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Editorial

This turns out to be a bumper issue, reflecting renewed activities after the holidays and - lets give them credit - some results of the General Committee's efforts. The spectacular items are provided by Entertainments but in Food and Beverages, House and Grounds, Sports and other departments steady maintenance and improvements are there to be seen.

Membership figures and the status of Ladies are of interest still, as evidenced in Letters. On the former, the information provided on page 5 may still some erroneous argument. Correspondence on the latter is puzzling - those in favour of equal rights seem to be attacking each other!

I also take this opportunity to comment briefly on the letters in September's Outpost from Mrs. Piper, and Mr. Leete (whose credibility seems now to be in question - see this issue). Mrs. Piper compares the politics (nasty word) of a country with that at a club. This does not seem valid. A country depends on children, therefore mothers and (by civilization) therefore wives for continued survival. A club does not. The fact of being born determines ones nationality and in the case of UK entitles one to free false teeth in old age. Membership of a Club is, however, an achievement undertaken by choice after the necessities of life have been taken care of. I would expect the politics to be dissimilar. Mr. Leete's charter was quite a broadside. His point number 5 admits a degree of irresponsibility among members which should be deplored. The BC is not large and depends very much on responsible attitudes being taken on important matters. This should not be too much to expect.

Sticking my neck out, I detect some inaccurate ideas about the nature of equality. If Ladies want it, are they (or their husbands) prepared to pay for it? If not, their idea of equality is different from mine. Why do married couples think they should have a "family" - which means reduced - subscription? Is the service they each require from the Club less than the service required by a single person? Married bliss is a great achievement but are the aspiring single people, who usually are younger and therefore less well off, really expected to subsidise them? This is not equality. Lazy thinking won't do.

We're trying to do a late scoop this issue by covering the Terry Scott Club Night - photographs and all - after Edit Night. So if this Outpost is a day or so late we beg your indulgence.

Finally: I think the waitresses are super, don't you?

Ian Hill, Editor

Notices to Members

TAX ON ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS

As of 1st January 1983 a five percent tax will be levied on Associations and Clubs, based on gross turnover, excluding subscriptions and entrance fees.

The Committee have decided that this tax will be passed on to members. Bills will be over-printed "plus 5% Tax" and the actual amount added to the monthly statements.

The 5% tax will also apply to the sale of coupon books, sports equipment etc. etc.

KHUN ADISAK KAMKHANTI

Assistant Manager

The General Committee is pleased to announce confirmation of Khun Adisak's appointment as Assistant Manager.

The Club welcomes Khun Adisak to the Management team.

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

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

Ordinary

Mr. A. Bohan	Chartered Bank
Mr. R.O. Butterworth	Crown Agents
Mr. R.G. Dodsworth	Thai Shell E & P
Col. B.J. Harrold	British Embassy
Mr. J.B. Hyde	Lepetit (T) Co. Ltd.
Mr. J.A. Scott	Safcol Thailand Ltd.
Mr. M.J. Sharples	Union Oil Co. of Thailand
Mr. D.R. Small	AFI (Thailand) Ltd.

Non-Voting

Mr. R.H.D. Lewis-Bryan	J.L. Morison, Son & Jones
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Country

Mr. R.T.G. Davies	Cargill Ltd.
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Ladies Privileges

Mrs. M-A Chirathivat

Associate

Mr. H. Braendli	Diethelm & Co. Ltd.
Mr. O.P. Jersing	Seismograph Service Ltd.
Mr. A. Normann	Dumex Limited

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

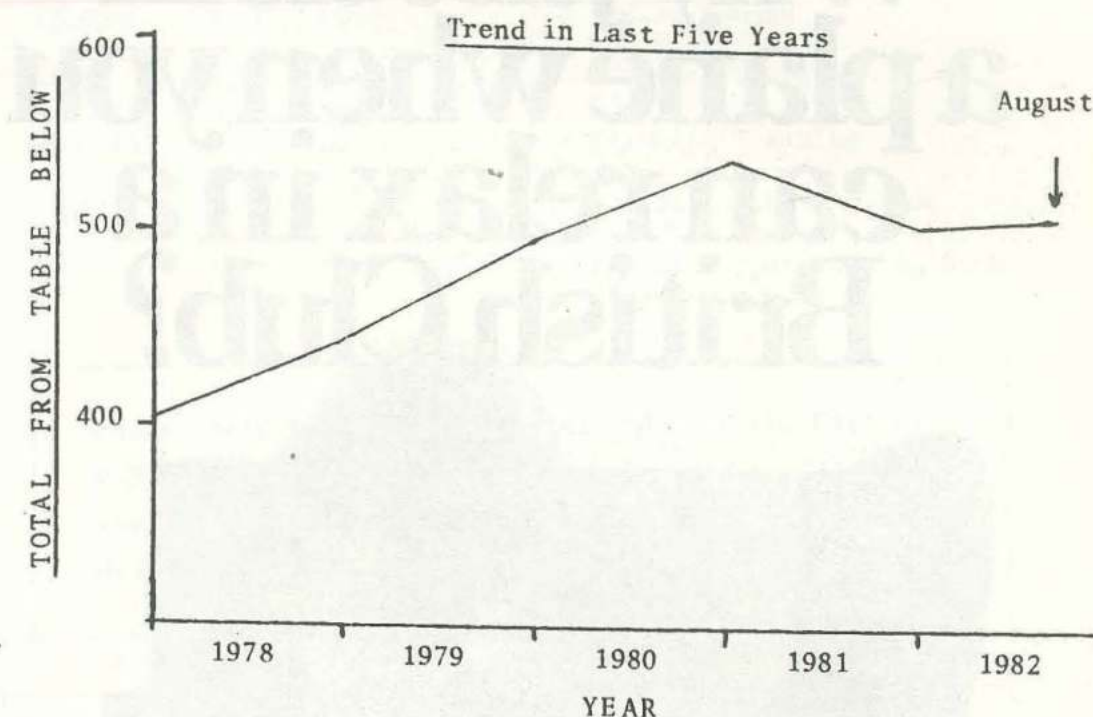
Ordinary	375
Non-Voting	6
Associate	37
Ladies Privilege	39
Up-Country	21
Candidate	39

TOTAL	517
Absent	698

GRAND TOTAL 1215

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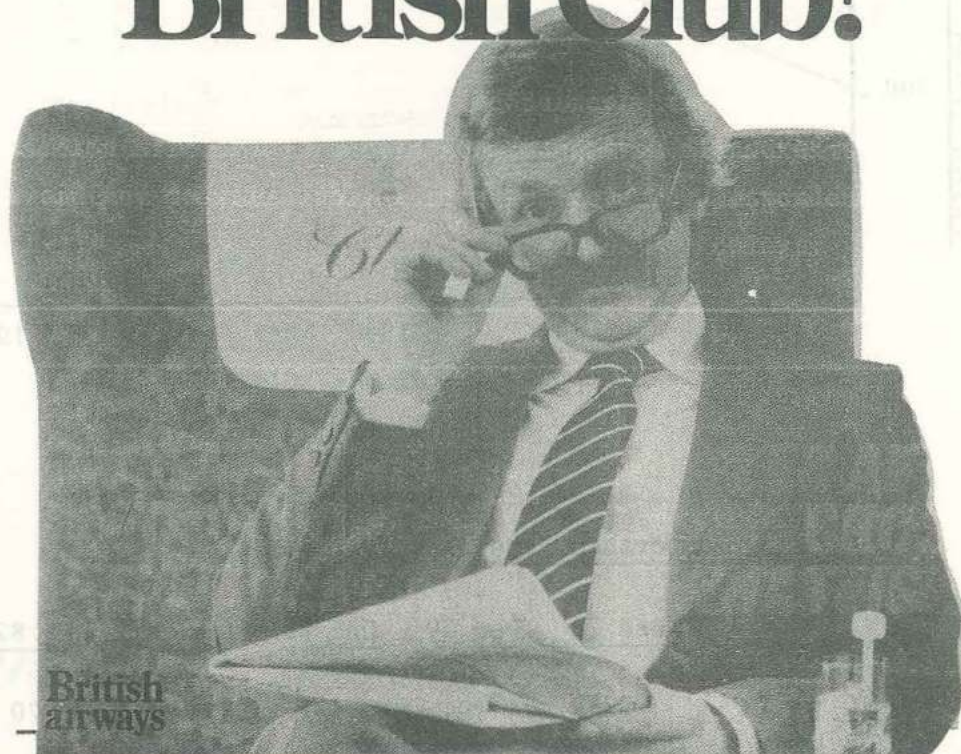
Membership Trends



Membership Figures by Category

	Dec 77	Dec 78	Dec 79	Dec 80	Dec 81	Aug 82
Ordinary	357	376	404	421	375	370
Candidate	-	-	-	-	30	42
Non-Voting	8	17	12	9	3	5
Associate	3	13	24	30	32	32
L.P.	25	30	36	50	39	38
Up-Country	9	6	19	26	23	22
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Weekly Club Events

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

Please note that the new postal code for the Club is BANGKOK 10500. This should now be used on all correspondence to the Club in order to avoid any postal delays.

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Fly

Fly has been disturbed from his mid-year siesta by much activity in the Suriwongse Room recently. He thinks the blokes are trying!

He learned that the considerable efforts to improve the Dining Room in all respects are coming to fruition and resolved to flit down there soon for an aperitif. Fly made a note that children under 10 are welcome at all times, but since his are unruly he intends to avoid bringing them after 8.00 p.m. on weekdays.

A discussion about supplying Real Ale proved initially promising, but logistics and costs defeated the idea and Fly's brains. Fly wonders if the enthusiasts could do some more homework on this - he'd like to taste a drop.

Fly perked up on hearing talk of reviving Croquet and Bowls on the back lawn. Shades of Edwardian summers, and slinky barmaids too! With the tennis courts in action towards the end of the year, the BC would offer the best variety of sports in Thailand!

