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Editorial

With the holiday season on and the soccer and cricket season over, this issue is on the lean side as far as quantity of content is concerned.

The June editorial caused a stir with our long-standing members who felt that the nostalgic value of our club should count for something even though the cost of keeping the building in shape was astronomical. Our short term members must all be on leave.

July saw us move away from the more serious and thought provoking subjects and focused on the expatriate; giving a short profile. While only of interest to individuals, this type of column proved popular.

Submissions for inclusion in OUTPOST must reach the Club by the 20th of each month.

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Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in March 1983. The Editor apologises for omitting this list.

Ordinary

Mr. D.K. Beckett
Mr. L.H. Childs
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Mr. D.J. Hambleton
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The Chartered Bank
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The following were elected in July, 1983:

Ordinary

Mr. J.H. Andrew
Mr. M.F. Hamill-Stewart
Mr. J. Maxwell
Mr. A.B. McDowell
Mr. J.W. Olver
Mr. R.M. Wingfield

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Non-Voting

Mr. D. Lantin

Bangkok Peninsula Hotel

Associate

Mr. V. Virojanavat

Thai Melon Polyester Co.

Deceased

Mr. N. Bond



The Committee is now discussing some additions to the long-range plan which includes the clubhouse and poolside and covers the listed projects:

1. Refurbishing dining room.
2. Poolside improvements including retiling, additional seating.
3. Decorate and aircondition poolside changing rooms.
4. Major changes to 2nd floor clubhouse including moving office to Suriwongse Room. Develop and aircondition Silom Room.
5. Improve drainage of grounds.
6. Raise second two tennis courts.
7. Develop children's play area and covered gym.
8. Resurface and landscape carparks.
9. Rebuild old sala into two storey building with air-conditioned coffee shop.
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"TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT"

a monthly restaurant review



Le Vendôme

The road alongside the Peninsula Hotel has for many months been turned into a total mess by the construction equipment working there. In addition, the road is liable to pronounced flooding even after a minor downpour, and Le Vendôme restaurant has had its problems because of doubts concerning its lease.

Mme. Suzanne Belleuvre, the proprietress of this restaurant, is understandably a little depressed by all this, and also by the consequent drop in the number of clients visiting her restaurant. However she soldiers bravely on (she was a Captain in the French Army during the Second World War and spent some time in China) and one can only respect her courage in the face of considerable adversity.

Le Vendôme, in its happier days a few years ago, was a busy and popular establishment. It is not quite so busy any more, but is still well worth visiting. The standards of food and service remain high.

Suzanne has recently introduced a "fixed-price" lunch, which on the last visit I paid, offered four courses for 300 baht including service (there is no tax). The menu was crab mayonnaise, then a choice of beef bourguignonne on fish, a choice of gateau Suzanne or fresh mango with sticky rice, and tea or coffee. The helpings are generous and in fact the full meal is too much to eat comfortably.

Instead of taking the fixed menu, one of us opted for pork chop sauteed in butter which was excellent although a little rich. But then, why not?

Le Vendôme, to my mind, falls down mainly on its pricing. There is no wine in the wine list costing less than 300 baht/bottle, when one can buy adequate Vin ordinaire in a supermarket for 140 baht. Suzanne serves only French wine, which means that good but cheap Portuguese, Italian, and German wines are not available. At the other end of the scale, very ordinary champagne is 900 baht (costing 350 - 400 baht in the market). The mark-ups are too high. Scotch & soda 65 baht (small); Kloster beer 40 baht (small), both plus 10% service, are also more expensive than is necessary.

Despite this criticism, Le Vendôme continues to offer good food and excellent service (you are never asked who ordered what, for example). Mme Suzanne contributed greatly in years gone by -- particularly at "Suzannes" in Dejo Road many years ago -- to the raising of the standards of European food in this city. She still is way out in front of many of her competitors, but as she says with a limited clientele these days she cannot offer the range of dishes she would wish.

It is recommended for a quite evening out (closed lunch times Saturday & Sunday) or for entertaining visitors from abroad -- but be wary of the wine list which could be better and should be cheaper.

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At the corner of Soi Lang Suan and Soi Sarasin is a Chinese restaurant, the successor to (and under the same management as) the restaurant attached to the late lamented Coronet Hotel.

It is not a place to take overseas visitors unless you know they are well-used to Eastern flavours and service. The restaurant serves food of all kinds, but my preference has been for sea food. Among the many excellent dishes normally available are crab eggs with lime & hot sauce, plah samlee, oysters, scallops, clams, and lobsters of various kinds and sizes. Of these the scallops are perhaps the least outstanding.

"Plah Samlee" is a fish which tends to be a little dry as normally served. Here it is not, and it deserves to be better known by non-Thais -- a fish with firm flesh, no awkward bones, and a fair flavour. Not the best fish in Thailand, perhaps, but probably the best value for money. Ask for it not only here but in other Thai & Chinese restaurants. It costs a fraction of the more famous "plah chalermet", tastes nearly as good, and is much easier to eat.

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Book Review



MR. ANTONY POWELL

Prejudice must be abjured but, while most philosophers, historians and physicists debate whether objectivity is attainable, preference must be admitted. This reviewer's opinion is that Antony Powell is a great novelist.

His five pre-war books "Afternoonmen, Venusberg, From a view to a Death", Agents and Patients and What's become of Waring" illustrate the beginning and development of his art. The novels show wit, intelligence, cool detachment and appraisal; the ability brilliantly to describe ordinary life, farce and tragedy. Mr. Powell's gift for selection of delightfully apt names of characters, books and country houses inspires vivid first impressions of scenes, places and people which develop into memorable characters almost more real than life.

His major work, the roman fleuve, "A Dance to the Music of Time", begins with schooldays at Eton, moves to Oxford University, London and country life between the wars, with a prelude in August 1914, includes detailed masterly descriptions of civilian and military life in England between 1939 and 1945 followed by the shifting post-war social and moral climates: the series ends in the early 1970's.

A vast range of memorable characters is depicted, many to disappear later reappearing developed, damaged and adjusted to age and life; others to decline and disintegrate while new personalities enter into the intricate steps and rhythm of the Dance. There is a brilliant portrait of F.M. Montgomery at his headquarters in France, a glimpse of F.M. Allenbrook at the War Office and an unforgettable description of the Victory Memorial Service at St. Pauls Cathedral. Many other aspects of political and martial life in wartime

London are convincingly depicted. Fictional characters range from the established aristocracy to miners, brokers, musicians, academics, politicians, painters, magnates, soldiers from private to general, mages and the gamut of literary and publishing worlds. Many of Mr. Powell's major and some of his minor creations have breadth, depth and permanence; they merge into an unforgettable pantheon, not inferior to those of Dickens, Balsac or Tolstoi. This reviewer is grateful to Mr. Powell for weeks of pleasure, enlightenment, and enlargement of his understanding of life and art.

The prose is relaxed, ironic, occasionally discursive, appropriate for the author's style. It is properly proportioned for the novels' different dialogues, characters, tragedies, farces, reflections on life, persons and events. There is however a marked tendency never to use a positive when a double negative will do.

Though there are only three or four references to Proust in the novels, the resemblance between "In Search of Lost Time" (Scott Moncrieff/Shakespeare, Remembrance of Things Past) and "The Dance" cannot be purely coincidental. Other similarities between the roman fleuves seem possible, Widermerpool/Charlus, Nicholas/Marcel, Pamela/Albertine, Moreland/Vinteuil etc. Perhaps some scholar will eventually comment and illuminate.

Mr. Powell's novels have been criticised as high Tory, light comedy, superficial, cold and unsympathetic, avoiding life's basic issues, self sacrifice, envy, greed love, bereavement, suffering, etc. Such views suggest strongly that the books have been glanced through or misunderstood. These fundamentals are clearly the basic steps in "the Dance" - often implicit sometimes plainly explicit - but always profoundly present around, below, above and among the arabesques that decorate the main movements: virtue and vice, love and hate, order and anarchy and the permanent importance of art which, to quote Trapnel is "any good".

Mr. Powell's novels are available at the Nielsen Hays and British Council Libraries and in paperback from bookshops throughout Thailand.

AUGUST PUZZLE

It's a myth that most of the British Club committee play golf on Wednesdays - some of them play on Thursdays! Anyway our Editor, Frosty, is a traditionalist; every Wednesday afternoon he has a round at one or other of the five courses, Don Muang, Rose Garden, Navatanee, Hua Mark, or the Railway. He usually plays with one other committee member, John, Geoff, Barry, Roy or Tim.

