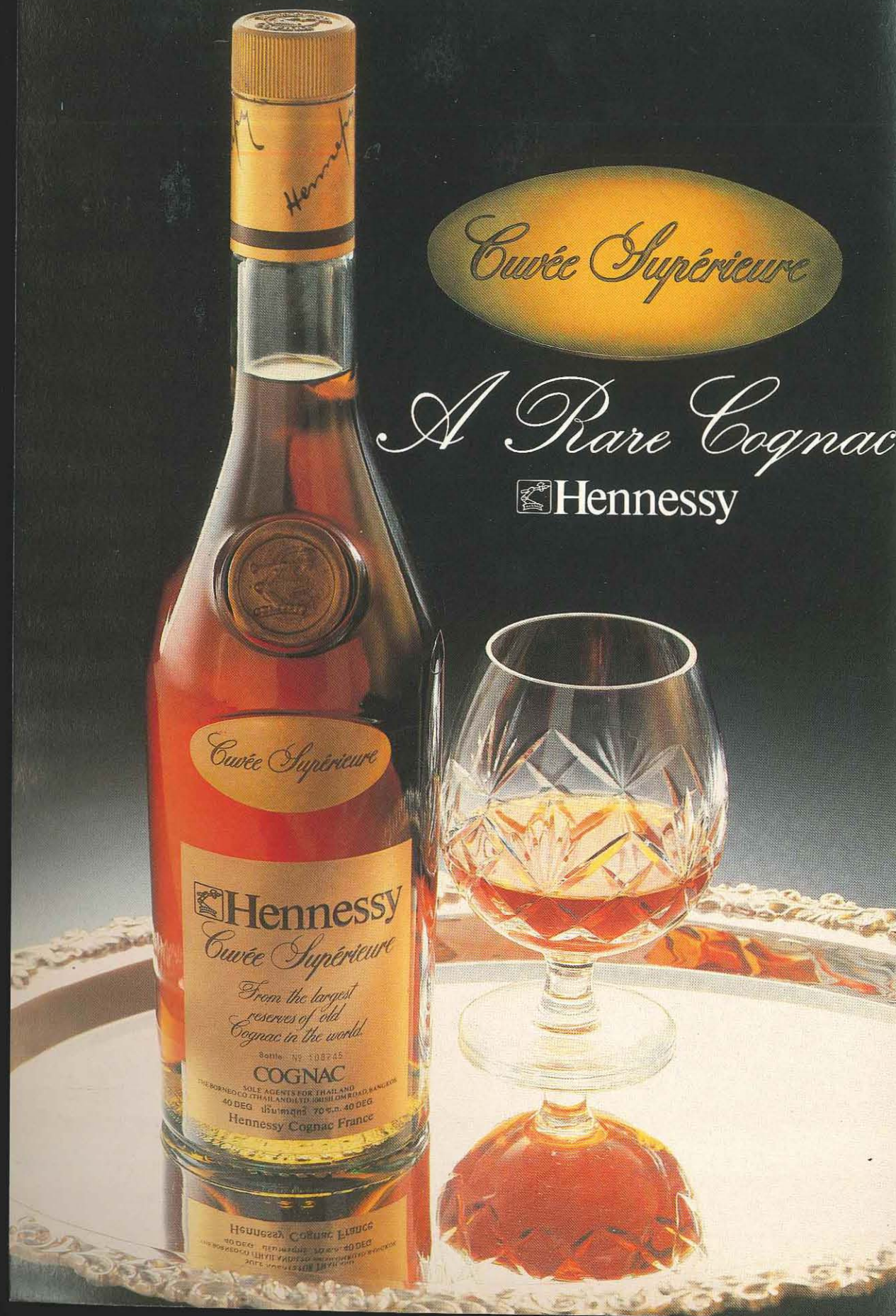


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Editorial

The new committee of the British Club has firmly taken over the reins of the club and is preparing its particular plans for the new committee year.

A vote of thanks was given at the recent A.G.M. to the outgoing committee for a very successful year. Well done.

It may be as good a time as any to reiterate on the concept of the British Club. Early in the 1900's the British Club was formed to promote fellowship and a convenient meeting place for members and their families; nearly eighty years later the concept and the club are still going strong thanks to past committees and members. However, we should all remember that things don't just happen.

Your committee invests time in the planning and general operation of your club, we need your active participation to ensure a successful future.

Your new committee are all very enthusiastic about the coming year and look forward to your continued support of the club.

David Frost

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in April 1983:

Ordinary

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Ladies Privileges

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Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	415
Non-Voting	8
Associate	44
Ladies Privileges	38
Up-Country	23
Candidates	42
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TOTAL	570
Absent	661
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GRAND TOTAL	1231



A Serious Column for the Uninitiated

What would you say if we cut down a tree to make way for extra cars.

We would level the ground, and make it sound although the cost would not be free.

We'll get by without a tree in our grounds, shall we try without a tree in our grounds. (repeat)

(Sung to a Beatles number "With a little help from our friends.")

It seems that a new 5 year plan is required to give direction to the club, and as an ongoing indicator for future committees. This 5 year plan could bring the B.C. into the space age with talk of micro-wave this and infra-red that and would involve the spending of millions of Baht for the benefit of members. During a recent committee furor where a consensus was difficult to obtain on the many projects, it was unanimously approved that a pram ramp be constructed so that access to the poolside area is made easier for mothers. (There you are girls, don't say we don't look after you).

Submissions for inclusion in OUTPOST must reach the Club by the 20th of each month.

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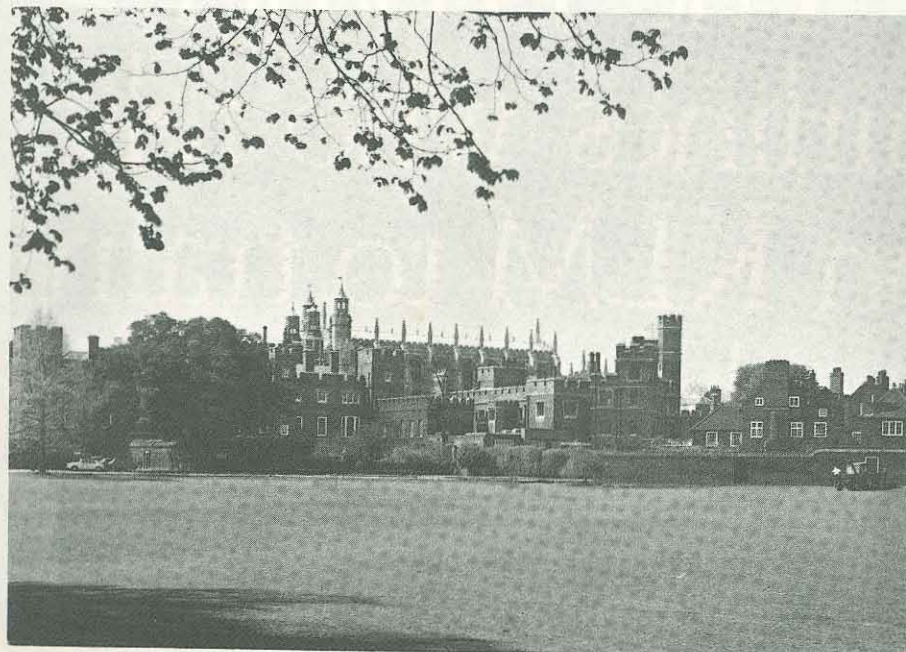
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Historical Happenings



FRAMED PICTURE IN B.C. BAR



RECENT POSTCARD OF ETON COLLEGE

The two reproduced pictures are of Eton College and were taken fairly recently. There is also a framed picture in the bar of the British Club of the same college.

The difference between the framed picture and the one reproduced is the garden which was presented to the college.

