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Editorial

Our "Time for Change" campaign gets away to a great start, except for cover design entries. It is hoped that this copy of Outpost will reflect some of the changes. To change further however more articles, or "Copy" of any description is required. This is a magazine for people who use the British Club. You write it, we will publish it.

Perhaps "Time of Change" could be the club 1985 slogan. You will see if you read "Jingjok" that the committee is deciding upon the feasibility of resurfacing a tennis court with an all weather surface. An alternative suggestion would be to make the lower tennis courts into a car park and turn the car park at the Silom Road end of the club into the all weather surface thus eliminating cars from the swimming pool area, and bringing together club house and outdoor activities.

This may even eliminate the two factions - bar side people and pool side people - within the club, making one big happy family.

Further advantages could be the use of the all weather surface as a dance floor for Disco's and Dances, with the new Sala as Bar and Grandstand. To offset against the cost of surfacing would be the money saved on hiring of the wooden portable floor.

What about our cars and drivers you all will say, we will have to use the Suriwongse Road entrance and it is one way. For me the benefits of having traffic pollution away from the poolside, and a place for our drivers to congregate away from the poolside, which they and us find embarrassing, more than compensates for a little extra exercise.

What do you think?

THE response to our plea for extra help on Outpost was marvellous. Literally hours after the plea went out, an offer of assistance was received. And more came later. To date, however, the response to our call for budding artists to redesign the magazine's front cover has fallen on deaf ears. Is there no one in the Club with a talent for drawing/photography or design? Come on, don't be shy - reveal your skills.

So, the Outpost editorial board now comprises the following, with individual responsibilities in brackets.

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Each member of the editorial member will be looking at the general membership for assistance in completing their tasks. So don't be surprised if your shoulder is tapped one day and you are asked to submit an article for a certain section of the magazine. After all, Outpost is by the members for the members.

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

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

ORDINARY:

Mr. D.W. Adams	Pencol Engineering Consultant
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Mr. G. Crist	Home Insurance Co., Ltd.
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Status of Membership

The Current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	10
Ordinary	347
Non-Voting	15
Associate	52
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	19
Candidates	32
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TOTAL	509
Absent	780
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GRAND TOTAL	1289
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LETTERS

Thip Na Thee
Naklua
CHOLBURI


May 15, 1985

The Editor,
Outpost
The British Club
189 Surawongse Road
BANGKOK 10500

Sir,

In the May edition of Outpost Jingjok mentioned that "the club has a broad policy that its percentage profit should be in the region of 30-40 %".

As I can buy large Kloster from my local supplier at under 39 Baht a bottle could I request that a large Kloster be repriced in the range 50-54 Baht per bottle, or does the club intend to continue making profit of 50 % on this item?


M.T.G. Davies
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Mr. Colin Hastings
Outpost & Publicity Committee
The British Club
189 Sur wongse Road
Bangkok 10500

Dear Sir,

I am a relatively new member of The British Club, but even so I feel that there are several articles in the latest Outpost which need comment.

Under your editorial "time for a change" you mentioned quote "only through debate that changes can be forthcoming" unquote.

Unfortunately I have found that committee members feel as though debate is a personal attack upon themselves and rather than debate an argument results.

Also under the heading time for a change - you ask the question - are we friendly or Stand - Offish? as a new member I can ensure you "Stand - Offish".

The next article "Jingjok"

I think I am a responsible member and I agree an increase in beer prices was necessary. Because of Government Dues. But if the club has to make a profit or has to exist on an percentage increase over that imposed by the Government I fail to see the point; or are you saying that you would have increased the price of beer to the members if the tax had not been applied.

I also notice that we have reciprocal rights with the

Bentleigh Club
Melbourne
Australia

The club is a large conglomerate, with a massive membership; if any British Club people did visit I can assure you from experience that hospitality would be Non-Existing.

Might I suggest that if members are in that area that they visit the

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(f) Cricket Club
(g) Hockey Quoits Darts
(h) Snooker
(i) Dining Facilities
(j) Lotto Nites

Infact it is a club very similar to The British Club (1,000 members), and I can assure you that any one visiting from The British Club Bangkok would be made very welcome.

Yours faithfully,

Keith H. Ross
Immediate Past President
South Oakliegh Club
Member British Club

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BANGKOK.



NO slouches, your new General Committee. Hard on the heels of the issue relating to increasing the Club's associate membership comes the question of converting the Suriwongse end of the grounds into an all-weather, all-purpose surface. Such a project would, of course, require considerable funds - funds, indeed, which the Club doesn't necessarily have. And it is this matter that has held the General Committee's undivided attention during recent weeks.

Basically, there are two camps: those 'for' and those 'against'. Those in favour of this major project believe that the Club must improve its facilities to remain attractive not only to the present membership but also to potential members. While other clubs, particularly the Polo Club which, admittedly, costs significantly more to join and belong to, are able to offer newcomers first-rate facilities, the BC can only point to four rather sorry-looking tennis courts as an alternative attraction. (Sure, the BC bar and dining room outshines the Polo Club et al, but not everybody wants to spend their time propping up the counter.)

On the question of financing this project, the 'for' camp believes that it would be largely self-financing. Such a surface would enable sports and activities of all kinds to be pursued throughout the year and, with the addition of floodlights, during the evenings too. There would be a charge for the use of the courts on an hourly basis, with adjustments for the use of floodlights. Not only would the tennis section benefit, but others like the soccer section, rugby section and even a ladies handball section could take advantage of this all-purpose area. Moreover, the Club could possibly invite outside interests such as the Bangkok Community Theatre to hold outdoor shows at the Club if we had such a facility.

These are just a few of the kind of activities that would help pay off the investment cost of an all-weather, all-purpose area. And this is the fundamental thinking behind the 'for' camp.

Discussions on this matter continue amongst General Committee members. But it is the membership who should make their views known.

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That said, members should never forget that the British Club itself has an excellent dining room with dishes and prices to outdo anywhere else in quality and value.

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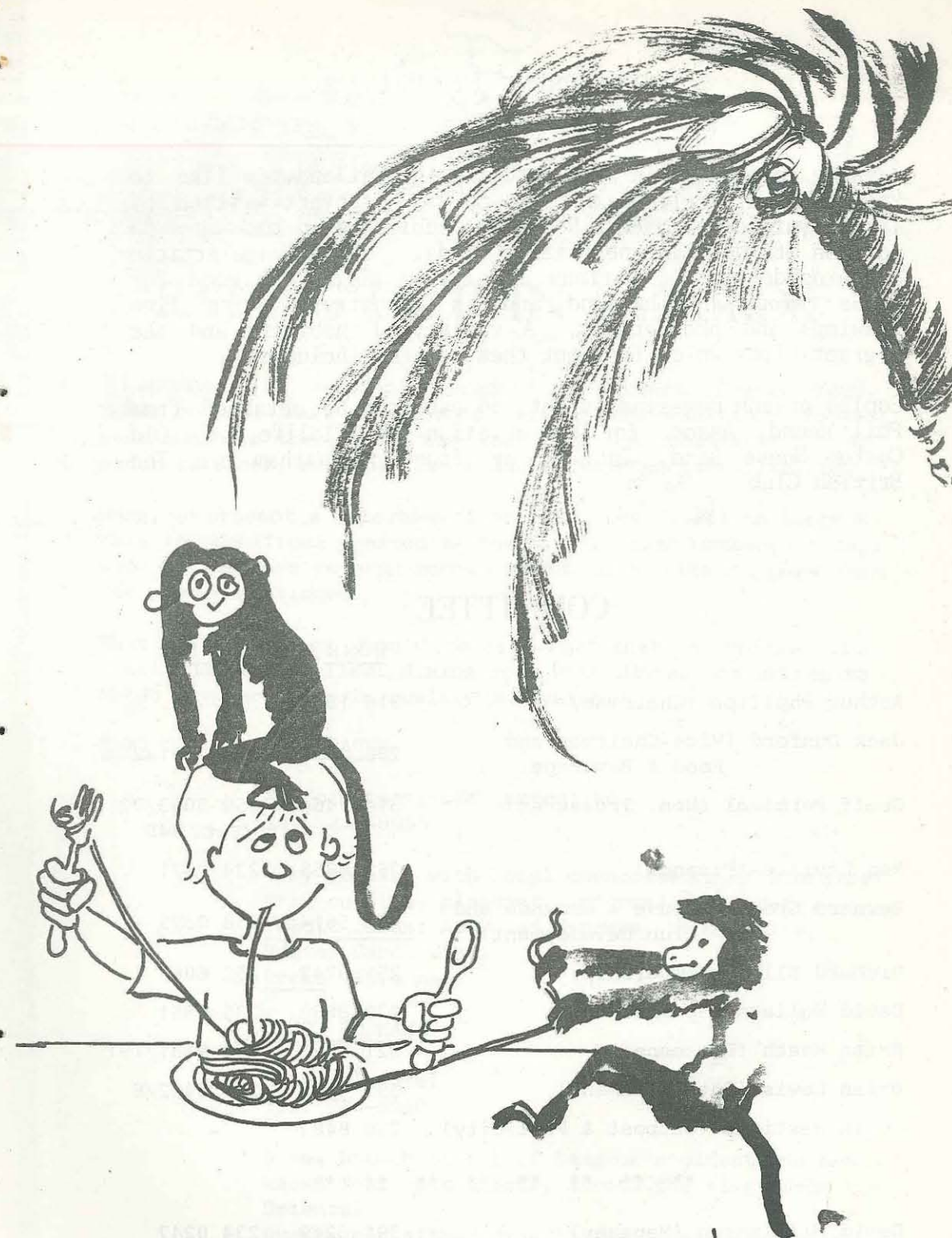
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The choice of places for weekends out of Bangkok has been expanding rapidly, particularly with the improvements to the road system. Places south of Pattaya are now more readily accessible and are, as yet, unspoiled. In particular the bungalow village at Wang Kaew situated 17km. from Klaeng is worthy of a mention. Leaving the main Pattaya highway north of Chonburi, the new road through rolling countryside permits a total journey time from Bangkok of approx. 2½ hrs.

