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Imperial connotations notwithstanding, OUTPOST launches its second edition (see "letters to the Editor") with the aim of bringing members all the news without fear or favour, and even a poem from our own Barrack-Room Balladeer, Rudyard Piffing, on the subject of the future, if any, of the Empire. (see page 11)

Top of the news this month is the recently held EGM/AGM, reported elsewhere in this issue, when a new general committee was duly elected and-to fill in the seemingly interminable wait while the screwtineers scrutinised and counted the votes - the old committee was thanked for their efforts. Adjustment of entry fees, subscriptions, etc. in an upward direction was also approved and reference was made to those members whose connection with the cash nexus has become hopelessly slack.

This is the last issue under the old team, and it will be with relief that the blue pencils and files are handed over to the new editorial team. John Walker, committee member in the hot seat, would like to hear from anyone who can write, possesses a dictionary and can spare a few hours a month.

We were pleased to have managed to have a quip (?) from last month's OUTPOST quoted in another local English language publication, in its popular Column Nine feature - which is normally reserved for quotations or extracts from more famous, or at least widely distributed publications. An auspicious start for the fledgling OUTPOST. Good luck to the new Editors!

And don't forget.....

A lubricator is someone who detests brick built toilets.

Highlights of the EGM/AGM 25th March 1980

Elected at the AGM, your new Committee is:

Charles Stewart	- Chairman
Arthur Phillips	- Vice-Chairman & Membership
Roy Barrett	- Hon Treasurer

David Boskett	- House & Grounds
Simon Brewin	- Sports
David Frost	- Entertainment
Hugh Jamieson	- Poolside
Alasdair Johnstone	- Finance
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John Walker	- Publicity

That was the good news: the other important decision agreed by the meeting was to raise entrance fees, deposits and subscriptions.

You will shortly be receiving a new Bankers Order form -- please return this, appropriately completed to the Club as soon as possible.

And don't forget.....

If all the members of the committee were laid end to end they wouldn't reach a conclusion. (Can't print this! - Ed.) (never mind, it's our last edition anyway, and have to use up our spare jokes - other Ed.)

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in March 1980:

Ordinary

Mr. R.P. Back	The Chartered Bank
Mr. K.A. Bradbury	Peter Fraenkel & Partners
Mr. D.A. Burns	British Embassy
Mr. T. Butchard	British Council
Mr. T.J. Duggin	British Embassy
Mr. B.W. Gardiner	British Airways
Mr. F. Hamill	Thai Industrial Gases
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Mr. J.D. McBeth	Far Eastern Economic Review
Mr. G.A. McRobert	Shell Company Ltd.
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Ladies Privileges

Mrs. V. Eriksson	Volvo Thailand Ltd.
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Mr. W.G. Hodgkinson	T.P. O'Sullivan & Partners
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NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

New Members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Cinema Room at 5.30 p.m. on the following days.

Tuesday 1 April (Closing date 29 March)

Tuesday 6 May (Closing date 3 May)

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

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"I've been things and seen places"
(said one candidate for membership)

ANZAC DAY - FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 1980

All members of the Australian, New Zealand and British communities in Thailand are invited to attend the annual ANZAC Day service and wreath laying ceremony at 10.00 a.m. at the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery.

After the service refreshments will be provided and tables will be available for those wishing to have lunch before returning to Bangkok.

An air-conditioned bus will leave the Australian Embassy on Sathorn Road at 7.00 a.m. and will leave Kanchanaburi for Bangkok at 2.30 p.m. This will give passengers time to pay a short visit to the Chungkai cemetery, some twenty minutes up the river by long-tail boat.

The cost will be £140.- per seat and it is essential that seat reservations be made not later than 17th April by contacting the New Zealand Embassy Receptionist on 251-8165.

Dress for the official group is lounge suit or blouse uniforms with medals, but without sword or mourning band. Changing facilities are available in the guest house at the cemetery.

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AND, FROM OUR TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT.....

An item of news that has escaped the attention of the press but which may be of interest to the lairds of St. Andrews is that SAS will introduce on April 1st (and its not a put-on) a new haggis route to their flight map which will connect COPENHAGEN with ABERDEEN three days a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. SAS together with British Airways and Icelandair also conglomerately provide flights daily to Glasgow from Copenhagen.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS/SPECIAL DAYS FOR APRIL

4th April	- Good Friday
7th April	- Chakri Day
	- Easter Monday
14th April	- Songkran Day
21st April	- Queen's Birthday (UK)
25th April	- ANZAC (Gallipoli) Day

WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	BRIDGE	7.30 p.m.
	CURRY NIGHT	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
Thursday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Friday	BALLET	2.00 p.m.
Saturday	TENNIS	10.30 a.m.
	VIDEO	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sunday	TENNIS	10.30 a.m.
	VIDEO	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.

SOCIETIES EVENTS

St. George's Society Ball - 26 April
at the Oriental Hotel, 7.00 p.m.

CLUB/SECTION EVENTS FOR APRIL 1980

Thu 3	- <u>Darts.</u> BC v CPA at Bobby's Arms	8.00 p.m.
Sat 5	- <u>Golf.</u> Siam Country Club	7.00 a.m.
	- Children's Activities	9.00 a.m.
Sun 6	- <u>Golf.</u> Sattahip	7.00 a.m.
	- <u>Swimming.</u> (Easter Gala)	11.30 a.m.
Mon 7	- <u>Golf.</u> Siam Country Club	7.00 a.m.
	- <u>Tennis.</u> BC v Stanley Club of Hong Kong	2.00 p.m.
Tue 8	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Gestetner Trophy (1st Round)	
Thu 10	- <u>Darts.</u> BC v Amarit-ISB at Haus Munchen	8.00 p.m.
	- <u>Squash.</u> League 27 start	6.45 p.m.
Sat 12	- <u>Soccer.</u> Members v Staff	4.30 p.m.
Tue 15	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Gestetner Trophy (2nd Round)	
Thu 17	- <u>Darts.</u> AIS v BC	8.00 p.m.
Tue 22	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> "Jean's Day"	
Thu 24	- <u>Darts.</u> Rajah v BC	8.00 p.m.
Sat 26	- St. George's Society Ball (Oriental Hotel)	7.00 p.m.
Sun 27	- <u>Tennis.</u> American Tournament (Doubles)	2.00 p.m.
Tue 29	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Medal	
	- <u>Squash.</u> Final TSRA	6.45 p.m.
Thu 1 May	- <u>Darts.</u> Wonder Ladies v BC	8.00 p.m.

