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Editorial

A bumper edition this month, many thanks for the response and we hope you keep it up. Our objective is to produce a magazine which is not only interesting to members and their families but also attractive to advertisers.

A light-hearted profile of committee members reappears on page 14. We have used the chartered accountants as guinea pigs but the engineers and missionaries will not escape attention. Just to be fair we have also commenced a series of profiles on the section committees, see page 32.

The Patpong Puzzle on page 28 should keep you busy between Entertainment events scheduled for June (see pages 9 to 12) - the major event promises to be the John Bull Night on 29th June and Jack Dunford has promised to judge the Nell Gwynn competition.

The E.G.M. on Ladies' Membership is now fixed for Tuesday 19th June and the required notice to Ordinary and Country Members is about to be despatched.

The content of this magazine is not necessarily a reflection of the views of the Club's General Committee and Management (and Old Guard's view, page 21, is not held by the Editorial Team).

WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

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

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

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

Ordinary

Mr. B.J. Francis	Indosuez Bank
Mr. F.D. Harris	Lever Brothers (T) Ltd.
Mr. R.A. Kidd	Allied Newspapers Ltd.
Mr. J.G. Pike	FAO
Mr. J.J. Swainson	NACTI

Non-Voting

Mr. D.C. Williamson	Venture Publishing
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Decease

Dr. E. Ettinger

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary Members	10
Ordinary	380
Non-Voting	5
Associates	49
Ladies Privileges	38
Up-Country	22
Candidates	22
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	TOTAL: 526
Absence	710
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	GRAND TOTAL: 1236
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Jingjok has been highly entertained by two boisterous committee meetings this month. He will have a word with Adisak to see whether the Club can provide him with earplugs for use after 9.30 p.m. during these deliberations.

First the good bits, dining room usage has been so good that crockery and cutlery have been purchased and a menu is about to be introduced. It seems you will soon be able to tuck in to your gastronomic delights with matching spoons, forks and knives so there will be no excuse for the continued use of fingers. As plates are now also to be provided, please refrain from treating chicken bones in mediaeval style. Regrettably, as the cost of raw materials (and food) has gone up considerably over the last two years and dining room prices have not, some small increases in prices will be introduced along with the new menus.

Walker and Wallace have failed to get the computer started but they have passed the buck (and the rest of the equipment) to a new member who has been told to produce results or buy us a new picture for the bar. Boulter is thinking of buying a trophy cabinet with a space reserved for the computer man if he fails.

A programme of events has been drawn up and a draft is included in the Outpost. Well done Tim but don't sell the piano as I sleep in there (too dangerous on the tennis courts).

The EGM on the ladies membership issue will be in the Suriwongse Room at 5.30 p.m. Tuesday 19th June. Much to my disappointment, the promised slide-show of examples has been banned from general distribution.

Finally, due to pressure of work, the "Name the Reading Room" competition entries have not been fully evaluated. The competition will now be extended to 20th June so come on, this is your last chance to win that bottle.

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Details of the Affiliated Clubs are available in the Club office. An introduction card is required in order to use the facilities of those clubs on a reciprocal basis and these cards can be obtained on application in the British Club office.

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- BAHRAIN 2) The British Club
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Bahrain
Tel: 72-8245, 72-9394
- EDINBURGH 3) Caledonian Club
32 Abercromby Place
Edinburgh EH2 6QE
Tel: 031-557 2675

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- 4) Hong Kong Cricket Club
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KUALA LUMPUR

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Children's Cartoons

The cartoon film show on 12th May seemed to be a success, judging by the rapt attention of the 43 children (and assorted mums & dads) who attended. The Committee have decided to endeavour to organise a children's evening every month and details of the next one appear below.

Many thanks, Tony Thompson, for showing your films and producing a successful evening at the Club. We understand you have enough films for two further similar events the first is described below.

Tony asks whether anyone has suitable films (Super 8mm or 16mm) or videos and whether there is a hire source in Bangkok. If you can help re these questions, please telephone him on 223 5243 (office) or 251 1162 Apt. 46 (home)

Saturday 16th June

6 p.m. Suriwongse Room

CHILDREN'S CARTOONS

Including Donald Duck, Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs, and a short version of the Wizard of Oz.

An entry charge of £45 will be charged. This will cover food and soft drinks, and of course, the film show. Children should arrive at 6, and the show will finish at about 7.30.

Friday 29th June

Churchill Bar

7 p.m. onwards

JOHN BULL NIGHT

* Come Along and Sing Along

* The Cheapest Beer in Town

Yard of Ale Competitions (with prizes)

The Town Crier

Boiled Beef and Carrots

Nell Gwynn Competition

(bring your own oranges)

Piano Accompaniment

The Spoons

Bangers-n-Mash

Bar Games

Arrive any time from 7 p.m. but Happy Hour is from

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. when beer will be:

Draught Pints : £25

Large Bottles : £30

ANNUAL INTERCLUB MATCH BETWEEN

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and

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and

History of Golf (14th Century onwards?)

A highly entertaining evening for Sportsmen and
Spectators.

Visit to Bangkok

HMNZS WAIKATO

The frigate is scheduled here 27th to 30th June.

The Club has invited the Ship's Company to use the Club facilities during this period. Sporting facilities between Club and the Ship will be arranged.

Watch for Fliers

WINE TASTING COMPETITION

Sponsored by Caldbeck MacGregor (Thailand) Ltd.

7.30 p.m. Suriwongse Room

17th July (Thursday)

Bottles to be given away as prizes to the most discerning tasters.

A Heady Evening

Also planned for July:

Guest Chef Night 10th

Children's Film Night 19th

Club Night 25th

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ROY BARRETT C.A.

(Chairman Adinfinitum, with specs)

Roy Barrett is by far the longest serving member of the present General Committee and it is fitting that now, as Chairman, he brings this experience to bear on Club matters. He has served continuously as Honorary Treasurer for five years and as Vice-Chairman (then Chairman) last year. Some say he did so well at fiddling the books that he took to vice.



Roy came to Thailand in 1970 with Price Waterhouse, subsequently moving to Kent (Thailand) Ltd. where he became Managing Director and is now Group Financial Controller for Inchcape (Thailand) Ltd. He is enthusiastic and energetic in business, as Chairman and in his sporting activities. Squash is his favourite sport but he has been known to pot a black and to chase the sparrows off the tennis courts.

In his view, he and his Committee are temporary custodians of the British Club and he ensures that the well being of the Club for the present and future generations is the paramount consideration in all Committee's deliberations. He tries hard to match the determination and foresight demonstrated by the Club founders.

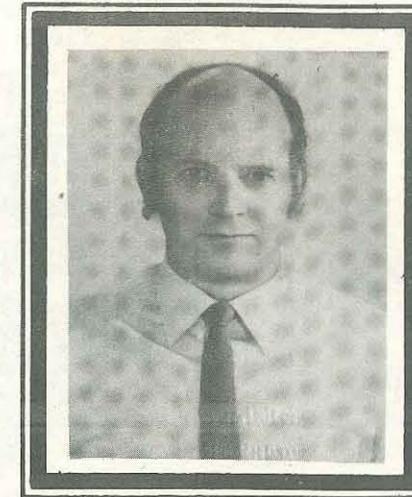
Roy is popular, fair, approachable on any matter (except a loan) and even buys his round. The Club is indeed fortunate.

BERNARD GROGAN C.A.

(Closter Adnausium, Patpong and Bar)

Bernie has lived here since 1971 with only a two year absence during that period. He is a Chartered Accountant and works as Finance and Administration Manager for a major international company.

Bernie-the-Grog's main recreational activity is running - or rather plodding, with the HASH. I'm told he does 4 miles per gallon per hour.



Within the club, he is a keen squash player but old age, old ale or the onerous responsibilities of committee membership have caused him to drop recently into the second division. Most weekends he can be seen in prone position by the pool, the only obvious movement being the occasional deft flick of the wrist to send another mouthful of ale into his not inconsiderable frame. He is also an occasional tennis player and frequent bar prop, but not necessarily in that order.

He is currently on his second committee year, and his responsibility is Personnel. He takes this job seriously because the successful operation of the club is entirely dependent upon the 71 full-time staff.

As far as general committee work is concerned, he is frequently accused of talking too much, and usually finds himself in a minority of one. It is surprising, though, how often this minority view becomes a majority view a month later.

Good on yer Bernie!



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The new hairbrush and comb disappeared from the women's pool-side changing room after five days, the comb from the mens' after six. Since the management cannot think how to chain these items down and, as employees, members etc. would not welcome body searches, it seems pointless to replace them.

New magazines and newspapers (comics) will shortly be ordered for the reading room; suggestions are welcome: Pravda, Penthouse, The Sun and Hustler (unfortunately) not available.

