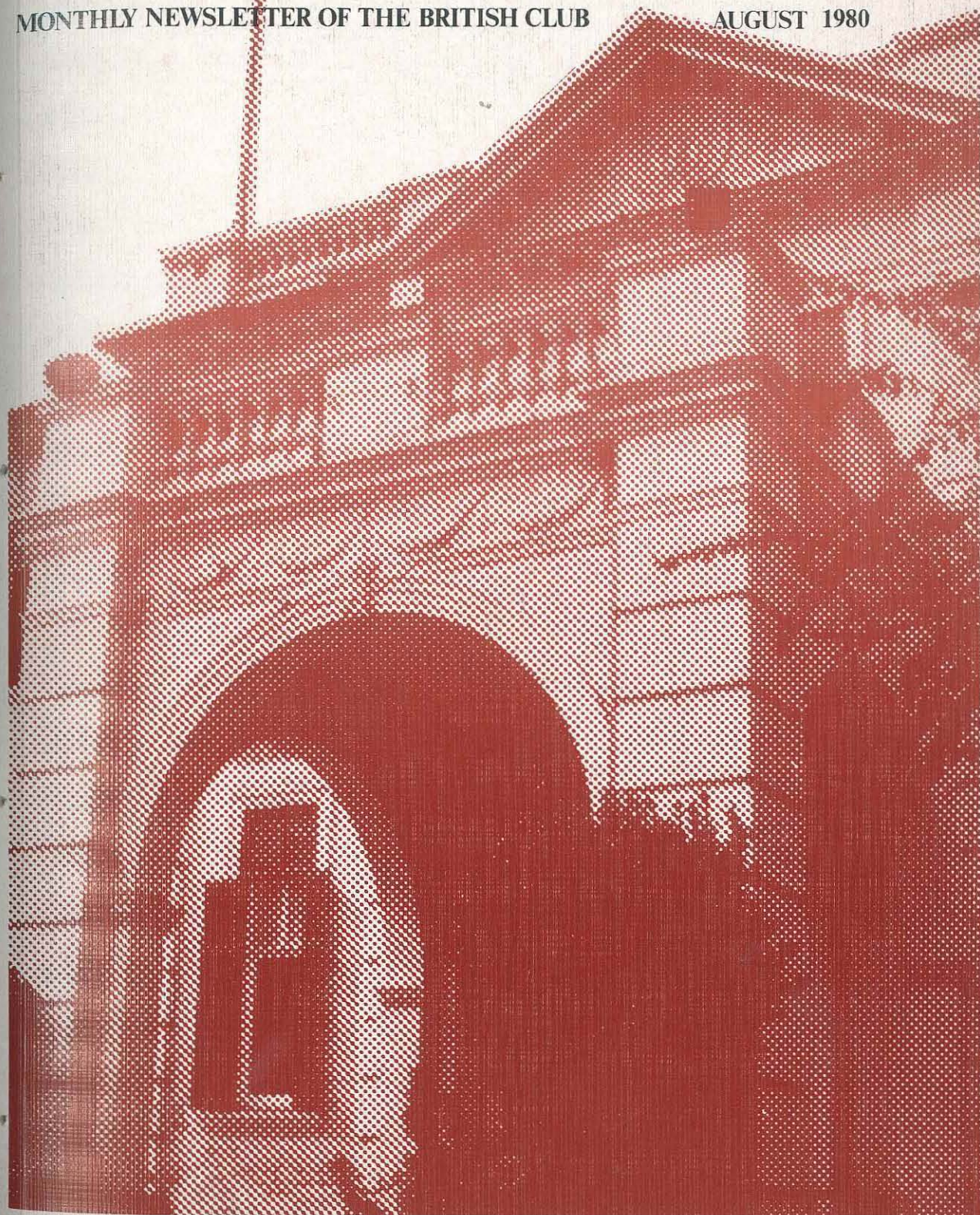


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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BRITISH CLUB

AUGUST 1980







## THE BRITISH CLUB

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The top of the news this month is that the third Squash court is finally under construction. The project which was a twinkle in the eye of ex-squash chairman John Weymouth and which, during its over 9 months gestation period, was such a controversial issue within the Club is at last taking shape. A milestone round the neck of the Club some would say - but obviously not a moment to soon for those who can't get a court booking at a sociable hour.

For those familiar with the recondite mysteries of crypto-piscatorial activity on the calcareous watercourses of Hampshire - your prayers are answered - someone else would like to discuss it - see page 10. (Might have to run that ad. a while to get a reply-Ed.) There is no connection with the Reel Club - see page 6 (well I don't think so anyway)

On a sadder note we report that a memorial service for Mike Dutton was conducted by Canon Taylor at Christ Church on July 8th, when about 100 friends attended to offer their prayers and respects to the memory of one of the Club's best-known members. Bob Coombes read the lesson and Arthur Hawtin delivered the eulogy. Many members later repaired to the Club for an impromptu wake, which is what Mike would have expected.

Many friends among the Club membership were unable to attend the memorial service, and with them in mind, a memoir of Mike the Club man appears on page 3 and M33's personal contribution on page 32.



