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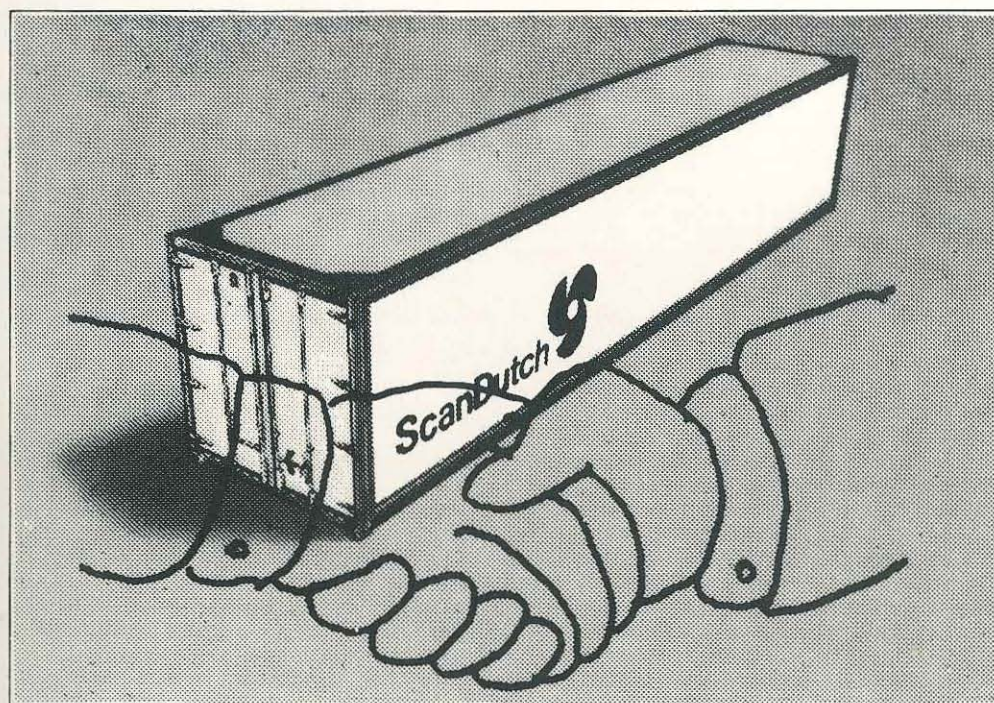
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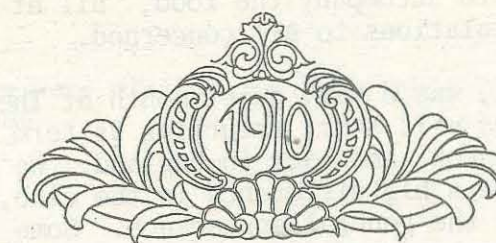
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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|--------|---|
| Sun 1  | Golf at Bang Phra 10.00 a.m.                                    |
| Mon 2  | Golf Video Night<br>1985 British Open - Churchill Bar 7.30 p.m. |
| Tue 3  | New Members Committee Meeting                                   |
| Wed 11 | Pub Night   |
| Sun 15 | Family Swimming Gala<br>Golf at Railway 11.00 a.m.              |
| Tue 17 | Committee Meeting   |
| Sat 21 | Ayudhya Trip dep. British Club 8.00 a.m.                        |
| Wed 25 | Castrol Motor Sport Video Night<br>Churchill Bar 7.30 p.m.      |
| Sun 29 | Golf Don Muang 9.45 a.m.  |

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Every Friday Lunch Time | - Curry Buffet  |
| Every Saturday          | - Dinner Video  |
| Every Sunday            | - Dinner Buffet |



## EDITORIAL

Have you tried the new menus yet? If not you should. They are great. Good food, attractively presented, and some excellent wines to accompany the food, all at unbeatable prices. Congratulations to all concerned.

August, as usual, was a very quiet month at The British Club. No doubt families will start returning as term time begins both here in Bangkok, and back in England. We hope on returning you see a big difference in the club, not only in the food, but in the general appearance. Some people have been working very hard and the general impression is a big improvement.

We are endeavouring to try something different this month. The articles on travel in Thailand by Leonie have been very popular, so this month we are publishing Leonie's guide to Ayudhya, and organising a tour with Leonie acting as guide. Even the most frequent of visitors to Ayudhya will learn something new on this trip. Details inside. Hope to see you on the trip.

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## STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP

The current membership status is as follows:

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Honorary          | 10               |
| Ordinary          | 330              |
| Non-Voting        | 13               |
| Associate         | 51               |
| Ladies Privileges | 32               |
| Up-Country        | 17               |
| Candidates        | 32               |
|                   | <hr/>            |
|                   | TOTAL 485        |
| Absent            | 811              |
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|                   | GRAND TOTAL 1296 |



GOLF VIDEO NIGHT  
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Churchill Bar - Monday 2nd September

7.30 p.m. onward

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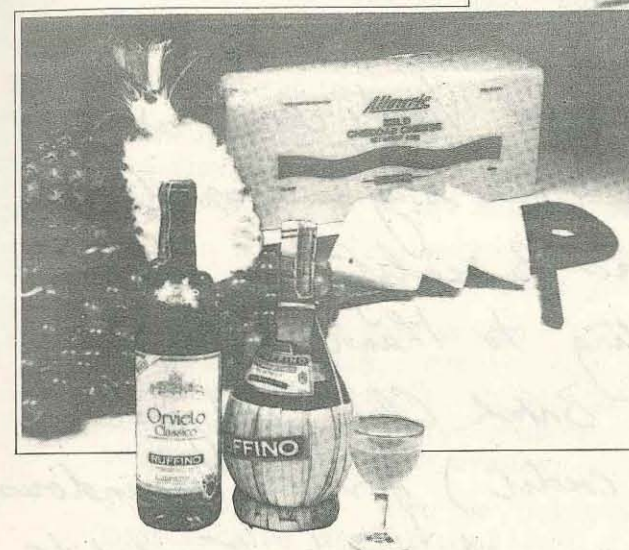
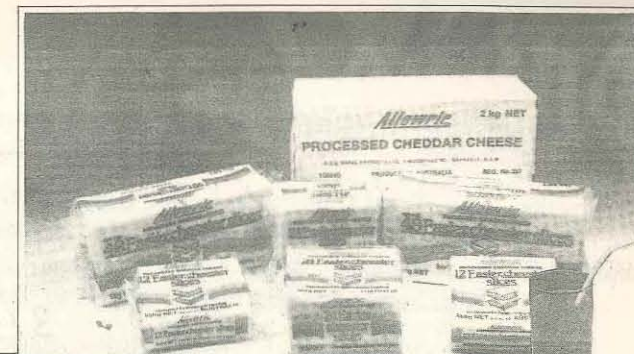
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## LETTERS