Staff have reported that some members have either returned food ordered by their children or refused payment of bills signed by them. The control of children is the responsibility of parents.

Social Responsibility

(or what to do when the other guy is breaking the rules)

There has been some correspondence and lively discussion recently concerning the infringement of Club rules and bylaws by a small number of members and their families.

The consensus is clearly that the majority of members want the harmony and civility that emanates from a law abiding membership.

But two jokers come in every pack!

If you are confronted with a situation you can:

- a) draw the member's attention quietly and politely to the infraction,
- b) advise any member of committee present in the club,
- c) speak to the manager or assistant manager, and/or
- d) attempt to ascertain the member's name or club number and submit a brief report, or telephone the manager the next day.

Please turn over....

Bylaw 9 (again) - DRESS

It is expected that Members and their guests will be appropriately dressed whilst on the Club premises.

The following restrictions apply to the Club House:

- footwear must be worn.
- bathing costumes and trunks may not be worn except by users of the Club House changing rooms who are required to use the side entrance.
- singlets may not be worn in the Club House.
- shorts may not be worn in the Club House after 6 p.m.

Bylaw 11 - CHILDREN

- a) The behaviour of children on the Club premises is the responsibility of the Member or parent accompanying such children.
- b) Children under the age of 18 years are not permitted to consume alcoholic beverages on the Club Premises and are not permitted in the main bar.
- c) Children between 14 and 21 years of age may only use the Billiard Tables when playing with a member over 21 years of age.
- d) Children under the age of 14:
 - i) Are not allowed on the Club Premises unless they are accompanied by a Member or one of a Member's family over 18 years of age.
- e) Children's nappies shall not be changed on tables.

Please note, BYLAW 11 a) includes the responsibility of the Member or parent to sign for food and drink ordered by children. It is simply not on to return them saying you did not authorise your child to order.

SINCLAIR SPECTRUM COMPUTERS

There are a number of club members who, I gather, have the popular Sinclair Spectrum Computer. It occurs to me that there would be considerable benefit if we all got together, at least in writing or on the telephone, to share experiences and software and maybe help each other when trouble strikes (as it seems to fairly often).

I would be pleased therefore, to hear from anyone who has a Spectrum (or who is interested in getting one) so that I can see if there are sufficient drops to make a pool of interest. Please contact me if you are interested.

For your information, I have had a Spectrum for almost 2 years. I now have 2 48k ones, a printer and a micro-drive - and hopefully will have a joystick interface soon. I have a reasonable knowledge of BASIC, and having put my toe into machine code, removed it quickly - I have a book and tape if anyone is interested. I am currently trying to wade through a book on FORTH, I have a tape for the SPECTRUM. I would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who is a FORTH expert, or who has mastered machine code.

For the games enthusiast, I have the following:- Manic Miner, 3D Tunnel, Halls of the Things, Escape, Splat, Night-flight, Flight Simulation, Voice Chess, Timegate, Reversi, 3 Horace tapes, Invaders, Packman, Centepede, Atic Atac, Lunar Jetman, Pyramids, Tranz Am, Cookie, Alchemist, Mdraw (Melbourne), Penetrator, Invincible Island, Chequered Flag, PSST, Arcadia, Valhalla, 3D Tanx, City Bomber, Abersoft FORTH, SOFTTALK, + 2 childrens sums games I wrote - one of which talks to you. I also have a number of books.

I would certainly not go into print and say that I would copy any of these tapes, but I just happen to have another tape called Key Copy, which is very good at that sort of thing.

If anyone subscribes to Sinclair User magazine I would like to hear, or if anyone would care to share a subscription. Hope to hear from you.

Tony Thompson (T50)

You are just the chap we are looking for. We have PERCIVAR-ANCE, ADDISUB, DUNNYSPOUT and BILFIDDLE packages which are all in need of debugging and our GROG-AN package gets stuck in a LOOP and will not STOP.

Letters

11th May 1984

The Editor
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Dear Sir,

You asked for some comments on the development of the Club but as nothing much has been forthcoming perhaps some members are thinking along opposite lines.

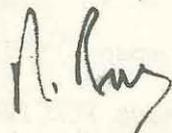
Are we just considering "development" for development's sake? How much is really necessary? Do we really need to develop to the maximum of our financial resources? Further development will doubtless mean further fixed expenses in the future.

There must be a case to be made for "undevelopment", a reduction or freezing of staff levels and reduction in subscriptions.

The policy of the club should be to maintain existing subscriptions and prices for as long as possible, or even to reduce them, and only after this priority has been met should any new facilities be considered.

Subscriptions and prices are already high enough and whilst it may be unrealistic to expect significant reductions at least they could be contained for as long as possible.

Yours faithfully,



R.N. Bones (B100)



OLD GUARD

The British Club has been in existence for many years, led in years gone by, as it is to-day, by some of the most successful business men in both the commercial and technical fields, who are known to us as the "Committee"

This remarkably successful group of people who have without doubt led their companies from strength to strength, seem to change when removed from the professions in which they earn their bread. For example, dynamic profit earning executives, when elected to the committee successfully manage to get the club into precarious situations with regard to both the control of the club and with their long range plans for our "Establishment". This lack of forethought was recently highlighted in the last AGM.

Last year's committee decided, following some lobbying, that the position of the ladies in our club should be considered with a view to amending the club rules to allow the fair sex full Membership at the club, naturally at normal membership fees and monthly subs. This motion passed the first reading at the AGM and now awaits an EGM to finalise the motion either way. The passing of this motion has really brought to light the question of "What is the British Club?".

Currently the British Club could be considered as a two part club. Part A Monday to Friday: Part B Saturday and Sunday.

In Part A we see the club being used in the main by business men who throng in vast numbers to partake of food & beverage at the lunch time sessions. On evenings when social functions are held, there seems to be only a fifty fifty chance that the functions make money.

In Part B we see the poolside and salas generally very well patronised by family groups, and the bar almost unused during day-light hours. In the evening the social dinner video seems popular, whilst bar use is low to moderate. It should be noted that on holiday weekends the quietness could be associated with that of a morgue.

From the above it will readily be seen that Monday to Friday the British Club is a business men's club, and Saturday and Sunday a family social club. It does not take a very bright spark to determine that a two day soda, pop and tea at the poolside doesn't bring much revenue, and that the Monday to Friday use is where currently the club's main income lies.

Old guard would like to ask our current group of high powered executives to consider the future of our club and on what lines it should progress. To make that clear it is fairly obvious that, a business club here in Thailand does not have many females, but a family social club has a great deal of female potential members. Thus it would seem the committee's thoughts should be turned to developing a two site situation. In the business section no female members, and in the family and social section a big welcome to the fair sex.

TUESDAY NIGHTS

Committee Meetings!!! The last two committee meetings held by our eminent leader and his capable aides have lasted approximately four hours each. When one considers the weighty problems that face our club, be it future planning or even down to the mundane job of plugging the ever dropping revenue, it is appreciated that 'The Likely Lads' have taken the trouble to spend four hours of their valuable time on our behalf. Considering the problems, it is understandable that it should take so long.

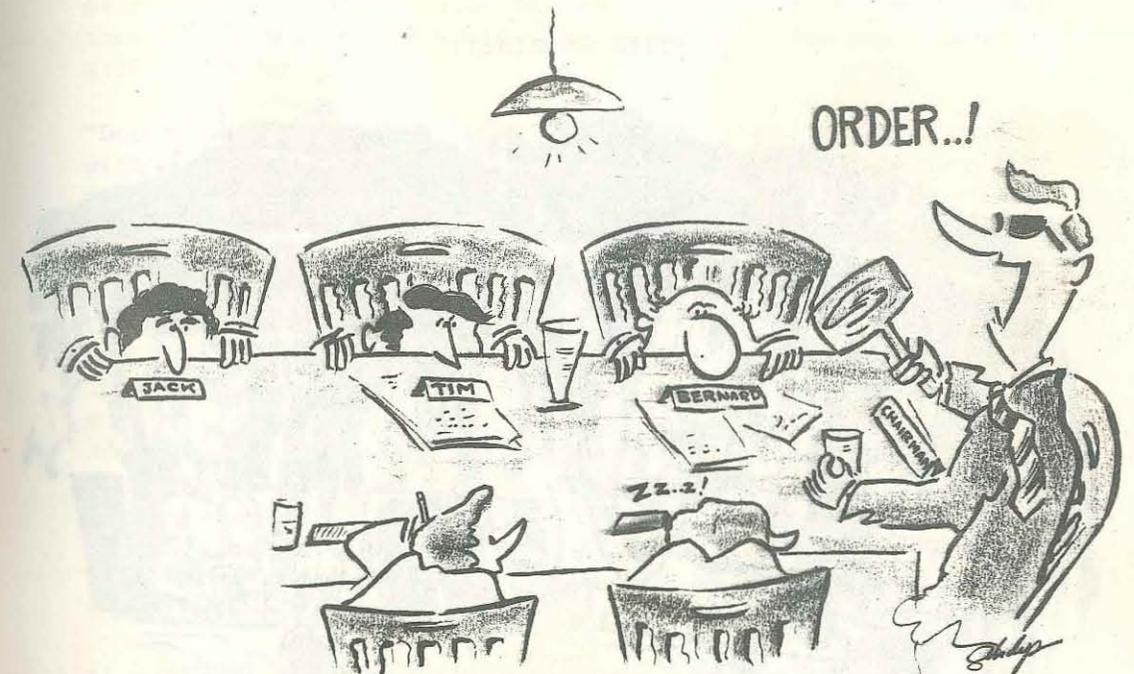
At the end of the last marathon meeting one 'Old Guard' happened to be partaking of man's natural health drink and reports as follows:-

