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Editorial

Edit night, black Monday, has been and gone. It left behind another edition of your club magazine, three hangovers, three sets of chewed finger nails and a firm resolution to apply a new set of rules to future Edit nights. So, in the absence abroad of your "actual" Editor, the rest of the panel unanimously passed the following rules and will seek their vigorous enforcement on future Edit nights:-

1. SICKNESS

No excuse -- Panel will no longer accept your Doctor's Certificate as proof. We believe that if you are able to go to your Doctor you are able to attend Edit night.

2. DEATH

YOUR OWN. This will be accepted as an excuse. We should like to have two weeks' notice, however, since we feel it is your duty to train someone else for your job.

3. DEATH

OTHER THAN YOUR OWN. This is no excuse. There is nothing you can do for them and henceforth no time off will be allowed for funerals.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR AN OPERATION

We wish to discourage any thoughts you may have of needing an operation and henceforth no leave of absence will be granted for hospital visits. The Panel believe that you will need all of whatever you already have and should not consider any of it being removed. You were invited for this particular job with all your parts and having anything removed would mean that we would be getting less than we bargained for.

5. VISITS TO THE BAR

Far too much time is spent in this practice. In future the procedure will be that all drinks will be sent to the Edit bunker and charged direct to the Editors account.

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

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

Ordinary

Mr. R.J. Brown	Mercantile Bank
Mr. W.D. Cowan	Union Oil Co.
Mr. G.K. Davison	Thai Shell E & P
Mr. D.C.T. Frewer	Shell Co. of (T) Ltd.
Mr. W.J. Friel	Singer Thailand Ltd.
Mr. W.A.R. Galbraith	New Zealand Embassy
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Non-Voting

Mr. P.A. Cassell	Sinclair Knight & Ptns.
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Ladies Privileges

Mrs. M.K. Van Der Boon

Associate

Mr. M. Aerts	Nor-Siam Co. Ltd.
Mr. P.D. O'Brien	European Asian Bank

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	370
Non-Voting	5
Associate	32
Ladies Privileges	38
Up-Country	22
Candidate	42
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TOTAL	509
Absent	695
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GRAND TOTAL	1204
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Weekly Club Events

MONDAY	7.30 p.m.	- Bridge
TUESDAY	9.00 - 12.00	- Ladies Squash
	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
THURSDAY	4.00 p.m.	- Swimming Training
SATURDAY	12 noon - 2.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Dining Room
SUNDAY	12 noon - 2.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Poolside
	6.00 - 10.00 p.m.	- Buffet Supper, Dining Room

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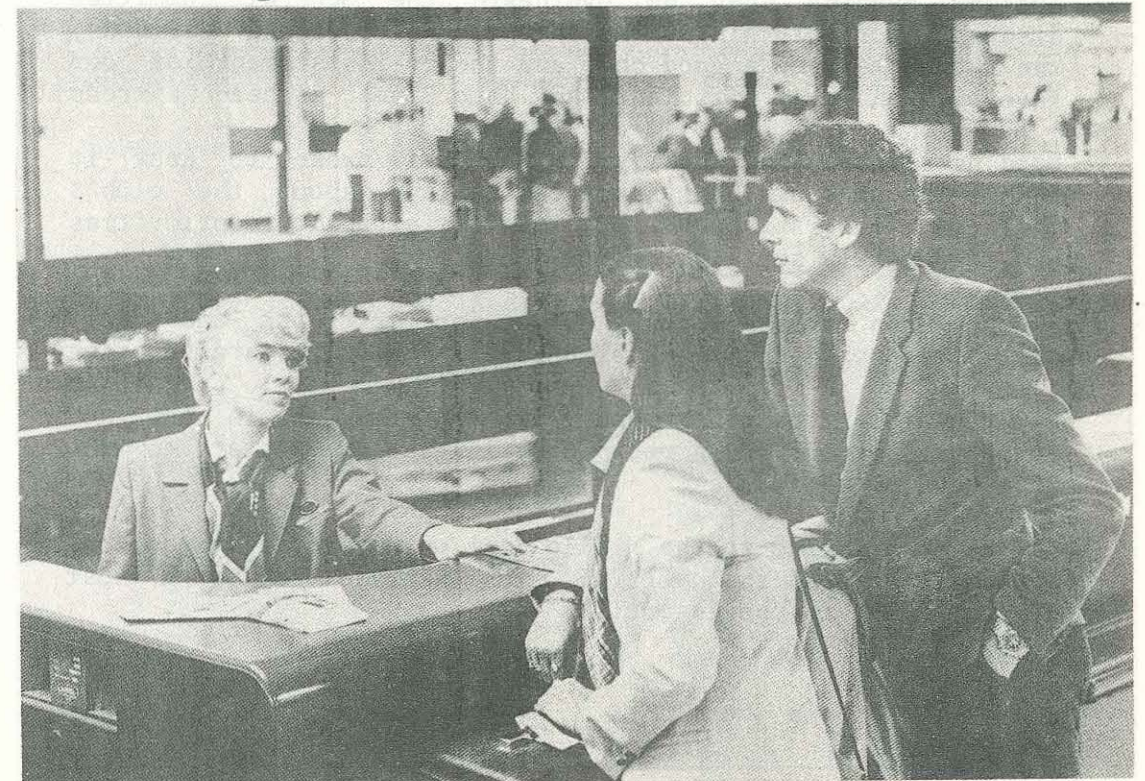
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Fly

Fly has some great pieces of news this month!

Firstly, he was perched quietly in the Suriwongse Room one Tuesday evening when he overheard the General Committee discuss important things like the price of beer and barmaids, the recruitment of a good chef and the re-instatement of our favourite and most efficient lady, Khun Pismai as head waitress!

Good news indeed and luckily Fly was just awake to hear it all as the previous hour spent on talking about the club's finances, membership profiles, capital expenditure priorities etc. had nearly sent him off to sleep!

The Poolside service levels came in for criticism and these will be improved and a new side screen and chairs are on order.

Fly can also reveal that members who visit Bahrain can now apply to the Club for a reciprocal invitation letter to the British Club there.

Fly hitched a ride to the Middle East on a Qantas jumbo one evening and found the British Club Bahrain to be a most welcome oasis in the desert!

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Letters

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The Editor
'Outpost'
The British Club

August 10, 1982

Dear Sir:

Club Membership - Ladies

One subscription, one vote, recommended Mr. Cowie in his letter to Outpost last month. Back here in Britain, it's 'One adult, one vote' in general and municipal elections. Even if the husband is the only member of a family paying a tangible 'subscription' to the Gross National Product, his wife also votes. The unremunerated work she does (bringing up children, housekeeping, etc.) is also an essential contribution to society. So she too gets a vote.

Do family memberships bring in more revenue to the club bars than the single men? The club accounts could probably tell us and subscriptions could be reviewed on that basis (though I suspect this would negate what club membership is all about).

But the question of rights to vote should be kept separate from that of subscriptions. A vote is the voice that a free society (be it a nation or a club) gives all its members because they have an equal right to be heard.

There are many ways in which the various problems arising from the proposed change of rules could be solved. What is needed is an undertaking by an Extraordinary General Meeting to bring in full membership for ladies within one year. A Special Committee would then be constituted to consider all the issues and alternative solutions before making recommendations to the General Meeting. Please would a few of the ladies prevail upon their husbands to get this underway, and let's bring the British Club into the 20th century.

Yours in exile,

Jacqueline Piper

(Hope you can return, will Ben lead the fight? - Ed.)

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LETTERS (continued)

The Editor
Outpost
The British Club

28 July 1982

Dear Sir,

CHARTER FOR CHANGE

The British Club is at the cross-roads. Either fundamental rule changes must be implemented or else the Club faces the prospect of either offering deteriorating facilities and/or regressing to a bar for the unenlightened and those on business accounts.

The balance sheets for 1981 showed that the Club's financial position had weakened markedly as compared with the previous year. The previous year's surplus was transformed into a deficit, far greater than that forecast by the Finance Sub-Committee at the EGM in September 1981 despite increased subscriptions. Bank liabilities mounted. Food and beverage sales slumped.

A key factor in the financial slide was the big fall in membership. Leaving aside persons on the Absent Members' list and prospective candidates (for which there are no corresponding earlier figures) the fall amounted to around 10 per cent of the registered members at the end of 1980. The drop of 55 members (Ordinary and Ladies with Privileges) during 1981 means a loss to the Club, over a calendar year, of 330,000 baht in subscriptions alone and easily more than that amount again in expenditure revenue. Membership losses can not be assessed in cash terms alone. There is likely, for example, to be a feedback effect whereby those arriving in Thailand and finding themselves in a swollen pool of non-members are less likely to feel the need or urge to join.

