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'FROM THE EDITOR'

Last month we thought it would be a lovely idea to publish the photographs of all the new members' wives. However, when we sorted through all the blue cards most of the photographs had never been sent in. Shame on all you husbands! If you are up for balloting this month, please send us a photograph of your family and we'll print it.

Several mutterings have been heard from new members disgruntled at being ignored once they have been admitted to the Club. "Where are all the Activities Organisers?" they ask. "Why aren't we being swamped by 'Things to Do' and pestered to join all the Sports Sections." Unless you are very good at a particular sport, it can take several months (pushy folk) or even a year (shy, lovable) people like me) to become an established Club Member. Are there ways to shorten this a little? Our American friends seem quite used to the 'Welcome Wagon' approach (groan) but perhaps we could develop our own gentler version?

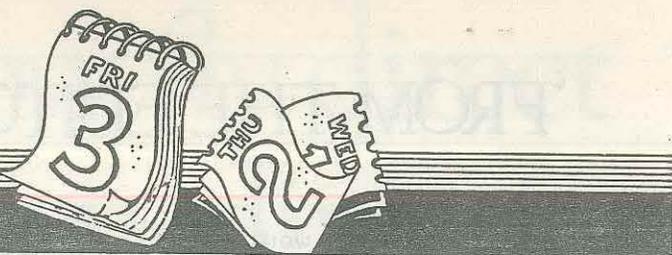
What a lovely job they have made of our new tennis courts. The following suggestion will make the Tennis Section throw up their hands in horror - but perhaps some of them will take pity on us poor mums trying to find ways of keeping our kids occupied and out of mischief. Would it be possible to have one session, say Friday afternoons from 2-3, when the kids would be able to use them for roller skating? If this would damage the surface then fair enough but they do look so inviting when the nets are down.

A sad farewell to Patricia Ferguson who is resigning from the OutPost Committee due to pressure of work. Happily, she has agreed to continue her Clever Clogs page and other contributions when she finds time. Thanks for all your hard work Patricia.

Subtle reminder to all our male readers - Happy Valentine's Day - FEBRUARY 14TH!

Anne Stuart

DIARY



FEBRUARY

- Sat 1 Dinner Video
- Sun 2 Dinner Buffet
- Mon 3 Video at British Council: A Brief Encounter starring Trevor Howard. 6.30pm start.
- Tue 4 General Committee Meeting.
Film - British Council: In the Shadow of the Plough and Escape from Hunger. 6.30pm
- Thu 6 BCT Club Night at the Teen Club, USIS Compound, Sathorn Road. 7.30pm start.
Video at British Council: A Brief Encounter starring Trevor Howard. 6.30pm.
- Fri 7 Film - British Council: In the Shadow of the Plough and Escape from Hunger. 6.30pm.
- Sat 8 Swimming Tests - Distance. 9.00am.
Dinner Video
- Sun 9 Swimming Gala
Dinner Buffet
- Mon 10) Film - British Council: The Pink Panther
- Tue 11) Strikes Again starring Peter Sellers. 6.30pm
- Wed 12)
- Thu 13 Art Exhibition, British Council Gallery
Two Thai Artists - Schumpon Apisukh and Vasant Sittikhet - until 7th March.
- Fri 14 St Valentines Day Dance 7.30pm
See page 9 for details.
- Sat 15 New Zealand Night - details from James Johnston
221 1141-9.

- Sun 16 Dinner Buffet
- Mon 17 British Council - The Living Planet - David Attenborough - BBC Documentary - parts 5 & 6
6.30pm.
- Tue 18 General Committee Meeting
Film - British Council: Orwell on Jura by Alan Playter. Ronald Pickup plays Orwell.
(A play about Orwell's last 3 years spent on the Scottish island of Jura.)
- Thu 20 BWG Luncheon at the Rose Garden preceded by a visit to some Blue & White factories. Phone Pat Garvey: 251 6555 or Jean Parrott: 258 0680 for details.
- Fri 21 Film - British Council: BBC Film "Orwell on Jura (details above)
- Sat 22 Inter Society Golf weekend at Hua Hin
(see Golf section, page 43 for details)
Dinner Video
- Sun 23 Dinner Buffet
- Mon 24 Macha Bucha Day - a day off for some!
- Tue 25 British Council - The Living Planet - David Attenborough - BBC Documentary - parts 7 & 8
6.30pm.
- Thu 27 BWG Coffee Morning: Talk by Tony Tersch of CCF which sponsors Thai schoolchildren in underdeveloped areas. Telephone Pat Garvey: 251 6555 or Jean Parrott: 258 0680 for details.
- Thu 27 Cinderella - A BCT production at the AUA
to 7.30pm Thursday to Saturday, 2pm Sunday.
Details on page 32.
- Sun 2 March

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CLUB ROUNDUP



"NEW YEAR'S EVE DISCO" - By One What Was There

I don't know whether you know but Outpost is run by some real smashers these days and I were tickled pink the other day when that lovely Terri Jezeph phoned me up and asked me ever so nice like if I'd write summit about the 'New Year's Eve Disco'. I don't think she'd've ask me if she'd knowed. I were asked to write about the Christmas Ball last year but anyway I'm chuffed to be asked and hope you don't mind me not being much of a scholar like.

Well anyway me and my missus didn't know what we was going to do this New Year. We looked at all them adverts in the Bangkok Post in between all them naughty bits but all them posh dos at the big hotels cost a fortune! I don't know how anyone could afford that much - they all must have very kind bosses if they can, that's all I can say. Even the British Club was charging 250 bats each and twernt that long ago that that sort of lolly would buy a Hornby lectric train-set were it! Well anyway we decided to save up and go.

What really made out minds up was that we heard them fit young footballers and squashers was organising it again and knew that was bound to make it a real good knees up. The only thing that bothered us like though was that they said there was going to be a Big Door Prize. See we don't live in an Embassy or nothing posh like that and we only have ordinary size doors in our house and heaven knows how we would get it home in a samlor if we won it anyway. I tried to reassure my missus like by saying "I hope its Diana Doors!"..... but women have got a funny sense of humour havn't they and she deliberately spent an extra half hour pasting her make-up on just to get her own back for that.

When we got there half any hour late it had already started. Coo! That British Club do look pretty when they dress it all up like. It looked like fairy-land with them little coloured lights hanging in the trees and all over the place. There was lots of balloons hanging in the Sala looking a real picture bobbing up and down in the fan blades, and best of all that clever Mr Sakdep had somehow written Happy New Year all across the swimming pool with lights on underneath. It were magic I can tell you - But summit was wrong!

That smart Mr Adisak was getting all the grub ready and all them lovely BC staff boys and girls was dolled up in their nice new uniforms and everything was ready - but where was all them footballers and squashers?

I don't want to get no-one into trouble like but when I asked around a bit we could scarce find no more than two or three of them and they didn't seem to have organised nothing. No Big Door Prize (I was glad about that and my missus relaxed a bit), No Raffle, and No DJs!!! Well we was all a bit worried like and thought it was toing to turn out like Guy Fawkes night but without any fireworks or bonfire but just when things looked real bad that super Mr Alan Moreton turned up with his beautiful film star girlfriend. And then we all stopped worrying. Mr Moreton got on the gramophone and started playing some real swinging type music that had everyone's feet tapping in no time. He gave away a prize to the lucky couple first on the dance floor, and from that moment the music and dancing never stopped. It was great! My missus and me was soon up there jigging and jumping around and everyone were laughing and smiling and having a great time.

Every now and then that nice Mr Moreton stopped the music and his lovely girlfriend gave super prizes to anyone who was wearing red watsits or who could guess where he came from. or who won promotion from Div 2 in 1962. It was really good! No one cared now there was no raffle - raffles are boring anyway - and Mr Moreton kept going and going! Sometime during it all them lovely Club girls served a smashing barbecue with lashings of trifle and cream for afters, and the service was so good I even saw some vegetablearians on my table having fish cooked special like. We was real surprised too when we found out that our 250 bats included all the wine I could drink and a good deal more than my missus has ever drunk - that's what I call real good value!

