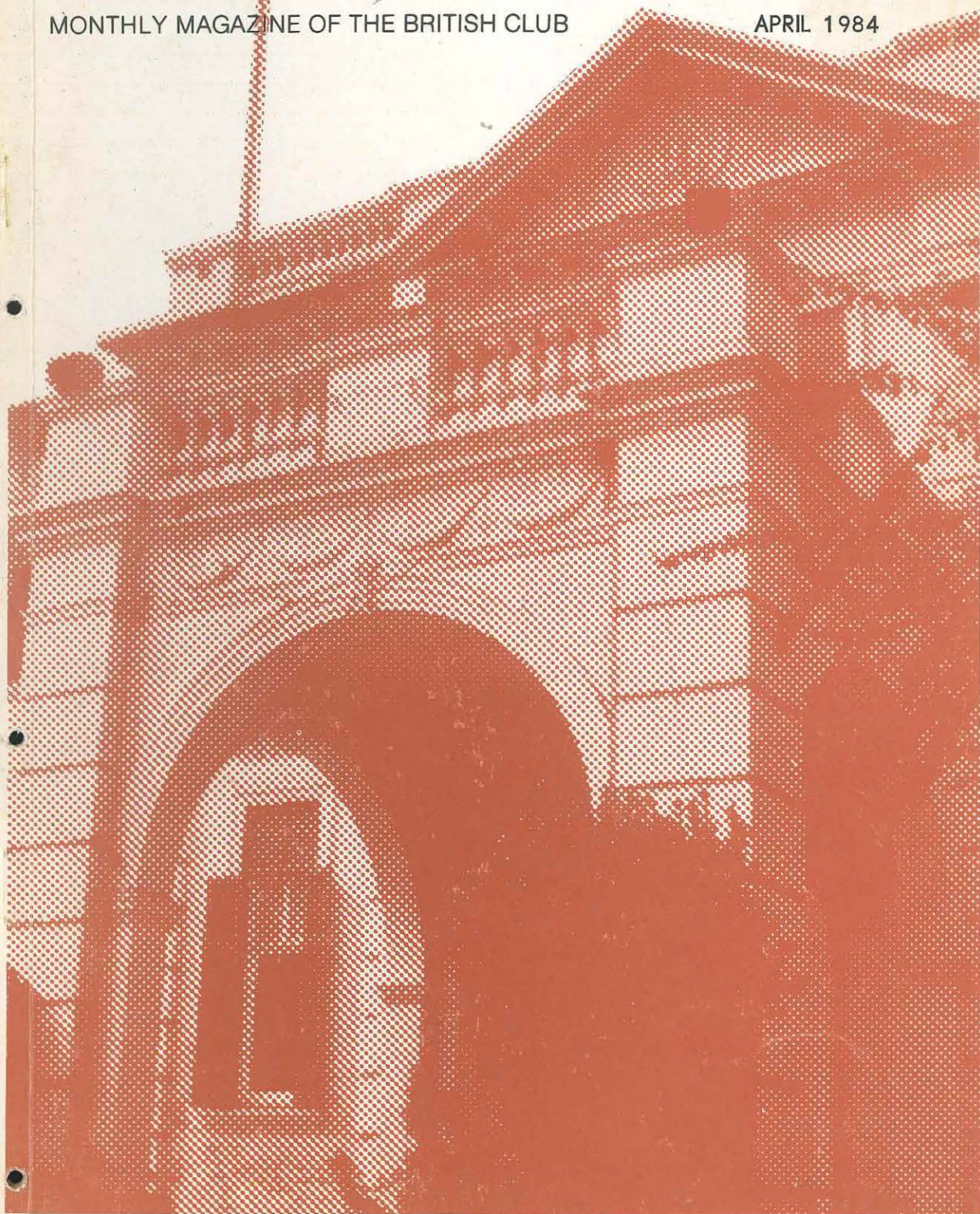


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APRIL 1984



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Editorial

This edition of Outpost marks the Club Magazine's fourth anniversary and I am happy to return as its editor assisted by Gordon Burles, Harry Davie, Linda Thompson and the Club Manager.

The new team are keen to produce a magazine with a balance between sports and general interest and it also aims to post within a day or two of the beginning of each month. This means that the deadline for material will be the 20th of the preceding month and any article arriving after that date cannot be guaranteed for publication unless the team have been advised of the possibility of its late submission.

Having said this, we are appealing to members for ideas, articles, fillers and gossip. Outpost depends on the enthusiasm of members and the resultant contributions to editions.

This edition has had to be produced in only a short time following the AGM and we hope to improve as the year goes by. Major issues likely to cause a stir over the year will be ladies membership and the long range plan. Both should prove to be good sources of material.

Weekly Club Events

Swimming Training	1.15 - 6.15	Mon., Tue., Thu. & Fri.
	9.00 - 11.30	Sun.
Football Training	5.00 - 6.30	Tue., Thu.
Cricket Net	5.00 - 6.30	Wed., Sun.
Aerobic Dancing	2.30	Tue., Thu.
Video	6.00 & 8.00	Sat.
Bridge	7.30	Mon.
Buffet	12.00 - 2.00	Sun. Poolside
	6.00 - 10.00	Sun. Dining Room

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the Club in March 1984.

Ordinary

Mr. R.T. Butler	Janssen Pharmaceutica Ltd.
Mr. C.P. Elliott	Central Plaza Co. Ltd.
Mr. M.J. Evans, OBE.	British Airways
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Mr. P.W.M. Vereker	British Embassy
Mr. W.A. Wilcox	Wallem Shipping (T) Ltd.

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary Members	10
Ordinary	376
Non-Voting	5
Associates	51
Ladies Privileges	38
Up-Country	24
Candidates	30
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TOTAL	534
Absent	695
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GRAND TOTAL	1229
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CONGRATULATIONS SOCCER TEAM ON WINNING THE FARANG LEAGUE



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STANDARDS

This Club has standards which, if upheld, result in an enjoyable and comfortable environment for all users.

Bylaw 9 states that "It is expected that Members and their guests will be appropriately dressed whilst on the Club premises.

The following restrictions apply to the Club House:

- footwear must be worn.
- bathing costumes and trunks may not be worn except by users of the Club House changing rooms who are required to use the side entrance.
- singlets may not be worn in the Club House.
- shorts may not be worn in the Club House after 6pm."

Any user of the Club premises who is in contravention of this Bylaw should be politely reminded of it and asked to change or leave. It is the responsibility and in the interests of all members to uphold this standard.

CAMOYS

A young and rather objectionable intruder was recently apprehended by a large member whilst attempting to escape. He had apparently been thieving from the men's changing room. As there are always ways for a determined thief to gain access to the Club premises, all Club users should take the following precautions.

1. Challenge and/or report any suspicious stranger.
2. Do not leave valuables unattended at the Club.

The Club security guards have been informed of the above incident and more vigilance is expected.



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Letters

Editor
Outpost Magazine,
British Club


March 7, 1984

Dear Sir,

I will shortly be resigning from the British Club and leaving Bangkok. While I have enjoyed the excellent facilities of the British Club the Ladies Privileges policy has been a source of great bitterness to me. I would have appreciated being able to contribute to and influence British Club policy in some small way, and feel the Club could have benefited from my input (and that of other Privileged Ladies like myself, to say nothing of the many other women associated with, but in no way involved in, the British Club).

There is a wealth of administrative experience and many other skills going untapped. I hope for the future of the Club your policy on women members will change.

Yours sincerely,



Mary van der Boon (LP48)

Dear Bitter,

As you know, ladies membership of the Club was approved in principle at the recent A.G.M. This will now require ratification at an E.G.M.

I am aware of the significant contribution which could be made by ladies. However, given the present rules, ladies are involved in the British Club and ladies can serve on sub-committees. Many of the sub-committees have had by no means a small influence on policy.