It would be naive to dismiss the fall in membership as merely a symptom of the depressed business climate. There is a strong case for a thorough analysis to be made of the causes of such a high turnover. What follows is an attempt to outline measures required to remove disincentives towards membership and encourage greater participation among existing members.

1. Reductions in the schedule of entrance fees

While the current entrance fee for ordinary members at 6000 baht is by no means exorbitant it acts as a deterrent to prospective members on short-term contracts and lower paid persons. This is especially so given that settlement expenses are front loaded, that access for those living and working outside a narrow radius from the club implies opportunity costs and that, the longer a prospective member delays a decision to join, the less is the incentive to join.

2. Abolition of the 90 day rule requiring potential new members to obtain at least six signatures of Committee Members, with its outdated correlates of black-balling and public display

The current selection procedure, which results from a relatively recent rule change, is anachronistic. The existing procedure could be adequately replaced by a monthly administrative process that relied entirely on the rules governing membership and on the good name and goodwill of the nominee's proposer and seconder. New members' nights could be held at regular intervals so as to enable new members to meet the Committee and vice versa.

3. Revision of rules that discriminate eligibility and category of membership according to sex; hence equality of membership for men and women

There is no justification for having one set of rules for, say, a British man married to a Thai lady and quite another for a British woman married to a Thai man, when both couples are subject to the same set of fees. Further, wives should be permitted to attend AGMs, vote and stand for election on the same basis as husbands, just so long as there are not two voting members from a single family present together at any AGM. The offensive and undignified sexual discrimination inherent in the current rules is not only a membership deterrent but also serves to minimise Club involvement among many self-respecting wives. This issue has already been raised in previous issues of Outpost.

The counter-arrangements put forward by Mr. Cowie in the July issue of Outpost are irrelevant to the concept of sexual equality. Moreover, Mr. Cowie is totally at sea with his observation that membership subscriptions would have to 'quadruple or quintuple' without the food and beverage income of the regular patrons of the main bar. I would like, with respect, to suggest that he examines the accounts in the Club's annual report as well as considering other economic variables.

4. Abolition of the rule which allows proxy voting at AGMs and EGMs

Proxy voting is of dubious value. Members sufficiently interested in a particular issue should endeavour to attend in person to vote on it. Persons pro a particular issue but unable to attend a meeting will generally be balanced by those against and unable. All too often the merits and demerits of issues will not be apparent to those absent but who nevertheless transfer their vote.

5. Freedom to vote for one or more candidates up to a maximum of ten in balloting for the Committee

The existing rule governing balloting does not necessarily ensure that the best Committee is voted in and is open to abuse. Moreover, it sometimes places members, who must vote for at least eight candidates, in the absurd position of having to choose and vote for candidates whom they have never previously met, heard of, or about.

6. Making the Members' Restaurant more inviting to eat in

The Club's Annual Report for 1981 stated that consideration has been given to 'contracting out' catering in the Club Restaurant. Quite apart from the question of whether anyone would want to take it on, there are also several potential disadvantages to the Club of such a move. The Club Restaurant should be one of the key attractions of the club. But in the last couple of years it appears to have been sadly underutilised. Perhaps members would be more encouraged to eat in the Club's Restaurant were the place not so gloomy, musty and offering such a restrictive and non-imaginative choice of food. The composition of the Food and Beverage Sub-Committee is a favourable omen for the future.

None of the above has been written to undermine or compromise the position of the elected committee. It is my firm conviction that the current committee is the most progressive and enlightened that has served during my membership. Nor do I dissent from the view that, ultimately, the Club should be run in accordance with the wishes of the majority. However, if Outpost is bold enough to print this piece perhaps it will provoke and stimulate wider discussion of the issues, which in turn will give the Committee a stronger and more objective basis for formulating radical changes. Society is constantly evolving and changing to meet new needs and ideas; it is my firm conviction that the British Club must do so too.

Sincerely,

R. Leete (L1)

The Editor
Outpost
The British Club

4th August, 1982

Dear Sir,

POSTAL ZONE NUMBER

Fearing the worst, I as requested, filled in and mailed 'post-haste' the form attached with August Outpost. You will recall it was to inform the British Club administration of members correct postal zone numbers -- the omission of which in future, would render the sender/recipient possible loss of mail.

Although addressed to you as printed on the B.C. form, the Thai Postal Authorities to my amazement have returned the above mentioned mail, declining delivery due to the absence of a zone code number.

I will be most upset if I hear later that the Club has not received my cheque for settlement of my last month's account, for what could only be the same reason!!

Yours faithfully,

T.D. Moore (M55)

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The Editor,
Outpost
The British Club

3rd August 1982

Dear Sir,

Re the interesting article on mangoes and mango trees in the August edition.

Perhaps Jacqueline Piper could enlighten us on the best way to propagate mango trees from cuttings.

I am the happy owner (or, rather, lessee) of a mango tree which produces delicious fruit in December and January of each year. I am shortly moving to the country and want to take some cuttings with me for planting in my new home. Any advice she can give on the subject will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

R.A. Woodward (W8)

See next page - Ed.

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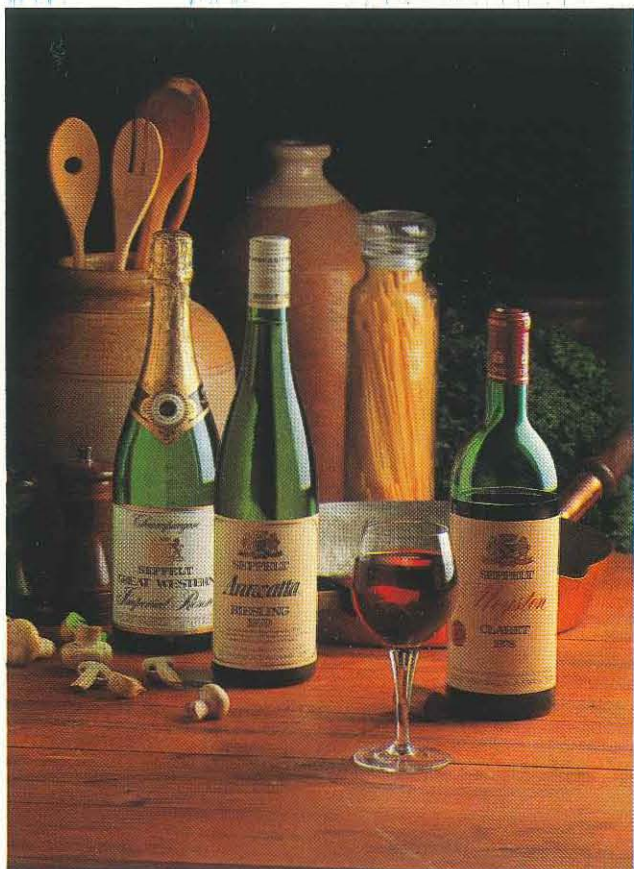
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The Editor,
'Outpost'
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Dear Sir,

Mr. Woodward faces a difficult task: fruit tree propagation requires delicate skills.

Commercially, 'in-arching' (also called approach-grafting) is probably the most commonly used method for propagating mangoes. The method involves forming a union between the tissues of root-stock (a young seedling tree) and a shoot of the mature tree, then severing the shoot from the mature tree and finally removing the top of the seedling tree. The whole procedure is too lengthy to describe here - the Editor has details if you want to attempt it.

Alternatively, marcotting (air-layering) is simpler and may work, though it is not as successful as in-arching. Select a pencil-sized shoot on the mature tree; making sure two or more buds remain on the shoot, remove a cylinder of bark about one inch long by making two cuts around the shoot and removing the bark between them. Scrape the exposed wood gently, to remove the cambium cells. Then wrap the wound in a mixture of clay and manure, covering with polythene as before. Roots should grow into the clay ball within 6 weeks (rooting hormone might help). Sever shoot from tree and plant out - shade and protect at first.

Finally, as I said in the August issue, mangoes usually produce more than one plant from a seed. Only one of these is the result of fertilization by pollen, the rest are clonal reproductions of the mother tree. So grow some seedling trees from your mangoes; if you get several tiny seedlings, separate them carefully and give each one good growing conditions. All except one will give fruit as good as your current tree -- but you won't know which is the odd man out for several years.

Incidentally, removal to another site could affect taste and timing of fruiting, if the climate and soils are very different to your Bangkok garden.

Jacqueline M. Piper

Oxford, August 1982.