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### NEW MEMBERS:

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

#### Ordinary

Mr. C.J. Conway	Sindhu Maunsell Consultants
Mr. W. Howkins	Louis Berger International
Mr. G.D. Mitchell	Hongkong & Shanghai Bank
Mr. D.T. Nancarrow	McCann-Erickson
Mr. A.G. Robinson	Transmission Eng.
Mr. I.J. Sturrock	Chartered Bank

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Mr. C.D. Lumb	Royal Orchid Hotel
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Mr. T.G. Snellgrove	Sindhu Pulsirivong Asso.
Mr. D. Stephens	Mott, Hay & Anderson

#### Ladies Privileges

Miss M. Manshreck	ESCAP
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### 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 5 August (Closing date 2 August)

Tuesday 2 September (Closing date 30 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.

### IN MEMORY OF D1 - A CHARACTER

Mike Dutton joined the Club in 1968. Except for a brief period of absent membership in 1976 Mike must have been the most frequent user of the Club - until he went on the ill-fated leave in early June, which he had been looking forward to so much.



**MIKE DUTTON 1939-1980**

(WEARING THAT TIE)

It was his first home leave for four years and it tragically ended in an Essex hospital, some 12 days after he was attacked



in Greece by five youths who apparently mistook him for someone else.

There can be few members who have not met D-1. The white Ford Fiera truck was often to be seen in the carpark and Mike was then either having breakfast at the poolside or ensconced at the bar with keys, current paperback, Bic lighter with rubber bands and whisky arranged in front of him.

He was always ready to pass the time of day (or night) with members old or new and to make visitors feel at home.

No member can have made more use of the suggestions book, known to successive committees as Dutton's Diary. In his characteristic microscopic script D-1's contributions ranged over the entire spectrum of the Club's activities - and perhaps this is his legacy to the Club - as many of his suggestions were implemented with beneficial results, and almost all are worth reading.

Mike represented the Club at cricket (behind the wicket) and at darts and even on occasions wheezed around the squash courts. Few could out-scrabble him.

It was always a pleasure to see Mike, usually in the bar, wearing his regimental tie. The inevitable conversation which ensued might cover a lot of ground, as one would expect from one so widely read. Favourite topics were food, of which he had unrivalled knowledge, and books of which he was an avid reader and collector.

Some members will remember the "Dutton Food Fests" when Mike would host lunches in restaurants he had "discovered". The menu was always carefully chosen and would often include something surprising or outrageous.

Mike also contributed to the Club by serving on several sub-committees and by penning the popular Galloping Grommet page in the Club Newsletter. His association with OUTPOST since its inception was to have continued and he had planned to edit this issue.

Mike had his ups and downs, which is not remarkable. He was generous, honest, amiable, a lover of life, interested in his adopted country, his fellow man and his Club, which are rarer attributes. Above all he was a character. He will be missed.



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## 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.
Saturday	Video 5 and 8.00 p.m.
Sunday	Video 2, 5 and 8.00 p.m.

### VIDEO - THE BIG 60 INCHES\*

#### PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST

SATURDAYS at 5.00 and 8.00 p.m. and SUNDAYS at 2.00, 5.00 and 8.00 p.m. in the Reading Room

2-3 August	"AIRPORT '80"
9-10 August	"TEN"
16-17 August	"DOCTOR DOLITTLE"
23-24 August	"DARK OF THE SUN"
30-31 August	"SILENT NIGHT, BLOODY NIGHT"

AND WATCH OUT FOR WIMBLEDON!

\* says D. Frost

### REEL CLUB

In response to popular request the Club has decided to form a Reel Club, under the guidance of the St. Andrew's Society, for the benefit of all those wishing to enjoy Scottish Country Dancing as well as to learn the correct basic steps and movements.

Miss Edith Stewart has kindly agreed to organise the instructing and the first meeting will be held in the Suriwongse Room on Thursday, 21st August at 7 p.m. and thereafter on the third Thursday of each month.

It is hoped that there will be a good turn out of Members to give the Reel Club a good start.

### OLD ENGLISH FARE

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST FROM 6.30 PM\*

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ON THE FRONT LAWN

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
(FROSTY'S KEEPING THIS UNDER HIS HAT)

TICKETS FROM THE OFFICE

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\*CONTINGENCY PLANS IN HAND IN CASE IT RAINS - (START WILL BE  
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## ENTERTAINMENT

Following the recent run of successful "Club Specials" note the following dates - plan ahead and book early to avoid disappointment.

EARLY AUGUST

WATCH OUT FOR WIMBLEDON

Video of the 1980 Championship on the big screen

16th August (SAT)

OLDE ENGLISH FARE

Spit roasted whole pig and Lamb with live entertainment

19th September (FRI)

BEER FEST

Pub food, British beer and horse racing

2nd October (TUES)

WINE AND CHEESE EVENING

Special dinner and wine tasting  
(Note change of date)

8th November (SAT)

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Fireworks bonfire and barbecue

LATE NOVEMBER

SCOTTISH PIPERS

1st Battalion Queen's Own Highlanders

19th December (FRI)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL

Ading Dila and his Orchestra  
(All the Oldies and All Newies)  
Roast Christmas Dinner with Trimmings

31st December (WED)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Night of a 100 Cocktails  
Breakfast



AND FOR THOSE WHO MISSED IT.....

