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THE COMMITTEE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MEMBERS WOULD KINDLY ASSIST IN THIS REGARD AND REMIND THOSE DISREGARDING IT, OF THE BYLAW.

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to membership of the Club in February 1984.

Ordinary

Mr. D.R. Hall	British Council/A.I.T.
Mr. A.A. Lane	Anglo Thai Motors Ltd.
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Mr. A.D. Wilkins	British Council
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Mr. M. Timmins	South-East Asian Outreach
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Mrs. G.M. Bossenger

Associate

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Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary Members	10
Ordinary	372
Non-Voting	5
Associates	52
Ladies Privileges	37
Up-Country	23
Candidates	33

TOTAL	532
Absence	695

GRAND TOTAL	1227
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Dear Sir

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Long Range Plan

Background

A long range plan for the enhancement of facilities at the British Club was approved by an extraordinary general meeting on 10th February 1977. Much of that long range plan has by now been implemented and there is now a need to define further potential projects for club development.

This article is a discussion document aimed at obtaining the opinion and reaction of members. It summarises the work done by the present General Committee and its House and Grounds Sub-Committee towards defining a new long range plan. It is an attempt to present a rational argument for project priorities but its recommendations are by no means binding on future management and undoubtedly they will be progressively modified to meet the needs of the Club as reflected by future changes in membership levels and requirements. Nevertheless, it is hoped that the recommendations prove to be useful guidelines for development decisions over the next five years.

Potential Projects

Three major elements of the 1977 long range plan have not yet been implemented: these are the proposed new office building, new staff quarters and expansion of parking capacity. These projects were included, together with many other schemes suggested by individual members and sections, for consideration in establishing a new plan.

In order to assist evaluation, potential projects were divided into three categories.

1. General. Those which were associated with the overall wellbeing of the Club.
2. Clubhouse. By definition schemes within the Clubhouse but also those affecting the front and back lawn areas.
3. Poolside. Those around the pool and the areas presently used for tennis, squash and children's playground.

Projects were broadly evaluated in terms of estimated cost, potential for increasing club usage and revenue, and the extent to which they were essential to all members of the Club. Each project was given a score for each evaluation criterion. The scores given were based on the following.

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Estimated Cost:	More than Baht 2 million,	1
	Baht 0.5 to Baht 2 million,	2
	Baht 0 to Baht 0.5 million,	3
Increased usage:	High	3
	Medium	2
	Low	1
	Negligible	0
Essential:	Yes	3
	No	0

A brief description follows of each potential project and the results of evaluation.

General Projects

1. Staff Facilities. This project would provide hygienic washing and toilet facilities for male and female club staff and reasonable rest areas. The project could be constructed on the south side of the Clubhouse, over or behind the existing store, or where the cricket net is currently located. Alternatively, it could be where the existing inadequate staff facilities are located.

The project would have no effect on revenue but in the interest of all club members and users, is considered essential. At an estimated cost of Baht 1.5 million, this scheme falls into the middle range of relative cost of projects.

Evaluation :	Essential,	3
	Revenue,	0
	Cost,	2
	<hr/> Total	<hr/> 5

2. Flood Protection. It is likely that flooding of the club compound will progressively worsen over the years. Flooding of the compound obviously affects the usage of the Club by all members and thus has some (but perhaps minor) effect on Club income and could have health implications. Costs, however, are likely to be in excess of Baht 1 million.

Evaluation :	Essential,	3
	Revenue,	0
	Cost,	2
	<hr/> Total	<hr/> 5

3. Car Parking. Parking capacity is adequate for most functions held. Nevertheless, this could be expanded on the northern side of the Clubhouse if required in the future at a cost of some Baht 1.7 million.

Evaluation :	Essential,	0 (minor)
	Revenue	0 (minor)
	Cost	2
	<hr/> Total	<hr/> 2

The relocation of existing facilities for staff would have to precede this project.

Clubhouse Projects

1. Small Function Room and Upstairs Toilets. There is a current need for a small functions room (committee meetings, children's activities, bridge etc.) in the clubhouse. This would reduce costs in terms of air-conditioning for the Suriwongse Room and could be promoted so as to increase usage of the Club. The remaining space in the Silom Room (having constructed the new temporary office) would lend itself, at low cost, for development as a small functions room. Usage of this room and the Suriwongse Room would be made more convenient by the provision of toilets in the room previously used by the manager.

Evaluation :	Essential,	0
	Revenue,	1
	Cost,	3
	<hr/> Total	<hr/> 4

2. Klong and Back Lawn. The back lawn could be increased in size, and thereby be more usable, by making use of the space occupied by the klong. This should not be achieved by filling but by concrete lining and covering with a concrete slab which could support soil and turf. This would then act as an underground water storage area which could form a key element of the flood protection measures. Costs, however, would be relatively high at Bath 2.3 million.

Evaluation :	Essential,	0
	Revenue,	1
	Cost,	2
	<hr/> Total	<hr/> 3

3. New Office. This project was part of the 1977 plan and would be located on or over the site of the storeroom. The project would only be justified if the Suriwongse Room were to be regularly overbooked and a second large functions room became necessary. This is not the case at present.

It has been suggested that the inclusion of hotel type accommodation, to be used by members and visitors, could increase revenue and thus provide separate justification for the new office project. However, the high cost, Baht 6.0 million, of this development tends to cast doubt on this assumption but further, more detailed assessment may prove otherwise.

Evaluation	:	Essential,	0
		Revenue,	0
		Cost,	1
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		Total	1

4. New Large Function Room. See New Office above.

Poolside Projects

1. Coffee Shop. This scheme, for development over the northern sala at the poolside, could increase revenue from the poolside at a moderate capital investment (Baht 1.0 million). It could also provide an air-conditioned viewing area for swimming, tennis and other outdoor activities.

Evaluation	:	Essential,	0
		Revenue,	2
		Cost,	3
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		Total	5

2. Outdoor Activity Area. This project could provide two further raised tennis courts (on the site of the existing low level courts adjacent to Suriwongse Road) and, if built on porous concrete and surfaced with artificial turf, could be used as a more general purpose outdoor activity area (five-a-side football, tennis, Scottish dancing practises, or practices, discos etc.). It is suggested that this scheme should include flood lighting. The project (Baht 1.8 million) could result in much increased poolside revenue.

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Evaluation	:	Essential,	0
		Revenue,	2
		Cost,	2
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		Total	4

3. Indoor Activity Area. A development on the side of the existing children's playground could include a fourth squash court of competition standard, badminton, sauna and keep fit area etc. It is highly likely that current demand would be high but costs would also be high (Baht 4.0 million).

Evaluation	:	Essential,	0
		Revenue,	3
		Cost,	1
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		Total	4

4. Extended Pool. A 50 metre pool could be constructed but would preclude item 3 above. Usage could increase but costs would again be very high (Baht 5.0 million).

Evaluation	:	Essential,	0
		Usage,	2
		Cost,	1
			<hr/>
		Total	3

5. Relocation of Paddling Pool. This could be incorporated in item 3 above and located on the south side of the new sala. The project would have negligible effect on revenue but would allow expansion of lounging and eating areas at the poolside (at relatively low cost Baht 200,000).

Evaluation	:	Essential,	0
		Usage,	1
		Cost,	1
			<hr/>
		Total	2

Summary

On the basis of the above, the Long Range Plan for development could be, in order of priority:

Scheme	Estimated Cost Baht million	Evaluation Score
Staff Accommodation	1.5	5
Poolside Coffee Shop	1.0	5
Flood Protection	1.5	5
Outdoor Activity Area	1.8	4
Small Functions Room	0.4	4
Indoor Activity Area	4.0	4
Back Lawn and Klong	2.3	3
Car Park	1.7**	3
Extended Pool	5.0*	3
New Office	6.0**	1
Children's Pool	0.3	1

* Not possible if the indoor activity area is proceeded with.

** Should await justification.

Restraint on Development

Clearly, the ability of the Club to implement all or part of the above plan is limited by its ability to pay back loans obtained for project implementation, that is, by its cash surplus.

The Club can presently afford to pay back, or directly invest, at the rate of about Baht 1.25 million per year and this of course means that if present revenue levels are maintained a plan item costing say Baht 4.0 million at today's prices and interest rates could take up 4 to 5 years of available development capital.

The above recommended long range plan, given present usage of the club and present revenue would therefore take many years (perhaps 25) to implement. The only options open to the Club for plan implementation over a reasonably short period of time are:

1. Increase subscriptions and/or prices.
2. Increase usage by members.
3. Increase revenue by selling/leasing/or developing part of the Club premises.

Perhaps a combination of all three measures will be required.

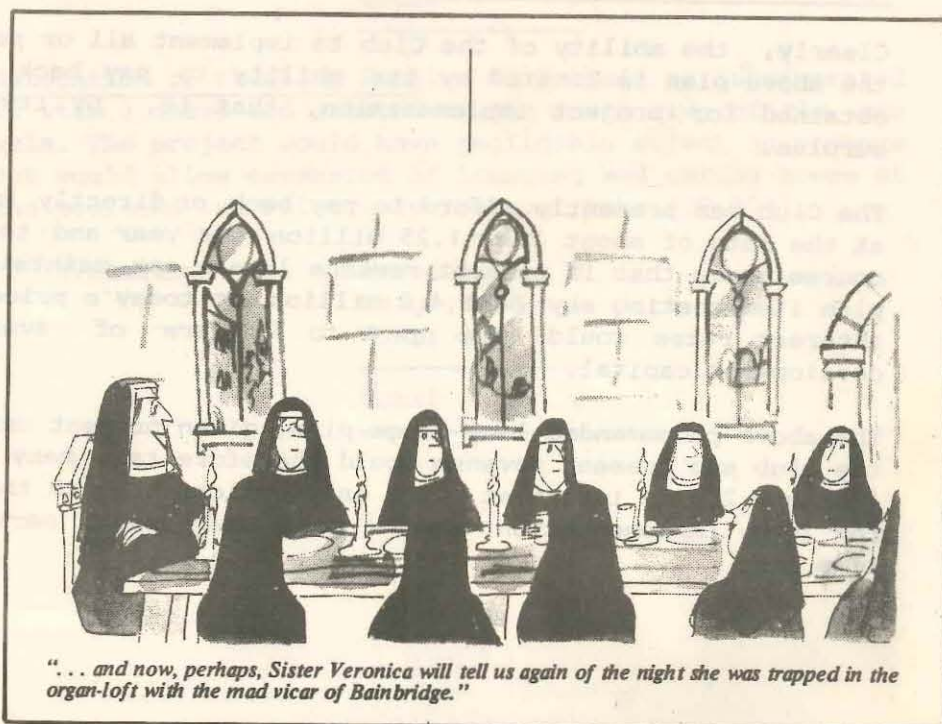
It is unlikely that measures 1 and 2 above could realistically double club revenue and thereby reduce the plan implementation to say 10 to 15 years and thus it can be said that unless measure 3 is taken, most present members will witness only a slow programme of development.