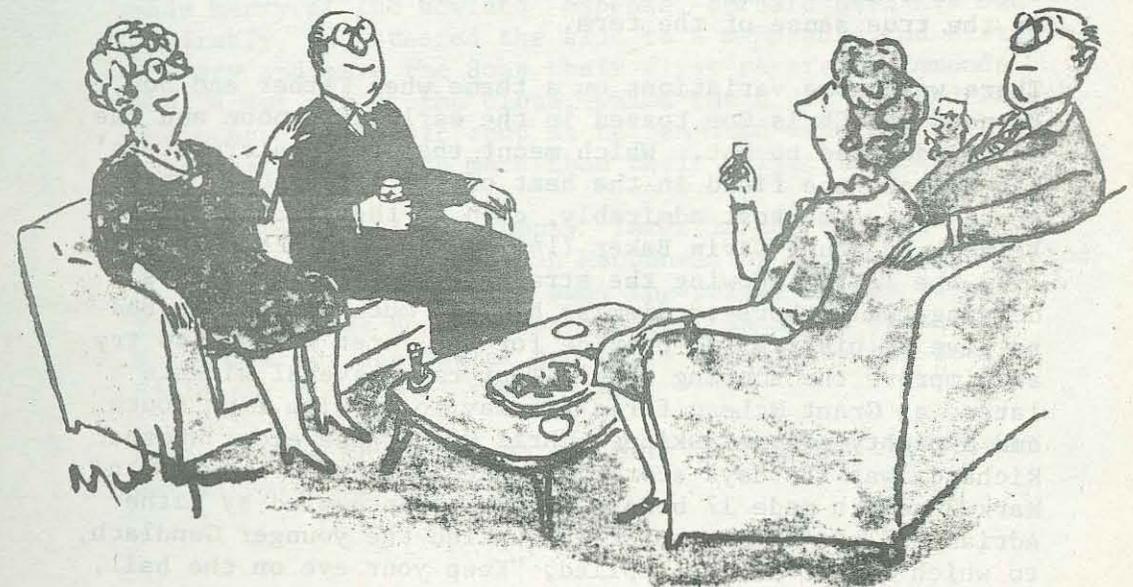
Well it didn't seem no time before the balloons were let down and we was all hugging and kissing after singing Old Lands End to let boring old 1985 out and exciting new 1986 in. I don't know what time it all finished but I do know it was a real good night out! Thanks a million to Alan Moreton and his smashing girlfriend for saving the day - they deserve a medal! Thanks too to Khun Adisak and all the BC staff for putting on a great do. Get your act together you footballers and squashies. See you all next year!

ST VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

For romantics, Dixieland fans and for those who just want to have a great time, we have a St Valentine's Day Dance on Friday, February 14th. We expect it to be on the Front Lawn with a dance floor as in the St Andrew's practices. The famous Lachy Thomson is bringing his Dixieland Jazz Band to play for the night. This includes such legendary figures as Paddy Dixon, who has reputedly taught Scott Joplin how to play the piano. How many times have you tapped your feet to the incomparable rythmn of jazz, but not had enough room to dance, unless you hopped up onto the table! Well, now's your golden opportunity, a once-in-a-lifetime chance not to be missed! Why pay thousands to go on the Q.E.2 to dance to Joe Loss? Why spend the earth to go to a posh hotel and worry about the drinks bill? Why go to Pattayayet again? (yawn..yawn..)

Come to the British Club ST VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE for a night to tell your grandchildren about!!!!

Watch out for further details and sign-up sheets. It will be very cheap or free depending on the Treasurer's ulcers. None of this 575 Baht rubbish!!



"Turns out Egbert and I weren't really made for each other, but we endured."

THAT'S HOW CRICKET'S PLAYED SON

In a delightful game of cricket, played as one would imagine, in the true spirit of what cricket is all about, the Fathers - give or take a rather devious character who went by the name of 'Father Simon' and no close relation of 'Father Christmas' either - finally got the measure of the Sons in the Annual Father-Sons game on the superbly conditioned piece of turf at the RBSC Polo Club on 2nd January.

It was a scene tailor-made for history. And history was indeed made, when the Fathers, for long trailing in the driftstream of their Sons' victorious onslaughts, finally put it across their offspring in true cricketing fashion.

The trophy for this historic game, affectionately called 'The B'ASHES' - appropriately named by the donors, the Ben Line, had a four line streak naming the Sons from 1981 onwards. And it came like a breath of fresh air when the Fathers finally got the measure of their younger generation, even if some in their number were not quite paternal types in the true sense of the term.

There were some variations on a theme when Father and Son, Bernard and Chris Coe tossed in the early afternoon and the latter decided to bat. Which meant that the 'paternosters' had to take the field in the heat of the afternoon. They stood up to the test admirably, even if they were somewhat held up by young Gavin Baker (14) and James Boucher (retired 11), the latter showing the straightest of straight bats defying the fathers to dismiss him, so much so that he had to give up his stay to provide for the later batsmen to try and improve the scoring rate! That came several wickets later, as Grant McLean fired his way to 33 with five fours and a mighty six and skipper Chris Coe, whose elder brother Richard, was the days scorer, punched in 22 quick runs, and Mark Gundlach made 17 before he was clean bowled by Father Adrian - "This is not cricket," wailed the younger Gundlach, to which Father Adrian replied, "Keep your eye on the ball, son!"

A scoring rate of 123 runs for 9 wickets in 32.2 overs did not appear overmuch, but if the past history of these games meant anything, the Fathers had a mansize job on their hands to try and better it in 25.

And without kingpin Mark Graham, who did not show up and the absence of Ian McLean, one of last year's all-round successes, the task seemed to be beyond the paterfamilias. And when their first five wickets tumbled for 26, thanks to a couple of run out decisions that would have Kapil Dev roaring "Highway robbery," the case for a Fathers' victory seemed more forlorn than ever.

But there was the high-striking Andrian Gundlach, who with six hefty fours raised the tenor of the innings and the elegant striking John Warham, chipping in with 17 invaluable runs, as the score reached the rather tricky situation of 82 for 8 and then 95 for 9. At the wicket still was 'Father' Simon, staying there for all he was worth, and looking for someone to stay in there.

In walked the elder Coe, Charterhouse and Cambridge, and a dyed-in-the-wool MCC member - if one did observe the MCC tie around his waist a la Dr W.G. Grace holding his cream flannels up. And right manfully did he stick to his task. With the straightest of bats, he held off the fury of the Sons' pace barrage sparked by son Chris, and while Simon made merry at the bowlers' expense, Bernard held his own admirably, and steered the side to a memorable and historic victory and gave the Sons their first reverse. Edmonds was 28 not out at the close, while the elder Coe had indeed engineered a classic coup as he remained unbeaten with three runs that were worth more than their weight in gold.

At the Award Giving Ceremony later in the evening at the RBSC Polo Club, host Norman MacDonald of the Ben Line called on Myles De Vries to give away the prizes to the winners. They were James Boucher for the Best Batsman; Frazer MacDonald for the Bowler and Chris Harris for the Best Fielder.

Umpires were Kevin Gibson and Mark Harris and the scorer was Richard Coe.

SCOREBOARD

SONS

Paul Warham run out	5
Gavin Baker b J. Boucher	14
James Boucher retired.....	11
Alastair Binns c Ed Baker b R Wingfield.....	2
Frazer MacDonald b J Warham	8
Simon Pettinati c S Edmonds b B Coe	0
Grant McLean c Ed Baker b Edmonds	33
Mark Gundlach b A Gundlach.....	17
Chris Coe b Baker	22
Ralph Brooke-Fox not out	1
Mark Harris b Baker.....	0
Extras (3B;2LB;5W)	10
For 9 wkts	123
Fall of wickets:- 1-22;2-22;3-30;4-xx;5-46;6-54; 7-87;8-105;9-123.	

FATHERS

Clive Brooke-Fox run out	3
James Boucher b F MacDonald	1
Nick Pettinati b F MacDonald	1
Adrian Gundlach b G McLean	30
Mike Binns run out	0
Richard Wingfield b G Baker	2
John Warham b J Boucher	17
Mike Baker b J Boucher	7
Simon Edmonds not out	28
Ed Baker run out	10
Bernard Coe not out	3
Extras (14B; 1LB; 7W)	22
For 9 wkts	124
Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-7; 3-13; 4-19; 5-26; 6-53; 7-72; 8-82; 9-95.	



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ST DAVID'S CELEBRATION, MARCH 7th

On Friday, March 7th, the Bangkok St David's Society is holding its Annual Celebration at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel Hotel. A magnificent 6-course meal featuring the traditional Welsh Lamb will be accompanied by the Hong Kong Male Voice Choir in Concert. This fine choir, whose president is Harry Secombe, has entertained us royally in the past with beautiful voices and a good sense of humour, and gives the night a flavour quite unlike anything else in Bangkok. There will be the traditional Welsh ceremonies involving the Sword of Peace and dancing until late.

