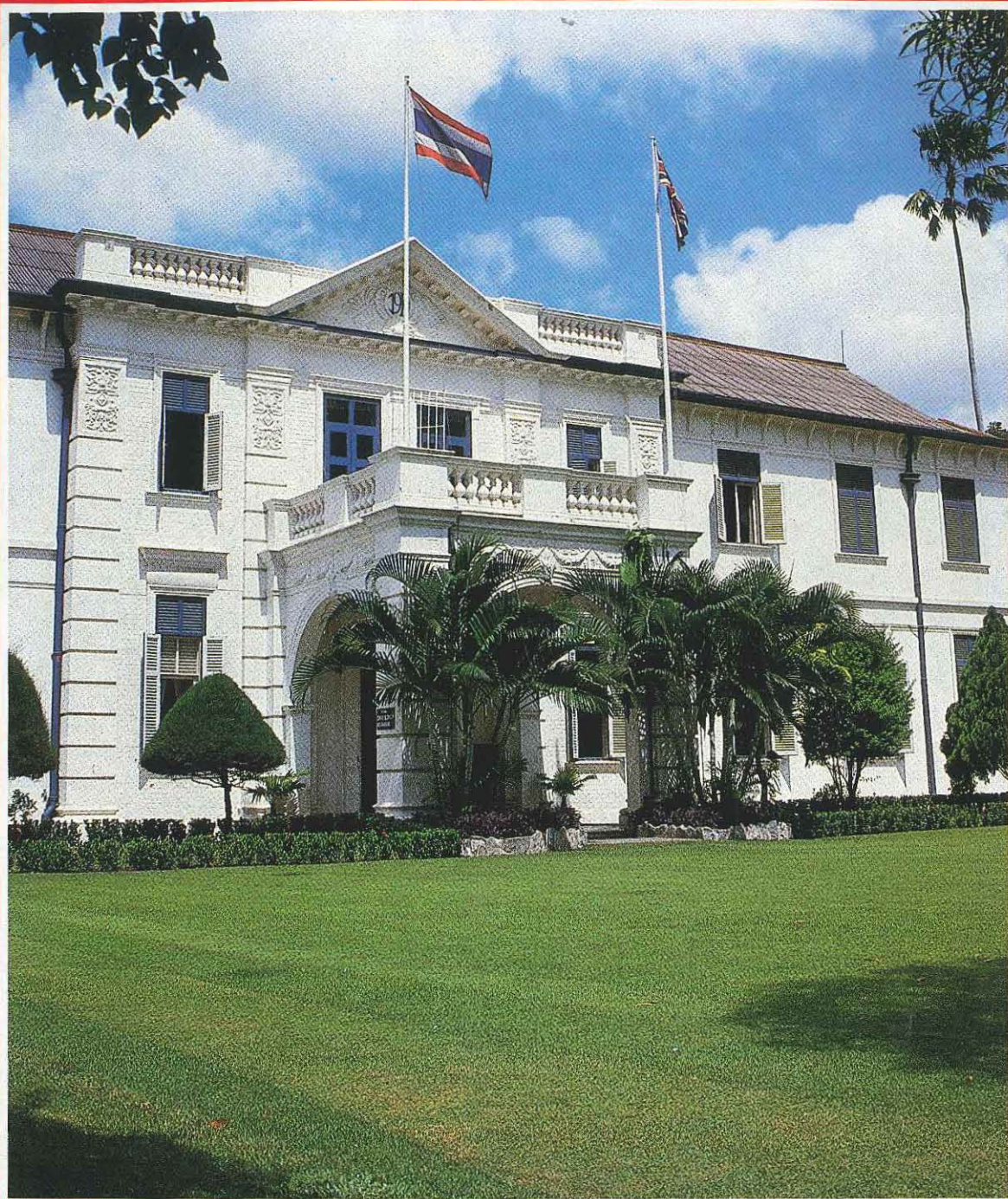


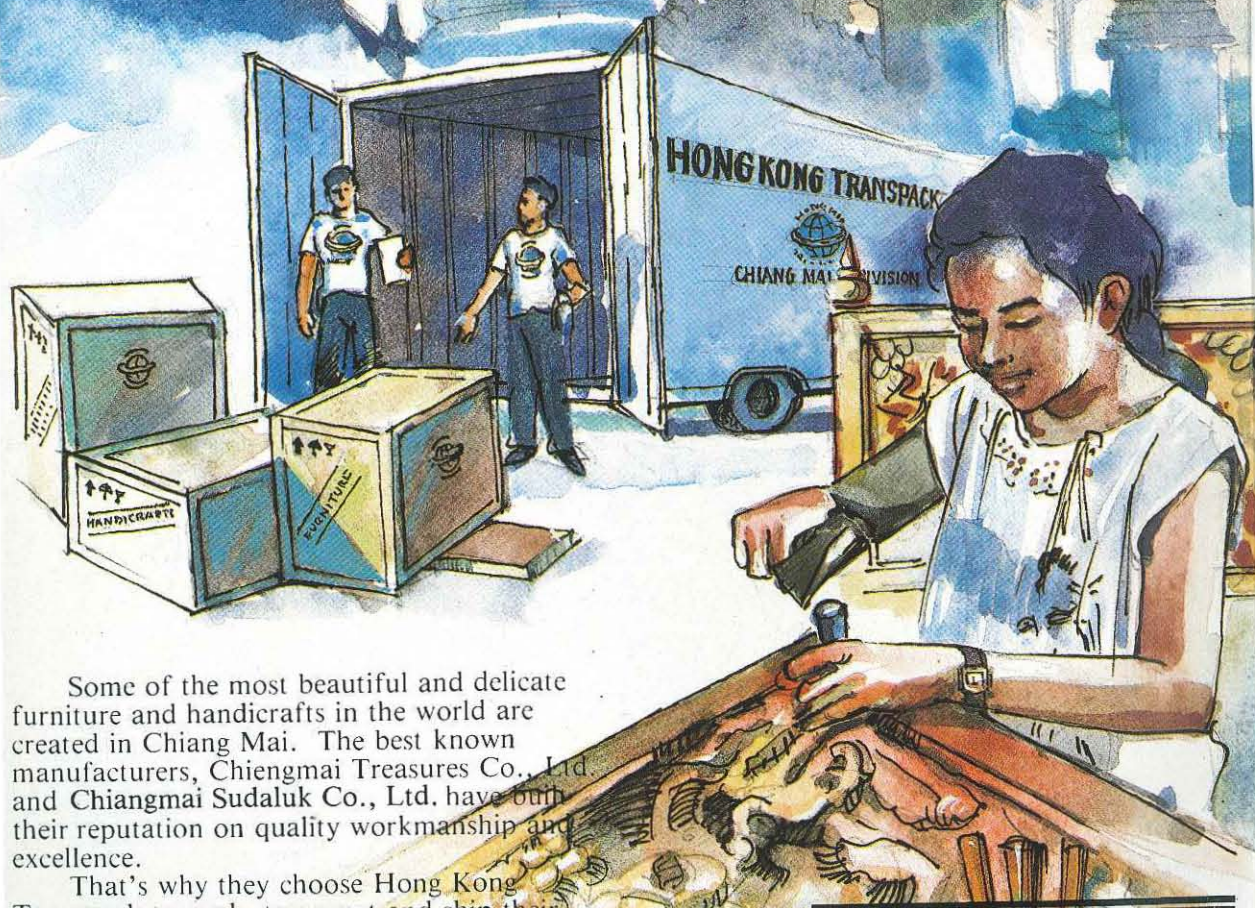
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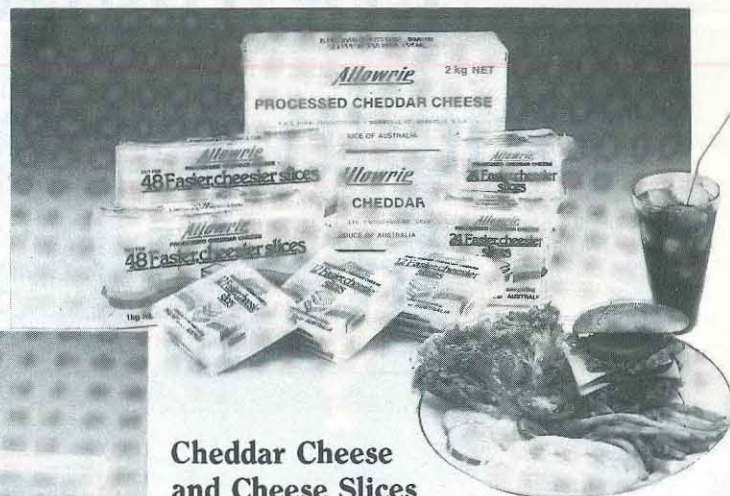
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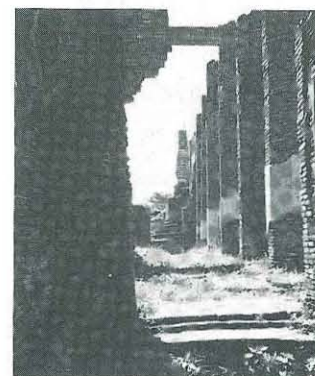
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FROM THE EDITOR

