

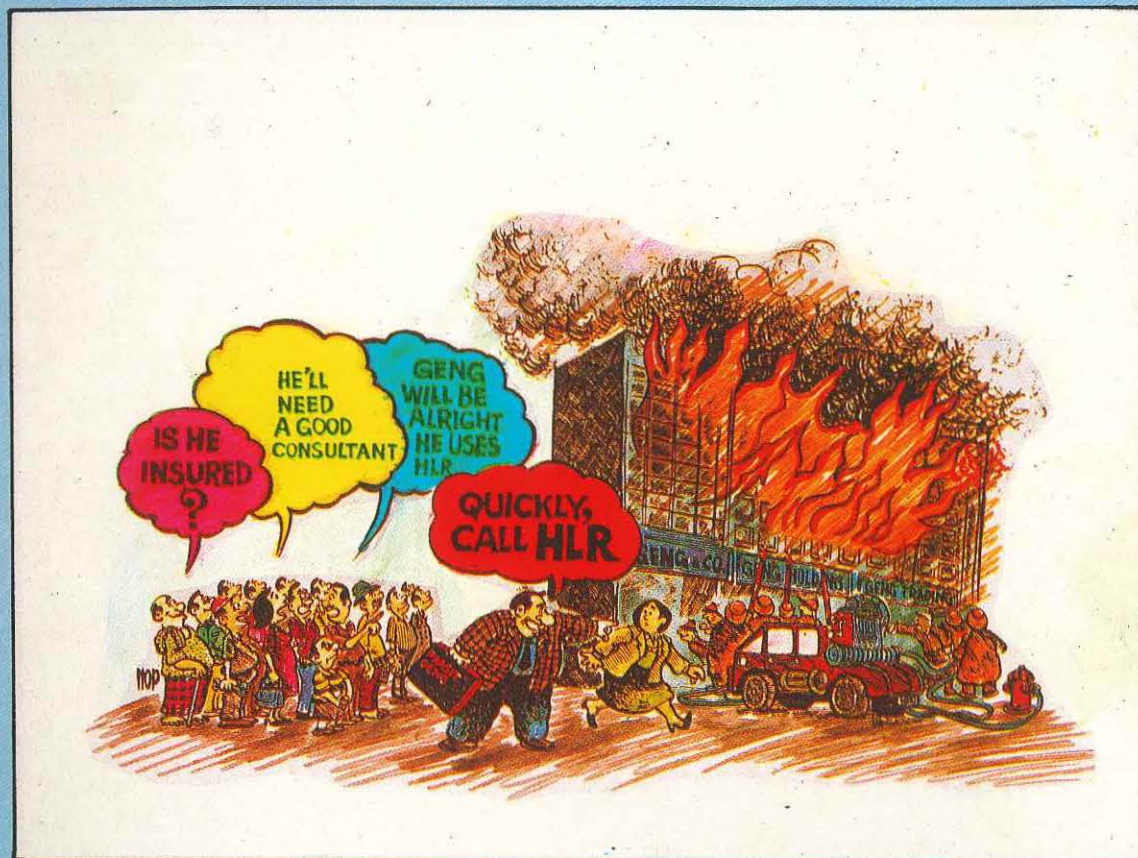
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Members interested in the various Club activities listed should contact the Committee Member responsible or the relevant convenor listed on the back page.

Editorial

By now all Members should have received our sister publication, the 1984 Annual Report and Directory of Members 1985. Keep it by your telephone.

A glance through the booklet will reveal a list of clubs overseas with whom we encourage reciprocal useage. Do remember to take advantage of this benefit when travelling outside Thailand. The British Club office has details on request. Some are resident.

Another Committee year draws to a close. Do try and attend the AGM on March 19th. Exercise your vote and support the F & B figures. It is certainly the big night of the year, bringing many Old Guard out of the woodwork.

As for the proposed increase in subscriptions, if it is what the British Club needs in order to continue to provide the excellent benefits that it clearly does, WHY NOT! Perhaps we can replace the piano and equip ourselves with a sensible sound system/PA for functions.

Would those of you out there interested in involvement with OUTPOST, contact Tim Hughes.

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the Club in February 1985.

