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Editorial

The question of the status of Ladies is of continuing interest, (see Letters) but there is still no argument put forward by those who oppose the notion of equality applied to membership. I wonder why. It seems that the freedom to use bad language is at stake, but I can't believe that this is the only factor. After all, some men are also fastidious in this respect -- habitually or in some circumstances -- and most men are capable and willing to tailor their words to suit the company; this is only good manners. Do we really need to go to the expense of providing and maintaining a men-only bar? Don't any Ladies enjoy a good risqué story? I know one or two who do!

Readers of our sports reports will have been applauding recent successes by BC teams, notably in cricket winning the Marshall Trophy, in football winning the Farang League competition and in snooker bringing home the OESA trophy donated by Charles Mabbatt in 1952 (I hope I haven't overlooked any others). Congratulations to all concerned, and to those involved in less successful endeavours - even the Darts team! Also, compliments to the Sports writers - their reports are excellent!

In this issue we offer the first of a series of six articles on trees of Thailand by Jacqueline Piper. Each article is accompanied by her own beautiful sketches. We hope others with talent may be prompted to contribute.

Major events during June were the Club Night with Mr. Mechai speaking (reported in this issue), fully subscribed and well worth it! and the bar video of comedy attended by about 140 people filling both the Bar and the Suriwongse Room. The Squash Section Disco at the poolside was also a great success: good food, usual drinks and good music. There's more to come - don't forget to check the BC programme before filling the spaces in your diary!

So Mrs. Grooby was 86. The response to June's puzzle was startling: I'm not offering pints for correct solutions in future! Lots of fun, and thanks to Geoff Connor for supplying the puzzle in this issue and a couple more for later, and to Margaret Miller for continuing with excellent crosswords to alternate with puzzles.

For those going on leave, have a good time, and if possible keep an eye out for material for our favourite magazine!

Ian Hill, Editor

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in June 1982:

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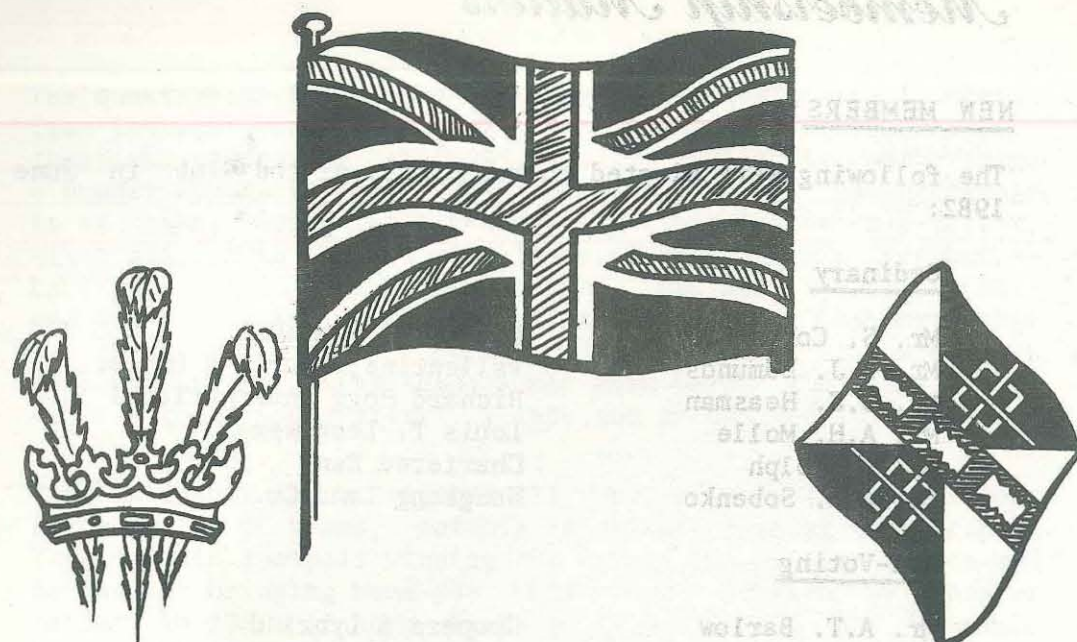
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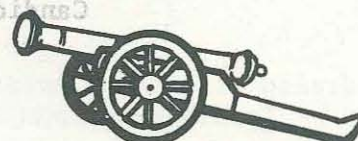
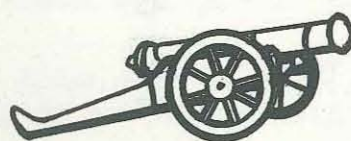
Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	374
Non-Voting	4
Associate	33
Ladies Privileges	38
Up-Country	20
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TOTAL	469
Absent	689
Candidate	45
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GRAND TOTAL	1203
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22nd June 1982



Weekly Club Events

MONDAY	2.00 p.m.	- Children's Folk Dance
	7.30 p.m.	- Bridge
TUESDAY	9.00 - 12.00	- Ladies Squash
	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
WEDNESDAY	7.00 p.m.	- Chess
THURSDAY	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
SATURDAY	12 noon - 2.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Dining Room
SUNDAY	12 noon - 2.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Poolside
	6.00 - 10.00 p.m.	- Buffet Supper, Dining Room

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Fly

Fly fell asleep in the Silom Room, but he did wake up in time to flit into the Suriwongse Room for the last Committee Meeting:

Work has started on raising the two tennis courts nearest to the old Sala. Drainage will be installed and good fill material used so that the courts should be playable more often during subsequent rainy seasons.

With the acquisition of new Club trophies (at least one) and capture of others, the display cabinet in the entrance hall has become totally inadequate. There is a move afoot to put this matter to rights and the trophies on display to better advantage.

There's a rumour going round that the food in the restaurant is improving and takings are increasing. And it's not so cold in there now.

Apparatus in the Children's Playground is to be augmented by the acquisition of a tunnel and a six-barrel climbing frame. Lucky kids! In my young days I never had...etc, etc! Parents please keep watchful eyes: what goes in one end should, come out of the other in one piece.

There's to be a PUB NIGHT in July -- the 23rd. Arrangements not yet finalized, but watch for announcements and a flyer through the post.

FILM NIGHTS are to be moved from the last Monday of the month to the last Friday of the month. If you forget and turn up on the Monday, don't go away - play Bridge instead. The change starts in July.

There has been some discussion about the allowable brevity of shorts worn by ladies in the Club Bar after 6.00. It was agreed that provided the shorts were suitable for the sport being contemplated, they were acceptable if not commendable.

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Club Night

SPEAKER - MR. MECHAI VIRAVAIIDYA

A full Suriwongse Room enjoyed an excellent dinner starting with salmon paté then a tasty roast duck with red wine sauce, followed by apple pie and a variety of cheeses. This with wines, brandy, liqueurs and coffee prepared the audience for the promised insight into controlling fertility, rural development and provincial water supply.

Mr. Scott Younger was confident that Mr. Mechai needed little introduction - his name is a household word in Thailand - and congratulated Mr. Mechai on being half Scots. He informed us that Mr. Mechai had been educated in Australia and reminded us of Mr. Mechai's achievements and contribution to the progressive development of Thailand for which he had been awarded the United Nations Gold Medal for Peace.

Mr. Mechai apologised for being a little late walking from the top table to the dais - he had been distributing Mechai's and free vasectomy cards on the way. His driver was on a similar errand downstairs with the BC staff and patrons' drivers. (Overheard at this point - "When my driver returns to work I'm going to perform the operation myself!") He confirmed that he was the result of the union of an egg from Scotland and a sperm from Thailand but corrected the impression that he had been educated in Australia. Schooled, yes, but not educated. No-one has ever been educated in Australia!