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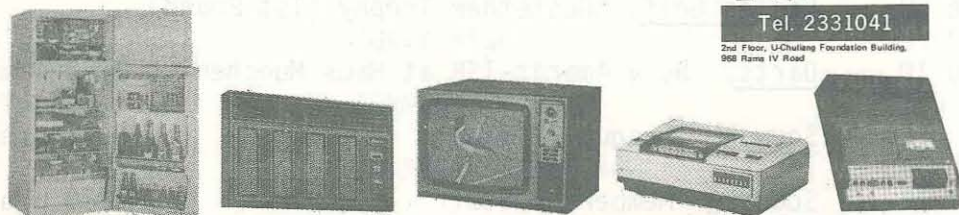
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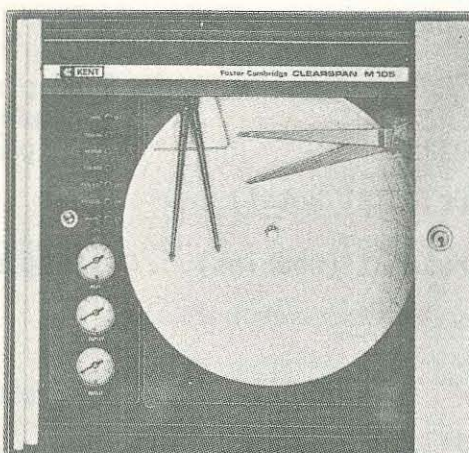
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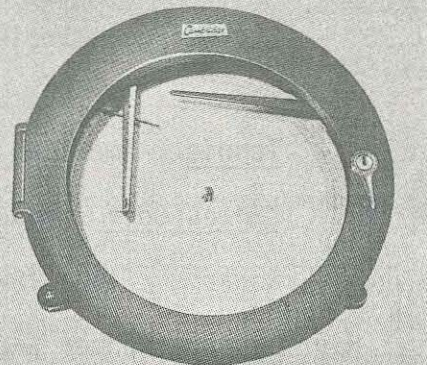


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A WARNING FROM THE SQUASH COMMITTEE.....

LOWER BACK PAIN:

Cramping the Style of the White Collar Worker

It happened at squash, a game I dearly love for its inherently aggressive fast pace -- a splendid 45-minute workout, and fun to boot. I began the fatal game feeling jaunty and jolly. Squash, however, calls for a lot of short stops and gos, quick twists and turns, sudden reaches for the darting little ball; the stuff of disaster if you are not entirely ready physically. The fact that I did no warm up exercises prior to starting play didn't help (a mistake I have never again repeated) and only five minutes into the action, my back "went out." The pain was astonishing, sharply electric. I crumpled to the floor like a sack of groceries dropping in show motion.

As with any good, or perhaps stupid, fighter, I had every intention of getting up immediately and on my own. Hard reality said I wasn't going anywhere for a while, at least not upright. But the now-free court was quickly sniffed out by others and I felt obliged to clear the deck. There was nothing to do but crawl like a disjointed caterpillar through the low door of the court into an adjoining room where guys were vigorously lifting weights, hanging ape-like from high bars, whistling a happy tune. I stayed prone on the floor there for a time before getting up nerve to be taken with my partner's aid to the locker room, where he had to dress me before I could shuffle home to the hot-pad, pain-killing pills and the hard floor on which I slept, ate and moaned for the next three days. I had become a full-fledged member of The Club.

It is a big club. In a survey made in the U.S.A. noted that some 70 million adult Americans had experienced at least one "episode" of severe and prolonged back pain, making back problems the second leading cause of pain after headache. Another statistic said two million more would join that ill-starred brigade every subsequent year.

Practicing orthopedists say simply that over half the population has back trouble, and that all of us are susceptible to one degree or another. Men and women share about equally, with women particularly vulnerable when pregnant (and wearing high-heeled shoes).

The ironies in all this are varied and profound. For one, counted as a major factor in Man's assumption of rule over the Kingdom of Earth, is our having evolved from quadrupeds to bipeds. To oversimplify, once man was able to stand and be agile on only two legs, his other two were free to make and use more sophisticated tools. This in turn prompted a greater use of the brain, which consequently got bigger and smarter still. However, the process of evolution has been uneven and remains as yet incomplete. To date, man's back has not fully adapted structurally to standing upright -- especially that area where the spinal column joins the sacrum, a broad, triangular plate to which the pelvis is also attached. Not only does the weight of the entire upper body and the law of gravity bring great pressure to this low-back area, it is here that the strain of so much primary physical activity -- bending, turning, lifting, walking -- is focused. Man's Achilles' heel, it seems, is in fact his back.

To further the irony, those who earn their living at "back-breaking" work -- lifting and carrying, etc. -- are not the ones who suffer most from low-back syndrome. For sure, a stevedore is quite liable to rupture a disc or injure a ligament or muscle and experience a back "episode." But if he lifts and carries properly, his back is being used to an extent that keeps it in relatively healthy condition compared to that of the typical white-collar worker. Those who sit at work and, at our leisure, in front of the television, have too-idle backs. From lack of use the back muscles lose flexibility, get lazy, and when called on for sometimes the simplest task -- tying a shoelace, picking up a dropped pencil -- they are liable to revolt.