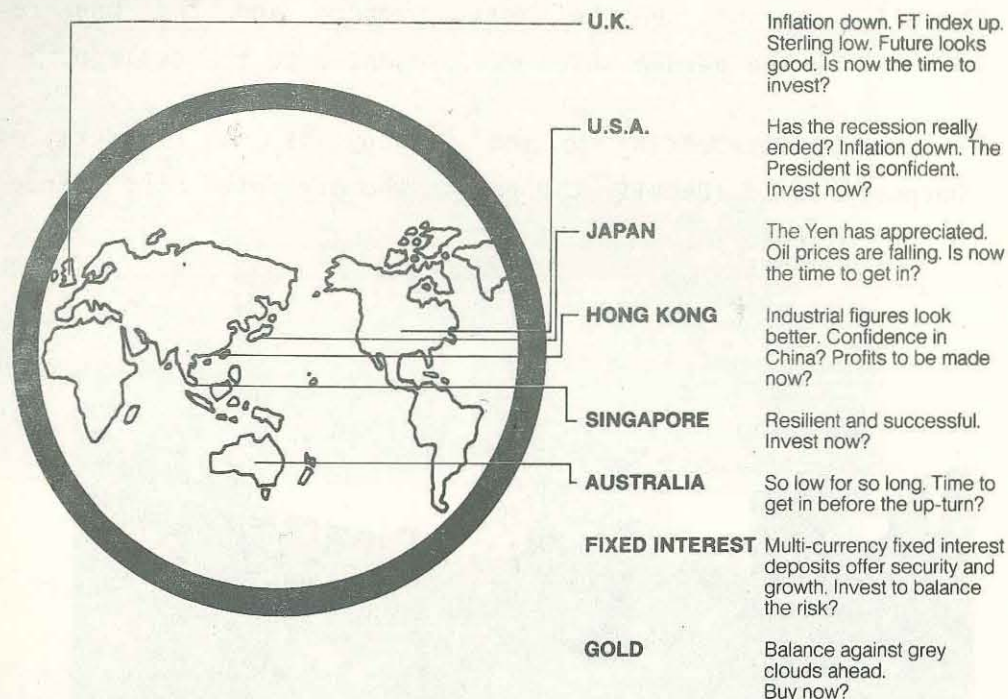
It would be interesting to see if any of our readers of "Outpost" could identify the person who presented the garden to the college.



GARDEN IN ETON COLLEGE

(Postcards submitted by Mr. G.A. Hope of Hong Kong)

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Sir,

On behalf of the officers and men of Her Majesty Australian Ships TORRENS and SWAN I would like to thank you for the hospitality extended during our visit to Bangkok.

The sports your club arranged and the use of your facilities greatly contributed towards our stay being most enjoyable.

When we return we will look forward to again making your acquaintance. Again thank you.

Yours sincerely,

J.G. McDermott
(J.G. McDERMOTT)

Captain, RAN
Commander, Third
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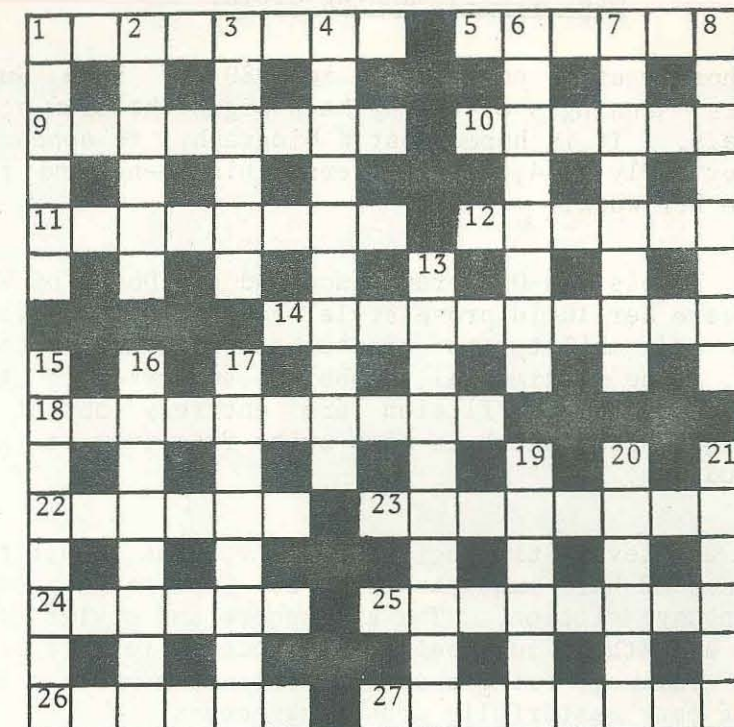
Across

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| 1 Return for a film made last year in Thailand. | 18 Motoring necessities (2 words) |
| 5 Rise a pace (2 words) | 22 What the world can be to young hopefuls. |
| 9 Pass little William the notice. | 23 Short sports official round a company to state again. |
| 10 Thai flower featured in 1 across | 24 R-boats around ... misfires! |
| 11 Puts a new edge on. | 25 Theatrical dumbshow. |
| 12 The place to get ginned up? | 26 Those who perhaps had 18 acr. in 1 acr! |
| 14 Not confirmed. | 27 Disposed to be artificial. |

Down

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Business present to stick together. | 13 Without a trial (3 words) |
| 2 Chap with a long time to run. | 15 How to come for an impromptu invitation (3 words) |
| 3 Reel that's not necessarily Scottish.... | 16 Hand over the drink for a document. |
| 4 ...but a Don in lace definitely is! | 17 It's pure madness! |
| 6 What came from the pantomime lamp (2 words) | 19 Position removed from the cooler. |
| 7 Vocal sound. | 20 How Stout Cortez stood on the peak in Darien. |
| 8 Queues for girls? | 21 Made us go around and be diverted. |

Club Crossword May



Winner of April Puzzle

1. The snooker player kept a cockroach as a pet.
2. The manager read the "world".

Mr. N.W. Musgrave (M77)

Winner Of The April Caption Competition

"You mean I should have warmed them first"

Mr. E.J. Miller (M37)

Obviously a blue tit fancier Ed.

The above winners were picked from many replys and both win a bottle of Scotch.

Book Review

Mrs. Olivia Manning C.B.E.

Occurring shortly after publication in 1980 of "The Sum of Things", Mrs. Manning's death may have begun the slow eclipse of her novels. It is hoped that a biography, to appear late this year or early 1984, will reverse this trend and revive interest in her work.

The early novels "A Different Face and the Doves of Venus" first indicate her lucid prose style, realistic portrayals of both sexes and ability to create complex and absorbing characters. The sentimental, snobbish, supervicial, stereotypes of "best seller" fiction are entirely absent from Mrs. Manning's work, which is also quite free from racial and class prejudices.

The Balkan and Levant triologies, six volumes constituting "The Fortunes of War" must rank with all important post war English language fiction. The atmosphere and styles of life in Rumania and Athens just before Nazi occupation are vividly portrayed. Yakimov, Pringle and Harriet are memorable as the foremost of many masterfully drawn characters.

The city of Cairo, its military, indigenous and expatriate residents, scenes from the battle of Alemain and its aftermath, are beautifully drawn.

Mrs. Manning's cool, detached objectivity is combined with the sympathy, tolerance and intelligence of an exceptional young woman. They provide experience and observations which widened, mellowed and deepened by reflection in maturity, develop into themes of lasting relevance.

The novels are available in paperback from Bangkok book sellers, The British Council and Nielsen Hays Libraries.

REVIEW BY G. PERCIVAL

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New Records...by Camus

THE SONGS of Gabriel Faure are rich in quality, melodic grace, and subtlety of harmonic invention. The sound world they inhabit is touched by a tenderness, a warmth and sometimes a 'melancholia' which makes for quite delectable listening - especially if the singer is of the calibre of Frederica von Stade (Faure, Melodies : HMV ASD 4183, Digital).



With Jean-Philippe Collard at the piano, Miss von Stade chooses eighteen of Faure's best-loved songs, and includes two of the more familiar melodies, 'Apres un Reve' and 'Clair de Lune', and it is noticeable that on a previous recording, several of the songs have been adapted for voice and guitar, thus exemplifying both their adaptability and popularity. Of these, 'Dans les Ruines d'une Abbaye', 'Prison', and 'Apres un Reve' are given delightful performances by Miss von Stade, and one notes how she is quick to endow such quasi-programmatic numbers as 'Dans la Foret de Septembre', and 'Au Bord de L'eau' with her gift of illustrating both the lyrics and the music 'en ensemble'.

The singer's voice of great beauty with it's ringing bell-like effect is heard to advantage in the joyous 'Le Papillon et la Fleur' -- laden with von Stade 'joie de vivre', while in contrast comes the intensity and superb control of the Op. 4 'Lydia'. Jean-Philippe's 'descriptive' piano is evident in 'Mandoline', and you will note the due sense of yearning the singer manages to convey during her performance of the Op. 83 'Prison'. A most rewarding recital, though a word sheet is not supplied. Recommended.

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IN LATIN mood -- 'Latino', as Decca label their 14-track selection of melodies in the South American idiom (LATINO : TAB 64). Featuring the orchestra which, almost alone, is supreme in interpreting this kind of music - Edmundo Ros - the compilation includes many of the most infectious - rhythmic compositions which we know so well, if not being able to 'put a name' on them. 'Mas Que Nada', 'La Bamba', 'Malaguena',

'Brazil', 'Tico-Tico' -- and such household favourites as 'La Cucaracha' ('the cockroach' - a favourite in your house?!), 'La Paloma', and 'Desafinado' - "slightly out of time".

Ted Heath and His Music join Edmundo's solo percussion on occasion to add 'bite' to the recital, his well-known version of 'Brazil' being a feature of the recording. So let's get in the mood -- for 'Latino'.

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EMPLOYING the Direct Metal Mastering system, HMV's digital recording of the Schubert German Mass with other church music brings us the Bavarian Radio Chorus, Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra (conductor Wolfgang Sawallisch) and baritone soloist Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, who sings Schubert's setting of Ps. 92 (Schubert : ASD 4415).

