

# OUTPOST

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BRITISH CLUB

JULY 1980





## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### THE BRITISH CLUB

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OUTPOST No. 5 July 1980

As we were about to go to press we received the tragic news that Mike Dutton died suddenly in UK on 19th June.

Mike was well known to members of the Club and had himself been an ever present member for over eight years. He took a keen interest in the running of the Club and made so many positive contributions to the suggestion book that it became known to the committee as Dutton's Diary. Not least, he will be greatly missed on the OUTPOST production team - he left us the "Beer Dregs" column before going on holiday earlier this month. The reference to Mike in this edition has been deliberately left in as a memorial to him.

New logo artwork has unfortunately been lost in the post but hopefully will appear in time for OUTPOST No. 6. The Ed. attempted to board a bus in his car and on the same day was told that his house would be demolished whilst he was on holiday. However, this month's issue finally came together with backache and rhyming slang being given a well earned rest. In place of these, a new "Fly on the Wall" column has been introduced which lets everybody know what the committee gets up to and, for our travelling membership, the "Affiliated Clubs" will hopefully be of interest. Finally, all members should read the swimming column on page 30 this month, where they will find a number of important news items and appeals.

Ed. will be on leave next month so OUTPOST will be left in the experienced hands of Arthur Hawtin - good luck Arthur.

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

## NEW MEMBERS:

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

### Ordinary

Mr. M.C. Beevers	Peter Fraenkel & Partners
Mr. H. Clarke	AIT
Mr. A.D. Davis	British Embassy
Mr. J.A.L. Faint	British Embassy
Mr. R.M. Gillespie	Boehringer Ingelheim (T)
Mr. K.L. Little	ICEM
Mr. C.J. Platt	Union Oil Company

### Non-Voting

Mr. J. de Salis	ICRC Delegation
Mr. B.G. McSweeney	

### Ladies Privileges

Mrs. A. Verpillot

## NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

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

Tuesday 1 July (Closing date 28 June)

Tuesday 5 August (Closing date 2 August)

Candidates and sponsors are invited to bring their wives to the New Members Night which will take the form of an informal drinks gathering. Dress: Tie (but no jacket) or Safari Suit.

ORDERED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ST. GEORGE'S CELEBRATION ARE NOW AWAITING COLLECTION IN THE BRITISH CLUB OFFICE.

# WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	Bridge 7.30 p.m., Curry Night
Tuesday	Swimming Training 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	Children's Activities 9.30 a.m.
Thursday	Ladies Squash 9.00 a.m., Swimming Training 4.30 p.m.
Friday	Ballet 2.00 p.m.
Saturday	Video 5 and 8.00 p.m.
Sunday	Video 2, 5 and 8.00 p.m.

If you are interested in the detailed programmes of specific activities within the Club, then please read the relevant sections of Outpost.

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## FROM OUR FLY ON THE WALL

Believe it or not the full Committee met three times during June and your fly on the wall has a few tit-bits to leak.

### New Members Night

At the new members' night on 4th June, ten candidates were elected. The surprise, however, was that five candidates were left to introduce themselves as neither their proposers nor seconders turned up. It is clearly the duty of the proposer, or if he is unavailable, the seconder to introduce the candidate to the Committee and thereby avoid possible embarrassment to the candidate. In future, candidates for election who are unaccompanied by either proposer or seconder will be asked to attend the following new members night.

### Security Officer

There is increasing concern, throughout the membership, about security, observance of rules and bylaws and poolside safety. Accordingly, the Committee has appointed Mr. KAMLAH CHANDEEDA as Security Officer from 1st July 1980.

In addition to being responsible for security and safety in general, his duties specifically include:

- (i) ensuring that members obey the Club rules and bylaws,
- (ii) safety at the poolside during busy times, (see enclosed poolside points)
- (iii) ensuring that the guards are diligently performing their duties,
- (iv) ensuring that staff obey staff regulations and
- (v) ensuring that equipment, particularly at the poolside, is safe, serviceable and clean.

Mr. Kamlah will report directly to the Manager and will wear a uniform bearing his name when on duty. Should an individual be found to persistently disregard the requirements of "(i) and (ii)" above, the matter will be reported to the Committee and appropriate action will be taken. Please give Mr. Kamlah your utmost cooperation and help.

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Suggestion Books

The suggestion books are still being answered promptly. There is a temporary lull in contributions at the moment whilst one prolific writer is away on leave but no doubt his return in August will be followed by extended Committee meetings yet again, answering Dutton's Diary.

Personnel Sub-Committee

The Club now employs about 70 staff and it is important that a Committee member takes a close interest in personnel matters. Alasdair Johnstone has taken on the job of forming a personnel sub-committee and has handed over his finance portfolio to Roy Barrett.

New Menus

The dining room new menu (see pages 22 and 23) should be operating by the 1st July and it is planned to introduce a new poolside menu on 1st September. Hope you enjoy them.

Development

A new emphasis has been given to the long range plan and the new priority is to develop the Silom Road end of the poolside to include the 3rd squash court, a poolside sala and bar, a new children's paddling pool and a children's playground which can be observed by mums and dads whilst using the new sala.

The main bar will be redecorated during the next month or two. It is hoped to do the work on a staged basis thereby not having to close the bar.

Time Capsule

The Club contributed articles to the Louis T. Leonowens' time capsule which was buried with great ceremony at the Oriental Hotel on 5th June. The Annual Report, June "Outpost" and other bits and bats will be there in 2055 when the capsule is due to be raised and opened. David Frost has promised to buy any present member a beer at the opening ceremony!

Cigarettes

Imported cigarettes were legally available through the Thai Tobacco Monopoly during the TTM strike. However, they are no longer being imported by TTM and theoretically any which are available on the market are contraband. The Club regrets, therefore, that the bars can no longer offer imported cigarettes for sale.

Bar

STOP PRESS - how do you like Rung or, as she prefers to be called, Anne?

Ladies

Charles Stewart is very impressed with the ladies. He now attends the Ladies' Liaison/Advisory Group meetings (when they'll have him). Let's hope the arrangement proves fruitful to the Committee and the Group.