He plays all the courses, but in no particular order, and he usually 'forgets' to tell his wife or secretary which course he is to play on.

Anyway, one Wednesday afternoon a big order came in, the American Embassy wanted to hire 50 T.V.'s so that they could watch the cartoons on a Saturday, and Frosty was nowhere to be found. However, his secretary, being the efficient type, did know that:-

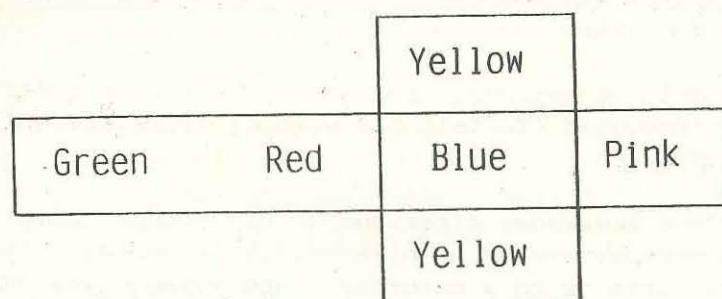
1. David never played the same course, nor did he play with the same friend, two weeks in a row.
2. John was away running with the Harriettes that afternoon.
3. Frosty never played Rose Garden during the mango season.
4. Roy only played at the Railway course.
5. David had played at Don Muang the previous week, with Barry.
6. A few days before Marijuana had been found growing in the deep rough at the Railway.
7. David had decided to give up playing at Hua Mark because they had stopped serving Kloster.
8. Geoff never played Navatanee except over the Christmas period.
9. Frosty had decided to avoid the course where the narcotics squad were having their annual April 'grass' cutting binge.

His secretary thought a while and then called the '19th' at one of the clubs where Frosty was just completing his 'second round'. Where was it and who was he with?

The usual bottle of the 'hard stuff' for the first correct entry picked at random on August 12th.

Last Month's Puzzle

The colour opposite yellow in the third view must also be yellow. The expanded cube is:



Arthur Phillips is the winner of the July puzzle and wins a bottle of Scotch.

Dear David,

JULY PUZZLE

The colour of the face directly opposite the yellow face is yellow.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur

A. J. PHILLIPS — P23

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THE BRILLIANCE OF CLAUDE DEBUSSY

THOSE who have been lucky enough to admire the fine view from the 'jardin anglais' at St-Germain-en-Laye, which covers a wide reach of the Seine valley with the Eiffel Tower and Montmartre visible on the distant horizon, may not have realized that they were within a few minutes' walk of the 'maison natale' of Claude Debussy. He was born there in August 1862 over a china shop kept by his parents at No. 38 rue au Pain, but it was Claude's aunt who taught him to read and write and arranged for him to have his first piano lessons.

Showing considerable promise, he was admitted to the Conservatoire when he was ten, and presently began to compose. A wealthy friend asked him to give piano lessons to her younger children, the duties being carried out in such pleasant spots as Interlaken, Arcachon (near Bordeaux), Venice and Florence, though when back in Paris he was befriended by Maurice Vasnier, a 'litterateur' which gave him encouragement to enter a work for the Prix de Rome, a cantata 'L'Enfant prodigue', which gained the first prize.

Claude soon got into his stride as a composer of some note, some of his early piano pieces like 'Clair de lune' and the 'Petite suite' becoming very popular. Orchestral essays soon followed, his flair for impressionism being noticeable in many of his compositions. As well as the popular 'L'après-midi d'un faune' - inspired by a poem of Stéphane Mallarmé - Debussy's own description of his 'Nocturnes' illustrate his impressions on the special effects of light that the word

really suggests: "Nuages renders the immutable aspect of the sky and the slow, solemn motion of the clouds, fading away in grey tones lightly tinged with white. 'Fetes' gives us the vibrating atmosphere with sudden flashes of light. There is also the episode of the procession (a dazzling fantastic vision) which passes through the festive scene and becomes merged in it. But the background remains persistently the same, the festival, with its blending of music and luminous dust, participating in the cosmic rhythm. 'Sirenes' depicts the sea and its countless rhythms and presently, amongst the waves silvered by the moonlight, is heard the mysterious song of the Sirens as they laugh and pass on"

Claude had a chequered career in matrimony, but eventually married his true love Emma Bardac, when many of his best-known compositions came into evidence - 'Golliwog's Cakewalk', 'La Cathédrale engloutie', 'La Fille aux cheveux de lin' to mention a few. His orchestral 'masterpiece' is said to be 'La Mer', which is something more than a brilliant composition - it is magnificently orchestrated - and those who would like to hear a current performance can do so on the attractive Philips recording (LP 6514 260) as it is part of a new selection of Debussy by Sir Colin Davis and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Claude Debussy eventually fell victim to cancer: from the end of 1917 onwards he was confined to his room near the Porte Dauphine where he was working on a projected opera based on Edgar Allan Poe's "Fall of the House of Usher". The work was never completed and he died on 25th March 1918 while Paris was undergoing long-range artillery bombardment by the Germans. His extraordinary flair for impressionism and individualistic approach to the problems of composition will be features of music as we know it for all time.

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PROPOSED LADIES' MEMBERSHIP

Dear Madam,

If you have been privileged to use the facilities of the British Club during the past year or more, you will be aware, either through reading letters in the British Club "Outpost" magazine, or through speaking to Ordinary Members of the British Club, that it has been suggested at the past two Annual General Meetings that full British Club membership should be available to women.

Because of this apparent, although by no means substantiated, desire by women to become members of the British Club, the current and immediate past Chairmen of the British Club Membership Sub-Committee have invited a woman to become a member of that sub-committee. The sub-committee has agreed to act as a convenor of your written opinions on this matter in order to obtain a consensus of opinion of the women who are currently entitled to use the facilities of the British Club.

The basis of the present position involves an inter-related combination of voting status and financial dues. A short summary of the present situation is as follows:-

1. Wives of a) ordinary members b) country members c) non-voting members d) associate members and e) honorary members are privileged to use all the facilities of the British Club as a result of their marital status.
2. Ladies of British, Australian, Canadian and New Zealand nationality may also apply for Ladies Privilege status at the British Club. In the case of married ladies whose husbands are ineligible for membership, their entrance fee and monthly subscription are the same as those of Ordinary members. Single ladies pay half the subscription of ordinary members and their entrance fee is BHT 2,000 less than an Ordinary member.
3. The only privileges which are not extended to women are that they may not attend the Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings of the British Club at which major policy of the Club is enacted and voted upon or propose/second new members. In fact these privileges are accorded exclusively to Ordinary and Country Members of the Club. Consequently those subscribers mentioned in para. 2 above may not be members of the Club Committee.

The arguments that have been put forward in the pages of "Outpost and apparently in enthusiastic general discussion (both at A.G.M.'s and in circumstances less formal) are, in essence, as follows:-

1. That, as the Club is the social centre of democratic Nations whose central philosophy is that of "one person - one vote", then why should the Club deviate from this?
2. Objections to this have been various.

However, there are points that should be raised in relationship to the question of full equality:-

- (a) That there is the anomaly in the present fee structure whereby different categories of membership pay the same as others but receive no voting rights.
- (b) Bachelors receive a monthly remission of only BHT 100 for membership compared to families often with a number of children (whose utilization of Club services is usually disproportionate to their financial contribution).

The suggested ways to obviate these anomalies are as follows:-

1. That full entrance and subscription fees should entitle a person qualified for membership, regardless of sex etc., marital status, membership status or whatever to be a full voting member.
2. If you do not accept this concept, you have this option - you can accept that there are 2 classes of Club users: full members paying full fees and those who accept that they are not full members (for whatever reason this may be).

There have been a number of somewhat emotional contentions and comparisons presented as "rights" and "facts". It is suggested that all women who wish to comment on the matter should take a little time to put forward their own views, suggestions and comments. The General Committee is concerned that the matter should be dealt with in a considered manner, and that it should not be ignored but given proper attention.

It is appreciated that at this time of year many of you will be going on leave shortly, but your reply should be received before the end of August. If the membership sub-committee does not hear from you by then, it will be assumed that you have no objections to the status quo.

Yours sincerely,
For The Membership Sub-Committee

G. Percival
Convenor

Four replies from ladies have been received to date.