The rumble of heavy feet on the stairs raised us all from our reverie and we watched in utter amazement, as the bar door flew open and 'The Likely Lads' rushed in; it was all too clear that debate had not been concluded as we heard the roar of voices at the height of ardent discussion. Our leader roared for sandwiches even though the time for serving food had long passed. The bar staff realised this was a very serious time and catapulted into motion (a most unusual occurrence) and jammed themselves in the door to the kitchen to fulfil our leaders request.

At this stage it was impossible to determine what the discussion was about, but a glance round the room showed apprehension and even a little fear in the eyes and faces of the on-lookers. What had happened? Was the club going to

close down? Was Klong Toey not a suitable site for the new club? Was the long range outlook for our club so bad that 'The Likely Lads' could not reach agreement on what was to be done? The tension was electric.

The sandwiches arrived with such haste that the vibration of the plates caused frantic efforts to be made to stop the contents flying off in the direction of the dart board at the end of the room. 'The Likely Lads' set upon the sandwiches with gusto whilst continuing their debate. Crumbs flew in all directions and the bar staff ducked for protection as the barrage flew relentlessly overhead to smash against bottles and glass alike. Naturally with 'The Likely Lads' mouths full, the amazed on-lookers were even less likely to understand the subject of this ardent discussion.



Amongst those present there were some who had requested changes to the club, for instance, beads of perspiration were showing on the head of a member from Newcastle who had requested that the swimming pool be filled-in and turned into a putting green. Had his request caused such ardent debate, and was the 'Lad' responsible for the pool about to haul him outside for a settlement between gentlemen? Or was it the member who had requested that a hole be dug in the

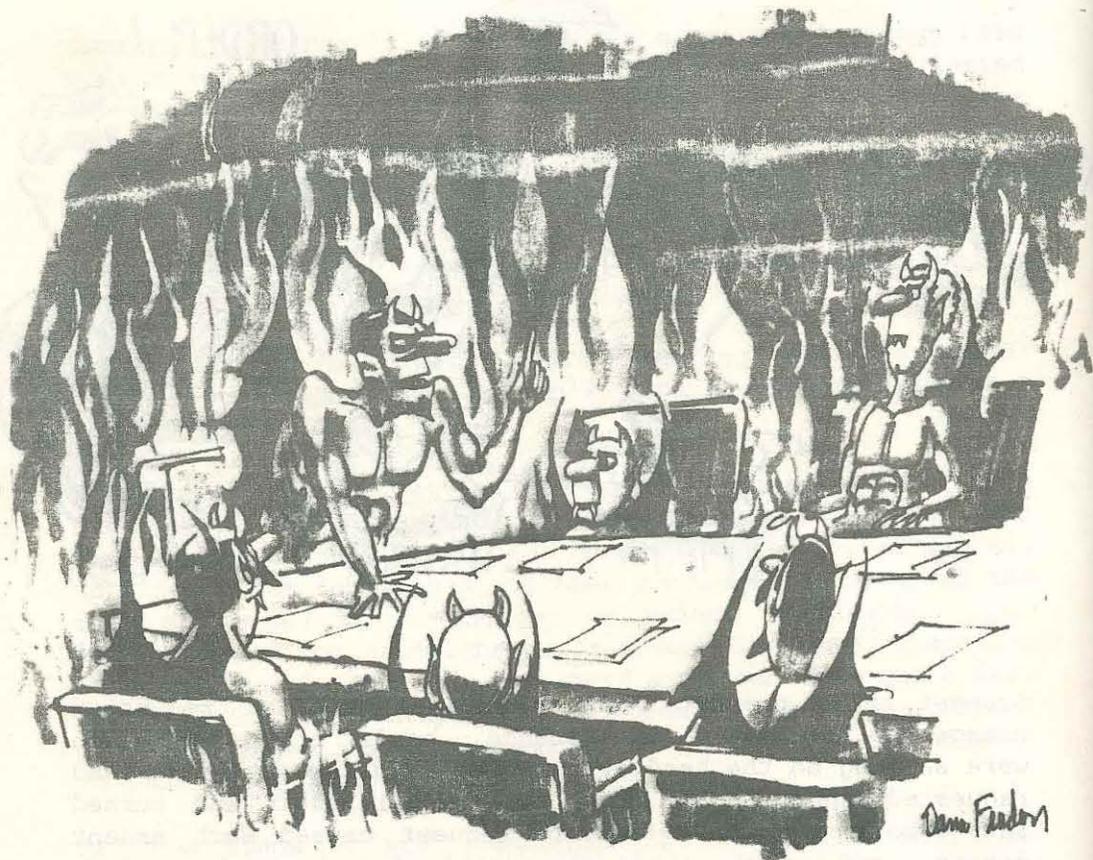
bottom of the swimming pool and a tunnel built to connect it with the Chao Phya River to give better facilities to the Scuba Club? Was this the cause?

So many thoughts passed through the minds of the tense watchers such as: Was the price of beer to be increased? Was the price of 'Bangers' 'Shepherds pie' 'Fish n Chips' to be increased to be more in line with food prices at the Oriental Hotel? Could the men have a 'Hair Dryer' in their changing room instead of using the ones in the ladies changing room? and many others

Our leader finally cooled the debate and the roar died away to a guilty murmur, tension eased. The watching on-lookers' questioning looks were not answered, but one thing is for sure.

"THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF HOW TO CHARGE THE BIRDS (feathered variety) FEES FOR USING THE TENNIS COURTS IN DAYLIGHT HOURS.

STILL REMAINS!!



I SAID ORDER!

FAIRY TALES

Mr. Percy Broom

By Clean Sweep

Albert and Mabel Cockroach were running for their lives, at last with a sigh of relief they nipped under the beer fridge and caught their breath.

"Well Mabs" Albert used her nickname "That was a close call" he said glancing from under the fridge to see if they were still being chased. "Not like the old days when we could roam where ever we liked" he looked sad "Do you realise Mabs" he went on "we are the last two left?"

"Yes" Mabel gave a shudder, she looked fondly at Albert and said "This is all because of New Broom, ever since he came there has been one massacre after another. Do you think he will catch us" she asked.

"Don't know, but lets not talk about that morbid subject" with a far off look in his eye he said "Do you remember that picture of the sea that used to hang on the wall: you know, the one where we used to lays the eggs?"

"Yes" she said.

"Well, that was the first thing that went, and incidentally, I think his name is Percy Broom not Broom" he went on "They mumble a lot and its quite hard to catch what their names are. However Mabs" he added "It may not be all Percy Broom's doing: I think its got something to do with their leader, because I was walking under the bar the other night when he came in, I ran as close as I could to see if I could find out the latest news. He started talking to one of the others that sit in that room upstairs. You know where I mean Mabs" he asked.

"Isn't that the place where they've been holding those long meetings. I remember listening to the one where they were discussing putting up the price of their food; at the time I thought that was a rotten thing to do as their membership is slowly becoming poorer but it seems that the people who supply the raw food had put their prices up first. Funny things arn't they?" she concluded.

"Going back to what I was saying" Alfred continued "their leader was on about all the fowl language used in the bar and

that it had to stop. I must admit that I didn't understand this as listen as I did I could not hear any chickens talking. Anyway during this time others came, some from the room upstairs and some others including the one their leader calls H55. The leader went on to state that he was very pleased with the way the clean up was going: and furthermore he was going to authorise the cleaning of anything dirty in the bar. The man he calls H55 then asked whether this applied to any pretty female that happened to have the misfortune to fall over in the car park when this area was flooded. I must admit that a murmur of excitement passed through the assembled group, but they were all drinking and their voices became blurred.

"So you think Percy Broom will still be after us? Then she added "Do you think the lone one will come again? You know, the one who comes with the metal tank after every one has gone; I think his name is "WELCOME" or at least that's what it said on the tank. You remember how many went after his last visit" there was fear in her voice. "What shall we do?" she cried.

