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This month's issue is another bumper edition despite several sports columns being reduced or absent in view of the season. The history column continues with an item on Christ Church which celebrates its diamond jubilee this month and lessons in Rhyming Slang and back ache persist. More articles of general interest are needed.

We have tried to improve a little on presentation by introducing logos and printed headings for some regular sections and hopefully this feature can be extended in the future. We can also reproduce black and white photographs and topical ones will be welcome; squash and golf trophy winners come to mind for next month -- and how about a flash at the Folk Evening?

Good news on the Club front in June will be the introduction of a new dining room menu, although sadly in these inflationary times, prices will have to reflect increased costs. You may also notice that the content of the suggestion-books is being taken more note of by the Committee and Manager: Valid points raised by members are being acted upon if possible.

Entertainment in the Club promises to be quite something on the 6th and 7th of June provided by a Dixieland jazz band on Friday 6th and the Folk Group on the Saturday - don't miss these events. Unfortunately, Patrick at the Piano on Wednesdays and Fridays has not drawn the expected crowds and the experiment will be discontinued - the piano will remain in the bar, however, and volunteers are encouraged.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS/SPECIAL DAYS FOR JUNE

Sat 14 - H.M. Queen Official Birthday (U.K.)

WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	BRIDGE	7.30 p.m.
	CURRY NIGHT	6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
Thursday	LADIES SQUASH	9.00 a.m.
	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Friday	BALLET	2.00 p.m.
Saturday	TENNIS	10.30 a.m.
Sunday	TENNIS	10.30 a.m.

CLUB/SECTION EVENTS FOR JUNE 1980

Sun 1	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "The Stone Killer"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
	- <u>Squash.</u> Final Don Johnston Cup and Social Barbecue	4.30 p.m.
	- <u>Golf.</u> Club Championship (Rose Garden)	8.30 a.m.
Tue 3	- NEW MEMBERS NIGHT	5.30 p.m.
	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Stableford	
Sat 7	- Children's Activities	9.00 a.m.
	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Superman"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 8	- Monthly Swimming Gala	11.30 a.m.
	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Superman"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Tue 10	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> 2 Clubs & a putter	
Thu 12	- Squash Lecture	7.30 p.m.
Sat 14	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Diamonds are Forever"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 15	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Diamonds are Forever"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Tue 17	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> 9 Hidden Holes	
Wed 18	- Squash Lecture	7.30 p.m.
Sat 21	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Bonnie & Clyde"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 22	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Bonnie & Clyde"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sat 28	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Cool Hand Luke"	5 & 8.00 p.m.
Sun 29	- <u>Video Tape.</u> "Cool Hand Luke"	2, 5 & 8.00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEW MEMBERS:

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

Ordinary

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Mr. J.R. Cullen	W.H.O.
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Mr. C.D. Wilson	Singer
Mr. C.R. Young	British Embassy

Up-Country

Mr. J.C. Major	Kingston Reynolds
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Non-Voting

Mr. R.J. Holman	British Embassy
Mr. C. Symes	British Embassy

Ladies Privileges

Miss D. Gerbrandt	Missionary
Miss J.L. Ince	Australian Embassy
Mrs. K. Nimmanwathana	

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

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

Tuesday 3 June (Closing date 31 May)

Tuesday 1 July (Closing date 28 June)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed,

Until now inertia has prevented me, and I suspect other women and 'privileged ladies' with similar views, from putting pen to paper. I am finally goaded into action by Outpost's May edition with its 'Chemical Analysis of Women', submitted, one assumes, by some sixth form wit and confirmed misogynist. (And signing the offending article MCP does little to make it more endearing.)

The British Club is a much needed and much appreciated institution. It is also, I fear, an Edwardian bastion of male chauvinism and pinko-greyness and far though I am from being one of the bra-burning set I am beginning to find this a little tedious. When, one wonders, is the Club going to lurch forward into the 1980's? I'd even settle for the 1950's. In my (no doubt feminine) obtusity I fail to understand several things:

- i) Why the Committee is all-male
- ii) Why women aren't called members when effectively, as 'privileged ladies', they are
- iii) Why the Women's Liaison Group
 - a) allows itself to exist at all and
 - b) given that it does, allows its scope to be limited to children and the family.

I confess my ignorance of the Club constitution. Perhaps it is laid down that males only can be members. The obvious reply to that is that it's time to revise the constitution. If this male exclusiveness is not laid down then the current anomalies are even less excusable. I am prepared to be charitable. It is all no doubt nothing more sinister than an unquestioned following of tradition and in one sense doesn't matter a tinker's curse. In another, because it offends the sensibilities of some of us and is an unspoken statement of attitude, it matters a great deal and deserves an explanation.

I say print this if you dare and trust that such a challenge will be too great to resist. If this doesn't appear in the next edition of Outpost I shall assume that only contributions from men are entitled to appear in print....

Yours sincerely,

Otalie Pistov*

* actually Mrs. F26. I'm No coward.

Editor's Reply

Points taken but please note that:

- * at least four articles printed in the May edition were contributed by women.
- * our intention is to maintain a balance in published articles - have a look at page 17 of this issue.

Your main points are not related specifically to Outpost but are more Club issues. I would suggest you read rules 4, 6, 11 and 61 of the "Constitution and Rules" (copy in the office) and talk to the Ladies Liaison Group, whose activities are not as limited as you suggest.

Further comments on this topic are invited from Club users.

Ed.

Dear Editor,

Have I simply spotted last month's deliberate mistake, or is the author of the Cricket Section (P. 25) out to sabotage the Committee's decision to retain the title "Outpost"?

Either way, "my husband and I" were delighted to see the new title and think it a great improvement.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M68

I'm BOWLED over by this one - but of course not STUMPED for a reply! - It's a rather SILLY POINT about such a little SLIP. The offender has been OUTPOSTED to third man and the COVERS will definitely remain ON! (Hope you enjoy this BUMPER issue)

Ump.

