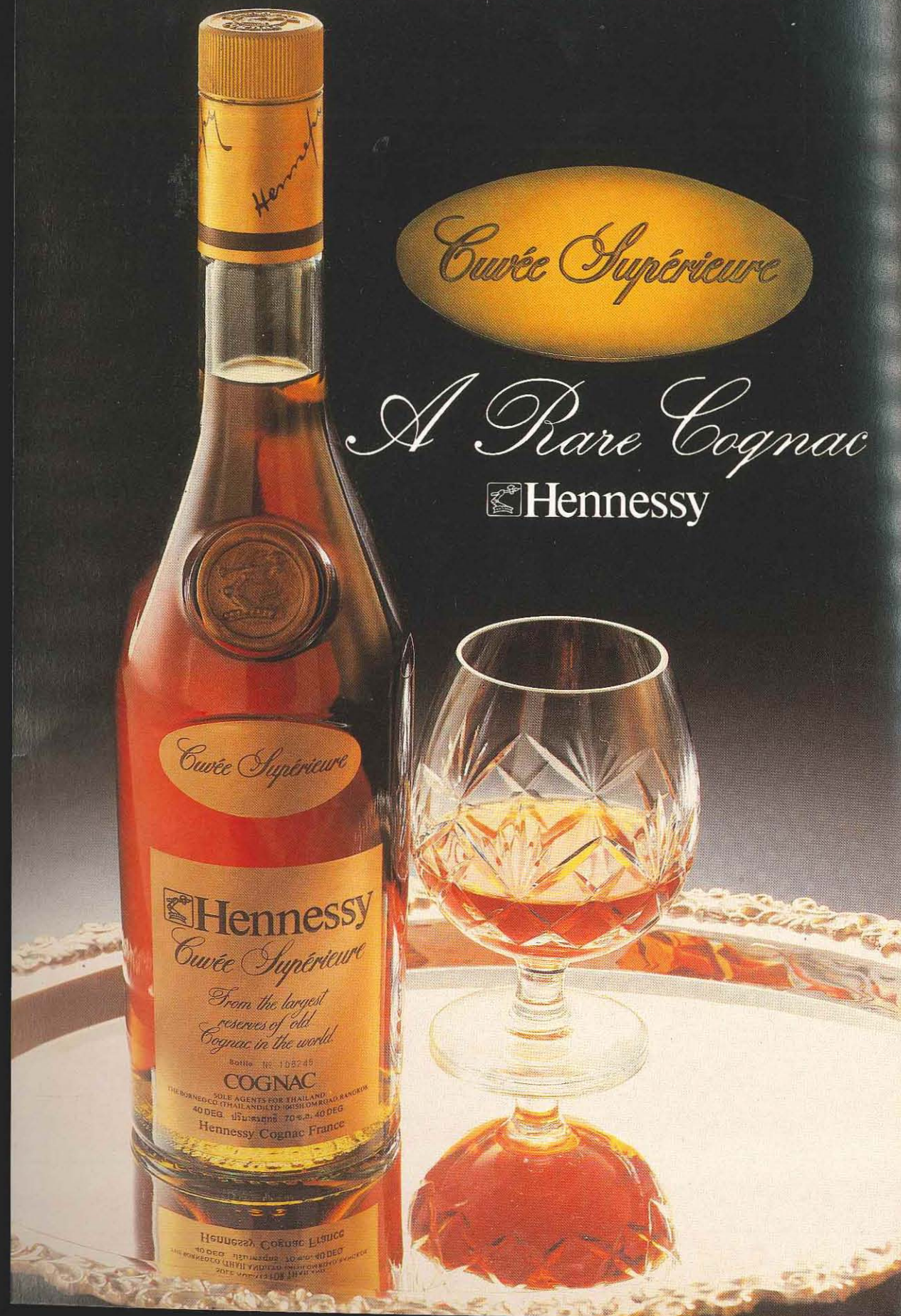


OUTPOST

MONTHLY MAGAZINE OF THE BRITISH CLUB

OCTOBER 1983





Editorial

Apart from regular and other correspondents' letters about the Ladies' membership issue, the club committee and management receives little or no feed back from members or ladies about the club's regular operations.

The committee welcomes written comments and particularly positive suggestions from all club users indicating:-

New and additional facilities that would be popular with a large section of users.

Improvements of general benefit.

Improvements to menus, beverages, food preparation and service at the Clubhouse and Poolside.

Special entertainments, new sub-sections or any other activities of general interest.

Complaints book comments are often more negative than positive, usually written on the spur of the moment and sometimes not completely coherent.

Club funds are not unlimited so projects costing millions are out of reach. Much can however be done within present financial facilities excepting video games, slot/fruit machines or any other form of gambling.

This section is written by Outpost's Editor and does not necessarily represent the views or policy of the club committee.

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in September 1983:

Ordinary

Mr. D.J. Cadwallader	Hilton International Bangkok
Mr. W.N. Johns	Lloyd's Register of Shipping
Mr. A.J. Mountford	British Council
Dr. G.J. Simmons	ESCAP
Mr. D.A. Smith	ACNARP
Mr. P.G. Young	Leslie-Hall PB Co.

Ladies Privileges

Miss V.E. Teague	British Council
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Deceased

Mr. B.M. Stewart

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	418
Non-Voting	11
Associates	47
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	21
Candidates	30
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TOTAL:	561
Absent	679
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GRAND TOTAL:	1240
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Many barside members may not have noticed the airconditioning of poolside changing rooms, perhaps the news will spread when floods recede and the weather warms up. Squash Court 3 has been refloored and repainted.

Restyling and redecoration of the Dining Room has been approved and contracted. Efforts are being made to recruit a Chief Chef to control and organise the Clubhouse and Poolside kitchens.

A budget for conversion of the present office into an air-conditioned reading room with appropriate furniture has been approved, consequent office relocation costs are to be agreed by the committee.

Special Events, Please Note

Monday	October 31st	St Andrews Dancing Practice Nights start
Saturday	November 5th	Guy Fawkes Night
Friday	December 16th	Christmas Ball and Dinner

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

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Letters to the Editor

The British Club
Bangkok

The Editor
"Outpost"

6th September 1983

Dear Sir,

It was not until I realised that perhaps the cuphooks for hanging handbags beneath the bar rail were part of the so-called "Ladies Privileges" that I became aware of the simmering issue of equality within the Club. That was some 12 months ago and since then I have had occasion to wince at many of the letters and statements concerning what some feel are "Gentlemen's Over-privileges" and others "Ladies Under-privileges."

Others, seemingly wishing to cover all eventualities in an uncertain world, would appear simply to want their next-of-kin to exercise their proxy vote.

Smoke-screen after smoke-screen has been raised to cloud the issue and now I hear cries of "foul" because Ladies opinion has been sought at a time when most are absent abroad on holiday. The issue, lying buried beneath, is quite simple and is I believe:-

"Is our Club a Gentleman's Club or not"?

It does seem that a large body of members think we are no longer a Gentleman's Club in which case I ask:-

"Is our Club a British Person's Club"?

If the answer is Yes! and I must say I seem to notice as many women around the property as I do men (no offence meant it is just the way I see things), then maybe it is time to let each member share privileges and rights accordingly. May I, therefore, suggest the following as a suitable restructuring of membership affording the least upheaval:-

A. Ordinary and Associate

A.1	Gentleman or Lady	6,000	Entrance fee	250	Monthly sub
A.2	Family	6,000	"	500	"

B. Non Voting

B.1	Gentleman or Lady	2,000	Entrance fee	250	Monthly sub
B.2	Family	2,000	"	500	"

C. Country

C.1	Gentleman or Lady	4,000	"	100	"
C.2	Family	4,000	"	200	"

Each class of membership that is entitled to attend meetings and to vote shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of family membership either the husband or the wife shall be entitled to attend such meetings and to exercise one vote, provided that person is eligible to do so in accordance with the membership rules of the club.

Can it possibly be that simple?

Yours most sincerely,

Gordon D.S. Burles (B91)

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Dear David:

Via "Outpost" may I say farewell on behalf of my wife Anne and myself to the members of The Club and especially to the people whom we know more closely and whose company we enjoy and whose friendless we will long remember. We were welcomed to The Club just three years ago. Now it is time to say good bye.

We are very pleased to be returning to our family in Sydney and if ever anyone is in Sydney we would be delighted to see you. The tea pot is always hot and the beer cold. Tait in the Sydney Directory in Randwick will find us.

Best wishes to all.

Very truly yours,

Ray and Anne

Ray and Anne Tait

A lot of Bull

As a Member of the Institution of Highway Engineers but these days a practising church aid worker it is no longer very often that the Institution's monthly Journal contains much of riveting interest to me. However, in July of this year the Journal excelled itself by printing an article of utmost importance to anyone who enjoys, as I do, rambling through the English countryside during their home leave. The Journal addressed the legalistic niceties of what to do if you come across a bull in a field. So, for the benefit of fellow ramblers and country lovers the following is an extract from that extremely helpful article.

