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Sound advice to future Committee members is not to miss, under any circumstances, the first meeting - you may end up with Publicity. However, having made this initial mistake your new Ed. pressganged assistance from various nooks and crannies (or was it crooks and nannies) around the Club and, you will probably agree, the new team has plumbed new depths of editorial eloquence.

Appeals for contributions to this month's OUTPOST have extracted an article on a local historical institution (see "Neilson Hays Library") and if anyone can produce similar material for future editions the Ed. would be pleased to hear about it. Another surprise was a timely page or two on the Folk Group's recent tour of Malaysia ("Travelling Folk") - the group will put on a Folk Evening at the Club on 7th June.

Highlights on the entertainment and sports fronts coincided on 19th April. That date marked the opening of the new function room "The Suriwongse Room" on the first floor of the Clubhouse and the event was celebrated by a sold out "Jazz by Candlelight". The throng was given a splendid night out consisting of food and music presented at an excellent standard.

Earlier in the day, sports enthusiasts were able to watch the world's No. 1, 3, 4 and 6th ranked squash players give a display which included exhibition matches and the whitewashing of our top players (although a certain division one player claims three moral points).

Next month's programme (pages 2 and 3) promises to keep most members busy and there should be plenty to report - so keep those articles coming else No. 4 could be a news sheet.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS/SPECIAL DAYS FOR MAY

Thu 1	Labour Day
Mon 5	Coronation Day
Mon 26	Spring Holiday
Thu 29	Visakha Bucha Day

WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

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

CLUB/SECTION EVENTS FOR MAY 1980

Thu 1	- Darts. BC v Wonder Ladies	8.00 p.m.
Sat 3	- Video Tape. "G.I. Blues"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 4	- Golf. Club Championship (Hua Mark)	
	Video Tape. "G.I. Blues"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Tue 6	- NEW MEMBERS NIGHT	5.30 p.m.
	- Ladies Golf. Stableford	
Wed 7	- Squash. Annual General Meeting & Films	
Thu 8	- Darts. BC v Bobby's Arms	8.00 p.m.
Sat 10	- Children's Activities	9.00 a.m.
	- Video Tape. "You Only Live Twice"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 11	- Monthly Swimming Gala	11.30 a.m.
	- Video Tape. "You Only Live Twice"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Tue 13	- Ladies Golf. 3 Throw Aways	
Thu 15	- Darts. BC v Flykwiz	8.00 p.m.
Sat 17	- Video Tape. "The Guns of Navarone"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 18	- Golf. Club Championship (Hua Mark)	
	- Tennis. The Ashes Tournament	2.00 p.m.
	- Video Tape. "The Guns of Navarone"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Tue 20	- Ladies Golf. Par Bisque	
Thu 22	- Darts. BC v Spotlight	8.00 p.m.
Sat 24	- Video Tape. "Dirty Harry"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 25	- Video Tape. "Dirty Harry"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Mon 26	- Squash. Don Johnston Cup Starts	
Tue 27	- Ladies Golf. Medal	
Thu 29	- Darts. BC v Nation	8.00 p.m.
Sat 31	- Video Tape. "The Stone Killer"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 1 June	- Video Tape. "The Stone Killer"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
	- Squash. Final Don Johnston Cup and Social Barbecue	4.30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEW MEMBERS:

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

Ordinary

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Mr. A.R. Bullard	Cathay Pacific Airways
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Mr. T. Ford	CDC Thailand
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Mr. J.P. Milne	British Embassy
Mr. D.A. Ramsay	Bristol Myers (T) Ltd.
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43 Soi Attavimol

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

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

Tuesday 6 May (Closing date 3 May)

Tuesday 3 June (Closing date 31 May)

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

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LOWER BACK PAIN

A continuation of last month's article....

Some back problems result from extremely poor physical formations at birth, from developed organic diseases, or major accidents and are so serious they require surgery and/or near-permanent bracing. These techniques are outside the range of this article if only because they are statistically infrequent as well as highly specialized. Similarly, I bypass such ailments as lumbago, sciatica and "slipped discs," though cause and treatment may be identical. The target here is the so-called normal person who fairly regularly experiences cricks in the lower back (beginning, on average, in the early thirties) that periodically flare into an episode; the person who lives from day to day wary that a hard sneeze, an unexpected step into a depression, or one over-head smash too many will reduce him to a basket case, not to say tears, he who ministers to his pain with hot baths or great dollops of methyl salicylate that sear the flesh and send lovers and friends into less pungent air; those who may get professional or quasi-professional help, and most especially, those who do nothing but wait for the next agonizing misadventure once they are again in ambulant.

This last is a rather common mark of human perversity. When the hurt goes away most of us normal backachers carry on as if nothing had happened. For instance, I had known some backache since my early thirties, much of it attributable to generally poor posture and a sedentary work-life. There had been danger signals that the problem would almost certainly get worse, but I ignored them. A couple of years before that squash game in my early forties, I had my first bad episode, from shovelling snow. But it was not quite as severe as the last straw, and surely not as humiliating, so consequently not as motivating. Having to crawl out of the squash court into view of healthy young studs, and having to be helped get my pants on as if I were a child, added insult to injury. Maybe everyone, unfortunately, needs such ignominy to be driven to do something.

My own search for relief was accelerated by a new twist in my torment; I had an excruciating line of pain running down my right leg. The sciatic never was badly irritated, a not uncommon side effect of lower back problems, so this time I had the whole disaster to deal with.

Putting it as simply as possible, a normal low-back episode is when a muscle in the area goes into spasm. That is, the muscle contracts under the stress of a movement and remains tight. Being out of condition, having lost its flexibility from a lack of use and/or the ravages of aging, it does not return to its relaxed state. If the contraction is of a particularly stressful nature, or occurs in the buttocks area, it can disturb the

sciatic nerve, which is actually four branches of nerves located in the buttocks that join and become one in the leg; each leg has such a branch-and-cable sciatic system. (One doctor I know believes the sciatic nerve can also be hit by what he calls walletectomy -- that is, men who carry their wallets in their back pocket have it right over the sciatic nerve branches and are liable to put damaging pressure on them when sitting.)