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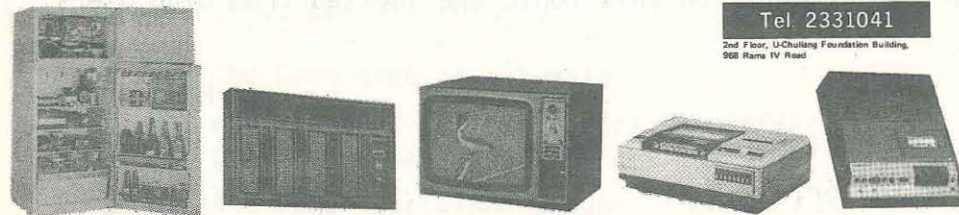
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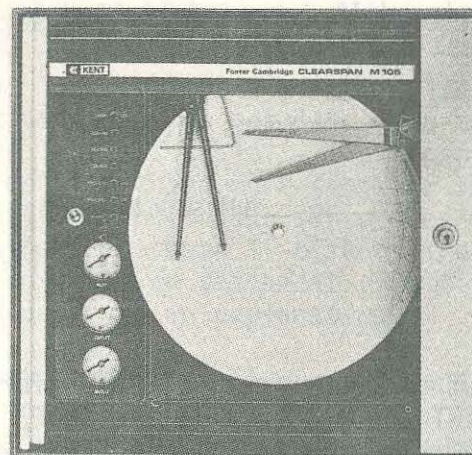


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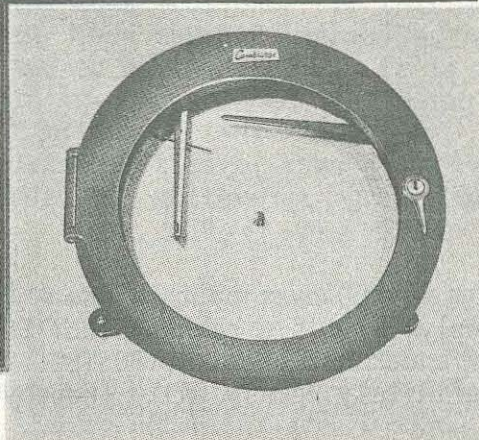
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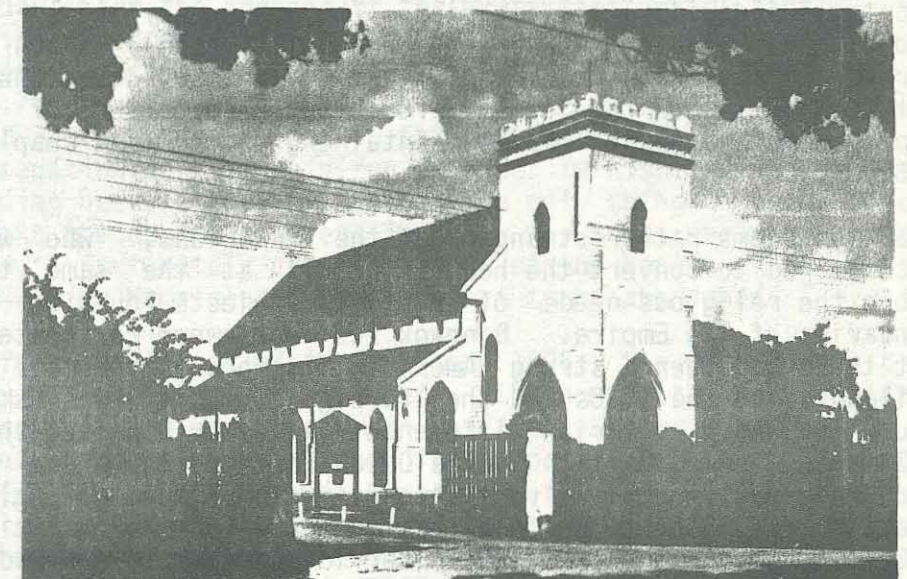
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CHRIST CHURCH, BANGKOK

"At 4 o'clock p.m. there is always a service, in the Protestant Chapel near the Borneo Company Limited. We generally have a full attendance of missionaries but it is especially designed for the European people, that are permanent or temporary residents here. The Queen of England was at half the expense of the church, that her subjects might have a place of worship. If all her subjects should be constant attendants, and hearty worshippers, it would be one of the most encouraging signs of the times in Bangkok."

This is not Canon Taylor speaking in 1980, but Samuel J. Smith, publisher of the Siam Repository (quarterly, \$1.50 a copy) in 1869. The first Protestant place of worship in Thailand was opened in 1864, and stood on the bank of the Chao Phya river between the Bangkok Dock Company and Wat Yannawa monastery, behind the Borneo Company on New Road.

Before this time 'The foreign residents of Bangkok of the Protestant religion have assembled for the celebration of divine service in one of the houses of the American missionaries', the British Consul wrote to the Foreign Secretary in 1861, adding tersely 'This is in many respects inconvenient.' American missionaries of the period were given to excessively lengthy sermons, and it is easy to imagine starched collars collapsing and ladies wilting entirely in the heat of a Bangkok Sunday.



There was also the matter of prestige to be considered: the Roman Catholic Church had a resident bishop, four churches or chapels in Bangkok and five up country. King Mongkut was appealed to and granted at once 'that piece of ground for being a middle ground for all Protestant Christians at present days and future' on the river bank. British and other foreign residents subscribed about £900 towards the building and finally after some reluctance and when work had to stop for lack of funds, the British Government was persuaded to contribute £400 to finish the roof and the interior.

We have no way of knowing what it looked like. No pictures survive and even its ground plan vanished when the site later became the Bangkok Dry Dock. It was described at the opening service as 'this noble edifice' but forty years on was dismissed by its last chaplain as 'an architectural monstrosity'. It seems to have been in the style of a Non-Conformist meeting house with a 'large, cool, and airy' room for services and a vestry which was used for thirty years by the Bangkok Ladies' Library Association as a library (see last month's OUTPOST).

A stained glass east window, showing a rather uninteresting Victorian lady as Faith, alone remains of the chapel furnishings and was incorporated in the west wall of Christ Church. There was no organ. The arrival of three new missionary families in 1869 occasioned some excitement as 'the ladies... are all singers. Two of them have good instruments and play skilfully, sacred music'. (Mr. Smith in the Siam Repository)

Not only the music but the services themselves depended on the efforts of individual missionaries. The community could not afford to pay a chaplain and services were usually taken by American Presbyterian missionaries until in 1894 the church committee persuaded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to make a grant towards maintaining an Anglican chaplain in Bangkok.

It always seems rather strange that the Victorians, who were so concerned to convert the heathen, could at the same time ignore the religious needs of British subjects outside the boundaries of its Empire. Bangkok residents were fortunate in that there had been a strong American missionary presence in Thailand since the 1830s and the foreign community was small enough to ignore sectarian differences and worship together. In Batavia (now Jakarta) in the Dutch East Indies where the Dutch Reformed Church was very strong and there were no English-speaking missionaries, the Anglican church which was built in 1828 often went months without a service being held and had to rely on the occasional ships chaplain to perform baptisms etc.

But now the development of commerce and industry was beginning to threaten the peace of the Protestant Chapel. In the early days people went to church by boat, and the river was still very quiet and pleasant. By 1900 commercial river traffic had increased to the point that the stridency of steam whistles interfered with services, and the perpetual clangour of ship-building only a short distance away in the Bangkok Dock Company's yards made worship very difficult. At the same time the surrounding area had become so built up that the only access to the chapel was through the Borneo Company compound.