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31.7.85

Dear Dave,

Having survived Vince's choices at that last lunch and a 10 hour stay in Kuwait I have finally returned to reality.

I am writing to thank you and the members of the British Club (but you must take all the credit) for the tremendous hospitality which you showed to 15 reprobates on a all-singing, all dancing tour of downtown Bangkok (where is Pat Pong?). Despite no desire to travel/fly I am expecting to see you here in Cambridge one day when you will feel the full weight of Cambridge hospitality (have you got a D.J.?) and I will be able to semi-repay the wonderful time we had in Bangkok.

Best wishes John.

Dear Members,

Yet again we had to cancel a social evening, 'The Medieval Night', through lack of response.

Two days before only 16 members had signed the list, which with their parties brought the total number of attendants to 43 and this included my family, the King, Queen and Prince Consort who were due to preside over the proceedings.

We planned for 120 people, but would have carried on with 80 people. This was not purely on an economic level, but on an atmosphere/participation level, as 43 people in the Suriwongse Room would have been a disaster.

I thought that the price of Baht 350 per head was very reasonable, when it included wine and beer (as much as you could drink), food and entertainment.

I could not believe we had such a poor response to an evening which could have been great fun for everyone.

I apologize to those members who did sign up and were cancelled so late. Working out these social events involves a lot of time and effort, not only on my part, but also for the other sub-committee members, plus my husband who is responsible for these events.

Is it worth it? Are we doing something wrong? Any constructive suggestions?

Certain events are a success, such as Video Nights and Challenge Nights, but it is nice to have a change.

Apart from the Medieval Night we had planned to hold a Greek Night, a Roman Night etc. but need some encouragement before proceeding.

We will probably therefore set up the 'Medieval Night' again in September or October, after the holidays, to see if it is worthwhile.

We have the British Club at heart, and try to give the members value for money, and to raise as much money for the Club as possible to keep the high standard it has.

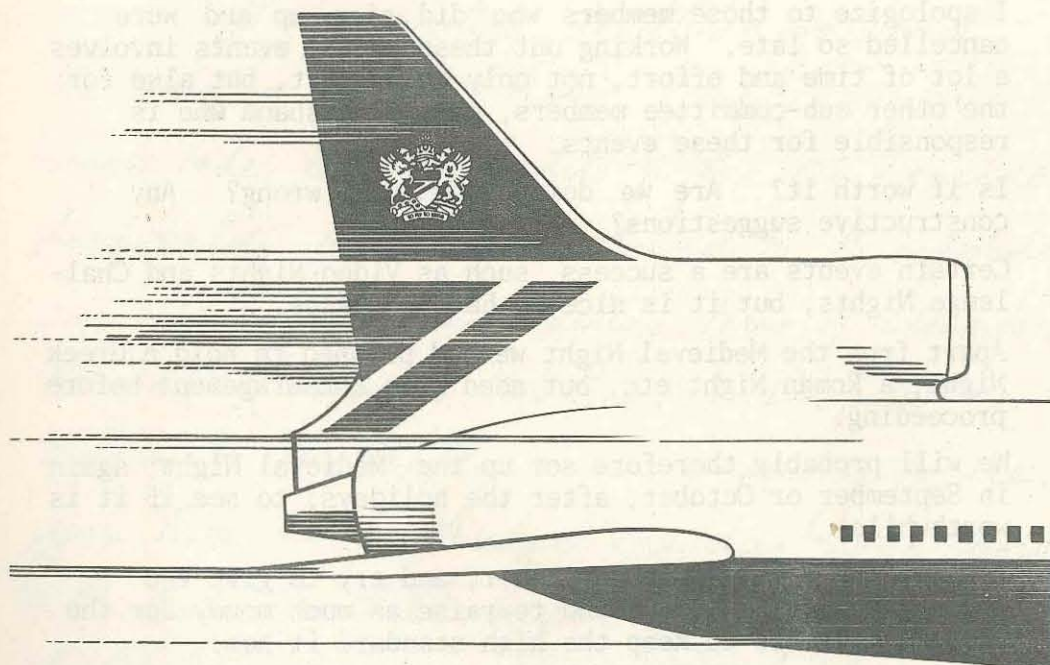
Where would we all be if we didn't have a British Club to come to.

Yours sincerely,

Tricia Lewis  
(Entertainments Sub-Committee)



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## People Who Go To Sea, The Lifeboats, Men in Prison

As a title we hope that the unlikely connection will intrigue you into reading further. There is a real connection to all given in the title and we would hope to make you the reader also a part.

The connection between those who go to sea or are involved with the sea and the Lifeboats is an obvious one. It may not be immediate, but when trouble comes at sea, it is nice to know that there is a Lifeboat to respond to a call for help.

Today there are a number of men in Dartmoor prison working away trying to help keep the lifeboats ready for that call, that is of course the final connection in the title. The prisoners are not doing work for the lifeboats as a soft option to normal prison work. Nor do any of them gain in any material way by being involved. They work voluntarily in their own time giving the one thing they have to give, the time.

How we would like to make you the reader a part is by enlisting you in helping to give us a supply of material with which we can work to raise money for the RNLI. The material we need is used postage stamps of any kind from any origin, of any face value, of any age. If you can help keep us supplied with this material you will be playing a very important part in our effort for the RNLI.