"From the legal point of view a bull in a field is not an obstruction to the highway unless it is actually across the line of the footpath, and bulls don't normally adopt that position (they don't like dog excrement either). But as every farmer knows, a bull in a field, however far from the line of the public right of way, is a very effective deterrent against any of said public contemplating the exercise of said right.

Local authorities however, ever eager to protect the rights of the public and give the local press something to misreport, responded by making bye-laws under what is now s.235 of the Local Government Act 1972, the general effect of which was to make it an offence for an occupier of a field to keep a bull in it in such a way that it could interfere with users of any public path crossing the field. Not all local authorities made such bye-laws, and there were variations in wording, but by about 1970 the Home Office was approving (i.e. was insisting upon) a wording along these lines:-

No person shall drive or lead or cause to be driven or led in any street or public place any bull exceeding the age of 10 months, unless it be properly secured and kept under proper control; or, being the occupier of any field or enclosure through which there is a public path, permit any such bull to be at large in such field or enclosure.

However, secure in the knowledge that removal of controls over local government was high priority policy common to all the major political parties, the Department of Bridleways decided to introduce national uniformity.

The result is s.59 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, in force on November 30th, 1981. This makes it an offence (£200 fine) for the occupier of a field or enclosure crossed by a right of way (i.e. a footpath, a bridleway or a by-way open to all traffic) to permit a bull to be at large in the field or

enclosure. But no offence is committed if the bull does not exceed the age of 10 months, or is not of a recognised dairy breed and there are cows or heifers at large in the same field or enclosure.

The section emasculates any local bye-laws which are more stringent, because s.59(3) says that no bye-laws, whenever made, shall make unlawful any act which is not an offence for the reasons stated above.

The section defines "recognised dairy breed" as Ayrshires, British Friesians, British Holsteins, Dairy Shorthorns, Guernseys, Jerseys and Kerrys, but the Secretary of State may vary this list by order.

So, if as you plod your way through the cow-pats you discern out of the corner of your eye a ton and a half of armed steak flexing itself for the run-up, the message from Whitehall is

Don't Panic...

Just think clearly and carefully, and apply the simple legal rules that Parliament has so thoughtfully laid down. Assuming the bull is about 50 metres off, your time-table should be something like this:

First, decide whether what is now about 40 metres off and aiming itself in your direction is in fact a bull. This should take about 1.5 seconds, perhaps a little longer if you need a side view. You then have to decide whether the bull exceeds the age of 10 months. This can be difficult, especially if you are not terribly experienced and do not have access to the animal's birth certificate, so allow 1.2 seconds. Next, is it one of the seven recognised dairy breeds listed in the Act? You may need to consult your Bull Identification Chart (not available from HMSO bookshops yet, unfortunately), so allow yourself plenty of time, say 0.9 seconds. Now comes the hard bit has the Secretary of State made an order adding your particular bull, who is now less than 25 metres away and accelerating, to the list of recognised dairy breeds? An up-to-date copy of Current Law or HMSO's Daily List of government publications may help. Allow 0.4 seconds. Lastly, however difficult it may be to disobey the rule that you should never take your eyes off the bull, you should carefully scan the rest of the field to make quite sure whether there are cows or heifers (another identification problem!) at large in the same field. Be generous and allow yourself 0.15 seconds for this. If the answers to your questions are

1. Yes, 2. Yes, 3. Yes and 4. No or
3. No and 4. Yes or No. 5. No.
THEN YOU CAN SAFELY SAY THAT
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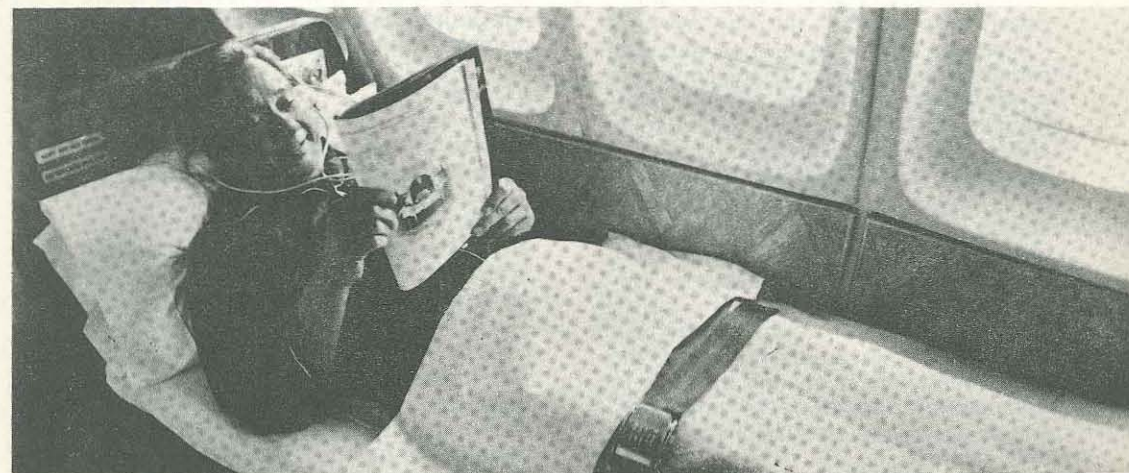
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THE ART OF WINE TASTING

Wine-tasting is the art of analyzing wines using our five senses. Basically, this is simple, even though many weighty volumes have already been devoted to the exercise. Tasting becomes a complex operation only once one becomes more experienced, and more sensitive to shades of color, perfume, flavor, etc.

There is a difference between the tasting of a wine-lover, « amateur » in the true sense, and that of a professional taster, such as a wine-farmer, vintner, or enologist. The two ways of tasting are complementary, really, since the enlightened amateur can hold his own among a gathering of professionals.

Tasting occurs in three ways :

- of young wines;
- of mature wines;
- gastronomically.

The tasting of young wines, in a wine-cellar, introduces us into the world of « *élevage* » (maturing) of wine, and is an excellent way to learn, on the spot, how wine develops over the months following the harvest. One wine, for instance, although apparently pleasant, may have no future; another, harsh and astringent, may become a great wine. When tasting in a wine-cellar, it is best not to jump to conclusions, but rather to listen carefully to the cellar-master's opinion...

Tasting « mature » wines is easier, but a certain amount of knowledge of the wine vocabulary is needed if one is to translate with exactitude the sensations, and to enrich the discussions to which they give rise.

Gastronomic tasting, the most natural, the most interesting, occurs at table. This is when one takes most pleasure in tasting wines. Good bottles are meant to be accompanied by good food. There is an art to harmonizing dishes with wines, and it is a fascinating exercise.

Analyzing the wine

Tasting a wine involves looking at it, breathing it, tasting it. In this way we examine its robe, its aroma, its bouquet, and its flavor.

• The robe

It varies according to the wine's color and « health ». Look at the wine near a strong source of light... The robe may be : brilliant, clear, cloudy, suspect... calm, still, sparkling, of variable color, have subtle shades and highlights. Note the presence or lack of glycerol, by looking at the « legs » or globules which adhere to the sides of the glass. Listen (yes, we did say « listen »...) to the intensity of any release of gas, and the deep or sharp sounds made by the wine when it is poured. Specialists find a great deal of information here.

• Odors

The sense of smell enables one to analyze the perfumes : this is the most important sense, for a wine-taster.

— At first sniff, one notices disagreeable odors, mustiness, sulfur, cork... and the aromas and perfumes as a whole. The aroma, also called « the fruit » is the grapes' perfume.

— At the second sniff, one looks for bouquet, and the different perfumes which make up the aroma and the bouquet. Each wine has its own bouquet. Numerous vegetable odors, either dominating or blended, may be discerned (flowers or fruit in fairly young wines, humus or mushrooms in older wines) sometimes mingled with « animal » odors (venison or musk in mature or very mature wines).

— further sniffs will follow as the taster turns the wine in his glass. ►

• Taste

After examining the robe and the nose, the mouth has a turn at confirming the other organs' findings. Two senses actually come into play : touch (tongue, palate) and taste.

By means of touch, one identifies the temperature and the texture of the product. By taking several sips, one can decide :

— if the wine is « thin », « fleshy », if it is « easy to drink », « velvety », full and round, etc.

— if the dominant element in its taste is acid or sweet;

— if it is astringent, tart, if it has a « *goût de terroir* » (an earthy smell and flavor derived from certain soils), and what its undertaste contains : flowers, or fruit?

One may also try to guess the wine's age and the typical characteristics of the vintage, its origin, and to define its individual merits and shortcomings.

Tasting technique

The receptacle

Vintners and brokers, when tasting wines on the estates, use often a small, round cup or « *tastevin* » (wine-taster), which is useful for tasting young wines.

Enlightened amateurs prefer stemmed crystal-clear tulip-shaped glasses.

The phases of tasting

Three main steps :

- observation using the five senses;
- comparison with elements drawn from one's experience and memory;
- caution in drawing a hasty conclusion, since nothing is more subjective than wine-tasting.

How to taste wine

— Slowly fill your glass one-third, or not more than half-full.

— Pick up the glass by the stem and raise it to eye-level and examine the wine's appearance.

— Still holding the glass by its stem, rotate it briskly, keeping its base on the table. Sniff the wine; the best way is probably a long inhalation, although some experts recommend short, sharp sniffs. Analyze the perfumes, aromas, and bouquet, in all their shades.