WELL, look at us! We thought it was about time we brushed up our image and showed advertisers we mean business. We may have "deserted our posts" for the last 2 months (thanks Jack!) but we were still hard at work revamping the old mag. Thanks lads for holding the fort while we were away. You did a great job.

Our new style means we can present our news and features in a much more readable way. Just think we can now publish photos that won't make everyone look like the victims of a nuclear attack. Beware of clicking shutters. You have been warned. If anyone manages to catch those splendid candid moments of Club trivia please send them to us. We can even blow-up the juicy bits. Publishing of photographs is free but the cost of persuading us NOT to publish could be quite expensive – well the Club needs the money. The agonies of the football field, rugby, cricket or whatever can all be relived here in OUTPOST – still in glorious monochrome for the moment but we have plans.

We need your help. We need articles but most of all we need ideas. If anyone has any suggestions for features they would like to see in OUTPOST we would love to hear from you. A message left at the desk and marked "OUTPOST" will always reach us or you can contact us direct: Anne Stuart 252-5382, Terri Jezeph 286-1165/6625/3446, Lindsey Barlow 286-1888 x 2a, Barbara Fancy 249-6010.

Happy reading.

DIARY

OCTOBER

Wed 1	<i>British Women's Group Bridge, Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis & Squash Club Night	9.30am from 6.00pm
Thu 2	Ladies' Tennis <i>British Women's Group's visit to Kamthieng House.</i> Tel: Pat Garvey 251-6555 <i>Bangkok Community Theatre Club Night, USIS Compound</i> Sathom Road	8.30-10.30am 7.30pm
Fri 3	Yoga	8.30-10.00am
Sat 4	Dinner Video	6.00 & 8.00pm
Sun 5	<i>Community Services Bangkok Orientation at the Imperial Hotel</i> Buffet Supper	1.00-5.00pm
Mon 6	Ladies' Tennis New Members' Night/Happy Hour	3.00-5.00pm 5.30-9.00pm
Tue 7	Ladies' Squash Yoga Bridge	9.30am 8.30-10.00am 7.30pm
Wed 8	<i>British Women's Group Bridge, Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis & Squash Club Night	9.30am from 6.00pm
Thu 9	Ladies' Tennis	8.30-10.30am
Fri 10	Yoga	8.30-10.00am
Sat 11	<i>Hill Tribe Sale, International School Bangkok, Soi 15</i> <i>Afternoon Tea with author Morris West at the Neilson</i> <i>Hays Library, Suriwongse Road</i> Dinner Video	9.30am-12.00 3.30-5.00pm 6.00 & 8.00pm
Sun 12	Buffet Supper	
Mon 13	Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	3.00-5.00pm 5.30-9.00pm
Tue 14	Ladies' Squash Yoga Bridge	9.30am 8.30-10.00am 7.30pm

Wed 15	<i>British Women's Group Bridge, Wordsworth Room</i> Tennis & Squash Club Night	9.30am from 6.00pm
Thu 16	Ladies' Tennis <i>British Women's Group Luncheon</i> <i>Oriental Hotel. Tel: Jean Parrot 258-0680</i>	8.30-10.30am
Fri 17	Yoga <i>St. Andrew's Society Ceilidh</i> <i>Shangri 'La Hotel, Tel: Paul Buckland.</i>	8.30-10.00am
Sat 18	Dinner Video	6.00 & 8.00pm
Sun 19	Buffet Supper	
Mon 20	Ladies' Tennis Committee Meeting Happy Hour	3.00-5.00pm 5.30-9.00pm
Tue 21	Ladies' Squash Yoga Bridge	9.30am 8.30-10.00am 7.30pm
Wed 22	Tennis & Squash Club Night	from 6.00pm
Thu 23	Ladies' Tennis <i>Chulalongkorn Day</i>	8.30-10.30am
Fri 24	Yoga	8.30-10.00am
Sat 25	Dinner Video	6.00 & 8.00pm
Sun 26	Swimming Gala Buffet Supper	
Mon 27	Ladies' Tennis Happy Hour	3.00-5.00pm 5.30-9.00pm
Tue 28	Ladies' Squash Yoga Bridge	9.30am 8.30-10.00am 7.30pm
Wed 29	Tennis & Squash Club Night	from 6.00pm
Thu 30	Ladies' Tennis	8.30-10.30pm
Fri 31	Yoga Hallowe'en	8.30-10.00am

Note: Non-club events are in italics

The E.G.M. Motion on Women's Membership

THE rule whereby women are not allowed to be members of the British Club is one of those anomalies from a bygone era that all statute-books seem to have at least one example of. Most people arriving in Bangkok seem to find the rule not so much offensive as laughable, and the present committee unanimously feels that the "quaintness" of the rule is now outweighed by the "out-of touch" image it gives to newcomers.