Our first impression as we drove down to our bungalow was of the beautiful reflection of blue sky on the sea, (clean sea, not even any plastic bags!) lovely sandy beaches, thatched bungalows with monkeys scampering over the rooftops. 'How cute' we thought. They soon disappeared though, obviously put off by this group of wild farangs. Or so it seemed. However the following lunchtime found us scuttling for cover, with what was left of our food, out of reach of the suddenly hungry, over zealous and no longer so cute furry friends. After that, dining al-fresco was distinctly a no-no, at least in daylight hours. (The barbecue at night was incident free).

The facilities combined the usual blend of a fairly high standard living accommodation, a restaurant (Thai), clean safe beaches, and so far, a total absence of programmed entertainment, (for yours truly, a distinctly positive factor is not having water scooters, hawkers or offers of a massage on the beach.) Mind you, the irregular performances of the local monkey troupe at the human tea parties do occasionally add a bit of excitement. Each house is fitted with a fridge, fans, showers, toilets. Bedding and drinking water are provided. The self-catering houses have a gas cooker and sufficient cutlery/crockery/cooking utensils to satisfy all but the cordon bleu chefs.

Further information about booking etc. can be had at the Wang Kaew booking office at 155/19 Rajdamri Road, Bangkok 5. 9.00 - 12.00, 13.00 - 17.00. Tel: 251 0836, 252 5053.



Kuay tiao Wang Kaeo!

BIRDWATCHING IN THAILAND *****

Anybody interested in bird watching in Thailand may like to know that an excellent article on this subject written by local ornithologist Phil Round was published in the Jan. 85 edition of the magazine British Birds. The 34 page article contains details of various localities which are good for birds throughout Thailand and is illustrated with line drawings and photographs. A variety of habitats and the migrant birds which frequent them is also included.

Copies of the magazine at Bht. 50 each can be obtained from Phil Round, Assoc. for conservation of Wildlife, 4, Old Custom House Lane, Bangkok or from John Warham c/o The British Club.

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EATING OUT IN BANGKOK

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THAI : BUSSARACUM

35 Soi Pipat, Off Convent Rd.
Tel. 235-8915

Very popular with local connoisseurs of classical Thai cuisine; pleasant, informal atmosphere.
Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Master Card, Visa.
Dress: Informal.

: D'JIT POCHANA

Oriental Hotel
Tel. 234-9920

A new branch of one of Bangkok's oldest and best-known Thai restaurants; across the river from the Oriental.

Guests can either dine inside, where a nightly show of Thai dancing is presented, or outside over-looking the river.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Master Card, Visa.
Dress: Informal.

: KHUM LUANG

560 Asoke-Dindaeng Rd.
Tel. 245-6605

Large outdoor establishment; regarded as very
sanuk by Thai patrons.

Credit cards: None.

Dress: Casual.

: SILOM VILLAGE

286 Silom Rd., (opposite Wat Khaek)
Tel. 234-4448, 233-9447, 235-8760-1

Charming complex of old buildings containing
shops and restaurants, some with folk music.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club,
Master Card, Visa.

Dress: Casual.

: THON TUM RUB

15-17 Sukhumvit 8
Tel. 252-5145

Excellent Thai palace cuisine accompanied by
traditional Thai music.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club,
Visa.

Dress: Informal.

: THE WHOLE EARTH CAFE

93/3 Soi Lang Suan
Tel. 252-5574

Features Thai vegetarian fare; comfortable and
friendly.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club,
Master Card, Visa.

Dress: Casual.

: TAHSANEEYA NAVA

Moored at the River City dock,
next to the Royal Orchid Hotel
Tel. 234-1515, 233-5900-9 (c/o World Travel
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Two romantic dinner cruises every evening (6 p.m.
and 8 p.m.) on a beautiful Thai rice barge. The
Thai set menu comes at a prix fixe.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club,
Master Card, Visa.

Dress: Informal.

: THE SPICE MARKET

Bangkok Peninsula Hotel
Tel. 251-6127

Beautifully-decorated restaurant, with good food
aimed more at Western than Thai palates.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club,
Master Card, Visa.

Dress: Informal.

: THE TOLL GATE

245/2 Sukhumvit Soi 31
Tel. 391-3947

Good, simple Thai food, exquisitely presented; a
set meal is served, offering a variety of tastes.

Credit cards: None.

Dress: Informal.

CHINESE : SHANGARILA

48/4-7 Thaniya Rd., (near Yada car park)
Tel. 234-2045, 234-1977-8

Northern Chinese cooking; private rooms available.
Recommended dishes: Plum Duck, Bean Curd with
Chillies, Onion Bread.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club,
Master Card, Visa.

Dress: Casual.

: GOLDEN DRAGON

108-114 Sukhumvit Rd. (near Soi 4)
Tel. 251-4553, 252-4712

Cantonese food; noted for its dim-sum lunches;
private rooms available.

Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club,
Master Card, Visa.

Dress: Casual.

: HOI THIEN LAO

308 Soi Suapa
Tel. 221-1685, 222-7191
or River House Complex (opp. bank to Royal Orchid Hotel)

One of Bangkok's oldest and still popular Chinese restaurants, serving Cantonese food; private rooms available.
Credit cards: None.
Dress: Informal.

: JADE GARDEN

Montien Hotel
Tel. 234-8060, 233-7060

Southern Chinese dishes prepared by chefs from Hong Kong.
Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Master Card, Visa.
Dress: Informal.

: FOOK LAM MOON

39/12-13 Wireless Rd., (near the U.S. Embassy)
Tel. 251-0835, 252-6848

Cantonese banquet fare elegantly conceived by master chefs from Hong Kong.
Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Master Card, Visa.
Dress: Informal.

: MAYFLOWER

Dusit Thani Hotel
Tel. 233-1130

Currently one of the "n" places with local Chinese food fanciers.
Credit cards: American Express, Diners Club, Master Card, Visa.
Dress: Informal.

HONG KONG TURKEY

So you want articles on travel.

O.K. here goes.

I decided to go to Hong Kong. Two weeks prior to going, book tickets on China Airlines, discover my tax clearance certificate is out of date. First my secretary goes to commence negotiations, then my accountant, then my lawyer, then finally we all go together. Unfortunately this is 8.30 a.m. on the day of my flight (14.30 p.m.). I assume you all have undergone the Revenue Department inquisition so I will spare details. Finally 11.00 a.m. it is finalised, so I produce personal cheque book to pay tax. However if I leave the country I can also stop a cheque, so my personal cheque is not accepted. After further discussions, revenue official will accept company cheque. Commence negotiations again since if company pay my tax this should be added to my income. A tax on tax, as Samuel Johnson almost said. Finally all is agree. Having pleaded poverty for so long I "borrow" 1 baht to telephone my friendly Banker to have travellers cheques ready to pick up on my dash to the airport. (Thanks Joe)

The hostesses on China Airlines are very nice with becoming slit skirts. Off the aeroplane, star ferry, the Dickens bar at the Excelsior for draught bass and all is forgotten and forgiven.