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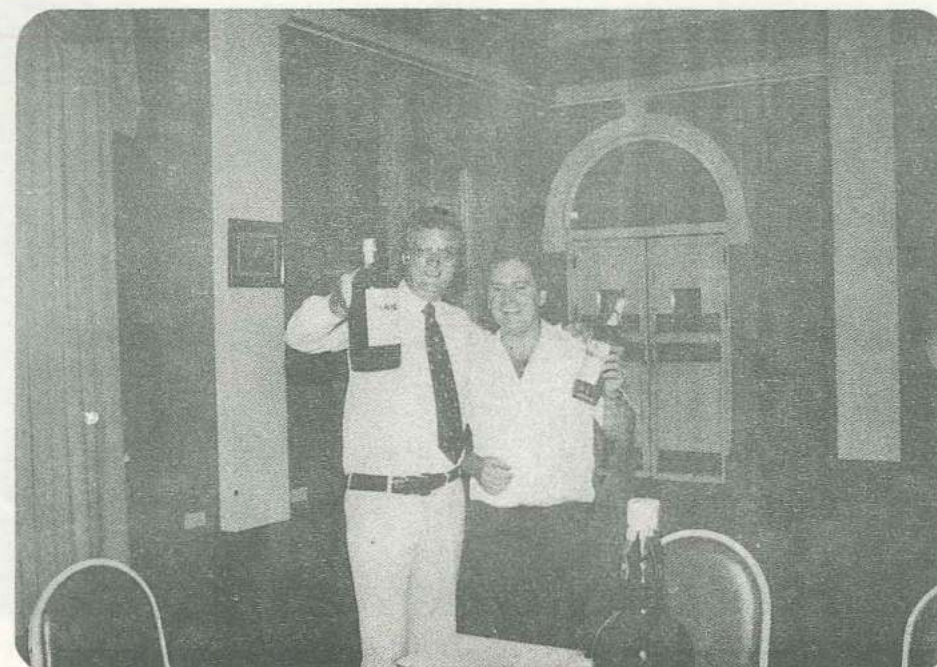
Farewell

CLIVE AND WENDY MILLER have been around since early 1979, and have made many friends, been stalwart supporters of the BC and mainstays of the Golf Section. Outpost is particularly grateful for their excellent writing, photographs and cartoons.

We all regret their departure and wish them well.

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Photographic Competition



Mr. Norman Musgrave (3rd prize) and Mr. David Hayes (eight highly commended) after receiving their prizes. First and second prizes went to Mr. Norman Scott who was unable to attend the ceremony. The ensuing Committee Meeting was remarkably cheerful. Prizes of *Haig* whiskey were kindly presented by *The Borneo Company*

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Quote Of The Month

"These are the BEST CHIPS that I have tasted in Bangkok for FOUR YEARS" -- Les Vize overheard in the B.C. Bar.

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Club Night - Terry Scott



Hot-winged on a tour of south-east Asia with Derek Nimmo's production of "A Bedful of Foreigners" Terry Scott and his charming wife Maggie proved on 26th September that the British Club can be woken up on a Sunday evening. This event was fully booked within a few days of announcement and the lucky 120 were not disappointed.

Our new waitresses must have been surprised to see the bar so full at 7.00 p.m. but coped well and at 8.00 the assembly adjourned to the Suriwongse Room - looking splendid for the occasion, as usual - for the traditional dinner and loyal toasts. The fare was smoked mackerel followed by Hawaiian ham, then BC trifle (everybody's favourite), cheese and coffee, all assisted by Club wines and more exotic fluids according to desire.

Apparently not fortified enough, Mr. Scott Younger commenced his introduction from the pulpit with "Our Father....", then went on to explain that Terry was raised and schooled, but not educated, in the town of Elton John (Watford). Terry started working life as an accountants' clerk (appropriate laughter), then had a spell in the Navy, then got a job as stage manager in rep. theatre and we all know has been in show biz ever since, his most famous show being "Happy Ever After" which is still going strong.

Terry mounted the rostrum and was immediately involved in a battle with an incalcitrant microphone. A true professional, he inspired much hilarity before dispensing with the mechanics altogether, and announced the title of his address: "I'm Alive". He certainly is! In a self-portrait quiz he gave answers about himself thus: Happy? Yes; Successful? Yes, Wealthy? Yes; Big-headed? No! He then confessed to being a little uncertain about what his audience wanted: like the famous lady's seventh husband, he knew what to do but not how to make it interesting. He also confessed to being a sex maniac and gave us an epitaph he composed for himself: "He believed in sex after death; that's the only reason he went."

Terry proceeded to entertain his audience with brief autobiography, anecdotes about show business personalities, self-commentary ("I'm basically honest -- at one time I was paying 83% income tax!"), philosophical comments ("no-one grows up; adults just forget the simple loving and forgiveness possessed by children") and intriguing diversions, all liberally interspersed with jokes.

Commenting on the ingredients of success, (talent, guts and luck), Terry said this applied to everyone's field, and regarding his luck he described first: buying a suit with two pairs of trousers and on first wearing burning a hole in the jacket and second: turning up to view the Grand Canyon only to find it closed.

Then he had a terrible thought: Wedgie Benn! At one stage he announced that the Irish Samaritans had gone ex-directory.

Replying to questions, Terry complimented Margaret Thatcher for speaking her mind and sticking by what she said, but he regretted she was not a man. Why? Terry explained that many men mistrust women and Mrs. Thatcher's following would increase if she had the operation. Terry described his funniest incident (for others) on location as the time he went through the scene wearing briefs which were demonstrably too brief, and the most consistently funny comedian in his view was Julian Orchard.

Terry explained that one incident had taught him not to expect applause at the end of a performance. After a successful evening entertaining a working men's club in Yorkshire there was no applause. So he asked one man why. The reply was "I don't get applause when I come out of pit!"

Nevertheless the BC applauded warmly. Mr. Younger complimented the speaker and sent best wishes to the cast of "A Bedful of Foreigners", and presented a Club Tie to Terry.

The British Club thanks BRITISH AIRWAYS for making this highly successful event possible.

Club Night Photos



Top Table gets the best jokes,



but laughter is infectious

(Punch lines)



"Your mother's on the roof and won't come down!"



"..... Pinocchio!"

Letters

The Editor,
Outpost
The British Club

8 September 1982

Dear Sir,

SPOUSES' MEMBERSHIP

Your indulgence please for a reply to letters in August and September Outposts. First, separation and clarification of the issues; membership for women on equal bases and shared rights for married members.

Messrs: Helmer, Piper and Leete propose that married members should share their spouses rights; presumably husbands of women and wives of men would equally qualify.

This suggestion has no bearing on womens' rights, sex equality etc., it is simply privilege for married members and their children at the expense of the single. Ms. Piper reasons that, because the U.K. tax system has allowances for unsalaried married women, single members of the British Club should subsidise members' spouses.

Mr. Leete's confused remarks about sex equality and relevance seem illogical and obscure, it would doubtless be unenlightened, impertinent even to ask for facts and reasons to support his assertions.

If married members are to share their rights with spouses, then, either the single should pay half married entrance fees, deposits and subscriptions (these are almost equal at the moment), or, mutatis mutandis, be able to nominate a friend to share their rights.

Inured to rough water by long naval service, accurate navigation shows that the purchases and subscriptions of the 20% of members who spend most in the club (half single) provide monthly income of three times entrance fees or more than total other subscriptions.

I do agree that the club and committee members should objectively, carefully and fully consider all reasonable views. However, some of the otiose, didactic, dogmatic and unwarranted parts of recent correspondence can safely be ignored.

Yours sincerely,

G. Cowie
G. Cowie

The Editor,
Outpost
The British Club

4th September 1982

Dear Sir,

How extraordinary it is that Mr. Leete's campaign for sexual equality (Outpost September) in the British Club, does not extend to allowing ladies into the Bangkok Hash House Harriers. Both organisations do have some striking similarities, but Mr. Leete is adamant that the Hash should remain an all male preserve, presumably for the "unenlightened on expense accounts."

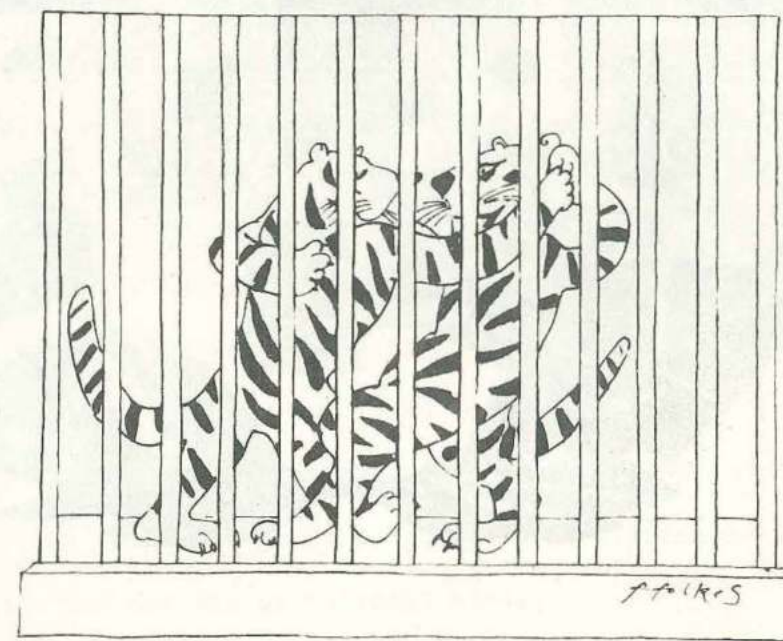
I think that I am in need of a little illumination on this point.

Sincerely,

R.J. Ellis

R.J. Ellis

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Christmas Ball

FRIDAY DECEMBER 17 is the date for this year's

Premier Club Event!