He then advised us that in the last five minutes, fifteen babies had been born in Thailand, and recalled Thailand's population situation at the time that he became concerned with the problem. Not too long ago he remembered a Thai government, convinced that the population was too low, offered prizes to prolific mothers. The results caused some to say there would be a problem. So a seminar was arranged to discover whether or not there was a problem. After seven seminars the population had increased by nine millions. In 1971 a policy to stabilize the population was introduced but the Department suffered from difficulties shared by many departments in Thailand: no money, no personnel and no information. The Government thought of birth control as a medical problem, but there was at the time one doctor per 110,000 people and a similar shortage of trained nurses.

Mr. Mechai's approach regarded sex and reproduction as normal and healthy and his method of introducing control was direct to the people and the school children, not requiring doctors

and expensive clinics. Methods of birth control were explained to all who would listen - teachers, shop keepers, traffic policemen and golf caddies. Condoms were distributed openly and widely to remove the psychological barrier against education in birth control. Caught for a traffic offence, a condom or two could be as efficacious as a banknote! The open approach removed embarrassment. Condoms were distributed to Rotary Clubs, Prime Ministers and policemen (the famous Cops and Rubbers Programme). Voluntary sterilization was similarly introduced with spectacular response: on one festive occasion 658 free vasectomies were performed in seven hours.

In nine years, the proportion practising birth control rose from 11% to 60% and the annual population increase declined from 3.3% to 1.8%. Thailand was now a model of controlled population for the rest of the world. Nevertheless, the population must reach at least 111 millions, unless Thailand adopted the method used by Britain 200 years ago - export!

Turning to rural development, Mr. Mechai asserted that many planners went wrong by failing to recognise that development causes disturbance and that changes that were too big, too quick or too costly could be unacceptable to rural people. Physical development of the infrastructure must be accompanied by changes in attitudes and behaviour of the people and this took time.

As an analogy, Mr. Mechai compared the eating habits of the British with those of the Americans, pointing out the efficiency of the former and the awkwardness of the latter! While the Americans were generally quite well educated, a programme to change their use of knife and fork to the only sensible way would be met with irrational suspicion and when this was removed would still take a generation or two.

The Thai farmer was wise, loyal and patient - not stupid. When an expensive multi-purpose dam is built and irrigation canals constructed, the farmer is invited to plant an extra crop of rice for the dry season. Then it is explained that in the dry season, the water will be released through the turbines to provide power for industry and the Authority cannot guarantee sufficient water for the rice. The farmer is not being uncooperative when he declines the invitation to bankruptcy.

Mr. Mechai praised the rural people of Thailand as, like in many other countries, they were the main source of the country's prosperity. He stressed their loyalty and patience and expressed confidence that with enlightened policies adopted by government, the next twenty years would see great improvements in rural development and living conditions.

Explaining that he was appointed Governor of the Provincial Water Authority only three months ago, Mr. Mechai gave some surprising statistics regarding the prices charged for water in Thailand. In the poorest areas, water is sold by private water merchants at ฿50 per cubic metre, twice the price of water in West Germany, one of the richest of countries. People in rural towns and areas served by the PWWA pay ฿2 per cubic metre while the relatively rich people of Bangkok are charged 1/30th the price that is paid up-country.

Many problems had to be solved before the fair distribution of water - a precious commodity - in the provinces was achieved. The present situation contained many evils which he regarded as a challenge similar to that of birth control and which also required changes in the attitudes of people, government and the Press. He considered it the Press' duty to identify cases of misuse of available water and instances of corruption in authority. Corruption should be rewarded with condemnation.

Mr. Mechai concluded that while he had been speaking, 90 babies had been born. He recommended his audience to visit rural Thailand and the villages to see where the strength of the country lay.

Mr. Mechai offered a free vasectomy for every question. Asked what he could offer a Lady, Mr. Mechai said a free vasectomy would be given to the man of her choice. Replying to questions, Mr. Mechai said that the moving of the Sunday Market had not affected the birthrate, that a campaign to promote breast-feeding should hit all the media and meet the people in as many ways as possible without depending on Government (it would be better if the Prime Minister had a wife), and that he did not know the altitude record for a helium-inflated condom, but 10,000 had been released at one publicity stunt.

Mr. Younger thanked Mr. Mechai for an address that was informative and full of humour and human warmth. Prolonged applause confirmed the appreciation of all present.

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For providing to the Club for Club Night our thanks are given to the following:

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14 June 1982

CONSULAR REGISTRATIONS OF BIRTHS:
BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT 1981

Paragraph 3 of Schedule 8 of the British Nationality Act of 1981 makes provision for the consular registration of births occurring in foreign countries in the year preceding commencement of the Act. This is likely to be on 1 January 1983.

The effect of paragraph 3 of Schedule 8 will be that those children born during 1982, who are entitled to become Citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies by having their births registered in our Consular Register within their first year under Section 5(1)(b) of the British Nationality Act 1948, will retain their entitlement.

Any application for a consular birth registration made under Section 5(1)(b) of the British Nationality Act 1948 in respect of a child born in 1982 must be dealt with and the registration of birth effected before the child's first birthday. If this is not done, no matter for what reason, the entitlement to registration will be lost. Since there is no provision for late registrations under the 1981 British Nationality Act, such late applications for registrations which are received during 1982 must be dealt with and, assuming the Secretary of State's permission is given, the birth must be registered before 1 January 1983. The existing Consular Birth Registers will close on 31 December 1983.

For Juniors

POOLSIDE MENU

In July, it is planned to introduce a brand new menu at the poolside. This menu is specifically designed for the children with popular items like beans on toast, spaghetti and ice cream with jelly.

The menu layout should also appeal to the young (and also, perhaps, to the not so young!). It will be in the form of a "take away" table mat, in the centre of which is a children's line puzzle so parents should try to have a pen or pencil ready.

The new menu as such will only be available at the poolside but it is not restricted to children. If mum or dad fancy a Mickey Mouse Mini Burger or a bit of Snoopy Ice Cream, the staff will be happy to serve them and if grown-ups are seen surreptitiously filling in the puzzles (there are five different ones) the children probably won't object!.

B.C. JUNIOR HASH!

The Bangkok Hash House Harriers are hoping to run a Junior Hash sometime during August which would be open to older children and teenagers. Mums & Dads would be equally welcome to run; of course.

For those that have never been involved with a Hash before, the principle is the age old Paperchase or Hare and Hounds. The run itself is totally non-competitive and has its pleasure in working out the "checks" and false trails plus seeing areas in and around Bangkok that normally elude farangs. The revival quality of Kloster at the end the run also plays its part (Sprite & Coke for the Junior Hash!)

The date has yet to be fixed as has the location although this will probably be in Thonburi. Watch for the date to be announced.

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Letters

1 Convent Road
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The Editor,
Outpost,
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June 16, 1982

Dear Sir,

CLUB MEMBERSHIP - LADIES

May I suggest that logic and equity support the case made by Ms. Douglas in June's Outpost, there seem to be few reasons why ladies, married or single, should not qualify for club membership.

Mr. Helmer's suggestion in May Outpost, that a single membership should be shared by husbands and wives, or wives and husbands, must be wrong in principle and grossly unfair in practice. Why should two persons have the rights of membership for the price of one, married members and their children are already heavily subsidised by the single. All who want membership and participation in club affairs must surely apply, qualify, pay entrance fees, deposits and subscriptions on an equal basis. Wives and husbands not choosing membership would then be club guests, thus without rights or standing.