The stamps once they are received here are sorted for the very best of stamps to be mounted on cards that can be sold to collectors. Normally stamps sent to a charity have to be sold to dealers as they are in sacks. It is the dealer who gains the most from whatever is sent. For any other system to operate is virtually impossible as to sort or process stamps in any way is a very labour intensive matter.

In prison there are many men with much time hanging heavy on their hands. In Dartmoor a number of these men are willing to use that time to the best interest of the RNLI. They have the knowledge and interest to do the work, but we can never get enough stamps to keep the scheme running at its full capacity.

That the work done is of a quality needed is borne out by the fact that requests are being received to repeat supplies to the selling points, the Lifeboat stations and souvenir stalls around our coasts. We are only then really able to supply the Stations in the Southwest with our current flow of stamps, we need more stamps to be able to do more.

Since a start in July 1983 we have prepared stamps with a sale value of over £30,000 all of which goes direct into Lifeboat funds. The cash is not returned through the prison so no gain can be taken from the work. We are not aiming to buy a lifeboat but to try to provide some of the very badly needed cash to keep the Lifeboats ready for any emergency that may occur around our coastline.

If you can send stamps to us to help us in our objective, please do. Please also give us your name and address when sending, that is not a requirement, but allows us to reply to you and send you our little news letter which we prepare from time to time to give our supporters an idea of how and what is being done.

If you would like more information, please contact the Coordinating Officer, Les Blake at the address below which is the same as stamps can be sent to. We hope you will do that.

*L. J. BLAKE*  
*Les Blake*

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## AYUDHYA

For many expatriates the extent of their travels in Thailand is often limited to golf courses, Pattaya, Chiangmai and maybe Phuket. The purpose of this column is to introduce other places of interest to our readers.

Let's start with somewhere near Bangkok, a place for a family outing where you can take a picnic - Ayudhya, the old capital of Siam that was sacked and burned by the Burmese in 1777.

Ayudhya is 75 kilometres from Bangkok on the airport road - just follow the road signs. At the town entrance is a large Chedhi standing in the middle of a traffic circle. From here there are various ways to reach the many places of interest.

### THE MAIN RUINS

Drive straight past the Chedhi, over the railway lines and the bridge and go on until you come to a T-junction. On your right you will see the museum. Turn right at the T-junction, go straight ahead and you will reach the main museums and tourist market. Park in the market place and walk to the ticket booth near the three white Chedhis. The entrance fee is Baht 2.- per person. Take an umbrella or hat to protect you from the sun and wear comfortable shoes for climbing.

After visiting the ruins take a walk around the attractive market where, apart from the usual souvenirs, you will find a variety of knives, a local speciality. In the same square is a shrine built over an enormous Buddha and guide books in English are on sale here.

### FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS

During its heyday, Ayudhya was an international city with legations from many countries. The Japanese and Portuguese settlements have been identified and are open to visitors.

Turn left at the entrance Chedhi and on the right about two kilometres down the road, you will come to a high brick wall. This is the Japanese area and you can park inside the gate. There is not much to see, an open space where a memorial has been erected by a Japanese University, a few ancient timbers and a shrine. At one time there were about 400 Japanese mercenaries, part of the Royal Guard, living here. One of their leaders was Yamada Nagamasa who, in the 16th century, rose to become chief of the Royal Guard and later Governor of the southern province of Narathiwat.

To reach the Portuguese settlement, catch a boat across the river from the landing at the Japanese settlement.

The Portuguese government has recently arranged excavations and, for history lovers, this site is interesting and exciting. The foundations of a Catholic church and monastery have been excavated together with about 60 graves, and there is a small museum containing ancient relics. The friendly caretaker hands visitors a free English or Thai brochure about the site. It is interesting to note that many of the local inhabitants are Catholics and at the site you will see a typical Thai spirit house containing Catholic images.

### POMPET

This is an old fort located where the river divides and, for curio hunters, there is nowhere to beat it. Some readers will remember the mudlarks (divers) who scavenge the banks of the Thames at low tide - there are mudlarks at Pompét too! They have small boats and, carrying net baskets to scrape along the river bed, dive wearing metal helmets into which air is pumped.

The result of their work is on view. Mounds of earthenware pots of every imaginable shape and size, piles of ceramic shards and dishes, lots of bottles including old pop bottles with a glass ball in the neck, and other bits and pieces. Upon request the divers will bring out other finds from their houses. One house which has good things on sale is on the left of the entrance, down a few steps and just above the water.

Prices at Pompét are cheap and you are expected to bargain, I have rarely paid more than Baht 100 for an item. Although there does not seem to be anything of great value here, I have found some interesting ceramic pieces and old coins from many countries.

To find Pompét, go past the entrance Chedhi, turn left at the end of the bridge, then bear right and follow the road. You can easily recognize Pompét by an old water tower (it looks like a lighthouse) at the side of the road. Alternatively, go towards the ruins but turn left at the T-junction, left again on the road running parallel to the river. Pompét is on the right.



## ANTIQUES

There are a number of antique shops which recently seem to contain more fakes and junk than anything else. One shop where I have occasionally found good pieces, including old Dutch plates, is in the market. Stand with your back to the shrine and on the right you will see two food shops that sell fresh coconuts. Next door is a large souvenir shop displaying the usual bamboo hats etc. Go inside and you will see the antiques which are exhibited together with obvious fakes. I have never known the proprietress of this shop to try passing off a fake as genuine. She is always helpful even to the extent of accepting cheques.

Always examine your purchases from any source for repairs, especially around the rims and edges. They are cleverly done and difficult to notice.

There is a row of antique shops in the road facing the main entrance to the tourist market. These have a selection of Thai and Chinese ceramics and now and then other items such as old swords that have come out of the river.

## THE PALACE MUSEUM

Turn left at the market, then left again keeping the old wall to your left. When you see the river, turn right and follow the road through the modern town and market. Just past the market, you will see a large boat landing and, facing this, the Palace Museum. Its opening hours seem to be erratic but, when visiting it a couple of months ago, I found that it is now closed on Tuesdays. It's worth seeing if you are fortunate enough to find it open.