Before returning I find the shopping list that was thrust into my hand before leaving Bangkok. Item "Two frozen turkeys". Go back to bed, get up again, shave, shower again and read shopping list, "Two frozen turkeys" and even instructions to buy them from Landmark.

By this time it is raining. Good old fashioned English rain, so turkeys, baggage and I catch taxi to airport. In dodging the raindrops and loading the turkeys into the taxi the flimsier than flimsy plastic bags split, so I arrive at the check in, dripping wet clutching two frozen turkeys to my chest saying "Hand Luggage" -- "Hand Luggage". From check out to departure lounge where on route they try to x-ray my frozen turkeys, not wanting frozen turkeys turned into microwaved turkeys I raise objections, however I am assure if it is film safe it must be turkey safe. It was gratifying to see the giblets "Intacto" Into the departure lounge and sidle up to the duty free where I steal one of their plastic carrier bags into which I stuff the two frozen turkeys, or one and a half frozen turkeys, the other half sticking out like a true parsons nose.

Because the rain had increased and the aeroplane drivers reversing mirrors were steamed up, the aeroplane was out on the tarmac pointing the right way. All (that is passengers, not turkeys) were issued with plastic raincoats, obviously Chinese size plastic raincoats, into which my 120 kg. carcass and T.F.T. (two frozen turkeys) tried to squeeze ourselves. During the dash from airport coach to aeroplane, in the now torrential downpour, the handle came adrift on the stolen carrier bag containing T.F.T. (justice?). Have you ever tried to catch frozen turkeys with wet hands on wet tarmac, whilst trying to keep dry by clutching a tiny plastic raincoat with armholes too small for farang arms. Could be included in the next Asean games.

Once caught, one frozen turkey under each arm, the problem is now, after boarding and divesting oneself of the tiny plastic-mac is to open the locker overhead, without putting the now wet frozen turkeys on your, or someone else's seat. Along comes obliging slit skirted stewardess, grabs frozen turkey, screams, and flings F.T. into aisle whilst fleeing holding hands outstretched shouting the Chinese version of "unclean-unclean" or was she singing "My tiny hand is frozen".

During this diversion having one hand free I open locker and throw turkeys into locker, banging it shut thereby compressing frozen turkeys into fellow passengers hand luggage. At this point the drinks arrive.

Luckily having partaken of the generous China Airway free drinks, from the stewardess who is trying to make amends, I smile benevolently upon Don Muang Immigration as I invite him to extract my passport from a semi frozen turkey, and at the customs man who stuck his finger where the giblet were residing, presumably looking for smuggled video's.

Now the adventure really begins, I cannot find my car. Wanderings around the Don Muang Airport, self and T.S.F.T. are followed, like the piper by a crowd of worshippers chanting the Bangkok mating call of T.S.F.T. "Taxi-Taxi". With aching arms I solicit the attention of one of the worshippers who then offers (?) to look after T.S.F.T. whilst I search for car. Unfortunately when I

- a) Find car and;
- b) Find where I left turkey sitter.

He had not absconded so all I am left to do is load T.S.F.T. into car and drive home to present wife with, yes you have guessed, two semi frozen misshapen turkeys.

"What the h..... did you bring these for" was her welcoming remark. My reply is in a sealed envelope, with my tax clearance certificate, Your Honour.

STAFF, EQUIPMENT AND ROOM HIRE

It would appear that many members are unaware of some of the internal and external services which the British Club is able to provide. I have listed below some of the services we can provide but if you have any particular needs please do not hesitate to ask as we will always try and accommodate members' needs where possible.

Staff Hire

If you are having a party at home or in your office why not let us supply any extra staff you may need? Hiring staff from us means that you will usually know the person hired, and that the staff will be well dressed, efficient, courteous and honest. Please give the office 48 hours notice of your requirements.

1. PRIVATE FUNCTIONS AT THE CLUB

No charge where the Club supplies food and/or beverages up to 10.30 p.m.. Thereafter £30 per hour plus taxi fare of £40 per staffer.

2. OUTSIDE CATERING

Staff

The hourly rate for staff will be £30 per hour calculated from the time the staff leave the Club to the time they leave the party, PLUS half an hour for travel back to the Club. In addition a £40 "Booking Fee" will be charged where the Club supplies no food or drink.

Transport

Transport to and from the Club is charged at cost. Where staff leave the party after 10.00 p.m., a taxi fare of £40 per staffer will be charged.

All of the above charges will be charged to the Member's account and should not be given direct to staff. Any gratuities to staff may be given directly.

Equipment Hire

When holding private functions in your own home or office you will often find that you do not have sufficient equipment. All the equipment listed below can be hired at the rates shown. Losses or breakages will be charged where necessary. Please give the office at least 48 hours notice of your equipment needs.

	Hire Charge Per Day	Loss or Breakage Charges
Dinner Plate	฿2	฿45
Side Plate	฿2	฿25
Dessert Plate	฿2	฿15
Soup Bowl	฿2	฿20
Coffee Cup	฿2	฿25
Coffee Saucer	฿2	฿25
Serving Plate	฿3	฿45
Knife	฿1	฿15
Fork	฿1	฿15
Tea Spoon	฿1	฿5
Dessert Fork	฿1	฿10
Dessert Spoon	฿1	฿5
Serving Fork	฿2	฿25
Serving Spoon	฿2	฿25
Whisky Glass	฿1	฿10
Wine Glass	฿1	฿15
Brandy Glass	฿1	฿15
Champagne Glass	฿1	฿15
Sherry Glass	฿1	฿15
Liqueur Glass	฿1	฿15
Beer Mug (L)	฿2	฿40
Beer Mug (S)	฿2	฿15
Table	฿10	
Chair	฿10	
Table Cloth	฿7	
Food Warmer	฿20	
String of Coloured Lights	฿200	

Room Hire

As you are undoubtedly aware the British Club has many impressive rooms and areas that can be used for private functions. These are listed below together with the charge rates. The charge rates may be reduced or waived completely depending on the degree of food and beverage service required.

	First Hour	Each, Subsequent Hour or Part Thereof	Min. Charge
Suriwongse Room with A/C	฿360	฿180	฿500
Suriwongse Room no A/C	฿240	฿120	฿350
Silom Room no A/C	฿120	฿60	฿200
Wordsworth Lounge with A/C	฿150	฿75	฿200
Manager's Office with A/C	฿60	฿30	฿100
New Sala	฿200	฿100	฿300

We have the facility and expertise to provide almost any degree of catering in these venues so why not consider using them for your private or business functions. Please contact me or Khun Adisak for further details and sample menus etc.

D.C. WILLIAMSON
Manager

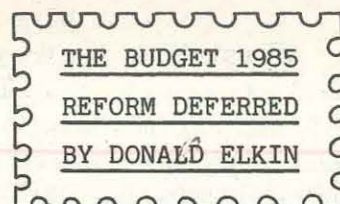
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It is time for change. But for to succeed, it is necessary for every reader to make his or her contribution. Get your head out of the sand and join us promoting this spirit of change.



After the intense speculation of recent weeks, Mr. Nigel Lawson's second Budget is more remarkable for its omissions than for the proposals actually made.

Capital Gains Tax has not been abolished as the more optimistic hoped that it would be. Conversely, fears that the tax exemption long enjoyed by pension schemes (and also by contributions to and lump sum benefits taken from them) would be withdrawn, or that the benefits of Deeds of Covenant would be eliminated, proved entirely unfounded. In the latter case though, the Inland Revenue have for some months been conducting their own battle on the question of whether or not Deeds of Covenant made by expatriates to transfer their U.K. income to others, are effective.

Mr. Lawson has let it be known, that he sees himself as a reforming Chancellor and that his aim is to achieve fiscal neutrality. That is to say, a situation where the tax system interferes as little as possible with the making of individual and corporate financial decisions. It was his performance in 1984 that sharpened expectations (and fears) as to what he might do on this occasion. Then, he eliminated investment income surcharge entirely, abolished tax relief for life assurance premiums and set on foot a substantial reform of Company taxation amongst other things. By contrast, his 1985 Budget is more a reversion to a tinkering with the tax system with which we have become so familiar over the years. He did however announce the issue of a Green Paper (consultative document) later this year to provoke discussion on the reform of personal Income Tax. It is suggested, for example, that consideration should be given to a system under which every individual - whether married or not - would be entitled to his own personal tax allowance. In the case of married couples, should the allowance of one of them not be used, it could be transferred to the other. It is also envisaged, that the aggregation of income of husband and wife which has been such a feature of the British tax system over the years, should cease. But legislation is not expected before 1987.

