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Editorial

No big surprises in this issue, the mixture is pretty much as before! In the last eighteen months or so the format of OUTPOST has settled into a familiar and, we hope, attractive layout of all the ingredients making for an easily-read club magazine. This would not have been possible without contributions from members and here and on page 22 I record my personal thanks to all those who have contributed in the past year.

I also record my thanks to the Editorial staff: Duncan Niven (the largest collection of cartoons in South-East Asia), Gordon Burles, Brian Brook and Pravit; their assistance is deserving of much credit. Many others have been press-ganged - usually from the Club Bar - to help with proof-reading and other tasks which, as the magazine grew, taxed the strength of the 'regulars'. They earned their pints - it's nice to have friends!

With the AGM so late in the month, we don't yet know who to introduce as your next Editor. We can therefore only wish him and his team Good Luck for future issues and assure him that with the support of readers that we have enjoyed, they will have a lively, entertaining and satisfying task.

Finally I would thank the British Club office staff, particularly the long-suffering Prayoon who types all this rubbish twice, and Club Manager Bob Vlietstra and his deputy Khun Adisak for their continued cooperation in our production.

And now I commend readers to what follows. Enjoy this issue of OUTPOST - and many others - and all the amenities of the British Club.

Ian Hill

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in March 1982:

Ordinary

Mr. W.J.C. Dick	Thai Shell E & P Ltd.
Mr. B.P.C. Diprose	Australian Embassy
Mr. N.R.T. Dunkley	Thai Shell E & P Ltd.
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Non-Voting

Mr. N.A. Ashton	Expro Gulf Ltd.
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Ladies Privilege

Mrs. J.F.A. Van Hengel

Associate

Mr. P. Fangman	Banque Indosuez
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Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	407
Non-Voting	8
Associate	43
Ladies Privilege	38
Up-Country	22
Candidates	43
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TOTAL	561
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Fly

Items of main concern recently in the Suriwongse Room on Tuesdays appeared to be preparations for the AGM. It occurred to Fly that some of the panics were about matters which should be routine, but Fly thought maybe the build-up to the hot season had affected things. Certainly a fire at the printer of the Annual Report had some affect! Fly thinks members should know that in the Annual Report, the list of members is as at 1st January, 1983.

Fly thought the new computer would be a great help here and was consequently dismayed to learn that George (or whatever the computer was called) had broken a spindle on trial run and had to be returned to Hong Kong for repairs. Fly thought computers ran on silicon chips, not spindles, and realised that much patience is necessary when working with computers!

VISIT BY ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

HMAS Torrens and HMAS Swan, Destroyer Escorts, will be visiting the Port of Bangkok during the period 2nd April to 5th April 1983. The British Club has offered use of the Club's facilities to officers and men, and suitable sporting fixtures have been arranged.

OUTPOST takes this opportunity to say "Welcome" on behalf of the Club and hopes that their visit to Thailand and the Club will be both enjoyable and memorable.

Club Night

Major-General PICHITR KULLAVANIJAYA



Born on 6th July, 1932, Major-General Pichitr Kullavanijaya demonstrated his aptitude for a military career by graduating from Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy at the top of class 2 and from West Point, which he attended on a Scholarship, with excellence. Early in his career he was transferred to Special Forces and he became both a respected training officer and field officer on Communist suppression operations.

After graduating from Staff College in 1966 he served with the Thai Volunteer forces in Vietnam for two years. Subsequently he was appointed to the Staff of Third Army Area in the North of Thailand, later to command Fourth Infantry Regiment and then became Deputy Commander of Fourth Infantry Division. It was during his years in Northern Thailand that General Pichitr's name became known throughout Thailand as the mastermind of the successful operations against the Communist Party of Thailand strongholds in the Khao Khor area of Phetchabun and Phitsanuloke provinces. These successes represented the major turning point of the Royal Thai Government's Communist suppression campaign.

About 70 people attended the Club Night on 16th March to hear Maj.-Gen. Pichitr speak. Guests of Honour included H.E. Mr. H.A.J. Staples, CMG and Mrs. Staples and Col. Ben Harrold and Mrs. Harrold. After an excellent three-course dinner served in style to suit the occasion, Mr. Norman Musgrave introduced the speaker to the company.

Major-General Pichitr explained that he did not propose to discuss the constitutional amendment which had been the subject of voting in Parliament that day, but he proposed to outline the methods adopted for dealing with the problem of Communist insurgency using the campaign in the Khao Khor district, recently completed with success, as an example.

A stable society requires four stable elements: military, civil, economic and political, and of these military supremacy is the first requirement, enabling the others to survive. The basis of the strategy was as follows:

- first - provide effective military opposition to the (destroying) Communists, followed by training of local loyalists and effective guard facilities in the area.
- second - construct roads into the area to enable economic activities to be developed.
- third - clear the land either side of roads, level and grade for planting and cultivation of crops. Construct reservoirs and local water-supply facilities.

As early as possible, people were encouraged to settle in the cleared areas and commence farming. Given security of land tenure, and practical assistance from the armed forces, the Department of Highways, the Ministry of Agriculture and many other government and private bodies, an infrastructure viable for a stable community was developed.

Each village was allocated with 20 rai of land, seeds and fertilizers for initial crops and with water supply and road access to markets the new inhabitants could see that a safe and stable life was possible. Leadership was encouraged from within each new community on democratic principles of election and schools were set up as early as possible for the education of both children and adults. Soldiers were encouraged to settle in the new communities, providing expert trainers to assist the villagers in self-defense.

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CLUB NIGHT (continued)

In this way, the population was being provided with stability, a fair society and a reasonable standard of living. With these assets they would - and do, as Major-General Pichitr was able to show, consistently reject the false ideals of Communism. The new communities with developing communications gave the people a real sense of belonging to the larger community of Thailand.

Major-General Pichitr followed his talk with a film recording the campaign in Khao Khor. This covered the establishment of new villages from early stages through to evident success and stability, demonstrated by visits of His Majesty the King during the years 1978 to 1981.

This was a most interesting evening and members were very appreciative of hearing Major-General Pichitr, particularly at such a busy time.

Compliments are also due to the Entertainments Committee, the Manager and Club staff for making all the arrangements.



Club Night Pre-Prandials....



.... and Post Prandials

St. Patrick's Society of Bangkok

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ANNUAL BALL

St. Patrick's Day, the 17th March, was celebrated as only the Irish can celebrate, on the night of the 18th which conveniently fell on a Friday, allowing some fortunate participants to revel in the thought of no work on the morrow.

Arriving at the top at the Oriental staircase we were welcomed first by three pretty young ladies, Tara Vise, Jennifer O'Brien and Ruth Rajevejepisal with smiles and deft application of the traditional shamrock to lapel, dress or even bare skin alike. The next pleasant surprise was a glass of Jamieson whiskey with compliments of Caldbeck MacGregor and the Inchcape organisation: a suitable foundation for the shenanigans to follow.

President Brian Butterfield and Vice-President David Tarrant, with their lovely wives, gave the formal welcome and cocktails completed the removal of the working week's cares and woe. Looking round, we saw plenty of green: dresses, ties, even a trilby hat rumoured to come from St. Louis, Mo., and one extra-terrestrial was sporting green antennae.

The Grand Ballroom was decorated with the traditional shields of the Emerald Isle (do the staff really know which shields belong to which Loyal Society?) and we entered to the music of the ubiquitous Ading Dila and his leprechauns. Reverend Ian Bull offered grace to the Lord and St. Patrick, patron of the "land of saints and sinners - er - scholars", and we were rewarded with an excellent dinner: St. Patrick's salad and Antrim broth (B.C. cooks take note - this was very very good!) with Ulster soda bread led to baked Limerick ham. The main dish included "Roast Murphy's" which caused some to wonder. Speculation was concluded by the thought that whatever Murphy had done, he wouldn't be doing much of it again. Shamrock souffle, Gaelic coffee and Coleraine candies completed a marvellous repast.

In his presidential address, Mr. Butterfield explained that he would refrain from customary banter about the other three Societies since he considered it bad manners to make jokes about less fortunate people who are not Irish. He commented on the Buddhist idea of reincarnation and suggested that if Christians were to be rewarded for an exemplary life they would be re-born as Irishmen. Brian gave us a potted biography of St. Patrick, squashing the misconception that he

had been born to Pakistani parents in Wales. He concluded by reminding us that St. Patrick had removed all snakes from Ireland - a noble service to the inhabitants - and expressed the desire that the Saint would pause awhile in Soi 34 where plenty of the beasts shared domicile with his household and that of Mr. Maurice Kerr! Mr. Butterfield also gave special welcome to Des Kennedy, sole Founder Member of the Society still in Bangkok.

There followed a cabaret by the inimitable (and often un-reportable) Eamonn McGirr in his coat and hat of many colours. Mr. McGirr is blessed with plenty of talent to entertain: skilled fingers at the guitar, a good voice, a retentive memory containing a vast repertoire of songs, ballads, poetry, parodies and jokes and a ready wit for repartee, all contained in a round loveable frame generating immediate rapport with his audience. This listener could have done with more of the real Irish humour and less invocations to "clap your hands!" and similar promptings ("Are we all enjoying ourselves?") designed, one feels, for less sophisticated audiences. Nevertheless the laughter was continuous and the gaiety inspired at one table a lady to display her own considerable talent for dancing and a lovely pair of legs!

Remembered lines:

"... Wales, where men are men and sheep are nervous...!"