In my view, ladies have rarely served on these committees because firstly, I suspect they are seldom asked and secondly, they do not volunteer.

Yours sincerely, Ed.

The British Club
189 Suriwongse Road
Bangkok

8th March, 1984.

Attn: The Editor Outpost

G43 DONALD & FAUNA GOODIN

We depart the Kingdom on the 10th of March 1984 for 4 weeks and return briefly for 3 days and return to Sydney via Hong Kong.

We have enjoyed our 4½ years in Thailand and in many ways sorry to be leaving and will miss the British Club in particular.

We wish all our many friends in the British Club good health, wealth, prosperity and hopefully one day will see you again, and if any member is visiting Sydney our address is

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DONALD & FAUNA GOODIN

It will be good to see you.

It was good to know you both and we look forward to seeing you back here anytime - Ed.

NEXT CLUB NIGHT

Thursday 26th April

DINNER WITH GERALD HOWAT SPEAKING ON
'CRICKET: A BRITISH INSTITUTION'

Gerald Howat is a gifted after dinner speaker, a historian, and cricket fanatic. He contributes to various cricket journals, has broadcast on the game and is a cricket biographer - his latest book on Wally Hammond, the England all-rounder, will be published in May. He is an MCC playing member. Gerald has promised not to fill his talk with cricket statistics (or to spend all his time promoting his new book!) and we can expect a highly entertaining evening for all with even a passing interest in cricket, a Truly British Institution. There will be a sumptuous Club Night Dinner including wine and bookings will be taken from early April. Watch out for further announcements.

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The Low Down on Golf

It is a commonly held misconception that to enjoy golf you must get a low score. This syndrome, also known as the "par complex" is a result of watching too much television, and is directly related to the well known "Green Jacket Fever" that each year infects thousands in Augusta, Georgia.

Golf can be a most enjoyable hobby and many a happy hour can be spent at the local golf club. Occasionally, you may actually enjoy yourself on the golf course proper.

But before you can actually become a golfer, you must look the part. Your clothing should be loose-fitting enough to enable your body to bend comfortably through ridiculous contortions. Special colour coordinating golfing outfits are available in outrageous hues, normally at equally outrageous prices.

Special golf shoes with spiked heels and soles are a must. The shoes in combination with a colour coordinated outfit give the impression that the golfer is a past winner of the Doral Open and will strike terror into the heart of any opponent.

When you are dressed for the occasion, you are ready for your equipment. A golf bag is a must, unless you have exceptionally large hands, a strong back and a penchant for masochism. The golf bag should be gaudy in colour, expensive, and small enough to fit in the back of a golf cart.

Next, buy some golf balls. For the uninitiated, golf balls resemble ping pong balls with acne and are manufactured by a multitude of companies. If you are a beginner, it is best to purchase one or two dozen golf balls (the cheaper the better). The reason for buying cheap golf balls will be evident the first time you hit one.

Your golf clubs are unto you as horse is to jockey, and it's important to know the function of each.

The Driver. The driver has a large wooden head that, legend has it, gives you much more surface with which to hit the ball. In most cases, it does not help.

The Putter: The putter is used after reaching the green, if you ever do. It is the club most blamed for bad golf shots. Last year, putter manufacturers reported a 150% increase in profits. Occasionally, you may find putters adorning trees along the golf course.

The Sand Wedge: The club is used to dig large holes in sand traps, trying to get the ball out. History tells us the sand wedge may have been the prototype for the steam shovel.

The Iron: This is what you use when you can't figure out which club to use.

Playing golf, like any other sport, has certain "rules of form" the beginner should follow closely.

Addressing the Ball: It is entirely appropriate to "wiggle" or "gyrate" your body while getting ready for a shot. However, too much wiggle may cause you to hit the ball before you're ready, thereby giving you a good shot.

Teeing Off: When another member of your foursome is teeing off, it is good form to cough or rattle the change in your pockets just when he is ready to hit the ball.

Gimnee: When a putt is extremely close to the hole (usually within 10 feet), some golfers make it a 'gimnee'. The skilled golfer, however, makes his opponent take every shot, thus upsetting his equilibrium and, frequently his temper.

Verbal Warning: Immediately after the tee shot, the golfer should holler "fore" especially if the shot is heading toward someone's head. Failure to do so is called a "Spiro Agnew".

Rules of the game of golf are many and varied, but the beginner should acquaint himself with four important basic rules:

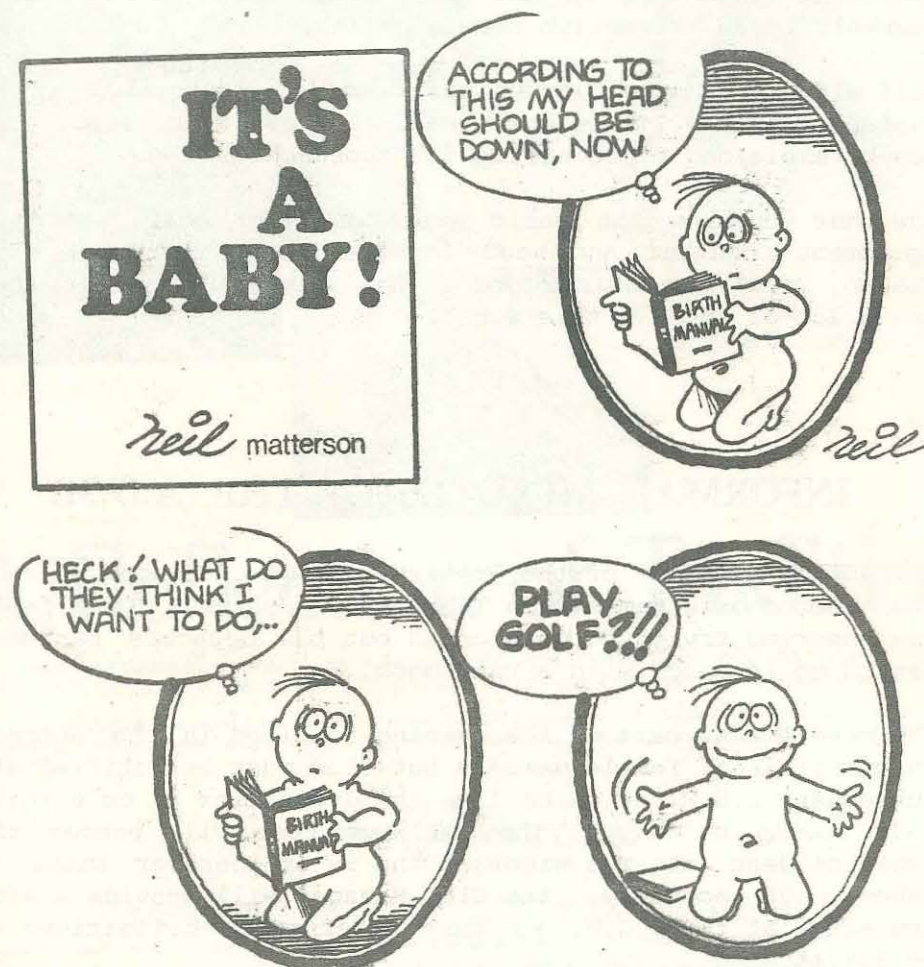
- 3(a): If a golfer finds an opponent's ball on the fairway, he may discreetly drop it into the rough or kick it into a lake, at the same time calling out, "Here it is, Harry".
- 3(b): If a golfer finds his own ball in the rough, behind a tree or in the parking lot, he may gently nudge, kick or throw the ball onto the fairway or green when no one is looking, at the same time crying out loudly, "Hey, that wasn't a bad shot after all:
- 16: When an opponent asks a golfer which club he should use for a particular shot, the golfer may deliberately mislead him by suggesting the wrong club.
- 29(c): When a golf ball goes into a water hazard or lake, the golfer may not disrobe and dive in after it. This constitutes a two stroke penalty and \$199 fine for indecent exposure (streaking is not permitted on a golf course).

