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### Editorial

#### TIME FOR CHANGE

The new editorial board believes that the time is ripe for changes within Outpost, in order to reflect what is perceived as a new spirit amongst members who contribute to the well-being of the British Club.

As a starter, however humble, we wish to change the look of this magazine by introduce a new cover, better and wider content and invite material for debate. After all, it is only through debate that changes can be forthcoming. And changes are essential to ensure the well being of this club. The editorial board wishes for one thing to bridge the gap that has existed in recent years between the general committee and the membership.

We also wish to encourage greater involvement from the readership in the Outpost. On other pages we give details of some of the changes we think we can achieve, but we can only do this with your help. We are conscious of the fact that the magazine is for all the family and it is your views we want. Not only old timers but new members - your first impressions - are we friendly or stand-offish? Tell us how we can improve these vital first few visits to the club.

Remember "OUTPOST" does not reflect the views of the general committee. It seeks to be a forum for you, the reader.



We would welcome any ideas and contributions in any area of interest.

- e.g. - Local places of interest  
 - Recipes  
 - Children's page  
 - Woman's page. (A voice for women readers possibly?)  
 - Entertainment  
 - Eating out  
 - Letters  
 - Coping with life in Bangkok  
 - Specialist topics  
 - Photos  
 - Natural history  
 - Criticism  
 - etc.

Further we would welcome assistance from one of the female readers with our task. So, if you too believe that improvements should be made, come and join us.

We want to revitalise the Outpost to make it interesting for all readers, and with your help we will!

#### TIME FOR CHANGE

##### Artists take note

In an effort to revitalise Outpost, the new editorial board has decided to up date the magazine's cover - picture certainly, the name possibly. To achieve this aim, we are asking you the readers, to submit designs for a new look for the magazine. To encourage the would be artists amongst the readership, we are offering an incentive.

The winner will receive a token for dinner for two in the main restaurant, to be presented during pub night.

So pick up your pens and paper and get designing.

#### TIME FOR CHANGE

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It is time for change. But for to succeed, it is necessary for every reader to make his or her contribution. Get your head out of the sand and join us promoting this spirit of change.

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FEW members could have failed to notice the increase in beer prices last month. They were, in most people's minds, pretty steep - nine baht on a small bottle of Singha, nine baht on a small bottle of Kloster, 15 baht on a large draught and a whopping 17 baht on a large Kloster.

But any reasonable member will admit that the increases were justified, not just to pay the Government its dues but also to maintain the Club's percentage profit on all Food & Beverage sales. For those who are not aware, the Club does have a broad policy that its percentage profit should be in the region of 30 - 40% in order to cover general costs. The idea is not, however, to make profits just for the sake of making profits. But we do need to make some money.

What is likely to happen now is a reduction in beer consumption while people get used to the new prices. Some members may switch to "shorts", though be warned: they are likely to go up in price as well, once new stocks begin to arrive.

Just remember this when grumbling about the increases - the British Club is still about the cheapest (and most sociable) place to imbibe.

Your present General Committee is a sober lot - at least according to one GM member on his second tour of duty after a few years' break. On seeing tea being ordered by several colleagues during the last committee meeting, he was moved to utter: "What's happened to the boozers? It wasn't like this when I first joined the committee."

Despite the many notices, people are STILL wearing shoes on the swimming pool surrounds. Please remember that this rule is for the common good.

As stated elsewhere in this issue, we are keen to solicit more advertising for Outpost. It is a very reasonable way of reaching a high-spending and influential audience. Look into your ad budgets and see if you can support the club through Outpost - while helping yourself to some highly advantageous advertising space.

Take note. This year marks the Club's 75th Anniversary. To celebrate this auspicious time, we are planning to produce a bumper issue of Outpost, complete with old photos, anecdotes and even reminiscences of former days. Can you help out?

The crucial issue of expanding the Club's Associate Member category is moving ahead. You are likely to hear about an EGM to discuss and vote on this vital topic in the not too distant future. Think about it carefully and come along to that EGM ready to put forward your views.

#### MANAGER'S REQUEST

IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE WILL BE RE-VAMPING ALL THE CLUB MENUS. IT WOULD BE OF INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO ME IF YOU COULD GIVE A LITTLE THOUGHT TO ANY ADDITIONAL DISHES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN FUTURE OR ANY DISHES YOU THINK SHOULD BE DROPPED. I ESPECIALLY NEED SOME HELP ON THE CHILDREN'S MENU AND ANY INPUT FROM MUMS, DADS OR KIDS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

I INTEND TO IMPLEMENT NEW MENUS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO A QUICK RESPONSE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL

D.C. WILLIAMSON  
MANAGER



## LETTERS



HMS Plover  
at Bangkok

March 19, 1985

Dear Mr. Barrett,

Many many thanks for a very good evening last night at the British Club. I think we ended up honours even all round!

Your club members looked after us extremely well, and made us feel most welcome. We are leaving Bangkok this morning on our knees!

Many thanks again,

Yours sincerely,

Commander, Royal Navy



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P.O. BOX 3111, CIPUTAT, JAKARTA - INDONESIA

April 8, 1985

Mr. Terry P. Smith  
The British Club  
189 Surawongse Road  
Bangkok 10500  
THAILAND

Dear Terry,

Many thanks for your Club's generous hospitality that was extended to us throughout our recent visit. Rest assured that a good time was had by all.

As we indicated to several of your members, you are always welcome to tour Jakarta. Just give us a shout and we can make all arrangements including possible visits to venues such as Bali or The Thousand Islands tropical resort.

Thanks, once again.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Leighton

CC: Gary Crist - Baby Wale



## Membership Matters

### NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the British Club in April 1985.

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## Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	10
Ordinary	355
Non-Voting	12
Associate	52
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	19
Candidates	30
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## The St. George's Ball

Primed with strong Tanqueray G & T's from Caldbeck MacGregor plus the Society's reception drinks, revellers were obviously ready to enjoy themselves when they moved into the flag-decked candlelit ballroom for the traditional St. George's Day celebration at the Oriental on 20th April.

Chatter was stilled by the booming bell-ringing Bob Coombes. "Make way for the Baron of Beef! Make way for the Baron of Beef!" Even though "Chef" Terry Adams is used to carrying industrial batteries around I had the distinct feeling that he was staggering under the biggest Baron seen for many a year. Either the Oriental were showing off the size of their ovens or F & B Manager Patick Elsmie had been requested by Fitness International to test the real fitness of the St. George's Society's largest Council Member. Followed also by Copper Steve Harrison, Beefeater Eric Turner and Page Boy Master Phillips, Bob led the group to the ceremonial beef sampling by President Arthur Phillips. The old English ale was downed and the evening was off.

The Reverend John Morrett's Grace was refreshingly different and the food up to the standard one has come to expect at the Oriental. I especially liked the baked potato (stuffed the English way), and the only reason for my not eating all the beef was pre-cabaret nerves. However, those in my vicinity did more than justice to their dinner.

President Arthur Phillips having learned his speech well in advance, and having got it word perfect earlier in the day, forgot it all as soon as he stood up. Anyone who's ever done it will know the feeling! But that's what crib sheets are for! In the end Arthur took the recent decent trend even further by being really nice to the other British tribes. The guest of honour the British Ambassador Justin Staples, in toasting the Bangkok St. George's Society, took the opportunity of toasting the British Community in Thailand, just in case he and Mrs. Susan Staples should have to move on before the next major function.

Most people seemed to think the cabaret was up to the standard we have come to expect. They seemed to put a lot of effort into the costumes this year and it is rumoured that certain gentlemen in the opening chorus line are offering huge sums of money for any photo negative showing them in strawberry knickerbockers. The material was new too, and the ever-popular news items seemed to have a few local adaptations from the Two Ronnies. I especially liked the one about Lumpini police asking residents to watch out for the

infamous cross-eyed burglar. "If you see him looking at your house, please warn the people next door!" Varyl and Louise Chamberlain had obviously rehearsed the troupe of Thelma, Rodney, Ron, Caroline, Bryan, Frank, Yvonne and Jake very well, though what was not generally known was that Rodney returned only that afternoon from a business trip to Holland! I thought too that Louise and Caroline were rather stunning in their Marlene Dietrich take-off!

Talking of take-off's British Airways not only flew in the Stilton and Lymeswold chesses but also provided an extra Stilton for a door prize. Al Lee from Singer Thailand kindly donated a valuable sewing machine as the second door prize, and the star prize was a return ticket to London on British Airways. I didn't see who won it but she was certainly dancing around the rest of the evening.

