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Editorial

The members of the British Club are not interested in Club development. At any rate it would appear so because the only comment received in response to the Long Range Plan discussion article, published in the March Outpost, has been that made at the A.G.M. In the absence of any feedback from members, it is exceedingly difficult to agree on a development budget. Will the silent majority please wake up?

Perhaps the reintroduced puzzle page (page 10) of this issue will help to brush a few cranial cobwebs away and the competition to choose a name for the first floor lounge (page 14) may move a few into first gear. My suggestion is "The Menzies Lounge." (Thanks for donating the prizes, (Mr. Boulter).

The team are looking for volunteers to report regularly on Club activities which rarely seem to get a mention - aerobics, snooker, children's activities and food to name but a few. We are also searching for a volunteer to write a feature along the lines of "The Old Guard" covering changes, trends, attitudes and personalities.

The next Ed. night will be in the Menzies Lounge 5.30 p.m. Monday 21st May. Anyone with an article, a green pencil and a pair of scissors qualifies to attend.

Weekly Club Events

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

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

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

Ordinary

Mr. A.W. Atkinson	Criterion Group Co.
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Ladies Privileges

Miss A.M. Mackay	British Council
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Rejoined

Mrs. J.P. van de Lint

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary Members	10
Ordinary	382
Non-Voting	5
Associates	51
Ladies Privileges	37
Up-Country	24
Candidates	26
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TOTAL:	535
Absent	697
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GRAND TOTAL:	1232
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Discussions over the serviceability of the A.C. in the Churchill Bar were thought to have finally cooled after the complete refurbishment of one of the 5 ton condensing units in the middle of April. It hotted up again after a minor hiccup one week later, involving the refurbished equipment of course, but rumour has it that plans are now afoot to provide sufficient cooling to be able to dispense with the controversial Amarit dispenser!

Dischord has been expressed on the condition of the piano. Experts have been involved in replacement/repair discussions and more melodious tinkles from the ivories are keenly awaited.

An agriculturalist and a traffic expert have volunteered to "implement the programmes" for the Club's office computer. It's to be hoped that they have more success than our friends in the T.O.T.....

Talking about 'phones, there is now a modern push bottom variety in the entrance lobby. Rumour has it that the whole lobby area is to be smartened up, with a more comfortable telephone area, and more presentable trophy cabinets.

Which brings us on to Sports. Quote from the minutes of the last committee meeting "A long and boisterous discussion about sponsorship occurred." This in connection with squash tournaments. The outcome being a small majority for a limited sponsorship programme to help with developments of this sport's activities. Does this mean the Mitsubishi League, or the Hitachi Ladder? More news later.

(Does the small majority also wish to change Rule 1?)



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LETTERS

Dear Sir,

How pleased I was to see your article on Standards in the March edition of Outpost.

A few weeks ago, I was quietly sitting in the dining room one evening, wiping the soup from my dickey bow, when suddenly the place was invaded by a lot of fellows fresh from bouncing their balls round the tennis court. Hardly a one among them had their legs decently obscured. The site of all those hairy legs quite put me off my mixed grill.

Then I read your note - "This new editor chappie" thought I, is really going to sock it to them." Inspired by your concise enunciation of the rules I ventured forth to the dining room once more. Lo & behold a pair of hairy legs was about to enter. "What Ho! old chap, says I "You can't go in there like that!" "£ \$ % #??" says he. As I have only just finished Book 1 of the AUA Thai course, I could not offer a direct translation, but I think he said something like "£ \$ % #??".

To my relief, help was at hand, a fluent Thai-speaking member of the Committee was standing by my side. "£ \$ % #??" said he (and he's supposed to be a missionary too) and walked into the dining room, hairy legs and all.

During the meal, I did notice that he was trying to display a modicum of decorum by covering himself with the largest napkin available; but really!

Yours,

F.L. Asher

Dear Put off

I am pleased to hear that my campaign to improve standards has not gone unnoticed. I will ask him for a translation but I suspect it means "Go to silly point". - Ed.

Will the defendant and complainant please show themselves so that the true facts can be ascertained and sentences passed?
- Ass. Ed.

Dear Sir,

For at least the past three years, one of the minor pleasures of eating at the British Club was the delicious brown bread which came, I believe, from the Narai Hotel. For the past week, this has not been available, and I am told that the Narai Hotel has stopped making it. No substitute is being offered.

No one who is remotely interested in health or nutrition (or even, for that matter, in palatability) will be prepared to eat the abominable white synthetic imitation bread now being offered.

Fortunately, most of the hotels and many of the supermarkets are now offering good wholemeal bread, and I strongly urge you to make it available at the Club.

May I take up a second point which I have urged repeatedly for many months, but which has been, apparently, ignored. The quality of coffee served in the Club is very bad. One is ashamed to take guests for lunch in the restaurant when, after a reasonable meal, they are offered such dreadful coffee. If we must have instant coffee (and why can't we have real?) surely at least you could use a freeze-dried product from a reputable manufacturer instead of the cheap powder currently used? The effect on cost-per-serving would be minor compared to the price charged, and the difference in quality substantial.

I would urge you, and all those involved in catering at the Club, to consider those two points seriously.

R. Helmer

Dear Ugers

From an inactive position in the prime manager's office, a food and beverage committee has been formed. The committee is currently engaged in reviewing all aspects of catering at the Club, including menus, beverages etc. Mr. Helmer's complaints about the bread and coffee are noted and will be attended to. However, one cannot help wondering, whether Mr. Helmer's skeletal frame, might not benefit from a brief period of stodgy, fattening, imitation bread, now being offered.