A possible decision, therefore, to be made by members is whether such a rate of development is acceptable and, if not, which area of the Club should be leased/sold. There are perhaps only two such areas to be considered.

Option 1 The playground.

Option 2 A strip of land adjacent to Suriwongse Road.

Option 2, having frontage to a main road would clearly be more attractive to potential tenants/purchasers/developers.



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BRITISH CLUB DINING ROOM



There is an improved general atmosphere in the dining room -- more space, it seems, and the new and subdued colour scheme is a welcome change. We lunched on rock lobsters with butter sauce followed by trifle, coffee, and cognac, and with the rock lobsters had no complaint.

For the rest the comments are negative. The trifle, even when given an extra dose of sherry, was seemingly non-alcoholic and could have been offered at an A.A. banquet. It was also far too sweet and instead of containing fresh strawberries -- which were available because we were offered them -- appeared to contain strawberry jam of doubtful provenance.

The coffee is instant which, in the face of repeated requests in the past by the writer for "real" coffee, is really not acceptable. Real coffee can be made quite cheaply -- certainly cheaper than instant -- but of course, instant is easier.

There were two cognacs on offer. One or two more might help.

In general the lunch was not one to which one would wish to take a special guest or a business visitor. It is not that the food and service are bad -- they are not, but they are not of a really high standard, and, considering the prices asked, rather expensive.

In one restaurant previously reviewed I asked for Mekong and got a half-bottle for 40 baht. The British Club charges 36 baht for a large peg with soda and makes a profit of several hundred percent. The wine list is very Australia-orientated which in itself is no bad thing, but the Australians are intelligent enough to keep the best wine at home for their own consumption. Good French wines are expensive, poor French wines (of which there is a lot about) are even more expensive; I can recommend (in the white wine section) the Moselle and Alsatian wines. Not having tried them I offer no comment on the reds. Champagne, incidentally, is more expensive than in some commercial restaurants.

B.C.T. and Arthur Miller

The Bangkok Community Theatre's next production is Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'. The performances, at the Alliance Francaise in Sathorn Road, are on March 8th, 9th and 10th at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are 120 baht and 80 baht for members and students. On Wednesday, March 7th at 7.30 p.m. there is a special students only performance at 10 baht (tickets available at the door) since this play has become a 'set book' for so many examinations all over the world.

The Crucible is a marvellous play. Full of passion and violence, it is also tender, chilling, even comic. But it does not simply portray a rather shocking historical episode (the Salem witch trials of 1692) which happened to find a neat parallel in the McCarthy witch hunt that took place in America, in the 1950's. Its appeal lies, rather, in its wide range of ideas and emotions so that all who take part in the play and all who watch it can find something of immediate relevance to themselves, something to think about, argue over, relate to everyday life or perhaps to strongly reject.

The British Club has kindly agreed, once again, to sell tickets at the reception desk. The recently refurbished theatre at the Alliance Francaise is extremely comfortable, fully air-conditioned and has a bar. Parking is available at the Alliance Francaise or on Sathorn Road.

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STOP PRESS

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CHESS

Some interest has recently been expressed in restarting a Chess section at the British Club. It is believed that a chess ladder similar to that for squash would be more successful than a fixed evening in the week. If enough support is given this could lead to matches with other clubs, participation in local tournaments and, who knows, even a British Club open tournament or knock-out!!

I will be posting a notice on the board so interest parties please sign up. If you have any further suggestions I can be contacted at 513-1970 during office hours.

Mike Rickard (R14)



"Stop him! He has the recipe!"

RUGBY

With more than 30 players currently signed up as interested, the British Club's first ever rugby team is threatening to become a reality. Unfortunately the availability of a pitch is likely to be a problem as the local rugby season will not officially begin until the rainy season. At least two teams may be visiting between now and then but no confirmed details are to hand. The Sports Club have had several enquiries regarding visitors during the season including teams from both Kenya and Zambia: we would hope to arrange a few games with some of these visitors. The possibility of a rugby carnival has also been raised.

It looks, then, that there may not be much action for a month or two but the prospects are good for a few games later in the year. Nearer the time it seems likely that we will be able to arrange a joint training session at the Sports Club. There also may be the possibility of a sponsored game against the Sports Club for a trophy and a barrel of beer: more details when and if this is agreed.

In the meantime any further names will be welcome and can be added to the list on the club noticeboard.

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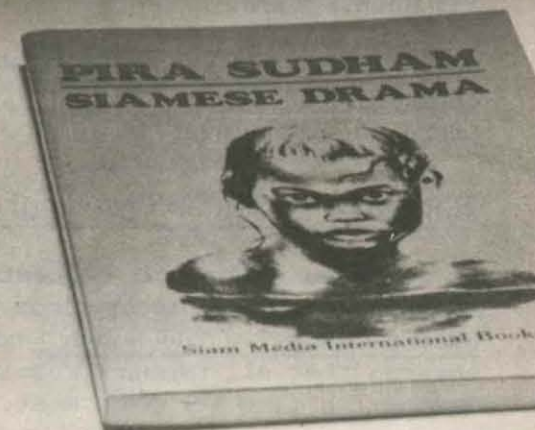
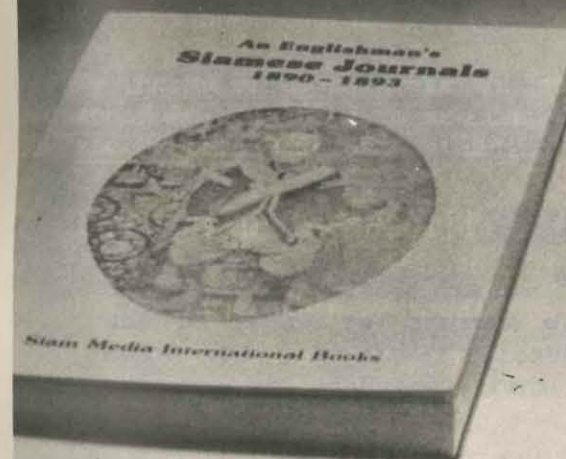
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SWIMMING

With the floods and Winter behind us, the BCB family galas season reopened with our first meet since November on Sunday, February 5 (1200 till 1300).

Despite the lay off, improvements were recorded by two of the 16 competing swimmers, namely:

<u>Under 9 Girls</u>	Jennie Collins	Back (-1 sec)
		I.M. (-6 secs)
	Katie Sill	Back (-3 secs)
		I.M. (-15 secs)

With Katie deserving the "Improver of the Month" badge for this month.

N.B. For our last November 6 gala, the "Improver of the Month" was Natalie Passmore, with Mathew Sill a close runner-up.

Well done swimmers and thanks again to our coaches Khun Choon and Khun Suparb.

We welcomed many new swimmers who recorded their first official BCB times, so we will be watching closely for your improved times over the coming galas.

BCB Gala Dates - for your diary

In response to several requests, we are moving the regular monthly BCB Gala dates from the current 1st Sunday to the Second Sunday in the Month, commencing in March. This then ensures that all members receive their reminders through the Outpost in time for each meet.

Times: Starting 1200, usually over by 1300-1330.

March 11	for	Breast, Fly and I.M.
April 8	"	Free, Back and I.M.
May 13	"	Breast, Fly and I.M.
June 10	"	Free, Back and I.M.
July 8	"	Breast, Fly and I.M.
August 12	"	Free, Back and I.M.
September 9	"	all strokes
		("Family" annual gala)

October 14	for	Breast, Fly and I.M.
November 11	"	Free, Back and I.M.
December 9	"	Breast, Fly and I.M.

The galas give us, and the swimmers, the opportunity to monitor their progress in terms of style, fitness and recorded times.

Each month an "Improver of the Month" is selected based on each swimmer's performance over all 3 strokes as compared to their previous best recorded times.

Tests

Our coaches will invite selected swimmers to come to the pool on the Saturday morning immediately preceding each of the BCB Gala dates for proficiency tests.

We award certificates and badges to those swimmers attaining the following levels of proficiency:

Beginner	"Puffer"
Junior	"Snapper"
Intermediate	"Dolphin"
Senior	"Whale"
Advanced	"Shark"

Awards made this month:

"Puffer" to Richard Cramp
Simon Timmins
Fiona Passmore

"Snapper" to Sarah Bhuler

"Dolphin" to Zoe O'Connor
Claire Sayer
Annabel Clap
Nicola Clap
Calister Percy
Xanthe Kent

"Whale" to Marianne Lovell

Training

Having completed our 4-month trial period of "full-time" training, thanks to the indulgence and support of the General Committee and all members, we have taken a close look at demands (i.e. still several swimmers on the waiting list) and times offered and propose, again on a trial basis, to amend the schedule slightly as follows:-

- * Saturdays - Out; clearly no demand.
- * Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday
 - (a) Start the afternoon classes just 15 mins. earlier at 1315 and
 - (b) Reduce the "Training" (i.e. no instruction) sessions from 60 to 45 mins.