Periodically problems arise from the ethos in the main bar, to solve these the club can easily make a separate bar in the dining room, reading room or sala.

Members can then choose the ambience they prefer, avoiding clashes in the main bar, the regular patrons of which - about 20% of active membership-provide over 40% of the clubs food and beverage income. Without these receipts the club would shortly have to quadruple or quintuple subscriptions.

Yours sincerely,

G.T. Cowie

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The Editor,
Outpost,
The British Club

21 June 1982

On behalf of the Squash Sub-Committee I would like to thank the Club for a superb evening on Saturday 19. With the aid of our diplomatic coordinator, Lynn Cook, we had a barbecue any restaurant/hotel would have been proud of which was beautifully presented in the new Sala. We, the Squash Committee, can highly recommend it to other sections.

E. Rennie, R6

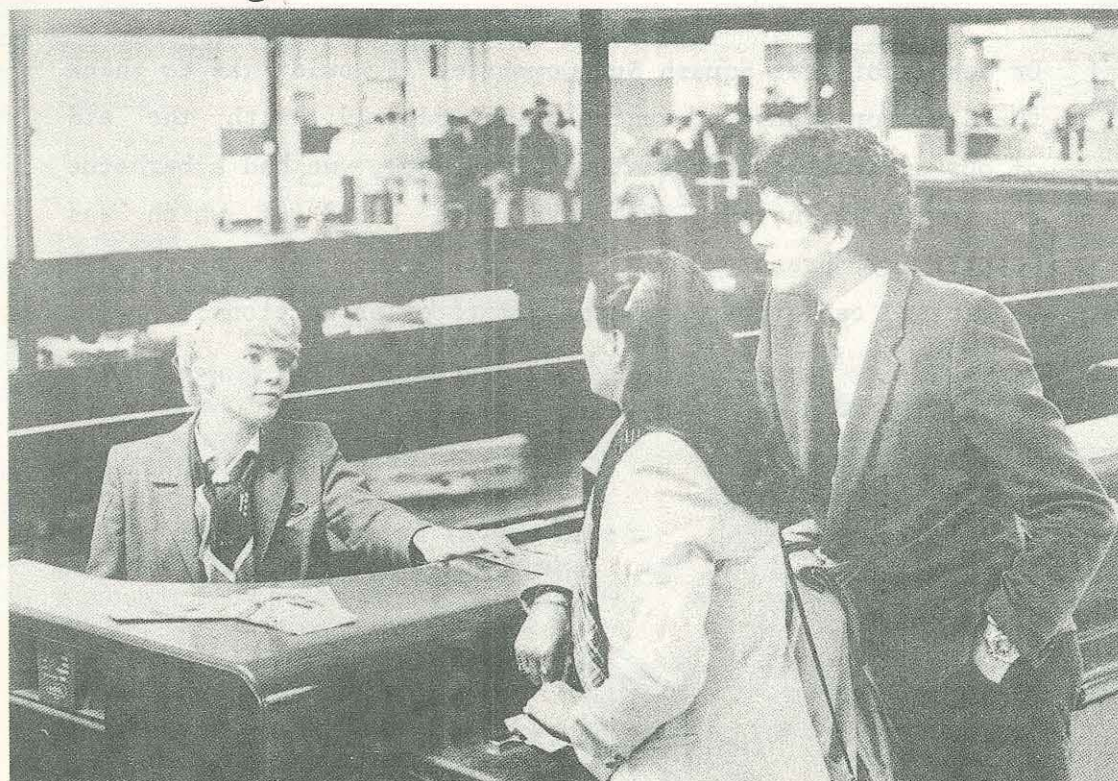
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LETTERS - Continued

Chiang Mai

June 7th, 1982

The Editor,
Outpost,
The British Club

Dear Sir,

The age of Mrs. Grooby, farmer Dunk's mother-in-law, can be deduced as 86 in the year of the puzzle, 1935.

Earlier this year whilst on leave, I had the opportunity to visit Little Piggly (the farm is now a housing estate) where I spent a very interesting day perusing the parish records. You will no doubt be gratified to know that Mrs. Dunk is still alive. She will be 106 years old later this year: she attributes her good health to the fact that she was born under the sign of Libra.

By strange coincidence her birthday appears in the solved puzzle; did any other readers notice it?

Thank you for an enjoyable afternoon.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Imray,

Many thanks for your letter and correct solution. Your assurance of the past existence of Little Piggly Farm is most gratifying, restoring one's faith in the value and veracity of historical documents! But the records may have got mixed up in the changeover of counties -- surely Mrs. Grooby would be 133 this year? By the way, it was Farmer Dunk's grandfather who taught his kinfolk in private to dip their ginger biscuits in their tea -- hence the practice, popular in North America, known as "Dunking". -- Ed.

A LETTER FROM AN IRISH MOTHER

Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still alive. I'm writing this letter slowly because I know you can't read fast. You won't know the house when you get home - we have moved.

About your father - he has a lovely new job. He has 500 men under him - he cuts grass at the cemetery. There was a washing machine at the new house when we moved in but it hasn't been working too good. Last week I put in 14 shirts, pulled the chain, and haven't seen the shirts since.

Your sister Mary had a baby this morning but I haven't found out whether it's a boy or a girl, so I don't know if you are an aunt or an uncle.

Your Uncle Patrick drowned last week in a vat of whisky in the Dublin Brewery. Some of his workmates tried to save him but he fought them off bravely. They cremated him and it took three days to put out the fire.

I went to the doctor on Thursday and your father went with me. The doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to talk for ten minutes. Your father offered to buy it from him.

It only rained twice this week, first for three days and then for four days. Monday was so windy one of the chickens laid the same egg four times. We had a letter from the undertaker. He said if the last payment on your Grandmother's plot wasn't paid in seven days, up she comes.

Your loving Mother
xx

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But what of the tunes we hear? What are the melodies included among the 112? A brief mention of but a few of them will certainly whet our musical appetites and make us want more and

more. Charmaine, Spanish Flea, Sabre Dance, Ode to Joy, Clair de Lune, Jesu Joy, Deep Purple, The Continental, Mood Indigo, Fiddler on the Roof, Annie Get Your Gun, Godspell, The Shadow of your Smile, Gigi, Moon River. And in the 60s and 70s 'hits' and the 'Great Waltzes' we are treated to Love Story, Yesterday, Amazing Grace, Carousel, Blue Danube, True Love -- and, of course, The Last Waltz to round off the proceedings.

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A guiding light of the legendary Hot Club de France, Stephane shows that he has lost none of the virtuosity he claimed in those days of pure jazz when he partnered guitarist Django Reinhardt to thrill listeners all over the world. It is notable that this recital puts the accent more on melody and arrangement than purely on rhythm 'per se', tunes like the opening 'She's Funny that Way' and the Lennon/McCartney 'Here There and Everywhere' featuring some free style rhythmically unhampered music, the melody well in view, though full to the brim with extended elaborate violin passages and rich in semi-quavers -- or demisemiquavers, if you prefer them!

The pure invention during the variations on a 'ducal' - Ellingtonian - theme 'Don't Get Around much Anymore' is noted on both violin and guitar, though you may find Martin Taylor's 'cembalo-flavoured' acoustic guitar rather monotonous -- overlong, to say the least -- for his 'Manhattan Tea Party'. During 'Old Man River', Stephane toys with the idea of key modulation, but always decides against it. His highly-individual arrangement of the Kern tune is, indeed, so delectable that its home key anchorage is no disadvantage.