It will be interesting to see whether or not the Green Paper gives any consideration to the position of expatriates. Notwithstanding their numbers, they are frequently overlooked, the legislation relating to MIRAS (Mortgage Interest Relief At Source) being a recent example.

INCOME TAX

Allowances have been increased by more than the rate of inflation, the personal allowance for single person rising from £2,005 to £2,205 and for a married couple from £3,155 to £3,455. The basic rate band which applies to incomes in excess of the allowances due, has been increased from £15,400 to £16,200 and the top rate of liability of 60% is not now reached until income (in excess of allowances) amounts to £40,200. (1984/85: £38,100)

The maximum mortgage on which tax relief can be claimed remains unchanged at £30,000. However, from April 1987, legislation will require that in relation to loans in excess of this figure, lenders apply MIRAS relief to interest on £30,000. Currently, lenders can make arrangements with the Inland Revenue, but not all do so. There is a trap here for expatriates, since if they borrow a sum in excess of £30,000 from a lender who has not made the special arrangements, MIRAS will not apply to any of the interest and their right to tax relief will be lost altogether. Until the change takes place expatriate borrowers should continue to exercise care in relation to this point.

Investment in Building Societies by those who live overseas, has always been inefficient from a tax point of view, since the tax they pay cannot be recovered by the individual. From 6th April 1986, Building Societies will be brought into line with U.K. Banks in that they will be able to pay gross interest to non residents. However, assuming comparable rates of interest, expatriates would still be well advised to keep their deposits outside the U.K. - for example, in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

As indicated, no changes were made in relation to Deeds of Covenant generally, although the position has been improved where the recipient of the payment is a charity. Now, payments of up to £10,000 a year (previously £5,000) will attract tax relief for the payer at basic and higher rates (where applicable).

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Many people hoped for spectacular changes in relation to Capital Gains Tax but, in the outcome, the changes actually made are modest.

Undoubtedly, the most important change is in relation to indexation (inflation) relief. This was first introduced in March 1982 and gave relief for inflationary gains from that time. However, it only applied to assets held for more than

a year and was not available to increase losses or to turn what would otherwise have been a gain into a loss. Both of these restrictions are now to be eliminated. Furthermore, the relief operated by increasing the base cost of an asset having regard to inflation since March 1982. But that was most unfair to people who had held shares for long periods. Compare the position of a person who bought 100 shares in A Limited in 1950 for £100 with another acquiring the same shareholding in the same Company in March 1981 at a cost of £1,000. Previously, the second purchaser would have got ten times more inflation relief than the first, simply because his shares cost him more. Under the new provisions, the earlier purchaser will be able to claim indexation relief on the basis of a March 1982 value of £1,000. But the relief arrived at will then be added to the price he actually paid - £100.

It need hardly be said, that none of this changes the desirability of expatriates making the maximum use of their exemption from Capital Gains Tax whilst they remain non resident and the elimination of large capital gains from their investment portfolios (and other assets if possible) before resuming residence in the U.K.

CAPITAL TRANSFER TAX

The charging bands have all been increased in line with inflation so that there will now be no liability unless a transfer exceeds £67,000 (previously £64,000) and the top rate of tax of 60% (30% for lifetime transfers) will not now be reached until a figure of £299,000 as against £285,000 previously.

Somewhat oddly, the various exemptions have, once again, been left unchanged, the £3,000 per annum exemption having been set at that figure in 1981.

But it is a lack of action which is, perhaps, most surprising. It had been confidently expected that various CTT plans - particularly the "discounted gift scheme" - would be put an end to. There is currently no sign that the Chancellor intends to do this, which is certainly good news for those whose potential liability to CTT is large. Expatriates should bear in mind, that they cannot afford to regard CTT with the same detachment as they can apply to Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax for, the fact is, that most of them will be just as much liable to CTT as if they had never left the U.K. The reason for this is that, unlike Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax, the application of CTT depends not upon residence but upon domicile.

OTHER TAXES

Those expatriates who keep up their National Insurance contributions with a view to enjoying the British State Pension in due course, will find their contributions will now actually reduce from £4.50 a week to £3.40 with no loss of benefit! Maintaining their right to the State Pension was already an excellent investment and this change makes it a better deal than ever.

Development Land Tax has been abolished and Stamp Duty, which was reduced from 2% to 1% last year, is the subject of further minor changes. Thus, Stamp Duty on gifts is to be abolished as is the duty formerly payable on transfers of property on the break-up of a marriage, or on Deeds of family arrangement to reorganise the passing of an estate after a death has occurred. This last can give rise to some very substantial savings in CTT.

OFFSHORE POLICIES

Offshore life assurance policies were the subject of provisions in the 1984 Finance Act, which were first announced in outline on 17th November 1983. In relation to single premium bonds, one loophole remained which it is now intended to close. That is to say, where they were transferred to trustees outside the U.K. Consequently, notwithstanding contrary views being expressed in various quarters, the writer is clear that, except in some rather unusual circumstances, offshore single premium bonds are no longer the most satisfactory form of investment for expatriates who intend to retire to the U.K.

Finally, a word of warning. This piece was written on the day following the Budget on the basis of the Chancellor's speech and the many Press releases issued as soon as he sat down. Substantial changes could still occur during the passage of the Finance Bill through Parliament and, indeed, entirely new matters not yet mentioned could be introduced. Nevertheless, it seems unlikely that these will be such as to change the conclusion, that the new broom wielded by the Chancellor in 1984, has already become somewhat worn.

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- June 1 Dinner Video/Curry Buffet
- 2 Dinner Buffet
- 4 Committee Meeting (Election Night)
- 7 Curry Buffet a.m./p.m.
- Sat 8 Dinner Video / Curry Buffet
- Sun 9 Dinner Buffet
- 12 Proposed British Club v Canadian Embassy
Pub Night Challenge
- 13 Children's Bambi Party
- 14 Curry Buffet
- Sat 15 Dinner Video / Curry Buffet a.m./p.m.
- Sun 16 Dinner Buffet
- 18 Committee Meeting
- 21 Curry Buffet
- Sat 22 Dinner Video / Curry Buffet
Squash Club Championship Finals
- Sun 23 Dinner Buffet
Squash Club Championship Finals
- 28 Curry Buffet
- 29 Dinner Video – Midsummer Sports Day & Disco
Mid-Summer Sports Day & Disco
- 30 Dinner Buffet

The Bangkok Community Theatre

June 6th Club Night – Nonmembers welcome at Teen Club
U.S.I.S. Sathorn Road.

June 13 – 15th The BCT presents Agnes of God by John Pielmeier

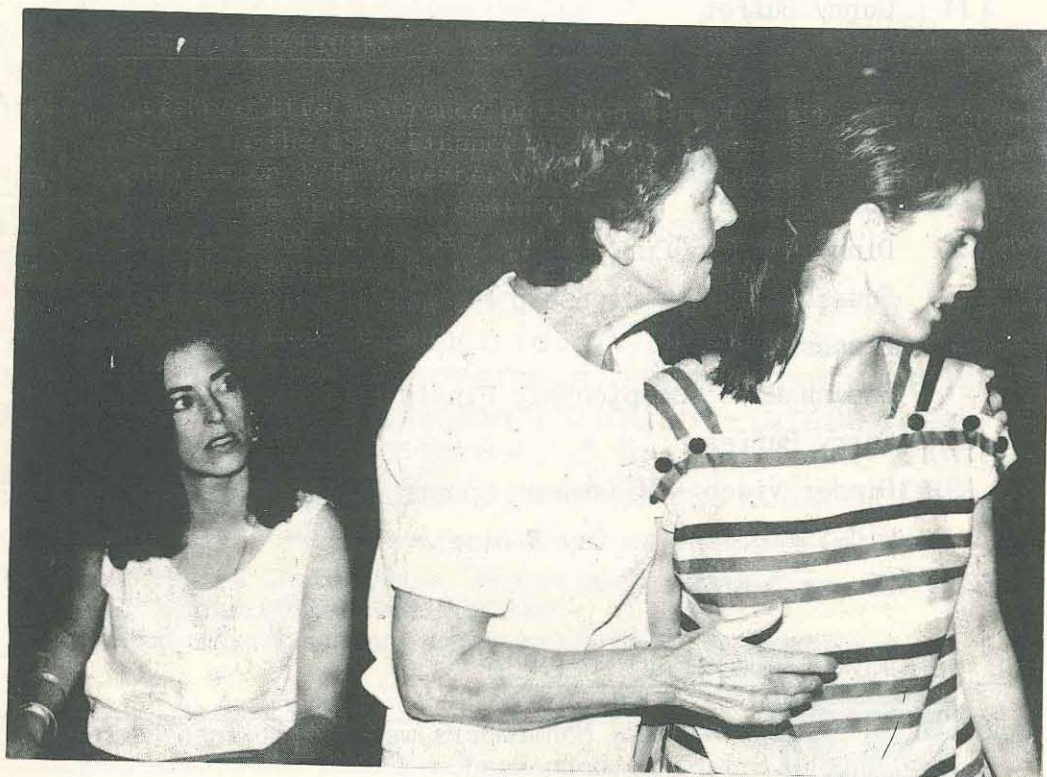
At the Bhirasri Institute. There is a Gala Night on Thursday 12th when the tickets are 200 baht. Friday & Saturday prices are 100 baht (80 baht per students & members)

Tickets available at Asia Books or from Sharon Evans 251 2881.