## A REPORT ON THE SWEET ILLUSION CABARET

On 4th July a capacity audience sampled the Club's first ever international cabaret show. Sweet Illusion proved to be the most professional entertainers we have had the pleasure of seeing at the Club for a long time. Some thought that the "band" enjoyed themselves even more than the audience and the Club staff.

After the cabaret show the talented quintet took a short break and then returned to play for dancing until the bewitching hour.

David Frost said he particularly liked the story of the doctor who was walking through the ward with a suppository stuck behind his ear. A nurse thought she'd better tell him and on releasing it the doctor says "Oh God, that means some bum's got my pencil!"

And another story that they didn't tell .... about the gynaecologist who wallpapered his hall through the letter-box. Got his paint brush back by a Caesarean operation on the door afterwards.

The Club would like to thank British Airways and Shell and of course the Sweet Illusion themselves. If everyone enjoys them as much as we did they will soon be top entertainers.

Author requires grounding in finer points of trout fishing as practised on Hampshire chalk streams.

Help from anyone versed in this arcana deeply appreciated.

Robert Schwab

391-4056/7, Apt. 303

(Before 8:30 AM and after 4:30 PM best times.)

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## ABOUT BANGKOK....

### THE HILLTRIBE SALES

For many, the monthly Hilltribe Sales at the International School, Soi 15 Sukhumvit Road, are dates not to be missed. In just 2½ hours of hectic trading each Sale sees a vast array of colourful handicrafts snapped up by thronging masses at bargain prices. Many of the products are unique, most are indeed made by hand and their distinctive traditional colours, patterns and shapes make ideal presents or mementoes of a stay in Thailand.

But the origins, aims and achievements of the Sales are perhaps less well known and we hope make a worthwhile topic in Outpost's series of articles on institutions and events around Bangkok.

The origins of the Sales can be traced to the time when missionaries up-country started to sell handicrafts produced by the people they were working with ... hilltribe people, leprosy patients and others in need ... as a way to raise a little extra cash to pay for schooling, medicines, or simply just rice. At that time, around the mid-1960's, the hilltribe handicrafts were not seen in the Bangkok shops as they are today but were genuine everyday articles used by the tribes people themselves.

Many of the missionaries involved in this pioneering work were connected with the International Church on Soi 19, Sukhumvit Road, and found a market for the crafts through women in the congregation in Bangkok, and others in the community, who sold the crafts privately to friends and women's groups.

After a time the ladies of the International Church had the idea of selling the various crafts together at one time and in one place, and in this way the Hilltribe Sales were born. The first experimental Sale was held at the Parish House at the Church in December 1971 with crafts from just two tribal groups, Karen and Lahu, raising the princely sum of about 7000 baht!

Since then the Sales have never looked back, growing steadily in size and taking in more and more producing groups. In 1975, after a number of temporary homes, the Sales moved into more spacious accommodation at the International School. Now the crafts of some 19 different groups are sold at the Sale and the last Sale in May this year raised a record 660,000 baht - in just 2½ hours! In the 5 Sales so far in 1980 over 2.4 million baht have been taken.

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The Sales are staffed entirely by volunteers and organised by the Women's Association of the International Church (WAIC), including some British Club Members. The original purpose of the Sales was to help economically depressed or disadvantaged people by marketing their handicrafts on a non-profit making basis and providing them with an income by which to alleviate their poverty through their own efforts. The Sales also helped the Christian Agencies representing them to extend their witness of Christian love and concern for these people.

As the Sales grow, increasing numbers of organisations approach WAIC for permission to sell their goods and great care has to be taken in vetting these applications before accepting them into the Sales. The selection criteria used relate directly to the Sales objectives. Firstly the goods must be produced by economically disadvantaged tribes or community groups, and secondly they must be channeled to the Sales through a Christian institution, mission or agency.

At the moment there are about 1500 individual workers producing crafts in 19 different Thai, tribal and refugee groups. The handicrafts arrive at the Sale in many different ways, but essentially, one WAIC lady acts as the co-ordinator for each group, and is responsible for receiving the goods from the Christian agent, supervising the Sale, keeping inventories and forwarding payment.

For those who have not attended a Sale, the large gym at the International School is awash in a sea of colour on Sale day, with an endless variety of crafts on offer, both large and small. Sale items include basket work, needle craft, patchwork, wood-carvings, fabrics, tribal musical instruments, silverware and jewelry - all hand made. And one of the attractions of the Sales is that because the items are individually made, the choice varies from month to month. Over the years the quality of the workmanship in many of the crafts has improved enormously, and to widen their market, new colours and designs have been introduced extending the range of the traditional patterns.