THE evening's celebrations will start at 7.30 p.m. with *Cocktails* on the Front Lawn and at 8.15 p.m. *Christmas Dinner* will be served. There will be dancing until the small hours to the strains of "Montano" - a Filipino band whose repertoire covers all types of music, and there are some great door prizes -- *Airline Tickets, X'mas Goodies, Sports Equipment* and so on. In addition to all this our M.C. for the night, *Graham Millington* has some surprises up his sleeve! Competitions, elimination prizes and forfeits will continue to make the evening a really great success.

WE'RE keeping the price of tickets at *B 550* each - same as last year. Numbers must be restricted to 300 so sign up early to avoid disappointment. The Register will be open at the beginning of November. More news later but put the date in your diaries now!!
Dress - Red Sea Rig or National dress.



Forthcoming Entertainment

WE'RE entering the final quarter of 1982 and your Entertainment Committee has not been idle in organising lots of functions which we hope will have wide appeal.

On Wednesday October 20 another **CLUB NIGHT** has been arranged featuring that famous scribe and humourist, **M.R. AYUMONKOL** (Uncle Ayu of Bangkok Post fame!) Watch for the register at Reception which will be open from Monday October 4.

BAR-VIDEO continues to be popular and comfort is assured by being able to move to the Suriwongse Room from the Bar if necessary. Our last one, featuring Benny Hill and Ronnie Barker was very well attended and the next offering is on Wednesday October 13 when we are showing the 1960's comedy film **'TILL DEATH US DO PART!'** (Remember Alf Garnett and family?) Don't miss it! This is a UK original tape and the quality is excellent!

Now - A New Concept

IN order to provide members with modern movies on the small screen in pleasant surroundings we are going to hold a **DINNER CINEMA** in the dining room on the evening of Friday October 15. Two T.V. sets will be placed at either side of the room and tables and chairs arranged so that everyone has a good view. Dinner will commence at 7.30 p.m. (ordering from the new menu) and the video, which will be the feature film **"CHARIOTS OF FIRE"** is timed to commence at 8.00 p.m. Members may then watch this very popular show while sampling our new menu. A register for members wishing to attend this function (limit - 40 persons) will be available at Reception from Monday September 27. A small charge of Baht 15 per person will be levied to cover costs of equipment and film hire, with dinner and drinks at normal menu prices.

FIREWORKS NIGHT this year will be on Saturday November 6 and will take the form of a **BBQ** at the Poolside (no muddy grass this time!) with the fireworks on the front lawn thereby affording a good view for all. The bonfire will be on the back lawn. (There's not really anywhere else for it!) A charge of Baht 20 per person (children under 5 years free) will be levied in order to cover the cost of the fireworks and thereafter BBQ, drinks etc. are at normal prices for those who wish to partake.

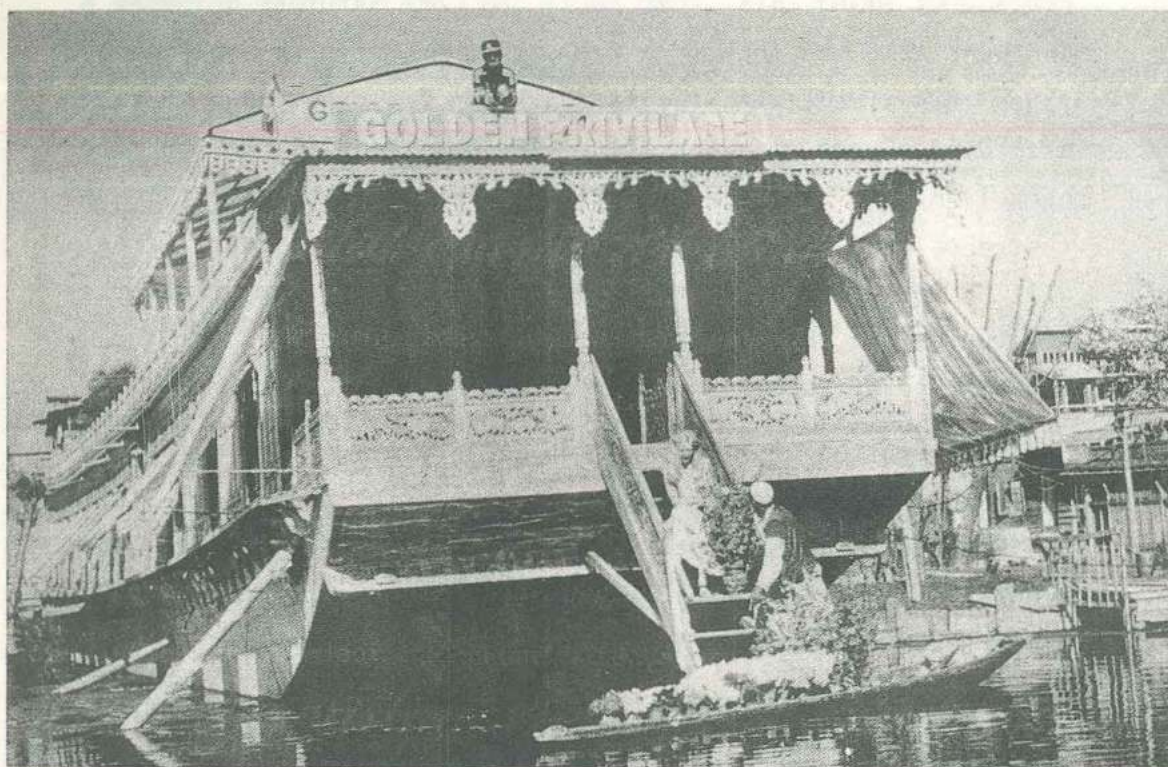
PLEASE sign the Register if you will be attending indicating the number of persons in your party (excepting the under-5's). The Register will be open from Monday October 18 and the evening will be "compered" by Graham Millington. (How do you comper a fireworks display?)

FINALLY - the **X'MAS BALL** - Friday December 17. Preparations are almost on schedule. Don't worry -- it will be alright on the night!! -- and it's going to be one to remember!!

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P.S. Put these dates in your diary now!

- WED Oct 13 - Bar Video "TILL DEATH US DO PART!"
- FRI Oct 15 - Dinner Cinema (Register open now)
Limit - 40 persons
- WED Oct 20 - Club Night - M.R. Ayumonkol (Register open Oct. 4) Limit - 110 persons
- FRI Oct 29 - Film "LOVE WITH A PROPER STRANGER"
- SAT Nov 6 - Fireworks Night (Register open Oct. 18)
No limit
- FRI Nov 26 - Film "PLAZA SUITE"
- FRI Dec 17 - Christmas Ball (details later)



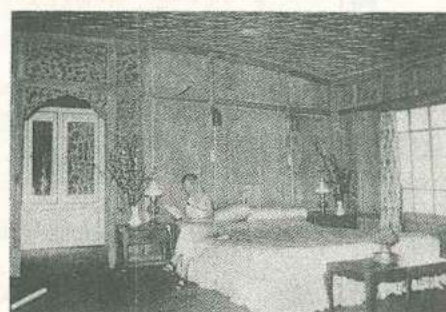
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The Chiangmai Gymkhana Club

Although the BC and the Chiangmai Gymkhana Club do not have reciprocal rights, the British Club has received a cordial welcome for BC Members to use the facilities of the CGC. The following is an extract containing relevant information.

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Those members of the British Club who visit Chiangmai on a temporary basis and wish to make use of the Chiangmai Gymkhana Club facilities will be made most welcome. Rules 11 and 12 currently in force at the Chiangmai Gymkhana Club will best suit their needs.

Rule 11: (Visiting Members)

Any person temporarily resident in Chiangmai may, on being proposed and seconded as a visitor by two members, one of whom shall be a member of the Committee, be eligible for visiting membership. Such nomination shall be recorded in the Visitors book. The visitor shall pay such fees as the Committee may set from time to time and publish in the bye laws.

A visiting member shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club for a period not exceeding two months in any one year; these two months shall run consecutively or at any time during the twelve months, always provided that at their expiry a person shall not be eligible for re-nomination as a visiting member until six months have elapsed. Visiting members shall have no voice in the management of the Club and shall not be eligible to introduce strangers. Members of the British Club, Bangkok, are entitled to all the privileges of the Club as visiting members.

Rule 12: (Strangers)

Any member may bring not more than two strangers into the Club and shall enter their names, and his own, in a book kept for the purpose. No stranger shall remain in the Club after the member by whom he was introduced has left, nor shall any stranger be introduced more than twice in any month, except by the invitation of the Committee. Members shall be responsible for the observance of the Club Rules and Bye Laws by their guests. Strangers shall not sign chits, nor shall their names be entered in the Pool Book.

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The Chiangmai Gymkhana Club has little or no restriction or qualification for membership and is actively recruiting persons for membership.

The C.G.C. hopes that B.C. members will make use of the Gymkhana Club when visiting Chiangmai and that B.C. members will feel free to call on B.C. Up-Country Members resident in Chiangmai so that necessary introductions can be made.

The British Club thanks the Chiangmai Gymkhana Club for their hospitality and information, and extends an equally warm welcome in Bangkok to C.G.C. members.

SOLUTION TO SEPTEMBER'S PUZZLE

PICKLED TASSIES

The clues are quite straightforward when one comes to sort them out.

(i) All Tasmanians can speak Strine (3).

Therefore (ii) All Tasmanians are eligible for the British Club (5).

Therefore (iii) All Tasmanians prefer Kloster to Singha (7).

Therefore (iv) No Tasmanian ever takes a samlor in Silom (2).

Therefore (v) No Tasmanian carries a photograph of Bob Hawke (9).

Therefore (vi) No Tasmanian can be registered as a squash player (4).

Therefore (vii) No Tasmanian is ever invited to the Chairman's parties (6).