Albert was thoughtful for some time and then with a weary voice he said "Mabs its time we moved from the Churchill Bar. I know we've been happy here but now we have no friends left and Percy Broom is a very powerful enemy, particularly when he is backed by their leader.

Mabs sighed and said "where shall we go?"

"I thought of moving to the local hotel but there are so many there that we would probably find it hard to get food. So I suggest after closing to-night and provided its not raining we move over to cousin Bertram and Matilda in the poolside kitchen. I know the food's not as good as here although I did hear from the one that looks after food that they were going to improve things overthere so it shouldn't be so bad" Albert had made his decision.

Thus after H55 made his way out Albert and Mabel took one look around their old home and set off across the lawn to pastures new.

THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Members of the British Club who are also professional engineers may be interested to know that this Society uses the facilities of the Club to hold most of its social functions, technical lectures and general meetings.

The Society was formed in August 1978 by a group of about 30 expatriate and Thai engineers with the objective of providing a forum for the exchange of technical information and for social get togethers. The Society organises lectures and site visits, usually at about 6 weekly intervals and is open to professional engineers of any nationality.

Anyone interested in joining the Society should first contact the Society's Vice Chairman (Mr. J.S. Walker) via the Society's space on the notice board in the Clubhouse corridor.

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THE PATPONG PUZZLE

One day four members or associate members of the British Club and a guest were discussing the relative merits of their cars over a beer at the bar. The nationalities represented were English, German, Dutch, American and Japanese. Their cars were a Datsun 280ZX, a Volkswagen Golf, a DAF, A Triumph TR7 and a Chevy with one bald tire. They decided that the next venue for a drink was the Grand Prix bar in Patpong and that there should be a race there, with the loser buying the drinks. To allow the judge (an Irishman) to determine the final positions the cars were marked 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

From the information in the following clues answer these questions.

1. Who finished first in the race?
2. Which car was he driving?
3. What number was on it?

Similarly determine the same for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and last place.

Clues:

1. No driver had the same nationality as the country of manufacture of his car.
2. The Datsun finished after the DAF - not necessarily directly behind.
3. The driver of the Chevy had to stop to change a tyre.
4. The Dutchman won the race (thirsty and thrifty).
5. Car No. 3 did not finish in the first two places.
6. No car finished the race in a place corresponding to its number.
7. The Volkswagen was painted green.
8. The driver in car No. 3 worked in the same company as the driver of the DAF but had 2 years more service.
9. The American is 6 feet tall and weighs 285 pounds.
10. The driver that finished in 4th place has a cousin who is bigger than the American.

11. The Chevy finished last.
12. The driver of car No. 2 was older than the American but younger than the driver of the Volkswagen.
13. The American was not driving car No. 4.
14. The guest was Japanese. His first time in the Club.
15. The Englishman finished ahead of the DAF, the Chevy and car No. 1.

(this is possible, even Ass. Ed. managed to do it)

Answers to Last Month's Crossword

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SQUASH

Last month the Squash Committee began discussions with the General Committee on the development of Squash Facilities in the Club.

It was agreed that Court 2 should have a new floor in the near future. Other points discussed were the air conditioning of Courts 2 and 3, and, in the long-term, improved dressing room accommodation and the provision of a fourth court.

Further development of the tennis courts would, however, take precedence over these long term improvements to Squash Facilities.

Interim Reports

1. League 47

The hot weather here and the attractions of Europe for Home Leave in this season, have taken their toll, and entries have fallen for League 47, resulting in only 16 Divisions. When whole Divisions vanish, the selection process becomes less straightforward. Some had unexpected good luck and were not demoted although placed bottom in their Division in League 46. Others were disappointed in their placing for various reasons, but, in all cases, the Coordinators did their sincere best to place entrants in the Division they deserved. So try not to complain too much.

First on the board with matches on 1st May were:

Tony Laven/Bill Cox (Div. 3)

Pat Murphy/Andy Dunlop (Div. 6)

Interim Results

Division 1, 8, and 9 look tied up already by John Thompson, Martin Trachsel and John Debouge, respectively. Remember, however, not to give up if you are in their Leagues. The Coordinators will give you no credit for that!



You get dog tired playing squash in this heat

- Rod Carter is in a dominating position in Division 2.
- Some have slender, and perhaps temporary leads:-

Jeff Thomson	(Div. 3)
Peter Young	(Div. 5)
Andy Dunlop	(Div. 6)
Drew Wilkins	(Div. 10)
Ian Bossinger	(Div. 12)
Roger Daniel	(Div. 13)
Gillian Bossinger	(Div. 14)
Lee Thorpe	(Div. 15)

- Lots of sleepers in Divisions 4, 11 & 16. Hope they can finish all their matches in the remaining ten days.

2. The Squash Ladder Questionnaire: (Closing Date 15.6.84)

Response to this has been excellent, with 42 questionnaires thoughtfully completed and returned to date, two from new entrants and the others, according to the following groups:

Div. 1-4	-	12 returns
5-10	-	18 returns
11 & up	-	10 returns

Extra Copies at Poolside

One complaint has emerged about the system of distribution. Only a single blank was sent to each household, where sometimes more than one person in the family played Squash. The more aggressive partner (or first up to get the post) seized the questionnaire and the other was frustrated. Perhaps this accounts for the receipt of only two returns from Ladies!

Anyway, a remedy is at hand. Fifty extra questionnaires will be placed at the booking table. Just fill one in, if you have not done so, and pop it in the box, before 15.6.84. Hate to think of Ladies being frustrated.

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Results

1. Ladies Championship and Plate

A good deal of interest was demonstrated this year in the Ladies Championship and Plate events. There was a substantial entry and a good turnout of spectators for the Finals held at 5.45 p.m. on 26 April, which led to the following results:

Ladies Championship: Amnuay Alexander beat Caroline Tarrant
4-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-2

Ladies Plate: Ria Van Weers beat Diane Wingfield
9-3, 9-2, 9-2

2. Sabena Fun Day

The events, indeed, took all day to complete, from 10 a.m. till 4.30 p.m., because of the large number of entries. The other feature was the range of ages and squash abilities demonstrated, from 5 to 50 odd years, and from complete beginner to Division 1 of the Club. (Well done, Steve and Chris).

Of course there were lots of Ladies, and they battled it out on court, often successfully, with the males and darting kids. Thanks to Len's handicaps, most people had a chance to win something. As will be seen from the results, youngsters and beginners took a fair share of the prizes and everyone had a lot of fun.

Fun Day Results

3-minute handicap

Div. 1-6	1. Neil Mayo	2. Les Currie
7-10	1. Mike Summers	2. Jill Van de Lint
11 +	1. A. Wilkins	2. J. Abrahams

Court Running

Group A

1. Sally Dunford	2. Laura Dunlop	3. J. Abrahams
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Group B

1. S. Platt	2. L. Mayo	3. A. Sill
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First to 5 points

Div. 1-5	1. R. Wingfield	2. Chris Platt
6-9	1. Amnuay Alexander	2. Andy Dunlop
10 +	1. Annie Wilkins	2. Drew Wilkins

Nomination stroke handicap

Div. 1-6	1. R. Wingfield	2. Les Currie
7-12	1. Geoff Thorpe	2. Mike Summers
13 +	1. Annie Wilkins	2. N. Majer

Novelty Ball-Swinging Race

Group A.	1st equal Len Alexander/Andy Dunlop	
	3. R. Gain	4. C. Platt
Group B.	1. J. Abrahams	2. S. Gain
	3. Saypin Alexander	4. N. Majer

1984 TSRA Competition

The Thailand Squash Racquets Association (TSRA) has informed the club that this year's competition will commence in late May or early June.

Thanks to your excellent response to our request for players to participate in this competition we are able to list five teams or 23 players as shown below.

Division 1

A Team:	1. Len Alexander (Captain)
	2. Colin Hastings
	3. Steve Tapner
	4. Ian Kent
	5. Rod Carter

Division 2

A Team:	1. Bernard Grogan
	2. Chris Platt (Captain)
	3. Dugal Forrest
	4. Bill Friel
	5. Ralph Tye
	6. Bruce Pointer

Division 3

A Team:	1. John Sill
	2. Tony Laven (Captain)
	3. Roger Gain
	4. Terry Smith

B Team:	1. Greg Henderson
	2. Jack Dunford
	3. Les Curie (Captain)
	4. Andy Dunlop

Ladies Division

A Team:	1. Carolyn Tarrant
	2. Amnuay Alexander (Captain)
	3. Jill Van de Lint
	4. Siriwan Forrest

Court Cases

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

We know that many people are not clear about the Rules, especially in the lower divisions, and we would like to hear about anything that puzzles you.

This month, three quickies in the form of a quiz.

(Answers below so don't read on yet!)