Casuarina

(also: Horsetail tree, Ironwood - Casuarina equisetifolia)

The casuarina is one of the very few conifers to be seen in Bangkok (the Norfolk Island Pine or Araucaria excelsa is another). Casuarinas are planted along some major avenues - Phya Thai has many north of Petchburi - and the Victory Monument square is surrounded by this species; there are some young casuarinas (top pruned, to encourage lower branches) growing in the central reservations along Sukhumvit. The casuarina is a fast growing tree, which is why it is widely planted as a street tree or screen - the row of casuarinas at the edge of the Suriwong-side car park at the British Club were presumably planted to screen the tall building on the other side of Suriwong. In the countryside casuarinas are often used as shelterbelts: 2 or 3 lines of tree will often be seen protecting lotus ponds and crops.

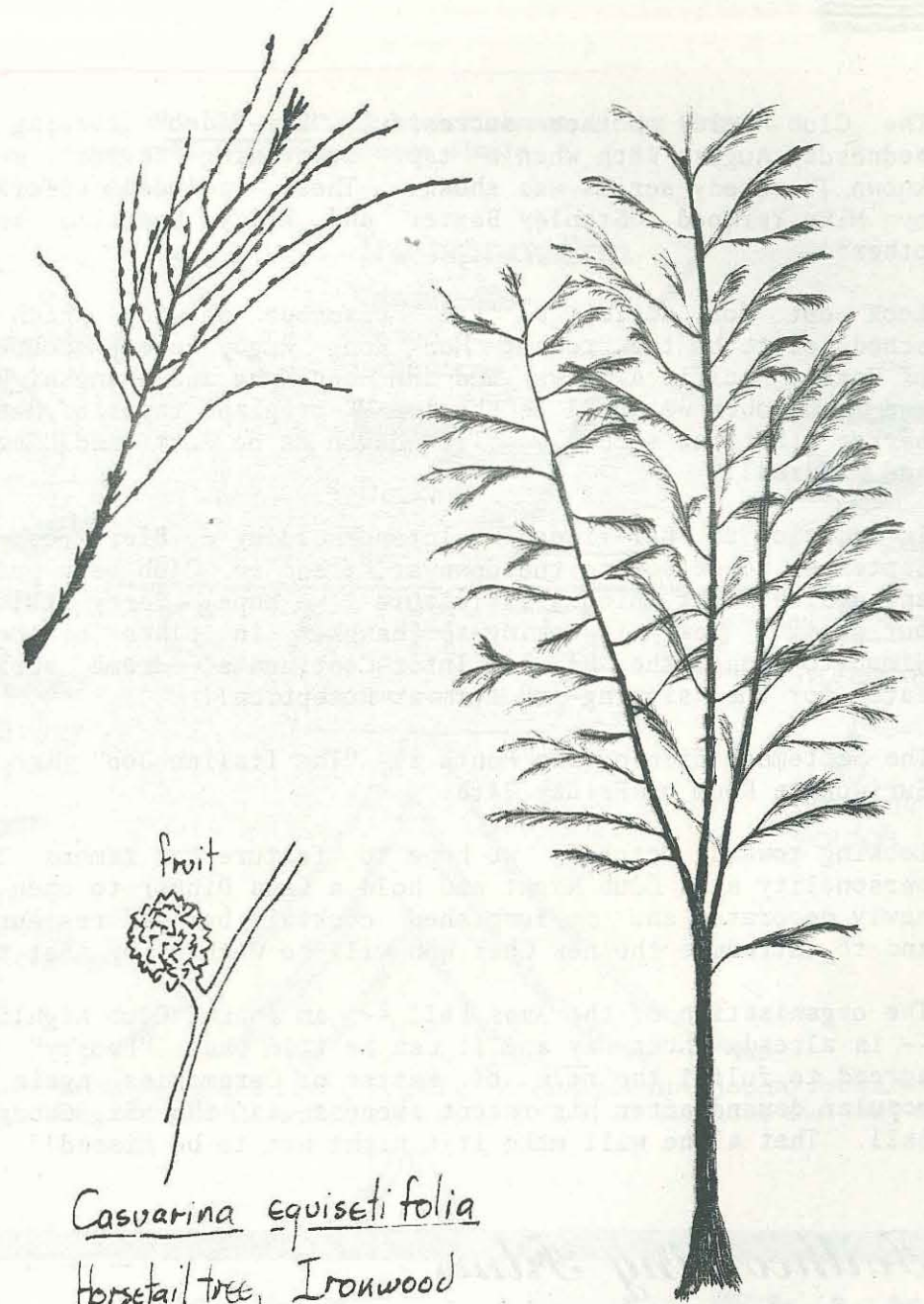
To some the casuarina is an elegant tree, with an air of fragility. To others, such as Somerset Maugham who gave the name to a collection of his Far Eastern short stories, it is "grey, rugged and sad", with its frail greenery fluttering in the wind. But the leaves of the casuarina are so small they are best seen with a hand lens. The green 'needles' of this tree are in fact slender twigs which retain the ability to photosynthesize. The leaves are reduced to a tiny ridge at the nodes or joints of these branchlets.

The casuarinas (there are several species) often produce separate male and female forms, i.e. one tree produces only either male or female flowers, so pollen from a male tree must reach a female tree if the flowers are to be fertilized and seed-bearing cones are to form. The cones are green at first then gradually turn brown and open to spread their light seeds on the wind.

The casuarina is a hardy tree -- it can withstand not only the air pollution of Bangkok but also salt spray and sandy soils. Indeed, it is native to the sandy shorelines of Australia and south Pacific islands. But casuarinas are not only useful as street trees or shelter trees; as they grow rapidly in low rainfall areas casuarinas are grown in forest plantations (for example in Thailand, in the northeast near Khon Kaen). The wood can be used for pulp or fuel or, when large enough, for heavier work in construction. Not for boats though: superstition has it that the use of even a short length of casuarina timber in a boat will call up winds that will endanger the sailors' lives.

by Jacqueline M. Piper

Bangkok June 1982



Casuarina equisetifolia
Horsetail tree, Ironwood



ENTERTAINMENT

The Club held another successful "Bar-Video" evening on Wednesday August 18th when a tape comprising several well-known TV comedy series was shown. These included offerings by Mike Yarwood, Stanley Baxter and Kelly Monteith among others.

Look out for advice of the September showing which is scheduled to be the recent Hong Kong Rugby Sevens courtesy of Cathay Pacific Airways and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and in October we shall be showing UK original tapes of Ronnie Barker (Futtock's End!), "Till Death Us do Part" and "George and Mildred!!"

In addition to Bar-Video we intend holding a Bier Fest in September to celebrate the downward trend in Club beer prices and a Club Night which will feature (we hope) Terry Scott as our guest. Terry is coming to Bangkok in place of Derek Nimmo to manage the BA/Siam Inter-Continental drama series. Watch for the "signing-in" form at Reception!!

The September film of the Month is "The Italian Job" in the Suriwongse Room on Friday 24th.

Looking towards October, we hope to feature a famous Thai personality at a Club Night and hold a Gala Dinner to open our newly decorated and re-furbished cocktail bar and restaurant and to introduce the new Chef who will be with us by that time.

The organisation of the Xmas Ball -- an annual Club highlight -- is already under way and it can be told that "Frosty" has agreed to fulfil the role of Master of Ceremonies again by popular demand after his recent success at the St. George's Ball. That alone will make it a night not to be missed!!

Forthcoming Films

- Sep. 24th - THE ITALIAN JOB
- Oct. 29th - LOVE WITH A PROPER STRANGER
- Nov. 26th - PLAZA SUITE

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On this album Klaus features the new Wersi-Organ on which he provides for us a medley-type selection of some of the most popular evergreens played in a romantic mood. 'This is anti-stress music', he says, meaning that it is eminently suited to the tired business-man, to the person who wants to relax after an exacting day's work either at the office or in the home.

The love element is conspicuous by its very presence -- 'Love is Here to Stay', 'I Love Paris', 'This Guy's in Love with You', and 'Parlez-moi d'Amour' being sure starters, while music from popular stage musicals such as 'I Could have Danced all Night', 'Lara's Theme', 'Over The Rainbow', 'Theme from Limelight', etc., are prominent amongst the twenty-eight numbers Klaus plays for your personal pleasure. Frank Sinatra's 'Strangers in the Night', daughter Nancy's 'Somethin' Stupid', and the Astaire-Rogers 'They Can't take that away from Me' provide nostalgia unlimited, though rather more classical music brings you the 'Indian Chant' (from Rimsky-Korsakov's 'Sadko'), the traditional air arr. Vaughan-Williams, 'Greensleeves', and melodies like 'La Vie en Rose'.

Keyboard kudos is continually in evidence as you thrill to the new sound of the Wersi-Helios. Anti-stress -- and fully enjoyable.