In 1903, therefore, the church committee petitioned King Chulalongkorn for permission to sell the land which King Mongkut had granted in 1861, and to grant them another, more convenient site for a new church. With typical generosity the King not only granted their request but presented them with a plot of land on Sathorn Road next to the Nursing Home, three times the size of the river-side site, in 'the healthiest, coolest, and quietest' situation in Bangkok.

The Borneo Company agreed to purchase the old site and buildings for Ticals 57,000; the British Government was pleased to sanction the sale of the chapel to which it had contributed £400 of public money; Mr. J.S. Smyth, a local British architect submitted a plan for the new church; and work started in August 1904. As a final irony the Borneo Company re-sold the old site to the same Bangkok Dock Company whose industrial activities had forced the church to move.

The new church was dedicated on April 30th 1905, 41 years to the day after the opening of the Protestant Union Chapel. The service was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. H. de Courcy Blakeney, assisted by Canon W.G. Greenstock of the S.P.G. Mission, then 76 years of age, who had been the first Anglican chaplain in 1894. Paying tribute to the generosity of Members of the congregation who had paid for all the furnishings of the new building he concluded by saying 'The only thing that now remains to make the church complete in every way is a peal of tubular bells.' Fortunately considerations of the health of patients in the Nursing Home caused this project to be abandoned.

The font was installed in September 1905, the organ, built by Henry Willis & Son, in November. The new east window depicting the crucifixion was already in position - back to front: For 75 years the only way to see it properly has been to stand outside the church on a dark night with the light on inside. The lovely carved chancel screen which now stands at the back of the church was given in 1907. Two ceiling fans were installed for the choir in 1913, six more for the congregation in 1919. The usual service at this time was at 6.00 p.m. and must have been quite cool and pleasant.

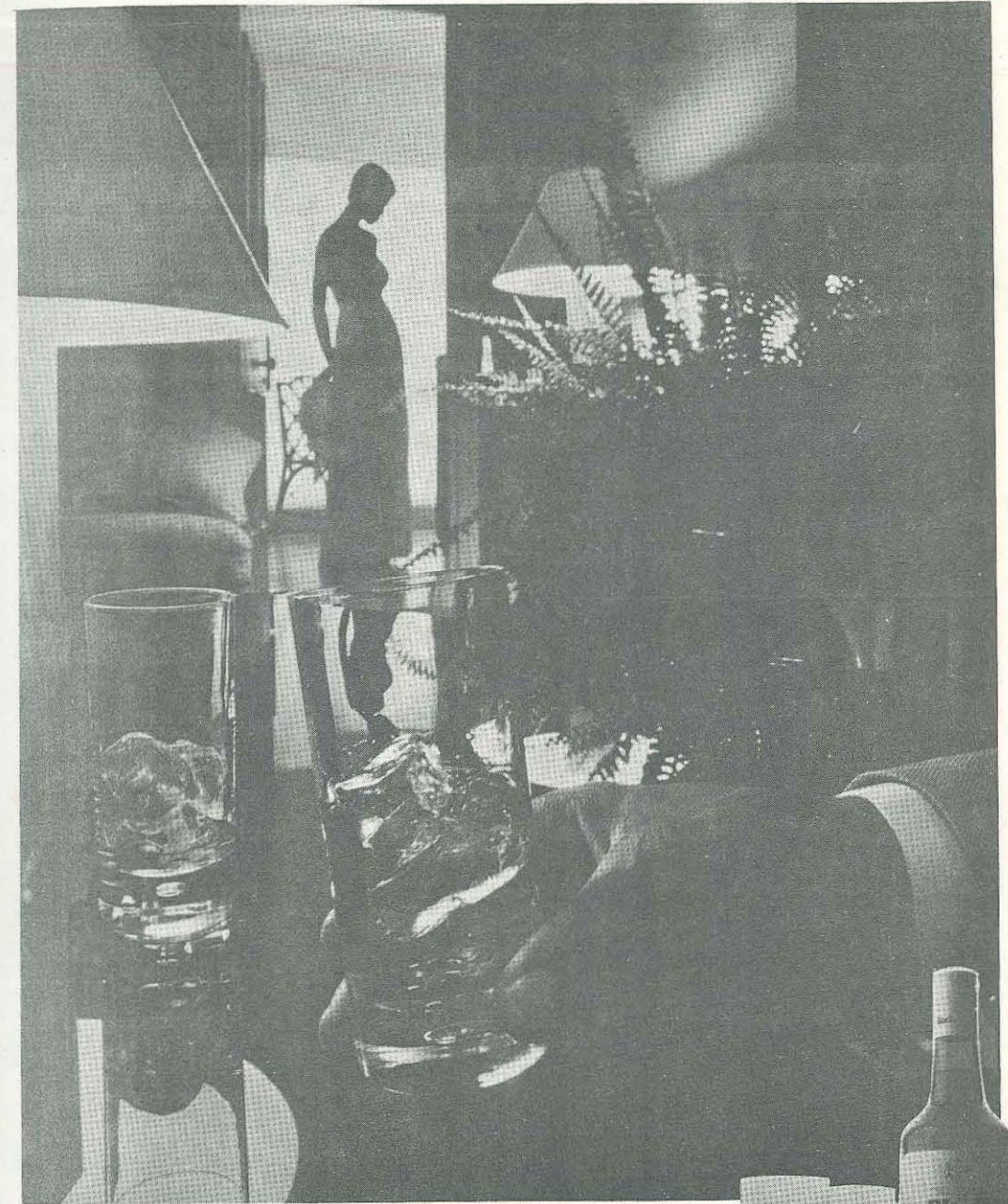
Apart from the occasional flood, as in 1917 when the church was under water for a month or in 1942 when water was 2ft. deep in the church, the only disturbance to the orderly life of Christ Church was the Second World War. At the end of 1941 all but one - a Dane - of the Church Committee and the chaplain were interned, and the Scandinavian and Swiss communities took over the running of the church. The building was closed and silent except on Christmas Eve, when the chaplain was allowed out of camp to conduct a service.

After the war things very soon returned to normal, and in 1955 the congregation celebrated the church's Golden Jubilee, which is commemorated by a letter from King Bhumibol and a plaque, both on the west wall of the church. On June 1st this year we are celebrating Christ Church's Diamond Jubilee and the continued vigour of a parish which now covers not only the whole of Thailand but also Vietnam and Laos. Canon Taylor, who is himself this year celebrating 21 years in the priesthood, pays regular visits to Hanoi and Vientiane in a ministry that could hardly have been imagined by the little Protestant community of 1861, but which is still today as it was in the beginning, open to all Christians regardless of nationality or sect.

(Elaine Andrews)

JUMBLE SALE

There will be a Jumble Sale, on TUESDAY 10TH JUNE at 9.30 a.m. in The Chartered Bank Compound on Wireless Road. The proceeds will go to aid the refugee clothing fund. Everybody is welcome but please ensure that maids and drivers carry a letter of identification from their employer. For further details, please contact Mrs. Carolyn Davidson 252-8609.