What's more, executive types (from file clerks to chief operating officers) may be no more prone than dockworkers to psychological tension, another major cause of aching backs, but dockworkers can always wallop a box to unwind. Those who lose control of their emotions on the corporate scene, on the other hand, are not welcome. Finally, since the under-exercised desk-bound often appease frayed nerves with food and drink, they compound their potential for a low-back episode by its third general cause, being overweight.

(This is the first of a proposed series of articles lifted from another publication, and provided they don't catch up with us the remainder will appear in subsequent editions)

Overheard in the bar.....

"I became so tired in the message parlour, I couldn't stay awake for a second."

POETRY SECTION

A RECESSIONAL, dedicated to Mr. Mattinson (M68) BY RUDYARD PIFFLING who prefers to remain anonymous for obvious reasons.

'Ave you 'eard of the Sov'rin at Windsor,
With a hairy gold crown on 'er 'ead?
She 'as run out of coal, she 'as kids on the dole,
An 'er 'orses are bloomin' well dead.

'Ave you 'eard of the Sov'rin at Windsor,
With a hairy round orb in 'er 'and?
She just sits in the dark, and 'er corgis all bark,
An' she can't raise a tune from 'er band.

She is weary of wielding the sceptre,
While'er chamberlains 'iss in 'er ear.
The future is dim, says both Maggie and Jim,
An' no better for many a year.

So 'ere's to the Sov'rin at Windsor,
A monarch of uttermost fame.
She 'asn't the sway what she 'ad yesterday
But mind 'ow you go, just the same.

(Originality is the art of carefully disguising plagiarism - Ed)

IMBIBING BRITISH SPAWN SURIWONGSE SNARL-UP

The congestion in Suriwongse Road, caused by gourmet Members seeking entrance to gastronomically-famous British Club on Suriwongse Road, has prompted the Authorities to revert to a one-way system in that road. All drivers of private cars, taxis, samlors, and noodle carts are advised that they must turn left onto Suriwongse Road out of the British Club, though they are warned not to argue their right of way in the face of a No. 16 bus which may have found it more convenient to ignore the new system.

LADY GOLFERS

In the last two issues of the Club Magazine, the Lady Golfers have expressed their thanks to the British Club for sponsoring their Team in the recent 2nd. T.A.L.G.A. Open Championships. We would now like to put the record straight and say that in the event the British Club did not see fit to sponsor this team from the Fair Sex, but our sincere thanks go to the Club Chairman, who so generously provided our entrance fees himself. We are happy that our Team finished among the leaders and that we did not let our sponsor down.

During February we held an Eclectic Competition over the four Tuesdays, as well as holding the annual Astral Cup Competition. This Trophy, which was presented to the Group by Lever Bros. in 1969, is for a 36 hole Stroke Play event, and the winner this year was Loretta Parker, with an excellent score of net 143. Anne Quinn was the runner-up on net 147. The Silver Division of the Eclectic was won by Jean Taylor with a net 66, and the Bronze by Sheila Kerr with net 65.

PROGRAMME FOR APRIL

April 1st - All Irons

Starter: Loretta Parker (391-5778)

April 8th - Gestetner Trophy (1st Round)

Starter: Sheila Neville (391-6000 x 39)

April 15th - Gestetner Trophy (2nd Round)

Starter: Sheila Neville

April 22nd - "Jean's Day"

(This will be a special event sponsored as her farewell by Mrs. R. Taylor)

Starter: Jean Taylor (286-2346)

April 29th - Medal

Starter: Margaret Miller (286-5906)

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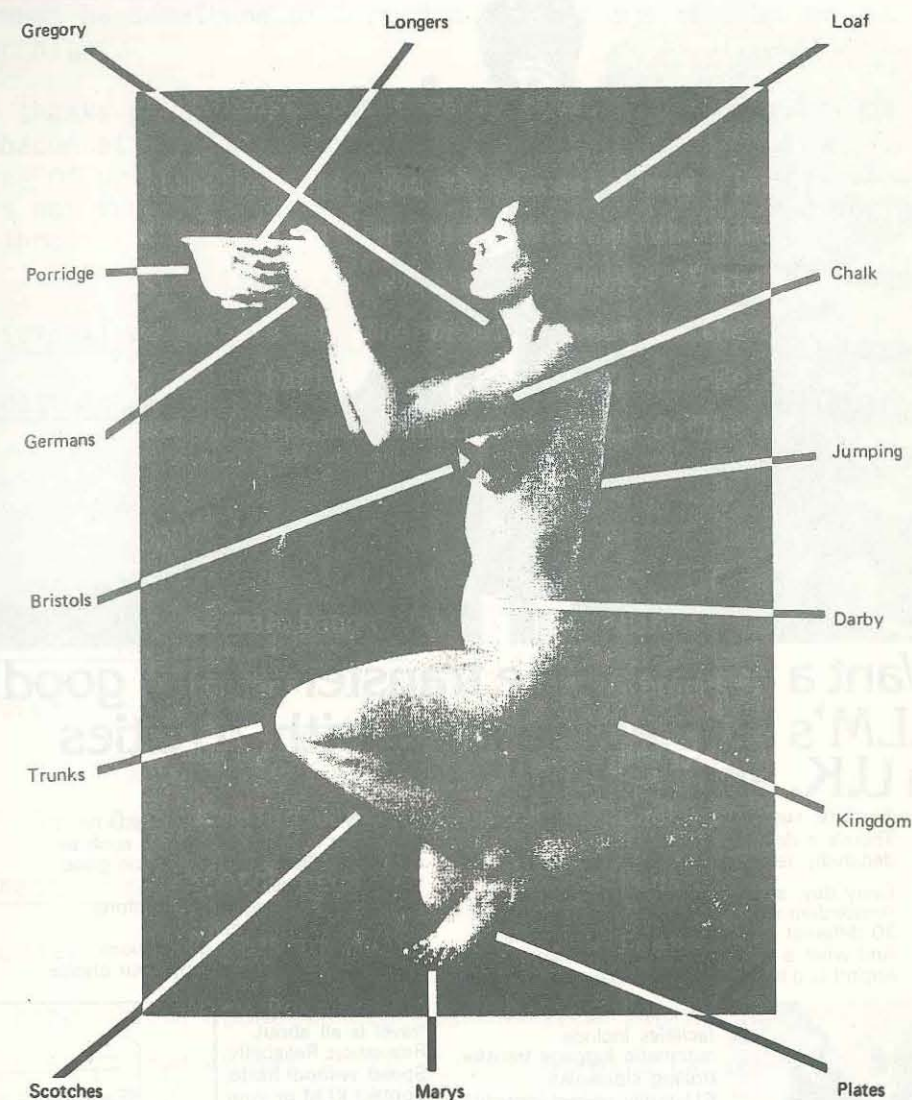
Of course, everyone has heard of rhyming slang. It dates back to time immoral, well at least to the early 60's.