The Chula Band started their long dance session with some rather dreary numbers, but eventually got into the disco beat which old timers like me prefer if they've had enough good wine.

It was altogether a happy evening and though I left at 3.30 a.m. I understand some were still going strong after 4. Well, that's about all I remember. If you missed it this time, make sure you don't next year. St. George is the one, even with DRAG ON!

### BE A JOURNALIST ....

Here's your chance to become a real live newspaperman, or newspaperwoman. Outpost needs a couple of volunteers to help produce bigger and livelier editions of this esteemed publication in the coming months. Experience is not necessary, since we're all beginners anyway. Simply expect to spend one or two evenings a month writing, editing and proofreading the magazine. There's no reward, of course, other than the satisfaction of knowing you helped to make the news.

Volunteers, please contact Colin Hastings on Tel. 258 8487 or through the manager's office.



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## **B.A.M.B.I.**

A few years ago a small group of women, who had been attending ante-natal classes together here in Bangkok, decided to continue meeting once a month after their babies had been born. In this way a group calling itself B.A.M.B.I. (Bangkok Association of Mothers and Babies International) was formed. It now has a membership of around 180 women of many nationalities and professions, is well supported by husbands and is administered by a committee.

Its essential function is to provide support and information for pregnant women and the parents of babies and young children. Mothers and children meet on a very informal basis at the British Club Sala and playground from 9 - 11.30 a.m. every second Thursday of the month. Many smaller playgroups regularly meet in private homes around Bangkok. A number of social events and talks are also organised, and a newsletter is published monthly covering everything from shopping news to the latest medical reports on child development. For further information contact :-

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## CRICKET

### British Club Cricket Tour to Chieng Mai April 6-7, 1985

The British Club were once again bound northwards on the always eventful Chieng Mai sojourn. There was everything to look forward to. The 50 over league game on the Saturday could provide Chieng Mai with the championship so if this was the outcome the after-match hospitality had the potential to be momentous. They usually are under normal circumstances. If we were to win of course then celebrations are always memorable.

There was the annual worried countenance of Jack Dunford as players did not board the train at Hua Lampong. Calculations based on if's and but's as to whether the missing players could beat the train by taxi and catch it at Don Muang were proposed. Most of the worries were calmed however after the first few stations were passed and all players were safely wrapped in that rich air of expectancy that is prevalent at the beginning of any train journey.

There are never any weaknesses in the side for the first hour or so on the journey and victory is a mere formality. Excitement completely blankets any rational assessment. Groups do not form immediately and everyone wants to speak to everyone else. It never ceases to trigger imaginations, the boyhood dream of a train journey northwards through Siam is actually happening. Straight from the "Boys Own". We all have to be fairly adventurous to be working in Bangkok and this is an unleashed extension of such a spirit.

Almost as slowly as the train progresses the players refine their excitement and little groups begin to develop. Drinking beer is the common thread that unites them. Bottles of beer never actually reside on the table, they drift from mouth to hand, escaping that unfriendly umbrella of private ownership. By the time we reached Lop Buri there was a very efficient co-operative already developing.

With the rest of the train in slumber, activities were continued in the restaurant car. Past memories of Somnolent gunslingers were still fresh in to many minds. Your memory lingers on Gordon!

Jeff Parry managed to create great amusement for the waiters and total confusion for the rest of us with a rendering of some ancient aboriginal card game. It was delivered in a hybrid of slurs and incomprehensibles. Hardly surprising he won!

Gradually people began to tackle the sleepless night that lay ahead but of course there are always the diehard nucleus that continue to strive for the drinking man's nirvana. That highly desirable feeling of being drunk enough to sleep but not too drunk to induce a hangover. It's a very thin line that always passes unnoticed.

Chieng Mai awaits and groggy eyed we all awoke with at least 2 hours of the journey left. Wonderfully descriptive passages of horrendous attempts to sleep undisturbed for more than ½ hour were followed by gulpings of equally horrendous cups of coffee.

Cricketers are romantics though and as Thailand unfolded its real beauty eyes began to clear. Anyone who has travelled on this train journey will forgive me for not eulogizing upon subtle light variations and seductive breezes. The stretch from Lam Pang to Chieng Mai even relegates cricket to the secondary level.

The thought of playing cricket within the next couple of hours demanded an abrupt change of attitude. Could this be an orchestrated ploy from CMCC?

Hospitality usually begins immediately on arrival but upon this occasion we were kept waiting and the usual hustle of hawkers trying to induce us to stop in every Hotel in Chieng Mai began. There were a few suspicious eyes perusing the creaking bill boards looking for the new hotel were supposed to be staying in. It could not be seen! Jack was convinced it existed but we were not so sure. Any embarrassment was allayed when a member of CMCC dutifully arrived.

There was a great air of excitement at the ground as the players gathered around the pavilion. Chieng Mai had to win the toss and bat first to gain maximum batting points.

It would have been an unenviable decision for Jack to make had he won but the pressure was relieved when the Chieng Mai captain called correctly.



The setting was idyllic as the umpires strode out to the wicket. The new ball was given to Jeff Parry and he shared the opening attack with Mac Sayer. The Chieng Mai batsmen were rather cautious in the first few overs but John Ellis in particular was looking most comfortable. An early wicket fell to Mac Sayer, who clean bowled Jeff Waters with a late in swinger, but John Ellis was taking runs with daunting ease. He was especially cruel to Jeff Parry's bowling and hit some glorious straight drives. He was finally out L.B.W. to Steve Castledine for 49 but it was a captains innings in glorious style.

The middle order battering of Buckey (40). (What a thorn in the BCCC side?) Wilson (62) and Malik (45) all made forceful innings and gave the CMCC an excellent 261 for 8 after the allotted overs.

Jack tried a string of bowlers but they were facing a belligerent batting attack. Steve Castledine with (4-56) was the most successful bowler but Mac Sayer (2-52) was the more piercing.

It was a formidable target to play for but the game was delicately balanced because Chieng Mai had to take at least 8 B.C. wickets.

Craig Price and Terry Adams had the responsibility of giving the B.C. a sound start. Terry (11) by his own recent performances failed but Craig made 30 easy runs only to be L.B.W. just when a big score looked possible. The tension was voiced in boozy breaths by the spectators and as the game progressed the CMCC players were showing signs of concern.

They certainly had no answer to the batting of Alan Stamper who scored a magnificent 67. Rampant Stamper read the Sunday Headlines and it was no mean choice of word. One six over mid off was as incongruous a shot as he will ever play and by his own admission he was a little surprised! His innings ended by being caught and bowled off Wilson and the former epithet of Nudger Stamper will be heard no more. The innings was held together by Alan and it was appropriate that he should be involved in the final drama. The game was reduced to the following situation. Chieng Mai had taken seven wickets and with 9 balls to go, needed to take an eighth to tie in the league with the Indian CC. (who incidentally telephoned the ground from Singapore to find out the score) and 10 wickets to win it outright. Alan Stamper and Steve Castledine were at the wicket amid a conglomerate of tactical discussions from the bowler. The eighth wicket they took was Alans and how they had worked for it. The atmosphere was

carnival as David Hall came in with 4 balls to go. With all the calmness of seasoned campaigner he coolly held off the late surge and the game ended leaving CMCC and the Indian CC locked in a tie. The BC were 180 for 8, losing by 81 runs.

The game had the potential to give rise to dubious tactics but it was never to be. It was played the only way both teams knew how and that is honest sportmanship.