1. What if the ball passes between your legs?
 - a) it is always a penalty point against you
 - b) " " " a Let
 - c) it depends on the exact circumstances.
2. What if you "Turn" on returning a service?
 - a) it is always an automatic let
 - b) it is a legitimate stroke
 - c) it may be a let
3. What is your opponent serves the ball before you are ready, and you do not return it?
 - a) it is his point
 - b) it is a let
 - c) it is your point if the serve is not up.

Correct Answers to Squash Quiz

1. c) It depends on the exact circumstance. You must allow your opponent fair view and freedom of stroke. Fair view is assumed, "unless the ball returns too close to his opponent for the player to sight it adequately for the purpose of making a stroke". Usually, if you are not too close to the player when the ball passes between your legs, you will not have interfered with his fair view. If in doubt, play a let.

Freedom of stroke means you must get out of your opponent's way as much as possible, after making a stroke. The player must be free to play to any part of the front wall or either side wall near the front.

Usually, a first offence here leads to a let, but, if an opponent "has not made every effort to comply with the rule", the player should win a penalty point.

In other words, if, in letting the ball go between his legs, your opponent makes no effort to get out of your way and let you see the ball to play an unimpeded stroke, you may claim a penalty point from him.

Of course, if you could not have reached the ball to play a stroke, the point is his.

The note to Referees on this rule is worth quoting:

- Note to Referees -

- a) The practice of impeding an opponent's stroke by crowding or by obscuring his view is highly detrimental to the game and referee's should have no hesitation in enforcing the penultimate paragraph of this rule, awarding penalty points.
 - b) The words 'interfering with...his opponent in getting to...the ball' must be interpreted so as to include the case of a player having to wait for an excessive swing of his opponent's racket."
2. b) It is a legitimate stroke.
 - c) It may also be a let, if, for example, the player shouts "Turning" and distracts you.
 3. b) It is a let.
 - c) It would (surely) be dishonest to accept a point in these circumstance.

Either way the quick server cannot win (unless his opponent gets flustered and tries to hit the ball). It is therefore in his own interests to make sure his opponent is ready before he serves the ball.



GOLF

On 29 April at Hua Mark Golf Course the almost annual match between American Chamber of Commerce and B.C. Golf Section took place. Although AMCHAM took some of our stars (i.e. Adcock, Ryan, Fraser, Hickling) to help their side, it made little difference as the B.C. team led by Ambassador Justin Staples made short work of the Yankee team.

"Coke" sponsored the outing and prizes were very beautiful with additional "goodies" from AMCHAM's Tom Sedle.

The results were as follows:

British Club	-	39.5	Average Points
American Chamber	-	33.0	" "

Overall Points - B.C. Team only

1.	H.E. J. STAPLES	47 pts
2.	D. FROST	43 pts
4.	W. DICK	40 pts
7.	Koi ARMSTRONG	38 pts
8.	K. LONG	37 pts
9.	J. DEQUENNE	36 pts
10.	J. LENAGHAN	35 pts

12th May - Sattahip Golf Course

The annual (2nd) Ryesome Cup competition sponsored by Jeremy Watson was played.

It was unfortunate that only 8 couples completed, but lucky in that all received prizes.

Under beautiful skies a very fast round was played and lots of Kloster was consumed.

The results:

Ryesome Cup Winners	-	David Tarrant & David Factor	27 pts
" " Runners up	-	D. Frost/N. MacDonald	25 "
Third Place	-	S. Voravarn/R. Armstrong	23 "
Fourth Place	-	J. Wood/J. Dequenne	20 "
Long Drive Ladies	-	S. Voravarn	
Men	-	R. Armstrong	
Closest Pin Hole 16	-	R. Armstrong	
" 5	-	No one	

13th May - Siam Country Club

Under rainy skies, with lightning coming too close to many and jolting our sponsor, a six hour round of golf was "played". John Kerr and I.C.I. sponsored the day. Scores were not good but we had 26 golfers show up for an enjoyable day of companionship.

Results were:

"A" Division 1st	M. Pallett	30 pts
2nd	I. McLean	29 pts
Best Front Nine	D. Frost	15 pts
Best Back Nine	J. Dequenne	15 pts

"B" Division 1st	C. Amos	35 pts
2nd	S. Metherell	35 pts
Best Front Nine	B. Hyde	19 pts
Best Back Nine	A. North	17 pts

Long Drive - Men	J. Maxwell
Ladies	K. Armstrong

Closest Pin Hole 16	Amanda Young
" 8	No one

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Dunlop Cup Results to this point in time - May 16/84

Teams remaining in the hunt are:-

Hans Daniels/George Walck	Charles Amos/Barry Hyde
Peter Adcock/Michael Ryan	Sally Lamb/Mike Lamb



"Why don't you pretend this green is a bed of hot coals and you're barefoot?"



CRICKET

Mr. Bells fled the country after submitting the case for the Defendant last month taking with him, I might add, the only tangible success of the BC 1983/84 cricket season - the beer kitty plus dropped catch fund. No doubt he will reappear when the date of our upcoming EGM is declared and his much coveted positions as Chairman and acting Treasurer will be up for grabs - meanwhile you will be spared any more of the alcoholic ramblings of last month. *"Is the above the last?"*

Alas our season is done and we must once more surrender ourselves back to domestic servitude for the rainy season - but before doing so we may be excused for pondering a while on the heroics performed. Mr. Bells presented the sordid details of our final encounters without, and for this we are appreciative, going too much into the statistical facts. *(Indeed, there was very little reference to cricket at all!)* This month too I will reflect without the complication of the score book before me because the said Bells has presumably left it lying around in one of watering holes he is known to frequent. Assuming that the special task force which has been appointed is successful in retrieving it in time, a full statistical summary of the season will be presented next month - the Editor has been asked to prepare special copies of Outpost with the cricket pages missing for any of our more squeamish readers, and presumably for most of the team.

Mr. Anton Perera this week described the British Club team as the disappointment of the season and with a total of 15 matches played, three victories, one walkover and eleven defeats, biased though I am I would be inclined to agree! However that's only half the story. One might imagine, with such a playing record, the team must have been demoralised, depressed and discordant - not a bit of it! To the very end we entered every match convinced we were good enough to beat 'em and in all but three or four games we were indeed within a chance of victory for most of the game. Team spirit was great and we lost several of our matches by the narrowest of margins - 1 wicket, 6 runs, 11 runs and 5 runs. Unquestionably the major problem was finding a fifth bowler in each game. Jeff Parry bowled beautifully all season and I rank him alongside any bowler in the country, bar none. Mac Sayer gave fine support on most occasions and Craig Price was economical throughout. The skipper was usually allowed to escape relatively lightly, tossing up innocuous teasers - but who to bowl number 5? Brian Thompson and Dave Smith

both bowled well on occasions but were not available throughout the season and in no single match were more than 4 of the whole squad of above mentioned trundlers available - other than for the AIT match when AIT failed to turn up! As a result, our 5th bowler (and 6th, 7th, and 8th!) were usually taken apart and on numerous occasions the initiative was taken away by just 3 or 4 overs of loose (I'm stuck for a more adequate adjective here) bowling (hardly a justifiable noun either!). These were usually accompanied by indescribable lapses in the field and matches were lost in 15 minute periods of bizarre comedy.

On the whole, the batting was solid if not spectacular. Terry Adams and Ian Rhodes were our steadiest openers for years and if a few idiosyncrasies could be sorted out could be match winners - Terry Adams can sometimes make the sight of grass growing seem exciting compared with his batting, and Ian Rhodes will get out with diabolical swipes to leg after playing cover drives of the highest calibre. Craig Price once again looked the complete batsman and scored an impressive 94 not out against RBSC. Somehow though he rarely got going and his potential was once again largely wasted. Dave Hall, our bearded midget contributed usefully at times but hopefully will be successful in Patenting 'His Shot' thereby precluding it's use by anyone else. Geoff Thompson was the improver of the year - both with bat and ball - and if he is as enthusiastic next season could do very usefully in both departments. Of the rest, Parry's averages will be the best comment on his batting this season - a great disappointment, Steve Castledine and Brian Thompson played a few very classy looking innings, and Bells himself and Mac Sayer sometimes put the rest to shame with some sensible straight-batted hitting. We were of course devastated by the loss of Ollie halfway through the season, as he was improving to such an extent that he was breaking National records every time he took the field. Buster Williamson will no doubt look back on the season remembering that on the only occasion he reached double figures the skipper ran him out!

The fielding on the whole was reasonable - brilliant at times, but terrible at others. Parry, Price, Castledine and Brian Thompson all move quickly and keep the batsmen under pressure, Williamson held some good catches and Terry Adams I think, was probably the only fielder not to contribute to the dropped catch fund. Gordon Burles once again performed admirably behind the sumps and was keeping really well at the end of the season after switching to contact lenses.

