

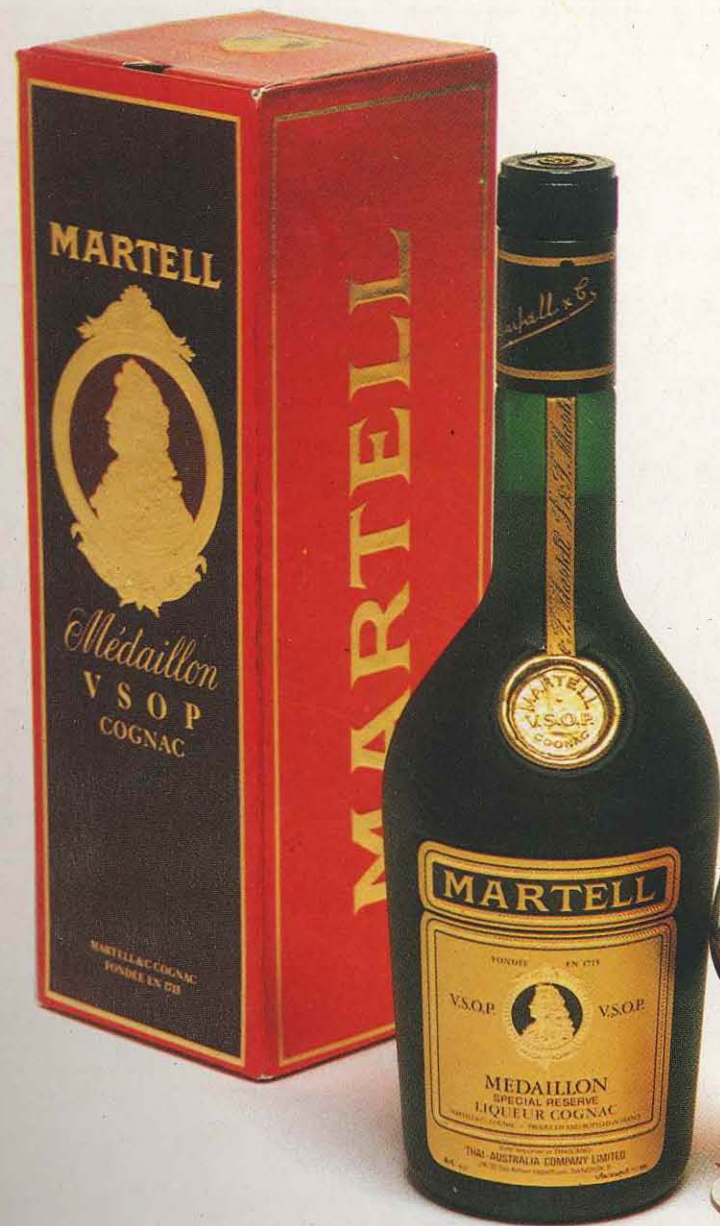
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It's been a busy month at the Club, with two major functions taking place.

On Saturday 14th February St. Valentines Day was duly celebrated with a Barbecue at the Poolside and this was preceded by a short ceremony at which Mr. Peter Tripp, the British Ambassador to Thailand, declared open the new poolside Sala which will greatly improve our facilities in that area.

Monday 16th saw an Extraordinary General Meeting take place on the Back Lawn at which members discussed various proposed constitutional changes to the Club's set of Rules. The EGM itself is dealt with in more detail elsewhere in this publication.

This being my first "Outpost" as editor I would like to express my thanks to all those who have wished me well and to introduce my sub-committee which comprises Roy Regan - well known "Lillywhites" darts team member, Nick Stanton - who has contributed several excellent articles to the magazine lately and his wife "Buzz" who, apart from bringing a women's touch to the proceedings, is the owner of those cultured and dulcet tones you hear reading the TV news in English.

Our merry band is dedicated to continuing the rapid improvement of "Outpost" and, as will become evident in this and future editions, broaden the appeal of the magazine through the introduction of new and different items from time to time.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### NEW MEMBERS:

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

#### Ordinary

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#### Up-Country

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Mr. T.R. Cyfka	Scan Drilling Company
Mr. D. Whittaker	

#### Ladies Privileges

Ms. H. Coombes

### NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

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

Tuesday 3rd March (Closing date 28 February)

Tuesday 7th April (Closing date 1 April)

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

## WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

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

The reel club will meet in the Suriwong Room on Thursday 19th March at 7 p.m.

## AS A RULE

Bylaw 10 - Sections (d) and (e)

(d) Wines, spirits and any other refreshments may not be brought into the Club except on occasions authorised by the Committee. On such occasions a corkage charge shall be levied as set out in Bylaw 5.

(e) Food may not be brought on to the Club premises.

IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING AGM ON MONDAY 23RD MARCH, MEMBERS' ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RULE 65 - FINAL PARAGRAPH, WHICH STATES THAT "NO MEMBER WHOSE ACCOUNT IS OVER TWO WEEKS IN ARREARS MAY ATTEND OR VOTE AT ANY MEETING OF THE CLUB."

The General Committee was in session on two occasions during February.

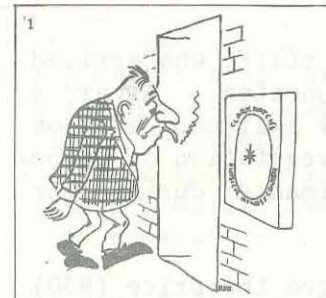
On Tuesday 3rd February a New Members Night was held in the Suriwong Room at which 11 ordinary, 2 non-voting, 3 up-country and 1 Ladies Privilege were elected. Afterwards the Committee sat and discussed a range of topics including the 1981/2 Budget which was presented in draft form by the Hon Treasurer. Requests have been received from members for the provision of croquet and badminton facilities and it can be reported that a badminton set has now been purchased and the tennis court nearest the pool and klong will shortly be made available to followers of that sport. Shuttlecocks and racquets will be available for sale and racquets for hire. For the time being there will be no reservation system and the court will therefore be available on a "first come first served" basis.

It is also hoped to get croquet established and our Sports Member, Simon Brewin, would be pleased to hear from interested persons.