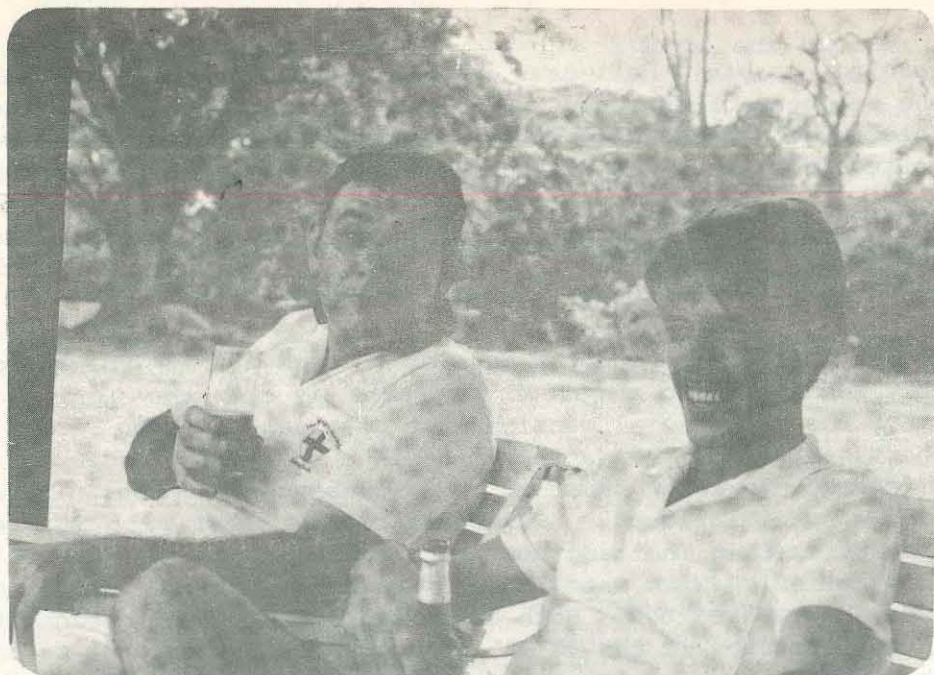
So many personal anecdotes develop on such a trip but being only meaningful to a select few this is not the place to share them. A special mention must be given to Anton Perera, sports editor of the Nation. He is a character larger than life, and a cricket fanatic. His presence at games, always adds a special flavor. Personalities as such will ensure that cricket in Thailand continues to develop. He was not only satisfied with watching and reporting on an intriguing game, he umpired too. Both Anton and Syd umpired throughout in temperatures in the 40's. You have to love cricket to do that!

The 30 over league game on the Sunday was inevitably an anti climax. Chieng Mai won by 8 wickets with Tony Buckley again thrashing the B.C. bowling into the exotic heights of the 7th heaven for a handsome 64. For the purists the score sheet contains all the details.

The season has almost finished apart from a 6-aside cricket tournament.

This is to be held at the Polo ground and RBSC the week end of 27/28 April. It has attracted teams from all over Asia as well as local sides. It should be great fun.





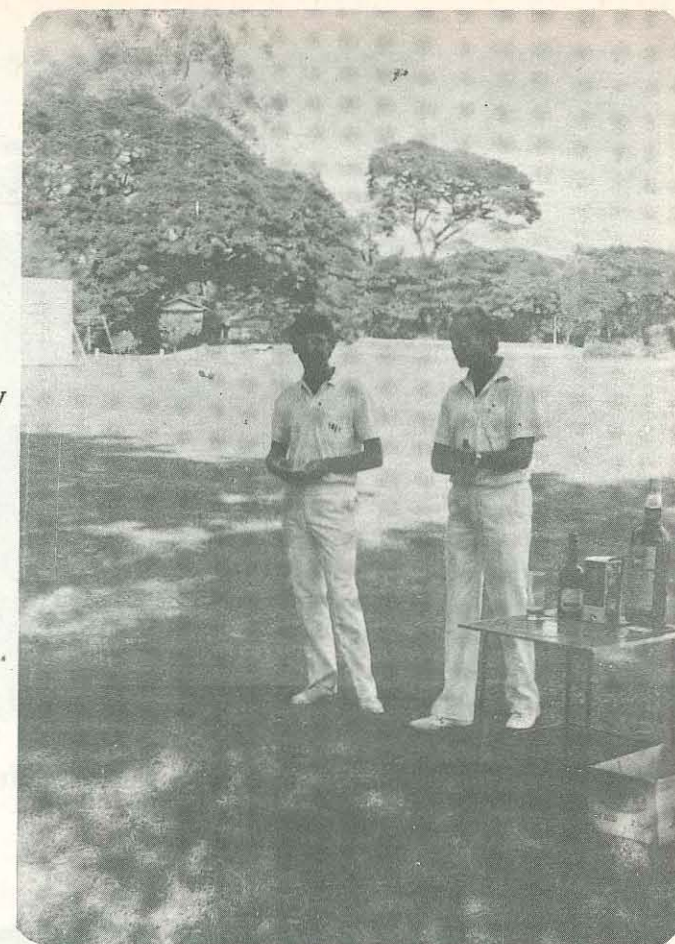
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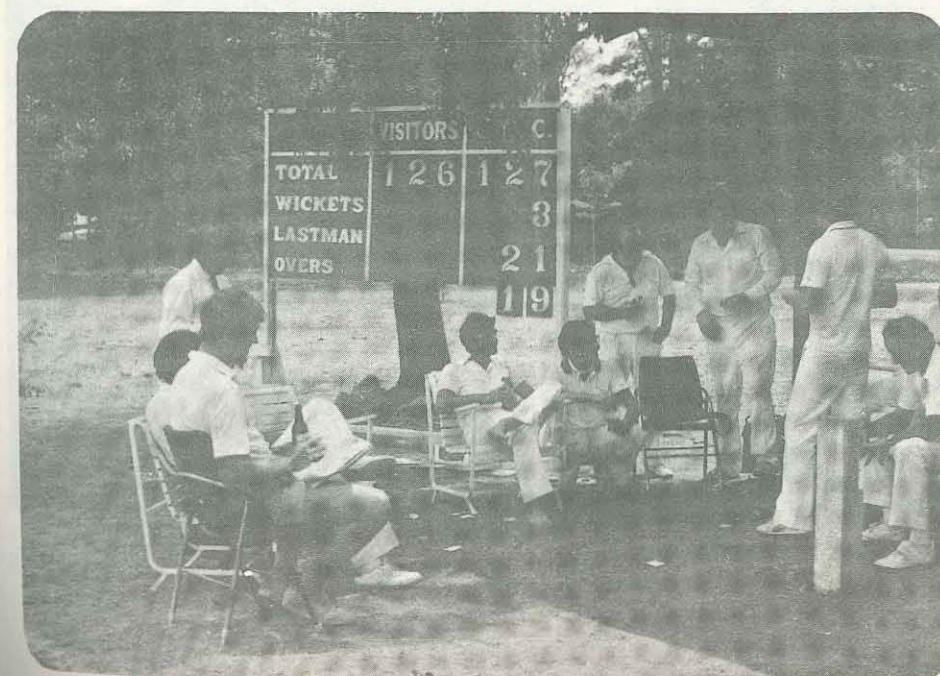
It is a long way  
to Melbourne.

Our only victory  
in Chiang Mai  
(Dec. 1984)

Well it keeps  
the spirit up !



What can Alistair possibly be looking at !







Not another card game explanation!



Was it really L.B.W.?



## DARTS

The 22nd Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts league started on 7th March. Your favourite team, the Lillywhites, with nearly 20 registered (or should it be "certified") players started with new resolve! Following at least 10 minutes pre-season practice at the gin mills of Krung Thep, a scintillating squad chosen on merit (read "Amarit") Swung into action against the 185 Silom Swingers. Darting into a 5-0 lead with Singles closes from Captain Terry, Mike Majer, Mike Airways, Bryan Baldwin and Peter Tinson, it wasn't until Keith was confused by the late arrival of the oppositions Ladies Privilege Player Dick Anwar that the momentum was temporarily lost. We then won all the doubles with closes from, Peter and the 2 Mikes, and having had too many double, we, of course, lost both the triples. Bryan grabbed the team game with double three for a 12-5 victory. A total of 8 tons came from Terry, Mike M(2), Peter (2) Keith and Bryan 121 and 116. Needless to say the Team were jubilant at having got their new Captain off to a good start.

Things were didderent the following week in a cross - division Match against Operation when the only points to come our way were singles wins from Keith and Bryan and 4 tons from Jantje Davison (112) Andy (118), and Bryan (100 and 128). Even the much advertised presence of new dartist Andrew Kefford, made little difference, though he did record a 98 in his first outing.

Against CKP at the British Club on 21st it was a similar tale with Singles closes from Keith Davison and Chris Andrews (making one of his all too rare guest appearances), then a triples close from Terry. Keith scored 2 tons and Mike Evans one. However the games were all close and things could have gone our way. I wasn't there, but Terry says "the lady was deadly"! I'm not sure if he meant as a player or to look at.

Things rebounded on the Boomerangs when they hosted your intrepid dartists at the Aussie Embassy on 28th March. Bryan, Peter, Mike E, Keith and Linda gave us a 5-1 lead at the end of the singles (The other player, least said, was OK though). Then Bryan and Keith closed the first 2 doubles, and Andy and Mike Snapped up both triples. Andy closed the team game, for a 14-3 win, and the 100 or over merchants were Keith (2), Mike E (100 + 140) and Peter (2 x 125).



Lastly a 10-7 defeat against Soun, which was apparently such an enjoyable evening that someone forgot to give me the scoresheet. However, Captain Terry said they were such a nice crowd of Thai players that he's keen to organise a friendly against them sometime.