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EVEN though I say it myself, I feel that things are well 'organised' this month, for another organ player of some repute claims the second moiety of my review. Phil Kelsall's record called 'Meet Me at the Tower' will be of especial interest to you if - even in this late part of the Fall - you have decided to spend a week or two in the breezy, bracing, benevolent (?) Blackpool, with its sands, its amusements, its Pleasure Beach, and not least its world-renowned Tower Ballroom. On EMI (NTS 234) Mr. Kelsall gives you a comprehensive account of the music with which he nightly entertains thousands on the Tower ballroom floor -- thousands who thrill, delight, and enthuse to the strains of his Wurlitzer organ.

Like many popular-style organists of to-day, Phil's recital is in medley format, the ingredients being chiefly of the semi-classical/popular ballad variety -- all arranged in 'danceable' manner, naturally. 'Let's all sing like the birdies sing' is a well-worn favourite, while 'The very thought of you' turns your thoughts 'East of the sun'. Savouring the 'Last of the summer wine', the organist seems to lead us on 'The Road to the isles', ('MacNamara's Band' being Irish, seems an out-of-place intruder), but soon 'Fingal's Cave' puts in an appearance and as we glide over the placid (?) Scottish waters, we are prompted to join in singing 'The Skye boat song'.

I doubt if we are meant to dance to 'Crimond' (if so Sir Hugh Robertson would turn in his grave), but it certainly provides an appropriate and tuneful epilogue to Phil Kelsall's entertainment. Thirty-five 'organisms' from this 'wonder Wurlitzer'. Are you going to Blackpool for an Autumn holiday?

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Photographic Competition

This started in April as an idea for the Club to acquire cheap photographs for a projected brochure! Pace the Committee, we have treated it first as an honest competition in photography, the only stipulation being that the subject of each photo is some aspect of BC premises or activities. A total of 41 photographs were submitted and it was clear that some keen efforts had been made to cover just about all the activities and views of the Club. It was intended to award prizes in each section representing Club activities: Poolside, squash, bar, etc., but there were not sufficient entries to do this. All photographs were therefore judged together.

Two of our three impeccably qualified candidates for judging went on leave, so Mr. Ken Boughton, Managing Director of Kodak (T) Ltd., suitably enticed by free beer, took on the job alone. What follows are mainly the results of his heroic efforts.

The quality of the photographs varied significantly, mainly because competitors appeared to have difficulty judging or controlling exposure on interior shots. Thus most of the photos of the Club bar, in the billiards room and of darts were underexposed. This was regretted because the composition and interest of these photographs would otherwise have been very good.

The photographs were judged on photographic merit, that is technical merit, choice of subject (with a Brochure in mind), composition and action content. We reprint below the judge's comments on the photographs selected as 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In the following pages these three together with nine others "Highly Commended" (the top dozen) are reproduced: we hope the quality is not too bad and that those interested were able to see the real prints on display in the Clubhouse last month.

Congratulations to Norman Scott (1st and 2nd) and Norman Musgrave (3rd) and David Hayes who had eight photographs highly commended.

Prizes awarded were:

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| 1st | - 1 gallon of Haig whisky |
| 2nd | - ½ gallon of Haig whisky |
| 3rd | - 40 oz bottle of Haig whisky |

Highly commended - a standard bottle of Haig whisky for each photograph submitted.

Some (maybe all) of these photos will be used by the General Committee for the Brochure in preparation.

Many thanks to the Borneo Co. (T) Ltd. and Haig whisky for supporting this competition.





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Judge's Comments:

Artistically this photograph is very well composed. Good framing of the subject captures the atmosphere of the Club

House and activities. The figures in the foreground make the composition alive. The inclusion of the palm trees establishes the location in the tropics. This photograph was more difficult to take than it looks, with back lighting.

The judgement of exposure was excellent.

Photographer : Mr. W.N. Scott (S4)

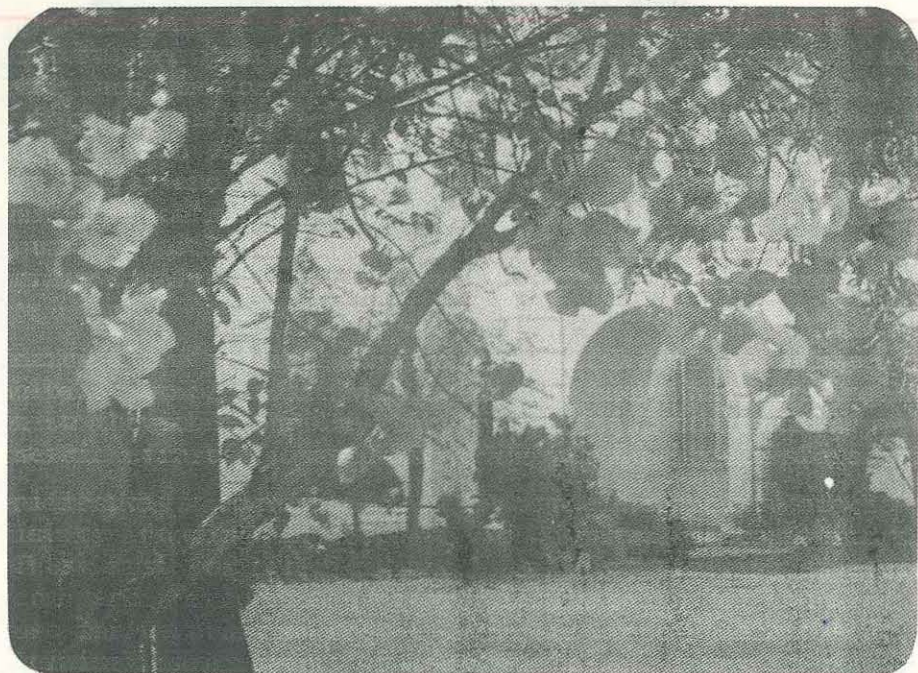


Judge's Comments:

Excellent geometric composition, all lines leading to the focal point at the centre. The mixture of flash with natural lighting from the windows is very well balanced, giving good depth to the photograph. Technically this is a very good photograph.

Photographer : Mr. W.N. Scott (S4)

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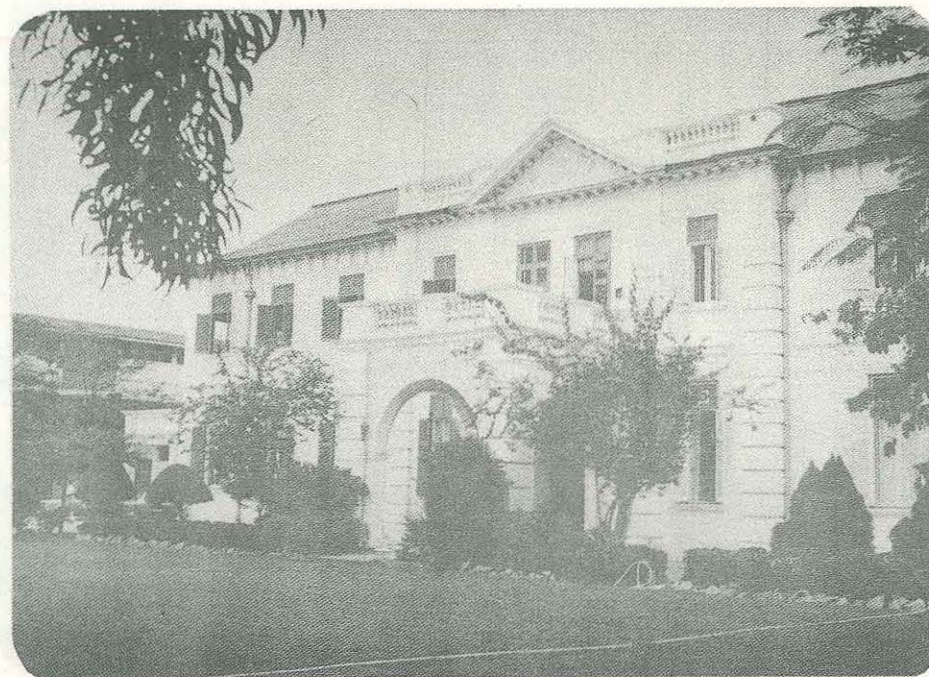


Judge's Comments:

This well-chosen subject is a feature of the British Club: a profusion of bourganvillia. This is an attractive presentation of the Clubhouse entrance but it really needed a figure or two to add life to the invitation implied by the composition.