Whence (1 and 8) we arrive at the conclusion : No Tasmanian enjoys pickled peppers.

Medical Treatment in the UK

CHARGES TO VISITORS

The following information has been prepared and issued by the Department of Health and Social Security and the Central Office of Information 1982, U.K.

From 1 October 1982 visitors who receive treatment from the National Health Service will generally have to pay for it.

The charges will not apply to people who

- have been in the UK for 12 months, or
- have come to work or settle, or
- are the spouses or children of people settled in the UK, or
- are UK crown servants, or were resident in UK for 10 years and retain certain links of residence with UK while working abroad, or
- * are UK state pensioners, or
- * belong to European Community country, or one with which the UK has a reciprocal arrangement.**

Students will be charged unless they have started their studies in UK by 1/10/82.

Further details may be obtained from any UK embassy, consulate or high commission; in the UK, from any Health Authority.

VISITORS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE OUT ADEQUATE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER.

* The exemption does not necessarily apply to non-urgent treatment.

** Austria, Bulgaria, Channel Islands, Czechoslovakia, Falkland Islands, German Democratic Republic, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Hungary, Isle of Man, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, USSR, Yugoslavia.

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HEALTH INSURANCE FOR VISITORS TO UK

TOURISTS should take out health insurance before travelling, or immediately after arrival in UK (go to an Insurance Broker).

STUDENTS should check whether the college or sponsor is arranging health insurance for them and their dependents. If not, insurance can be arranged with one of the bodies listed below.

SPECIALISTS IN STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE IN UK:

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Essex Street
London WC2R 3AX

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Endsleigh House
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Cheltenham
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Coconut

Coconuts are found along the shores of land in the humid tropics all around the world, and it seems that ocean currents have helped to distribute them: Experiments have shown that coconuts which had floated in the sea water for three months were still able to germinate - this would be long enough for a coconut to float 3,000 miles.

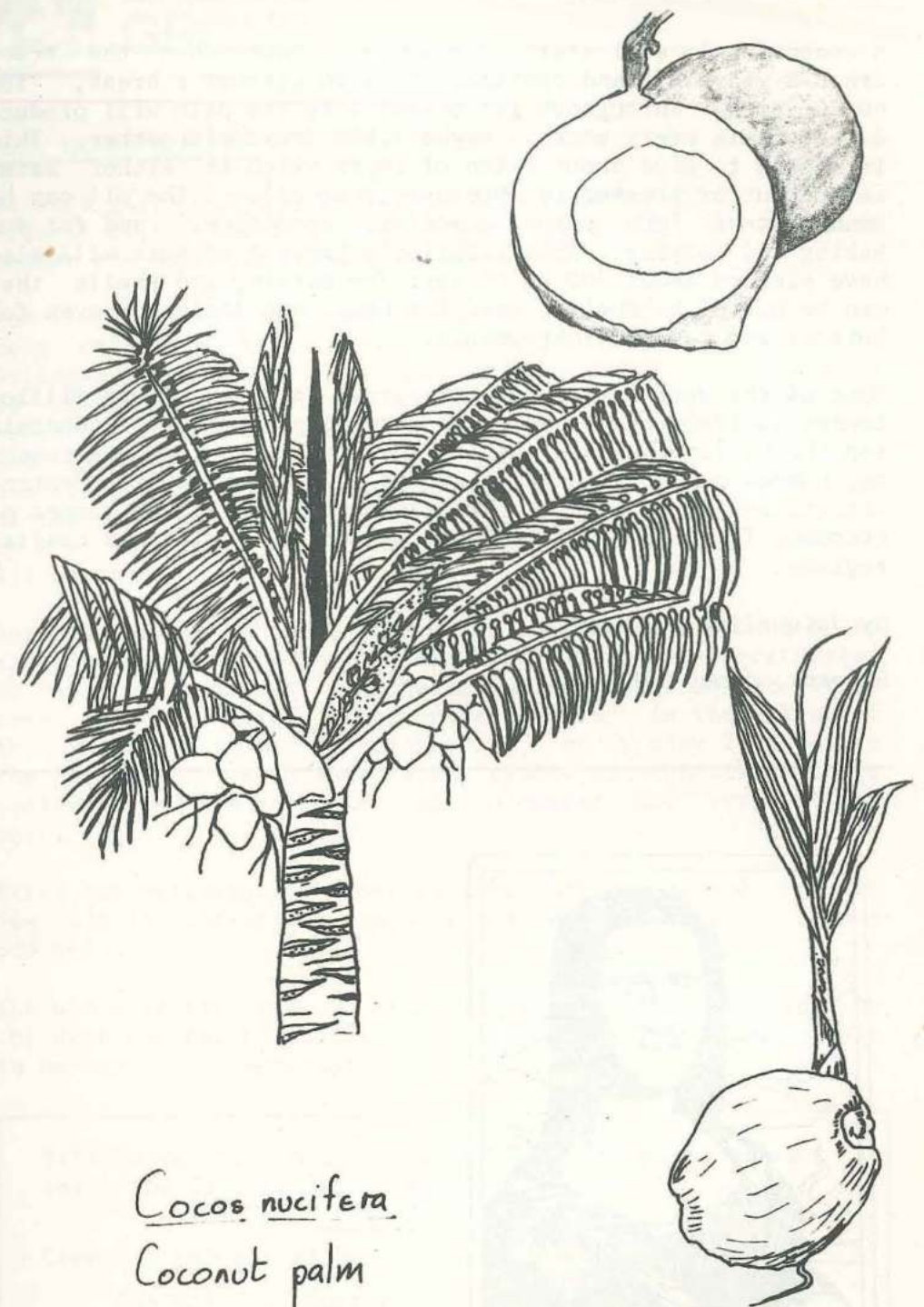
Coconut palms grow to a height of about 20-30 m, over a life-span of 80-100 years. Like other palms they maintain a fairly constant number of leaves throughout their life: 25-30 usually, and these can be 6 m long and weigh 10-15 kg. Each leaf is divided into leaflets (pinnae) which can turn to catch the sun's rays. Coconuts need a lot of sunlight and so will not grow well in cloudy areas; along the coast they avoid shade cast by other vegetation by growing outwards across the beach.

In coastal areas, coconut palms find the ecological conditions they prefer: sandy soils which are not water-logged, little change in temperature between day and night (because of the temperature-regulating effect of the sea), high humidity, abundant water supply and only short dry periods. Coconuts can also be grown away from the coast, if the conditions are right.

The coconut is made up of several layers. In the centre is the milky fluid and the embryo of the palm tree. Around this is a whitish jelly-like layer which is the copra beginning to form. Then there is a hard shell which has three 'eyes' - one of these is a soft area in the shell through which the growing embryo can push its way to form a new palm. Outside the shell is a thick layer of fibres called 'coir' which can be made into matting. Finally, there is the hard, smooth outer layer.

Coconuts give both food and drinks. Unripe coconuts are cut down for the clear sugar and slightly fizzy liquid they contain. If allowed to ferment this becomes slightly alcoholic 'toddy'. As coconuts ripen (this takes about 1 year from flowering) the milk disappears and is replaced by white 'meat' called copra. This may be shredded and dried to give dessicated coconut.

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Cocos nucifera
Coconut palm

Trees of Thailand (continued)

A coconut palm will start to produce coconuts when the trees are 5-8 years old and continue to do so without a break, for 60-70 years. Throughout its useful life the palm will produce 3-6 coconuts every month: maybe 3,500 fruit altogether. This is enough to give about 1 ton of copra which is either eaten as coconut or pressed to obtain coconut oil. The oil can be manufactured into soaps, candles, cosmetics, and fat for baking and cooking. This lifetime's harvest of nuts will also have yielded about 300 kg of coir for matting and shells that can be burned as fuel, used for bowls and ladles or even for buttons and musical instruments.

Most of the world's coconuts are grown in Asia (29.4 million tonnes in 1980, or 83 per cent of total production); Indonesia and the Philippines are the leading producers. Coconuts reaching Europe and North America are usually imported from Central America and Ivory Coast. Thailand produced 51,000 tonnes of coconuts in 1980, mainly from the Central Plains and coastal regions.

by Jacqueline M. Piper

Bangkok, June, 1982.



(Cartoon reproduced from the magazine of the Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone, Kent.)



LADIES' LIAISON GROUP

A.A. MILNE'S POEMS

We were given a treat on Tuesday 24th August thanks to the efforts of the Ladies Liaison Group in general, and Veronica Helmer and Michelle Burles in particular.

The Liaison Group had come up with a truly excellent idea to help entertain both young and older children over the holidays. On Tuesday mornings at the British Club children of members were invited to gather. The elder children rehearsed a selection of A.A. Milne's Christopher Robin and Pooh Bear poems, and the little children made the props, scenery and some of the costumes for the actual presentation of the poems on Tuesday 24th. These activities were followed by a video showing of a children's film, which the children all enjoyed.

Veronica Helmer rehearsed the elder children and produced an excellent show, and the children are all to be congratulated on their performances. Michelle Burles organised the little ones (with the help of some brave mothers) in the making of the props and scenery, culminating, on Tuesday 24th before the performance, with them making sweets and chocolates to be passed around the audience (an enjoyable but very sticky morning!)

After the performance a special lunch was organised in the New Sala for the actors and audience which finished events off well.

The whole affair was a truly inspired idea, enjoyed by children and parents alike, and the Ladies Liaison Group are to be heartily congratulated.

Submissions for inclusion in the November issue must reach the Club by 20th October.

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Perhaps the 'Magic Flute' Overture of Mozart (one of the most beautifully balanced preambles in existence) is best-known of the choices, with its darting swallow-dives and busy little themes that flutter like butterflies' wings - really enchanted music, this. Devotees of more modern music will relish a delightful performance by van Karajan and the Berlin players of the 'Classical Symphony' of Serge Prokofiev, the light notation, concise transparent, and varied with sharp modulations welded into the elegance of the melodic line being splendidly achieved. The Gavotte -- heavily measured -- and the 'furioso' Finale are well contrasted, artistry and imagination coming at all times from both composer and conductor.

