

# OUTPOST

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BRITISH CLUB

OCTOBER 1980





MEMBERSHIP MATTERS  
THE BRITISH CLUB

189 Suriwong Road  
Bangkok

NEW MEMBERS  
The following were the following  
September 1980:  
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Chairman: Mr. C. Stewart

Vice-Chairman: Mr. A.J. Phillips

Hon Treasurer: Mr. R. Barrett

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Main events this month concern Club development. Construction of the third squash court is ahead of schedule and should be completed by the 1st November, the date when work is due to commence on the newly approved development of the southern end of the poolside. The new sala should result, by mid-January, in more seating, drinking and eating capacity plus an area where children can play in full view of their parents.

On 1st October, work starts on replacing the floor in the reading room, hall and corridor of the Clubhouse. The back wall of the reading room will be knocked out and the billiards relocated in the room. For short periods there will be some inconvenience in gaining access to certain areas and, as a temporary measure, the reading room facilities will be located in the Suriwong Room. It is intended that the office will later be located in the old billiard room, along with a small functions room, and the existing office will become the reading room.

News on OUTPOST is that Norman Musgrave has joined the editorial team and has become the roving scoop, so watch what you say when he is about.

Charles Stewart features in the "Committee Profile" column (page 9) but take no notice of his traffic predictions -- 13,600 private motor vehicles were registered in Bangkok in 1952! Perhaps this error comes from the inevitable language problem between an Irishman and a Scotsman. Speak slowly, Arthur Phillips and Roy Barrett next month.

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

## NEW MEMBERS:

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

### Ordinary

Mr. J.A. Fernandes	Tate & Lyle Eng.
Mr. M. Jones	European Asian Bank
Mr. J.G. McGregor	Louis Berger Int. Inc.
Mr. D.J. Mulligan	Louis Berger Int. Inc.
Mr. W.J. Roberts	Canadian Embassy
Mr. G.A. Wild	Metal Box (T) Co.

### Non-Voting

Mr. B.J. Brooks	Vallentine Laurie & Davies
Mr. J.A. Howarth	New Tribes Mission

### Ladies Privileges

Miss P.A. Reynolds	Exxon Chemicals (T) Co.
Ms. M.M.F. Wiggins	British Embassy

### Up-Country

Mr. J.R.D. Gilbert

## NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Prospective Members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Suriwong Room at 5.30 p.m. on the following days.

Tuesday 7th October (Closing date 4 October)

Tuesday 4th November (Closing date 1 November)

Candidates and sponsors are invited to bring their wives to the New Members Night which will take the form of an informal drinks gathering. Dress: Tie (but no jacket) or Safari Suit.

# WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	Bridge 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	Swimming Training 4.30 p.m.
Thursday	Ladies Squash 9.00 a.m. Swimming Training 4.30 p.m.
Saturday	Buffet Lunch Dining Room 12.00-15.00 Video 5 and 8.00 p.m.
Sunday	Buffet Lunch Poolside 12.00-15.00 Buffet Supper Dining Room 18.00-22.00 Video 2, 5 and 8.00 p.m.

## OCTOBER VIDEO

Date	Film	Star
Saturday 4th	The Adventurers	Candice Bergen
Sunday 5th	The Stone Killers	Charles Bronson
Saturday 11th	The French Connection	Gene Hackman
Sunday 12th	Zulu	Michael Caine
Saturday 18th	Capricorn One	Ellict Gould
Sunday 19th	Nicholas and Alexandre	Michael Jayston
Saturday 25th	The Bridge at Remagen	George Segal
Sunday 26th	The Busy Body	Sid Caesar

We'll be "reeling" again in the Suriwong Room on Thursday evening 16th October!

## THE FLY

This month's leaks compiled whilst using a squatting (swatting?) position outside the reading room on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings.

### Bar decorations

Members will note that the chairs and stools have now been refurbished. New curtains have been ordered despite allegations that there are too many Scots on the Committee demonstrated by the drapes being at kilt lengths.

### Children in the Restaurant

During a recent Sunday evening buffet, the attention of diners was irrevocably drawn towards a small child who was engaged in encircling the buffet table with amazing speed and grace. Whilst the fleetness of foot of the young person together with the agility with which other diners were seen to avoid potential prangs could only be admired, the treatment subsequently handed out to the fruit salad server could best be described as unwelcome. Fly sincerely hopes that the enjoyment of the family buffet was not curtailed and that like incidents, however amusing for the participants, will not be permitted to recur.

The Committee are aware of a number of complaints about similar behaviour. If such events continue, then reluctantly, restrictions on the use of the dining room by children will have to be introduced. This is an appeal, therefore, for the minority of parents concerned to observe the Bye-Laws and to be more mindful of the wish by all dining room users to enjoy their meal in peace and safety.

### Poolside Menu

There have been a number of complaints concerning omissions from the new poolside menu. Whilst the menu has been designed in the interests of economy and quick service, the Catering Sub-Committee are hopeful that on most, if not all days some of the more popular "omissions" can be provided as poolside specials.

### Development

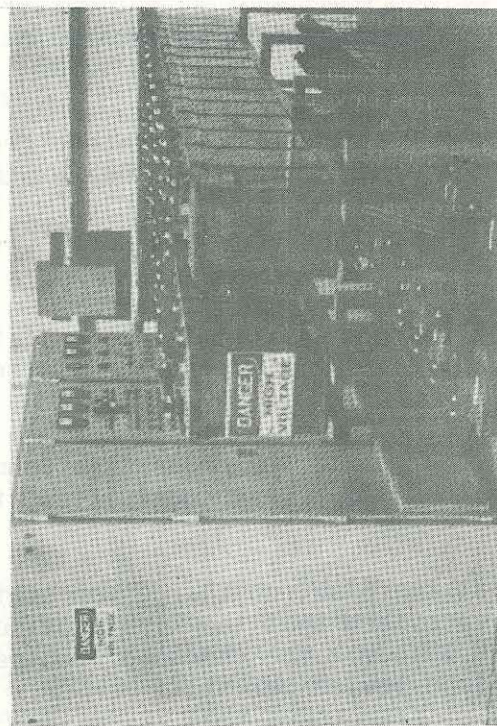
Plans and quotations for the poolside development (additional bar and sala) and the new billiard room have been approved and work should commence in November/December.

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### Manager's Remark of the Month

"....if people drift in leisurely...."

He is being asked to take the examination on page....!

### Staff Hire

The hourly rate for staff will be £30 per hour calculated from the time the staff leave the Club to the time they leave the party, PLUS half an hour for travel back to the Club. In addition a £40 "Booking Fee" will be charged where the Club supplies no food or drink.

Transport to and from the Club is charged at cost. Where staff leave the party after 10.00 p.m., a taxi fare of £40 per staffer will be charged.

