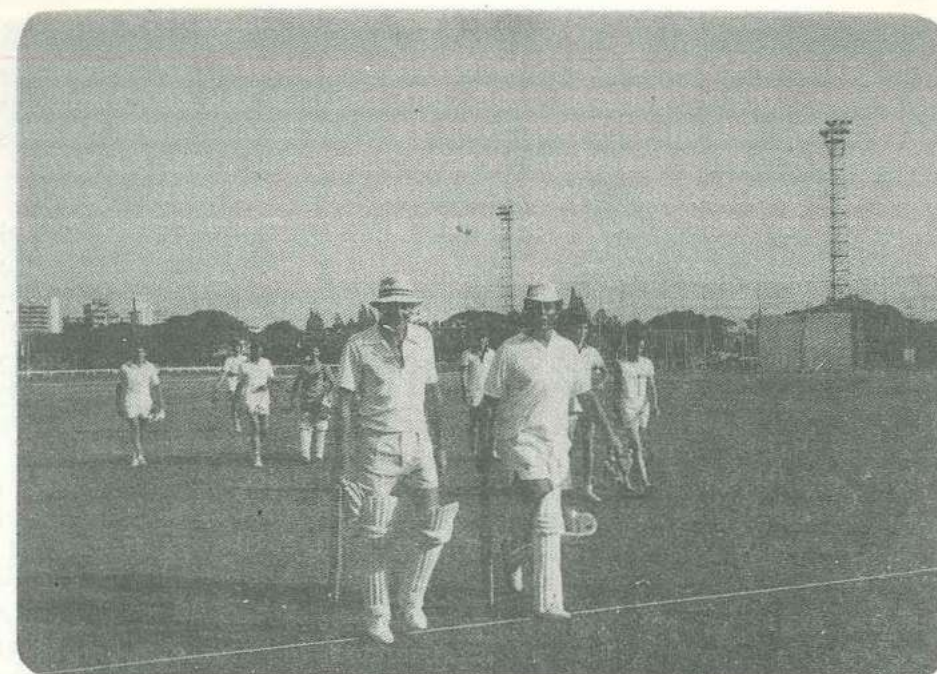
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Tom Ford and Scott Younger leave the field having helped to maintain the Fathers' beaten tradition....!



Victors and the Vanquished

The Bangkok English Drama Scene

The Bangkok Community Theatre, or B.C.T., as it is normally called, is fast moving towards its tenth anniversary as Bangkok's only English language theatre group, yet many expats are still unaware of its existence, or at least confused as to its function.

Formed in April 1972 as a merger of the British-run Bangkok Dramatic Society and the American-run Amateur Community Theatre, the B.C.T. has, over the decade, provided the theatre-going population of Bangkok with consistently high quality productions whilst keeping ticket prices at a very low level. This is a fact which seems not to be fully exploited by the general expat population.

As many long-standing Bangkok residents can testify, the B.C.T. has faced its share of troubled times. There have been years of low bank balances, unsuccessful (both financially and critically) shows, large drops in membership and theatre attendance, and other various related woes. At the present moment, however, the B.C.T. is enjoying a sort of "renaissance". There is a useful financial kitty to guard against a financial flop and the membership is higher than it has been for some years. This is due in part to the success of the past year's productions, and the effort of the B.C.T.'s committee to secure a low-rent storage space for the club's assets. The house acquired for this purpose also now serves as a "clubhouse" for meetings, rehearsals and get-togethers' a real "home" for the B.C.T.

A new committee has just been elected at the B.C.T.'s Annual General Meeting held in January, with Cliff Ashenden as Chairman, Joy Rogers as Secretary and Geof Connor as Treasurer heading the administrative force.

Although the membership is looking very healthy, one of the goals of the new committee is to build it up even further to allow for an expansion into more varied theatrical activities. Welcome are those interested in actively participating in and learning about the theatre, as well as those who prefer to be members for the 50 per cent reduction in ticket price it entitles them to receive. Membership is only 200 baht per year so this in itself is worth it.

With the new committee, also a new show to look forward to, and in February B.C.T.'s offering is the British-penned composite, "Mixed Doubles". Billed as an 'entertaining look at marriage', the play is actually, light, separately-authored scenes of married life zeroing in on problems that occur from the honeymoon to, quite literally, the grave.



Humour, of course, is inherent in a play about marriage, but to take any possible sting out of the commentary, the scenes are bridged with monologues by characters better viewed with tongue-in-cheek than with any degree of seriousness.

The show is being directed by Geof Connor and Andrea Cahn and boasts a cast of very capable and critically acclaimed actors, both American and British. You will undoubtedly recognise many of the following names and be eager to see all of them show their skills "on the boards": Alphabetically; Cynthia Cahill, Andrea Cahn, David Cardwell, Jan Collins, Geof Connor, Cheryl Fillis, Karel Fisher, Graham Granville-Smith, Gary Kessler, Margaret and Eric Miller, Graham Millington, Andy Rattue, Joy Rogers, Jeannette Segal and Geoff Thompson.

It is, in total, an extremely experienced and renowned group, and an ensemble which is prepared to give its audience an extraordinary evening of exceptional entertainment.

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The play dates are Thursday, February 17th, Friday the 18th and Saturday the 19th, all performances at the Bhirasri Institute of Modern Art, on Soi Attakarn Prasit, which is the first soi to the left after entering South Sathorn Road from the Wireless Road intersection. The Bhirasri is halfway down the soi on the right and parking is in the first gate on the right after passing the Bhirasri Building.

Entrance is a mere 100 Baht, 50 Baht if you are a B.C.T. member or a student. Opening night all tickets are 50 Baht. Tickets are available through any member of the cast or crew, at the Club, at Asia Book Store, or at the door immediately before the performances.

If you have never been to a B.C.T. production have a look at "Mixed Doubles". You will be surprised, impressed -- and, it is hoped, hooked as a supporter of the B.C.T., your only English language theatre group.

Those who would like to become members, or require more information, send enquiries to:

Bangkok Community Theatre, Nana,
P.O. Box 11/1279,
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or speak to any Club members mentioned in this article.