Tickets are available at 600 Baht (including free Reception drinks, dinner, corkage and all soft drinks/mixers) from any Member of the Society. Tickets are NOT restricted to members of the society, and anyone can get a table together. Richard Hopkins, the Assistant Bard, is the best person to contact by leaving a message at the British Club.

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

A CLUB MEMBER'S GUIDE TO IGNORING NEW MEMBERS

1. Pretend you don't see them. No matter how many times you have been introduced, still look through them. Very tricky this and not for the weak-willed.
2. Turn you head away when you see them coming. Burying yourself in a book helps with this one.
3. Emergency tactics for when you are forced to acknowledge their presence and/or, horror of horrors, have to speak to them! You can always discourage this from happening again by:
 - (a) - looking over their shoulders during the conversation and scanning the pool/bar for more interesting people to talk to;
 - (b) - when someone you know comes along, immediately breaking off the conversation with the upstart and beginning an enthusiastic one with the old friend, continue to ignore the usurper until he/she eventually crawls away;
 - (c) - promising to introduce them to a friend who lives near them, but not committing yourself to a date;
 - (d) - giving them your phone number and telling them you are always happy to help newcomers. (This is only for extreme emergencies and only for those who are never at home anyway and whose maids don't speak English.)
4. When these tactics are no longer effective, we recommend withdrawing from the club for a few weeks eg. annual leave. The programme can then be restarted from the beginning.

DO YOU NEED A FRIEND?

Are you new to Bangkok and having a tough time? Are the climate and traffic really getting to you? Or do you feel lonely and strange in this different environment? Relax, you are not alone and at last somebody is trying to do something to help.

A telephone help service has been set up by the Bangkok Connection who aim to connect people with answers to their problems. Practical problems are easily solved, so if you just need to know of an oil-painting class or an aerobics group then their wide pool of information can quickly come up with answers. And, if your problems are more deeply rooted, then they are still able to help. If you are in need of friends, they will invite you along to their new members' groups.

For those who really can't cope with life out here then expert, professional help is available. At all levels a caring, helpful friend can be found on 252 8141-4 x 38 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

On the other hand, if you are managing to cope with Bangkok, why not give them some help. They need volunteers prepared to man the phones for a few hours a week. Full training will be provided and a supervisor will sit with you until you feel ready to "go it alone." You will be backed by a fully qualified team of experts. Any problems you feel need professional help can be handed over to them. For further details ring 252 8141 x 38 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Last year, arising from the problems they have been dealing with, the group offered several very successful seminars. These included "Parenting Abroad" and "Women and Finances". They were tailor-made to life in Bangkok and the group hope to expand the - so watch the local press for details.

For many families, a posting to Bangkok is their first time away from homes and families and the adjustments can be far greater than they ever expected. Don't suffer in silence - give the Bangkok Connection a ring!



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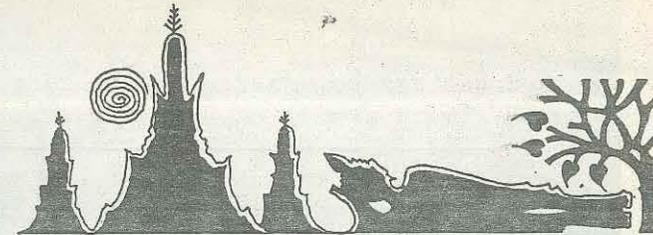


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TRAVEL LOG



BANG PA-IN

Bang Pa-In, 60 kilometres north of Bangkok, is an ideal place for a family outing. It can be reached by train - an interesting railway ride and not too long - or bus. As it is on the way to Ayutthaya's ancient city, it can be combined with a visit there.

Most people know that, at Bang Pa-In, there is a collection of royal palaces that are still used for state visits and which are in a large park open to the public.

However, this area has more ancient royal connections - King Ekatotsarot was travelling along the Chao Phraya when, before reaching Banlane Island, his boat sank and he had to swim to the island. There he met a beautiful woman named "In", whose fate brought her to be his secret wife for only one night.

This was the reason why Bang Pa-In became special to the King and especially after a son was born who became King Prasat-thong. King Prasat-thong, who reigned at the end of the Ayutthaya period built a palace there where he spent the hot season; royal residences were added by King Mongkut and King Chulalonghorn and the mixture of Siamese, Chinese and European styles is fascinating.

On entering the park, you can see the Thai-style pavilion centred in a lake directly ahead. This is the landmark of Bang Pa-In. As usual Thailand's entrepreneurial skills are in use - large doughy buns can be bought and these attract huge fish (even bigger than those at Kew) when thrown into the lake!

Walk on across a wooden bridge and into the fascinating cluster of palaces

Our children were entranced by the topiarist's skills - hedges shaped to life-size elephants, rabbits and ducks. It was all very peaceful.



Peninsula Plaza

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If you want a break for morning coffee, or a relaxing lunch, or afternoon tea, this is the place to go. It is very "Laura Ashley" - decorated in a pastel shade which together with teak wood, rattan and green plants makes it a very restful place to be. From the window there is a pleasing view over the RBSC's golf course. The background music doesn't interfere with conversation and is a mixture of classical and cafe type music.

We went at lunchtime and it was very busy but I understand it usually is at this time. Therefore, it is best to reserve a table in advance. Small parties will be catered for (check with restaurant for limit).

Now for the food - delicious and very filling.

The menu is written on a blackboard on one of the walls and has just enough choice to make decisions easy. It includes a selection of 3/4 starters, 7/8 main courses and numerous sweets, all of which sound delicious and fattening. There is also a salad bar. The main courses include favourites like Shepherd's Pie, Roast Pork and Apple Sauce, Roast Beef and Lasagne and the deserts include fruit crumble (a favourite English pud), crepes and gateaux.

For our meal we chose Roast Pork and Chicken Pie with Salad, followed by Strawberry Shortcake.

The Roast Pork had excellent crackling (I wish I knew the secret) and the meat was tasty. The vegetables could have been better if cooked a little less. The Chicken Pie was served in an individual dish which, with the pastry topping looked as if it had a mob cap on. It was so large that I didn't think I would manage it all - but it was so good I did. The pie was filled with carrots, mushrooms and chicken in a gravy sauce with a nutmeggy taste. Together with the salad, which had a very tasty dressing on it, all went down a treat.

We followed these two large dishes with a strawberry shortcake which we shared. To my English mind the shortcake was more like a large scone but I was told that this was what the Americans call a shortcake. Anyway, it was very light, not at all sweet and combined with fresh strawberries, strawberry sauce and cream - absolutely scrumptious!

To end the meal we had one pot of tea and one coffee picked from a choice of five varieties of tea and seven kinds of coffee.

Good wines are served by the bottle or by the glass.

The service was efficient and quick but you may linger if you wish. The chairs are so comfortable that lingering is easy to do.

Pastries, pies and cakes can be taken away. Frozen Pizzas, lasagne, homemade salad dressing and imported jams are also for sale.

I know most husbands hate shopping but, with the promise of lunch at "The Cup" you won't need to use much persuasion!

“THE WAY WE WERE”

A Former Hon Secretary Remembers

I have been asked by the Editor if I would write an article for Outpost about the days when I was Honorary Secretary of the British Club, since I must be one of the few pre-war members of the Club who is still resident in Thailand, and who had very close connections with the Club's fortunes both as Honorary Secretary and as a member of the Committee.

In my reply, accepting the request, I said it might be a little difficult to divorce what I write about the period during which I was Honorary Secretary - I believe it was around four years - from the rest of my service as an active member of the Committee. Thus, what I now write covers the period from around early 1934 to the outbreak of war in the Far East in December 1941.