Occasionally, as you become more familiar with the game, you may wish to add a little drama by actually keeping score. This, however, can lead to bad habits, including broken friendships. If you find tempers flaring when keeping score, retire immediately to the 19th hole (see Terminology below).

A final step before becoming a seasoned golfer is building a good golfing vocabulary (profanity will come naturally). The following are a few examples of golfing terminology.

Golf Course: Where the businessman is when his receptionist says, "He'll be in conference all afternoon."

Tee Shot: The first shot of the golf game. Also the first bad shot of the game.



Keep yer heed doon Jimmy!

Hook: A curving shot that goes into a lake or breaks a window in the club house.

Bogey: Humphrey Bogart.

Club Pro: An individual who makes his living trying desperately to teach others with arms around an attractive female golfer, teaching her the tee shot. Easily identified by his continual presence in the 19th hole (for "19th hole", refer to "bar" in any standard dictionary).

Duffer: An amateur golfer.

Professional: Any golfer who gets paid for endorsing hair cream or slacks.

Approach: That part of the game that involves introducing yourself to an attractive female golfer.

Golf Widow: A lonely woman who doesn't understand why her husband chases a little white ball all day (for some, this can be explained by referring to "approach").

Now that you know the basic guidelines for golf, get your equipment together and head for the nearest course. But, please, don't be discouraged by the five-hour wait... there are a lot of nuts in this world.

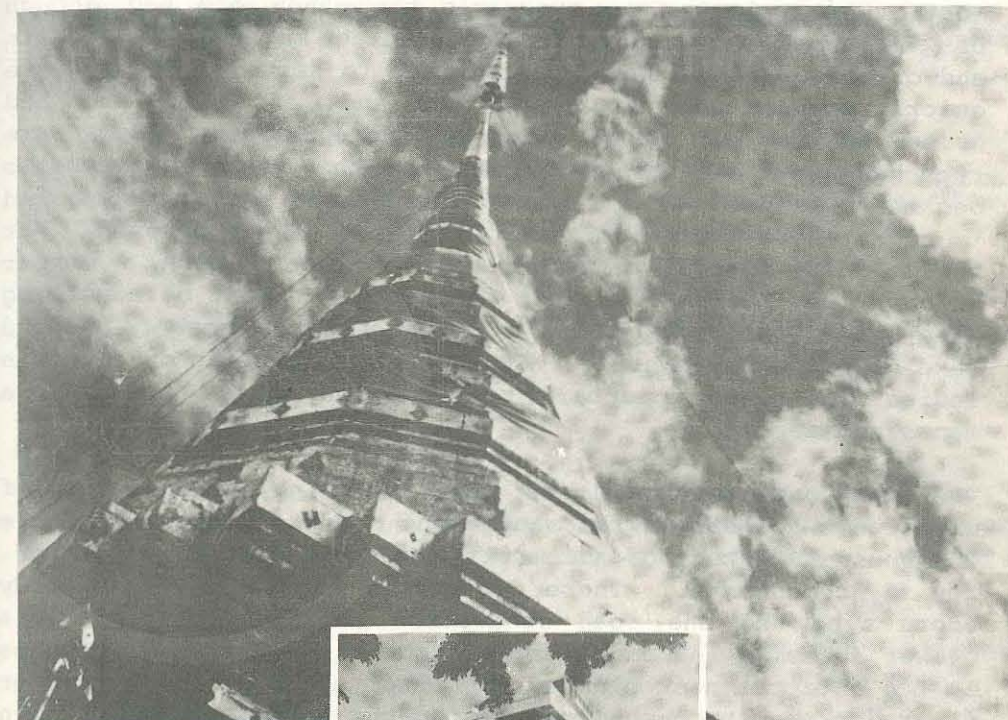
INFORMAL MINUTES OF THE A.G.M.

The annual jamboree of the British Club was attended by about 80 assorted male members on Tuesday 20th March. One female was observed trying to gate crash but the bouncers persuaded her to go in peace with a rule book.

The more formal part of the evening resulted in the approval in principle of female members but this must be ratified at a subsequent E.G.M. by which time the definition of an eligible lady should be firm. The new Committee will ponder this question deep into the night at the 99 or wherever takes its fancy. If necessary, the Club Manager will provide a slide projector at the E.G.M. so that alternative definitions can be illustrated.

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Another change to the rules, which does not require an E.G.M., was that you no longer have to pay to join the Absent Member's list. An amendment to the effect that certain members be paid to leave the Club was quickly ruled out-of-order by the Chairman.

Most of last year's Committee said that they had had enough of the endless drinking that committee membership entails and only four volunteered to continue to serve. These were quickly pounced upon to buy a round and, after the ink had dried on the bar chits, were nominated again. For some reason, not too clear to the writer, the issue of deposits became an issue. With further nominations each nominee had to boast about the enormity or otherwise of his deposit. It became quite obvious that the longer you have been a member of the Club, the smaller your deposit. It must be something they put in the beer, but new and potential members should take note and be careful. Quite what the effect on eligible ladies will be is uncertain but they may have to accept a man-sized deposit.

The new Committee should be able to bring a mixed bag of experience to bear on the management of the Club. We have the unusual feature of a Committee not consisting in majority of accountants. There are three engineers (two muddy boots type and one road congestion man) one missionary, a flower salesman and a dealer in tractors. The mind boggles at the entertainment planned for after the E.G.M.; a tractor float decked with orchids spreading the gospel whilst driven by a muddy in the wrong direction round the Club's one-way system followed by Vice on Paition's bike!

The less formal half of the evening was far more entertaining. The Chairman bought a round (which is noteworthy in itself) whilst the rest of the 80 treated themselves to tuneless renderings of bar songs until the approach of mid-night. It was a night for sore heads and the editor had the sorest.

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN FUND

Two years ago the Christian Children Fund made an informative and moving video about its work, with particular emphasis on Thailand.

The film features Sally Struthers, who, by talking to sponsors, and visiting various projects and sponsored children in Thailand, shows how rewarding sponsorship can be, and how effectively C.C.F. utilizes its funds.

Since I am a great believer in "Charity begins at home" -- namely the maids, their families, and a little further removed local Charitable organisation, I realise that when we leave Thailand this form of direct help will cease. At least through sponsorship I know that our help will go directly to a particular child, with whom we can keep in touch, and encourage his education. We can also occasionally "spoil" him with surprise gifts, since our own children already have so much.

If anyone else feels the same way or is interested to know more about C.C.F., please come along to the Suriwongse Room at 8.00 p.m. on 25th April to see the film, and meet Tony Tersch, Director of C.C.F. and long-time resident in Thailand, who would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

In the meantime, here is a little information about C.C.F.

What is C.C.F.?

C.C.F. International is a non-profit, non-sectarian, humanitarian organisation dedicated to serving the needs of poor children worldwide, which it does through a system of sponsorship.

In Thailand C.C.F. is presently assisting 30,000 children with food, clothing, education and health care, with emphasis on those in the northeast, the north and in slum areas.