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THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 16TH

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'Night of January 16th' was written by Ayn Rand in the 1930's. Miss Rand wrote few plays but is well known for her books, which expoused her unique philosophy, Objectivism. The fundamentals of this philosophy were set out in three non fiction books: FOR THE NEW INTELLECTUAL; THE VIRTUE OF SELFISHNESS and CAPITALISM: THE UNKNOWN IDEAL. Perhaps her most popular and challenging work was ATLAS SHRUGGED, a best-seller in the forties and fifties.

'Night of January 16th' is set in the Court of New York State and is a murder trial. The defendant, Karen Andre, is accused of murdering her employer and lover Bjorn Faulkner. The play is built in such a way that the evidence of the defendant's guilt or innocence is evenly balanced and the decision will be based on the jurors' own values and characters.

The two parties opposed in the trial are as antagonistic as will be members of the audience and jury. Some will support the wife, others the mistress. The jury will decide at the close with a simple majority verdict, but in reality the case would probably result in a hung jury with no unanimous verdict possible.

As the trial unfolds it depicts the rise and destruction of a brilliant ruthless man but on a deeper level it is a dramatic representation of Ayn Rand's vision of human strengths and frailties. These visions may now seem a little passe' but in the thirties and forties they were very controversial.

The play, directed by Joy Rogers, has a large cast of 18, including witnesses who appear from out of the audience when called, as well as the judge and lawyers etc.

The principal roles are to be played by Andrea Cahn (Karen Andre), Kate Drew (Faulkner's wife), District Attorney (Geof Connor) and Defense Counsel (Joan Allen) Cameo roles from Club members, Eric Miller, Cynthia Cahill and Geoff Thompson will be sure to please as well adding to the interest of judging for yourself who is guilty of the foul deed.

In the words of the defense counsel - "Who is on trial in this case? Karen Andre? No! It's you ladies and gentlemen of the jury who are on trial. It is your own souls that will be brought to light when your decision is rendered".

'Night of January 16th' will be performed at Bhirasri Institute of Modern Art, Soi Jusmag, Sathorn Road, on September 1st, 2nd and 3rd at 08.00 p.m. Tickets ฿100.

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The Editor,
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Dear Sir,

I may be leaving Thailand in the next few weeks and find my collection of back numbers of OUTPOST deficient in some issues. If any of your readers have unwanted copies of the issues listed below I would be most grateful to obtain (or purchase, even - for a reasonable price!) the following issues:

May, 1980

June, 1980

July, 1980

October, 1980

December, 1980

January, 1981

The Club magazine will be a splendid memento of my stay in Thailand, and I would be most grateful if you would publish this request.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Hill

Chloride Power Systems Limited
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8th July, 1983

The Editor,
Outpost Magazine,
British Club.

Dear Sir,

As I am on the point of joining the long list of those who must reluctantly absent themselves from Thailand. I would like to express my gratitude to the British Club for contributing significantly to the pleasure of living here.

I depart with many memories, both as a Club member and as a past Vice-Chairman and so can readily appreciate the hard work and long hours put in by management, staff and even the General Committee (in my day at least!) so necessary in ensuring that the Club functions efficiently.

If I have one regret it concerns the belief held by a small number of members - often those who have newly arrived here - that belonging to the Club constitutes in some way a right rather than the privilege it obviously is!

As a family, we have made many friends here - often through the auspices of the "BC" - and on behalf of Heather and Michele in addition to myself I would like to express the hope that the Club will continue to flourish and provide those who use its facilities with as much pleasure and enjoyment as it has us.

Yours faithfully,

N.W. Musgrave

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Mr. John Williams
The Chairman
The British Club

16th June 1983

Dear John

Distressed British Subjects

I am writing to all our British groupings to enlist support for a very worthy cause. (Not my own this time.)

As you know our worthy British Consul, Bert Jakeman, and his Vice, Graham Rogers are the people responsible for assisting British Subjects in distress in Thailand. They do a great job, but unfortunately their work is hampered by a complete lack of funds from official sources. Very often a small loan of 200-300 Bht is all that is needed to help a traveller down in his luck until his money comes in.

From time to time very needy cases are routed my way and I do what I can within the limits of my resources but usually Bert and Graham like their predecessors land up with putting their hands into their own pockets.

The UKCTC have been approached for assistance but while being sympathetic they are prevented by their charter from assisting non Thai people.

I know that all of you do tremendous work for many Thai Charities but I now appeal to your generosity for help for our own folk.

An annual donation from each society to the Consular Fund would be a tremendous help. Naturally this fund is properly administered by the Consul personally and you can rest assured that the money will be wisely used.

May I thank you in anticipation of a positive response and ask that cheques be sent direct to the Embassy.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Bull

Suan Parichat
323 Rajsima Nua Road
Bangkok.

July 13, 1983

The British Club Bangkok

For the attention of Mr. David Frost

Dear Editor,

I refer to the 'Editorial' in the June issue of the "Outpost" which conveys a conviction, held by the author, of the short term demise and dissolution of the British Club of Bangkok in its present form.

The theory expounded is that the eighty years old establishment will then become sandwiched between floors of an office condominium and supported by multi-national members so that it could no longer be described as the British Club.

The article admits that this situation is not reached yet. It is to be hoped that such a violent change never becomes necessary or, at worst, may be postponed for a further decade or more. This hope is reinforced by the financial results of the Club in 1981 and 1982, over which period there was a reversal from a loss to a surplus balance. During my own short membership (18 months), considerable improvements in the Club facilities have been achieved under the committee's good management and these have resulted in this turnaround of the Club's fortunes.

Due to the changed and ever changing nature of things the membership must embrace an increasing number of short-term residents and a dwindling number of long-term or permanent residents. The bulk of the revenue will thus come from the short-timers whilst the leadership and management of the Club should be from the latter category. An appreciable number of British future short-termers will certainly be attracted to the Club in its present form, firstly because it is uniquely a British Club and not least because the present building and its environs portray a traditional dignity and style.

A change in either of these qualities could result in fewer short-term members and thus a cumulative reduction in the necessary revenue.

It is comforting and praise worthy that successive committees have maintained the British Club for eight decades, even though financial problems must have arisen many times in the past and thus it is not beyond hope that present and future committees may achieve a similar success.

Financial woes are not unique to BCB and in the prevailing economic climate, private clubs, especially golf clubs in the UK and elsewhere are struggling for survival. A great number are surviving by means of increasing the cost of the amenity to the membership and the response has been to retain the clubs despite the greater individual expense.

It is by no means certain that BCB, in its present form, will founder, even with unchanged costs to members, but in this unhappy event I would recommend that every other means of raising Club revenue is examined and tried before it is decided to destroy this inheritance, created and nurtured by generations of our predecessors.

Yours faithfully,

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The Editor,
Outpost Magazine,
The British Club.

18th July 1983

Dear Sir,

I had resolved to keep silent on the "ladies" issue, having had my say, but really the recent Club Circular on this subject is so perverse in its determination to drag in red herrings, and to ignore realistic proposals that have been put forward, that it impels to have one more try, to see if someone out there on the Membership Sub-Committee is listening!

1. The issue has nothing to do with "democracy". There is no God-given or man-made rule that private clubs must be democratic. If you don't like it, you don't have to join (though there are those that might argue that the whole British Community in Bangkok has a legitimate interest in the conduct and health of the Club).
2. In a sense, even the opinions of the ladies are not the vital factor. The question is whether the voting members, currently all men, want to change the rules.
3. It's not a question of fees. The issue of fees for different classes of membership is a perfectly legitimate one. But it's being used to confuse the primary question of admission of ladies to full membership.
4. A simple, realistic, workable proposal has been put forward and must be considered. It is (to repeat myself for the umpteenth time):
 - a) In the case of married members, the rights of voting at the AGM and standing for the committee should be exercised by EITHER the member OR the member's spouse (possibly excluding those spouses who are not themselves qualifying nationals). This respects the principle of "one subscription, one vote". No one gets a free ride.
 - b) "Ladies Privileges" should be abolished, and single ladies treated exactly as other single members.

Personally I don't believe in "Ladies Privileges" or "Women's Rights", but I do believe it would be good for the Club if all qualifying nationals could join regardless of sex.

The "Old Guard" is trying to make a simple issue complicated in order to delay it. It would be a quick and easy task to amend the rule book to eliminate any reference to gender and simply substitute "member", "married (or single) member" and "member's spouse". When we've done that, we can consider any necessary changes in fees.