"... a special welcome for anyone on honeymoon - except the British Ambassador, who's always on honeymoon!"

* A car load of Paddies visiting London, driven by Shamus, *
who insists on going through red traffic lights because
his brother who lives in London told him everybody does
it. When he's asked why he stopped at a green light he
* explains that his brother might be coming the other way! *

Revelry continued with dancing to Ading Dila's music (covering the century's favourites as usual) and a second interval with Eamonn McGirr. Well past mid-night, the company started to thin and we all went homewards with the satisfaction that St. Patrick's Day had been properly celebrated for the 20th time in Bangkok.

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Some Welcomes:



First, to Mr. J.H. Donofield, OBE, Chairman of the British Club during the years 1962 - 1964. Mr. and Mrs. Donofield have been visiting Thailand from their home in Jersey and are seen in our photo (on the right) attending the Club Night with Bob and Bawchai Vlietstra.



Second, to nearly all the group in this photo: Lindsey (Bottom, right) and Alan Barlow, (back, left) and Ben (seated) and Jacqueline Piper (next to her husband) who have all recently returned from UK. This photo was also taken on Club Night.

Our F & B Correspondent Writes

Dinner Video

Dinner Video continues to enliven what used to be a very dull time at the Club viz. Saturday evenings. A large quantity of UK TV tapes has recently arrived so the next month should allow us to show many new items including a television adaptation of A.J. Cronin's "The Citadel".

There has also been an initial response to the appeal for more tape from members. We are still looking for a copy of the BBC documentary "Soul of a Nation" (an excellent film about H.M. King Bhumiphol). If you have a copy of this, or know some one who has, please contact Mr. I. Fleming, home telephone 391 2665, office telephone 395 4211.

In order to improve the quality of our dinner video, we have acquired a larger T.V. set, a 26 inch model which we hope will help members see the action more clearly.

Wine List

Three new items have been added. "Sangre de Toro" a red from Spain, "Black Tower" Liebfraumilch white from Germany and a white Chianti with the improbable name of "Bianco delle Colline Toscane" (translation: white from the little Tuscan Hills) Mama mia! what next?

Much to the embarrassment of the Club management the "Sangre de Toro" sold out within two days of its introduction. It seems that this "macho" wine is going to be popular so why don't you try a bottle?

F & B Questionnaire

At the General Committee on the 15th March it was agreed, as a result of members' questionnaire suggestions, to implement a staff training programme each Friday morning at 9.00 a.m. If you happen to be at the Poolside at that time please excuse the apparent lack of action. Khun Adisak, our assistant manager, will be lecturing the staff on how to improve service and efficiency at the Club.

The Dining Room

One member suggested that the description "Dining Room" was too institutional and conjured up visions of school meals - or worse! We welcome further comment as to what to call the dining room. Any ideas? "The Wellington Room", "The Cosy Nook", "Chez Nous"?

Have you noticed an improvement in the quality and presentation of the food at lunch time since we hired a professional chef on a part time basis? We are trying to find another chef to repeat the process in the evening. In the meantime the dining room is now much busier (but you can still find a seat). Thanks for your patronage.

Cold Draught Beer

There is one metre of lagged pipe between the keg of chilled beer and the dispensing tap. Unfortunately, this lagged pipe seems to shelter a glass or more of warmish beer so the first member to sample the suds after a period of inactivity at the pump, gets a warmer than usual beer. Our apologies. Your F & B sub-committee plan to instal a coil chiller to alleviate this problem.

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Puzzle for April

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Each played one sport at the club: squash, tennis, snooker, soccer and swimming.

Each read one magazine or newspaper: Bangkok Post, Nation, World, Playboy and Newsweek.

One was single, one having a meaningful relationship, one happily married, one happily divorced and one twice divorced (and still looking).

Each one kept a pet: a cockroach, a monkey, a rat, an elephant and a mosquito.

1. The general manager always knew the name of the "Pet of the month".
2. The one who played tennis had been divorced at least once.
3. The deputy manager was "happily married".
4. The manager went swimming.
5. The assistant manager played tennis.
6. The accountant's second wife left him because he read the Nation and drank Mekong.
7. The one who was single did not play a sport that used balls.
8. The one who played snooker read Newsweek.
9. The one who kept a rat ranked above, and the one who kept the elephant below, the assistant manager.
10. The one who kept the monkey played squash and read Playboy.
11. The one who kept the cockroach hated all forms of booze.
12. The one who kept the mosquito read Column Nine and the Wizard of Id each morning.

WHAT PET DID THE SNOOKER PLAYER KEEP AND WHAT DID THE MANAGER READ?

All solutions to 'OUTPOST PUZZLE', 189, Suriwongse Road, Bangkok 10500. Answers will be kept until 14th April. A bottle of whisky will be given to the first correct solution opened on that day.

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- S-105 The Primal Shrug
- S-106 Ego Gratification Through Violence
- S-107 Moulding Your Child's Behaviour Through Guilt and Fear.
- S-108 Dealing with Post-Realisation Depression
- S-109 Whine Your Way to Alienation
- S-110 How to Overcome Self-Doubt Through Pretence and Ostentation.

BUSINESS AND CAREER

- BC-1 "I made \$100 in Real Estate"
- BC-2 Money Can Make You Rich
- BC-3 Packaging and Selling Your Child
- BC-4 Career Opportunities in El Salvador
- BC-5 How to Profit From Your Own Body
- BC-6 The Underachievers Guide to Very Small Business Opportunities.
- BC-7 Tax Shelters for the Indigent
- BC-8 Looters' Guide to Cities
- BC-9 Beginners' Guide to Corpse Marketing

HOME ECONOMICS

- EC-10 How You Can Convert Your Family Room into a Garage.
- EC-11 Cultivating Viruses in Your Refrigerator
- EC-12 Burglarproof Your Home with Concrete
- EC-13 Sinus Drainage at Home
- EC-14 Basic Kitchen Taxidermy

HOME ECONOMICS (cont'd)

- EC-15 1001 Other Uses for Your Vacuum Cleaner
- EC-16 The Repair and Maintenance of Your Virginitiy
- EC-17 How to Convert a Wheelchair into a Dune Buggy
- EC-18 What to do with your Conversation Pit
- EC-19 Christianity and the Art of TV Maintenance

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- H-1001 Creative Tooth Decay
- H-1002 Exorcism and Acne
- H-1003 The Joys of Hypochondria
- H-1004 High Fibre Sex
- H-1005 Suicide and Your Health
- H-1006 Biofeedback and How To Stop It
- H-1007 Skate Your Way to Regularity
- H-1008 Tap Dance Your Way to Social Ridicule
- H-1009 Optional Body Functions

CRAFT

- C-101 Self Actualisation through Macrame
- C-102 How to Draw Genitalia
- C-103 Needlecraft for Junkies
- C-104 Cuticle Crafts
- C-105 Gifts for the Senile
- C-106 Bonsai Your Pet
- C-107 Rearranging Your Mate
- C-108 Choosing Wines for Cannibal Cuisine

Applications, accompanied by a deposit of \$1,000.- (in bank-notes), must be returned to the Bursar, Suriwongse C.F.E., 189, Suriwongse Road on 1st April, 1983. Female applicants for Course H-1004 will be interviewed on successive evenings commencing 3rd April.

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Solution to March Crossword

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Editor's Review of Outpost Year

For some reason worked out a couple of years or more ago, OUTPOST has not usually identified the authors of reports of Club activities and sports reports or sources of humorous features. Even feature articles remained anonymous, but in 1982 OUTPOST broke it's rule from time to time. Why should credit not be given to the person who has done the real work?

In this article we seek to redress the balance for the regular contributors. Such are the office facilities upstairs and the problems arising from working out of a bulging briefcase that some deserving mention have gone unrecorded. We regret this, and with our apology, add the assurance that everything published was very much appreciated.

With very many thanks to Jack Dunford for the inspiration, we proudly present the following list: (dates of OUTPOST issue in brackets).

OUTPOST GOLDEN BIRO AWARDS - 1982

Favourite write-up:

Richard Evans - St. George's Day Ball (June, 1982)

Favourite Sports Report:

Brian Heath - Darts (July, 1982)

Sports Writing: (it is impossible to distinguish between the following)

Clive Miller - Golf

Jack Dunford - Cricket

Dick Souter - Squash

David Gillett - Swimming

Favourite Letters:

Khun Kessara R. (August, 1982, commenting on the behaviour of the British abroad).

Richard J. Ellis (October, 1982, commenting on the apparent schizophrenia of another member!)

Favourite Puzzle:

Anonymous, C. 1938? - "Dogs Mead" (June, 1982)

Regular Club Puzzles:

Margaret Miller

Geof Connor

Feature Articles:

Jacqueline Piper - "Trees of Thailand" (June - December 1982)

Geof Connor - "The Hash" (November 1982)

Margaret Miller - "The Second Chance" (December, 1982)

Funniest Feature:

"A Letter from an Irish Mother"

(anon.) (July, 1982)

Favourite Reject: The following limerick penned at the St. David's Society Ball in 1982:

On Top of Mount Snowdon's fair peak,
Druids met, a new Bard to seek.
They argued all night,
Till by early light,
They had to come down for a leek!