Month by month we will be bringing you the secrets and intricacies of this peculiar bastardization of the English language. We hope you will consider it worth a quick *butchers*. It will give you something to *rabbit* to the *trouble* about in the *skein*, instead of having to fall back on the old *Oedipus*. We start this week with a visual interpretation of the parts of the body...

PARTS OF THE BODY

Germans	German bands	Hands
Longers	Longers and lingers	Fingers
Darby	Darby Kelly	Belly
Jumping	Jumping Jack	Back
Scotches	Scotch pegs	Legs
Plates	Plates of meat	Feet
Marys	Mary Rose	Toes
Loaf	Loaf of bread	Head
Trunks	Trunks of trees	Knees
Chalk	Chalk Farm	Arm
Gregory	Gregory Peck	Neck

AND, FOR THOSE WHO COULDN'T FOLLOW COLUMN THREE ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE.....



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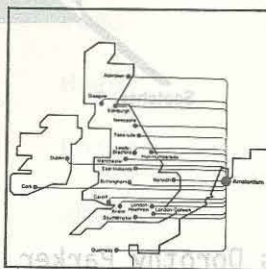
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SOCIETIES GOLF WEEKEND HUA HIN

64 Members of the four Societies attended the annual golfing weekend at Hua Hin, all of whom managed to turn out on both days! It must be something of a record that no one fell by the wayside over night.

Our thanks go to the British Club who laid on their usual good Barbecue at the Sunday evening prize giving where an attractive array of prizes were won by the following players, most of whom were not from amongst the regulars in the British Club golf outings.

Individual Winners

Highest Aggregate Stableford Points over 36 holes

1st	Les Vize	77 pts
2nd	Fleming Kinnaird	75 "
3rd	Hugh Creasy	74 "

Highest Points over 18 holes

Saturday

1st	Dai Pravitt	39 pts
2nd	Anne Quinn	38 "

Sunday

1st	John Kerr	35 pts
2nd	Tommy Madar	34 "

Highest Points over 9 holes

Saturday

1st Nine	David Cobbett	22 pts
2nd Nine	Lloyd Thomas	21 "

Sunday

	Leon van der Watt	20 pts
	Loretta Parker	20 "

Nearest Pin

Peter Speed, Derek Pott, David Humphreys, F. Kinnaird, Barry Thomson

Longest Drive

Ian Gibson, Peter Adcock, Loretta Parker (Sat & Sun)

Least number of putts

Leon van der Watt

Aggregate Low Gross over 2 days

Men Lloyd Thomas 174

Ladies Anne Quinn 189

Highest Points on Par 3's

Les Vize 18 pts

Callaway

1st D. Humphries

2nd A. Parker

3rd D. Kennedy

Inter Societies TrophiesAuld Reekie Trophy

Winner St. George's 607 pts v St. Andrew's 537 pts

St. Patrick's Cup

Winner St. George's 494 pts

2nd St. Patrick's 473 "

3rd St. Andrew's 435 "

4th St. David's (not enough players)

St. David's Cup

Winner St. David's 255 pts v St. Patrick's 217 pts

St. George's Cup

Winner St. Andrew's 50.45 pts

2nd St. Patrick's 47.56 "

3rd St. George's 45.27 "

4th St. David's (not enough players)

Individual Society Cups

St. Andrew's (The Sybil Donofield Cup) Fleming Kinnaird 75 pts

St. George's (The Delacour Cup) Hugh Creasy 74 "

St. Patrick's (The Malone Cup) Les Vize 77 "

St. David's (The E.C. Howell Cup) Dai Pravitt 71 "

SWIMMING SECTION

The Gala held on Sunday 9th March was given added impetus by the presence of our guest swimmers from the International Sports and Recreation Club. Although many of our own team improved on their times last month, outside competition proved a further stimulus and a few new records were made, notably by Steven Betteridge in Individual Medley and Butterfly, and John Hyde, who improved in the same races. William Devlin also improved in I.M. I have reservations about quoting actual times as our stop-watches may not have been strictly accurate as they were due for servicing, which is now being carried out. We thoroughly enjoyed having the I.S.R.C. children here, and intend asking them to participate in future galas. They in turn have invited us to a meet at the I.S.R.C. in April, the date of which is still to be fixed. Whilst on the subject, the May Gala will be cancelled as a trip to Chiangmai is being arranged, also in conjunction with the I.S.R.C., for the weekend of 1st May. There will be further details of this trip in next month's magazine.

