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EDITORIAL

Taking over as Editor from Norman Musgrave is quite a task. It is generally agreed that he raised the standard for this publication to become a well-liked feature of the Club, one by many reports admired and envied by other clubs in south-east Asia. I hope to maintain this standard.

One of the features which has increased recently is "Letters", and in this issue is one which deserves consideration of all Members. Your Editor will be unbiased regarding publication of particular views, and will welcome correspondence on Club matters, but hopes that the volume will not exceed manageable proportions! The Editor takes no responsibility for the views expressed.

Events in April included the Club Video, fascinating to all Rugby fans, but disappointing to those who may have been misled by the advert! We understand that our Entertainments Sub-Committee promises more of these popular evenings. The St. George's Society Dinner on 24th April continued a tradition of splendour tempered with levity provided by a superb cabaret. This will be reported in the next issue.

Finally, I give a warm welcome to the Editorial staff my new colleagues Duncan Niven, Brian Brook, Gordon Burles and Pravitt; and to our readers the standard cry "All contributions gratefully received"!

Ian Hill
EDITOR

CONSTITUTION, RULES & BYLAWS

Unfortunately the replacement for pages 5 and 6 enclosed in the March edition contained an error. Please insert the enclosed corrected pages in your copy of the rule book and destroy the previously sent ones.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEW MEMBERS

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

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STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	372
Non-Voting	3
Associate	33
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	24
TOTAL	466
Absent	681
Candidate	40
GRAND TOTAL	1187
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WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

MONDAY	5.00 p.m.	- Cricket, Nets
	7.30 p.m.	- Bridge
TUESDAY	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
WEDNESDAY	5.00 p.m.	- Cricket, Nets
	7.00 p.m.	- Chess
THURSDAY	9.00 - 12.00	- Ladies Squash
	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
SATURDAY	12 noon - 2.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Dining Room
SUNDAY	12 noon - 2.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Poolside
	6.00 - 10.00 p.m.	- Buffet Supper, Dining Room

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Submissions for inclusion in the June issue should reach the Club by 20th May.

Compiled and edited by:

Ian Hill - Editor
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Brian Brook, Pravit.

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Alan Dawson

A WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST SPECIALISING ON INDO-CHINA AFFAIRS.

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ALAN DAWSON was born in Toronto, Canada, 39 years ago. He is the son and grandson of newspapermen, and became third generation journalist at the age of 16 when he began as a sports reporter during summer vacation for the Toronto Globe & Mail. He studied political science at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and joined the Globe & Mail staff upon graduation. He was the youngest member of the Ottawa press gallery as his first full-time position. He then worked a year for Canadian Press in Canada, and emigrated to Oregon in the United States in 1965. A year later, he was drafted into the US Army, and spent a year in Vietnam as an information specialist. He remained in Vietnam for another 7½ years following his army service, and became a naturalised American during this period. In 1975, he remained in Saigon through the Communist takeover, as bureau chief of UPI, and obtained enough information for his only book: 55 DAYS, the Fall of South Vietnam, which is on sale in Bangkok. He flew on a relief flight to Bangkok in September 1975, and assumed duties as bureau chief of UPI here. In late 1979, he joined the Bangkok Post. He left as fulltime Post reporter at the beginning of last year. He currently covers Indochina developments for the Bangkok Post, and is a general reporter for several overseas media, particularly in Australia, Canada and the United States.

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IN MEMORIAM

GODFREY A. SOMMERFIELD

A servant to the community, a sportsman, certainly a character and a friend -- that was the Godfrey Sommerfield I knew for the better part of thirty years. Godfrey arrived in Thailand in mid-1947, after recovering from severe wounds received on war service, and joined the Anglo Thai Corporation as Accountant. After some ten years service, and a short period in the United Kingdom he returned to Bangkok and served the Thai Coats Thread Company as both Country Manager and in a Regional Capacity until he retired to New Zealand in November 1973.

Because of his war wounds, he was denied direct participation in his first love - Rugby - but became one of the best known figures on the Rugby fields of Thailand through refereeing, which led to his joining the higher councils of the sport as a member for many years of both the Thai Rugby Union and the Referees Panel. In his time he also refereed Soccer, and was for many years the goalie for the Hockey side at the Sports Club. A penchant for fast cars was also a feature of his early years here.

A Scotsman, a Glaswegian of Norwegian descent, he was almost a permanent fixture on the Bangkok St. Andrew's Society Committee during his years here, mostly as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. He also served on three occasions as Chieftain.

As four times Chairman of the British Club, he certainly served well, the wider British community, and his activities on sports sub-committees at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club culminated in his serving on the General Committee of that club also for a two year stint.

His services to the community were recognised by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in the New Year Honours List of 1974 with the award of the O.B.E. On his retiral, he was made an Honorary Member of The Royal Bangkok Sports Club, The British Club and The Bangkok St. Andrew's Society, and he enjoyed rightly these honours as his friends enjoyed his pleasure in them.

All of us who knew him have their own store of memories, my own favourite is of the mock fury on finding out that as an Honorary Member of The St. Andrew's Society he was precluded from a voice in the Society's affairs at his last meeting and with the assistance of all proceeded as usual.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Jean.

C.S.

BANGKOK COMMUNITY THEATRE

B.C.T. IN EARNEST

On, behind, or in front, the stage has always had an irresistible fascination for many people and especially, perhaps, for the British abroad. Here in Thailand 'am-dram' enthusiasts can join the Bangkok Community Theatre, a group which draws its membership primarily from the British and American expatriate community, although there is a small nucleus of locally resident members.

Over the years, the fortunes of this dedicated club have fluctuated, but, in spite of many difficulties, it has survived and has been helped this year by the success of its first 1982 production, an American comedy, "The last of the Red Hot Lovers". Financially the group has been handicapped by its lack of a real home. Performances are staged at the Bhirasri Institute, an expensive undertaking even though the Institute staff are generous and helpful. B.C.T. has also to pay for the storage of set "flats" and costumes and this is a constant source of worry for the committee. Indeed, if any reader can help solve the problem of storage space please contact Graham Millington, the B.C.T. Chairman (391-5823).

Busy rehearsing at the moment is the cast of Oscar Wilde's essentially British comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest". This well loved play revolves around the mystery of John Worthing's Parentage. As he is "born, or at any rate, bred in a handbag" he can hardly achieve "a recognised position in good society". At least, that is Lady Bracknell's opinion and as John hopes to marry her daughter, Gwendoline, the matter of his birth is of some importance. Confusion and enlightenment come from Lady Bracknell's nephew Algernon, John's Ward Cecily, her governess, Miss Prism and the delightful, unworldly Canon Chasuble.

The production has Geoff Thompson as John Worthing, Graham Millington as Algy and Margaret Miller as Lady Bracknell with Jenny Segal, Di Millington, June Breveton, Eric Miller, David Drucher and Marc Reilly. Produced by Jan Colling, "The Importance of Being Earnest" can be seen at the Bhirasri Institute on June 3rd, 4th or 5th at 7.30 p.m. and on Sunday June 6th at 3 p.m. Tickets will be on sale from B.C.T. members, at Asia Books on Sukhumvit Road and at the Bhirasri Institute. The cost is 80 baht with reductions for students and a "two for the price of one" offer for the opening night.

Oscar Wilde is a marvellous tonic after a busy day at the office and a difficult journey home. Come, laugh and relax with B.C.T. and Ernest.

BANGKOK ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY



SCOTT YOUNGER (LEFT) ELECTED 1982/83 CHIEFTAIN OF THE BANGKOK ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY AT ITS RECENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, RECEIVING INTO HIS SAFE KEEPING THE SOCIETY'S CHARTER FROM OUTGOING CHIEFTAIN ERIC MILLER.

AT THE MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD AT THE BRITISH CLUB, HUGH JAMIESON WAS ELECTED VICE-CHIEFTAIN AND PAUL BUCKLAND THE HONORARY SECRETARY/TREASURER.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ARE ERIC MILLER, JEREMY WATSON, BRUCE MURDOCH, DUNCAN NIVEN, SIMON BREWIN AND DAVID WALLACE.

LETTER

2A2 Royal Mansion
Sukhumvit Soi 55
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The Editor,
Outpost.

24th March 1982

Dear Sir,

I should like, if I may, to impose up on the courtesy of your columns to put before the total membership of the Club an issue that aroused interest and comment at the AGM this week (indeed the only issue that gave rise to animated discussion), and I apologise to those members who attended the AGM if I now repeat some of the points I made verbally then.

The issue is that of the status of women in the Club, and whether they should be enfranchised. I admit that I am somewhat surprised to find myself espousing a "feminist" cause, since politically I am often regarded as being slightly to the right of Genghis Kahn (I supported John Wayne for President in the last US elections till they told me he was dead!). I have no sympathy with any abstract concept of "equal rights", and I regard the UK Equal Opportunities Commission as a prime candidate for euthanasia. Men and women are not, have never been, and thank God never will be equal, and life would be no fun at all if they were. I am so far away from the "progressive" camp that I have often held doors open for ladies, and once in 1962 actually gave up my seat on the tube!