OTHER AWARDS

Regular Reporting	- Ladies' Golf
Regular Sports Photos	- Ladies' Golf
Most Difficult Handwriting	- Ian Fleming
Most Terrible Punctuation	- Jack Dunford
Most Late Sports Report	- Bridge Section
Most Consistently Late Completing Competitions	- Snooker Section
Bets Spoof-readign	- Brian Brook
Most Entertaining Advert	- Dai Pravit
Unprintable Suggestions	- Gordon Burles

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MANY THANKS TO ALL - ED.

Caption Competition!



Suggestions received from the Editorial Staff were:

"What a take-off"

"It was at LEAST 10 pounds!"

"I would have been 78th, but 152 others passed me in the last 5 yards!"

"No, Miss, bigger than those!"

"But Darling, it's only 3 a.m.!"

"Don't mind the quality - feel the width"

A bottle of whiskey will be given by the new Editor of OUTPOST for the caption of his choice! Closing date 14th April.

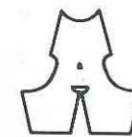
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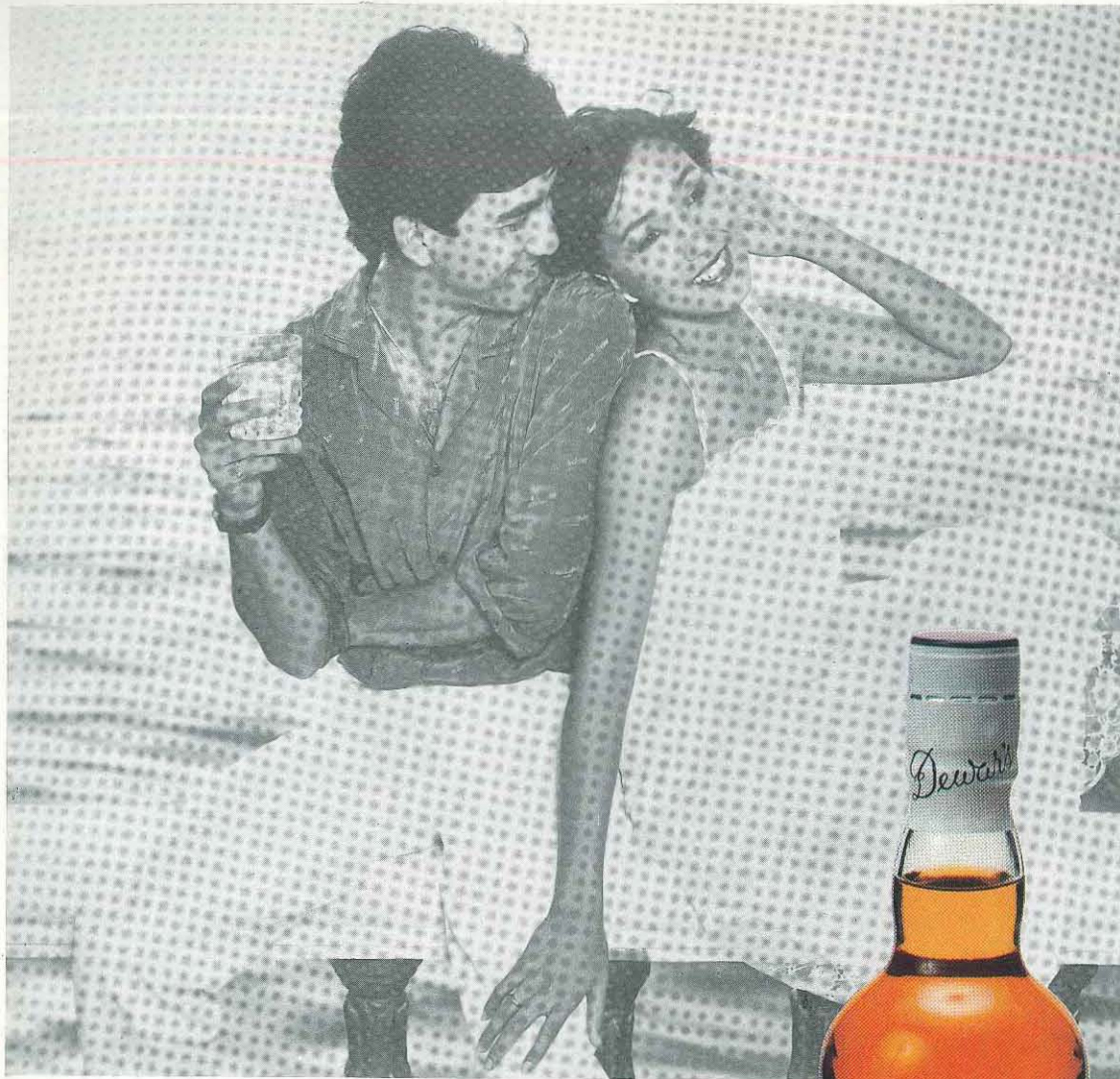


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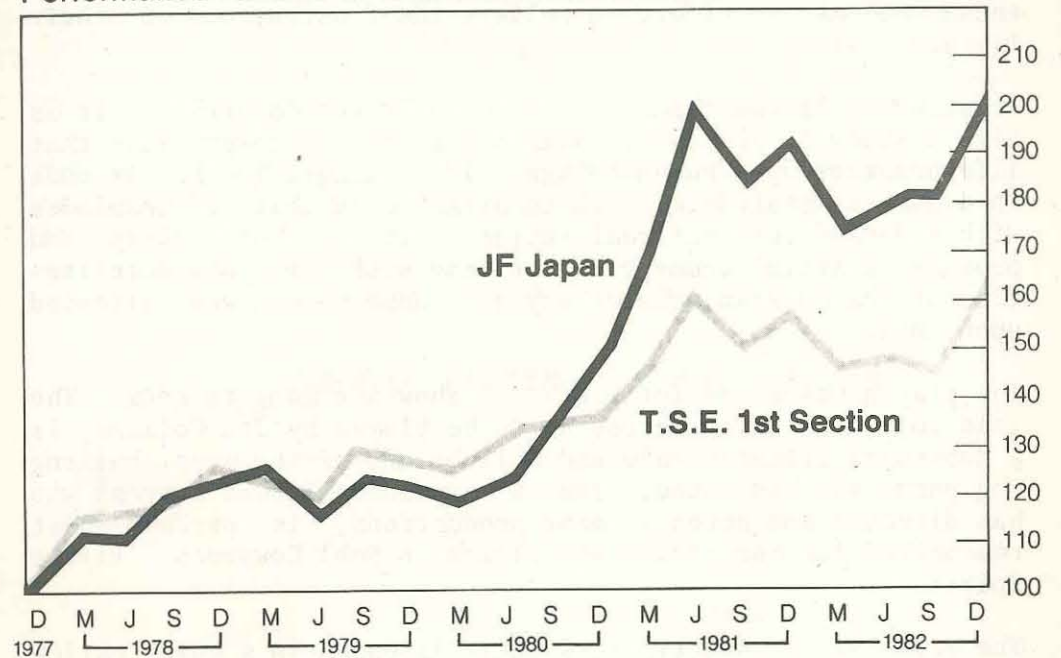
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STOP PRESS

Mr J.D. Lawrence can be contacted at the Oriental Hotel, Bangkok, from 30th May - 3rd June. Please call for an appointment to discuss your personal finances.

Theatre in Bangkok

Next month will see the Bangkok Community Theatre's second production of the year.

After the biting humour of 'Mixed Doubles', produced last February, the coming production will provide a contrast and a chance to see the B.C.T. thespians, including many Club members, in more stylish roles. B.C.T. are going back to Russia of the earlier 1800's to present Ivan Turgenev's classic comedy 'A Month in the Country'.

Turgenev was at his best when writing about women, especially those who make an effort to relieve the frustrations of their lives.

Frustration is the theme of 'A Month in the Country'. It is also a study in jealousy, heartbreak and the compromises that life enforces upon human beings. It is tragic in that it ends in a partial stalemate. It is dramatic in that life explodes with a demand for self realisation. It is both witty and provides a social comment of its time with its characterisation of the Russian aristocracy and those people who attended upon them.

The play gives scope for B.C.T. to show its many talents. The lead role of Natalia Petrovna, to be played by Jan Collins, is a demanding dramatic role and will be one of the most challenging parts she has acted. Jan, a very accomplished actress who has directed and acted in many productions, is perhaps best remembered for her role as Elvira in Noel Coward's 'Blythe Spirit.'

The male lead of Rakitin sees Cliff Ashenden in a quiet philosophical role. Members may remember with pleasure Cliff's performance in 'Quartermaine's Terms' last year where he played a similar, if more modern, character.

The main humour in this classical comedy is provided by the characters who attend upon the Yslaev family; the Doctor, the governess, the German tutor and the servants. The proposal scene between the Doctor (Geof Connor) and the governess (June Brereton) is sure to raise a few laughs, especially in this age of women's lib. Geof directed and played in B.C.T.'s last production, 'Mixed Doubles, whilst June played Miss Prism (also a governess) in the Importance of being Earnest, last year.

The main romantic interest is provided by Vera Alexandrovna (Jenny Segal) and Alexei Beliaew (Andy Rattue) who with Natalia and Rakitin weave a tangled web of classic proportions; both Jenny and Andy have appeared in previous productions.

A major facet of the production will be the period costumes and B.C.T. have been very lucky in obtaining assistance from Central Department Store who have provided most of the material for the women's dresses.

'A Month in the Country' is being directed by Cynthia Cahill, who besides appearing in B.C.T.'s last production, has acted and directed in Fiji and New Guinea as well as her native New Zealand. The show is being produced by Geof Connor and performances will be on April 19, 20, 21 and 22nd at Bhirasri Institute of Modern Arts in Soi Jusmag off Sathorn Tai Road.