The motion to be presented at the E.G.M. is the same as that presented in 1984. It is the simplest possible change in the rules to give women the fundamental right to become members with the same privileges as men.

Any change to the constitution is bureaucratically complex, and in 1984 the motion failed when side-issues took up most of the discussion time. In an attempt to avoid this happening again, the following statements are intended to clarify the full implications of the proposed rule change.

What the Motion DOES and DOES NOT

The proposed Motion **does** permit ladies who meet the basic age and citizenship requirements to become full Ordinary or Country Members with rights to vote, stand for Committee, and propose New Members. Existing Ladies with Privileges would automatically become

Ordinary or Country Members paying the same subscriptions as male Members.

The proposed Motion **does not** allow rights to be transferred between spouses. Wives of existing Members will be unaffected although they will now have the right to join as Members themselves if they so wish.

How the Motion Affects Different Member Categories

i) Existing Ladies Privileges

Existing Ladies with Privileges will automatically become Ordinary or Country Members. They will pay the same subscriptions as male Members and will be entitled to vote, stand for Committee, and propose New Members. The status of spouses of Married Ladies Privileges will be unchanged.

ii) Wives of Existing Ordinary and Country Members

The Rule change will have no effect whatsoever on these Ladies. Rights will not be transferable between Spouses and the husband will remain as the Member with sole right to vote, stand for Committee, and propose New Members. Wives will be entitled to use the Club as under existing Rules.

However, if such wives who meet the basic age and citizenship requirements wish they may now apply to join the Club as Ordinary or Country Members in their own right. Husbands and wives could retain separate single Memberships with both being entitled to vote, stand for Committee, and propose New Members.

iii) New Single Lady Members

Females will now qualify equally with males for Membership of the Club, paying the same entrance fees and subscriptions and enjoying the same Membership privileges.

iv) New Married Members

Married couples who both meet the Membership requirements can now join separately if they both wish to have full Membership privileges, or must choose at the time of applying which is to become the Ordinary or Country Member. The partner applying as Member only will be entitled to vote, stand for Committee and propose New Members. These rights will not be transferable between partners.

v) Non Voting Members

Non Voting Members by definition cannot vote, stand for Committee or propose New Members. The Rule change would therefore not affect them immediately although for those who eventually transfer to full Membership the conditions above would apply.

vi) Associate Members

The Rule change would have no effect on Associate Members.

The Need to Attend

It is important for all Members interested in this issue to attend **both** Extraordinary General Meetings to register their vote.

In 1984, 80 votes were recorded at the first meeting, with a majority of 71% in favour of the motion. At the second meeting only 62 Members were present and a good deal of further confusion was caused by a large number of undesignated Proxy Votes. The Motion was approved by 60% of votes but this was short of the required two thirds majority.

If the vote is to be the conclusive concurrence of the Membership it is important that all Members make an effort to attend in person. Proxy Votes should only be used where attendance is impossible and it must be remembered that these must be designated with the person to exercise the vote, and that no Member can exercise more than 2 proxy votes.



"You used to start off each day with a song."



The Bangkok St. George's Society

Mr. Peter Warden, HM. Consul at the British Embassy has joined the Council of the Bangkok St. George's Society. The full Council is

David Frost	President
Ian Boulton	Hon. Treasurer
Terry Adams	Hon. Secretary
Bryan Baldwin	
Arthur Phillips	
Clive Brook-Fox	
John Auger	
Peter Warden	

TRAFALGAR NIGHT

Wednesday, 22nd October is Trafalgar Night. A Red-Sea rig, stag dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel to commemorate Nelson's historic victory.

The event is being organised by the Bangkok St. George's Society, but is open to all members of the British Club. After all, it was a *British* victory. Frank Rowland will be telling the story of the battle from the British point of view and Monsieur David Hall will give the French version.

Tickets are B600. You can sign up at the British Club reception desk, or drop a line to John Auger at Shell Company of Thailand Limited, 10 Soonthornkosa Road, Klongtoey, with your cheque, payable to the Bangkok St. George's Society.

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

It was with mixed feelings that I read the latest expletive undeleted outburst from your apoplectic correspondent Mr. Jingjok. In submitting his resignation, he appears to have the best interests of the club at heart, and no doubt you will accept it with relief.

And yet every club needs at least one pompous old bore, and over recent months that role has been filled incomparably well by Mr. Jingjok. Could I therefore suggest that he carries his concern for the club's welfare one stage further? With a single bold stroke, he could at once relieve us of his anachronistic presence, and remind us of the past that we have been saved from. All he need do is add a codicil to his will bequeathing his cadaver to the club. After suitable attention from our friendly neighbourhood taxidermist, it could then be garbed in bowler hat, wing collar, black coat, striped trousers and rolled umbrella, and displayed in a glass case in the entrance hall to the main building.

This would give the entertainment committee the opportunity to organise another semi-intellectual event, namely a competition to find the most appropriate inscription for the brass plate at the foot of the glass case. To match Mr. Jingjok's atavistic opinions, this would of course have to be in Latin – "Inanus vetus aper" or "Pithecanthropus expatriatus crapulus" – you know the sort of thing.

Mr. Jingjok's sincerity in his professed anxiety for the future of the club will be rapidly tested by his response to this suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

Tookay

The Droppings
1 September 1986

Dear Modom,

Half Your readers will be fascinated to learn that the radiocarbon dating on the hairbrush in the gentleman's poolside changeing room clearly confirms the visual impression that it derives from the early plastocene period. This exciting discovery (clearly antedating Rule 4.) provides conclusive proof that primitive man suffered from dandruff, ectoparasites and poor taste.

Yours fitfully,

Archibald O. Logie

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From: Captain D.D. Farthing DSC, ADC, RAN



HMAS HOBART
at Sea

11 August 1986

Mr. D. Williamson
British Club
Bangkok

Dear David,

On behalf of the officers and ship's company of HMAS HOBART may I thank you and your members for the hospitality extended during our visit to Bangkok. The warmth with which we were welcomed contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the visit.