On Tuesday 26th February we held a farewell after swimming training for Beth Weymouth and her children which was enjoyed by all participants. We presented Beth with a pewter vase and a Thai bronze bowl as a "thank you" for all her efforts on behalf of this section. The children were the first recipients of our new 'leavers' badges which we hope were a nice surprise for them. Even Megan had one, and whilst a bit young to have swum for the British Club team, there is no doubt that in the best Weymouth tradition she will win medals galore in the future. Again, our best wishes go with all the family.

As the April Gala falls on the Easter weekend there will be some novelty races with small prizes for the children.

During March, Helen and Hugh Jamieson took off for the cooler climes of Scotland, and very wise too. Helen asked a reminder to be drawn to the attention of all the Mums whose children attend either swimming lessons with Khun Choon, or training sessions: Notice in writing must be given to the office in good time if a month's lessons (or training) are to be cancelled. Otherwise, the fee will automatically go on your monthly account.

We continue to welcome new swimmers to training sessions, Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30 p.m. Khun Choon is off to a great start with all the children thoroughly enjoying themselves and working hard too. Remember - you don't have to attend training to swim in the galas - but it helps!!

DARTS NEWS

Since we last met on this page, the Lillywhites have suffered 4 defeats in a row followed by 1 win. But the late news is that your favourite team is now sufficiently under the influence of the optimum Amarit Level to be scoring record numbers of tons. (Dartists will notice the implication that our starting and finishing leave much to be desired!)

The home match against 20 Hotel on 21st February ended in a 5-12 defeat. Only Arthur and Bill (2 tons) won their singles, and at the end of a disappointing doubles session we were already 2-10 down. Some honour was restored when Bill, partnered by Terry and Chris, closed X 2 to win a triple, and when Brian Heath closed the Team Game.

The following week brought a 14-3 route at the hands of Lever Bros, the only British Club points coming from John in the singles and Bill and Roy in the doubles. However the ton score was Lever 6 British Club 8. John scored 5 (including a 140 and a 125) with the others from Terry, Roy and Bryan.

The next game at the Club was a thriller with Hobson's Choice clinching an 8-9 victory with a good finish in the team game. Singles wins from Bryan and Andy, and Doubles wins from Arthur and Andy and John and Bill saw the score level going into the triples. These were halved when John, partnered by Arthur and Bill closed X 16. Two tons from John and 1 from Bryan.

After 7 games without a defeat, Division leaders Bobby's Arms came to the Club on 13th March, and won 6-11. Our only singles points came from John and Roy, and the least said about Bryan's whitewash the better! Roy and Chris produced a doubles win, as did Arthur, Brian Heath and Chris in the triples. Tons BC 5 (Chris, Roy, Brian H, Arthur and John) Bobby's 7.

On 20th March, visiting Bobby's Arms to play Rajah Fashions, the Lillywhites started nervously by losing 3 of the first 4 singles. Terry was the one winner at that stage, but the scores were levelled with wins from Bryan and Chris. But downing a few quick ones, the Brits soon reached their optimum Amarit Levels and won all the remaining games to record the best win of the season 14-3. Nine tons came from Arthur (3 x 100) John (2 x 100) Bryan (122 and 119) Ingrid (138) and Terry.

The fortunately not too widely publicised match against British Airways (Manchester) - our first international - was grounded as the BA team failed to reach Bangkok as scheduled. Were they on Aeroflot?

IF YOU OWN A DOG YOU SHOULD READ THIS

Toxocara canis is an ascarid commonly known as the large roundworm and is an extremely common gastrointestinal parasite in dogs. These roundworms infect virtually every newborn pup. In late pregnancy, migrating larvae in the bitch become active and infect the puppy before or after birth by migrating through the mammary tissue and ingested milk. Afterwards, infection may result by swallowing eggs that have been passed out with the feces and ingested in food.

The role played by the larvae of *Toxocara* spp. in the infection known as "visceral larval migrans" in man has been extensively documented by research workers and is considered to be an important public health problem. This syndrome is by no means confined to children as revealed by more recent reports. Damage to the human eye and permanent loss of sight as a result of *Toxocara* migration is a particularly serious problem.

Extensive surveys carried out in the UK have indicated that 5% of the general human population have experienced infection (a blood test specific for *Toxocara canis* was used). However, three times as many epileptics react to the test than normal people and similar high figures have been seen for liver and lung disease patients. This strongly suggests that the parasite may be responsible for some of these problems.

The infection in young children, as well as adults, is acquired by direct contact with puppies or through accidental ingestion of ova in soil or sand which has been contaminated by these domestic pets. The eggs may also be found in fecally-contaminated food, particularly in unwashed vegetables or fruit. Children are especially prone to pick up roundworm infections in kennel areas. The fact that roundworm eggs can be spread not only by direct contact with feces of the pet but also from general handling and licking of the dog poses a special problem to parents of small children. Regular deworming of your pets using a safe wormer to kill migrating larvae and recently acquired infections is recommended to reduce this problem.

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SOCCER SECTION

Our triumph over the Scandinavians threw the League into a turmoil and was followed by varying degrees of celebration and tall stories. It was also followed by another blank weekend, soccerwise, before we met up with the Swiss again.

Unfortunately it was a lock out with the Gnomes unable to raise a team (something to do with a Bank Holiday), and they were forced to forfeit, and lose their deposit.

However, once again, after making sure the two points were ours, we gallantly gave them Morgan Kent and allowed them to recruit from the sidelines. Strangely enough, they ignored the women present, and gathered together a team of youngsters.

So it was with some joviality that the conquerors of the feared Scandinavians kicked off against the Swiss/I.S.B., wondering who would score all the goals, and how many would we get.

The first goal came when a Swiss forward prodded a tentative shot towards the British Club goal, where Sir William Appleyard (busy listening to Morgan Kent's jokes?) calmly watched the ball go past him, until too late, he realised it was going into the goal.