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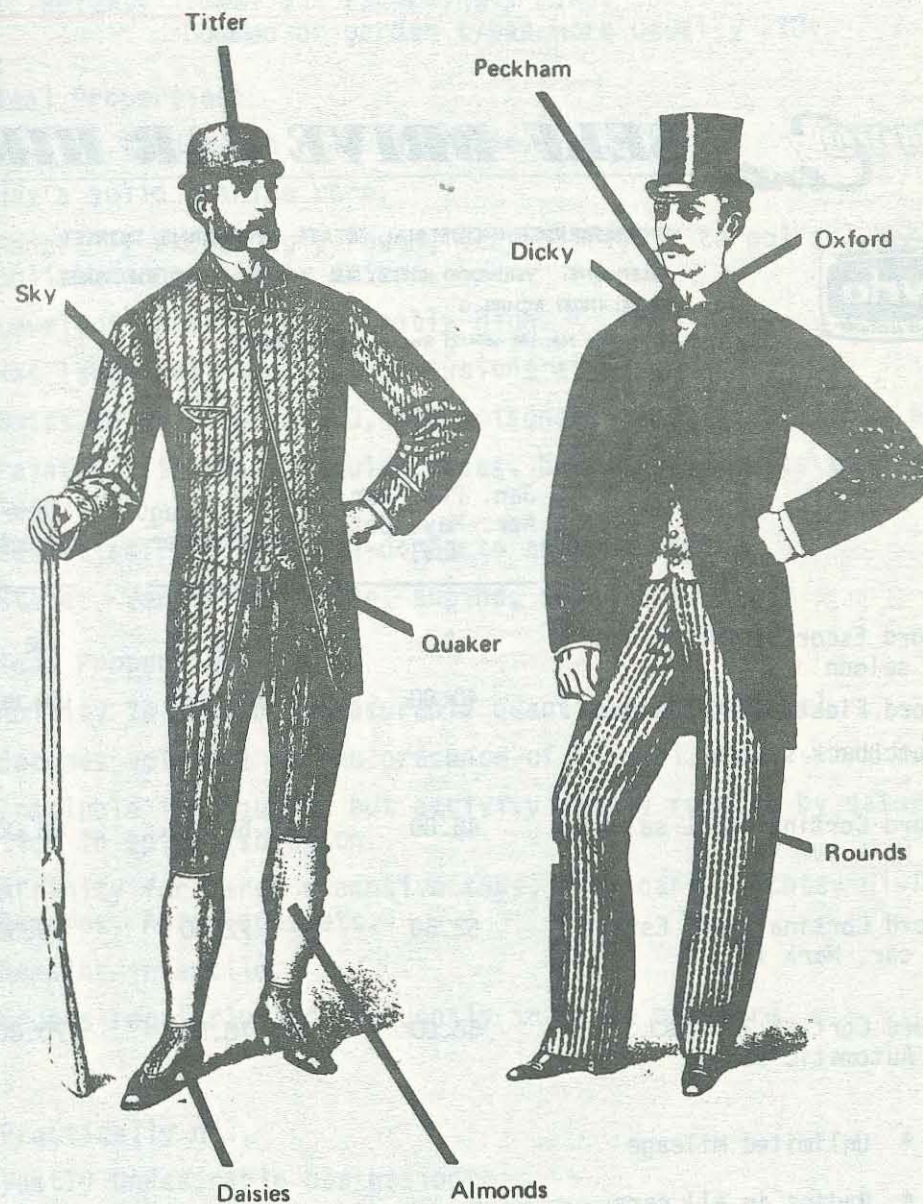
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ANALYSIS OF MEN

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Physical Properties:

1. Usually found with film of grease.
2. Has a solid granite core.
3. Generally exceedingly rough, very difficult to polish, hence, polished ones highly prized.
4. Level of density consistently high.
5. Has large evil-smelling protusions at base.
6. Emits odour known as B0, and poisonous gases from either end.
7. Palatable in small regular doses, but large amounts tend to turn sour.
8. Varieties: from smooth-domed to anthropoidal.
9. State: Very often prone, supine, somnolent.

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5. If all else fails, as a means of support.

LOWER BACK PAIN

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

My personal salvation came (and so far has continued) from literature. Being incapacitated I read and read anything related to my problem, and come across the following.

"In his early stages of development man walked on all four extremities at once, hands as well as feet." Therefore, the spine acted as a suspension bridge from head to pelvis. It was held up by the shoulders and forearms in front and by the hindquarters and pelvis at the rear. Which is why, one concludes, early man did not have a bad back, as far as we can tell.

A series of exercises was offered to strengthen the back and prevent recurrence of episodes. This put much stress on our maintaining good posture, emphasizing that we should stand "head up, chin in, buttocks clinched, pelvis forward." (The admonition we heard from our parents to "stand straight, get your shoulders back" is not necessarily correct, for "forcing your shoulders back will usually thrust your stomach out, and that is not particularly desirable.") Most orthopedists I consulted, do not recommend wearing a brace of some kind to help improve posture as these devices, when worn regularly, tend to weaken musculature if only because they come to be crutches which actually work against the natural development of good posture.

In the final analysis, it is thought that good posture is best attained through a back made strong by exercise. The series I used...is extremely simple, not at all strenuous to perform, and for me satisfied that quintessential requirement of our age, instant success. Even while still in some pain I began the exercises described, and after the very first session could feel new strength in my back. After a couple of sessions the sciatic nerve de-irritated, the back-ache diminished almost entirely, and I was restored to the world of the living. (If there is a popular demand from readers, the actual exercises will be described next month)

In addition to published materials, a range of devices is now available to those with back problems. We all should acknowledge that with age our legs and feet alter in size and shape, and we sometimes need such things as a higher heel in one shoe to correct posture that can cause back trouble. An advance in this area is the growing field of orthotics. The contours of an individual's feet are captured with plaster moulds, from which are manufactured sophisticated foot pads that are inserted in your shoes to ameliorate foot formations that produce tiredness, a faulty step, or bad posture. I was fitted with orthotic devices. I use them mostly in my tennis shoes, and they seem to be helping my back. Any port in a storm, right?

I have also ordered a desk chair the manufacturer claims is "orthopaedic." That designation may not be officially correct, but the chair feels very good. Remember though, if a chair is too soft it is hard to wriggle around and we need this kind of movement even while sitting to facilitate blood flow in the lower back. Otherwise, the lower back stiffens. For another, seat height should be slightly less than the length of your lower leg. A seat too high and you put excess pressure on the underside of your thighs as your feet dangle. A seat too low and you wind up jackknifed, with the lower back curled. Your seat should slope slightly backward, at a tilt of about seven degrees. Seat length should not exceed two-thirds the length of your thigh, and there should be no elevated padding at the front edge, for this can cause thighs to compress. The back support of the chair should contour slightly forward so your low-back stays with it at all times. Armrests should be at elbow height to further reduce pressure. It is also worth adding that one should not sit for an extended period of time without occasionally getting up and walking around.