The text of the Deutsche Messe is by Johann Philipp Neumann, professor of physics at the Vienna Polytechnic, and Schubert's full version includes the 'after transubstantiation' moment and also the final epilogue, The Lord's Prayer. The music is at times bordering on the dramatic, though the work is striking for its song-like simplicity, the composer's unorthodox Catholicism allowing of a modicum of Protestantism both in the Mass and during the two psalms (92 and 23) and the Holy Ghost hymn, 'Hymnus an den Heiligen Geist'.

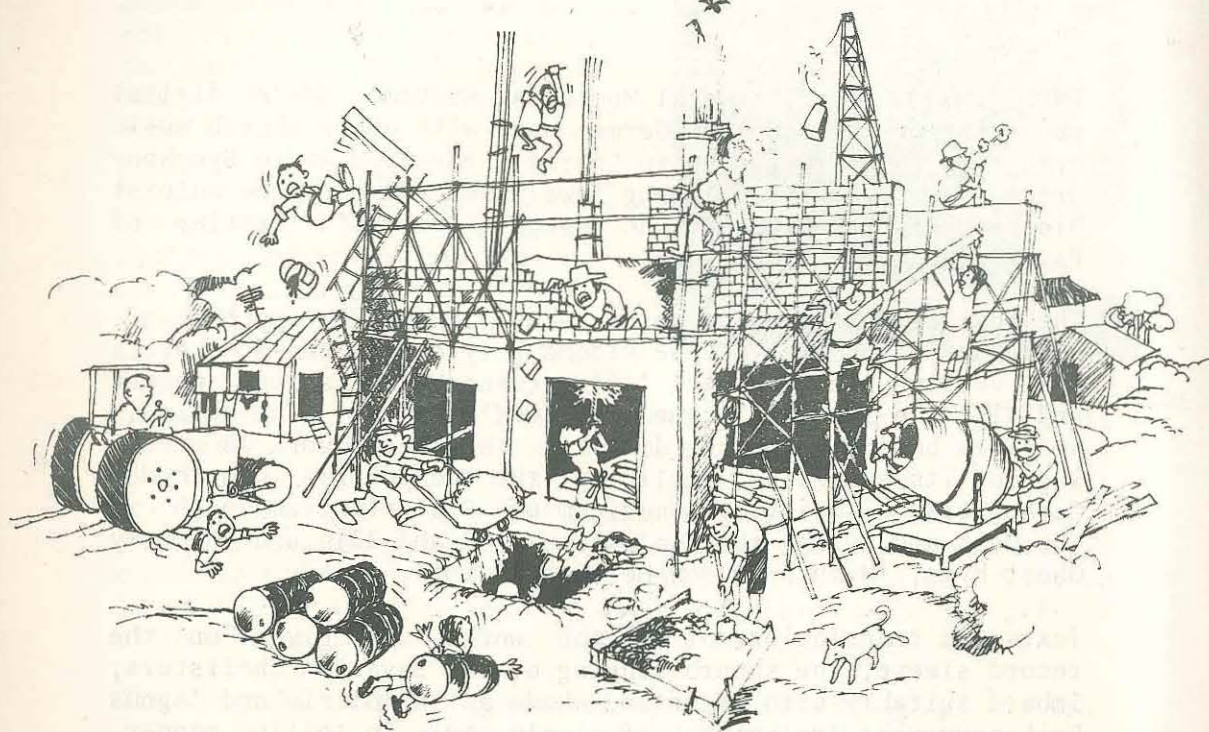
Texts and translations of all the works are given on the record sleeve, the superb singing of the Bavarian choristers, imbued suitably with light and shade as in 'Gloria' and 'Agnus Dei', conveying 'religioso', if simple style in telling manner. The D. 379 'Salve Regina' is especially palatable, the supplicatory mood of the Virgin hymn being expressed with the appropriate delicacy it demands. Fischer-Dieskau's 'It is a good thing to give thanks' is sung with the necessary impact, while Sawallisch directs the members of the Bavarian Orchestra in accompaniments which are always in sympathy with choir and soloist. Rewarding.

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THAT musical rarity, the Pan Pipes, is given a new lease of life -- a new look, indeed -- by Horea Crishan, instrumentalist with the North German Radio Orchestra, who exploits the more exotic tones the pipes can offer on a Polydor Super recording (The Magic of the Pan Pipes : 2372 161). Assisted

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by 'subtle synthesization', Horea favours the minor mode for many of his performances, using various versions of Pan pipes during the recital.

'Bird of Passage' features the instruments in both top and bottom registers, while the bass pipes are used for 'Nights on Elba' -- a Napoleonic Nocturne?! In contrast 'Printemps' illustrates the buds bursting, birds warbling - a real Spring song, this -- and Horea uses discreet tango rhythms in pinpointing the attractiveness of 'Skyglider'. Also included are the 'Chariots of Fire' theme, and that lively ballad 'hit', 'A Whiter Shade of Pale'. The ancient beauty of Pan Pipes for our pleasure.

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("Who wrote that?" - said an American lady at my table)

St. George's night was celebrated in traditional fashion late last month at the Oriental Hotel and most people who attended agreed that it was one of the best for many years. Each Society's ball has its individual flavour and St. George's kept its tradition for sophisticated revellery. From the time the Baron of Beef ceremoniously served to president Bryan Baldwin to the time (around 3 a.m.) when the Oriental showed its high-class by turning the air-conditioning off in the Ballroom, to not so gently hint that we should depart, the evening was one, as the Reverend Bull succinctly put it "For English people, the English language, good food, roast beef and real ale", not forgetting the foreign friends of course.

In his speech, President Bryan gave us an entertaining legend of St. George, to explain why we were all here, whilst in his reply Ambassador Staples reached a new low in diplomacy by proposing the toast to "St. Andrew's", to welts of delight from the kilted mob and stunned silence from the Dragon. Being too polite to insult our guests, those from the South of the border had to leave it up to the cabaret to put things back in true perspective.

After the dinner, the wine, the speeches and an astonishing faux pas, we were in good mood for the Cabaret. Music started with "Oh Danny Boy!" and Graham Millington was received amid thunderous applause. He commenced by reminding the British Ambassador and the Bandleader in choice and succinct sentences just where they were! Among other gems was the news that at the British Club, the newly-elected chairman proposed certain changes to the rules: henceforth there would be only three classes of membership....! After a few more topical and penetrating observations ("... Prince Charles showing his little Willie all over Australia...."), Graham announced the theme of the cabaret, 'Love and Marriage, English Style' and the cast launched into a spirited rendering of "Let's Do It!"

In the first sketch, an expert on the Sex Discrimination Act from Personchester came on stage to explain its implications. Visually, Person Connor was the ultimate in non-discrimination being dark and male on his left side and blonde and female on her right! In a later sketch we were relieved to see evidence that the division was only superficial. Person Connor concluded a witty commentary by assuring us that we could forget the Act when we got into bed!

Next we found ourselves at the wedding Reception. John Davidson, the bride's father, delivered the speech which, in their hearts, many a father would like to have given after

seeing his daughter married to "the biggest weed in the compost-heap!"

Then Steve Metherell, introducing Cheryl Fillis to Geoff Connor, gave us an illustration of the ridiculous effects of Jealousy with the nervous butler Norman Musgrave ably assisting. Athletic Geoff found himself floored by every time he spoke to the lady and was only rescued when her husband (John Davidson) came on to whisk her away.

A solo interlude, "She lost it at the Astor", sung with great style by Graham Millington was followed by Today's News, read by John Davidson, Cheryl Fillis and Steve Metherell. In summary, the world is still highly entertaining: "Margaret Thatcher, celebrating her 56th birthday, blew on the cake and lit the candles" and many more.

In "Temptation", wife Cheryl Fillis in bed, would-be lover Eric Turner, and hidden sleeping husband Norman Musgrave showed us how easily an adulterous relationship can become a total disaster!

Then Minister of Transport Steve Matherell, in a fiery pep-talk to British families motoring on the continent, gave accident statistics for foreign countries and rebuked British drivers for leaving too many Frogs, Wops and Dagoes unscathed.

This was followed by a hilarious scene at a bus-stop where gorgeous Jeanette Segal demands a quid or two from happily married Geoff Connor under threat of taking off her clothes. They both get down to their smalls (he in retaliation) before policeman Steve Metherell appears - "Ullo, ullo, ullo!! - Wots all this, then?". Needless to say, we see what coppers wear under their uniforms, too!

Love and Marriage, English Style concluded with a Divorce Service in which Vicar Graham Millington put asunder Norman from Cheryl who preferred Steve for the very best of reasons!