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New Records...by Camus

THE CHILDREN OF LIR

COME AWAY to the land of Lir, that legendary place in Irish mythology where we meet King Lir and his four children -- Finola and her three brothers -- who had a spell cast on them by a wicked stepmother. They were changed into white swans, doomed to wander over Irish waters for a thousand years, and not until they heard the sound of the first Christian bell could they return to their original form. How they came to the Sea of Moyle, off the north Antrim coast and spent most of their sentence there, Finola always protecting and caring for her brothers, is beautifully illustrated in the music of Sir Hamilton Harty played now by The Ulster Orchestra under Bryden Thomson's direction on a digital Chandos recording (The Children of Lir, a poem for orchestra: ABRD 1051).



Hamilton Harty

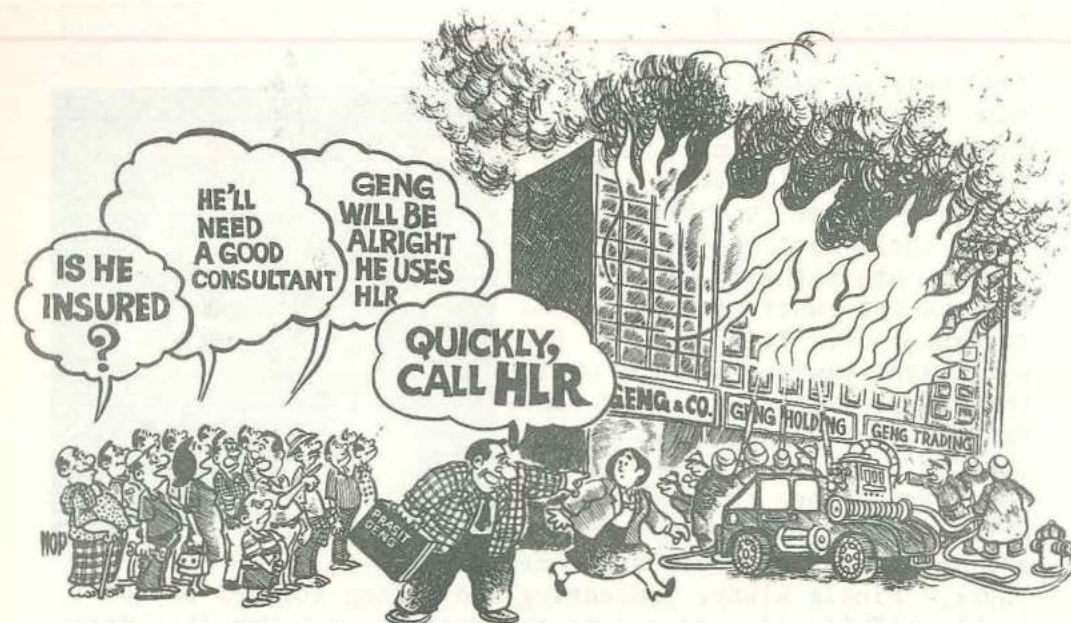
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One morning they heard the sound of a bell from a little church on the cliff top. At once they were changed back into human form, but incredibly old, and were taken by the coast people to the church and baptized, and as they were received into the Christian faith, they died and were buried in the churchyard overlooking the sea.

Sir Hamilton Harty -- himself an Ulsterman -- has vividly painted the scene from the moment the children, gazing down on the turbulent sea, are changed into swans. Bryden Thomson inspires the Ulster Orchestra into conveying the legend step by step -- its passion, its grandeur, its defiance, its moments of sheer lyrical beauty -- as we seem to become part of the legend ourselves, the music luring us -- even if we are tempted to resist -- into the mythological presence of Lir's children, sharing their adventures, their vicissitudes, their moments of longing, and their final victory in Christian death.

Ulster soprano Heather Harper is heard singing Finola's plaintive song of weariness and of longing for the day of release, the orchestra taking full advantage of moments such as the

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changing back into human forms, the song of the tempestuous sea, and at the end of the poem, the far-off murmuring of the sea and the bell softly tolling. The sleeve note gives the saga in full.

Heather Harper is also heard in Sir Hamilton's setting of the Keats 'Ode to a Nightingale', an eloquent memorial to the friendship of Harty with Agnes Page, who was an ardent admirer of his music. The 20-minute continuous movement is spontaneous and warm-hearted, the soaring vocal phrases managed with great vocal ability by this distinctive soprano voice. A delightful record for your complete enjoyment.

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OPPORTUNITY offers an 'Aisle Seat' in the theatre to hear the Boston Pops Orchestra play a programme of music specially written for the world of films by John Williams (who conducts the Pops Orchestra since 1980) and other successful composers of modern film music (Aisle Seat : Philips 6514 328, Stereo).

The music we immediately hear brings us well up-to-date as The Flying Theme from that compelling film 'E.T.' introduces Mr. Williams and his band of musicians who are particularly gifted in interpreting music in the light - classical vein -- note the 'leggiero' strings and undulating woodwinds -- the rather monotonous 'Chariots of Fire' Theme built on a 4-note phrase following-on.

A tune from the brand new out-of-the-can 'Yes Giorgio' and the bright-and-breezy Main Theme of 'New York, New York' completes part one, and as we resume our seats, it is apparent that part two is all in nostalgic vein. Tara's Theme from 'Gone with the Wind' features the Boston Orchestra's strings and brass, with switches of key for cello and violin solos, and surely we will never forget Judy Garland singing Over the Rainbow in 'The Wizard of Oz' -- rippling woodwinds and harp against the string theme.

Gene Kelly, it was, who danced and sang his way through 'Singin' in the Rain', but there is a complete contrast of mood for the Main Theme from that memorable film, 'Friendly Persuasion', the lovely, lyrical melody here beautifully arranged and presented by John Williams and the Orchestra. Ten tunes in all we have enjoyed sitting comfortably in our Aisle Seats.

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Our F & B Correspondent Writes

DINING ROOM

The F & B Sub-Committee and the House & Grounds Sub-Committee are concerned about the state of the upholstery on the bench seating in the Dining Room. However, since there are proposals to experiment with the seating arrangements in the immediate future, it has been decided to delay recovering the benches and chairs until the new layout is finalised.

CHILDREN'S MENU

A new children's menu cover is being designed to replace the present "puzzle" menus. We are grateful to British Airways once again for covering a substantial part of the cost of producing this.

F & B QUESTIONNAIRE

The F & B Sub-Committee at their last meeting decided to seek members' views on the performance of our F & B outlets and to this end you will find enclosed with your copy of "Outpost" a questionnaire on the subject. Please spare us a few moments of your time by filling it out and returning it to the Club Office or to Reception.