For the volunteers, the reward for their considerable efforts is in knowing that the Sales directly benefit the people who have made the crafts. All prices are fixed by the producers themselves and initially WAIC withhold 10 per cent of the sales to cover immediate direct costs - rentals, electricity, postage etc., but in fact this deduction far exceeds actual costs. Once a year the WAIC then gives back the balance of this commission to the groups in the form of education grants and scholarships. In this way about 97 per cent of total Sale proceeds go back direct to the craftsmen who make them.

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The WAIC have, however, become increasingly concerned that these groups should not become dependent on the Sales, since there can be no guarantee that voluntary labour and management on the scale presently provided by the Hilltribe Sales will continue into the future. It is their fervent hope therefore that for these groups of craftsmen the present Sales are only a start in their finding increasing independence and eventually establishing and managing their own permanent markets. The present WAIC committee are now directing their efforts into achieving this new, difficult, but very worthwhile goal.

Meanwhile the Sales are in their annual recess, but for regular shoppers and newcomers alike the dates for the Hilltribe and Handicraft Sales in 1980/81 will be:

13 September	11 October	8 November
6 December	19 January	14 February
14 March	18 April	16 May

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## LADIES' LIAISON GROUP

There was no meeting of the Ladies Advisory Liaison Group during July as most of the committee members were on leave.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Marian Hyde, various activities for children are taking place every Wednesday morning during July and August at 9.00 a.m. A charge of 10 bht per child will be made to cover the cost of materials etc.

For July the activities are as follows:-

Wednesday 16th July	- Beetle Drive
Wednesday 23rd July	- Painting Competition
Wednesday 30th July	- Board Games

For August:-

Wednesday 6th August	- Clay Modelling
Wednesday 13th August	- Crafts
Wednesday 20th August	- Boat Trip

For younger children who are unable to join in the above activities a playgroup for 3-5 year olds will be held to run on Wednesday mornings. As well as the above activities, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. a chess and stamp collecting session will be held. To sign up for any of these activities, please see the notice boards at the poolside.

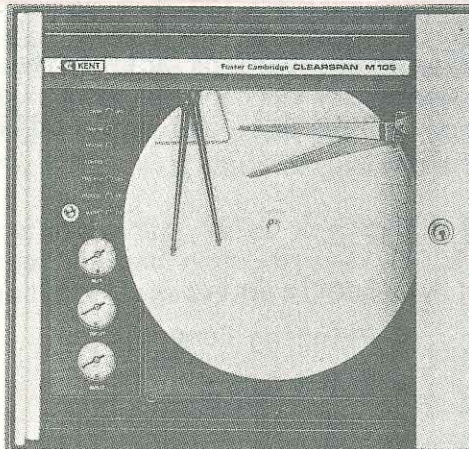
Due to the departure of Sandra Kane the ladies committee are looking for a new committee member. If anyone is interested please contact Mrs. Prima Stead or any committee member.

### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

AUGUST 2nd	CHRIST CHURCH FAIR
NOVEMBER 15th	PLOENCHIT FAIR
DECEMBER 6th	CHRIST CHURCH FINE ARTS AUCTION
DECEMBER 20th	CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

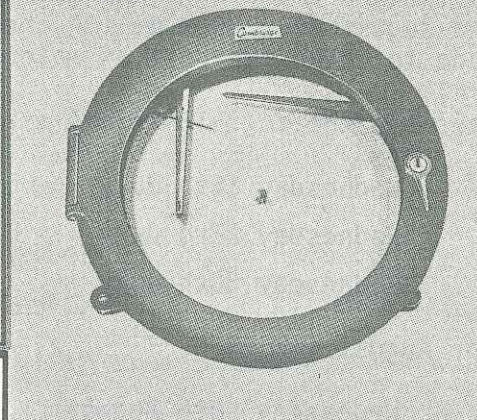


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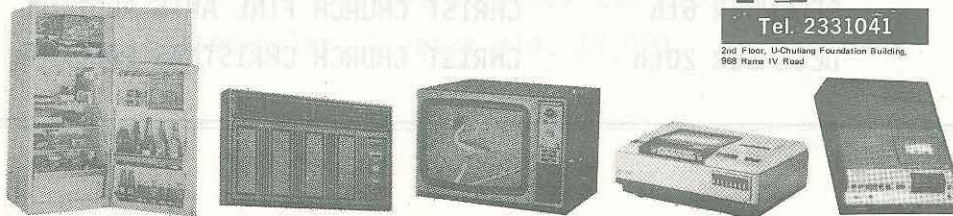
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## FROM OUR FLY ON THE WALL

An incomplete, abridged and expletive-deleted version of Committee discussions.

### Suggestion Books

Whingeing (surely one of the great onomatopoeic\* Australian expressions) about Club prices featured again; the Committee would welcome suggestions as to how to pay for trading overheads and improvements (see below) if we don't make a profit on food and drink.

### Poolside Development

A group tour of the Poolside resulted in a decision to start building both the 3rd Squash Court and the second Sala and Bar. The childrens pool will remain where it is, and the Poolside kitchen will be extended to provide a kiddies corner, and quick service counter.

### Bar Re-decoration

Colours and materials were decided on: work will start next month. Even better news - the Bar should not be out of action for more than 72 hours while this is happening.