I came to work in Thailand in January 1933 as a second-term Assistant of the Anglo-Thai Corporation at their Far Eastern Head Office in Bush Lane, Bangkok, now the site of the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel. I think it would be wrong if my opening remarks did not make it clear that, although the Club glorified in the name of "British", it had poor claim to that title. It was, as one of the original founder members said in a letter to me when I was Honorary Secretary, a "Snobs' Club" and never professed to be anything else. The only indications that it was a "British" Club were the pictures of the then reigning British monarchs. The Club was founded by senior - admittedly mainly British - members of the expatriate community in Bangkok, holding positions as advisors to the Thai Government, together with a smaller number of managers of the banks and commercial houses, such as Anglo-Thai, The Borneo Company, Bombay Burma Trading Corporation and L.T. Leonowens. The Club was not open to all British subjects, as the name suggests, and second-term Assistants, such as I was in 1933, rarely if ever passed through its portals. But time changes many things, and changes came to the British Club with the overthrow of the absolute monarchy in 1932, and the setting up of a constitutional government. The new and first democratic government

very quickly decided that the presence of a large number of Advisors was no longer necessary and, by the time I arrived in early 1933, the services of many of them had either been terminated, or it had been made apparent to them that they were no longer needed. Thus the membership of the British Club, whose fortunes depended heavily on these Advisors, fell dramatically. With the departure of the Advisors to the Government, the task of revitalising the Club became the responsibility of a Committee consisting largely of business men, who quickly realised that something drastic had to be done, and quickly, to save the Club from closing its doors and selling the property, for whatever it would fetch, to pay off the major creditor - one of the British banks. The drastic action decided upon by the Committee was to welcome as members all British subjects without payment of entrance fee and to reduce the monthly subscription to Bahts 5. I do not recall with any certainty the former entrance fee and monthly subscription, but it was probably around Bahts 100 and Bahts 25 respectively, or perhaps considerably more. A member was also required to purchase a share in the Club, which was regarded as a registered Company; and without a share a member could not vote at a General Meeting or serve on the Committee. Although these figures may seem "peanuts" today, it must be realised that, even up to the outbreak of the last World War, the salary of an assistant not holding management status was between Bahts 400 and Bahts 750 per month with only limited medical expenses and no other benefits such as free housing and transport, or passages paid for wives and children. The Club had little to offer other than eight tennis courts, a croquet or bowling lawn, three billiard tables, along with a card room and men's bar, to which ladies were not admitted. By comparison, the Royal Bangkok Sports Club offered these facilities plus a swimming pool, all field sports, a golf course, squash courts and racing for a monthly subscription of Bahts 12. Thus the Committee realised that the subscription for a new member of the British Club had to be very low, in order to attract the younger British community, and that the Club would have to rely upon increased bar receipts to get out of its difficulties. I remember quite clearly being approached by Mr. E. D. Atkins, the then General Manager of the Anglo-Thai Corporation, and accepting his invitation to join the Club and, at the same time, to become Honorary Secretary - the Club employed a part-time local assistant secretary to keep the Club's books. I do not remember the additional members secured, but I know the number was quite small. Nevertheless they brought sufficient extra income to the Club to keep it from becoming more seriously in debt. Some improvements - such as a ladies' bar

- were carried out with some help of funds from the sale of one of the three billiards tables. The new Committee also set about holding supper dances, and Sunday evening film shows on the back lawn, all of which helped to swell the bar receipts. One of their first functions was a Chinese dinner party and dance. There were less than half a dozen first-class Chinese restaurants in Bangkok at that time, so the party was well patronised, and proved to be a very cheerful evening for all except one of the old members, whom I will not mention by name, and who wrote to me the following day tendering his resignation from the Club, adding that he never expected to live to see such a rowdy party taking place in the British Club.

Shortly, after taking office, the new Committee sensed a certain amount of resentment from the younger members of the British community over efforts being made to revive the fortunes of the Club, at their expense, for the financial benefit of past members, by far the majority of whom lived overseas and made no contribution to the Club but still held their shares. The Committee therefore decided that, as soon as it had the funds available, it would circulate all shareholders, both in Bangkok and overseas informing them about what the Committee was trying to do - in short to save the Club for the benefit of the British community in Thailand. It would also offer to acquire their shares at Baht 2 per share (3 shillings and 8 pence in those days) for cancellation, the nominal value to the shares being Bahts 5. The response to this appeal was both varied and, in some instances, rather amusing. It's now almost 50 years since the Committee despatched this appeal, and I would not like to be too definite in what I recall of the replies, but my recollection is that the majority either accepted the Committee's offer or just sent their shares for cancellation. Some questioned the legality of the Committee's action whilst one, in particular, was very critical. It was he who referred to the Club as purely and simply a "Snobs' Club"; never one formed for the benefit of the British community in Thailand. I must admit to not knowing the outcome. In the first place I went on leave and handed over the job of Honorary Secretary to Mr. G.A.D. Porter, who was followed by Mr. R.W. Fothergill. Nevertheless, although I did not resume the position of Honorary Secretary, I remained a member of the Committee and I do not think that the matter was resolved when war broke out in Europe.

The war brought with it, initially, further problems for the Club because some of the younger members of the British community left to join the Forces, whilst others who were on leave were unable to return and, of course no new Assistants were engaged. But that problem did not last for long. At the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, ill feeling between the German community and those belonging to countries in Europe that had been overrun started to display itself in more active form and the British Club Committee decided to open the Club to all residents from friendly European countries so the Club quickly regained its progressive position. It became the venue, together with the British Legation, for various functions organised to raise money for war charities. Apart from fetes, plays and film shows, a very popular Saturday morning market was organised by the ladies of the community who brought for sale their cooks' own particular specialities. It was on that fatal night in December 1941 when a very large function was in full swing that the British Minister, Sir Josiah Crosby, who was present, was informed about midnight that a large fleet of Japanese ships had been sighted heading for the coast of Malaysia and Thailand. Had the Minister called a halt to the party and advised those present of the dangerous situation which appeared to be threatening those areas, many would probably have gone home, packed their bags and headed North for the Burma border. However, Sir Josiah kept the information to himself, the party carried on until the early hours of Sunday morning, and it was only late in the evening of that day that most of those at the party heard over the radio from Delhi of what was happening in the world. By that time it was too late for many of them to get away and about 350 British residents and their allies found themselves restricted to their homes and later in the month were moved to a quickly constructed internment camp in the grounds of the University of Political and Moral Science. But to give credit where credit is due, such was Sir Josiah's love for Thailand and faith in the Thais, with whom he had spent most of his working life, and his belief that no harm would befall those who remained under their protection proved correct when some 200 British internees - the original number was considerably reduced by the repatriation of all American and Dutch subjects, and about 70 British women and children within a year after the outbreak of war in the Far East - emerged on V.J. day little, if any, the "worse for wear". But that is another story. I did not rejoin the British Club Committee after the war for several reasons. In the first place it was not planned that I should remain in Thailand for long and, secondly, with only six pre-war expatriate employees returning to work for Anglo-Thai, we had little time available



WELL WORTH WATCHING

FOR THOSE I LOVED

Silver Bell SB 2754/5

Starring: Michael York and Jaques Penot

This is a very moving story about a man who, through no fault of his own, keeps losing everyone he loves.

The film is based on the book of the true story of Martin Grayewski, written by him and Max Gallo, but I am sure it also portrays the lives of many people who lived through those times.

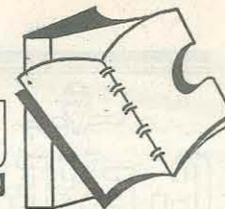
The film opens with this very handsome man (Michael York) being met at an airport by his attractive wife and then driving home to join the rest of the family. He has been on a business trip. Whilst he has been away, his wife has built him a study equipped with a typewriter and tape recorder so that he can stop "racing rats", as his middle daughter puts it, and write the story of his life which he has been promising to do. Unfortunately, things happen and he gets to write his story sooner than he anticipated. The film from this point on is about how he survived during the war between Germany and Poland. He is Jewish.

Jacques Penot, unknown to me, plays the part of the young Martin extremely well and I really felt with him. Michael York is young Martin's father as well as the older Martin. He plays both his parts well - but I am afraid I am rather biased on this point.

I found the film really good but it is not light entertainment.

Well Worth Reading

WELL WORTH READING well worth reading



As the title would suggest, WEST OF SUNSET (by Dirk Bogarde) is about life in Los Angeles but seen through the eyes of a foreigner/visitor.

British author Jonathan Pool arrives in L.A. to discuss the film script of his recent book. Whilst still feeling the effects of jet lag he is invited to dinner by an old love, the recently widowed Alice. At the strange dinner prepared by a large, amiable Yugoslav, Jonathan meets Alice's two young daughters and an assortment of friends whose lives have all been involved or touched by Alice's late husband Hugh. As the story unfolds, we are aware of the sinister side to Hugh's life, hints of a missing child, two old Russian emigres living in a dilapidated house that is about to fall into the sea, dark secrets of Hugh's nocturnal wanderings. Dirk Bogarde writes well and his characters all develop into vivid personalities as their lives are revealed. His wit is rather sharp, almost cruel. Jonathan's visit to the home of the producer who plans to film his novel is amusing and spot on only L.A. could have such artificial people as Andy Shapiro (and his wife Shirlee) of Cristal Productions Inc. who when showing off his collection of paintings, talks of 'Two loose Lowtrek'. Tragedy in some form or other has touched the lives of all in WEST OF SUNSET. One senses the sadness and forlornness of Mouse, aged 81, one of the old Russian ladies when she looks out to sea and believes that 'in a straight line from here' Russia her beloved country is just over the horizon. A hotchpotch of people who are thrown together for a short period but that short period changes their lives forever....some happily as with Jonathan, Lea and one hopes Nettles, but sadly for Irina Mouse and poor Ety and Jupiter.