Suriwongse Room

Everyone must agree that the new decor in the Suriwongse Room is superb (or else) and already is proving a wise investment, judging by returns and attendances at Club entertainment nights. Unfortunately the air-conditioning bills for such a large room mean that we must charge for private or non-Club functions in the room; £300 for up to 3 hours usage has been decided upon with £100 per hour beyond 3 hours rental.

Rupert's here with his spray so I'll buzz off now and be back next month.

BEER DREGS

Symptom 1: Drinking fails to give satisfaction and taste, shirt front wet.

Fault: Mouth not open while drinking or glass being applied to wrong part of the face.

Remedy: Buy another pint, and practise in front of mirror. Drink as many as necessary until drinking technique is perfect.

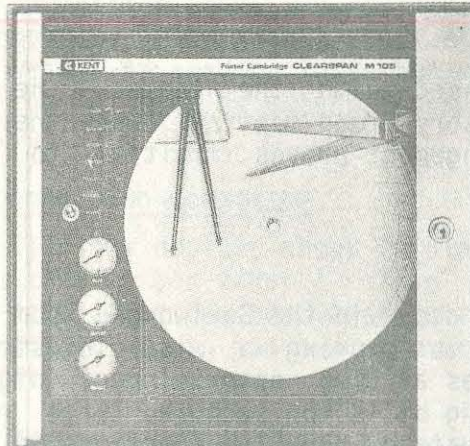
Symptom 2: Drinking fails to give satisfaction and taste, beer unusually pale and clear.

Fault: Glass empty.

Remedy: Find someone who will buy you another pint.

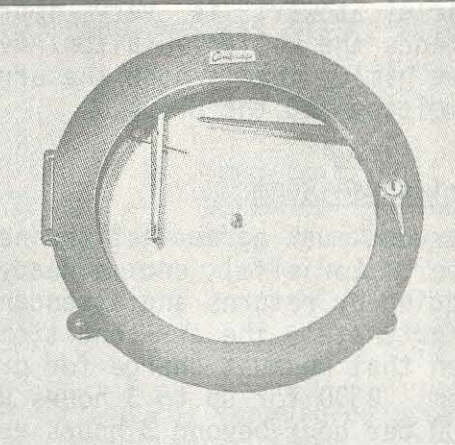
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## THE BRITISH COUNCIL

The British Council was established in 1934 and its aims, as laid down in the Charter, were 'promoting a wider knowledge of the United Kingdom and the English Language abroad and developing cultural relations with other countries'. The Council is financed mainly by the British government. There is, however, no direct Council vote; the money comes from the FLO and ODA budgets. Another source of revenue is agency fees; in certain fields the Council acts as an agent for the ODA and international agencies in the administration of aid funds. The third major source of revenue is Council earnings, from English Language teaching and other services. Like all publicly funded organisations the Council has already faced cuts (7% this financial year) and is facing further cuts (20% over the next three financial years).

The Council is represented in 82 countries and has a total staff of around 2,200 of whom, at any one time, 360 are serving overseas. In addition to London appointed staff, the Council employs some 2,000 locally engaged staff in its overseas offices.

Within Britain the Council is not a well known organisation; and for those who have become acquainted with it in foreign climes it has sometimes had the image of providing scholarly gentlemen with the job of peddling British culture to the locals. This brief personal account of the work of the Bangkok office may shed some light on what the Council does apart from culture, the library and films.

### THE COUNCIL IN BANGKOK

The Council opened in Bangkok in 1952. At that time the office was situated near the Memorial Bridge. In late 1970 came the move to Siam Square, to a then very avante garde, purpose-built office. Those who know the building are often unable to decide whether it's an outstanding contribution to the Bangkok architectural scene, or simply an outstanding monstrosity.

What goes on within the four walls of the building breaks down into seven main areas:

#### 1. Support to English Language Teaching

One specialist officer in the Council provides professional advice and support in this area. In addition to this a number of specialists (currently 12) work, at the request of the Royal Thai Government, in a variety of ECT posts in Universities and the Ministry of Education. Some of these posts are financed by the British Aid Programme, whilst others one financed by British

Council funds. The Council is responsible for recruiting these specialists in Britain and for administering them during the period of their contracts.

Other services offered include: the organisation of seminars, workshops and visits; English Language testing and an information service for those who wish to study in Britain.

## 2. Academic and professional visits to and from Britain

Assistance is provided in a variety of ways to Thai academic and professional people wishing to study in Britain or to visit on a short-term basis. Each year there are a few British Council scholarships, awarded on the basis of open competition, for those who wish to undertake training or academic study. Arrangements are also made and programmes organised for short-term visits, either for individuals or officially sponsored groups. The number of candidates applying for such assistance far exceeds the number of places and money available, so the Council is in a position to screen applications with great care and offer assistance to those who will not only benefit personally from study (short or long-term) but who will also be in a position to use their newly gained experience to the benefit of Thailand's social and economic development.

Each year the Council also, after consultation with professional and specialised organisations in Thailand, invites specialists from Britain to undertake advisory and lecture tours in Thailand. These cover a wide range of academic and development studies.

## 3. Educational Aid

A number of educational aid schemes are administered on behalf of the ODA. Priority is given to two major schemes: the first is the Colombo Plan training programme under which, study fellows are sent each year to Britain for professional training in a wide variety of development fields; training is also offered to a smaller number of students in countries other than Britain. The second scheme has already been mentioned, that is, the provision of English Language Teaching specialists as part of the British Aid Programme.

## 4. Libraries and Information Services

The Bangkok library has a collection of 26,000 volumes covering all aspects of British studies. It is primarily an educational library but also has a large general stock. There is a study area and a selection of newspapers, magazines and specialist periodicals. An information service is provided to handle enquiries on all aspects of British life. There is a comprehensive reference section in the library and full details of educational courses are available for those wishing to study in Britain.