Yours sincerely,

BRIAN V.W. BUTTERFIELD (F & B)



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15th March 1984

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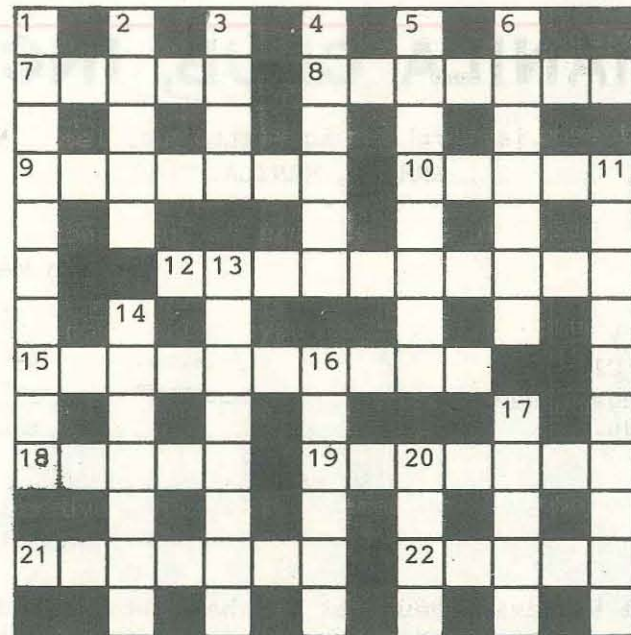
We look forward to welcoming your members.

With kind regards.

Joanna Warburton-Brown

(Mrs.) Joanna Warburton-Brown
Manager

CLUB CROSSWORD



CLUES:

Across:

- 7 & 8 Admirer cooing over a Royal baby makes a bloomer.
- 8 See 7
- 9 Just keep away from the sailor on the spot.
- 10 Long range in South America.
- 12 Confuses a S.E. surprise to exert force.
- 15 Does the proverbial answer hang on them? (2 words)
- 18 "The _____ man hath not heard.... what my dream was" (Bottom, Midsummer Night's Dream)
2 words.
- 19 Sounds like an important 1 Down character, but is serious.
- 21 Meet Rex around and it is a bit too much.
- 22 A close one is smooth - an a bit dicey!

Down:

- 1 Arrange a solid crew for a literary figure. (2 words)
- 2 Let you do this.
- 3 Up before a Mediterranean smoker.
- 4 Use them to recoup your deprivations on the carousels.
- 5 You can't help but enjoy it.
- 6 Sid and I get around and it produces scorn.
- 11 Urge Mum to walk for a relation by marriage.
- 13 Lucky if your 2 down allows you to live like this!
(2 words)
- 14 Rum to be an old Italian King.
- 16 Smoking jacket?
- 17 She urged Cornwall to put out Gloucester's other eye.
- 20 Got up for a girl.

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For their own comfort, members, wives, children and guests are requested to close both doors of the two airconditioned changing rooms at the Poolside.

Parents are reminded that the Clubhouse lobby, corridors, stairs and new reading room are not children's playgrounds. Furthermore, the wearing of bathing suits in these areas is not in accordance with club rules and by-laws.

CARTOONS

On Saturday 12th May at 6.00 p.m. bring your children (and yourselves) along to a special Buffet/Cartoon Film Show in the Suriwongse Room.

The Show will last for about 1½ hours and will include Cartoons from Walt Disney and others, and if you are lucky, an extract from Superman.

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SATURDAY VIDEO

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The Room Full Of Absent People

It would appear that most of the Members of the Club are either illiterate or uninformed. We prefer to think its the latter. We reckon if you knew about the new Reading Room you'd go sit in it, do some pondering, pinch the National Geographic, put moustaches on the cartoons in Punch, or even read.

At the moment all we offer is gentle solitude - and that means lovely peace and quiet. We now provide overseas newspapers - you have to bring your own comics - and we've arranged subscriptions to many popular publications. There's a tatty little collection of paperbacks too, which we're rather hoping you'd like to swap with your own.

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Entries will be judged on clarity of thought, neatness, and suitability of suggestions.

BOB BOULTER IS KEEN, BUT NOT DESPERATE. GIVE HIM YOUR ENTRY IN PERSON (IN THE CHURCHILL BAR), OR LEAVE IT FOR HIS ATTENTION AT RECEPTION. DEADLINE: 15 MAY 1984.

Oh, the prizes.....

A bottle of brandy for the winner, and scotch for the runner up.

And, of course, the fame and glory.

THE HILLTRIBES HANDICRAFT SALES BY THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

If you are a newcomer to Bangkok you've already heard about them; if an old-timer, you've been there. The eight Hilltribes Sales a year, held at the International School of Bangkok, Soi 15 Sukhumvit, are business-cum-social events not to be missed. In 2½ hours of intense buying, a vast array of colourful handicrafts are snapped up by shoppers. Many of the products are unique, most are indeed made by hand, and with their distinctive traditional colours, patterns and shapes make ideal presents or mementoes of your stay in Thailand.

The price range is astounding - from 3 Baht to 6,000 - and there are many small items suitable for gifts if you are returning home on holiday. The children, too, can find many handicrafts priced for their purses.

The Sales date back to 1971, when some missionaries asked friends at International Church on Soi 19 if they would try to sell a few pieces of traditional crafts so that the impoverished tribal craftsmen could have a little cash to pay for schooling, medicines or even just rice. At first the International Church women sold the crafts privately to friends or women's groups.

Gradually, the idea evolved of selling all these crafts in one place, and in this way the Hilltribes Sales were born. From a small sale held at the Church Parish House in December 1971 the Sales have expanded until now the large gym at International School is filled on Sale day with the colour of needle craft, basketry, fabrics, applique, quilts, purses, letter paper, lacquerware, wood carvings, tribal musical instruments - all hand made. Because the items are individually made, the selection varies from month to month and there are always new crafts available.