All of the above charges will be charged to the Member's account and should not be given directly to staff. Any gratuities to staff may be given directly.

When private functions are held at the Club, no charge for staff will be levied before 10.30 p.m. provided that the Club provides food and/or beverages. After 10.30 p.m. the charge of £30 per hour plus a taxi fare of £40 will be levied per staff member.

### Other Items

- (i) Extra lighting is being supplied for the car parking area.
- (ii) The new ice making machine has been installed and is working satisfactorily.
- (iii) Clear plastic non-scratch tumblers are to be introduced at the poolside for soft drinks. Savings are anticipated on broken glasses, particularly if Members could be persuaded to drink beer from them.
- (iv) For a 3-month trial period it is hoped to install a soft drinks dispensing unit at the poolside.

### Entertainment

Nothing to do with the Reel Club, but it is rumoured that after Wine Tasting (October 2nd) will be followed by some unusual dancers including the Gay Gordons, The Nice Nigels and the Queer Quistophers.

### AS A RULE

The idea of this column is to draw Members' attention to certain Rules or Bye-Laws of the Club which tend, on occasions, to be mis-interpreted or forgotten. The regulations are there so that all of us may enjoy the benefits of a well-run Club and we would ask you to ensure that they are observed.

Two recent examples of non-compliance have been:

- a) The use of the swimming pool without first taking a shower and the wearing of shoes in the no-shoe areas (Bye-Law 22A)
- b) Requests for children to be allowed into the Bar to be with their parents. (Bye-Law 11F). Please note that children under 18 are not allowed in the bar under any circumstances, nor are they encouraged to congregate outside the bar door whilst waiting.

Incidentally, the Membership Sub-Committee which comprises Arthur Phillips, John Salter, Norman Musgrave and Tom Moran is currently engaged in a complete review of the Club's rule book and would be pleased to have suggestions from Members on possible changes which they might wish to see.

### Competition

We are pleased to announce that a competition is to be held to design a new British Club motif or logo.

Everyone from 1-100 can participate and the winner will be presented with a bottle of champagne!! Second prize (open to ladies only) is a night out with Frosty and third prize is two nights out with the same fellow!! - or three with Hugh.

Now for some guidelines. We are looking for a club emblem which can be used on ties, tee-shirts, sports wear, the Annual Report etc. and in the Clubs' colours of Red, White and Blue!! Suggestions, designs, artwork or whatever to the Editor by end of October please. Good luck!!

The Committee will judge all entries and their decisions will be final and accompanied by a click of heels! (However, they are open to any generous offer)

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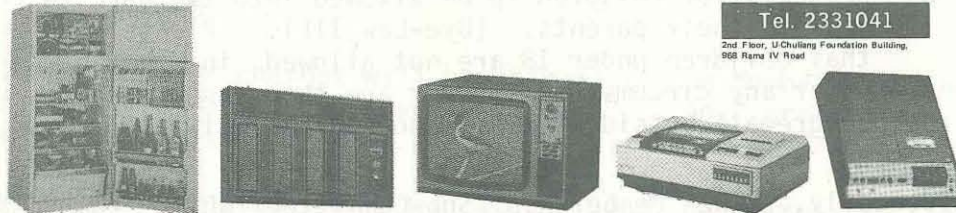
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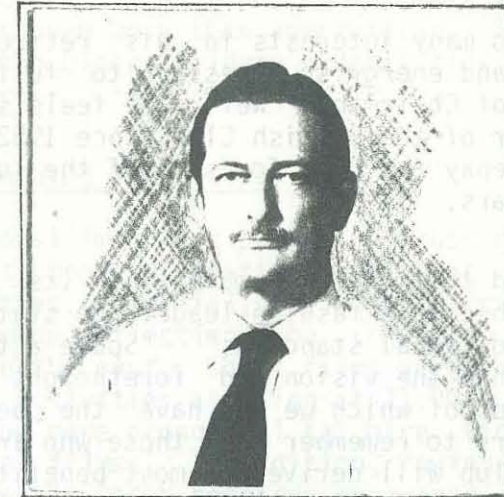
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## A PORTRAIT OF THE CLUB CHAIRMAN

An essential ingredient of any successful club is to have a good Chairman. The British Club have this in Charles Stewart, an enigmatic Scotsman born in Dumfries 51 years ago. As the son of a medical practitioner, Charles was educated in his home town and later in Edinburgh and was a prominent sportsman playing rugby, cricket and golf. After spending some time as a business trainee in Glasgow, he joined D. Couper Johnston (a Scottish trading company) and was posted to Thailand, arriving in May



1952. He spent 6½ years with Johnston before leaving to start his own company specialising in importing and distribution but was tempted away in 1963 by the famous Singer Sewing Machine Co. to become their Sales Manager. Charles retired from this company in July last year having been Managing Director for the previous 6½ years. He is still in love with Thailand, having married a Thai lady in 1958.

He does not, however, spend an idle time. Apart from being one of the few Lloyds underwriters in Thailand, Charles is a keen collector of Thai coins, stamps and banknotes and is General Secretary of the Inter-Asian Philatelic Federation.

The Chairman recalls some interesting comparisons between life in Bangkok today and when he arrived 28 years ago. For instance, can you imagine the "City of Angels" with a total of 20 Taxis (quite adequate at the time!) or a country with a total of around 4000 passenger vehicles, or anyone living further out than Soi Asoke being considered a country gawbie. These were facts in those days!

He remembers the value of a baht because he stayed in a mess when he first arrived, with 3 others, and was dismayed if the monthly bill for food, servants, utilities and drinks amounted to more than Baht 350.

One of his most interesting recollections is bringing his father-in-law into the Club one day for a drink. The gentleman recalled that the previous occasion upon which he had been so entertained was with the Duke of Teck (Queen Mary's brother) during the celebrations of the coronation of King Vajiravudh in 1911.

Why is a man with so many interests in his retirement prepared to devote the time and energy so necessary to fulfil adequately the demanding role of Chairman? Well, he feels sincerely that, having been a Member of the British Club since 1952, he now has an opportunity to repay the Club for some of the good times he has had over the years.

He is most concerned that the Club maintains its "BRITISHNESS". "The Club must not become a fashion-leader" he states "but rather must retain its traditional standards" "Spare a thought now and then for those who had the vision and forethought to start up and maintain the Club of which we now have the benefit, and I would counsel members to remember that those who are prepared to put most into the Club will derive the most benefit from it".

To all Mike's friends in Bangkok,

Acknowledging with grateful appreciation and sincere thanks your kind expression of sympathy.

Mike's funeral took place on August 14th 1980 in Chelmsford Essex.

From his mother and sister.