Yours faithfully,

R. HELMER (H34)



SQUASH

League 42

July 1973 was the date of the first ever Squash League at the BC - ask Rod Carter, there are very few others playing now who were here then. Rod won Division 2 then, and has been a smart --- Div. 1 player ever since.

How do you like the shirts. It's supposed to read "10th Anniversary Squash League - July 1983" and not "Anniversary Squash League - 10th July 1983". Not even Rod can remember that accurately.

Have you noticed that the three ugly Co-ordinators played together in the same Division in both the 40th and 41st Leagues. As James Bond says "once is happenstance, twice is coincidence, three times is enemy action". This time they have split up.

At the time of going to press court bookings are high as participants try to complete their games. Division 12 was the first to find a winner - Austin Mini smashed his racket to a close 3-2 victory in his final game in front of a packed and heavily biased gallery - his Mums biased and his Dad was heavy. However deprived of his Yorkshire Bitter the new slim model Austin Maestro seems to be taking over Doc Nic's role as "I got racket, you got Court, we play" and trying to make inroads into the elite.

Lancing College

Lancing College is a public school somewhere in Sussex, with a bit of a reputation for Sports. During July a group of six boys and a Master undertook a three week Squash tour of the Far East. Their captain, John Thompson, is not exactly unknown in Thailand, being the current Thailand U21 Champion. After warming up by defeating the Thai National team and the Royal Bangkok Sports Club the College were ready to take on the might of Len's army on Sunday 19th July. The result:

B.C. 0 Lancing College 6 (after Penalties!)

The No. 6 match between Nic White and Shaun, and the No. 5 match between Ian Kent and Andy commenced simultaneously at 4 p.m. - on different Courts. Most of the spectators chose to watch goggles, not because they don't like Nic, but because the seating is better on Court 2. Ian stormed to an easy 10-9 win in the first, and narrowly lost the second before feeling his (relative) age and lost 1-3. Nic recorded the same score in a mini-marathon. Noone runs the legs off Nic but he had no answer to his opponents greater skill in the art of calling for lets and penalty points.

Colin Hastings was BC's No. 4 and we think he lost too, but noone saw it, since, with due respect to Colin, all the excitement was on Court 2 where our No. 3 Rod Carter was playing Dave, a left-hander with an unorthodox style. If it wasn't for the age difference, and Rods towel grip, it would have been difficult to tell them apart. They started off in apparent clumsy fashion, getting in each others way, as if they were not used to playing against left-handers. The game then settled down and turned into a real thriller "Come on Dave, Come on Rod, Ooooooh, Clapping, Come on Rod". The pace was too quick for the Marker who had difficulty announcing the score before each serve. To cut a long story short the match was won 10-9 in the fifth, by Dave, after Rod had once served at match ball. Neither deserved to lose, after producing one of the most exciting matches ever at the BC.

Captain Len turned out at No. 2 against Alan, whose ambition is to be a county cricketer, professional golfer and tennis player, and to beat Jehinger Khan 9-0, 9-0, 9-0. I bet there were a number of spectators who took quiet satisfaction at seeing Len made to run about the way he usually makes others do. This match again demonstrated the strict interpretation of the penalty point rule, quite enlightening, and at times apparently unbelievable to the BC gallery - who are more used to shoving the opponent out of the way.

At No. 1 we had Peter Fangman to try and outsmart John Thompson. Some excellent squash was played, with both hard-hitting and deft touches. John won 3-0 but there was a feeling that Peter was the stronger and if he had just managed to win the third game, which was close, he might have won the next two. And then again!

After the game the captains exchanged trophies. The College were presented with a BCB plaque to commemorate their visit. In return they gave us a framed photograph of Lancing College, which it is hoped will be hung in the Churchill Bar.

TSRA

The Thailand Squash Rackets Association new League starts on 1st August. We have entered the following teams:-

Division 1 - games played on Monday evenings

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|---|-----------------------|---|-------------------|
| A | Len Alexander | B | Rod Carter (Capt) |
| | Bernard Grogan (Capt) | | John Kerr |
| | Colin Hastings | | Ian Kent |

Division 2 - games played on Tuesday evenings

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|---|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| A | Tony Austin | B | Chris Platt |
| | Bill Friel (Capt) | | Bill Cox |
| | Dave Wallace | | Ralph Tye |
| | | | Brian Brook (Capt) |

Division 3 - games played on Wednesday evenings

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|---|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| A | Ben Piper (Capt) | B | Brian Birley (Capt) |
| | Prasong | | Roy Barrett |
| | John Hancock | | Brian Thompson |
| C | Jack Dunford | D | Colleen Perry (Capt) |
| | Terry Smith (Capt) | | E. Fangman |
| | W. Peter Smith | | Joy Chubb |

Ladies Division - games played on Thursday evenings

- | | | | |
|---|------------------|---|------------------------|
| A | Carolyn Tarrant | B | Marion Sparling (Capt) |
| | Amnuay Alexander | | Volunteer 1 |
| | Lyn Cook (Capt) | | Volunteer 2 |

Any queries should be addressed to Bill Friel and/or Colin Hastings.

Opening the Oriental

A twelve a side match between the BC and the RBSC is scheduled for the 26th, 27th, and 28th July to mark the opening of the Oriental Hotels new Squash court. Hope we do well.

Court Maintenance

How's Court 2 now? what's that about needing sunglasses.

Court 3 will be out of action for a few weeks from 1st August for a major overhaul. It is hoped that it will be back in action in time for the Rod Carter Shield open competition at the end of August.

Fun Day 11th September

Look out for details, Len's planning an extravaganza. Keep the date free. Lots of fun, Sponsored by Qantas.

Births Deaths and Marriages

Welcome to Dave Mason.

Sad farewell to Richard & Sue Edmunds. Sue will be sadly missed by the Squash Ladies and by the Squash sub-committee - she always bought her round! Best Wishes and hope to see you again.

And to Nic and Maren White and their shy daughter!

No new pregnancies I've heard about this month.



SWIMMING

The Fourth Friendship Gala

On Sunday, July 3rd all roads led to the ISRC on Soi Asoke for the fourth of the Friendship Galas between the Lions Club of Nonthaburi, ISRC and the best of the BCB.

Honored by the presence of none less than the Deputy Prime Minister, Khun Pichai Ratakul, to fire the first of many starting gun rounds, the day went off with a BANG!

The Lions convincingly won each of the three previous Friendship Galas and, right from the first "Kow-tee", it was evident that the ISRC were all-out to dislodge the champs, by "hook or by crook".

In the midst of this battle royale the BCB contingent found themselves well and truly squeezed out of their expected already modest haul of medals.

The BCB heroes were:

Our Only Gold: Selinla Collins -13 G Backstroke

Silver Medals:
Cassidy Smith - 9 G Backstroke
Mark Gillett -11 B Backstroke
Seksan Collins -15 B Backstroke
" " -15 B Butterfly
" " -15 B Breast

Bronze Medals:
Mark Gillett -11 B Breast
" " -11 B Free
Lisa Laing -15 G Butterfly
" " -15 G Backstroke
" " -15 G Breast
" " -15 G Free
Seksan Collins -15 B Free

There were many fine races and close decisions but the one really worth mentioning was Mark Gillett's -11 Freestyle event in which the first 5 swimmers were (over 3 heats) separated by only 0.8 secs with the winner recording 36.8 secs and Mark being a little unlucky to be credited with 3rd place with 37.2 secs.