DINNER VIDEO

This will continue in February. Each Saturday evening at 6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. we will be showing video tapes of popular British T.V. programmes.

REUBEN SANDWICHES

These seem to be joining the celebrated ranks of menu items that somehow or other go wrong. Remember Toad in the Hole? (soon to be relaunched!) and Bread and Butter Pud (now a real star!). One frustrated member has had his Reuben hot, cold, stodgy, stringy, salty etc. at successful orderings. Patience please, the real Reuben will soon be identified and served.

ALPHABET SOUP

This is not popular with the children. Can any children or mums tell us why?

Should we remove it from the menu? With what should we replace it? Fill in the questionnaire and let us have your views on poor old alphabet soup.

WELCOME BACK GILLIAN KING, THE BAKED BEANS LADY

Gillian is now back in Thailand and will soon be busy in the kitchens sorting out the Toad in the Hole etc.

THE GREAT FRESH ORANGE JUICE DILEMMA

It has been suggested that those members who insist on having a full glass of orange or lime juice without ice be asked to pay twice the standard juice. Normally, the juice price is calculated on the assumption that the glass will be half filled with ice. Comments please.



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BILLIARDS

Donofield Cup (Volunteer Handicap)

Although there were only five entries, this was a fascinating competition, being our first try at handicapping - apparently since 1968! Mrs. Goy Armstrong, overcoming natural reluctance to enter a traditional man's activity, agreed to enter to make an even number and promptly found herself drawn against her husband! Ron conceded 160 and was able to make up the difference only once. Scores were 263-251, 215-250 and 327-308. In the other preliminary, David Guy beat Nick Nickols 102-97 and 116-65, starting with an advantage of 45. The semi-final saw David conceding 35 to Goy and going down 109-89, 60-70 and 86-59. Simple arithmetic shows how accurate the handicapping was, and Ian Hill (with a bye to the final due to non-appearance of his opponent) also came unstuck conceding 85 to Goy and only catching her once. Goy won 143-135, 121-130 and 138-111, Ian's hopes vanishing when, playing for a snooker, he pocketed the brown by accident.

So congratulations to Goy Armstrong, possibly the first lady in BC history to win a snooker competition!

O'Connell Cup

Not much progress due to absence abroad of protagonists. This competition has been marred by many walk-overs -- we hope no more will be necessary. The competition will be concluded by 1st February!

The Ashes

At time of going to press, the teams are being briefed for battle on 31st January.

AGM - Monday 7th February at 6:30

For the pleasure of those attending we have arranged to show the video of the 1982 World Snooker Championship won by Hurricane Higgins. The programme will be:

5:30 - 6:30	Video (first half)
6:30 - 7:15	AGM
7:15 - 8:15	Dinner and Presentation of Trophies
8:15 - 9:30	Video (second half)

A nominal charge of £65 will be made for those diners who have not entered any of the 1982 tournaments. The proceedings will all take place in the Suriwongse Room and all Club members and their ladies are welcome.

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BRIDGE

After a quiet scene on the tables during December, the New Year started with a bang with the first duplicate session of 1983. Eight tables and we were struggling to scrape together enough packs. However, the 16 pair movement cards were unearthed from the dust and a very enjoyable evening ensued, finishing in a very close finish with only four points separating the first five pairs. Just in front at the end were Mr. and Mrs. Gillette who were able to celebrate by drinking their prize.

Next duplicate session is on Monday, 7th February with Chicago on other Mondays.

7.30 p.m. - see you there



DARTS

B.C. 1 Team

The match results for the past 4 league games have been a little disappointing with 1 win and 3 losses. The win was a deferred match against Mercantile Bank and the defeats were against Toby Jug 1, Old China Hand and Ladies. There still remains one outstanding league game to play, against New Cowboy, and that will conclude the 18th Bangkok darts league.

Scores of a 'ton' or more were recorded by Malcolm Lazenby (5), Brian Thompson (4), Ernie Ure (4), Dave Wallace (3), Ian Hill (2), Norman (2), Chris Andrews (1) and Ian Ward-McNally (1). Closing doubles were scored by Ian Ward-McNally (5), Ian Hill (3), Dave Wallace (4), Ernie Ure (3) and Brian Thompson (2).

BC 1 had a 'bye' in the first round of the Knockout Competition but were beaten by White House (Division 1) in the second leg. The final result was a 14-3 defeat. Maybe better luck next season!



CRICKET

BC cricketers have taken the field 3 times since the last edition of Outpost and, unlike the Chiangmai weekend, were mostly in reasonable shape to play cricket. The first was a hastily arranged friendly against Allied Newspapers just before Christmas which failed to make the pages of the Bangkok Post probably because BC stormed to a convincing 5 wicket victory.

Sunday 19 December, 25-Over Friendly vs Allied Newspapers

Allied, invited to bat first, were soon in trouble at 16 for 3 off 8 overs with David Apps and Jeff Parry, demonstrating the virtues of regular net practice, both bowling beautifully. However, subsequent change bowling was somewhat of an experimental nature and Allied were eventually permitted to reach 114 for 8 off their 25 overs. Apps finished with the splendid figures of 1 for 8 off 5 overs, Parry with 2 for 18. Chris Staddon also bowled well when persuaded not to lob donkey droppers, his pushed-through delivery being both effective and economical.

With a few anxious moments in the first over or two 114 appeared to be a fairly stiff early-season challenge, but Craig Price had other ideas and soon had the bowlers at his mercy. He was out with the score 91 for 3 off just 16 overs of which his personal contribution was 79. In a partnership of 75 with John McBeth he scored 65 and his innings included 12 fours. It was an effortless exhibition of graceful and easy batting -- at no time was he tempted to use the brute force he doesn't possess and, although he never appeared to hurry, runs flowed off his bat. It could be a long time before we see anything better than this and McBeth's supporting role was sensible and invaluable. After the departure of Price the Club cantered home with ease with Parry not out 15.