### Telephones

Higher and higher telephone bills, partly caused by abuse by a small number of Members who consider the Club an extension of their office, has resulted in a decision to install "pay phones" at the Poolside and Clubhouse Lobby. A short (Ha-Ha!) delay is anticipated while TOT rummage in the attic for the necessary equipment.

### Security

Spot checks are now being made by the gate guards and Members will be asked to produce their membership cards. Failing production of these, Members will be asked to sign themselves in. Cars sporting 'BC' stickers or badges will normally be waved through without further ado.

Chauffeur driven cars without sticker, badge or Member-passenger will not be permitted to enter or park in the compound except to drop or pick-up a member or guest, or others with official business at the Club.

If you have not been given a sticker please ask the office for one - it may save you some hassle. Please be sure to remove the sticker or badge when you sell or otherwise dispose of your car.

\* Oxford English Dictionary now available for perusal in the bar  
- Ed.



## FURTHER BEER DREGS - DEFINITELY THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL

Having mastered the remedies for symptoms 1-7 the drinkers fault-finding manual continues this month with an analysis of symptoms 8-12 and the appropriate remedies.

Symptom 8: Bar receding

Fault: You are being carried out

Remedy: Establish if you're being taken to another bar -- if not, complain loudly of being hi-jacked by the Salvation Army.

Symptom 9: Everything has gone dim - you have a mouthful of foam rubber, imitation leather and toothache.

Fault: You have fallen over forwards

Remedy: If glass is still full and no-one is standing on your drinking arm, stay put. If not, re-assume vertical position and re-order.

Symptom 10: Sharp pain in back of head

Fault: Struck by dart

Remedy: Stay closer to bar when Lilywhite attempts double 11.

Symptom 11: Feet warm and wet

Fault: Urinal not in usual place

Remedy: Cross the corridor and try the "Gents"

Symptom 12: You have woken up to find your bed hard and cold. Bedroom ceiling and walls cannot be seen.

Fault: You have spent the night in a Bangkok gutter.

Remedy: Check watch to see if its opening time - if not treat yourself to a lie-in - but beware of buses and bus-lane regulations.

## AROUND THE AFFILIATED CLUBS

### ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB, LONDON

The British Club, Bangkok and Royal Automobile Club (RAC) London became affiliated in 1977.

Under this affiliation the RAC offers Members of the British Club the use of the RAC facilities as TEMPORARY HONORARY MEMBERS.

Temporary honorary membership of the RAC is open to all:

- a. Ordinary, Associate and Country Members and Ladies with Privileges who are and remain on the active list.
- b. Honorary Members resident in Thailand.

Members who wish to take advantage of this affiliation are advised that they must have in their possession a letter of introduction from the British Club.

### RAC CLUB (LONDON)

The RAC Club is at 98, Pall Mall, LONDON SW1Y 5HS (Telephone: 01-930-2345)

The Club houses the following:

- Billiards Room, Card Room
- Squash Courts
- Swimming Bath, Turkish and Sauna Baths
- Restaurant, Buttery and Self Service
- Smoking Room, Long Bar and Cocktail Bar
- Hairdressers, Post Office, Travel and Theatre Ticket Bureau
- Library
- Accommodation

Charges are made for the use of the Swimming Pool (per swim) and Squash Courts (per half hour), see tariff.

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Lady Members may use all the dining facilities, swimming pool and accommodation. The use of Turkish Bath, Sauna and Squash Courts by ladies is limited to 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Ladies are not allowed to use the Smoking Room, Long Bar, Billiards Room or Library.

Temporary Honorary Members may introduce guests provided that such guests have not been suspended, expelled or required to resign from the RAC.

Only children over the age of seven years are allowed in the Clubhouse.

### TARIFF

Prices as at February 1979, our latest information (perhaps an increase of 20% should be allowed for). All prices include VAT.

#### Bedrooms (Rates include morning tea)

Single Bedroom without private Bathroom	£10.00 excluding VAT & service
Double Bedroom without private Bathroom	£16.50 excluding VAT & service
Suites (twin bedroom, sitting room and bathroom)	£30.00 excluding VAT & service
Continental Breakfast	£1.25 including VAT & service
Full English Breakfast	£2.25 including VAT & service

#### Swimming Pool

Member	35p per swim
Guest	£1.00 per swim
Shower only	35p

#### Squash Courts (including use of swimming pool)

	Peak Periods (12 noon to 2 p.m. inclusive 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. inclusive)
Members	70p per half hour period
Guests	£1.25 per half hour period

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### Off Peak Periods

Members	60p per half hour period
Guests	£1.25 per half hour period
Junior sports Member or Guest	35p per half hour period

### Gymnasium

Member	70p : with Sauna £1.05
Guest	£1.25 : with Sauna £1.95
Junior Sports member	35p : with Sauna 70p

### Turkish Bath

#### Day Service

Turkish Bath - Member	£2.80
- Guest	£5.00
Solarium - Member	70p
- Guest	£1.00
Massage - Member	£1.40
- Guest	£2.00

#### Overnight Stay (after 8.30 p.m.)

Turkish Bath - Member	£7.00
- Guest	£8.00

Excluding service.