A light easy and witty novel to read, a view of the fragility of human nature....but I was left with a slight distaste for life L.A. style.



CHILDREN - IF YOU WANT TO HAND IN A FEW JOKES OR MAKE UP A PUZZLE, PLEASE GIVE THEM TO THE RECEPTIONIST, OR MRS FERGUSON AT BANGKOK PATANA SCHOOL.

This month some fishy jokes:

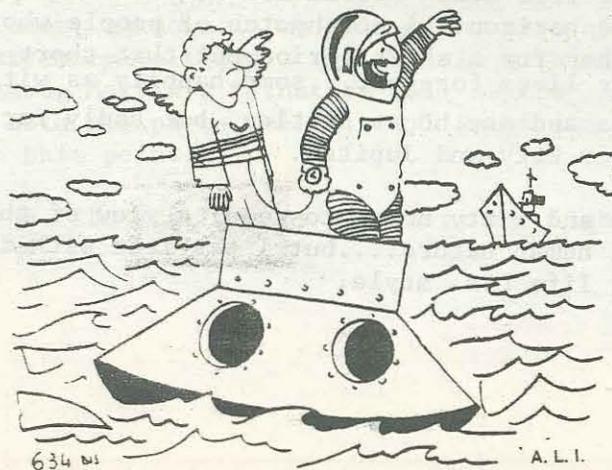
What do you get if you cross a snowball with a shark? Frostbite.

What's yellow and dangerous? Shark infested custard.

And just for fun - what's yellow and stupid? Thick custard.

What's the name of Jaws' grandmother? Gums.

And lastly - why do oceans roar? So would you if you had crabs on your bottom.



THE HOBBIT

Did you catch "The Hobbit" at the ISB on 17th and 18th January?

Congratulations to the pupils and staff for their very professional and accurate rendering. I took a great liking to the sinister Gollum, played by Michael Turner, who showed Gollum to be the evil, pathetic creature portrayed in the original story. Thorin, played by Katie Schuck, was powerful as the leader of the dwarfs, but the children's greatest response was to the villainous Trolls. The whole audience was totally overwhelmed by the Dragon. ISB Art Department under their set designer Mr Gutowski, surpassed all expectations with this creation of Smaug.

What a super show and what a talented crowd. They say they have several projects in the pipeline, so watch out for the next one.

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Grapevine

They seek him here.... Our staff terrier spent hours trying to identify Mr. Hempson at an agreed rendez-vous last month. Would he please own up and identify himself to Terri Jezeph who is dying to meet him.

Lindsey's diary was fuller than usual as she found herself talked into typing the whole of OUTPOST this month.

Can anyone confirm the rumour that there is a Ladies' Squash session on Friday mornings?

Which of you sports writers has got the doll with the pins in it?.... Our Fancy proof reader/corrector of punctuation and grammar just played sandwich fillings with her brand new car...poor thing.

Has anyone actually tried to contact anyone on the Activities page?..... Our replies ranged from a bleary "You what?" to a downright "Dunno"...Maybe an enthusiastic "Can I help you" would boost numbers...Try it...soon!

While drowning his sorrows over being too ill to continue as Santa Claus at the kids' Christmas parties, our poor MI5er tripped over a stool, tore both ligaments of his knee and will be in plaster for quite some time.

A couple of brass monkeys were spotted in the Churchill Bar the other evening...Any chance of turning the air conditioning down a fraction? (Except on Music Hall nights that is!)

Last months issue of OUTPOST was such a great edition the postmen decided to keep it. This explains why many of you did not receive your copy.

Congratulations to Brian and Jenny Human on the birth of their son on January 2nd.



BRIDGE

Following the Christmas break, Bridge play was resumed in the Suriwong room as usual at 7.30 p.m. on Monday evenings.

However, as announced by special "flyer", the Bridge night has been changed to Tuesday, beginning February 4th, 1986.

This change of night is to accommodate the Bangkok Dutch Bridge Club, who wish to join with the British Club Bridge Section.

This is a popular and welcome merger and should increase the activity and interest in the game.

British Club members are requested to attend and help outnumber and beat the Dutch, who have some formidable players indeed; including Pieter Schumacker and Harry Kurd who are both well known and have good track records as visitors to the British Club Bridge Section.

The game is "Duplicate Bridge", a pleasant game and players at all levels are welcome.

Please note the new night - every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

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CRICKET

The British Club had only two matches in January, but this has been enough for a great start to the New Year, with two victories out of two. At this stage, we have a record of one defeat and two victories in the 30-over league and a victory in our only 50-over league match. This despite the fact that some of our recognised batsmen have been finding runs hard to come by in recent weeks. Aside from Craig Price, with an aggregate of 183 runs and a league average of 91, only two other batsmen have reached three figures for the season - John Bertacco with 103 and Nick White with 102 - but this is with a combined total of thirteen completed innings. It seems to have been our bowlers who have been winning matches for us, with Neville Clissold and Nick White leading the way with sixteen wickets apiece, the latter conceding only 133 runs off his 62 overs so far. These two have been aided in particular by Pat Patterson (10 for 105 off 34 overs) and Jack Dunford, who has got off to an incredible new year start and a 1986 record of 5 for 9. Fielding has also been fairly tight and more catches than usual have been held.

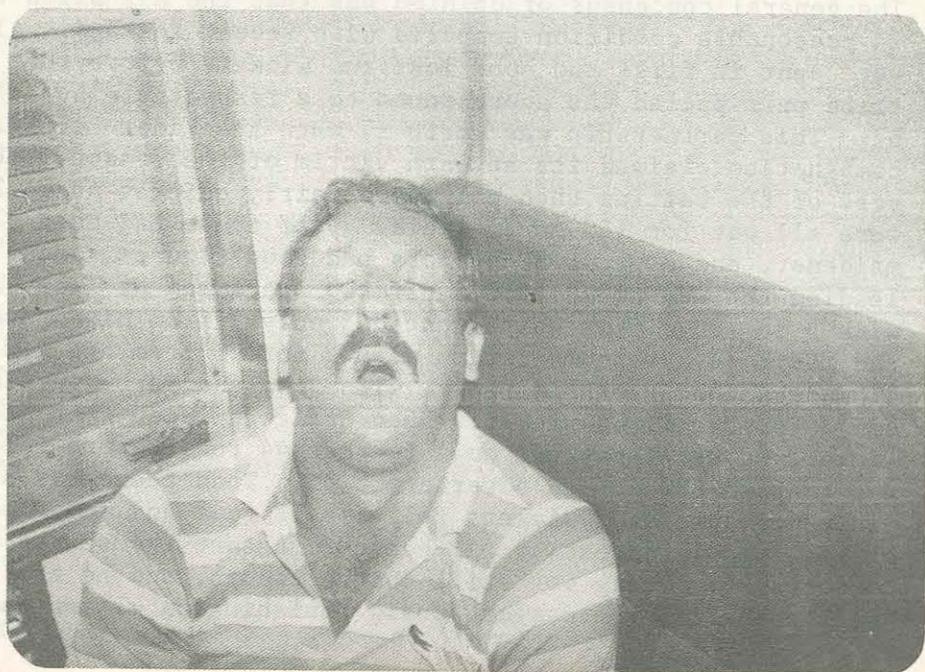
BC vs AIT 30-over League - 4th January 1986.
BC won by 5 wickets.

The general concensus of opinion was that the AIT pitch was in reasonable condition compared with recent seasons. AIT were sent in first and soon lost two wickets before the third pair pulled the score round to a respectable but slow 67. This partnership was worth 57 when the Rider-Clissold combination claimed its seventh victim of the season. The rest of the batting then collapsed fairly quickly and AIT were all out for 110 in 29 overs. 9 of these had been maidens., and several BC bowlers had good figures, Jack leading the way with 3 for 5 off two overs and Neville with 3 for 30. Nick White conceded only 7 from his 6 overs, and Mac made a welcome return with 2 for 15 from his six. BC made a good start in reply, with John and Terry putting on 33 for the first wicket. When Craig replaced John at the wicket, he and Terry put on a further 44 runs before Terry was trapped LBW for an adverturous 35. Then there was a minor collapse as 3 wickets fell for 17 runs and memories of last year's defeat at AIT began to assert themselves uncomfortably. Craig was still there, though, and he and Neville saw off the danger, Craig finishing on 41 not out.