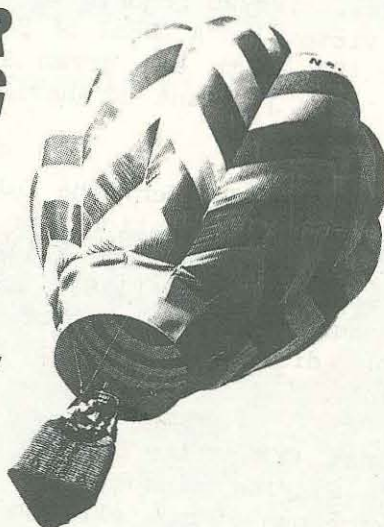
All in all, not a bad start, and providing the pool of available dartists is not too much depleted during the home leave season we might do well. The recent increase in beer prices might encourage more darts per pint, but then again knowing our players it might not!

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## GOLF

### Rose Garden - March 31, 1985

For the first time in 18 months the outing at the Rose Garden was rained out, although two groups out of five playing did finish 18 holes.

Thanks to Pepsi-Cola, all golfers received a prize and a draw was made for the major prizes.

Winners were:-

#### "A" Group

1. D. Cadwallader
2. M. Ryan
3. R. Armstrong
4. M. Ross
5. B. Harrold

#### "B" Group

1. P. Speed
2. J. Staples
3. I. Carmichael
4. J. Addis
5. G. Slacksmith

### British Club Golf - Unico - 14 April

Sixteen heat frustrated golfers played very satisfying golf on a day sponsored by Remy Martin.

#### "A" Group

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|--------------------|---------|
| 1st - R. Armstrong | 40 pts. |
| 2nd - I. McLean    | 34 pts. |
| 3rd - B. Harrold   | 33 pts. |

#### "B" Group

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|-------------------|---------|
| 1st - L. Houghton | 39 pts. |
| 2nd - P. Young    | 33 pts. |
| 3rd - K. Ross     | 30 pts. |

Closest the pin : E. Turner and I. McLean

Long Drives : Koi and Ron Armstrong



## St. Georges Cup : The Inter-Tribal Golf Championship at Hua Hin over Easter Week-end

I am assured that I was present at this event and, furthermore, that at some stage in the proceedings I agreed to write this report. Indeed I am told that I was making notes at the prize giving on a paper table napkin but that someone inadvertently used this for blowing his nose. Consequently the following must be regarded as largely fictitious as it has been compiled from the hazy memories of several participants. It might have been easier and also closer to the truth if the remains of the table napkin had been photocopied in "Outpost" rather than this article.

However..... on the Saturday..... As the sun rose over the steamy Gulf of Siam, making it quite impossible for any golfers playing back towards the clubhouse to see where they were going, those four-balls first away were already getting stuck into their first Kloster of the day. By this time the course had become a common source of complaint -- the rather limited quantity of grass frequently resulting in very difficult lies, causing balls to be topped or earth to be dug. Nevertheless there were some commendable single day scores on the Saturday -- on Stableford, Eddie Allan got 36 points and Eric Turner 35. The best first nine prize went to John Sill with 18 points and the back nine to Flemming Kinnaird with 20. At the other end of the scale Brian Baldwin, setting foot on a golf course for the first time, obtained an 18 hole score of 16 and Dacre Raikes had little difficulty in scoring 5. Approximately 80 percent of the contenders were in the 20's.

There was a large number of non-handicapped players and the organisers, suspecting certain societies of secreting bandits into their ranks, imposed a system of handicapping such participants by a complex formula called "Calamine", "Calabash", "Carroway" or something similar. Anyway it had the desired effect of confusing everybody.

As the first day scores were gradually chalked up, the sad feature which emerged (here a note of bias must creep in) was that the (confounded) Jocks clearly had a very strong team and this was borne out in the final results. Either to console themselves or to celebrate, a fair number of competitors adjourned to The Wharfe for lunch followed by after lunch drinks, sundowners, cocktails, nightcaps and then on to the dinner at the Sailom Hotel. This proved to

be a very enjoyable evening and included a most interesting after-dinner address by Brian Butterfield and some outrageous jokes from Frostie. For the romantics among us there was a full moon to light the way home.

And so on to Sunday.... As the sun rose over the steamy Gulf of Siam (indeed, weatherwise, it was almost exactly the same as the previous day -- clear and very hot with a token breeze) a decidedly quieter group of competitors walked tenderly onto the fairways. Some of them had only gone to bed 3 hours before they were due to tee off.

A number of players commented that the Saturday "warm up" resulted in a definite improvement in their game on Sunday. John Wood, playing his second shot from the trees bordering the 8th fairway, scored an Albatross - a fact which none of his group appreciated (the ball had just "vanished" from the green) until the adjacent drinks' stall pointed out that it was in the hole.

Whilst the rock hard fairways aided some impressive drives (longest drives were awarded to David Humphries, Ian McLean, Gillian Palette and Mary Kitchen), the state of many greens made putting particularly difficult. Over the two days those closest the pin on the short parr threes were Trevor whalley, Pravitt, Mo Harris and David Humphries.

Top individual Stableford scores on the Sunday went to Barry Hyde and Nicki Summer with 36 points each. Ben Harrold obtained the highest score on the first nine with 20 points, and David Frost 17 points on the back nine.

As the second day scores began to appear on the boards back at the clubhouse it was evident that the competition for the St. George's Cup (best seven players) was going to be fierce and the St. Andrew's Society finished with a lead of only 4 points ahead of St. George's. However what must be reluctantly accepted as a higher overall standard among the Scottish players produced an appreciably wider margin in the results for the Auld Reekie Cup (best 10 out of 12) with St. Andrew's scoring 616 against the St. George's 583.

The two day aggregate winners on Stableford were:

1st Mark Graham	73 pts
2nd Reg Laville	71 "
3rd Ann Hendrie	71 "
4th Tom Alderton	69 "

Over the two days Ian McLean had the lowest gross score with 164.



Those with any intelligence went to sleep for most of the afternoon but, whether they did or not, everyone regrouped back at the "Sailom" for the prize giving dinner. There was no doubt about the prize-giving itself but at one stage there was considerable doubt as to whether the hotel was going to feed us.

Nevertheless it was a very enjoyable week-end and many thanks to those involved in the organisation.

### Inter Society Results

St. George's Cup (Best 7)

1st St. Andrews	(447 pts)
2nd St. Georges	(443 pts)
3rd St. Patricks	(395 pts)
4th St. Davids	(227 pts)

Auld Reeble Cup  
(Best 10 out of 12)

1st St. Andrews	(616 pts)
nd St. Georges	(583 pts)

St. Patricks Cup  
(Best 7)

1st St. Andrews	(447 pts)
2nd St. Georges	(443 pts)
3rd St. Patricks	(395 pts)
4th St. Davids	(227 pts)

St. Davids Cup  
(Best 5)

1st St. Patricks	(308 pts)
2nd St. Davids	(227 pts)

Kinnaird Trophy  
Jean Gundlach Cup

Mark Graham	(73 pts)
Anne Hendrie	(71 pts)

Delacour Cup

T. Alderton	(69 pts)
Reg Laville	(71 pts)

J.P. Malone Cup

Mark Graham	(73 pts)
Bill Wright	(66 pts)

Sugil Donofield Cup

E.C. Howell Cup

by Clive Brook-Fox



## LADIES' GOLF

On April 2 we finally returned to the Army Golf course, the fairways and the greens were in really good condition and I think everyone was happy for the reunion with caddies and familiar grounds again. Records show that the last time we played at the Army was December 4, 1984! Hope also now that the rainy season is just around the corner that the improvements made on the course will prove themselves.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a some what be-lated welcome to our Tuesday morning golf, to Marion Houghton, and to new members Dolores Aaron and Maureen Hyde. Very happy to have you with us and hope you will enjoy your golf!

A very big thank you to Vicky MacWilliam for arranging an extremely challenging farewell match play, where all participants played against Vicky! She gave lovely bronze engraved plates as prizes; and for everyone who could out-drive Vicky's 5-iron tee-off, there was a beautiful hat pin badge. Thank you Vicky-Bon voyage and good luck to you and your family.