One way or another, sciatic nerve irritation is not only a piercing nightmare of pain, it can cause irreparable damage. A friend of mine, an athletic man, finally found relief from his sciatic nerve episode when a physio-therapist successfully manipulated a portion of his buttock. But he had suffered the pain in his right leg for a year before that, and the leg atrophied to the point at which it is noticeably thinner than its mate. Indeed, the right foot is still numb and he can no longer push off from it to hit a golf or tennis ball with his once-customary power. More of this powerful stuff next month (enough is enough - Ed.) when the arcaneries of chiro-practic, osteopathy and the thousand and one real and fanciful treatments available for backache sufferers are investigated.

Royal Garden Hotel - Pattaya

We are pleased to announce that the Club has negotiated special rates with the Royal Garden Hotel, Pattaya, amounting to about 50% discount on normal rates.

Rates to British Club member are as follows:-

Hotel Room -	Single	฿450.-
	Double	฿550.-
Bungalows 2 Bedroom		฿1100.-
	3 "	฿1300.-
	4 "	฿1600

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- a) Full American Breakfast
- b) Tax
- c) Service

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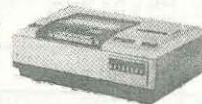
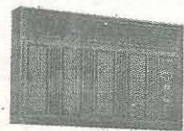
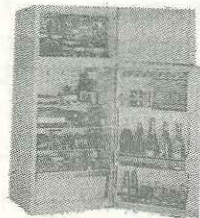
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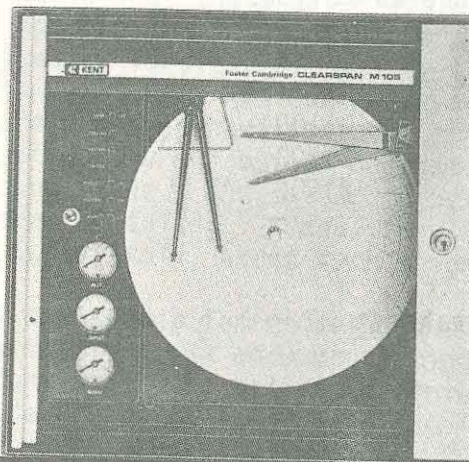


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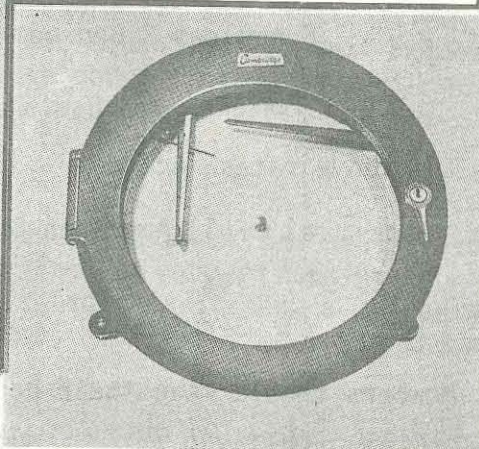
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THE NEILSON HAYS LIBRARY

If you haven't yet discovered Bangkok's English library, it is that white colonial-style building behind the Club on Suriwongse Road. It contains enough books to keep the most voracious reader permanently happy and provides every month a new selection of the latest novels, biographies and so on from reviews in the British and American press.

The present building designed by a firm of Singapore architects, was built in 1922 in memory of Jennie Neilson Hays who was for 25 years the driving force of the Bangkok Library Association. Its solid respectable front is a monument to female ingenuity and persistence over a period of more than a century.

The Library's history began on a day in December 1868 when the Ladies' Bazaar Association, an energetic group of farang ladies with a truly Victorian sense of public responsibility, decided to spend their entire year's profits of Tcs. 550 on setting up a circulating library of English books.

At that time, books were enormously expensive - perhaps £45 in modern terms for the standard three-volume novel such as 'Jane Eyre' or 'David Copperfield' - and difficult to obtain in the absence of an English language bookshop and given the trading companies lack of enthusiasm for small parcels of fragile cargo.

With radio, television and bridge yet to be invented, the local farang community was thrown back on prayer meetings and dinner parties for their evening's entertainment, and there was a real need for a circulating library to reduce people's boredom and preserve their sanity.

In January 1869, therefore, the Bangkok Ladies' Library Association duly came into existence, wrote itself a constitution and by-laws, set up shop in the Baptist Mission compound on New Road and began a career of library management which has continued to the present day, interrupted only by the Japanese takeover of the present library building during the Second World War.

From the beginning, the thirteen ladies of the Association - men are excluded by the terms of the constitution - determined on an ambitious course of expansion and improvement. In 1871 the library moved to the vestry of the Protestant chapel in the Borneo Company compound, also on New Road, where it was open one day a week with one of the ladies in charge.

At first the Ladies' Bazaar Association provided all the necessary funds from its annual round of bazaars, sales of work, charity teas and benefit concerts, but in July 1873

this worthy organisation abruptly ceased to exist. Nothing is now discoverable about the circumstances of its sudden end, but by generously providing the farang community and its wives with a constantly expanding new form of entertainment it may well have organised itself out of a rôle. /Getting up bazaars, while entertaining and time consuming for ladies with little else to do, require a lot more energy than reading improving books./

From this time the Association introduced subscriptions to pay for the classics, popular fiction, general works and periodicals which they were buying in England and America: Tcs. 8 for one year or Tcs. 50 for life, which is about £3000 and £20,000 in today's money. The present annual subscription is £500 or £750 for the whole family.

After four years of excitement and dynamic growth, the Bangkok Ladies' Library Association settled down to twenty-five years of consolidation. Some books from this period which have survived the climate and the vicissitudes of time can still be seen in the library.

In 1897 a paid library clerk was employed for the first time and the opening times expanded to seven hours a day, three days a week. The turnover of books increased considerably as a result and the problem of space became critical. The vestry was bursting at the seams.

Fortunately in 1900 Mr. J.C. Naylor, a barrister, offered the Association the use of the ground floor of his house on New Road, rent free. Intoxicated by all this additional space, the library now opened its doors to the public every day except Sunday, and with increasing prosperity began in 1904 to pay Mr. Naylor rent of Tcs. 50 a month.

Another move to larger premises in Chartered Bank Lane, at a rent of Tcs. 80 a month was made in 1909, but it was beginning to be apparent that the Association's income from subscriptions could not sustain the ladies' ambitions.

They changed their name to the Bangkok Library Association, which brought in extra subscriptions from men who had previously had the impression from the name that only ladies were allowed to borrow books; they organised bazaars and they decided with the money to build their own library to save the Tcs. 960 a year which was lost in renting premises.