This permits us to squeeze in 3-4 more classes to accommodate the mainly "Beginner" waiting-list swimmers. This is preferred to increasing the class sizes. Heather Passmore will liaise closely with all swimmers over this change-over period. Please call her at 252-5583 if you are having any schedule problems.

Don't forget that all swimmers who have enrolled for instruction classes may attend the same day training session without any additional charge.

- * To the 80 or so swimmers now participating in the training schedule, we hope to see many of you at our 2nd Sunday of the Month BCB Galas - starting March 11th at 12.00

See you at the Pool!!

P.S. After this next gala we will hold a short Swimming Committee meeting to which all interested Mums & Dads are cordially invited -- we need your help and support to ensure that our 1984 Swimming Season will be a success for our ever growing team of enthusiastic swimmers. Look forward to seeing you there.

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GOLF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20th January 1984

Suriwongse Room, 18.30 Hrs.

MINUTES

<u>Present:</u>	D. Goodin	E. Turner	M. Lamb
	R. Armstrong	M. Lazenby	F. Goodin
	S. Lamb	J. Kerr	J. Watson
	B. Harrold	P. Smith	D. Smith
	C. MacWilliam	R. MacWilliam	B. Hyde
	D. Frost	D. Johnston	P. Adcock
	J. Urwin	N. Duggan	D. Factor
	T.P. Smith	S. Metherell	K. Armstrong
	M. Ryan	T. Smith	N. Turner
	P. Burananda	N. Burananda	

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on January 6, 1983 were adopted unanimously.

2. Captain's Report

1983 was a very tough, interesting, wet and rewarding year with more than the usual transfer of members and changes on committee due to transfers.

A brief round up of highlight of 1983.

Dunlop Cup	David Factor & Peter Smith
McMahon Cup Club Championship Gross	P. Adcock
Boyd Cup Club Championship Nett	J. Watson
Eclectic	N. Duggan
Golfers Cocktail Lounge	B.C.
OESA	OESA
Ryesome Bowl	R. Armstrong & D. Factor
Best nett Av. Captain George Anton Perrera Cup	Winner later
Norman Bond Memorial Cup	For the most improved player of the section. Winner later.

Captains day at Bangphra was enjoyed by all especially Peter Adcock with his eagle winning shot on the 18th hole.

Kitchen Sink - the Brutes so-called by the Ladies won again. This event was again well organised by Eileen Ford and her committee and helpers. Full marks to Joan Jurgens with her FLOGG section helping new players and old alike with the game of golf.

Matches not played unfortunately were with the American Chamber, Aussies and Brits. (Maxwell Shield) these matches were effected by wet weather, but will be played later this year.

Our annual round up at Hua Hin saw us win the R. Mooney Bell from the G.C.L. David Frost won the grand prize to Hong Kong with one of our younger players Roray MacWilliam winning his prize in grand fashion.

A trophy has been purchased and named after the late Norman Bond and will be called the Norman Bond Memorial Cup and will be presented annually to the most improved player.

We also experienced a great Tommy Madar day at the Rose Garden Course and we are all sorry to see Tommy leave but wish him good health in his retirement.

Your committee has met regularly during the year and thanks to them all for their respective support. Ron Armstrong our Vice Captain has attended every single outing the B.C. have arranged during the year.

Special thanks to the Chartered Bank on their continuous support of the section.

Finally, my thanks go to you all as member of this great social golf section for your support during the short period of my captaincy.

3. Handicapper's Report

M. Lamb detailed the system used in rating handicap.

4. Treasurer's Report

Income from members contributions and match fees amounted to Baht 86,530.00 while competition expenses and other expenses totalled Baht 102,901.15.

It was the feeling of your committee to return more money to the players in the way of prizes. As we are a non-profit section we felt a large surplus was unfair to the bulk of our players who are here for short work contracts.

Accumulated Fund carried forward to 1984 totals £30,396.09.

5. Nominations for Committee

D. Goodin advised that he would not be available for Committee in 1984 because of his imminent departure.

D. Goodin advised all 1983 committee members would stand again in 1984.

	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
<u>Captain:</u> R. Armstrong	D. Goodin	R. Marsden
L. Vize	D. Factor	D. Frost
(L. Vize declined)		
D. Factor	L. Vize	P. Adcock
(D. Factor declined)		
<u>Other Committee Members:</u>		
B. Harrold	M. Lazenby	
M. Lamb	E. Turner	
H. MacWilliam	D. Smith	
C. Amos		

6. A.O.B.

P. Adcock requested the Committee to revive and reactivate the cups previously played for the Shell Cup, Army and Japanese.

P. Adcock then proposed a vote of thanks to last year's committee seconded by L. Vize. D. Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Neil Duggan for his support over many years and wished him luck in his new position in Singapore.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 19.30.

The outing on February 5 was held at the Airport course with some 30 people playing. The course was in good nick with the greens in particular good shape. The only slight problem encountered was the proximity to aircraft taking off and landing. "My Pen Rye Cap", put yer ear plugs in next time.

The new committee members did very well, as the results below show, with Ron Armstrong winning flight A. However the star of the day has undoubtedly Pam Smith with 46 stableford points! She is due out of solitary confinement next week.

Don Goodin presented the club with a new starters bag complete with a square of carpet. Rumour has it that the winners of future outings will be carpeted in front of "de judge".

The day also saw the return to the club of former captain Ian Halliday, and we also said hello to new members Alastair North, Jim Johnston and Peter and Amanda Young and guests David Barnwell and Tom Adams.

The outing was very generously sponsored by Ian McLean's Company S.C. Johnston.

Match Results

Flight A	Winner	Ron Armstrong	40 points
	Runner Up	Malcolm Lazenby	39 "
	Best Front Nine	Mike Lamb	20 "
	Best Back Nine	Hamish McWilliam	18 "
Flight B	Winner	Pam Smith	46 points
	Runner Up	Rony McWilliam	39 "
	Best Front Nine	Charles Amos	22 "
	Best Back Nine	Sally Voravarn	19 "
	Nearest Pin Hole 7	David Barnwell	
	Nearest Pin Hole 17	Tom Adams	
	Longest Drive Men	David Barnwell	
	Longest Drive Ladies	Joan Jurgens	

HUA-HIN INTER SOCIETIES GOLF WEEKEND

18/19th February 1984

What else could anyone ask for? Almost sixty golfers, beautiful weather, a host of prizes and a challenging course - the perfect scenario for an enjoyable weekends' golf.

With beer in hand, at 6 a.m., Frosty ably assisted by the evergreen Lloyd Thomas managed, in his usual jovial fashion, to get all the golfers off in a timely manner.

The St. David's Society, missing the Coulsen's who came up from Australia last year, had only three participants with Lloyd Thomas winning The E.C. Howell Cup with sixty five (65) points.

The St. Andrew's Society, missing such stalwarts as Ian McLean and Norman McDonald, rose to the occasion with Jeremy Watson, just arrived from Kuala Lumpur, assuming the mantle of Meg Friel's performance last year by sweeping the board in winning the Kinnaird Trophy, The Sybil Donofield Cup and the two day overall winner prize with seventy five (75) Stableford points. Not content with this tremendous achievement Jeremy topped off his performance by taking the prize for the longest drive on the first day. We wish Jeremy and Sally success and happiness in their move to Malaysia and hope they have an enjoyable vacation in London thanks to his first prize of two return tickets donated by Cathay Pacific.

In the St. George's group of twenty three (23) participants a certain amount of sadness was evident since this would be the last Hua-Hin outing for Don and Fona Goodin. Don and Fona's last golf outing with the British Club will be at the Rose Garden on Sunday 4th March when I am sure we will have a good turnout to bid the Goodins a fond farewell. This initial sadness was soon forgotten as Sally Lamb hit a magnificent 73 Stableford points to lift the Jean Gundlach Memorial Cup, The Delacour Cup and overall runner-up for the two day competition. Not to be outdone by Jeremy Watson's performance Sally also put it all together in hitting the longest ladies drive on the first day - congratulations Sally. Sally's 73 points combined with an excellent 70 points from Peter Adcock, who finished third in the two day competition, were enough for the St. George's Society to pip the St. Andrew's Society for the Auld Reekie Cup (twenty five years old next year) by two points, 606 to 604.

The St. Patrick's Society were the host society for the competition this year and with fourteen (14) participants were also in the winner's circle with John Lenaghan winning the two day lowest gross (171) competition and Tom Moran lifting the consistency prize for scoring an all of the thirty six holes.

Other winners were the ever consistent Peter Smith with 38 points on the first day closely followed by Trish Blackburn with 35 points. Trish also picked the ladies longest drive on the second day as well as closest to the pin on hole number 13 on the first day - well done Trish.

Yes Wynne you were absolutely correct - we boobed in awarding you the prize for runner up in the second day competition. Apparently our adjudicators, after a few beers, had used your first day score of 33 points in awarding you the second day prize in spite of your pleas to the contrary. As it turned out Meg Friel with 33 points took the second day runners up prize being pipped by Paul Buckland with 35 points. Meg also picked up the prize for the most improved golfer over the two day competition.

Our thanks goes to all those who participated in the organisation of this event, to our sponsors Cathay Pacific, Singer Thailand Ltd. and Thai Coats Thread Co. for their splendid contributions, to our visitor Alistair Hurry who won the visitor's prize, to Joan De Cozier for bringing up the rear by winning our booby prize and to the St. Patrick's Society for hosting this most enjoyable event with Les Vize doing a superb job as M.C.