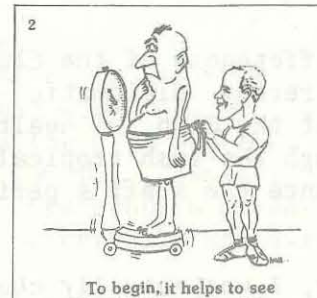
Club ties are temporarily out of stock but will be made available again as soon as possible and in the existing style.

The Committee is all too painfully aware that, occasionally, draught beer is unavailable. This is not because of any breakdown in the Club's ordering system but rather our suppliers Messrs. Amarit, running short from time to time.

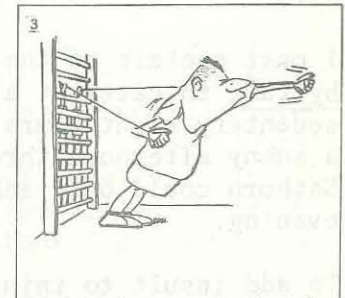
The dining-room menu now features a number of "specials" and is proving more and more popular with patrons. One member was expelled from the Club for incurring overdue debts and, having been posted for 14 or more days, allowing them to remain unsettled. Finally - a bottle of wine will be awarded to the first all-correct reply to this month's cross-word. So now's your chance to take advantage of this unprecedented generosity! The wine will be donated by the Borneo Company Thailand Ltd.



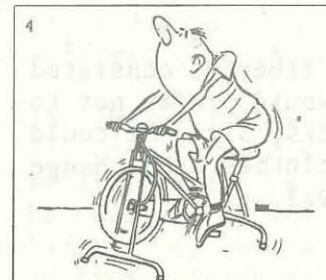
1 Some guys are their own worst enemy.



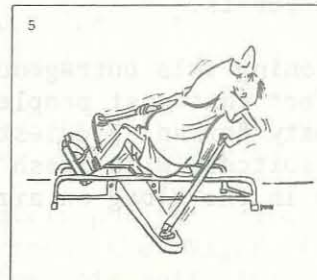
2 To begin, it helps to see ourselves for what we really are.



3 And then doing something about it.



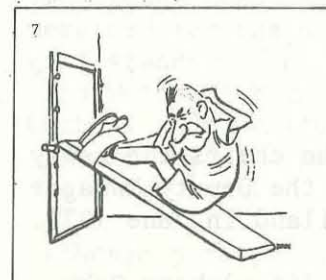
4 We can do a lot of the things we used to do as kids. Like cycling.



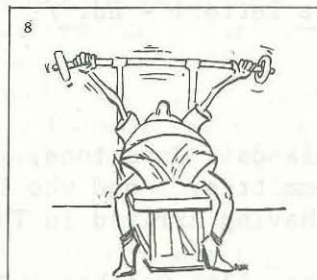
5 And rowing.



6 And running.



7 Then maybe a few things we didn't have to do as kids.



8 Because we kept ourselves in better shape then.



9 Believe me, some guys are their own worst enemy.



10 Until they get smart.

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## Letters

Sir,

I must protest at the effeteness of the Club staff, who arrived by taxi to cater at a recent diplomatic function. After a sedentary eight hours at the Club, a healthy half hour walk on a sunny afternoon through the lush tropical vegetation of Silom/Sathorn could only enhance the staff's performance during the evening.

To add insult to injury, I was actually charged the price (฿30) of the taxi, adding a full 50 stang extra to the per capita cost of entertaining 60 guests.

The Club's defence, condoning this outrageous liberty, consisted of a comment to the effect that most people would prefer not to be served by a hot, sweaty Barman. Fiddlesticks, Sir! He could perfectly well carry a suitcase with fresh clothes to change into, after a quick dip in the Klong on arrival.

Yours faithfully

J. Alice-Springs (A252)

[Paraphase of a genuine letter! - Ed.]

### COMMITTEE PROFILE

This month we feature Alasdair Johnstone, who chairs the newly formed personnel sub-committee, and who is the Deputy Manager of The Chartered Bank, having arrived in Thailand in June 1979.

Alasdair was born on the 14th October 1937 in Johore Bahru, Malaya and lived in Johore until he was evacuated with his mother on one of the last ships to leave Singapore, named, ironically, The Empress of Japan. His father remained behind and ultimately survived the "Railway".

He was educated at Stonyhurst where amongst his main interests were rugby and athletics in both of which he represented his school - a fact which stood him in good stead later during his Army service.

In 1956, he commenced his National Service in the Black Watch at Queens Barracks, Perth and was selected for officer training at Eaton Hall. On being commissioned in the Black Watch he volunteered for secondment to the Royal West African Frontier Force (deeming this more interesting than Redford Barracks,

Edinburgh to which the Regiment returned from Berlin), and served in Ghana. The tales of military service there would take up too much space but are basically hilarious.

After leaving the Army, he joined the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation intent on an overseas career with them but after a few months he met his wife, Ann, who was a Charge Nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. As the H. & S. B.C. did not allow overseas staff to marry prior to the completion of their first tour Alasdair walked down Gracechurch Street and joined the then Bank of West Africa - eventually Standard Bank Nigeria.

Ann and Alasdair, who have a son and daughter, were in Nigeria for over eighteen years during which time the Country gained its independence, sustained a series of military coups, and suffered a prolonged civil war.

In 1967, following the evacuation of wives and children, Alasdair found himself on the wrong side of the lines in the newly created "Biafra", being at that time stationed in Port Harcourt. He ultimately put this matter right by evacuating himself by canoe across the Niger (carrying, incidentally, in true British fashion, his golf clubs and little else!).

1969 found the Johnstones in Kano, Northern Nigeria, where they remained for the next five years during which time Alasdair's golf standard went down and that of his motor sport up. The Kano Motor Club incidentally, in which he was actively involved, both as a competitor and committee member, prepared the route and provided the marshals for the Nigeria section of the 1972 World Cup Rally.

Although perhaps in retrospect amusing in the telling, he also sustained an armed robbery in the bank in Kano being "obliged" at gun point to assist the thieves in carrying the cash to the getaway vehicle! They were in fact all caught some thirty-six hours later and the money returned - less a round £10,000.