Ordinary

Mr. J.W. Addis	Hongkong Bank
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Mr. F.J. Dent	F.A.O.
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Mr. S.G. Castledine	Inter. School of Bangkok
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Up-Country

Mr. D.H. Jezeph	Howard Humphreys & Partners
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Ladies Privileges

Ms. J. Naviroj	British Embassy
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Associate

Mr. R.E. Brown	Bangkok Gem Exchange Ltd.
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Rejoined

Mr. E.H. Phillips	NECCO
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Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	10
Ordinary	352
Non-Voting	5
Associate	52
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	20
Candidates	43
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TOTAL	516
Absent	760
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GRAND TOTAL	1276
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MANAGER'S REQUEST

During the past few weeks some member's children have become overly mischievous. Just some of the kiddies commando raiding parties have included:-

1. Turning off all the water supplies to the poolside area.
2. Turning off all the main electric water pumps to the clubhouse.
3. Taking the concrete covers off the water storage tanks and filling them with rocks.
4. Destroying the gardeners seedling pen and throwing the concrete blocks and earth onto the lawn.
5. Climbing up the clubhouse fire escapes and walking about on the roof.

In no way do I wish to stop children having fun, but I feel that if this sort of behaviour is allowed to go unchecked by parents, very soon there will be some major damage caused to the club property or more importantly a serious accident.

Could parents please try and control their children a little more responsibly. I think a lot of this mischievous behaviour is brought about because of boredom. If any parent has got any ideas for starting more activities for kiddies, please let me know.

Thanking you in anticipation.

D.C. WILLIAMSON

CLUB NIGHT

Thursday 28 March 8.00 p.m.

Dinner with Gerald Howat

and

'Second Innings'

Gerald Howat is a gifted after dinner speaker much in demand in UK. Many members will remember a convivial evening at the Club last year when he spoke on 'Cricket: A British Institution'. This year he's back with 'Second Innings'.

Gerald is an historian, journalist, broadcaster and MCC playing member and you can be assured of a witty and highly entertaining evening whether you are interested in cricket or not.

The Club will serve a sumptuous dinner and a booking list is available at Reception.

Dinner : Salmon Pate

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Fillet de Boeuf Wellington

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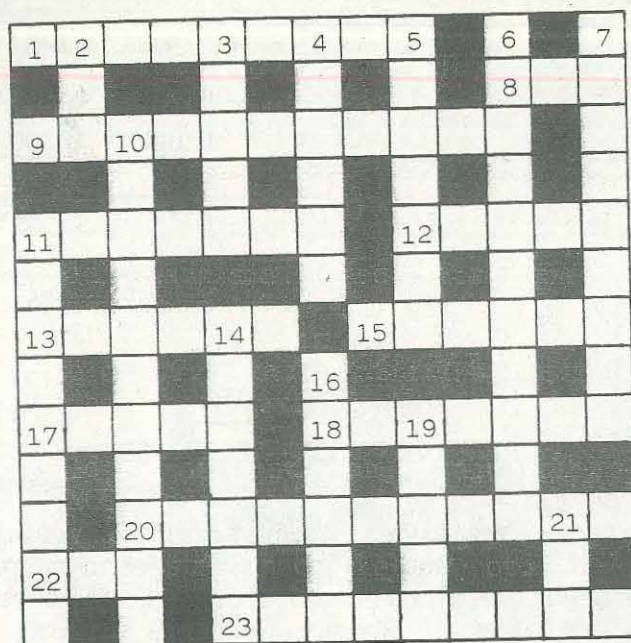
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CLUB CROSSWORD



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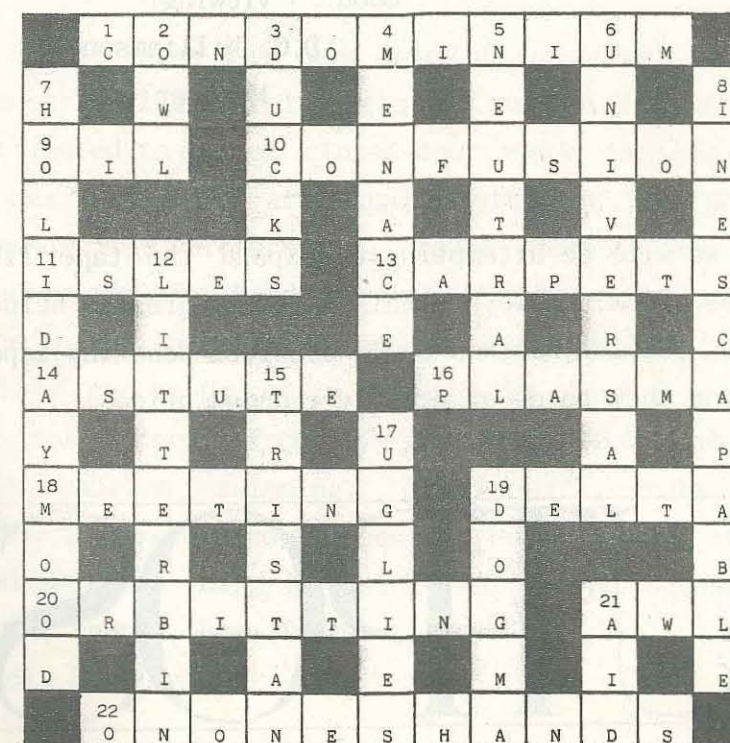
Across