Full fiddle range is employed for the bright and breezy 'I Can't believe that you're in Love with Me', while Stephane reminds us of his prowess as a pianist with 'Je ne sais Plus' which has a distinct Debussy-an 'Minstrels' aura. The ten-track recital appropriately ends with a 'tour de force' performance by both instrumentalists of Reinhardt's 'Daphne' - double-stopping, pyrotechnics, virtuosity in abundance.

It's so good -- 'c'est si bon'. Treat yourself.

PHOTOS FROM ALAN DAWSON CLUB NIGHT.....



MR. ALAN DAWSON ADDRESSES THE CLUB



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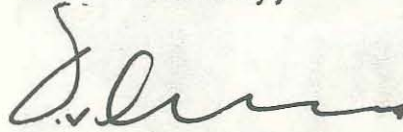
The Editor,
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21st June, 1982

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Yours faithfully,



A. Johnstone (J7)



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LADIES' LIAISON GROUP

A meeting of the Ladies Liaison Group was held on June 15th and we were delighted to have the Club Vice-Chairman, Norman Musgrave, sit in on our meeting. It is extremely pleasant to be able to liaise with the General Committee in a formal way.

Summer Activities

Activities will be held at The British Club every Tuesday morning from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon starting on 20th July and ending on 24 August. They will be done in two sections:-

1. A drama group which will work for five weeks on a production to be given on the sixth week for the other children. Children wishing to take part must be able to read a script and must be available for all six weeks. Boys and girls will be needed; it will be quite hard work but a lot of fun. Auditions will be held on July 20th.
2. The other children will make the props, scenery and costumes for the production. All ages are welcome but if your child is under four we would like the mother to stay throughout the morning.

The charge for the morning will be £15 which will be charged directly to club accounts. We would like to ask for two things from you.

The first is HELP!

These activities will take a lot of supervision and we do need more help. So far only two mothers have offered to help and we really do need more. If you are free on Tuesday mornings and could help us, please phone either Caroline Sigrist, 251-9376 or Veronica Helmer, 391-6000 Ext. 64.

The second is RUBBISH!

Please don't throw away empty washing-up bottles, ice-cream tubs, yoghurt cartons, toilet roll middles etc. etc. etc. Your rubbish is our treasure. Could you bring it (clean please) to the British Club where there will be a box provided for it in the office.

At the end of each activity morning the children will be shown a children's video film.

Forthcoming Films

July 30th - ANNE OF 1000 DAYS

Aug. 27th - FAHRENHEIT 451

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Oct. 29th - LOVE WITH A PROPER STRANGER

Nov. 26th - PLAZA SUITE

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SILOM ROOM

The Silom Room will be used on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 18:00-21:00 by the Samaritans of Bangkok for training classes, finishing on 20th July.



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Flame Of The Forest

Throughout May and June, Bangkok's grey streets have been illuminated by the scarlet flowers of "Flame of the Forest". As the petals fall they are replaced by large seed pods which will mature over the next few months, turning from green to brown before splitting open to release their seeds. Flame of the Forest (also called "Flamboyant") is very widely planted in Bangkok: there are notable avenues such as along Krung Kasem and there are several specimens growing in the British Club grounds: in the Silom-side car park against the school wall and in the children's garden. Because of its glorious flowers this tree has been spread widely from its native Madagascar and is found in Africa and throughout Asia, especially in flat areas (the tree is susceptible to wind damage). It produces flowers from about 8 years after planting and prefers sunny conditions and fertile soil.

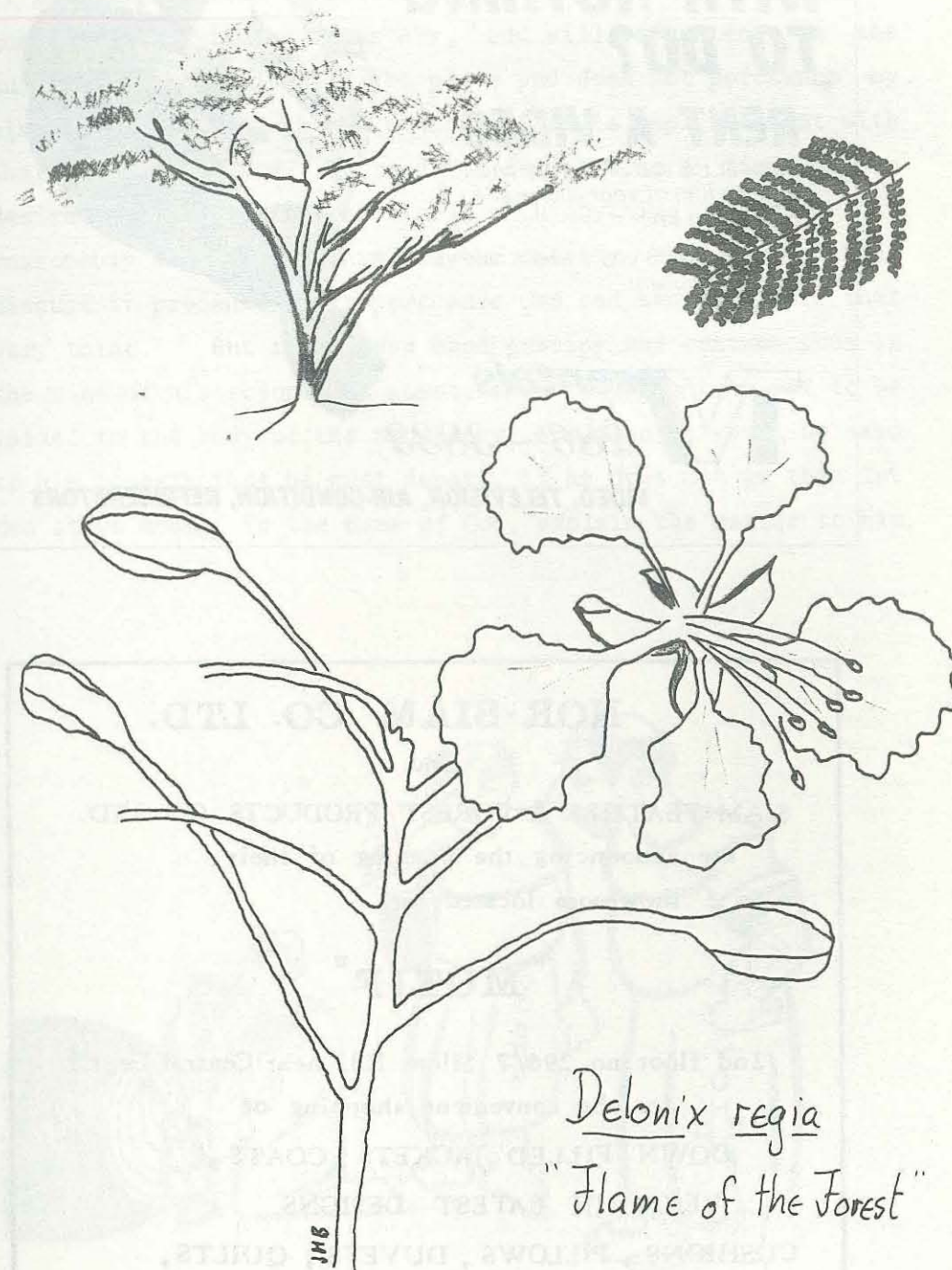
Flame of the Forest is a member of the Caesalpiniae, a sub-family of the Leguminosae. Caesalpiniae species are mainly shrubs and trees, their flowers are similar and all share a characteristic seed pod. Other ornamentals in this subfamily include Siamese Shower (yellow flowers) and Camel's Foot Tree (with purple flowers). Fast growing, and reaching a height of 20 metres, Flame of the Forest is a stately tree with a grey trunk. Its branches curve upwards to form an umbrella-like 'roof' to the tree when it is young but when it is taller and older, longer branches may grow downwards, perhaps drooping across a klong in picturesque manner.