Winding up, the cast reminded us that "The English are Best" and the Cabaret ended amid thunderous applause and shouts of "Encore!" And we got what we asked for. Graham Millington explained that he took responsibility for the slanders that followed because he will soon be leaving Thailand, then the full cast gave their version of "Let's Do It!". These verses may be in the next issue of OUTPOST if the Editor has the brass neck to publish them!

Hundreds - nay, thousands will regret the departure of Graham and Dianne Millington from Thailand. In a brief ceremony, Bryan Baldwin presented Graham with a small silver plaque recording the affection and appreciation of the Royal Society of St. George, Bangkok. OUTPOST adds its best wishes to the Millingtons on behalf of the British Club.

After the draw for the door prize, the Ading Dila Band presented their raucous sound for dancing at one end of the room whilst Bangkok Hash Harrier's Table ably augmented them at the other. At least the band had good-looking singers!

F & B Correspondent

Beware Computer!

The Club has acquired a computer and, like all such beasts, it has to be fed - with facts and figures!

The General Committee has decided that the computer's first task will be to record and monitor catering stocks and consumption and, to this end, mysterious numbers will start appearing on menus, chits, bottles of wine etc. You have been warned!

As befits its status, the computer has produced a sub committee which in turn has spawned sub sub committees, one of these being the F & B. S.S. committee whose job it is to count the number of chips per serving, to measure the contents of a glass of wine etc.

We are grateful to Leslie Brewin, a professional computer programmer, for advising us on the art of telling the machine all about fish 'n' chips and bread and butter pudding in a language that it can understand.

Thank you, Leslie, and best wishes for the coming birth of Baby Brewin Mark II.

Dinner Video

We hope to have some excellent video films for the month of May. These will include:-

'Profit versus Purity' an Australian documentary on night life in Patpong (wherever that might be)

'Land of 1000 Buddhas' a superb BBC film about Thailand.

'White Powder Christmas' a very, very naughty satirical film made by BBC engineers. Definitely not for children.

'The Citadel' series continues. This is the BBC's answer to Dr. Kildare who must rate as a bit of an amateur by comparison.

Comedies - The usual selection of British fare will be shown; last of the Summer Wine, Ronnie Barker, Benny Hill, L for Lester etc.

Cold, Cold Draught Beer

At last (we hope), the warm draught beer lurking in the pipe between key and tap in the main bar is about to get its come-uppance. Thai Amarit Brewery are providing an electrically chilled cooling coil (free of charge) to make sure the beer keeps its cool between barrel and glass.

Club Open Wines

A reminder to members: we are selling quality wines at the best prices in town. You can get a sizeable glass (150 ccs approximately) for only Bht 26. Most restaurants will charge you Bht 40 upwards for 120 ccs or less and then add tax and service charges.

We have several popular Austrian wines available viz.

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|-----------------|--|
| Rotmandln | - a slight, tasty red |
| Vogelberg | - a medium dry white and, when available |
| Dreikreuzerwein | - a dry white |

Additionally, at the swimming pool, we can offer Seppelt Riesling which remains popular with many ladies. We understand it gets them going.

Wine Tasting

More of these "happy" evenings are planned in the coming months. Borneo, Asia Trade and ItalThai will be sponsoring monthly evenings when announced. Attendance is limited to 50 persons.

Sports Review



SOCCER

By now you will have received (and read thoroughly, we hope) the British Club Football Section magazine, prepared for the teams forthcoming tour to Manila (25th April to 2nd May). Sixteen members of the football section will be sporting the club's colours on this tour. Two fixtures against the 'Nomads' have been arranged and the winners will be awarded a trophy presented by the British Club.

On the 1st April the soccer section held a very successful Disco - Bar-B-Q at the Thai Sala, attended by some 200 members and guests. Steve Tapner, one of the swinging D.J.'s of the evening, is reminded that he owes the tennis section 50 baht for the 'love all' game on court one!

Since the glorious cup winning triumph against the Indians (BC 2 Indian Cougars 0) the section entered an injury weekend team into the RBSC annual seven-a-side tournament on Sunday 17th April at the Polo Club. By late afternoon and the impending 6 o'clock temperance enforcement, the team conceded 2 offside goals and dashed of to the nearest pub.

Forthcoming events on the Soccer calendar (in addition to the tour) is the three day S.E. Asian football tournament towards the end of May, to be held at the Bangkok Bank Sports complex. The annual tournament, which has been organised by Gunther Glombe of the German all Stars, will involve some 30 teams including ex German Professionals and the reigning Farang League champions?



DARTS

Our captain is confused. How do you perm any 6 from 16 and come up with a winning combination? Answer is don't bother, wait and see which 6 turn up at the appointed place at the appointed time and away you go.

The BC is venturing for the 19th time into the local league and this time actually had a friendly warm up. Didn't do much good, losing 5-12 to Orientours but a little light shone at the end of the tunnel. What she gets up to when the boss is away I don't know but Orin was well oiled that night and slipped into a 132 followed by 107. St. George himself thrust a 162 with the Tinson family contributing 3 tons or above.

In the first "serious" game, away at the Toby Jug, it was 3 a-piece after the singles with Linda T. St. George and the Duke on the double but then plans didn't quite work out and the result was a narrow loss 7-10, tons being contributed by the administration staff Chris Staddon and Peter Tinson.

With the weather warming up where else better to be than the ACB when the a/c is not on the blink. Hobsons Gang (read British Embassy) were the first opponents to have the honour of throwing off our new fluffy carpet. All square again after the singles thanks to Mr. Castrol, James and big Ian and 7-5 after the doubles with your scribe being dragged from the bar to wrap it all up in the first triples. (The order of the games being sportingly adjusted due to a shortage of diplomats busy sorting out a slight shunt on Silom). Result 12-5 to the Lillywhites with 7 tons led by Peter with 134.

All in all quite satisfactory and I reckon this time we are in with a chance. A lot depends of course on the little light who actually took on the might of the Australian navy and won. But more of that later.



GOLF

Bangphra April 3, 1983

Some 20 enthusiasts made it for the meet this day - this event included some from Bangkok who braved the 3-hour journey or 8 truck car derby which featured such entertaining games as "ten wheel truck Russian Roulette" and spot the "bus driver thru the dust".

Once on location our avid band vent their spleens on this demanding course. A Club Stableford competition was organised in place of the scheduled Hongkong Land Day which was held at Rose Garden on 17th April.

Winner for the day was none other than David Frost (El Frosto) who completed his round with a fine 38 points, followed in by Malcolm Lazenby with 35 points. First Nine honours went to Anne Tait with 19 points and the Second Nine was won by Mike Lamb with 17 points.

Sadly this was the last outing for Captain Ian Halliday who will be leaving Thailand shortly. Don Goodin who will be taking over as Captain presented Ian with a gift on behalf of all the Section members, and thanked Ian for his hard work both as Captain this year and Committee member Match Secretary for the prior two years. Ian was given a rousing send off, then the tired but happy band girded themselves up for the "dodgem car" races back home.

Footnote: Out on the course a selfless act of heroism was performed by Eileen Ford, who, in the interests of preserving the reproductive capabilities of a male "member", flung herself in the path of a speeding golf ball, smitten by...you've guessed it, Tom Ford. At a subsequent emergency meeting of the Committee, it was decided that it would take no responsibility for future mayhem perpetrated on spouses. In the meantime, Eileen Ford is available for inspection.

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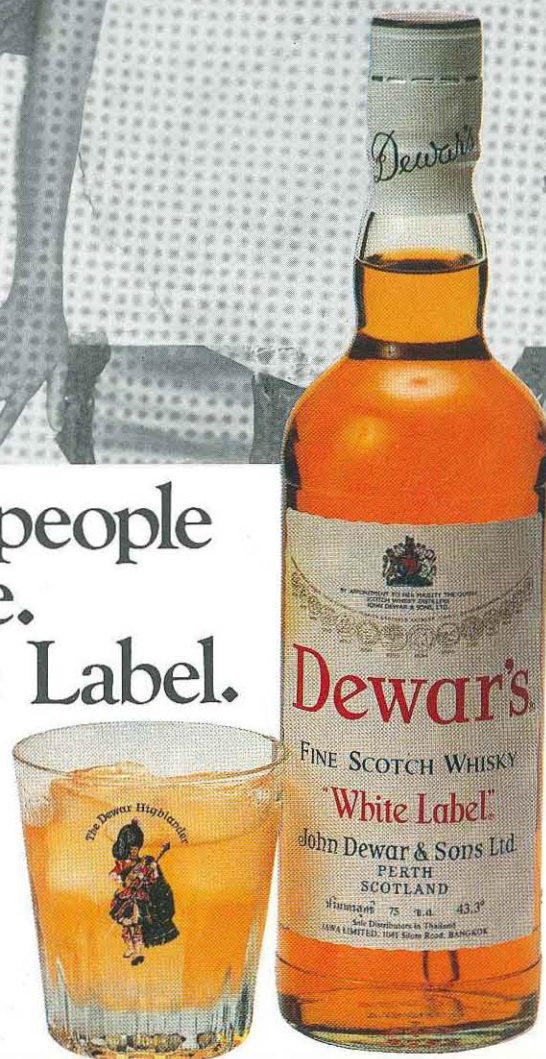
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Results as follows:

Flight B	Winner	R. Long	39
	Runner Up	N. Duggan	38 on countback with
		R. Armstrong	
Flight A	Winner	M. Lazenby	37
	Runner Up	J. Davidson	36
1st Nine	R. Armstrong	20	
2nd Nine	N. MacDonald	21	
Nearest the Pin No. 4	D. Frost		
	No. 14	M. Lamb	
Longest Drive	Men	Magnus Stirling	
	Women	Joan Jurgen	
Guests:		R. Bell, C. Stubbs, M. Stirling and Phornsake Kanchanachari	
Next Outing:		Sattahip on Sunday, May 1st.	