- 1 Pin a cable round but just can't manage.
- 8 Lend one to gain information.
- 9 This Royal lady was presented by Mr. D'Oyly Carte. (2 words)
- 11 Cued sex wrongly but was let off.
- 12 With reference to a spell.
- 13 Barbara tunelessly begged it not to rain on hers.
- 15 Take one for a dare.
- 17 Underground radicles.
- 18 Drink for a man on board.
- 20 Hat I can't see around.... because I'm under it?
- 22 Put down for some tennis.
- 23 He has money, so gets fine car in exchange.

Down

- 2 Negative alternative.
- 3 Chooses some implements.
- 4 Very close to.
- 5 Grave words.
- 6 Would there be dark bodies around at this time? (3 words)
- 7 Pit Street, possibly, is the most attractive.
- 10 Unite corn or pie at random.
- 11 Have it to be efficient.
- 14 Spinning aid for the ladies' side of the family.
- 16 Famous man, but there is no side to him.
- 19 Pale after the fire?
- 21 Break it, and people will talk.

Answers to Last Month's Crossword



BRITISH CLUB - Video Library

After a lot of hard work by Hugh Colton the British Club has started it's own video library. The tapes are high quality British T.V. recordings of comedy programmes, sport, and general interest subjects. There is a catalogue in the bar for you to peruse at your leisure and the library rules and charges are listed below.

1. Each tape may be hired for £30.
2. Each hiring is for a period of 7 days maximum.
3. For every day thereafter a charge of £10 will be made.
4. Members wishing to hire tapes should contact Khun Prayoon in the manager's office during office working hours and complete the tape hire book.
5. Members hiring tapes will be charged automatically at the end of each financial month.
6. A charge of £300 will be made for any tapes that are lost.

Good Viewing!

D.C. Williamson

Manager

N.B.

In future we will be attempting to expand the tape library as finances allow. However, this could be greatly helped if any members leaving Bangkok could consider donating tapes or even selling them to us at greatly reduced prices!

OUTPOST

SPORTS



BC Sports teams have been enjoying an unusual amount of success during recent months and much of this has been attributed to secret closed-door squad training techniques. Cameras are usually strictly forbidden but somehow this picture got through showing the Section leaders training hard at their headquarters somewhere deep in the Bangkok jungle. Never before has this fine body of men be caught in action with their pants down. For the record, from left to right: Mike Lamb, golf; Hugh Jamieson, swimming; Terry Smith, rugby; Jack Dunford, cricket and BC sports; Brian Heath, running; Paul Buckland, haggis tossing; Les Currie, squash; Jake Olver, tennis; Dave Wallace, football. Don't they have lovely Dickies!



SQUASH

51st League Results

Division 1	Len Alexander		13 points
	Colin Hastings		12 points
Division 2	Bernard Grogan	*	15 points
	Mike Withford		12 points
Division 3	Roger Gain		14 points
	Jim Howard		13 points
Division 4	Derek Johnson		10 points
	David Jezeph		8 points
Division 5	Leif Rasmussen	*	9 points
	Martin Hazell		6 points
Division 6	Mike Summers	*	15 points
	David Humphreys		11 points
Division 7	Hugh Bradridge	*	15 points
	John Spurr		13 points
Division 8	Mike Stewart	*	12 points
	Geoff Thorpe		10 points
Division 9	Colin MacWilliam	*	12 points
	Ian Bossenger		11 points
Division 10	Howard Rutter	*	12 points
	Annie Wilkins		9 points
Division 11	David Hall	*	18 points
	Nicola Summers		14 points
Division 12	Gillian Bossenger	*	18 points
	Ian Boulton		15 points
Division 13	Colin Snow		9 points
	Amanda Young		7 points

Is it true the United Kingdom is now a Tax-Haven for the returning Briton? PFC believes that it is!