The second goal, was a billiard player's dream, with Howard Tiffen "scoring" with an "in off", off Billy's ankles, whilst the Tubby one was busy planning his leaving party.

Yes! Bangkok's loss is Germany's gain.

So it was two-nil down on a hot day in a match we had already won 5-0, and despite some fine work by our defence we went down even further.

The final score settled at five-nil against and with Steve Balme, hobbling along on a walking stick, Cobbet absent (disgraced) and J.C. disguised behind a beard, we were able to get some good odds on the Soccer vs Squash Tournament which is reported elsewhere in this journal.

The final game of the season was also the final game in British Club colours for Howard Tiffen, Groper Richards, Paul Fairbrother and Billy Appleyard, not to mention any Indians who might get in the way.

This was the best supported game of the season, with a good B.C. turn out, plus the entire German team, who were vociferously supporting the Brits, since they had a good chance of winning the League if the Boys in Blue should beat the Indians.

Thus the scene was set with emotions running high. This was the game we really wanted to win, as we had several scores to settle, and settle them we did in true old fashioned British style.

After our usual pre-match discussion, with the batchelors comparing notes, we got off to our usual tentative start, but gallantly survived, much to the delight of the crowd.

Then after about 15 minutes into the game, Paul Merryweather, from deep inside his own half, gained possession, made some ground, and ignoring his Captain's instructions to give it here before you lose it, hit what this writer can only describe as a glorious pass over the heads of the admiring Indian Defence for Col Cobbet to burst through with a determined run to score a great breakaway goal which delighted the huge crowd. (Well?)

Everybody was delighted, with the possible exception of the Indians, who fought back furiously and managed to get our defence into a few tangles, without actually scoring despite going desperately close.

Half time B.C. 1 Indians 0

By now we could sense "it was on" and your heroes were a little bit tense during the break, as we pretended to ignore the unusually kind remarks from the spectators as we gasped for breath.

It was then that our Captain pulled his masterstroke of the season, when he returned from an earnest discussion with the Germans to announce that we were "on" for a 50 litre keg if we downed the Indians. Say no more.

Thus fortified, it was a new team that went out for the second half to end our season with glory.

The opening minutes were evenly balanced until late comer Eric Thomson loped along, intercepted the ball and hit a good pass to J.C. who then cracked the ball home with a fierce shot which burst through the side netting. (Good stuff eh?)

The killer goal came when that stalwart of the team Tony Trail forced a corner on the right. This was taken by Andy McWallace, who aimed it perfectly towards the penalty spot, where Roger Sprinter was waiting to head the ball firmly into the net off, the inside of the post, for another fine goal.

Final Score B.C. 3 Indians 0

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JAZZ BY CANDLELIGHT

Before their forthcoming tour of the USA:

THE THAI INTERNATIONALS will perform at a
Candlelight Buffet Dance at the Club on

SATURDAY 19 APRIL

8.00 - 12.00

This outstanding dixieland band (remember "And All That Jazz" last year?) will play in the newly decorated and air-conditioned Suriwongse Room (formerly the Cinema Room), transformed to an intimate setting with dance area. Liquid refreshment only will be served in this room via a special Wine and Ale Bar, dispensing carafes and jugs of same.

The Big Sound will be relayed to the Dining Room, bathed in soft lights and candles, where the buffet will be set up.

To encourage an interflow (very good word - Ed.) between the two rooms, the Big Sound will be relayed to the Dining Room, bathed in soft lights and candles, where the Buffet will be set up. (Nice! - Ed.)

Admission to both rooms will be by ticket only (฿140 for Dance and Buffet).

Space limits us to no more than 150 people.

Telephone the office NOW to reserve your tickets.

After the match in a moving ceremony the outgoing players were presented with their souvenir tankards, and asked to sign the corresponding B.C. Debit Note.

Thus the season ended with the B.C. safely placed, and with some fine matches behind them.

P.S. the Germans won the league and we received the fifty litre keg.

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It is with regret that the bush telegraph has it that Bangkok's own David Coleman is shortly to be once again studying Australian Rules on the spot in Melbourne, where, it is said, it is easier for a camel to pass through the knee of an idol than it is to find a soccer team.

MEMBERS v STAFF

This important new fixture in the SOCCER Section's calendar will take place on the Back Lawn on Saturday 12th April at 4.30 p.m.

The final result is, of course, in no doubt but your presence might just prevent the Members' defeat being too humiliating.

Amarit have kindly agreed to supply the after-match beer (for the players) and ample supplies of such and Barbecue snacks will be available.

SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS IN THIS HALF HOUR OF NEED

(This impartial announcement was supplied by the Manager who has undertaken NOT to referee the match. - Ed.)

GOLF SECTION

Rose Garden (24th February 1980)

Twenty four golfers turned up at Rose Garden on a hot still Sunday to compete in a Pairs Better Ball Medal Competition sponsored by British Airways. Despite the slow play the scores were good with David Frost and Sally Voravarn winning with a net 61 from ageless Tommy Madar and hustling Hans Daniels with a net 63. The first nine was won by Ted Peightal and Gian Paola and the second nine by Jim Aitken and Ken Long. Nearest the pin was won by Ann Quinn and Gian Paola.

Unico (8th March 1980)

Surprisingly 21 golfers turned up at 7.00 a.m. at Unico for a Club Bogey Competition -- the type of competition no-one enjoys! The course is gradually being improved but the greens still seem very hard and difficult to stay on. Rupert Jameson won an attractive copper bowl with plus five whilst the worthy treasurer Derek Pott was runner-up with plus three. Derek Watson and Peter Speed won the first and second nine prizes. Rupert Jameson and our august captain John Davidson championed the accuracy tests. The captain claims it was the only golf shot he played all morning!