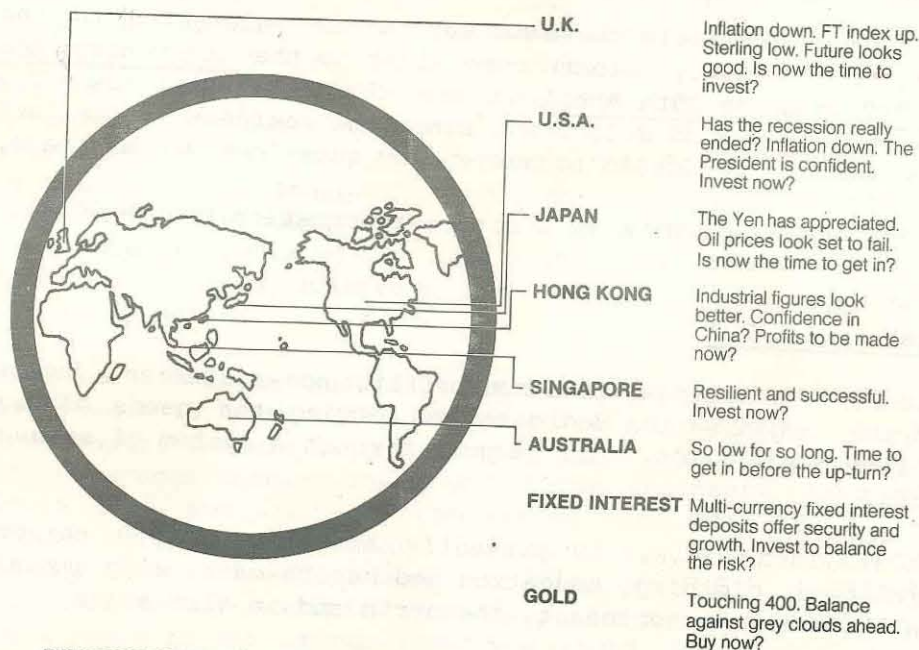
The C.C.F.'s system of "Projects" enables the funds to be used more effectively. The child's family also benefit, through the promotion and provision of enlightened child welfare standards.

What is a sponsor?

A sponsor is someone who agrees to send a monthly sum of money (amounting to £300) to C.C.F. for the development of a particular child. The sponsor receives a child information folder, which includes a photograph so that sponsor and child may correspond and develop a person to person relationship. There is an annual progress report, and the project leaders will always be happy to provide interim information and help with correspondence.

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ANZAC DAY 1984

The annual ANZAC Day service and wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 25 April. All members of the New Zealand, Australian and British communities in Thailand are invited to attend.

The service will take the following form:

- (a) Prayers and address by the Chaplain;
- (b) Laying of wreaths by representatives of -
 - The New Zealand Government
 - The Australian Government
 - The British Government
 - The Turkish Government
 - The Thai War Veterans Organisation
 - The Governor of Kanchanaburi
 - The New Zealand Society
 - The Thai/Australia Association
 - The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
 - The Custodian of the War Cemetery
- (c) Sounding of 'Last Post';
- (d) Two minutes silence;
- (e) Sounding of 'Reveille';
- (f) Prayers and Benediction.

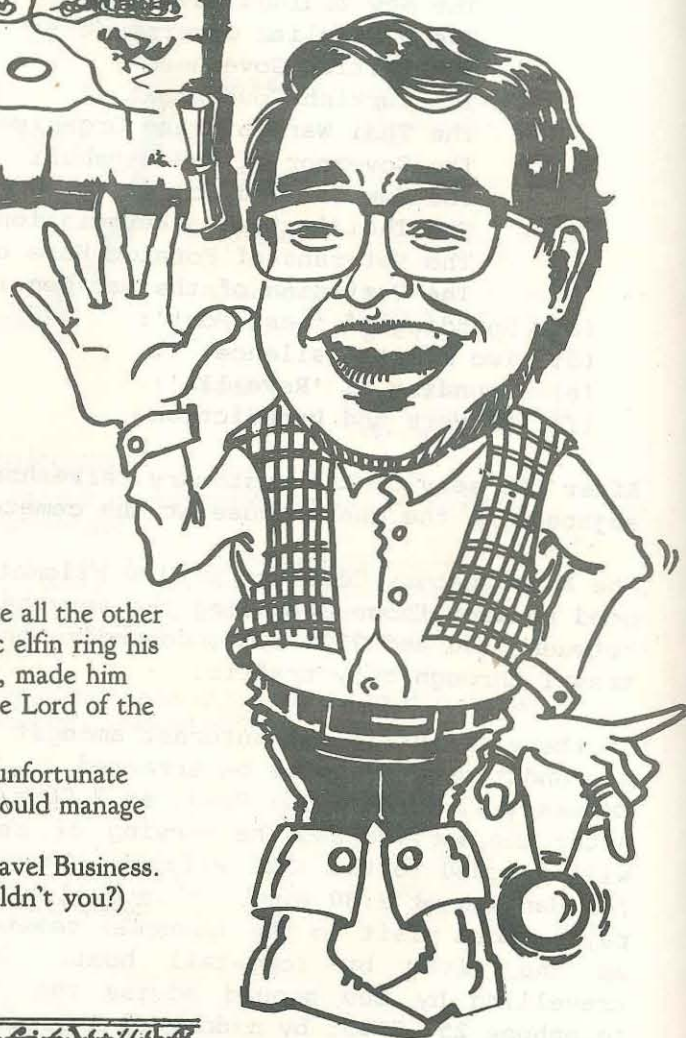
After the service the customary refreshments will be provided adjacent to the guest house at the cemetery.

The Kanchanaburi Cemetery is 130 kilometres from Bangkok on good roads. Those attending the service should leave Bangkok between 7.00 and 7.20 a.m., depending on how far they have to travel through city traffic.

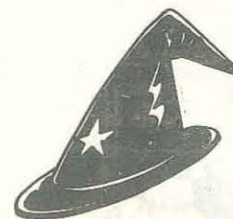
If there is sufficient interest amongst Bangkok residents, an airconditioned bus will be arranged to leave the Australian Embassy, 37 Sathorn Tai Road, at 7.00 a.m. for Kanchanaburi. After the service and the serving of refreshments, the bus will proceed to the Kwai River railway bridge and will leave for Bangkok at 2.30 p.m. This will give passengers time to pay a short visit to the Chungkai cemetery - some 20 minutes up the river by long-tail boat. Anyone interested in travelling by bus should advise the New Zealand Embassy, telephone 251-8165, by midday on Thursday 19 April. Bus seats may not be available for those who do not make reservations. The cost will be \$150 per seat (adult or child).

A hand-drawn map of a cave system, likely for a treasure hunt. The map is enclosed in a rough, irregular border. Inside, there are several symbols: a dinosaur in the upper left, a small square with a cross inside in the upper right, a large square with a cross-hatch pattern in the middle right, a skull and crossbones in the center, and a small house-like structure in the lower left. The word "DANGER" is written in capital letters above the skull and crossbones. There are also several ladders (represented by vertical lines with rungs) and a small circle. The map is drawn with simple black lines on a light background.

But poor Hobbit Pravit had an unfortunate speech defect, and the best he could manage was "The Lord of the Wings." Which is how he got into the Travel Business. (Well, with a title like that wouldn't you?)

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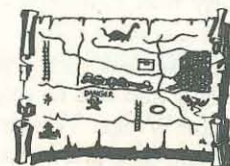
They stood angry and disappointed at the entrance formed of empty ale barrels wondering how they would get in, when a fairy stepped up to the guard and said "John the Fairy, Riverdale, 500 metres sprint flying." He was allowed in.

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Seeing this, the Wizard grabbed a large dinner plate left on a table since the feasting of the previous night, and approached the entrance guard "The Blue Wizard, Southron Wastes, Discus" he said and was waved in.

Taking his chance the Hiberon Gnome picked up a long sharpened wooden pole fashioned originally as an "Orc Accelerator" during the immediate post-war period and advanced toward the entrance. "Oban the Gnome, Hiberon Heights, Javelin", he said confidently and entered.