May I also thank you for the sporting fixtures you arranged for the ship throughout the visit. These provided many of our keen sportsmen the opportunity to practice their skills and all the games were a great success. Perhaps on our next visit the rugby scores may be a little different!

My sincere thanks for your hospitality throughout our visit, which proved to be a very enjoyable and memorable one.

Yours sincerely,

British Airways
2nd Flr. Charn Issara Tower
942/81 Rama 4 Road, Bangkok
Tel: 286-1588

Dear David,

May I thank the British Club for the very efficient way in which they catered for a recent function at my apartment.

The two staff who looked after us were very good and the food was of an excellent quality.

Yours sincerely,

M. Evans/sp

AN APPEAL

Barry Binns is British, but not a member of the Club. He has been in Thailand three or four years following a period in Saudi Arabia. He is known mostly to those of our members who play darts as an official of the Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League who has worked hard in organising darts events in the Capital.

The situation briefly is that Barry suffered some failure of his pancreas which caused a stomach ulcer. This burst and spread poisons through his blood stream, also causing a severe blood-clot in the aorta, restricting blood supply to his lower body.

During the past two weeks he has had operations to remove both legs due to gangrene. Savings are used up, and outstanding bills from Prommitr Hospital are in the order of £120,000. The darts fraternity in Bangkok is busy arranging Darts Charity events to raise funds (see Bernard Trink's *Night Owl* article on 5th September) and the British Club Darts Team is playing its part with donations from Section funds and personal contributions. However, much more is still needed, firstly to cover medical and other costs here in Bangkok and later to arrange Barry's repatriation.

Knowing how generous members of the Club can be, I am sure you will not mind me bringing this case to your attention. Please help if you can whether you know Barry or not, whether you play darts or not, on a "there but for the grace of God..." basis.

Any contribution, which will be gratefully received and properly used, should be sent to the British Club Darts Captain, Roger Daniels, or to me. Thank you,

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Luxury on the Oriental Queen



The pavilion, Bang Pa-In.

THERE are many ways to see Ayuddhya but few can offer the luxury of the Oriental Queen trip. A fairly short car journey would soon reveal the ruins of the ancient capital but the Oriental Hotel's river cruise provides much more. The trip offers an insight into Thai life as well.

Comfort and luxury are the keystones on this tour with the traveller's every need taken care of throughout the day. A tour guide provides commentary on the visual sights and prods his charges with gentle reminders of when and where to regroup.

This commentary begins as the bus leaves the Oriental. Although aimed at the passing tourist it is still fascinating listening for city residents. Nothing escapes his explanations not even the housing estate on the edge of town, or the new City Park near the airport



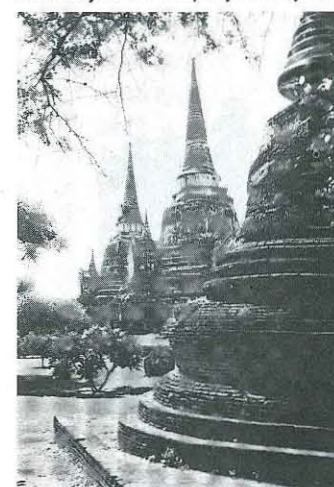
The Royal Palace, Ayuddhya.

or that the Thais consider the lotus blossom as their Mars bars.

There are two major visits on this trip; Ayuddhya and the Summer Palace at Bang Pa-In. Lunch is an enormous buffet aboard the Oriental Queen.

Those taking the trip

The three chedis of the Royal Palace, Ayuddhya.



have the option of travelling to Ayuddhya by bus and returning by boat or the reverse. Parents of small children may prefer to make the outward journey by bus. The children then have the freedom of the boat for the tired return journey.

The bus leaves the Oriental at 8 a.m. and covers the 75km to Ayuddhya in about 3 hours. The trip from the hotel to Don Muang takes about one hour but from this point the city gradually gives way to the greenery of the countryside and the wooden houses of the rural population. Glimpses of Thai water life are observed as the highway crosses over the many klongs en route. The guide explains the farming techniques as the rice paddies

and fruit orchards flash by.

All too soon the large chedi guarding the entrance to Ayuddhya is on the horizon and the tour switches from the present to the past. From our guide, we learnt that Ayuddhya was the capital of the Thai kingdom for 417 years until the Burmese attack destroyed the city in 1776. The ruins of Ayuddhya spread over a large area but on this tour only two stops were made. The first stop was at Wat Ratchaburana and our guide reminded us that we had 20 minutes to view the site.

As we dutifully explored the ruins, the sun beat down on our bare heads. The clear blue skies which give such clarity to our slides played havoc with

our cooling systems and sweat was soon pouring off us. Luckily drinks vendors abounded.

Our second stop combined a trip to the recently restored Hall housing Phra Mongkhon Bhopit, Ayuddhya's largest bronze Buddha, with a visit to the more spectacular ruined Grand Palace. The outstanding features of this Palace are the three chedis of Wat Phra Sri Sanphet built in 1448 and faithfully restored in 1956. These lend an impressive horizon to what otherwise would be a pile of rubble. The occasional outbreak of columns also testifies to a more glamorous past.

The emphasis here is definitely on a pleasant wander through Ayuddhya rather than an historic



The Chinese Palace, Bang Pa-In.

pilgrimage. Many other ruins, museums and settlements are situated in the area for those who wish to spend more time on a later visit.

At the allotted time the party reassembled and boarded the bus for the 40-minute ride to the Summer Palace at Bang Pa-In. As this lends itself to the crocodile formation of typical tour groups our guide was more forthcoming on the history of

these buildings.

The Summer Pavilion at Bang Pa-In must be one of the most identifiable landmarks of Thailand and it comes as quite a surprise to learn how small it is. Most illustrations depict it as a huge building in a magnificent open setting. In reality it can only measure about 30 to 40 feet across and is in the middle of a large puddle surrounded by buildings. This in no way detracts from its splendour especially when the mid-day sun catches the roofs and they blaze with gold.

Of great interest are the contrasting styles of architecture in the grounds of the palace. Thai, Chinese and Italian influences can be seen in the various buildings. The oddest is the chedi built to resem-

The Chinese Palace, Bang Pa-In.



ble some English helter-skelter. Children love the animal shapes skilfully created from hedges in the surrounding gardens.

The Thais are very fond of their monuments and make up the majority of visitors. While surreptitiously photographing a party of monks we became most embarrassed when they spotted us and started calling to us. We hung our heads in shame – until we realised that they wanted to take a picture of us! We were delighted with the results. Saffron robes always add an amazing splash of colour to any picture but we wonder what they thought of their

curious farangs.