### Snooker & Billiards

(Per game, not in excess of 30 minutes)

Twosome	2 Members	50p
	1 Member 1 Guest	60p
Threesome	3 Members	60p
	2 Members 1 Guest	70p
	1 Member 2 Guests	80p
Foursome	4 Members	70p
	3 Members 1 Guest	80p
	2 Members 2 Guests	90p
	1 Member 3 Guests	£1.00
	Practice (15 minutes)	30p

Billiard charges are same as above per 30 minutes

The time limit for both billiards and snooker will be 30 minutes, after which, provided there are vacant tables, the game may continue, subject to an additional charge.



## RAC COUNTRY CLUB

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- Buffets

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- Home
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### At the Club

- Suriwongse Room
- Front or Back Lawn
- Poolside

Contact Khun Sunida for further details



## DARTS

Although the latest Bangkok Darts League has now been completed your substitute scribe is very pleased to be able to report two consecutive successful evenings for the Club.

On 3rd July a friendly match was arranged with BT/Joker who were seeking revenge for their defeat in their league match. With BC pre-match training completed and after being 4-2 down in the singles, a depleted BC team with the help of visitor Jeff, turned the situation round to win 10-6 at the end of the triples.

With true BC sportsmanship we allowed the visitors the consolation prize of the team (beer) game. Final score 10-7.

By special request BT/Joker captain, G. (Paul) Richards, wishes to place on record that in his final match in Thailand he finally succeeded in winning a doubles match against BC.

The following week saw an even more depleted BC team (two stalwarts) attend the league banquet to receive once again the sportsmanship trophy. This award is voted for by all the other teams in the league.

Team members strongly deny the rumour that the number of votes for BC is related to the number of beer games lost during the league.

The new league will start during August and as followers of this and previous articles will realize, we are at present very short of players.

So please, anyone who wishes to play in the next league contact Roy Regan or Arthur Hawtin.



## BRIDGE

Duplicate Bridge, Monday 4th August 7 p.m. prompt Suriwongse Room.

A notice will be on the Club board, please enter your names.





## LADIES' GOLF

On Tuesday, 8th July, seventeen ladies gathered at the Rose Garden Course to play in a Farewell Event for Ape Armistead. We were lucky to have a reasonably cool morning, and the excellent conditions resulted in some good scores in the Stableford Competition.

Two beautiful New Zealand Sheepskins had been donated by Ape for the first prizes, and these were won by Sheila Neville in the Silver Division with 36 points and Barbara Devlin in the Bronze Division with 34 points. There were lots of other prizes, including a "Blind Partners" draw for two Thai Bronze Bowls presented by Anne Quinn.

The game was followed by a lunch, and as it was not only Ape's Farewell, but also Sheila Neville's birthday and Eileen Ford's wedding anniversary (in anticipation of which Eileen had come equipped with a well-stocked portable bar) many a toast was drunk to wish them all many years of "Good Golfing".

### PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST

#### August 5th - Stableford

Starter: Sheila Neville (391-6000 x 39)

#### August 12th - Public Holiday for H.M. The Queen's Birthday

No fixture

#### August 19th - "String" Competition

Starter: Eileen Ford (252-2074)

#### August 26th - "Medal"

Starter: Margaret Miller (286-5906)

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## SWIMMING

With school breaking up for summer and so many of our regular swimmers off on holiday, the attendance of 30 contestants for the July Gala was a welcome surprise. Looks like our numbers over the holiday months should get bigger and bigger. Last month's star performers, Stephen Betteridge, Maree Prendergast and Melissa Chubb all continued to better their times, while Laura Dunlop, Sandra and Mark Duncan added their names to the list this month. Well done!

From the results of each month's gala one swimmer will be judged IMPROVER OF THE MONTH and will be presented with a patch at the next Gala.

As announced last month the July Gala had a race for all the 5's and under, across the pool with bags of sweets beckoning them. We hope their enthusiasm will help them to join-in our regular monthly galas. Parents please give them lots of encouragement.

Swimmers please note a record of your best recorded times for each stroke has been posted on the Notice Board for you all to see, so make up your minds to better your own times. New records will be made every three months. Also, Team Record Times and Pool Record Times have been posted, so how about having some of these times improved.

To all the children here on holiday, why not try keeping fit and join the fun with the Swimming Group while you're here? Training sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4.30 p.m.

Next month's Gala will be on Sunday 3rd August and don't forget the Annual Family Gala will be on Sunday 7th September when it is hoped as many contestants (including mums and dads) as possible will enter.

### OLYMPIC NEWSFLASH.....

The East German pole-vaulting champion has just become the West German pole-vaulting champion.



## SQUASH

### THIRD COURT

The contract for the third court was signed on the 22nd July and work is now in progress. The court which was to have been located 90° to court 2 is now back in line with the other courts. The builder hopes to complete construction ahead of his programme and have it ready for a special Christmas event.

### COACHING

Coaching has been discontinued for the duration of the current league and will be recommenced during August.