The various professional back specialists recommend some athletics for us, caution us on others. Running/jogging, hiking and, by all means, swimming are considered good ways to work the back.

Tennis gets a qualified okay, just don't arch your back too much while serving. (Jimmy Connors has an extreme body twist in making his serve, and it's said to be beginning to catch up on his back.) Downhill skiing is trouble because of the spills, and water-skiing calls for excessive back arching. Cross-country skiing passes muster because of the knee flexing and stretching of the back muscles. Some doctors, think golf is not particularly good, mainly because the nature of the feisty old Scots game discourages mental relaxation. I'll buy that, but it hasn't yet stopped me from playing golf and never will. I also will, can, continue at squash and tennis.

Indeed, anyone should be able to keep at a favourite sport, no matter what the experts think of it, if you do the one thing everyone in the bad-back business eventually comes around to advising above all else -- develop a strict regimen of special exercises. In the end it is a conscientious and continuous programme of physical exercises that is going to keep your back healthy.

It has been three years since the squash game that laid me low. Only once since then have I had an episode. It came after letting a week pass without doing the exercises. This one return to bad form wasn't as traumatic as it might have been, but it scared the hell out of me. Thus, while I may appear a bit strange to some observers, I will do the exercises wherever and whenever I can.

IF YOU OWN A DOG YOU SHOULD READ THIS

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

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

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

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

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LADIES ADVISORY/LIAISON GROUP'S DIARY

We are happy to welcome the latest addition to the Group, Mrs. Joy Chubb. New to the Group but certainly an old hand in committee work, she will join Cynthia Hyatt in the House and Ground Committee.

The Saturday Morning Activities

Held on the 10th of May, the last Saturday Morning Activities were well-attended. Over 70 children participated in Football, Sewing, Stamp Collecting, Tennis and the Play Group. More Children joined us in the Cinema Room to watch the full length film "Tintin and the Blue Oranges". Although the one and a half hour film was in French (with English subtitles), it captivated the children to the very end. There was a conspicuous queue of parents waiting for the children to come out and some even joined them! Tintin, no doubt in any language, will still be every child's favourite hero.

A recent arrival amongst the number of mothers who help in the Saturday Morning Activities is Ruth Sherwin. She has volunteered to assist in the Play Group. Ruth, had for several years worked as supervisor in Children's remedial classes in England. She sings and has in addition performed in several dramatic presentations not only in England but in Ireland as well. We are indeed lucky to have her with us.

Overheard....

where --- outside the Reading Room

- four-year old No. 1 - "What's the name of the film?"
- four-year old No. 2 - "You Only Lived Twice!"
- four-year old No. 3 - "It is not that silly, it is called 'You Only Lay Twice!'"

where --- in the Restaurant

- Guest (to new Waiter) - "Is there a buttered cob?"
- New Waiter (to Guest) - "No, Madam, Manager not here. He is on Holiday in France."
- Guest (to Member) - "Heavens, what's buttered corn on the cob got to do with the manager?"

Date to remember....

The next Saturday Morning Activities will be held on the 7th of June. We hope more children will come as in addition to the group activities and films we shall have someone special to perform for us.



GOLF

When the news was made public that the old Lion Leon Van der Watt was personally sponsoring the Rose Garden meet on 20th April and that he would make his final appearance clean shaven of his bushy mane, (since there always had been doubt about his boast at being the most handsome of beasts) a very hard core/corps of golfers swept on to the first tee at 7.00 a.m. to do battle. Again, it was obvious from the glazed early Sunday morning looks on most faces that it would be anybody's game. Overall winner was that fiery (but charming) newcomer to golf, Mrs. Shiela Neville (whom, it was rumoured, had previously done a deal with sponsor Leon, and chosen her prize in advance). Shiela's amassed total of 41 stableford points bettered by 2 the 39 points of that man PEIGHTAL whose name creeps in to the winners column more and more often.

In the 'B' flight Dave (the driver) Cobbett won the day with 37 points, closely followed by Derek Johnson, rapidly making a name for himself as a prime candidate for a handicap chop. Best 'nines' of flights A and B were Derek Pott, John Kerr (again), and Peter Speed, Sally Voravarn (again) respectively. 'Nearest the pins' honours went to G. Paolo and Shiela Neville (who?).

This was Leon's farewell meeting with us, and this opportunity is taken to bid adieu to one of our main stalwarts of many years by saying "thanks for your advice, participation, support, but above all for your friendship and fellowship".

May 4th. A beautifully mild Sunday afternoon at Hua Mark, in 103°F, at noon, found most participants attracted to either Pattaya, or their airconditioned bedrooms. However, 18 adventurers tee-ed off with the sole ambition of surviving. Strangely enough, they did, and Ken Long drew a grin of delight from handicap captain Dennis Quinn, when he returned a net 67 to win the day followed by T. Peightal (again) with a net 69. Mike Lamb and Ian MacLean won the 1st and 2nd nines whilst most accurate to the pins on the 8th and 16th holes were E. Jurgens and G. Paolo. Running concurrently was a battle royal in the Dunlop tournament between Sally Voravarn and Jeremy Watson, neither of whose partners being able to appear. To the delight of her supporters, Sally edged home after a fierce Irish-Scottish skirmish, and she (and partner David Frost we hope) now take on Messrs. Burrows and Kerr in the final.

The first round of the Club Championship was held at high noon on the Hua Mark course, on Sunday May 18th. The best turnout of 1980 saw 35 golfers tee-off, hoping for glory which must evade at least 34 of them, by the time the 2nd round is completed at the Rose Garden (at 8.30 a.m. on June 1st). Captain John Davidson hit the first ball of the day (into a klong, which set the tone for the majority following) whilst handicapper Dennis Quinn was off to be seen sloping around the course making copious notes which will affect the commercial handicaps of some unsuspecting souls in the near future. The inimitable Sally Voravarn was caught twice, swimming in the clear pools of crystal water which frequent the course, claiming on both occasions to be cooling down and not searching for golf balls. Stalwarts like Ian MacLean, Dai Luke, Joan Jurgens and Neil Duggan were observed more than once straying on the wrong fairways while David Frost kept the bunkers occupied and Kloster profits up. Jim Aitken making a welcome return from his native Scotland-reiterated his belief that he always makes a point of exceeding 100 in order to get his money's worth, while Steve Balme broke two racquets at 17th when discovering that he was on the wrong court. Joe Urwin did have 1 par in his 133, although Tommy Madar did not, in his 117 gross.

The Peightals, Longs, Hyllesteds, Jamiesons, Douglas's, Potts, Salters, Speeds, Millers and others, raised white flags as the day progressed, the final outcome being that the honours of the day went to Derek Johnson with a net 66, and John Burrows with a net 68 (both due for the appropriate chop).