My reasons for proposing the enfranchisement of ladies, therefore, are entirely pragmatic. In short, I think they would help the Club to run better.

The ex-pat life style being what it is, wives generally have much more time available than their husbands. There is a great fund of time and talent lying fallow out there that could be turned to the Club's advantage. We could have more member participation, better attendance at the AGM, and a great new infusion of energy and enthusiasm to the Club's activities and management.

Then again, the ladies are major customers of the Club, and with the children they bring, they actually represent the interests of more Club users than do the members.

Finally, many of the Club wives I've spoken to feel that their second-class status is an affront, and I can't say I blame them. Why should they be denied the opportunity to contribute to a Club which is frequently more important to them than it is to their husbands?

The case which applies to members' wives applies with even more force to Ladies with Privileges.

The Case Against:

I've only heard two arguments against, both equally specious.

The first is that if members' wives were eligible for membership, they'd all have to be excluded from the Club, subjected to application procedures and liable to pay a second subscription. This however would only be the case if the Rules were revised that way, and there's no reason why they should be. What we need is a concept of "Family Membership", with one subscription, one vote (but I suggest husband and/or wife entitled to attend AGM's/EGM's), and husband or wife (but not both) eligible to stand for the Committee.

This would have no effect on usage of the Club, on Club finances, or on the number of "voting members". It would merely recognise the existing reality that one subscription buys one vote plus the family's use of the Club's facilities. It would, however, bring in the benefits of additional participation and enthusiasm, and, I believe, create a happier atmosphere.

The second objection (made perhaps seriously, perhaps facetiously, who can tell?) was that the Bar tends by tradition to be a male enclave, and the atmosphere would be spoiled by hordes of Amazons supping ale with the chaps. However, one need only pause to remember that the ladies are already entitled to use the bar (indeed I believe I'm right in saying that there are only two small rooms in the Club where ladies are excluded), and if they don't use it much, that's from choice, not because of the Rules. Extension of the franchise wouldn't alter use of the bar.

I write to you, Mr. Editor, in the hope of stimulating a debate on the issue (perhaps you could see your way to publishing ladies' views too?). If there seems to be a measure of support for the idea, perhaps a change in the Rules could be contemplated. I'd like to express the hope that the debate can address the general principle, which is important. Once the principle is agreed by the membership, the administrative details could be worked out by a Rules revision sub-committee. It would be sad if the debate should founder on trivia. (I can hear it now: "What if two halves of a family member don't agree?" Answer: then their vote is void, of course!).

I look forward very much to hearing reactions.

Yours sincerely,

ROGER HELMER
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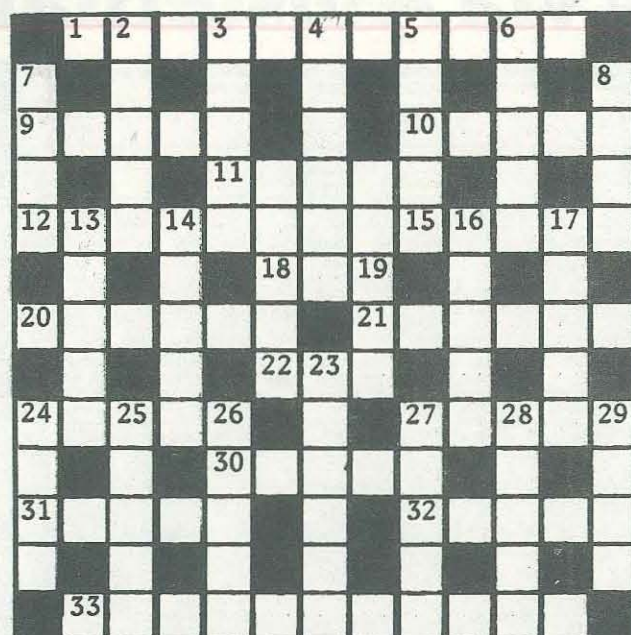
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CLUES

Across

- 1 Expectations which Thailand & Britain have in common this year. (2 words)
- 9 This kind of music be hanged!
- 10 Where the Aussies are said to be down.
- 11 Crow.
- 12 Don after a point to testify.
- 15 Preferable to be secure than this, so they say.
- 18 Common peeper.
- 20 One is invited to roll it out in song.
- 21 Female 1 across would be these to Princess Sirindhorn and Princess Anne.
- 22 He's nothing but a young goat!
- 24 Divert the old steam train.
- 27 Part of the body that sounds like improvidence.
- 30 I and I again, make a Nation.
- 31 Saintly city in Spain.
- 32 Call a round for your friends?
- 33 Each of the 1 across will be...for a Monarch. (2 words)

Down

- 2 Girl in the drink?
- 3 Range of one's ire.
- 4 The lucky beast won her!
- 5 Second-rate exits for trials of strength.
- 6 Duck down.
- 7 Double affirmative for an English University flower.
- 8 Old city of little weight.
- 13 Synonym for 3 down.
- 14 Not a string for a chap to be tied to.
- 16 Rape nothing! But mixed up it is grand entertainment.
- 17 Dances for toppers?
- 18 Deer American Clubman.
- 19 Object
- 23 Ed dine in confusion? Yes, truly!
- 24 Crawled through the water?
- 25 Putting to employment.
- 26 Top decoration.
- 27 Lavatory headgear around...just look!
- 28 One English town is perfect.
- 29 Carry in America.

There is a prize of a bottle of whisky to the first correct entry opened. Ed.

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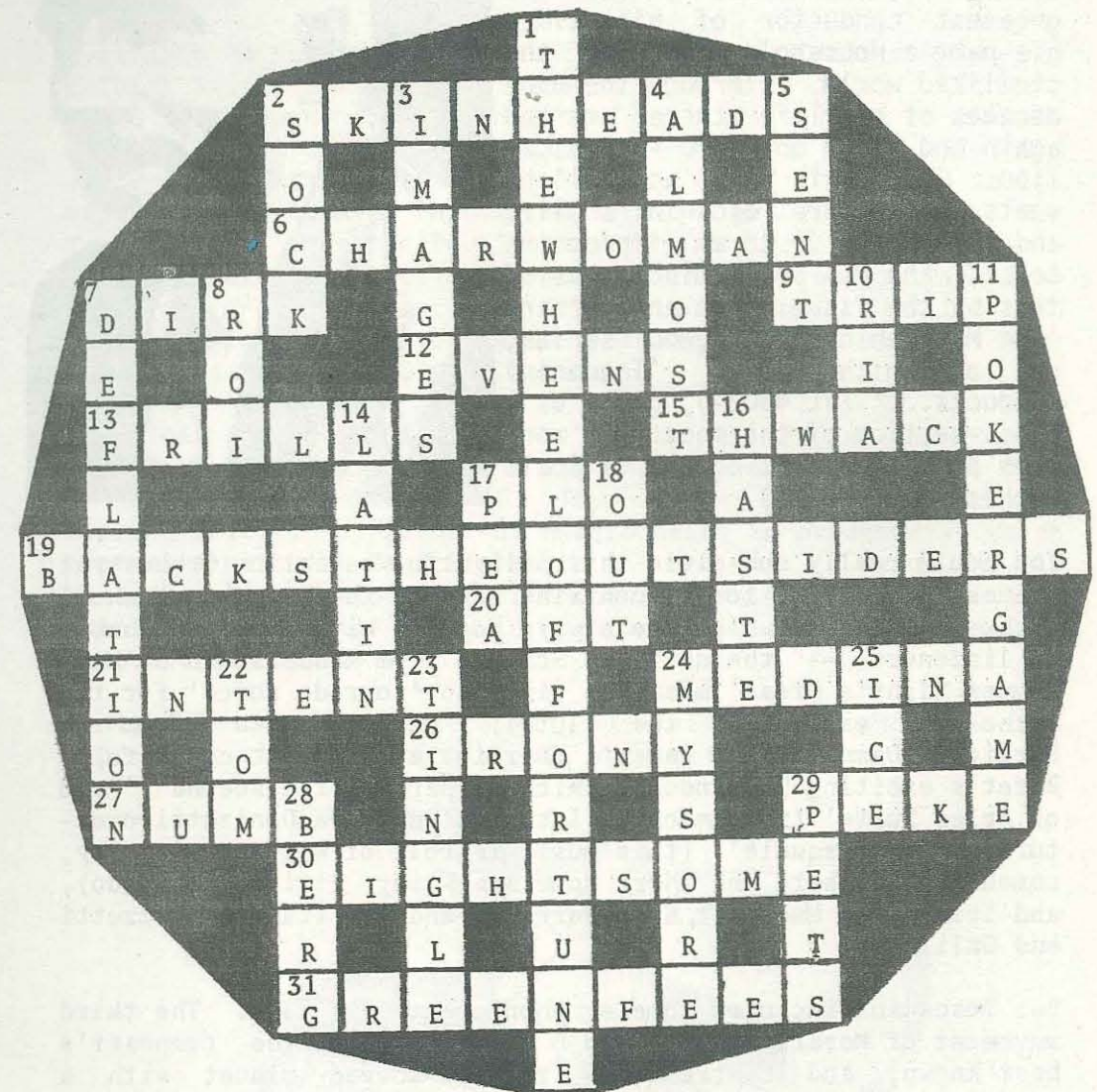
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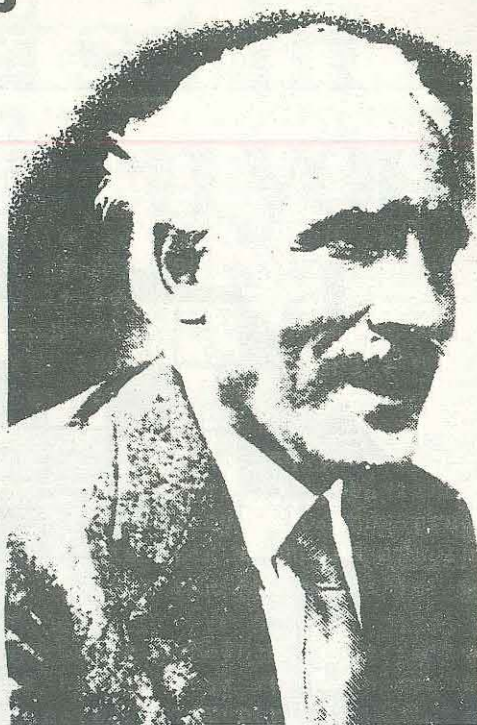
SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD



NEW RECORDS ... BY CAMUS

THE MAESTRO CONDUCTS

HE died 25 years ago on January 16, 1957. To most he was by far the greatest conductor of his time, his name a household word over the civilized world. Through the nine decades of his life there emerged again and again one word -- dedication. The facts and accomplishments of Arturo Toscanini's life and career add up to an impressive total, and RCA are reminding us of this by the issue of an anniversary 'The Man Behind the Legend' series, one of which, titled 'Toscanini Conducts...' (VL 46024), gives us a cross-section of the maestro's work when he was conducting the La Scala Orchestra (1920-21).



You could really sub-title this delightful selection 'Orchestral Bonnes-Bouches', for it contains many of the best-known short orchestral pieces which are always popular with a large number of listeners -- the delicate Scherzo from Mendelssohn's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' music (a virtuoso 'tour de force' for the orchestra, especially the flute); 'Rakoczy March' from the Berlioz 'Damnation of Faust' (Berlioz at his most colourful); Bizet's exciting 'Farandole' which is part of the second 'Maid of Arles Suite' (rhythmically intoxicating); a Donizetti overture, 'Don Pasquale' (this music is full of wit and vivacity, comedic, and here and there some sparkling little innuendo), and items from Massenet, Wolf-Ferrari, and the Italians Pizzetti and Galilei.

But Toscanini includes some symphonic extracts also. The third movement of Mozart's No. 39 in E Flat is one of the composer's best-known, and contrasts a thickly-scored minuet with a ländler-like, barrel organ trio. And the La Scala players give of their very best in both the Beethoven excerpts, the last movement of the famous No. 5 -- 'Fate knocks at the door' -- where the brilliant 'marziale' impact shows Toscanini at his most dramatic. The Finale of the First Symphony in C Major is finely wrought and you will note the superb violin playing.

A 'must' for lovers of orchestral music - and of Toscanini.

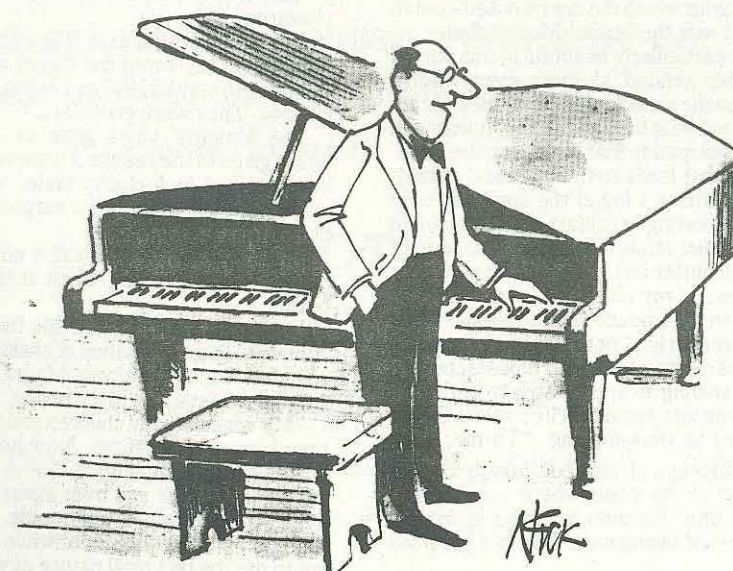
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'THE DEVIL'S MUSIC', it has been called. Legend has it that Giuseppe Tartini dreamt that he handed his violin to the Devil to see what sort of musician he was and was astonished at the beautiful melody and unheard-of technique that flowed from the instrument. On awakening, his efforts to simulate what he heard were responsible for the 'Devil's Trill' Sonata, now esteemed his masterpiece.

Available on Nonesuch H-71361 (distributed by Conifer Records), soloist Sergiu Luca -- with Barbara Bogatin and James Richman, cello and harpsichord continuo -- realizes all the brilliance and excitement of the sonata which seldom gives him breathing space -- cross-string passages, broken chords, syncopated trills, rapid double stops in thirds leading to a grandioso climax. But Tartini noted that the Devil tempered the virtuosity by including a graceful, lyrical Larghetto to provide relaxation before the grand 'coup de grace'. Sergiu Luca is quite brilliant in his execution and interpretation, though perhaps we may also hear the sonata played somewhere else -- sometime!

The violinist goes on to play a Sonata in B Flat by Pietro Nardini, a pupil of Tartini and one-time soloist for the Duke of Wurttemberg at Stuttgart. There is here some lovely unadorned melody, a flavour of Mozart being in evidence -- which contrasts with the last Sonata in the recital (G Major No. 1) by little-known composer Carlo Chabran which is technically exacting with double stops in high positions producing unusual harmonic effects.

A highly-interesting record for all violinists and all who appreciate violin playing at its very best.



"In this next song, Schubert laments the fact that his beer keeps sliding off the piano."

VIN LITERAIRE

MILES KINGTON serves up the definitive wine and food article

All wine articles are the same; only the labels are different. I first learnt this when someone unwisely asked me to be among the judges for a wine and food writing contest. I knew nothing about wine and food, so I just judged the writing. And one thing I discovered is that when wine writers go to that darling little vineyard tucked away in a place that you and I will never get to, they all write the same article. I have combined the best elements in one fruity but surprisingly light article. When you have read it, you will never have to read one again. Even better, I will never have to write one again.

The little-known wine-growing area of Vendange lies somewhat south of the main Burgundy district, near the modern town of Beaujolais Nouveau, and it was in

the small village of Bouquet-les-deux-Bouchons that I was privileged to meet Maurice Mineur, whose family have produced wine in the same *vignoble* for hundreds of years. Together with his son Patrick, his daughter Isabelle and their goat Rachmaninov, they tend 14 hectares of land (about 60,000 bottles) to produce the delicate white Moncracher wine for which the area is noted – not to be confused with the famous Montrachet.

Spring is particularly beautiful in this part of France, with almond blossom everywhere, especially on the almond trees, and the delicate scent of eglantine in the hedgerows. It was with a sense of anticipation that I drove up the flinty, dusty track that leads to the Mineurs' ancient farmhouse, where I found the family already hard at work eating breakfast. This consisted of warm *brioche*s straight from the oven, crusty French farm butter and a huge bottle of wine.

"This wine is my children," said Maurice, swirling a small amount round his glass and smelling it tenderly. I noticed, fascinated, his technique of dipping his bushy moustache into the wine, sniffing it appreciatively and later wringing it out into a small bucket, for nothing is ever wasted in wine-making. "To me, each bottle is different. I can tell just from the introduction of my nose where each one is born. This one, for instance, she is from a chalky vineyard facing east. You can tell from the sniff."

He took a large helping and drank it all down. Patrick took up the tale.

"Our approach to the wine-making is traditional. Not for us the new machinery with the press buttons and the flashing red lights. Still we use the old wine press and the operation by hand and foot. It takes longer but it is worth it. We are still working on last year's harvest, actually, but you must not hurry wine. Wine is like a woman – she is never ready when you want to go out for an evening."

He too took a large glass of Moncracher and Isabelle continued the tale.