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4 - 30 June an Exhibition of "Painting with Silk, Velvet, Felt & Embroidery by Malka Ladin.

Malka Ladin is an Israeli woman now into her second year in Bangkok. Before coming here with her husband she was a High School arts & crafts teacher. She works in applique using silk, jewels, beads, velvet and leather.



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Rehearsals are well under way for the next B.C.T. production "Agnes of God" to be presented on the 13th, 14th, 15th of June at the Bhirasri Institute.

Directed by Rosa Linda E. Meyer, the play with an all female cast concerns a psychiatrist, (Dr. Martha Livingstone) who is appointed by the court to determine the sanity of a young nun (Sister Agnes) who stands accused of murdering a child to which she has mysteriously given birth.

The Mother Superior of the convent (Mother Miriam Ruth) is determined to protect Agnes from the authorities.

"Agnes of God" was the hit of the 1982 Broadway season and has just been released as a movie - starring Anne Bancroft and Jane Fonda.

Starring in the BCT production are Andrea Cahn, as 'Dr. Livingstone', Rebecca Court as 'Agnes', and (newcomer to the BCT) Sheila Gibbs as 'Mother Miriam Ruth'.

The play is a riveting psychological mystery story which will enthrall the audience from the minute the lights go up. Who fathered the child? Who killed it and why? Why is Mother Miriam so anxious to protect Anes? Is Agnes a saint or a murderess?

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May Day Festival Results

SACK - RACE 1

1. Ali Fancy
2. Alex Ringis
3. Morag Swankie

SACK - RACE 2

1. Alastair Binns
 2. Simeon Thompson
 3. Edwina Guy
- Special Army Stewart

SACK - RACE 3

1. Hannah Thompson
2. Natalie Garvey
3. Natasha Lovell

SACK - RACE 4

1. Cerian Sergeant
2. Zoe O'Connor
3. Sally Dunford

FINAL

1. Ali Fancy
2. Hannah Thompson
3. Cerian Sergeant

EGG & SPOON RACE (1)

1. Stephanie Curran
2. Zoe O'Connor
3. Alastair Binns

EGG & SPOON RACE (2)

1. Natasha Lovell
2. Natalie Garvey
3. Xanthe Kent

EGG & SPOON RACE (3)

1. James Morris
2. Marianne Lovell
3. Hannah Thompson

3 - LEGGED RACE (1)

1. Natasha/Marianne Lovell
2. Neil Baker/James Morris
3. Zoe O'Connor/Caroline Wingfield

3 - LEGGED RACE (2)

1. Cerian Sergeant/Jackie Howard
2. Rachel/Michael Griffiths
3. Hannah Thompson/Jenny Baillie

SACK RACE (Mums)

1. Jane Kefford
2. Jenny Baillie
3. Deirdre Johnson

SACK RACE (Dads) 1

1. Jack Dunford
2. Davie Baillie
3. Max Sayer

SACK RACE (Dads) 1

1. Peter Grogan
2. Dave Ferguson
3. Andrew Kefford

RUNNING RACES (1)

1. Caroline Wingfield
2. Eilidh Currie
3. Michelle Howard

RUNNING RACES (2)

1. Natasha Lovell
2. Marianne Lovell
3. Hannah Thompson

RUNNING RACES (3)

1. Timothy Johnson
2. Tvillian Sayer
3. James Rennie

EGG & SPOON RACE (4)

1. Sarah Rennie
2. Richard Lovell
3. Naomi Kent

EGG & SPOON RACE (5)

1. Michael Griffiths
2. Zoe Binns
3. Alistair Thorpe

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1. Neil Baker
2. Natasha Lovell
3. Hannah Thompson

DONUT RACES (2)

1. Nicholas Ferguson
2. James Morris
3. Didi Anwar

Special prize - Nicholas Gdula

DONUT RACES (3)

1. Michael Griffiths
2. Janie Anwar
3. Alex Ringis

RUNNING RACES (4)

1. Alastair Binns
2. Alex Ringis
3. Ali Fancy

RUNNING RACES (5)

1. Stephanie Curran
2. Zoe O'Connor
3. Naomi Kent

RUNNING RACES (6)

1. Michael Griffiths
2. Timothy Johnson
3. Alastair Binns

RUNNING RACES (7)

1. Neil Baker
2. Marianne Lovell
3. Natasha Lovell

FINAL

1. Natasha Lovell
2. Michael Griffiths
3. Timothy Johnson

EGG THROWING

Adults

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2. Judith & Tony Strange
3. Fran & Martin Hazell

Kids

1. Janie Anwar / Tanita Vejjajiva
2. Richard Lovell / Nicholas Ferguson
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BRIDGE

The Annual General Meeting of the Bridge Section was held on Monday 25th March. The following were elected as Committee members for the coming year:

Chairman	-	Mike Evans
Vice Chairman	-	Geoff Slack-Smith
Treasurer	-	Geoff Crittenden
Secretary	-	Carolyn Tarrant

Duplicate bridge is played every Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Surawongse Room. Players of all standards are very welcome. In recent months this evening has proved very popular and numbers have increased considerably with seven or eight tables on many occasions. It is hoped during the year to arrange matches and competitions and a first fixture against the Dutch Bridge Society will probably be held in May. We need a strong bridge section with lots of support to make a success of these new ventures, which will lead to better and more enjoyable bridge for all - so do please come along on Mondays. The Bridge Section would like to thank Caldbeck MacGregor (Thailand) Ltd. for their most generous support and donations of prizes for some of our evenings.



CRICKET

FOR THE SAKE OF POSTERITY

British Club v Pakistan CC - 30 Over League -
9.3.85 - Played at the Polo Ground. Pakistan CC
won the toss and put the BC into bat.

Fresh from their commendable performance up in Chiang Mai the Pakistan XI looked a sprightly bunch in the field. They are always a competitive team and they immediately applied pressure on our opening pair. The bowling of Malbari was keen and intelligent which coupled with irritating field changes after every ball compounded to make it difficult for the batsmen to settle. Terry Adams (14) fought through the early stages with all the concentration of a hungry hawk, albeit aided by some rather fortuitous thick edges over the slips. Steve Bolton looked the more comfortable of the pair and they battled to 41 runs before Steve's glasses finally steamed over and was comprehensively bowled by Malbari (4-25). It was a sound opening stand but like most (ir) reputable double acts one partner soon follows the other. Terry being L.B.W. to the same bowler.

We were soon scratching about for runs with none of the middle order batsmen apart from Jack Dunford (17) making any impact. The burly Alistair threatened momentarily and wilted and the sadly out of touch Steve Castledine managed to play across the line to every ball, much to the chagrin of his skipper at the other end. There is more than a touch of the Thomas Gradgrind about the Dunford scowl.

Batting is a most peculiar experience. There is no tolerance for error and you are at the mercy of the 'Witchfinder General' as he psyches you out whilst approaching the square. That walk from the pavilion to the wicket is a deceptively short one. All of your energy is spent in a perpetual challenge with the 'Ghost in the Machine', wrestling with your imagination and trying to distil every drop of concentration. The benign grin of the bowler, brimming with confidence from the last dismissal, hides a profound desire to cut you in half with his next delivery. He controls the moment, positioning his band of wolves on the periphery of glory. The scene is masked with a shroud of pleasantness. Cricketers are good at this! Unless your concentration is free from the gnawing rat you are in for a harrowing time. The ritual of convincing yourself that you are going to be a comic strip hero is disturbed by passing trivia and the

bowler senses his moment. Of course it's too late to recover. Your head is spinning and the dream like chorus from the advancing fielders smacks with reality. All communication with the bowler is snapped and it is an extremely lonely moment. To be physically close to someone else's moment of glory and yet not feel one drop running over you is one of the sadder aspects of playing sport.