SWIMMING

The combination of holidays and heat (both excessive) forced a revision of the Gala date from the originally scheduled Sunday, April 10 to Tuesday, April 5. Every effort was made to notify swimmers of the change, including an insert with the March "Outpost", but inevitably some were inconvenienced/missed by the late change. Some "Time Trial" appointments have been made to enable those who did miss the Gala, to at least record an April time (improvement) for their individual record sheet.

April Gala

Some 20 swimmers competed in the Fly, Breast and I.M. races that were held during the normal training period (1630-1800) of the April 5, Tuesday coaching session. The detailed results are on the Swimming Section board.

New Swimmers

We were pleased to welcome the following new faces, whom we hope will continue to train and compete.

Under 7's G: Fleur Buckland, Andrea Sill
 " 9's G: Annette Hayes, Natalie Passmore, Katy Sill
 " 9's B: Ben & Simon Timbrell
 " 11's G: Michele Hays
 " 11's B: Mathew Sill

and a welcome back to our old friends, on Easter holiday in Bangkok:-

Amy Fisher
 Rachel Fleming

who both recorded improvements on their previous best times.

Improvers

Three swimmers recorded improvements in all 3 strokes (excluding the "Time Trial" results):-

* Jonathan Albright (total 3 seconds off)
 * Seksan Collins (total 6 seconds off)
 * Selinla Collins (total 18 seconds off)

Inevitably a swimmer finds it difficult when moving up an age group and quite often enthusiasm wanes and times suffer. Jonathan, just 6 months into the -11's, improved in 2 of his 3 strokes in March and deserves the "Improver of the Month" award for his April performance. Well done Jonathan and the ever-improving Collins.

Record

Another BCB record fell in April (one a month so far this year), this time to:

* David Collins (-9's B): Fly 48.2 secs (Record 48.8 secs)

Michael Hodgson (-11's B): Knocked 4 secs off his best Fly 50m. time to record 48.0 secs (Record 41.2 secs) whilst David Collins is still hovering near to the -9's B Breast 50m. record of 51 secs (this month 54.3 secs, best 53.3 secs) and Seksan Collins, with a Breast 100m. time of 1.28.4 secs, is closing in on the -15's B record of 1.25.2 secs. Keep up the training and more Records will soon fall!

* All awards for March & April will be made at the May gala.

Gala Schedule

= BCB - Sunday, May 8 commencing 11.30 a.m.

= Dusit - The Dusit Swimming Club, whom we hosted in early 1982 to a gala at the BCB, have been continually requesting a return match at their pool and have now formally proposed the public holiday, Thursday, May 26. This will be put to the swimming committee/swimmers for consideration.

= Friendship (at ISRC) - Sunday, June 26 has been proposed and is also under consideration.

Thai Gala Circuit

The record of improvements of BCB swimmers since early 1982, when the Friendship Galas began, is evidence enough of the effects of (outside) competition on the enthusiasm of the swimmers.

Promoted by the government sponsored Thai Athletics Association, a series of regular galas are organised at the major local swimming clubs and we, as the BCB (Swimming Section), have been invited to join this circuit.

On Saturday/Sunday of April 16-17, a meet of 14 Thai swimming clubs was held at the Hua Mark National Stadium (50m.) pool. This is generally regarded as the Thai national team entrance meet, with winning swimmers invited to join the Thai national training squad.

The Thai-born Collins family entered in the name of the BCB on a trial basis so as to be able to report back to the swimming committee on the standards, procedures, costs, etc.

The Under 9 and Under 11 (no Under 7) age groups were full of talented swimmers - every BCB record being beaten. David Collins just managed to reach the Final 8 in the -9's B Breast 50m. with his personal best time of 53.1 secs.

The Under 13 and Under 15 (no Over 15) age groups were less contested and the times were more varied. Selinla Collins gained a 3rd place certificate (of 14 entrants) in the -13's G Back Final with a personal best time of 1.33.30 secs whilst Selinla gained Final places in Fly, Breast and I.M. (not in first 3) and Seksan Collins could only just manage the -15's B Free and Back finals; all with personal best times.

Incidentally, our "Friendship Gala" friends, the Lions Club of Nonthaburi and ISRC were also competing, with 8-10 swimmers each, and managed 4 and 3 certificates (for 1, 2, 3 placings), respectively, in the morning (heats)/Afternoon (finals) 2-day session.

Meanwhile, discussions are continuing on the possibility of us putting together a regular (daily) swimming training group, which is essential if we are to compete at this level -- or, are we getting too serious?

See you at the Pool!!

PS Please note that Training (Tuesdays & Thursdays) are charged on a monthly basis, ending the 20th of the month as per BCB bills. Thus any additions/cancellations should be in by the 20th for the following months account.

Thank you.



SQUASH

Mad dogs, Englishmen, Welsh, Scots, Aussies, Kiwis, Les Canadians, Irish and even a Greco-Roman (is that right Tom?) continue to play squash in Bangkok's beastly heat. Please excuse the classical opening it must be the heat wafting up from these steaming socks wilting under my ankles. For members whose nationality has just been mangled or made completely wrong you are free to blame my socks. Cricketers are orl right mate because they no doubt have flannels and umbrellas otherwise who would stand in one spot in a paddock all day for fun. Can't even get a breeze playing squash, it just follows one around the court defying the lungs best attempts to gulp some down. Court 1 players from lunch time onwards can't complain though, every gasp of air contains a rich mixture of assorted odours of pork sausages, greasy chips and the occasional shepherds pie.

Think this writer will chuck in squash till the wet season arrives and take up snooker instead. Their environment is certainly more cosy and any odours would include favourable ones from the bar like eau de Klos, scent of Sing etc.

Readers who have by now assumed that there is little hard squash news to devour in this edition are of course absolutely right and deserve to move an extra name up on the squash ladder.

News News

The squash team from HMAS Swan and HMAS Torrens went missing the morning of their planned encounter with the BC squash fleet.

A diligent search bypassing all temples and boat cruises tracked the team remnants to their wardrooms where apologies were extracted after a heavy fine of oceans of Fosters Lager.

Sometime later this year a squash bout is proposed with a visiting Kiwi armed forces team. BC players may look forward to imposing similar fines in the form of a beer called Leopard.

Video Nite/Prize Presentation

Mid way through April attended by hardcore squashies and their long suffering spouses. We learned how artistic and easy squash is after quote "years of dedicated fitness and training".

Most people stumbled home at that point but for those who stayed on there were 2 excellent matches starring the mighty Hunt winning the British Open in 1978 and his last win in 1981.

Very interesting to see the different style of play employed by Hunt against Zaman in 1978 then again against the current champion (looks like forever) Jehangir Khan in 1981.

Poor old Qamar was a retrieving machine for his 51 minute win in the first game at 9-7. Thereafter it was shades of BC play as he tottered around in the next 3 games begging to come second and get off that court.

The squash section now has in hand the nucleus of a video squash library being the SRA coaching tape plus the 1981 British Open finals. When Bill comes back from leave we should have 2 or 3 more tapes with plenty of mixed finals plus some more coaching tapes. Soon as known a note will be sent out saying what is available and how to go about seeing the tapes on the home set.

40th Squash League prizes were presented on the Video night and for those winners who by now still haven't got their trophies they can be picked up from reception or ask Lynn Cook.

1983 BC Squash Handicap

Just time to report on the opening day events of this great tournament. Impressions the day after linger on some enjoyable battles. How about Terry Smith vs Bruce Pointer. They last played respectively in Divs. 10 and 2 but on their handicap night it sure didn't look like it. A very tired Bruce Pointer took it out but he must have wondered like us where Terry got his reflexes from. Those around division 10 will be relieved to know that Mr. T. Smith will be moving out of their orbit in the next league. Bernie Grogan will be relieved to know that Prasong still has a couple of divisions to go before the top. Don't know who carried who off the court after Prasong finally got the 3rd game. Peter Dwyer had Len working up a sweat in their match before his legs gave out from covering all those miles between corners. Roy B craftily got himself into the plate after playing a gentlemen's game against Brian B. Roy told everyone beforehand that he didn't want the plate but Shogun style we know better now. Ben Piper made sure he didn't have a crack at the plate when he beat Apple and the American scoring system to enter cup side.