Saturday 15th January, 25-Over TCL vs RBSC

It was with great anticipation that an almost full strength side assembled to challenge the might of RBSC in our opening 25 over league fixture. Incredibly, an immaculately turned out side were all present a full 30 minutes before the scheduled start, engaged in an unprecedented early morning net practice. Unfortunately however, having agreed to a suspicious request to re-schedule the match for an early morning start, we lost the toss and found ourselves put in on a wicket which had been watered the previous night and which was still being rolled after the official start time. The worst possible consequences followed. After 10 overs we had lost 6 wickets for 9 runs with 4 batsmen out for ducks! The RBSC opening

bowlers revelled in the conditions and the husband of their recently acquired ladies county hockey player was demonstrating convincingly that the ballistic trajectory of a spherical body of $5\frac{1}{2}$ oz. leather projected at high velocity onto a piece of turf of varying moisture content from a height of over 5 cubits, is altogether too complicated a computation for the average BC Kloster addict standing less than $\frac{1}{3}$ chain and 0.43 seconds away with a chunk of willow in hand as sole means of defence.

Fortunately, having seen the end of Goliath's spell, our own David (Apps) proceeded then to take the RBSC change bowlers apart with an exhibition of superbly controlled aggression. He blasted his way to a chanceless personal tally of 49 with clean hard hitting which included 3 enormous 6's which in practicing the execution thereof has recently taken such a heavy toll on the Narai Hotel and neighbouring district. It was a masterly knock and during much of it he was most ably supported by our studious convert to cricket, Belgian, Olivier De Braekeleer who chipped in with a solid and valuable 11 runs. Eventually we had the small consolation of denying RBSC a bowling point by finishing on 79 for 9. RBSC's subsequent shaky start illustrated how different the game might have been if they had had the pleasure of the first knock. Apps, Paul Eastaway and Phil Diprose all bowled well with no luck and Eastaway had the tubbier of the two openers dropped twice off consecutive balls in his first over. RBSC laboured to 23 off 10 overs and John Coghill fooled the older looking opener with only his second ball. However with such a modest total to defend, the luckier opener and that hockey player's husband were able to attack the bowling and eventually runs came quickly with RBSC romping home with 7 overs and 7 wickets to spare. All the bowlers bowled well with Apps and Don Goodin picking up the other two wickets to fall. RBSC 8 pts BC Opts.

Sunday 16 January 40 over TCL vs AIT

After such a disappointing start to our league programme we were keen to do well against an AIT team of unknown strength the following day. Asked to bat first yet again, a more or less sober John Coghill opened with 9 runs off the first over, and thoughts of 200 plus runs flitted pleasantly through the mind. However, generally speaking, good length balls on middle stump are not usually the best balls to hook early in an innings, and Coghill in an attempt to do so precipitated another early collapse. Against tight bowling we were struggling once again at 20 for 3 off 11 overs with both Price and Brook also contemplating the inequities of cricket back in the pavilion.

But then again came an innings of great character, this time by Jeff Parry, who set about the bowling from the first ball he received. A left-hander, Parry took cruel advantage of unconventional field placings, being particularly savage against anything bowled on his legs. He was ably supported

by a battling Barry Hyde who had patiently occupied the crease from the start, and the pair put on 39 for the 4th wicket. Hyde departed for a valuable and steadying 18 runs after 19 overs, and as Parry continued to plunder he found further solid support in Paul Niemczyk. These two put on 48 runs for the 5th wicket and when an exhausted Parry eventually surrendered his stumps he had scored 64 runs including 11 fours. This was another fine aggressive knock once again underlining the value of regular net practice. Niemczyk eventually fell for 13 and then Jack Dunford (11) and Paul Lockyer (13) put on 30 runs to see the score past 150 for our first bonus point. The innings closed at 157 for 9, a very respectable, if not unbeatable score.

The AIT innings was a tense affair. The Club bowled well throughout, remaining calm under pressure, and although several partnerships developed which threatened to put AIT on course for victory, we always were able to maintain the pressure and get a vital break through just before too much damage was done. David Apps 0 for 20 off 8 overs, Paul Eastaway 1 for 13 off 7 overs, and Jeff Parry 1 for 26 off 8 overs all bowled extremely well, Parry exceptionally so after his exhausting heroics with the bat. John Coghill has not yet found last season's form, but bowled fairly tidily picking up 2 important wickets for 35 off 8 overs. The problem throughout was who to introduce as a 5th bowler, and when, and it was both a despairing and inspired decision which saw young Paul Lockyer introduced to the attack just before the drinks interval with one of the most dangerous looking partnerships getting established. To shrieks of incredulity from the team and the rapturous applause of 15,000 spectators gathered in the stadium, Lockyer bowled an astonished batsman with a beautifully flighted first ball, and proceeded to bowl out a maiden over.

Some say lightning never strikes twice in the same place, and despite pleas from all quarters to the contrary, Dunford allowed Lockyer to continue after the drinks interval for the longest spell of his career to clean up the match with 4 for 29 off $6\frac{1}{2}$ overs. This was a fine, if unexpected, match winning contribution, from an enthusiastic lad, and Lockyer will be on a hat-trick next time he is invited to bowl. Our victory was by the margin of 18 runs and was the result of a splendid all round team effort. The game was always tight and we won it by refusing to be panicked, the difference between the two sides. Although the dropped-catch beer fund is already of healthy proportions, the fielding on the whole was good with 3 catches held and 2 run outs taken. BC 10 pts, AIT 2 pts.

Team selection is going to be a problem this year with so many good players available. Priority will be given to those in form and/or demonstrating their interests by attending net practices. We need you there.



LADIES' GOLF

We started our weekly golf games again on Tuesday 4 January and we had a really good turn out, surprisingly so, so soon after the festivities, and the following Tuesday was even better!! So we look all set for a well supported and active golfing 1983.

Results as we go to Press:

4.1.83 - Stableford

Winner: Tina Svensson with 37 points
 Runner Up: Judy King with 36 points
 Longest Drive: Tina Svensson
 Nearest Pin: Eileen Ford

11.1.83 - Par Bisque (divided into 2 Divisions)

Winner : Division 1 Millie Marshall + 4
 R/Up : " 1 Kirsten Persson + 3

Winner : Division 2 Lisa Dencker-Nielsen + 9
 R/Up : " 2 Tina Svensson & Ann Johnstone + 7
 Longest Drive : Tina Svensson
 Nearest Pin : Lise Dencker-Nielsen

18.1.83 - T's & F's

Joint Winners Tina Svensson & Jenny Holt with 30½
 Ann Duggan's Special Prize went to Lise Dencker-Nielsen with best nett overall, a 69.

Longest Drive : Tina Svensson

Future Fixtures (all at Army Course - Tee-off 7.30 a.m.)