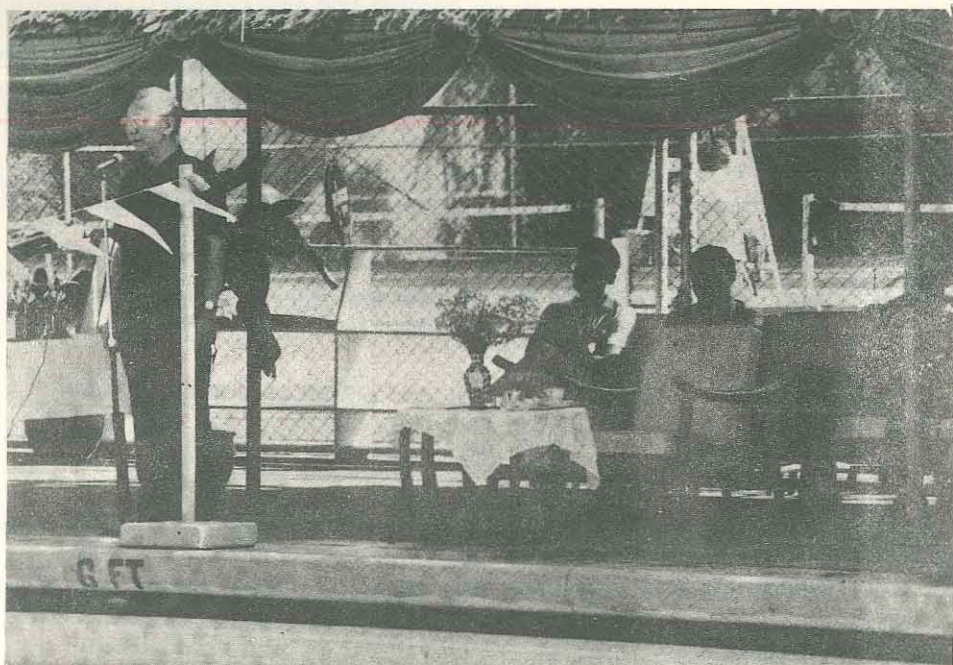
In total we scraped together 138 points, a creditable third behind the much larger teams of the ISRC (561 points) and the again victorious Lions (576 points). Thanks and congratulations are due to all of the BCB swimmers who really kept on trying and gave of their very best for all of us.

Swimmers	Points Won	"Outstanding Swimmer"
Seksan Collins	19	2nd. in -15 B
Lina Laing	16	3rd. in -15 G
Mark Gillett	13	4th. in -11 B
Selinla Collins	12	3rd. in -13 G
Melinda Laing	8	5th. in - 7 G
Cassidy Smith	5	6th. in - 9 G
Justin Mathews	5	6th. in -13 B
Jeannie Collins	3	7th. in - 9 G
Sheree Laing	2	8th. in -13 G
David Collins	1	9th. in -11 B
TOTAL		84
RELAYS		54
GRAND TOTAL		138 points
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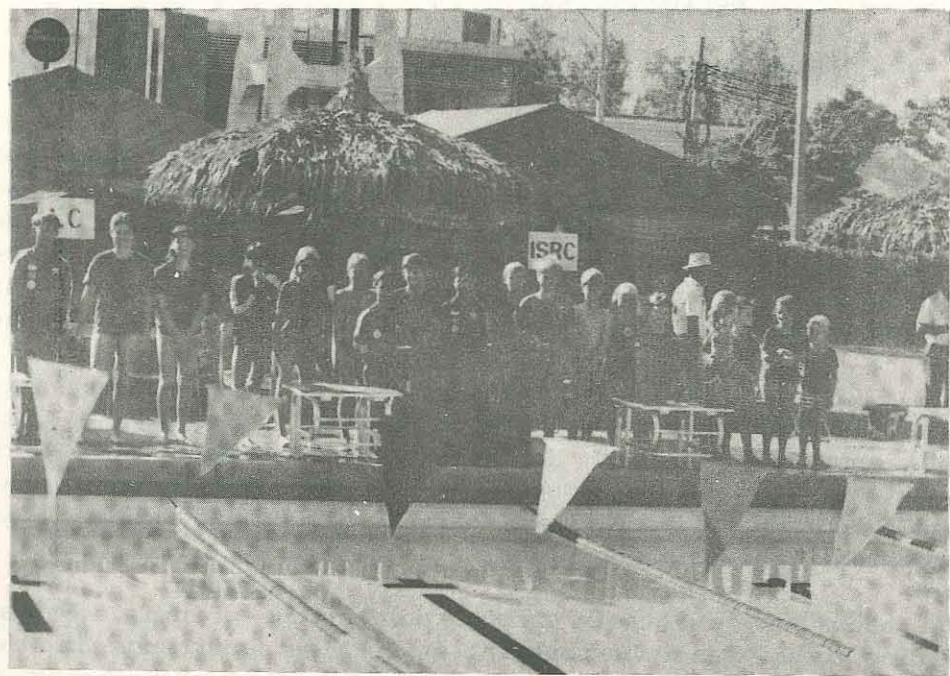
A sumptuous lunch set us up after the morning's Fly, Back and I.M. Relay events for the 2nd. half of Breast, Free and the Free Relays, leaving swimmers and supporters exhausted by the late afternoon close. Especial thanks to those BCB swimmers and parents who rushed over to the ISRC after their Christ Church celebrations (and sorry again for the late date change.)

P.S. It would seem that the ISRC were a little too enthusiastic in their bid to oust the Lions and, contrary to our previous "gentleman's" agreement, padded their team with some late "associate members" who, according to the Lions, had forgotten to cancel their current membership with their (leading) Thai swimming clubs.

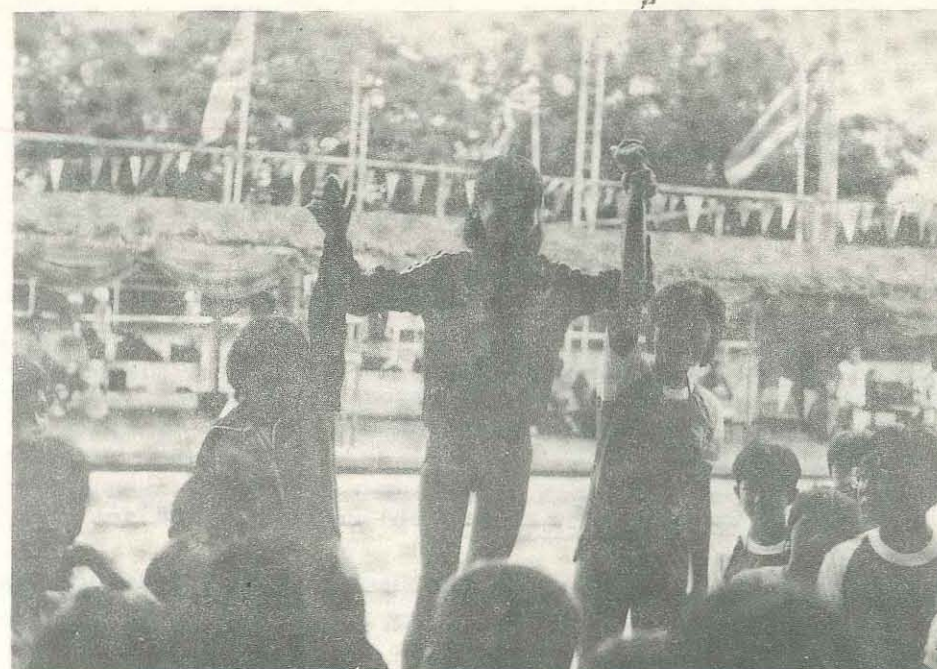
The Lions have put their strong feelings in writing, emphasizing their Thai embarrassment at such an occurrence in the presence of their "farang" friends. We are maintaining a spectators role with "no comment". However, the future of these Friendship meets is now clearly in doubt.



The Formal Opening by
The Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Khun Pichai Ratakul



The BCB Team
- raring to go!



Our Only Friendship Gold Medal
Selinla Collins



Three BCB Beauties

BCB July Gala

With many of our stalwarts already flown home or preparing to go, the July gala (Sunday, July 17) drew only 18 swimmers. However, we were very pleased to welcome some old friends, on their school holidays in Bangkok:

The Gilberts (Helen, Chris & Jennie)

Our Chairman's son (Ian Williams)

and, the star of the day, Leeda Frost (did you proud, Frostie), who all but rewrote the BCB record books for her age group.

New BCB Record

I.M. -13 Girls 2.54.0 Leeda Frost (old record 2.55.8, set in 1977).

Leeda was just 1.1 secs. off the Back record and 2 secs short of the Free. Well done Leeda!

Other personal best performances on the day, worth a mention, were:-

* Natasha Buckland: 3 secs off I.M. and 2 secs. off Free and "Improver of the Month" for July. Congratulations Natasha!

* Lida Laing: a big 3 second improvement on Back - well deserved after all that training.

* One second improvements by:

Sharee Laing, Back

Selinla Collins, Free

Michael Hodgson, I.M. - a fitting "farewell"

David Collins, Free

Well done to you all.

At the get together after the races we said our sad farewells to:

Cassidy Smith - already back in the UK but her Dad promises to convey our goodbyes and good luck wishes.

Michael Hodgson - who, with his spirit and determination, has set a team example that will be sorely missed.

To both of you - try not to forget your good times and friends at the BCB; come back and see us some time -- and keep on swimming!

Improver of the Month - badge for June to Selinla Collins for 3 secs. off each of her Fly, Breast & I.M. times. Well done and keep on training.