## LADIES' LIAISON GROUP

At the last meeting held on the 11th of September, we welcomed new members, Gwladus Adams and Sylvia Price. Both actively participated in last Summer's Children's Activities. Gwladus will take over the Secretarial duties of Sandra Kane and Sylvia will be our Chairman of the House and Grounds Section, the position previously held by Cynthia Hyatt. Cynthia will now be our Chairman of the Catering Section. Latest addition to the Group is Loreta Parker (a very active member of the Golf Section), whose assistance in the LALG's sponsored activities in the past has been more than appreciated. She will be our Co-ordinator for the Older Children's Activities. Welcome to all our new members.

### The Saturday Morning Activities

There were several important points discussed and considered during our last monthly meeting pertinent to the Saturday Morning Activities. Initially we wish to inform everyone of the changes made affecting the schedule of this monthly activity. In the past, short films were shown after the end of the various activities starting at 11:00 a.m. It was found that it would be more economical to hire video tapes rather than traditional films. In addition, owing to the popularity of the twice weekly Chess sessions organised during the last Summer Children's Activities, it was considered ideal to include Chess as one of the activities. Four Chess sets have been purchased for this purpose. Hence, the schedule for the next Saturday Morning Activities which will be held on the 4th of October will be as follows:-

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activities</u>
9:00 - 10:30	Chess (Suriwong Room)
	Football (Back Lawn)
	Play Group (Poolside)
	Sewing (Reading Room)
	Stamp Collecting (Suriwong Room)
	Tennis (Tennis Courts)

### To All Members

Please keep the Club informed of any change of your Address or Telephone Number.

Time (Cont'd)

10:30 - 11:00

Activities

Drinks will be provided. It is suggested that mothers provide their children with a snack if they wish to watch the full length film as this may last for at least an hour and a half or more.

11:00

Film "Star Wars"

In this regard we wish to remind parents of young children that although we try very hard to choose films suitable for all ages this is not always possible. Sometimes the younger ones become restless and leave the films early. May we request the parents therefore to ensure that there is someone responsible for their children on the premises in case of such an event.

Children's Christmas Parties

This year's Committee has submitted the dates it has chosen for the younger children's parties:

December 16 Tuesday - 5 years and under

December 17 Wednesday - 6-9 years old

The programme and other details of this affair will be made known later.

WANTED

A new LOGO - to be used on Club letterheads, ties, cuff-links and other paraphernalia.

Members are invited to design an appropriate logo and send it to the Editor before 31st October.

A bottle of M. Lanson's finest fizz will be awarded to the designer of the best entry.

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'A FISHY TALE'

In reply to that August Ad. about Hampshire Chalk Streams?

Once upon a tide, there were two fishermen named John Dory and Rod Tackle. John was lean and scaly and Rod had a harelip and, for that matter, a hare tail.

It was early in the week, Bārramundi or Barratuesdi - I can't remember which, when John and Rod walked home from their favourite fishing spot, seagulls circling overhead - some of them coming to perch.

The boys walked along. They tuna da radio. It was playing Salmon Janot Evening, a favourite song of the lads. Just then, as they were passing the used car sharks and the council carp-ark, two guys rod up on pikes. Gill had a flathead and wore a leather jacket (bought C.O.D.) He looked like Marlin Brando. The other guy, John West wore 'igh 'eels. They were a pair of prawns.

Rod and John were angling to tell of their reel good time fishing on the wharf. They thought to themselves - 'these two guys will be reel good listeners'. Rod started talking....

'Just after the wind a-baited, the fishing improved. I cast down a kosher prawn and caught a jewfish, while John, who was standing just beside me, cast out a witchetty grub and caught a blackfish.'

'I then tried a tadpole and caught a toad fish, and then a dim sim and caught a chinaman fish.'

'Holy Mackerel!!' John exclaimed, as he pulled in two tailors and a seamstress.

'The fish were floundering - the whiting was on the wall. Just then, we pulled in a couple of red herrings. Our fishing basket was soon fillet to the bream.'

The bikies were amazed at John and Rod's effishiciency. They had fallon for it, hook, line and sinker.

This is the end of this colourful story - a truly yellow tail.

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## ABOUT BANGKOK

### THE PLOENCHIT FAIR

Already preparations are well under way for this year's Ploenchit Fair, which is to be held on Saturday 15th November.

The Ploenchit Fair is an annual event, held in the grounds of the British Embassy. It is organised by the United Kingdom Committee for Thai Charities and raises large amounts solely to be used here in Thailand. Last year alone in the region of Baht 765,000 was raised to help these charities.

One of the most popular features of the Fair is the Castle Bakery Stall, organised by the British Women's Group. It sells home made products such as marmalade and mango chutney, home baked cakes, sweets and finally those little things that make life bearable such as Baked Beans, H.P. Sauce and Quality Street, which when obtainable in Bangkok are so expensive. A great deal of work goes into the preparation of these goods, with many ladies spending hours over hot stoves, a pastime here with few of the pleasures of an English Country kitchen.

Preparations this year began back in May when a section of the BWG committee met to set targets and plans for the year. Produce must be fresh, but obviously there would be far too much to do in the month before the Fair so products that will keep are made early and stored in an air-conditioned go-down. Chutney cooking sessions were held in May and June while the mango season lasted. This was followed in July by marmalade making. Marmalade sales have already begun to raise money this year. Also now in store are pickled onions, another product which is rarely obtainable in the shops.

Especially for Christmas, mincemeat is made, and this is being produced now. Christmas puddings will also be on sale - not home made but specially brought from England for the Fair.

Some things will not keep and cannot be made until November. In the weeks before the Fair the BWG ladies will be producing jars of lemon curd. Home made sweets were introduced last year. They proved so successful that this year the line is to be expanded.

Last of all come the cakes and biscuits, the main attraction of the Castle Bakery Stall. These are made on the Thursday and Friday immediately before the Fair and are always the first items to sell - chocolate and fruit cakes being the most popular. Every lady in the group helps in this undertaking and you need only see the results of their labours to understand why the stall does so well.

The Castle Bakery Stall is only one of dozens of stalls. You will find everything from Bingo to Jazz, from Crazy Golf to Wine and Cheese, and lots of fun, but remember - the chocolate cakes go first so don't be late!

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - THE PLOENCHIT FAIR

### HILLTRIBES HANDICRAFTS SALE

Join the happy shoppers at the next Hilltribes Handicrafts sale sponsored by the Women's Association of the International Church. The sale will be held on October 11, 1980 from 9:30 to 12 noon, at the ISB gym on Soi 15, Sukhumvit.