After a brief spell in Warri, one of the two main oil centres, a return to the traffic jams of Lagos ensued and was endured until final departure in 1978.

The idea of "odds and evens" with cities choked with vehicles is not new, by the way, as this was introduced in Lagos some years ago. It works - until everyone has two cars. Also while on the subject of traffic, have you heard the true tale of a government representative who suggested that, when changing over from driving on the left to the right hand side of the road, so as to make it less difficult to get used to and in order to achieve final and total success, this be undertaken in stages - lorries first, then cars....?

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### EGM

An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting was held on Monday 16th February. A total of 83 members discussed proposals to amend the Club's rules. Twenty-one proxies were registered.

Broadly, the recommendations of the Committee were, with some amendments, adopted, with the exception of proposed new rule 64 which covers fees, subscriptions and deposits. This was referred back to the AGM for further discussion.

The changes affecting old rules 1-8 must now be re-confirmed by a two-thirds majority at a further EGM to be held immediately prior to the AGM on March 23rd. Old Rules 9-70 as amended will automatically become binding on 1st April 1981.

### RADIO LISTENING

In view of the various methods by which wavelength frequencies are described now, it was felt that it might be helpful to members if we were to publish a frequency wavelength conversion table.

BBC World Service broadcasts are generally best received on the 49-metre short wave band although this can vary depending upon location, type of aerial etc.

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#### SHORT WAVE

METRE BANDS	11	13	16	19	25	31	41	49	75
MHz	26	21	17	15	11	9	7	6	4

#### MEDIUM WAVE

METRES	212	227	231	251	370	417	427	463	469
KHz	1413	1313	1296	1197	810	720	702	648	639



We have been able to secure permission from "CAMUS" - a well-known reviewer of records, opera and ballet in England to reproduce some of his writings in our magazine. These are "hot off the press" and we offer the first record review to you this month. These reviews are primarily designed to give ideas for leave purchases, since no guarantee is given that the records discussed will be available in Bangkok.

The artists on the EMI recording, "The Fiddler's Companion" (GLN 1023, 4.10) play the repertoire of Scottish music with which they are particularly associated. Aly Bain is featured on some brilliant hornpipe and reels. Angus Grant on the pipe-derived style of the West Highlands, Tom Anderson on the tunes of his native Shetland, and Bill Hardie and Hector M'Andrew play some of their own original compositions.

The prime object of the recording -- which goes hand-in-hand with the book "Caledonian Companion", which I have not received -- is to advance further the considerable upsurge of interest and enthusiasm in Scottish traditional music which is rife today. Surely there is a bright future in view when fiddlers 'frae a' the airts an 'pairts' can unify a cause by a common love of their national music.

There are over 30 tunes in all on the recording, so I shall refer only to the differing styles and attributes of the artistes as I envisage them. Aly Bain's attractive warm tone has a quasi-classical aura and there is much flexibility in his playing, while Angus Grant's rather lighter timbre is just as pleasing in its own way. The perfect intonation of Alastair Hardie (son of Bill), his light classical approach to the music, and his technical proficiency in a "Theme and Variations" item stamp him as an authoritative author of the aforesaid book, and as for 17-year-old Donald Stewart, an Edinburgh schoolboy making his recording 'debut', I have nothing but the greatest admiration, his rhythm always infectious, and his playing literally 'oozing' technique.

Tom Anderson would seem to be a "stickler" for textual accuracy, his double stopping being commendable, though if we want lovely 'cantabile' playing, we stop at the door of Bill Hardie, master of the 'singing strings'. Which leaves Hector M'Andrew, who is clearly an inveterate performer of Scottish dance music, even if he includes a Bach-like 'air' now and again.

A highly enjoyable record. And if you would like the 'accompanying' book, please contact EMI Music Publishing, 20 Manchester Square, London W1.

It was Matt Monro's single "Portrait Of My Love" that made him an overnight success, and it takes pride of place on his current release on EMI (This Is Matt Monro: THIS 24.)

Matt's easy singing style, proper regard for phrasing, and interpretative acumen which presents the music and lyrics of every ballad he chooses at optimum impact, fully justifies his 'tag' as the top British singer in his class. He scores heavily over many singers in tunes like "I Love You Because" (the best version I know), the Lenon/McCartney "Michelle", and numbers such as "This Time", which have words that make good sense. "Sunday Women" doesn't come off so well -- it is really on the periphery of 'pop' -- nor do I like his "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" (not Matt's type).

The whole album is well varied and the tunes are chosen with some expertise, for after having 'let his hair down' during "Gonna Build A Mountain", Matt adopts his most impressive lyrical style for that lovely song. "Softly, As I Leave You", using 'mezza voice' with good effect. The plum -- for me -- is undoubtedly Newly's "Who Can I Turn To", a beautiful song well interpreted, the singer using his fine, rich voice to great advantage. This is ballad singing 'par excellence' -- don't you agree?

#### REEL SOCIETY

A group of fifteen worthies, Scots and "Hingers on" - just short of two sets - spent an enjoyable evening on the 19th at the Suriwong Room.

Starting off with the now familiar Hamilton House, a cheery dance, the omniscient Edith led us through the Glasgow Highlanders, followed by the Dalkieth Strathspey and then Machine without Horses with Derek ably advising on steps.

The evening finished with a rousing Eightsome after which Hugh decided three glasses of soda in one evening was enough and adjourned till the third Thursday of March at 7.30 p.m.

The Reel Society is a fun evening, keeping us in touch with the dances we've done in the past and of course preparing for the main do at Dusit Thani by learning a few more. It is also one of the less painful keep-fit classes going, both on body and pocket, so put a note in your diary, THIRD THURSDAY EVERY MONTH Suriwong Room. Next get together Thursday 19th March - 7.30 pm.