The feathery leaves are twice-divided (bi-pinnate). Each leaf is divided into about 18-30 sections and each of these is again divided into numerous pale green leaflets. The famous flower, which may be 10 cm across, is made up of five sepals which are crimson on the inside and five petals of which one is streaked white and the others orange. The long stamens (10 per flower) are also red, but white at the base. The seed pods grow large and woody and are held on the tree many months.

When you see the seed pods starting to split open, collect a few seeds and plant them in your garden. You may not stay here long enough to see the flowers, but the young tree is delicate and attractive, with apple green leaves.

by Jacqueline M. Piper

Bangkok June 1982



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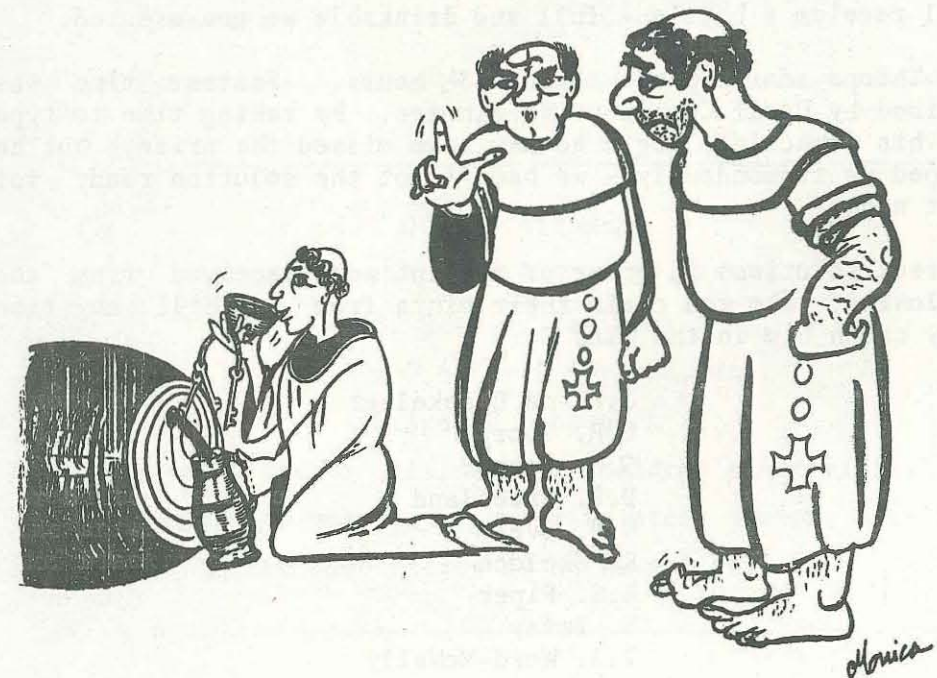
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SOLUTION TO DOG'S MEAD

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-- AND THEREFORE Mrs. Grooby was a hale and hearty 86 in the year of the puzzle, 1935 (the treasure was on p. 36, under the darts board). She probably enjoyed her daily glass of stout, blamed poor old Dunk every time it rained and was always telling Ted he was too young to marry yet.

Congratulations to Mr. J.F. de Braekeleer who sent in the first correct solution opened, and to Mr. Geoff Thorpe whose answer was received on the same day. These two led the field by two days and since we don't know which arrived first, both will receive a bottle - full and drinkable we are assured.

Mr. Thorpe admitted to taking 3½ hours. Fastest time was claimed by Geoff Connor at 45 minutes. By taking time to type out his immaculate logic he may have missed the prize, but he helped us tremendously - we hadn't got the solution ready for edit night!

Correct solutions in order of receipt were received from the following, who can claim their pints from Ian Hill any time they catch him in the Club Bar!

J.F. de Braekeleer
G.R. Thorpe
G.H. Connor
D.P. Greenland
N.F. Overy
R. Skeldon
B.S. Piper
N. Imray
I.J. Ward-McNally
F.H. Marsh

Apologies are due to Country Members - they were inadvertently handicapped by postal delivery time. In fact we don't know if competitors would prefer a race or the luck of the draw on the 14th at the month. Anyone who feels strongly please let us know.

The gentleman (?) who requested a pint for every solved clue was too optimistic. The fellow who persuaded all attending the Club Video night to present the Editor with correct solutions provided by himself is, happily, recovering well and can now receive visitors at the Bangkok Nursing Home. He does not want a book of puzzles.

(If anyone wants a copy of Geoff Connor's logic, please contact me - Ed.)

PHOTO CONTEST

Three entries have been received and to our untutored eye very good they are, too. We'd like some more, so the closing date for the competition is deferred to 14th July, 1982.

Since we are untutored, the photos will be judged by professionals, to be identified, with unimpeachable testimonials!

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Puzzle

FALKLANDERS AND ARGIES!

Now that the fireworks are over, we are able to publish this report from our secret agent in Stanley. We were advised that it was classified information, but since our agent has shed his disguise (a sheep-skin coat turned inside-out) and no longer answers to "Baa", we felt it safe to give the military situation at the time, but not the brilliant solution. You are challenged to work it out!

On the Falkland Islands before the task force landed there were some secret sorties by the SAS, 9 of whom dropped in by parachute. Unfortunately they were not sure which Island (East or West) they had dropped on. What they did know was that on each island there were Falklanders and Argies. They also knew that on the East Island there were an even number of Falklanders and on the West Island there were an odd number of Falklanders.

They also knew that both Falklanders and Argies knew how many of each were on each island and that whilst Falklanders always told the truth the Argies always made false statements.

The captain in charge of the sortie rounded up 3 people A, B, C (who all looked the same in their fur coats) and they made the following statements:

- (a) There is an even number of Argies on this island.
- (b) Right now, there is an odd number of people on this island.
- (c) I am a Falklander if and only if A and B are of the same nationality as each other.

Assuming none of the SAS were Argies or Falklanders, which island did they drop on? (Give explanation).

Since your Editor is of questionable intelligence (he took the job!), the answers will be judged by Geoff Connor who promises a bottle of Black Label (donated by Frey Bentos!) for the first correct answer picked from a box of correct answers which reach the B.C. office on or before 14th July.

IF YOU ARE IN THE DOG HOUSE BE IN GOOD COMPANY!!