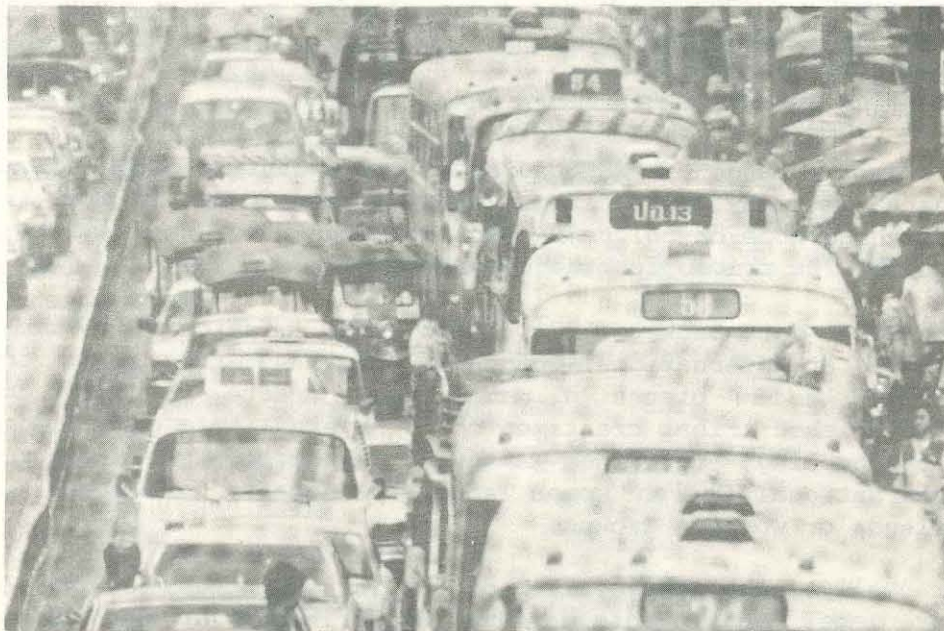
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BCT and BMS Join in Cultural Presentation: "GUESTS ARE COMING"

In the first of what will, we hope, be many ventures of its kind, the Bangkok Community Theatre and the Bangkok Music Society will join together in presenting a programme of music and drama. The joint venture will include BCT's production of Noel Coward's one-act comedy "Hands Across The Sea" and BMS' production of the light comic opera "The Old Maid and The Thief," by Gian Carlo Menotti. The combined production will be at the Alliance Francaise Saturday, May 5 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, May 6 at 4.00 pm, and is directed by David Cardwell and produced by Pamela Coster.

The cast for "Hands Across The Sea" includes Andrea Cahn, Eric Miller, Jan Collins, Steve Evans, Graham Granville-Smith, David Hall, Margaret Miller, Chiap Dunchon and Cynthia Cahill. "The Old Maid And The Thief" stars Nel Huizer, Sheila Augpiro, Madeleine Tantiyatanon, Guy Scanlon and Laura Nazareno as the accompanist.

Tickets will be available at the American Embassy CLO Office, Asia Book Store and at the Alliance Francaise.

- 120฿ - Adult Non members
- 80฿ - Students, Adult members
- 60฿ - Student members

ADVANCE NOTICE

The E.G.M. re ladies membership is to be held on Tuesday 5th June 1984.

The annual B.C./O.E.S.A. competitions will be held at O.E.S.A. this year on 15th June 1984.



TENNIS

Men's Doubles & Mixed Doubles Tournaments

These tournaments are currently being played, but somehow have fallen behind schedule. The Tennis Committee have, therefore, decided to waive the original match date schedules and allow competitors to play off their 1st and 2nd Round Matches as soon as possible. Semi-Final and Final dates will be agreed with the competing pairs when these are known.

Round-Robin Handicap Doubles Tournament

It is planned to hold a further one of these popular tournaments on Sunday, 20th May commencing 2 p.m. Members wishing to participate should sign on the entry list provided at the club Reception Desk. Single entries will be accepted. Partners will be provided on the day. A charge of Baht 50.- will be made to cover the cost of tea and tennis balls.



LADIES' GOLF

The Lady golfers continue to turn out cheerfully and in force on a Tuesday morning, and all enjoy their nineteen holes of golf. Conditions at the moment are excellent - a little hot towards the end of the round perhaps - and it is hoped that the rainy season will be long delayed.

Each week a different competition is played. This month there has been a T's and F's, a Medal, Three Throw Outs, a Stableford and a Par Bisque. But overall, there is the five week eclectic which is being run by Lise Dencker Nielsen. Eclectic means that over the five weeks, the player takes the lowest score that she has on each hole. From the final, total score, three quarters of handicap is subtracted. It is interesting to count, each week, how many holes, (if any) have been improved, and how many still wait to be improved!! The end result is looked forward to eagerly.

New members. Welcome to Mary Hussey, Sue Baker, Prue Pointer, Joyce Cadwallader and Kathryn Uvhagen. Glad to have you in the group. Most of our new members have acquired their first handicaps so they have something to work on. Two of our 'old' members, Pam Hardy and Jenny Westcott, are working wonders on their handicaps.

Many thanks to scorers Joan, Eileen, Mo, Wynne, Kay and Anne Hendrie.

Remember that the group plays every Tuesday at the Army Course, teeing off at 7.30 a.m.

Starter Vicky 252 8402.



CRICKET

Consistent to the last, the BC finished the season as we started it, one bowler short. Indeed, the only time we fielded our full strength team the opponents reneged!