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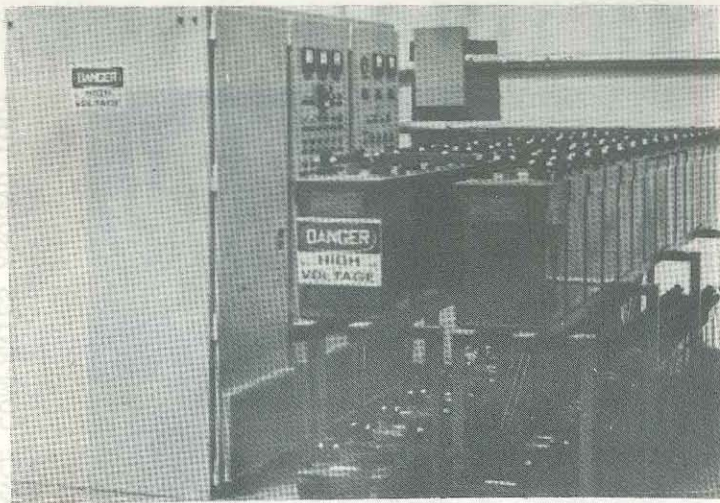


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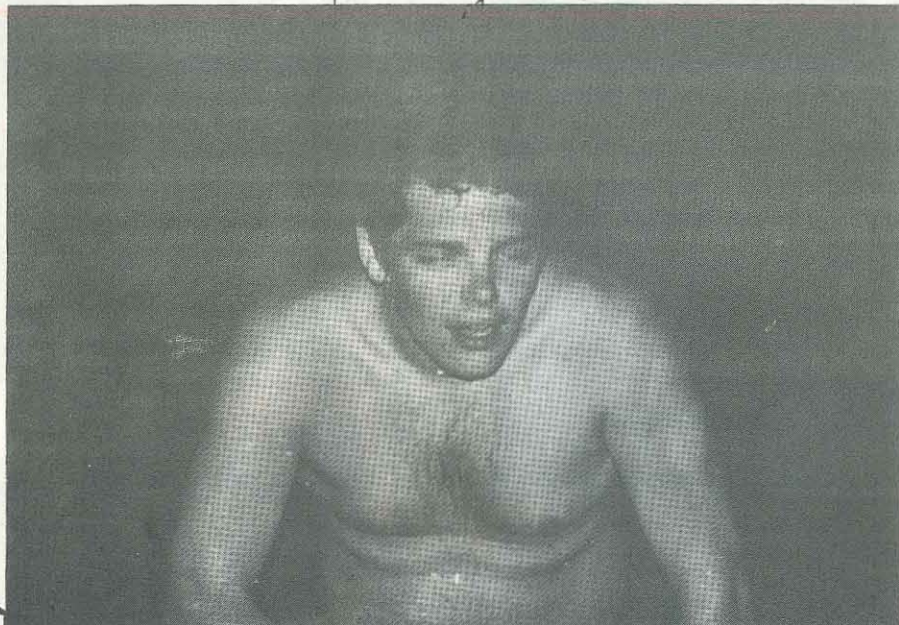
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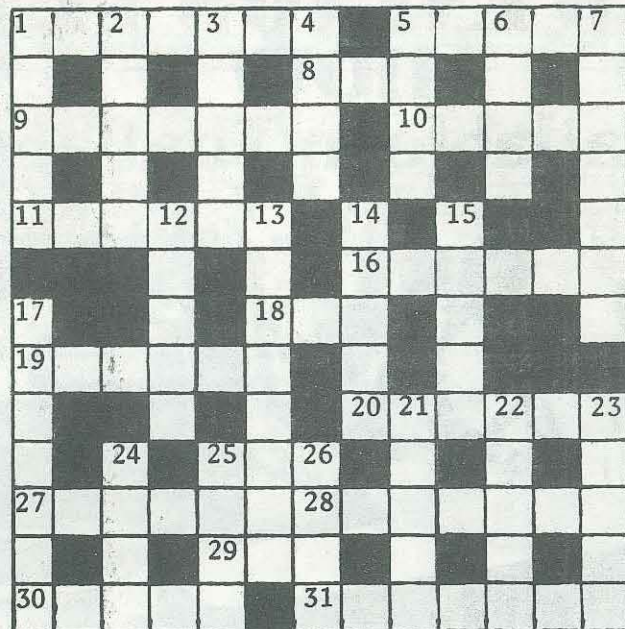
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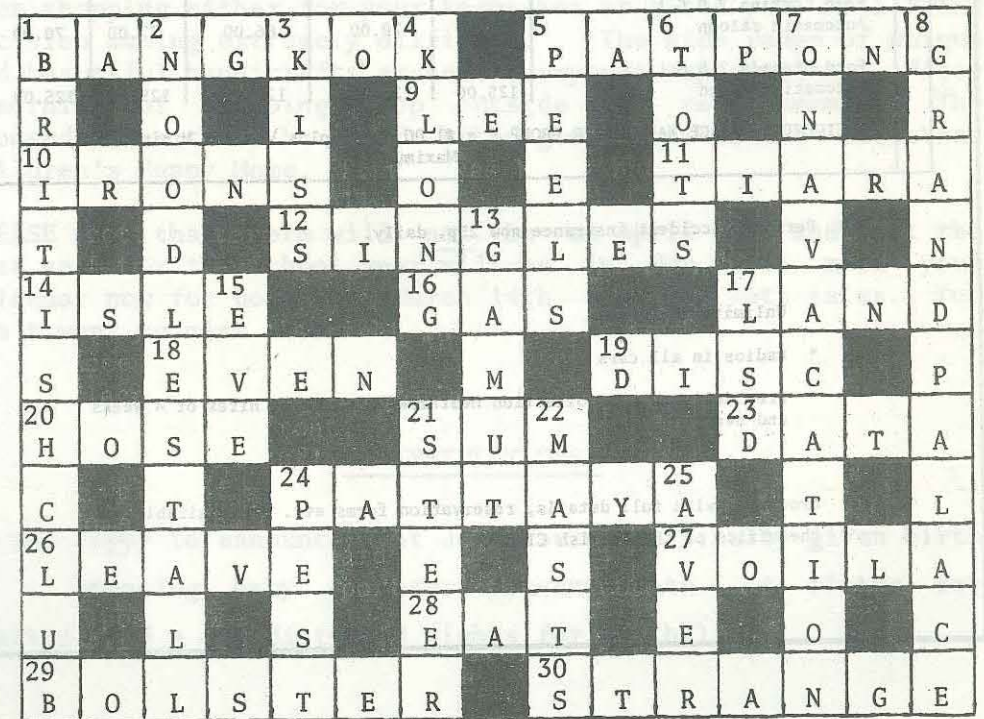
Across