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SWIMMING

Proficiency Badges

An excellent turnout of 20+ children appeared on 9th February for what was to be a marathon testing session, lasting 3 hours! This was, in fact the last time that the BCB 'home brewed' tests will be used - so if you're not a Shark now, you never will be! The next tests, in April, will be for the English Swimming Association Tests - more details in the next Outpost.

Congratulations to the children listed below for their efforts:

Puffer

Lynley Strange
Judith Rutter

Lucy Johnstone
Peter Rutter
Ann Fordham

Timothy Strange
Timothy Johnstone

Dolphin

Morca McConnell

Sophie Majer

Gordon Fowles

Whale

Nicholas Baillie Jack McConnell Zoe O'Connor
Phillip Timmins Kris Erswell

Shark

Simon Timmins
Natasha Lovell

Neil Baker
James Morris

Jack McConnell
Hannah Thompson

Particular congratulations are due to Jack McConnell who did the double and became a Whale and a Shark at the same time!



PUFFERS
DOLPHINS

The last shoals of fish to swim in the BCB Pool!
Proficiency Award Winners February 9th

WHALES
SHARKS



Gala February 10th

Once again, a good turnout of 20 swimmers for the February Gala, including 3 new faces. Welcome to Linda Fowles, John Barnes, and Tam Rimes. We hope that, now that the cool season has passed, and the last snow has melted off the front lawn, more children will take the plunge and persuade their mums and dads to bring them for a hours splash at the next gala.

Swimming Results for February 10, 1985

C = Comparison with best personal time

O = equals best time
- = an improvement
X = first recorded time

Age	Sex	Name	Free		Back		I.M.		Overall Comparison (strokes)
			Time	C	Time	C	Time	C	
Under 7	Girls	BCB Record	20.4	-	24.6	-	1.15.5	-	
		Elizabeth Buhler	26.1	-33	-	-	-	-	-33(1)
		Linda Fowles	36.0	X	-	-	-	-	-
	Boys	BCB Record	19.6	-	24.8	-	59.5	-	
		Morcar McConnell	22.2	+1	29.0	X	1.03.0	0	0(1)
		Philip Timmins	23.5	-1	30.2	-1	1.04.5	+1	-2(2)
		John Barnes	27.2	X	-	-	-	-	-
Under 9	Girls	BCB Record	40.7	-	48.4	-	1.45.9	-	
		Zoe O'Connor	46.7	-1	-	-	-	-	
		Sophie Majer	50.2	+2	-	-	-	-	
	Boys	BCB Record	38.5	-	47.8	-	1.42.0	-	
		Richard Lovell	45.4	-1	-	-	-	-	-1(1)
		Jack McConnell	45.7	+2	55.6	-2	2.05.0	+1	-2(1)
		Nicholas Baillie	47.6	-3	-	-	2.15.7	-6	-9(2)
		Simon Timmins	49.0	-3	57.6	0	2.11.0	+5	-3(2)
		C.J. Kefford	50.0	+2	1.05.0	+2	2.16.1	+1	-
		Gordon Fowles	54.0	+3	1.15.0	+5	-	-	-
		Chris Hambleton	1.14.5	X	-	-	-	-	-
		Simeon Thompson	1.15.0	-9	1.22.6	-11	-	-	-20(2)
Under 11	Girls	BCB Record	35.0	-	41.4	-	1.30.5	-	
		Sarah Buhler	42.1	-2	-	-	-	-	-2(1)
		Hannah Thompson	47.9	-3	57.5	-1	2.18.1	-1	-5(3)*
		Tom Rimes	49.0	X	-	-	-	-	-
Under 13	Girls	BCB Record	12.0	-	1.24.1	-	2.54.0	-	
		Natasha Lovell	1.25.0	X	-	-	-	-	
	Boys	BCB Record	1.09.2	-	1.22.3	-	2.50.6	-	
		Kris Erswell	1.25.0	-6	1.52.6	+3	3.59.8	+10	-6(1)

* Improver of the Month: Hannah Thompson (the only swimmer to improve in all three stroke)

This time, we have decided to print the results in full, so that you can keep your Record Cards up to date. As you can see, this time there were 17 best performances. Particularly worthy of mention are:-

* Elizabeth Buhler - 33 seconds improvement on free-style since last swim in September.