No report of this match would be complete without reporting the rare appearance of Derrick Brotton, whose antics in the field brought him a fine for imitating a sixteen-year-old. For those who do not know him, perhaps we should explain that Derrick is no longer a sixteen-year-old.

BC vs Indian CC, 30-over League - 11th January 1986.
BC won by 51 runs

BC batted first and for most of the innings convinced their supporters that they were not going to score enough runs. The final total of 137 for 7, however, was not too bad. Graig was once again top scorer with 38, but most batsmen got into double figures, John Bertacco scoring a steady 20, Alistair and Jack weighing in with valuable late and quick scores of 16 and 18, respectively, Neville scoring 11 before being marginally run out by 22 yards, and Steve Bolton making 11 not out. It was soon evident when the Indians batted that this total was going to be beyond them. Nick, having failed with the bat, was determined to make amends and was bowling superbly, and Mac was back to top form at the other end. Despite a couple of early dropped catches, the Indians were 19 for 4 off 8 overs and the match was as good as over. The later wickets were cleaned up by Neville (3-26) and Jack (2-4) as the Indians were bundled out for 86. Neville took two more good catches to bring his tally for the season up to 6, Nick took a good catch on the long-on boundary and Jack and Craig also held catches. This was a very pleasing all-round performance.



Reports from the Indian Ambassador's XI vs The Rest, played the following day, suggest that there were good performances from Craig Price with the bat and Nick White with the ball. Let's hope this continues as we go into our three matches in February, two 50-over League games, against the Post and Wanderers, and a 30-over League game against the Post.

Caption for picture on Page 36

Pat Patterson being talked through Neville's six wickets in Chiang Mai.

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DARTS

We take up the story where the Lillywhites, by some brilliant play and a few lucky doubles had found their way into the quarter finals of the Johnnie Walker BDL Knockout Cup, with a home game against "Our Place Was".

Well, the singles started well enough with Bryan, Mike M and Mike E closing their games to make the score 3-3 at the first interval, but then we lost touch with all the doubles going to our opponents. At that stage they decided to go back to Soi 20 to celebrate. The lurid details:

19.12.85 British Club 3 Our Place Was 9

Closes: Bryan, Mike M, Mike E

Tons: Bryan (100,101) Terry (105,105)
Mike M (115) Mike E (100)

With the season thus finished your favourite team then proceeded to make fools of themselves again by prancing around in their new shirts at the Christmas Ball, getting their timing wrong, and (as if imitating their friends in the snooker section) missing their cues. Still, we did make an effort and were the only ones to do so apart from the Busty Williamson trio.

Our new year's resolution was to have our first ever Annual General Meeting (a sort of Dart Board Meeting, I suppose), and this took place on 14th January. Apart from the attendance of a new member, Mike Williams, the exciting news from this meeting was as follows:

1. Most of the players are getting fed up to the back teeth being thrashed by professional teams from the Telephone Company, the Post Office and those huge skyscrapers full of government officials who've been transferred to inactive posts. Before the next Bangkok Darts League starts on 6th or 13th March we've decided to investigate whether we can start up a Bangkok Social Darts League, comprising teams from Bobby's Arms, Joker Club, Toby Jug, Expats Retreat, Jusmag and the Embassies of Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. If we succeed, this would make Thursday evenings more like the good night out than a visit to the dentist.

2. We even have a Committee!

Mike Majer is Captain (Nai 15)
Terry Adams is Captain of Vice
Peter Tinson is Treasurer
Bryan Baldwin is Secretary.

3. Taking our lead from the Golf Section, we've also decided to charge £100 annual subscription, £200 for the new shirts donated by Castrol, and players scoring 3 or less will be fined £100 instead of having to buy internal trophies at the end of each league season, and maybe subsidise an end-of-year dinner like the cricketers do.
4. On Thursday 20th February the Section invites all Club dartists and dartistes to compete for the 2 annual trophies: The Castrol Cup is a knockout event open to all members of the British Club and British Club Darts Team. Final Rounds will be 501 straight off, double to finish and best of 3 games. The present holder is Mike Evans.

The Ladies Challenge Trophy is the equivalent for lady members and players. An entry fee of £20 is being levied for each event to go towards the cost of trophy replicas. There is no need to register beforehand, just be in the British Club bar by 7.30pm on 20th February!



LADIES' GOLF

Welcome ladies to our 1986 season. I hope that by now most of you will be in good shape after the Christmas and New Year activities, and have settled down to your golf again.

1985 was a superb season and I would like to take the opportunity of thanking Lise for all her hard work during the year. What a captain!! - you did a wonderful job. Thank you also to Prue for her unenviable job as handicapper -- well done!

New Committee

In December a new committee was 'elected' for the 1986 season.

Captain:	Mo Harris
Secretary:	Penny Whalley
Treasurer:	Wendy Binns
Handicapper:	Prue Pointer
Committee Member:	Lise Dencker-Nielsen

Competition Results

December 17th - Captain's Day

This was a STROKE PLAY competition in which 21 ladies took part.

Winner:	Dolores Aaron	70
2nd:	Janice Dahl	73
3rd:	Mo Harris	75

<u>Nearest Pin:</u>	Hole No 4:	Penny Whalley
	Hole No 8:	Maureen Hyde
	Hole No 13:	Dolores Aaron

Longest Drive: Pam Hardy

Under Par: Dolores Aaron

This was a lovely day followed by a superb lunch at Lise's house. There was a prize for all participants, donated by Lise. Thank you Lise, it was a day that we shall all remember and a happy finale to your year. (Who else has 7 bathrooms and 11 loos!!!)

A special thank you to Mariko who so kindly send us all a present on Captain's Day. What a lovely thought Mariko.

Forthcoming Competitions

February 4th	STABLEFORD
February 11th	T's and F's
February 18th	PAR BISQUE
February 25th	LGU MEDAL

Handicap Changes

Prue Pointer	24	to	22
Anne Hendrie	29	to	27
Sue Baker	39	to	38
Janice Dahl	30T	to	28
Merle Decot	35	to	32
Maureen Hyde	39	to	38
Wendy Morris	30T	to	22T
Mariko Shimata	31T	to	25T

Subscriptions

May I remind you all, ladies, that subscriptions will be increased this year to Baht 300 payable in two instalments, in January and in July. Please make Wendy's job easier by paying promptly. Many thanks!

Hopefully we shall have a long dry season ahead of us and I take this opportunity of wishing you a good golfing year. Keep those handicaps on the move - down of course!!!

Mo.

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GOLF

B.C. GOLF

JANUARY 12/86

T-V Rentals sponsored the first outing of the new year at the Thai Country Club. The new captain, Eric Turner, bade farewell to Ambassador Justin Staples after his last outing.

Game results were:

"A" Group

1st	- D Cadwallader	36 pts
2nd	- Marg Ross	33 "
1st Nine	- M Lamb	16 "
2nd Nine	- D Humphreys	18 "

"B" Group

1st	- Les Kentwell	43 pts
2nd	- Reg Laville	42 "
1st Nine	- E Turner	19 "
2nd Nine	- J Staples	19 "

Closest Pin - R Laville, Marg Ross

Long Drives: Men - D Humphreys
Ladies - Mo Harris

B.C. GOLF

DECEMBER 29/85

Ekachi golf course was the venue for the last game of the year. Thai International sponsored the game on this beautiful course.

"A" Group

1st	- D Cadwallader	41 pts
2nd	- D Frost	40 "
1st Nine	- J Morgan	19 "
2nd Nine	- T Moran	17 "

"B" Group

1st	- J Auger	34 pts
2nd	- E Turner	30 "
1st Nine	- D Humphries	20 "
2nd Nine	- S Bolton	14 "

Closest Pin - D Frost, R Marsden

Long Drives: Men - D Humphreys
Ladies - K Armstrong

NOTICE: If any new members of the Club are interested in playing golf with the section, please contact any of the golf committee listed on the Club notice board.

Our membership convener is Barry Hyde. Office telephone number - 393 0556.