- 1 & 31 Current Club V.I.P. who was bonny back in '45!
- 5 A 1/31 across sibling.
- 8 Scottish term of endearment....for a bird?
- 9 If they've forgotten you, you might be here (2 words)
- 10 Funny .... it's right in a child's toy!
- 11 Accent the tension.
- 16 Place famous for it's nights.
- 18 Vehicle out front.
- 19 Just cut it out!
- 20 A whiff of a rise.
- 27 Come to the Club monthly for these with 5 across.
- 28 Time to look forward to.
- 29 Take a tyro from port for this little bit of pond life.
- 30 It's a hot weather call after 28 across.
- 31 See 1 across.

Down

- 1 With everything ... they say!
- 2 He'll do better if he is.
- 3 Innocents.
- 4 Might do this in Bangkok at 17 down.
- 5 They are said to go with the odds.
- 6 You might just adore it!
- 7 Have a little one in Pattaya!
- 12 He'll be this if he's a fairy!
- 13 Might be sisters or sins, but its more than six.
- 14 It's just madness!
- 15 Terror, of an old piper.
- 17 Store in the middle.
- 21 When the play starts, this is the 28 across one.
- 22 Girl currently popular on the London stage.
- 23 Might get it on 30 across!
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- 25 Employer.
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With time flying quickly by us, many of us find ourselves making plans for leaving Bangkok this summer or for home leave. While making these plans we find time is short for shopping for keepsakes of Thailand and gifts for everyone at home. The best and easiest way to do this shopping is at the Hilltribes Handicrafts Sale sponsored by the Women's Association of the International Church. The next sale is scheduled for March 14, 1981 from 9:30 to noon at the ISB gym on Soi 15, Sukhumvit.

While shopping, think of some of the craftsmen who have made the handicrafts. For example the Lahu, Akha, and Lisu women who spin the cotton into thread with a hand spindle, then weave it on a foot-thread loom. Their sombre blue-black clothing is brightened with embroidery, applique, seeds, silver ornaments, coins, shells, and brightly dyed chicken feathers. Not only are the Lahu weavers of cloth, but also of the beautiful baskets sought after by everyone. In the LAL section you will find the distinct Akha headdress made of silver coins, beads, buttons and feathers worn by the Akha women and girls along with the Akha man's jacket which is a masterpiece of embroidery and applique in vivid colours.

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PLEASE note that there will not be an April sale and that the last sale for the school year will be in May. So mark your calendar now for both the March 14th and May 16th sales. You won't want to miss them!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to announce that Jo Milburn has finally given birth to a bouncing baby daughter - Susanna Ruth. A sister for Charles (and a few disturbed nights for Keith?)



## LADIES' LIAISON GROUP

We had a long and interesting meeting this month in which several areas of concern were covered. Our first children's activities morning was, as usual, a happy occasion and about sixty five children attended. Mr. Stewart gave the children interested in stamp collecting (and more than a few interested parents) a fascinating talk illustrated with slides. His extensive knowledge of his subject and his enthusiasm for it gave many of our youngsters a new impetus, as well as broadening their own knowledge. We would earnestly request all members of the Club to bring any stamps they can obtain from personal or office correspondence, and put them in an envelope in the Ladies Liaison Group suggestion box, (underneath the LLG noticeboard at the poolside). They can then be distributed among interested children at future Saturday morning activity stamp sessions. There are a number of keen children who would much appreciate this, - please try to remember!

"Drama" was introduced for the first time and promises to be very successful. There will be no Saturday morning activities in March but we are planning three Wednesday morning sessions during the Easter school holiday. They will be on April 1st, April 8th and April 15th.

The Scottish Country Dancing on Monday afternoons is well under way with over thirty children attending and having a marvellous time.

We are considering the possibility of holding occasional coffee mornings at the Club for wives of new members. This has been done in the past, but not recently. We feel it would be an opportunity to explain about Club facilities and would also be "a friendly thing to do".

The Thursday morning "keep fit" sessions which are very popular will, as from 1st March, be at 9 a.m. instead of 9.30 a.m., and the cost will be £20 instead of £10.

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# CRICKET

## Game 3 vs Nakhon Sawan/Indian Club, Saturday 31 January

- Well, Ethel, how did you like your visit to the cricket?
- It was very nice Fred, but I thought the game is supposed to last longer.
- I didn't finish even one row of knitting.
- Usually it does, but the British Club bowled out those Indians for only 40 runs.
- They have very good bowlers Fred. That White man was very fast.
- It's the British Club Ethel, they're all.... Oh! You mean Nick White. He certainly got rid of that opening batsman fast.
- And they couldn't score off that other bowler either. What was his name, Prince?
- Not Prince dear, he's only a Dook. They only got 10 runs off all of his 5 overs.
- Fred, I couldn't see how that Bob Allen got five men out. He was only bowling slow.
- The thing was, Ethel, they can't play spinners. If you look at the sky while practising a cane-cutting stroke, you can't hope to last.
- Still they did hit him for one four, didn't they?
- Yes dear, they really took to him for that one ball.
- Who was that little fat fellow with the beard, Fred? He started bowling after all the good batsmen were out.
- He always does that dear, he's the captain. It's the only way he can get anyone out.
- Well 40 runs was not much for the British Club to chase.