"My brother is a male chauvinist pig. That suits me well, though, for as his sister I shall never have to marry him. A little wine?"

She handed me the bottle. Not seeing a spare glass, I raised the bottle to my lips and took a large draught. They clapped their hands and laughed.

"I see you English know how to treat a good wine," twinkled Maurice. "Now it is time to show you my little estate."

The Mineurs' farmhouse, hundreds of years old, is a large, shady building covered with tangled ivy, creeper, nasturtiums, roses and, on the south wall, a huge poster for St Raphael. Beneath the farmhouse are large cellars which have housed bottles for hundreds of years, except during the War when they housed up to five hundred fleeing RAF officers at a time.

"*Mon Dieu*, they could drink," reminisced Maurice. "During the day they would work for me in the fields and at night they would open the bottles and teach me their traditional drinking songs. *Grimo the Russians Oh!* is the one I liked best."

"And in 1945 they all went home, I suppose," I hazarded.

"Not so," said Maurice. "They had drunk so much that they owed me wages and many of them had to stay till 1947 or 1948 to work off the backlog. They were good days."

The Mineurs' vines grow on chalky soil, which gives to the resulting wine what can only be described as a chalky taste, which is not unpleasant but comes as a surprise if you are used to a grapey taste.

"This is what I would call a not successful bottle," said Maurice. "Look at the overseas bodies."

Looking closely, I could see that the bottle contained large quantities of chalk, a few flints and what looked like a twig. Maurice knocked it angrily against a tree and it broke.

"My wines are my children and from time to time I must spank them. Now here is a good bottle. A little sampling?"

I tasted it over and over again until I could begin to appreciate its truly noble, flinty, redolent character. Patrick meanwhile was explaining to me the technical nature of wine production with many figures and statistics, while I

took notes as best as I could, considering I was also wrestling with a large bottle, a stick of warm French *pain* and some *pâté* fresh from the pig. Referring to my notes now, I see I have written: "It is odd to see someone like Patrick with a handlebar moustache and a neat blue blazer. I wonder if his father was a passing squadron leader?"

The French laws of inheritance demand that each plot of land is parcelled out between the children, so that vineyards tend to grow smaller and smaller. Within a mile or two, Maurice told me, there are no less than 800 different *viniculteurs*, all cousins, which means that there are considerable traffic jams on market day. On the other hand, you are never short of a fourth for bridge. When Maurice dies, the land will have to be divided between Patrick, Isabelle and a certain Wing Commander Bentley of Farnham in Surrey, about whom they never talk. But what will Isabelle do with her share of the property?

"I will continue to grow wine as we have for hundreds of years," she confided. "Maybe I will marry, I do not know. We are so remote here that I do not meet many men. In fact, you are the first man I have seen for a good long time. Will you write often when you go back to dear old England?"

I must confess I had not paid much attention to Isabelle hitherto, but whether it was the effect of the wine or the warm spring weather, I found myself suddenly attracted to her grave, chalky eyes and flint-brown moustache, which

glowed softly in the French sunshine. Over lunch, which was an impromptu affair of beef casserole, roast pheasant, fresh salmon and home-grown vegetables, with another bottle each, I could not help reflecting that the life of this simple French family was nearly ideal.

"Must you be going off so soon?" said Maurice after we had wiped the last remnants of gravy from our plates with crusty French napkins straight from the laundry.

"Alas, yes," I said. "I now have enough material to churn out a 1,500 word article and I must rush back to enter it for a food and wine writing contest."

"Ah, you English," said Patrick. "Why is it that you are always writing about food and wine and never enjoying it?"

It was a question which burned in my mind as I got unsteadily into my little hired car, drove down the dusty farm track and steered accidentally into an unsuspected ditch which had lain covered by undergrowth for hundreds of years. The family found me there later in the day, fast asleep. They hospitably invited me to stay until I was able to move on. Now, three years later, I am still here, for Isabelle and I have developed a, how shall I say, certain understanding, as indeed the French have done for hundreds of years, and I look forward now to the day when our little son Rupert will in turn inherit his three and a half hectares, though at present he is obsessed only with the idea of joining the RAF about which his grandfather tells him so many stories.

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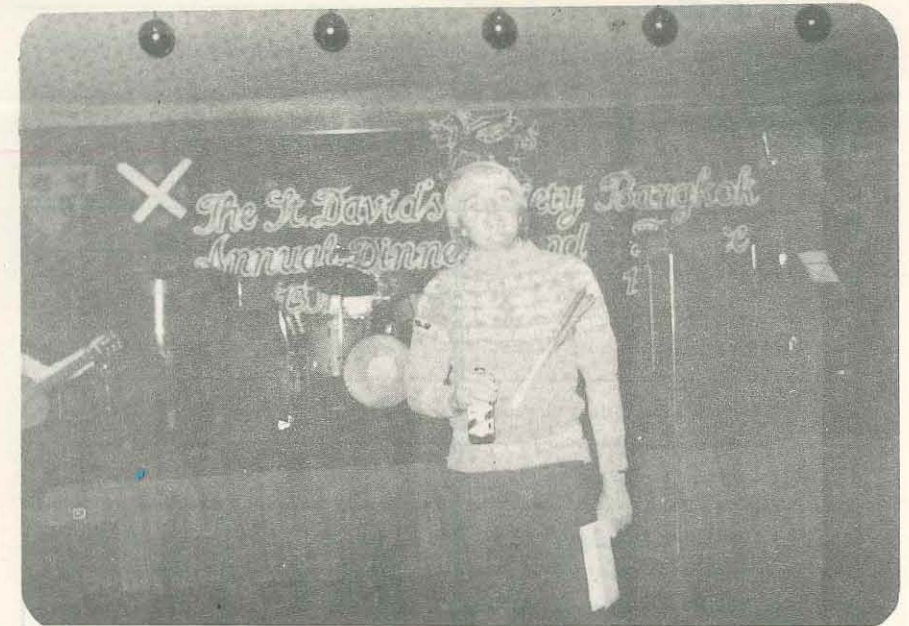
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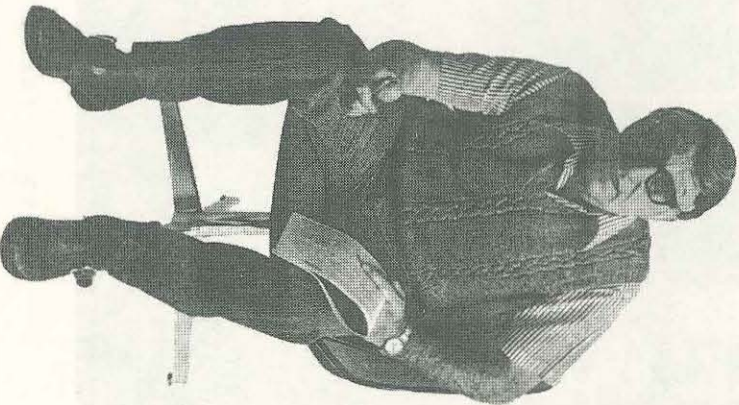
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9/ Buffet Lunch & Supper	10/ Cricket, Nets Bridge	11/ Swimming Training Club Night 7.30 p.m.	12/ Toddlers Club Chess Night	13/ Ladies Squash Swimming Training	14/ 	15/ Buffet Lunch
16/ Buffet Lunch & Supper	17/ Cricket, Nets Bridge	18/ Swimming Training New Members Night Committee Meeting	19/ Bar Video! Toddlers Club Chess Night	20/ Ladies Squash Swimming Training	21/ 	22/ Buffet Lunch
23/ Buffet Lunch & Supper	24/ Cricket, Nets Bridge	25/ Swimming Training	26/ Toddlers Club Chess Night St. John Lodge Dinner	27/ Ladies Squash Swimming Training	28/ 	29/ Buffet Lunch
30/ Buffet Lunch & Supper	31/ Cricket, Nets Bridge					

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The following request was made over the public address system at Gatwick Airport recently. (The carrier will not be identified in this publication.)

"WILL ANY PASSENGER WHO HAS A COMPASS IN HIS HAND-LUGGAGE PLEASE REPORT TO THE....AIRWAYS DESK."

Our source of this snippet is, reassuringly, alive and well at his intended destination.



ENTERTAINMENT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>BAR VIDEO</u>	May 19th	- Not the Nine O'clock News
<u>LIVE T.V.</u>	May 22nd	- F.A. Cup Final
	June	- World Cup Finals
<u>CLUB NIGHT</u>	May 11th	- Alan Dawson
	June 2nd	- Khun Meechai
	September	- Derek Nimmo
<u>SPECIAL EVENTS</u>	June	- Rock n' Roll Night
		- Derby Night
	July	- Swiss Evening
	Sep/Oct	- Gilbert and Sullivan Evening
	November 6th	- Guy Fawkes Night
	December 17th	- Christmas Ball

(See also page 47)

FILM OF THE MONTH

Many members have mentioned that they would like to be able to see a good film at the British Club. We have decided therefore to start a Film of the Month programme which will take place regularly on the last Monday in every month in the Suriwongse Room. We shall offer two showings of every film, one at 7 p.m. and one at 9 p.m., so that members can choose to eat before or after the show.