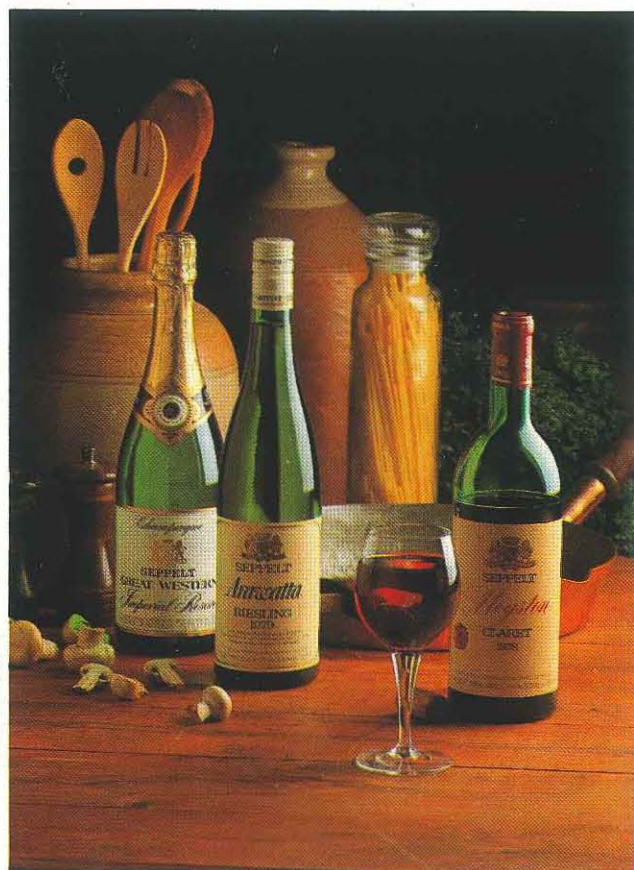
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BILLIARDS

The Mabbatt Cup

In the quarter finals played last month, Tom Moran beat Phil Murray and is now waiting for Ron Armstrong to return from holiday to play their semi-final. In the other half of the table Tom Watson beat Tony Dickinson and Ian McLean beat Nick Nichols in the quarter-finals, then Ian McLean beat Tom Watson in the semi-final. That game was very close, Tom taking the first frame easily, then just losing the second and third frame. In his quarter final, Ian McLean scored the highest snooker break recorded this year - 43. This competition is being played to quite impressive standards.

The Hamilton Cup

It's time for a change to billiards and at time of writing the entry list for this singles competition is posted. If word hasn't already gone around, players should re-familiarise themselves with the quite different angles and tactics of the senior, and some say more skilful game.

The Leslie Collings Memorial Trophy



WINNERS IAN MCLEAN AND DAVID GUY

We chose the close-up this time - the runners-up, Tony Bekenn and Ernie Ure also feature in the photo in the June issue. They'll win one of these days and when they do, we promise a full page spread!

The Picture on the Wall.....

..... was sent by Leslie Collings Jnr. from Hong Kong. He must be clairvoyant as far as one character is concerned. No prizes.



BRIDGE

Bridge continues regularly each Monday night in the Suriwong Room with four or five tables full each week. The standard remains on the average side of average with a few flights into brilliance but even more dives into the abysmal culminating with a five down in 7 hearts, doubled, by one of the members of the bridge committee. More players - either grand masters or complete tyros - will feel completely at home and be made very welcome.

We will be having another Duplicate evening on Monday 5th July (7.30 sharp) so make a special effort for that night. Other Mondays we will play Chicago as usual.

A special plea for singles (unattached players) - don't let lack of a partner deter you from turning up. Just wander up and ask for Lynn or Geof and they will find you a partner, we always have one or two singles who are willing to play with anyone who knows that Blackwood is not necessarily a burnt match!



CRICKET

Outpost last month chronicled the closing stages of the 1981/82 BC Cricket Season, but before reflecting on a memorable season, one more match was played which involved no less than 9 Club players. Brook, Burles, Dunford and Piper played for the Brits and Apps, Burns, Coghill, Kenneally and Niemczyk represented the Aussies in the last representative match of the season.

British Ambassadors XI vs Australian Ambassadors XI Booker Cup, Sunday 16th May

Jack Dunford captained the Brits side in the absence of Miles De Vries who was stranded, so the story goes, in Pattaya with Paul Lockyer (no one could be that unlucky surely!). Ambassador Jockel gamely took the field with the Aussies and with both teams boasting full national complements a keen 'Test' atmosphere was ensured.

Brits won the toss and, batting, were soon in trouble on a slow wicket. BC star batsmen Piper and Brook both got out for ducks to opening bowler Apps, and although Baker and Owen batted sensibly for 22 and 29 respectively, an early start on the commissary liquid refreshments appeared inevitable as the favoured Brits slumped to 55 for 6 off 16 overs. But then Nick White and Dunford shared in a face-saving partnership of 47 enabling the side eventually to muster 123 all out. White put together a very fine 44 before carelessly running himself out, his innings including some memorable shots -- including one sweep off the back of the bat, which beat a dumbfounded second slip for 2 and a full-blooded hook which threatened to decapitate square leg umpire, the ball eventually dropping gently at his feet. Dunford scored 18. Apps bowled well, taking 3 for 35 off 8 overs, with the other bowlers being John Coghill with 1 for 24 and Damien Kenneally with 1 for 12. Brits stumper Gordon Burles made a bid for the New Year's Honours List by surrendering as the only victim, bowled, off Ambassador Jockel. It is not true that he was seen in the dressing room practising bowling, curtsying or hand shaking.

The Aussie innings proceeded slowly with the B.C. bowlers, Leicester and White, containing the batsmen and with the help of good fielding subduing openers Coghill & Hamilton. Coghill hit a six in his innings of 16 and Hamilton fell to a sharp catch by Brook at mid-on after an opening partnership of 30. But Kenneally then settled into a patient and careful innings

which kept the Aussies right in the game. As the score steadily mounted to 80 for 4 it seemed that they were moving into a match-winning position, but then BC spinner Piper was optimistically introduced into the attack. O'Donnell was immediately tempted into a big hit only to be caught by Baker for 18, who held his second excellent catch in the deep. Then, in his next over, Piper had first Kenneally, after a stubborn 23 and then Burns, both well stumped by Burles, each pushing forward to well flighted balls. David Apps looked dangerous, hitting the ball hard for a quick 16, but then Piper, who by now realised it really was his day, took a tremendous return catch, and the innings folded. The Ambassador was not out at the end, but all his subjects were, and the Brits had won a splendid evenly balanced game by 15 runs. Piper's match winning figures were 6 overs, 6 for 15.

And so the season eventually ended. The British Club side played 9 matches winning only 2 and losing 7. Hardly an impressive record, but behind these stark statistics are hidden a most enjoyable season's cricket with many good performances, and above all, a tremendous team spirit. In all 30 players represented the Club of whom 28 batted and 17 bowled, and as an indication of the widespread involvement, 5 players scored 30 or more at least once, and no less than 16 players had at least one innings of double figures.

The two outstanding all-rounders this season were John Coghill and Ben Piper who were 2nd and 3rd in both the batting and bowling averages respectively. Piper was unfortunately not available for the 25 over games but Coghill was by far the Club's leading run scorer and wicket taker. Brian Brook actually topped the batting averages although he only played thrice with one 50. Veteran Don Goodin bowled very economically in his 5 matches to top the bowling averages. The other consistent contributors with the bat were Jack Dunford, who often held the middle order together at times of crisis, and Dave Hudson who batted better in every match sharing in some remarkable later wicket partnerships. Hudson was by far the most improved player of the season -- he also played a leading role with the ball in several matches, and flourished under the loving eye of his beautiful new wife and his mother, who was soon fondly adopted as the team mascot. David Apps was the Club's quickest bowler, and if he had managed more than 3 matches, he would surely have taken many more wickets. The fielding was always keen and, apart from some notable lapses, the catching was good. Lockyer excelled at silly mid-off taking 5 catches, and Burns, Platt and Niemczyk all contributed to a lively fielding team. Gordon Burles kept wicket tidily and without fuss throughout the season. Byes became almost unknown as the season progressed and if his catching

had been as sharp as some of his wise-cracks he would have been second to none in the competition.