BRITISH CLUB SOCIETIES GOLF WEEKEND HUA-HIN

February 18-19, 1984

Results:

ST. GEORGE'S CUP

Winner:	St. Andrews	57.5
Runner-up:	St. Georges	57

AULD REEKIE CUP

Winner:	St. Georges	606
Runner-up:	St. Andrews	604

ST. PATRICK'S CUP

Winner: St. Andrews 57.5
Runner-up: St. Georges 57

KINNAIRD TROPHY

Winner: J. Watson 75

JEAN GUNDLACH MEMORIAL CUP

Winner: S. Lamb 73

ST. GEORGE'S - THE DELACOUR CUP

Winner: S. Lamb 73

ST. PATRICK'S - THE J.P. MALONE CUP

Winner: J. Lenaghan 65
C/B: D. Tarrant

ST. ANDREW'S - THE SYBIL DONFIELD CUP

Winner: J. Watson 75

ST. DAVID'S - THE E.C. HOWELL CUP

Winner: L. Thomas 65

36 Holes - Stableford

Winner: J. Watson 75
Runner-Up: S. Lamb 73
3rd Prize: P. Adcock 70

36 Holes - Lowest Gross

Winner: J. Lenaghan 171

Consistency

T. Moran

Highest on Par 3'

S. Kinnaird 20 pts.

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 1984

18 Holes Winner: P. Smith 38
Runner-Up: T. Blackburn 35
1st Nine Holes: Winner: D. Frost C/B 17
2nd Nine Holes: " L. Vize C/B 18
Long Drive - MEN: J. Watson
Long Drive - WOMEN: S. Lamb
NEAREST THE PIN : Hole 5 - K. Armstrong
7 - M. Lazenby
13 - T. Blackburn
14 - A. Phillips

1st Married Couples : M. & S. Lamb 131
2nd " " : D. & F. Goodin 120
2nd Improvement over 1st 18 - Meg Friel 25-33 Pts.

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 1984

Winner: Paul Buckland 35
Runner-Up: M. Friel 33
Winner: M. Lazenby 19 Pts.
Winner: P. Phillips 20
MEN: J. Kerr
WOMEN: T. Blackburn
5 G. Walch
7 M. Lazenby
13 L. Thomas
14 I. Hendrie

VISITORS TROPHY - A. HURRY

BOOBY PRIZE = JOAN DE COZIER



LADIES' GOLF

There is definitely a hint of spring time magic in the air these mornings as we tee off at Army Golf Course. I know every wife spares a thought for her husband battling the traffic down Sukhumvit or Petchaburi or wherever his work route takes him as she drives that first ball and watches it soar into the air. Never mind its fate, be it straight down the middle of the fairway or into the klong on the right, golf is fun and we are all thoroughly enjoying the beginning of the new season under the able Captaincy of Muriel Harrold.

This month on January 24th we commenced with a better nines competition. Muriel was winner of the 1st nine with runner up Kay Enterline. 2nd Nine, Lise Dencker-Nielsen, back in form, won from Jenny Westcott who was runner up. All these scores were very close.

January 31st Medal. The greens were covered in a heavy dew and made our balls behave as if they were on a skating rink for the first few holes. Cupping them was difficult but Joan Jurgens came home splendidly with a Nett 72 in the Silver Division (J.J.'s handicap is 17). The Bronze Division was Vicky McWilliam's with a masterful Nett 71 on a count back from Ina. Well done. Once the greens dried a little the conditions were perfect and some good scores were handed in.

A warm welcome to Jean Marret, one of our FLOGG Members and we hope to see Jean out with us again.

February 7th and 14th. A two day event whereby we competed for the Astral Cup. The Main Prize a very handsome clock donated by Astral and a beautifully packaged soap and perfume for each competitor. 16 players signed up and we had two super days.

The Trophy and the Winners Prize went to Trish Blackburn who had gained an unbeatable lead on the first day with a Nett 68. Trish finished with a Nett 146. Despite the fact that she trod on her ball and had to pay the penalty of one stroke. Runner up was Eileen who though several strokes behind after the first day, made up ground considerably and finished with a Nett 150.

Best 18 1st Day Jenny Westcott runner up Kay Enterline

Best 18 2nd Day Joan Jurgens runner up Anne Hendrie

J.J. had two birdies and three pars. As someone remarked she can start making her own little birdies now she has two of them. Not so lucky another of our girls. Who ever heard of 6 putts on a par 5 after reaching the green in three? Bad luck or just plain bad putting!!! J.J. had the least number of putts 28 and Jenny W. won the Nearest the Pin and Vicky the Longest Drive.

Two guests joined on at the end but did not participate in the competition. A warm welcome to Amanda Young and Deanne Boucher. Hope to see you both out with us again.

The starter for March competitions is Lise, telephone number 286-8264. The Venue Army Course every Tuesday. Tee off time 7.30 a.m.





TENNIS

UMPIRING AT WIMBLEDON

Monday, 23rd June 1980 was my first experience of Wimbledon as an umpire, but it had all started nearly 30 years earlier when I was working in the FE and "volunteered" - in the absence of any other offers! - to take the chair for the Finals at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club and then the British Club. Naturally, having done it once I continued until we returned to UK in 1957. I then found myself doing it again at my "home" club (Epsom) and at Lensbury (the Shell Sports Club at Teddington).

Finally, in 1976 shortly before retiring from Shell I applied to join the Lawn Tennis Umpires' Association and was accepted as a temporary member. After 2 years' probation I became a full member, but was unable to take a very active part as I was still working full-time, doing a certain amount of overseas travel and an active member of the RNR with re-calls of 4-5 weeks a year on NATO and Pacific Exercises in the Naval Control of Shipping Organisation.

I stopped full-time work at the end of 1979 and, after a Pacific Exercise in Pearl Harbour in April/May 1980, was accepted as a late entrant for the 1980 Championships. Soon after 11.30 on the first Monday with some 300 other umpires from all parts of the world (only a very few of whom I knew even by sight) we went in by the Somerset Road gate, collected our duty list for the day, deposited our belongings in the Rest Room beneath No. 2 Court and then assembled in the Covered Courts for a talk by the Referee (then Fred Hoyle).

After a quick lunch those of us on the first matches assembled outside the Umpires' Office to form into Court teams. Each Court has 2 teams for the day and at that time a team stayed for the whole match (whether 45 minutes or 3½ plus hours). Since 1981 only the Chair Umpire officiates for the entire match whilst the Line Umpires change every 90 minutes.

As a "new boy" I started on an outside court (No. 4) - on the baseline for Edmondson v Fiback and spent most of the tournament there or thereabouts, but did have the privilege of being both on No. 1 and Centre Courts during the fortnight. The routine on these courts is rather different in that one is, so to speak, "on parade" and marches on in sequence - very much in the eyes of thousands of spectators and the TV cameras.

However, apart from that aspect the rest of it is really very much the same as any other tournament (particularly if there should be "incidents"!)- call decisively and loudly, give hand signals (especially when the ball is just in), do not let your concentration lapse (if you do that always seems to be the moment for a critical call!), remember to change over on the even games if you have the "travelling service" job which also means measuring the net at the end of each set (unless there is a net cord judge) or when the players change ends after a set of an even number of games and finally - but not least important - look alert as well as being alert.

During both my 1st and 3rd C'ships we had exceedingly bad weather. I think that some tennis was possible every day, but there were several days in those years when I never got on court to umpire. On such occasions a newspaper, crossword and book are essential items of every umpire's equipment and I also carry 2 packs of cards as bridge is a popular pastime.

Not every one stays for the whole fortnight although most do, but some can only manage the 1st week and others 10 days. Apart from Wimbledon there are, of course, many other tournaments at which we officiate - from Queens to local events, mostly outdoors but some on covered courts, e.g. at the Albert Hall or Brighton where a dinner jacket rather than the Association blazer may be the "rig of the day" for the evening matches.

Some of my memories include a No. 1 Court match (McEnroe v Stan Smith) when the former objected to one of my far side line calls; fortunately, the Chair Umpire upheld my call and play resumed quite rapidly - but not before all the TV cameras had focussed on me! On another occasion I was net cord judge on Centre Court for a Ladies' Doubles when all 4 players claimed a let, although I had felt, heard nor seen anything (nor had the Chair Umpire); a let was played, but the Chair Umpire and I when discussing the matter later decided that it was probably a camera click at the crucial moment! On both occasions I was recognised not only by the family etc. but also by a Shell friend in Karachi, whom I had not seen for 10 years! Another (non-Wimbledon) memory is of a Davis Cup tie in Kuala Lumpur in 1982 when all of us except the Chair umpires were on court from 4.15-10.15 for the opening Singles rubbers with 3 short 10 minute breaks after the 3rd sets and between rubbers! Being there by invitation I had to keep particularly alert!!

Anyone under 50 wishing to join will be made very welcome on application to the BTUA Secretary, 28 Warren Park Road, Surrey, England. Apart from knowing the basic rules of the game no other experience is needed or expected and there are courses of 1-2 days available for those wishing for guidance and teaching.

(Peter Norman was with Shell for nearly 40 years, including 10 in Malacca, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok soon after the War. He retired 6 years ago and is now a part-time International Pensions Consultant with Martin Paterson Associates and a Pre-Retirement Counsellor with the Centre for International Briefing, Farnham Castle; he visits the FE annually in these 2 capacities. In addition to about 35 days' umpiring a year he is re-called for 3-6 weeks for NATO and Pacific/ME Exercises although he has been on the RNR Retired List for 4 years).