However, it is not for me to eulogise on the seasons misfortunes. No, the Christian Science Monitor's roving sports reporter will be back after his Easter confessional at H.Q. and avid readers of these columns can expect the usual myriad trivia in the next issue of Outpost. My chore is only to record the recent events that brought the 83/84 season to a close. The reason for my insistence on presenting to you the end of season facts lies in the earnest desire to ensure that this month's Cricket excursion to Chiang Mai is recorded with a trifle less inaccuracy and a deal more impartiality than, regrettably, was the case last December.

My decision to write this article was taken very early on the morning of 6th April as the overnight train from Bangkok to Chiang Mai passed through the outer environs of the country's northern Capital. Having played a courageous role in the December tour I was a little perturbed by the waggish comment, "This is Chiang Mai, Gordon. Don't expect you to recognise it old lad"!!, followed by hoots of mirth from eighty per cent of the dreary occupants of the sleeping compartment.

Well! Maybe it was not said quite like that, but the inference was clear. So the iron resolve took over and was further enforced by the realisation that the usual detractors had gone one step further this year and fetched along a spotty-faced, red haired reporter from the Bangkok Post!! It did not take long to determine that he would be short of a story this trip; at least as far as I was concerned.

So, defense mechanisms working full throttle (remembering that the wife was taking her annual leave of absence from my clutches), I quickly booked into the hotel under the name of Mrs. Hall; at least that's what the account states and when David came to settle the account, not only was he surprised that I had already paid up, but also to be told "That's all right Mr. Hall, your wife has paid already." So you see, there really was not any chance I would let anyone else write this little lot up for your friendly "Outpost". Now to the events of not only Chiang Mai but also Bangkok on the following weekend.

At 1800 hrs on Thursday 5th April 1984 the BC Cricketites looked in fine fettle as the overnight sleeper pulled northwards carrying its strongest touring side for many a visit. This was in fact the soccer section side who, basking in the glory of their Farang League title, went north to initiate the locals into the glories of Farang soccer. Travelling quietly in an adjacent carriage sat the BC cricketers who also felt that for the first time this season we would field our strongest side in the 40 over match to be played on the Saturday following the day of rest on the Bank Holiday Friday.

Everyone having settled into his allotted seat, the train sped along the track to Sam Saen for the first of the many stops made by the Express. Here the team was joined by the senior statesman and Cricket Section Chairman and almost by pre ordained signal, or did the staff recognise him, drinks were served in the usual sumptuous fashion. Then we were trundling northwards and were well into the second or third Singha and feeling like turning-in for the night, when the train drew into Don Muang!!

Shortly after, the senior bully confiscated the Perry children's pack of cards and things settled into a somnolent mood punctuated at seemingly regular intervals with loud "guffaws" and hardly suppressed "chortles" as the Pomms unloaded their rubbish cards onto the only Aussie opening bowler in the B.C. team. (I wish to apologise for that last sentence since I did promise not to let the regular corres-

pondents antipathy spill over into this month's more learned rendition. Leave it in anyway Editor, if you would be so kind!) *I must have been asleep.*

Apart for the game of cards there was little to note on the outward journey except for one of those magic moments when our most diminutive player on the train (Mr. Craig Price travelled by plane), contrived to bump his head. This he achieved by standing on the seat and leaping upwards. The previously unknown experience of head banging delighted Mr. Hall and he settled down to plan his next head bang. I hope the next occasion brings forth the same transparent delight of the first.

Two breakfasts had been consumed, by your humble servant, prior to the train's arrival at Chiang Mai, where, once on the platform we were greeted by both the Opponents and the National Anthem. Suitably impressed with the arrival arrangements, I fought my way through the baying rabble of congratulating sycophants busily remarking on the delights of the local fauna undoubtedly overlooked by me on my previous visit, and proceeded to the hotel to consume the third breakfast.

I did allow myself the snide pleasure of enjoying the Adams family at breakfast; a statement I should perhaps clarify a little! Have you ever seen the simultaneous decapping of two uncooked, raw, eggs. Happy days!

Apart from some light sightseeing, little was done on the eve of the 40 over Thailand Cricket League fixture other than by the soccerite fraternity who, exceedingly ably supported by the Cricketite rent-a-mob instant supporters, proceeded to enjoy a handsome 2-0 victory over the local university "Vacationing at Home" XI; or was it thirteen? The only reason for mentioning this pseudo-pagan ritual of soccer and in this case it turned into a much welcomed rain dance, was to record the demise of our non-Aussie, opening bowler. This Pommie Barstool broke his foot whilst indulging in what could best be described as a barbaric lunge at a more nimble opponent. All very funny, except that once again the Cricket team was deprived of the opportunity of fielding its strongest side of the season.

The following evening, those of us who were able enough, could not help reflecting on this further cruel touch of fate and muse on what might have been. As for what was! Well, you are right. It was!!

It was a complete annihilation with the majority of our runs, in reply to the home sides 256 for 7 off 40 overs, coming during the first and last wicket partnerships; 14 and 17 runs respectively. Terry Adams amassed 26 runs and was one of only three batsmen to achieve double figures, Messrs. Price and Bells conceding to the honours. The only statistic of any note concerns the fines imposed on Messrs. Perry, Castledine and Dunford of 10, 20 and 30 Baht in that order, for permitting a Mr. Ellis, late of the United Kingdom, to partake of the annual Hat-Trick! Indeed, this, being the third such occurrence in as many matches, represented a Hat-Trick, Hat Trick; if you see what I mean.