You will find many lovely items for mailing home for Christmas. Keeping in true Christmas colours of red and green, you'll want to start with the crocheted Christmas socks with Santa on the front made by the people at McKean. These people also make a small nativity set carved out of wood. At Ban Noi, Phudhong, Yao/Hmong (Meo), LAL, Karen and Lao Song, you will find a large selection of lovely table decorations, table cloths, placemat sets, wall hangings, door decorations, Christmas tree ornaments and skirts.

This month also be sure to check Karen for "special finds". We call them special because they are not always available at each sale. Among these items you might find powder horns, drums, honey baskets, spinning wheels and cotton gins. For those of you that do not know, all the Karen material is hand woven. You will find this cloth in pieces suitable for dresses, table runners, bedspreads, blankets and decorative pieces and also in large floor pillows.

Remember when you're shopping that you are helping different craftsmen. The money they earn pays for food, medicines, school fees and other necessities. When you have finished shopping, stop outside for refreshments. You will find a large selection of homemade baked goods with the proceeds from these going to the Christian Children's Happy Home.

See you on the 11th and happy shopping!!!!

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- October 18th - THE WOODWIND FAMILY
- November 1st - THE BRASS FAMILY
- November 15th - THE PERCUSSION FAMILY
- November 29th - THE PIANO AND THE HARP
- December 13th - THE GUITAR AND VOICE

This will take place at the Bhirasri Institute on alternate Saturdays from 3.00-4.00 p.m.

Tickets:    ฿10 for children 15 and under  
              ฿20 for over 15

We have a special price for those attending the whole series, of ฿50 for children, and ฿100 for adults.

The series is aimed at the 3-15 years age group, and all talks will be in English and Thai with simultaneous translation.

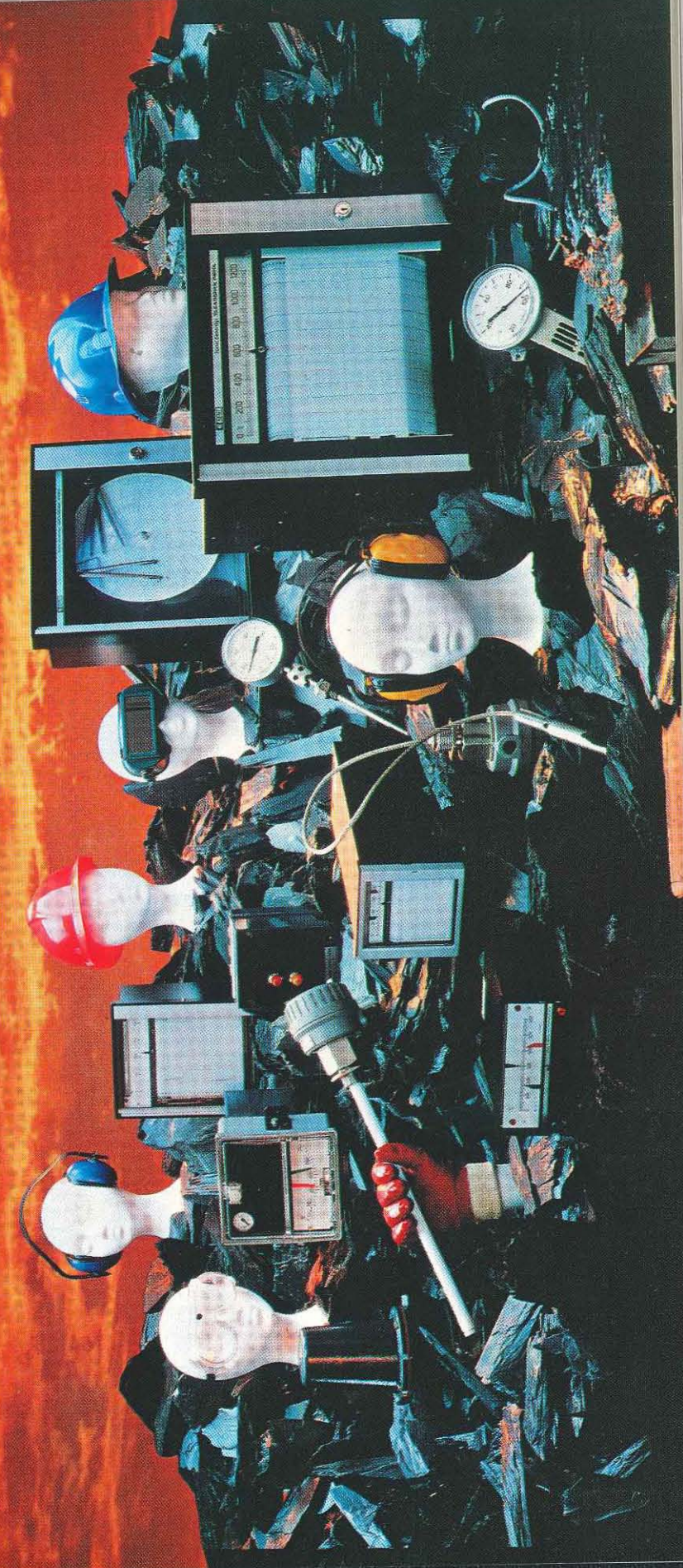
**EXCITEMENT** is the key word. Children should enjoy music and this is a unique opportunity for them to see, hear and handle (blow, hit, grind etc.) instruments in an atmosphere of fun - colourful costumes, ice-cream, popcorn, candy and balloons all featured in the scenario.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

The Family Fare and Beer Fest have recently continued the successful run of entertainments in the Club, as witnessed by our five



barely upstanding members here.

This month we follow with "WINE TASTING" on Thursday 2nd October.

A wide range of Thai-Australia's wines will be on trial, and there will be a competition for those who fancy themselves as wine-buffs - the champagne prizes donated by Thai-Australia.

An assortment of unusual cheeses and other savoury snacks will assist the palate, and there will be a Barbecue afterwards on the Front Lawn for those who can stagger that far.

Last year's event was heavily over-subscribed and numbers must again be limited to 50. Guests of members will, of course, be welcome but since this is primarily for the benefit of Members, there is a small surcharge for guests.

The Barbecue will be open to all Members and their guests, but to help establish the likely catering needs we have offered an inducement for Members to commit themselves to feeding afterwards at the Barbecue.

7.00 Wine Tasting in the Suriwong Room  
8.15 onwards, BBQ on the Front Lawn  
Dress: Casual

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Not often am I moved to put pen to paper, but I really must protest at the continued "hors de combat" state of our tennis courts.

Surely it is not beyond the bounds of foresight - not to mention capital expenditure - to raise the level of the courts - or better still convert them into hard playing surfaces.

Until such action is taken, those of us who love to play the game must content ourselves for several months of the year with sitting by the poolside bar drowning our sorrows with Kloster as quickly as the courts submerge in rain-water!!