## EATING IN AYUDHYA

One of the most popular restaurants is "Ruen Phae", a converted boat. Look to your right over the bridge when entering Ayudhya and you will see it moored a little way down the river.

On the way from the bridge to the T-junction are some inexpensive garden restaurants. Sometimes we picnic on the lawn behind the shrine (where there is also a public convenience) or along the banks of the river. Previously, picnicking was permitted among the ruins but has been stopped due to the renovations.

Leonie Vejjajiva

# AYUDHYA Tour

## A GUIDED TOUR

If you enjoyed the article  
then join us on a Family

Outing to the Old Capital of Siam

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

LEONIE

is our guide and commentator

The British Club

provide our lunch time buffet

and

we will have an evening meal

in a restaurant

in Ayudhya

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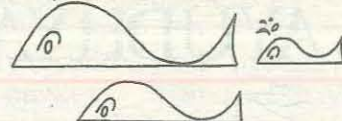
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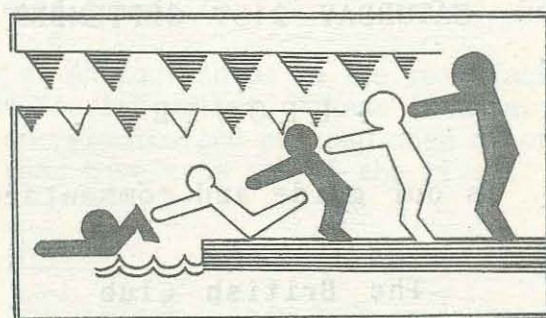


# Family Gala



15 Sept. 1985

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COMMENCING 12.00 until approx. 15.00

ENTRY FEE £ 50.-

**A**NY one wishing to join in the Fun can put their names down in advance on the list on the back of the swimming notice board. (That includes mums & dads).

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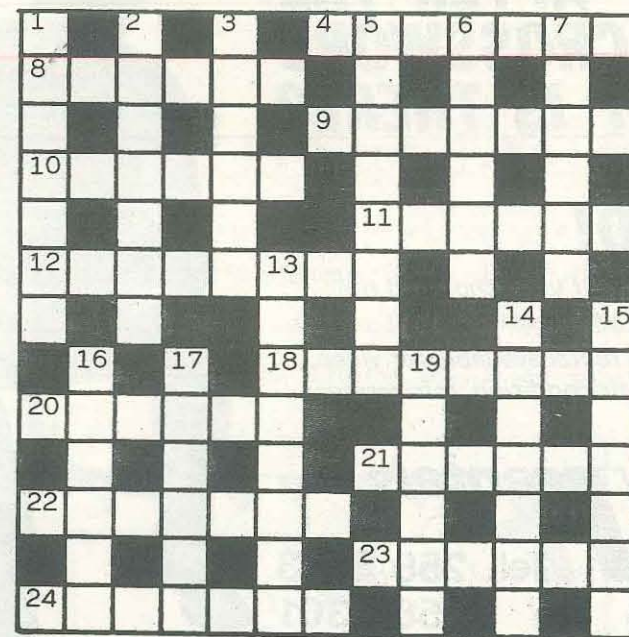
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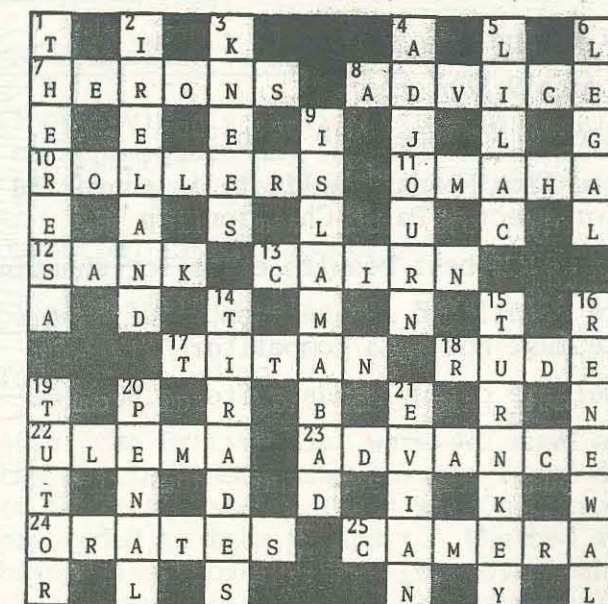
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- 4 Is our fortune in our stars? Well, Mr. Aries goes round and gets hitched!
- 8 Steer a roundabout for an annual festival.
- 9 Particular Policeman?
- 10 Very close game?
- 11 Danced when not quite sober.
- 12 Material causes part of the body to perish.
- 18 Slimming? Fat pills make a difference but they are traps.
- 20 Penetrate right in a part.
- 21 Yes, Father with a part - word of honour!
- 22 The old in attempt to produce a play - Hamlet, for example.
- 23 About star in confusion - it's the most difficult to find.
- 24 A danger in the West Indies.

## Down

- 1 10 is on for a state of stress.
- 2 Soothe.
- 3 About a boy - that's why.
- 5 It's evident father is up to what he is.
- 6 Blast! Will send it off!
- 7 Little Edward, late, confused but happy.
- 13 Relied on being hung.
- 14 Blood round me, but I flourished!
- 15 Fool - rest somehow, one declares.
- 16 It gives cause for reflection.
- 17 Continue tediously to show a monster.
- 19 Quarrel about a scarf.