## 5. The Direct Teaching of English

The teaching facilities at the Council include six classrooms and a recently installed language laboratory. Courses are run throughout the year for members of the public, staff from business firms and for other specialised users. Special courses are also run in conjunction with the Ministry of Education for groups of teachers and teacher trainers. These courses are designed to improve knowledge of English in specialised areas such as methodology and the teaching of English Literature.

## 6. The British Volunteer Programme

This is managed in Thailand by the Council who acts as the agent of Voluntary Service Overseas. There are 16 volunteers working, at the request of the Royal Thai Government, in a variety of posts, including English Language Teaching, agriculture, fisheries and technical education. The Council identifies and appraises projects jointly with the Royal Thai Government and provides language training, briefing, in-service training and welfare services for the British volunteers.

## 7. Fine Arts, Music and Drama

The Council sponsors visits to Thailand by British theatre companies, orchestras, ensembles and soloists as well as exhibitions of fine art and design. The Council maintains as part of its library service a record and tape collection of music and literature. There is a film library containing about 1,000 documentaries, these are supplemented by feature and other specialist films which are obtained on short-term loan from London.

As stated at the beginning, these are only the main areas of Council work in Bangkok. However, I think (hope) they show that the Council does have a job of work to do here and that we do not spend our time simply "peddling culture".

Gail Liesching (LP55)

In conjunction with Barclays International, the Council is sponsoring a Far Eastern tour by the Royal Sadlers Wells Ballet. The company will be in Bangkok from 2 to 6 October and will give five performances at the National Theatre.

Please watch the press and British Club noticeboards for further details.

Symptom 3: Feet cold and wet.

Fault: Glass being held at incorrect angle.

Remedy: Turn glass the other way up, so that open end is pointing towards the ceiling.

Symptom 4: Bar swaying.

Fault: Air turbulence is unusually high -- may be due to darts match in progress.

Remedy: Insert broom handle down back of jacket.

Symptom 5: You notice that the wall opposite is covered with ceiling tiles, and has a fluorescent light strip across it.

Fault: You have fallen over backwards.

Remedy: If your glass is still full and no one is standing on your drinking arm, stay put. If not get someone to help you up and lash yourself to the bar.

Symptom 6: Everything has gone dark.

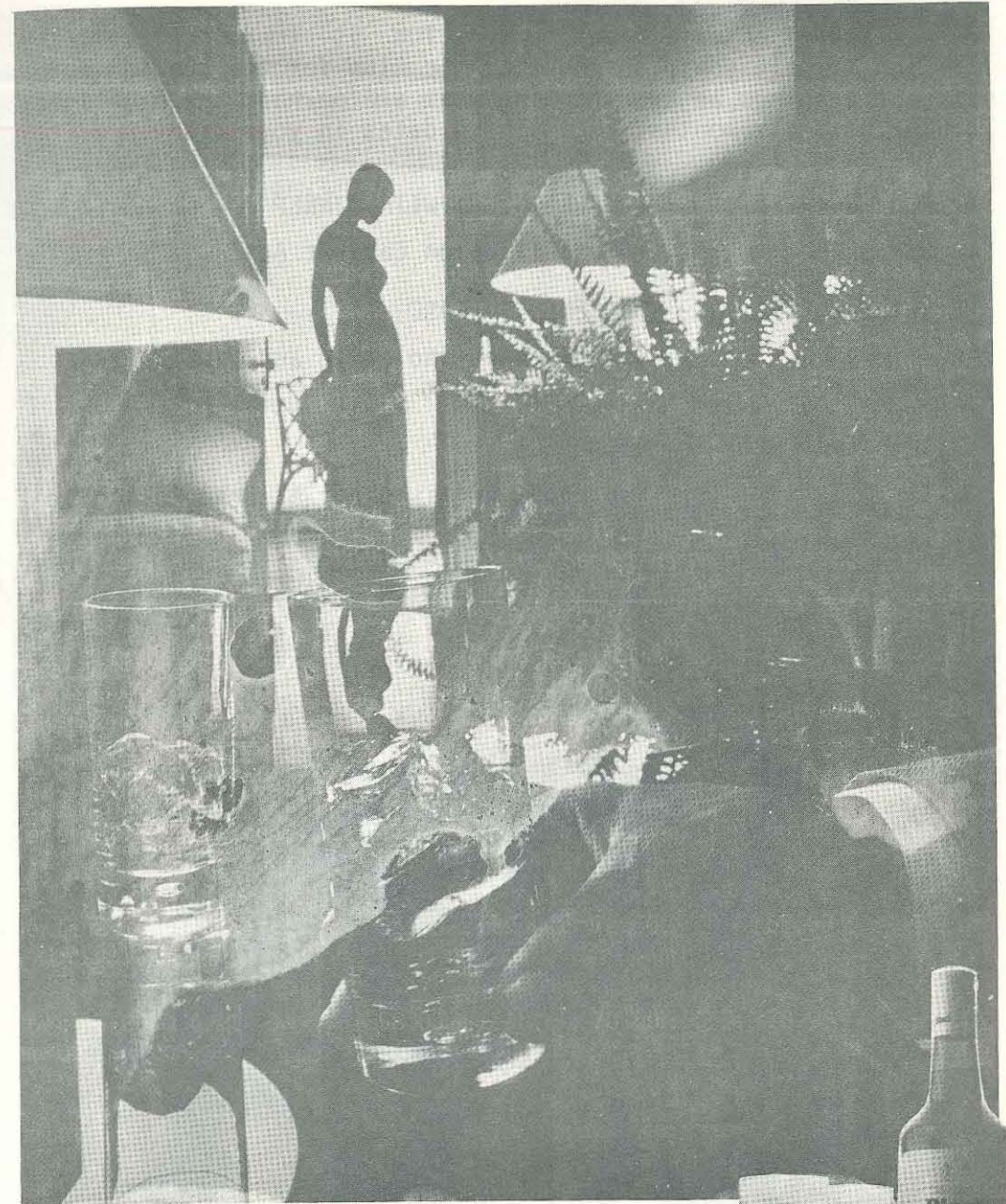
Fault: The bar is closing.