Get your tickets at the club, Central Chidlom or Asia books and support the English Language Theatre in Bangkok - see you there.

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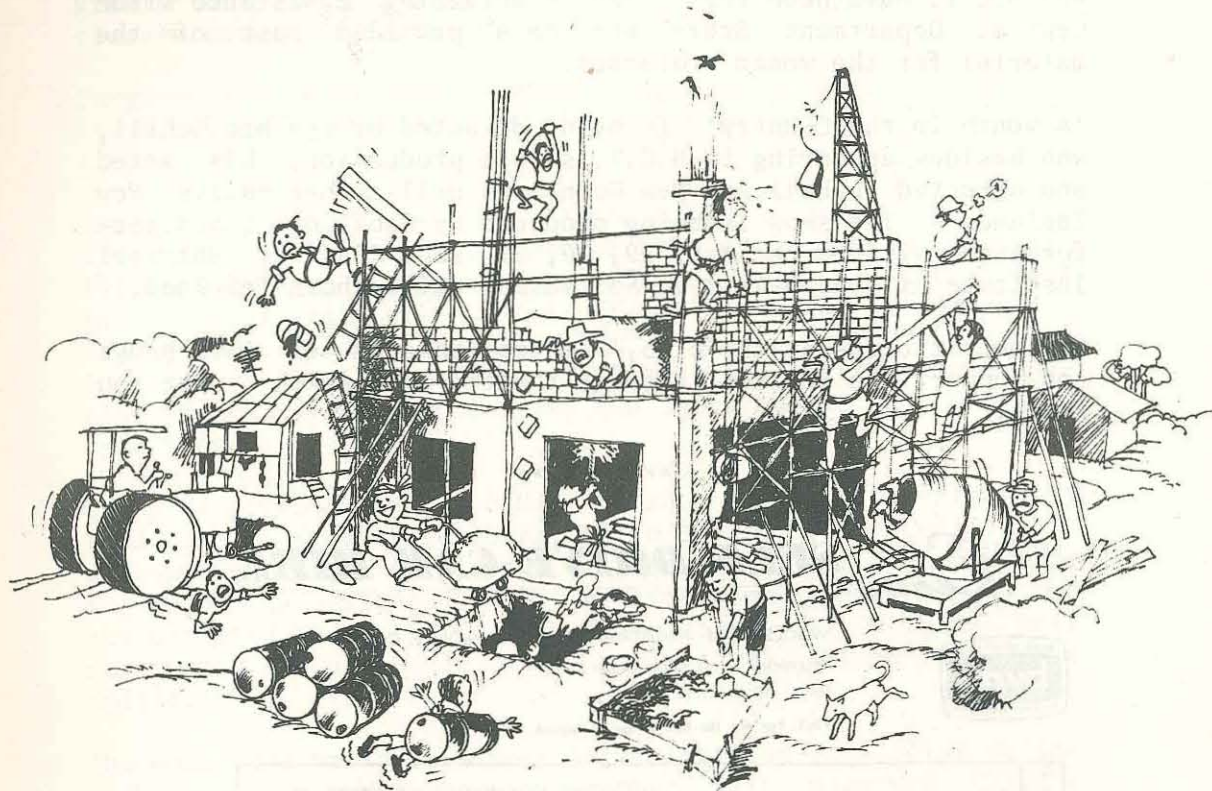
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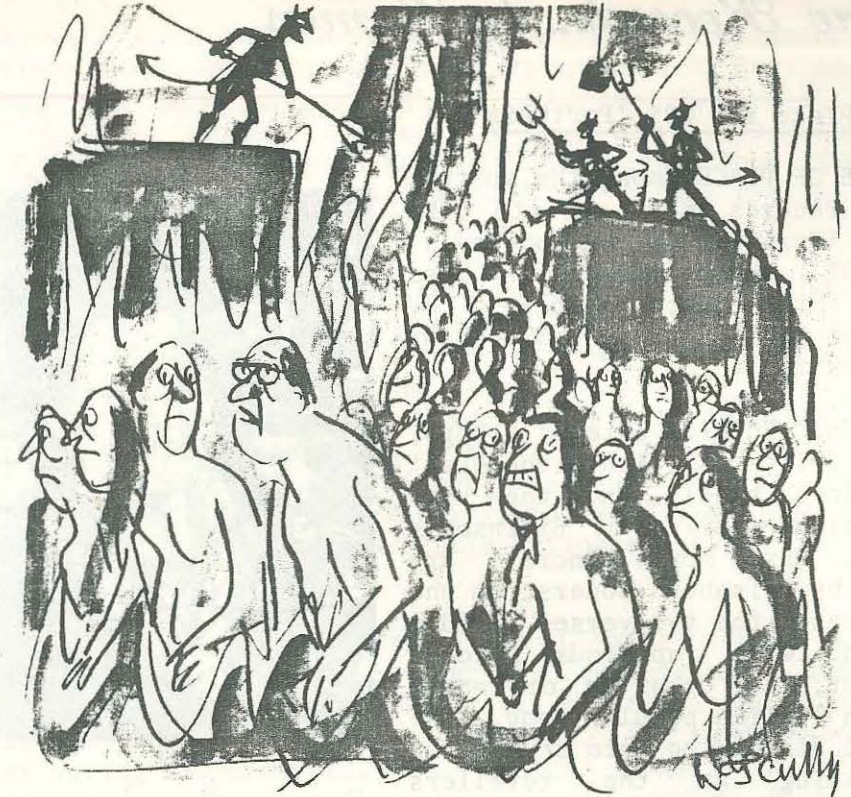


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New Records...by Camus

Top Place for CBS 'Portrait'

PRIDE OF PLACE among the month's new records must go to the CBS 'Portrait of Andrew Davis' (74101) which features no less than three famous singers together with four well-known orchestras.

Two of Edvard Grieg's songs, the delicious 'Ich Liebe Dich' (I love thee), and the very imposing setting of Bjornson's poem, 'From Monte Pincio', are sung by Elisabeth Soderstrom who contrasts the two verses vividly -- one with rapturous melodic effect, the other in the atyle of an Italian popular song, the music dissolving into sounds of rejoicing as the revellers vanish into the night.



Elisabeth Söderström

Currently in-fashion soprano Kiri Te Kanawa sings the lovely 'Pie Jesu' from Durufle's Requiem with due devotion -- perhaps you will be more familiar with the Gabriel Fauré version -- though some of the most impressive singing on the recording comes from Frederica von Stade as she presents two items from Mahler's 'Des Knaben Wunderhorn' (The Youth's Magic Horn). The first, 'Wer hat dies Liedlein erdacht?' is a 'perpetual motion' country landler dance, while 'Rheinlegendchen' (Rhine Legend) tells of a sweetheart, a gold ring -- and a fish!.

The record's title refers as a compliment to conductor Andrew Davis who directs the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Choir in the Overture and Polovtsian Dances (you will recognize the tunes immediately) from Borodin's opera 'Prince Igor'. The Overture calls on a rapid alternation of the orchestra's trumpets, while the 'dances' of the triumphant Polovtsi and maidens (an exotic spectacle in the opera) makes a colourful and exciting conclusion to the music.

Mr. Davis also conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Fauré's 'Pavane', its seductive 'style galant' being fully illustrated.

Top place, indeed, to this new record which should command a welcome place in your collection.

IF we want music that has a good melody and is pleasant 'on the ear', we need not look further than Haydn. For example two of his many symphonies - No. 94, the "Surprise", and No. 104, the "London" - abound in tunes which are easy to absorb and in rhythms which are extremely infectious (Haydn: Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra conducted by André Previn, CFP 4400, \$1.99).

In the D Major 'London' (sometimes known as the 'Bagpipe') the string playing in the opening movement is quite joyous, contrasted by a minor moment where the idyll is temporarily interrupted, while there is some delightful low string 'pizzicato' in the trio which Haydn endows with an appropriate Austrian 'landler' flavouring. You will really enjoy the final allegro which is full of poetry -- just listen to the imaginative passage towards the very end when the flare of the full ensemble gives way to a little trilogy between two oboes and a solo flute.

Again in the 'Surprise' which is in G Major, there is an exquisite initial dialogue between wind and strings, and you will suddenly realize that the tune of the slow movement sounds familiar. You are quite correct, for Haydn uses this melody during his oratorio, 'The Seasons' -- but also note the clever interplay between first violins and bassoon during the attractive 'menuetto' movement. The nickname 'Surprise' was, of course, suggested by that unexpected 'fortissimo' outburst in the 16th-bar of the andante, so look out for this feature if you are unfamiliar with the work.

Previn (who will now be recording regularly for CFP) guides the Pittsburg players felicitously and elegantly through these attractive Haydnesque items.



Large record collection to support...



CRICKET

Last month, OUTPOST cricket lovers were left in suspense - on 16th January at 5.35 p.m. Paul Lockyer had flighted a vicious off-break towards an anxious AIT tailender which deceptively 'went straight on' and knocked his off stump flat (wobbled his bail off would be a more accurate description). Lockyer, unlikely hero of the day, had taken two wickets in two balls to win the match. When would he bowl again? What would he choose to bowl? Would he take a hat-trick? How would this bowling success affect his batting performance? Read on friends, it all happened this month!