## Answers to Last Month's Crosswords







## BRIDGE

We would like to record the section's appreciation of the generosity of Don Bremner, Manager of Qantas Airlines and Jack van Rijn by donations of playing cards.

| Competition Results |                                 | Points |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 22 July             | Harry Kurd & Pieter Schoemacher | 97     |
|                     | Geoff & Lois Crittenden         | 78     |
|                     | Roy & Judy Nunn                 | 79     |
| 29 July             | George & Katherine Pluss        | 50     |
|                     | Celeste & Mike Cave             | 43     |
|                     | Judy & Ray Nunn                 | 42     |
|                     | Colin Snow & Geoff Slack-Smith  | 42     |
| 19 August           | Colin Snow & Geoff Slack-Smith  | 96     |
|                     | Given & Ernie Gilliat           | 85     |
|                     | Judy Nunn & Breda Daly          | 82     |

### NEW COMPETITION : ELECTIC PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Bridge Section will hold a pairs champion contest in conjunction with the ordinary Monday duplicate.

Briefly, the contest details are:

- \* Entry fee £80/pair for prizes & trophy
- \* Starting date 9 September
- \* Finish date 11 November (10 nights)
- \* Point score from Monday duplicate is converted to % of average for Electic Pairs Championship
- \* Aggregate of six best results count for championship
- \* Substitute is allowed for one member of a pair but substitute must not be a competitor
- \* Entries welcome on any Monday after 7.30 p.m.



## DARTS

Darticles have been few and far between while your scribe recently toured Dartford, Dartington, Dartmouth and Dartmoor downing doubles to get into practice for the remainder of the Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League, at which your favourite team are due (overdue!) to qualify for a trophy in November.

Anyway, the last darticle promised we would get our new captain Mike Majer off to a good start against the Expat's Retreat. Well, we achieved a major victory against the Division leaders by the convincing margin of 9-8!

### 27.6.85 British Club 9 Expat's Retreat 8

Closes: Mike M. 2, Mike E. 2, Keith, Dave F.

Tons: Mike Majer (100, 100, 100)  
Mike Evans (121, 100) Peter Tinson (100)  
Keith (100, 100) Dave F. (119)

The match wasn't decided until Mike Evans closed the final triples with a double 4, but your favourite team did better than the scoreline suggests. Against our 9 tons, the visitors could only manage 2!

### 4.7.85 Match against Jusmag postponed

(They obviously realised that the 4th July wasn't an appropriate day for the Americans to be thrashed at the hands of the British Club!)

### 11.7.85 Operation 13 British Club 4

Closes: Dave F., Mike M. 2.

Tons: Orin 120

After the British Club were 4-2 down at the end of the singles, and then took the first doubles game to level the score at 4-4 the Operation team then proceeded to take us apart. Whether it was their clinical approach to the game or whether the Lillywhites usual anaesthetic had taken hold cannot be ascertained. Only Orin scored a ton against 10 scored by the opposition.



18.7.85 Silom Swingers 16 British Club 1

Closes: Dave F.

Tons: Dave F. (100) Orin (134)  
Mike E. (120) Dave W. (100)

This was a serious defeat to a team in our own division. Sadly, with over 20 registered players we were only able to Field 5, including a welcome return by Dave Wallace. Obviously home leave took a serious toll.

25.7.85 EGAT 16 British Club 1

Closes: Erika Majer

Tons: Mike M. (140, 100, 100)  
Mike E. (140) Dave F. (100)

Again only 5 players could turn out, and all I can say is that for a few minutes we were in the lead after Erika closed the first singles with a double 4. She will definitely drown me in the deep end if I fail to record that her feat was mentioned in both English language dailies! (Enquires about Bangkok's most stunning, swimming darts player have already started coming in from the International Darts Federation!)

8.8.85 British Club 2 Pulcini 15

Closes: Dave F., Mike M.

Tons: Dave F. (100), Mike M. (100), Peter (100).

Well, you can see from this, that after 2 16-1 defeats we're on the way up. As more of the team return from sunny Britain and instal new dartboards in their kitchens, hallways, bedrooms and loos, I will soon have some exciting developments to report. Meanwhile we'll all keep up with the Kloster!



## GOLF

On the 23rd June Sabena Airline hosted the club outing at the Railway Course with some fine prizes being presented to the winners by Jean Dequenne, Sabena Manager.

|            |                    |         |
|------------|--------------------|---------|
| "A" Flight | 1) Peter Jenkins   | 36 pts. |
|            | 2) Mike Pallett    | 35 pts. |
| "B" Flight | 1) Zena Woodward   | 37 pts. |
|            | 2) Arthur Phillips | 36 pts. |

### British Club Golf - 7.7.85

The first round of the ECLECTIC golf competition took place at the Rose Garden with 37 golfers participating. Ben Line shipping was sponsor for the day which saw some great golf played on this championship course.

|           |                   |         |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|
| "A" Group | 1) D. Cadwallader | 37 pts. |
|           | 2) Pravit         | 35 pts. |

|                 |   |            |
|-----------------|---|------------|
| Best Front Nine | - | B. Harrold |
| Best Back Nine  | - | P. Hay     |

|           |                |         |
|-----------|----------------|---------|
| "B" Group | 1) A. Phillips | 41 pts. |
|           | 2) K. Ross     | 30 pts. |

|                  |   |               |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| Best Front Nine  | - | D. Williamson |
| Best Back Nine   | - | R. Laville    |
| Long Drive - Men | - | P. Hay        |
| Ladies           | - | J. Jurgens    |

|                          |   |            |
|--------------------------|---|------------|
| Closest the pin - hole 6 | - | D. Smith   |
| 14                       | - | P. Jenkins |

### British Club Golf - 21.7.85

Thirty golfers took part in the second round of the ECLECTIC Competition at the Rose Garden Course.



SINGER (Thailand) sponsored the day which produced some good scores.

|                      |                   |         |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------|
| "A" Group            | 1) D. Cadwallader | 39 pts. |
|                      | 2) Pravitt        | 38 pts. |
| Best Front Nine      | - B. Harrold      | 21 pts. |
| Best Back Nine       | - P. Jenkins      | 21 pts. |
| "B" Group            | 1) M. Baker       | 39 pts. |
|                      | 2) P. Young       | 38 pts. |
| Best Front Nine      | - J. Guy          | 20 pts. |
| Best Back Nine       | - K. Ross         | 19 pts. |
| Long Drive - Men     | - R. King         |         |
| Ladies               | - M. Ross         |         |
| Closest pin --hole 4 | - Pravitt         |         |
|                      | 14 - I. McLean    |         |

### Dunlop Cup Final

The prestigious Dunlop pairs competition came to a finish recently when the team of L. Houghton and G. Slacksmith overwhelmed the "Executive" team of R. Barrett and Dave Williamson.