Remedy: Panic.

Symptom 7: Bar blurred.

Fault: You are looking through the bottom of your empty glass.

Remedy: Find someone who will buy you another pint.



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## ENTERTAINMENT

The quality of entertainment in the Club is improving all the time and to help you plan to be at the Club for the special entertainment evenings, we are printing what are perhaps the highlights for the next six months. Note these dates in your diary.

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4th Jul (FRI)  | CABARET NIGHT WITH DINNER<br>(Sweet Illusion Cabaret Act)                                                                         |
| 16th Aug (SAT) | OLD ENGLISH FARE<br>Spit Roasted whole Pig and Lamb with<br>Entertainment                                                         |
| 19th Sep (FRI) | BEER FEST<br>Pub Food, British Beer & Horse Racing                                                                                |
| 15th Oct (WED) | WINE & CHEESE EVENING<br>Special Dinner and Wine Tasting                                                                          |
| 8th Nov (SAT)  | FIREWORKS NIGHT<br>B-B-Q                                                                                                          |
| LATE NOV.      | SCOTTISH PIPERS<br>1st Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders                                                                          |
| 19th Dec (FRI) | ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL<br>Ading Dila and his Orchestra<br>(All the Oldies and All Newies)<br>Roast Christmas Dinner with Trimmings |
| 31st Dec (WED) | NEW YEAR'S EVE<br>Night of a 100 Cocktails<br>Breakfast                                                                           |

### Souvenir Weekend

An extremely successful weekend of jazz and folk was held on 6th/7th June. Many thanks from the Club to the Ceres Band (Friday 6th) and to Frank, Tony, Peter, Anne and Andy ("Heel your whore boys") for a very homely and beery evening on Saturday 7th: the club ran out of draught! All best wishes on your travels.

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### Menu

Dinner	7.30	Potted Shrimps
		Braised Duck
Show	8.45	Chocolate Mousse
		Coffee

Tickets at £140 per head can be obtained at the Club Office (234-0247 or 234-2592). Table bookings can only be accepted for parties of 10. Tickets strictly limited to 100. DON'T DELAY - BOOK TODAY.



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## THE LADIES ADVISORY / LIAISON GROUP DIARY

June was an auspicious month for the Ladies' Group: For the past three months we have conducted a comprehensive survey of the condition of the Club facilities, the quality of services rendered and, on the basis of which, made due recommendations to the Main Committee. At the last monthly meeting of the Group held on Thursday June 12, the Main Committee Chairman, Charles Stewart, the Poolside Sub-Committee Chairman, Hugh Jamieson and the Club Manager, Rupert Russell-Cobb honoured us with their presence. The meeting discussed primarily the letter addressed to the Main Committee containing the recommendations made by the Group. The discussions proved to be thorough and incisive. Several measures were adopted. These sought improvement in Catering (provision of new table cloths and towels, replacement of old menus, etc.) and the Services both in the poolside restaurant, the Bar and the Restaurant. Added to this will be the provision of electric fans in the poolside area; the repairs and repainting of the furniture already in use at the poolside restaurant and the provision of chairs and tables in the playground so that parents can supervise their children in comfort. It was considered necessary to include the extract from the Bye-Laws of the Club related to the use of the pool and the poolside area in Outpost and to put up a notice board for the same purpose.

Let's hope that we can have more of these worthwhile meetings over the next few months.

### Saturday Morning Activities

We were pleased to note the increase in the number of children participating in the activities. All told there were 77 children who came last time and ten more joined us in the Suriwongse Room to watch the film feature. Prior to the actual showing of the film, Mr. Hugh Jamieson, of the Swimming Section and currently Chairman of the Poolside Sub-Committee gave a talk on the proper use of the Club facilities. The children were very attentive and asked well-considered questions. Judging by the enthusiastic applause given to Mr. Jamieson, we hope that the children present will help to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations, which of late have been subject to flagrant infractions.

The next Saturday Morning Activities will be held on the 5th of July. There will be no Saturday Morning Activities in August, but they will start again on the 6th of September.

## Summer activities for the Children

In answer to a circular issued the 14th of June requesting for ladies to help organise the summer activities, several ladies came to the organisational meeting held last Thursday 19th of June at the poolside restaurant. Coordinator for the Group Mrs. Marion Hyde conducted the meeting. It was decided that these activities will be held each Wednesday of the week starting on the 9th of July.

The Schedule will be as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 9	Board Games and Film	9.30-12.00
July 16	Beetle Drive and Film	9.30-12.00
July 23	Painting Competition and Film	9.30-12.00
July 30	Board Games, Table Tennis and Film	9.30-12.00
August 6	Clay Modelling and Film	9.00-12.00

Mrs. Nora Blake has offered to teach Jazz Ballet for children 12 years and above from 9.00-10.00 in the Suriwongse Room. Consult her for the specific days preferred. We welcome all the children of the members of the Club.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, during each Tuesday and Thursday of the week, there will be Chess tournaments and Stamp Swap in the Reading Room from 3 - 4.30 p.m.

### THE BANGKOK SAMARITANS

The Bangkok Samaritans is a voluntary organisation. It is worldwide, confidential and non-religious, aiming to reach out to those in despair.

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We try to keep the number manned 24 hours daily, but there is always someone available between 2 p.m.-7 a.m.

## AFFILIATED CLUBS

The British Club now has reciprocal arrangements with seven clubs located in Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, the Philippines and the United Kingdom. Information on these affiliated clubs is available from the office but this month we are starting a new column giving resumes of the individual clubs and associations. (Letters of introduction to these clubs are required and are obtainable at the Office)

### The Royal Automobile Club of Australia

Founded in 1903, the RACA now occupies seven floors at 89 Macquarie Street, Sydney 2000. The RACA is the most recent to form an affiliation with the British Club and, for temporary visitors to Sydney, the following facilities are available to British Club members.

#### GROUND FLOOR: Circular Quay Level

Parking, sale of petrol and oil, and car wash.