Little need be said of the masterful batting of the home team who were superior on the day, and on most other days we have played against them! Perhaps Mr. Buckley should receive a mention in passing if only to pay tribute not only to his fine 101 but for his 5 hits for six, all of which were warmly applauded by our bowlers - Castledine 1, Dunford 2 and Thompson 2. The other distinguishing feature of the home innings was an over, mercifully only one, from Mr. G. Thompson (Mr. B. Thompson is currently in UK wheeling his new-born between various charity baby shows and thus endeavouring to rake up enough for the return fare). I digress. During this epic 6 ball effort, the leather flew to the boundary on no fewer than 4 occasions enabling 20 idyllic runs to be accredited to Master Buckley's score, bringing up his half century with the first and setting him fair for his century with the other three. A warm, heartfelt, vote of thanks was later awarded Mr. Thompson for this notable effort on behalf of brighter cricket. (I only highlight this unfortunate occurrence because this was the miscreant who bad-mouthed your humble servant in the previous December issue - oh! how the pendulum swings)! If I fail to mention any other highlights in this doleful tale regarding the 40 over game I can, hopefully, expect gratitude from those present.

"Tomorrow is another day", is the favourite rallying cry of the vanquished and it turned out to be as true about the Sunday as it was about the Monday. For by Monday we were all safely back in our offices busily forgetting the whole experience suffered on the Sunday, a 25 over rampage by the home team through our crystal thin batting that permitted us to score 84 for 8 wickets. In reply to this, the northerners took 17 overs to eventually reach victory with the loss of 4 wickets. The highlights of the B.C. innings being, the total inability of the bowling side to take a hat-trick and Craig Price's second run out in as many innings.

So, if you look back at the weekend for something to remember and glean the score book for a tasty morsel, what is there to treasure? Well how about this! During our mind boggling innings in the first match our own umpires dismissed no fewer than 5 batsmen by adjudging them to be L.B.W. Mr. J. Parry took top marks with 3 finger-ups against 2. Avid readers will be delighted to note that he was fined 10 Baht for each offense.

Therefore, as is usual in these matters, the beer kitty came off best and the treasurer, shortly to depart on an extended overseas tour, was noted struggling under the burden. Little did he realise that no further fines would be collected before the season ended due to extenuating circumstances beyond his control. No levies were imposed the following weekend when we played our final 25 and 40 over league games against RBSC and the Pakistani team here in down town Bangkok.

It is true to say that there was much to be proud of in the match against RBSC for Mr. D. Beckett failed to score a single run off of our bowling. Eight other RBSC batsmen shared this dubious honour so it was a source of some amazement to the writer that these facts went unrecorded in the local press!

During the B.C. innings, taken first by dint of Mr. J. Dunford's inspired call, Messrs. Thompson G and Bells G top scored in a brilliant partnership and finally produced over 75 per cent of the B.C. runs between them. The B.C. run tally, allowing for printing errors, totalled 40 no less and the RBSC dickered around for 15 overs of tergid B.C. bowling before coming out victors by 10 wickets. This was followed by a pleasant afternoon of snooker and Kloster at Suriwongse Road in preparation for the final match of the season on the following day.

Judging by the events of the following day it would appear that several of our team had spent the early hours of the morning cleaning their cars, as a result of the inadequacies of the parking facilities in the vicinity of Silom Road. Indeed it was several painstaking minutes of windscreen washing and wiping before I realised which direction my car was heading in! At least the skipper could not be faulted for he again won the toss and elected to bat. Our opening batsmen, Mr. I. Rhodes and a certain Mr. Tom Adams (a perfect look-a-like for Mr. Terry Adams) provided a lengthy opening partnership. Mr. Tom went on to glean 43 runs in a courageous and patiently bourne innings during which he steadfastly watched partners come and go. Mr. C. Price took the opportunity of ensuring that he was not run out and was clean bowled off the fourth delivery he received. Messrs. Rhodes (29) Dunford (24) and Thompson G (17) reached double figures

in a lack-lustre performance that produced 134 runs in the allotted 40 overs. Readers will be aghast to note that it required 35 overs of B.C. bowling before the Pakistani batsmen gained ascendancy.

During the BC bowling stint Mr. Jack Dunford bowled "yer actual" off-break to a completely dumfounded Malbari and Mr. D. Smith made a belated attempt to bowl the longest ever over bowled in Thailand. Six wickets fell during the Pakistani onslaught, Thompson G (2), really quite a decent sort of chap as it turns out, Price (2) Dunford (1) and Sayer (1).

Your correspondant observed the captain hurriedly leaving the dressing room en route, via Don Muang, to central Europe. He is shortly to be followed in his travel by Messrs. Hall and Burles (Mrs. Hall to some) who likewise feel that enough-is-enough and that perhaps distance will add perspective if not beauty to the beast that was the 1983/84 Cricket Season.

Socially, well that is something entirely different and we should be grateful that the Good Lord, or whoever, has seen fit to grace the B.C. Cricket Sides with continuing good-fellowship so that once again we have enjoyed a season and each others company throughout some of the most maudlin after match sessions imaginable. That said, do not let us forget the 6 wicket win over the Indians (thanks Indians) and the 3 superb catches by Mr. D. Williamson whilst Mr. J. Perry was taking 4 for 18 off 8 overs. Nor should we forget the 26 run victory over the Thai team (thank Thai's) and the 80 run victory over Allied.

You see, it was not all bad! In fact, it was not half bad!!

So in passing, may I wish all this years players, there are no surviving supporters who will admit to it, a happy and prosperous 1991/92 Cricket Season; wherever they may be.