BC vs Allied Newspapers. TCL 25 overs League - 26 Feb. 1983

No, sorry, not this match, Lockyer was unavailable - baby sitting, so he says! But a very warm welcome back to the fold this month to Ben Piper, last season's leading wicket taker and second highest run getter. This was an important game, one the BC must win to stand a reasonable chance of reaching the 25 over semi-finals, and so many players to chose from that some regulars had to be rested.

John Coghill, Captain for the day, made sure he improved on Jack Dunford's abysmal tossing record by using a double Kangaroo dollar, and with the luxury of two plain-clothed BC umpires, all was set fair. Openers Barry Hyde and John McBeth settled in gently, obeying skipper's orders to the letter, refraining from any hint of aggression. Had this been a 5 day Test they could hardly have done better, and after 13 of the allotted 25 overs both batsmen were well established and 34 runs had already been amassed. This was the point at which drinks were taken, and subsequent events indicate that a view must have been expressed at this time that an acceleration in the run rate might be in the sides' best interest. For there followed immediately a dramatic change in tempo which saw a mighty heaving, grunting, rushing and panting the likes of which only BC batsmen seem capable.

It was not very scientific, but superb entertainment. Barry Hyde struck a couple of fine blows before holing out for 29. Coghill, Jeff Parry, and David Apps all found the ropes with mighty hits, but none stayed long enough to reach double figures and do any real damage. And John McBeth? He played an extra-ordinary innings demonstrating why he's so difficult to get out. He is one of the straightest bats in the side, and the harder he tried to hit the ball the less likely he

looked like beating the field or getting out. As a result he was there still at the end with 21, having been the surviving partner in 4 run-outs. One of these was the aforementioned Piper who was run out by at least 10 yards without facing a ball. By the end of 25 overs the total had staggered to 98 for 9, 2 runs short of what might have been a very valuable bowling point.

Against this modest total BC made a noble attempt at victory. Gordon Burles snapped up a beautiful leg side catch off Apps to remove one opener, and it was only our old Bangkok Post adversary Ed Thangaraja who held them at bay playing an un-characteristically disciplined innings. The score had reached 40 before the second wicket fell but by this stage Paul Niemczyk and Piper had been introduced to the attack and both were bowling beautifully. Niemczyk's bowling has improved beyond recognition this season thanks to regular net practice and he is now capable of tying down most batsmen. His spell of 1 for 8 off 5 overs and Piper, immediately finding his length, with 0 for 13 put an effective brake on the innings. As Allied panicked, two runouts followed and they were soon struggling at 72 for 6 with a BC victory on the cards.

But it was not to be. In immitable Allied fashion, a dark unknown character dressed in civies ambled nonchalently to the crease, thrust his mighty foot forward at each delivery, and wacked everything out of sight, seeing his side home by 4 wickets in the last over with a rapidly compiled 19 not out. Who was this man? Where did he go? Who knows - but thankfully he wasn't around for the next encounter.

BC vs Allied Newspapers. TCL 40 overs - 13th March 1983

Dunford, with the captaincy at stake, won the toss at last, and yes, Lockyer had decided to turn out; this was the great day. Barry Hyde got the proceedings off to a dramatic start by allowing his off stump to be knocked flat by the first ball of the match and Ben Piper made things even more interesting by getting out in the second over. When Olie De Braekeleer holed out in the seventh over an all too familiar pattern was developing with the score at 27 for 3. For the first time this season however Dunford decided to choose this occasion to play sensibly and safely and although Craig Price went at 46 after a nicely compiled 26, Jeff Parry settled into a left handed, complementary role. These two were never in danger against an innocuous attack, scoring freely and almost at will. With good running between the wickets the score moved on to a healthy 119 for 4 off only 23 overs and a score of 200 looked well on the cards. However, with BC cricket nothing ever quite goes according to plan and with Parry and Dunford both narrowly running themselves out for 37, nobody

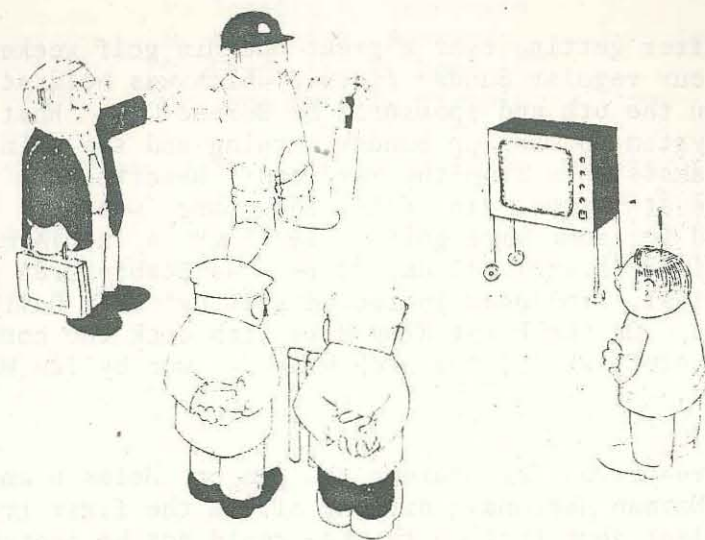
else quite rose to the occasion, although David Apps with 13 and Chris Staddon with 11 not out scored very useful runs. And Lockyer? Well, with so much on his mind, he concentrated so hard on watching the second ball he received, that he inadvertently forgot to bring his bat down from his exaggerated, but pretty back-swing, and was clean bowled. Not to worry, we thought, still that hat-trick to look forward to. Our total of 149 was respectable, if not unbeatable.

The British Club bowling was tight from the start and although Allied progressed steadily no one ever really looked comfortable, and if the BC catching had been anything like competent the match might well have been sewn up early on. However, that's cricket, and mid-way through the proceedings, 53 days and 21 hours since his last ball, Lockyer's big moment came. The fielders came in, crouching expectantly around the nervous batsman. And Lockyer bowled...the slowest, widest, rankest long hop ever seen at Henri Dunant, and as the spectators flopped disappointedly back into their seats, all that was left to play for was victory.

Star of the ensuing proceedings was undoubtedly Brian Brook umpiring at square leg. As Apps (1 for 28), Eastaway (0 for 18) Piper (1 for 28), Parry (1 for 21) and Staddon (1 for 21) all bowled well and applied the pressure, umpire Brook, without shame or hesitation, gave four run out decisions and a stumping to break the back of the Allied innings. As the last over commenced Allied needed 6 to win with the last man in. Ben Piper kept cool but the first two balls saw two singles scored, and it was with relief that Brook was able to raise his index finger once more as the batsmen raced unnecessarily to suicide to give BC victory by 4 runs with 3 balls still remaining.

This was a typical BC performance and great fun for everyone. With 2 wins in 3 matches in the 40 overs league we still have everything to play for. The side has still not really lived up to its potential and if we can click in the next few weeks we can yet make an impact on the season's proceedings.

Two other matches saw heavy BC involvement this month - the Indian Ambassador's Commonwealth XI vs the Rest included 6 Club players, and the annual test match between the British Ambassador's XI and the Australian Ambassador's XI featured no less than 12 British Club cricketers. Space, time and exhaustion prevents a write up on these festivities this month, but if any of the Aussie team knows the entire alphabet by heart submissions for next month's OUTPOST will be considered by the Editor. In case anyone thinks that is an open invitation to make exaggerated comments about the BC Captain's fielding performance, be warned that fielding 40 overs in the cow field at "long on" would be very appropriate retribution.



'And this film, gentlemen, will prove conclusively that my client's bat was not within six inches of the ball he is said to have played.'

Name: Albert Higgins	Age: 73
Number of Tests: 38	
Decisions: 1142	
Most in a match: 28	
Most in an innings: 9	
Average: 7.44	
Percentage error: 52%	

[IBM computers]



GOLF

Well, after getting over a great Hua Hin golf weekend it was back to our regular Sunday fixture which was held at the Rose Garden on the 6th and sponsored by Borneo Co. What a shock to the system to wake up Sunday morning and see rain. It helps to seek assistance from the Reverend! Nevertheless it did not deter the stalwarts, in fact the poor weather conditions accounted for some fine golf. In Flight A, Ron Armstrong who hardly missed a shot all day scored 44 Stableford points to win outright, followed in second spot by John Davidson with 38 points. On the First Nine Mike Lamb took the honour with a fine 17 points whilst the Back Nine was won by Ian McLean with 19 points.

There were prizes for nearest the pin on Holes 6 and 14. On Hole 6, Norman MacDonald hitting off in the first group landed an excellent shot that on the day could not be beaten. Hole 14 closest to the pin was Mr. Accuracy himself, Ian McLean.

In Flight B and a worthy winner was Joe Urwin with 35 points followed in second place by John Hope.

It wasn't Captain's day but our Captain, Ian Halliday, won the First Nine with 18 points and Jeremy Watson, after a long absence, won the Back Nine with 20 points.

Sunday March 20th saw the start of the Dunlop Trophy competition at Hua Mark. This much-sought-after trophy, currently held and defended by the Irish Golf Stalwart duo of Duggan and Vize, is a better-ball match-play knock-out competition. The first round draw was held in the British Club on the 16th March 1983 and the results of that draw are as follows:

Mr. & Mrs. R. Armstrong	versus	D. Walck & H. Daniels
Mr. & Mrs. M. Lamb	"	J. Kerr & S. Metherell
J. Staples & R. Laville	"	P. Speed & N. MacDonald
D. Cobbett & D. Wallace	"	B. Brook & R. Barrett
T. Ford & R.E. Ford	"	I. McLean & S. Voravarn
N. Bond & Terry Smith	"	Mr. & Mrs. B. Harrold

The winners of the games completed:

D. Walck & H. Daniels
 J. Kerr & S. Metherell
 P. Speed & N. MacDonald
 B. Brook & R. Barrett
 T. Ford & R.E. Ford
 Mr. and Mrs. B. Harrold

One of the most exciting matches played for a long time must have been that match between Sally Voravarn and her partner, Ian McLean against the husband and wife duo of Tom and Eileen Ford. This match went into the 22nd hole with the Fords running out eventual winners.