Only six more seconds to the record - how about breaking that in March?

* Nicholas Baillie - 3 seconds off freestyle and 6 seconds off I.M. - why no backstroke? You might have been improver of the month.

* Simeon Thompson - 9 seconds off freestyle and 11 seconds off backstroke. What happened to the I.M. you lazy whatnot? You would probably have easily beaten your sister to be improver of the month.

* Natasha Lovell - a very credible 1.25 in freestyle on her first outing - if you'll excuse a horsey expression - as an under 13. That equalled the time of:

* Kris Erswell - who knocked 6 seconds off his previous best freestyle time.

IMPROVER OF THE MONTH

*** HANNAH THOMPSON ***

Hannah was the only swimmer to record improvements in all three strokes - Freestyle, 3 secs off, back, 1 sec off, I.M., 1 sec off. Well done Hannah!

For those not familiar with Galas, a word of explanation might be appropriate. Although the event is organised as a series of "races" in each age category, in fact there are no prizes for coming first! What is important, is your time in each stroke, and how it compares with your previous best time. If you improve in all three strokes, then you may well be "Improver of the Month" next time. The next gala will feature Breast Stroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley, so come on all you swimmers - even if it takes 10 minutes to swim a length of butterfly, if it took 12 minutes last time you may well be "Improver of the Month".



IMPROVER OF THE MONTH FOR
DECEMBER AND JANUARY

C.J. Kefford and Natasha Lovell

The next gala will also feature the popular "Beginners Width". This time there will be no cheating, and apart from the under 7's any one who has just swim in the gala won't be allowed to take part - unless they swim across feet first!

We also hope to organise a Mums and Dads relay race. So come prepared!

Next Gala SUNDAY 10 MARCH 12.00

Endurance tests 50 - 3,000m (2 to 120 lengths)

SATURDAY 9 MARCH 10.00

COMMITTEE

As reported last issue, Kay Hambleton has handed over responsibility for Training schedules and tests to Erika Majer. Kay took on this task at an early stage and has devoted much time and a few quiet tears to getting the schedule into its current shape. Thanks a lot Kay, we hope that you will be able to come back and see us at the pool-side sometime in the future.

Another pending departure is Thelma Lay, who has been looking after the accounts. Many thanks for keeping them straight and we wish you well in the future. Jane Kefford has kindly volunteered to take over.

Last, and definitely least, is me, Tony Thompson, the new Outpost scribe. That's what comes of writing nice letters about Barry Collins in the past, ones literary talents are immediately siezed upon.

The Committee now comprises:-

Erika Majer	- Training Schedules and Tests	(Tel 252 7492)
Jane Kefford	- Treasurer	(Tel 286 0032)
Diedre Johnston	- Records	(Tel 391 4889)
Tony Thompson	- Outpost	(Tel 391 4465)
Barry Collins	- Gala & Admin	(Tel 224 3333 x 1755)

A couple of last points.

Swimming Records: Hopefully by the time you read this, children will have received their records, as promised in January Outpost. Apologies for the delay - which occurred somewhere between us and you!

Poolside: The Swimming Committee does have a responsibility for bringing any Poolside issues to the attention of the General Committee. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, we will be pleased to hear them.

Don't forget:

ENDURANCE TESTS SATURDAY 9 MARCH 10.00

GALA SUNDAY 10 MARCH 12.00

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GOLF

Don Muang - Feb 3/85

24 Golfers enjoyed a sunny day's outing at the airport links with the British Ambassador taking top laurels.

Results were as follows:

1st	J. Staples	38 pts
2nd	R. Barrett	37 pts
3rd	S. Voravarn	37 pts
4th	D. Williamson	36 pts
5th	M. Summers	36 pts

Calloway 1st	D. Humphries	Net 72
2nd	E. Allan	Net 74
3rd	L. Houghton	Net 76

Closest the pin R. Wingfield and M. Summers

Longest Drive Ladies - S. Voravarn
Men - M. Summers

Thai Country Club - Feb 17/85

31 Golfers played a long, hot round of golf at the Country Club with ex-captain Ron Armstrong taking top honours (39 pts). Chase Manhattan net trophy winner Eric Turner was a close second (38 pts) and it was noted these two played in the last group, devouring the remaining Klosters on the course. (It thus proves "Nine Klosters per round keeps your drives in-bounds.")