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On 11th February, we played a friendly match with the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on their grass courts, commencing 8.30 a.m. and finishing at noon. Our team was organised by open invitation, which is that everyone who turned up was given a game. The match was similarly unstructured comprising as many short sets of doubles as members wished to play. In the event twenty-two sets were played. Unfortunately, our opponents selected their team on the same basis as ours, but fewer of their weaker players showed up, so we had to face quite strong opposition, which was very good practice for us. We were defeated by 14 sets to 8, but gave a good account of ourselves and what's more had a thoroughly entertaining time. The RBSC were hospitable hosts and in addition to providing balls, ball-boys and soft drinks, also laid on plenty of lunch time bar for those who stayed on. Results were:

Men's Doubles

				BC	RBSC
M. McAlister/ B. Pointer	beat	Manas/G. Martin	6-5	1	0
B. Holtom/ P. Rosenfeldt	"	Chote/Thamnoon	6-5	1	0
M. McAlister/ B. Pointer	"	Galtam/Manac	6-5	1	0
B. Holtom/ J. Oliver	lost to	Thamnoon/G. Martin	3-6	0	1
G. Walck/ S. Metherell	beat	Pricha/Apichai	6-3	1	0
B. Holtom/ S. Metherell	lost to	Siri/Visarn	0-6	0	1
				4	2
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Ladies Doubles

G. Grader/ Y. Oliver	lost to	Nantinee/Shi-yun	4-6	0	1
J. Walck M. Fordham	" "	J. Larsen/Suriya	5-6	0	1
J. Walck/ P. Pointer	" "	Somluksana/ Chalathip	3-6	0	1
M. Fordham/ Y. Oliver	" "	Shi-yun/Manida	4-6	0	1
G. Grader/ P. Pointer	beat	D. Vande Werve/ Nantinee	6-2	1	0
				1	4
				===	===

Mixed Doubles

				BC	RBSC
B. Pointer/ Y. Olver	beat	Seri/Manida	6-2	1	0
R. Fordham/ G. Grader	lost to	Chote/Nantinee	4-6	0	1
P. Norman/ Y. Olver	" "	Thamnoon/Shi-yun	2-6	0	1
P. Rosenfeldt/ M. Fordham	" "	Seri/S. Kongini	3-6	0	1
P. Rosenfeldt/ J. Walck	" "	Seri/Somluksana	1-6	0	1
G. Walck/ Y. Olver	beat	Thamnoon/Suriya	6-3	1	0
M. McAlister/ J. Walck	lost to	Van de Werve/ Somluksana	4-6	0	1
R. Fordham/ P. Pointer	" "	G. Martin/Chalathip	3-6	0	1
B. Pointer/ G. Grader	beat	P. Norman/ J. Van de Werve	6-1	1	0
S. Metherell/ Y. Olver	lost to	Van der Werve/ J. Van de Werve	5-6	0	1
B. Holtom/ J. Walck	" "	G. Martin/J. Larsen	4-6	0	1
				3	8
				===	===
		Result		8	14
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Round - Robin Handicap Doubles Tournament - 26th Feb.

Another of our popular Round-Robin Handicap Doubles Tournaments was played on Sunday, 26th February, commencing at 2 p.m. A total of 30 players participated, forming 15 pairs, who played matches comprising 16 points (4 services each) against every other pair. The total points scored by each pair were then subjected to a special hidden handicap devised by Roy Fordham and the following were declared winners:

1st	-	Peer Rosenfeldt/Bruce Pointer	188 pts
2nd	-	Annette Wellman/Steve Metherell	187 "
3rd	-	June & George Walck	180 "

The Winners each won Free Dinners for two at the Sheraton's Bon Vivant Buffet. The second and third pairs won a package of Chesebrough Pond's products for both Ladies and drinks for two for both men at the Sheraton's Cavern Disco. We would like to record our thanks to both sponsors for these prizes.

The Singles League Tournament has really got underway this month and there have been many exciting matches. The 1st Division has been exceptionally competitive and at the three-quarter stage nobody has succeeded in establishing a clear lead. Everybody has dropped points. At the time of writing Bruce Pointer is two points ahead of Khun Chote and George Grader. Chote and Bruce have yet to play each other and this could be a match worth watching.

In Division 2 Paul Holtom has proved unstoppable and has taken over top place with four straight victories. The battle for second place is proving to be a real dog-fight with three players sharing the same number of points. Peer Rosenfeldt leads Roy Fordham and Jake Olver on points average. Peer has the best chance of consolidating the position, but its not over yet.

Division 3 has been very slow to get underway and a considerable number of matches have not been played. This is puzzling to your committee and a little unfair to the organisers, who take considerable trouble to draw up the playing schedules. Could we ask the members of this division to do their best to complete their matches. The current leaders are Steve Metherell and Alan Wade and several of the matches that have been played appear to have been close and exciting, which should provide encouragement to complete the schedule.

The Ladies Division has also seen some good matches and is currently headed by Gabriella Grader with Prue Pointer well placed in second position. There is still some way to go yet, however, and June Walck who is regarded as favourite has not yet completed sufficient matches to move into contention.

The current situation in all four divisions of the league is as follows:

Tennis Singles League Tables to 25/2/84

DIVISION 1

B. POINTER	4	3	1	0	47	20	7
JOTI B.	3	2	1	0	37	21	5
G. GRADER	5	2	1	2	43	47	5
J. KERR	3	1	1	1	20	25	3
S. VALBJOERN	4	0	2	2	38	48	2
C. DENCKER- NIELSEN	5	0	2	3	38	62	2

DIVISION 2

B. HOLTOM	4	4	0	0	50	17	8
P. ROSENFELDT	4½	3	0	1½	52	38	6
R.V. FORDHAM	5½	1½	3	1	57	52	6
J.W. OLVER	6	2	2	2	59	63	6
L. ALEXANDER	5	1	2	2	41	54	4
D. SMITH	3	1	0	2	32	40	2
L. RASMUSSEN	5	0	1	4	28	61	1

DIVISION 3

S.W. METHERELL	2	2	0	0	24	7	4
A. WADE	2	2	0	0	24	8	4
B. FRIEL	1	1	0	0	12	0	2
P. BOND	1	0	1	0	14	14	1
O. DE BRAEKELEER	1	0	1	0	14	14	1
R. WINGFIELD	2	0	0	2	10	24	0
D.C. WILLIAMSON	3	0	0	3	5	36	0
E. JURGENS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LADIES DIVISION

MRS. G. GRADER	6	4	0	2	53	31	8
MRS. P. POINTER	3	3	0	0	36	4	6
MRS. J. WALCK	2	2	0	0	24	5	4
MRS. M. FORDHAM	3	1	1	1	26	26	3
MRS. L. DENCKER-NIELSEN	5	1	1	3	29	51	3
MRS. D. WINGFIELD	3	1	0	2	17	27	2
MRS. L. O' CONNOR	4	0	0	4	7	48	0

Club Doubles & Mixed Doubles Tournaments

Entries for both of these tournaments are still invited and may be made by putting your names into the lists available at the Club Reception Desk. You may enter with or without a partner. The Committee will find a partner for you, if necessary. Closing date for entries has been put back to March 16th.

The tournament will be played on weekends only as follows:

1st Rd. - Sat. March 31st
Sun. April 1st

Later Rds. - Sat. April 21st
Sun. " 22nd

- Sat. April 28th
Sun. " 29th

All matches will be scheduled on courts Centre and 3. The cost of entry is Baht 30.- per person, per event.

Tennis A.G.M. and Round-Robin Handicap Tournament

It has been decided to hold the Tennis A.G.M. on Saturday, March 24th at 1 p.m. and this will be followed by a Round-Robin Handicap Tournament commencing immediately afterwards. All tennis playing members are urged to come along and elect a new committee for the 1984/85 session.

Payment for Courts Centre and 1

It has been decided at the request of the General Committee to introduce a fee of Baht 20.- per session per player for use of the two raised courts and a circular to this effect is being distributed by the General Committee. A session may cover morning, afternoon or evening and will allow as many games as you wish to play during the period. It should be noted, however, that the courts remain unbookable and you are still requested to play doubles, if players are waiting, and also to change around after one set, if yet other players are waiting.

Junior Tennis Afternoon April 19th

During the school holidays it has been decided to hold a special Tennis afternoon for Junior players, from 11 years of age upwards, on Thursday, 19th April commencing 2 p.m. It is hoped that round-robin handicap tournaments for different age groups might be played, but actual events cannot be decided until the number of entries is known. It will be a fun afternoon, however. An entry list is available at the Club Reception Desk and parents who would like their children to attend are invited to enter their names and ages in this anytime up to the playing date. Mrs. S. Metherell will be organiser of this event and will be pleased to answer any enquiries concerning it.

Event Schedule

For ease of reference the following is a schedule of events for March/April.

SAT. MARCH 24	1 p.m.	TENNIS A.G.M.
	2 p.m.	HANDICAP ROUND-ROBIN DOUBLES TOURNAMENTS
SAT. MARCH 31	from	CLUB TOURNAMENT
	9 p.m.	1st Round MEN'S DOUBLES
		1st " MIXED "



DARTS

SUN. APRIL 1 from 9 p.m. 1st Round MIXED DOUBLES
THU. APRIL 19 2 p.m. JUNIOR TENNIS AFTERNOON
SAT. APRIL 21 from 9 p.m. CLUB TOURNAMENT
Continuation MEN'S DOUBLES
" MIXED "

SUN. APRIL 22 " " " " "
SAT. APRIL 28 from 9 p.m. " " "
SUN. APRIL 29 " " " " "

The team from Shell were our opponents on January 26th.

John, shot the team into the lead with a double 2 finish.

Jack, was our next scorer with a 110, and a double 6 close, next up came Brian, with a ton, and double one close, at the end of the singles the score was level at three points each.

John, then won the first double's with two tons, and double 1 close.

Keith, then 101, double 6 close to make the score 7-3, we only needed one more game to win the match, but the tension must have got to us, they took the next two games to draw level, but then the team rallied with Keith, in the treble's scoring, 115, double 16 close, your Super team won the match 9-8, match award went to Keith.

Could your Super hero's, do it again? the Son of Toby Jug, team looked pretty confident, after there last win against us.

Jack, started us off with a double 1 finish, followed by Brian's double 12 close, then John, shooting a double 3 out, with James, scoring 135, double 1 close, the score stood at 4-2 at the end of the singles.