Yours protestingly,

T. ELBOW (E101)

Any tennis player would agree that at this time of year the courts are not fit for play, unless the sign about "appropriate clothing" means swimming trunks.

The plan to build an all-weather court has been in the long range plan since its conception. However, at almost half a million baht, (the most recent estimate), is a significant amount of money and the general committee has to set priorities (see Fly for the latest details about where your money goes).

S. Brewin

Dear Sir,

I am extremely disappointed with the "new" poolside menu from which most of the items which could be considered as a meal, (suitable for young children or as a light meal for adults) have been removed viz: fish 'n' chips; shepherds pie, steak and kidney pie; satay; kowpat etc.

Could I please ask therefore, that the catering management reinstate these items onto the poolside menu and suggest that perhaps some rather more constructive thought be given to the problem of service delays. I do not use the phrase lightly when I state that this downgrading of the poolside as an eating place, represents a very serious blow to my enjoyment of the Club as a whole. If I cannot feed my young family there, then I will regrettably have to go elsewhere, or stay at home and I suspect that we are but one of many such families.

Graham Bellamy

B83

Ed's reply: Line in hope, see FLY on page 4.

Dear Sir,

In reply to member H83 letter in the August Outpost, The Squash Section Committee would firstly like to thank him for his praise for the organisation of the handicap competition, but unfortunately he is under the misconception that the booking rules have been breached. Each participant in the Handicap competition put their entry form in at least one month before the actual competition and were debited 50 Bahts for their entry. This 50 Bahts is to cover court time used plus other incidental costs. Now as every entrant was assured of 3 games each in the first round and as a gesture to those not so keen and not so active members who did not enter the competition, the committee decided to run the first round over a one week period using both courts; thereby only effecting those other members minimally.

Secondly, the Section Committee, within the constitution of the Club, and to save wasting stickers which do cost money, block booked the courts without stickers for all participants as the only logical and intelligent approach. Thirdly, all competitions in the club whether closed competitions or open events such as Thailand Squash Rackets Association matches are paid for either by the entrants or, as in the case of the T.S.R.A., the captain of the relevant B.C. Team.

T. Blanc

Chairman, Squash Section Committee

PROPOSED EXAMINATION PAPER FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

1. What is the Language spoken by FRENCHMEN?
2. Give the important characteristics of the Ancient Babylonian Empire with particular reference to architecture and literature OR give the first names of the Beatles.
3. What religion is the POPE? Jewish/Catholic/Hindu or Anglican? Underline one only.
4. Would you ask WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE to: Build a bridge/lead an army/sail the ocean/WRITE A PLAY?
5. What is a SILVER dollar made of?
6. What time is it when the big hand is on TWELVE and the little hand is on ONE?
7. Approximately how many commandments was Moses given?
8. Spell: London, Dublin, Belfast, Guinness.
9. What country is the Queen of England queen of?
10. What are the people living in the North of England called? Easterners/Southerners/Westerners/Northerners?
11. Six Kings of England have been called George. The last was called George 6th; name the other five.
12. Who won World War II? Who came second?
13. Where does the rain come from? Supermarkets/USA/A big fountain/THE SKY. Underline only one.
14. Can you explain Einstein's Theory of Relativity? Yes or No.
15. What is a coat hanger?
16. Who was buried in Grant's Tomb?
17. At what time is the News At Ten?
18. Where is the basement of a three storey building?
19. Explain Le Chatalier's Principle of Dynamic Equilibrium Force OR write YOUR name in BLOCK letters.

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## "THOUGHTS OF A BANGKOK QUASI-BACHELOR"

He sat uncomfortably and in that state of semi-sleep which can only be induced by too many hours spent in an aircraft and that last drink which he shouldn't have had. He was returning to Bangkok after a brief absence abroad but his wife had stayed behind and would not rejoin him for several weeks. What would he do? How would he manage? Would he be lonely? He panicked!! Dawn was breaking and soon he would experience again the delights of immigration at Don Muang. Would he go home? To what? An empty building full of recent happy memories and conversation? "What time is this to come home!!" "Congratulations! - you're just in time to have coffee with your dinner guests!!" "Where on earth HAVE you been?" - the words floated backwards and forwards as he smiled to himself in fond remembrance.

The plane landed and he reluctantly left his seat and committed himself to the authorities. He eventually "passed through" and finally slumped thankfully into his car.

"Where to, sir?" asked his driver after a few moments silence. Where to?!! He sat bolt upright!! - He didn't know!! Home? (no - too empty), the Museum? (too quiet) the Vicarage coffee-morning? (too noisy and rough), the Rose Garden Cultural Show? (too far) the office? (too near) - Where then??? Yes!!! He remembered!! The one place in town where he could sit quietly, catch his breath, read a newspaper, relax and slowly readjust his mind and body to the life-style of the East!! "The British Club" he mumbled and relaxed again into the comfortable depths of his semi-comatose state.

They sped onwards - down Super Highway, across Din Daeng, Asoke and onto Sukhumvit and eased gently into Silom coming to a gentle halt at those magnificent portals of the Main Building.

"Now" he thought "within seconds I can truly relax".

He walked across the squeaking floorboards - pushed open the door AND FROZE!!!. The bar was packed!!! What had gone wrong? In a flash it came to him! He had mis-calculated the time and it was much later than he had realised! The dreaded Saturday Evening Gang had arrived!!! He had heard about them!!! About the things they said and did!!! About the way they drank more than one large beer in an evening!!! About their mysterious nocturnal wanderings in the city!!! He recognised them from mug-shots he had seen in the Chamber of Commerce Year Book!!!

He tried to escape un-noticed! Too late! He was spotted and seized and despite resisting gallantly was propelled bodily forward and made to sit on a bar stool. The nightmare began!!! The following hours were but a blurred motion picture memory. At first the gang appeared to be considerate "He looks all-in" said one "Yes - just got him to the bar in time!" replied another. But as the night wore on the more sadistic elements took over. He remembered only vague snatches of events - Kloster being forced down his throat in ever-increasing quantities - being man-handled out of the building, bundled into a car and being driven at high speed (but only a short distance) to a multi-storey car-park. A kaleidoscope of flashing lights passed before his eyes and he saw strange sights! And in strange places. He couldn't remember the names properly. Something to do with a River and a Monarch? - a vague reference to a Rabbit Hutch - was there a pink leopard around? (How thoughtful to serve fresh fruit). Someone shouted "Cowboy!!!" and as he peered through the smoky haze for sight of a gentleman from the mid-west he felt himself once more transported in a fast car to what would presumably turn out to be further indescribable events. Suddenly he heard a voice saying "Good Morning, Sir, would you like some breakfast?" He opened his eyes. The air-stewardness was smiling down at him. Oh joy!! He was still on the plane!! It had all been a bad dream!!!