Congratulations to Lloyd and Geoff.

### Railway - 18.8.85

Ladies vs Men Competition

Sponsored by Schlumberger - Roger King.

51 golfers played this competition with the men surviving the contest by 100 pts.

### Winners

|                  |   |           |         |
|------------------|---|-----------|---------|
| <u>Group "A"</u> |   |           |         |
| 1st              | - | I. McLean | 32 pts. |
| 2nd              | - | J. Guy    | 32 pts. |
| 1st 9            | - | L. Vize   | 16 pts. |
| 2nd 9            | - | D. Smith  | 17 pts. |

### Group "B"

|                 |   |                           |         |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|---------|
| 1st             | - | J. Staples                | 38 pts. |
| 2nd             | - | B. Hyde                   | 34 pts. |
| 1st 9           | - | B. Aaron                  | 18 pts. |
| 2nd 9           | - | K. Ross                   | 19 pts. |
| Closest the Pin | - | Peter Young, Roger King   |         |
| Longest Drives  | - | Margaret Ross, Roger King |         |

### Eclectic

Winners overall for the Singer ECLECTIC Competition were presented with their beautiful prizes by Mrs. E. Turner.

|     |   |        |   |            |
|-----|---|--------|---|------------|
| 1st | - | Net 58 | - | Pravitt    |
| 2nd | - | Net 59 | - | Roger King |



The BC showing its appreciation of Kloster.





Look at that topless golfer, Ben.



If we are not careful we could come second looking at those scores.



It gives me great pleasure.....



## RUGBY

### BC vs Renegades RFC - Bermuda

One of only four rugby sides in Bermuda, Renegades have made a name in rugby circles with successful overseas tours to the USA, Canada, Brazil and the UK. Having turned their eyes Eastward they arrived here in Bangkok via Hong Kong where they played against Hong Kong Police, one of the Island's top sides, and only lost 29-12.

They arrived on Saturday evening and, as is traditional, we sent out two of our members to welcome the party and then take them to Patpong with the intention of getting them into any kind of trouble likely to slow them down the next day. Our plot on this occasion backfired as our two "under-cover agents" (Code names Vinno and The Whale) were the only two who ended up in bad shape with the visitors retiring early to go on a Floating Market tour at 6.00 a.m. the next morning.



The pre-match communications had described Renegades as "a mixed side, ages ranging 18-42". What they didn't say was that the minimum height was 6 foot 3!

A few British knees were tempted to quake but BC Rugby section is now one year old and mostly out of nappies so chins up and upper lips duly stiffened we took the field...

Despite several absences on leave the team looked fairly strong: Alan Stamper had just flown in from the UK that morning and Richard Addis dashed back from Pattaya in time for the kick-off. The average age of the side was severely reduced (and the average fitness significantly enhanced) by Ross McDonald and Simon Parrot both having a holiday visiting parents. Doug Whittaker took time off from organising marathons to make his first appearance for the club and his presence, both physical and verbal, was a key to the success of our forward play during the game.

Very early in the first half Renegades won the first scrum near our line and clearly demonstrated what we were up against with a huge push which nearly lifted our front row on to the back of the second row. From this push the scrum wheeled over the line where their number 8 touched down for a try. This was not converted. 4-0 down after five minutes: shades of West Hartlepool! A few harsh words to the forwards from pack leader Whittaker and we were back into the game with a lot more composure and began to steadily move up the field. After a scrum on the half-way line Peter Collins sent a half pass away under pressure bouncing towards stand off Smith who demonstrated uncharacteristic quickness of mind to chip the ball through, soccer style, and chase after it. The ball bounced in his favour and he got another foot to it to kick ahead. The opposition full-back failed to gather the ball and Smith now demonstrated uncharacteristic quickness of body to gather the ball and run over for a try just beside the posts.

The team's now lengthening record of missed conversions continued unbroken on this occasion and the score remained at 4-4. I will not embarrass the scrum-half who missed the kick by giving his name.

BC continued the pressure with penetrating runs from Simon Parrot and again from Terry Smith down the left with Peter Collins in support but on every occasion Renegades defence held tight. A penalty out on the right wing about 30 yards out gave BC the chance to pull ahead but Smith (obviously feeling the effects of all the running about) did not make the distance with the kick. Another penalty some minutes later made the distance but went wide of the mark. (Again?)

Renegades continued to apply pressure but strong tackling from the backs held them out until just before half-time when, from a scrum close to our line, they moved the ball out quickly for their winger to score. The try was converted and the half-time score saw BC down 10-4.

The second half continued in much the same vein as the first with the BC pack working extremely well in both the scrums and the line-outs. Compared to the line-out performance against the Sports Club this was a vast improvement. This half, with the wind in their favour, BC put pressure on through long, raking kicks from John Gidley which pushed Renegades back deep into their own half. Our backs had several good runs and looked very threatening: the stand-off had one good run through the middle but was pulled down by the full back just short of the line. From the scrum which followed, BC won the ball cleanly and number 8 Mike Richard picked up from the back of the scrum and stormed over for a try in the corner. The newspapers said he carried 4 men over with him but you know newspapers, they never get it right.... there were at least 10!!

Here again BC had a chance to draw level but the conversion, almost as expected, was again missed. A few minutes later BC had another penalty kick out on the right but Smith, labouring under the false impression that he had to get it right some time, was wide of the posts yet again.

The game continued evenly to the end and was played throughout in excellent spirit. It was good to see, for a change, that the opposition were more tired at the end than BC - that's what you get for being cultural at 6.00 a.m.

So BC lost 10-8 but in the end it was really their best performance to date. The lack of a kicker (or at least one who can score points) let us down on this occasion but we should remember that the main object is to win by scoring tries and with the improved performances by both the pack and the backs those will not be long in coming.