1.2.83 First round of Astral Cup) 2 rounds of
 & stroke play
 8.2.83 Second round of Astral Cup)

Starter : Ella Mallaret (391 1596)

15.2.83 - Stableford

Starter : Muriel Harrold (250 1166)

22.2.83 - L.G.U. Medal

Starter : Muriel Harrold (250 1166)

1.3.83 - Bisque Bogey

Starter : Muriel Harrold (250 1166)

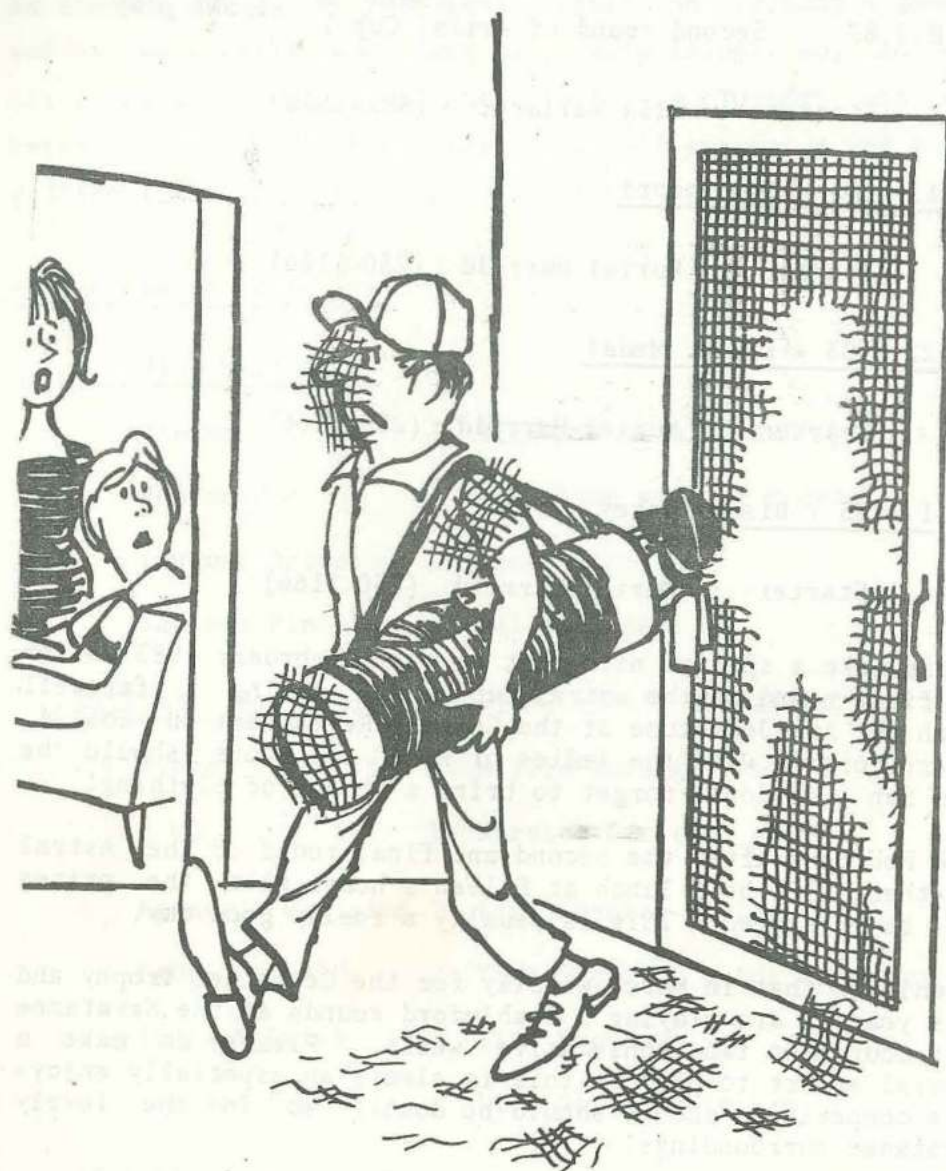
Please make a special note that on the 1 February 1983 after the first round of the astral Cup we are having a farewell lunch for Ann Johnstone at the Chinese Restaurant on Soi 24. We are joining with the ladies of FLOGG and this should be good fun - so don't forget to bring a change of clothing!

On 8 February after the second and final round of the Astral Cup there will be a lunch at Eileen's house when the prizes will be presented. This is usually a really good day.

A reminder that in March we play for the Gestetner Trophy and this year we are playing 2 Stableford rounds at the Navatanee Golf Course on two consecutive weeks. Please do make a special effort to play as this is always an especially enjoyable competition and it should be doubly so in the lovely Navatanee surroundings.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Surapin Hayashi and Trish Blackburn to our group. We do hope they will be regular players and enjoy their golf with us.

Finally for the ladies who are still hesitating to join us please do make an effort, you will be most welcome - once you make the effort you are sure to find the day most enjoyable.



"Better not ask about his score."



SOCCER

With a recent 3-1 victory over the French, the BC soccer team now holds second place in the Farang League -- lagging behind on goal average to the Indians whose 13-0 hammering of the Clark Hatch team was not only the highest-ever score recorded in the league but also proved that footballers do not need big biceps.

The BC's own economy-sized players, with the exception of 'Big' Billy Duncan, went a goal behind to the French after goalie Peter Smith uncharacteristically fumbled a modest shot. But the team, prompted from the touchline by trainer and occasional star Bill Friel, plus Meg, hauled themselves back into business and quickly clocked up three goals from Paul McGowan, Steve Tapner and Billy Duncan.

Steve is now the team's leading scorer, having registered the only goal in the 1-1 draw with the Indians in the opening match. But Paul McGowan, whose dribbles are beginning to resemble those of Jimmy Greaves, is threatening to take that position away from young Steve.

While some teams -- notably the Swiss -- continue to turn out in somewhat ancient soccer outfits, the BC team clearly leads the league in sartorial elegance. The strip of blue and white stripes and red socks, provided by the Club, is obviously designed to dazzle the opposition. Even the normally chic French pale against the BC team.

Defeat followed the victory over the French a week later, however, when the team faced the Royal Bangkok Sports Club in a friendly match. Playing early on a Sunday morning at the Polo Club, a much weakened BC held its own for the first half against a RBSC team which included several ex-Thai internationals. Then, as the night before began to take its toll on the BC players, the Sports Club asserted itself, rattling in four goals.

The BC's crocks during that game included Bill Friel, Colin Hastings and Steve Tapner, the latter bravely assuming responsibility in goal mid-way through the first half after injury to the former.