Then it was back to the bus for the short trip to the boat landing pier and our return trip. Lunch on the boat was a sumptuous affair marred only by the extortionate price of Kloster – 80 baht for a small bottle!

Our journey back to Bangkok was both restful and interesting. From our air-conditioned comfort we could gaze out on the passing scenes of Thai life. Wooden houses, chains of rice-barges, temples and boats of every description provide a stunning backdrop to the people's every day life.

As we neared the city

limits, our guide took over again to point out the Royal Barges, Grand Palace and Wat Arun.

We had a wonderful day and our appetites have been whetted by our introduction to Ayuddhya. Now we want to know more and armed with guide books we will return under our own steam.

Anyone who has a rich visitor staying with them should have no hesitation in recommending this tour as it provides such a fascinating glimpse into so many aspects of Thai life, past and present.

Anne Stuart

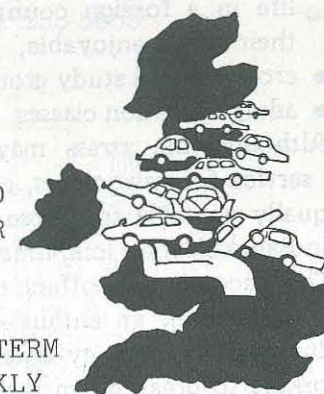
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The two faces of Community Services in Bangkok

COMMUNITY Services of Bangkok has been set up to provide a wide range of services to English-speaking expatriates here. CSB could be said to have two faces.

The first face offers:

- a telephone helpline (258-5663) to help with any kinds of problems,
- a counselling service, staffed by qualified professionals,
- programmes to help newcomers with the difficult adjustment to life in a foreign country so that their stay is enjoyable,
- cross-cultural study groups,
- adult education classes.

Although the stress may seem to be on service for newcomers, our services are equally valuable for those who have lived in Bangkok for a long time.

The second face offers the opportunity to serve in an enthusiastic group of volunteers from many countries who are working to break down the psychological barriers that separate expatriates from Thais and from each other. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Telephone volunteers for 3 hours a week (8:30-11:30, 11:30-2:30, 2:30-5:30). Commitment for one year. No crisis counselling.

- Writers, artists, graphic artists, etc., for the Publicity Committee. Also a media coordinator to make sure things are done on time.
- People with special talents or expertise who are willing to talk about them to adult education classes.
- People to reach out to newcomers in the international community to bring them to orientation meetings.
- Professionally trained counsellors to serve at least part-time on counselling staff.

In addition to these volunteer jobs, we have one opening for an adult education coordinator to plan and arrange for classes, seminars and study groups. This position provides a modest honorarium.

We at CSB are proud of the fact that we have 8 nationalities represented among our members and that we are not attached to any nationality group but are truly international. A membership donation is requested, as by law we must be a membership organisation and because we must be self-sufficient. Members receive in turn: free admission to some functions which others must pay for, a 25% reduction in counselling fees and a reduction for adult education classes.

We wish we didn't have to charge anything, but we couldn't continue to function if we didn't.

In addition to the telephone helpline and counselling, the following programmes are already scheduled for the immediate future:

- On the first Thursday and third Monday of every month we will have a Meet and Mingle Morning (3M) at the Community Centre (15 Soi 33 Sukhumvit), beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will provide the opportunity for newcomers and old timers to meet and talk and will have special programmes on life in Thailand and how to adjust to it.
- The first of these 3Ms on Monday, September 15, had as its special guest Dr. Mattani Rutnin, Head of the Drama Department at Thammasat University, who showed her videotape on Thai women.
- On Friday, September 5, there was a training session on counselling rape victims, given by an experienced rape counsellor.

- On Sunday, October 5, from 1-5 p.m. at the Ballroom of the Imperial Hotel, CSB will present an exciting programme called "Bloom Where You're Planted" which will cover most of the aspects of expatriate life in Bangkok by means of a dramatic skit, a panel discussion, videotapes and a demonstration on Thai food. Watch for details.

- Al-Anon, the support group for family and friends of alcoholics, meets every Wednesday night at the Centre, 7:30-9 p.m. No charge.

Finally, the Community Centre at 15 Soi 33 Sukhumvit (the lane before Villa Supermarket) is a place where English-speaking members of the international community can drop in for a chat and a cup of coffee any time between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Contact for further information:
Community Services of Bangkok
15 Soi 33 Sukhumvit
Bangkok 10110
Tel: 258-5663



"I don't care if he is one of the few dissenting voices around. Make him stop whispering in my ear!"

SCOFFERIES

The Cedars

SPURRED on by the urge to try something different we sought out "The Cedars", a restaurant describing itself as an exclusive Lebanese-Greek food restaurant.

"Exclusive" turned out to be an understatement, as we drove into what looked like a private house and the head waiter unlocked the front door. All doubts concerning whether we had made a wrong turning vanished when we crossed the threshold. What was once a private house has been transformed into a middle-eastern abode. A huge tent roof overhangs the tables while rich tapestries and rugs decorate the walls. The restaurant's capacity is about 25 but we were the only customers of the evening (hardly surprising on a Tuesday!)

The restaurant is owned by the father of our helpful waiter. He explains that cooking is his father's hobby and that he delights in offering freshly prepared Lebanese specialities to

a small clientele. The menus arrive on huge cut-outs of cedar trees and we take the advice of our host.

The highlight of a middle-eastern meal is its hors d'oeuvres. The Missa, as this is called in Lebanese, is an assorted array of 10 dishes. What a great way to sample the different tastes of the country we decided and ordered enough for us all.

A feast duly arrived and the sampling began. The 10 dishes offered a wide variety of meat and vegetable specialities. My favourites were the spicy pasties and the okra in tomato sauce although the salad, green beans in sauce, stuffed cabbage leaves and meatballs were also very good. More unusual were the aubergines in yoghurt and the mashed aubergines. These were extremely tasty with no trace of bitterness. Pickles and mountains of hot pitta bread completed the banquet.

By the time we had

devoured that lot we were all slightly over strained but the sight of the main course revived our flagging appetites for a renewed onslaught.

Lamb in yoghurt, chicken kebab, moussaka and cheesy rice (well, there were five of us) disappeared quite rapidly. No doubt the desserts were equally delicious but none of us made it that far. The famous middle-east coffee rounded the meal off nicely. This is served in small cups which mustn't be drained as there is always an inch of coffee grains on the bottom.