### HANDICAP COMPETITION

Entry forms for the fun competition of the year are already out and if you haven't put yours in then contact Vic Betteridge, John Salter or Tony Blanc immediately as the official closing date was the 31st July. Don't delay.

An ingenious method that will keep the top players out of the winners circle is being employed this year, so everyone has a chance.



## LADIES' SQUASH

The Thursday morning squash sessions for the ladies is the biggest social function of the week with more ladies than ever attending. Maybe the prospect of a little time with our dashing, debonair Len, is bringing all the fairer (not in relation to the rules) sex out (what rules).

### QUESTION

What is red, stretches, and hangs limply in the Club office?

### ANSWER

A pair of braces.

Would the owner of these, the accompanying black dinner-jacket and white dress shirt PLEASE collect them from the office IMMEDIATELY.

If unclaimed by 1st September, the Club will dispose of them by other means.



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## GOLF

### Hua Mark 29th June

Holiday and hot season or not, another fantastic turn-out on Sunday 29th June at Hua Mark, starting at 11.30 a.m., illustrated that the golf section still comprises a fairly crazy bunch of enthusiasts who are willing to forego the pleasures of Sunday lunch time eating, drinking and sleeping, for a 5 hour, 5 mile trek over tropical terrain and klong hopping. And, everybody seemed to be happy.

Hans Daniels made it at last. He won the first prize and has bored many listeners since, telling his story. A nett 68 did the trick, but only after being chased up the 18th fairway by Dave Cobbett's magic putter which helped him to return a nett 69 and a big handicap revision. Neil Duggan did par for the course on the 2nd 9 holes but his gross 138 ruined the overall story. Tom Ford missed a hole in 1, (and what would have been an expensive round in the club house) by about 3 feet. John Burrows was again heard using that special brand of Australian bad language. George Walck actually finished the course (he usually slopes off after about 7 holes). Bob Lumsden had a hangover (again). We welcomed newcomers Jan and Barry Mason, and John Sill's second outing. The happy families Jurgens, Nevilles, Fords, Lumsdens, produced lovely ladies for the day (along with Sally V.). Scots MacLean and Aitken were heard doing some mean betting with unsuspecting English opposition. Messrs. Lewis, Lamb, Long had an 'L' of a round, wee Tommy Madar had his mandatory standard gross 97, — with Don Goodin, Ward Washington, and Des Kenneally all claiming their handicaps are out of date.

Dennis (Q2) Quinn, with his 71, is obviously playing too much golf, as is John Watkins who won the 1st 9 prize. Finally, John Paolo kept a cool head and was close up with the winners again.

The prize winners are not really relevant on a day like this, but the donors are. Many thanks again, Chartered Bank, for your generosity, and to Joyce Lumsden for graciously coming along to distribute such wonderful largesse.

### Rose Garden 13th July

A force of 32 determined ladies and gentlemen (thus they are called in golfing circles), appeared to do battle, for the host of Borneo Co. prizes on this, a glorious morning, with only a hint in the skies that golf shoes should have been left behind, and substituted by flippers. It was great to see some old stalwarts returning to the fold after lengthy absences, .... welcome back Les Vize (not quite so slim), Ken Boughton (preferring golf to his usual lazy weekend at the beach, for a



change) and Pravit (The Red Indian Chief). Nice to have you back, also Ann Q, after some holiday. We hope these prodigal sons will remain regulars.

The day's honours went to Geon (John, for short) Paolo, with 42 Stableford Points, followed by that smooth talking Aussie, (who persistently claims he is a Scot), John Burrows, with 40 points. Neil Duggan won (again) the beginner's prize (those in flight 'B', with handicaps around 55 and over) whilst that lovely wee lass from the Isle of Skye, Sally Voravarn, was runner-up (crickey, she must have had an early night on Saturday, for a change). Booby prizes ran out of stock, since so many qualified for these, and some were advised by the captain to purchase a few lessons before our next outing, e.g. Messrs. Ford, Daniels, Pravit, Long, Cobbett, Quinn, Boughton, Vize, Denny, Goodin, and Tom Alderton, (the latter losing 27 balls during the course of the day, I am told).

The final of the Dunlop trophy was keenly fought between Messrs. Kerr/Burrows and David Frost/Sally.... The all-men team edging the opposition on the last green. This was apparently a great match, which the losers claimed should have ended in a draw, in their favour.

So, another successful and happy BC golf outing ended with everyone moaning as usual about their golf, but looking forward to our August programme.

See you all on 10th and 24th August, both meetings at Hua Mark. Guests and visitors always welcome.



"Well, Mr. Golf Pro, where have you been the last two days?  
The paper said you didn't make the cut."

## HUMOUR AT HOME

Members may be interested to know that the BBC World Service are resurrecting some old comedy favourites in August.