Ladies Squash Mornings

Lynn and Sue are still looking for Ladies who feel like the odd game of squash, coffee and biscuits and a convivial atmosphere. All this goes on every Tuesday morning from 9.30 a.m. onwards. With about 10 new squash members joining the club every month there must be more than a few ladies in Bangkok who would appreciate starting up squash or having a hit against the other ladies.

Visits to the Club

July - Lancing College UK. Young John Thompson, college captain and son of our own Brian Thompson will be leading 6 lads from Lancing College to the club courts on 17 July to try and lay low the old guard of BC squash. John recently came back to win the Kings Cup at the Sports Club so we better throw Len at him to try and get some points on the day. Make a note of the date.

August - Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur. We will have about 17 men and lady players coming up for this squash interport planned for approx. 16 August. The visitors are expected to respect the broad range of talent and age to be found in BCB squash ranks. This therefore gives us more chance than against the dashing young blades of Lancing. When the fixture date is confirmed members will be asked to volunteer to be on the BC team against the Selangor squad.

Coaching for New/Old Players - May

This is still on and looks like being keenly attended judging by the enquiries received since our last notice. It really is an excellent opportunity for beginners of all ages as well as for those who want stroke practice.

All it costs is a sticker for a half hour session with a friendly Division One player (outside of matches they are basically friendly)

Due to pent up demand the sessions will run every Sunday morning in May from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Better book your time early, soon as the booking list comes on the board by the pool.

Squash League 10th Year Anniversary

Every entrant will get a special commemorative T shirt to show the plebs back home. Planned for July league (42nd League), watch for details.

Departures

Bob and Tum Briggs are leaving which will leave a gap on the courts and certainly in the pool. Squash friends wish them Bon Voyage and a speedy return for next fun day please.

League 40 Results (1st - 31st March)

Close Finishes - Div. 1 had 3 players tie for first which had to be decided by A. Who beat who B. Who gave away the least games C. Total game points for and against. Bernie Grogan was made winner after deciding on point B. By the way please note how important it is to put in the game scores besides just the total games won/lost. Div. 14 - about the same situation where Ria van Weers tied with Helen Demery and Peter Wakefield. Ria was adjudged the winner in this tie.

Results

* Stars who won every match in their division.

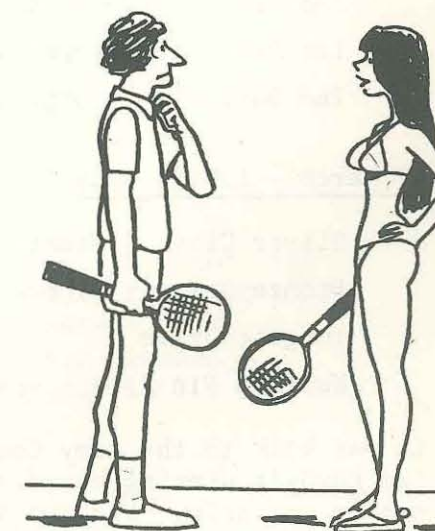
** Super stars who did not give away any games to their opponents.

<u>DIVISION 1</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>DIVISION 6</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. Bernard Grogan	10	*1. Tony Laven	12
2. Rod Carter	10	2. Andy Dunlop	10
3. Colin Hastings	10		
<u>DIVISION 2</u>		<u>DIVISION 7</u>	
1. Nick White	15	1. Tom Annas	11
2. Chris Platt	14	2. Steve Cook	9
<u>DIVISION 3</u>		<u>DIVISION 8</u>	
1. Bill Cox	14	**1. Nigel Ashton	12
2. Brian Brook	13	2. Kay Apps	9
<u>DIVISION 4</u>		<u>DIVISION 9</u>	
*1. David Sims	12	*1. Alex Hill	12
2. Greg Henderson	10	2. Will Dick	10
<u>DIVISION 5</u>		<u>DIVISION 10</u>	
*1. Prasong P.	12	**1. Terry Smith	12
2. Blaise McConnell	10	2. Charles Amos	9

<u>DIVISION 11</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>DIVISION 15</u>	<u>Pts</u>
*1. Steve McCall	12	*1. Constantine Annas	15
2. Joy Chubb	11	2. Apple Chotiwan	14
<u>DIVISION 12</u>		<u>DIVISION 16</u>	
*1. Kartini Thompson	12	1. Sriwan Forrest	11
2. Lynn Cook	11	2. Jeremy Urwin	8
<u>DIVISION 13</u>		<u>DIVISION 17</u>	
*1. Ian Brooks	12	*1. Joosik Debenham	12
2. Alan Barlow	9	2. June Younger	9
<u>DIVISION 14</u>			
1. Ria van Weers	11		
2. Peter Wakefield	11		
3. Helen Demery	11		



Get all the ICU's ready.
The lancing boys are here.



My Handicap is 24.
What's yours?



LADIES' GOLF

The highlight of our golfing activities in March was the 36 hole stableford competition for the Gestetner Trophy generously donated by Gestetner (Thailand) Ltd. This trophy is in the form of a handsome pair of silver candlesticks which the winner holds for a year and was won on this occasion by Joan Jurgens with 71 points closely followed by Sally Lamb on 70 points. Muriel Harrold led the field on the first day with 38 points but unfortunately was off on leave before the final round was played. Kerstin Persson, who is one of our longest hitters, also had a remarkable spell of putting and scored the highest points on the second round with 39 points.

Despite all the lost balls the scores were good and everyone enjoyed playing on the beautiful Navatanee course.

15 & 22 March - Gestetner Trophy

Winner:	Joan Jurgens	71 points
R/Up:	Sally Lamb	70 points
1st Day:	Muriel Harrold	38 points
2nd Day:	Kerstin Persson	39 points
1st Day:	Longest Drive	- Ella Mallaret
2nd Day:	Longest Drive	- Pam Hardy

29 March - L.G.U. Medal

Silver Div.:	Winner	- Joan Jurgens	nett 77
Bronze Div.:	Winner	- Pam Hardy	nett 67
Longest Drive		- Ella Mallaret	
Nearest Pin		- Pam Hardy	

It was back to the Army Course again for the L.G.U. round and Pam Hardy's winning score is worth a mention as it included a ten on one hole, and two fresh airs!! but a birdie and 6 pars evened it out and shows her grim determination to fight to the finish - and another cut in handicap.

Before leaving Bangkok for Doha, Ann Johnstone provided the means for a competition and this took place recently at the Army course. The winner, Ella Mallaret played a great round of golf scoring 39 points off an 18 handicap and a gross score of 87 - a worthy winner indeed. We welcomed Wynne Fraser, a

newcomer to our group, and we are happy to report that Wynne was the runner-up with 37 points and Judy King with 36. Longest Drive was Ella and Nearest to pin, Joan Jurgens.

The Club Championship was played earlier this year so there was no apprehension about the weather. After the first round the leaders were Pam Hardy 69, Eileen Ford 70 and Millie Marshall 70 and in the same grouping they went into battle for the second round. Eileen emerged the champion in the silver division pipping Millie by one shot, Pam stayed the pace to win the bronze division by a large margin despite her cut in handicap. Very soon she'll be joining the ranks of the silver division if she keeps her present form. After a disastrous 83 on the first round Lillie Howatson got her game together and with a 72 on the second round was more than surprised to find herself runner-up to Pam.

After the prizegiving and toasts to the winners ("bubbly" supplied by Pam Hardy) Lise Dencker-Nielsen graciously hosted a superb luncheon at her home and this was an opportunity to see, perhaps, the last of this beautiful old house on Ploenchit Road, tenanted by the East Asia Company for over 55 years and soon to be replaced by a modern office block.

12 & 19 April - Club Championship

Silver Division:

Winner:	Eileen Ford	nett 145
Runner-up:	Millie Marshall	nett 146
Best 1st Day:	Ella Mallaret	
Best 2nd Day:	Sheila Kerr	
Low Putts:	Joan Jurgens	

Bronze Division:

Winner:	Pam Hardy	nett 145
Runner-up:	Lillie Howatson	nett 155
Best 1st Day:	Tina Svensson	
Best 2nd Day:	Lise Dencker-Nielsen	
Low Putts:	Pam Hardy and Lillie Howatson	

Fixtures at Army Course 7.30 a.m.

3 May	Three Throw Outs	Starter: Lise	(252 6430)
10 May	Bisque Bogey	Starter: Lise	(")
17 May	Stableford	Starter: Lillie	(252 7794)
24 May	L.G.U. Medal	Starter: Lillie	(")

May 31st is the day suggested for our joint farewell to Judy King with FLOGG - to be played at Navatanee. Make a note of the date and see further details in Newsletter.