### Competition Results

2 April	Stableford	Army Golf Course
A Division Winner:	Lise Dencker Nielsen	36 pts
Runner up:	Vicky MacWilliam	35 "
B Division Winner:	Anne Hendrie	40 "
Runner up:	Jeanie Finch	38 "
Nearest pin #4	Joan Jurgens	
#13	Margaret Ross	
Longest drive #18	Margaret Ross	
Under Par	Anny Hendrie	68 pts
	Jeanie Finch	69 "



## Vicky's Farewell Match Play 16th April - Army Golf Club

### Bronze Plate Winners:

Anne Hendrie	+7
Mo Harris	+6
Lise Dencker Nielsen	+6
Pam Hardy	+5
Anne Swankie	+2
Mary Hussey	all square
Betty Watters	" "

Nearest pin : 4

" " : 13

### Under Pars

Lise Dencker Nielsen

Vicky MacWilliam

Mo Harris	70
Mary Hussey	70
Anne Swankie	70
Anne Hendrie	70
Pam Hardy	71

We ended up the game with a good Thai lunch catered by the Army Club (Thank you Muriel and Ben!) and were very happy to see Sheila Kerr and Prue Pointer at the 19th! and who both said they will soon be out to join us.

The next important event will be the "GESTETNER TROPHY" at the Rose Garden on the 14 and 21st May (Tee-off 7 a.m.) This will be a Stableford. Please come, it's beautiful out there, and there will be lunch and prizes in Lise's house on the final day.

HAPPY GOLFING !



The Bronze Plate Winners at Vicky's Farewell Match-play - Pam, Lise, Mo, Anne, Betty, Vicky and Mary.



## RUGBY

Description : A game for hooligans played by gentlemen.

Aim : To work up, over a period of 80 minutes (plus 5-10 minutes at half-time), a good enough thirst to ensure that the local pub almost (but not quite) runs out of beer.

General tactics : Two "packs" of 8 animals, usually large, hairy and ugly, contend for possession of an oval shaped ball. The pack which wins possession then gives the ball to the seven pretty-boys who make up the rest of the team. It is the duty of these pretty-boys to dazzle the opposition by means of superior beauty, mirrors, speed and body movement, and to deposit the ball over the opposition's goal line. The animals are also allowed to score in this manner, but (a) they can't do it half-so-pretty, and (b) such a concept is usually beyond the limits of their collective intelligence.

Other important points : The ball is passed backwards or, at the very limit, to the side. (Unless the referee isn't looking, when a forward pass is usually desirable.)

Scoring : 1. Touch the ball down over the opposition's goal line - don't run across the line and throw it away! This is called a TRY, even though you've just succeeded. (4 points)

2. Kick the ball over the crossbar and between the posts. This comes after a try and is called a CONVERSION - any religious person can tell you this. (2 points)

3. After a suitable offence by the opposition kick the ball as for a conversion. This is called a PENALTY. (3 points)

NOTE: It is also possible to run with the ball after such an offence, but most people prefer to take the opportunity to have a rest for a couple of minutes.



4. Drop the ball onto the ground and kick it as for a conversion (requires coordination). This is called a DROP-GOAL. (3 points)

YOU SEE, IT'S NOT SO DIFFICULT AFTER ALL! COME AND JOIN US ON THE BACK LAWN FOR TRAINING EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENING.

#### BRITISH CLUB PLAY PERFECT HOSTS - 5-7 APRIL 1985

If ever there was a weekend which promised hope and greater things, this was it. Two touring teams, two chances to impress, make friends, get drunk and sing naughty songs. The BC rose to the occasion, determined to enhance our growing reputation, but forgot the words of the Bard - "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft' agley."

But to the action.

Friday, 5 April; BC vs International Sports Club of Indonesia (ISCI) Team:

Peter Collins; Chris Joly, Vince Swift, Drew Wilkins, Paddy Lewis; Terry Smith (capt.) Keith Davison; Jim Howard, Dave Wallace, Gary McCoy; Gary Crist, Steve Major; Tony Coffey, Vaughan Bonnell.

The build-up. This lot had just come from Hong Kong, where their sevens team had scared the merde out of the French Barbarians before succumbing to the inevitable. Conversation among the BC team ran along the lines of "Oh dear, what have we let ourselves in for?" Then came the good news - only 2 of that team were in Bangkok, and what's more, both had refused to play. We were in with a chance; more so when it turned out that they only had 14 fit players, so the contest would start even. (Yes the vagaries of work, play, wives, girlfriends and permanently engaged telephones - we couldn't get a hold of the French Foreign Legion, for example) - meant that we too only had 14 players, but perhaps not so fit. Yet we took the field undaunted and even the choir practising hymns in the stand couldn't dampen our spirit.

So it began, and we were immediately under pressure. After only a couple of minutes of stout defending, Drew Wilkins was laid out while trying to tackle with his nose and had to go off for treatment and verbal abuse from his wife, Annie. With the BC defences depleted, ISCI took their chance and scored a fine try. BC were suitably unimpressed and came back strongly and were awarded a penalty inside the ISCI 22 after a forward infringement. Wilkins, at this time still

receiving attention off the field, saw his chance for glory, dropped everything, sprinted onto the field to slot the kick home - and missed. ISCI, eager to show their contempt, bounced back to score again almost immediately, and by half-time it was 14-0 for the tourists.

The second half saw a more spirited performance by the BC, with the forwards acquitting themselves admirably. Dave Wallace hooked well, obviously relishing the support of props Jim Howard and Gary McCoy; but despite winning some good possession, our makeshift backline could do little to turn this possession into points. Smith, Davison and Collins probed in vain and promising moves broke down in the face of superb cover from the ISCI back row. ISCI crossed for two more unconverted tries and kicked a penalty. Wilkins eventually got his glory with a well-taken penalty.

Final Score: BC 3 : ISCI 25

Sunday, 7 April; BC vs Valley RFC, Hong Kong, at the Shell Company Soccer Field Team:

Peter Collins; Chris Joly, Paddy Lewis, Drew Wilkins, Colin Hastings; Terry Smith (capt.) Keith Davison; Jim Howard, Dave Wallace, Gary McCoy, Gary Crist, Steve Major; Tony Coffey, John Addis, Vince Swift.

From the sublime to the ridiculous. Despite the tremendous efforts of the TRU, we were unable to secure the use of a proper pitch for our second match and played on a nicely grassed but tight soccer pitch. With half our team having just played in a two-day soccer competition, one could understand a bit of confusion.

But still we went in hope. Quote Gary Crist, the Baby Whale himself, "We should beat these guys, it's only their second team." Unfortunately the Valley Vultures cheated by playing a couple of twenty-year olds who could run a bit, and were generally much stronger than we had anticipated.

Being nice guys, we started a couple of men short and Valley kindly gave us Ernie to redress the balance. No pools winners here though, except Valley, as we showed our thanks by allowing them to score straight from the kick-off. We were even honest about the conversion. In another fit of generosity, Terry Smith pulled a muscle and spent the rest of the first half on the wing before leaving the field of play altogether at half-time; and Paddy Lewis crocked his shoulder (his excuse and he's sticking to it). Meanwhile Valley were rampant, no doubt remembering the previous evening's exploits, and ran in a few more tries. The half-time score was BC none, Valley lots.



The cavalry arrived at half-time in the guise of Peter Collins and Tony Coffey (who had taken out honorary German citizenship for the weekend). These two young men from the Embassy had shown all the qualities necessary for the modern diplomat by failing to follow a perfectly drawn map to the ground and getting lost for half an hour. Perhaps they should have joined the Boy Scouts. But they performed heroics in the second half and helped inspire the team to a better all-round performance, with the result that Valley only managed to score once more and BC came close on a couple of occasions to getting the vital breakthrough as the opposition wilted in the heat.

Final score : BC 0 : Valley 24

This game was remarkable for the fact that Valley only once got the put-in at set-scrums, and they ran every penalty they got; the former thanks to the referee, the latter due to a commendable desire to enjoy the game. Then there was the balls in the tank-farm syndrome.... fortunately someone kept throwing them back to us.

Both teams were fed and watered at the British Club after their respective games, and then there followed the real raison d'etre of the game - the socialising, drinking and singing. ISCI again inflicted a severe defeat on us when they performed a veritable cabaret of songs. I bet nobody knew that Paul McCartney had written "Irian Jaya", or that those innocent little kids in the Sound of Music were really singing "Joe's a queer, a real live queer."

However, against Valley we more than held our own and the singing lasted till late. Highlights of the evening were John Addis falling off sunshine mountain and the Baby Whale being returned to his natural habitat. Valley chose Peter Collins as our best player and gave him a tie for his efforts. Others maintain that he only looked good because he only played half a game and was therefore fresher than everyone else.