(Typed as submitted - should it be sumps, stumps, lumps or dumps?)

The outstanding memories of the season for me were - Burles, Bells and the gun en-route to Chiang Mai - Beckett's face and Wright's language as Dave Hall wiped yet another Beckett delivery to the square leg boundary - Craig Price's 94 and a great team effort in the Marshall Trophy - Dave Williamson's 3 catches in a match after fielding like a pregnant penguin the game before - the catch that Burles missed which landed closer to where he started than where he finished - Burles' refusal arms folded, backturned, to complete an easy run out - Ollie's farewell parties in Soi Cowboy - the Indians at 18 for 5 after great bowling from Parry and Sayer - 'that' game against Allied, failing to score 102 to win after being 71 for 2 and even 95 for 6 - Ken Gilson telling me "its only a graze" having received multiple face fractures from a vicious RBSC long hop - that lbw decision against Chiang Mai - our wins against Allied, the Thais and the Indians - the disappointment of poor performances in Chiang Mai after high expectations and much planning - Dave Smith's 11 ball over - Steve Davis, World Snooker Champion, caught Burles, bowled Smith, twice - Terry Adams, one run off his first 36 balls received vs Pakistan - Steve Castledine's nonchalant catch at deep mid-wicket - 'Bubbles', BC cricketers in chorus supporting the soccer lot in a Chiang Mai thunder storm - but most of all, a great bunch of lads, lots of Kloster, and another very, very happy season.

The final act is to make the coveted BC captain's cricketer awards for 1983/84.

Bowler of the Year
 Batsman of the Year
 Improver of the Year
 Shot of the Year
 Legs of the Year

Jeff Parry
 Craig Price
 Geoff Thompson
 Dave Hall
 Ian Rhodes (sorry, didn't see enough of you this year Mrs. Burles!)

Runout Specialist of the Year
 Amazing Over of the Year
 Belgian Cricketer of the half Year
 Theatrical performance of Year

Terry Adams
 Dave Smith
 Olivier de Braekeleer
 'Goosyballs' starring Thompson and Hall

Worse appeal of the Year
 Fielding performance of the Year
 Fielding performance of the Year
 Safest batsman of the Year
 Boring inning of the Year
 Wag of the Year
 Socks of the Year
 Bad shoulder of the Year
 Boiled eggs of the Year
 Umpiring Decision of the Year
 Dropped Catch of the Year

Brian Thompson (20 baht)
 Dave Williamson (best)
 Dave Williamson (worst)
 Terry Adams
 Terry Adams
 Gordon Burles
 Craig Price
 Mac Sayer
 the Adams Family
 Geoff Thompson
 Grodon Burles



Burles, Dunford, Adams, Parry, Sayer, Rhodes, Williamson, Castledine, Thompson, Hall - photo by Craig Price, hats courtesy of the Flowerpot Men.



LADIES' GOLF

The many overcast days have kept the temperatures down, and some of the scores down as well, as we continue to enjoy good golfing weather in Bangkok. As the weeks progress we have been facing more and more temporary greens as the Royal Thai Army Course continues to repair and raise greens and re-do bunkers. However, in the coming weeks we expect these greens to be gradually returned to play and golfing conditions will improve -- will the scores?

On the 24th of April we played our monthly L.G.U. medal using L.G.U. handicaps instead of our usual U.S.G.A. system. The result was generally well-received, with some fine scores turned in in spite of the fact that most of the ladies found themselves playing off handicaps lower than usual. The Silver division was won by Joan Jurgens with a net score of 73; the Bronze II division went to Jean Marett with a net 70; while the Bronze I division was taken by Kay Enterline with a net 74.

In view of our affiliation with the Ladies Golfing Union in the U.K. and the need of many of our members to maintain their L.G.U. handicaps for use in the U.K. and other parts of the world using this system, we will continue to play under these handicaps for the medal round once each month. All other competitions will be played under U.S.G.A. rules.

The Eclectic competition organized by Lise Dencker-Nielsen, and played over five consecutive weeks, was won by Pam Hardy with a net score of 62.5. Joan Jurgens was second and Kay Enterline third.

The Flag competition held on the 8th of May finished up with both flight flags on the 19th hole. Flight A resulted in a long-driving contest between Eileen Ford and Jean Marett when both ladies arrived on the 19th tee with one stroke in hand. Well done, Eileen, it was a very good drive indeed. Flight B was won by Mo Harris who arrived at the 19th tee with 5 strokes in hand while Kathryn Uvhagen, playing in the same foursome, arrived there with 3 extra. The match was played out, but Mo carried on and won the day.

We tried a U.S.G.A. medal round on the 15th of May, played over the Army's 9 hole course. The general opinion was that the greens were in beautiful condition, but since the fairways are not yet established we would in future take our chances with the temporary greens on the regular 18 hole course.

Even so the scores were good and Tina Svenssen won the Flight A prize with a net 68 and Kathryn Uvhagen took the honors in Flight B with a net 71.

We welcome new member Trish Gill.

Starter for the month is Vicky, 252-8402.



SWIMMING

A record turnout for the year of 26 swimmers produced no less than 21 improved times during our BCB Monthly Gala on Sunday, May 20th.

Kris Erswell is our "Improver of the Month". After a 6-month lay-off from our Galas, during which he has continued to train steadily, he knocked a shattering 59 seconds off his previous best personal times for:

100 m	Breast	1.49.8	(-33 secs)
100 m	Fly	2.15.0	(- 8 secs)
200 m	I.M.	4.10.9	(-18 secs)
TOTAL			<u>-59 secs</u>

Very well done Kris!

However, in a Gala of so many improved times, special mention must also be made of the noted achievements of:

Michael Mayo, who was awarded the "Improver of the Month" badge for April, knocked yet another 17 seconds off his best times and is fast approaching the BCB record levels for his Under 9 age group:

50 m	Breast	55.8	(-6 secs),	BCB record	51.0
50 m	Fly	57.4	(-3 secs),	BCB record	48.2
100 m	I.M.	1.47.0	(-8 secs),	BCB record	1.42.4
TOTAL					<u>-17 secs</u>

Callista Piercy: In only her 4th Gala, improved in all 3 strokes by 13 seconds:

50 m	Breast	57.0	(-7 secs)
50 m	Fly	1.06.6	(-5 secs)
100 m	I.M.	2.12.5	(-1 sec)
TOTAL			<u>-13 secs</u>

Natalie Passmore, a consistently improving swimmer, again led the Under 11 Girls home in all 3 races whilst chopping off another 6 seconds:

50 m	Breast	56.3	(equalling her best time)
50 m	Fly	58.1	(-1 sec)
100 m	I.M.	1.53.8	(-5 secs)
TOTAL		-6 secs	

Louise Mayo, Xanthe Kent and Katherine Sill improved significantly on their 50 m Breast times by -9, -7 and -3 secs, respectively, whilst Natasha Lovell lopped off -5 secs from her 100m I.M. personal best time.

Congratulations to all improvers and a big Thank You to our coaches Khun Choon & Khun Suparb - training produces results! -- and our Timekeepers who braved the midday sun.

Note: We have almost 90 swimmers now participating in an almost full-up training schedule - so there are still a lot more swimmers who can join us for the next BCB Monthly Gala on:

Sunday, June 10th, commencing 1200-1230

When the strokes will be Free, Back and I.M.

Proficiency Awards were made to:

Puffer: Renee McDonald
Naoma Kent
Rosie Sargeant
Jani Anwar

Snapper: Damian McDonald
Jock Alexander
Jack Alexander

Dolphin: Sarah Buhler

Well done children! Keep up your training and soon you will all be little SHARKS - our highest proficiency award.

Swimming Committee

Two more Mums have volunteered to help with the organisation of our swimming activities and thus our swimming committee now comprises:

Heather Passmore (only with us one more month)
Margaret Abrahams (taking over the Training Schedule)
Kay Hambleton (our new Treasurer)
and Barry Collins (Gala, records and all other odd jobs)

We could still do with some more assistance with such jobs as:

- scribing this monthly Outpost article
- administration of badges, cups, medals, etc.
- liaising with members on needed changes and/or improvements around the Poolside.

so any volunteers out there please contact one of our Committee if you can spare us some of your time to help our BCB children appreciate and enjoy the healthy and sporting rewards of swimming.