Finally, (for dwarfs are not noted for their speed) the dwarf from the Marshes to the west collected a ball of wire that had been strung from post to post to restrain the excited Hobbits during preliminary heats, and marched to the entrance gate and declared: "I'm Spud the Dwarf, Eirean Marshes, Fencing!"

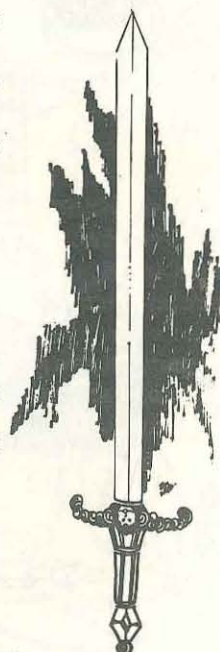


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GOLF

Rose Garden

British Club golfers were out in force at the Rose Garden on Sunday 4th March for the Pepsi Cola sponsored 4 Ball Better Ball, pairs and individual Stableford competitions. It was a great day's golf though slow at times, the very good condition of the fairways and greens plus fine play more than made up for the slow play, and accounted for the following high Stableford point scores. In the pairs competition Ken Long and Ernie Jurgens won outright with 47 points, followed in second spot by Barry Hyde and Bill Friel who topped on count-back Reg Laville and Mike Ryan with 45 points. However, Mike Ryan made up for the pairs miss by winning A Flight with 37 points, followed in second spot by Ben Harrold with 35 points.

B Flight was tied for first place by Sally Lamb and Pam Smith both with 39 points. Chartered Bank sponsored the nearest the pin on holes 6 and 14, and Chartered Bank's Hamish MacWilliams won closest the pin on hole 6 with Bob Hickling coming close to a hole-in-one on hole 14. This was the last outing for our past Captain, Don Goodin and his good lady, Fauna. On this day Captain Ron Armstrong presented Don with two gifts from the Section, one a beautiful pewter plaque in thanks for the hard work Don put into the success of the Section, both as Committee Member and later as Captain. A second gift was given in the form of a miniature golfer which depicted Don swinging a headless three iron, this went to Don in sympathy of the three iron he loved so much that he knocked the head off during the previous B.C. outing on this day.

Special thanks also went to Mobil and Kodak for their donation of consolation prizes.

Bang Phra

Bang Phra was the venue for the Section's outing held on Sunday 19th March and what a day it was, 22 golfers having taken over two hours to reach Bang Phra from Bangkok, settled down for what should have been a fairly quick round of golf. However it was not to be, yours truly accompanied by Captain Ron Armstrong and Ron Parker hit off at high noon and putted out on the 18th hole at 6.00 p.m. This slow, if not at times standstill play was, we found out later, due to the group "nationality withheld" playing in front of our first group,

starting out as a four ball and finishing up a seven ball. However, after our prize presentation and a few Kloster beers all the happy golfers set off back to Bangkok. Unfortunately the traffic had not thinned out and another two more hours passed before Bangkok came in sight. But to get back to the day's golf, although long, it is always a pleasure to play this picturesque course which was in good condition and enjoyed by all.

Our sponsor for the day was Ben Line, represented by their own Captain, Norman MacDonald. He won B Flight with 39 points but as sponsors cannot win their own prizes, Norman was awarded a round of applause instead. Unfortunately Norman's good round didn't help the B team beat the A, and A Division won by 16 points with the total taken from the top ten in each Division. A Division amassed 320 points and B Division 304. The winner in A Division was Hamish MacWilliams with 42 points, followed in 2nd spot by Mike Palette who had 38 points. Ron Armstrong won the front nine with 17 points and Malcolm Lazenby filled the second spot with 16 points. B Division was won by Barry Hyde on 36 points, followed by Koi Armstrong on 32 points. E.T. won the front 9 with 19 points and Charles Amos won the second 9 in B Flight with 17 points. Chartered Bank sponsored closest the pins on holes 6 and 12 and they were won by Ben Harrold and Mike Palette, Koi Armstrong won the ladies' longest drive and Will Dick the men's, 12 balls were handed out in the ballsweep. It was interesting, on reviewing the score cards, how St. Patrick's Night took its toll on the players, especially on the second nine. Anyway, from Bang Phra to the A.I.T. course in April; the first tee off time 08.30.

Enjoy your golf and from the archives I bring you interesting reading for beginners and stalwart golfers all. Please turn back to page 9.



DARTS

The current darts season is almost over; we could have won a few more matches if we had trained a bit more but our main aim has been enjoyment and we have had a great deal of it.

The Jusmag team were our opponents at the end of February. James won the first singles with a ton, double 20 close, Keith scored 116, double 8 close, at the end of the singles the score was 2-4.

We drew level in the doubles with James shooting ton double 8 finish, Chris and Terry came close in their match, and were only just beaten. James then closed double 16 in the triples game with Malcolm scoring a ton, which wasn't enough, as the final score was 6-11.

The next match was against The Sure team, with Peter winning his singles and Malcolm scoring two tons. James scored 120, 140, 100 and two closes but the final score stood at 4-13 to them.

Our third home match was against the Australian Embassy. With Keith, John, James, and Brian winning their singles, we were 4-2 in front at the end of the singles. Our next points came from Peter, double 10 close to put us 6-6 at the end of the doubles games. James won the next triple's game with a ton double 16 close and John also scored a ton. The match was decided on the final team game which we only just lost.

The fourth home match was against New Cowboy. In a closely fought match with Peter, scoring 112 and 1 close, Jack scoring 1 close, Keith scoring 100, 101, 100 and 1 close, Malcolm 101, John 135, James 100 and 2 closes, and Terry, 1 close, our efforts were not quite good enough and we lost by just the 1 point.

Members and Privileged Ladies please note that Rule 64.4 now reads "ABSENT MEMBERS REGISTRATION FEE. This will be zero."



LADIES' GOLF

Once again the Ladies' group has had a month of enjoyable golf, aided by good weather, a course in good condition, and a welcome sponsorship from Gestetner.

The Gestetner Competition is an annual event played over 36 holes, with Stableford scoring. The trophy is a fine pair of silver candlesticks, whilst the prizes are silver photo frames. This year there was a good field, with some guests, four of whom decided to become members - a nice bonus.

The winner of the competition was Kay Enterline (81 pts) with Pam Hardy (80 pts) as runner up. First round winner was Lise Dencker Nielsen (44 pts) and second round Jenny Westcott (46 pts). The other scores were not quite so high, but none were so bad that anyone threatened to give up the game - again! On each round there were four nearest pins and two

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long drives, which were won by Kay. Lise, Pam, Eileen and Vicky - three long long drives. The two days of golf were delightful and the girls thank Gestetner for the generous sponsorship.

Other competitions were held as usual. There was a Hidden Holes and a medal round - Silver division winner Pat Dodsworth, Bronze Lise Dencker Nielsen. On February 24th, the group joined with FLOGG to hold a farewell for Fauna Goodin, a staunch member of both groups. This was a happy and congenial occasion, even though the girls were sad to see Fauna leave.

Welcome to new members Josie Ryan, Linda Maxwell, Gillian Pallette and Mo Harris.

Starter for April is Muriel telephone 250 1166, venue Army Golf Course, tee off 7.30 a.m.