Results were as follows:

"A" Division:	1st	Ron Armstrong	39 pts
	2nd	David Frost	36 pts
	3rd	Malcolm Lazenby	34 pts
"B" Division:	1st	Justin Staples	36 pts
	2nd	Mike Baker	34 pts

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LADIES' GOLF

Unfortunately news of the Army Course in Bangkhaen shows that our regular golf games will not take place there any more! Apparently there will be a lapse of 5 years before the normal 18 hole courses will be open for us, as they are making or laying a new 18 hole championship course. It has, therefore, been decided that on all regular Tuesday mornings (7 a.m.!), we will play at the Railway Golf Course, AND on the last Tuesday of every month: Medal day; we will play at Hua Mark, Krung Thep Kretha Course; and all big competitions will be at Rose Garden. I hope this is not too confusing!

Forthcoming events in March

5 March	(cancelled due to Makha Bucha Day)
12 March	Par Bisque (Railway 7 a.m.)
19 March	Astral Cup (Rose Garden 7 a.m.)
26 March	Astral Cup (Rose Garden 7 a.m.)

With lunch and prizes at Lise's house on the last day.

Competition Results

5 February Bogey - Railway

A: Division Winner: Margaret Ross +5
Run-up: Lise Dencker Nielsen +2

B: Division Winner: Mary Hussey +7
Run-up: Eve Doust +5

Nearest pins:

And then there were an exceptionally great many UNDER PARS! Congratulations to you all!

Margaret Ross	66
George Ann Lansford	69
Betty Watters	68
Ina Young	71
Anne Hendrie	70
Mary Hussey	63
Eve Doust	65

12 February Blind Partners - Unico

Winners: Ina Young 75)
Betty Watters 61) = 136

Run-ups: Margaret Ross 74)
Muriel Harrold 76) = 150

Nearest pin: Lise Dencker Nielsen #8
Nicky Summers #12

Under Pars: Betty Watters 61
Eve Doust 70

Low Putts: Margaret Ross 29

19 February Stableford - Railway

A: Division: Deanne Boucher 37

Run-up: Lise Dencker Nielsen 33
C/B from Muriel Harrold 33

B: Division: Eve Doust 45

Run-up: Nicky Summers 37

Nearest pin: #4 Muriel Harrold
#11 Deanne Boucher

Under Par: Eve Doust 64
Well done Eve!

The 1984 yearly L.G.U. Medal

Silver Division:	Joan Jurgens	299
Bronze Division:	Wynne Fraser	294

Congratulations to both of you! As Wynne has left Thailand, I have sent her bronze medal to her in Wellington - New Zealand by mail. Joan will receive hers when she comes back from her holidays on the ski-slopes.

The GESTETNER Trophy - April 16th and 23rd

I hope we will have a big turn out with all members of BCLG at the Rose Garden for this great Stableford competition.



CRICKET

British Club v Indian C.C. 3/2/85. 30 overs league.
Played at the Polo Club. B.C. won by 8 wickets.

It is always a pleasure to play against the thoughtful Indians at cricket. Having won the toss they decided to bat but were soon pinned down by Tom Ryan and Mac Sayer. They both bowled piercingly and it was good to see Tom amongst the wickets (He has a very long follow through!). (6-2-29). Mac bowled without receiving the greatest degree of luck but finished with the creditable figures of 6-0-15.

Only Ravi Seghal (26) an elegant performer, and Sunny (16) provided any threatening resistance against a consistent attack. Jeff Parry 2-17, Craig Price (3-5) and Mike Evans 3-20 took the remaining wickets. The Indians were all out for 101. It was a very competent all round performance by the British Club. One has to mention the ever increasing display of energetics shown by our resident on-field entertainer, Geoff Thompson. Idling the afternoon away on the mid wicket boundary playing the title role opposite 'mad dogs' he was suddenly aware of ten pairs of eyes homing in upon him, closely followed by a belligerent cricket ball determined to go for 6. With all the freshness of a young Salmon Geoff leapt out of his cricket boots in a vain attempt to get out of the way. Nothing doing! The ball impolitely stuck into his sticky palm and refused to leave. Geoff recovered from his surprise to acknowledge the wondrous applause of his team mates. How that catch will grow in stature!

Terry Adams (25) and Steve Bolton (40) gave the B.C. a 50 run opening stand. Steve at last showing the form he is well capable of. The Indian bowlers wilted and runs were scored easily. Craig Price (17) and Jack Dunford (14 n.o.) polishing off the remainder. It was a comfortable 8 wicket victory.