FOOTNOTE

Nobody who travelled to Chiang Mai with the Cricket and Soccer sections would wish this edition of Outpost not to contain an expression of our warmest appreciation for the superb hospitality shown to us by the northern barbarians and their charming wives. We all received a "right royal" welcome and can only hope that one day we can take our turn to act as hosts.



GOLF

British Club golfers had an outing at AIT on April 1, the week end before Cheng Meng Day which got, what would normally have been a quick start, away to a slow start in weather topping the highest temperature of the year - nevertheless all players stood up to the challenging conditions of this neat and demanding 9 hole course. This outing was sponsored by Mae Moh Consultants, ably represented by Malcom Lazenby, with our friend at the Chartered Bank sponsoring the nearest the pin holes.

The following were the winners of some beautiful prizes.

A Division:	1st	Ron Armstrong	71 points
	2nd	J. Dequenne	73 points
	1st 9	M. Palette	38 points
	2nd 9	J. Jurgens	41 points

B Division:	1st	Koi Armstrong	34 points
	2nd	Eric Turner	33 points
	1st 9	Pam Smith	17 points
	2nd 9	David Factor	19 points

Nearest Pin	Hole # 5	M. Harrold
	Hole # 7	J. Dequenne

A laugh in one!



"Him stop here, Kemo Sabe — hit practice shots."



SWIMMING

Just "Lucky 13" swimmers turned out for our "April Fools Day" BCB monthly Gala on Sunday, April 1st and some fine races were swam and improvements recorded. But where were all our Under 7s?

Michael Mayo. Knocked a staggering 3 seconds off his best 50m Back time to record 49.9 seconds, just 2.1 secs. off the BCB under 9s record. With a personal best 50m Free of 40.9 seconds, just 2.4 secs. off the corresponding BCB record, we're looking to some new BCB records in the near future - keep training Michael.

With a 4 second improvement in his 100m I.M. time Michael shared the "Improver of the Month" award for April with:

Selinla Collins who, on her farewell swim, improved in all 3 strokes. Good Luck Selinla in your swimming in the UK.

We also said farewell to her sister Jeannie Collins who is off to school in the U.K.

These 2 have had their fair share of BCB trophies and Friendship Gala medals over the past 3 years and will be missed by the BCB swimming team.

The other improvement of note was recorded by Seksan Collins who reduced his personal best 100m Free time to 1.07.6 (a 2 second improvement), the fastest BCB pool time recorded in the '80s but still some 8 secs. off the pre-1977 BCB record.

Proficiency Badges were awarded to:

- "Snapper" - Richard Lovell
- "Dolphin" - Karen Abrahams
- "Whale" - Natasha Lovell

Well done all swimmers and a big Thank You to our coaches Khun Chun and Khun Suparb.

Next BCB Gala: Sunday May 20, starting 1200

- originally scheduled for May 13 but with public holidays on May 7 and 14 it was felt unwise to hold the Gala during the long-weekends when families are keen to get out of Hot and Humid Bangkok for the cooler up-country regions.

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SQUASH

Committee News

The Squash Section Committee has a new chairman. As of May 1984, Jack Dunford will step down and be replaced by Dugal Forrest. Jack's imposition of some order and system on the Club's Squash activities, (even bringing the Trophy competitions up to date) led to a revival of interest in Squash. The Section Committee, who voted unanimously for Dugal as the new Chairman, are convinced that he will do an equally good job. Thanks, Jack. Good luck, Dugal.

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Squash Fun Day. Sunday 29.4.84

This was generously sponsored by Sabena Airlines who supplied 26 exciting prizes as well as several free gifts for distribution to Squashers.

The programme, which began at 10 a.m. and went on till 4.30 pm, was as follows:-

1. The 3-minute Handicap Competition. Handicaps were awarded according to each player's division; and they played, with American scoring, for 3 minutes, in a Round Robin. The winner had the highest number of points.
2. Court-running Competition. Handicaps here depended on age, sex, familiarity with judges, etc. The back markers ran ten lengths of court, others various shorter distances.
3. First-to-5-points Round Robin
4. The 2-minute Nomination Stroke Handicap
5. A Squash Ball-Control Race

Details and Results in June Outpost.

Results of the 46th League

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Division 11</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. John Thompson	15	1. Larry Wakefield	12
2. Colin Hastings	15	2. Amnuay Alexander	10
<u>Division 2</u>		<u>Division 12</u>	
1. John Kerr	14	1. Martin Trachsel	15
2. Bruce Holtom	11	2. Constantine Annas	12
<u>Division 3</u>		<u>Division 13</u>	
1. Bruce Pointer	17	1. Sam Cohen	18
2. John Dequenne	15	2. Jill van de Lint	17
<u>Division 4</u>		<u>Division 14</u>	
1. Peter Dwyer	15	1. Drew Wilkins	11
2. Prasong Panichpakdee	10	2. Peter Almeren	9
<u>Division 5</u>		<u>Division 15</u>	
1. Jeffrey Thomson	12	1. Michael Smith	10
2. Ron Parkin	9	2. Sandy Sanderson	9
<u>Division 6</u>		<u>Division 16</u>	
1. Brian Francis	14	1. Helen Wilcox	15
2. Wayne Needoba	13	2. Stuart Matthews	10
<u>Division 7</u>		<u>Division 17</u>	
1. Peter Young	9	1. Justin Matthews	18
2. Andy Dunlop	7	2. Rodney Lay	17
<u>Division 8</u>		<u>Division 18</u>	
1. Roger Gain	12	1. Jimmy Abrahams	6
2. Neil Mayo	9	2. Brian McDonald	4
<u>Division 9</u>		<u>Division 19</u>	
1. Pat Murphy	12	1. Nicola Summers	15
2. Varyl Chamberlain	10	2. Ann Elliott	11
<u>Division 10</u>			
1. Doug Beckett	12		
2. Colin Willis	11		