Photographer : Mr. Norman Musgrave (M77)

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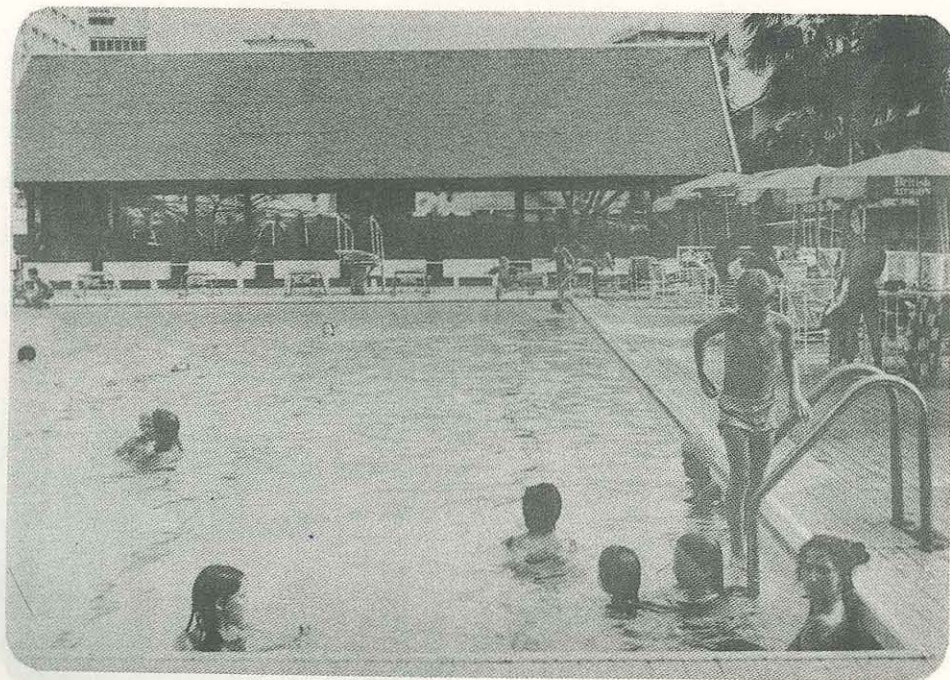


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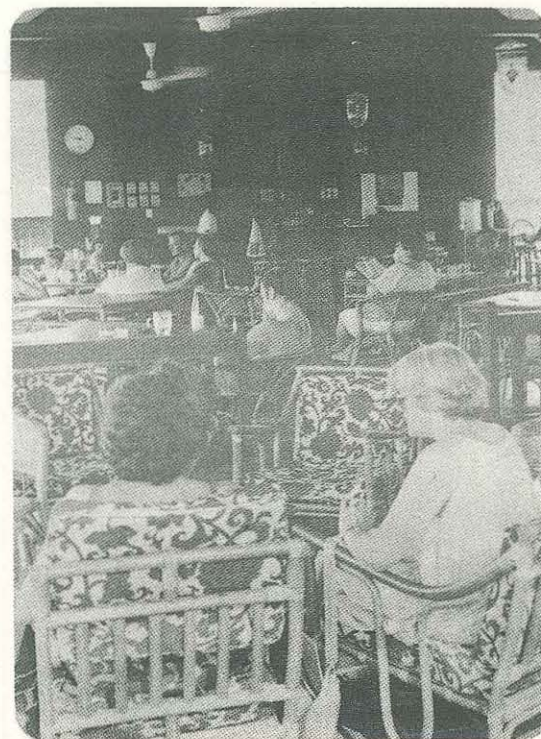


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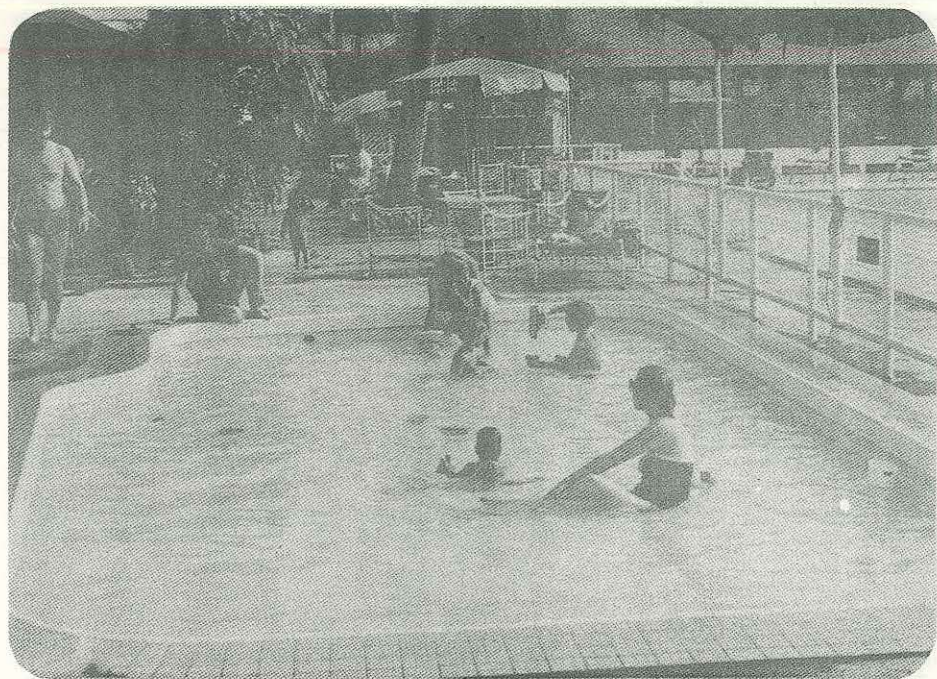
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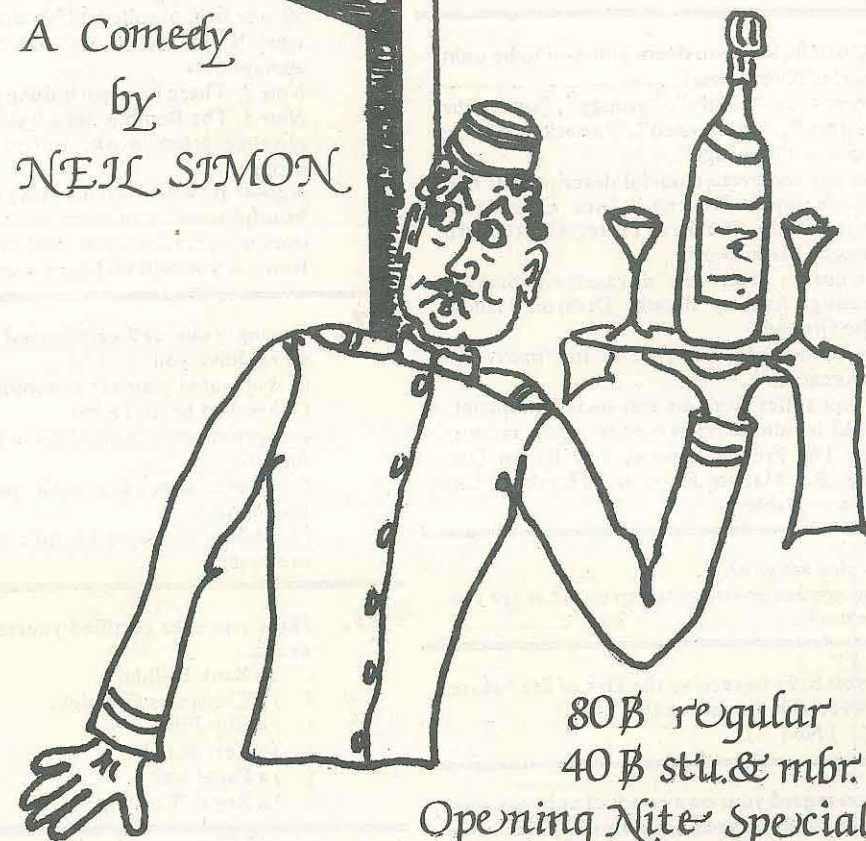


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Do not use over-colourful descriptions: e.g. Montezuma's Revenge, Inca Quickstep, Delhi Belly, Turkey Trots, Churchyard Cough, Black Death.

Do not list advertisers' diseases: e.g. Sinking Feeling, Ashtray Breath, Dishpan Hands, The Greasies.

Avoid use of "martyr", as in "martyr to rheumatism".

If you suffer from an anti-social complaint, avoid invidious references to other nations: e.g. The French Disease, The Italian Disease. But Maltese Fever and Hapsburg Lip are acceptable.

3. How sick are you?.....
If you are not as sick as a parrot, what are you as sick as?.....

4. Did you have to receive the kiss of life before you were able to collect this form?
Yes () No ().

5. Do you regard your own conduct as in any way contributable to your condition? (Think carefully).....

- Were you engaged in
- () a domestic brawl
 - () a pie-eating contest
 - () resisting a mugger
 - () jogging
 - () glue sniffing
 - () a rugby celebration?

6. In addition to your illness entered at (2), do you suffer from any of the following?

- () delayed shell-shock (do not list battles before 1914)
- () agoraphobia (see Note 1)
- () asthenia (see Note 2)
- () worry about the Bomb (see Note 3)
- () advanced torpor (see Note 4)

Note 1: Could you advance into the middle of a 50-acre field to collect £100, if it was waiting for you? If you could, you do not suffer from agoraphobia.