In conjunction with the Dunlop Trophy competition, also sponsored by Dunlop, was the regular day outing and the winners were non other than Sally and Ian McLean on count back with a net 60 from Ian Halliday and Hugh Jamieson so, Sally and Ian, you win some and lose some.

Runners up were Ian Halliday and Hugh Jamieson from Malcolm Lazenby and Joe "the hat" Urwin also, with a net 60; what a day for the starter and scorers. Ben Harrold and Mike Lamb with assistance on both counts from the Captain, Ian Halliday.

The First Nine was won by Malcolm Lazenby and Joe Urwin with a net 30, and the Back Nine was won by Brian Dunlop Brook and Roy Barrett with also a net 30 winning on count back from Peter Speed and Norman MacDonald.

Next outing will be at Bangpra on April 3, then April 17 at Rose Garden.

See you there.

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"What I find disturbing is that if God is an Englishman then he is, in all probability, unemployed."

Photos from Inter-Societies' Golf Weekend at Hua Hin

1.

The Prizes

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Brian Heath presenting the
St. George's Cup
to L. Fowles of St. David's Society

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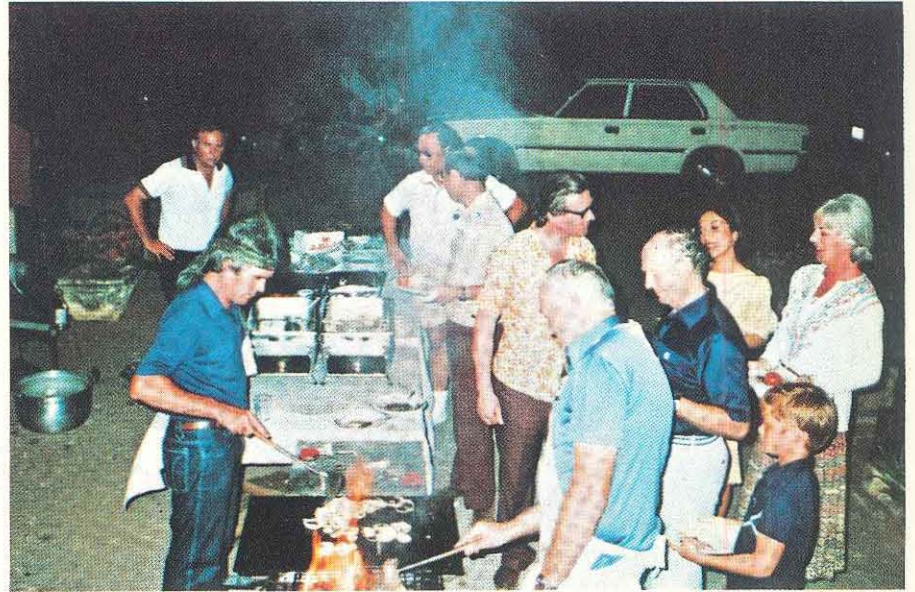
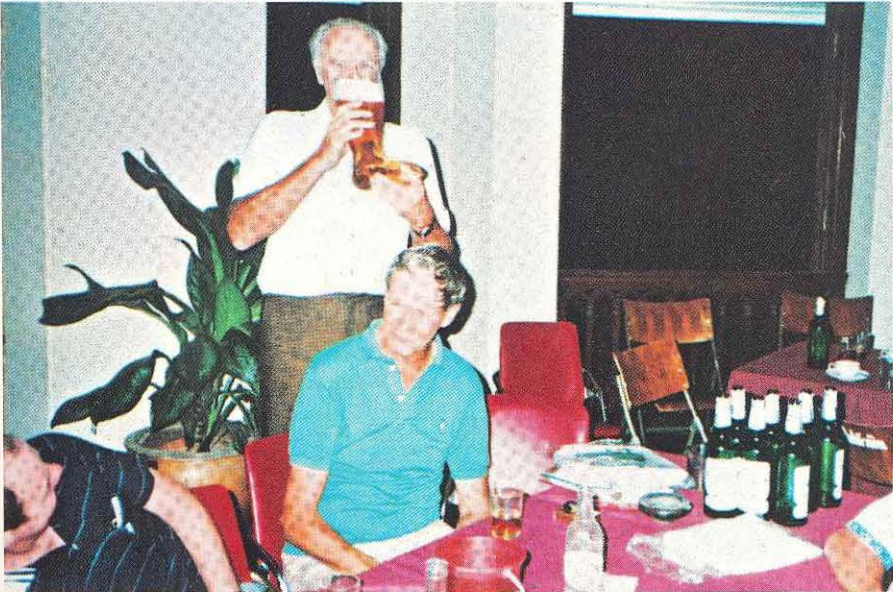
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David Tarrant presents the
J.D. Malone Cup
to Tom Moran (69 pts)

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David Tarrant presents the
British Airways prize (two
return tickets Bangkok - London!)
to Meg Friel
(winner with 82 points)





5.

Sally Lamb
(Second - 78 points)

6.

Cynthia Boughton
The Popular Prize!

7.

Don Goodin sampling some brown soup
from Ron Armstrong's prize for most
points on Par 3's.

8.

The Sunday Night Barbecue

(to be passed from left through right December only)
 MINUTE GOLF RULES OF THE MGC

WINTER GOLF RULES OF THE BCB

(To be used from 1st January through 31st December only)

1. A ball rolling or flying into a bunker or sand trap may be played if the player feels he is in need of the practice. If player elects to practice, no strokes other than the first one made in the bunker shall be counted against said player. Should the ball fail to emerge after the making of this first stroke, the faulty design of the bunker is deemed aptly demonstrated, and the skill of the player should not be penalized for a defect in construction over which he has no control.
2. In order to spare the valuable turf of the course and to protect club property, a player MUST thereafter employ small wooden pegs or tees on the fairways. Should the stroke played from one of these wooden pegs result in the player finding himself in difficulties, he shall have the right to examine both the peg and the consistency of the ground into which it was thrust. Should a defect be apparent in either, he may play the stroke again since the purpose of the game is to eliminate all mechanical and extraneous factors in order that the beauty of the sport shall be permitted to flourish.
3. All shots that curve into the rough on the right or left, shall be returned to the fairway at the farthest point of flight or roll. Since this right or left curvature is frequently an uncontrollable mechanical phenomenon resulting from friction between the face of the club and the cover of the ball, the player shall not be penalized.
4. A ball striking a tree while in flight shall be deemed not to have struck a tree unless the player making the stroke declares that it was deliberately aimed for. In this case, play shall cease momentarily while his partners congratulate him on his marksmanship. But if the player attests in good faith that it was in no sense his intention to strike the tree, then it is obviously a piece of bad luck that has no place in a scientific game. No penalty shall accrue to the player, who is therefore permitted to estimate the distance his ball would have travelled, and to play the ball from that position.
5. There is no such thing as a lost ball. The ball in somewhere on the course and will be picked up eventually and pocketed by someone other than the owner, thus becoming not a lost, but a stolen ball. A player suffering a stolen ball shall be entitled to cries of sympathy from his fellow players who shall crowd around him, importuning

him not to compound the felony by charging himself with the loss of stroke. Upon returning to the clubhouse, the player shall apply to the professional for restitution of the stolen article, since that worthy official always has a large supply of golf balls on hand.

6. In arriving at a judgement whether or not ground is under repair, for the purpose of lifting a ball unpleasantly situated without penalty, the player shall toss a coin. If it falls, the ground may be deemed as under repair.
7. A ball putted that rims the cup and stays out shall be deemed to have dropped, since the occurrence shall be held contrary to the laws of gravitation which supersede the rules of golf. The same rule shall be in force for balls that pass over the hole and stay out, since it is a well-known fact that any object attempting to maintain its position in the atmosphere without something to support it, MUST DROP.
8. A ball putted that reaches the brink of the cup and hangs there for want of a half or quarter turn to cause it to drop, shall be deemed to have made that turn and duly dropped, providing, however, the player has indicated by bodily contortions and gestures that he was genuinely desirous of this result. Likewise, to eliminate complaints to the ball was "so close you could have blown it in" the player in such a case shall place himself behind the ball and blow. If the ball drops, it shall be deemed to have been holed out properly.

THE CAPTAIN



"Now aren't you glad we stayed? They just announced that the worst is over."

ROSE GARDEN March 6, 1983!



LADIES' GOLF

As preparations are under way for the forthcoming Thai Open at the Royal Thai Army Course we switched our venue to the lovely Navatane Course last week when we played the first round of the Gestetner Trophy. Quite a few of our regular players are on vacation but nevertheless there was a fair turnout. A report of this competition will appear in the next issue of OUTPOST after the final round is played on 22 March.

Forthcoming Events - All at Army Course 7.30 a.m.