Hindsight begets wisdom. The next touring team will not be allowed to leave Patpong before closing time on the 3 nights prior to the big game; they will be invited to the BC for a suitably heavy lunch, accompanied by suitable quantities of amber liquid on the day of the game; and anyone younger than Terry Smith will be sent off in the first few minutes of the game if he hasn't mysteriously contracted food poisoning just after arriving in Bangkok. Also, we will not play 2 matches in one weekend, especially the same weekend that the Soccer Section ( $\frac{1}{2}$  the rugby section) are playing in a gruelling 2-day tournament.

Our thanks must go to the following people:

The TRU for providing us with referees for both matches and the stadium for the first match.

Shell (Thailand) Ltd. for the use of their soccer pitch.

The British Club for the catering.

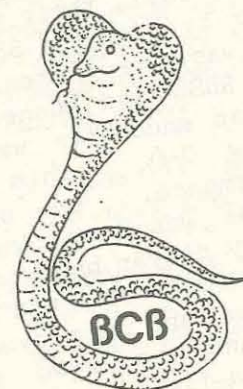
Finally to ISCI and Valley RFC for making the trip and providing us with fitting opposition to open our second season.

DON'T FORGET!!!! Terry Smith has offered a bottle of whisky to the person who comes up with the best suggestion for a team name and logo. These come from Drew Wilkins, who is angling for a freebie now that the price of booze has gone up.

1. Name - British Club Angels (we live in the city of angels and so far we've been very good to everyone)



2. Name - British Club Cobras (you know, Thailand, the land of the King Cobra)



Drawings approximate.

Drew also reckons he's got a club song and says he'll sing it to anyone in the showers after training. Colin Hastings where are you?





# SOCCER

## DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT : FEBRUARY, MARCH APRIL

(The SS dispatches for the last two months have been unavoidably held up as the messenger entrusted with their safe delivery has twice been the victim of dastardly and almost fatal poisonings. A thorough medical examination of the messenger the day after these vicious assassination attempts revealed that his internal organs were swimming in formaldehyde - almost two litres was drained from his inert body. The formaldehyde, of course, caused paralysis of the limbs and total shut-down of mental activity for several hours. And, far worse, while the messenger's comatose form looked like a corpse it also smelled like one. The SS High Command is even now scrutinising every possible avenue by which the formaldehyde could have been introduced to the luckless messenger. Excessive intake of Kloster has been ruled out because, as everyone knows, Kloster is only one tenth formaldehyde. And it's clearly absurd to suppose the messenger drank 20 litres at one sitting. Even if he was a regular in the first-team).

### FEBRUARY : THE FLOODLIT TROPHY

"SS finally halted in Henri Durant Strasse"

The Floodlit is yet another tournament which the Sports Club has traditionally stitched up: their ball, their pitch, their referee and their trophy. But year by year the SS is getting closer to lifting it. This year was the closest yet. We creamed every side we met except RBSC and pushed them very hard on two occasions. The first encounter was in the qualifying round when we drew 0-0. This was a very disciplined and satisfying performance. Our strategy of containing their sharp forward line was less comprehensive than last year - we didn't pull every player back to help the beleaguered backs. As a result our mid-field found plenty of space to generate fast attacking moves and we played them at their own game. Exciting stuff, and the crowd seemingly agreed. We were strengthened in mid-field by the skill and strong-running of Mike Smith, Terry's wee brother.

Mike's remarkable stamina on the pitch was later surpassed, amazing though it may seem, by his dedicated efforts on the Strip. Whatever jungle juice Mike was squirting in his gourd should be standard issue for the entire team. I've never seen one man take on so many well-built defenders in one burst. For the record, it must be noted here that Terry was an unwilling victim led astray by his wild, dissolute brother. At pumpkin time, Terry was observed, snorkel in beer, tears down face, muttering: "Oh no, oh no... 103 brownie points used in one night... No more pink tickets until 1987." He was not in anyway responsible for encouraging Mike in his vulgar deprecations. Honest Marge, this is the truth.

Now, where were we. Ah yes. In mid-field. Cushy had a startlingly good game, and even made some tackles. In honour of this rare event, he was voted the Cinderella, the SS Man of the Match award. Craig Rennie demonstrated yet again with a couple of magnificent saves how the acquisition of a class goal-keeper has put us on level footing with our most difficult opponent.

By the end of the game the Sports Club were losing steam and heart, while the SS young lions were still giving it plenty. Had the game lasted another five minutes, our pressure would surely have told, but it was not to be.

Having served notice on them in such rude fashion, and having won through the play-offs the SS faced RBSC again in the final. We lost 1-0 due to an unfortunate early goal, but the match must go unreported as your intrepid scribe was socked in at Frankfurt. (Please note: that is not a juvenile attempt at German pronunciation; it is the correct aeronautical term for being confined to the ground due to inclement weather.) However, I should in passing mention that the Sports Club only managed to avoid a draw due to inaccurate shooting by our ace penalty-taker. He shall remain anonymous to avoid massive loss of face. (That's a drink you owe me, Drew.)

Next year's floodlit however will be a different story. Remember this: they are getting older - and we are not.

### MARCH : THE FARANG LEAGUE

"The SS take the honours yet again"

Another league championship, sealed by a 4-1 win over ISB and gilded by a final victory against the Scans, guaranteed continued British dominance of the Bangkok soccer scene. Tough the league was not decided until mid-March, the SS statistics were overwhelmingly superior to every other team's.



We scored twice as many goals (67) as the next highest-scoring team, and conceded fewer (9) than any else in the 16-game competition. The facts speak for themselves, but as usual with forked tongue. So, if I may, let me submit to you my humble interpretation of the season's performance in a few provocative and brilliantly perceptive phrases.

In summary: Our attack was poorer than expected but our defence was exceptionally solid, and that's why we won the league.

"Gross over-simplification, rash generalisation, totally biased" - I can hear you wingeing now. So let me remind you of our pattern of results. Sure, we scored 67 goals - averaging four a game, with some crackers amongst them, and some fine individual tallies (Swift two to name but one). But this wasn't how the goals were distributed. If you recall, we had strings of embarrassingly easy victories, mangling the Germans, Swiss, Daimler Benze and the schoolboys, and rattling in as many as nine goals in one game. Then we'd have some really duff matches, when we just couldn't stick it in - as against the Indians and the Thai Sikhs. Our attack did not find the back of the net as consistently as it did last year, particularly against difficult or unpredictable opposition. Like the Frogs - a horrible kettle of fish to be sure. Remember we conceded one third of the season's goals in the first game against them. Which brings me to our defence. Now what's the most appropriate description? Noble? Distinguished? Virile? No, none of these. Not pretty either but pretty effective. Not stylish, but stubborn. Not exactly composed, but fairly consistent. And lucky - lucky that Craig arrived, lucky that he stopped a stream of dreadful back-passes (mainly may own, I am ashamed to say), and lucky that we clicked in defense when we didn't quite in attack.

But no matter: while there is room for improvement we won handsomely in the end and that's what counts.

The end of the League sadly saw the final appearance and subsequent departure of the Socialist Scourge, the Politburo Plague, the notorious Baron Brian, Bolshevik of Bangkok. Having purified himself of his capitalist trappings - the retinue of servants, the UN limmo, the tax-free booze, the smuggled hi-fi, - the Baron is off to throw down the gauntlet to the 7th Russian Armoured Division in Afghanistan. It is doubtful whether he will be able to raise a team from the diplomatic community to sustain this challenge and as Afghanistan is not high on the SS list of future tour destinations he may have to hang up his boots. Two of our

most steadfast supporters - Big T and Little T - have regrettably departed with him. We hope to see them all again in good shape when the Baron emerges in a few years time in his new guise - "Tempered Thommo, the Conservative of Kabul."

#### MARCH 23RD : TRIP TO TRAT

The British Club Soccer Team so impressed one spectator while competing in the R.B.S.C., floodlit knock-out tournament earlier this year that they earned an invitation to Trat to participate in the celebrations commemorating the Chingivat's Liberation from French rule. No-one was able to ascertain when or how this liberation occurred, though the ex-Major of Trat did say it was some long time ago. It came as a surprise to the team to find that Trat had never been under French rule, almost as big a surprise as discovering that all the celebrations weren't solely in our honour. This fact not being revealed until we were well into a superb after-match feast.

The spectator at R.B.S.C., Mr. Yut, an officer in the Royal Thai Airforce, who has the unenviable job of flying reconnaissance missions along the Kampuchean border, invited the B.C. down to play a combined team of Airforce, Army and Changwat players as part of the Changwat celebrations on Sunday 24th, March. Everything was laid on and the hospitality was very good, very Thai. A coach was provided to take the team from Bangkok, in retrospect an ambulance may have been more appropriate, since the coach left at 6.30 a.m. A number of lads missed it, and an amazing day.