- It certainly wasn't. Bob Allen usually gets that many himself. Of course he didn't bat. But that intelligent chap, the one who knows his ABC, he got 14.
- Oh yes Fred. I loved the way he swatted those balls.
- That's not a swat dear. It's called a square cut. Pity about the last one.
- Yes, still they put the wickets back up. Then that other fellow came in and hit the ball so hard and got all those runs. He was a good'un.
- That was Don Goodin, Ethel. They couldn't get him out either.
- Fred, remember the time that umpire put both his hands up in the air. Why did he do that?
- It was the signal for six runs when Goodin hit the ball onto the golf course.
- Oh, I see. I thought he desperately wanted permission to get to the hong nam.
- I must say, Ethel, the British Club players seemed happy with the result after the game.
- It could have been that Fred. Or it could also have been the happiness they were drinking from those green bottles.
- Shall we go again next time dear?
- We can't afford to Fred. We lost too much on the three races after the cricket finished.

British Club 3-51 (Lockyer 14, Goodin 25 not out) defeated Nakhon Sawan 40 (White 1-8, Allen 5-8, Lanham 2-12)

## Game 4 vs Allied Newspapers Saturday 21 February

Amidst controversy, an uncertain wicket, magnificent fielding and a great all-round performance by Bob Dook, the British Club reversed last year's decision and soundly thrashed Allied. They won the toss and sent B.C. in to bat - a good result, exactly what would have happened had we won the toss.

Lockyer was quickly into stride but was then bowled for 8 with the score at 10. Dook played steadily at the other end. Allen had timing problems with the variable bounce of the wicket and was out for 28, still top-score but only about half that possible with a good bounce.

Dook made 24, Lanham swung once too often chasing runs for 11, Jake O'Donnell got 15 not out, Don Goodin tried to force the pace and after 25 overs BC were 6-110. This is an average score on most wickets but good on this one.

The Allied innings commenced and immediately the umpires (Allied) attempted to invoke some circumstantial and undocumented rule relating to bowlers runups. Despite their efforts, White and Dook bowled magnificently. Nick White, handicapped by an unusual runup to the wicket, took 2-6 from his 5 overs.

At one other end, Bob Dook bowled brilliantly to take 5 wickets for 6 runs including a hat trick (that cost him a few beers). The BC catching was superb. Cliff Symes took a great one at the second attempt to give Dook his hat trick. Chris Platt and Paul Lockyer took very good high catches in the wind and Allied were 9-22.



## SQUASH

The saga of the third squash court continues. However, sports-fans, you may like to know, with the help (or in spite of) a dimension of technical experts you should be playing in No. 3 by April Fool's Day! Will there be a re-run of the Rod Carter? All enquiries to the Blanc space.

In the wake of the excitement about UK contenders, the news is that for those who have not been personally informed the potential Brute Finnegan is still in the squad. Is that so?

The present squash league proceeds at the usual pedestrian pace, pushing the clamour for another time extension. Please make an effort to arrange and complete matches asap!



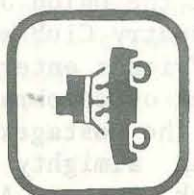

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## GOLF

### Match Versus American Chamber of Commerce, 25th January

The Stars and Stripes met the Union Jack in head-on battle under the banner of the Thai Country Club at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday 25th January. Our American friends entered the fray with tails up and wagging (after a week of celebrations relating to having both a new President and the hostages being released), but a few hours later, after an almighty charge by Saints George, Andrew, David and Patrick plus our Aussie and Canadian friends, the gallant gang of B.C. golfers swept the opposition aside, to register a convincing win, and to recapture the Cup which has not been displayed in the B.C. foyer for some years. But, what a friendly, happy bunch of losers...graceful in defeat and generous in praise. The western alliance goes far beyond politics!

Post match stories were both tall and many, but a true one involved our own wee Tommy Madar, whose drive at the 15th rebounded from a nearby tree to finish up 10 yards behind the tee; his second attempt did much the same thing, but ended 20 yards further back; and his third and final attempt just managed to roll into the centre of the ladies tee, from where he ironed his much maligned ball into a nearly klong.

Best overall on the day was Clive Miller with 40 points, with fellow Scots Marshall Douglas and Bob Lumsden roaring in close behind with 39 points each, (an ample warning that St. Andrews Socy, means business in 1981). Top American was George Walck (who deserted the B.C. for the day to play for the opposition, where he knew he would have a better chance of winning a prize!) with 37 points and popular Jack Scott on 36.

A bit welcome to newcomers Dave Torrance, Jeff Moss and Arthur Robinson; good leadership from Captain Kerr; well done all B.C. entrants; we missed you ladies; golf is good for you.

### Rose Garden, 8th February - 11.30 a.m.

A field of 32 golfers turned out on a perfect morning. Newcomers Richard Kilburn and Tony Blanc were especially welcome (the latter admitting at last that he is contemplating giving up squash due to old age and rheumatism). The girls were poorly represented in terms of numbers, but quality was there in the

persons of mesdames Ford, Voravarn, Lumsden (...for those missing, please return, there is no truth in the rumour that our new Captain Kerr is a misogynist). Sally Voravarn and Brian Stewart both had mishits at the appropriate holes to win the Chartered Bank nearest-the-pin prizes, whilst Derek Pott (39 points) was a close runner up to Derek Johnson, winner for the day on 41 Stableford points. The latter is rapidly becoming the BC's best golfer and maestro Ian MacLean (also making a 1981 debut) had better watch his crown. Those old parennials Ernie Jurgens and Rupert Jamieson collected the 'best nines' prizes. A good day was had by all (I think).

### Hua Mark, 22nd February

Variety was the spice of an array of prizes distributed by sponsors May & Baker Ltd., to a turn-out of around 30 golfers. Tommy Madar collected a portable golfer's seat as the eldest entrant, the boobies went to Alan Robinson and Dennis Quinn (special support items of underwear), that for the newest member of the section to Jim Harris, while Len Carter, Peter Isle, Marshall Douglas, and Bob Lumsden were penalised for having entered more klongs and bunkers than other participants (but received appropriate gifts for their troubles). The ladies were not forgotten either, each taking home a gift wrapped pair of 'golden girl' golf balls, and Joyce Lumsden receiving the 'best lady' accolade. 1st and 2nd nine winners were Don Goodin and Steve Balme, with Mike Lamb taking second overall prize (40 pts) and Irishman Pat Beston winning top honours (also 40 pts). Shortest drive (4.7 yards) was claimed by John Salter. All in all, another good day's outing with thanks to May & Baker Ltd., and also the Chartered Bank who again supported us.