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## DARTS

Now, you're not going to believe this but the Lillywhites actually had two supporters at an away game held at Our Place on 28th August! We're not sure whether the presence of John Walker and Norman Musgrave had anything to do with the fact that the Wonder Ladies were playing on the other Board, but the fact is they weren't impressed with the play on ours. However, the presence of supporters didn't help much against Fly Kwiz and we went down 13-4. No-one could manage a singles point, and only our new secret weapons Norman and Peter (a Princely player) gave us two doubles points.

Arthur, Brian and Ingrid won their triples game when Arthur closed double 4, but the other trio Norman, Peter and Bryan played so badly that at one stage their successive scores were 7, 1 and 9. At least Bryan got a free Kloster from the pub proprietor for getting three darts in the treble one to score his nine. Even though tons came from Arthur (100, and 121) and Peter 126, Norman Musgrave was so disappointed with the performance that he charged the whole team with battery and put them in a dry cell!

Starting the following match against new team "Alex 9 to 9" by losing the first 3 singles, the Lillywhites then staged a magnificent recovery to win 9-8. Singles wins from Roy and Bryan, followed by doubles victories by Roy and Doug and Bryan and Ingrid brought the scores level. Even the Derby Duo Arthur and Brian were only beaten by the Season's first spectacular bullseye finish by Visitor Bill. The triples were split with our win coming from the Derby Twins plus Ingrid, and in the end it all rested on the team game which Brian closed double 16. Tons came from Bryan, Arthur, Roy and Doug (116).

On 11th September when we hosted first division 20 Hotel at the Club, Norman's singles win looked like being our only point. In fact we only added to it when Roy sewed up a closely fought team game. So the least said about that 15-2 defeat, the better.

And the stop-press (almost literally!) news is the 10-7 defeat by Our Place at their place. It was a closer match than the score suggested with singles wins from Roy and Bryan, doubles points from the John/Roy combination and Andy joining them for our only triples victory. Bryan scored 2 tons.

With the exception of Ingrid, all players are booking haircuts and getting their poshest after-shave lotion off the top shelf ready for next week's meeting with the Wonder Ladies. Should be a few double top's around!



....and from the SUPPORTERS....



Being accustomed to reading the darts dribble with mostly amusement yet some bewilderment, the newly formed B.C. SUPPORTERS CLUB impulsively initiated by the aforementioned Walker and Musgrave decided, over a point or two, to pay a surprise visit on our infamous darts team. First problem, where are they playing? -- A glance down the length of the bar indicated they were not "at home", so upstairs for a quick snifty at the OUTPOST. Ah yes, they're at Our Place - where's dat? soi 20.

Having ascertained the whereabouts of that soi the chair and vice set off in convoy. Three trips up and down the soi at a crawl did not reveal the location of the Place (although they had a number of barely refusable offers). So park the car they did and staggered along taking care to read all signs (quite an education). At last, at last, it was found, not on soi 20 but in a Soilet!

After much barracking of the wrong team, and ogling of the team on the other board the chair and vice were enlightened. Our team were not playing Our Place, but Fly Kwiz; a single is nothing to do with underwear and a ton is unrelated to the speed of the dart.

The supporters notice that there is a spare slot in the darts programme and offer a challenge. This challenge is made in all confidence of victory as it was noted that in the trebles (three singles?) the B.C. team scored less than 10 in three consecutive throws! - even with a logo dartboard, we can do better than that.

New members of the supporters club are invited to the next meeting, on any old Thursday, in the bar around 8 p.m. Dress, ladies only. The intention is to drop in unannounced on any B.C. sporting activity!

LADIES - KEEP-FIT/JAZZ

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# SWIMMING

The New Season started in great style with an excellent turnout for our Family Gala, held on 7th September. Not only were most of the regulars who had been on leave back, but the older ones from boarding schools in the U.K. were still in Bangkok, so numbers were well up. It was particularly pleasing to see that the children who had been away did not fall far behind those who had been swimming all summer.

The swimmers were divided into 5 age-groups and all strokes were included. Results were often very close and prizes were awarded for points over all races - cups for 1st place and silver and bronze medals for 2nd and 3rd.

Winners were:

6 years and under

Girls	Leonowens Cup	Katherine Walsingham
Boys	Sandie Rennie Cup	Adam Cleary

7 & 8 years

Girls	Litesome Cup	Tamara Mattinson
Boys	Ross Clark Cup	Andrew Julius

9 & 10 years

Girls	Jim Holt Cup	Emily Nancarrow
Boys	Les Acheson Cup	Matthew Hyde

11 & 12 years

Girls	Mel Taylor Cup	Nicola Tait
Boys	Tom Barratt Cup	Tony Bradley

13 & 14 years

Girls	Heath Lane Cup	Lisl Nancarrow
Boys	Hong Kong Bank Cup	William Jamieson

15 to 17 years

Girls	Chairman's Cup	Elaine Jamieson
Boys	Chartered Bank Cup	Andrew Hurrell

Silver Medallists were:

N. McRobert, K. Sill, J. Albright, S. Tait, J. Walker, S. Betteridge, K. Nancarrow, G. Walsingham, D. Tait, S. Duncan, K. Prendergast, M. Duncan and D. Campbell.

Bronze Medallists were:

E. Adams, R. Fleming, L. Hyde and M. Prendergast.

The Wyn Lapping Shield, awarded to the winner of highest points overall was shared by Katherine Walsingham, Andrew Julius and Nicola Tait, each with an aggregate of 20 points.

Many congratulations go to all these winners since, with the numbers swimming this time, competition was pretty stiff. It was good to see more older children as last year one or two were the sole entrants in their age groups. This time we were able to hold a 15-17 years class.

After the serious stuff a lighter note was struck when the parents took to the water - Mothers being aided by kick-boards. For their race, Fathers looked the height of sartorial elegance by accessorising their outfits with hats, shirts, socks and pants. (One Dad who didn't manage to pull his right up must have been severely handicapped, if that's the right word. Kneecapped?) Eve Salinas won a beer mug for her efforts and Paul Bond took away a rather fetching vase. No, Eve was not swimming in the Dad's race or vice versa; the shop put the wrong labels on the prizes.

Next we had the Mothers and Daughters race won by Pam and Kristen from the Hardy family, who almost came straight from the airport to compete. (Keen, that's what we like to see!) This was followed by the Fathers and Sons Event, won by Hugh and William Jamieson - who else? The Hardys compounded their earlier triumph by winning the Family Race and Scotland were first oop fer Commonwealth Coop. Overcome by this success Hugh J. promptly fell in the pool, cigarette and all - (or Was He Pushed, Jamieson Juniors?)