The day was graced by the welcome presence of a few charming ladies well represented in the honours list by Shan Washington who collected both 'nearest the pins' prizes. Joan Jurgens also scooped the best 'first nine' prize in flight B. Come again girls, we love your company, your charm and your ability (must look into this - Ed.) to lighten the load of the ears of the course which might otherwise be strained by the male golfing jargon, not to be found in the official rule book of the R & A.

/P.S./ Thanks to our friendly insurers Commercial Union and Guardian Royal for sponsorship of this event. How can you both afford such magnificent prizes?

Golf's great fun, and there's a wonderful spirit these days at our outings, so any golfer, past or present, reading this, who would like to join in, there will always be a big welcome awaiting you.

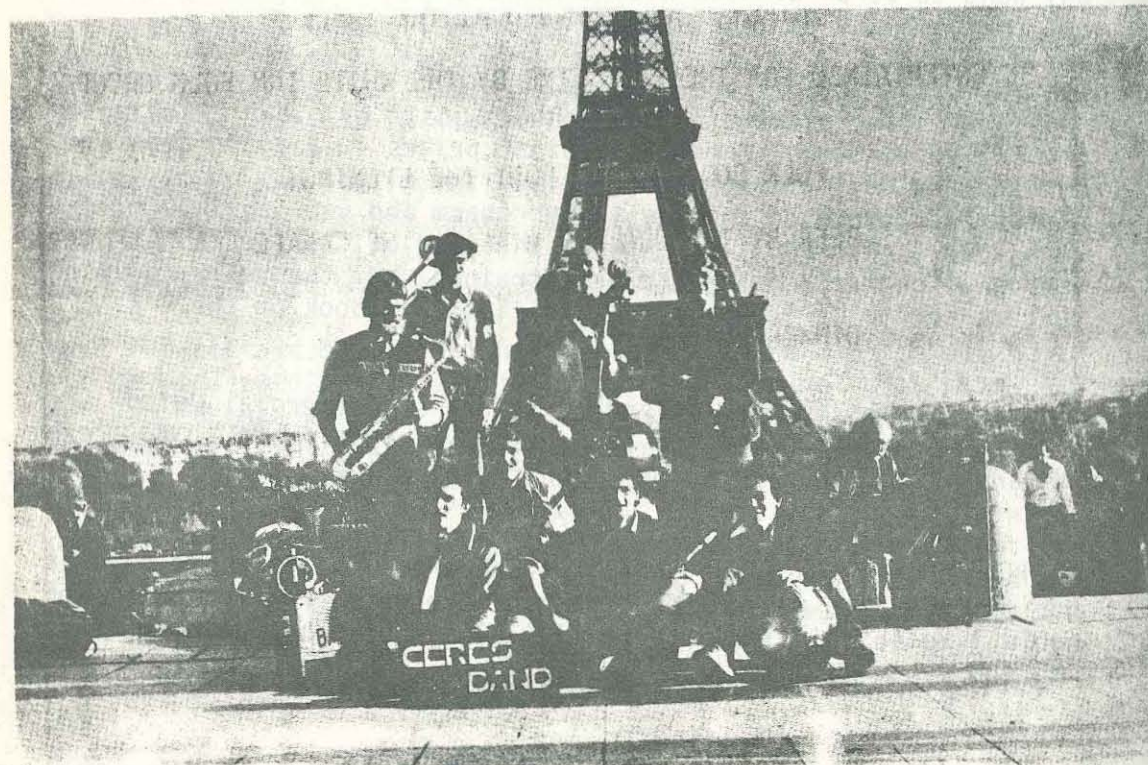
MORE DIXIELAND

Don't forget, a Dixieland treat is booked for FRIDAY 6TH JUNE when the "CERES BAND" will be performing at the Club in the same setting.

The "CERES BAND" is a 16-piece group from Wageningen Agricultural University in the Netherlands. This band is stopping off in Bangkok, after performing in Indonesia, and have agreed to give the Club an evening of the Big Sound.

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LADY GOLFERS

The Competition for the Gestetner Trophy was played during April, and in spite of the hot weather we had a good turn-out. This trophy, which was presented to the Group by Gestetner (Thailand) Ltd. in 1977, is an annual event for Stableford play over 36 holes. This year the winner of the handsome pair of silver candlesticks was Krystyna Kukielka with a total of 77 Stableford points. The runner-up was Anne Quinn with 72 points.

Jean Taylor, the wife of the New Zealand Ambassador who left Thailand recently, sponsored a Farewell Day for the Group before her departure. Jean, who had played with the BCLG for five years, and was also on the Committee and acted as Handicapper, will be much missed by us all. She gave a beautiful New Zealand sheepskin as the first prize in a Bogey Competition, and this was won by Merle Duffy with an excellent score of plus five. Anne Quinn was the runner-up, being all square. Anne presented Jean with a gift on behalf of all the members, and wished her, and her husband, good golfing in the future.

PROGRAMME FOR JUNE

All fixtures at Royal Thai Army Course

June 3rd - Stableford

Starter: Joyce Lumsden (252-8402)

June 10th - 2 Clubs & a putter

Starter: Ape Armistead (391-4399)

June 17th - 9 Hidden Holes

Starter: Sheila Neville (391-6000 Ext 39)

June 24th - Medal

Starter: Margaret Miller (286-5906)

DINING ROOM MENU

A new dining room menu will commence from early June. It will contain a selection of new dishes together with the favourites that have been well established by members' own demand.

The new menu must also reflect the dramatic rise in the cost of ingredients which has occurred over the last few months and which has not to date been fully recognised in our pricing.



DARTS

The Lillywhites gave Rajah Fashions a dressing-down at the Club on 24th April by 12-5. Singles wins from John, Brian, Arthur and Chris gave us singles points, and the game was wrapped up when John, Bryan and Brian each closed in the doubles. In the triples, Terry, partnered by John and Ingrid closed double 1 to give us a 12-2 lead by which time the Amarit level was well past the optimum. The last triple and team games went to Rajah. Arthur, with 105 obtained our only ton.

The following week, for the first time, the Wonder Ladies were ravaged by your favourite team. Singles were halved with wins from Bryan, Ingrid and Arthur, and then we proceeded to win all the doubles, Arthur, Bryan and Terry closing. The more attractive team then took both triples, before we realised that a 10-7 result would look much better than 9-8 and took the team game with Arthur closing double 14. Tons came from Bryan (125 and 100) Arthur (120), Brian (110) and Andy and John.

The opposite happened on 7th May against Bobby's Arms. Bryan, Ingrid and Terry gave us singles wins and Brian Heath, going well, only lost out to a spectacular 118 finish by Cherd. The doubles all went to Bobby's, our only other points coming from Arthur closing the last triple and Terry closing the team game, double 12. In this 11-6 defeat by the division leaders, the only BC tons were Chris' 115 and Arthur's 101.