Husbands and friends were encouraged to take up debentures to the value of Tcs. 8,700, and for the modest cost of nine years' rent the Bangkok Library was built on the Suriwongse Road site and opened in July 1914.

Jennie Neilson Hays, an American lady 25 years resident in Bangkok, presided over the Association's great building venture, defying the pessimism of local businessmen, and also over the next six years of energetic fund-raising. As a result of her efforts the Association succeeded in repaying about Tcs. 1,200 a year, plus interest, and when she died in 1920 only Tcs. 1,400 remained of the original debt.

At her death the Association received money from her estate sufficient to pay the sum remaining, and an offer from Dr. Heyward Hays to build a much larger library on the same site in his wife's memory. The Neilson Hays Library accordingly opened in June 1922, a model of a modern tropical library building, and has remained unaltered to the present day; like the British Club itself, one of a diminishing number of witnesses to a more elegant era in the development of modern Bangkok.

For nineteen years the new library played a substantial part in the life of the English-speaking community, until the arrival of the Japanese forces in 1941. The building was occupied, its furnishings damaged or destroyed; inventories and catalogues of books which had been kept since 1869 disappeared with the blue-prints of the new building and other library records. About 1,000 books were shipped to Japan, but with government assistance the remainder were saved, evacuated to Chulalongkorn University and stored until the Japanese army withdrew.

Even the books which were taken away mostly returned. After the Americans entered Japan more than 800 of the missing books were located and brought back to Bangkok by the Borneo Company. The library was soon able to resume its original function and has continued to interest and entertain its subscribers for a further 35 years.

The Neilson Hays Library now opens seven days a week throughout the year, offering books, paperbacks and magazines on a wide range of subjects for both adults and children to anyone who wants to join. Have you tried it yet?

ONLY 239 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

The date of the Christmas Ball is FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER
- no details available yet but please put this date in
your diary NOW.

IF YOU OWN A DOG YOU SHOULD READ THIS

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

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

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

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

This information is issued as a public service by Pfizer, the manufacturer of Canex Plus*, the safe dog wormer which eliminates roundworms, hookworms and whipworms in a single dose. For details of a recommended worming programme for your dog, please consult your veterinarian or Pfizer's Technical Service Department, Tel. 233-7150-9.

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FROM OUR TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

The boys of BA have riposted in full froat and truly British tradition to last months column pointing out that they serve London three times a week from BKK and that two of those make only one stop en route cutting the journey time down to just 14½ hours. All three flights arrive at the crack of dawn (0625 hrs) enabling Scots, Irish and Angrits to catch up to six flights a day to such jewells as Glasgow, Inverness, Manchester, Newcastle, Belfast and Dublin.

LADIES ADVISORY/LIAISON GROUP'S DIARY

The month of April marked the enforced reduction of the Committee members, firstly by an accident, and secondly, by an impending operation. By the time this comes off the Press, Cynthia Hyatt will be well on her way to recovery and back to work once again, but we may have to wait for a while for Mary Davie to join us in view of her operation in Canada.

The Easter Holiday Activities

To provide the children with something constructive and interesting to do during the Holidays the Ladies Group, with their usual inventiveness, organized well thought-out activities which were to run once a week for three weeks.

The first of these activities, clay moulding and table tennis took place on the third of April, ably organized by Mary Gilbert and supervised by a number of mothers. There were all-told sixty-nine children who participated and produced both original and unique moulds. The tennis competition organized for the day was abandoned as it had rained the day before and rendered the courts unplayable.

The Painting competition held on the tenth was well attended with ninety-three children participating: Ann Walker, assisted by several ladies transformed the poolside area into an over-sized studio, pulsating with brush strokes and adorned with a rainbow of tantalizing colours. It was really and truly a sight to behold. More so were the results of the children's efforts. Scenes depicted were painted not only with imagination and a high sense of originality but also showed vibrance reflecting no doubt their impressions of life. Judging these works of art was no easy matter for the judges, Margaret Tainsh, Mary Frankel and Ann Walker who said the inevitable, "each deserves a prize." The winners though had to be chosen and so they were with great difficulty.

The last activity, the Sponsored Swim, was held on the 17th. The children swam for an hour with but one objective in mind -- that children somewhere in a refugee camp up North may have something, however small, to call their own -- writing pads, colouring books and pencils. At the end of their swimming session, Marion Hyde, coordinator for the day, gave a most touching talk about the children in the camp she visited that left most of us misty-eyed.

We wish to thank everyone for their kind cooperation in making this year's Easter Holiday Activities an undoubted success.

The Saturday Activities will be held on the following dates:

10th May, 1980

7th June, 1980

5th July, 1980

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I am sure many ladies would like to join with me in thanking the organisers of the 'Activities' mornings held for the children during the school holidays. These were great fun and enjoyed by everyone.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Ed,

Congratulations on this your first magnificent edition of Outpost! You have given us exiting news items, eye-catching ads and even poetic post mortems. Keep them up!

A. Creep.

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P.S. Suggest a "Bar Snoop" column

POETRY SECTION

Yes, I know of my Queen
To me she's resplendent
On her throne independent
Not (as Anon would have)
A has been.

The Point of Debate
Ain't how we relate
To our heritage
Nor woes of this Age.

Of concern to me
As it must be to thee
Is how we appear
To those who are here.

It is quite apparent
And thereby abhorrent
The new title Outpost
Gives offence to our host.

Let's forget who's to blame
But remove the abuse
By restoring the name
Of the British Club News.

J.B. Mattinson

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... and in favour ...

Most like it (though you don't)
But now change it back we won't
(Not at least until we've used up
our first printing)
If of it you're no lover
Would you like it with no cover?
(Or perhaps for "plain brown wrapper"
you are hinting?)

So we say "up with the OUTPOST"
You should back it to the utmost
To bring you all the best of B.C. news
It is now so very popular
Because of its new titular
For OUTPOST they are forming up in queues!

D.T. Overton

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"Noted" - Ed.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WOMEN

Symbol: WO

Atomic Weight: accepted as 120

Known isotopes from 120-180

Physical Properties

1. Usually found with film of painted oxide.
2. Baited at nothing, freezed without reason
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8. Turns a rosy tint if discovered in natural state.