Note 2: There is no such thing as asthenia.

Note 3: The Bomb is not a legitimate reason for absence from work, unless it is actually dropped.

Note 4: If, when you are lying on your back, a brimful tumbler of water placed on your chest does not overflow, you need not complete this form, as you will no longer require State aid.

7. During your self-certificated absence from work, have you

- () operated your car as a minicab
- () served behind a bar
- () given video exhibitions to a male audience for gain
- () gone shopping with your family to Boulogne
- () taken a holiday of more than three days overseas?

8. Have you ever certified yourself as ill before or after

- () a Bank Holiday
- () a Christmas Fortnight
- () a Cup Final
- () a Test Match
- () a Papal visit
- () a Royal Wedding

9. Give the date on which you propose to return to work, if you can see no other course.....

10. Would you be willing to have your condition investigated by a panel of six faceless medical experts answerable only to the State?
Yes () No ().

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"	" small	" 21 " 19
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1987 rent per Mth. 357.075 Bht. x 253 M ² x 12 Mths.	=	1,084,080.00 Baht	
1988 rent per Mth. 410.64 Bht. x 253 M ² x 12 Mths.	=	1,246,702.80 Baht	
1989 rent per Mth. 472.24 Bht. x 253 M ² x 2 Mths.	=	238,953.40 Baht	
			<u>4,332,134.20 Baht</u>

M² = SQUARE METER

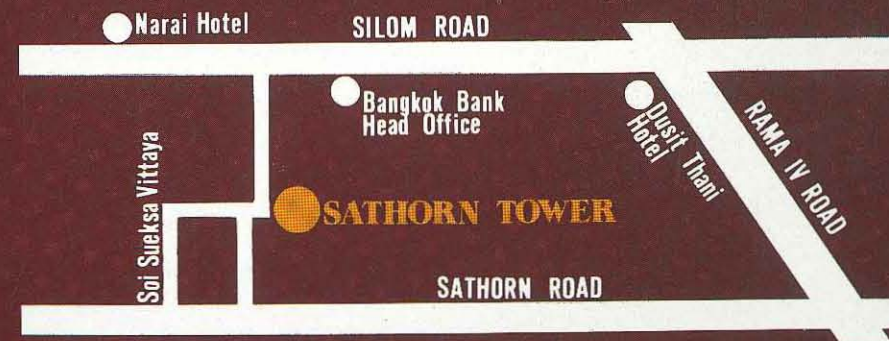
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We are pleased to announce that the club has entered into reciprocal arrangements with the British Club, Bahrain.

The Club offers the following social and sports amenities:

- 25-metre swimming pool
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- A "children's only" bar for soft drinks
- A good quality restaurant
(ties but not jackets are compulsory)
- A "coffee-shop" for casual diners
- 2 squash courts
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Puzzle Corner

Since we did not receive any solutions to the June puzzle "Argies and Falklanders" we will set another in October, which has the same solution (how's that for logic - a clue). This month a chance to sharpen your intellect on an easier puzzle (with a different solution!) No prizes this month, but the whisky will be on offer again next time.

SEPTEMBER PUZZLE: PICKLED TASSIES

On the assumption that the following statements are factually correct, what conclusion (if any) can be drawn?

- (1) Pickled peppers are always provided at the Chairman's parties.
- (2) No Australian who does not prefer Singha to Kloster ever takes a samlor in Silom.
- (3) All Tasmanians can speak Strine.
- (4) No Australian can be registered as a squash player who does not carry a photograph of Bob Hawke.
- (5) Any Australian who can speak Strine is eligible for the British Club.
- (6) Only Australians who are registered squash players are invited to the Chairman's parties.
- (7) All Australians eligible for the British Club prefer Kloster to Singha.
- (8) The only Australians who enjoy pickled peppers are those who get them at the Chairman's parties.
- (9) Only Australians that take samlors in Silom carry a photograph of Bob Hawke.

SOLUTION TO AUGUST CROSSWORD

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BRIDGE



One of our snooker enthusiasts, Ron Armstrong spent many enjoyable hours at the Anek Prasong Hall, Royal Turf Club during the last two weeks.

From August 9-13th, 16 cueists from 12 clubs fought through a round robin series into the semi-finals and finals of the first Thailand National Snooker Championships. The final winner was Thailand's number two, Tarr Tanyuthitham.

Our representative, Ron, played 3 matches in the first round. He won his first 3-0 against the current RBSC champion Pharawee Chamlekha. The second match against Revat Kanfaklang of the Turf Club was a real "cliff hanger". Armstrong won two games then lost two with the last game down to the last ball - but yet another win.

Ron's last match against number 4 ranked Nipon Pomngern was very close for two games (57-48) (62-55 in a tie breaker) but after a "tea" break his concentration seemed to be gone. He lost 58-18.

Ron said "To be the only farang in the first Thai National was quite a distinction and then to be accepted by the Thai players as a team-mate in the Asian Championships was a further honour". "I went into the competition for the experience and I didn't really expect to win a match".

At the end of the tournament he finished 7th and therefore became substitute for the Asian Snooker Tournament held from August 17-21st.

Although he didn't play he said it was a "super experience".

Congratulations Ron!!

Hopefully next year we will have a couple of players to represent the British Club in the Nationals. Get practising boys - you never know until you try.

N.B.

The "guiding light" of the "Nationals", Steve Davis tour and the Asian Championships along with the formation of the first Thailand Snooker and Billiards Council is another B.C. member - Maurice Kerr.

Thank you Maurice for a "superb" job.



BRIDGE

Some new faces last month at our regular Monday evening sessions, good to see more 'single' players turning up. We now seem to have settled into a regular 4-6 tables but we still have a few more empty ones to fill; the game in fact is so keenly contested that the cards are wearing out - Help - can anyone (or any firm) donate some packs to a good cause? If so please see the section committee or advise the office.

Our monthly duplicate competition was keenly contested with honours being shared by Mrs. Lees and son (Stephen?) and Jim Christie and Geof Connor. Every pair managed at least one top and only 12 points separated top and bottom. As duplicate seems to attract more enthusiasm we will have it every fortnight starting in September - next one is on 6th September - see you there.



CRICKET

Not much cricket is being played around Bangkok at the moment but from time to time BC observers may have noticed small huddles of cricket deprived characters huddled in odd corners of the Club, usually in close proximity to a bar, plotting next season's heroics.

Thanks to last season's extended playing period and RBSC's extraordinary fixture schedules, this year's twixt season break seems shorter than usual and plans for next season are already well in hand. RBSC tell us that they are already arranging the Thailand Cricket League fixtures and have promised not to cram all our games into a three week period this year! However, we have learned not to expect RBSC wheels to turn too quickly, and have initiated unprecedented measures of our own to ensure that at least our season gets off to a flying start.

Our match in Chiang Mai is set for the weekend of December 4th & 5th, and since this is the first long weekend of the season we urge all cricketers to make a note of it now, and resist any pressure from their families to go to boring old Pattaya or the likes that weekend. Chiang Mai is at its best in December and our match there last season was the highspot of the year. We received tremendous hospitality, and played some exciting cricket in beautiful surroundings. Don't miss it!

But even more ambitiously, Don Goodin, has been beavering away to arrange another pre-season fixture, this time in Hong Kong. Don promises a flight/hotel/match package and we expect to announce details shortly. This is an ambitious venture for our small sub-section but we are confident we can get together a strong team, not to mention cricketers, for what should be a tremendous trip.

Meanwhile, we have sent John Coghill off to that strange country down under to seek out a bargain deal on some new kit for next season. He has strict instructions not to buy aluminium bats or underarm balls, and not to lay any bets on the outcome of next years Booker Trophy Match.

In case you are wondering, the cricket section did not request our practice area to be turfed. In fact, we prefer our concrete track because it doesn't flood, and have instructed the General Committee to remove the aforementioned turf forthwith and stick it on the tennis courts or someother appropriate place.

Redundant turf permitting, we hope to commence practices in November at the latest. Accordingly we plan to hold a pre-season meeting on Thursday 30th September at which we will nominate a skipper and get ourselves organised for what we hope will be another enjoyable season. All cricketers of any standard are welcome to join us.



GOLF

For a change from the usual introduction, comprising a load of largely useless statistics (winners and their scores and such like) let us begin with some news from an overseas correspondent. One, Tom Alderton, whom many of you will surely remember, has written from his new posting in MACON, GEORGIA, USA (still with Dulmison Inc.). More specifically (for those interested in addresses) from 8355 GRACE RD., which may, or may not, be significant, but which, one may assume, will secure for Tom some poignant memories of his bachelor days with us in Thailand. Tom writes:-

"Please give my warmest regards to the BC Golf Group, and tell them that they have extra hazards on the courses in the South. I played at a resort course on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina the other week, hit a straight drive for once down the middle of the fairway and lo and behold when I reached the ball there was a 14 foot man-eating alligator sleeping six feet from my ball. Under various state laws alligators are a very much protected animal?? (mamal), and you can't even poke them with a three iron lest you be put in jail by the local police. Fortunately the use of electric buggies is compulsory and under local rules a free drop is allowed."