Fly Kwiz came to the Club on 15th May and took the points 10-7. Arthur was our only singles winner, but 4 doubles points were won by Bryan and Chris and Arthur and Brian. Captain Roy still suffering from jet-lag after being on leave to represent the British Club in the All England Championships at the Bootle Stadium was actually given a coating of the proverbial "Jor Bor Por" in his homecoming singles.

The triples points were split when Brian, partnered by Arthur and Chris closed X2, and that was it! Only Bryan, John (112) and Brian 123 (very nearly a 180!) scored tons.

In the first round of the knockout competition on 5th June we have drawn A.I.S. who will be out to avenge their league defeat. The end of season prize-giving dinner will be held at the Amarin Hotel, probably on 10th July.



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SWIMMING

Last month I mentioned the great effort our swimmers put into the Sponsored Swim in aid of the refugee children in the camps. Although all the money has not yet been forwarded to Marion Hyde she tells me that already it has reached over Baht 16,000 which is far more than any of us ever hoped for or expected. Once again - many congratulations and thanks to all those concerned; swimmers and helpers alike.

The May Gala was held on Sunday 11th May and nearly 30 children were there. Owing to family illness I was unable to attend, thereby missing the opportunity to stand around in 100°F or more, with stop-watch in hand! Thank you to all those who did. The swimmers were concentrating on freestyle, back-stroke and I.M. and the improvements on previous times were as follows:

Starting with our Star Performer this month - this was Susan Julius, who cut 15 secs from I.M. Runner-up was Jonathan Walker, who had knocked 10 secs from his previous best time; I.M. The Brothers Hyde also did well, John by 9 secs in freestyle, Matthew by 9 secs in I.M. Rachel Hill and Clarie Frankel improved by 7 secs in freestyle and I.M. respectively.

Owing to the fact that the April Gala had to be cancelled we added a few novelty races to the routine events this month. The children swam with eggs on plates, blew ping-pong balls along in front of them and ended up with a hysterical relay race involving dressing-up - greatly enjoyed, I gather, by swimmers and spectators alike.

We welcomed back Helen and Hugh J. this month from their U.K. leave. They were disappointed to hear that the Chiangmai trip had been cancelled but Hugh has heard from a member of the I.S.R.C. that they were sending a team. He invited any members of the British Club who were interested to fill the few remaining places available. It remains to be seen if anyone takes up the offer which after all does not only involve swimming but also affords an opportunity to explore Chiangmai itself and the Hill Tribe areas.

N.B. The date of the next Gala has been altered to Sunday 8th June. Also please let us know about when you go on holiday because otherwise your children will be charged for swimming lessons and training.



SQUASH

A.G.M.

The squash sub-section held its first A.G.M. on May 7th in the Suriwongse Room of the Club. There was a good turnout of about 60 people for an informal evening which got off to a good start with a glass of rum punch preceding the 'business' part of the evening. Most of the business is reported below, so on to the social side.

Once the gastronomic delights (in the form of a splendid buffet) were finished, the first of the two video films was shown - Geoff Hunt/Mohibullah Khan in the Irish Open Championships. On the big screen video from TV Rentals, this was superb entertainment although I found it a bit hard to follow the ball (what's new?)

During the intermission, the present committee of Tony Blanc, David Humphreys, Nick Launder, John Salter, Frank Devlin, Len Alexander, Clive Miller, John Walker, Scott Younger & Carolyn Tarrant offered to continue but called for more volunteers. After the usual coughing spasms and shuffling of agendas, Cindy Thomson, Jack Dunford, John Sill, Vic Betteridge and Stoney Klomgman joined the happy clan. The raffle was then drawn for the two Maxply rackets kindly presented for the occasion by Dunlop. Ann Prince plucked the lucky tickets from the hat and new rackets went to Len (fix) and pretty wee Marjorie Rennie (who was disappointed because she bought two tickets)

To finish the evening was the second film, Geoff Hunt/Quamar Zaman in the British Open: - A good evening was had by all.

Third Court

Out of four invited tenders, three submitted bids on the 21st of May and negotiations are underway with the successful tenderer to commence construction, hopefully, by mid June with an expected completion date at the end of October.

Ladder

The ladders have been put up next to the Squash notice board at the pool side together with rules. They have been actively used to date with challenge and rechallange matches having taken place already.

Coaching

(The pastime of Div. 1 players, to help develop others' playing abilities to Div. 2 standard - but no higher)

After completion of League 27 and the Don Johnston Cup/Okkeriwi Trophy competitions, a coaching programme will commence.

Saturday and Sunday mornings will be allocated (one court only unless demand for coaching is very heavy) between times of 9 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. Division 1 players, along with others with coaching talents, will be rostered week by week.

Those wishing to enjoy the advantages of coaching should place a sticker within the allocated coaching period. Each individual may take up to 45 minutes - or this period can be split among several if desired.

As well, Len Alexander will conduct Group Coaching Sessions on yet-to-be-finalised evenings through the week. Visual aids, as well as practical demonstrations, will be used, so keep an eye open for more details on the Squash noticeboard.

Note these dates! Thursday 12th June and Wednesday 18th June

A seminar on all aspects of the game will be conducted at the club in either the Suriwongse or Reading Room on the above dates. These coaching talks will cover the rules of squash, technique, how to play, hints, etc. and should be attended by all those members who will be taking coaching in the next few months.

Other Bits

Despite protestations from lady players, it is confirmed that an Okkeriwi Trophy will be presented for the Club's Ladies' Championship. Rumours that it will be a framed changing room photo of the Okkeriwis are believed to be false. Far more likely is a gold-plated "Throwaway" racquet to be heaved at the winning lady by the Kiwi of the group - or a year-round "Wining and Dining with Brian Flanagan" voucher. Surprisingly, entries for this event are numerous.

Tony Blanc agrees to adopt "Blaise" as a popular and widely-known alternative spelling for "Blaze" McConnell if certain members of the Squash fraternity stop referring to him as Tony Blank following his recent League encounter with Len Alexander.

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Squash bits continued....

Unidentified Flying Rackets - fragmented pieces over the court - alas no more, our champion emotionalist is departing for the land of squash courts and the OKKERIWIS are in need of an "IWI". Bon Voyage and best wishes to Nick and Mary Launder who are moving to Sydney where there is one court for every 1,500 people.

Best of luck and farewell also to Colin & Vimon Hastings who are returning to London.

The battle of the brutes (bulge) is now a regular weekly lunch time feature with John winning both events usually.

With the "Mean Machine" falling in love, there is a desperate need for someone with a suitably penetrating pre-serve stare and super-aggressive receiving-serve-squat to become the Section's new "Aggro. All-Star". Jim Finnegan has refused to adopt the role, stating that fat people should be jolly, not aggressive.