After the Toddlers Race, all the other children dived for coins, thus marking the end of a highly successful day. A big 'thank-you' to all who put in a lot of work to make it so.

Many of the younger children who stayed here for the summer practised under Khun Choon's able tuition for their Personal Survival Awards. 10 children took Bronze and 6, Silver, these numbers including Eryl Adams and Susan Julius who managed both

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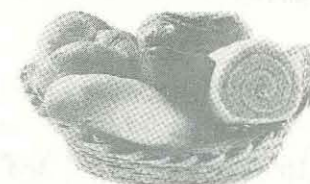
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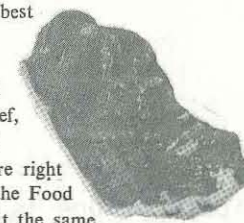
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the Silver. A noble effort! Our thanks go to Graham Bellamy who gave up his time to examine for these awards.

Improvers: We have no less than 23 swimmers worthy of mention this month, which made choosing a specific individual very difficult. Those who did especially well were Mark McCall, Eryl Adams, David Salinas, Adam Betteridge, Louise Hyde, Karen Prendergast, and William Jamieson. Finally though, Edward Adams was chosen Improver of the Month by bettering his own times on all strokes with a spectacular 64 seconds off I.M. Well done, Edward.

The next monthly Gala will be held on Sunday 5th October - Ann the Voice will be there again!

### Swimming Lessons

Please note that from 25th October to 3rd November Khun Chun will be away. However, he will leave behind a programme for swimming trainees, so let's keep up the good work and show him results on his return.



## BRIDGE

Another evening of duplicate bridge is arranged for Monday 6th October at 7.00 p.m. in the Suriwong Room of the British Club.

There is a sheet on the notice board and it would help if people could enter their names on it so that we will have an idea of how many people to expect.

If you do not have a partner, please put your name and telephone number on the sheet so that players in a similar situation can contact you.

There will be a small charge of £20 per person to cover costs.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

As dusk approaches each Saturday evening a group of normally well motivated and disciplined male runners gather to perform the ritual of the "Hash". This consists of a run along a trail set by a hare, who has preceded the pack of "Hounds" some 2 hours in advance, laying an intermittent trail of tapioca flour and/or paper which the others follow to the run's conclusion. The run is intermittent in that there are breaks ("checks") designed to prevent the pack from becoming too spread out and in case someone gets lost or falls in the odd sweet-smelling klong. The breaks also prevent the fast runners (FRB's - you guess the translation) from regularly coming home first.

Normally, runs are set in the outer Bangkok environs although one will soon occur around an area better known for its friendly bars. Recently, however, the run was set by Tim Hughes at Pattaya and the following is the tale of that run. Terminology is occasionally unique to the Hash - interpretations can be provided on request in the bar. The On On On by the way is a social occasion at which the runners gather after the run, imbibe an ale or two, reminisce on the run etc. Unkind observers, usually wives, claim it is the sole purpose of the excursion.

### CHECK BACK RUN #166 - Two Time Tapioca

It was back to the marathon league for the pack last week. The hare freely admitted that there were 2 runs - one for the purist, the other for the realist. The latter incidentally was a mere 1½ hours, while for those of us that really took a number of wrong turns through sugar cane etc. the total time was around 2 hours. Darkness fell just as we jumped onto a baht bus so the 4:30 start was well & truly justified.

The start was in a small reserve near the Khao Khieo park. Initially we jogged steadily through a series of roads that led us back to the gate about 20 mins. later with Grandmaster Ellis leading the second pack back into the park & splitting us into 2 + groups for the remainder of the run. The first section was distinguished by being joined for a while for the first time ever on a Bangkok Hash by 2 zebras. Also seen during that early section were bears, monkeys, elephants & peacocks. Alcohol consumption before the run was at normal levels & the zebras were real - although they did make some strange noises.

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On leaving the pack the now severely depleted leaders - 5 or 6 of us - tried to attract the others for at least 10 minutes with various calls, including On On, but to no avail.

On then into some real tapioca. At one stage your scribe and Joint Master Heath were within 6 to 8 feet of the others and couldn't see a thing. A couple of hills later we came on open ground and a construction site. The workers waved and on behind the building past the toilet etc. and into yet more tapioca. The following pack - realists - went straight on and so avoided the purist run.

More tapioca, varying height but some of it well over our heads. The paper was well used and shredded Bangkok Post which blended magnificently with tapioca twigs. A lonely mausoleum soon loomed and a monumental check that took a good 20 mins. to solve - through tapioca of course. The next check was at a track end and beside both sugar cane and that other by now familiar stuff. Again a long one to solve and split us up again - for a while.

Well over 1½ hours now and we set off in the general direction of the road - we could hear traffic. Back on paper - the hare's car appears and we get a form of return directions and an assurance of return transport. Dusk. Next check right - the front runners go in the right direction and disturb some wasps, with some very healthy stings. Pack split up again - Hugo, Dave Boskett and Som go the correct way - the rest of us added half a kilometre or so to the return journey by going further out to hit the road. Brian Heath and scribe took a baht bus back to the cars (not the start) while John Baker and others ran back - to the cars. Gary Williams had joined us on the stage after the Hare had met us on the track. Gary ran all the way back and came in dry!

The ON ON ON was conducted at Sri Racha and was joined by Bob Boulter and Blaise McConnell who with good intentions of running had broken down en route.

A long one although in keeping with our outstation record. Checks were occasionally a bit brutal but at the end of it all - what the hell!

## Squash Filler

EXTRACT FROM BANGKOK POST "fisticuffs were the order of the day when Bob Russell played last week and the referee had to send them both off!!." I thought it was a non-contact sport.



# GOLF

## The Captain's Prize (7th September, 1980)

The Rose Garden Course certainly kept the scores high for the Captain's Prize competition on 7th September. 31 golfers turned out for this annual event. Although the course was in its usual good condition the fairways were very soft and this was the main cause for the unusually high scores (Mr. Handicapper to note!).

The winner of the Captain's Prize was John Watkins with the only net score under par - a 71 - well done John. Our match secretary, John Kerr, was not overcome by his early morning hard work and recorded a net 74 to take the runners-up prize from Rupert Jameson on a countback.

The best 1st nine prizes went to Jim Aitken and Rupert Jameson with Des Kenneally and Don Goodin taking the back nine prizes.

The Chartered Bank sponsored nearest the pin prizes very nearly proved to be a most expensive day for Bob Lumsden when he stopped his Chartered Bank Dunlop 65 one millimetre from the edge of the sixth hole. A prominent member of the section was heard to remark, "Only a Scotsman could do that!" Gan Paolo picked up the other nearest the pin prize.