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## LADIES' GOLF

February saw a good turn out of lady golfers on Tuesday mornings. We welcomed five new golfers i.e. Joan Sewell, Ann Johnstone, Fiona Gibson, Jennie Holt and Lisa Dencker-Neilson - we wish them lots of luck with their golf. Provided there are sufficient participants, the Club championships will be held on March 17th and 24th and for those who were losers on the 17th, a "Plate" tournament stableford competition will be played. Our venue as always is the Thai Army Golf Club on Tuesdays at 7 a.m.

### Programme for March

#### Tuesday 3rd March - All Irons

Starter: Sheila Kerr 252 6517

#### Tuesday 10th March - Stableford

Starter: Eileen Ford 252 2074

#### Tuesday 17th March - Club Championship

Starter: Eileen Ford 252 2074

#### Tuesday 24th March - Club Championship plus 'Plate'

Starter: Krystina Kukielka 252 9315

#### Tuesday 31st March - Medal

Starter: Joyce Lumsden 252 8402



## SWIMMING

### The Phantom Strikes Again!

Ghost-writing seems to be becoming a way of life (?) for this section - fortunately my spy has come good again and furnished the material. At this rate I shall soon have to designate an Official Deputy. However, I am not intending to catch measles, mumps or anything of that ilk in the near future so all being well, will continue my literary career.

Twenty-nine contenders took part in the February Gala, but, as I said last month, there is suddenly a dearth of 6-and-under swimmers. (January must have been a good month for birthdays!) Next month we intend to make it a Fun Gala, with special event-type races - medals - prizes - the whole bit, so let's be having you, little ones, and never mind about your style or speed. In these races, everyone has a chance!

The Improver of the Month is Melissa Chubb, who improved in all three of her races, freestyle, backstroke and I.M. Well done, Melissa. There were no other spectacular skimmings-off the seconds. Perhaps the water was too cold? By next month, that excuse will no longer hold good. Or water. Ugh!!

Would our regular "swimming-trainers" please keep an eye on the Poolside notice-board as Helen Jamieson is instigating a Chart for Points Totals from each Gala, so everyone can watch their progress - or resolve to improve if necessary. Grand Totals will be totted up in December.

And now - a message from our sponsor: there are vacancies at all levels (age and standard) in the Tuesday and Thursday training sessions. We are especially in need of some more children in the younger age groups. If you can swim a length - any style - come and join us at 4 p.m. on these days. You will be very welcome.

The March Gala will be held on Sunday, 1st March, commencing at 11.30 a.m. See you there!



## SOCCER

Capacity crowds left the ISB last Saturday in wonderment, the BC boys had turned on the magic. TSD, the strongest team in the soccer league (they are holding everyone else up), had just been brought to their knees!

Despite early set backs, with Colonel Cobbett not being allowed out this week and Meanie Mitchell being lost under a gold bar, the BC boys never dallied. Two goals in the first half from Dave Wallace and Steve Balme were not enough to satisfy the hunger of your team. A chip into the top right hand corner (Balme again!), gave a three to nil lead. This was followed shortly by a 'sympathy' goal for those football wizards from TSD. To seal the afternoon's entertainment and send the crowds home happy, to their crumpet and tea, a fourth goal was added in the dying minutes of the game, thanks to pressure from Duncan Niven and a TSD foot.

Final Score BC 4 TSD 1

(Man of the match: Tony Traill for his great tackle)

Such a performance must leave the rest of the league in fear of the new BC form - now hot tips to make the cup final. Rumours are already rife that Beckenbauer will be recalled to the German all stars. Captain Wallace has however confirmed that Malcolm Allison will not be appointed BC team manager.

Other results this month: BC 3 Scans 3  
BC 0 Gast 5 (lucky)



# BILLIARDS

## Leonowens Trophy

The opening of the new snooker room was celebrated on 28th and 29th January with a knockout competition in Volunteer Snooker. The prize was a handsome new trophy kindly presented to the Club by Messrs. Louis T. Leonowens. Single frames were played in all rounds except the final which was "best of three".

For your correspondent and a few others it was an initiation in Volunteer and although dismayed at watching our opponents sink two or three colours in a row we soon discovered the charm of the game when our opportunities came to do the same.

The preliminary and first rounds produced some excellent play and many sporting volunteers. Some of the inevitable flukes were highly entertaining - for the spectators, anyway. In these rounds the most impressive match was that between Mr. Burbridge and Mr. Alderton, the former winning 182-152. These were respectively the highest score of these rounds (also the second highest score of the competition) and the highest losing score of the competition (also the third highest score of the competition). The average of winning scores in these rounds was 72.

On the second evening Messrs. Tom Watson, Peter Prince, Ron Armstrong and Arthur Phillips emerged from the quarter-finals, Ron producing the highest score with 123.

In the semi-final on Table 1, Ron and Arthur concentrated on a tough contest of skill and tactics. Ron won 105-92 in a match that could have gone either way.

On Table 2, Peter struck a luckless patch at the start, then rallied with some excellent shots and daring volunteers. But he couldn't catch Tom. Tom played steadily, volunteered sportingly and won 72-53.

The final proved a worthy battle nobly fought. Tom took the first frame by one point 100-99. Ron replied 101-56 in the second frame and continued with a display of consistent accuracy to take the third frame 196-78, the highest score of the competition. This was a splendid final in a competition which was much appreciated by all who took part, playing or watching.

The trophy was presented by Arthur Phillips on behalf of Leonowens. Receiving it amid deserved applause, Ron duly christened the trophy with champagne and was assisted by many enthusiasts in disposing of the surplus.

This tournament is the first to be held in the Club for some time. The Committee intends to dust off the other trophies, so those interested should keep an eye on the snooker notice board. And get practicing!

During the months of March and April the Club will be holding a Singles Snooker Tournament.

Any person interested in entering this event can sign up on the board. Play can be arranged between players anytime during the month of March for the first round. All contests will be two out of three games. The deadline for entries will be March 14th.