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Perhaps the three 'gems' are the 'all orchestral' Ellingtonian 'Caravan' (hark to the trombone followed by both muted and open trumpet), 'Little Old Lady' (immaculate vocal blend - rhythmically unfenced at opening), and the brilliant arrangement of the final track, 'Organ Grinders Swing'.

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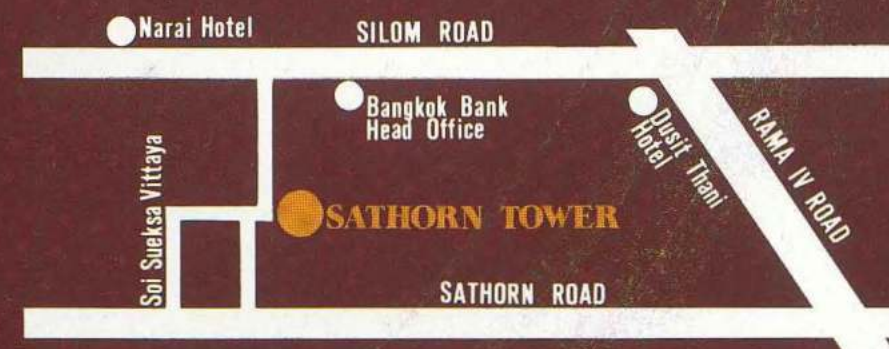
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Puzzle

Sequel on the Falkland Islands!

We have further news from the Falkland Islands from our reporter on the spot.

You may remember that Falklanders always speak the truth and Argies always lie. Well, the Brits arrived and we then had a third group who sometimes tell the truth and sometimes lie.

When the hostilities had ceased and people returned home the publican of the only pub in Port Stanley found that someone had stolen his prized cribbage board.

From what witnesses said it was realised that the thief was one of three people, a Brit, a Falklander or an Argie, although no-one could tell who was who because of those confounded lambswool coats and hoods. It was also known that the thief was not the Argentinian - whoever that one was.

It was decided to try one of the three suspects and, to make it fair, another suspect was appointed defending counsel whilst the third was appointed prosecuting counsel.

Three statements were made as follows:

Defendant : 'I am innocent.'

Defending Counsel : 'My client is indeed innocent.'

Prosecuting Counsel : 'Not true, the defendant is guilty.'

All quite reasonable but the Military Commander could not come to any decision, as the above evidence was insufficient. He therefore decided to ask just sufficient extra questions to find out who was guilty and also to determine who was the Brit, Falklander and Argie. First, he asked the Prosecuting counsel 'Are you the guilty one?' The Prosecuting counsel answered 'yes' or 'no' (My reporter couldn't hear which). The Commander thought for a while and then asked the Defendant 'Is the Prosecutor guilty?' The Defendant mumbled 'yes' or 'no' which again my reporter could not hear but the Commander did because he said 'Aha, now I know everything.'

After a bit of thought so did my reporter (being a bright chap).

Do you?

Who was guilty and who is the Brit, Falklander and Argie?



JUDITH WATSON'S light hearted treatise on music has the title 'Scherzo' (which for the musically uninitiated means 'a joke'). But this book is in no sense a joke in spite of the fact that its subtitle is 'Musical Mischief for the Associated Bored'. Rather is this book a brilliant symposium on many aspects of music, something from which we can learn in a very attractive manner.

For example, Miss Watson poses questionnaire in a manner that is both instructive and entertaining. The query 'What is a time signature' lists several answers in addition to the correct one, and while not to be taken seriously, the reply 'What a shift-worker gives when he is clocking-on' provides an entertaining diversion which is recurring throughout the different sections of the book. If asked 'What is a bar rest', you would hardly select the amusing alternative 'A pause between drinks', while in answer to the poser 'What would happen if a 'flat' were put before a 'B', you might be in the mood to reply 'He would probably rent it and make it into a 'B' hive'.

But Miss Watson's book goes deeper into the world of music as the chapters follow one another, Instruments, Classics, Composers, Pop Music, all having comprehensive coverage and while the educational aspect of the treatise is always kept fully in view, the entertainment value adds a welcome spice to the text in a witty and clever manner. The final chapter lists the answers ('As if you didn't already know them', the author quips), plus a self-evaluation to see if you passed with distinction, just passed, or, indeed, failed ignominiously! and even if you didn't pass, your knowledge and appreciation of music will undoubtedly have increased to a considerable extent -- to say nothing of the enjoyment and entertainment you will have derived from reading the book.

And when all is said and done, if you still believe that 'A Song Cycle' is a two-wheeler fitted with a music box, and that the line following the start of Handel's 'Silent Worship' is -- 'Drinking a pint of cider, her shopping basket swinging' -- you should certainly have another read at Miss Watson's educational and highly-entertaining book.

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(With apologies to the BANGKOK WORLD!)



BILLIARDS

Welcoming players back from leave (England was beautiful, Scotland was cold, etc!) the habitués of the green baize room look forward to renewed activity. Recently, inspired by feedback via Ron Armstrong from the Thai Open Championships, some wealthy players have treated themselves to new, some even custom-built cues. The less wealthy have given their old ones a six thousand mile service. Results? Variable!

Don't despair about Table 1. Reconditioning is being arranged, and at the same time, it is intended to fix those annoying bits of faulty gear on both tables. And how about the new trophy cupboard? Not finished at time of writing but it's a great improvement. Compliments to the General Committee. (Keep putting coins in the meters, dammit!)

Hamilton Cup (Billiards)

Play has been intermittent during the holiday season, but this competition should be completed during October. Roy Barrett beat Tony Dickinson in 2 games and we are waiting to see if he can dispose of Tom Watson as easily! If he does he meets Ron Armstrong in a semi-final. Tom Moran (fresh from sterling service as a referee in the Thai Open) took longer but beat Nick Nickols 2-1. Tom meets Ian McLean next and the winner meets Ian Hill in the other semi-final. Get going!

O'Connell Cup (Volunteer Snooker Singles)

Fifteen players entered, so we were unable to run a "world cup" format as hoped. Mai pen rai - it's a straight knockout. Players are reminded of latest dates for rounds, etc, etc.

Asean Invitation Snooker Tournament 1982

A supply of B.S.C.C.T. programmes - excellently produced and worth perusing - is available in the Billiards Room. We are, of course, delighted that Thailand won this competition, beating the best from Malaysia and Singapore. Compliments also to Maurice Kerr and the B.S.C.C.T. who have achieved so much in such a short time.

The Ashes and Section AGM

The provisional date of 6th December has been set for this traditional event. For the Ashes, we remind England (GB) and Australia (the others!) to get teams arranged. More details will be given in November's Outpost.



CRICKET

We are still a couple of months away from the start of the 1982/83 cricket season, but at the time of writing, we are planning to have our pre-season meeting on Wednesday 6th October at the Club. This is slightly later than published last month, but we are trying to acquire some video cricket for the occasion. Watch out for further details. We hope all interested new players will come along as well as last seasons stalwarts. Warn your wives you will be late home.

RBSC are beginning to stir from their winter hibernation, and early indications of the shape of next season are beginning to emerge. It looks in fact as though it will be much the same as last year in terms of the number of matches and competitions. It seems unlikely that the new Polo Club ground will be ready this season, and we can therefore look forward to our usual two competitions at the Henri Dunant Ground. The 25-over league is again likely to consist of two Divisions of 4 teams, but there will probably be 7 rather than 6 teams competing in the 40 over league. Great news is that RBSC hope to field an all-Thai team to replace the Wanderers format - we'll all have to brush up on our 'Pen Yangai, Kraps' for that game! Whatever RBSC come up with, BC will start practicing in November, and our first game will be in Chiangmai on 4/5th December.

Since we are still scraping the barrel for real cricket news, we are grateful to the Guardian Weekly this month for publishing an insight into that strange lingo they speak Down Under. (One of the main reasons we had such a happy season last year in spite of having half a dozen Aussies in the side, was that we could not understand what they were saying most of the time) Quote:

"AUSTRALIANS are the worst native speakers of English in the world, according to an Australian philosopher. This is rooted, he says, in historical suspicion of good speech.

Professor Lauchlan Chipman, of the University of Woolongong, New South Wales, claims that, compared with other English-speaking races, Australians cannot express themselves articulately because they have not been taught to develop oral communication skills.

Professor Chipman's theory is that it goes back to the early days after the British founded the colony, in 1788 by shipping out convicts. He believes that from then on there was a good deal of suspicion towards the carefully-turned phrase.

"It is only conjecture on my part," Professor Chimpan says, "But the problem could go back to our colonial past and the false equation that careful speech was akin to being uppity or lah di dah or gaining some position above your social status."

The professor, who has just completed research on the subject, says there are still strong pressures on schoolchildren, particularly boys, to "de-articulate" their speech.

"If a boy arrives at school and is very careful in his speech or has been taught correct patterns at home, he is regarded as a cissy or a 'poof' if he continues to speak articulately."

"At the moment Australians are the only people in the world you can talk to and yet can't tell how much education they have had."

He might well have added "or indeed, if they have been educated at all". Ho, hum! - Should be a good Booker Trophy Game this year chaps!

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DARTS

The 18th Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League started on 9th September with the British Club entering 2 teams for the first time ever. Whether this will work or not remains to be seen, but we certainly have plenty of players who say they want to play. In any case it can't be bad for bar takings with a game at the club every Thursday! "Team Manager" Bryan has tried to make sure the first team is the stronger of the two, but has also had to give each team a nucleus of those who can be relied on to turn up. But new players are still required, so if you want to play regularly on Thursday evenings, give Bryan a ring on 221-1895 or alternatively either of the team captains Ian Ward-McNally (588-2421) or Denis Heasman (251-1178). The last date for registration in the new league is 9th October, so there's still time!