He goes on to state:-

"El Frosto is coming over in September for a few days so we should be able to sort out Macon. Macon is right in the middle of the Bible belt with no alcoholic beverage sales after midnight Saturday until Monday morning. I usually watch TV Sunday nights!"

Presumably, Tom remains a lousy golfer, but a super character.

Right. On to local matters. And due to some lout doing nothing during my recent absence in Auchtermuchty vis-a-vis reporting, we have to go back to pick up the threads, all the way to July 11th, when Ernie (and Joan) Jurgens (and Coy.) sponsored a Rose Garden outing, involving 36 participants vying for a fine array of prizes. The same old fine array of names were called to the winners' rostrum, e.g. Kerr, MacLean, Armstrong, Lamb, Edmonds, Moran, Halliday, but at least we saw some not so frequent winners carve their names with Ernie's glory e.g. Watson, (W.P.) Smith and Pat Dodsworth. A few new faces appeared. Please come again. Slow play noted. Committee worried. Official warning issued by Rose Garden to the effect that we had better pull our putters out, or else...

And on to July 25th at the same venue, with our own beloved BC Golf section supplying the prizes for us-selves, out of the profiteering funds which had accumulated due to bad accounting practices. Stableford, (again?). Ben Harrold romped in with 34 points, as did Mike Lamb, in the good players section, while in the combined beginners/over 40's group, John Hope had 35 but the young master, Thomas Madar, achieved his pinnacle with 37 and took first prize which (being a Club outing) comprised 1 pink and a dark red, plastic practise golf balls. No one was able to win the nearest-the-pin prize on hole No.6, which means, for our non-golfing readers, that not one of the cream of our golfers could put their balls on the green, which says a lot for the standard of play. However, the captain, John Kerr, (who had told us to miss the 6th green to reduce the Club's prizes' expenses) won the other nearest-the-pin prize at the 14th while young Derek 'Bo' Pott, and 'snooker' Armstrong won the 1st nine holes scores from Pat Dodsworth and Sally Voravarn, (Delly Katessen to her friends). A good day was had by all 36 (again) players, but the highlight was the newly invoked rule to speed up play. Any group allowing 1 whole empty hole to develop ahead of them, must buy everyone a drink later in the Club House. Ever seen Peter Speed, Richard Mooney, Bruce Rolph and Pravitt P. do a Coe down the long 15th.....? (it was quite funny).

And talking of Messrs. Speed and Pott, our beloved Price Waterhouse shed some of their massive profits by sponsoring us on Sunday August 8th, when a bogey competition was held, again at the Rose Garden. Few were aware of what "bogey" meant since we only play this about once a year, but in any event Don Goodin went on to win from Ben Harrold in flight 'A' with Alistair Johnson and Ron Armstrong burning up the course in flight 'B'. Pravitt P. won something also, as did Ernie Jurgens, with Derek Pott receiving some of his own prizes to cap a fine outing, graced again by 36 players. We said farewell to Richard Mooney, who has changed his name to Dickie Van der Merve, and now resides in Cape Town, South Africa, (lucky fellow, they make some fine wines in that corner of the woods). It goes without saying that your reporter, in common with his record over the last two years, came home empty handed, (there's a useless piece of info for you).

Well, we're not quite finished. While the above 3 games were being played, the annual ECLECTIC competition was being battled concurrently. This year Messrs. J.J. Ho are offering superb prizes, by the way, but these must remain secret until the AGM in January 83, as should the results, but a whisper did extrude itself along the lines that big 'RA' has won with a nett 61 while banker John H. and Mary had a little ---- came equal second. And if you don't know what eclectic means, too bad.

Training continues for the match with the Golfers Cocktail lounge on Sunday August 22nd at the Thai Country Club, but, by the time you read this, the match will be over, and one or other side will presumably have won. More about that next time. The Captain's day is on September 5th at Hua Mark at 9.16 a.m., so let us turn out in force to support John K, who has given us two years of leadership, during which we have seen the BC Golf Section grow considerably and become one of the most active and well supported sections in our Club. All members are welcome, new and old. Meantime, always remember to put a ball on your tee, before your drive off.

P.S. NEWS FLASHES

1. May & Baker Ltd. will sponsor the meeting at Hua Mark on September 19th.
2. The annual match BRITS vs AUSSIES will take place on November 21st. (The latest rumour has it that the Aussies are chicken and may not be able to raise a team, however).
3. The annual match against the American Chamber of Commerce is fixed for November 14th.



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"Something tells me I'm in for a very long day."



LADIES' GOLF

We have had a better turn out for this month's competitions, the weather has remained favourable and the Army Course in good condition.

The Ladies Golf Committee was sorry to have to accept Sheila Kerr's resignation. Sheila felt she had too many commitments; we thank her for the work she has done on our behalf.

Many of our members are now returning from home leave. We welcome them back and ask them to put the following dates in their diaries.

- 21st and 22nd September - Club Championship
- 23rd or 30th November - Captain's Prize
- 14th December - Annual Round-up

and of course

- 9th October - The popular Kitchen Sink Competition

Competition Results

20.7.82 - LGU Medal (June)

Silver Division Winner:	Joan Jurgens	Net 79
Bronze Division Winner:	Ann Johnstone	Net 71
Longest Drive:	Joan Jurgens	
Putting:	Sheila Kerr	30 putts

27.7.82 - LGU Medal (July)

Silver Division Winner:	Pat Dodsworth	Net 74
Bronze Division Winner:	Meg Friel	Net 76
Longest Drive:	Joan Jurgens	
Putting:	Pat Dodsworth	27 putts

3.8.82 - Bisque Bogey

Winner: Jenny Holt + 8
Runners up: Eleanor Long + 6
Ann Johnstone + 6
Longest Drive: Eleanor Long
Putting: Joan Jurgens 29 putts

10.8.82 - Stableford for Wil Agerbecks prizes

Thank you Wil

Flight A Winner Joan Jurgens 36 Stableford points
Flight B Winner Ann Johnstone 34 " "
Longest Drive: Joan Jurgens
Nearest Pin: Phyl Dan
Putting: Shan Washington 28 putts

17.8.82 - Partners

Winner: Jenny Holt, Pat Dodsworth
on a count back from
Mariel Harold, Shan Washington
Longest Drive: Pat Dodsworth
Nearest Pin: Shan Washington

Fixtures

24.8.82 - "Ts & Fs"

Starter: Ann Johnstone (252-8655)

31.8.82 - LGU Medal

Starter: Judy King (392-7191)

7.8.82 - Flag Competition

Starter: Eileen Ford (252-2074)

Our Lady Captain will have returned from home leave. A prize will be given for the most original flag.

14.9.82 - Wendy Burrows Day

Stroke play competing for the prize that Wendy kindly donated before leaving Thailand.

More of our members:

BEFORE A COMPETITION -



AND AFTER -





SQUASH

Survivors from the 36th Squash League can now look forward to more combat in the 37th League starting 1st September. Len's expeditionary force made it back to base rather mauled from the squash encounter in Chiang Mai and their report appears in this edition. The Don Johnson Cup and Parra Handy Plate for 1982 is looming up in October (for those who distinctly remember the same tournament earlier this year - that was held for the benefit of 1981 results). Then we have something on the case of the missing ladder.

36th Squash League - July 1982

Our co-ordinators, disguised as palm trees around the pool, left a plain envelope at the drop containing the statistics of this league. Looks like the 30 day, no extension format has won complete approval from everyone as we had 101 entries for 16 divisions. Speaking of no extensions there were 2 matches played on 1st August which were not counted in the league results so all that sweat could only count for the ladder. One match was played in the correct time but the players made it best of 3 so, again, the results didn't show in the league and, presumably, not in the ladder either. Still on the bad luck theme Division 8 wound up with only 2 players so it could be an easy or difficult task to allocate them in the next league depending on the tea-leaves. Overall it was great squash and plenty of close scores were recorded. Among them, new entry Bill Cox won 9-7, 10-9, 10-9 (3-0) while Rod Carter and Andrew Sobenko notched up 85 points in their match with 3 of the games going to 10. On the other hand, a lady in Division 15 won her 3rd and 4th games 9-0 but lost the match 2 games to 3. Those who lost from being 8-1 in front in the critical game should just be coming out of it in time for September.