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TRAVELLING FOLK

At the beginning of April, Bangkok's own White Inn Folk Group became "Travelling Folk" for the purpose of a five-day British Council sponsored tour of Malaysia, giving four concerts, at K.L., The Malaysian Institute of Technology, Kuantan and Trengganu.

Immediately we found that more fundamental changes have to be made than in the name of the group. Because of local sensitivities, songs about the pleasures of drink or sex had to be retold, which depleted our repertoire to Bhumipol Dam crises level. The piddling dregs could have generated no sparks, so we were forced to include some of our classics in expurgated form. It was impossible to leave "Maggie Mae" untouched but songs like, "Whisky, you're the Devil, you're leadin' me astray," struck, we felt, a suitably moralistic tone and were included.

Thus, bowdlerized and looking suitably sanctimonious, we set off, like four choirboys and one choirgirl, Anne and Peter Hargreaves, Andy Dunlop, Frank Fraenkel and Tony Kidd. Having achieved this state of virtue, we were rather upset on arriving at Penang Immigration to be told we could not enter the country as entertainers without a special visa. Shocked and stunned we were, but eventually we blarneyed our way through. When the special visas appeared next day in K.L., stamped firmly upon each was the legend:-

"Entry permitted for musical performance only.
Must not sit out or dance with the customers."

As if we would! (Though I can only vouch for myself). Perhaps the authorities had been misled by our cherubic appearance; it is possible to look too much like choirboys.

Our first performance was in K.L. at the British Council. We thought this would be the high point of the tour for location, amplifying equipment and audience sophistication. Fortunately that was not the case. There were only two mikes for three singers and two instrumentalists. Permutate that lot, giving one mike to a lead singer! Banjo strings tangled round the ear, and guitar necks on the ribs are painful experiences. But the audience did not seem to mind. They were terrific, all 250 of them. We gave them 30 songs and they lay back and enjoyed them.

This was followed by a siege of the dressing room by autograph hunters and reporters. One Chinese reporter praised our eschewal of pop songs, for they were "dirty music." Good thing we left our beloved bawdy in Bangkok. Next day we were featured in 4 newspapers.

In the remaining concerts we went from strength to strength with audiences of 400, 500 and 800 in each place. About half the songs involved audience participation, and the response was always tremendous, even in the most surprising circumstances. It was incongruous, but very satisfying to see rows of young girls, in Muslim headdress, faces aglow, speculating at the tops of their voices, on what they should do with the drunken sailor, for example.

There is talk of us returning in June sponsored, appropriately enough, by Anchor Breweries. This might be related to the guarantee we have given to plough any profits we make straight back into the company.

In the meantime, we hope to cut two discs, and on Saturday June 7th we will be giving a "do" at our own British Club - so see you then.

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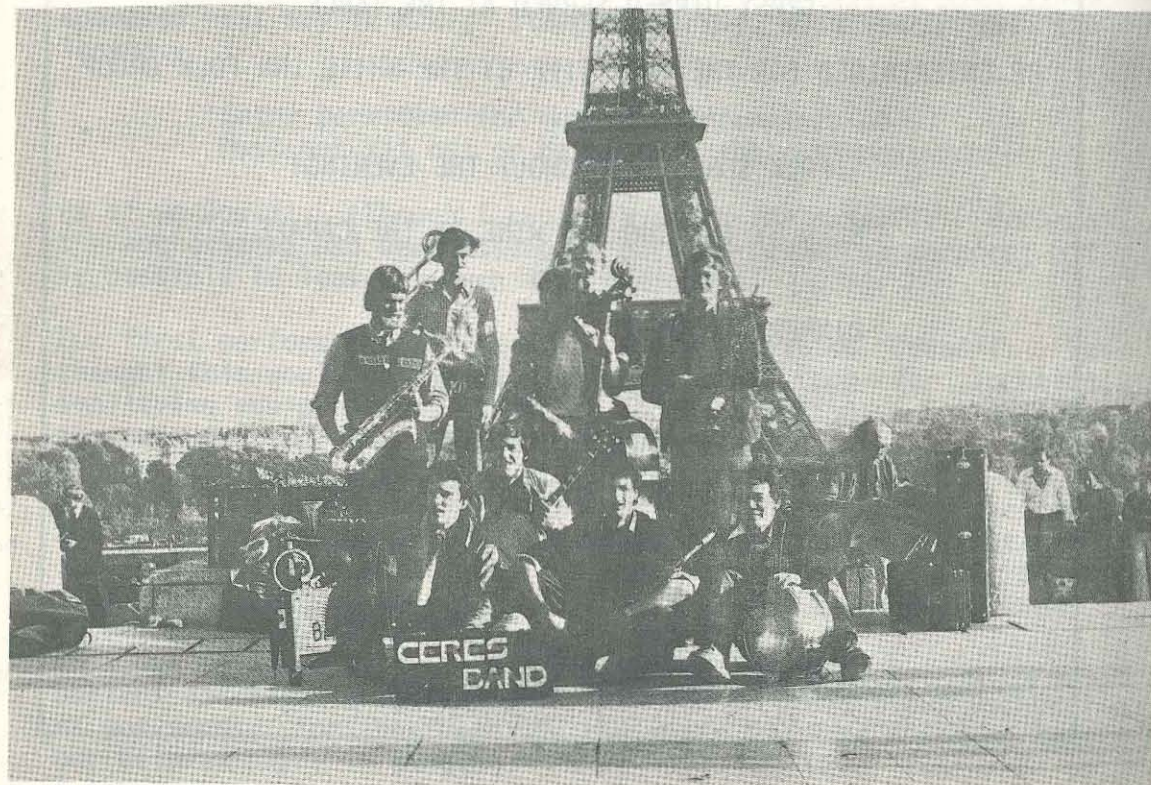
Our thanks are due to Lachie Thomson, Paddy Dickson et al for their exhilarating performance, not least for extending their operating time well after the contracted hours. We wish them "bon voyage" for their tour of the USA and eagerly await their return to Bangkok.

Another Dixieland treat is booked for FRIDAY 6TH JUNE when the "CERES BAND" will be performing at the Club in the same setting.

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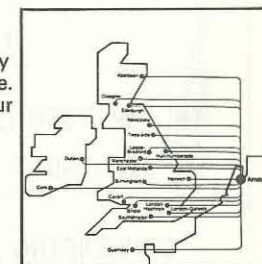
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RHYMING SLANG

Following the successful introduction of our rhyming slang dictionary, we continue this month by highlighting the parts of the head.