CRICKET

Compared with last month's bawdy, action packed performances we're a bit stuck for news this month. After two months of frantic flannelled frivolities BC's cricketers were suddenly faced with a 4 week fixtures gap and reduced to sundry inferior pursuits. Ignoring pleas from their skipper most designed to touch neither bat nor ball and wondrous to behold were the antics which some of them got up to. Some pathetically surrendered themselves once more to domestic servitude and were seen trailing along the pavements of the City of Angles carrying shopping bags for smug looking Mrs. Long Leg or Mrs. Silly Point. A few, who shall remain nameless, appeared to be under the illusion that Snooker was a viable alternative sport rather than the dubious light-weight 'entertainment' it is quite rightly classified as under the BC Constitution. (It's a pity some of them don't apply the bat to a moving cricket ball with the same care, thought and precision that they prod at an innocuous stationary ball on a 'wicket' as plumb as billiards table!). Yet others confirmed their doubtful mental faculties by playing the game more famous for hooliganism, vandalism, and violence than for any skill or entertainment value - and were actually seen chasing

footballs around in temperatures soring into the 100's. But strangest of all was the appearance of two them prancing around at Alliance Francais pretending to be agonising husbands of 18th century witches in something about 'Goosy-balls' - which I assume had something to do with the ill fitting knicker bockers they were both poncing about in. On reflection, it's small wonder that when this lot come together as a cricket team performances range from brilliant to pathetic through theatrical.

Well let me tell you, it was with some trepidation that your bionic-eyed skipper reluctantly reassumed responsibility for this rabble and prepared to lead them back into action again after 28 days absence from RBSC's pleasant pastures. However, in typically perverse fashion they proceeded to demolish a strong Indian side and it is with pleasure that I hand over to David Hall to write the official record of this wondrous occasion.

Sunday 18th March - BC vs Indian CC - 40 overs. BC won by 6 wickets

"For the first match after a four-week break, with a 12 o'clock start on the hottest day of the year so far and two players due to arrive late, skipper Jack Dunford (the only new face in the side) lost the toss. As it happens, this was something of a lucky break, as with the ball swinging and moving off the seam the top Indian batsmen found the fiery opening spells of Parry and Sayer unplayable; after seven overs, five players were back in the pavilion for just thirteen runs. I'm not sure where the skipper had spent Saturday night, but he was at this point much pre-occupied with "wobbly bits" and a desire for us not to have any. Needless to say, the wobbles came, and the sixth and seventh wickets put on 85 runs without ever really getting on top of the bowling before the last four wickets fell quickly, and the Indians were all out for 111 in the 27th over. Dave Williamson surprised everyone by taking three great catches; Parry, one of the most consistently economical bowlers in Thailand, finished with 4 for 18 off 8 overs; and Burles had an interesting day behind the stumps, taking one good catch, missing another which went about 200 feet in the air and came down about a foot away from where the wicket-keeper had started, but four feet away from where he finished, and capping his performance with his famous standing possum routine with both batsmen stranded at the other end of the pitch.

CLUB MANAGER

Bob Vlietstra will be leaving his appointment as Club Manager on 16th April and Geoff Percival will be taking over. Bob will stay on for a couple of weeks after this so that the transition is as smooth as possible.

The Committee wish to thank Bob for his very valuable assistance and wish him all the best in retirement. We also wish Geoff every success as the new Manager.

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With Terry Adams occupying the crease, 111 never looked enough and BC passed the total with four wickets down, all the batsmen getting into double figures, Price top-scoring with 31, and Adams hitting the ball all around the wicket, and occasionally off the square, carrying his bat for 27."

It would appear that Dave is as short of words as he is of inches but this was a heart-warming effort with good performances all round. Jeff Parry's splendid bowling was the key to victory but much was owed also to a fine 2 wickets for 8 runs in Mac Sayers' opening spell and those magic 3 catches by Dave Williamson. By the end of the innings he was prowling around the field shouting 'Mine!' for any ball hit in the air within 100 yds. of him! After 'that' match against Allied it was good to have Terry Adams back to bring sanity to the batting order and this was a good solid performance.

Actually at this stage of the proceedings BC could yet do well in the 40 over league and should not be underestimated. We have won 2 out of 3 matches so far and with 3 to play could still end up challenging for honours. Our matches in Chiang Mai on April 7th/8th will be crucial and we will go once again underdogs. This will be Chiang Mai's last game and they need to beat us well in the 40 over game to win the League - but if they should loose.....? For once we expect to be at full strength in Chiang Mai but perhaps the biggest test will be whether the team can resist what will surely be the best pre-match hospitality any team has ever been offered!

During the next 4 weeks we have 5 matches and by the time next Outpost is put together our season will be done. An extra treat for cricketers in April though will be the Club Night on Thursday 26th when Gerald Howat will be the speaker on 'Cricket, A British Institution'. Gerald Howat is a gifted after dinner speaker, a historian and cricket writer of note and this promises to be an enjoyable evening for all with ever a passing interest in the noble game. Watch out for announcements - book early and bring the missus.

Finally, it must be recorded with regret that the first Belgian cricketer in Thailand has lately departed these shores for a new life in Kuala Lumpur. Rest assured that his departure was celebration in style, several times, and few of us seriously believe that he will never play with us again. Good luck Ollie, Jenny and the kids, it was great to have you with us.



SWIMMING

Monthly Gala, Sunday March 11

A fine turnout of 25 swimmers, supported by timekeeping Mums and Dads who braved the midday sun, gave us some exciting and close races. However, with some 80 swimmers signed up for our training schedule, there are still at least as many again potential participants.

In particular, we were rather short in the Under 7s Boys (clearly the Girls are braver in testing their newly learnt swimming skills) and in the upper age groups (11 and over).

Personal best performances were recorded by:

-7s	Girls	<u>Andrea Sill</u>	- 28 secs. Fly
			- 1 sec. Breast
			- (first time out for I.M.)
		Fiona Passmore	- 6 secs. Breast
-9s	Girls	<u>Sarah Buhler</u>	- 5 secs. Breast
-11s	Girls	<u>Natalie Passmore</u>	- 8 secs. Fly
			- 2 secs. Breast
			- 6 secs. I.M.
		Katie Sill	- 8 secs. Fly
			- 2 secs. Breast

With the "Improver of the Month" shared by

* Andrea Sill and Natalie Passmore*

Well done Girls -- come on Boys, meet the challenge!

With over 20 "first recorded times/stroke" the competition for "Improver of the Month" must clearly hot-up over the next few months. Keep training and your times will undoubtedly improve.

Full results details are up on the Swimming notice board (located under the stairs leading up to the changing rooms).

Proficiency Awards

Awards and congratulations went to

"Puffer"	Christopher Hambleton
	Philip Timmins
"Snapper"	Simon Timmins
	Georgina O'Brien
	Thomas O'Brien
	Richard Tarrant
	Natalie Woo
	Tiffany Woo

Committee Meeting

The meeting of our Swimming Committee that took place immediately after the March Gala, was a disappointing turnout of just the old faithfuls:

Heather Passmore - who leaves in June

Barry Collins - here for ever?
and Khun Choon

The minutes have been circulated to potential new committee members and a copy attached to the Training Schedule board.

Support is now urgently needed from some more Mums who can be at the pool during the afternoons to assist coaches and swimmers with the training schedule. How about it? --- please.

Next Gala

Having checked on the plans of our on-school holiday swimmers, it became evident that neither the April 8th or 14th would be convenient and so we have brought forward the April BCB Gala to:

Sunday, April 1st ("April Fools Day")

starting, as usual, at 1200 (till 1300-1330)

SEE YOU AT THE POOL!



BRIDGE

The BCB Bridge Group meets every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Suriwongse Room. This is a convivial group, and we welcome new members to play, regardless of standards and skills. Please come and if possible bring a friend, for a friendly game.

A fee of 20 Baht per person is charged to pay for cards and prizes. Duplicate is the favoured game.



SQUASH

Interim Report on League No. 46

It is the second largest ever, with 118 entries. The largest was 119.