- 5 Apr. Stableford (not T's & F's as previously published) for Ann Johnstone's Prize.)
- 12 Apr. 1st Round Championship - Stroke Play)
- 19 Apr. 2nd Round Championship - " ")
- Starter: Eileen Ford (252-2074)
- 26 Apr. L.G.U. Starter: Lise Dencker-Nielsen (252-6430)

An Eclectic will begin on 26th April and will run over six weeks in conjunction with the normal fixtures so do come along ladies and join in the fun. We are always pleased to see new faces.



Lady Golfers Lunching at Eileen's

Competition Results

- 22 Feb. L.G.U. Silver Division
Winner: Funilla Farnstrom Nett 73
on count back from Joan Jurgens
- Bronze Division
Winner: Jenny Holt Nett 69
R/Up: Pam Hardy Nett 72
Longest Drive & Nearest Pin: Ella Mallaret
Low Putts: Joan Jurgens
- 1 Mar. Bisque Bogey
Winner: Eileen Ford + 7
on count back from Muriel Harrold
Longest Drive: Ella Mallaret
- 8 Mar. Three Throwaways
Winner: Lise Dencker-Nielsen Nett 46
R/Up: Pam Hardy Nett 50
Longest Drive: Lise Dencker-Nielsen
Low Putts: Judy King



Farewelling Ann Johnstone and Phyl Deen



SOCCER

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!



BACK ROW - Billy Duncan, Cris Banes, Peter Smith, Peter Wakefield, Dave Smith, John Charlesworth, Colin Hastings.

FRONT ROW - Paul McGowan, Roger Crutchley, Bill Friel, Brian Thompson (Captain) Dave Wallace, Dave Cobbett, Terry Smith.

MISSING FROM PHOTO - Steve Tapner, Alan Daykin, Alan Morton and George Stretton.

The British Club Football Team enjoying one of its most rewarding seasons put paid to their critics last Saturday and thrashed the Indian Cougars in the final of the prestigious Farang League Cup. The road to the final was short but sweet with the BCFT earning its place in the final by majestically disappointing all aspirants to the throne by handing out resounding defeats to its opponents. 'The machine rolls on' is an epithet not just synonymous with Liverpool.

Skipped by Brian Thompson and coached by Bill Friel, the team took on a professional approach to the game with regular training sessions on the back lawn and even a new strip kindly provided by the Club.

This team spirit has given rise to a new page in British Club history in that the BCFT will be the first BC society ever to organise an overseas tour. Our destination is Manila where we will be representing Thai Farang soccer and British Club football against the 'Nomads'. To this end we have been organising various fund raising activities amongst which is a DISCO 1st APRIL THAI SALA. If you have just received your 'OUTPOST' then the disco will probably be tonight. Please support our tour by coming along to the disco and BBQ and having a ball.

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BANGKOK POST
SATURDAY MARCH 26, 1983

BC overwhelm Indians in final

THE British Club put on their best performance of the season to beat the Indians 2-0 in Saturday's final of the Farang Soccer League. After a disappointing result in mid-season which thwarted the BC's chances of the league title, the British gave an all-round solid performance to overwhelm the Indians. Goals by Chris Bains and Steve Tapner earned the BC a revenge victory since it was the Indians who beat them in last season's cup final. BC took the early initiative with penetrating runs from midfield by Bill Friel and Brian Thompson. Indeed, Friel drove early on with close new inches several with a stream of attempts on the Indians' goal. The next breakthrough came about 15 minutes into the half when Tapner stole in on scrambled clearance from Bill Friel's shot and slipped the ball past the 'keeper'. Thompson almost made it 3-0 with a powerful drive but his colleague Alan Morton was ruled offside. In reply, the Indians rarely troubled BC 'keeper' Peter Smith, while Alan Daykin and Terry Smith were always equal to everything put their way. A moment's anger resulted in one member of the Indian team being sent off, but the remaining 10 men played with enthusiasm until the

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SQUASH

Whatever happened to those beautiful cool days of December/January? We are now into the sizzling season of April/May when the dry season builds to its peak and turns a certain companies' yellow dots into ping pong balls. Sympathy must be given to new players used to putting drop shots one inch over, and three inches back from, the tin. On second thoughts we don't need experts like that to show us up.

For the more normal players who calculate in yards rather than inches it still feels tempting to use the sole of ones scorched foot to stop the ball bouncing from a BC drop shot. Notice how some brands of sports shoes burn out within 2/3 months of squash while other brands or types last for years? Always a good conversation piece between gulps on gunnaha is the price and subsequent life of squash shoes. This topic is guaranteed to lead on to fascinating glimpses of old and new blisters, holes in socks etc.

Well what happened in the last month or so? Actually not terribly much except for the league and Fun Day events.

We had some notable departures that for a change we will mention before the last para. Daniel and Audrey Verpillot left Bangkok as did Eddie and Marjorie Rennie at about the same time. Both couples were keen squash players and were very often seen around the courts. Marjorie Rennie had the distinction of being second to Colleen Perry more than any other lady player except for maybe Carolyn Tarrant?

40th Squash League

Final results not known at this time but a full programme involving 17 divisions are proceeding well at press time. No doubt about squash being an active section in the club especially when it's noticed how many family members are listed in the squash divisions list for the league.

Fun Day

Held on Sunday 20 March under the experienced hand of captain Len who wrongly predicted a small turnout during the week before the event. Len was thinking that the Pomms and Aussies cricket match plus some golf somewhere else would deplete squash attendance on the day. As it turned out there were about 30 players joining in the events who all had a great

time struggling through games like "Arms and Legs" "basket serves" "5 points" and the like. All the "Tonys" and "Steves" were there in force just to add that little more confusion. Tony Austin and Steve Piercy, both fairly new faces, showed they would be picking up their share of league prizes in the not too distant future.

Id Hastings will be hard to beat if she serves first in her matches as she scored 2 serves into the baskets and just missed a third. Last years Fun Day serve winner took the prize by being the only one to put one ball in the basket!

Anyone who wants to have private coaching in playing "Arms and Legs" can track down Andy Dunlop who has plenty of them.

Results of Fun Day were:

Arms and Legs	Winner:	Dugal Forrest
	Runner Up:	Tony Bohan
5 Points	Div. Winners:	Lynn Cook Divs 10-19
		Ian Ward-McNally 6-10
		Steve Piercy 1-5
Volley Ball	Winner:	Ian Ward-McNally
	Runner Up:	Dick Souter
Basket Serve	Winner:	Id Hastings
	Runners Up:	Lynn Cook
		Constantine Annas

1983 BC Squash Handicap

The flyer with application form on bottom went out with the 1982 British Club membership book, Len has covered most of the queries about this, the most popular open event in the squash calendar. Remember that even if you lose the first round event the Plate gives you another match and a possible third game. The handicapping is generally very good and gives all standards a chance.

Coming Events

1. Coaching by Division 1 Players

Coming back in May every Sunday morning, open to all squash players, it involves putting a sticker on the coaching entry list to reserve 30 minutes of play. It's good value and good practice for future leagues and ladders.

2. Video Nite 15 April

A long time since our last evening of squash films. One film will be dealing with all aspects of squash, the shots, the positioning, the play while on hand are at least 2 other films of championship squash featuring Jeff Hunt and probably a few other gentlemen mostly from Pakistan. A circular will be out shortly after OUTPOST with final details on films and timings. Anyway keep the date up front for a great night of top squash video entertainment.

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"It's all right, Mr. Barrett, the Squash Committee have decided not to promote you to Division One yet!"



SWIMMING

Sunday 6th March dawned grey and wet and indeed some wondered if the monthly Gala might be held on the car park. The day, however, soon brightened and an excellent crop of improvements were recorded.

It was particularly pleasing to welcome two new swimmers to the Gala in the form of Frankie Fathers and Becky Demery who performed well against tough and hardened opposition.

Before moving on to the highlights of the day "Improver of the Month" January, awarded from results of the Gala on 3rd January went to Cassidy Smith. For February, awarded at the Friendship Gala, clearly encouraged by the high level of competition considerable improvements were recorded by many of our swimmers. The top three were Sharee Laing, aggregated improvement 22 seconds, David Collins, aggregated improvement 19 seconds, and Joanna Davidson, aggregated improvement 14 seconds. We really must congratulate Cassidy, Sharee, David and Joanna for such large improvements and as Sharee and David have taken away monthly awards previously by popular vote the "Improver of the Month" badge for February goes to Joanna, well done Joanna!

Competitors are only considered for "Improvers of the month" if they are able to record improvements in all the strokes competed for in the Monthly Gala. The improvement in seconds from their previous best times are aggregated and the winner is the one with the largest total improvement. The March Gala was swum in Freestyle, Backstroke and Individual Medley competitions. Again there were an excellent crop of improvements and with Cassidy Smith moving up an age group a new series of tussles developed in the -9's. Excellent performances and improvements in the Individual Medley were recorded by the following:-

Melinda Laing	-7	15	seconds	off
Alexander Fleming	-7	15	"	"
Sarah Gillett	-9	20	"	"
Mark McCall	-9	12	"	"
Mark Gillett	-11	6	"	"
Elaine Friel	-11	16	"	"

Helped by her considerable improvement and, perhaps, the "lay off" with her broken toe, aggregate improvements for March were:- Sarah Gillett 26 seconds, Mark McCall 13 seconds, David Collins 11 seconds and Michael Hodgson 4 seconds.

"Improver of the Month" award for March, therefore, went to Sarah Gillett, well done Sarah! Only a month to go and Sarah will be moving up to the under 11 division.