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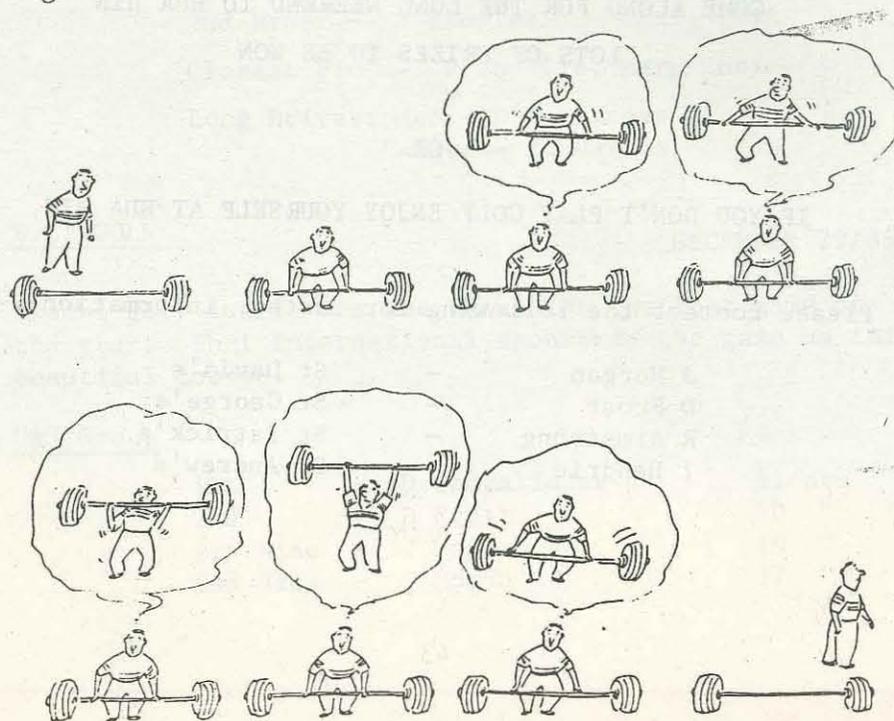
Nothing to report:

And in any case, since I have not yet received last month's Outpost, I can't remember what I said last time and don't want to repeat myself.

At the risk of doing so, I will, however, mention that we are putting a team together to go to the Singapore Sevens. Further to this we have a 15-a-side game coming up against the USAF from Clark Air Base, Philippines, some time in March.

Our fame has spread pretty widely in a short time and we have received a request from somewhere in the Pacific for a game against a visiting U.S. Navy side but the Official Secrets Act prevents me from giving further details as to which ships are involved. Watch the Bangkok Post for details. As it happens, we'll be in Singapore for the Sevens but it's nice to be considered.

Looking forward to seeing some of the 5 Nations Championship games from home soon. Anyone wishing to loan video tapes of the games to the club to inspire our lads before their next outing should contact Dave Williamson, the Club Manager.



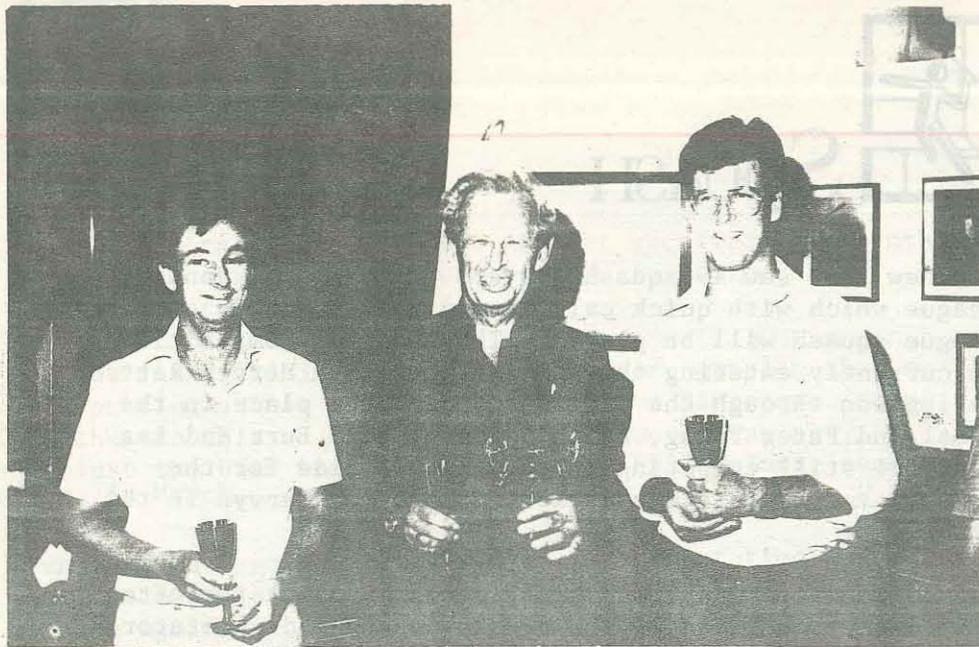
SQUASH

The New Year saw 19 squash players entering the January League which with quick calculation will mean 225 games of league squash will be played. The Handicap Competition is currently entering the final stages with Mervyn Rattray having won through the winner's side for a place in the final and Peter Young, Keith Davison, Bill Burr and Les Kentwell still competing on the loser's side for the honour, and certain exhaustion, of playing Mervyn in the final.

There have been many complaints recently about the often very dirty condition of the squash courts and spectator areas. The Club Management has ensured that all courts are cleaned at least once a day but it seems that the volume of dirt/dust coming from the adjacent construction site is still a major problem. Fortunately, the construction work seems to be nearing completion and the dirt problem should cease to be a hindrance to members enjoyment of their squash. Aside from the short-term dust problem the Squash Committee is aware that the British Club's squash facilities need improvement and perhaps redevelopment. To ascertain the general opinion of the Club's squash players as to the improvements that should be implemented a circular has been circulated and it is hoped that most of these will be returned to the Section prior to the AGM, scheduled for Monday 24th February.

With effect from January, a monthly prize will be awarded to the player competing in the greatest number of ladder matches and an additional prize for the player climbing the greatest number of Ladder placings will be awarded. (At the co-ordinator's discretion mis-placed players will not be eligible for the latter prize). If a player should win both these prizes in the same month the title "Squash Player of the Month" will be awarded and the player will appear in the centrefold of the next edition of OUTPOST.

There have been requests from a number of members that more events emphasising the social side of squash should be arranged such as club evenings, fun days and mixed ability team competitions. One such event recently held was the "Harold Mercer Trophy" which was reported in an earlier edition of OUTPOST.



Trophy Winners: Chris Platt, Sam Cohen
Craig Stewart

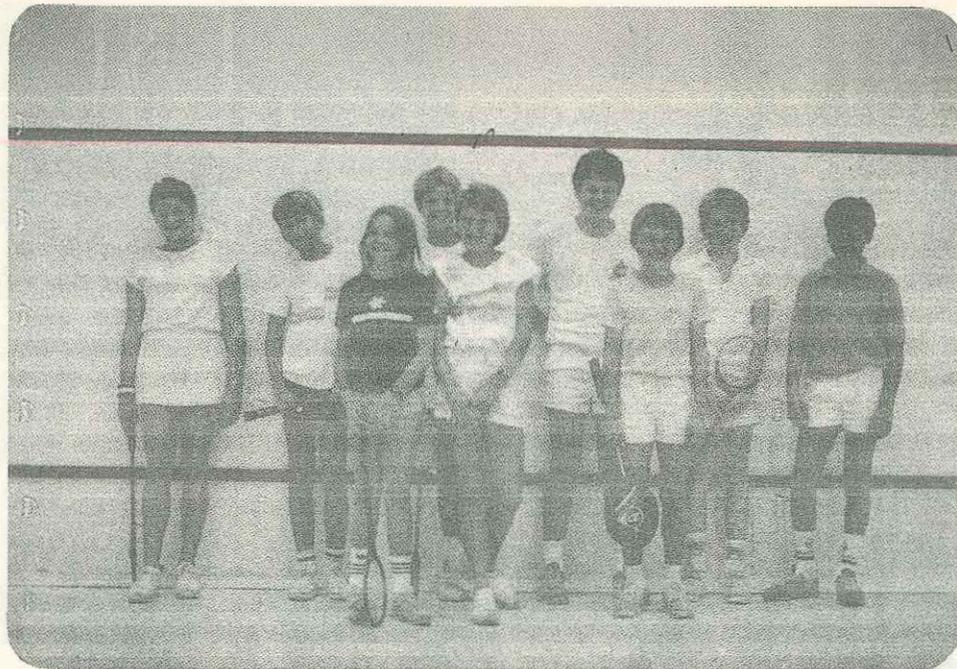


Plate Winners: Mike Binns, David Ferguson,
Ian Scott

The following photographs of that event show Phoebe Mercer
presenting the trophy and plate to the winning captains
and their teams.