All second round games, semi-finals and finals will be arranged for play in April.

A schedule will be posted for the first round as soon as names are put on the Club board. Any player whose name is put on the board can arrange to play anyone else whose name is on the board without consulting with the tournament committee. All results of tournament games should be posted on the notice board.

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## DARTS

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Our only other points in a 13-4 defeat came when Arthur Hawtin, partnered John Sill, closed the 3rd doubles game with double 4. John and Arthur finished the evening with 2 tons each.

The final league game of the season saw your favourite team defeat 3rd Division leaders UDO's by 10 points to 7. John Sill, Arthur Hawtin and Norman Burbridge won their singles to keep the score level 3-3 at the break, and Chris Andrews, partnered by Norman scored our sole doubles victory with a double 16 close. That left the British Club 7-5 down, but both the triples went our way when John, partnered by Bryan Baldwin and Brian Heath closed double 4, and when Arthur Hawtin, partnered by Norman and Chris closed double 2. The team game went our way too when Bryan closed double 2. Only Norman and Arthur (101) scored tons, but Arthur and Chris both had to buy a round of beer under the new punishment rule for anyone scoring 3 or less! This victory in the final game left us in 3rd place in the Hobson's Division with 8 wins 13 defeats and 70 tons. Some individual statistics will be given in next month's report.

The Knockout Cup started on 19th February with the Lillywhites' drawn away at Toby Jug on Silom (where cars are easily stopped!) and we started well with singles wins from Bryan Baldwin and Chris Andrews. But after that the rot set in when Toby Jug picked up the remaining 4 singles games and the first 2 doubles leaving us 2-8 down. Then Doug Whittaker, partnered by Bryan sewed up the 3rd doubles with a double 1 and the score moved up to 4-8. We needed all the remaining points to win! Brian Heath, partnered by Doug and Bryan, clinched the first triples with a closing double 13 and Norman Burbridge, partnered by Arthur Hawtin and Ingrid Baldwin, picked up the second with a final double 10. So 8-8 and all on the team game which Doug Whittaker closed with a double 11. In our closest game for a long time, tons were thrown by Bryan Baldwin (132) and Chris Andrews (101).

In the next round of the Cup we have been drawn at home against 20 Hotel from the top division - but you never know. The Knock-out finals will be played at British Club (Suriwongse Room) on 12th March and the end of league Banquet will be at the Amarin Hotel on 26th March.

### Sponsorship

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After closing time the night watch helper can provide a limited range of drinks.

The Club closes on Saturday and Sunday so far as meals and drinks are concerned - apart from Saturday breakfast.

The British Club has a reciprocal arrangement with the Naval Club - Ed.

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All material, for the April issue must reach the office by 20 March.

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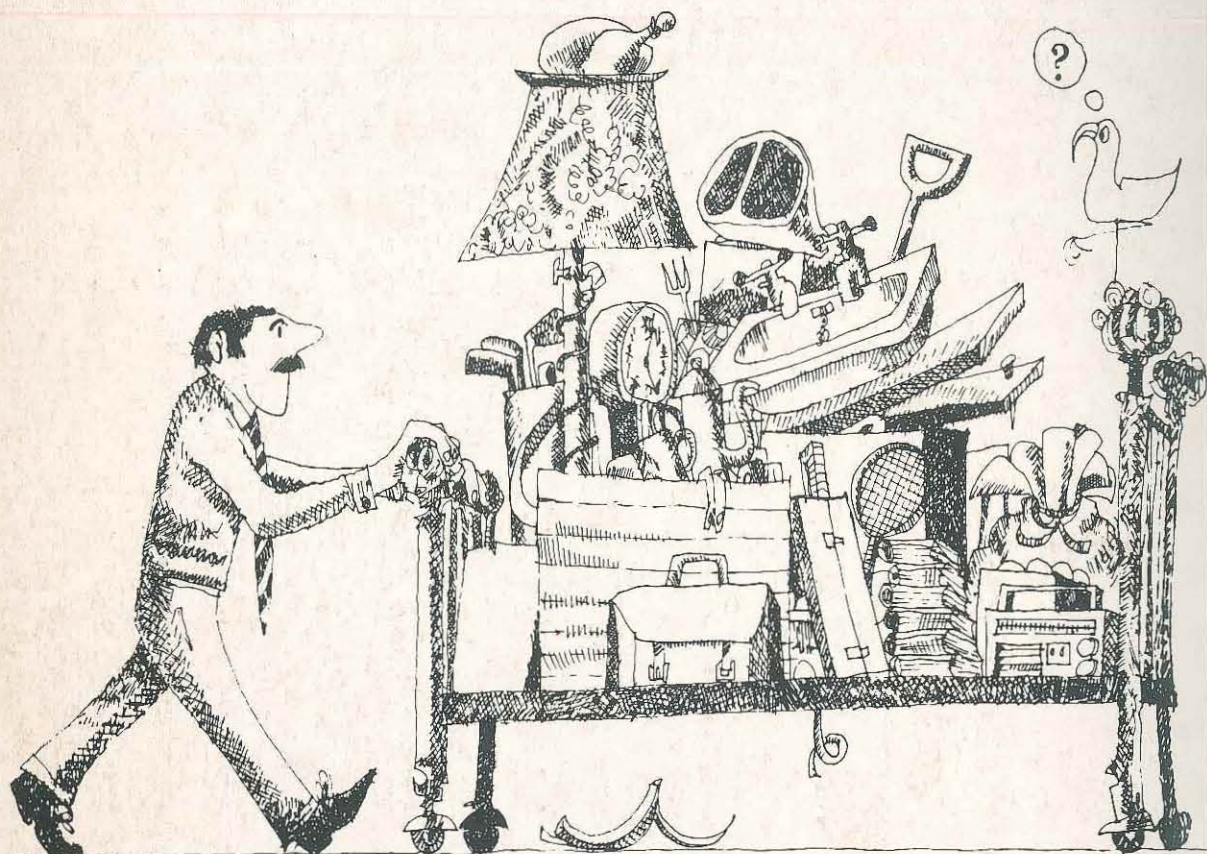
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