Championship

On left: Pam Hardy
Winner (Bronze)

On right: Eileen Ford
Winner (Silver)



Championship

A happy group of golfers with trophies at the luncheon.

Notes from Christ Church

The Vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. Ian Bull, has asked us to advise members that on Sunday morning, 8th May, at the 10.00 a.m. service we can enjoy the singing of the Welsh Male Voice Choir from Hong Kong.

This choir has been brought to Bangkok under the auspices of the Bangkok St. David's Society and we are sure you will enjoy hearing them both during and after the service. Refreshments will be available between the service and the second song session.

Christ Church are also planning a social evening at the Club towards the end of May. This will be organised along the lines of this year's successful St. George's pub night, with lots of good British grub and entertainment. Watch out for further notice of this event. All are welcome.

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TENNIS

Despite continuing problems with the new tennis court surfaces the programme of League Tennis has been maintained extremely well by our enthusiastic players. League positions to mid-April are as follows:

Men's League Div. 1 (to April 19th)

Name	Matches		Matches		Games		Points
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Won	Lost	
S. Tapner	4	3	1	-	48	10	7
C. Dencker-Nielsen	5	3	1	1	55	27	7
Joti B.	4	3	1	-	46	24	7
S. Metherell	3	2	1	-	39	24	5
M. Wellman	2	2	-	-	25	8	4
O. de Braekeleer	5	2	-	3	33	55	4
P. Rosenfeldt	4	1	1	3	35	55	3
S. Valbjoern	3	1	-	2	28	32	2
R.V. Fordham	2	-	1	1	15	23	1
M. Aerts	3	-	-	3	13	37	0
M. Smith	4	-	-	4	18	52	0

Division 2 (to April 19th)

J. Kerr	4	4	-	-	48	10	8
L. Alexander	4	3	-	1	40	18	6
W.F. Kinnaid	2	2	-	-	24	7	4
B. Grogan	3	1	1	1	24	21	3
D. Apps	2	-	1	1	11	22	1
R. Edmonds	1	-	-	1	5	12	0
E. Jurgens	1	-	-	1	2	12	0
G. Walck	2	-	-	2	6	24	0
N. Musgrave	3	-	-	3	2	36	0
J.A. Christopher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Broughton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Ladies League Div. 1 (to April 19th)

Name	Matches		Matches		Games		Points
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Won	Lost	
P. Pointer	2	2	-	-	25	8	4
C. Kay	1	1	-	-	12	7	2
J. Baillie	1½	1½	-	-	6	3	1
M. Fordham	1½	-	-	1½	10	18	0
S. Metherell	1	-	-	1	2	12	0
S. Rendle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F. Dickson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
K. Barnet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A. Wilson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Inter-Club Tennis

A friendly match was played with the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on their courts on Sunday, 17th April. This comprised a series of Men's Ladies and Mixed Doubles matches consisting of one short set (to 6 games) each.

This was our first match of the season and all tennis players were invited to join as Captain Roy Fordham wanted to have a look at our available talent. In the event a good turnout of 16 players plus captain was achieved including eight ladies and we generously loaned one of these to the Sports Club, as they were one lady short.

A total of 16 matches was played and the RBSC won 9-7. Roy Fordham was unable to play because of a pulled muscle, so the result was a reasonably good one for us. Our last pair in fact, had three set points to win their match and force a draw, so it was an exceedingly close affair. Results in detail were:

RBSC vs British Club Tennis Match - 17th April, 1983

<u>RBSC</u>	<u>British Club</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>RBSC</u>	<u>BC</u>
<u>Men's Doubles</u>				
Montana/Sitilarp	vs M. Wellman/C. Dencker Nielsen	6-1	1	-
David Karnkin/Sitilarp	vs J. Kerr/L. Alexander	6-3	1	-
Ang/Scott	vs J. Kerr/B. Pointer	1-6	-	1
D. Karunkin/Phisit	vs L. Alexander/R.B. Jones	5-6	-	1
G. Martin/Ang	vs C. Dencker-Nielsen/J. Kerr	6-5	1	-
Suchart/Earl Alison	vs B. Pointer/M. Smith	6-5	1	-
D. Karukin/Phisit	vs L. Alexander/B. Pointer	5-6	-	1
Chesada/Scott	vs R.B. Jones/P. Rosenfeldt	6-4	1	-
<u>Ladies Doubles</u>				
Taeo/Tim	vs J. Walck/A. Wellman	6-1	1	-
Janti/Elizabeth Walck	vs L. Dencker Nielsen/P. Pointer	6-1	1	-
Vinda/Janti	vs P. Pointer/S. Rendle	4-6	-	1
Taew/E. Walck	vs A. Wellman/J. Walck	5-6	-	1
Janti/Tim	vs S. Rendle/Annette Wilson	6-0	1	-
<u>Mixed Doubles</u>				
E. Walck/Scott	vs B.B. Jones/P. Pointer	1-6	-	1
Mayurin Fordham/Sarayut	vs Annette Wilson/P. Rosenfeldt	6-2	1	-
Mayurin Fordham/Sarayut	vs L. Dencker Nielsen/C. Dencker Nielsen	5-6	-	1
			-	-
			9	7
			=	=

British Club v International School, Bangkok

A friendly match with the ISB students at Prom Pak Courts (off Soi 49) on Saturday, April 30th at 8.30 a.m. will have been played by the time this issue of Outpost appears. This will have included 2 men's singles and one men's doubles, and two ladies singles and one ladies doubles. The student team was reported to be 'strong' and they requested us to include our best players.

At the time of writing Roy Fordham is hoping to obtain the assistance of our top four ladies and best four men to comprise our team for this match.

British Club v International Sports & Recreation Club

It is hoped to arrange a friendly match with the ISRC during May and approaches are being made to them. The British Club owes them an invitation to play on our courts, but in view of the current state of these, we are hesitant to expect visitors to appear on them unless there is drastic improvement. This match may, therefore, become another 'away' match. Notices inviting participation will appear as soon as arrangements are settled.

British Club v Gymkhana Club, Chiangmai May 25-29

The response to our invitation to join a low cost tour party to Chiangmai to play or support this match has been very disappointing. At the time of writing we have only six players confirmed and only six members plus three children to make the train journey. Although the train is likely to be full, members who are interested in joining this trip either as players or supporters are still welcome. Accommodation in Chiangmai can be arranged, but members may have to make their own travel arrangements. Anyone interested should contact Roy Fordham, telephone: (office) 233-8074, 233-6638-9.



CRICKET

Having received Outpost's rudest golden biro award last month your regular Cricket correspondent has gone off in a huff and left it to 'Oli' the first ever Belgian cricket reporter to fill in on events since last month. Three brussel sprouts are awarded for the following commentary:

It is worth noting that on March 20th, 1983 two members of the British Club, playing in a cricket game in Bangkok, had a 139 runs partnership, and finished on the losing side.

Yes, you have guessed it right: they were, and still are, Australians. They will remain nameless here as my colleagues of the national press gave sufficient coverage to this event.

Let us now review the past month.

Our final game in the 25 overs competition was played early on a Saturday, against the Thai C.C. Commentary recorded as follows:

For the first time this season, the captains have agreed before tossing about the game's proceedings. Dunford dutifully loses the toss, pads up and opens the batting. This means an all British opening pair. And what a pair!

The Piper isn't in tune, he comes back quickly and is replaced at the crease by John "Clog them" Coghill. At the non-striking end, the skipper naturally starts getting nervous. First ball, four runs. Then follows a spell of deep concentration during which two balls are respectfully treated. Last ball of the over. Coghill steals the bowling; next delivery & it's the end of the concentration and the second wicket tumbles. In comes Jeff "the Greyhound" Parry, and runs start clicking on the scoreboard. A quick single here, another one there, Jack tries hard to keep it up, fifteen in his score of 21, but Parry keeps going, to the crowd's delight. At number five, it's..., no it can't be, yes it is, it's G. Gloves Burles. He takes guard and not used to bat so early on a Saturday, walks back without troubling the scorers. Well, it is now the turn of Chris Staddon, the marathon man. By which time Parry finally folds up, two short of his half century.

And now, for a very rare treat, the appearance of Gee "I'm in love" Burns. Out of touch with Bangkok's easy paced pitch, he eases his way to one, but then fails to read another one.

One of the keenest Belgian cricketers in Bangkok now approaches the crease, Ollie "the Bricklayer". Seeing this, Staddon opens his shoulders and runs start flowing again. A few minutes later, the brickie, having played and failed to connect with six consecutive deliveries, is clean bowled to everybody's relief. He is followed by Paul "the Sponsor" Eastaway, who lasts for four balls and five runs and finally by the most experienced sportsman in the side, Don Goodin. By tradition and popular demand, Don has a good look at the bowling, about a tenth of a second, before taking the biggest possible swipe at the first ball.