At the prize giving banquet held on 13th August your favourite team was again presented with the sportsmanship trophy which we won by a handsome margin of votes. However, it was sad that Bryan, Ingrid and team trainer Orin were the only British Club representatives there.

British Club I

The 18th Bangkok Darts League commenced on 9th September, with B.C. 1 Team participating in the Third Division. The venue for our first match was at the 'Old China Hand' bar on Soi Cowboy where despite many close games the opposition managed to 'pip' us to most of the finishing 'doubles'. The result was a disappointing 14-3 defeat but scores of a 'ton' or more were recorded by Hans Holstein (1), Dave Wallace (1), Rod Carter (1), Brian Thompson (2) and Ian W. McNally (2). Dave and Hans were the only team players to 'close' games. The second match of the season was on 'home territory' in the B.C. bar against Jusmag where once again many games hung in the balance with the finishing 'doubles' providing a major obstacle to our opponents winning games. B.C. 1 ran out 15-2 winners with 'tons' or more being scored by Ian Hill (1) and Ian W. McNally (2). Closing 'doubles' were scored by Ian Hill (1), Dave Wallace (2), 'Duke' (2), Ian W. McNally (2) and Hans Holstein (3). Congratulations to all concerned on a very good team performance.

It is disquieting to report that the forementioned two matches started with less than the minimum required number of players to make a full team, luckily late-comers managed to make the

Team would welcome new players who can demonstrate not only an ability to throw 'arrows' but who can turn up and support their team for an enjoyable social evening on Thursdays. For further information please see the B.C.' noticeboard for details.

On an ambitions, note players' attention is drawn to the fact that two trophies are being offered by the sponsor of the Fourth Division for the two highest darts scores between 160 and 180.

British Club II

So far the team comprises Captain Denis and Agnes Heasman, Ingrid and Bryan Baldwin, Orin Kongmee, Brian Heath, Chris Staddon, Doug Whittaker plus reserves Simon Brewin and David Frost. Pat Murphy still has to confirm whether he will play or not.

Our first game had to be held in the Suriwongse Room so that we could accommodate Daniel "Boy" Nestel who is only 13 years old. His Dad Burt was very proud of him that night for he closed 3 times in Orientours 9-8 victory. Burt gave his son £20 for every victory, a practice we are trying to encourage Captain Denis to adopt. Well, although we eventually lost 9-8 as you see we were at one time leading 8-4 which was when the Amarit level took over. Doug Whittaker, just off the rig, took the first singles and Brian Heath, just back from the latest Hash run or half-marathon took the second, Ingrid Baldwin & Denis levelled the score with close defeats, following which star newcomer Chris Staddon and Bryan Baldwin took the singles total to 4-2 for the Lillywhites.

Doug and Brian, and Ingrid and Bryan then scored doubles wins to put us 8-4 up. And then we all went above the optimum Amarit level and lost the remaining triples and team game. Chris registered 3 tons, Doug one, and Ingrid 120.

On 16th September when we visited Toby Jug to play their second team, the situation was reversed. After being 4-8 behind we ran out 9-8 victors. Captain Denis, Chris, Ingrid and Bryan won their singles matches, but all the doubles went to the opposition leaving us 4-8 down. Brian Heath, partnered by Orin and Bryan closed the first triple (X9) and then Chris, partnered by Ingrid and Denis, closed the other (X4). Denis played a captain's game to close the team game X12. Chris scored 2 tons with 123 and 130, and Ingrid one with 116.



SOCCER

Football, Soccer, Footy, Toga, call it what you will but this years footy season is about to kick-off. Most refer to it as Britain's best if not only gift to the World and for those still in the dark its the one with the round ball. The season usually starts (weather permitting) in October, lasts until February/March and is played by half a dozen or more teams including Scandinavians, Indians, Germans and Swiss in the aptly named Farang League. Last season the British Club won the League and were cup finalists so we are looking for another successful season this year. A strip will be provided so all aspirants' need is a pair of football boots, shin pads and a thirst for beer and spirits (both team and the alcoholic variety). If you were excited by the World Cup and would like to play then put your name up on the football notice board in the British Club. This year we have elected a football management committee to organise the team so you may approach any of the following for further information:-

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GOLF

August 22nd; Thai Country Club Match vs Golfers Cocktail Lounge

The weather was foul, as was the language. Even the beer tasted bitter, as was the pill. The course was soggy, being somewhat similar to some BC golfers as they drowned their sorrows after their Flodden. Hail to the fallen. A bunch of reprobates, under the guise of the GC lounge, had just wiped us clean by 670 points to 617 in the annual match. Our star fell. We even tried to change the rules of the day, but failed.

Our captain made one of his soppy speeches with platitudes galore, and there was a polite round of applause. The Mooney Bell (a trophy with a big ding-a-ling) was handed over to the captain of the opposition, who replied with another soppy speech with even more platitudes. A real non-event for the BC.

Never mind, we had our own wee competition on the side. Ernie Jurgens (37 pts) won from Ron Dodsworth (34 pts), while Sally Vorawarn swept the 'B' division (37 pts) from Ann Johnstone, making it something of a ladies day. Captain Kerr, Norman Bond, Hugh Jamieson and Richard Edmunds all scored well enough to take home some goodies, but the best players were those who stayed home to watch tellie. So, let us meander on to.....



Captains Day - Hua Mark - 5th September

In the best of golf circles, it is usual to have a Captain's Day, when the Captain forks out of his own pocket, buys expensive prizes, (especially the Captain's prize itself) and distributes largesse to all the faithful who have supported him during his term of office. This year's captain is John Kerr. John Kerr won the captain's prize. Having thus presented his own prize to himself, and the realisation having dawned that this wasn't quite cricket, he magnanimously, and with pink cheeks, redonated his won prize which he had just given to himself, to the runner-up, comprising a dashing, sylph-like Pravitt P., who, in a flash of selfless selfishness, decided to retain the prize, rather than magnanimously redonating it to the 3rd horse home, John Davidson. So, everyone was happy. That is, except Ernie Jurgens, who realised that if he had not missed those 2 putts he would have won the prize himself, instead of coming in 4th.

Results

(1) J. Kerr	nett 68
(2) Pravitt P.	nett 68
(3) J. Davidson	nett 70
(4) E. Jurgens	nett 70



Match Secretary Halliday's 21st birthday was duly celebrated, Ben Harrold and Hans Daniels celebrated by winning the 1st/2nd nine holes' prizes, but Roy Barrett and Brian Brook found nothing to celebrate when they were awarded special tokens to purchase tennis racquets, being the Captain's way of conveying a certain message (not very obliquely and exercising a distinct lack of subtlety). In fact the latter were congratulated for their perseverance and resilience (scores 227 and 335 respectively).

Running concurrently was the annual match for the Davidson Cup between the current and past captains' teams (a difficult situation since John Kerr has been captain for 2 years running). Whilst this was all super fun, it was somewhat irrelevant, since we have no idea where the Davidson Cup is, nor indeed does anyone know who this Mr. Davidson was. Anyway, one team did win, although your correspondent can't recall which one.

The outing was 'the last farewell' to Richard Mooney, who is heading again for South Africa's green and pleasant lands, whilst we welcomed that man of thread, Steve 'Coates' Metherall. And so, on to September 19th ...

The May & Baker Ltd. Day

Typical of modern pharmaceutical Companies, May & Baker tried to offload old date-expired stocks of useless drugs and medicines as prizes in a bonanza give away ceremony presided over by a rather attractive Wendy Miller (altho I say it myself), wife of the not so attractive M & B M.D. (which I admit).

Casks of leaking acids, pesticides which don't work in Thailand, and a variety of other foul smelling chemicals, made this a year to forget. Those who had sweated for 5 hours to win something, wished they hadn't. Anyway, here's the results:



'A' Division	:	D. Goodin	41 pts
Runnder Up	:	W. Young	39 "
'B' Division	:	M. Ryan	36 "
Runner Up	:	T. Madar	34 "
Best Lady	:	Sally Lamb	34 "
1st 9	:	R. Armstrong	
2nd 9	:	T. Ford	
Booby	:	R. Barrett (again)	
Nearest the pin	:	J. Davidson	

A big turn-out of 40 golfers also witnessed gifts being distributed to the active captain and committee members, and also to the 'fastest four group' (an effort to promote speedy play). For the 5th time since June, we bade farewell to Richard Mooney, who has promised to stay in South Africa until next month, before returning again. The Captain's wife, Sheila, recited a short verse composed specially for the departing secretary, and presented him with a delightful farewell gift (thank you, Sheila, for your thoughtfulness and kindness).

And so, folks, we move on. Next month and thereafter you'll have a new golf correspondent, and I shall (somewhat more precipitously than planned!) have departed these shores. He will not require much skill to emulate my offerings. Good luck, health and happiness to you all.

Clive Miller



(Thanks to Bangkok Post for cartoon! - Ed.)

Golf Photos



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NOT THAT IT MATTERED!



IAN HALLIDAY AND SALLY VORAWARN SEEM HAPPY,



AND NORMAN BOND FINDS HEAVEN!



LADIES' GOLF

The highlight of this month's competitions took place on September 14th, when we competed for the prize donated by Wendy Burrows before she left Thailand. The prize, a pair of silver candlesticks, was won by Muriel Harold with a Net 76. Well done Muriel; Kerstin Persson was the runner up.

The results for other competitions played during the month are as follows:

31.8.82 - L.G.U. Medal:

Silver Division	Winner: Phyl Dun
Bronze Division	Winner: Ann Johnstone
Longest Drive:	Shan Washington

7.9.82 - Par Bisque:

Winner:	Joan Jurgens + 5
Runner up:	Phyl Dun 0
Longest Drive:	Kerstin Persson
Nearest Pin	Phyl Dun

And Eileen Ford, our Lady Captain who returned from leave in time to be starter, was one of the winners of the special prize, the best net on the "Par 3s".