Next BCB Gala: Sunday, August 7th (Hoping that Leeda can postpone her departure to give us another swimming show to remember - and some new BCB Fly/Breast records - any chance Frostie?)

Full-time Swimming Coach

Starting August 1 we will be introducing a full-time coaching schedule. A separate note has been circulated requesting your help to circle the proposed times and activities of interest. Please let us have your preferences and thoughts so that we can tailor (as best as we can) the programme to your needs.

For the first month or so we are bound to have teething problems so please bear with us.

Meanwhile -- see you at the pool.

All Gala results and other notices on the Swimming Board - under the changing room stairs)



Goodbye Michael - we'll all miss you



The Leslie Collings Memorial Trophy

We appear to have been hibernating since the annual dinner last February when trophies for the 1982 season were presented. The dry season attracts players out of doors to other sports (fresh woods and pastures new?) but now that the rain has returned, the billiards room is remembered as one excellent alternative to flooded courts and greens.

The 1983 series of Club tournaments started with the Leslie Collings Memorial Trophy, a knock-out snooker competition for doubles. Seven pairs entered and turned up on the evening of 13th July and the draw was made on the basis of arrival - it seemed as good a way as any and enabled the tournament to be completed in one evening. Results were determined on the best at three frames.

On Table 1, Tom Moran and Norman Musgrave took on Tony Dickinson and Andrew McDowell and won the first frame convincingly 77-34. Tony and Andrew improved in their second frame to take the pink and black for a 44-32 win but were narrowly beaten in the third frame 40-37.

On Table 2, Peter Adcock and Ian Hill played steadily to defeat Barry Hyde and Des Smith 64-23 and 42-37. Next came that popular duo Ernie Ure and Tony Bekenn to test the potentially formidable skills of Tom Watson and Nick Nichols. Alas, Ernie and Tony showed classic effects of too much work, too little practice and whatever else upsets the theory of the impact of elastic spheres. Tom and Nick put theory to work and won 75-12 and 53-28. Non-players are reminded that a low score is no disgrace: your correspondent once watched the present World champion lose a frame 0-145!

The first semi-final proved a long test of stamina and concentration. Moran and Musgrave took the first frame 58-57 after forty-five minutes of highly tactical play by both sides. The second frame was equally tough; nothing left open for anybody until at 39 - all, Peter Adcock sank a challenging shot at the pink and followed it with the black to tie one frame each. The third frame was a trial of nerves. Mistakes crept in and were severely punished. Suffering a cruel foul on pink and a couple of other expensive errors, Peter Adcock and Ian Hill regained parity more than once. A mistake gave Ian an

easy pink and a lead of one point, but the black was a different matter. More than a dozen 'safety shots' were played until an error left the black near the pyramid spot and the cue ball behind baulk. With immaculate precision Norman Musgrave sent it home "without touching the sides". 54-58.

In the other semi-final, Tom Watson and Nick Nichols played Ron and Koy Armstrong, long absent from the tables. Tom and Nick could not regain their earlier level of play and left too many openings for Ron and Koy to capitalise. The latter pair won 46-37 and 49-35.

At about 10 O'clock, Tom and Norman, who must have been feeling the effects of their previous games, gamely took on the Armstrongs, whose game had been steadily improving in their previous match. Alas, the task was too great. Ron and Koy pocketed steadily and left little chances to win 62-20 and 60-45.

The evening finished in the Churchill Bar (where else?), all present having enjoyed the sport and congeniality of this most civilized of games. Congratulations to Ron and Koy (again!), and to worthy runners-up Tom and Norman.

More tournaments will be played in the next few weeks; singles, doubles, volunteer, billiards, some handicap. Watch the notice board for entry lists and sign on! The more the merrier!



CRICKET

Hey up Jack,

We was real made up with your letter, sheer magic! There ain't much wrong with talking proper scouse, ain't it, Big Whack?

Still, I suppose there is a time and a place you'll teach me the rudiments of the English language, as well as those of cricket!

Since your departure on holiday, the cricket scene in Bangkok has remained calm and serene. How is the wicket in Cairo? Have you got a ball to turn yet? I assume that with the Sphinx behind the stumps, there isn't much chance of a bye, and that you have therefore brought yourself on ...

For those of us who have remained behind, under the care of the B.M.A., (no, not the British Medical Association), I should reveal that, as well as a road traffic expert, a Thai linguist and an explorer renown in Soi Cow Boy, you are also the British Club's first Missionary cricket captain and that, as such, all credit (and any blame) should go to you for discovering the following story:

PULPIT CRICKET

H. FERGUS McKENDRICK describes how he lost his first friend ...

I LOST my first real friend and made my first real enemy during a cricket match played in an Edinburgh church on a grey Sunday evening in mid-winter.

Hamish was his name; 'Wee Hamish' to his friends but not to casual acquaintance, for he had an in-fighting technique closer to the gutters of Leith than the academic groves nearer Princes Street, and did not like his small stature noted.

We were staunch members of the Presbyterian Kirk, staunch in the sense that we didn't really know that any alternative existed – certainly we weren't offered any. The services were interminably dreary, or seemed so to us, but even then I could recognise a certain dour professionalism which I miss in my present Southern exile – they were at least efficiently, powerfully, and determinedly dreary, and we got full value for our bawbees – two and a half hours was par for the course. What is more important for this tale, no self-respecting Minister would dare offer a sermon lasting a whit less than an hour-and-a-half.

This gave plenty of time for pulpit cricket. How we learnt it I cannot remember; that first winter term I had not yet played the real thing in any serious organised way; cricket in the Clyde valley is not a heavy scene, or wasn't then. But somehow we knew the rules, and we played it with solemn intensity, and, as you will see, serious intent.

Prophetic Disregard

The way we played (there are local variations) was as follows: each of the two players drew up a team, usually of international repute. The selector normally appointed himself captain and opening bat: false modesty was uncommon, although Squiffy MacPharlane frequently put himself No. 7 with Hutton as skipper. We put this down to an unhealthy passion for Denis Compton and prophetic disregard for the eternal values of amateurism. Squiffy grew up to be a senior taxation officer, obsessed with mere cash values, and he still wears Brylcreem.

The captains drew lots, and the winner submitted his team to the whims of the umpire; not the Great Arbiter in the sky, who was not, we thought, likely to be entirely sympathetic, but his temporal agent, the current preacher, who was innocently and immediately available. His every gesture was scrutinised as a possible sign of divine decision-making – we assume that the Good Lord knew Umpires' Standard Signalling Technique.

A wag, a wicket

Thus a hand raised aloft was a bye, unless the finger was pointed, which meant out, and the next man on the list faced up. Horizontal arm-swings were fours, and I well remember a visiting High Churchman who shocked our elders to their quivering puritan cores with his genuflections, but nearly seduced us into the arms of the Scarlet Woman by blessing the congregation, and thereby clocking up three four-byes on the trot. I have ever since been attracted to religious symbolism.

On the other hand it may be that my bias against red-hot gospelling was instilled by a Salvationist from Inverness, who callously destroyed one of my most promising sides in 30 seconds of hectoring finger-wagging diatribe on the evils of strong drink. Wee Hamish insisted that each wag was a wicket, and I had to admit he was within his rights. We remained friends on that occasion, for a sportsman plays by the rules, but I never buy *Watchtower* in a pub.

One arm held horizontally was a no-ball, and during a particularly accusatorial sermon I had to invite Hamish to take Lindwall off for bowling consecutive bouncers. He was very firm with Ray, but diplomatic, as any great captain must be.

Short runs were very rare, but we had one visiting preacher who kept hitching up his academic hood, and as a result produced a negative score in a Test between England and Scotland: not so unnatural as it sounds, for Scotland were batting.

Other rules I leave to your imagination.

for I must come to the break between myself and Wee Hamish. It was the last Sunday of term, and the evening service. We had started the final and deciding match of a series of 17 two Sundays previously, but play had been deplorably slow, due largely to the fact that the preacher at every service had been the local incumbent, the Rev Doctor Zebediah MacTavish, MA, DD, whose theology was divine, but scoring rate diabolical.

Was it a six?

The match had, however, gradually built up to an exciting climactic position as the reverend gentleman lumbered into his peroration. My side (McKendrick's Cricketing Kings - MCK rather than MCC - subtle stuff), had crawled to 46 all out. Hamish's lot (some idiot name like Topp-sex - a bit obsessional was Hamish) had clawed their way to 41 for nine. It was riveting. It had been riveting for over 20 minutes while the diverse pieces of the sermon were pinned

together with great dialectical skill but no sporting significance.