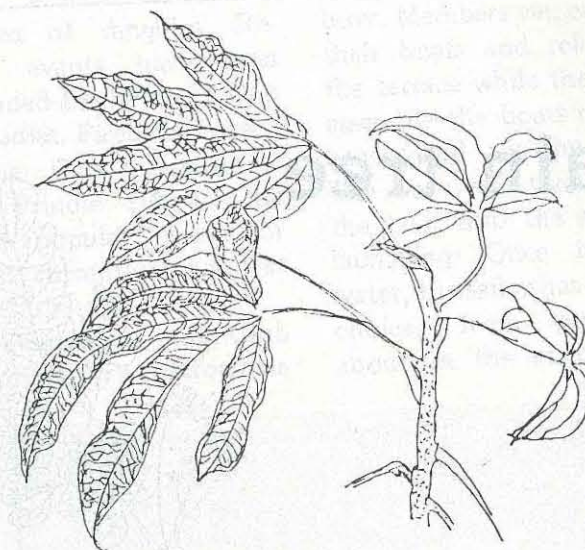
We were well pleased with our venture into the culinary delights of Lebanon — "much better than anything I had in Lebanon" one party member was heard to comment.

"The Cedars" is situated at 138 Sukhumvit 49 — nearly opposite Samitivej Hospital tel: 392.7399 but one word of warning; it's only for people who like their garlic by the kilo! ●

THAI PLANTS

Kapok

THE kapok we use for stuffing cushions, mattresses, lifebelts and light jackets is a tree crop with remarkable properties. Each fibre of kapok is a single, thin-walled cell filled with air. The cells are resilient and elastic, so cushions will regain their shape after pressure; they are also water-repellent and five times more buoyant than cork. Kapok is not attacked by fungi or pests and can be used



Kapok
(*Ceiba pentandra*)

for clothing as it very effectively traps in heat. Yet another valuable property is sound absorption — kapok has been used as an acoustic insulating material in aeroplanes.

Seen commonly in up-country villages, but also scattered throughout Bangkok, the kapok tree (or white silk cotton tree) is easily recognisable, particularly in the dry season when it loses its large leaves, exposing its odd,

horizontal branches. The branches grow out in whorls of about three from a single trunk, and young branches and upper trunk are often green-coloured. The large green pods (up to 30 centimetres long) turn brown as they mature in the dry season, and they are harvested before they fall or open. The pods are hulled, the kapok dried in the sun and the seeds are removed by beating. A tree will

produce about 100 pods per year by the time it is four years old, and by about eight years will be giving almost two kilograms of kapok annually. The trees continue producing pods for 60 years or more and in the natural forest of the tropical lowlands can reach enormous size.

Unripe pods are used as a food in Indonesia, whilst the seeds can be used in soups or to produce cooking oil. Some parts of the tree are used in herbal medicines and the tree has a sacred significance in some countries. Its timber is soft and can be used for dug-out canoes and carving.

Thailand and Indonesia are the main producers and exporters of kapok fibre and their main market is the USA. In fact this is a plant of the American tropics, which reached Africa naturally (probably carried by sea currents) then much later was brought to Asia for plantation cultivation.

Rain tree



Rain tree
(*Samanea saman*)

MAJESTIC shade tree of Lumpini Park and Wireless Road, growing to 50 metres tall; leaves twice-divided with keel-shaped leaflets; flowers composed of many stamens — a deep pink pin-cushion. The long, brownish-black pods are very nutritious and fed to cattle in some countries.

Something to watch for: at dusk or on very cloudy days the leaves will appear to wilt and then return to normal when the sun comes out again. This ability to droop and recover is something the rain tree shares with the "sensitive mimosa" and some other plants of the Leguminosae. ●

NEW HORIZONS

The Royal Varuna Yacht Club

ANYONE for sailing? The Royal Varuna Yacht Club in Pattaya would love to hear from you. Situated on a prime site on Pattaya point, sandwiched between the Royal Cliff Hotel and the Asia Pattaya, the Club has a lot to offer for sailors and non-sailors alike.

For the sailor, the Club boasts the largest and

most active yacht racing in Thailand with regular race events for many classes of dinghies. Recent events have even included the Triumph Cup for ladies, Fireballs, Lasers, Hobie Cats, Enterprises and Prindle 19s are the most popular classes of boats currently housed at the Club.

Facilities at the Club make life very comfortable

for members as most of the hard slog is done for you by a squad of boat boys. Members can call for their boats and relax on the terrace while the boys assemble the boats on the beach and rig the sails. The boys will then carry the boat into the sea for launching. Once in the water, the sailor has a wide choice, from pottering about in the vicinity of



the Club or popping over to the islands for lunch. A rescue boat is always ready to help those in difficulties.

The Club has storage facilities for several hundred boats and has its own repair yard and chandlers to keep the boats in good condition. Boats change hands quite rapidly within the Club as members leave or change class as they gain experience. At any one time there are usually several boats for sale on the club notice boards. Once a boat has been allocated a storage rack, then it stays there regardless of how many times its ownership may change.

Most people buy a boat and join the Club at the same time. The Club is very helpful to new members and lets them use the Club facilities straight away. Beginners are welcome. Each boat has its own boy who knows the boat, is an expert at rigging and can teach the novice. From time to time, the Club will arrange training courses. A course for Laser beginners has just finished and an Optimist course is currently underway.

Families are also welcome at the Club and children are actively encouraged to join. The Optimist Class of boat is specially designed for chil-

dren and the current training course is for 8 years and over. The boats are small, fairly wide and stable and have a single sail. They have their own races e.g. "the donut special" and handle their boats with fearless skill. They also look amazingly cute racing round the course.

Children also have their own small clubhouse where they can order their own food and drinks with the bills brought to their parents at the end of the day. Friendships are easily made as the children have the space to roam and enjoy themselves.

The main clubhouse has a bar and restaurant serving food and drinks at very reasonable prices. There are two terraces of tables outside. On one terrace children are not allowed. This allows parents a peaceful interlude away from their offspring who are happily ensconced in their own clubhouse.

Windsurfing is also very popular here and many people house their windsurfers with their boats.

The Club has accommodation available for members at a very reasonable cost. The rooms are fan-cooled and, for those who prefer airconditioning, the nearby Cosy Hotel offers a discount to Club members.

Both sailors and non-sailors appreciate the peacefulness of the Club compared with the brash menagerie around the point in Pattaya Bay. The club has a clean sandy beach which the children potter on quite happily. The view of blue sea, blue sky, colourful sails and coral islands is very restful and the combination of fresh air and exercise make this an ideal way to spend a weekend.

For further details, call at the Club or ring 233.3545. Happy sailing!