Hours: Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 11.45 p.m. On week days non-resident members are limited to 3 hours parking between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Special arrangements have been made to park members' and visitors' cars elsewhere when the garage is fully occupied.

#### FIRST FLOOR:

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#### SECOND FLOOR:

Elizabeth Room: Light Luncheon Only. Noon to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Lounge: Noon to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Banquet Rooms: Of an evening, the facilities of this floor are available for members' private functions.

#### THIRD FLOOR: Main Entrance, Macquarie Street Level

General Office and Touring Section: Hours 8 a.m. to 4.45 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Secretary's Office, House Manager, Cloak Room, Telephones and Visitors' Room.

Main Lounge: Hours 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday to Friday. The main lounge is open to both ladies and gentlemen after 7 p.m.

#### FOURTH FLOOR:

Macquarie Room:

Breakfast: 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., Daily.

Luncheon: 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Dinner: 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Note: The Macquarie Room is not open for luncheon on Saturdays or Public Holidays but sandwiches, tea and coffee are available in the fourth floor lounge.

Dinner Dances: Friday evening from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.  
Saturday evening from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Lounge: 10 a.m. to 11.45 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Supper Service: 9 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Reading Room: Gentlemen only.

#### FIFTH FLOOR:

Vintage Room and reception rooms available for members' private luncheons, dinners, and cocktail parties by arrangement with the House Manager.

Ladies' Shower and Change Room: Key and towel available from linen room, 5th Floor, or Hall Porter.

Remainder Residential: For details see under Sixth Floor.

#### SIXTH FLOOR:

Residential Section: On the fifth and sixth floors there are 28 single rooms and 12 twin or double bedrooms, all of which are air-conditioned. With the exception of a few small rooms, all apartments are self-contained and those on the perimeter of the building effectively sound-proofed. Most rooms are equipped with refrigerators and colour T.V. Room service is available except on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. (Details of rooms and rates are available at the British Club office)

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Chicken or Tomato Cream Soup.....	Bht. 25.-
Soup of the day.....	Bht. 25.-

### Thai Dishes

Tom Yam Kung.....	Bht. 35.-
Mixed Fried Rice.....	Bht. 25.-

### Salads

Caesar.....	Bht. 30.-
Chef's Salad.....	Bht. 30.-

### Main Course

Mixed Grill.....	Bht. 70.-
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Our favourite Steak and Kidney Pie.....	Bht. 50.-
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Orange Sherbet served in the Orange.....	Bht. 15.-
Caramel Custard.....	Bht. 15.-
Trifle.....	Bht. 20.-

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## GOLF

To the imaginary skirl o' the pipes, the whirl o' the kilt, and whilst free give-away porridge was served to all at the Rose-Garden golf club at approximately noon on June 1st, master golfer Ian MacLean proudly walked to the dais to receive the handsome 1980 British Club Golf championship cup from the hands of captain Davidson. The applause was muted since the new champion forgot to follow normal procedures under these circumstances by not breaking a bottle of whisky for all the losers, but nevertheless in a golfing sense, Ian was indeed a worthy champion, having recorded scores of 81 and 77 over the two rounds, to be followed (not so closely) by David Frost with rounds of 81 and 84. As David admitted, the difference between their second round scores represented the number of large klostors he had consumed on the back nine. Well done to both these lads, who should be rewarded with handicap revisions for their efforts.



### Spot the champ

A field of 36 competitors entered this year, being a magnificent turn-out. Scores and performances varied considerably, but it is not the intention of the reporter to list the booby applicants, mainly because he was one of them.

Our friendly insurance competitors Commercial Union and Guardian Royal, sponsored the event and must be thanked for the magnificent prizes, (it was sad to see the decline of their two respective managers, Davidson and Douglas, in a golfing sense). The same old names appeared on the prize winners list i.e. Peightal, Watkins, Neville, Quinn, Speed, (what a bore for them)...while the same old names did not, e.g. Luke, Madar, Lewis, Ford, Jurgens, Kenneally, Miller, Washington, Neilson, Walck, Voravarn, Daniels, and so on (ad nauseam).

Changing the subject, there was a good turn-out of golfers at the club on June 4th to see the film of the most recent British Open Golf Championship, (by kind courtesy of Thai International incidentally).

#### Unico Golf Club 15th June

'Twas on a gruesome, wet and miserable morning that 30 members braved a 6.00 a.m. drive out to UNICO on the 15th. A fine Scotch mist failed to dampen spirits as everyone waded ankle deep in water on to the first tee to drive off down the fairway which was not distinguishable from the surrounding klongs at this early stage. A wonderful, mad, bunch of totally stupid people (except the secretary, who belatedly pleaded some ailment or other and sloped off home with dry feet)...what magnificent fellowship and participation we have in the golf section these days!

Much mud was collected by all concerned, much to the consternation of 30 maids whose Sunday afternoon was ruined cleaning up the mess. Scores mirrored conditions, and most cannot be recorded here to avoid embarrassment. We welcomed some new faces, e.g. John Watkins, John Wilson, Brian Lewis, John Sill, Bob Denny and some old ones who have been missing recently, (welcome back RBSC golf captain Tom Moran, .... is it true you declined a challenge to RBSC from our BC golfers?)

Eileen Ford and Sally Voravarn contributed feminine charm to the day....but we missed our other regular lady stalwarts, Mesdames Neville, Quinn, Jurgens, Washington....hurry back, girls.

Neil Duggan distributed a variety of prizes supplied by Messrs. Singer (Thailand) Ltd. who sponsored the day's activities and it is hoped that Singer's Sunday/Duggan's donation, will become an annual event. The winner was Ted Peightal with 33 points, runner up being Hans Daniels with a score of 33 points also, (Hans being a gentleman, and on the committee, felt Ted should be encouraged). Good old Ernie (Jurgens) won the 1st 9 and Tom

Moran the 2nd 9 in flight A (handicap up to 18), with Don Goodin proving best player in flight B with 32 points, closely followed by Eileen Ford. Sponsor Duggan had the best 1st 9 in flight B (not difficult with a handicap of 47½) with Bob (the banker) Lumsden winning the 2nd 9. 'Nearest the pins' prizes were awarded to John Paola and Mike Neville (both of whom specialise in winning these every outing).