Finally, special mention to the big winners (only losing one game each) is deserved by Roy Barrett (Div. 5), Amnuay Alexander (Div. 12) (in one match Amnuay conceded only one point in winning 3-0), Sam Cohen (Div. 14), Mike Chesterton (Div. 15), and Geoffrey Thorpe (Div. 16).

Results of the 16 divisions and names of the first 2 place-getters are:

DIVISION 1

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| 1. Len Alexander | 12 pts |
| 2. John Kerr | 10 " |

DIVISION 2

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| 1. Peter Bramley | 15 pts |
| 2. Colin Hastings | 12 " |

DIVISION 3

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| 1. Bill Friel | 15 pts |
| 2. Bill Cox | 14 " |

DIVISION 4

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| 1. Nic White | 15 pts |
| 2. Daniel Verpillot | 12 " |

DIVISION 5

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| 1. Roy Barrett | 12 pts |
| 2. Anthony Bohan | 10 " |

DIVISION 6

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| 1. Peter Smith | 13 pts |
| 2. Mike Sharples | 13 " |

DIVISION 7

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| 1. Richard Edmunds | 9 pts |
| 2. David Frost | 8 " |

DIVISION 8

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| 1. Ray Hamilton | 3 pts |
| 2. Jim Christie | 1 " |

DIVISION 9

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| 1. Tom Annas | 11 pts |
| 2. Varyl Chamberlain | 10 " |

DIVISION 10

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| 1. Lindsay Shepherd | 15 pts |
| 2. Pat Marphy | 13 " |

DIVISION 11

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| 1. Don Cowan | 12 pts |
| 2. Mike Rickard | 10 " |

DIVISION 12

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| 1. Amnuay Alexander | 12 pts |
| 2. Teresa Cooney | 10 " |

DIVISION 13

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| 1. Kartini Thompson | 15 pts |
| 2. Lindsey O'Connor | 12 " |

DIVISION 14

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| 1. Sam Cohen | 15 pts |
| 2. Geoffrey Thompson | 12 " |

DIVISION 15

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| 1. Mike Chesterton | 15 pts |
| 2. Marjorie Scott | 11 " |

DIVISION 16

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| 1. Geoffrey Thorpe | 9 pts |
| 2. Heywood Marsh | 6 " |

37th League 1-30 September

Chiang Mai

This first challenge against the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club by the BC was a great success as can be seen by the report filed from the North. There certainly are some mean players up there but, may be our reps had some "train lag"?

Trip to Chiang Mai - August 1982

True to British Club tradition everyone was on time for departure.

A few found that the non-airconditioned sleepers were a little warm, and future trips should be by 1st class or 2nd class air-condition. Anyway the problem was solved by cold beer and ice, food was O.K. - Frost & Alexander were saved from losing more dough by the timely arrival of lights out - winners were big Jim Christie & Hulk Connor.



GROGANS DIET



ANYONE FOR.....?

On arrival Thursday morning we were met and dispatched to various Homes & Hotels.

We met later that day at the Gymkhana Club for practice etc. most had difficulty in adjusting to the court except David Frost who worked out in the bar.

A delicious Thai Dinner was had Thursday night and David Frost (well supported) thanked our hosts for their hospitality.

On Friday a mini bus was made available and visits were made to the elephants, waterfalls, umbrella village and Doi Suthep.

Dinner and a few jugs were downed at the Pub Restaurant and several of the party visited the night market.

Some sight seeing was done Saturday morning and the serious business of playing squash commenced at 12.30 p.m.

Sue Edmunds was our first cab off the rank and played well but went down 1-3, Amnuay battled hard in the first game but lost 9-10 then lost finally 0-3.

Big Jim played Friday afternoon after walking and devouring a few pints so naturally only won a few points. David Frost didn't score a point and remarked after the game "A Bloody Good Golf Score". Richard Edmunds & Geoff Connor tried hard but the opposition was too strong, Andrew Sobenko looked a winner leading 6-2 in the fourth but failed to win another point. It was Bernard Grogan who finally won our one and only rubber-playing tight and attacking squash he won much easier than the score indicated. Alexander (as did Sobenko) looked a winner in the fourth but failed to hold his advantage, going down 1-3.

Results	C.G.C.	6	Rubbers to B.C.	1
Ladies	C.G.C.	2	" " B.C.	0

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A barbecue was held at the C.G.C. and a most delightful evening was had, (plenty to eat and drink), and a plaque was presented to the B.C. to commemorate our visit. It was suggested the B.C. purchase a trophy on behalf of both clubs to be played for each year. Len Alexander responded for the B.C., thanking C.G.C. for their hospitality and sportsmanship.

The C.G.C. propose to visit us in February next year and it is up to the Squash section to extend to them the wonderful hospitality that they gave to us.



SWIMMING

Forty-two medals, including five 'golds', achieved at the first Friendship Gala between ISRC and the Lions Club of Nonthaburi is now the target to be beaten in the second Gala, to be held at the British Club on October 10th. Now that our swimmers know the level of competition facing them they know also that regular training over the coming weeks is the way to achieve success. We have several swimmers capable of beating the best that the other Clubs can offer and who can benefit from this higher level of competition.

Our regular monthly Gala on August 1st, although rather short on numbers, produced another fine set of performances.

Surely, the two swimmers who deserve everyones acclaim this summer must be Michael and Jamie Hodgson. It's hard to believe that 12 months ago one length of the pool was about as far as they could swim. But now, we are seeing some of the fastest times for their age group that have been seen in the pool for many months. Jamie just has the edge over brother Michael but both continue to improve with every Gala, and Jamie is the winner of the August Improver of the Month. Laura Dunlop also gets a special mention for her improvement in all three events, especially the I.M.

If we had an award for Sheer Determination then Benjamin Tittle would have been a clear winner in the August Gala. Although being nearly a length behind in each of his events, he pushed on and finished every race.

A special Invitation Freestyle event just failed to result in an age group record for Seksan Collins - his birthday on the following day now moves him up a group. Seksan now has two whole years in which to work for his new age group record.

No fewer than seven swimmers won all three of their events at the July Gala and should receive the recognition due to them: Jeannie Collins, Gillian Rennie, David Collins, Maree Prendergast, Jamie Hodgson, Laura Dunlop and William Jamieson. Viv Vize and Karen Prendergast again showed the younger swimmers what powerful, fluent swimming can look like when you graduate to the 15-17 age group.

The next Club Gala: 5th September.

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For Hire

Squash Racquets	£25 per game
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Late News Flash

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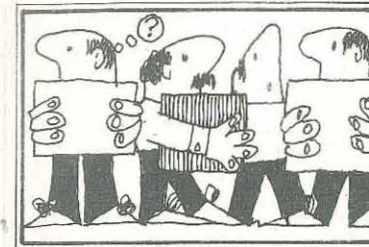
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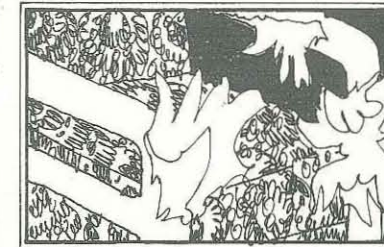
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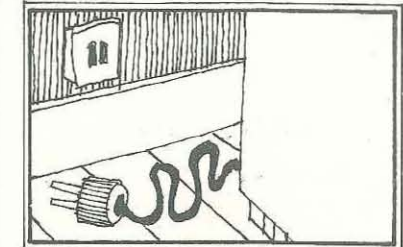
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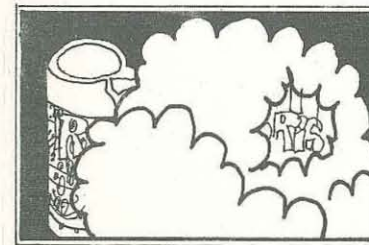
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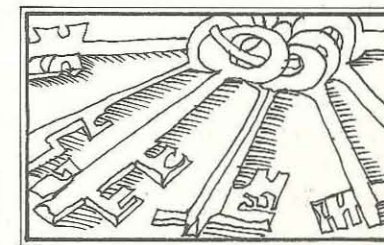
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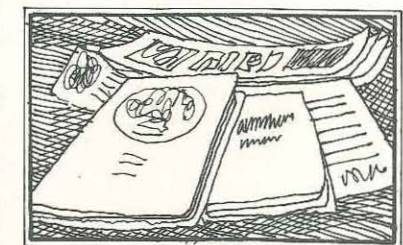
If possible, disconnect all electrical appliances, particularly refrigerators, deep freezers, airconditioners and stoves, the day before packing.



Discard all combustible liquids (such as lighter fuel) and aerosol cans from your belongings.



All furniture keys should be taped to respective items, preferably to the insides of drawers, etc., and you should keep a complete set of duplicate keys for yourself.



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