— Take a reasonable mouthful of wine, and swirl it around in your mouth; spit it out and repeat the process if necessary, then meditate...

— Look for dominant flavor, and the background savor. ■



The wine-taster's vocabulary

Algrelet (acetic)

- Vinegary, odor and taste of acetic acid; generally attacked by "pique" (pricked).

A de la mâche (fullness)

- Gives the impression that one could chew it; a wine rich in extract.

Aimable (agreeable)

- Pleasant to drink, well-balanced, but no more than that.

Amer (bitter)

- Disagreeable bitter taste, which may wear off in time.

Apres (rough)

- Hard, harsh, tannic (the roughness may lessen in time).

Astringent (astringent)

- A lot of tannin makes for roughness; astringency, as well as bitterness, may mellow and disappear as the wine matures. In a young wine, astringency can be a source of future quality, if the wine is of a type meant for keeping.

Bouqueté (bouqueté)

- Has a pronounced perfume, resulting from the wine's development. This is distinct from "fruité": in general a fruité wine is young or relatively young, while a bouqueté wine is more mature.

Cassé (broken)

- A wine which has become cloudy, from contact with the air.

Charnu (fleshy)

- Robust wine, full-bodied, with good keeping qualities.

Charpenté (charpenté)

- Well-balanced, rich in flavor, fruit, alcohol and extract.

Complet (balanced)

- Perfectly constituted, which is relatively rare.

Corse (robust)

- Alcohol dominates, generally with "seve" (sap): vigorous, rich.

Court (short)

- "Court en bouche": does not develop on the palate; flavor not persistent.

Distingué (distinguished)

- Elegant, has class, exceptional character; usually applies to the finest quality wines.

Doux (sweet)

- High sugar content.

Équilibré (well-balanced)

- Harmonious blend of taste and odor elements.

Faible (weak)

- Low in alcohol.

Fin (fine)

- Relatively light; delicate.

Franc de goût (clean taste)

- Natural, vinous flavor.

Fruité (fruity)

- Fresh flavor of grapes. The grape variety used plays a decisive rôle here.

Généreux (generous)

- Similar to "corsé". Rich in color, strength, and warmth.

Gouleyant (gouleyant)

- Easy to drink, light, pleasant. Generally applies to "primeur" wines, fruity and fresh.

Goût de terroir (earthy)

- Flavor and smell derived from the soil or origin.

Léger (light)

- Low alcohol content; a good characteristic in a jug wine, but a shortcoming in a quality wine.

Liquoreux (sweet)

- Like a fine liqueur; slightly syrupy.

Maderisé (maderized)

- White wine, old or badly corked, so oxidized. Color and tasted resemble madeira somewhat.

Mou (flat)

- Lacks character and acidity.

Nerveux, vif (lively)

- Refers to young, fresh wines, firm, vigorous.

Passe' (too old)

- Worn-out wine, on the way downhill.

Pâteux (pasty)

- Too-thick consistency.

Plat (flat)

- Insipid. Lacking in acidity and character.

Puissant (powerful)

- Generous. Has immense strength and body.

Rond (round)

- Harmonious, full, without rawness.

Sec (dry)

- Virtually without sugar.

Desirable in certain white wines whose character is essentially "dry"; white Burgundy, white Graves, Muscadet.

Abnormal in a Great Sauternes or a Monbazillac, whose nature is normally liqueur-like.

Serious shortcoming in a red wine (loss of mellowness, and of fat.)

Souple (supple)

- Relatively mellow wine, velvety, does not contain a lot of tannin.

Terne (dull)

- Without character.

Veloute' (velvety)

- Harmoniously pleasant texture on the palate.

Vert (green)

- Acid, a wine either too young or made from unripe grapes.

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Answer to September Puzzle

The answer comes out easiest by constructing a set of squares to show name, book and home place:

	Scot	Welsh	Cock- ney	Scouse	Irish	1	2	3	4	5
Mary	X	(4)	(4)		(4)	(4)	X	(4)	(4)	(4)
Lyn		(3)	X		(6)	(3)	(4)	X	(7)	(7+3)
Leslie		(6)		X	(6)		(4)	(7+3)	(5)	(7+3)
Jill	(4)	(3)	(6)	(4)	X	(7)	(4)	(6)	X	(3)
Margaret	(4)	X	(6)	(4)	(6)	(7+3)	(4)	(6)	(7)	X
1	(7)		(6)	X	(7)					
2	X	(4)	(4)		(4)					
3	(6)	(6)	X	(6)	(6)					
4			(6)		X					
5		X	(6)							

The numbers in brackets represent clue numbers and show an eliminated choice.

Now on time

- From 1 - Mary (Scot, Deceptions) came after Margaret (Welsh, The Wycherly Woman)
- From 6 - Lyn (Cockney, The Seven Minutes) came before Margaret (The Wycherly Woman)
- From 2 - Jill (Irish, The Satan Bug) was there with The Wycherly Woman, Margaret.
- From 5 - Leslie (Scouse, The Balkan Assignment) came just after The Satan Bug, Jill.

We have

Lyn	:	noon
Margaret	:	1 p.m.
Jill	:	2 p.m.
Leslie	:	3 p.m.
Mary	:	4 p.m.

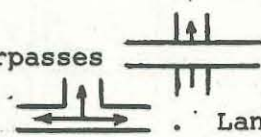
And the answers are:

- (a) The Scouse arrived at 3 p.m.
 (b) Lyn comes from London.
 (c) Margaret from Wales took the Wyncherly Woman.

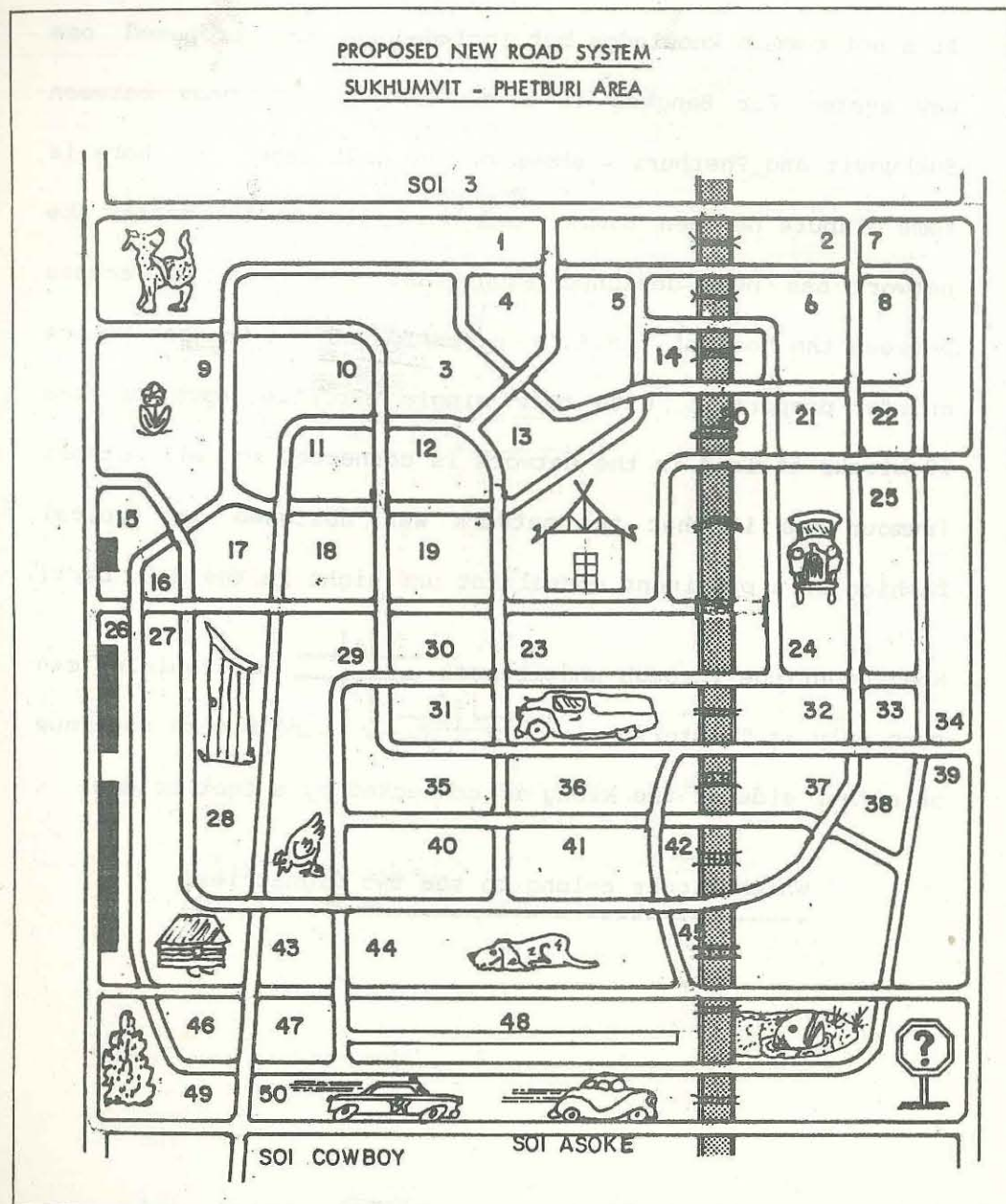
This month's first correct entry was from Chris Staddon. He can collect his 'leaving present' from the Editor.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE

It's not common knowledge but included in the proposed one way system for Bangkok is a new network of roads between Sukhumvit and Phetburi - shown on the next page. As there is some dispute between B.M.A. and the Police in the matter the network has been designed such that there is no access between the boss of B.M.A.'s property and the Bangkok Police chiefs' property. With this single exception each of the 50 blocks of land in the network is connected to all others (rumour has it that the network was designed in typical fashion by a prominent consultant one night in the B.C. bar!).