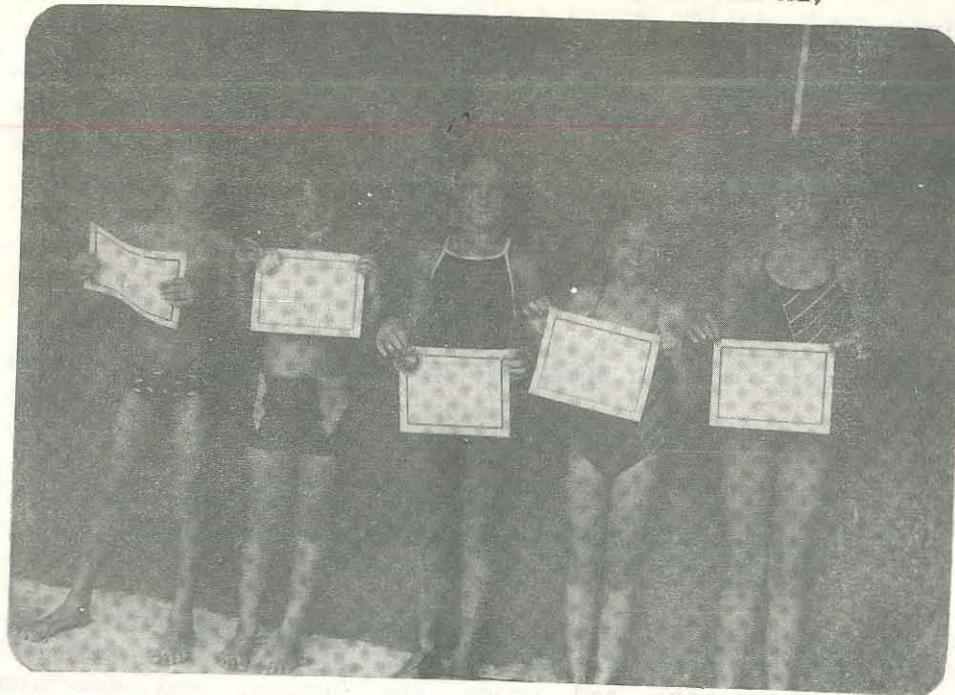
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Four Proud "Puffers"



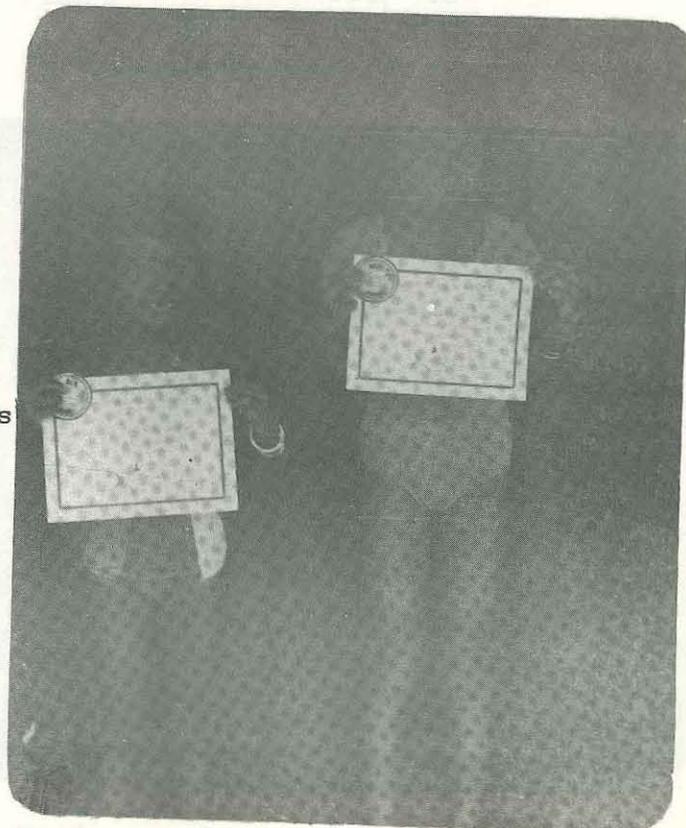
Jani Rosie Renee Naoma

Proficiency Test Awardees - April and May



Richard
Damian Sarah
Karen Natasha

Non-
Squashing
Alexanders
Jock
&
Jack



TENNIS

Progress in the Annual Club tournament has been excruciatingly slow for a wide selection of reasons embracing absence, injury and just plain sloth. The rainy season is almost upon us, so please get moving or advise Roy Fordham (office: 233 6638-9, 233 8074) of your withdrawal. Results to date are:

MEN'S DOUBLES

1st Round

P. Rosenfeldt/S. Metherell beat	6-2	6-4
L. Rasmussen/B. Friel		

2nd Round

B. Pointer/J. Kerr beat		
J. Thompson/B. Thompson		
C. Dencker-Nielsen/Joti B. beat	6-3	6-4
P. Rosenfeldt/S. Metherell		
R. Fordham/Kasem N. beat	6-4	6-1
D. Hall/J. Oliver		

MIXED DOUBLES

1st Round

Mr. & Mrs. Mayo beat	6-3	6-1	
Mr. & Mrs. Wingfield			
Mr. & Mrs. Dencker-Nielsen beat	6-3	4-6	6-0
Mr. & Mrs. Smith			
Mr. & Mrs. Oliver beat	6-3	6-4	
Mr. & Mrs. Beckett			

2nd Round

Mr. & Mrs. Pointer beat	6-0	6-1
Mr. & Mrs. Mayo		
Mr. & Mrs. Dencker-Nielsen beat	6-2	6-4
Mr. & Mrs. Metherell		

The Round Robin Handicap Double Tournament scheduled for Sunday, May 20th was cancelled because two courts were too wet for play after the previous day's thunderstorm.



SOCCER

Chiengmai Tour, April 5th-8th

"MORTON COMES INTO THE CLOSET"

The whistle blew, the crowd roared, the BC girded their loins and so, amidst great confusion, we were off. Not quite as fast as a bullet speeding from a gun, not quite as slow as Howley over the first five, the Chiengmai "Express" pulled sedately out of Hualumpung with a very motley crew on board. And I don't mean the engine-driver and fireman. In one carriage slumbered the B.C. cricketers, decent chaps, salts of the earth, really - though a little less than proficient at wielding the willow - and with them their camp-followers, all hoping for an edifying weekend's sport up in the country. In the adjacent carriage festered the BC footballers - who should be described as the opposite to the cricketers, except that they too were hoping for a sporting weekend up in Chiengmai.

The journey wound on, the Singhas went down, and the pace hotted up. As the Chiengmai Flyer stopped and started along the track, the footballers slopped and farted along the corridor. Towards the close, discretion and restraint were worn thin and livers were just about worn out. In a reckless burst of generosity "Cincinnati" Howley demonstrated American poker technique to a bunch of cynical onlookers and thereby paid for \$mudger Smith's tour. "Biggles" Clifford was barely restrained from lowering his undercarriage in the restaurant and crash-landing on a sweet young thing who had obviously not anticicipated encountering anything so unsavoury in the Dining Car.

Lights-out fortunately prevented any further excesses and the rabble, having been motley enough for one evening, clambered unsteadily into their pits and oblivion.

In contrast to the confusion bestowed upon the touring party by 'organiser' Castledine, the arrangements at Chiengmai - courtesy of Charlie Graham and chums - were exemplary. Met off the train, two matches arranged, grub at the Gymkhana, and ale in the Esky, we couldn't have been looked after better. Charlie even laid on team transport and pilot, so we were chauffeured around the town in fine style. Of course, the smooth-running of the tour bus was guaranteed by the selfless efforts of the Secretary who administered two bungs a day to Charlie's long-suffering driver, Khun Boonsong. Our accommodation - in the Rintr - was also a bit good, cunningly

chosen by Dave Wallace for minimum rates, maximum discretion, proximity to the Pub and least chance of being turfed out for having too much fun.

Our two matches - comfortably fitted over three days - were against Chiengmai University Teams. In the first we cruised to a 2-0 win over the Chemistry Faculty, a game enlivened by a freak hailstorm and a deluge of abuse - from the wet cricketers cowering on the touchline, drinking our beer. The second, against a Combined-Faculty Team, was a trifle harder and only by pulling up socks and tightening jock-straps, did we scrape a 2-2 draw. As a side-issue, the "Footballer" of the Tour" title was at stake, eventually going by popular vote to Wilkins with Morton losing out - in spite of his wimpish early night and obvious eagerness to collect the £15 prize money.

But, of course, the real honour lay in becoming "Man of the Tour".

Would it be Hastings, whose yoghurt-porridge breakfasts induced a bowel movement that scored 10 on the Von Richter scale? Would it be "Trevino" Wallace, whose Tee shots know no bounds? (I understand the Urchins of Chiengmai, Lost Golf Balls Section have issued a special invitation to Dave to come for a full weekend and have put a deposit on a new luxury clubhouse in anticipation of a bumper pay-day). Would it be Buster, scourge of the Rhodesian pacemen; or Swift, having to freewheel a Honda 175 ten miles down Doi Suthep after Sheik Yammani Castledine had put all of £8 worth of petrol in it?