The report would not be complete without mention of the Captain's playing partner Dai Pravit who was very much in the hunt until he was seen lying down on the 17th Fairway receiving a soothing massage from his caddie! - He told us it was cramp!! To prove he was telling the truth he performed a spectacular double somersault in a bunker on the 18th which unfortunately ended his challenge for the prize - it is believed however that in spite of this he collected 4 bottles of Kloster from a certain Irish opponent.

## Golf Competition (21st September, 1980)

Only 14 golfers turned up for the club competition at UNICO on the 21st of September. Unfortunately golfing conditions were far from ideal and a number of players had the misfortune to lose golf balls in the middle of the fairway. The scores certainly reflected the playing condition.

The day's winner with 33 Stableford points was Derek Pott, runner-up was Ken Long with 32 points beating Jim Aitken on a countback. The front nine went to G. Paolo with 19 points and the back nine to Captain, John Davidson, with 16 points.

The nearest the pin prizes turned out to be a nearest the pin prize when none of the 14 were able to land on the 8th green from the tee shot. Ian Halliday did, however, manage to get closest to the pin on the 12th.

It is hoped that playing conditions improve for our next competition which is at Hua Mark and is the first round of the Thai Glass/Gestetner/Eclectic competition.



# LADIES' GOLF

The Ladies will hold their annual Kitchen Sink fixture at the Rose Garden on Thursday 23rd October, which is a public holiday. The entry list is already on the Club Notice Board, so please sign up as soon as possible...this is a "fun" event, open to all golfers (of any standard!) and we hope for a really big turn out on that day.

## PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER

### October 7th - Stableford

Starter: Sheila Neville (391-6000 x 39)

### October 14th - 9 Hidden Holes

Starter: Anne Quinn (391-2322)

### October 21st - Bogey

Starter: Eileen Ford (252-2074)

### October 23rd - KITCHEN SINK AT ROSE GARDEN

### October 28th - Medal

Starter: Joyce Lumsden (252-8402)



# SQUASH

The club handicap was successfully completed on Sunday 7th September. In a very exciting and nail biting result, we saw that late nights (at a restaurant with no food) and having access to an unlimited supply of milk, outweighs early to bed and early to rise tactics when Kenneth (Mali the Moo Cow) Green beat Daniel (Healthy, Wealthly and Wise) Verpillot two games to one. The handicapper, one of the infamous Ockeriwies, showing no bias at all gave handicaps in game one of Green (-5) and Verpillot (+11) which Ken won 25-19; in a particularly nasty mood the handicapper changed the handicaps to (-10) and (+12) which gave Daniel the game 25 to 9. Revising the handicaps yet again the two players then fought out a close tussel with Ken coming back from 0-18 to edge ahead of Daniel 24-23; but Daniel was not going to give up and wrong footed Ken to get to 24 all, but he could not find a nick or even a lucky bounce to get the next point and Ken was victorious 25-24. In other earlier matches these we many exciting tussels and it was heard that wee Marj would like to play with the big boys more often, whilst big Bob gleefully admitted he'd be handicapped with Margaret any time.

Congratulations to Ken on his victory and many thanks to Vic Betteridge for running a good tournament.

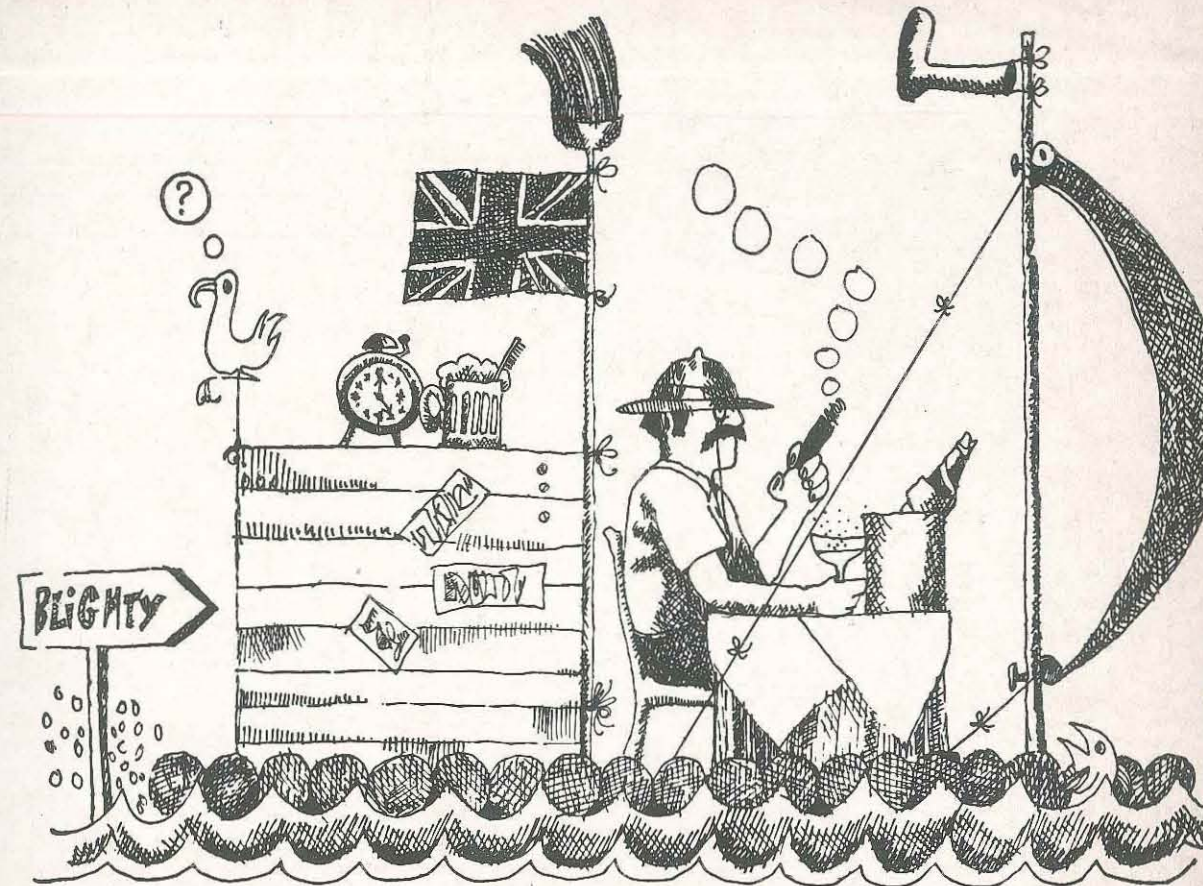
League 29 has just started and due to the large number of entries: 120 the league will run for 7 weeks. Make sure you play early and don't get caught in the last week with all your matches to play.

Third Court construction is well underway and we may be playing on it ahead of schedule. Although it won't be glass backed we will still be able to play and watch.

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

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