Roads continue through underpasses  but vehicles can turn only at T intersection. Land blocks continue on either side of the klong if connected by a foot bridge.

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40. So long as they remain Non-Voting Members they shall pay an entrance fee quarterly in advance. Non-Voting Members shall be subject to the same rules regarding deposits and subscriptions as Ordinary Members.
41. A Non-Voting Member who has paid at least four quarterly entrance fees may apply to become an Ordinary Member, and on being elected will not be required to pay any further entrance fees.

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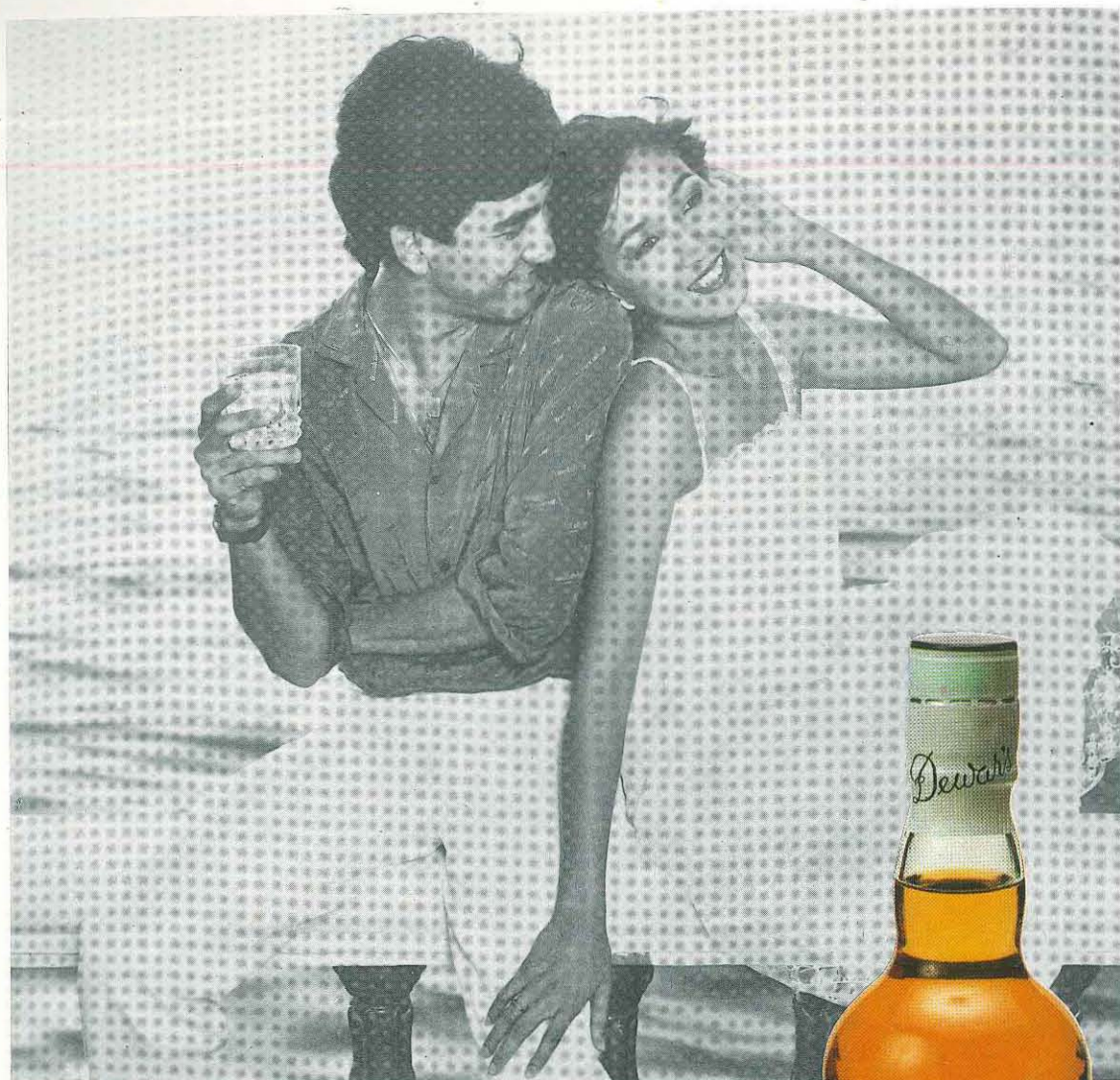
46. Any gentleman not ordinarily resident in Thailand, who is qualified for membership may become a Temporary Member for a period not normally exceeding one month in any twelve consecutive months on the nomination of one Ordinary or Country Member who shall propose him in a book to be kept in the office of the Club for the purpose. If the period be less than 15 days, no subscription shall be payable; if more then the relevant monthly subscription shall be payable.
47. The Committee shall by majority vote have the power to invite visitors to Bangkok to make use of the Club as Temporary Members. Any subscription payable by such visitors shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
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DARTS

Highlight of this month's activities on the darting scene was the competition in the Churchill Bar on 8th September for the Captain's Cup. Owing to the birth of the World Mini Open Darts League on the same night, several of the possible contenders who rather fancied their chances were unable to toe the line but nonetheless sixteen enthusiasts came under starter's orders shortly after 7.30 p.m.

The first round saw an end to the hopes of six of the regulars from the real team including Captain Chris S and veteran Brian Heath (forgot the pink shirt eh?). Surprise of the round was probably the eclipse of 'away the lads' Lazenby by the lovely Linda. Tons were registered by George, Brian Thompson, Malcolm with 2, James and Nigel. Special pride of place, however is reserved for incumbent skipper Peter with a three.

In the second round newcomer to BC darts, but not the hockey, Jack beat Brian, Chris Andrews accounted for the threat from the Toby Jug in the shape of George, another newcomer Keith spoiled Linda's evening and James cooked up too much for Brendan. Lots of tons led by Brian with a 120 and a ton, joined by Jack, George, James, Linda and Chris A with the latter two joining Brendan in the beer stakes by also registering three or less was it, Linda?

Semi finals saw Jack account for Chris A who did himself no good by notching another three while Jack got a ton. James and Keith then engaged in a fierce duel which was won when the former got the ever illusive double one. Another ton for James and Keith added to the other list.

The scheduled three legs of the final held the attention of the assembled multitude with Jack gaining the upper hand at first aided by a ton but it was the ever steady James who slotted double sixteen to take the leg. Second time around Jack seemed to be showing the effects of a long evenings resting between throws and James kept plugging away with a couple of tons before bringing the evening to a close with a double eight.

James was duly presented with the Cup, which was last seen celebrating in Superstar, and then he, Jack, Chris A, Keith, Brian Thompson, George, Linda and Brendan were given huge gifts courtesy of our sponsors Castrol (Thailand) Ltd. Two other prizes went to Chris A for the highest score of 125 and to Linda for the lowest at 123 less!! Many thanks to all who took part for making it a great evening, Bob Vlietstra and staff for the refreshments and last but not least Castrol for the lovely prizes.

Other activities in this exciting section included our participation in the knockout tournament which follows the regular Bangkok Darts League. All that's worth saying is that when top of the second division meets bottom of the third no-one is surprised when BC lose. Captain Chris S won his singles, John Sill, who at last met his real self in Brendan at the Captain's Cup, notched a ton, Bryan closed a triple, Peter got a three, Brian did not wear that shirt again, otherwise there was nothing of note. Well almost nothing but one of the oppo on being drawn against Ernie did enquire if he had been drawn against a lady. Get thee 'air cut lad!

The energies of your favourites have now been turned to the hastily formed World Open Mini Darts League formed by Anan at the Toby Jug to give his teams a chance to win a trophy by beating the likes of us. Six teams are involved, playing on a Round Robin basis with the minimum of seriousness and the maximum of Kloster for us and the opposite for some of the others.

First game was against Toby Jug 1, who finished high up in division 2, on the night after the Captain's Cup. The combination of their superior play and our hangovers made this a little one sided. Singles wins by Peter and Jack provided our only points and Chris S, Colin and Jack scored our tons.

Second game was much more enjoyable since, for the first time in over three months, we won. Hobson's Gang from the Embassy were the opposition in the Club bar and we gained some revenge for the heavy defeat they inflicted on us in the other league.