After-match talk has recently centred on the possibility of arranging a soccer tour towards the end of the season. But deciding where to go has caused more arguments than settling the bill in a certain German pub used by the team after games. Topping the list, however, is Hong Kong with a side-trip to Manila fancied as well. Singapore and Jakarta are popular alternatives.

Thanks go to Meg and Bill Friel for a splendid and homely evening of soccer video tapes. What inspiration was provided by seeing yet again -- Geoff Hurst score that World Cup final goal....?

Training at the club on Wednesdays remains well attended, though some earlier fitness fanatics have shown a distinct tendency to flag in recent weeks. And the runs around the Narai Hotel car park are still the most disliked part of the routine.

The soccer team's programme for the coming month is busy with Farang League matches, friendlies and a floodlit competition at the Sports Club. New players are always welcome -- and so too are additional supporters.

FIXTURES FOR FEBRUARY:

	<u>Against</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Competition</u>
Thursday 3	RBSC I	RBSC	1630	F.T.
Sunday 6	GERMANS	ISB	0930	F.L.
Thursday 10	INDIANS	RBSC	1745	F.T.
Sunday 13	HONG KONG	POLO CLUB		FRIENDLY
Tuesday 15	SEMI FINAL	RBSC		F.T.
Thursday 17	FINAL	RBSC		F.T.
Saturday 19	SCANS	ISB	1530	F.L.

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SWIMMING

Sunday January 3rd saw the first Gala of 1983 and there was plenty of evidence that old rivalries of 1982 will continue to be fought out this year. There was other evidence of new stars starting to develop and to show promise for this and future years. But there were also signs that new swimmers must be found and that existing swimmers will need to take every advantage of coaching and training sessions if success in the 1983 Club and Inter-Club Galas is to be achieved.

This first Gala of 1983 had Michael Hodgson and Jonathan Albright fighting for the sports in the 9-10 years group. Michael's breast-stroke training is showing results as his times continue to tumble!

In the under 7 years group Cassidy Smith swam to victory in every event and lowered her best times in the process. Cassidy's progress is such that she is a potential Gold Medal winner at the next Friendship Gala.

Katherine Walsingham, Gillian Rennie and David Collins all swam well and set personal best times during the morning.

At the award winners presentation after the Gala, Mark McCall was the proud recipient of the December Improver of the Month award. Well done Mark.

The first round of the Friendship Galas will be completed when the Lions Club of Nonthaburi play host to ourselves and the ISRC on 6 February. All of the Club's swimmers will be keen to avenge their defeat and loss of the Lady de la Mare Cup at the 2nd Friendship Gala last October.

Gala Dates for the remainder of 1983 have been set as 6 March, 10 April, 8 May, 5 June, 10 July, 7 August, 11 September (Family Gala) 2 October, 6 November and 18 December. Friendship Galas are also likely to take place in June (ISRC) and in October (British Club)

Going back to the earlier comments about strengthening the Club squad with new swimmers; new arrivals in town are invited to bring their children to training sessions at the pool each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and to enter them for the regular monthly Galas. Ring Helen Jamieson, 286 5522, for details and encouragement.



Eight outstanding B.C. youngsters



Winning Mum & Daughter, Pam and Kristen Hardy



SQUASH

With pulsating pupils, brought on by the Surin elephant round up now going on inside your scribes skull, we scratch our way into the January goings-on of squashpersons everywhere.

Sue Edmonds our roving poolside reporter has the inside story on chat night and, oh horror for some, she even has photographs to prove everything. All this squashperson can say is pity Sue did not have an underwater camera.

Feels like the tug of war has started in there now as recollections of the last squash sub-committee meeting float over Surin. As you will all be keenly awaiting, the AGM (squash) will be on 10 February so here's the last opportunity to say those sub-committee monthly summits were great fun, spirited in the full sense (burp) and even got some work done. Dr. Kissinger kindly step aside and give way to the new wave of Kloster/House wine negotiators.

The January sub-committee meeting being the last before the AGM was about the topper hence musical chairs between the meeting and, ah, comfort rooms down the hall. As fortunate(?) observers at the bar that night would testify, the comfort rooms almost came to the meeting much in the manner of the mountain. Thanks for turning subsequent speech into shrieks must go to the author of a muddled letter plus an innocent notable in the committee whose idea of the meaning of 'MCP', (somehow tacked on the letter), conjured up a mind boggling image. Those seemingly few people who don't know what 'MCP' means can enquire from any friendly committee rep but please prepare a stretcher first. Reminds one of finding out one day in a Time or Newsweek what 'WASP' meant. For years before that this squashperson used to see 'WASP' bumper stickers and wonder why so many people were concerned over the fate of those fiery insects.

Shortly going on sale in the Club we may see "VASP" stickers to be graciously handed to one's opponent after taking the 5th game 10-9. Vot does "VASP" mean you ask? Very angry squash player.

Well, we'd better hand over to Sue now for the Hogmanay fall-out.

Hogmanay Gala Disco

With a turnout of over 200 people this evening was a great success from the start with people filling the dance floor and their stomachs from 8.30 p.m. onwards.

The D.J.'s for the evening, Messrs. Steve Tapner, Colin Hastings and Paul McGowan did a terrific job and got the proceedings really well under way until the arrival of Brian Thompson who had flown back from India earlier that day - ? in disguise!

An expert job was done by Bill Friel as MC for the evening. He was also responsible for the splendid array of fireworks.



He's not "SARI", he came like this (but some were!). (Why are we being punished?)

The service and organisation of both the food and the drinks were excellent -- a special 'Thank You' to Bob Vlietstra and his crew for all their efforts.

Thanks also go to those who donated the raffle prizes:

A weekend at the Merlin, Pattaya	- Alan Wade
A Rice Cooker	- Bill Friel - Singer
A Dunlop Squash Racket	- Brian Brooks - Dunlop
Dinner for two at the Royal Orchid	- Ian Kent
" " " Oriental	- Greg Meadows
" " " British Club	- Bob Vlietstra
Bottles of Wine	- Roy Barrett - Borneo
Bottle of Whisky	- Lyn Cook
Coaching Lessons	- Len Alexander

During the evening members of the Squash Committee gathered on the dance floor for the presentation, of prizes to the 38th November League Winners.