Malcolm, and James, were our first doubles pair, with Malcolm hitting a ton and a professional double 16 close. Next pair were John, and Jack, with John, scoring 105 and Jack, getting that double 1 finish again.

The last pair were Keith, and Brian, with Keith hitting a ton, double 8 finish the score then stood at 10-2.

John, Keith, and Brian were our first winning trio with John, closing out double 1, James scored a ton in the next triples.

In the team game Jack, closed double 6, with a ton from James, man of the match award went to Jack.

The final score of the match was a magnificent 13-4 win.

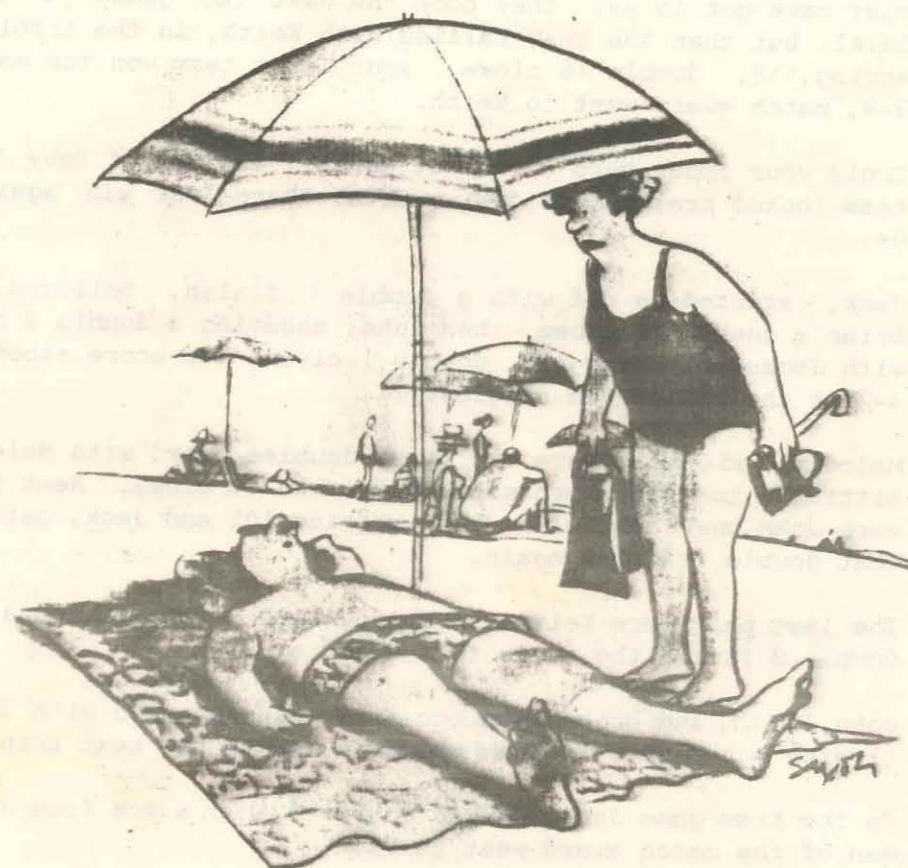
On our third consecutive home match, Orientours, were the visitors.

Keith, scored 120, 100, with a double tops close, James, hit a ton double 2 close, Bryan, closed double 6 the score at the end of the singles was 3-3.

James, then scored a ton double top finish, in his doubles game with John also hitting a ton.

Terry, slotted 115, and John a ton, with James, taking his triples game closing double 18, just wasn't enough though as the final score was 7-10 match award went to James.

We were away for the next match, down at Soi 4, Neptune team were our opponents. Unfortunately only four players turned up the final score was 3-14.



"What is it, Leonard? What happened to your lust for life?"



CRICKET

The BC schizophrenics have had a mind boggling month and unfortunately, being a Missionary, most of the more appropriate adjectives to describe their performances are unavailable for my use. How is it possible that eleven apparently sane individuals can bat like Geoff Boycott preserving his averages when quick runs are wanted with 8 wickets in hand and 5 overs left, and then on another occasion bat like Kamikaze pilots when there's no hurry to get 50 runs in 20 overs! How can a side bowl so meanly for 15 overs that even a Scotsman would blush, and then give the batsmen more runs with full tosses and long hops in the next five overs than they would normally hope to receive in a season! How can a side field like a team of international goal keepers for half a match and then let more balls through their legs than a French whore on a windy Saturday! It beats me - with their sense of timing I hope none of them are Catholics!

Sunday 15th January vs Allied Newspapers - 40 Over League.
BC won by 80 runs

Things started well enough - BC's biggest victory for years and straight to the top of the League! Winning the toss Terry Adams (26) and Ian Rhodes (16) saw the proceedings off to a steady start against tight bowling and with Steve Castledine (17) and Craig Price (18) both getting set, 72 for 3 off 20 overs was a reasonable if not spectacular start. Jeff Parry however decided this was the moment to put the first cricket ball in orbit - we didn't quite catch his explanation as he returned to the pavilion after his first ball, but then the Russians never explain their failures either do they! Dave Hall immediately got out playing 'his' shot, Ollie got out not playing his, and low and behold, 93 for 7, another BC panic! However as luck would have it, no one was bowling bouncers, the Captain (39 not out) got his head down without getting it knocked off, Dave Williamson (10) broke a run of two golden ducks before being sacrificially run out, Brian Thompson (17) batted fluently and sensibly, and it was with some relief that a final total of 158 was amassed.

Allied were never in it. Parry, 8 overs 2 for 17, Mac Sayer 8 overs 0 for 24 and Craig Price 8 overs 4 for 25 all bowled beautifully and it only required a couple of overs (2 for 5) from the skipper and the very first and the very last by a Belgian cricketer in Thailand and it was all over, Allied 78 all out. The fielding was good apart from a 5 over virtuoso

by name but at this stage an all out attack was launched which brought a devastating 140 runs in the last 15 overs. It would be easy to blame it all on our luckless 4 change bowlers and some sloppy fielding, but it was a blistering attack and when such a strong batting side has wickets in hand it is perhaps all that can be expected. 220 for 3 wickets!

For once we didn't get a good start. Terry Adams was... yes, run out! Dave Hall was out playing 'his' shot. Jeff Parry once again failed to launch the first Aussie satellite first ball and with Price's departure at 28 for 4 most sides would probably have packed up and got back to the bar. But not BC of course. With an obstinate display of application Dunford (27), Thompson (36), De Braekeleer (19 - the highest ever score by a Belgian in Thailand) Burles (11 not out) and Sayer (19 not out) saw the Club to 155 for 9, salvaging a little pride, gaining a bonus point, and depriving RBSC of the complete satisfaction of bowling us out.

It should perhaps be mentioned that an innocuous long hop felled the skipper when the score was 30 for 4 and, feeling much as Henry Cooper presumably did after his fight against Cassius Clay, decided to bat on having been reassured by RBSC that it was 'only a graze'. Suffice it to quote my medical certificate "He was hit by a cricket ball at right face. Fracture right Zygoma and right inferior orbital rim underwent surgery - open reduction fracture Zygoma - on February 3, 1984. Good result of surgery stayed in hospital 2-6 February 1984 "Dr. Prakob's written English isn't great but he's the best plastic surgeon in town!"

Saturday 11th February vs Pakistan CC - 25 Over. Lost by 6 wickets

Adams (29) and Rhodes (15) do it again. Dave Hall (30) and Ben Piper keep up the pressure and at 90 for 3 off 18 overs another great start. Brian Thompson with a classy 21 not out and Ollie (18 not out) hitting the first ever 6 by a Belgian in Thailand, saw the score to 129 for 5, BC's highest 25 over score for at least 5 seasons, and Jeff Parry strutting around, his first match as skipper all - but won even having been given out lbw by a one-eyed umpire. Well now he knows what it's like to paddle a bath-tub up the Niagara Falls too!

A good start saw the Pakistanis tied down fairly well with Parry himself bowling well (1 for 19) and newcomer Dave Smith (1 for 13) and Mac Sayer providing admirable support. With handsome Ben Piper back in the side to bowl his lanky leggies

performance as pregnant penguins, with two splendid run outs by Parry and Rhodes also featuring the amazing Brian Thompson deputising impressively behind the stumps. Steve Castledine took a superbly confident catch in the deep and Mac Sayer a fine one-handed job under the covers. Great stuff!

Saturday 28th January vs Thai CC - 25 Over. BC won by 26 runs

When was the last time BC won two consecutive matches? (answers on the back of a 500 baht note please - result next month). Our fine opening pair of Rhodes (15) and Adams (31) got off to another steady start and with 'Charlie' Price crashing in with 32 off 30 balls BC were all set for a record score with 80 for 1 off 15 overs. But of course it didn't happen! Terry Adams run himself out (more on that topic later) and then the middle order settled down for a quiet afternoons' batting practice, patting back the ball and leaving anything two inches wide of the stumps safely alone. With the remaining batsmen bursting blood vessels to retrieve something off the last couple of overs a total of 123 for 7 was OK, but less than impressive.

Luckily the Thais were in a charitable mood. Although we bowled fairly well - Jeff Parry starring with 1 for 6 off 5 very tight overs and the wickets being shared by Mac Sayer (1 for 23), Craig Price (3 for 16) Jack Dunford (1 for 21), Ian Rhodes (1 for 16) and Brian Thompson (2 for 4), the Thais were well in the hunt at 83 for 4 and threw away their wickets unnecessarily in a way I thought only the BC knew possible. BC fielded well again for the most part with good catches by Ollie (2), Parry and Dave Williamson, another good performance behind the stumps by Tommo and a stumping by Jeff Parry! (work that one out!). 97 all out. Cause for good celebration.