Brian, still without the pink shirt, and James aided by a 121 gave us a roaring start. Linda was just edged out on the double but Ian Mc, on holiday from throwing darts at the Sphynx, restored our lead by beating their best player. Peter notched a ton but failed on the double and Chris S crept past his opponent after rushing into an early lead with a 122,

then struggling to get the vital double. It was all change for the doubles as the members, who had been misdirected to the Embassy, arrived. Malcolm and James teamed up to great effect with the latter getting three tons and the former closing out double sixteen. Bryan and Orin then moved into action like the well oiled team they are but Bryan spoiled Orin's chances of getting the closing double by hitting two eights. Ian Mc and Colin came under heavy fire but put up a brave fight before being edged on the final double. In the first triples, Ian Mc, Malcolm and Brian flattered to deceive and let the Gang back in at 8-6. Bryan, Linda and Peter however were made of sterner stuff and sewed up the victory with Bryan getting 121 and Peter closing double 14. So great were the celebrations that the team even managed to throw away the beer leg despite having two goes each at double ten before the oppo finally got their double two. A big THANK YOU to Peter and Linda for the Captain's leaving party.

A great evening was enjoyed by all. With mugs for Ian Mc, at last, Chris and Jean, they will all remember, vaguely in some cases, Thursday nights spent down the BC or in one of the other establishments around this fair city. Many thanks to everyone for making it so enjoyable.



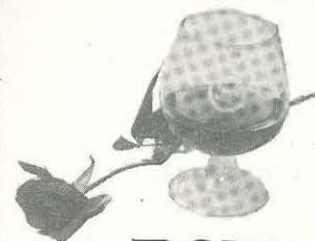
BRIDGE

Just a little reminder about Monday Night Bridge at 7.30 in the Suriwongse Room. Everyone welcome and bring your friends.

Gwen Gilliatt

Mrs. Gwen Gilliatt (G8)

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SWIMMING

Family Gala, 11 September

The clouds hovered but didn't dare burst on this our Gala-of-the-Year day. Some 30 swimmers and a dozen Mums & Dads competed for the medals, cups and sweet prizes, with a grand "Baht-Dive" finale to round off an enjoyable day.

"Personal Best" performances were recorded by:

Sharna Cox	- 7G	Breast	(-8 seconds)
Andrea Sill	- 7G	Breast	(-16 seconds)
Chris Cox	- 7B	Breast	(-1 second)
Jeannie Collins	- 9G	Free	(-1 second)
		Back	(-5 seconds)
Melinda Laing	- 9G	Free	(-1 second)
Maree Prendergast	- 11G	Back	(-2 seconds)
Elaine Friel	- 11G	Breast	(-6 seconds)
Dzung Williams	- 11B	Back	(-4 seconds)
		Fly	(-1 second)
Selinla Collins	- 13G	Free	(-1 second)
Sharee Laing	- 15G	Breast	(-2 seconds)
Seksan Collins	- 15B	Fly	(-1 second)
		I.M.	(-2 seconds)

With "Improver of the Month" shared by

* Jeannie Collins - 9G (Total -6 seconds/3 strokes)

* Dzung Williams - 11B (Total -5 seconds/3 strokes)

well done to all these swimmers! - keep pushing them Coach (Khun Choon & Khun Suparb) to further improved times - especially the newcomers who recorded at this Gala their first race times.

Cup Winners: Congratulations to age group winners:

- 7 Girls Sharna Cox
- 7 Boys Nicholas Bailee (on his first outing)
- 9 Girls Jeannie Collins*
- 11 Girls Maree Prendergast*
- 11 Boys Dzung Williams
- 13 Girls Selinla Collins*
- 13 Boys Timothy Collins
- Krite Erswell (on his first outing)
- 15 Girls Sheree Laing
- 15 Boys Seksan Collins*
- 17 Girls Karen Prendergast*

* Winners for the second year running.

Shield Winners for maximum points:

- 11 Girls Maree Prendergast
- 13 Girls Selinla Collins
- 15 Boys Seksan Collins
- 17 Girls Karen Prendergast

Plaques were awarded for:

Mums Race - with a skilful sidestroke; Lyn Cook

Dads Race - powering thro' the water; Bill Cox

Mum & Daughters Race - Christine & Trinity Cox

Dad & Sons Race - Barry & Seksan Collins

Family Race - the Collins'

International: Australia (Sheree & Lisa Laing, Karen Prendergast and anchored by Bill Cox).

Thanks to "the voice" Lou Laing, "the scribe" Bev Laing, the timekeepers (paid in beer) and all who helped to make this a memorable occasion.

(Full results on the Swimming Board)



Maree
Jeannie
Dzung
Timothy
Krith

Karen
Sharna
The Champs!
Nicholas Sheree
Selinla
Seksan

The Shield Winners
- maximum points



Seksan
&
Selinla
Collins

Maren
&
Karen
Prendergast

World Champs



The Aussies
Bill Cox
Lisa & Sheree Laing
and "I'm Sharna!"
Karen Prendergast

Nicholas
- weighed down



Jeannie
"Look at me"

Dzung
- "Cheese"



Selinla



The
Cup
Winners

- apologies to
Sharna & Seksan
(no photos)



"Bashful"

"Easy!"



Sharee
"Enthralled"



Krith
and
Timothy
- sharing.



Karen
"Miss Australia"

Full-time Coaches

Thanks to our "programmer" Heather Passmore, everyone has been slotted in to the new full-time Coach schedule (Wednesday is day off) which commenced September 22.

Inevitably there will be the need for minor changes as we go and we need your patience and understanding to arrive at a mutually agreeable programme for all.

Please call Heather Passmore (at 286 1072) for schedule additions/changes.

For the record: the committee comprises the following willing volunteers:

Administration	: Bev Laing (251 0721 x 3C)
Training & Lessons	: Heather Passmore (286 1072)
Badges and Tests	: Christine Cox (251 0721 x 1C)
Treasurer	: Lou Laing (252 0194)
Outpost	: David Gillette (252 7161)
Coordinator	: Barry Collins (234 3333 x 1755)

Air-Conditioned Changing Room

For your further comfort, air conditioning units have been installed in both the Ladies' and Gentleman's Poolside Changing Rooms. The shower and toilet areas have been partitioned off and outside sliding doors fitted. Please ensure that the partition and outside door in your changing room are closed when the air-conditioning is on.

"Keep Fit" Area

The GC have approved a budget to set up a "Keep Fit" area alongside the poolside kitchen (beside the stairs) and it is hoped that BCB waistlines will be slimmer as a result of the bicycle / running / rowing / etc. trainers.

The Coaches will utilise this equipment, and skipping ropes / weights etc., to complement the Swimming Training programmes. However, all adult members are invited to use the trainers to "Keep Fit" but please ensure that children (if the Coach is not present) are supervised, as necessary. For the record, we must state:-

The Club cannot take any responsibility for accidents caused through the misuse of the equipment

Next Gala: Sunday, October 2, starting at 11.30 a.m.

See you at the pool!

The BC Football Section is.... STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW ~~GOOD~~ MEN



From this moment onwards, the BC Football Section is adopting a radical new policy towards recruitment.

No longer will we remain an elitist institution. No more will we favour fit, young athletic types, not even if they've played before. Never again will we discriminate against the drunken, unsavoury masses who comprise the bulk of the BC membership. No stigma any more in failing to turn on a sixpence as long as you can rotate on your crutch.

It doesn't matter if you're blind, halt, lame or merely mentally unbalanced you can now claim your democratic right to membership of the BC Workers' Egalitarian Football Cooperative.

After all we could be a couple of players light this season.

Training: Every Tuesday 5.30 pm at BC.

Remember no matter how many legs you've got, your club needs you, so ...

VOTE WITH YOUR FOOT



LADIES' GOLF

They say it never rains on the golf course and this must be so as contrary to all the pictures of flooding in Bangkok we succeeded in playing all our matches this month - or maybe Tuesday is a lucky day. On one occasion it looked as though we were down on the farm, the fairway being covered in mini hay-stacks and the tractor chugging along, all we needed was a cow lowing in the background to complete the picture.

Kitchen Sink

At the Rose Garden on Saturday 12 November 1983. The entry sheet will be posted at the British Club after it has been circulated to the Ladies Group on 18th October. There will be places for 48 players only so sign up early and avoid disappointment. PRIZES GALORE AND FUN FOR ALL.

Competition Results

23 August L.G.U.

Winner (Silver Div)	-	Pat Dodsworth	nett 79
R/Up " "	-	Sheila Kerr	nett 81
Winner (Bronze Div)	-	Muriel Harrold	nett 79
R/Up " "	-	Sally Lamb	nett 85
Longest Drive	-	Tina Svensson	
Nearest to Pin on 8th	-	Sally Lamb	

30 August Not the T's and F's

Winner	-	Tina Svensson	nett 39
Nearest to Pin on 8th	-	Sally Lamb	

6 September Best Nines

1st Nine Winner	-	Joan Jurgens	
Runner-up	-	Muriel Harrold	
2nd Nine Winner	-	Sally Lamb	
Runner-up	-	Lise Dencker-Nielsen	

A warm welcome was extended to Pam Smith who joined our group and played in this competition.