Stop Press

If you have been lucky enough to win a match in the Dunlop Competition, please make sure that you play your next round according to the schedule on the British Club board.

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SQUASH SECTION

LEAGUE

League 26: Finished on 9th March and there were many close finishes, especially in divisions 5, 9 and 10 where the final match result affected the finishing position of 3 players.

Division

	1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Len Alexander	J. Kerr	T. Blanc
2.	Nick Launder	M. Holgate	A. Lamb
3.	Simon Brewin	B. McConnell	A. Wade
4.	John Hancock	F. Frankel	F. Devlin
5.	John Townend	V. Betteridge	D. Johnson
6.	Brian Honey	D. Humphreys	J. Dunford
7.	John Sill	T. Whalley	S. Younger
8.	Andy Dunlop	D. Souter	G. Bellamy
9.	Bob Russell	B. Appleyard	J. Walker
10.	Paul Fairbrother	C. Thomson	A. Bearpark
11.	Helen Bellamy	G. Strongman	S. England
12.	Audrey Sill	H. Demery	R. Dunford

League 27: Entry forms were sent out on 19th March and the League will start on the 10th April and finish on 25th May. If you have not put an entry in telephone Tony Blanc 233-8939 or Nick Launder 233-6960.

Positions in the league are determined by finishing positions in previous leagues, if you feel you should be higher then arrange matches with better players and submit the results for the league organiser to consider.

HANDICAP EVENT AND SOCIAL 24TH FEBRUARY

A very successful day was enjoyed by all and with an excellent barbecue on the front lawn in the early evening. There were 41 entrants in the round robin tournament with Bob Russell finishing on top of the winner's group and John Salter winning the loser's group. The rumour that Tony Blanc is to take up darts may not be entirely without foundation but has nothing to do with him finishing last in the loser's group.

SQUASH vs SOCCER

The much awaited challenge match between these two groups was held on the 9th March with a drawn result (very dubious - Ed.) Although we did not score any goals in the soccer matches, it was evident that the Squash group had too many eggs in their basket with John Weymouth and Bob Lanham winning the egg throwing competition with a final throw of 161 feet, after Bob Carter's throw ended up as an omelette all over Colin Hasting's chest.

THIRD SQUASH COURT

Final drawings are now being completed and tenders for construction will be called in the next week with construction to start by the end of April or early May.

The estimated construction time of three to four months should give us our third court by late August.

SQUASH FLASH!!

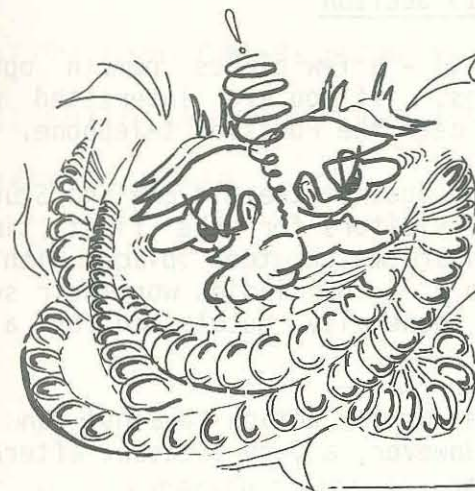
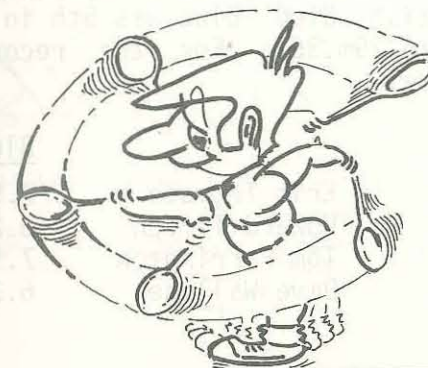
MORE NEWS FOR SQUASH FANS

Wednesday May 7th... an evening to remember. Reach for your diaries. All squash players, watchers and supporters, to note. To be held in the Suriwongse Room, the Club's new air-conditioned function room, cool and refreshing. At a very nominal cost for a special dinner... but see what you will receive FREE.

Come along at 6.45 to 7.15 p.m., enjoy some free rum punch (specially imported from the smugglers' caves of Jamaica), and some fellowship with those squash fans you've seen or not seen before, those you've been beaten by, or defeated. Enjoy seeing the finals of 2 world squash championships recently held, on the big 6 foot video (imported for the occasion). Listen to, and ask questions of, Len 'the shadow' Alexander (who?) and Steve 'kid' Balme (who?), as they give brief (repeat, brief) talks on topics of general squash interest ("when can I claim a let"?, "how to keep super-fit without really trying", and so on).

Oh yes, and the main reason for this big evening, organised by the squash committee... is to have our own wee AGM (a 'first' for the BC?). Here is our chance to vote in a democratically elected committee, choose a captain, complain, criticise or compliment, ... AND drink, eat, and be merry.

Please support YOUR section and let us see all the squash lads and lassies on May 7th.



'LET?!'

Polley 27th

(Lifted from a publication of Singapore Cricket Club Squash Section -- hope you don't mind, SCC.)

UNOFFICIAL ATHLETICS SECTION OFF TO FLYING START

Word of the amazingly versatile performances of members of the Soccer and Squash Sections filtered to the outside world and The British Club (loosely) was invited to enter a team in the 4 x 2000 metres relay organised by the Lumpini Lopers on 15th March, 1980.

Working from incompleated records of previous Athletic Achievements (mainly the mini-marathon run during the soccer/squash olympics), two teams were put together. Bearing in mind that this event was to be run at 8.00 a.m. on a Saturday morning, this was quite incredible. Even more incredible was the possibility that the Club could have entered more teams but for travelling commitments and the short time-table available for putting the teams together.