In the -7 Melinda Laing showed Alexander Fleming and Timmy Mathews a clean pair of heels in all three events. In the -9 David Collins re-established the male supremacy in times, whilst in the girl's section Cassidy Smith moving up an age group, had a ding-donger with Sarah Gillett in the Individual Medley. In the -11 girls Katherine Walsingham led home the group, whilst in the boy's, Michael Hodgson back from a lay off in Australia renewed his battle with Mark Gillett who just had the edge this month. Selinla Collins outpowered the opposition in the next age group up, whilst Lisa Laing and Seksan Collins had it their own way in the top age groups.

At the end of the March Gala "Shark" awards were presented to Melinda Laing, Mark McCall, Elaine Friel, Joanna Davidson and Mark Gillett. Special awards were given to Gillian and Susie Rennie who will be greatly missed at the swimming galas but we hope they both settle well in U.K. (keep up the swimming, girls).

Barry Collins has produced some excellent tables which are displayed on the swimming club part of the notice board by the pool. The first "Selected Trends of Swimming Times (1982/ March 1983)" shows 18 swimmers who have made significant improvements over the past 15 months through regular training. Especially noticeable are the improvements in the periods leading up to the Friendship Gala.

Records are falling and it looks like several more will fall soon. An updated record sheet is also on the notice board and we must mention that Cassidy Smith broke the -7 Individual Medley record in the January Gala reducing it from 2m. 5s. to 2m. 2.6s. In the last three months in the -7 girls all the records except in breast stroke have been broken by either Cassidy or Melinda. Melinda Laing again broke the freestyle record in the March Gala reducing it from 20.9 to 20.4 sec. Very well done indeed girls (come on you boys!)

At the Friendship Gala many of our swimmers should have been disqualified for minor infringements. We think it is in the children's interest from April, in all events except -7, swimming rules will be implemented and offenders disqualified. A selection of relevant swimming laws is located on the notice board.

The next swimming gala will be held in the British Club pool on Sunday April 10th when the strokes will be butterfly, breast and individual medley. All swimmers of whatever standard will be made very welcome. With our top swimmers

now finding it more difficult to make major improvements to their times each month, the improver of the month award will be up for grabs. The next Friendship Gala will be at I.S.R.C. sometime in June and the date should be announced shortly.

All new arrivals in town and indeed existing ones are encouraged to bring their children to the lessons and training sessions at the pool each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and all are encouraged to participate in the regular monthly galas. See you on the 10th!

Late Photo from the Friendship Gala in February:



Golden Girls: Cassidy Smith (Under 7's) and Selinla Collins (Under 13's) - "outstanding swimmers" in their respective age groups.



TENNIS

The Tennis AGM was held on Saturday, 12th March with an excellent gathering of members. The 1982 Committee were all re-elected and Mr. M. Smith was voted into the one vacant place. The AGM was followed by a most enjoyable Round - Robin Handicap Doubles Tournament which was entered by twelve pairs. The winners were:

1. Mr. & Mrs. C. Dencker-Nielsen
2. Mr. D.J. Goodin/Mrs. C. Kay
3. Mr. R.V. Fordham/Mrs. J. Baillie

The winners and runners up received prizes of dinner vouchers for two at the 'Bon Vivant' in the Sheraton-Bangkok Hotel.

Our first inter-club match of the season coincided with the first wet weather of the year and was rained off. Make a note of our re-arranged date given below and sign up on the list provided at the reception desk:

BRITISH CLUB v ROYAL BANGKOK SPORTS CLUB
 to be played Sunday, 17th April, 8.30 - 11.30 a.m.
 at RBSC (Courts 1-5)

Players of all standards welcome

Our Singles league programme started in March with two Men's Divisions and one Ladies' Division. We require two more ladies to complete the Ladies' Division and the first two names received by the Committee will be entered in the blank spaces provided in the draw, a copy of which can be seen at the reception counter and on the notice board. Entry forms are also available at the reception counter.

A third men's division is about to be launched and further entries are invited. Additional divisions will be created if sufficient new entries are received.

Singles League Tennis requires a willingness to play an average of one two-set match a week for approx. 10 weeks. This is your chance to obtain some real practice and meet other members of the section. Join up today!

Special Announcement

The Gymkhana Club, Chiangmai have invited the British Club Tennis Section to play a match in Chiangmai over the weekend 28th - 29th May. Thursday, May 26th is a holiday and your Committee propose that we send a party of players and supporters to Chiangmai by overnight train on Wednesday, 24th May returning by train or by air on Sunday, May 28th. Players of any standard are welcome, families too. Thursday and Friday will allow you time for sightseeing and the match will be played on Saturday and Sunday. We have received the following prices from a well-known travel agency and if these are of interest and you wish to join, please enter your name on the list provided at the reception counter, indicating your preferred mode of travel.

Plan (A)

To Chiangmai by train - second class airconditioned sleeper on May 24/25th. Accommodation at Grand Palace Hotel on twin sharing basis, with American breakfast May 26/27/28. Return by train (as above).

Price: Baht 1,600.- each. (Children under 12 sharing room, excluding extra bed and breakfast: ฿278.-)

Extra bed: ฿250.-

Plan (B)

As above, but returning by Domestic flight. Adult: ฿2,300.-
Child: ฿900.- (sharing, exc. bed/breakfast)

Note

There are problems confirming travel arrangements by train and by air and we will require members interested in joining this trip to confirm and pay for their bookings by April 15th. Cheques may be made payable to the British Club.

If sufficient persons are interested in travelling by train we can arrange to have our own sleeping car. A total of 32 passengers are required for this facility.

BOOK NOW! AND JOIN US FOR THIS COMBINED TENNIS-SIGHTSEEING TRIP TO CHIENGMAI.

British Club - April 1983 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1/ Football Disco	2/ Dinner Video
3/ Buffet Lunch & Supper Cricket Nets	4/ Bridge	5/ Ladies' Squash Swimming Training	6/ St. George Meeting Cricket Nets Soccer Practice	7/ Ladies' Exercises Swimming Training Soccer Practice	8/	9/ Dinner Video
10/ Swimming Gala Buffet Lunch & Supper Cricket Nets	11/ Bridge	12/ Ladies' Squash Swimming Training Squash Meeting New Members Night Committee Meeting	13/ Cricket Nets Soccer Practice	14/ Children Act. 9 am. Ladies' Exercises Swimming Training Soccer Practice	15/	16/ Dinner Video
17/ Buffet Lunch & Supper Tennis (RBSC) Cricket Nets	18/ Bridge	19/ Ladies' Squash Swimming Training	20/ Cricket Nets Soccer Practice	21/ Ladies' Exercises Swimming Training Soccer Practice	22/	23/ Dinner Video
24/ Buffet Lunch & Supper Cricket Nets	25/ Bridge	26/ Ladies' Squash Swimming Training New Members Night Committee Meeting	27/ Cricket Nets Soccer Practice	28/ Ladies' Exercises Swimming Training Soccer Practice	29/	30/ Dinner Video



"Since it's the first time, your father has agreed to go the whole hog, but next time, he says, will be up to you."

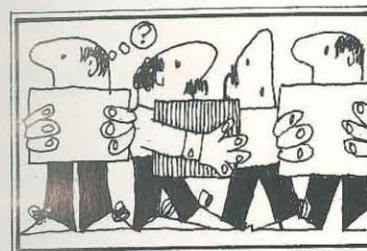
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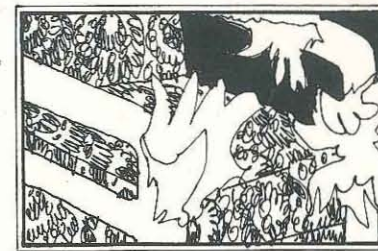
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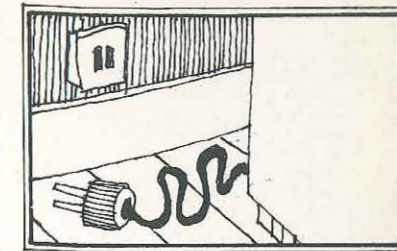
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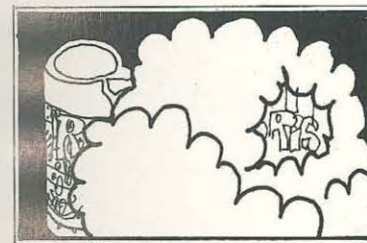
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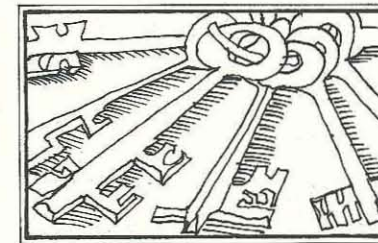
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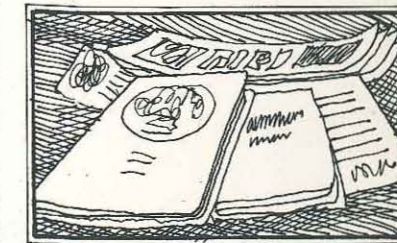
If possible, disconnect all electrical appliances, particularly refrigerators, deep freezers, airconditioners and stoves, the day before packing.



Discard all combustible liquids (such as lighter fuel) and aerosol cans from your belongings.



All furniture keys should be taped to respective items, preferably to the insides of drawers, etc., and you should keep a complete set of duplicate keys for yourself.



Have all your travel documents - passports, tickets, tax clearances, etc. - assembled prior to packing.

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