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Comments on League 46

1. Congratulations to the following people who won all their games: Peter Dwyer, Jeffrey Thomson, Peter Young, Roger Gain, Doug Beckett, Martin Trachsel, Sam Cohen, Helen Wilcox, Justin Matthews, Jimmy Abrahams & Nicola Summers.
2. This time, only one person, Colin Hastings in Division 1, was unfortunate enough to be second in his Division, although he had the same number of points as the winner John Thompson. Hard luck, Colin!
3. Will Jack Dunford, at last, escape from Division 4 where he has been for about two years? Division 5 will at least be a change.
4. Things seem to be getting tougher at the top. No one's place is assured now in Division 1, and two former stalwarts of Division 2 in the old days, 27th league May 1980, have just found it very difficult to hold their places in Divisions 5 and 6 of League 46.

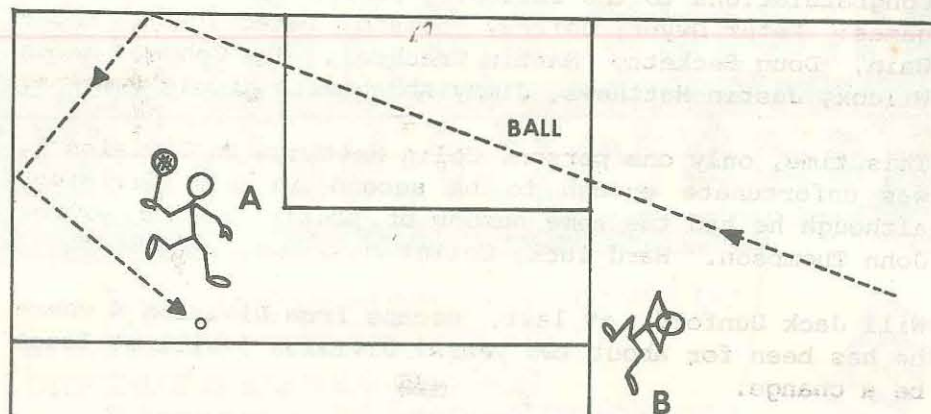
Safety Note

It is now compulsory in Canada to wear eye protectors when playing Squash. Why is it impossible to buy them in Bangkok? Know any one-eyed ex-squash-players willing to start an agency?

Court Cases

Each month we propose to describe cases that have arisen on our Squash Courts, and to discuss the rules that apply to these. Most will be minor incidents, or matters where a dispute over the interpretation of rules occurred. Members are invited to submit brief details of any such incidents for consideration. Just drop a note in the Squash Box, with diagrams if possible. Your name should be given, but will remain unpublished if you wish.

The first Court Case relates to a controversial area of squash, "Turning": i.e. allowing a long ball to the backhand corner to pass round your body from side wall to back wall and then playing a forehand stroke from the backhand court as illustrated. Player A is turning to strike; player B is cowering on the T.



The Rules on Turning (1980)

1. Turning is not illegal.
2. If you call "Turning", however, your opponent may call a let for distraction.
3. If you strike your opponent with the ball, having turned, you can never win the point. It is a let if the ball was going up, either directly or via the side wall (Rule 9). If it was not going up you lose the point.
4. Contrary to some beliefs, it is not an automatic let if you turn on receipt of service.

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The issues regarding turning are raised by Steve Piercy, who is a qualified Squash Referee, in a letter dated March 9, 1984 to the Squash Coordinators:

Dear Sirs, Madam,

During a recent league game I was confronted with a player who "turned" on his backhand stroke at every opportunity. At his cry of "turning" I scurried to the back wall for safety as it was impossible to know just where the ball was going.

Hence I was faced with a situation, having beaten my opponent's backhand stroke, of seeking personal safety at expense of the rally.

Turning, although legal, is highly dangerous at any level of play. The Tasmanian Squash Rackets Association was sufficiently moved to introduce its own by-law, outlawing turning altogether. The Canterbury Squash Rackets Association in New Zealand, had a by-law allowing the offended player to call "let" whenever his opponent turned.

In "Teach Yourself Squash" by Leslie Hamer and Rex Bellamy, the opening paragraph in the Chapter on Etiquette conveys the message all squash players should act upon:

" 'Whatever ye should that men should do to you, do ye even so to them'. Make this your text for the game: and repress the cynicism to paraphrase it as 'Do him before he does you'. Squash provides unparalleled opportunities for being nasty..... two men, both brandishing rackets, hurtling about a confined space at high speed. There is clearly unusual scope for the unscrupulous... A passive sense of decency is not enough: squash demands a positive effort to be fair."

On turning the writers' views are quite clear: "Do not intimidate your opponent by turning on the ball..... This is bad manners, even though you may warn your opponent with the cry "turning". Because it would never occur if you played a correct return before your opponent's shot travelled far enough to embarrass you."

Without wishing to generate a major dispute within the Club, I would like to propose to you that the Squash committee consider introducing a by-law allowing a player to call 'let' when his opponent turns on the ball whether he calls "turning!" or not.

Steve Piercy (P66)

No doubt the Committee will discuss this issue. In the meantime, let us have your views on this and tell us about your British Club Squash experiences.

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Squash	Dugal Forrest	311 1371
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Articles, drawings, letters, suggestions, ideas, and contributions of any description are invited from anyone.