Fixtures

21.9.82, 22.9.82 -- Club Championship

This competition will be two rounds of medal play and the entrance fee is Baht 100.

Starter: Eileen Ford (252-2074)

28.9.82 - L.G.U. Medal:

Starter: Judy King (392-7191)

5.10.82 - Stableford:

Starter: Ella Mallaret (391-1596)

Fixtures to remember

9.10.82 - The Kitchen Sink Competition:

This is a most enjoyable family day.

Captain's Prize

23rd or 30th November:

Venue Navatanee Golf Course

14.12.82 - The Round Up

The following photographs were taken at the start of last year's Round Up:-



Judy King, Joan Jurgens, Shiela Kerr, Wil Agerbeck
and Shiela Neville

(Other photos on p. 57)



SQUASH

A rather lean entry in the Outpost stakes this month as we spent our space on last issues' reports on the 36th League and the CHIENG MAI trip. News for this period covers the very successful FUN DAY in August which couldn't be squeezed in last month and notes on the current league and upcoming events.

FUN DAY

Len Alexander, who at time of writing is in the UK giving Jonah Barrington some playing tips, organised and pushed along this eventful day. We had about 30 players with a good entourage who really enjoyed the day and Bar-B-Q afterwards. The events included a round robin sort of 3 minute handicap event to limber up on, then volley contests, serving into baskets and a winner stay-on knockout competition. The rules were flexible and possibly were made up as play progressed. We did not actually have players running around with alarm clocks around necks using baskets for racquets but it wouldn't have hurt the spirit of the day. Messrs. DAIRY LANE were quite generous with their donations of wine, bickies (cookies for ISB) and toffees so that participants generally fared well at prize giving time. Without mentioning the name, 30-odd people are still waiting to see someone serve 3 out of 5 balls into a basket as claimed to have been achieved in secret training. Other notable memories are the balancing acts mit atrocious volleying technique of just about everyone and the 60 eyes on the ball when our plucky ladies were having their serve into the baskets. We don't know when the next fun day will be held but lets hope not too long away. In the meantime anyone who has taken part in these events in other fair lands or who has some fiendish squash game variation preying on the mind is welcome to suggest their idea via the suggestion box.

37th Squash League

Some close scores being recorded in this especially in divisions 3 and 4 where points amongst the leaders are equal and winners sort it out behind the woodshed. In some cases the players in these divisions have fought each other since at least division 8 days which tends to add spice to their encounters. Its never an easy walk to pick up the winners cup though as records of the new style league show a good average of about 20 new entries per league and the fresh talent provides plenty of upsets. Speaking of cups they have been a little delayed for the last couple of leagues but the wheels are turning and the suppliers are close to providing us with the needful as they say in Bombay.

Amongst the games during the month, ladder, league, social and otherwise a new imported trend was noticed in that some on-coming players announce their presence on the stroke by knocking on the court door. This practice is certainly necessary in many venues elsewhere but it wouldn't go astray to use a BC bellow from the gallery, between points please, to announce impending occupancy.

Some coming events in squash to note are the DON JOHNSON and PARRA HANDY tournaments for 1982 along with the Ladies Challenge Cup and Ladies Plate all to be held in October. The Thailand Squash Racquets Association (TSRA) competition which features graded divisions of mixed teams from every squash centre in Bangkok including BC will get underway in Oct/Nov. As soon as more news is to hand information will be sent out so interested participants can try to join in a team. Its been a long time since the last TSRA competition but from memory its good news for those who want a strong diet of open squash competition.

In the wind is an interport competition with the RBSC tentatively set for November. Again more news on that when details are finalised.

December will roll in a squash social night to compete with all the other night events of that month. Don't go elsewhere till you have attended the squash social fling of the season.



New Committee Member Sue Edmunds with husband Richard and a supply of Kloster.



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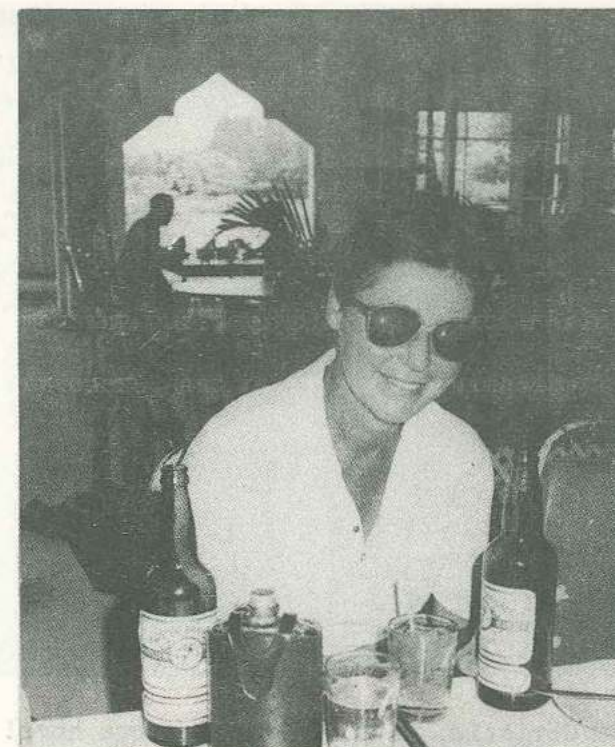


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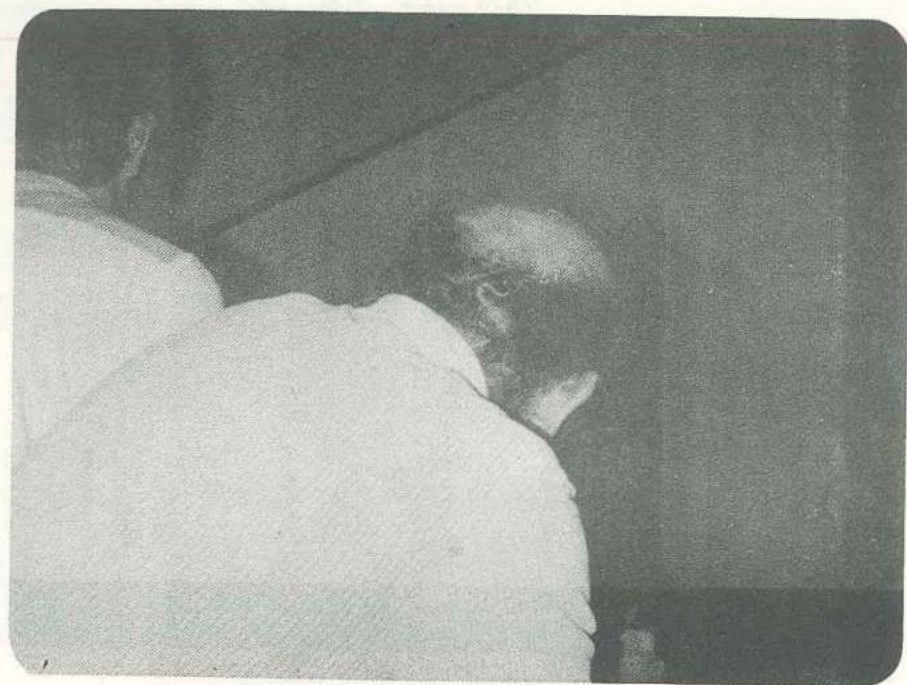
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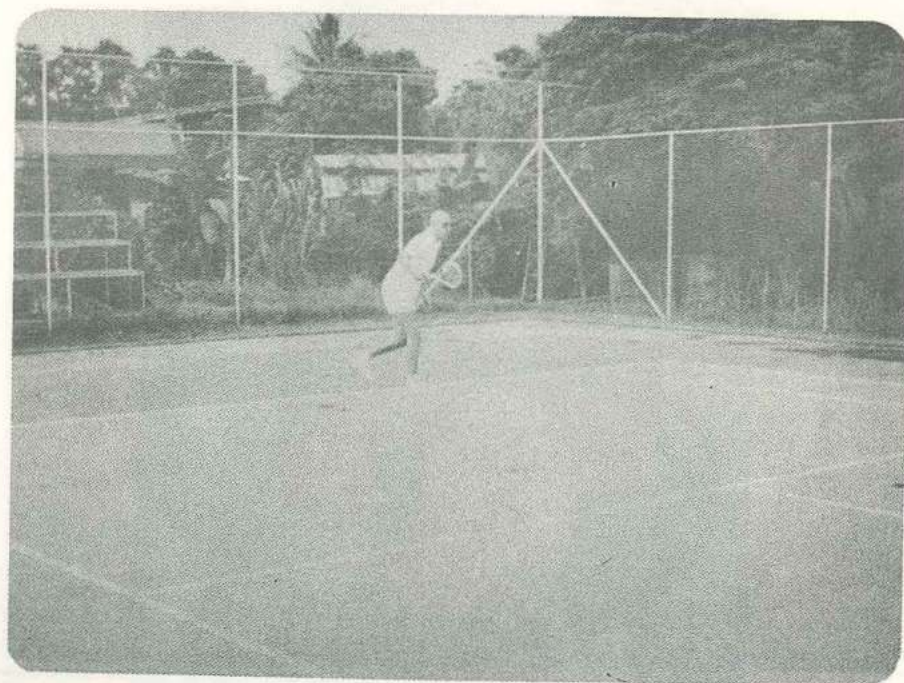
Krystina Kukiela, Eileen Ford and Pam Hardy
in the sunshine