13 September Stableford

Winner (Silver Div)	-	Pat Dodsworth	30 points
R/Up	" "	Joan Jurgens	28 points
		(on c/b from Kerstin)	
Winner (Bronze Div)	-	Sally Lamb	37 points
R/Up	" "	Lise Dencker-Nielsen	26 points
		(on c/b from Pam Smith)	
Nearest to Pin	-	Sally Lamb	on 8th and 13th
Low Putts	-	Sheila Kerr	

20 September 3s 4s and 5s

Most nett 3s	-	Ella Mallaret
Most nett 4s	-	Pam Hardy
Most nett 5s	-	Lise Dencker-Nielsen
Nearest to Pin on 8th	-	Sally Lamb (for the fifth time to prove it's no fluke)
Nearest to Pin on 13th	-	Ella Mallaret

October Fixture

4th October at Army Course - Par Bisque

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BILLIARDS

Goodbye - Ian Hill

Unfortunately when you read this column Ian will be back home in England. This is not the only section that is going to miss his enthusiasm and drive. He has made the snooker room a work of art and left a very organized section for the committee to follow.

Hamilton Cup

It's remarkable how different are the skills required for billiards and snooker, and the effect on the popularity of the two games. To the spectator, snooker is more exciting, but to the real all-round player, billiards offers the greater challenge to his skill. The entry list for the billiards singles, played on 7th September was made smaller than expected due to some players being on leave and a heavy fall at rain. Also, Nick Nichols fell ill: we wish him a speedy recovery.

Three players turned up, with a fourth promising to arrive later. The form of the competition was hastily changed to a Round Robin between the three present, with the runner-up to play the late arriver in a "semi-final" and the winner of that to play the winner of the Round Robin in the final. A neat solution!

In the Round Robin, Ron Armstrong beat both Hans Daniels and Simon Brewin to tally four points (one for each frame). Hans and Simon fought a move evenly - matched game with Hans just winning 64-102, 104-96 and 102-77. With his usual sang-froid, Simon retired grinning to the Churchill Bar with one point, while Hans, with two points, took on Tom Watson in the "semi-final".

It was a pretty even match, but Tom must have been putting in some secret practice. Two good breaks in each frame gave him a 101-75, 100-74 win. Ron and Tom played the final that night with Tom giving Ron a good run for his money, losing by only 100-81 and 100-83. The scores recorded show commendable consistency: we really should have a billiards handicap competition! Congratulations to Ron Armstrong, the winner of the Hamilton Cup for the last three years.

The Mabbatt Cup

At the present time the Mabbatt Cup (the major trophy for Snooker) is being contested. Tom Moran defeated Tom Watson in one semi-final. Ian McLean will meet Barry Hyde in the other semi-final. The winner of this preliminary round will meet Ron Armstrong in a best-of-seven final challenge match.

RBSC Match

On October 14th at 5.00 p.m. the RBSC Snooker section will host a twenty-man team in a friendly match at the Sports Club. Any players interested in playing on that evening are asked to call Ron Armstrong at 314-2531 or 314-5602 from 9-5; or leave your name at the B.C. Front desk A.S.A.P. Dinner will also be served during that evening.

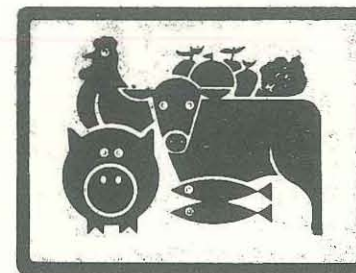
Dates for the Rest of the Season:

There will be notices on the bulletin board also for future handicap volunteer singles and doubles tournaments at the British Club.

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 5 October, 1983 | Fothergill Cup | (Volunteer Doubles) |
| 26 October, 1983 | Leonowens Trophy | (Volunteer Singles) |
| 19 November, 1983 | O'Connell Cup | (Volunteer Singles) |

Keep your eyes open!

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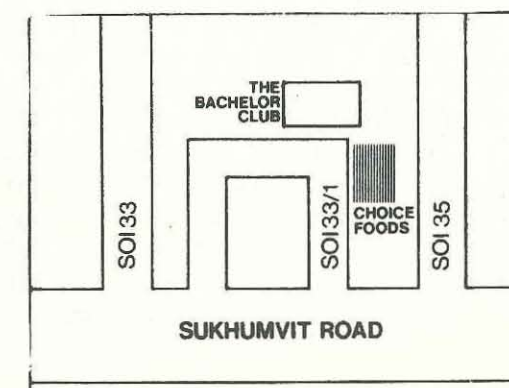
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CRICKET

Bookshops are full these days of glossy publications put out under the name of sporting superstars. Most contain mediocre mishmash ghosted by script writers on behalf of inarticulate ordinary mortals who happen to be brilliant at their sport but with precious little insight to offer a gullible readership. Indeed, most resort to the sordid or sensational "Geoff Boycott - even his socks stink" sort of stuff. It was a delight therefore to read Mike Brearley's "Phoenix from the Ashes" this summer which deals with the sensational 1981 Test Series but offers rare insights into the life of a professional cricketer and what goes on in Test selection committee meetings. Brearley of course is an exceptional cricketer, he is a professional psychologist and a keen student of the deeper human aspects of the game.

It occurred to me on reading this book that there must be tremendous scope in cricket for scientific social research into many facets of human nature. For example 'human response to lbw decisions'. Of course, I am not an intellectual like Brearley, or a psychologist, but with 20 odd seasons of coarser cricket behind me it does seem clear that some interesting behavioural patterns could readily be identified.

Most batsmen of course can never accept that they are actually 'out' lbw. This is partly due to a total disbelief in any umpire's honesty and competence but also because the batsman is always safe in the knowledge that no-one will ever be able to substantiate an lbw with irrefutable proof, and therefore a display of disgust and disbelief is guaranteed to cover up to some degree his own error of judgement or complete defeat. Only rarely does the aggrieved batsman physically attack the offending umpire. This is nothing to do with the fact that cricketers are much more decent fellows than footballers, but simply because the umpire is standing at least 22 yards away, conveniently behind three nicely pointed sturdy stumps of willow which would provide very handy and effective weapons for self defence. Invariably too, he is standing next to a jubilant, beefy bowler and half a dozen enthusiastic team mates, all of whom, momentarily at least, consider the umpire to be their best buddy. Equally rarely, for reasons already given, does the batsman smile pleasantly, doff his cap, and say 'Oh, well bowled old chap' in a way which sounds he means it.

Some more expressive cricketers do occasionally turn round and swipe all three stumps out the ground with an unorthodox pull over mid wicket, but by far the most common reaction is to stand still in complete disbelief either leaving the offending leg in position if the decision was truly a bad one, or quickly moving it to a less compromising position if there was any possibility of it being a good one. Eyes usually turn skyward with a scowl and an utterance made to the effect of 'I hit the f...ing thing', or 'I was half way down the f...ing wicket', or simply a succinct 'F... me!' This is followed by a slow turn from the wicket, a glance at the wicket keeper for sympathy (rarely received) and then a funereal march back to the pavilion.

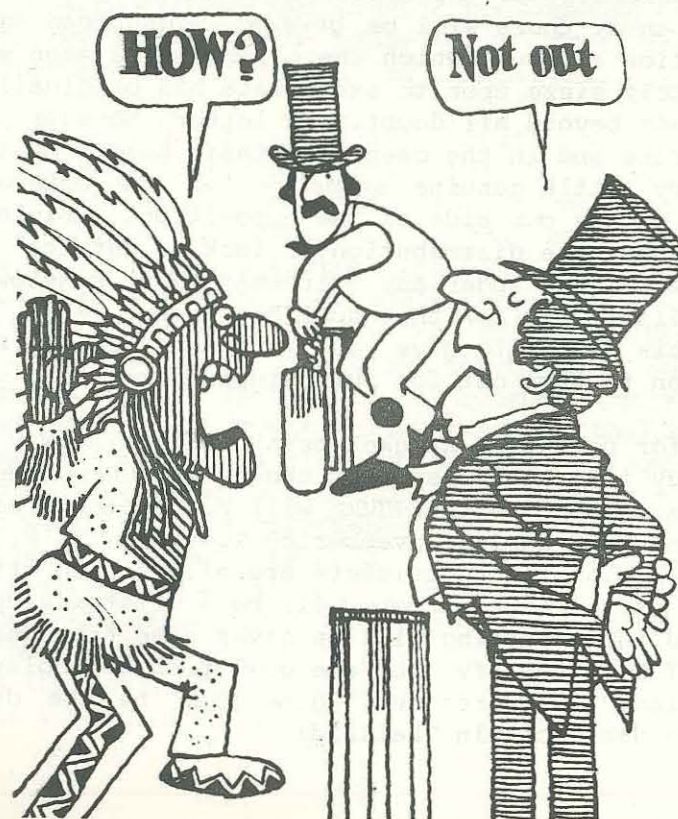
On arrival, the more expressive participant will utter a string of expletives to all in earshot and test the construction of the rear wall of the changing room with a well-aimed jumbo bat. The less expressive will silently remove his pads with an air of suicidal depression and tensely await the verdict of his team mates. This moment is probably the biggest test of any cricketer's character, whether the victim or the innocent onlooker. Most team mates opt for a not too convincing 'bad luck Jim'; the team Wag, depending on the size of his offended team mate, may chip in with a hearty 'why didn't you hit it Jim?' (rarely a very successful joke), and occasionally if the umpire is a known cheat supplied by the old enemy there will be general widespread sympathy and indignation allround which the offending batsman will usually immediately seize upon to exaggerate his originally tentative hypothesis beyond all doubt. The latter, however, is comparatively rare and in the deepest of their hearts most cricketers have very little genuine sympathy for any batsman just out whether on his own side or the opposition. Cricket is such a rotten game, the distribution of luck so unfair, that anyone else's dismissal under any circumstances somehow makes up just a little bit for that horrible moment when the umpire raises his finger to give you, who has given up a whole afternoon to turn out for this stupid game, out.