"Honestly, it's mine"

#### Future Programme

Overleaf are details of forthcoming fixtures for your diaries. If you can join us, please try to put your name on the list on the B.C. golf notice board to assist in arranging bookings. (If you cannot visit the Club to do this in person, perhaps you could advise my secretary, Khun Orampai at 3915188, 3917936, 3917952 and I shall note accordingly).

By the way, suggestions and new ideas for our outings will be welcomed. For example, someone last week thought it may prove interesting some Sunday (not every fixture!) to have a compulsory alcoholic refreshment at each KIOSK around the course, for all participants, which may have a unique equalising effect on handicaps. Such novel ideas may be welcome or may be not, but please think about some innovations (if you want them) to make our golf even more fun.

It's great to see more and more new faces, by the way...our golf section is certainly on the up and up...but there is still room for more, so do bring along guests, friends etc., and help to stimulate those B.C. golf players who still prefer bed to golf on a Sunday morning.

		<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
	Sunday 13th July	ROSE GARDEN	10.00 a.m.
HOLIDAY	Saturday ) 26th July	SIAM COUNTRY CLUB	7.00 a.m.
WEEKEND	Sunday ) 27th July	SATTHAHIP	7.00 a.m.
	Monday ) 28th July	SIAM COUNTRY CLUB	7.00 a.m.



## CRICKET

Good news for cricketers! - with your somewhat absent support at our sub-section meeting on 9th June, Bob Lanham, Dave Hudson and Jack Dunford unanimously appointed themselves as your committee for 1980/81 and immediately applied themselves to the onerous task of preparing for next season's campaign.

Even better news! - the British Club Committee responded promptly and magnificently to this gesture of enthusiasm and on 10th June voted us generous funds to purchase some desperately needed new kit (thank's chaps).

Your Group of Three are now scattered around the globe in search of kit at last season's prices, but all being well the kit and nets will all be in order for practice to commence in October/November. Before then players will be invited to get together to appoint a stripper...and even a selection committee if there's a rush! .... so keep watching this space!

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# SWIMMING

- Attention all Club Members\*

On Sunday 8th June we held another well-attended monthly Gala, with the swimmers concentrating on I.M. breast-stroke and butterfly. Star performers this month were Stephen Betteridge, Marie & Karen Prendergast and Melissa Chubb, Stephen & Melissa having knocked spots off their previous I.M. times and Marie & Karen, vastly improved on butterfly. Well done, all of you.

\* The next Gala will be held on 6th July and we propose to instigate a free-for-all, sorry, race, for the 5- and-under; "floaties" and similar aids (other than parents or two-ropes) are permitted. All the participants will be rewarded with small bags of sweets. The idea behind this event is to familiarize small children with competitive swimming. So toddlers - get in training for the "Sweetie Scramble" on Sunday the Sixth!!

\* Whilst on the subject of new beginnings, there are vacancies both for swimming lessons and swimming training, especially during the summer months when many people will be away. Khun Choon will still be teaching during July and August and the training sessions will again be open to boarding-school children in Bangkok for the holidays. Anyone interested in lessons should contact Helen Jamieson and those who wish to enrol for training, speak to Marie Julius.

\* We are keen to reinstate the Personal Survival Tests which were instigated last summer, but at present could only take them to Silver Medal level as we have only one examiner available to carry out tests. In this contest we would like to hear from any member (particularly amongst the new members who represent hitherto untapped sources!) who are qualified to examine P.S. at Gold/Honours level, or who have an interest in swimming/lifesaving training. Please contact Hugh Jamieson.

\* A long shot this - at the May Gala (11/5/80) one of our 7 precious stop-watches was found to be missing. That may sound rather Irish but all the astute mathematicians amongst you (and the rest) will realise that we now have only 6. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of such a stop-watch, which is - or was - clearly labelled "British Club" please contact Hugh Jamieson or Judy Mattinson.

I would like to wish "Happy Holidays" to all those who are going on leave in July and for those remaining - don't forget the August Gala. For the rest - see you in September.

## OCTOPUSH

The night of Tuesday 17th June saw the introduction of a new sport to Thailand - a British Club first? The British Club very kindly allowed the Thailand Sub Aqua Club (TSAC) to hold its monthly meeting on the premises, so if you wondered what the 10 men and 3 women in snorkelling gear were doing in the pool in the pouring rain that night, the mystery is herewith unravelled

The Game:

The simple objective of the game is for two teams of six to compete against each other by using "pushers" to push the "squid" into the opposing team's goal and score as many goals as possible

The teams all wear snorkelling equipment (i.e. masks, snorkel and fins).

The pushers are short wooden hand held implements and the squid is a round of covered lead which is pushed along the bottom.

It's great fun, exhausting and possibly rather sadistic (you will go to any lengths to get at that precious life-giving air - never mind who's in the way!) possibly the only sport where breath holding duration is prized! It's definitely not a spectator sport.

Tuesday night's game saw two keen teams of six (one reserve) ably captained by Simon Brewin and Rod Stead. The game started enthusiastically with the squid never out of play and a couple of impressive sprints across the bottom of the pool by Tom Farrington and Hugh Jamieson (who was handicapped by having to keep one hand for holding up his loose bathing trunks).

As the game progressed it was noticeable that the majority of members found it good strategy to stay on the surface of the pool and look hopefully at other team mates who might go and do something about the squid lying out of play on the bottom of the pool. Despite a couple of last minute goals by Martin Paterson and Simon, Rod's team won.

We then all wobbled over weakly to the bar to gather strength sufficient to push a foot down on the car accelerator to get home

T.S.A.C. hopes to get regular Octopush games going and B.C. members are welcome to join us. Contact Simon Brewin or Rod Stead if you're interested.