Tips

1. WATCH THE BALL

- a. When You're Hitting. Keep your head down and watch the ball right onto your racket. Lifting your head or looking at the wall will cause you to mishit or miss completely.
- b. When Your Opponent Is Hitting. MOST IMPORTANT. His position and his stroke will tell you where the ball is going and therefore you can cover it more quickly.

2. LENGTH IS STRENGTH

You must form your basic game on hitting the ball to a length i.e. the ball should bounce behind the service box and die at the back wall. This is not possible all the time but your AIM must be to try and hit the ball to a length.

It seems that the load was too much for Len and he had to import another coach to help him. Although Ron White did not expect this when Len asked him come to Bangkok and enjoy the ladies.

League

League 27 finished on 25th May and there were again a number of close finishes. Prizes will be given at the Bar-B-Q to be held after the cup finals on 1st June.

<u>Div.</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
1	Len Alexander	Tony Blanc	John Kerr
2	Eric Thomson	Simon Brewin	Jim Hyde
3	Colin Hastings	Derek Johnson	Vic Betteridge
4	Clive Miller	Robert England	Bill Sim
5	Jack Dunford	Maria Green	Don Goodin
6	John Sill	Mary Launder	Bob Lanham
7	Kevin Hewison	Bob Russell	Rupert Jameson
8	Rod Stead	Roy Barrett	Lionel Demery
9	Ron Skeldon	Marjorie Rennie	Cindy Thomson
10	Jim Collins	Chris Cleary	Nora Blake
11	Mike Tilling	Norman Musgrave	Leslie Brewin
12	Val Hill	Anne Walker	Anne Prince
13	Teresa Cooney	Anne Meszes	Marjorie Scott

Well Len Alexander has won it again for the 12th occasion, he first won in league 8 in June 1975 and has also been runner up 5 times.

Don Johnston Cup/Parra Handi Losers Plate - History

Don Johnston was alive and well when he left us the Cup as the men's championship trophy, his whereabouts now are unknown, his whereabouts and activities whilst here are a mystery yet to be solved.

The Parra Handi Losers Plate was kindly donated by Bill Sim a previous chairman of the Squash Sub-Committee. Bill is currently playing in division 4 of the League and is participating in this year's Championship.



CRICKET

There is no organised cricket being played in Bangkok at the moment and the next season is not due to start until around the end of the year. However, to keep potential cricketers on their toes, oiling their bats, scrubbing their pads, polishing their balls etc., we would like to announce advanced preparations to re-juvenate this somewhat neglected Club sub-section.

There will be a meeting at the Club on Monday 9th June at 7.00 p.m. with the objective of forming a sub-section committee and planning for next season - obtaining some badly needed new playing equipment, re-furbishing the nets, and press-ganging likely players to register their playing interests. All Members interested in helping with or voicing their opinion on this work are urged to attend. Dress optional - whites not necessary, but no shorts please!

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

To provide something different for the bridge playing population of the British Club, there will be a duplicate bridge evening on Monday, 2nd June at 7.30 p.m. We would like to see as many people playing as possible but to give an idea of numbers we would ask people who are coming along to write their names on the sheet provided on the notice board at the Club.

If there is sufficient interest in playing duplicate bridge in the club, or indeed having other bridge competitions, we would like to know. We can then try to provide what the bridge players want.

Hope to see you on Monday the 2nd of June. (If you want further information, please contact Simon or Leslie Brewin on 314-7558).

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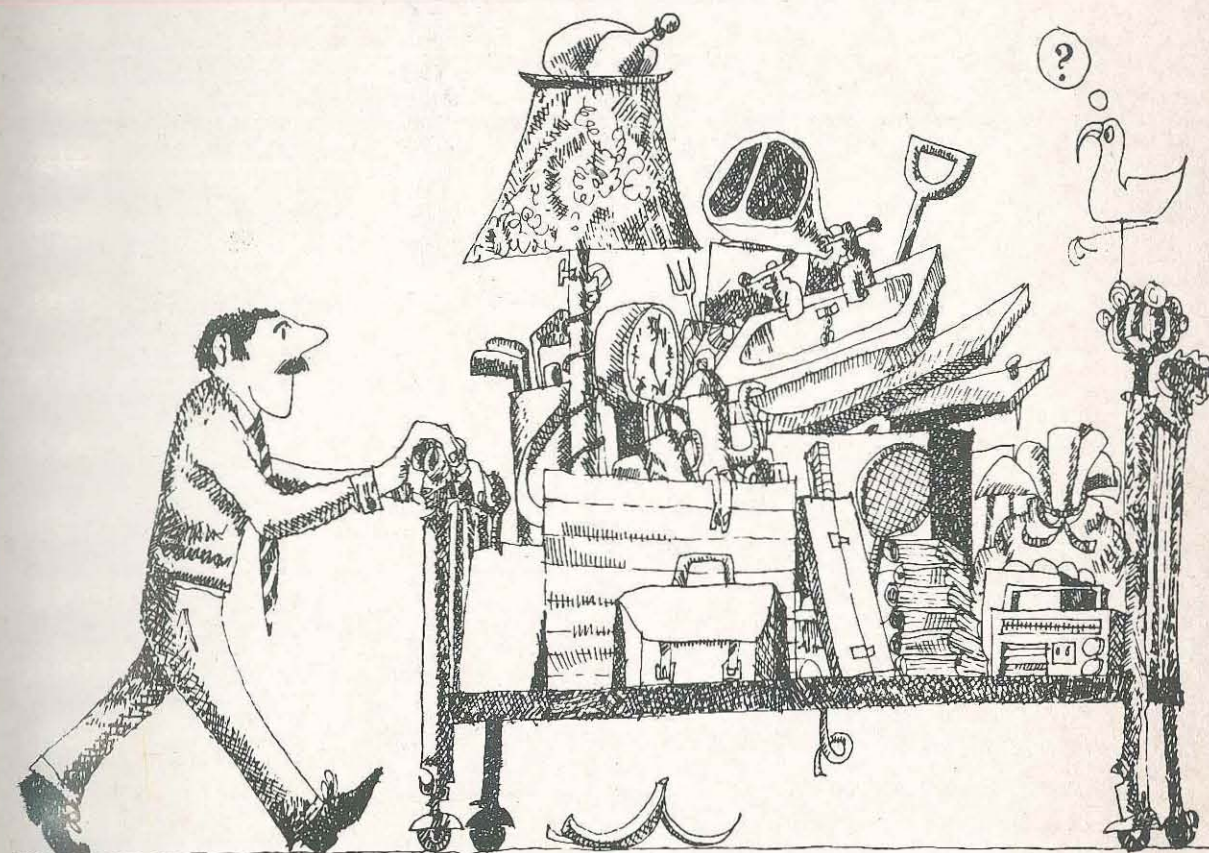
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