B.C. lost by 33 runs

British Club v RBSC at the Polo Ground. 9/2/85.
30 over league. B.C. won the toss and elected to
field.

With no disrespect to Doug Beckett, whose contribution to cricket in Thailand has been well documented, there were not too many tears being shed by the British C.C. when he had to leave Bangkok a day before our first encounter of the season. (Best of luck Doug). It was with a renewed air of optimism that the British Club took the field.

The Sports Clubs opening pair of Coster and Baker never looked comfortable against the steady, but not threatening, opening spell from Tom Ryan and Mac Sayer.

Jim Baker was uncharacteristically aggressive in the first over and made a real mess of trying to hit Mac Sayer over mid on. We made an even worse mess of trying to catch it and a dream start went begging. Mac eventually redressed the balance and had both openers out when only 26 was on the board. At this stage pressure should have been applied on the batsmen but some sloppy outfield play allowed the RBSC to recover. Richard Ilingworth, as usual, batted sensibly and was ably supported by all the middle order batsmen. The only bowler to pose any real problems was Jeff Parry. No batsmen played him with any degree of confidence and there was an audible sigh of relief from the pavilion when Jeff fell awkwardly and twisted his ankle. What these Aussies will do for attention! He gives enormous confidence to the other bowlers. The batsmen are still recovering from Jeff's previous over so consequently give an excessive amount of respect to our stock bowlers. It is a real confidence booster when the batsmen take at least 4 balls to recover from a Parry battering that the most they can hit you for is 12.

The only consolation was that Geoff Thompson that acrobatic juggler was poised in the wings just waiting to repeat his previous weeks circus performance. We allowed the middle order batsmen to score freely and again our fielding was at its lowest during the crucial last five overs and the RBSC chalked up a creditable 149 off their allotted overs. Only Mac and Jeff bowled en par finishing with 6-2-18 and 5-2-20 respectively.

The Sports Clubs opening bowlers were much more penetrating than ours and runs were hard to come by. John Leicester, as always, bowled an immaculate line and length and was ably supported by Simon Edmonds. Terry Adams (26) batted with a renewed spirit and is beginning to blossom. (Its a rare sight!), Steve Bolton that enigmatic debt, collector never quite got to grips with the opposition. (During the game that is) and we were soon falling behind the run rate. Again the middle order batsmen failed and it was left to a sprightly stand between Allan Stamper (23) and Brian Thompson (15) to increase the run rate. They ran athletically between the wickets and demonstrated the importance of looking for quick singles around the edge of the wicket. These gave us a glimpse of victory but there was too much to do. The innings closed at 116 for 9, Jeff Parry not batting.

Without wanting to take anything away from the RBSC (except a shower may be!) the British Club have to believe that they can beat such opposition. They have a reputation that is somewhat self induced but are most certainly not invincible.

British Club v RBSC at the RBSC ground - 17/2/85,
50 overs. RBSC won by 8 wickets

I suppose when Brian Thompson and Tini decide to leave Bangkok there had to be a memorable party. There was. When they were sitting comfortably on their flight to Indonesia certain ghostlike figures were fumbling for their kit and audibly shaking with the thought of Simon Edmonds and John Leicester hurling a few around their ears. I am suspicious of the RBSC's tactics. Some of their senior players were also at the party but looked remarkably athletic whilst parading their skills. The sight of batsmen queuing in front of the captain feebly requesting to bat No. 11 was not won that instilled the greatest amount of confidence. However Terry Adams (27) and Craig Price (57) opened the innings and batted gladiatorially for a stand of 91. The British Club could not have dreamed of a better platform. Both batsmen looked in full command. As so often happens their wickets fell close to each others but they had certainly tamed the bowling.

Enter the rest! Allan Stamper was visibly wobbling when walking to the wicket and was convinced that John Leicester was bowling his delivery out the back of his hand at the same time as his orthodox one. Steve Bolton wearing that easily recognizable 'Patpong haggard countenance poked around a fair deal but failed to score! Only the burly Alistair Rider (25) and David Hall (10) offered any resistance. Alistair is well known for his big hitting and for a

brief while he looked capable of producing a match winning score. It was not to be and the innings wilted to 168. After such a magnificent start from Craig and Terry it was a disappointing total.