The overs ran out with the score on 119 for eight, with Chris Staddon unbeaten on 23.

The Thais now need an outright victory to go through to the semi-finals of the competition.

Let us start the action again.

The Greyhound opens the bowling from the west end with style, a maiden, the first of three. From there on it's an uphill struggle for the Thais. In two balls, Eastaway takes two wickets, but the hat-trick eludes him. The Piper, in his first over, is also on a hat-trick, only to be defeated by a forward defensive. Staddon bowls high fliers, coming out of the sun and mesmerizing the opposition in giving him two wickets. Goodin does not give any runs away, Coghill comes on and bowls their best man, Piper buys his third wicket, Eastaway finishes with a wicket maiden.

How did they get to this score? Pan, the Thai captain scores a boundary of the last ball of the game to take their score over one hundred and twists a knee in the process. As he is laying there in agony, the last word goes to an anonymous keeper: "Come on, Pan, better get a move on, they are bringing the roller out."

The next day, in the 40 over league, our opponents were the RBSC. As your reporter had been selected for duty of a more matrimonial nature, the article has to be an analysis of the score-book.

A good opening partnership of 36 between Piper & Coghill, Ben first out for 19. The second wicket fell at 101, John Coghill being the man out for 57. After Brian Brook scored 24 runs, Jeff Parry took charge of most of the scoring receiving valuable support from Paul Eastaway with 11 runs. Jeff was the last wicket to fail having compiled 54 runs before being run out. Our innings finished on 185 for 9, a respectable score. It unfortunately proved not to be enough, as the big guns of the Sports Club were once again in action.

Despite some tight bowling from both our opening bowlers, it took Coghill's spin to remove both Baker & Cosker. In walked Messrs. Beckett & Gilson, who both took every opportunity to tip the scale in favour of the RBSC. In the process, Beckett became the third player to score a half-century in the game.

Our wicket takers were Coghill with 2 for 33, Lockyer with 1 for 17 and Piper. Also worth a mention were Parry and Eastaway both unlucky not to get wickets.

The following weekend a large party from the Club undertook a thousand miles roundtrip to play the Chiangmai Gymkhana Club. This fixture from the 40 over league was also played for the trophy generously donated by Dick Wood.

The following means of travel were used to bring the team together on time for the match: Train, Coach, Aircraft, Car (include taxis); and for the last two hundred yards, we all had to walk.

With Chiangmai put in to bat by one of the captains (we are not any longer told the result of the toss as our skipper found it a bit embarrassing), Jeff Parry opened with a wicket maiden. With Admiral Nimitz bowling with accuracy at the other end, Parry took his second wicket in as many overs. When the third wicket fell to Paul, the score was 11 for 3 after 8 overs. And in the twelfth over, Niemczyk struck again with the score on 26. Bright start to the proceedings, but the law of averages is such that catches had to be dropped sooner or later. Our kitty was soon flourishing and so was A. Buckley, esq., despite various bowling changes by our Somerset representative.

Only Demon Parry kept a tight line and wickets did fall to him with monotonous regularity; couldn't happen to a nicer guy. Burles Junior fielded splendidly, not allowing anything pass him and crowning his performance by taking the last catch of the innings.

A score of 166 all out was finally agreed between scorers. Parry took the bowling honours with five wickets for six runs in his allocated eight overs, well supported by the Admiral who returned figures of two for 24. Ben Piper also took two wickets, although slightly more expensive ones, and Phil Diprose finished with one. Dunford, by the way, managed to get himself on for a couple of overs, not a common sight this year.

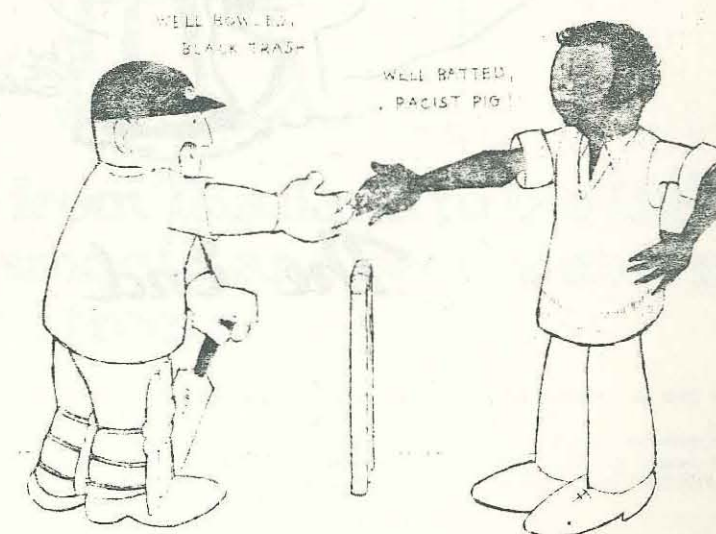
Our batting performance shall be overlooked as a result of far too good a lunch provided by the ladies of the CGC.

Piper (14) opened very confidently, Coghill (29) looked set for a big score, Barry Hyde (17) ran out of partners, and we, the anonymous rest, failed to achieve any impact.

The only positive result from our failure was an early start to the sampling of local alcoholic beverages. And at that we proved to be rather good, as usual.

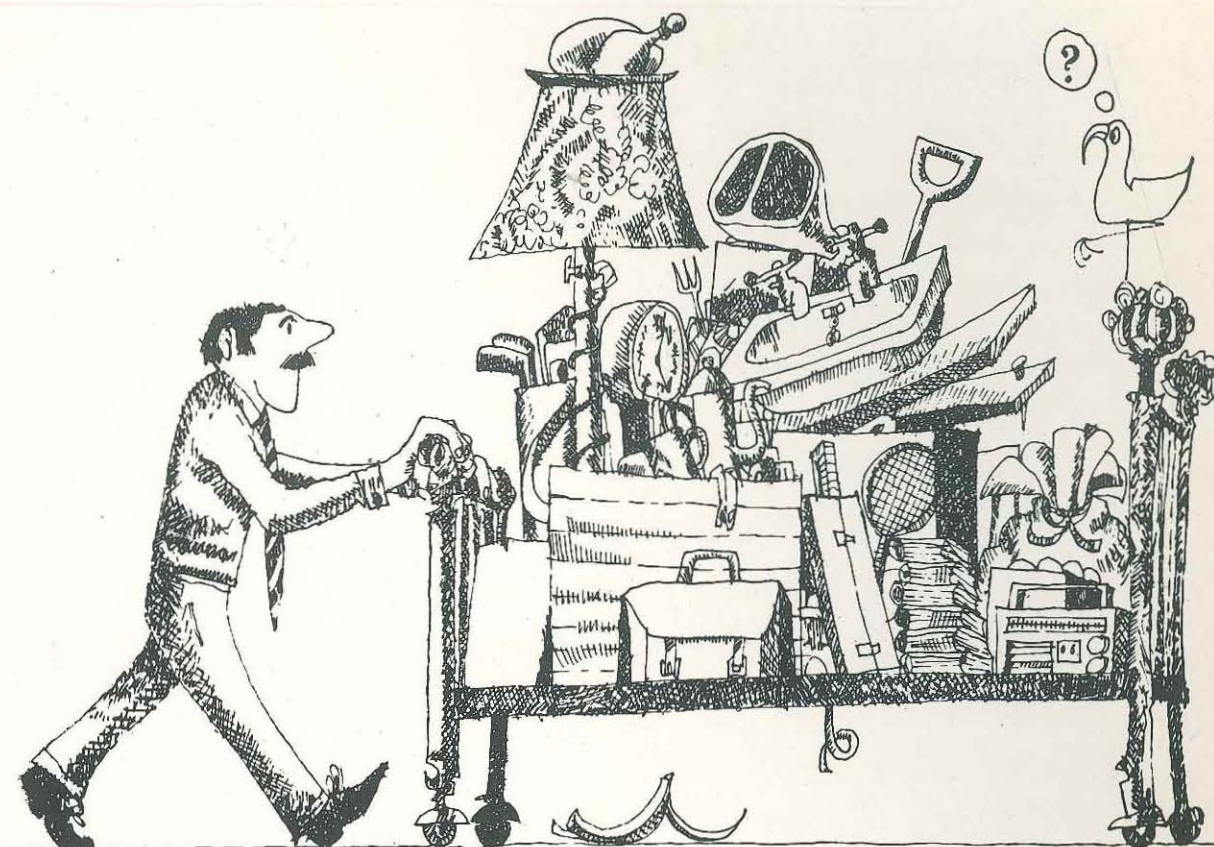
The presentation of the "Dick Wood Cup" was made. Speeches got shorter and shorter as time passed by, and the proceedings were adjourned to the Pub, via various other establishments. Recollections of subsequent events are a bit hazy, and vary depending on whom you interview; two facts are certain, the absentees missed a very enjoyable trip, and Chiangmai's hospitality was again faultless.

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