Thursday 2nd February vs RBSC - 40 Over. BC lost by 65 runs

Somehow Peter Wright always produces a doubled headed coin and I always have to call tails for personal reasons. RBSC batted first as always and BC again produced a fine exhibition of tight bowling and sharp fielding. After 13 overs from Jeff Parry (8 overs, 0 for 14) and Mac Sayer (8 overs, 0 for 25) the score was only 25 for 0, and when Jack Dunford and Craig Price entered the attack the brakes were kept on. At 25 overs the score had moved on to only 80 for 1 or so. Unfortunately, however, although the fielding had been good, a couple of chances were missed and after drinks it all fell apart. It is against our rules to mention RBSC performers

there was only one problem - the dreaded BC wobblies! All of a sudden the full tosses came, boundaries were scored through the legs of immobile fielders and bang, 118 for 2 with 5 overs left! Sure it all came together again and it was the third ball of the last over before the deciding run came, but once again a match was lost which might so easily have been won.

Saturday 18th February vs Allied Newspapers - 25 Overs. Lost by 5 runs

Difficult to write about this one without emotion and not only because it was the last match by a Belgian in Thailand. Allied Newspapers were restricted to 102 for 9 and apart from a short wobbly bit in the middle (no, not Jeff Parry!) BC bowled well, Dave Smith (1 for 24) Jeff Parry (3 for 16) Ben Piper (1 for 20) Brian Thompson (2 for 14) and Craig Price (1 for 10) sharing the wickets. BC's fielding was good and even the famous Steve Davis and his manager Barry Henan failed to outshine the BC stars (better ask your Mum back in England if you don't know who they are!)

Rhodes (32) this time found Ben Piper (27) to be an admirable opening partner (nice to have had you with us Ben) and at 70 for 2 with 8 overs left surely not even BC could lose this one!....

But Hall played 'his' shot again, De Braekeleer (12) crashed out in style, Price threw his bat 50 feet in the air and ran himself out trying to avoid decapitating himself, Thompson (B) for once failed to impress, Thompson (G) played one of his Bhirasri Institute suicide acts, Parry parried, Burles looked on in horror from the other end, Williamson holed out, and Dave Smith ensured an honorable mention in Crutch's BP column by cross batting a full toss and missing. 97 all out. No comment!

Net practices continue - Wednesdays 4.45 pm; Sundays 3.00 pm!
Next match March 18th.



SQUASH

Committee News

The new Committee met in the Churchill Bar on 9.2.84. The place of the exalted Chairman seemed to have been taken by a Godfather who had narrowly survived assassination, but it was only Jack, after all, who foolishly persists in playing a dangerous sport like Cricket, and had been hit on the face by the ball. The mafia-like atmosphere was continued in the Treasurer's report. Business was good, but the main source of income, the Hogmanay* Disco, was beyond the power of the Treasurer to spell or pronounce correctly. "Hog many" may have described the many who swilled the free booze, but it is not the name of the ancient Scottish New Year Festival.

Still, the meeting went well and all the jobs needed to run an active section like this were assigned to members.

Results of the 45th League

DIVISION 1

1. Len Alexander 12 pts
2. Bernard Grogan 9 "

DIVISION 2

1. Rod Carter 15 pts
2. Tony Austin 14 "

DIVISION 3

1. Bruce Holtom 12 pts
2. Bruce Pointer 11 "

DIVISION 4

1. John Sill 14 pts
2. Greg Henderson 12 "

DIVISION 5

1. Prasong Panichpakdee 15 pts
2. Brian Thompson 11 pts

DIVISION 6

1. Richard Wingfield 15 pts
2. Wayne Needoba 12 "

DIVISION 7

1. Steve Piercy 16 pts
2. Peter Young 16 "

DIVISION 8

1. Michael Pallett 8 pts
2. Alex Hill 8 "

* Hogmanay, from the Old French, AIGUILLE AN NEUF, means, "the exact point (i.e. midnight 31st December) of the New Year." Not many people know that!

DIVISION 9

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| 1. Paul Bond | 15 pts |
| 2. Colin Willis | 14 " |

DIVISION 10

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| 1. Amnuay Alexander | 12 pts |
| 2. Constantine Annas | 10 " |

DIVISION 11

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| 1. Leon Wilson | 9 pts |
| 2. Sam Cohen | 8 " |

DIVISION 12

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| 1. Prue Pointer | 9 pts |
| 2. Audrey Sill | 9 " |

DIVISION 13

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| 1. Sriwan Forrest | 15 pts |
| 2. Lindsey O'Connor | 10 " |

DIVISION 14

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| All players withdrawn | |
| or disqualified. | |

DIVISION 15

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| 1. Rita Dunford | 12 pts |
| 2. Diana Wingfield | 11 " |

DIVISION 16

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| 1. Vicky McWilliam | 12 pts |
| 2. Carol Anwar | 9 " |

45th League Comments

There was a total of 102 entrants. Hard luck to Peter Young (Div. 7) Alex Hill (Div. 8) Audrey Sill (Div. 12) all coming second with equal points to the winner of the division.

Well done Bruce Holtom (Div. 3) Richard Wingfield (Div. 6) Michael Pallett (Div. 8) Prue Pointer (Div. 12) Sriwan Forrest (Div. 15) for winning their league immediately after being promoted from last league.

First attempt league winners - Steve Piercy, Vicky McWilliam, Colin McWilliam. Well done Rita Dunford for winning for the first time after 17 attempts. Husband Jack has played 300 times and still not won. He's decided to have Rita's cup engraved to "Dunford" league winner, to put on the mantelpiece at home.

Lots of withdrawals this month which causes problems. Maybe this is something to do with what some members have recently discovered is called the "Captain Kirk" factor.

This was the last league for Simon and Lesley Brewin, long time supporters of our leagues. Our best wishes go with them.

Report on B.C. vs Chiangmai Game

In February, the B.C. avenged its December defeat by the C.M. Gymkhana Club by a resounding score of five matches to one. As you will see from the details below, the visitors began well, winning their first match 3-0, but, after that, their team, this time men only, suffered a complete rout.

Could the overnight trip have some effect on the results, or is it simply that the visiting Club cannot usually field its strongest team?

As we all know, travelling sports teams tend to be rowdy, but our own lads learned a lesson on their last return trip from Chiangmai in December. As they made their way back from the buffet, through the sleeping corridor train, their loud singing was interrupted by a voice saying "Shut up". To support this invitation, a pistol was thrust out from behind drawn curtains! Always willing to oblige, and see the other fellow's point of view, our lads politely complied with this request. The beer that had inspired the singing seemed to drain out of them. In fact, immediately after the incident, you would have sworn they had never touched a drop.

Now back to the recent match, which had the following results:-

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| 1. Colin Hastings | Lost to | Bob Malloy | 0-3. 3/9 8/10 2/9 |
| 2. Len Alexander | beat | Garry Tullidge | 3-1. 9/3 9/7 6/9 10/8 |
| 3. Tony Austin | " | Charlie Graham | 3-1. 9/7 2/9 9/4 9/5 |
| 4. Bernard Grogan | " | Barry Norman | 3-2. 5/9 9/5 5/9 9/4 |
| 5. Bill Friel | " | Jeff Cooper | 3-0. 9/4 9/5 9/5 9/7 |
| 6. Dougal Forrest | " | Naveed | 3-0 9/5 9/4 9/4 |

Visit to Thailand of Jahangir Khan, Qamar Zaman, Gogi Alauddin and Maqsood Ahmed

Those lucky enough to visit either venue - Rama Gardens or Polo Club, saw squash at its absolute best. It was just unfortunate that such a limited number were invited to the matches.

The committee received only 15 tickets entitling 30 people to attend and that was only three days before the event. The only way the tickets could be distributed fairly was to put all the names from the squash ladder in a hat and make a draw. This was done and then members of the Committee rang round all the names drawn out on a first come first served basis.

i.e. if we could not get in touch with the person drawn out of the hat within 24 hours we had to proceed to the next name as we were given too short a time to distribute the tickets.

At the Polo Club, before an audience crammed into every conceivable space, the players put on an exciting and entertaining display, thrilling the audience with the power and delicacy of their shots, and causing roars of laughter with cheeky drops, impossible recoveries, etc.

Funniest of all was Maqsood who pretended to claim lets on the flimsiest excuse, and protested with mock seriousness any referee's decision against him. The audience sympathized with his gamesmanship. Jahangir with his incredible speed and ball control looks unbeatable by orthodox means. Besides, as they say, starting an argument gives you time to get your breath back.

Zaman was not at his best, having injured his foot the day before, but he and Gogi still gave a masterly display. Long may P.I.A. continue to bring the great Pakistani players to Bangkok. Perhaps, next time they come, the British Club will have good enough courts with sufficient viewing space to attract them here.

Coaching

In February, a new format has been tried and seems to be successful. Comment, however, would be welcomed at the end of the experiment, from any squashers.

The new arrangement was meant to appeal to those who felt too overawed by, or remote from, Division One players to benefit from coaching by them. This time, the coaches are drawn from the top 4 divisions, and the trainee can elect to have a straight-forward coaching session, or to play a match with the coach, during which tips for improving his game (the trainee's) will be given.

Entry is by the usual simple system. Select the coach, time and venue from those listed on the squash notice board, and put a sticker in the space. Show your name on the sticker and whether you want a game or coaching.

Check the board. There may still be some times available. One word of caution however. Don't book unless you can certainly turn up. Our coaches are volunteers who give up their Saturdays and Sundays free of charge for your benefit. They will be discouraged if you book and then opt for a long lie.

Ladder News

Tony Austin, at press time is number one on the ladder. Will he adopt a "King of the Castle" attitude as some do on the ladder, with telephones off the hook for challengers and full diaries for the next two months?

Along with anomalies like most of Division 7 being higher in the ladder than Division 6, the King of the Castle syndrome is killing ladder movement. Certainly it is very dead in patches.

There is a body of opinion that would like to see the walk-over rule restored and to have it possible to challenge anyone within ten places. That might eliminate the "one-way" thinking of some players: i.e. the ladder is for them to move up in, and never down.