We have chosen, to begin with, popular and critically successful films, but we would be glad to hear from members about other films they would like us to offer.

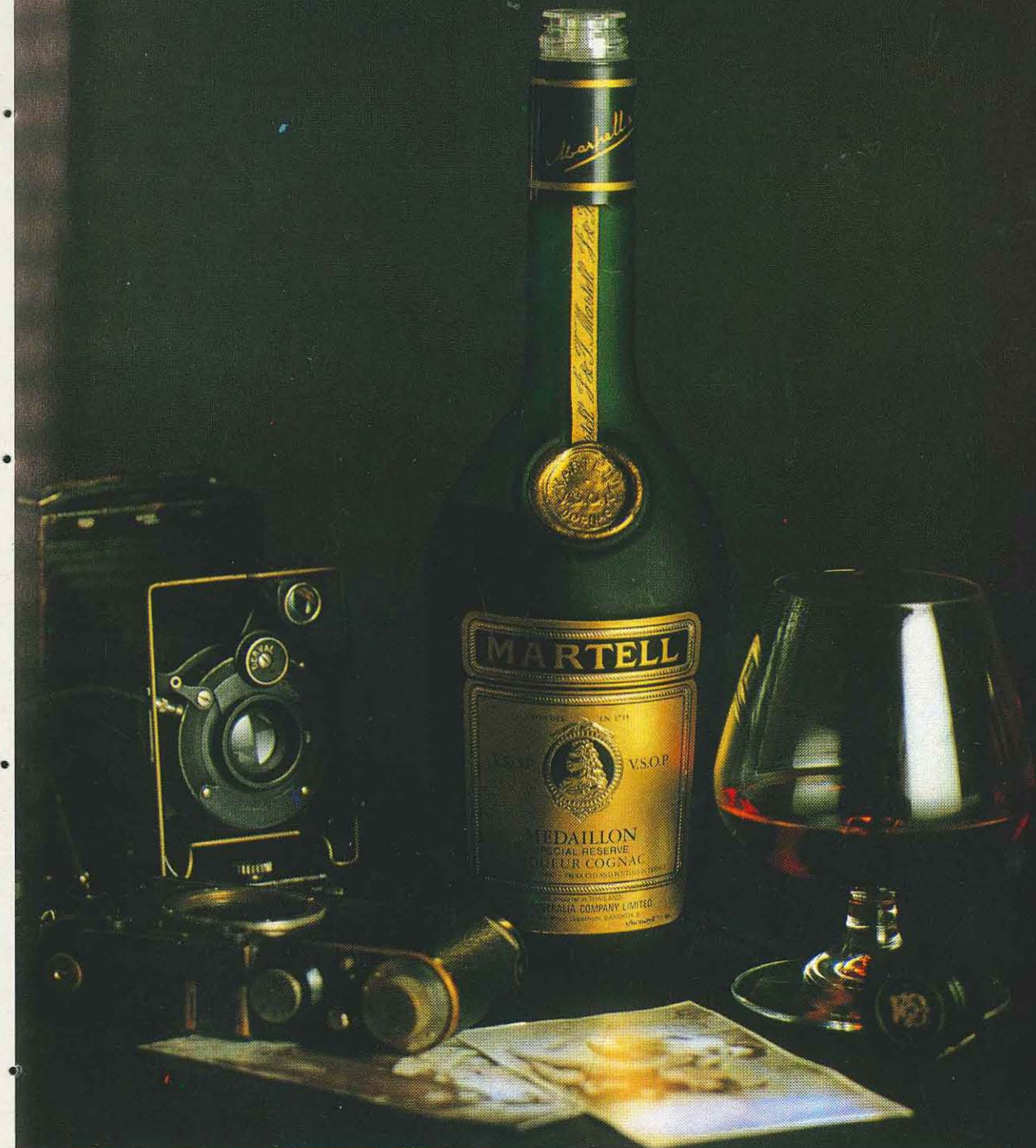
We will hope to preview the films for you in special flyers each month.

FORTHCOMING FILMS

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| May 31st | - GUNFIGHT AT O.K. CORRAL |
| June 28th | - PSYCHO |
| July 26th | - ANNE OF 1000 DAYS |
| Aug. 30th | - FAHRENHEIT 451 |
| Sep. 27th | - THE ITALIAN JOB |
| Oct. 25th | - LOVE WITH A PROPER STRANGER |
| Nov. 29th | - PLAZA SUITE |
| Dec. 27th | - SPARTACUS |
| Feb. 29th | - EMMANUELLE TEN |

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SQUASH

Since the last OUTPOST we have had quite a blizzard of squash both at the club and at other squash centres. This activity included the ending of the 34th Squash League, the South East Asian Men and Women Championships and to cap it all a thrilling "curtain raiser" match between Shams Zaman and the UK Armed Forces squash number one Robby Robinson.

First of all the event of closest interest to us, the results of all those close encounter 996 games in the 34th Squash League were as follows.

34th Squash League

(From 8th February - 4th April 1982)

DIVISION 1

1. Len Alexander	24 pts
2. John Stephens	19 "
3. Bernard Grogan	18 "

DIVISION 2

1. David Hudson	9 pts
2. Simon Brewin	7 "
3. Guy Jillings	6 "

DIVISION 3

1. Aubrey Clements	18 pts
2. Colleen Perry	13 "
3. Don Goodin	11 "

DIVISION 4

1. Brian Birley	12 pts
2. Jack Dunford	11 "
3. Daniel Verpillot	11 "

DIVISION 5

1. David Sims	15 pts
2. Dick Souter	15 "
3. Ben Piper	12 "

DIVISION 6

1. Roy Barrett	24 pts
2. Paul Buckland	19 "
3. Carolyn Tarrant	19 "

DIVISION 7

1. Tom Prendergast	13 pts
2. Ian Ward-McNally	12 "
3. Geof Connor	12 "

DIVISION 8

1. Clare Liddell	18 pts
2. Jim Christie	17 "
3. Peter Smith	10 "

DIVISION 9

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| 1. Ron Armstrong | 21 pts |
| 2. Tony Dickinson | 17 " |
| 3. Paul Bond | 16 " |

DIVISION 10

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| 1. Gordon Burles | 11 pts |
| 2. Angie Cooper | 10 " |
| 3. Janice Gale | 9 " |

DIVISION 11

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| 1. Sue Hodgson | 10 pts |
| 2. Sheila Farrell | 9 " |
| 3. Bee Huie | 5 " |

DIVISION 12

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| 1. Ian Tittle | 12 pts |
| 2. Chris Delaney | 12 " |
| 3. Bill Howkins | 6 " |

DIVISION 13

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|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Pam Stevens | 16 pts |
| 2. Tom Annas | 15 " |
| 3. Marjorie Scott | 14 " |

DIVISION 14

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|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Mavis Clements | 15 pts |
| 2. Jim Shutler | 13 " |
| 3. Wendy Miller | 8 " |

By the time this edition is read everyone should have received the circular from the league organisers which announced the opening of entries for the next league i.e. the 35th starting 1st May. Before saying goodbye to the 34th league mention should be made of some of the highlights as extracted by Jack Dunford and his merry men. If there was an award for the best winning record (which there is not) it would have gone to DAVID SIMS in Division 5 who won all his 5 games 3-0 conceding no crumbs to his opponents. Coming second in that race would have been IAN TITTLE slightly behind with 4 games reading 3-0 to take Division 12.

Very honourable mentions are also due to TOM ANNAS (DIV. 13) and MAVIS CLEMENTS (DIV. 14) both players grudgingly conceding 1 game each out of their winning runs. ROY BARRETT and LEN ALEXANDER deserve a bowl of YUM YUM soup each for having conquered all 8 opponents each on their way to winning Divisions 6 and 1 respectively. DAVID HUDSON will have to settle for a liquorice all-sort from Division 2 which had a dismal record of non attendance.

Now the 34th League can be laid to rest while it is hoped the new format for the 35th League will stimulate the interest of all players and lead to even more enjoyment by all participants.

Squash Ladder

If you have experienced an uneasy sinking feeling lately then maybe you should take a glance at the squash ladder rankings. With challenges open to the next 5 places above, some crafty people are on their way up while those of us with that funny feeling are correspondingly finding ourselves going down the odd rung or two. This will affect the league placings so be warned, ladders are for climbing.

South East Asian Championships

The local papers gave us the day to day results and coverage of this event held over Easter but the real excitement was of course being there. As far as our club players were involved we fielded for Thailand at various matches, Len Alexander and Brian Thompson's "gazelle" young John. Colleen Perry and Marjorie Rennie for the ladies played right through the competition proving something about stamina in these climes. As every tipster knew Singapore's squash arsenal was too powerful for the rest of the region especially for the host country whose total courts probably don't exceed those of any medium size squash complex in Singapore.