Upon arrival in Trat we were treated to a real Thai feast, sufficient for 50 or more. However the 15 who did make it, including one wife and two children, managed to make a good inroad into the seemingly never ending supply of food. Some even did a good job on the never ending supply of Singha-though those seated closest the Captain restricted themselves, to fanta. (Not much of choice really). After lunch we were informed that kick-off would be in an hours time.

Arriving at the Stadium was quite an experience. Lots of people, parades with pretty girls decked out in National Costumes, and even brass bands. At the time we thought this was all for our benefit and had to resist a strong urge to implore the bus driver to keep straight on. We didn't. We were seated on the dais, behind the Changwat Governor, so, even if the whole deal wasn't for us, we were definitely expected and welcome, and hadn't come to the wrong place.



As we lined up on the pitch before the match a helicopter appeared overhead and impressed us (and terrified not a few) with a display. It then hovered right over our unprotected heads - and, with the downdraught blowing dust everywhere, onto the marquee roof, two men absailed from the helicopter each bearing what bore a strong resemblance to a brand new football. These turned out be the matchballs and were duly presented to the Governor who, incidentally, was the only person unmoved (Sic) by the pandemonium all around. Very impressive stuff, certainly moving.

We'll pass over the match details and continue with the real purpose of the day. After the match we moved to another restaurant, this time on the Trat pier an idyllic setting - islands, sea, sunset and plenty of food and drink. Again the food was superb, all kinds of fresh seafood done in all kinds of wonderful ways. Talking to our hosts we learned that, if we had been able to stay overnight, a fishing trip to the outer islands had been laid on for the following day, with a helicopter ride back to Bangkok in the evening.

Towards the end of the meal the singing started, with the Thais and us swapping songs. You can get away with a lot when you understand what you're singing, or at least you think so, Jim Howard did a wonderful solo on the merits of his mother-in-law. After the meal an English speaking Thai inquired of Jim, "How come you like your mother-in-law?" To which he replied 'She's Chinese and neither speaks nor understands Chinese. I'm English and neither speak nor understand Chinese, so we get on fine.' (This is something those considering cross-cultural marriage may well consider). The finale of the singing was the B.C.'s rendition of 'You'll Never Walk Alone', a bad choice, especially for a bunch of tone-deaf, half-drunk footballers. Some of the notes would cause problems for the Vienna Boys Choir. Next year it may be advisable to have some 'ringers' in the choir - as well as on the soccer field.

All good things come to an end, but I'm sure everyone on the trip had a memorable day and would recommend Trat to anyone looking for a weekend away from the hussle of Bangkok. Hopefully we can some day reciprocate the wonderful hospitality extended to us.

As the brighter readers among you may have gathered the Bruts lost the football match, though only 1-0. It wasn't a great game and the Thais deserved their victory. For the B.C. both Alan Barlow and Craig Rennie had outstanding games - fortunately, as they're both defenders.



## SQUASH

Another challenge match followed by a social evening, this time versus the Australian Embassy. Just to make the visitors feel at home our team consisted of a Falkland Islander, and American and a Dutch Lady. Mike Summers lost to Graham Lade 3-0, Tom Annas and Jantje winning against Colin Kowley and Greg Rimes both 3-0.

Two members of the Squash Section formed the part of the Thai National Team who recently visited Manila, to take part in the East Asian Squash Championships.

Colin Hastings acted as player manager and John Thompson was a member of the team. Although both lost they put up creditable performances.

### March League Results

Division 1	pts	Division 2	pts
1. Mervin Rattray	15	1. Bruce Pointer	14
2. Colin Hastings	14	2. Jim Howard	14
Division 3		Division 4	
1. Craig Rennie	13	1. Brian Francis	12
2. Derek Johnson	13	2. Richard Wingfield	8
Division 5		Division 6	
1. Martin Hazell	12	1. David Parker	10
2. Keith Ross	8	2. Paul Welford	10
Division 7		Division 8	
1. Tom Annas	3	1. John Spurr	12
2. Chris Joly	2	2. Rory MacWilliam	10
Division 9		Division 10	
1. Jonathan Addis	14	1. Howard Rutter	15
2. Geoff Thorpe		2. Mike Binns	14
Division 11		Division 12	
1. Annie Wilkins	9	1. Geoff Slack-Smith	12
2. Terry Adams	6	2. Alan Barlow	10



### Division 13

	pts
1. Richard Bissett	17
2. Linsey O'Connor	16

### Division 15

1. Margaret Currie	14
2. Wendy Morris	12

### Division 14

	pts
1. Steven Castledine	12
2. Douglas Sheldon	10

### Division 16

1. Greg Rimes	12
2. Sue Baker	9

Congratulations to Tom Annas winner of Division 7 with only 3 pts. must be a record of some description. The other award of the month must go to our Squash Section Secretary who, arriving some half an hour late for a league game, bounds up the steps at the side of court 1, sees a disgruntled player hitting the ball to himself, shouts "Sorry I'm late -- 2 minutes" changes, hurtles on to the court, 30 secs knock up and loses 9-0, 9-1, 9-1. On coming off the court a further very irate player stands saying "You should have played me" -- "Who me?" is the reply from our intrepid pair coming off court. Confusion then reigned for a few seconds.

Our secretary had not only played the wrong player from 5 divisions higher, but played on the wrong court which he had booked himself. Well done - Harold!

### Interport Tours

Any squash player interested in an out of Bangkok Tour to play squash please give your name to Harold Mercer. Although we will try for sponsorship, group discounts etc. The cost will have to be borne by the individuals.

### Squash Shirts

Still a few left for purchase in reception. Still the bargain of the month.



## SWIMMING

### April Fools

The fact that April begins on the 1st, with the connotations that implies seems to have had a very adverse effect upon the Swimming Committee this month - I hope it wasn't too obvious.

It all started when we decided, for reasons of long weekends etc. to change the timing of the gala from the second to the third Sunday of the month. We had observed a certain lack of punctuality in the issue of Outpost and so thought it would be a good idea to issue a flyer. This was duly prepared and delivered to the office before the end of March - "Yes of course it will be sent out" our dear manager said. Did you receive a copy? Neither did I. I assume it is still at the bottom of someones in tray and you may get it next month. Please Mr. Manager, Sir, if you say you will send something out try to do it. We could have easily mobilised our own forces to write the necessary envelopes if you had said it couldn't be done.

The next little problem occurred when our noble Chairman and Gala organiser had to unexpectedly go to England. He didn't tell us he was going, but left little letters pinned to the notice board. These were 'discovered' at about 8.30 on the Saturday when the new tests were to be introduced! One of the reasons for Barry's rapid departure was disclosed in the letters - he had lost the test sheets for the new tests, and obviously fled to cover his embarrassment. So Saturday saw the last, we hope, act of artificial respiration applied to our extinct fish - unfortunately we had run out of Snapper badges and have to get some more made.

Sunday was gala day. Barry had escaped, your scribe was in Phuket, and our poor lady committee members were left unprotected and unchaperoned to fend for themselves. They live in fear and trepidation of the P.A. System (rumour has it that its the shape of the microphone that does it) and so volunteered a gallant erstwhile football coach to assist. Breathing easily again, they were confronted - or more accurately inundated by a sudden deluge from heaven just before start time. Cancel it, went up the cries - but no, having got so far, and seeing a vague glimmer of blue on the far horizon, our gallant ladies resolutely decided to continue, as they cowered under the flimsy shelter of their



umbrella. The powers above, realising that Songkran was the week before and in the face of such determination, abruptly halted the downpour and a very successful gala ensued.

The ghost of April 1 had not quite finished, however. Having got to the final stages - presentation of awards, he struck again, and the battery in our home Spur Lord Snowdon's camera was flat - hence no photos - sorry to all award winners - we shall definitely have photos next time - I hope.

Enough excuses - lets to the meat - or at least the fish of the report.

### Proficiency Badges

Over 20 young swimmers turn up on 20th April. All but one (apologies to Jack McConnell who already is a Shark and hence at the top of the old scale) took a test under the old system.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

<u>Puffer</u>	Elizabeth Thorpe, Sarah Rennie, James Rennie.
<u>Snapper</u>	Timothy Johnston, Lucy Johnston, Sarah Rennie, Ali Fancy, Nina Fancy, Judith Rutter, Lynley Strange, Zoe Binns, Elizabeth Thorpe, Elizabeth Buhler, Naomi Kent.
<u>Dolphin</u>	C.J. Kefford, Alistair Binns, Sally Dunford, John Barnes.
<u>Whale</u>	George Dunford, Xanthe Kent, Sarah Buhler, Morcar McConnell.