At this point, 20th March, some results are emerging:

* Divisions 3, 4, 13 and 16 looked tied up already by Bruce Pointer, Peter Dwyer, Sam Cohen and Helen Wilcox respectively. That does not mean, however, that the other players in their leagues should give up. (See section 1 in the Coordinators' Corner)

* Other players look like safe bets:

John Thompson	(Div. 1)
Amnuey Alexander	(Div. 11)
Drew Wilkins	(Div. 14)

* Some are in the lead (temporarily?):

Ron Parker	(Div. 5)
Brian Francis	(Div. 6)
Pat Murphy	(Div. 9)
Paul Bond	(Div. 10)
Malcolm Wilcox	(Div. 12)
Rita Dunford	(Div. 17)
Jimmy Abrahams	(Div. 18)
Ann Elliott	(Div. 19)

* And what's happening in Divisions 2, 7 and 8? Not much, according to the board.

COORDINATORS' CORNER

League placings - this is a difficult and controversial task but we do at least try to be consistent. Previous league performances are the over-riding factor but ladder performances are taken into account if players play regularly, and methodically work their way up. (Few ever do this - most specialize in "opportunistic" challenges!) In deliberations we always give preference to people who play in Leagues regularly and complete their matches - some people regularly withdraw especially if they lose a couple of matches - this is not approved of!

Results - results should be posted as soon as the players are capable of writing after playing. Results are posted frequently - more than once a day at weekends - and unless results are recorded promptly ladder positions may be affected. All results sheets must be dated since this again affects ladder positions. All results should include game scores, since this can be the deciding factor in event of 3-way ties.

Application Date - almost every League we still receive application forms after the closing date. It simply isn't possible to include them after the coordinators' meeting which usually takes place the day after closing day. The usual excuse is that "I didn't receive my form in time"! This is no excuse. Every Club Member is mailed a form around the 6th of the month and to allow for mail problems a supply is always placed in the poolside application form box on the same date. Always!

Walkovers - our rule is deliberately vague and leaves the coordinators with powers to adjudicate. The walkover rule is there to help people who fall genuine victims of others who either refuse to agree playing dates or fail to turn up. However, if players start trying to arrange matches in the last week of a league it is always likely that some matches cannot be played. If this is your case expect the coordinators to be less than sympathetic.

Rules. We get some strange queries:-

- "Are people allowed to play more than one match in a day?" - Yes. (Presumably this was asked by someone who thought that someone else was either giving or taking advantage by doing so.)
- "How long are players allowed to rest between games?" This is in the rules of squash - one minute in first four games, and two minutes after fourth.

- "Do we have to play best of 5 games?" - Yes. Incidentally, as soon as one player wins three games the match is over; some people seem to play on for 5 games even if one player wins the first 3 games.

Ladder - never move ladder positions yourself since there may be other scores in the box which affect positions. Leave this to coordinators, and belt kids if you see them touching them!

Court Behaviour. It's amazing how many players of all standards - Divs. 1 to 19 - can have destructive/dirty habits on court: Tapping the wall with your racquet before serving is unnecessary and ultimately cracks the plaster; Wiping one's sweaty hands on the walls to dry them is...simply disgusting.

Ladder News

Following last month's long discussion of the Ladder at the Squash Committee Meeting, changes may be afoot.

First, however, we would like to do two things:

- * Try to revive interest in the ladder as it stands;
- * Gather information about its use, and opinions about possible changes.

For this second purpose, a questionnaire is being devised and will be distributed with May's Outpost. To give you time to consider, here are some of the suggested changes in the Ladder:-

- Ladder competition separate from League with only volunteers included.
- Open challenge: anyone can challenge anyone.
- Re-introduction of walkover rule
(not along with Open challenge, however)
- Ladder placings to lead automatically to League placings: i.e. the top six on Ladder become Division 1 etc.

Think about these, and be prepared to express an opinion in the questionnaire next month.

Perhaps the questionnaire will stimulate your interest in the ladder. In any case, why not try challenging the five people above you, just to see how they react? For those who are challenged, don't be reluctant to play. Nothing drastic happens to you if you lose. You just go down one place and are replaced by the successful challenger in the ladder.

What is there in it for you? If you play and beat the challenger, record the result, and that will be taken into account in League placings by the Coordinators.

Right now there's something strange about the ladder set-up, as illustrated by the results of friendly games played by the same person against three different opponents in March. The first he won 3-1 against a person 26 places above him on the ladder; the second he lost to a man 6 places above. The third was very casual and unfinished. It was only later he realized that the person he was offering coaching advice to, from two divisions beneath him, was 7 places above him on the ladder!

SNIPPETS

- * Coaching. Of the 32 half hour sessions available in February, 29 were booked and 27 were utilized. To the two people who did not turn up, we would repeat our strictures of last month. If the coach takes the trouble to get out of bed, so should you. If possible, cancel well in advance and arrange a substitute. If not, at least telephone and apologize, even at the last minute.

Coaching, in the same format, will be arranged for the weekends of 21/22 and 28/29 April. Don't be shy! Put a sticker on the board, at the time and with the person you want. You can either have a coaching session, or a game with coaching tips. Have a go. The worse you are, the more you need it!

* Shirts

New Club shirts are available at reception for £75, sizes S, M, L and XL. A Ladies version is on order at the same price, in sizes S, M and L. More lasting for squash than Silo, Dior.

* T.S.R.A.

The Thai Squash Racquets Association Team Competition is likely to begin mid-May.

Flyers and application forms for this will be circulated early in April. The competition is for an unlimited number of teams of three in three divisions. Reserves are also required, and frequently used in a mobile group like the British Club.

So do volunteer. It is a good way of developing your game to play unknown people in a variety of locations, one night per week for a few months.

* Squash Videos

Remember that videos of the recent Pakistani World Champions' visit are available at £800 from T.S.R.A.

* Departure of A.A., B.B., and B.C.

Finally, sad to say, this month we are losing three of the staunchest supporters of squash from the Club. In alphabetical order, they are, Anthony (Tony) Austin, Brian Birley and Bill Cox. (Can that be why Brewery shares have rocketed in U.K. and Australia?) Our best wishes go with them, their wives and families.

REUNION OF FORMER STUDENTS IN UK

A reunion for those who have been educated in Britain is to be held in the garden of the British Ambassador's Residence at 1800 on 27 April. It is hoped that many members of the British Club will come to enjoy the festive atmosphere. Though many members may be familiar with the Ambassador's garden, they will find it transformed as the venue for a cross between a British garden party and a Thai temple fair.

Culinary attractions include traditional British food, with British cider and beer to boot. There will be performance of songs and dancing from a variety of places and periods, a band of course, and even a pub corner. Any proceeds from the reunion will go towards a fund to sponsor a Thai student in the UK.

Tickets are now available from Khun Vipanee Payungpong of Sindhu Pulsirivong and Associates, 56 Surawong Road, telephone 234-0300, 235-0002-3. At £100 per head, they include four £10 vouchers for refreshments. You are encouraged to book early as numbers are limited.



SOCCER

FINISHING OFF THE FARANG LEAGUE

British Club (5) vs Swiss (0) - March 11th

The BC team continued its inexorable drive for the championship with a comprehensive victory over an ineffectual Swiss team distinguished more for the experience of its players than for their youth. The BC team, as ever, is distinguished more by the experiences of its youths than by their play. And given the usual Saturday night experiences of some of the youths the scoreline was in fact a fairly handsome result.

However, it took an unstoppable 30-yard drive from Bill Friel to open the scoring before the 'youths' got in on the act. Morton bagged a brace, Castledine stuck one in, and Wallace also rose to the occasion. They must still have thought it was Saturday night.

The Swiss kept at it gamely but never looked like scoring and we left the pitch with a clean sheet, our winning record intact. We had now beaten the Germans, the French, ISB and the Swiss, with 16 goals for and one against. This brought us level on points with the Indians (15 goals for, 5 against) who took to the field immediately we left it to play the Scandinavians.