Phoebe Mercer with the Winning Captains
Mike Binns and Sam Cohen



The nine Junior Squash players at a pre-match photocall.



Mr & Mrs Arthur Phillips presiding over the prize giving ceremony.

JUNIOR SQUASH

The first annual under 14 Junior Squash Competition was held on Saturday 21st December, 1985. After a slow start and a quick shuffle when only 9 of the 14 entrants turned up, (possibly as it was the morning after the Christmas Ball?), a most enjoyable and exciting morning was had by all - players and spectators alike.

The nine players were divided into two teams with the 1st and 2nd from each team going forward into the semi-finals. In the first semi-final James Morris beat Neil Baker and in the second Gavin Baker won against Matthew Sill in a very close game. There then followed a very exciting final between James and Gavin with Gavin eventually winning by 2 games to 1.

The competition was followed by a lunch at which prizes for the finalist, runner-up and semi-finalists were presented by the Chairman of the British Club, Mr Arthur Phillips.

The competition was also the start of a monthly programme which is aimed at encouraging the younger club members to play squash. The next competition will be held on Saturday 1st February and thereafter on the first Saturday of each month starting at 9.00 a.m.

We would like to invite all young members who are interested (boys and girls alike) to come along even if you are only beginners. If there is enough support we hope to also arrange coaching sessions and following the competitions on Saturday mornings coaching videos will be shown. (Bring your parents as they may learn a lot too!).

Well done to all the young lads and lasses who took part - there were some really good games of squash enjoyed, not only by the better players. Don't forget, the ladder is also open to junior players and it is amazing how quickly your game improves. So don't be afraid to challenge!!



SWIMMING

NEW SCRIBE - MIKE MAJER

As Mr Tony Thompson left bangkik leaving the swimming section scribeless, yours truly has been bullied into applying my meagre literary talents by my better half Erika. I will attempt to do as good a job as Tony but if I can do almost as well I will be happy - and sincerely hope you will too. And so to business.

PROFICIENCY TESTS 14th DECEMBER, 1985

Grade 1

Rebecca Butler

Grade 2

Lara Larsen
Fraser Currie
Timothy Strange
Timothy Johnston
James Rennie

Grade 3

Maia McAlister
Lucy Johnston
Sarah Rennie

Grade 4

Lynley Strange

Grade 5

Morca McConnell

Grade 6

Kris Erswell
Jack McConnell

DECEMBER

Probably due to holidays and the cold weather not many children attended the December gala. But we were able to have a few races for the brave and eager nippers. Congratulations are due to Lynley Strange for being the "Swimmer of the Month". Well done Lynley and let's see you do it again in the future.

JANUARY 1986

There were no tests carried out this month. Endurance Tests are scheduled for February 8th at 9.00 a.m. and all children are welcome to swim. The badges range from 25 metres (one length) to 5,000 metres (200 lengths).

Copies of time sheets will be posted on the swimming notice board by the pool (shallow end). Please do not remove them or you will prevent others from reading the information.



TENNIS

By the time you read this notice, our two new hard courts should be ready to play on during the day and under the lights in the early evening hours.

Your Tennis Committee plans to hold a social tennis event to officially open the courts and details of this event will be forwarded to all in a separate special circular in the near future.

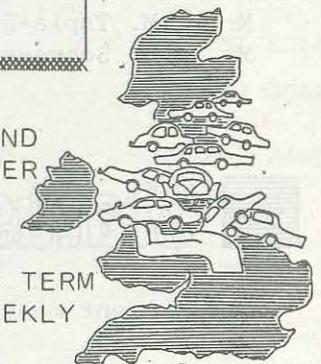
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Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the British Club in January 1986

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Mr. G.S. Hill	BP Petroleum Development
Mr. R.E. Leighton	P.P.F. Asia Ltd.
Mr. M.S. Miles	Dept. of Community Development
Mr. D.M. Murray	Bristol-Myers (T) Ltd.
Mr. R.G. Schramm	Canadian Embassy
Mr. A.J. Topham	Thai British Security Printers

NON-VOTING:

Mr. R.C. Davison	International Embryos
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LADIES PRIVILEGES:

Miss J.J. Holt	-
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ASSOCIATE:

Miss A. Thanasriwanitchai	SGV-NA Thalang & Co.,Ltd.
Mr. J.M. Tapia-Ruano	Nanapan Enterprise Co.,Ltd.
Mr. H.W. Schreyer	D & N Telecommunications

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	10
Ordinary	336
Non-Voting	4
Associate	52
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	25
Candidates	33
	<u>TOTAL 494</u>
Absent	<u>822</u>
	<u>GRAND TOTAL 1316</u>

ACTIVITIES

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

<u>Billiards/Snooker</u>	Ron Armstrong	390 2445
<u>Bridge</u>	Geoff Crittenden	424 0101 x2639
<u>Cricket</u>	Jack Dunford	236 0211
<u>Darts</u>	Mike Majer	513 1970
<u>Golf</u>	Barry Hyde	393 0556
<u>Ladies Golf</u>	Mrs. M. Harris	258 5603
<u>Rugby</u>	Terry Smith	236 7078 236 9505
<u>Soccer</u>	Craig Rennie	236 0205 236 4281
<u>Squash</u>	Peter Young/ Tom Annas	252 8216 233 0649
<u>Swimming Practice</u> (Khun Choon)	Mrs. Erika Majer	252 7492
<u>Swimming Gala</u>	Mrs. Erika Majer	252 7492
<u>Tennis</u>	Bruce Pointer	233 2020

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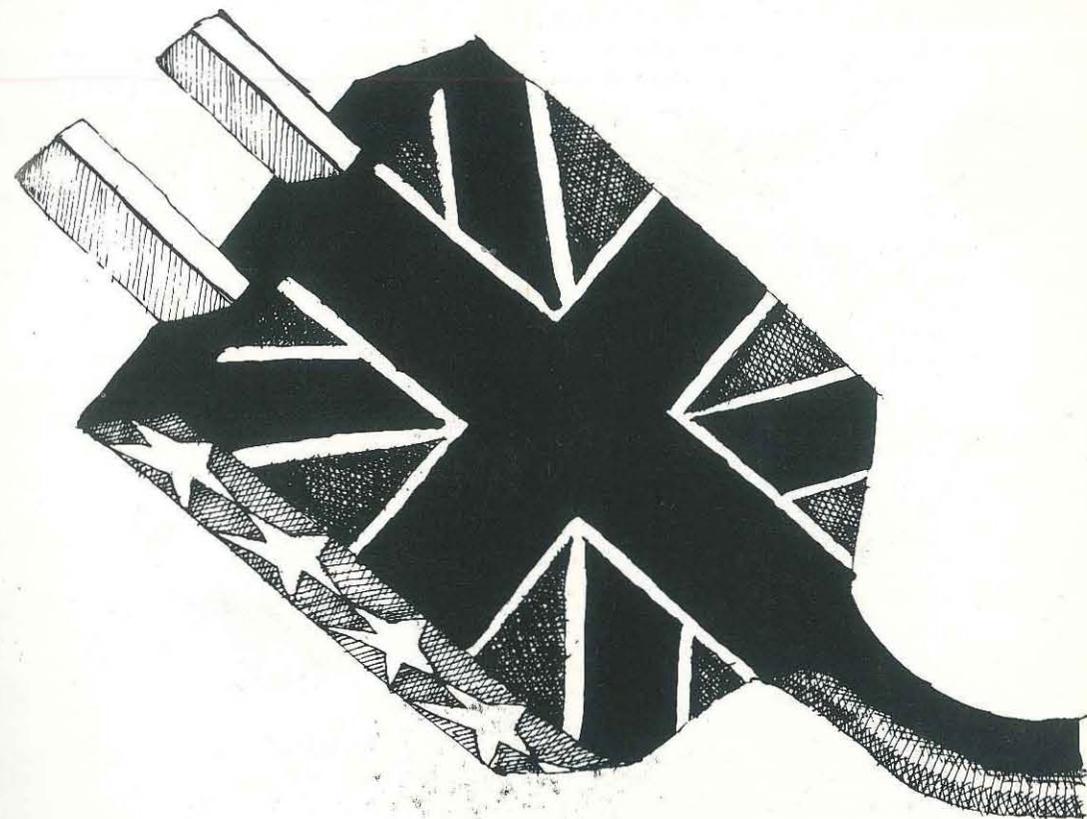


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