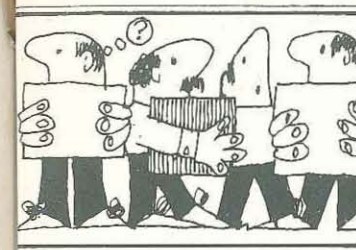
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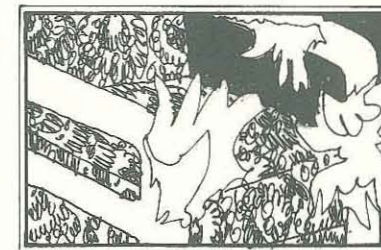
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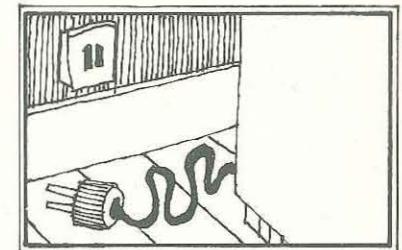
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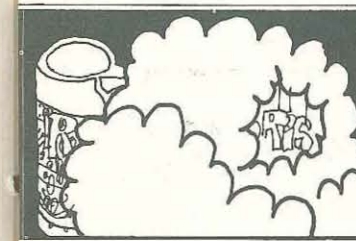
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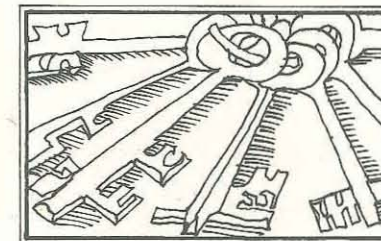
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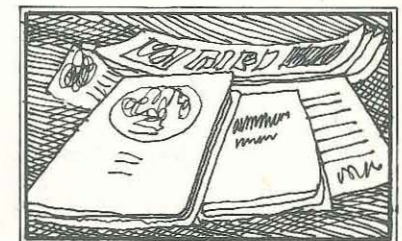
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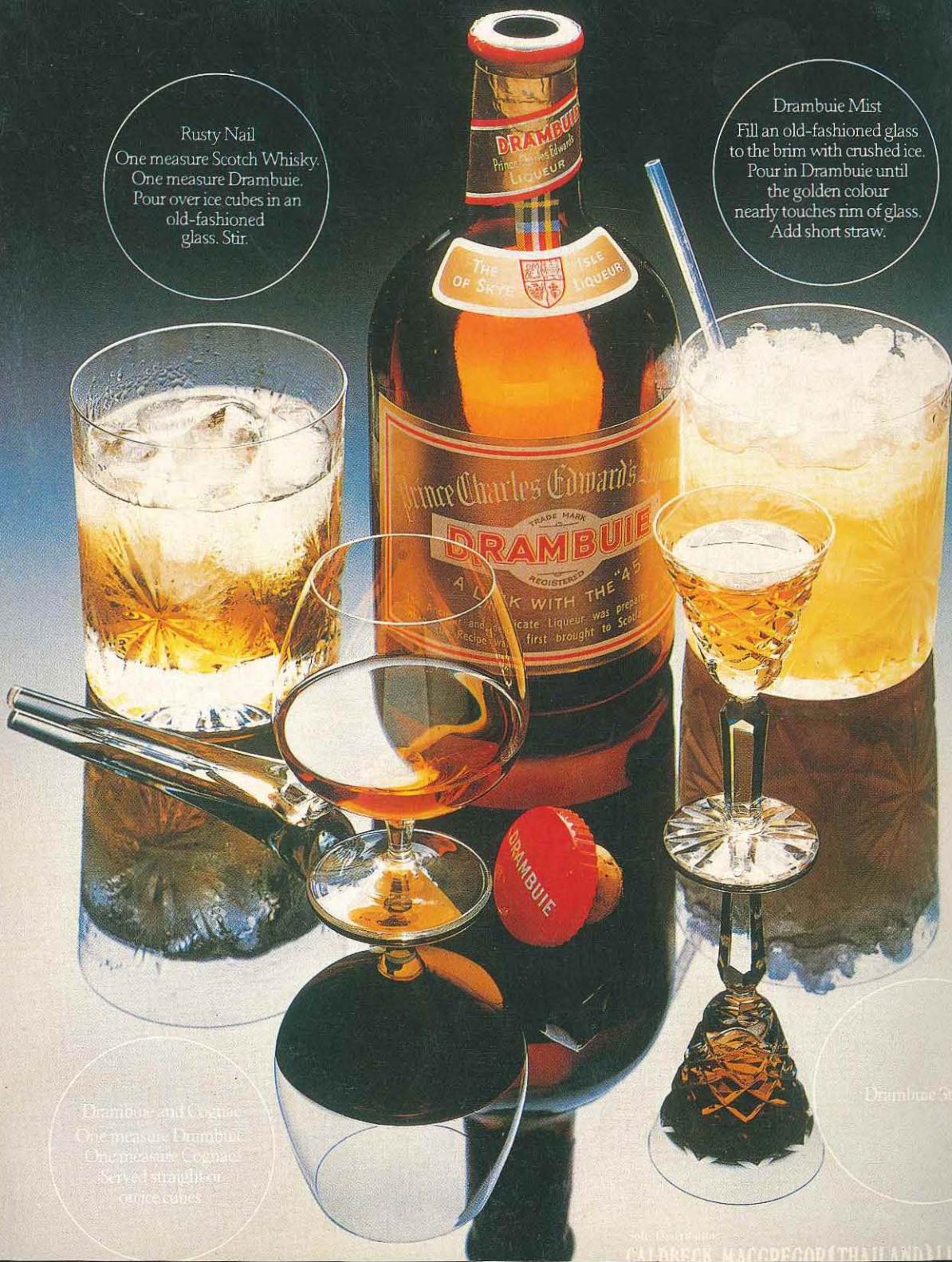
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