By way of a refresher course from last month, we hope you have not yet had a *darby* full and are still willing to stick out your old *Gregory* and put your *jumping* into a little more learning.

PARTS OF THE BODY II

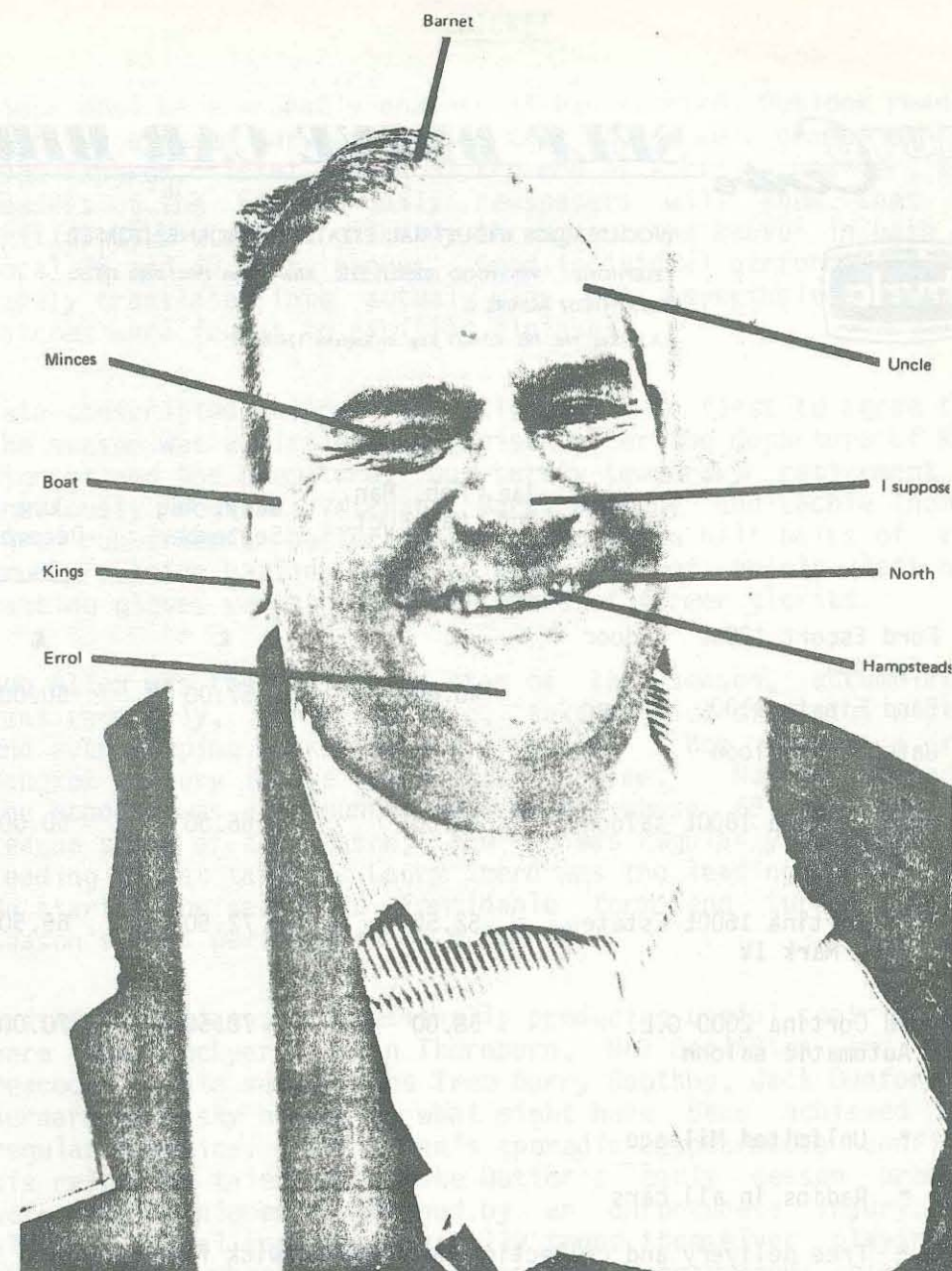
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Barnet	Barnet Fair	Hair
Errol	Errol Flynn	Chin
I Suppose	-	Nose
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CRICKET

Since most were probably unaware it had started, Outlook readers might be excused for not knowing that stumps were drawn on the 1980 Bangkok cricket season at the end of April. However, keen readers of the English daily newspapers will know that the British Club competed gallantly throughout the season in both the local 25 and 40 over leagues. Good individual performances were rarely translated into actual wins but nevertheless several matches were fought to exciting finishes.

Late-conscripted skipper Paul Malone will be first to agree that the season was a little disorganised after the departure of Russ Hignett and the premature, but surely temporary retirement of previously regular veterans Barry Boothby and Lachie Thomson. Three rubberless, battered bats, two and a half pairs of very grubby outsize batting pads and a variety of holey left hand batting gloves were the sad reminders of former glories.

Bob Allen was the undisputed star of the season, accumulating runs regularly, rarely failing, taking a lot of useful wickets and even keeping wicket on one occasion. Bob scored a rare Bangkok century in one representative game. Not far behind in the honours was all rounder Bob Lanham whose 69 was the top league score of the season, and who was regularly amongst the leading wicket takers. Laury Sherd was the leading wicket taker. He started the season in formidable form and turned in the season's best performance of 6 for 24.

Faithful regulars, occasionally producing useful contributions, were Paul Lockyer, Kevin Thornburn, Hek Darrington and Roger Peacock. Late season runs from Barry Boothby, Jack Dunford and Bernard Melunsky hinted at what might have been achieved with regular practice. Ken Green's sporadic appearances confirmed his reluctant talent and Mike Dutton's early season promises were cruelly nipped in the bud by an unfortunate injury. As always, casual spectators usually found themselves playing to make up the numbers, and a variety of pressganged celebrities included American crooner Dick Bek, cautiously dispatched to partake in the proceedings at third man.

Not a great season, but there is enough talent in the Club to make next season a memorable one. All cricket players watch this space.

SOCCER

Having ended the official season on a high note, we were reluctant to leave it be (just like Mohammed) so, on a very hot holiday Monday, the remnants of your "1979/80 soccer season crowd pleasers" found themselves in front of a 20,000 strong crowd of sports lovers, at the RBSC. The object of this turn out was a 7-a-side soccer tournament played on a full size pitch, with a minimum of three games.