3rd August	9.30 pm	THE GOON SHOW
repeated:		
8th August	7.30 am & 5.30 pm	
10th August	9.30 pm	HANCOCK'S HALF-HOUR
repeated:		
15th August	7.30 am & 5.30 pm	
17th August	9.30 pm	THE MEN FROM THE MINISTRY
repeated:		
22nd August	7.30 am & 5.30 pm	
24th August	9.30 pm	ROUND THE HORNE
repeated:		
29th August	7.30 am & 5.30 pm	

Times are Bangkok times - Provided I worked them out correctly.

## AND ON (OR OFF) THE COURSE

A fellow is playing golf, and he hits the ball up the fairway and over the hill. He doesn't know it, but the ball goes onto the road, hits the driver of a passing bus which crashes into three cars. In the end 73 people are killed. Sprawled all over the roadway...

The golfer comes marching over the hill, looking for his ball. He shouts to another golfer, "Hey mate, seen my ball? A Dunlop No. 3?"

The other fellow says, "I'll tell you something, mister. Your ball came over the hill, went out onto the road, hit the driver of a bus, he crashed his vehicle into three more cars and there has been a terrible pile-up. Seventy-three people are dead."

The first golfer says, "Oh no! What should I do?"

The other fellow says, "Well, next time, you should grip the club a little lower down, and you won't slice the ball!"



### AN ODE TO MIKE DUTTON

We who stand drinking at the bar  
Do surely miss our dear friend Mike  
With whom we spun tales from afar  
As we imbibed the drinks we like.

Mike was a stalwart man who vied  
Through adverse times he stood with pride  
He persevered and always tried  
'tis sad indeed so young he died.

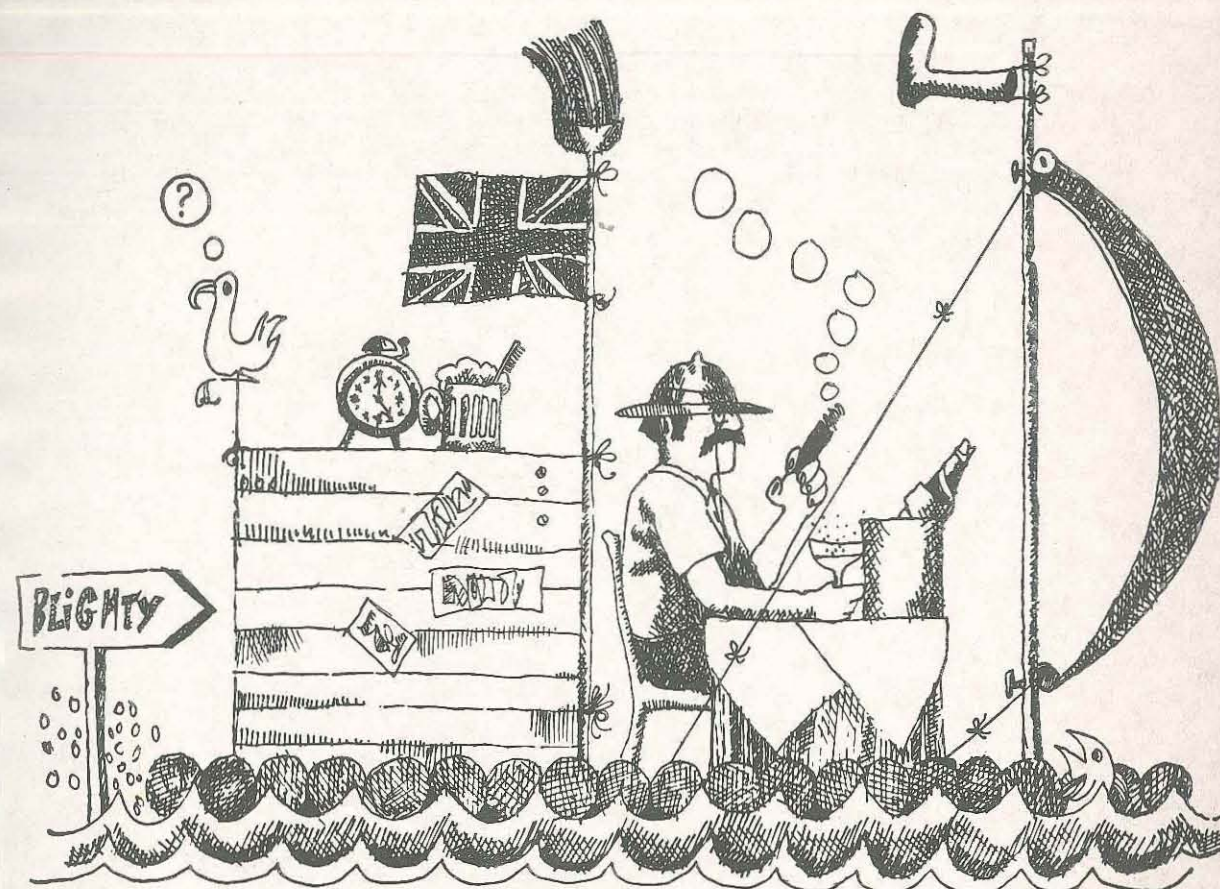
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Articles, drawings, letters, suggestions, ideas, or contributions of any description are invited from anyone.

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\* Y'all can come back now, John .... Please.



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