Anne Stuart •



WELL WORTH READING

Falling towards England

Unreliable Memoirs II

by Clive James

BOOK REVIEW BY ANTHONY BURGESS

TAKEN FROM THE OBSERVER

MR James's first volume of autobiography was marvellous. It seemed to me, roaring over it, that it was worth while to be brought up in Australia if it enabled one to write about being brought up in Australia with such force and jocosity. The second volume, whose ingenious title cheekily implies that we are the ones down under, is an intermediate memoir that presents Mr. James trying to find his feet in the London of the Sixties.

The metaphor is perhaps a bad one. His feet are too much with him. His sandshoes are surprised by Earl's Court snow and slush; he is given a pair of shockers in strawberry-coloured leather; he graduates with difficulty to 'a new ox-blood pair with gold buckles at the sides!' His socks are almost too terrible to mention.

He is in the shoeless situation of the indigent. He has come to London to seek his fortune. As we know, he is now in the position of making his fortune if he has not already made it, but it was hard going in the swinging Sixties for an Australian immigrant who was told, rightly, that there was enough indigent talent around, some of it homegrown, without his adding to it. But it is always

a surprise to the insular English to find themselves excelled and even bought out by mere colonials.

It is something to do not merely with talent but with energy, chutzpah, appetite. James is the funniest man we have. Occasionally, as when he is tartly reviewing such as myself in a remote literary periodical, he is prepared to flood his readers with hard-won erudition. A formidable man. His teeth used to be bad, as he tells us at excruciating length, but there is nothing wrong with his bite now.

He also used to smoke a lot — 80 a day — and was by way of being something of a piss-artist. It is all here, set down with large verve, along with painful concupiscence, lyrical celebration of unattainable breasts and haunches, and an enforced diet of cold grease. Mr. James had a hard time of it in queasy lodgings, sleeping in a paper bag, looking for jobs in a suit made by a Singapore tailor (no gussets) and unspeakable footwear.

He had various jobs but he kept none of them long — a menial assistant to a menial in a sheet metal factory, a suburban library clerk, sorter of author's photographs for Penguin Books (he had to make sure that T.S. Eliot's portrait didn't get on to the back of 'Middle-

march'). He slept on a converted coal barge whose privy flushed up rather than down when the tide turned. He went to parties and did the Twist. He consumed Woodpecker cider and bottled brown water.

It was the kind of sleazy Bohemian London life celebrated in Dr. Johnson's biography of Richard Savage. But, as we shall learn from subsequent volumes, James, already a Sydney graduate, got to Cambridge, presided over the Footlights, and became one of the most respected journalists of our day. Happy the man who knows what he is going to write next. And next.

Let us now glance at a specimen of Mr. James's prose:

I had not yet begun to put on weight, but the possibility was there, like the side of a hill getting ready to slip. There was a falling feeling, especially in the scalp. My comb had hair in it. When the others told me I had a bald patch I told them it was an enlarged crown, but with a shaving mirror held at an angle over my head like a halo I looked in to the bathroom mirror and saw a would-be tonsure about the size of a florin. American graduates in hair technology called this the 'O' effect. The 'O' effect at the back of my head was being approached by an 'M' effect at the front.

This is in a tradition of humour we know well. It is very British, which includes Australian, and, like 'Three Men in a Boat,' it depends for its effects on well-worded self-disparagement. Mr. James has other things to disparage too, but it is always with an elegance ending in a carefully contrived pratfall, the words exact, even bookish, with a colloquial deflation or an ingenious metaphor. A London snowridge is 'a threatening escarpment of refrigerated lucent suet.' There are also wild epigrams: 'Some people are different from the rest of us, and so are the rest of us.'

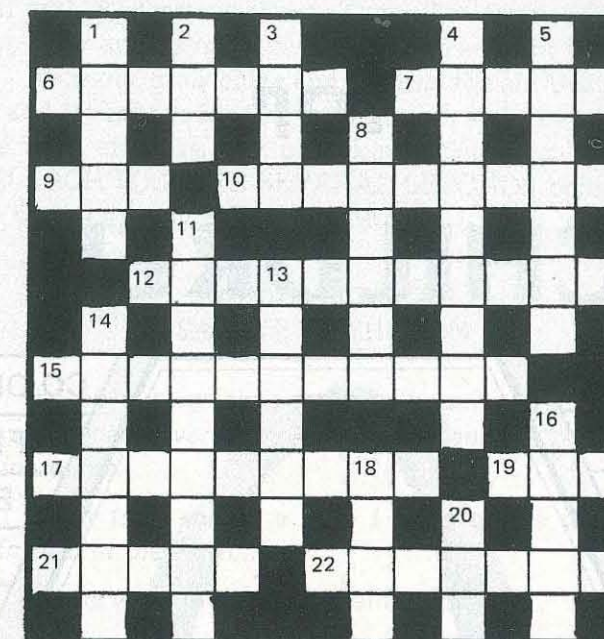
Mr. James recently wrote a novel, and it was not very good. This was, I think, because he did not quite realise that the language of fiction dare not be too brilliant. He aims for brilliance with nearly every sentence and often succeeds. He has the job of being funny most of the time, the humorist's Calvary. When he is serious, which he frequently is – about the trials of women (especially when they encounter Australian males), the footlingness of being too left-wing, the ecstasy of listening to music – he is too clever to be ponderous.

He is a master of that kind of light touch which depends on the possession of a vocabulary appropriate to a heavy one. Wodehouse had it, so did S.J. Perelman. Mr. James has total mastery of his medium, like them, but it is a medium with built-in limitations. You cannot write the novels of Evelyn Waugh with it. You can be lightly funny, but it is hard to be lightly serious.

Still, it would be unworthy to find fault with so exquisite a volume of memoirs, which I take to be wholly reliable. Now that Mr. James has settled down under, leaving Australia topside basking in sun and the cracking of frosties, the question why he uprooted himself in the Sixties had better not be asked. It is perhaps too easy to answer. I have enjoyed my odd visits to Australia and, in a flat in Sydney, once contemplated doing a D.H. Lawrence and writing a 'Kangaroo.' That would have been a European luxury. What the cultivated Australian who is Mr. James recognised was his need for a fulfilment that depended on total exile. He had something to give to English letters – the revivification of tired blood through an infusion from the vigorous antipodes. It was a good thing to colonise Australia. It is a good thing for an Australian to colonise us.

(Available from the Neilson Hays Library)

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

- 6 Might be spent in 10 across.
- 7 Does this kind of singer light up the stage?
- 9 Soaked and soppy.
- 10 Amah icing ... the cake? No, our second city.
- 12 Resting places of our ancestors.
- 15 Courts are where they shine. (2 words)
- 17 These were once a craze that went around. (2 words)
- 19 Subdue the beast!
- 21 Not leaving idle.
- 22 Wilkie Collin's Woman was. (2 words)

DOWN

- 1 This does help one to enjoy a good 6 across...
- 2 ... and with it one can leave this.
- 3 Whip a novice on top of a tree.
- 4 Many birds certainly are!
- 5 Is clear ... they are a rich confection.
- 8 Caper mostly in America.
- 11 Ida, Carmel and Cook are.
- 13, 20 & 16 Affectionate old name for 10 across. (4 words)
- 14 Will might make you one!
- 16 See 13 down.
- 18 Flower in 10 across!
- 20 See 13 down.