Regardless of those factors the best team won and how can one say more about the standard of play and pace we were enthralled to watch. One practical application noted was the way the players were refereed, in particular when Shams lent a hand also Jim, another experienced squash hand from Robby Robinsons' entourage. In summary they both left no doubt that a player, no matter his degree of exhaustion or desperation had to give his opponent a good uninterrupted answering shot at the ball. In many cases a point was awarded against a player for not moving away from his shot fast enough e.g. front corner drop shots. It seemed a bit harsh at the time but the decisions were consistent and in retrospect, correct for the game.

At our club level less risk of injury could evolve if everyone was aware that it is not necessary to get at the ball "through" a slow moving opponent. In such cases a "let" can be called for and if it was later repeated it would be safe to call for a point. This is only an unofficial observation drawn from watching the championships so it is passed on as such.

For those members who missed the championships the only recourse on "lets" is the notice on game rules above court one.

Coaching

This came to a somewhat confused end caused mainly by conflicting news on Shams' departure date from Thailand. Despite the messy finish members seemed to take full advantage of the rare presence of a top-flight coach and about 75 players took one or more sessions. Shams has returned to Pakistan now and our thanks for valuable service rendered go with him.

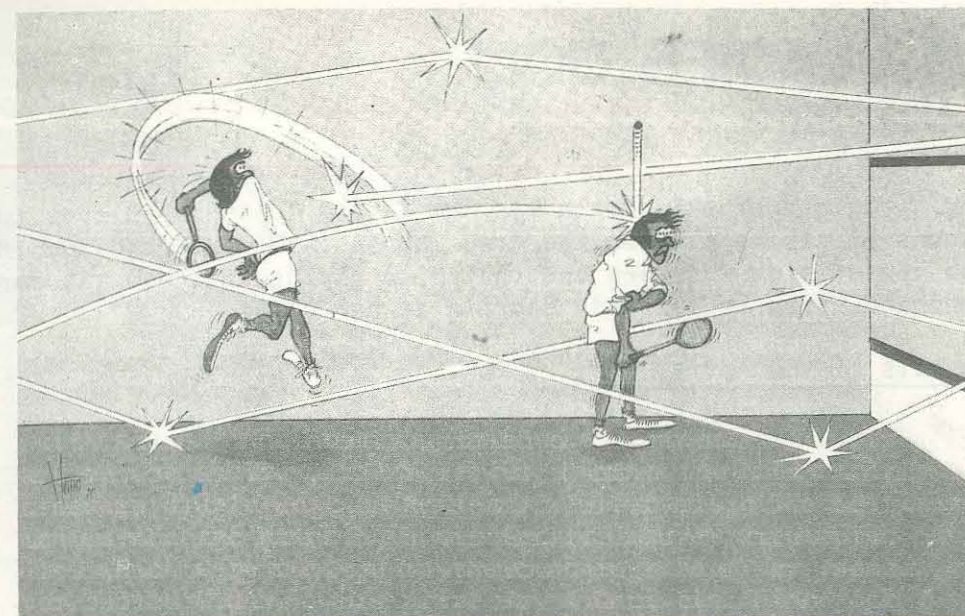
About the ZAMAN/ROBINSON match mentioned at the beginning it came about by chance that Robby was in Bangkok on a short holiday and somehow tracked down the squash action in town. He played Shams twice on an ad-hoc basis at the Sports Club a week apart. The first time there was only a lucky few to see Robby win 3-1, the second time the gallery for the Singapore/Hong Kong semi final got to see Robby win a great duel in 5 games. Talk about tight play and concentration it was eye opening to study. Besides the observation on refereeing, one other point emerged which was also seen to some degree in the championships, that was the use of deception. Maybe worth practising in our matches if only because it never seems to be used at the club. Then again it probably isn't as easy as they made it look but its worth trying to develop something extra to put your opponent out of stride.

A footnote on coaching is that Len Alexander is working on plans to reintroduce the system of coaching and stroke practice conducted by players from Division One. Many members will remember this scheme from some time back and the benefit derived therein from the informal style employed. The coaching will be open to all the only cost envisaged being the applicants sticker to ensure their attendance to reward the voluntary time of the coaches. So far as known this coaching will commence in June so please prepare for more details and timings to be announced as they come to hand.

Further on our request last issue for worthwhile Outpost news of squash items/cuttings/cartoons etc. members are referred to the small score sheet box under the squash notice board. This box will now serve a dual purpose as a post box for members to drop their concerned notes on all aspects of squash activity i.e. use of courts, bookings, blasts and best of all, suggestions for improvement.

Queries received of wide interest to everyone and the response, will be reprinted in the Outpost.

It is hoped that the feedback produced will help the committee and members to work closer together in maintaining and promoting squash in the club.



OK, BERNARD, YOU WIN!



TENNIS

Plans for a Round-Robin Tournament during April were ruined by the weather, but ever-persistent your committee accordingly re-scheduled this for Saturday, 1st May. This event will be covered in the next issue of Outpost.

Our planned match with the International Sports & Social Club was also rained off and at the time of writing we are trying to rearrange this for Saturday, 15th May, at 2 p.m. Please watch the notice board for latest information. There has been a postponement in the commencement date for filling work on our courts, which allows us an opportunity to play at this later date.

On Sunday, 9th May at 2 p.m. we will be playing an Interport Match with Stanley Club, Hongkong. This will be a men's match only as the visitors have no ladies with them. Mr. M. McAlister has been appointed team captain and his selected team will have been notified by 1st May.



LADIES' GOLF

The highlight of this month was the Astral Cup played over two rounds of stroke play at the Army Course on 23.3.82 and 30.3.82. The competition was keen and the prize giving followed a superb luncheon given by our Lady Captain at her house.

Results of the Astral Cup

Winner:	Sheila Neville	144 Net
Runner Up:	Joan Jurgens	147 Net

First Day

Winner:	Ann Johnstone	69 Net
Longest Drive:	Kerstin Persson	
Nearest Pin:	Eileen Ford	

Second Day

Winner:	Ella Mallaret
Longest Drive:	Kerstin Persson

Our competition on 6.4.82 was cancelled as it was a Public Holiday.

Further Competition Results

14.4.82 - Bisque Bogey

Winner:	Ann Johnstone	+8
Runner Up:	Kerstin Persson	+6
Longest Drive:	Kerstin Persson	
Nearest Pin:	Lise Denker-Nielsen	

A reminder of our fixtures until May 4th:

27.4.82 - Medal

Starter:	Judy King	(392 7191)
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4.5.82 - All Irons Stableford

Starter:	Sheila Kerr	(252 6517)
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"I shot my age—but you'll never get me to admit it."



"Isn't it great the way Henry can make the ball curve way out to the right like that?"



GOLF

THE DL FOOD CENTRE DAY APRIL 4TH

Dairy Lane gave the prizes, and Ian MacLean, Mike Lamb, Richard Edmonds, Norman Bond, Joan Jurgens, Ron Armstrong (who does he work for?), Peter Smith and Peter Speed won them. They all hastened home with great food parcels under their arms looking like a bunch of hungry Congolese refugees after Oxfam had finished with them. Ron Armstrong put the contents of his parcel back on the shelves, the following Monday, so in fact DL's sponsorship didn't cost quite so much after all. The best dressed man was George Walck, in his frilly mauve with pink spots undies which were noticed in the changing room by some peeping tom called MORAN. His prize was a Christian Dior jock strap with a small sample of Caleche (by Hermes). Lowest points score returned to its rightful owner, Dave Cobbett (since felled by a football boot, get well soon, Dave). We welcomed our newest member Bill Young, together with a few welcome guests, who claimed the BC golfers are all jolly good company. Richard Mooney won't survive unless we mention his name, so now that's done. A final reminder folks, you may not return the goodies to DL Food Centre for twice their retail value...just keep them at home and get fat.

And then, on April 18th, we proceeded onwards to the Rose Garden, to where the East Asiatic Coy (Thailand) had shipped another load of sponsorship prizes. It was thought appropriate that captain John Kerr (who is the resident ICI director in Thailand) should win the first prize (since EACT happens to be the local ICI agent), and so the results were duly 'fixed', and everyone, (except Derek Pott, who was instructed to hold back and take 2nd spot) went away happy. Joe Urwin won the 'B' division (i.e. the not so good players) closely followed by Neil Duggin. Messrs. MacLean, Goodin, Armstrong and Friel received rewards for 'best nines' while Rod Gillespie and Bruce Rolph vied for the booby. A 'most improved golfer' prize was not available, but it would have gone to Fauna Goodin, who is starting to burn up the Bangkok and district golf courses nowadays.