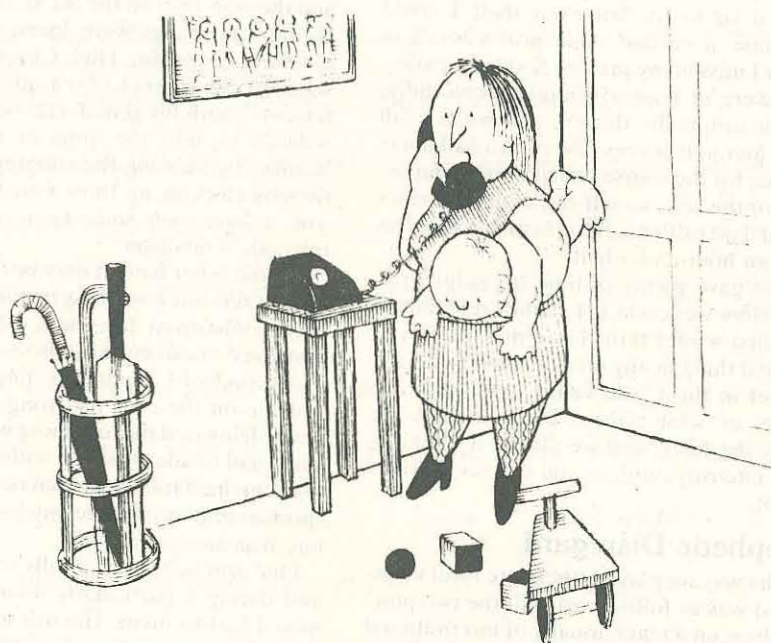
'Amen' cried the preacher.

Oh no! Not a tame draw after four arduous sessions in the field?

Now came the friendship-shattering event. Some great upsurge of religious fervour seized the normally undemonstrative minister. He flung both hands high towards heaven, cried again: 'Amen, Amen!' then stepped back, and fell off the pulpit with an enormous crash.

To some present the immediate question was whether the preacher was damaged: rather more had the same worry about the pulpit, for ministers are two a penny, but repairs cost hard cash. For us, there was only one issue: was it a six, or had he left the field of play before completing the signal?

We could not agree, Hamish and I, and the argument twisted and finally killed our once happy relationship. I got a letter from him the other day. It began: 'Dear Sir or Madam.' Perhaps we never knew each other all that well. □



"He's out all day - I think he said something about going to Lourdes."

Not a bad story, Jack!

I'll leave you to your hols, No. 77 from Bunny sends her love,
T.T.F.N.



TENNIS

A combination of extensive court maintenance and wet weather has severely curtailed tennis activities during the past month. Considerable progress has been made towards improving the surface of the new raised courts and the employment of a groundsman with knowledge of grass court preparation at the RBSC has been extremely successful. It is not anticipated that either of these courts will be ready for serious play until the end of the wet season, mid-November, but the indications are that they will be in good playable condition by that time.

Courts 1 and 2 regrettably can only deteriorate, because of the water problem. Although most of the league players have struggled along manfully on them to fulfil their fixtures, only a travesty of tennis can really be played on them and several players have lost interest as a result. Those players who have played most of their league matches deserve considerable credit for perseverance in the face of the most adverse conditions and at the same time underline the potential strength of the Tennis Section once suitable playing conditions are established.

Apologies are extended to these members who registered their interest in playing league tennis but were not assigned a division in which to play. The problem has been that we have rarely had more than two playable courts available at any one time and our initial three divisions required a minimum of three courts if they were to be completed on schedule. It was not possible to introduce a fourth division because of this and although all divisions have over-run the scheduled playing dates, it was not considered practical to introduce a new division during the wet season.

Registration forms for next seasons League Tennis will be distributed in September and all entrants will be accommodated, if necessary, by introducing a new league formula.

The 1983 League Tournament was closed on June 30th, and congratulations go to:

Steve Tapner	:	Winner Division 1
John Kerr	:	" " 2
Pru Pointer	:	" Ladies Division 1

Prizes will be awarded at the commencement of next season. Date to be advised.

Final League Tables are:

Men's League Div. 1 (to June 30th)

Name	Matches		Matches		Games		Points
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Won	Lost	
S. Tapner	9	7	2	-	99	29	16
S. Valbojern	9	6	2	1	101	48	14
Joti B.	7	5	1	1	83	49	11
C. Dencker-Nielsen	10	5	1	4	85	74	11
R.V. Fordham	7	4	2	1	78	53	10
M. Wellman	3	3	-	-	37	10	6
S. Metherell	8	2	1	5	52	84	5
P. Rosenfeldt	8	2	1	5	57	82	5
O. de Braekeleer	9	2	-	7	39	103	4
M. Smith	5	-	-	5	21	64	0
M. Aerts	5	-	-	5	13	61	0

Div. 2 (to June 30th)

J. Kerr	6	6	-	-	72	13	12
D. Apps	5	3	1	1	47	27	7
L. Alexander	4	3	-	1	40	18	6
B. Grogan	6	2	2	2	49	41	6
W.F. Kinnaird	3	2	1	-	38	21	5
R. Edmonds	3	1	1	1	25	26	3
G. Walck	4	1	1	2	32	43	3
N. Musgrave	5	1	-	4	15	51	2
E. Jurgens	6	-	-	6	12	72	0
J.A. Christopher	2	-	-	2	1	24	0
M. Broughton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Ladies League Div. 1 (to June 30th)

P. Pointer	10	9	1	-	121	25	19
S. Rendle	9	8	1	-	122	44	17
A. Wilson	7	5	-	2	82	48	10
Y. Olver	5	2	1	2	39	35	5
C. Kay	8½	2	1	5½	46	72	5
S. Metherell	4	2	-	2	26	32	4
M. McAlister	7	1	2	4	35	70	4
F. Dickson	4½	1½	-	3	31	43	3
M. Fordham	6	1	1	4	34	60	3
J. Baillie	7	-	3	4	39	73	3
K. Barnes	6	-	-	6	6	72	0



LADIES' GOLF

Although named British Club Ladies Golf Section ours is a real cosmopolitan group with members from America, Australia, Denmark, Sweden, France, New Zealand, Holland, Thailand and of course Britain and this month we welcome Ina Young from the home of golf itself, Bonnie Scotland. But latterly having played in Warri, Nigeria, where the putting is on oiled sand and referred to as "browns" reading the greens posed quite a problem - and not only for our newcomer it would appear from the forty '3 putts' fines in the last game.

Results

21 June - T's and F's

Winner: Eileen Ford nett 32
 R/Up: Jenny Westcott nett 33
 N/Pin: Sally Lamb on 13th &
 Jenny Westcott on 8th
 Low Puts: Muriel Harrold
 Jenny Westcott nett 67 on 18 holes
 Pam Hardy nett 69 on 18 holes

18 June - L.G.U. Medal

Winner (Silver) Joan Jurgens nett 75
 Winner (Bronze) Jenny Westcott nett 73
 R/Up " Sally Lamb nett 75
 Low Putts: Joan and Pam

5 July - Stableford

Winner (Silver) Pat Dodsworth 37 points
 R/Up " Eileen Ford 36 points
 Winner (Bronze) Pam Hardy 36 points
 R/Up " Muriel Harrold 30 points
 Nearest to Pin: Pam on No. 4
 Longest Drive: Pat and Joan equal on 18th

12 July - Bisque Bogey

Winner: Joan Jurgens +2
R/Up: Lillie Howatson, all square
Nearest to pin: Joan Jurgens

19 July - Best Nines

Winner 1st Nine (Silver) - Eileen Ford
Winner 2nd Nine (Silver) - Pat Dodsworth
Winner 1st Nine (Bronze) - Fauna Goodin
Winner 2nd Nine (Bronze) - Muriel Harrold
Low Putts - Lillie Howatson & Joan Jurgens

Forthcoming Fixtures at Army Course - 7.30 a.m.

2nd August Par Bisque Starter: Muriel (250 1166)

9th August Stableford " " "

KITCHEN SINK

One of the "Greats" in the golfing calendar will be held on Saturday 12 November 1983 at the Rose Garden. This seems a long way off yet but it will give players the opportunity to do some forward planning. Make a note of the date in your diary and keep it free.