In the first game your representative side played quite well, narrowly failing to score but achieving a nil-nil draw.

The second game after a suitable interval, during which the organisers had thoughtfully organised some horse racing to keep the crowd amused, ended all our chances of winning anything (except best losers) when those ungrateful, short memoried, German (augmented) all-stars banged in four goals without reply.

This left us in the happy but tantalising position of having one more game in an hours time, but with free beer tickets burning holes in the pockets of our pretty little British Club shorts. However, despite temptation, we held firm, and resisted stoutly, until we heard that another team had withdrawn and gone home, (taking their ball with them), leaving us in danger of qualifying for the second round which would mean two more games.

A meeting was called in the cool of the bar, and tickets were rapidly converted into alcoholic refreshment, leaving your favourite soccer players in a very relaxed state of mind when we lined up for the final game.

As this is not a boys novel, we did not triumph against the odds, but went down tamely to ensure that the keg was safely drained by the time the finalists battled it out, without us.

Following this poor performance, (leaked back to the B.C. staff by the Amarit delivery men?) we were challenged, late one night, to a staff vs members soccer match on the back lawn.

The challenge was of course accepted, and despite subsequent "negotiations" they held us to it.

So with some trepidation of losing the match and losing our faces, not to mention any chance of quick service at the Pool-side bar, we turned up to take on the might of the multitudinous B.C. staff (didn't know they had that many)

Using our experience, we played the old trick of keeping them waiting, then not being able to find the ball etc., but they played an even better one, by sending beer, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers over, before the match, much to the delight of Kevin Hewison and Tony Blanc (who shared the duties of custodian for the afternoon).

Yes, you read correctly, in the absence of some of our regulars, several potential 1980/81 stars were given their big chance, and we saw some fine performances including Terry Jones (T.T.T.) and Graham Bellamy.

The first game was played farang style, with long balls in the air from both teams, which was right up our street and even Merryweather won a couple in the air. What with this and some strong shooting from Ray (not to mention his ferocious beard) we won 4-1 despite a brave performance from the staff goal-keeper.

This game seemed to please the fair minded crowd who cheered anything that moved.

The second game, following more similar refreshments, was a much faster affair (or seemed to be) with a very energetic and skilful staff side keeping us (your actual conquerors of the Scans and the Indians) under hectic pressure, pinned down at the potting shed end.

However we scored first with a well contrived penalty scored by McWallace straight from the (transfer?) market and kept in front until the second half, when T. Blanc showed us all why he plays squash and the staff forged ahead to 3-1.

Right on (extra) time the B.C. members made it respectable with a fine, late goal, giving a good result to the afternoons sport.

After the match, the members players stayed on at the lawnside signing autographs and drinking more Amarit. No doubt the autographs will re-appear later in the month at the bottom of various bar chits.

Muffin the Mule was an offence

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SWIMMING SECTION

April seems to have been a somewhat negative month in the annals of the Swimming Section! Our Grand Easter Gala was cancelled owing to the fact that most of the participants were planning to spend the long week-end anywhere but in Bangkok. Likewise, the Swim Meet intended to be held in conjunction with the I.S.R.C. team at their club also came to nothing, again because one of the proposed dates coincided with a holiday weekend and the other clashed with the A.G.M. at Christ Church, which a number of parents would obviously wish to attend!

Sadly, to complete the hat trick of non-events, we also had to cancel the proposed trip to Chiangmai for 2nd May week-end. After much effort on the part of the I.S.R.C. representative to organise transport and hotel accommodation for the 20 or more swimmers and parents who were originally interested in going, he was unable to reserve sufficient 'train space' and as we didn't hold out great hopes of the children lasting out on a coach journey of eight hours or more, we withdrew our team.

Did we achieve anything this month at all?! Well, the stop-watches have been thoroughly overhauled in readiness for the next Gala! This will be held on Sunday, 11th May at 11.30 a.m. (at which there will be a few novelty races to make up for missing out at Easter) and will probably feature freestyle and back-stroke. Although attendances at swimming training have been down due to holiday absences, Khun Choon has kindly taken on one or two extras who are staying in Bangkok during the Easter vacation from their U.K. boarding schools.

Although not coming strictly under the auspices of the Swimming Section, members might be interested to know that on 17th April, a sponsored swim was held at the British Club, when the children swam as many lengths as they could within a given time, in order to raise money to buy paper and colouring materials for refugee children in the camps. Our thanks go to them for their splendid efforts.

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Heartiest Congratulations to
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on the birth of their son
on 20th April

DARTS NEWS

Captain of Vice Bryan called into the Club late on 27th March just in time to see 8-8 on the scoreboard and everyone shaking hands. Newcomers to the league, Amarit-ISB, had almost registered their first win but having led 8-4 at the end of the doubles, they then lost all the remaining points to the Lilly-whites. Chris and Arthur were singles winners, Terry and John won their doubles, and Brian and Terry both closed double 2 to wrap up the triples. The close 9-8 win means that we have to arrive earlier so that the Optimum Amarit Level is achieved at least by 8.30. Tons came from John 122, Brian 120 and Andy 114.

The only singles we won the following week when your favourite team visited Bobby's Arms to play CPA was Arthur's whose opponent didn't show up! High fliers Cathay Pacific then proceeded to wrap up the match by winning the first 2 doubles (including the first whitewash in recorded history for the Derby Duo!) John and Terry (CX1) then proceeded to win their doubles as usual to make the score 11-3 and we halved the triples when Ingrid, partnered by John and Terry, closed X7. The team game went to CPA too, and in the 12-5 defeat Terry was the only Ton scorer with 125 and 100.

After a postponement of the return Amarit-ISB match, we had an away game against the second division team AIS at the British Club.

Arthur, Bryan and John won to halve the singles, but with only one doubles win from John and Arthur we were 7-5 down going into the triples. Chris, partnered by the Derby Duo, closed X13 to level the score, and then John, partnered by Terry and Bryan hit the same double to give us the match. Being the "away" team we naturally let our guests have the team game leaving a final score AIS 8 BC 9. Tons came from Dave (108) John and Bryan.

In view of this further success against higher division teams, we're thinking of asking to have all our away games at home!