The sharks are all out practising these days, with an eye on the club championship, played over 2 rounds on May 2nd and May 16th both at Hua Mark, teeing off at 09.51 and 10.19 hrs respectively. All are welcome, especially beginners just remember if we didn't enter, the good golfers would have nobody to beat.

Finally, another word of welcome to all newcomers to Thailand who have joined the club. Watch the notice board for fixtures details, and put your name on the list. We want and need your support.



CRICKET

The cricket season continues to stagger on in fits and starts, and at the time of writing, with the rainy season apparently already upon us, the prospects of completing our fixtures seem less than promising. Two matches only have been played since the last edition of Outpost, no less than three have been rained off. The two games played were lost in contrasting styles but both contained enough excitement to whet the playing appetites of our match-starved team.

The weekend of 3/4 April saw an assorted assembly of 21 Club players, wives, children and other attachments gather in Chiang Mai. One player brought not one, but two Thai cricket loving girlfriends, but David Hudson must surely have set some sort of record by taking both his new bride and mother on a cricketing honeymoon! Our game against the Gymkhana Club was probably the first ever match for the British Club in Chiang Mai. Indeed, cricket was only re-established at CMGC last year after a lapse of 62 years. This weekend was a double celebration with the home side playing RBSC on the Saturday, and the Club on Sunday.

Not much was expected of the B.C. The Club side was dwarfed in playing stature when compared with the might of player-snatching RBSC, and the all-conquering CMGC team. Furthermore, prospects paled significantly when it became patently evident that those Club players arriving overnight on the milk train had indulged heavily in much more potent beverages. Our chances reduced to near zero when RBSC were soundly beaten by a large margin in the weekend's first encounter. However, maybe the beautiful setting of the CMGC ground amidst magnificent aged trees, a sense of occasion, or the splendid roast-pig barbecue laid on for the Saturday evening inspired the Club side to new peaks. More likely, the fine team spirit evident in each game this season brought out a determined effort to at least go down fighting. Whatever, a splendid match resulted, climaxing a superb weekend. Our match correspondent filed the following report.

Sunday 4 April - BC vs Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club 40 Overs: The British Club team arrived early at the ground and, after a pitch inspection and discussions about the proceedings of the previous day, it was decided that winning the toss would be a distinct advantage. The game would start at mid-day and the team would do well to avoid fielding in the noon heat. The home side arrived, duly won the toss and elected to bat; the British Club team determined to make the best of the circumstances such was their luck.

The game began on time and Chiang Mai commenced their innings with a splendidly driven four off the first ball. Memories of the previous day's RBSC defeat were all too clear. But the BC resolve was set and no further score was made in this opening over bowled by Don Goodin. The first four wickets fell for less than fifty runs with two batsmen caught by Niemczyk who was proving to be a very tidy replacement for our regular keeper who had been unable to travel with the team. But dark clouds were massing behind the trees and distant thunder threatened rain. The sky darkened, rain drops fell silently and the thunder rolled once more. The concentration intensified and the game progressed. John Coghill bowled to surprise Brian Brook with the perfect catch, and Chris Platt did well to take a catch which dispatched the CMGC's second highest scorer for 31 runs, bowled Ben Piper. The innings highest scorer was run out for 32.

With some satisfaction then, after 36½ overs of a possible 40, and after two and a half hours, the home side were all out for 158, considerably less than the previous days score against the RBSC. All of the Club's bowlers had bowled well, Goodin, Piper, Coghill, Hudson and Dunford, and the fielding had been keen throughout. Goodin took 4 wickets for 29 runs in 8 overs.

John Coghill and Ben Piper opened the batting for the Club at three o'clock precisely. Piper was caught for 7 runs and Platt followed to be bowled also for 7, but Coghill remained to be joined by Brian Brook. The partnership lasted half an hour with both batsmen scoring freely, keeping well up with the required run rate.

The clouds had passed now and the afternoon grew brighter. Coghill took a brief break for refreshment but his fine innings was to end after an hour with 41 scored, including 6 'fours'. BC skipper, Jack Dunford, replaced Coghill and struck two fours in the over before tea at four o'clock.

At 4.20 p.m. with a light breeze and a brighter sun the BC looked well placed. Refreshed, Brook and Dunford resumed their innings at a score of 87 for 3 wickets. But the scoring rate slowed, three runs came off the 21st over, and Dunford was next to depart, bowled for 13. Paul Niemczyk then partnered Brook and these two in a dashing stand appeared to be taking the Club to a comfortable victory. But, after scoring 50, Brook was immediately and needlessly run out; the first half century for the Club this season, a fine, long innings with 5 fours, certainly the best batting performance of the weekend.

Don Goodin was next to bat, but disaster struck again when Niemczyk was soon also run out for a very valuable 18, and the tide began to turn. With 5 wickets in hand and 15 to win the Club should still have won, but further wickets fell and the later batsmen failed to master the suddenly rejuvenated CMGC bowling. After 40 overs the Club could muster only 153 with two wickets in hand. CMGC were jubilant after a day of swinging fortunes, and success was theirs for the second time in the weekend, by just 5 runs.

Sunday 11 April - BC vs AIT 40 Overs: Our second encounter is best dealt with briefly. Suffice it to say that BC were invited to bat first, and turned in their worst batting performance to date against some very useful seam bowling in very humid conditions. Only Ben Piper with 15 runs looked comfortable, and the tail-enders staged a modest recovery from the depths of 35 for 7 to an eventual all out total of 54 in 26 overs. Dave Hudson must have been pleased to have completed his honeymoon the previous week when laid out by a good length ball which he failed to hook.

54 is not much of a total to defend and although the Club bowled and fielded keenly it did not take long for AIT to reach 50 for the loss of only 3 wickets. By this stage any real hope of winning had been abandoned and Brian Thompson playing in his first game was introduced as the eighth bowler. With a little assistance from the batsmen he took 2 wickets in one over! Goodin picked up another in the next, and Thompson took yet another with the first ball of his second over. AIT were struggling at 54 for 7! But this was sensation enough, and a single into the covers saw AIT home by 3 wickets.



THE B.C. TEAM AT CHIANG MAI



BRIDGE

The AGM of the Bridge Section was held on 29th March in the Suriwongse Room and was well attended with 15 people present. Simon Brewin, the outgoing Chairman of the Section was thanked for his work throughout the year when often he and his wife had been the only people to try and drum up support for Bridge in the Club.

A new Committee was elected consisting of Geof Connor, Chairman, Lynn Smith, Secretary/Treasurer, and Geoffrey Crittenden.

After the meeting a very enjoyable game of Chicago was played.

So with new enthusiasm the Section has got off the ground again and Bridge will be played every Monday night in the Suriwongse Room. Don't be put off and think you're not good enough - the aim is to have a fun evening with other members you might not ordinarily get to know whilst at the same time having an enjoyable game of Bridge. Normally we will be playing Chicago with occasional Duplicate evenings and then later on perhaps we will be brave enough to challenge other clubs!

You are welcome to bring a guest along and don't worry if you don't have a partner or would like to have a change from your regular partner. (It has been noticed that sometimes playing Bridge together can have a bad effect on marital harmony!)

A charge of 15 baht will be made and coffee will be provided free with normal bar service available, of course!

Just turn up or contact one of the Committee members whose phone numbers are on the notice board.



DARTS

Relax, the Lever Bros team were not in a relaxed mood on April Fool's Day, and they even denied Roy Regan (who for those who didn't know works for Lever Bros) his usual point in the singles. Your scribe has not yet had time to check whether Khun Sarawuth is still employed after white-washing Roy in the singles! The Lillywhites scored 2 victories in the singles through Ian Hill and Ian Ward McNally, the latter notching 100. The doubles were a blank for the British Club, but James Kelly (partnered by Ian WM and Roy) closed the first triple, and Ian Hill (partnered by Dave Wallace and Norman Burbridge) clinched the second. The team game went to Relax to give an 11-6 defeat to your favourite team. However Roy made up for his singles defeat with 4 tons including 2 of 140.

Not surprisingly we had a large turnout for the match at the Tavern bar on Patpong 2 the following week. Singles wins from Bryan Baldwin, David Frost and Captain James, and Chris and James gave us a doubles win. A triple victory from Chris Andrews, Ian (W-M) and Bryan levelled the scores at 7-7, but the Johnnie Walker must have been getting to us at that time and the three remaining points went to our hosts. Roy and Bryan registered tons.

Sorry about this, but the 22nd April brought us our 3rd defeat in a row when an improved Toby Jug team beat us 12-5 in our own bar to avenge an earlier 16-1 defeat. Our points came from Ian Hill in the singles, Norman and Ian W-M in the doubles and Roy, Ingrid and Denis Heasman in the triples. Roy and Ian (WM) were tons scorers.

New club members interested in darts, or in beer should call Captain James Kelly on 252 3111 ext. 703 or 617 or Bryan Baldwin on 221 1895.