The RBSC soon launched into an assault and both Rainer Coster and R. Mann began to make the score of 168 a feeble one. Rainer batted with a panache that he is always well capable of and Mann was hitting any short ball, of which there were plenty, with ease to the boundary. Coster (15) was spectacularly run out by Jack Dunford but Mann and B. Farmer (n.o. 26) continued the onslaught. Mann was eventually out to a tantalising delivery from Steve Bolton for an excellent 96. The RBSC soon reached the required runs. Mike Evans and Mac Sayer bowled lengthy spells but the batsmen were just too good for us on the day. A special word must be said in defence of Mike Evans's bowling. Being a genuine spin bowler there will be occasions when particular batsmen will score heavily against him. Don't despair Mike your day will come! To have a wily spin bowler in your side will always be an asset.

Next fixture - British Club v RBSC - Marshall
Trophy. 3/3/85

Many thanks to Telly for acting as official scorer. There cannot be too many French speaking Iranians that have a love of cricket!



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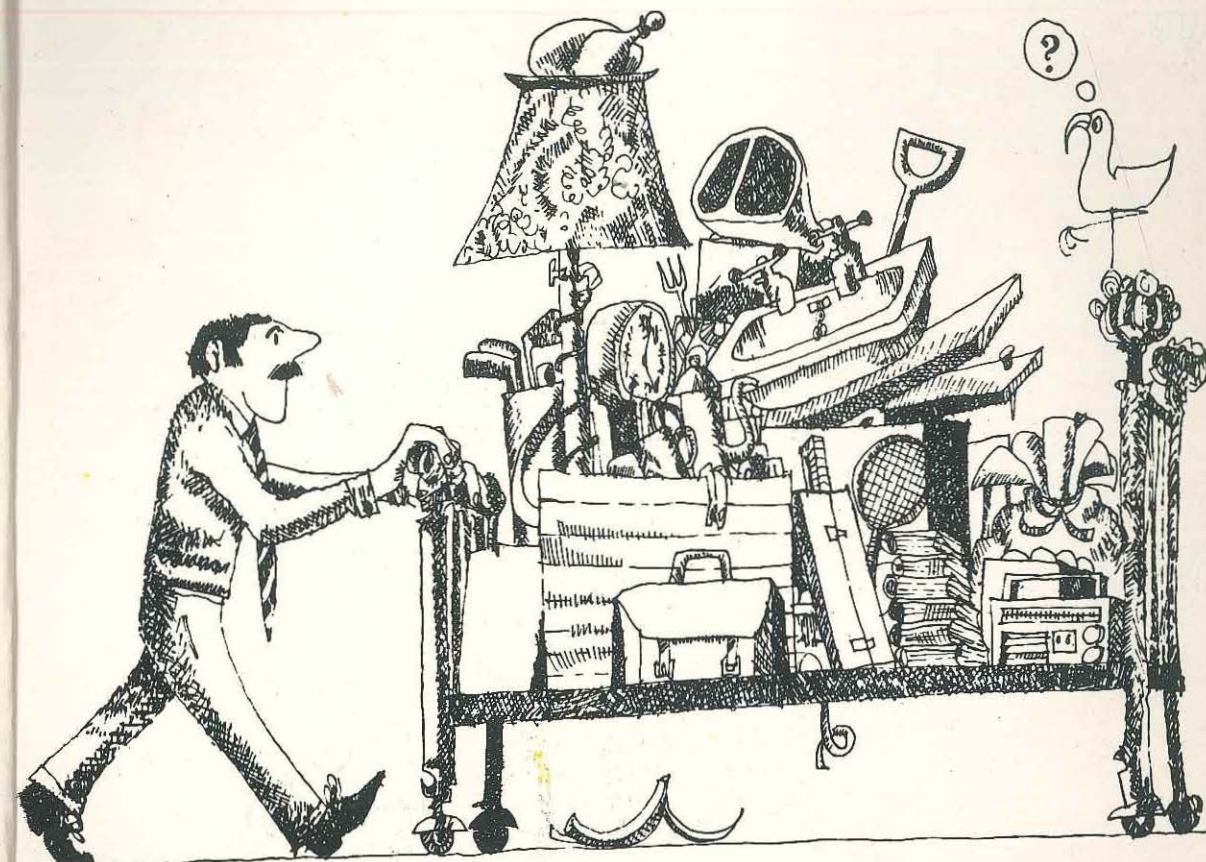
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