Apologies to the 11 new Snappers - we will have some badges made soon - before the next gala I hope.

### Gala 21st April

Despite all our April Fools, 35 swimmers took part in a bumper gala.

Welcome to the following new faces:

Nina and Ali Fancy, Zoe and Alistair Binns, Christopher and Nicholas Ferguson, and last but not least Sally Dunford.

The results show that there were lots of first swims in that style, and really not so many improvements recorded.

Star of the show was undoubtedly:

### NEW BCB RECORD FOR ZOE BINNS

In her first gala she knocked another 5.4 seconds of that under 7 girls I.M. record which was only set last month by Naomi Kent. Naomi also broke her own record by 0.6 secs.

Renee McDonald knocked 9 seconds off her previous Freestyle time, and Timothy Strange reduced his freestyle time by 11 seconds, but only Jack McConnell managed improvements in two strokes so:

### IMPROVER OF THE MONTH : JACK MCCONNELL

Congratulations to all who improved their times. Don't forget what I said in a previous issue, you are all swimming against your previous times. So never mind if you are consistently last, a consistent improvement could make you improver of the month. Keep practicing and keep competing in all strokes.

Next month we revert to our middle of the month timing so:

ENDURANCE TESTS (2-1 0 lengths)	SATURDAY 11 MAY	10.00
GALA (Breast, Butterfly & I.M.)	SUNDAY 12 MAY	12.00

### Personal Survival and Life Saving

Jane Kefford is still collecting names of Dolphins and above + Mums & Dads who are interested in Saturday Morning training in survival & life saving. Cost 100 Baht per month. Please phone her a.s.a.p.

Thats all - see you at the next gala.



: SWIMMING RESULTS FOR 21ST APRIL 1985 :

C = Comparison with Best Personal Time.

+ = Longer Time.

- = An improvement.

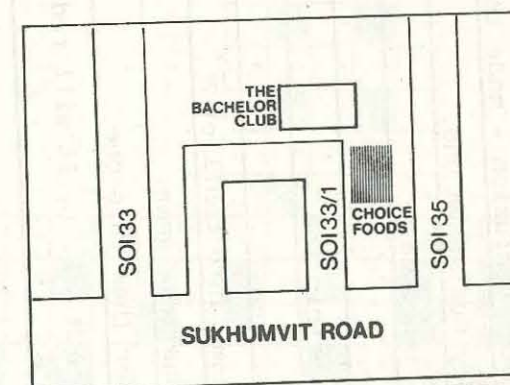
x = First recorded time.

Age	Sex	NAME	FREE		BACK		I.M.		Total C (Strokes)
			Time	C	Time	C	Time	C	
Under 7's	Girls	BCB RECORD	20.4	-	24.6	-	1.10.0	-	
		Zoe Binns	25.0	x	33.7	x	1.04.4	x	
		Naomi Kent	26.0	x	32.2	x	1.09.4	-1	-1 (1)
		Nina Fancy	27.5	x	-	-	1.17.0	x	
		Renee McDonald	36.0	-9	-	-	-	-	-9 (1)
	Boys	BCB RECORD	19.6	-	24.8	-	59.5	-	
		Timothy Johnston	30.1	x	35.5	x	1.26.0	x	
		Christopher Ferguson	37.0	x	-	-	-	-	
		Timothy Strange	38.0	-11	45.0	x	1.21.7	x	-11 (1)
		Alexi Hughes	-	-	32.1	+6	1.15.0	-6	-0
Under 9's	Girls	BCB RECORD	40.7	-	48.4	-	1.45.9	-	
		Morag Swankie	-	-	1.20.9	+1	2.47.0	x	
		Lynley Strange	55.0	x	-	-	-	-	
		Elizabeth Buhler	56.0	x	-	-	2.30.0	x	
		Sally Dunford	57.0	x	1.07.5	x	2.23.0	x	
	Boys	BCB RECORD	38.5	-	47.8	-	1.42.0	-	
		Jack McConnell	40.0	-4	58.0	+2	1.54.5	-8	-12 (2)
		Richard Lovell	44.0	-1	-	-	-	-	
		C.J. Kefford	48.8	+1	1.06.0	+3	2.16.4	+3	
		Morcar McConnell	50.0	x	1.02.0	x	2.16.0	x	
Under 11's	Girls	BCB RECORD	35.0	-	41.4	-	1.30.5	-	
		Katie Sill	41.0	-3	-	-	-	-	-3 (1)
		Xanthe Kent	43.0	+4	58.0	-5	-	-	-5 (1)
		Sarah Buhler	41.5	0	-	-	2.07.0	x	
		Jane Warham	49.5	x	-	-	2.16.0	+3	
	Boys	BCB RECORD	35.5	-	41.2	-	1.30.5	-	
		Richard Tarrant	47.8	-3	-	-	-	-	-3 (1)
		Alastair Binns	49.5	x	1.00	x	2.26.0	x	
		BCB RECORD	1.12.0	-	1.24.1	-	2.54.0	-	
		Natasha Lovell	1.28	+3	-	-	-	-	
Under 13's	Girls	BCB RECORD	1.09.2	-	1.22.3	-	2.50.6	-	
		Neil Baker	1.47.2	-2	2.12.0	+8	4.35.0	+28	-2 (1)
	Boys	BCB RECORD	1.12.4	-	1.23.0	-	2.35.4	-	
Under 15's	Girls	Marianne Lovell	1.42.0	x	-	-	-	-	

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A) Avarice is this deadly sin.	1	2	4	5	6	7						
B) Begat Rao in some confusion - made to cancel.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
C) Everyone simply must have one.	16	17	18	19	20	21						
D) Just can't be imagined !	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	
E) Dash in France.	33	34	35	36								
F) Freedom from restriction.	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44				
G) Consummate.	45	46	47	48	49	50	51					
H) Employ - and come into conflict ?	52	53	54	55	56	57						
I) You may have one in a game.	58	59	60	61	62	63	64					
J) We are all older than this one.	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72				
K) Steer around North S.E. ...it will reduce the distance.	73	74	75	76	77	78	79					
L) A sharp grinder.	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87				
M) Rain Fred ? It results in invisible rays.	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95				
N) Thin sailors make a French drink.	96	97	98	99	100	101	102					
O) A princely figure.	103	104	105	106	107							
P) Fuel for the festive season. (2 words)	108	109	110	111		112	113	114	115			

## SOLUTION

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58	94	113	45	110	33		39	7	106	18	
50	8	62	23	85	77		48	75	91	97	15
13	103		31	55	67	82	74	26	5	54	
92	68	80		105	2	46	93	40	36	69	
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	115	41	10	104	53	12	32				



## Activities

Anyone who is interested in participating in any aspect of the following activities should contact:

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Soccer	David Wallace	235 3551
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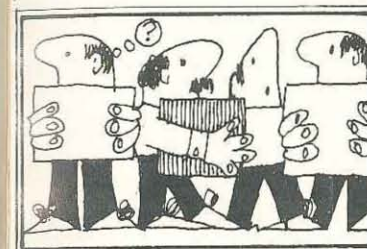
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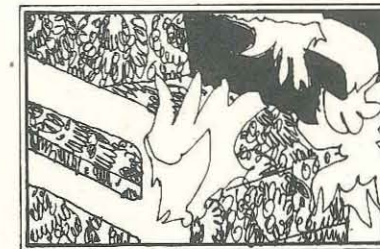
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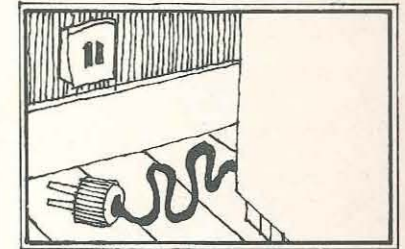
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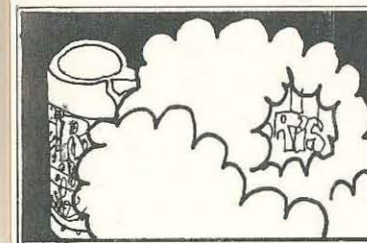
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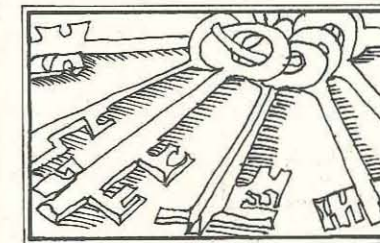
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