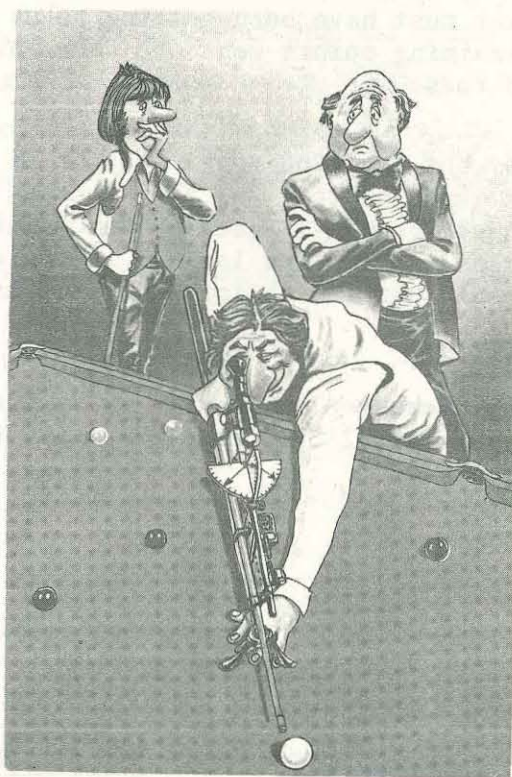
BILLIARDS

Fothergill Cup

This doubles competition finished in April in grand style. Tony Bekenn and Ernie Ure came through to meet the formidable combination of Ian McLean and Tom Watson in the final. The first frame went to Messrs. McLean and Watson by a handsome difference, but in the second frame Messrs. Bekenn and Ure built up a lead of sixty points and looked set to make a 3-frame fight of it. Then by tactical errors on one side and successful volunteering on the other, the lead was steadily eroded and Ian and Tom took the second frame with the black ball. The Cup was presented in the bar at a late hour to the applause of the stalwarts remaining.

Mabbatt Cup

The draw has been made and this competition (straight snooker singles) is now open. Players are reminded that the deadlines for rounds will be strictly applied.



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THE BANGKOK SAMARITANS

The Bangkok Samaritans is a voluntary organisation. It is worldwide, confidential and non-religious, aiming to reach out to those in despair.

If you are feeling unhappy, distressed, desperate or suicidal please telephone 235-4000. The volunteer at the other end wants to listen and to talk through your worries, anxieties and problems with you. All that is said is strictly confidential and there are no charges or obligations.

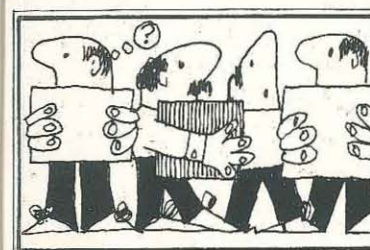
We try to keep the number manned 24 hours daily, but there is always someone available between 2 p.m.- 7 a.m.

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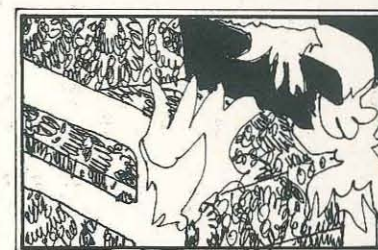
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Everyone would agree that moving can be troublesome, worrisome and wearisome. Right?

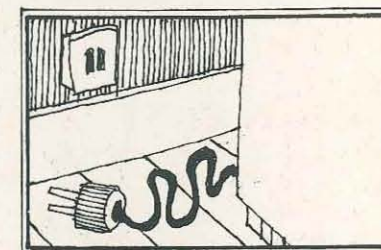
These useful tips will help you...



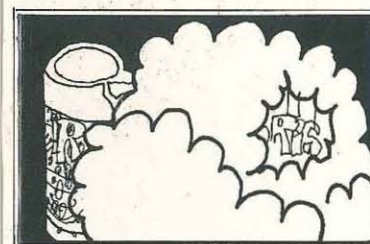
Avoid crowds during packing days by selling unwanted items well in advance. Packing is more secure and faster if only packers are present during packing days.



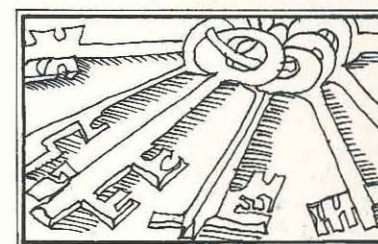
New furniture should be delivered at least two weeks before packing to ensure dry finishes. Furniture should not be oiled during the last two weeks as the oil might seep during transit: wrapping paper may adhere to and spoil finishes.



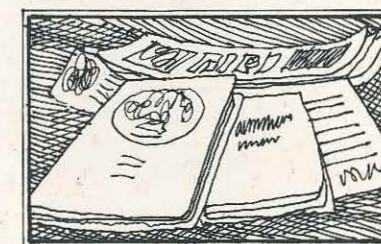
If possible, disconnect all electrical appliances, particularly refrigerators, deep freezers, airconditioners and stoves, the day before packing.



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



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



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

And for your smoothest move ever...

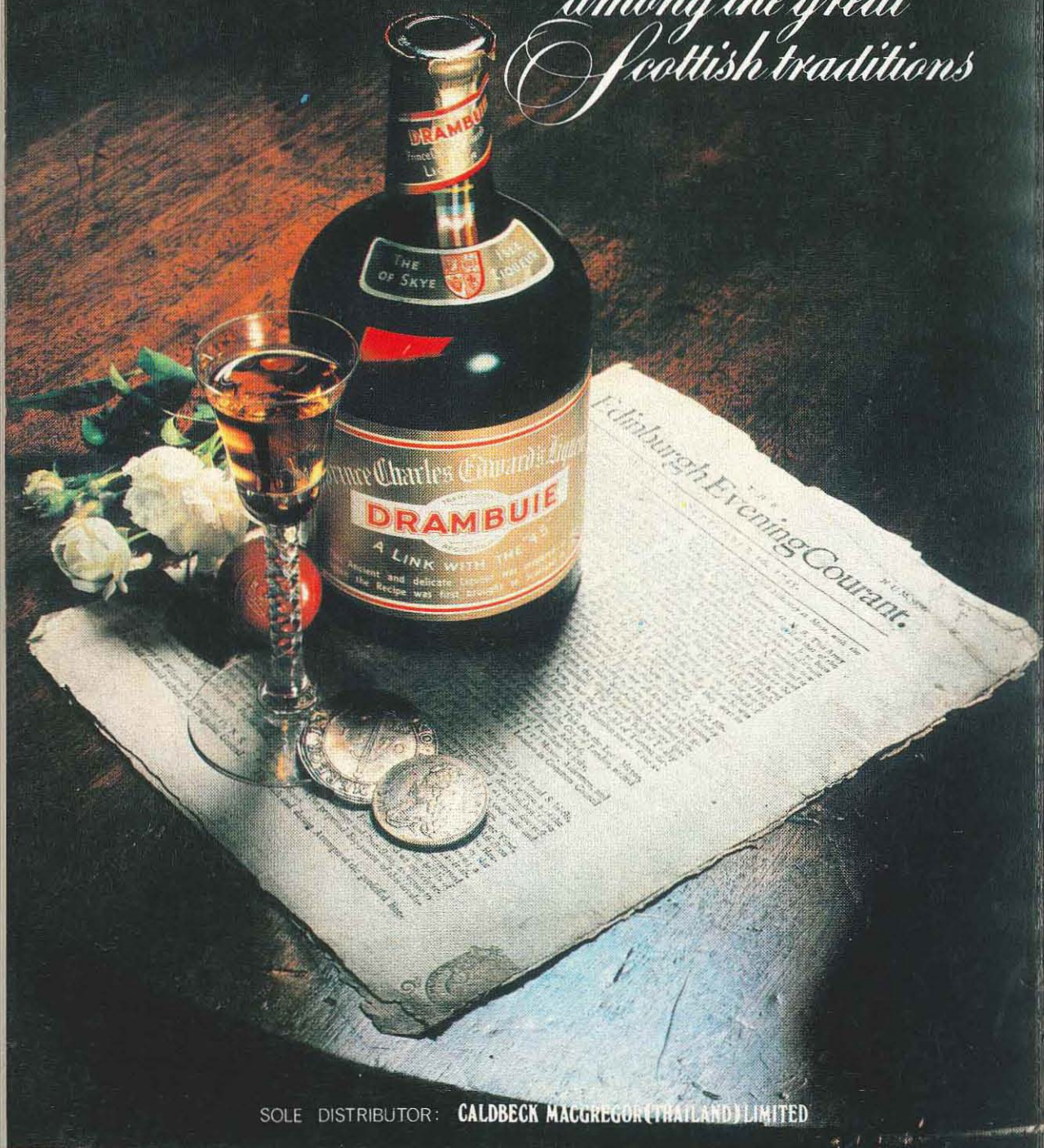
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