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GOLF SECTION

Rose Garden (23rd March 1980)

32 golfers turned up at the Rose Garden for 10 o'clock start on a sunny Sunday. Despite everyone's worry that the golf would be slow, the British Club had difficulty in keeping up with the Japanese golfers in the front groups. The course was in perfect condition and Ted Peightal started very well and looked as if he was set for an extremely low score, but the second nine saw him struggling to reach a creditable net 69 to win A Division with runner-up Sheila Neville on net 70. B Division was won by Peter Speed with 40 stableford points from Anne Quinn with 39 points. The minor prizes were won by John Burrows, David Frost, Sally Voravarn and David Cobbett. The accuracy test were taken by Hans Daniels and Bob Lumsden. New Zealand Insurance very kindly sponsored the outing.

Pattaya Easter Weekend

Siam Country Club (5th April 1980)

26 golfers joined a shot-gun start at 7 a.m. on the very dry Siam Country Club. After a few adventures of players on tees with no clubs and clubs on tees with no players, everyone was eventually matched up. Despite various 6 ball groups playing, the field moved fairly quickly. Ken Long came in with a very good score of 39 points and it was pleasing to see newcomer Tom Ford among the prize winners.

Sattahip Navy Course (6th April 1980)

19 golfers enjoyed a very amiable morning's golf with no crowds on the golf course which was not as dry as people had expected but the greens were extremely difficult. There were many cries of anguish as the third or maybe the fourth putt slipping silently past the hole. The course delights with two difficult finishing holes and the 18th always presents a challenge. It has a fairway sloping left into the bush and rubbish along the righthand side of the narrow fairway. This hole saw the end of the hopes of several possible champions in particular Pravit. John Kerr, despite bad putting throughout the round, edged out Hans Daniels to win a very fine large bottle of Dimple Haig. Neil Duggan brought the shamrock into the third place while Sheila Neville upheld the flag of the fair sex by coming fourth.

John and Caroline Davidson very kindly hosted a barbecue in the evening at their Pattaya bungalow which was enjoyed by all.

Results

Saturday Stableford - 5th April

		Pts
	K. Long	39
	J. Kerr	34
	D. Kenneally	34
	T. Ford	33
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Front 9	H. Daniels	
Back 9	R. Jameson	
Nearest Pin	Not awarded	

Sunday Medal - 6th April

	Net
J. Kerr	72
H. Daniels	73
N. Duggan	74
S. Neville	75
Front 9	R. Jameson
Back 9	D. Goodin
Nearest Pin	J. Davidson
	B. Lumsden
	S. Neville

LADY GOLFERS

During March we played our Club Knock-Out, which is the only Match Play event of the year, and stands as our Club Championship. The finalists in the Silver Division were Jean Taylor and Margit Winter, Jean winning 2 & 1 after a hard fought match. There was an even closer result in the Bronze Division, when in the final Joyce Lumsden beat Loretta Parker on the 18th hole.

PROGRAMME FOR MAY

<u>May 6th - Stableford</u>	Starter: L. Parker (3915778)
<u>May 13th - 3 Throw Aways</u>	Starter: A. Armistead (3914399)
<u>May 20th - Par Bisque</u>	Starter: S. Neville (3916000)
<u>May 27th - Medal</u>	Starter: M. Miller (2865906)

N.B. As the Army Course is now open to us again, all the above games will be played there.

SQUASH SECTION

DON JOHNSTON CUP & PARRA HANDI PLATE

Closing date for entries for the men's club championship is on May 10th, 1980. Entry forms were sent out in April, and for those who missed out, extra entry forms are in the Squash Booking File at the Poolside Area. Please contact John Salter 286-4367 and Tony Blanc 233-8939 for details.

The competition will be started straight after League 27 finishes i.e. Monday 26th May to Sunday 1st June with a Bar-B-Q and presentations of prizes for League 27 and the Championships at 4.30 p.m. on 1st June.

LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

The first ladies championship will be run on similar lines to the Don Johnston Cup starting on Wednesday 4th June to Sunday the 8th June, details and entry forms will be sent out in early May.

SQUASH EXHIBITION

The exhibition by the visiting Pakistani world champions - Qamar Zaman, Mohibullah Khan, Maqsood Ahmed and Gogi Alludin was enjoyed by all those lucky spectators at the club on Saturday 19th. The wide difference in standards was evident from the matches between the Pakistanis & Steve Balme & Len Alexander and the exhibition match between Zaman & Alludin which showed the talent, speed and brilliance of players at the top. Congratulations to those players who had the chance to play one game with Maqsood Ahmed and be happy to lose 9 nil. Thanks also go to Pakistan International Airlines for their sponsorship of this tour.

A.G.M. 7TH MAY

Free rum punch, two squash films of Geoff Hunt in action, excellent buffet at the Suriwongse Room at the Club at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 7th May. All members invited.

NEW MEMBERS

Any new member interested in playing squash socially or in the leagues contact Scott Younger 234-1140 x 365 or Tony Blanc 233-8939.

LADIES MORNING

Every Thursday morning the ladies have a squash morning for all standards. Coaching will be available. Contact Carolyn Tarrant 286-3609.

LITTLE SQUASHERS

Congratulations to Andy & Terry Bearpark on the birth of their baby daughter, JENNIFER.

Congratulations also to Bob and Rose Lanham on the birth of their daughter, KRISSA.