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## LADY GOLFERS

Four of our Members, Sheila Neville, Joan Jurgens, Margit Winter and Joyce Lumsden, recently went to Malaysia to take part in the Royal Selangor Golf Club's Open Amateur Ladies Golf Championships in Kuala Lumpur.

The tough par 74 Royal Selangor course was playing long after rain and Joan Jurgens did very well to return a one-under nett 73 on the first day. Sheila, who in the earlier qualifying rounds at the Royal Thai Army course, had returned the best nett, was in the Thai Amateur Ladies Golf Association (TALGA) team, which finished 4th best nett overall.

## PROGRAMME FOR JULY

All fixtures at Royal Thai Army Course except 8th July

### July 1st - Best Nines

Starter: Eileen Ford (252-2074)

### July 8th - "Ape's Day" at Rose Garden

Starter: Ape Armistead (391-4399)

### July 15th - Flag

Starter: Sheila Kerr (252-6517)

### July 22nd - Bisque Bogey

Starter: Joyce Lumsden (252-8402)

### July 29th - Medal

Starter: Margaret Miller (286-5906)

The Rose Garden fixture on 8th is a Farewell for Ape Armistead, who has been with the Group for several years. Guests will be very welcome so any lady who would like to join us on that day please contact Ape or any member of the committee for further details.

## BRIDGE

The Bridge Section had its first evening of duplicate for many a year on the 2nd of June. It proved to be so successful that we will try to repeat it on a regular monthly basis, and allow the addicts of the game to play Chicago on the intervening Mondays.

The top six places on the 2nd June went to the following pairs.

1st	Mr. Davis and Mr. Faint	100
2nd	Mr. & Mrs. R. Stead	96
3rd	Mr. T. Farrington & Mrs. C. Tarrant	93
4th	Mr. & Mrs. W.F.L. Coleshill	91
5th	Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Foulis	88
6th	N & E Peightal	83

Despite foul boards and the fact that we finished playing so late, every body enjoyed it. Next time every effort will be made to finish earlier.

Thanks should go to Josslyn and Lek for giving up their evening of bridge in order to direct, sort out problems and calculate the final scores.

The Section is run on an informal basis with a wide variety of standards. Monday night games of Chicago Bridge are alive and well, so anyone wishing to play should come along to the club before 7.30 p.m.

## BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

We hope you all know that the billiard tables have been expertly ironed and cushions brought up to scratch, the cues straightened, new ones purchased when needed and all balls have been polished: even the chalk is ready at hand. Now all that's needed is for the numerous trophies to be played for; if you are interested in revitalising snooker and billiards in the Club why not get in touch with Simon Brewin.

Incidentally, Les Collings did all the repair works, so give him a cheer when you next see him. So "Get your hands out your pockets, take a grip of your cue and use your chalk!" Ses Les.



## DARTS

The 14th Cathay Pacific Bangkok Darts League finished with a bit of a whimper as far as your favourite team was concerned. Suffice it to say that Spotlights trounced us 16-1 at the Club on 22nd May (with our only point coming from John Sill's, the squash Brute, singles victory) and the Nation rubbed it in with a 15-2 victory at Mukda's Place. In that game John and Bryan gave us their singles games, but Ingrid, spurred on by the promise of a new dress if she won, almost beat the league legend Lek Kledpee. The tons score was also 15-2 with BC tons coming from John (125) and Bryan (121).

A depleted BC team of only 5 players then lost in the first round of the Knockout Cup 10-7 against AIS. Not having a copy of the scoresheet to refer to, all your scribe knows about this match is that Ingrid won her singles, double and triple games. (She's only just stopped talking about it).

The knockout finals' night is at the Club on 25th June at 8 p.m., and the Banquet will be at the Amarin (Amarit?) Hotel on 10th July. Tickets will be available (free to League players) through Roy Regan.

New players are required for next season, so in Bryan's absence on leave please call Roy Regan to register. We have a good chance of winning the Hobsons Division when the 15th CP League kicks off in early August.



## SQUASH

### Don Johnston Cup

What a day at the Club, two championships, two losers competitions, a one-point wonder, prize giving and a bar-b-cue! All at the British Club on Sunday 1st June and hard luck if you missed it.

Before the trophy matches were held, there was a one-point wonder competition organised by John Salter. During the morning about 25 players took part, most people getting two opportunities to make fools of themselves. Eager contestants were split into groups of six or seven players of roughly equal ability. Within each group, the players were given appropriate handicaps. The competition worked by starting off with two players, who played for the first point (you could score from hand-out) - the winner of that point stayed on and the loser was replaced by the next hopeful idiot and so on. The winner was first to 21 points with no knock-up, nobody had their 'eye in' so the server had a big

advantage and it was all out for aces. At times the door to the court hardly ever seemed to shut with people rushing on and off the court non-stop. It was all very lighthearted and splendidly refereed by John Salter who not only lost track of people's names after a while, but could barely distinguish the men from women! Not the most skillful of competitions but very good fun and thanks to John Salter who must have been hoarse by the end.



The highlight, of course, was the Don Johnston Cup, the British Club Mens Championships, won this year by first class retrieving and nick finding Tony Blanc, against all the guile of Len Alexander who must have been celebrating the night before. Not the best match we have seen here but better than most by far.

Result: Tony 9-1, 9-6, 9-3

The newly introduced British Club Ladies Championship Cup (otherwise known as the Okkeriwi Cup). Colleen Perry and Maria Green played a hard match which, although only 3 games, lasted for 35 minutes. Maria made a gallant effort in the second game but nevertheless succumbed.

Result: Colleen 9-2, 10-8, 9-0



Another new trophy played for this year was the Len Alexander Plate (the ladies losers plate) was fought for by finalists Lesley Brewin and Anne Prince. It looked like a whitewash until Anne pulled out the stoppers and took the third game 9-1. There was everything to play for but Lesley got the upper hand in the fourth. Well done girls, very entertaining.