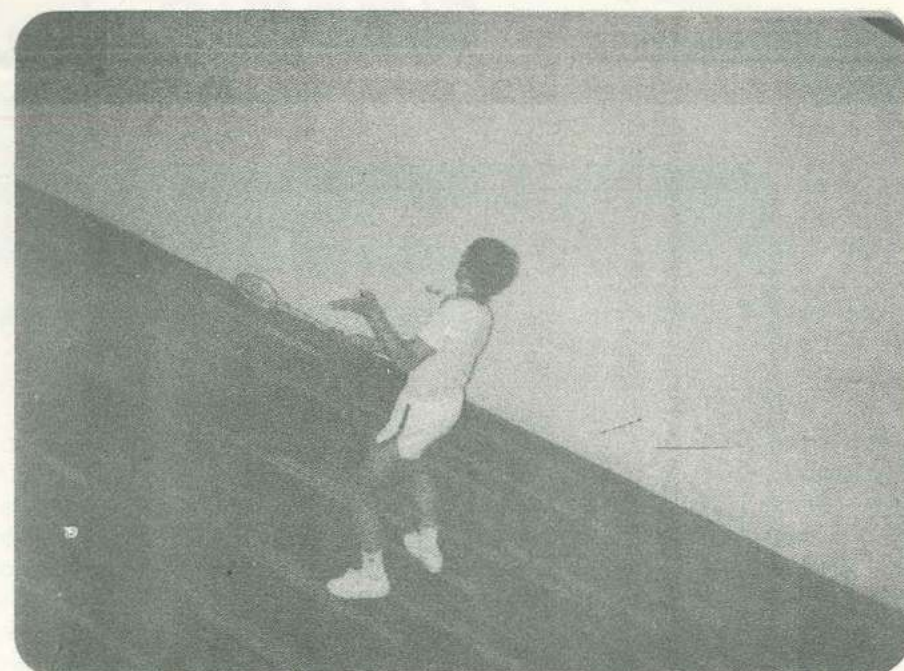
While Joan Jurgens finds shade and



Hairstyle by Rever Best



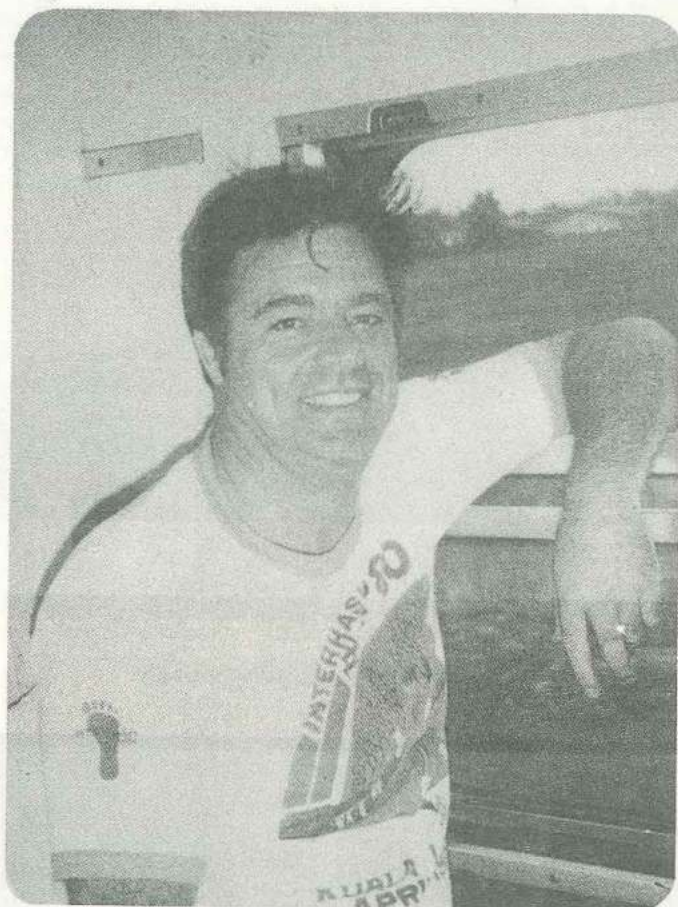
Jim Christie, will you please come home!



See how easy it is?



The whole point of the exercise?



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SWIMMING

Two Club Records were the highlight of the September Gala. Karen Prendergast set new times for the 15-17 years age group 100 metres freestyle in 1m 13.2s and 100 metres backstroke in 1m 32.8s. Over the past few Galas Karen has been lowering her times closer and closer towards these two records and she was well pleased to break the backstroke record by nearly three full seconds.

Once again there was another fine set of performances put up by the swimmers during the Gala. 23 of the 34 competitors produced personal improvements in at least one of the events and 7 swam to improvements in all three events. Anne Williams managed to slice a total of 67 seconds from her previous best times and was justly rewarded with the Improver of the Month Award for September. Well done Anne. Melinda Laing was the other star performer, winning her freestyle and backstroke races and just being beaten on the touch by Susie Rennie in the Medley. Her big sisters Sharee and Lisa made it a family bonus day by swimming well in their events. It seems that a motoring holiday through Europe somehow does wonders for your swimming!

Jonathan Albright, just back from holiday, quickly returned to his winning ways and Jamie and Michael Hodgson continued on their seemingly unstoppable run of improved times. Mark Gillet and Michael fought out a splendid tussle in the 50 metres freestyle with the decision going to Mark on the touch.

2nd Friendship Gala

Preparations are well underway for the 2nd Friendship Gala between the British Club, ISRC and Lions Club of Nonthaburi. The date is now 17th October, with the British Club as hosts. There will be lots of events to be worked through meaning an 8.00 a.m. start to the competition proper. The pool will be open from 7.30 a.m. for warm-up sessions. Car parking space within the Club is going to be at a premium so please co-operate by using the Narai Hotel multi-storey car park in the Silom Road end lane.

British Club Gala

The British Club Gala on 3rd October will provide a good indicator as to how our swimmers are shaping up for the big event two weeks later. Extra training sessions will hopefully be underway by the time you read this, but swimmers can work equally well on their own by putting in the lengths each time they are at the Club in order to improve stamina. Good luck to everybody on 17th October.

Distance Swimming Awards

The logbook on the Swimming section noticeboard at the poolside is attracting more and more entries as swimmers add their name to the growing list of certificate winners. Awards are now presented for each 10 kms to swimmers under 17 years, and at 10 kms, 25 kms and each succeeding 25 kms for those swimmers 17 years and over. Michael Hodgson has already earned himself certificates up to 40 kms and Tom Watson, Kerry Hodgson and Ken Sigrist are relentlessly checking up enormous totals of lengths completed. The logbook is open to anybody who wishes to enter their name - why not start today?

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Big Changes in the Club Restaurant

Your Food and Beverage sub-committee has been working hard to restore the popularity of the Club dining room.

A new menu, with an attractive cover, has been printed and this incorporates many well established dishes and some daring additions like "rollmops" and "toad in the hole".

Bob Vlietstra, Club Advisor, Khun Adisak, Assistant Manager and our new Chief Cook, Khun Manop, have been labouring mightily to ensure that the quality, presentation and serving of meals live up to the expectations of members. Rumour even has it that stock control of kitchen supplies is about to be computerised to eliminate shortages (so if you get haggis and chips instead of Irish stew, blame the computer!).

The restaurant itself has been redecorated and a small cocktail bar with a sitting section installed to complement the dining area. The wine list is also being revamped and, with the cooperation of our suppliers, Thai Australian Co. Ltd., the Borneo Co. Ltd., Caldbeck MacGregor and ItalThai, we hope to offer monthly "special" wines at near cost prices and to have at least one wine-tasting night to introduce new wines to members and to try old favourites again.

The laying in of new wines will take a few weeks, but, in the meantime, to encourage greater use of the dining room, many wines currently in stock are being offered at discounted prices (see the updated, temporary wine list for details).

We hope you will enjoy dining in the "new" restaurant. Please support our efforts to improve this vital part of our Club.

Bon Appetit

Affiliated Clubs

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LATE EXTRA

Ladies Liaison Group

Saturday Activities

The next session of Saturday activities will commence on Saturday 2nd October from 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon. As usual we will be offering drama, sewing, football, board games and a creche. There will also be a video film.

Christmas Parties

There is a great danger that we may not be having any children's Christmas parties this year. The two members of the Ladies Liaison Group who ran the summer activities are going to be away in U.K. for a period immediately prior to the party dates and it is proving very difficult to get people to take responsibility for the parties. Lots of people are willing to help but no one will put their neck on the block. One of the favourite phrases in excuse is "I don't like committees!" who does? I loathe them!

As Sheila Bramley has valiantly offered to run the 6-9 year olds' party we are looking for three people to organise the following parties:-

Up to 6 years old - mainly party games.

10-13 years old - we need a new formula for this as last years disco was not successful.

13 + disco - Food is already organised with the Food and Beverage Manager and the pantomime will be organised for the two younger parties. Father Christmas already has the date in his diary.

Please, if you can help, telephone Veronica Helmer - 391 6000 Ext. 64 as soon as possible.

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British Club - October 1982 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1/	2/
3/	4/	5/	6/	7/	8/	9/
Swimming Gala Buffet Lunch & Supper	Bridge	New Members Night Committee Meeting Swimming Training	Cricket Video A.G.M. St. Patrick's Society	Darts Swimming Training		
10/	11/	12/	13/	14/	15/	16/
Buffet Lunch & Supper	Bridge	Swimming Training	BAR VIDEO	Darts Swimming Training	DINNER CINEMA	
17/	18/	19/	20/	21/	22/	23/
Swimming Gala ISRC, LIONS CLUB Buffet Lunch & Supper	Bridge	New Members Night Committee Meeting Swimming Training	CLUB NIGHT	Darts Swimming Training		
24/	25/	26/	27/	28/	29/	30/
Buffet Lunch & Supper	Bridge	Swimming Training	A.G.M. R.V.Y.C.	Darts Swimming Training	FILM "Love with a proper Stranger"	
31/						
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