Any views?

Len wins again

Two young kamoys discovered last month what a lot of us have known for years. It is a waste of time to try and outrun Len. Even the fact that they had guns instead of racquets did not help them, and after attempting to burgle Len's house, they ended up behind bars, not, like the rest of us, drowning their sorrows, but truly in the nick.

Paging Don Johnson

Finally, we have a message for Don Johnson. One B.C. Member, Number H78, is very angry with you! Finding a space at peak time apparently booked and then cancelled by Don, H78 had promptly inserted a sticker. Later, finding his sticker removed and the court occupied, he left the following note:-

'Would Don Johnson please use a sticker if he wants his "final" at 1.30 p.m. and not cross out his name as though erasing the booking. Lesser mortals enjoy a game too! - and not remove my booking sticker.'



SOCCER

FREE-SCORING IN THE FARANG LEAGUE, FRUSTRATED IN THE FLOODLIT

The Farang League

(1) BC (2) vs Germans (0) February 4th

We took to the field for the first Farang League game against the Germans on February 4th with a team weakened by injuries, unspecified tropical diseases, and lack of practice. Fortunately the Germans appeared to be similarly afflicted and as the match wore on BC pressure began to tell. Allan Morton was rewarded for his diligent efforts, nutting one just inside the post much to everyone's relief. The team redoubled its efforts and fresh subs were brought on to replace those who had run out of steam. Immediately he arrived on the pitch, Swift made good use of his first touch by ingeniously converting an open goal into a remarkable clearance. The merits of taking a practice shot, became obvious a minute later when Swift, while appearing to stumble, managed to trickle a cleverly concealed miskick into the back of the net. The crowd was bemused, the Germans outraged, our team surprised and the scorer still unsure how it had happened.

But happen it did, and we moved on to the next game with 2 goals in the bag and a clean sheet.

(2) BC (5) vs French (0) February 11th

Once more onto the ISB greensward - actually 2 square yards of greensward, 3 acres of sand, a bustling construction camp, and 4 bizarre cast iron sculptures described by Allan Morton as "diamond". I didn't even know he was an art-lover. No matter, this time we took on the frogs, who carried off their "fags" sobriquet with a savoir faire which only the odd one or two in the BC team could have emulated.

It was not a satisfying game for players or spectators, Though we eventually ran out 5-0 winners (Morton (2), Wallace Wilkins, Thompson) we squandered many chances - some due to bad bounce, some due to rare flashes of the spirit of Verdun, but many down to slack or uncoordinated play. And the worst aspect was that we needed to get in scoring form for the Floodlit Trophy, in which our mid-week performances were increasingly barren.

Nevertheless five goals was a useful haul even if one cynical spectator thought the only riveting feature of the game was the construction team banging together what looked like the second storey for the ISB pitch's strange iron edifices.

BC (4) vs ISB (1) February 26th

There were two remarkable features to this game. First, the doubling in size of the grassed area of the pitch (due to the arrival of a few new sods) and secondly the appearance, at long last, of a dynamic new strike force in the BC Team (another new sod). Floating like a butterfly on the wing, mesmerising a hung-over crowd, tantalising a young, keen defence and ultimately striking like a bumbling bee was none other than Big Buster Williamson. A regular cheer leader, an exemplary beer leader, Buster was also a revelation on the pitch, though whether he could see what he was doing is debatable. The BC motor was purring smoothly with a goal in hand from Howley when Buster decided to move us up a gear, and lashed one right in. Not content with this he then laid on a sharp square ball for Chris Platt (another press-ganged supporter) to rifle home an excellent shot. Wilkins completed the four by bundling in Morton's cross and as BC would down, the ISB lads pulled one back. A useful result and a good goal difference as we go in to the next three crucial games.

The Floodlit Trophy

BC (2) vs RBSC II (2) February 9th

BC (-) vs Scans (2) February 16th

BC (-) vs Indians (1) February 23rd

The results of our three Floodlit games were depressing and I believe an unfair reflection of the effort we put into them. So I will forego the post-mortems and stick to the salient features.

In a bad-tempered match against Sports Club II we controlled the game until the middle of the second half. We were comfortably placed with two goals in hand, both taken cleanly and powerfully by Drew Wilkin's. Our lead was sufficient: the issue should not have been in doubt. However, we let bad refereeing upset us, we lost confidence, cohesion and eventually control. RBSC took advantage of our self-inflicted confusion and scored two terrific opportunistic goals. We worked hard for a win, but so did they - and they kept their composure when it counted.

Against the Scans, the traditional British disease struck: inability to hit the back of the net. One down (penalty) after the first quarter, the team pulled together and pressured a reasonable but not outstanding defence with no joy at all. The second half was a more frantic version of the first: BC scurrying about (with Wilkins and Morton foraging ceaselessly) always looking like scoring but never quite making it; Scans backpedalling, never looking dangerous and eventually capitalising on a second penalty, awarded somewhat dubiously.

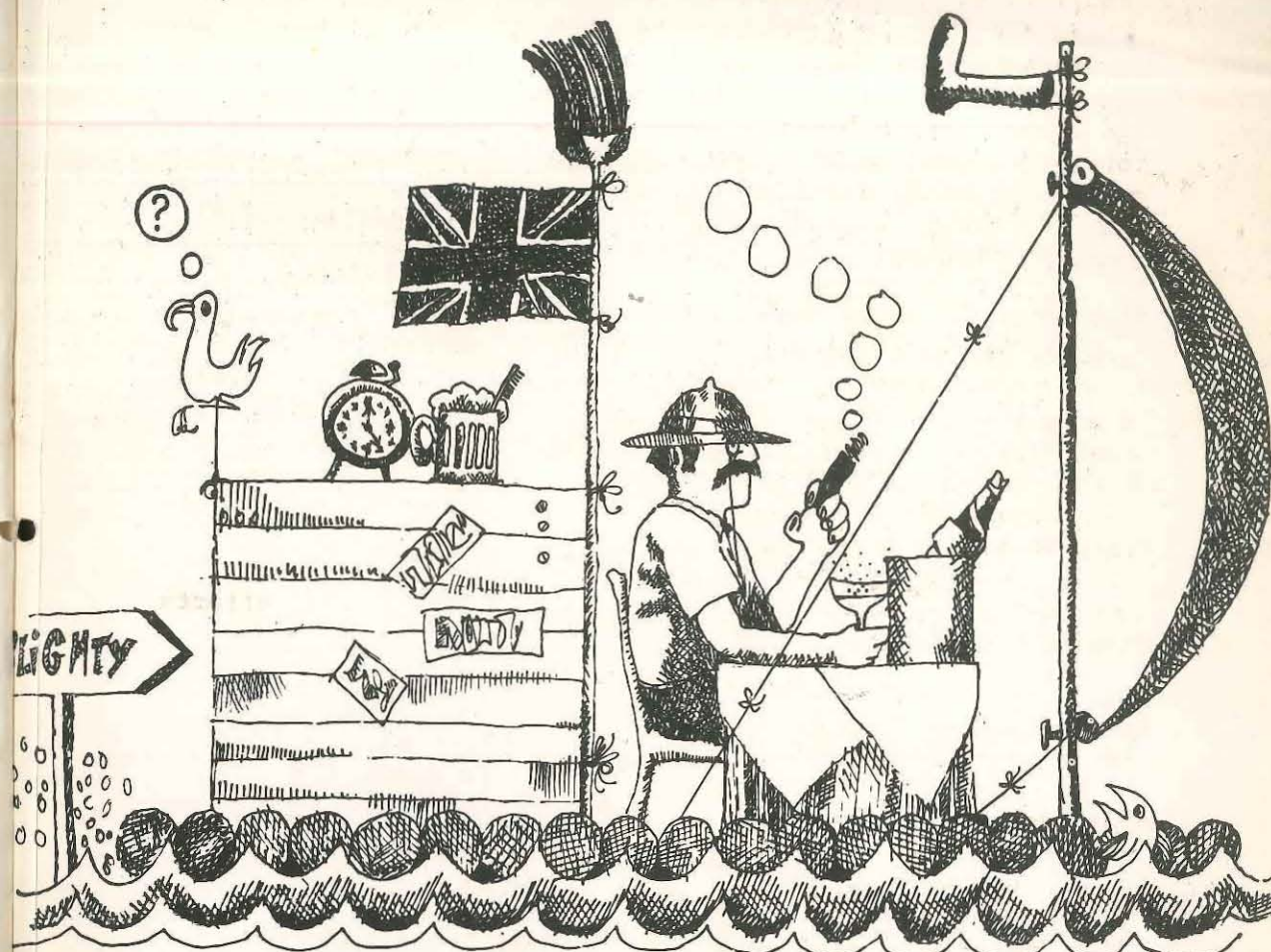
And finally, our most composed performance against the Indians was also the most frustrating. We kept a tight rein on their forwards, a stronghold on midfield, and a dominant presence within reach of their goal. After battering the woodwork, rocketing the keeper, and peppering the air all around the posts we achieved nothing. The Indians mounted few attacks all of which foundered. But they did take their only chance, a direct free kick, through the wall.

And that's the Floodlit Trophy until next year: all efforts now on the League.

Forthcoming Events

Training: is up and running every Tues. and Thurs. at BC 5.30 p.m. Make sure that you are.

Chiangmai Tour: April 5th-8th. Travel details are being finalised now. Contact: Steve Castledine.



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Rusty Nail

One measure Scotch Whisky.
One measure Drambuie.
Pour over ice cubes in an
old-fashioned
glass. Stir.

Drambuie Mist

Fill an old-fashioned glass
to the brim with crushed ice.
Pour in Drambuie until
the golden colour
nearly touches rim of glass.
Add short straw.



Drambuie and Cognac
One measure Drambuie
One measure Cognac
Served straight or
on ice cubes

Drambuie Straight