Result: Lesley 9-0, 9-0, 1-9, 9-5

The Parra Handi Plate (the men's losers) was competed for by Murray McNair and Vic Betteridge. Murray showed signs of over-eating in the dining room on the night before in the early stages but gradually wore Vic down with increasingly consistent shots just above the tin. Another fine match.

Result: Murray 4-9, 9-6, 9-3, 9-3.

The Editor has been given information by which he hopes to track down Mr. Johnson when on leave over summer in the U.K. Watch this column for details of his 27-0 victory (or reasons why not)!

Following the trophy matches a bar-b-cue was organised on the front lawn and just before the rains came down, prizes were given to the division winners of leagues 26 and 27.

### League 28

About 100 applicants this time despite the holiday season. The league starts on Monday 30th June and will finish on Sunday 10th August. Again there cannot be an extension, in view of the busy programme of coaching, handicaps, cups etc. - so play your games early.

Any complaints on placing should be addressed to the biggest Brute or to Crusher Tyrant (I saw them do it).

### British Club Handicap

By kind permission of the squash committee, the competition this year will take place at the end of August (Ed has time to get back). For the information of newcomers, the competition's first round is usually made up of groups of three, a low, medium and high handicapped player in each group. Each group plays off on a mini-league basis with every dead ball scoring until a score of +25 is reached. Last year the handicaps ranged from -40 to +22 and Steve Balme won (no guessing who had -40).

More details will be in the post shortly but entry forms must be in by 31st July, so hurry, it's the laugh (or cry) of the season.

### Coaching and Lectures

The squash talk-ins were attended on Thursday 12th June by 10 players and by only 4 on Wednesday 18th. A very poor show considering the so-called demand for coaching! Notwithstanding, a further lecture will be held on 16th July at 8 p.m. and if this is not better attended, the programme will be discontinued.

Nevertheless, for those who attended there was a free copy of the rules and all learnt a lot - even if it is difficult to put it into practice. We all learnt, for instance, that pretty wee Marj enjoys getting Eddie out of position.

### Tips

To extract the benefits of coaching, you require firstly a knowledge of the game and its principles and a reasonable knowledge of the rules; especially Rule 17. Apparently, every one in the club must have intimate knowledge of the rules if the response to the lectures on the rules and aspects of the game was any indication.

1. WATCH THE BALL
2. LENGTH IS STRENGTH
3. AIM FOR THE CORNER

Always endeavour to make the ball finish in one of the four corners. Your opponent has less chance of hitting a winner if it is deep in the corner.

4. GET TO THE CENTRE

Always return to the central T area after playing your shot. This is the shortest distance to any part of the court and you can cover any of your opponents shots.

### Rules

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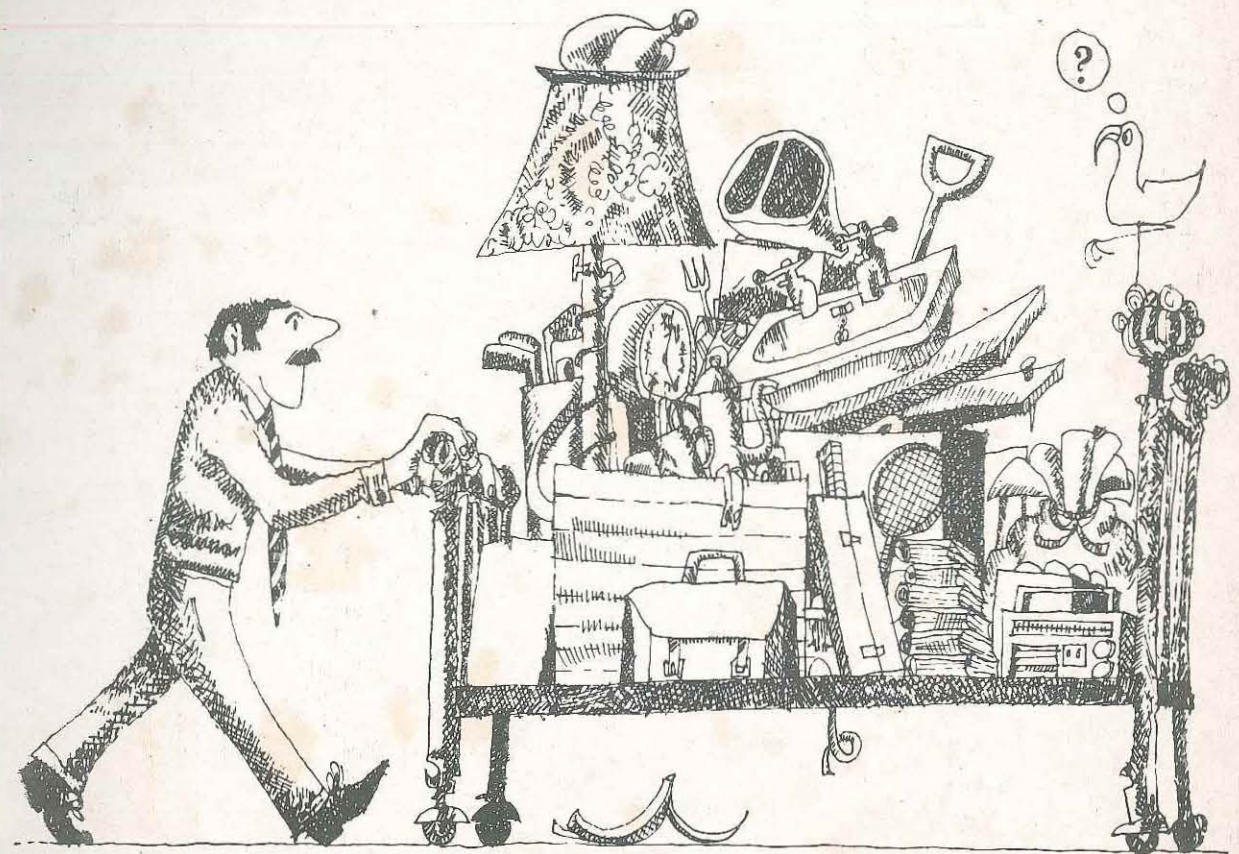
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