The social part of the evening was as successful as we have now come to expect with several members showing scant regard for their return to work next morning. Equal measures of drink and song continued till almost 4.00 a.m. Renegades presented us with their club shield and also with a fine map of Bermuda which has now been suitably framed and hung in the Churchill bar.



Team List : Doug Whittaker, Dave Wallace, Jay McAlister, John Addis, Gary Crist, Vaughn Bonnell, Ross McDonald, Mike Rickard, Peter Collins, Terry Smith (Capt.), Simon Parrot, John Gidley, Vince Swift, Alun Griffiths, Alan Stamper.

## Coming Events

### Sevens

BC have been invited to two sevens tournaments. The first, in Haad Yai is on September 14/15 and includes several sides from Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong as well as around a dozen sides from Thailand.

After only one year in existence as a club we take it as a complement to be invited to the second tournament, the Singapore Sevens. This competition to be held in February 1986, is well known internationally and is the premier club sevens in the Pacific region. Sides from as far apart as Japan and New Zealand will be taking part. Representing Thailand along with BC will be last year's runners-up, The Royal Thai Air Force.

### Next Games

We play host to another touring side from the UK, the Gay Blades, on Tuesday September 3 at the start of a busy month:

| <u>Date</u>     | <u>Time</u> | <u>Venue</u>          | <u>Opponents</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 3 September     | 6.30        | Chulalongkorn Stadium | Gay Blades       |
| 5 September     | 5.00        | RBSC                  | O.V.             |
| 10 September    | 6.30        | RBSC                  | Rajawit          |
| 15/15 September |             | Haad Yai Sevens       |                  |
| 19 September    | 5.00        | RBSC                  | RBSC             |

Supporters welcome both at the games and in the bar!!



## SWIMMING

August is the month when children traditionally put away their water wings and don their 747 wings and leave Bangkok en mass. The Swimming Section had organised a Gala and some endurance tests, but the turnout was so small that they were abandoned.

As there are no results to talk about this month, I will take the opportunity to explain to any new members a little about the Swimming Section and what it does.

### Swimming Section

The Swimming Section is run by a small group of Mums and the occasional Dad and its basic functions are to organise swimming lessons, galas and swimming tests. Before describing these in detail, I would like to ask any parents who would like to help the section, to contact Erika Majer on 252 7492, or most afternoons around the pool at the Club. We are always keen to have new faces join us.

### Swimming Lessons

The section employs two professional swimming coaches to give lessons and help with tests and galas. Khun Choon is our head coach and Khun Suparp is his assistant. They are both very highly respected in Thailand and we are fortunate indeed to have their services.

There are now some 90 children taking lessons in 4 categories: Beginner, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Lessons are held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1.15 to 5.30 and on Sunday mornings from 9.00 until 11.30. They last about 30 minutes each and we have some 40 classes in the 4 categories. Each child has one lesson a week and we make a monthly charge of 100 Baht to cover the salary of the coaches. Children must be at least 3½ years old to start lessons. That restriction is not because we feel that children should not start swimming before they reach that age, but because the coaches find it too difficult to communicate to the very young ones.

Although the main emphasis of lessons is on the children, adults who wish to learn or improve are welcome to join and appropriate classes can be arranged.

Anyone who is interested in the lessons should contact Erika, as above.



## Swimming Tests

The swimming section organises two types of tests, endurance tests, and proficiency tests. Endurance tests are a test of the distance that can be swum and go up to 3,000 metres for the expert and fit! A time limit is set for each distance which should not be too difficult to achieve.

Proficiency tests are a general test of swimming ability and involve swimming, floating, and various other things. These tests are to standards set by the English Schools Swimming Association and currently there are six levels. Those who have been around for some time will know that the standard is generally lower than that of the British Club's own standards which were abandoned a few months ago. We are trying to do something about that for the experienced swimmers so watch this space! Details of the various standards are shown on the Swimming Notice Board at the 'Tennis Court' end of the pool.

Tests are held once a month, normally on the second Saturday of the month, and they alternate between endurance and proficiency. The next, for endurance will be held on 14th September at 9.30. Anyone may come along for endurance tests, but proficiency tests are by invitation only at present (and the next will be held in October).

## Swimming Galas

The other main swimming activity is the monthly Swimming Gala. These are normally held on the second Sunday of the month at 12.00 and last about an hour. Swimmers are categorised into age groups and swim breast, freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and individual medley. Each month swimmers do two styles and I.M. Although the format is races in each age group, in fact the children are only racing against their previous best times and each month an Improver of the Month is selected who has made the best overall improvement against his/her previous best times.

The Committee keep records of everyone's times, and every six months or so, sends a record sheet to each child.

Any child is welcome to come and take part in a Gala whether they take swimming lessons or not.

The next Gala is a rather special, once a year event.

\*\*\*\* SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 12.00 FAMILY GALA \*\*\*\*

In the Family Gala, children have the opportunity to swim all strokes, if they are fit enough! There are also races for Mums and Dads, family races, Mum and daughter, Dad and son races and even a Commonwealth Relay Race where the others can show their superiority over the true blue Brits - or something like that. There will be a Baht dive where children can swim to the bottom and see how much they can increase their pocket money by!

Medals, cups and rosettes will be awarded and for this action-packed extravaganza a nominal charge of 50 Baht will be made per participant to help cover the costs.

A list of events is posted on the notice board, and it would help us greatly if those intending to take part could fill in their names etc. If you don't, then you will still be most welcome to take part, but please arrive a few minutes early so that you can register with the committee. We would also be pleased if willing (and unwilling) helpers for the gala would volunteer before-hand so that the number of pressed men is reduced!!

Last but not least, we will hold a raffle during the gala and if anyone can help with prizes, Erika would be very pleased to hear from you.

It should be a very enjoyable afternoon so please come along.