The setting around the poolside was picturesque and the colour of the pool with its "HAPPY NEW YEAR" gently lapping in the water was only disturbed when a few excited ladies dived in at midnight -- only after the fairer sex had paved the way did a few of the stronger sex follow. So much for chivalry!

At midnight the balloons did fall, despite some worries earlier in the day and Auld Lang Syne did eventually get sung later in the evening.

The Dancing throughout the evening was to say the least, energetic, and a few personalities warrant/deserve our special mention. Jack "Dancer" Dunford showed his usual "finesse"?! on the dance floor whilst trying to remain incognito in a pair of children's sun specs -- he was, however, recognised.

Bob Briggs showed outstanding potential as a disco dancer and never appeared to be out of the limelight as can be seen in the photos on show in the BC foyer.

Geoffy Thorpe and partner won a prize for non-stop dancing and Toby Bohan was noted for his "cool"!! approach to it all.



Body supplied courtesy of Chartered Bank - no interest!

When events such as this are so well supported and enjoyed, it is thanks enough to the committee who organised it - so please keep on supporting. Besides which, Lyn Cook, who really pulled the whole thing together, thrives on plenty to do!

Squash AGM / Rod Carter Shield

Come along and bring your hoopla for a big night on 10 February starting at 6 p.m. with the final of the Rod Carter Shield 1982 then over to the Club for a 7.30 p.m. start to the squash section AGM. The Shield event brings together 26 entries who have to sort themselves out between 1st and 10th February. We have about 12 (the dirty dozen) entries from all the other squash centres while our brave lads make up the rest. The AGM will of course turn over a few stones and give everyone their chance to have a voice on the new committee to serve in 1983. A flyer will be out on the AGM closer to the day.

39th League

The Flying Dutchman Peter Ferguson stepped out from behind his Very good number of entries for this league considering the time of year but at time of writing (21 January) many players haven't found their squash legs yet. Looks like a log jam in the last week. New entries, thus possible threats, number 14 players while 15 players called returnees have come back in from the cold to make a total of 110 battlers.

Visiting Squash Teams

Note down for good squash games ahead the following challenges to be held at the Club in February.

Hongkong Sports Club is sending over 11 men and 4 ladies to Bangkok in mid February. The British Club clash is timed for 15 February starting 6 p.m. onwards on all 3 courts and there may be snacks laid on but at present that is still going through the system. The important thing though is that BC will have a tough fight because HK produces darn good squashies. Lets get plenty of spectators to numb the opposition at least gallery wise. Sir Len has the tough job of selecting our players so no need to wait by the phone because it will have to be a case of the first 15 on the ladder (sorted into men/ladies of course)

Chiangmai Gymkhana Club are paying a reciprocal visit to the BC after the success of our expedition to Chiangmai last year. They thrashed us up there except for one "angry out" who must have been on Foremost all the way up in the train. Anyway see what we can do on the 19th of February around 6 p.m. against Chiangmai's finest 6 men and 4 ladies.

Again the BC got the same warning as from HK to pick our strongest side so me, for one, won't be poised for the call to arms. Bernie 'AA' Grogan says he will not forego his Foremost for Klostert until the match is over. That last comment from an anonymous source.

Dawee Cup

Held at the club courts on the night of 20 January this event somehow seemed to slip through the ropes besides being over a year delayed. Apparently its not a BC vs RBSC event but rather Thai players vs the rest. BC players from the first division made up 4 of the 5 "The rest" team. Of our 4 players Len and Colin graciously declined to win but Rod and the Steaming Ant were more ruthless and took their matches out.

The Flying Dutchman Pieter Fangman stepped out from behind his bank counter as the other 20 percent but the credit line was not long enough and the mob, sorry the rest, lost 3 matches to 3.



You won by how much?
(It's amazing what our editorial staff
get up to. - Ed.)

British Club - February 1983 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1/ Ladies' Squash Swimming Training New Members Night Committee Meeting	2/ Cricket Nets	3/ Ladies' Exercises	4/ St George's Society — Pub Night & Buffet	5/ 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Video Dinner
6/ Buffet Lunch & Supper — Cricket Nets — Friendship Gala at Lions, Nonthaburi	7/ Children's Dancing — Billiards/Snooker AGM + 1982 World Cup Snooker Final Video Bridge	8/ Ladies' Squash Swimming Training	9/ Cricket Nets — L.L.G. - AGM	10/ Ladies' Exercises — Squash Section AGM	11/ —	12/ 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Video Dinner
13/ Buffet Lunch & Supper — Cricket Nets	14/ — Bridge	15/ Ladies' Squash Swimming Training New Members Night Committee Meeting	16/ Cricket Nets — Club Night Maj.- Gen. Pichit	17/ Ladies' Exercises	18/ —	19/ 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Video Dinner
20/ Buffet Lunch & Supper — Cricket Nets	21/ Children's Dancing — Bridge	22/ Ladies' Squash Swimming Training	23/ Cricket Nets — Wine Tasting & Dinner	24/ Ladies' Exercises	25/ —	26/ 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Video Dinner
27/ Buffet Lunch & Supper — Cricket Nets	28/ — Bridge	March 30 BRITISH CLUB - AGM 5.30 p.m.				

Your General Committee!

On 5th January the Chairman hosted his committee to a formal dinner in the Suriwongse Room. Here they are:



L to R: Ian Fleming, Tony Bekenn, John Williams, Norman Musgrave (Vice-Chairman), Scott Younger (Chairman) Roy Barrett and Geoff Percival. (Regretfully absent: Norman Scott and Ian Hill).

(With such lovely waitresses we're surprised this crew gets any work done at all! - Ed.)



GOLF

(Late Extra!)

First let me apologize for missing the deadline to get January's Golf Report in the January edition Outpost naughty, naughty, E.T. Anyway let me rectify that immediately by bringing you up-to-date.

The first official function of the 1983 Golf Section was the Annual General Meeting, held on January 6th at which 30 mesdames and messieurs attended. Captain John Kerr at that time thanked I. Halliday and N. Bond on their Stalwart Support through 1982, both of them having supported the section golf meetings with 23 attendances each.