The highspots of the season were undoubtedly the BC's first ever game in Chiang Mai where the team excelled itself to be narrowly beaten by the strongest side in Thailand, and the Marshall Trophy game at the end of the season, when the Club beat a very strong RBSC team to win the fixture for only the 4th time in 20 years. Last wicket partnerships were a Club speciality with no less than four 10th wicket stands of 29 or more in 9 matches. Another feature was close finishes. The matches won were by 4 and 8 runs only, but matches lost included one by 5 runs, and others by 2 and 3 wickets. All in all this was a most satisfying season, and unlike last year, most of this season's players will be available again next season. This years leading averages were as follows:

Batting (Qualification 3 completed innings, average 10 and over)

	<u>Innings</u>	<u>Not Out</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Average</u>
Brian Brook	3	-	50	69	23.00
John Coghill	9	-	41	191	21.22
Ben Piper	6	-	56	127	21.16
Dave Hudson	7	4	24 n.o.	59	19.66
Jack Dunford	9	-	43	126	14.00
David Apps	3	-	24	30	10.00

Bowling (Qualification 10 overs, average less than 30)

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>
Don Goodin	30	3	105	11	9.91
John Coghill	58	5	220	19	11.58
Ben Piper	38.3	2	149	9	16.55
Chris Platt	12	1	66	3	22.00
David Apps	18	0	68	3	22.67
Phillip Owen	18.4	4	47	2	23.50
David Hudson	37	1	173	6	28.83

Catches: 5 Paul Lockyer; 4 John Coghill; 3 Gary Burns and Paul Niemczyk; 2 Gordon Burles, David Hudson, Ben Piper, Chris Platt and Richard Leegatt.



DARTS

I'm fed up. Just about ready to jack it all in I can tell yer. If there was anything half decent on the box, don't think I'd bother. I mean, 7-10, 8-9 and last week 5-12. The way we're going we'd be lucky to beat the blind school. Don't know what it's all coming to. No dedication that's what's wrong - not like the old times. And now look what's happened! They've all gone off on their holidays and left yours truly to write something for the bloody Newsletter. We're not going this year. Went last. Lloret's not bad but me and the missus couldn't get along with the food. It's them foreign potatoes. Absolutely useless for making chips.

If things don't pick up soon, I'm going to take a walk down the Legion. The ale's not so great - mind you it's cheaper. Of course it all started to go wrong when we took on those blokes from south of the Trent. I knew we shouldn't have done it. Funny people down there you know. I was talking to a mate at work who's been. He reckons it's incredible. They don't bury their dead. They stand 'em up in bus shelters.

Three weeks ago, mind you, we were pretty unlucky. Started terribly with only big Ian winning the singles but then thanks to pretty clever pairing we picked up 2 of the doubles and the first of the 701. Had 'em pretty worried I reckon with both the Ians looking good and firing them Exocet arrows. And then what happened? A few years ago when our Arthur was in his prime it used to be ton, ton, ton, ton. Well as you know he's gone off to Nip land and been replaced by our latest find, that grey haired fellow from the Pru who contributed a 2 quickly followed by a 3! I ask you! Mind you he did buy a round.

It used to be away games that caused the problem. Many of the lads left home O.K. but somehow got diverted on the way. They'd turn up around 10 smelling just like the inside of one of them rubbin and scrubbin places and smiling quietly to themselves. I've given that up. All that baby powder get's up my nose. Can you imagine - on the 10th they had 5 and we had 6 and we still lost.

Went in the bar last night flushed with the hammering we gave the Argies and the Frogs expecting great things. Suppose we can't win everything though and maybe now we can get some corned beef back in the sandwiches. We lost narrowly 5-12.

The bloke who puts the Newsletter together reckons he wants 3 pages by the 20th. He's got some hope now the World Cup's on. Pity Maggie's not centre forward - I reckon we'd win.



GOLF

The highlight of the last two golf outings, at Unico Course on Sunday 30th May and at Bang Phra on 13th June, was Ian McLean's meticulously struck 'hole in one' at the 12th at Unico. Ian has been playing golf for a number of years now and this is his very first hole in one - hitting a 7 iron at this 145 yard par 3 he pitched the ball directly into the cup where it remained firmly lodged between the cup and pin. Needless to say his success was heartily celebrated at the 19th hole - we hope you were insured Ian!

The Unico meeting on 30th May was well attended. On a fine day but rather a heavy atmosphere the Course, now in excellent shape, played a little long making many of the par 4's difficult to reach in regulation figures so those golfers well practised with their chipping iron and putter were generally well rewarded. Ian McLean, by then the Club Champion of two weeks' standing, showed his consistency by winning Flight A with a neat 36 Stableford points followed closely by that stylish golfer, Hugh Jamieson, with 33 points. In Flight B David Cobbett was the winner with a well put together 35 points with Ken Long following closely on his heels with 34 points. Tate & Lyle generously sponsored this competition for which we thank you, Joe Urwin!

The popular Course at Bang Phra was well attended on June 13th for a medal round sponsored by Prestige Travel (thank you Pravit) who presented, as first prize, two return tickets to Penang. Alistair Johnstone with a creditable net 73 was the winner, followed very closely by that stalwart golfer Tommy Madar (glad to see you back on the course again Tommy) with a net 74.

Our next meeting is on 27th June at Hua Mark (8.48 a.m. start). Borneo is the sponsor for this outing.





LADIES' GOLF

The ladies golf section has not been playing much golf recently. We are suffering from "Bangkok-itis", leave disease. Thankfully, some of our stalwarts are back and others due in Bangkok in the near future. Eileen, our Captain is out and about and promises an early return to the golf course even if she cannot play the entire eighteen holes. This promises a better turn out for future competitions, which are played every Tuesday, tee off 7.30 a.m., venue the Army Course, unless otherwise stated.

I hope everyone concerned read the notice in the Sports Edition of the Bangkok Post on Saturday, June 12th postponing the Kitchen Sink Competition from the 3rd of July to the 9th of October. A notice to this effect was on the British Club Notice Board.

Please: make a note of the new date we promise you that the competition will be well worth waiting for.

We would like, over the next few months, to introduce you to the Lady Golfers, putting faces to names. There will be repetitions, this is inevitable, but we want you to know us and there may be other Lady Golfers who will be persuaded to join our group.

Please meet:



JOAN JURGENS, JUDY KING AND JOAN SEWELL



ANN JOHNSTONE AND OUR CAPTAIN, EILEEN FORD



ANN QUINN'S FAREWELL, LEFT TO RIGHT:

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SQUASH

Squash is an energetic game as we know but judging by some of the 'B52' sorties we saw on our social night, some members never have to worry about an energy crisis. With our freshly imported Liverpool ace airwave commander in the cockpit we were privileged to witness some awesome carpet bombing techniques. We can report with relief that despite what they call an occluded front moving in around midnight our fliers got back to base safely by sun-up Sunday. Lets go back to other mundane squash events in the month and see how our squadron fared.

35th League

The first league in the new format and considering that any new concept anywhere takes a while to catch on, this new style league turned out an unqualified success. In the last issue we mentioned some of the vital statistics and now we have the performance figures.