Well, for potential Bangkok psychologists anyway the scope for study into such responses should be dramatically reduced next season because the RBSC will be running a player umpire course at RBSC during November on Tuesdays, 1, 8, 18 and 22nd at 7.00 p.m. All BC cricketers are eligible to attend and at the end of the course there will be a written/verbal examination and those passing will be given some 'recognition letter' by the TCL to certify they are qualified as "player umpires in Thailand". Thereafter, gone will be the days of bad umpiring decisions in Thailand!

This very laudable attempt by RBSC to upgrade umpiring standards in Bangkok deserves our full support, and anyone interested should sign up on the cricket noticeboard in the Clubhouse, where further details will be found. In case you need any encouragement RBSC will be providing light snacks and draught beer at their expense. (Do they know what they're taking on?)

The 1983/84 season is getting close now and our search for cricketers is beginning in earnest. We have lost 7 out of our top 11 batsman in last year's averages, and 8 out of our top 10 bowlers since last season and obviously there's lots of room for everyone. We have already tracked down a few likely prospects, but if you are a new cricketer in town or you know of any, please sign up for the Club by putting your/their name on the Noticeboard in the Clubhouse.

We are in quite good shape for the new season with our new practice net alongside the Clubhouse nearing completion, new kit already purchased and a slip cradle promised. We will be holding a short meeting followed by a long session for all cricketers at the Club on Thursday 13th October at 7.30 p.m. Please come along. We will be electing a Captain and allocating duties, and making plans in general for the new season. We need your involvement. See you there!



SQUASH

One of the busiest periods for some time in the squash section of the club and as I am sure you will agree, very enjoyable.

You will no doubt have noticed that we have Court No. 3 back in action. Our thanks to Bill Cox and Len Alexander for their excellent supervision and to Bob Vlietstra and his staff for a job well done.

We have seen some excellent squash during the visit of the Selangor Club, the 42nd League, the Rod Carter Shield and the TSRA competition.

Talking of the 42nd League, our congratulations go to Rod Carter, a former founder member of the very first league, who won Division 1 by one point - well done Rod.

42nd Squash League

RESULTS

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. Rod Carter	16	1. Dave Mason	15
2. Colin Hastings	15	2. Chris Platt	12
<u>Division 3</u>		<u>Division 4</u>	
1. Bill Friel	18	1. Tony Bohan	14
2. Dugal Forrest	17	2. John Dequenne	13
<u>Division 5</u>		<u>Division 6</u>	
1. Greg Henderson	15	1. Ben Piper	15
2. Lief Rasmussen	12	2. Jake Olver	13
<u>Division 7</u>		<u>Division 8</u>	
1. Peter Dwyer	12	1. Wayne Needoba	12
2. Tony Laven	8	2. Richard Wingfield	11
<u>Division 9</u>		<u>Division 10</u>	
1. Jeffrey Thompson	15	1. Richard Edmunds	9
2. Richard Bones	12	2. Alex Hill	7

<u>Division 11</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Division 12</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1. Mike Richard	12	1. Dong Beckett	15
2. David Gillett	12	2. Paul McGowan	13
<u>Division 13</u>		<u>Division 14</u>	
1. Amnuay Alexander	11	1. Phillip Austin	15
2. George Stretton	11	2. Constantine Annas	12
<u>Division 15</u>		<u>Division 16</u>	
1. Steve Parkinson	15	1. Peter Wakefield	9
2. Lindsey O'Connor	9	2. Nigel Price	8
<u>Division 17</u>		<u>Division 18</u>	
1. Apple Chotiwan	10	1. Steven Britton	14
2. Heather Moore	9	2. Id Hastings	14
<u>Division 19</u>			
1. Maren White	12		
2. Joosik Debenham	10		

Congratulation to all the winners.

Selangor Club Visit

A team from the Selangor Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia visited us on the 16 August with a total of 16 players including 4 Ladies.

Our 16 players were chosen from Division 2 downwards and an excellent night of squash was had by all. The Selangor Club were a little stronger than we were led to believe and the overall score was Selangor Club 12 British Club 3. After the match a buffet was arranged in the dining room where the two clubs exchanged fellowship and plaques.

The Selangor Club are planning to celebrate their bicentennial next year and have extended an invitation to us to join in the celebrations -- should this materialise it will be our first interport visit.

A. Alexander	lost to	Sally Lee	0/9	1/9	0/9	0/9
M. Clements	"	K. Thow	0/9	0/9	2/9	
L. Cook	"	T. Lim	7/9	2/9	5/9	
J. Gutarie	"	H. Chow	2/9	5/9	2/9	
D. Mason	"	M. Abbas	9/4	7/9	9/10	9/7 1/9
A. Lamb	"	J. Melanson	0/9	2/9	0/9	
T. Austin	"	K. Chai	7/9	8/10	9/0	9/4 8/10
S. Brevin	"	M. Toh	3/9	9/10	2/9	
B. Cox	"	Loo Sai	7/9	2/9	0/9	
B. Friel	beat	I. Wood	4/9	9/7	9/1	9/3
B. Brook	"	Tung Leong	9/4	9/1	9/3	
D. Wallace	lost to	Raja Mahma	8/10	1/9	9/3	8/10
A. Clements	"	K. Lee	4/9	2/9	9/1	4/9
R. Type/R. Parry		Abandoned	9/3	7/9		
T. Bohan	lost to	A. Law	3/9	9/7	3/9	1/9
J. Dequenne	beat	D. Goon	9/0	9/2	9/1	

Rod Carter Shield

The Rod Carter British Club open shield was held during the month with the opening matches being marred slightly by a particularly foul night with many of the contestants not being able to get their matches due to flooding. Again some very entertaining squash with British Club players getting through the quarter finals. Court 2 spectator gallery was full for the final were Vipong beat a rather tired Peter Fangman 3-1.

Well done Vipong.

TSRA

The TSRA competition continues with 9 British Club teams participating in the four divisions. At the time of going to print we have one Div. I team and two Div. II teams already through to the semi-final stages. Div. III and the Ladies Division semi-finalists are still undecided. Further details next month.

Congratulations to our "TSRA-Evergreen", Dave Wallace who is undefeated in seven TSRA competitive matches - well done Dave.

Forthcoming Events

QANTAS Fun-Day

A family fun-day sponsored by Qantas will be held on Sunday 9th October at the British Club. This promises to be a enjoyable day for all, with activities for squashers, non squashers and numerous children's games organised by Rita Dunford, Lynn Cook and Meg Friel. No need to book, just come along and enjoy yourselves - maybe you will win one of the many prizes.

Starts at 10.30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Handicap Competition and Plate

The 1983 Handicap Competition commences 10th October through 30th October. Entries closed on the 23rd September. Another super event with lots of spectator entertainment. Rumour has it that if we have a Dave Mason/Bernard Grogan match it will be "all ticket" with crash helmets and ear plugs included in the price.

Chiang Mai Fixture

The committee, and in particular Len Alexander, is trying to arrange a squash weekend in Chiang Mai 22nd thru 24th October. We would like as many players and spectators as possible. Sounds like an excellent opportunity for a marvelous weekend. Interested parties should contact Len Alexander.

Coaching

Due to popular demand we are planning to have another beginners coaching session, tentatively scheduled for weekend 15/16th October. Watch the notice board for further details.

Know Your Squash

We continue this sequence of articles with the next five rules of squash. Approved by the International Squash Racquet Federation (ISRF) 1st May 1980.

6. **Good Return.** A return is good if the ball, before it has bounced twice upon the floor, is returned by the striker on to the front wall above the board, without touching the floor or any part of the striker's body or clothing, provided the ball is not hit twice or out.

Note to Referees. It shall not be considered a good return if the ball touches the board before or after it hits the front wall.

7. **Let.** A Let is an undecided stroke, and the service or rally, in respect of which a Let is allowed, shall not count and the server shall serve again from the same box. A Let shall not annul a previous fault.

Note to Referees. This last sentence applies only to a second or subsequent service after a fault has not been taken.

8. **Strokes, How Won.** A player wins a stroke:

- (a) Under Rule 4(f).
- (b) If the opponent fails to make a good return of the ball in play.
- (c) If the ball in play touches his opponent or anything he wears or carries, except as is otherwise provided by Rules 9, 10 and 13(a)(i).
- (d) If a stroke is awarded by the Referee as provided for in the Rules.