GOLF

Match Report

CLUB DAY, golf course: Unico, on June 26th, 1983

A total of 27 golfers showed up to a 12.40 starting time and found a much quicker start and a reasonably fast 18 holes. Slightly overcast with a few light sprinkles of rain brought out the best in a number of our golfers.

"A" Division (Stroker Play)

1st	Ian McLean	Net 69
2nd	Peter Smith	Net 72
Best 1st Nine	Ron Armstrong	Net 33
Best 2nd Nine	David Frost	Net 38

"B" Division (Stableford)

1st	Eleanor Long	45 points
2nd	Bill Friel	43 points
Best 1st Nine	Richard Edmunds	23 points
Best 2nd Nine	Koy Armstrong	23 points

Closest to Pin Winners John Hope and Ian McLean

July 10th saw the Chartered Bank's sponsored outing at Hua Mark, with 30 of Thailand's top golfers (!!!) getting off to a great start. However, the weather and course on the day proved superior and no less than 13 people had 36 Stableford points or more.

"A" Group

1st	Roy Marsden	40 points
2nd	Ben Harrold	39 points
1st Nine	Ian McLean	21 points (gross 36)
2nd Nine	Tom Moran	26 points (gross 36)

"B" Group

1st	David Factor	40 points
2nd	Koy Armstrong	38 points
1st Nine	Richard Edmunds	20 points
2nd Nine	Sally Voravarn	21 points

Longest Drive - Ladies

- Men

Joan Jurgens

Ian McLean

Closest Pin Winners

Ian McLean and M. Ryan

It was a beautiful farewell outing for John Hope and Peter Smith who will be leaving Thailand for greener pastures.

A warm welcome was extended to Hamish McWilliams who will be replacing John Hope in the bank and on the links.



SOCCER

A.G.M.

On Saturday June 25th the AGM was held at Brian and Kartini Thompson's house commencing with a few Guinness sundowners. In fact the sun had long been obscured by torrential rain but it didn't seem to have any effect on the rate at which they went down.

Over the next three hours the pace hotted up as the members dribbled in. Beer and provisions, taken in quantity, fuelled the meeting as it moved up through the gears. The sober observer, had there been one, would no doubt have noticed the raised voices, the flushed faces, the diminution of logic, the increase in verbal flatulence, and the shift from coy flirting to blatant groping as the members readied themselves for their electoral task.

Eventually the out-going captain, displaying a fine tactical grasp of the situation, judged the members sufficiently primed. The meeting adjourned, supplies in hand, to the roof garden to do the business.

After initial confused debate (to be expected at this stage) the captain's proposed voting system was modified to a more confidential,, more secure and necessarily more idiot-proof version. While this version had the significant drawback of being democratic its virtues clearly outweighed its vices: you could read everybody else's voting slip as they wrote it; you could substitute a spare slip of your own if you disagreed with their choice; and you could expect with some certainty that most of the slips would be blown off the terrace as the Returning Officer counted them.

And so to the vote.

The system worked admirably, though the creeping paralysis and failing concentration affecting some members may well have biased the vote in favour of candidates with simple, one syllable names. The Returning Officer and out-going Secretary, Peter Smith, distinguished himself with a better performance as custodian of the wind-blown voting slips than he managed as last season's custodian of the BC goal.

The Results are as follows:

Captain	Brian Thompson	(narrowly)
Vice Captain/Coach	Dave Wallace	(nem con)
Treasurer	Terry Smith	(paternally)
Secretary	Vince Swift	(naiively)

Once the declarations were over, votes of thanks were made, the Tour accounts presented and Terry Smith was toasted for his recent success in developing a future member for the club.

Alan Morton made a late bid for glory by ripping a door off the wall, claiming that he had been unfairly obstructed and only the presence of technical experts saved him from penalty points and a possible ban.

Beyond this point, the meeting, as I saw it, began to dis-integrate. Suffice it to say that the members dribbled out, as they had come, only with markedly less coordination.

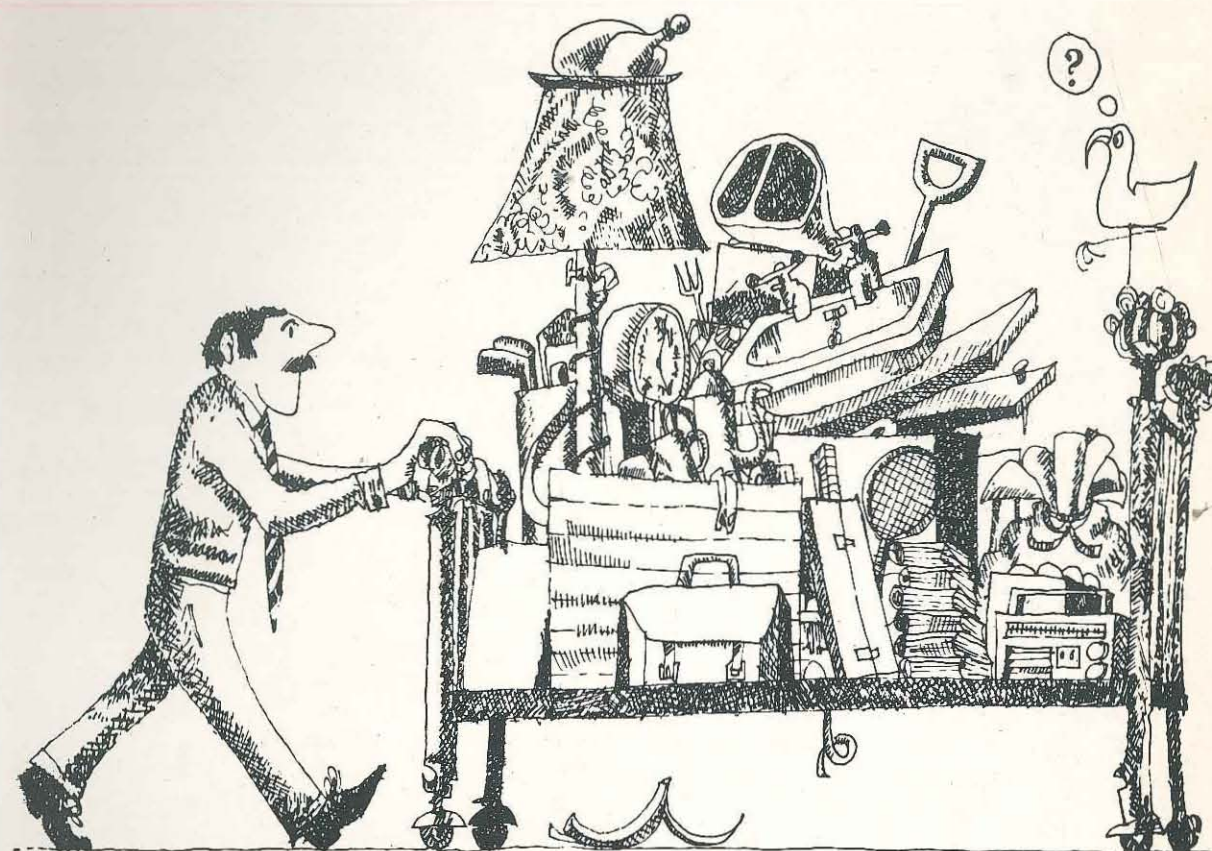
The sole exception to this staggering exodus had fallen victim to the extremes of election fever: glazed eyes, strangulated larynx, and total immobility which prevented his departure until the afternoon of the next day. However, in the light of his hitherto unblemished reputation he shall remain nameless.

GUIDE TO EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

PERFORMANCE FACTORS	FAR EXCEEDS JOB REQUIREMENTS	EXCEEDS JOB REQUIREMENTS	MEETS JOB REQUIREMENTS	NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT	DOES NOT MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
ABILITY	Leaps over tall buildings with a single bound	Must take a running start to leap over tall buildings	Can only leap over medium-sized buildings with no spires	Crashes into buildings when attempting to jump over them	Cannot recognize buildings -- much less jump
SPEED	Faster than light	Faster than a bullet	As fast as a bullet	Would you believe a slow bullet?	Wounds self with bullet when attempting to shoot gun
PERSEVERANCE	Stronger than an elephant	Stronger than a bull	As strong as a bull	Thinks like a bull	Smells like a bull
RESOURCEFULNESS	Walks on water occasionally	Walks on water in an emergency	Washes with water	Drinks water	Passes water in an emergency
COMMUNICATION	Talks with God	Talks with the angels	Talks with himself	Argues with himself	Loses arguments with himself

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