Next on the agenda came the nomination of officers for the 1983 committee at which time Messrs. Kerr and Ford advised that they would not be standing for re-election. The following were elected:

Captain: I. Halliday proposed by J. Kerr seconded by M. Lamb

Other Committee Members:

R. Armstrong	proposed by	T. Ford	seconded by	B. Harrold
D. Goodin	"	M. Lamb	"	N. Bond
E. Turner	"	J. Kerr	"	N. Bond
M. Lamb	"	R. Armstrong	"	T. Ford
B. Harrold	"	T. Ford	"	J. Kerr

The new Captain, I. Halliday then proposed a vote of thanks to J. Kerr for his hard work over the years on the Committee and as Captain. This was seconded by N. Bond. B. Harrold offered a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee.

The following prizes were then presented by Sheila Kerr, the wife of our outgoing Captain:

Club Championship	- I. McLean
Anton Pereira Cup	- I. McLean
Hole in one	- I. McLean
Boyd Cup	- G. Walck
Dunlop Cup	- L. Vize / N. Duggan
Maxwell Shield	- The British
Thai Glass/Gestetner	- R. Armstrong

Golf ... continued

D. Goodin presented on behalf of the Committee two special trophies to J. Kerr. The first in appreciation of the work as Captain, and the second for the shortest drive of 1982! D. Goodin attempted to present a final prize to E Turner for the 'furthest from the pin for 1982' -- E. Turner was unfortunately not present to receive his accolade! Where is E.T.?

The first golf outing of the year under the new captaincy of Ian Halliday and sponsored by Chartered Bank was held at Hua Mark in beautiful conditions with twenty golfers enjoying what was possibly a record course time for our outings. We had two new members, Messrs. Joe Boonprasom and Terry Smith enjoyed with us this Stableford Competition and with only one flight the results were:

1st	W.P. Smith	40 points
2nd	N. Duggan	39 points
1st 9	B. Harrold	17 points
2nd 9	J. Hope	19 points
Hole 8	T. Smith	Closest to pin
Hole 16	R. Armstrong	Closest to pin

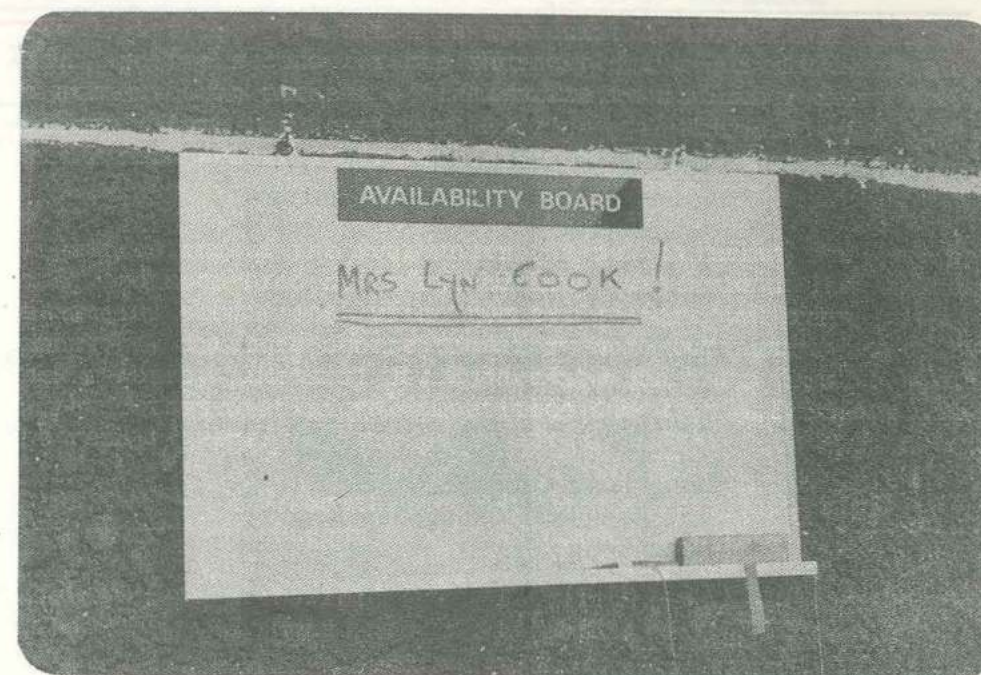
Our next outing saw us at the very pretty Rose Garden Course which was in near perfect condition. 31 members arrived on time dressed, in some cases, for the not so hot weather conditions. Play was slow to start due to fog! Well, that's what we were told, however a comment was passed that the first tee appeared to be growing -- not grass but Japanese! Nevertheless the wait gave many players time to use the driving range, and the not so expert putters the practice putting green, which could account for the winners who were:

Flight 'A'			Flight 'B'		
1st	P. Smith	36 pts	N. Duggan	38 pts	
2nd	R. Dodsworth	34 pts	A. Johnstone	37 pts	
1st 9	B. Harrold	18 pts	R. Armstrong	19 pts	
2nd 9	M. Lazenby	20 pts	S. Voravarn	18 pts	

Our thanks go to G. Walck (Chesebrough Ponds) for sponsoring this outing, with intensive care(!), and to our members for their participation and sportsmanship.

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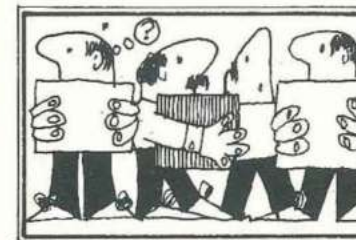
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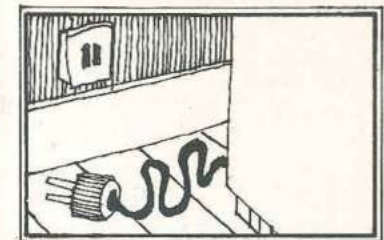
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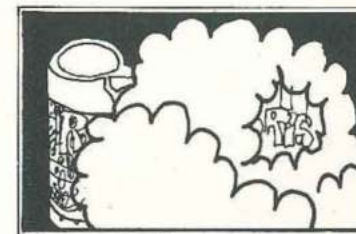
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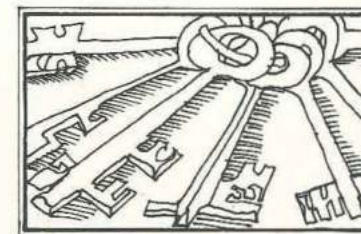
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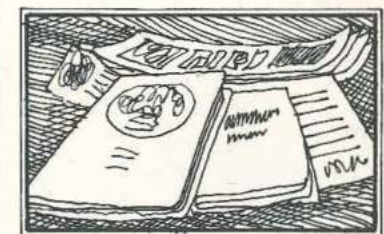
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