Once you are away from the crease the confidence and clear mindedness returns just to remind you of how little you control yourself. The walk is almost enjoyable and by the time you pass the incoming batsman your thoughts are returning to their former protective sharpness. Without admitting to the new batsman that it was a good ball that shattered your wickets you approach the pavilion to that muffled applause redolent with irritating politeness. The excuses are usually lacking in imagination but are always offered. Cricketers need that life line!

Another unfulfilled promise. Still there is the joy of fielding to contemplate. The overwhelming contradiction is that you voluntarily enter the same situation the following week. How perverse!

Mac Sayer (27) and Allan Stamper (13 No.) propped up the innings with Mac in a particularly aggressive mood. A player with a great reserve of talent but a reluctance to use it. After 30 overs the B.C. were 137 for 8.

Alok and Summer, a formidable opening partnership looked set to give the Pakistanis a match winning start. This was not to be Alok (9) being trapped L.B.W. by Steve Castledine. A surprising decision for a right arm bowler going around the wicket but one that was not questioned too much. I suspect that the decision may have been a generous departing gift from Brian Thompson who just happened to be umpiring.

Summer proved to be a more stubborn proposition and scored a meaty 87 before being bowled by Jack Dunford. The rest of the Pakistani innings collapsed under a neat spell of bowling from Dunford (3-13) Castledine (3-16) and Thompson (1-23). They were finally winkled out for 122. B.C. winning by 16 runs.

The match swung throughout the afternoon and it was an intriguing days cricket. An excellent all round team performance won the game.

The last two 50 over games of the season against the Indian CC and Chiang Mai CC could well develop into a battle between the eventual winner and runner up.

If the BC win both of their remaining games obtaining maximum points (Don't laugh) they will be champions. We are all dreamers at heart!

If the BC beat the Indians¹ and lose to Chiang Mai then Chiang Mai become champions. The plot thickens. The other permutation is that if the BC lost both games then the league is decided upon the relative bonus points allocated during the last two games.

This only refers to the 50 over league. The 30 over league is far too confusing to disentangle.

Indian C.C. v B.C. 50 Over League - 24/3/85 - Played at the Polo Ground

The previous week the Indian CC rocked a few of the trophy cabinets down the old RBSC corridors. They absolutely thrashed them and consequently had every possibility of winning the championship.

It was certainly a very renewed Indian side that the B.C. faced.

The Indians desperately wanted to win the toss to enable them to achieve maximum batting points but Jack was in no mood to lose such a tactical edge.

The British Club batted first on a magnificent wicket. oberoi and the elegant Murphy opened the bowling and both batsmen were in all sorts of trouble. Terry (10) did play one superb cover drive but was never in command and was caught off the bowling of oberoi. Craig Price (5) who has so often mastered the best of bowlers was sadly out of touch. The medium pace swing bowling of Murphy was probably the best the British Club had faced all season and he soon had Craig taking that contemplative walk.

Steve Bolton (41) took full advantage of a few 'let offs' and battled towards what would have been a very gritty half century. It was not to be and he fell LBW to a ball that drifted in with the assistance of a very inconsistent ground wind. At this stage it was difficult to remember either of the bowlers delivering anything that was short of a length. Murphy in particular was a delight to watch if not to face.

With the British Club's batting collapsing the Indians were conscious of losing the opportunity of gaining maximum batting points. One can sympathize with the situation but their consequent behaviour was farcical and juvenile. Fielders were deliberately misfielding and upon occasions sitting down in the field. It was all performed without the slightest degree of subtlety.

Jeff Parry (35 No.) and Jack Dunford (14) took full advantage but it did leave a slightly sour feeling. Tactically it could have proved disastrous. Any team that allows batsmen of the calibre of Jeff Parry to get his 'eye in' most certainly needs a reappraisal.

The British Club were finally all out for 114 with Oberoi (6-36) and Murphy (4-33) taking full credit for a marvellous bowling combination.

We had not seen the last of Murphy, who promptly opened the innings with Ravi Sehgal and began to make a total of 114 a very meagre one indeed.

Ravi in his usual dogged, unfashionable style took runs easily off Jeff Parry and Mac Sayer and it was left to the slow bowling of Castledine and Dunford to try and control the ensuing belligerence.

Jack Dunford bowled Ravi Sehgal (40) with a flighty delivery but by this time it was becoming academic. Murphy looking a very polished batsman was timing the ball with consummate ease. Very appealing for the spectators but a nightmare for the bowlers.

Even the horses in the far distant paddock were moved to discussion when Murphy unleashed a mighty blow over square leg and hit Dunford for a huge six. This was off a good length ball! Our equine spectators who are used to enjoying the privilege of safety looked slightly alarmed when it was revealed that Jack was to take another over. They noticeably drifted to the far corners of the paddock. What a wise move it was too. Without moving his feet Murphy hit another almighty six landing the ball in the klong adjacent to the nervous herd. One of the mares was reputed to have approached the committee and asked for a transfer to Aran-yaprathet to graze in somewhat safer pastures.

Murphy was finally stumped by the deceptively balletic movements of Alistair Ryder just one short of him half century. It was a cool and elegant innings from a very talented cricketer.

The Indian CC soon overtook the British Club's total and ran out very worthy winners by 8 wickets.

The emergence of a very strong Indian team is just the boost cricket in Thailand needed.

This result has left the game in Chiang Mai a championship decider. The British Club not wanting to disturb any historical precedence will again control the proceedings but have no chance of becoming champions.

Chiang Mai have to beat the BC and in the process collect maximum batting and bowling points to win the Championship. If they bat first and collect full batting bonus points they will have to bowl out the B.C. to win the championship outright. If they only bowl out 9, then they will tie with the Indians.

It is always in pleasure to travel up to play Chiang Mai but it takes on an added interest with the championship at stake.

APOLOGIES FOR THE LATE INCLUSION OF THESE MATCH REPORTS. SLIGHT EDITORIAL MIX UP!



DARTS

Thursday nights elbow-bending sessions at the Club and at various other gin mills of Krung Thep are beginning to show some results. Do you know that your favourite darts team is now in second place in their division of the Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League! Admittedly it's the fourth division, but we normally struggle there too.

Keith Davison has achieved the highest number of closes and the most tons in our Division, so we may yet win some trophies at the end of the season. We just have to overhaul the Expats Retreat. Anyway here is a summary of recent games:-

British Club 10 First Stella II 7

Closes : Keith 2, Peter 2, Bryan, Terry, Orin

Tons : Peter (125, 101), Bryan (100, 100, 125),
Keith (100, 100), Andy (105), Terry (105)

This was a good win against a team from a higher division, especially as we were missing Mike Majer and Mike Airways.

Toby Jug Pub 12 British Club 5

Closes : Mike M. 2, Terry.

Tons : Mike M. (100, 100, 125, 120, 121)
John (100) and Keith (100)

Toby Jug Pub is a Thai team again from a higher Division. The sort of chaps who don't watch TV and practice at every available opportunity. They close games so fast, you don't get much practice at getting a closing double. As you can see it was very much Mike Majer's night. He'd obviously been practicing with Erika on home leave and was obviously in a scoring mood. Even the presence of power-house John Sill couldn't swing it our way.

Didgeridoos 6 British Club 11

Closes : Orin 2, Terry 2, Andy, Bryan, Keith, Peter

Tons : Mike M. (140, 100, 107) Keith (100, 135)

After building up a 0-4 lead at the Aussie Embassy, we nearly let the game slip away and it wasn't till Orin closed the second triple that we were certain of victory. Bryan had to buy a lot of Fosters for scoring 3 or less, and apart from Orin, the finishing was atrocious. Indeed Keith and Terry took so long to close their double that the scorer nearly fainted through loss of beer. Even Mike Majer despite his usual tally of tons, could not close a book that night.