9. **Hitting an Opponent with the Ball.** If an otherwise good return of the ball has been made, but before reaching the front wall it hits the striker's opponent, or his racket, or anything he wears or carries, then:

- (a) If the ball would have made a good return, and would have struck the front wall without first touching any other wall, the striker shall win the stroke, except if the striker shall have followed the ball round, and so turned, or shall have allowed the ball to pass behind his body, in either case taking the ball on the forehand in the backhand side of the court or vice versa, a Let shall be allowed.
- (b) If the ball would otherwise have made a good return, a Let shall be allowed unless, in the Referee's opinion, a winning stroke has been intercepted, then the striker shall win the stroke.
- (c) If the ball would not have made a good return, the striker shall lose the stroke. The ball shall cease to be in play, even if it subsequently goes up.

10. **Further Attempts to Hit the Ball.** If the striker strikes at, and misses the ball, he may make further attempts to return it. If, after being missed, the ball touches his opponent, or his racket, or anything he wears or carries, then:

- (a) If the striker would otherwise have made a good return, a Let shall be allowed.
- (b) If the striker could not have made a good return, he loses the stroke. If any such further attempt is successful resulting in a good return being prevented

from reaching the front wall by hitting the striker's opponent, or anything he wears or carries, a Let shall be allowed in all circumstances.

What to Wear

Having decided to play squash it is important to equip oneself properly. For optimum performance it is essential that your clothing be neat, comfortable and well suited to the body heat developed in this hot climate. Members are respectfully requested not to wear black solid shoes on the courts and are asked to refrain from wiping their hands on the walls. Clean, well kept courts are conducive to excellent squash, let's look after them.

News Flash

As of 1st September 1983 the ISRF voted in favour of a change in the racquet specifications which outlawed the use of non-wood materials in the racquet head. Suspect we will soon see metal squash racquets. More reason to take care with excess racquet swing.

Farewell

On a sad note we have to say good-bye to Brian Brook. I'm sure everyone will join us in wishing Brian good luck in his new assignment and thanking him for all the hours of work and effort he has put into the organization of our leagues and other functions. Thank you Brian and Bon Voyage.

Also left this month, Philip Austin, to go to school.

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UK Taxation

CLAMPDOWN ON OFFSHORE FUNDS NOT EXPECTED

The Chancellor's announcement earlier this week that the tax loophole on offshore roll-up funds is to be closed from January 1 should come as no surprise to investors. For weeks rumours have circulated that action was about to be taken to stop what was an obvious anomaly.

Back in April we stated that a clampdown was a possibility, but that retrospective action was unlikely given the length of time that the Revenue had been aware of the funds' existence. In the event, the Chancellor has given three months' grace so that investors can liquidate their holdings.

The only surprise is that the situation should have been allowed to continue for so long. It is estimated that this type of Channel Islands fund has attracted in excess of £1.5 billion, with much of the money coming in the past few months.

And, given the tax attractions of converting income into capital gains, this is only to be expected. With the first £5,300 of gains in any one tax year exempt from capital gains tax, in effect this meant that many investors were receiving a tax-free return.

For high rate taxpayers the facility to dress up income as a capital gain was particularly advantageous and meant that they could consistently receive a higher net return than from any building society or bank deposit account.

Before the recent hike in building society rates, basic rate taxpayers too were better off in one of the sterling roll-up funds, boosting their return by an additional 2.3 p.c.

Of late, the attractions to the basic rate taxpayer have diminished with the launch of 9 p.c. two-year building society term shares. High rate taxpayers, however, could still obtain a marked advantage.

But what is to be done now if you are one of the investors in this type of fund? First of all, there is no need to take any immediate action. The Chancellor has given a period of grace and if the investment was appropriate before it will remain so during the next three months when the status quo is preserved.

But while the position of those investing in sterling roll-up funds is quite clear, the tax position of those invested in the foreign currency denominated funds has yet to be determined.

An offshore foreign currency fund obtains part of its return from the movement of the currency relative to sterling, with the rest coming from the interest on foreign currency deposit.

What is apparent is that the Chancellor's statement is intended to catch foreign currency fund, as well whether they be of the single or the managed currency type. But to what extent is not yet known, and even the Inland Revenue has not decided exactly how these should be taxed after January 1.

One possibility is that the Revenue will ask the funds concerned to distinguish between the income received on deposits and the gains achieved through relative currency movements, the former being taxed as income and the latter as capital gains.

Alternatively, the Revenue may decide that distinguishing between gains and income is so fraught with difficulty that this is not a practical solution and that the whole return should be taxed as income.

A statement giving full details of the new rules will be issued before the cut-off date, and no doubt there will be vigorous negotiations in the meantime.

What is certain is that for the private investor -- offshore sterling roll-up and, possibly, foreign currency roll-up funds are a thing of the past. But it was good while it lasted.

Niall Sweeney

Why Miras is Midas for the Brits abroad

by Keith Sharp

THE TAXMAN seems to be facing both ways on expatriates at the moment. On the one hand they are being given generous assistance in buying their homes in Britain while working abroad - and on the other they are being told that a favourite pension scheme is inoperative once they decide to go away.

The generosity on the home front comes about because of Miras, under which tax relief on mortgage is now deducted at source.

Until April 1, most Britons who worked abroad paid their mortgages gross. They did not claim tax relief because unlike UK taxpayers they did not have a tax code, so there was nothing on which to base the relief.

Since April 1, however, most expats have been handed the relief on a plate though most have not paid a penny in tax for years. Under Miras, they are granted the same relief at source as any other borrower.

Even if the lender has not agreed to apply Miras on behalf of the Revenue (and some banks have not been able to put the scheme into effect yet), they will still be able to claim tax relief - on income earned wholly abroad and not subject to UK tax.

Ironically, the crucial factor is not the much-vaunted "non-resident" status which most expatriates believe - quite wrongly - that they enjoy. It is simply whether, in the eyes of the Revenue, the house they are

buying in the UK is their "only or main residence".

But it is their non-resident status which affects expatriates' pension schemes. Many expats who planned to retire on the proceeds of a policy issued under Section 226 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act now find themselves in trouble.

Section 226 was designed mainly for the self-employed and others in non-pensionable employment. The law states that premiums must be paid out of taxable income - exactly the type of income the expatriate cannot produce.

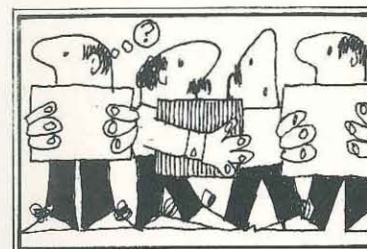
Hundreds of expats, many of whom were self-employed before going abroad, have been informed that all premiums paid while abroad are ineligible.

The Pru, which has issued many such policies, is sympathetic and is helping policyholders to make the most of the small print in Section 226. Nevertheless, the company is bound by the law and is obliged to treat such plans as paid-up policies until expats can again produce some "relevant earnings."

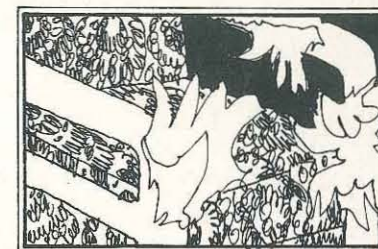
The Inland Revenue would make no comment. A spokesman would only point out that an annuity under Section 226 required an assessment of UK earnings. He said that tax authorities could only apply the law as it stood.

Everyone would agree that moving can be troublesome, worrisome and wearisome. Right?

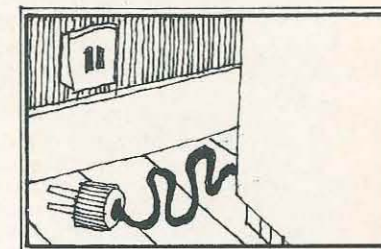
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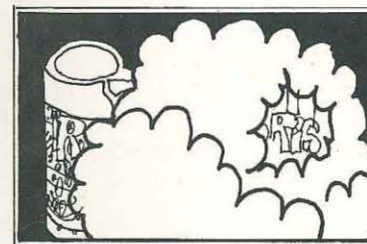
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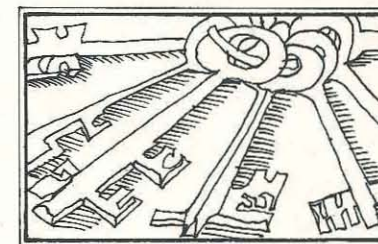
New furniture should be delivered at least two weeks before packing to ensure dry finishes. Furniture should not be oiled during the last two weeks as the oil might seep during transit: wrapping paper may adhere to and spoil finishes.



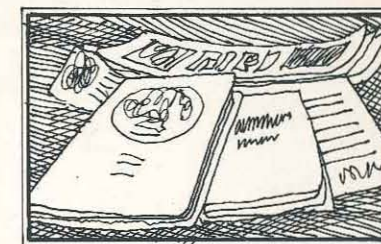
If possible, disconnect all electrical appliances, particularly refrigerators, deep freezers, airconditioners and stoves, the day before packing.



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



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



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