No, it certainly wouldn't be any of this shower.

One man, and his outstanding scoring feat on the greensward of Chiengmai clearly took the honours: it was, of course, Allan Morton. Trapped in an enclosed space, he saw the opportunity, turned on a sixpence and nudged one home from close range.

The Editors would have appreciated a photo of the winner, in action.

The Senior World Cup

DAY 1: "GUNTHER GLOMB'S FINEST HOUR"

At the close of play on the Shell ground late Sunday afternoon, the consensus was that it was the most competently organised World Cup within memory. Our sincere gratitude is thus due to Gunther who did "ein schprinter" on the eve of

the tournament leaving the German All Stars' committee to organise it all for him. Which they did, very competently. Rumour has it that Gunther's sudden absence may be enforced permanently so the Farang League may also require a different hand on the tiller.

As for the football, the BC put up a creditable performance, coming an honourable third and conceding fewer goals (one) than anyone else.

We started about 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday, in traditional British Club style, with only seven players. The situation was so desperate we even had to play Kevin Howley's father! Fortunately the opposition was pretty low - from Benelux - and we staggered to an easy win. Thereafter our full team rolled up and we strolled home in two games before encountering Hong Kong, who were taking it all very seriously.

In a hard-fought game and out-matched man-for-man we played for and gained a valuable draw, much to the frustration of HKFC who, off the pitch, came over as slightly more restrained individuals.

And so to Sunday, to do battle with the favourites from Kuala Lumpur.

DAY 2: "CRAZED INDIANS STAMPEDE, TRAMPLE PACIFIST INTO SAUERKRAUT."

It started well, too well, and we knew it couldn't last. The first game was against the Malaysians, head and shoulders above the rest, having subdued Hong Kong 2-1 and steam-rolled everyone else. Except us. In a well-orchestrated, purposely negative performance we went for a draw and the final. The Malaysians had even fewer clues as to how to penetrate the BC defence than HKFC the night before. We ended gratefully at 0-0, level on points with KL and still without a goal against us. This was especially remarkable as we had used four goalkeepers in five games, including Kevin Howley's father who showed surprising talent for a man of his venerable years.

Then on, full of beans, to crush the Swiss in our best, most composed effort - when everything and everyone clicked. We won 5-0 with goals going to all the regulars and Wilkins building up the haul which made him top-scorer in the competition. This was high point of the tournament; level with KL on points, ahead on goal average, favourites for the final. And then, the last game, the Indians and a re-run of the Mutiny.

Twenty minutes in, everything was under control when a small conflagration flared on the wing. Balls were squared, knuckles grazed, and the riot was on.

As the BC and the Indians milled around the protagonists, thrashing around on the floor, a section of the crowd (which shall not be named) sprinted, like the extras from "Gandhi", onto centre-stage. This inflamed the rest of the crowd who wandered into the arena trying, in saner fashion, to quell the violence. Amongst this friendly band was a jovial German chef who, being perceived more as an enraged bull than a sacred cow, was given the treatment traditionally meted out to a pig's bladder. Fortunately, the Indians' shooting was off and the chef left the pitch with his head still attached though in a different shape.

No permanent damage was done so the game restarted. We settled down under the Captain's direction and got on with it. An unlucky slip gave away a penalty and we lost. However, we came away third, behind KL and HKFC, and with a few more memories and friends than before.



THE RBSC SEVENS

Another mini-marathon, in which the B.C. acquitted itself well. After a faltering start, the old motor spluttered into life and we began to adjust to the rapid-fire demands of seven-a-side. We made the Division 1 qualifying round, beat some stiff opposition and then ran awry of RBSC I who were fitter, stronger, younger - and better, just.

Third, again, but not empty-handed as we were voted the most sporting team of the contest. Apparently as a result, our Captain has applied to the Foreign Office for a job as a career diplomat. And not empty-handed either as far as trophies are concerned because the "Snake Pit" now has a finer collection of beer mugs than the "Horn and Trumpet", Lambeth, SEI.

The Farang Knock-Out, May 19th-20th

As of this writing, the news is not good. On Saturday 19th May, the Swiss fell apart against us once more. Castledine netted a footballer's goal after good service by Wilkins; Allan "Nudger" Morton volleyed a cracker from a well-placed and well-worked cross from occasional left-winger Smudger Smith. We eventually ran out 4-0 winners.

On the Sunday against a stiffened German team (lead in the Kloster?) we failed to score and are now virtually certain to miss the final due to the clumsy "tackle" by a very slow Swift, leading to the German's historic 1-0 triumph.

And, that's the current state of play.

Footnote

As the season peters out, images spring up of the magic moments: goals taken and chances missed; tackles put in and saves made; games won and lost. But none encapsulate this team so well as the memory of the ride back to the Rintr on the first night in Chiangmai. Commandeering a flat-bed Toyota was the obvious move, but stocking it with local talent was an inspired one. Good one, B.C. Footballers.



RUGBY

The season is now beginning to get under way and it should soon be time for us to think about not actually training but at least getting together to work out which props play full back and which of the centres end up playing second row.

I will try to fix up a time and place and will contact everyone as soon as this can be arranged. Please keep your eye on the noticeboard.

The possibility of a game against the Sports Club is still under consideration and we would hope this could take place in late June or early July.

It is quite some time since everyone signed up in the first rush of enthusiasm, so I hope the signers are all still in Thailand! Any new names are also welcome.

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BRIDGE

Collapsed?



SNOOKER

Not Potted?



DARTS

No Tons?

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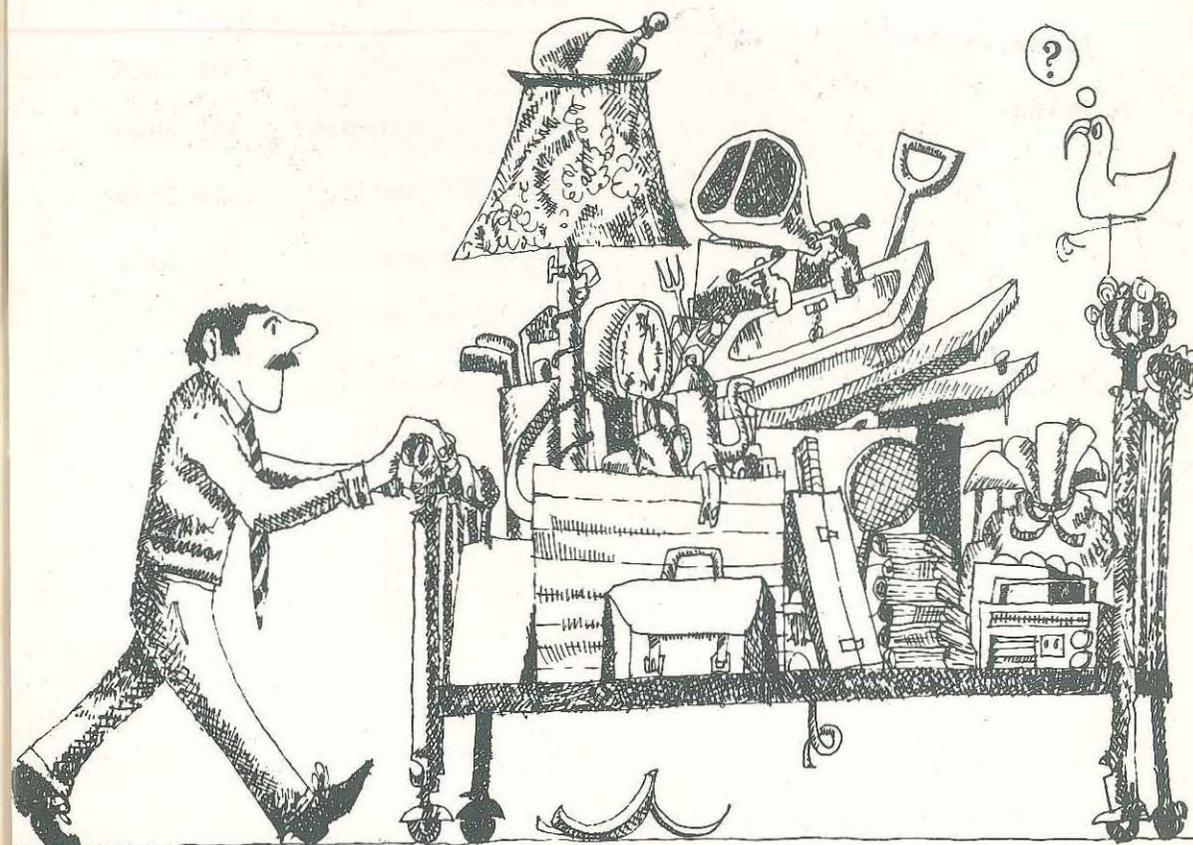
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