British Club 1 Lever Bros. 16

Closes : Terry

Tons : Keith (100) Mike M. (100, 100) Bryan (140)

This was the most hilarious evening of the Season so far! Lever Bros. are undefeated in the Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League and they obviously turned up in the British Club bar with no worries about the possibility of defeat. They usually score 20 tons during a league match and for them it should have been a breeze! The hilarity came in because we kept trying to make one of them smile all evening and finally succeeded during the team game at which point we were being slightly whitewashed 0-16. It was a professional but antiseptic performance by Lever Bros. and the games were over so quickly, most of us didn't get the smell of a double, nevermind about much needed practice at it. They joined in enthusiastically in applause for every high score they made and were otherwise silent.

We all agreed that if we had to play teams like that every week we'd withdraw from the league and start a shove-ha'penny section, but looking at it from their point of view, the pressure is really on. If any player scores less than 80 in 3 darts he's probably dropped for 3 weeks.

Anyway, it was with exaggerated jubilation that Captain Terry closed the team game to win our solitary point in his second last appearance before going to South Africa. A farewell party for Terry is being held on 22nd May at the Tinson's house when the "Nai Shield" will be handed over to NAI 15, Mike Majer the bearded wonder! With Terry leaving there's going to be a lot more room in the bar on Thursdays and I might finally get a chance at one of the cheese sandwiches!



GOLF

BRITISH CLUB GOLF OUTING

Jurgens International sponsored a great outing at Railway G.C. with 38 players participating. Eleven new golfers played their first rounds with the club.

"A" DIVISION

1st	R. Armstrong	36	Pts.
2nd	M. Pallett	34	"
1st Nine	D. Cadwallader	18	"
2nd Nine	J. Maxwell	19	"

"B" DIVISION

1st	M. Harrold	39	Pts.
2nd	L. Houghton	37	"
1st Nine	R. Laville	20	"
2nd Nine	R. Barrett	16	"

NEW MEMBERS

1st	L. Currie	33	Pts.
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LONG DRIVE

Men	J. Maxwell
Ladies	Mo Harris

CLOSEST PIN

M. Harrold
R. Armstrong

MAY 12, 1985

The Siam Country Club was this weeks location sponsored by I.C.I. and John Kerr.

35 Golfers played at times under heavy rain on soggy greens but all enthusiastic stalwarts finished 18 holes.

"A" WINNERS

1st	D. Cadwallader	31	Pts.
2nd	M. Sayer	31	"
1st Nine	D. Frost	14	"
2nd Nine	I. McLean	17	"

"B" WINNERS

1st	Mo Harris	36 Pts.
2nd	G. Slack-Smith	34 "
3rd	M. Baker	(Special Prize)

1st Nine	P. Young	16 Pts.
2nd Nine	L. Houghton	18 "

CLOSEST PIN

2 Holes	P. Jenkins
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LONG DRIVE

Ladies	Mo Harris
Men	M. Sayer

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LADIES' GOLF

There has been a lot of activity on the golf courses this last month with some very good scores being turned in. The two day stableford GESTETNER competition was played at the Rose Garden and in between rain, puddles sunshine and steamy heat, an enjoyable time was had by all 30 ladies who competed in this event. A very big Thank you to Gestetner and to Trevor Whalley for sponsoring this by donating four lovely silver foto frames as the main prizes. It was greatly appreciated by all, (especially the four winners!) The overall winner of the trophy was Trish Blackburn 73 points, 2nd. Ruth Kennedy 72 points, best 1st. day, Joan Jurgens 37 points and best 2nd. day, Zena Woodward with a fantastic score of 43 points! Congratulations to you and well done.

COMPETITION RESULTS

23 April	3 Throw-outs	Army
A Division Winner:	Vicky MacWilliam	51
Run-up:	Pam Hardy	51
B Division Winner:	Anne Hendrie	50
Run-up:	Eve Doust	52
Nearest pin:	Wendy Binns	
Longest drive:	Mo Harris	
Under par:	Vicky MacWilliam	
Low putts:	Vicky MacWilliam	
30 April	L.G.U. Medal	Army
Silver Division - Winner:	Joan Jurgens	88
Bronze I " " :	Lise Dencker Nielsen	73
Run-up:	Pam Hardy	76
Bronze II, Winner:	Anne Hendrie	72
Run-up:	Mary Hussey	81
Nearest pin # 4:	Kanda Phillips	
# 13:	Lise Dencker Nielsen	
Longest drive:	Pam Hardy	
Low putts:	Pam Hardy	29
	Mo Harris	

<u>7 May</u>	<u>Bisque Bogey</u>	<u>Army</u>
A Division Winner:	Trish Blackburn	+8
Run-up:	Ruth Kennedy	+7
B Division Winner:	Anne Hendrie	+11
Run-up:	Jeanie Finch	+8
C Division Winner:	Linda Maxwell	+7
Run-up:	Diana Wingfield	+5
Nearest pin # 8:	Jen Dick	
# 13:	Diana Wingfield	
Under pars:	Ruth Kennedy	67
	Trish Blackburn	70
	Anne Hendrie	70

<u>14 and 21 May</u>	<u>Gestetner Trophy</u> <u>Stableford</u>	<u>Rose Garden</u>
Winner:	Trish Blackburn	73
Run-up:	Ruth Kennedy	72
Best 1st. Day:	Joan Jurgens	37
Run-up :	Mo Harris	36
Best 2nd. Day:	Zena Woodward	43
Run-up. :	Kanda Phillips	37
Nearest pins were won by:	Wendy Binns	
	Muriel Harrold	
	Kanda Phillips	
	Ruth Kennedy	
	Jen Dick	
	Mo Harris	
	Jeanie Finch	
Longest drives by:	Diana Wingfield	
	Joan Jurgens	
	Trish Blackburn	
	Mo Harris	
Under pars:	Trish Blackburn	(70)
	Joan Jurgens	(71)
	Ruth Kennedy	(71)
	Kanda Phillips	(71)
	Zena Woodward	(66)

Being so many players it was decided to award prizes to the 40 Handicappers

1st. day Winner:	Linda Maxwell	32
Run-up:	Diana Wingfield	28

2nd. day Winner:	Penny Whalley	26
Run-up:	Linda Maxwell	25
There were also		
Chip-in prizes to:	Sue Baker	
	Jean Marett	

The 5 week ECLECTIC results

Winner:	Mo Harris	61¼
2nd.	Pam Hardy	62¼
3rd.	Kanda Phillips	63½
4th.	Anne Hendrie	64
5th.	Anne Swankie	64¼

Than you very much to Pam Hardy and Muriel Harrold for arranging the scoring for this event.

Forthcoming events

28 May	-	L.G.U. Medal	Army Course
4 June	-	T's and F's	"
11 June	-	Stableford	"
18 June	-	Better Nines	"
25 June	-	L.G.U. Medal	"

As I will be on leave from the beginning of June, returning middle August, I do hope all players who will still be here, braving the floods and heat, will have some good games, and I look forward to being back with you then.

Please keep your starter for JUNE, Muriel Harrold, advised! Thank you.



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SNOOKER

Ten enthusiasts played for two volunteer snooker trophies in a double knockout competition.

In the main event - The Leonowens Trophy

R. Armstrong	Bt	David Hall	
P. Murray	"	Somchai	1st Round
K. Armstrong	"	T. Watson	
A. Pickup	"	K. Ross	
B. Hyde	"	H. Mercer	
R. Armstrong	Bt	P. Murray	2nd Round
K. Armstrong	Bye		
A. Pickup	Bye		
B. Hyde	Bye		
R. Armstrong	Bt	K. Armstrong	Semi-Finals
A. Pickup	"	B. Hyde	
A. Pickup	Bt	R. Armstrong	<u>FINAL</u>

In the second event - The O'Connell Cup

D. Hall	Bt	Somchai	1st Round
T. Watson	Bye		
K. Ross	Bye		
H. Mercer	Bye		
D. Hall	Bt	T. Watson	Semi Finals
K. Ross	"	H. Mercer	
D. Hall	Bt	K. Ross	<u>FINAL</u>

OESA Annual Challenge

The B.C. Snooker Team managed a 4-1 win in this annual match. Unfortunately the OESA did not field a full team so no doubles matches were played.

The match scores were:

Ian McLean	Bt	Art de Boer	24-70, 44-19, 62-18
K. Ross	"	Tanachai	37-48, 45-42, 54-40
P. Murray	"	M. Kerr	41-47, 65-33, 57-21
D. Hall	Lost to	Dr. Yarchai	50-23, 17-39, 15-47
R. Armstrong	Bt	I. Spencer	49-27, 60-47

All but one match went to 3 games which gave the spectators lots to cheer about.