Unfortunately the Scandinavians did not take to the field immediately and so forfeited the game (automatically 3-0 to the Indians) and their chance to the title. After giving the Indians a clear run to the top of the league by not having a full team at kick-off time, the Scans then very kindly turned out their best team for the next game, determined to regain their lost reputation. Against us.

"A GAME OF THREE HALFS"

British Club (2) vs Scandinavians (1) - March 17th

The crucial match against the Scans was remarkable for several reasons: the Ferris Wheel on the pitch, the third half in the middle, the timing on Crutchley, and the suicidal desire of our team to throw away a safe lead because of petty frustrations.

First the wheel. On arriving at the ground for this the penultimate game, two points down on the Indians and not having beaten the Scans for two years, we were confronted by a fair-sized Ferris Wheel - the full Monty - standing at one corner of the baseball diamond: I mean football pitch. After half-dismantling the structure, we rolled it ponderously off the pitch and left it two feet beyond the touchline, right in the middle of the building site. That this was accomplished at all amazed me, given the cack-handed approach, the lack of coordination, the stone-age technology and the language barriers (English-Scottish, Swedish-Welsh or whatever that other gibberish was) of the participants. In view of their gross incompetence, I find it even more amazing that these same participants are, during the week, engineers, doctors, chief executives, and oil men.

Second, the third half. Or third, the second half. It was as confusing as it sounds, and it happened like this:

Due to the unexpected earlier sporting event (the now legendary "Jerking the Ferris") the first half was curtailed by the referee after 25 minutes. The majority of our team and all of the Scans staggered into the shade for their usual half time constitutional of five minutes in an iron lung to recover their breath. However our heroic coach, and acting captain Dave "Bonkers" Wallace, in an obvious attempt to demonstrate his superior physical fitness, selfishly started wingeing to the ref about the missing few minutes. So we kicked off again, playing the same way, for the second of the first halves, or the middle of the two halves, but definitely not the first of the second halves. In fact this proved to be the most inspired captain's decision of the season, as Lindsey Childs scored a couple of seconds after the restart.

The only conclusion I can draw is that three minutes worth of iron lung is obviously insufficient for Scandinavians in this climate.

Next, Crutchley: his timing throughout was impeccable and his feet were never out of step (very useful for a footballer).

Finally, after Wilkins had added another to his season's haul, the team went into its usual manic, self-destructive phase. It was sparked off as ever by a couple of players losing their cool, the rest of the team getting infected and consequently our play losing its control and rhythm. During this period the Scans broke our offside trap and pulled one back, and then began to pile on the pressure. After a couple of narrow escapes, composure was gradually returning when, much to our relief, the referee blew time.

Thus ended the third half. And the second half as well.

"THE BC GET AMONGST IT"

British Club (1) vs Indians (0) - March 24th

And so to the Showdown. The Indians and ourselves level on points, both unbeaten, the League Championship going to the winner.

It was a tough, tense, closely-fought encounter with the Indians encountering a little more close-fighting than the British. It was probably not a great game for spectators (the ranks of the faithful had swelled considerably) but it was absorbing to play in, with a very satisfactory conclusion.

Bolstered by Wallace's dressing room rhetoric we put in a very disciplined performance. Guided by his masterly game plan ("You mark the one with the cloth on his head, I'll take the one with the red socks.") We never looked like losing. And with everyone on the pitch getting amongst it, it was only a matter of time before we scored. Part way through the second half Morton floated a corner across, Wilkins leapt magnificently and powered a perfect header fast and low inside the post. It was fitting that our two non-stop work-horses, Wilkins and Morton, should seal the Indian's fate.

There was no relaxation; we continued to pressure them, hunting for a second goal while keeping it tight at the back. The Indians became increasingly desperate and began to spray the ball more widely and more wildly. However, their danger men had been effectively shackled for most of the game and were unable to capitalise on the limited possession they got. The game ran out, and so did we, as Champions.

The Aftermath: The BC getting Right in Amongst it

There was a low-key, post-match conference in the Haus Munchen when a strategy was agreed upon for the team celebrations. This was summed up as "4 p.m. in the Napoleon, 4 a.m. in the Thermae, and in between getting amongst it in Patpong". There is a certain inevitability about the names of the select group who went for the full session: Wallace, Rhodes, Dave Smith, Morton, Castledine, Williamson and friend, and my good self of course. And from this elite band I believe that I alone can claim the honour of having reached all the said venues (Crutchley was in the Thermae, but not the Napoleon) though as far as I can recall I had to retire a few short minutes before the 4 a.m. target.

A fitting end to a very successful day.

ACTIVITIES

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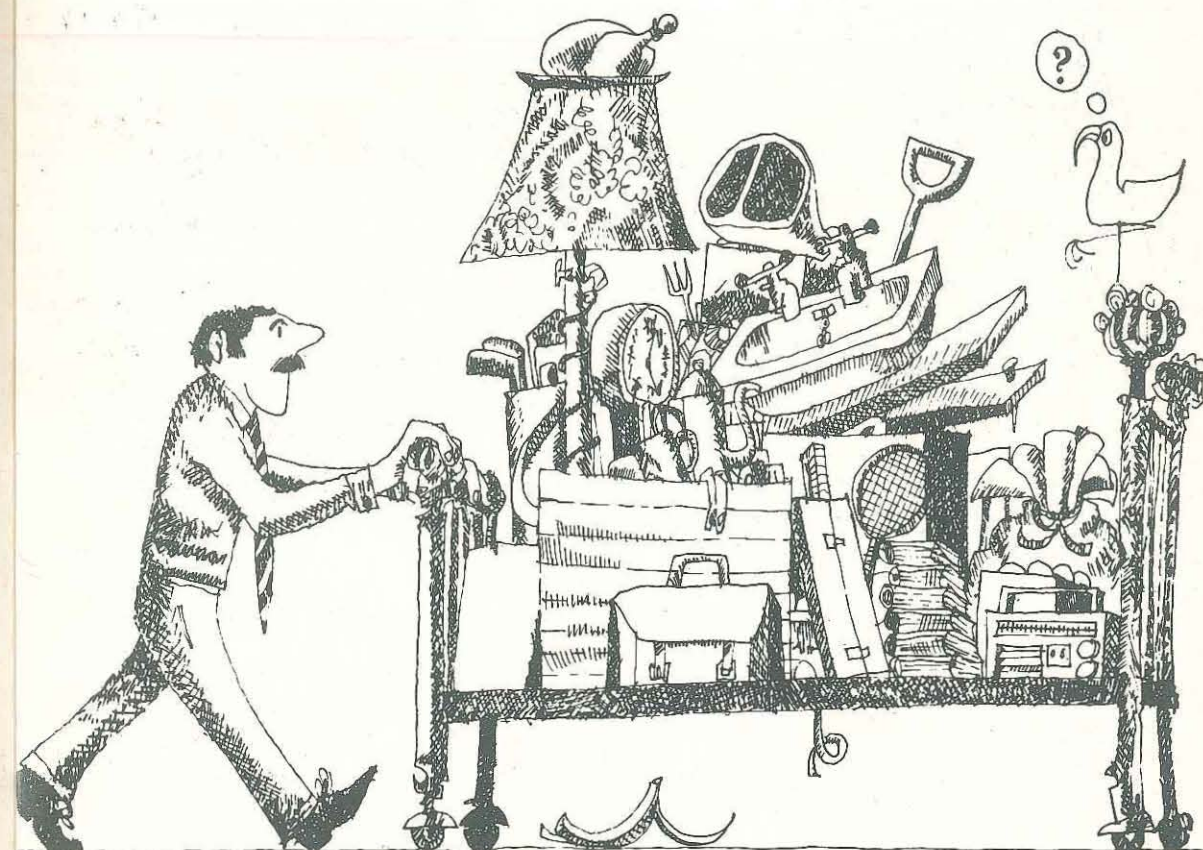
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