The teams were fixed to be of approximately equal ability and as always when employing the British Compromise, they both achieved moderate placings. 11 teams entered altogether. AIT won in an aggregate time of 25m.57. British Club Blue was 5th in 28m.41 and British Club Green was 9th in 29m.30. For the record our "athlete's" individual times were:-

	Green		Blue
Tony Blanc	8.41	Eric Thomson	7.57
Dave Cobbett	7.00	Howard Tiffen	6.24
Alan Wade	7.15	Tom Farrington	7.50
Paul Fairbrother	6.34	Dave Wallace	6.30

TENNIS SECTION

The ladder has started (at last) - a few places remain open in both ladies' and men's sections. If you are interested please add your name. The ladder is near the Poolside telephone.

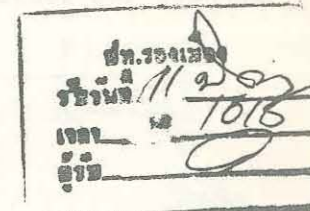
March saw the section in action against the Old England Student's Association when they were our visitors for the first time in many years. A very high standard match took place with OESA winning the afternoon by 11 to 7. Our ladies won their section convincingly but our men were generally outclassed by a side containing many star players.

The month should also have seen us in action against an ESCAP side, which didn't arrive. However, a very pleasant afternoon's tennis took place nevertheless.

With the heat building up, there will be very few competitive matches from now until after the rains. The courts are in the best condition for a long, long time and therefore there will be plenty of opportunity for social tennis.

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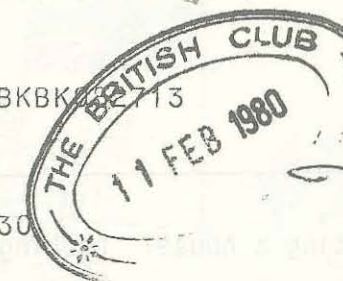


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(Your wish is granted - Ed.)

Sir,

Congratulations to the British Club on taking out, at last, a subscription to our illustrious but much maligned publication "Private Eye". However, it has brought to my attention that some reactionary cad has been permanently removing it from the reading room within hours of its arrival. A fate deserved in the case of "Country Life" and its ilk, I might add, but not the "Eye".

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Arrangements have been made with Gnome Security Services to have the culprit severely dealt with. Be warned. Meanwhile perhaps two subscriptions would be in order.

Yours, etc.,

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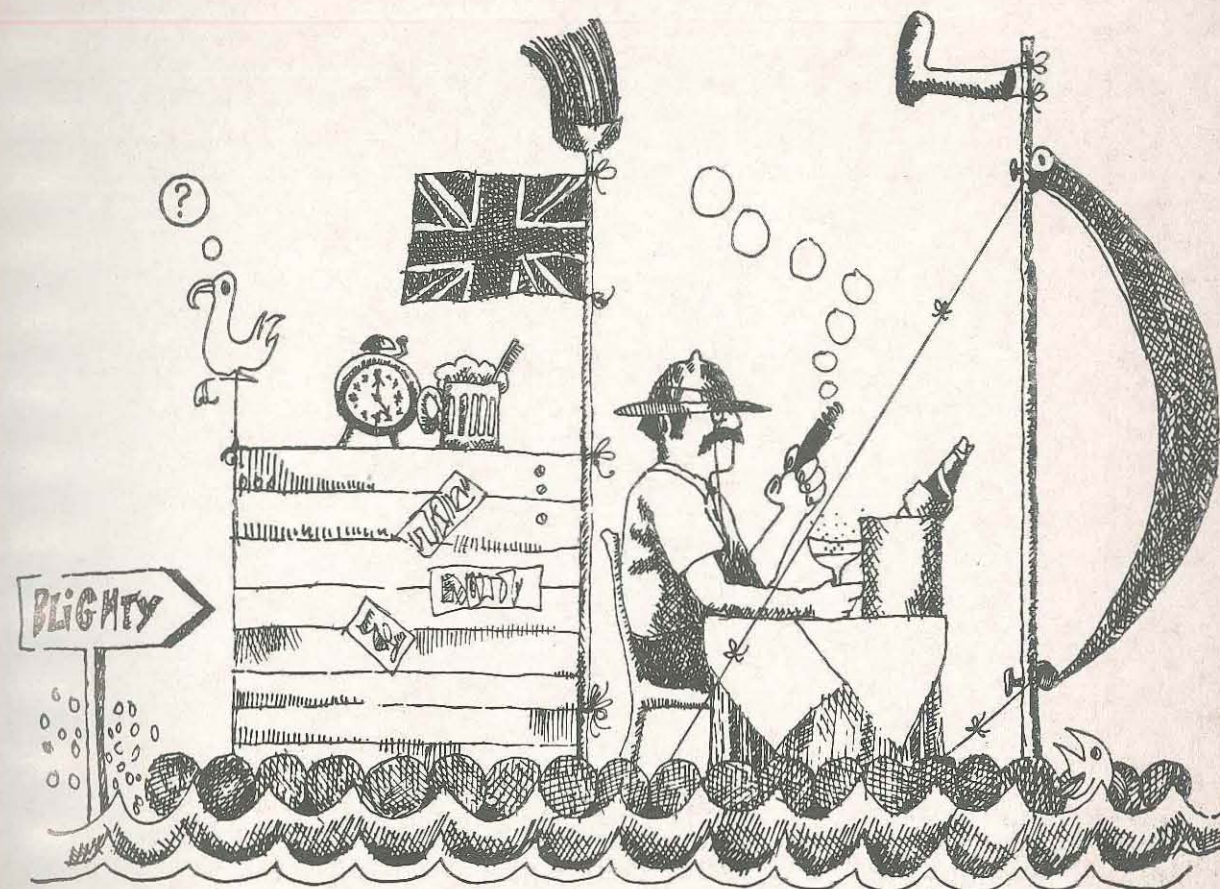
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