SQUASH

Congratulations to last ladder winners

Flight A - Colin Hastings
Flight B - David Parker
Flight C - Mike Binns
Flight D - Douglas Sheldon

The Squash Committee would like to draw the attention of all ladder participants to the following rules:

Rule 3 INACTIVE PLAYERS

"Inactive" players are those who because of injury, absence or for any other reason are not able to accept challenges for a period in excess of 14 consecutive days. Such a player should notify the co-ordinators by leaving a slip in the Squash Results Box. His/her card will then be reversed. It will continue to move in the same way as active players cards but it will not count when a player assesses who he is allowed to challenge under Ruel 4. An "inactive" player returning to activity should notify the co-ordinators of his return by placing a slip in the results box.

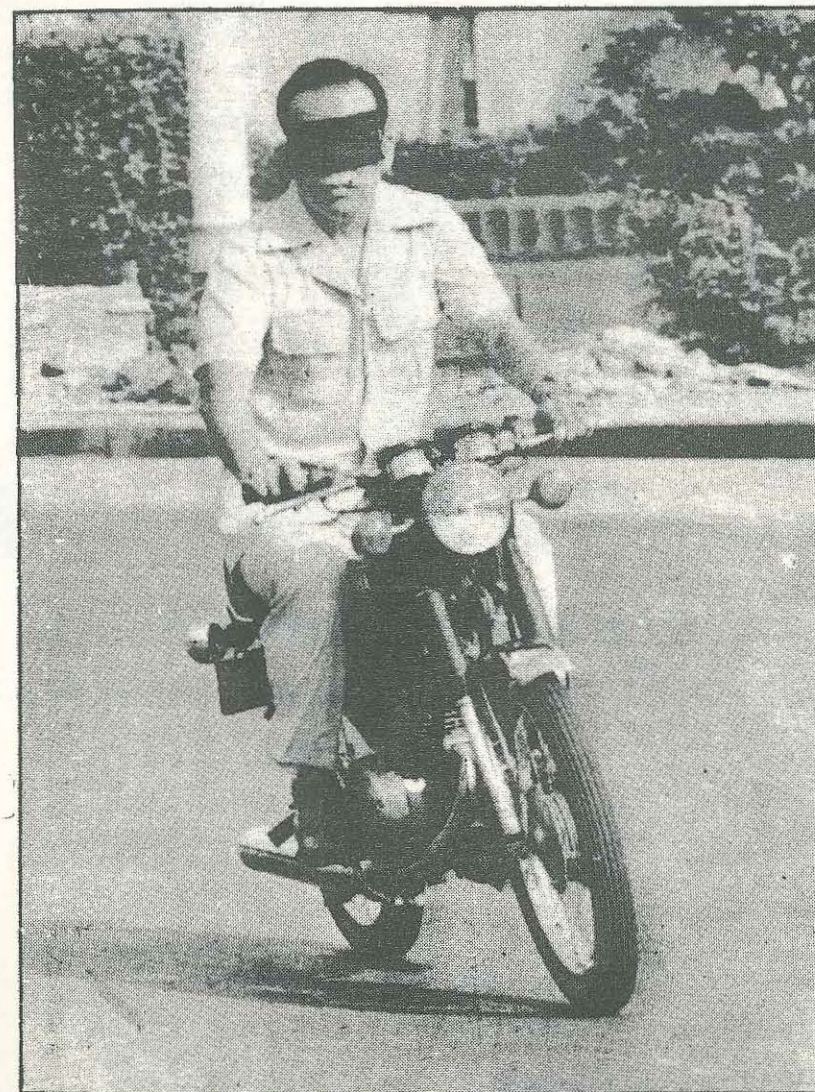
Rule 4 CHALLENGES

"Any Ladder member may challenge any of the seven "active" players immediately above him/her on the same flight of the ladder. A Ladder match is valid only if the challenger is within seven active positions at the time of playing it. A challenge is invalidated if players become more than seven "active" positions apart subsequent to the challenge being made and prior to the game being played. All Ladder matches will be on the basis of the best of five games.

Inactive players who do not inform the co-ordinators of the ladder of being unavailable tend to limit challenges. Please try to remember.

Squash League No. 54 - July

Flyers go astray, either in despatching or returning to the club, and also cost money. Entries to Squash League No. 54 due to be played during July will be by entering your name on a roster that will appear on the squash notice board. If you are new to the league, contact any committee member to arrange a game so you can assess your standard and enter the league at a level that will give you keen competition. A list of committee members is on the squash notice board poolside.



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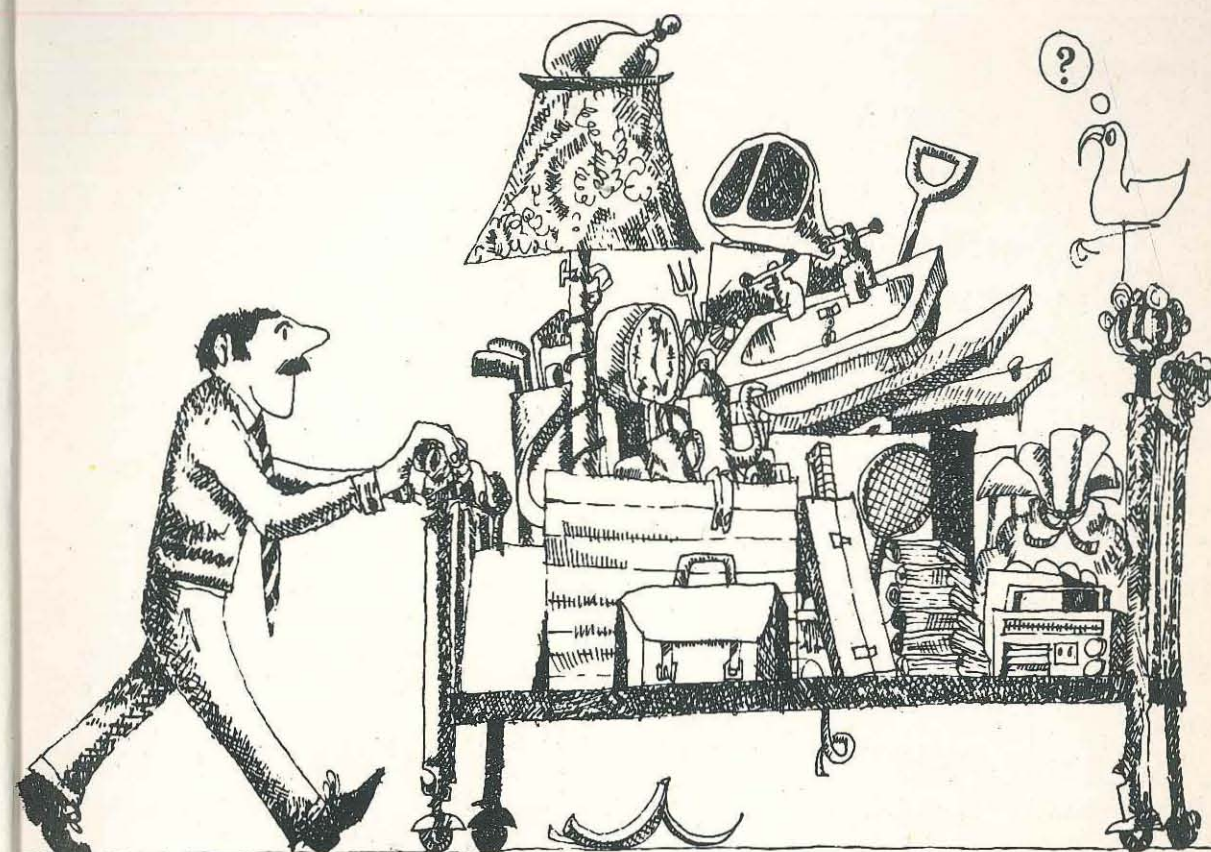
RIDING a motorbike in Bangkok can be hazardous at the best of times, but this does appear to be pushing one's luck a bit. Still, if you're a nervous motorcyclist you might be just as well off not knowing what's going to hit you. Maybe that's what some of the bus drivers use.

May Solution of Crosswords

- A) Seventh
- B) Abrogate
- C) Mother
- D) Unthinkable
- E) Elan
- F) Latitude
- G) Perfect
- H) Engage
- I) Partner
- J) Youngest
- K) Shorten
- L) Dogtooth
- M) Infrared
- N) Absinth
- O) Rajah
- P) Yule Logs

Reading down, the initial letters spell
"Samual Pepys, Diary, and the quotation
reads:

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Englishmen - they are people that cannot
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