The following are the winners and runners up with points scores:

35th Squash League Results

Division 1

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| 1. John Stephens | 15 pts |
| 2. John Kerr | 11 " |

Division 2

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| 1. Andrew Sobenko | 12 pts |
| 2. Simon Brewin | 9 " |

Division 3

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| 1. Don Goodin | 9 pts |
| 2. Clive Miller | 9 " |

Division 4

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|-----------------|--------|
| 1. Ken Little | 18 pts |
| 2. Jack Dunford | 15 " |

Division 5

- | | |
|----------------|--------|
| 1. Ben Piper | 14 pts |
| 2. Dick Souter | 14 " |

Division 6

- | | |
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| 1. Bob Edwards | 6 pts |
| 2. Geoff Berry | 6 " |

Division 7

- | | |
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| 1. P. Prasong | 12 pts |
| 2. Ian Ward-McNally | 12 " |

Division 8

- | | |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. W. Peter Smith | 9 pts |
| 2. Clare Liddell | 8 " |

Division 9

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| 1. Richard Edmunds | 15 pts |
| 2. Steve Cook | 14 " |

Division 10

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| 1. Howard Debenham | 12 pts |
| 2. Paul Bond | 9 " |

Division 11

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|----------------|--------|
| 1. Tom Annas | 11 pts |
| 2. Janice Gale | 11 " |

Division 12

- | | |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Lindsay Shepherd | 9 pts |
| 2. Alan Barlow | 6 " |

Division 13

- | | |
|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Teresa Cooney | 11 pts |
| 2. Lindsey O'Connor | 9 " |

Division 14

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Bill Howkins | 9 pts |
| 2. Monica Ward-McNally | 7 " |

Division 15

- | | |
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| 1. Jim Shutler | 12 pts |
| 2. Rita Dunford | 9 " |

Division 16

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| 1. Helen Rasmussen | 12 pts |
| 2. Heywood Marsh | 9 " |

It can be noticed that there were some close finishes calling for the photo to separate those who scored equal points. The judges heartlessly chose the ultimate winners based on the result of the game played between the equal points holders. Isn't half a bronze mug better than nothing at all? Perhaps a handle? Well anyway ask those players in Divisions 3, 5, 6, 7 and 11 where the winner and runner up both finished with the same score. Never mind folks honour can be satisfied and true form shown by wiping the winner out in a ladder challenge. If you get more of the same then there are always pistols on the back lawn at happy hour.

Players rating special mention for gaining maximum points are John Stevens, Ken Little and Richard Edmunds with 15, 18 and 15 points each. Ken had that little step further in his division (4) where there were 7 players involved and all games were played.

The stewards report on races, sorry, divisions 6, 8, 12 and 14 contains a plea for all horses to go around the track. Its no good to start with 6 fine mounts and lose 2 in the stalls or worse, fail to take the home straight. Sorry for the turf slipping in but it was too tempting to rein in.

The point the organisers make is valid that as far as possible, barring emergency brain surgery, all entrants in the league should play their matches and refrain from withdrawing as this spoils the competition for those remaining.

The good news of course is that this league was one of the rare events in this land to start and finish on time.

36th League

Jack says there are 20 new names entered for this one but then again he said that about the 35th league. It looks like he is right though just look at the ladder lately and notice the strong interest and new name cards.

LADIES SQUASH

A budget breaking error crept into our last issue where we said the ladies squash mornings on Tuesdays did not cost anything for participating. In fact there is a 10 Baht charge per head to join in so bring along the cheque books. These Tuesday morning get togethers, for all interested lady players certainly are becoming more and more popular. Those thinking about it should give it a try.

SOCIAL NIGHT DISCO-BARBECUE

This event was held just in time to get the report into this months issue. The night was a great success and a credit to those people involved from the organisers to the caterers. We can't go much further without special thanks to Lynn Cook who was the arm-twister of the whole thing. Without such an organiser no function would be such a success.

Our sponsors, for the great prizes donated for the night, did a wonderful job and should be worth noting for your future requirements or that night out somewhere on the calendar.

The prizes and sponsors included:

Dunlop Maxply Racquet	Dunlop Thailand
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(two vouchers)	
Bottle of Whiskey	Eddie Rennie
Flagon of Wine	Allan Barlow

Believe it or not all the sold tickets were in the hat.

The June timing of the event caught some people on leave but managed to retain the presence of most members. As we haven't had a good squash night-out for at least 2 years it had to be June or the latter part of the year. Bernie Grogan was our MC and Brian Thompson our DJ. We also had an MD present (to look out for our WIA?)

Andy Dunlop was slotted for MC but is unfortunately in hospital thinking about squash so hurry up and get back on court Andy.

The setting, in the new Sala, was excellent and who would dare say more about the music and food. Thanks to a temporary lapse by the squash sub-committee a 50 litre barrel of beer was available for free drinks to lubricate the evening. A less expensive gesture from the same stalwarts was a prize of 2 sheets of court stickers to be endlessly treasured by the lucky winner.

This night saw an appearance of most of the squash sub-committee members. Blinking in the unaccustomed light, we found out who was who and also put faces to names when league 35 winners came up to take their prizes.

Rod Carter sent us back 34 leagues when introduced as a player from the 1st BC Squash League in 1973.

As an event to bring squash players, their families and friends together, meet new friends and keep squash interest fanned high, the show on Saturday achieved all that and more.

COMING EVENTS

July 36th Squash league. Finishing end of July.

August Lens baby. A proposed squash fun day along the lines of the well enjoyed Valentines squash day in March. Also around 11 August a trip to Chiangmai for a squash weekend against the sports mad Gymkhana Club there. They can billet about 10 people and even have in addition to a normal court, a solid teak squash court circa 1894 for our antique players (Collectors we mean), Club cricketers, who went there recently, can vouch for the great time had by all. More details, on both events, will be sent through the post.

DEPARTURES

Ben Piper is leaving very soon, Ken Little soon after that so we wish them and their families all the best and every success in squash in the future.



SWIMMING

As you read this the Meet with the ISRC and Lions Club of Nonthaburi on 27 June will be behind us. Printing deadlines unfortunately mean that results cannot be included in this issue of OUTPOST. It will have been cruel luck, however, if all the extra training sessions put in by swimmers in the weeks leading up to the Meet failed to produce some excellent performances.

If the results of the 6 June Gala can be used as a guide several of the British Club records were looking very vulnerable. The extra competition on 27 June could well have led to new best-ever times going into the books.

Karen Prendergast again deserves a special mention for her performances on 6 June. Not only did she record personal improvements in all three events but set two new Club records in the process. Her age group 100m breaststroke and butterfly records were the ones to fall; the latter by 2 full seconds.

Dzung Williams again showed the other boys in his age group how things should be done and led them all home in every event.

One of the best performances of the day was that of Michael Hodgson. Swimming for the first time in his new higher age group he powered home in the Butterfly with nearly half a length to spare.

Improver of the Month was Seksan Collins for slicing at least 10 seconds from each of his personal records in the three events. Justice demands however that Dianne Jamieson and Mark McCall also get a special mention.

Mark also gets another mention along with Rachel Fleming for their prize winning pictures on the Poolside Notice Board. This competition is open every month. Draw or paint a colourful picture with a swimming theme and send it to Margaret Fleming.

Distance Swimming Awards

Here's a little incentive for those of you that put in those lengths upon lengths of the pool whilst trying to maintain a certain level of fitness.

Starting 1 July 1982, Distance Swimming Certificates will be awarded for 10 kms, 25 kms, 50 kms, 100 kms and each subsequent 50 kms swim at the British Club.

The pool is 25 m, so 400 lengths will get you that first award.

There is a book pinned on the poolside noticeboard for you to record your daily and cumulative totals. John Williams will keep an eye on the totals and prepare the certificates as you qualify at each stage.

How about a medal for 100 kms and perhaps a Distance Swimmer of the Year Award?

Submissions for inclusion in the August issue should reach the Club by 20th July.

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