\*\*\*\* SEE YOU BY THE POOL \*\*\*\*





## SQUASH

July league winners are as follows:-

|                         |     |               |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------|
| <u>LEAGUE DIVISION:</u> | 1.  | M. Rattray    |
|                         | 2.  | C. Rennie     |
|                         | 3.  | D. Wizard     |
|                         | 4.  | L. Kentwell   |
|                         | 5.  | D. Wallace    |
|                         | 6.  | B. Rayner     |
|                         | 7.  | R. Walsh      |
|                         | 8.  | H. Rutter     |
|                         | 9.  | A. Barlow     |
|                         | 10. | F. Montgomery |
|                         | 11. | W. Kentwell   |

Congratulations to you all.

Congratulations also to the British Club maintenance crew who have transformed court 3.

New lights, and a lot of paint and hard work have made this into a very pleasant court. Court 2 has been repainted, once again not only painting the court but painting the gallery, stairs etc. has transformed this court. We have three excellent courts, please try and keep them bright and clean for as long as possible. Can players refrain from wiping sweaty hands on the walls? Why not carry a towel and use that? And please if you see a particular ball is marking the wall, change your ball. For some unknown reason blue balls are marking court 3 already, so no blue ones on this court.

Welcome back to all who have left the courts rather deserted over the last two or three weeks. It has been very pleasant to be able to pick and choose courts on a Sunday afternoon, but it will be a nice change to see them busy once again.

Enjoy your squash.

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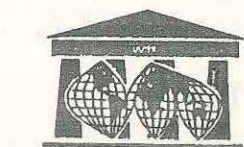
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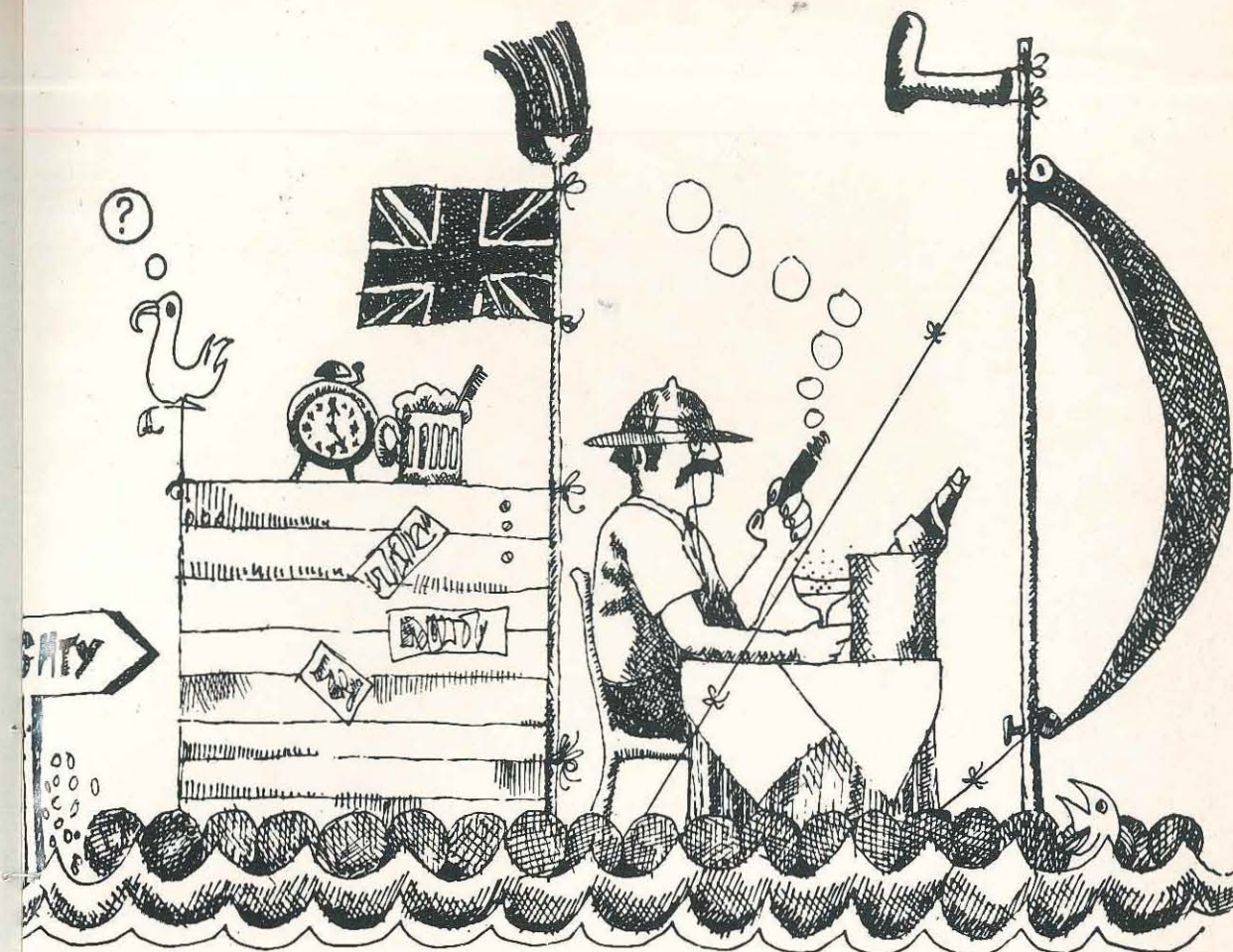
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## ACTIVITIES

Anyone who is interested in participating in any aspect of the following activities should contact:

|                                   |                         |          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
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| Bridge                            | Geoff Crittenden        | 391 4849 |
| Cricket                           | Jack Dunford            | 234 0098 |
| Darts                             | Bryan Baldwin           | 221 1895 |
| Golf                              | Ron Armstrong           | 390 2445 |
| Ladies' Golf                      | Mrs. L. Dencker Nielsen | 286 8264 |
| Rugby                             | Terry Smith             | 233 1481 |
| Soccer                            | David Wallace           | 235 3551 |
| Squash                            | Harold Mercer           | 211 5808 |
| Swimming Practice<br>(Khun Choon) | Mrs. E. Majer           | 252 7492 |
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