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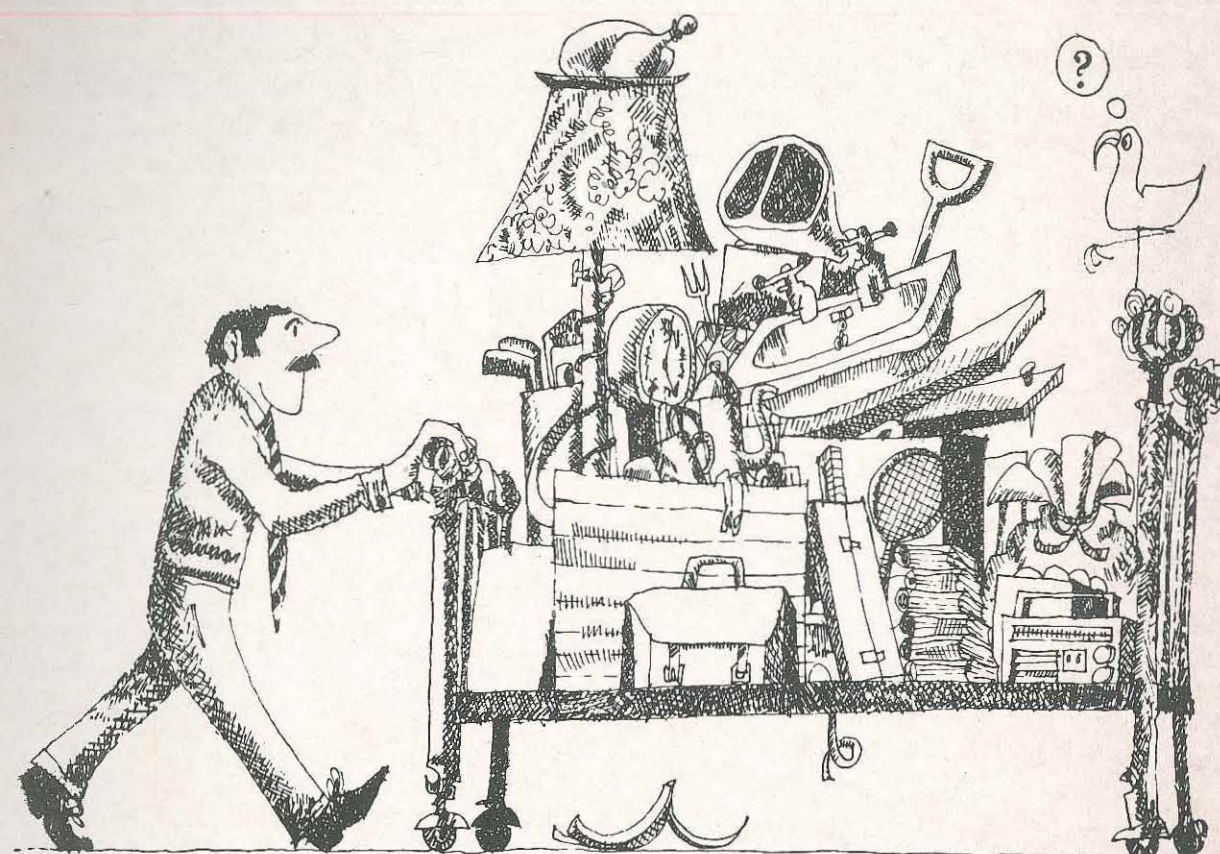
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Ladies Golf	Anne Quinn	(391-2322)
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	Dave Cobbett	(234-1627)
Squash	Tony Blanc	(233-8939)
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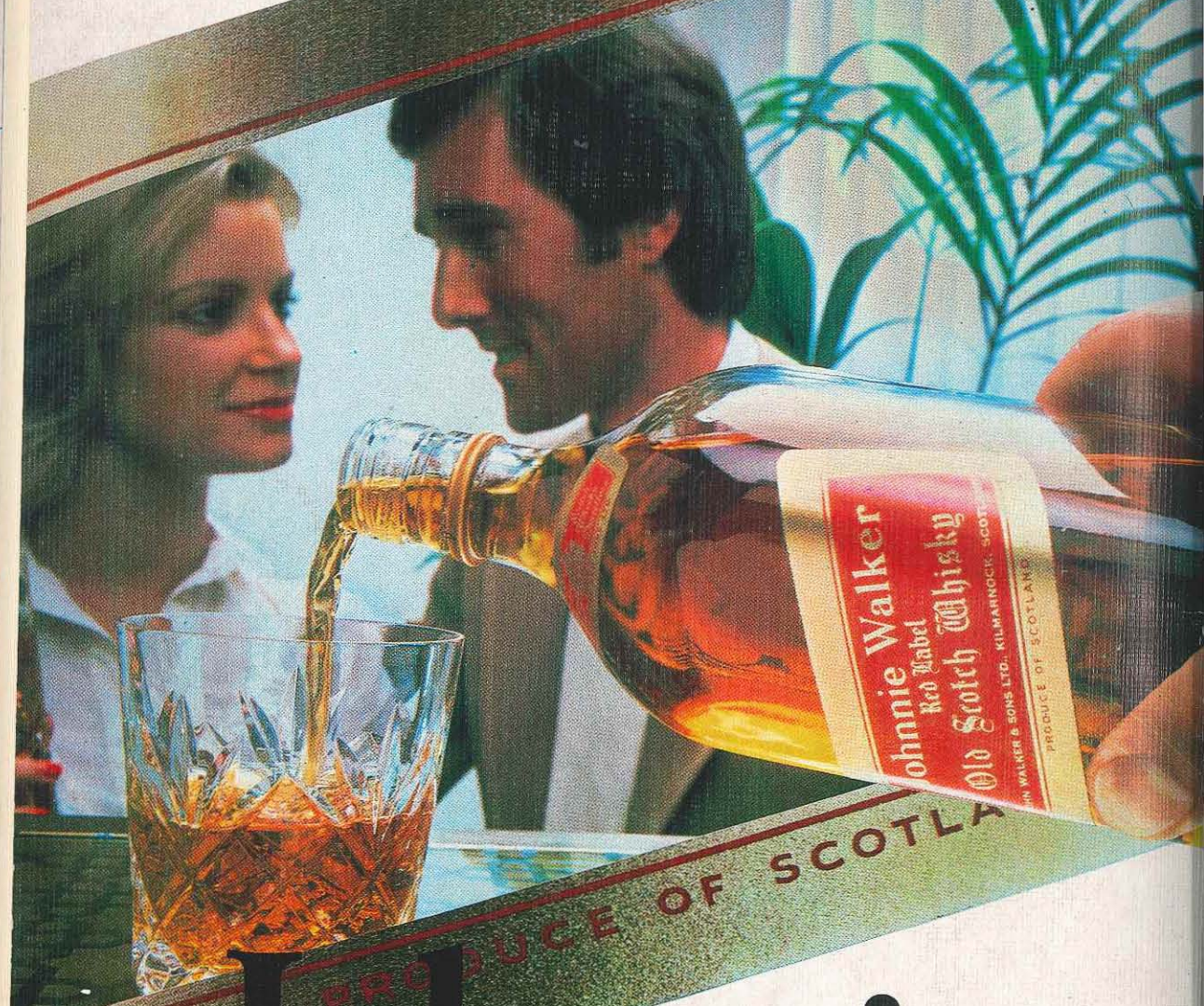
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