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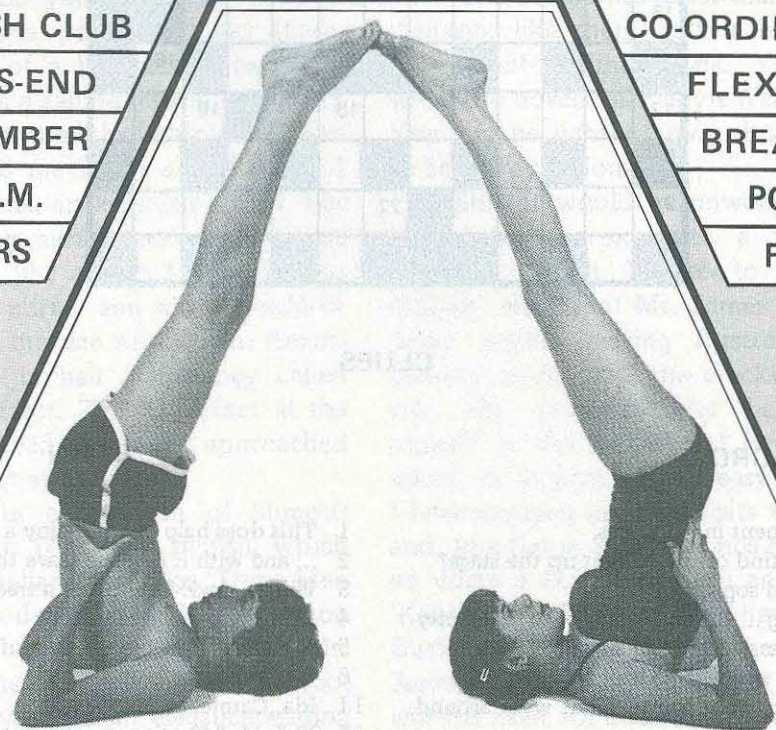
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This salute is an effective way of waking up and can be done as many times as you like. **HOLD EACH POSTURE SEVERAL SECONDS** before going into the next one. Don't rush so that you enjoy Surya Namaskar.

SURYANAMASKAR SALUTE TO THE SUN



I stretch out my arms towards the sun and I feel ... that all my body is covered by its warmth and its light totally illuminates me...



I am a tree, and as a tree, I bend to the wind but I remain firm in the earth...



I am the wave that breaks against the rock...



I am the weave that vibrates over the earth...



I am the leaf that lets myself be carried by the wind...



I am the earth that gives rest and life in every moment...



I am the seed that sprouts from the earth and rises to the light...

I am the mountain, and am majestic and serene as she...

I am the bird that is ready to begin its flight...

I am everything that has movement over the earth...

From the earth I depart...

and to the light I go...

To the Universe...



Note: Breathe in to prepare for the posture, breathe out going into the posture and breathe normally while in the posture.

September, 1986

Yours in Yoga,
Joan C. French

BRIDGE



BRIDGE

IN August we thought that the Bridge Section had passed away silently. Some evenings we had only one table and we had to cancel the evening altogether. But beginning September we were proven wrong as suddenly we had three to four tables again and with still some regular players absent. We even had the pleasure of welcoming some newcomers and we are sure that more will come. Welcome Jean and Mike. Hope to see you many times more.

With several players having committed themselves for the tournament, we are confident that we will have a lively and pleasant tournament. In the next issue of the *Outpost* we will publish the results of the matches played so far. The results

will also be published on the notice board.

We plan to publish also some interesting hands as they come along and will try to give our humble opinion on them. No correspondence will be entered into regarding agreement or disagreement of the opinion given. An open letter with your comments is always welcome.

As we said before, even if you cannot participate in the tournament, don't forget that each evening stands on its own with one or two bottles of wine for the winners.

We start each section at 7.30 p.m. sharp so we can finish in time.

Till next Tuesday.

Pieter Schoenmakers

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CRICKET



CRICKET

I read with interest last months po'm,
And wondered who had writ it?
'Ere I will write the poetry,
If you will stick to cricket

Fancy blamin' David 'All.
I think it is a shame.
As an excuse I think it's poor.
Infact I'd call it lame.

We've missed those wondrous lengths
of prose
Of life out by the wicket.
Where giants battle endlessly
To hit balls to the thicket

So cricket scribe where 'ere you be,
Please leave us not to dwell
On poems like that latest one
It makes us all unwell.

Dear B.C. team may next year be
Much better than the last.
More balls be caught than e'er before,
And records be surpassed.

More runs be made, more teams
be beat,
More beer be there to sup.
We'll see the team victorious yet
To carry home the cup.

Many people have asked
Me
Why last month's contri
Bution
Was chopped into lines
As though it were
Po
Etry. I don't know.

Annual General Meeting of Cricket Section Friday 10th October 7 p.m.

The 1986/87 season approaches apace with nets starting again next month. Potential new players should watch out for notices on the board for their chance to join the few old faces left. In the meantime, here is the definitive list of British Club records dating right back into the mists of the 1980/81 season.

BRITISH CLUB RECORDS

Highest score for:	281 for 7	vs Allied	9th Feb 1986
Highest score against:	327 for 5	RBSC	7th May 1983
Lowest score for:	40	vs RBSC	14th Apr 1984
Lowest score against:	40	Nakhon Sawan	31st Jan 1981

DARTS DARTS

THIS week the quill is mightier than the dart, but there's a lot of catching up to do. The Tinsons who returned to Canada in June will be wondering why *Outposts* have not been winging their way to Toronto as promised and the reason of course is, who wants to read the *Outpost* if there's no Darticle! You'll see what I mean when you see the date of the first match report:

15th May 1986 British Club 2 Pulcini 15

Closes : Terry Adams
Tons : Mike Majer (100), Bryan Baldwin (100, 108)
Andy Pickup (121), Terry Adams (120)

The bar was closed following the floods and we had to use Terry's wobbly board from home. For many of the Lillywhites the board normally looks wobbly anyway, so we should have done better than 2-15!

29th May 1986 British Club 4 Soun 13

Closes : Mike Majer (2), Roger Daniels
Tons : Mike M (100, 100), Roger (101, 100), Peter Tinson (100)
Andy Pickup (100)

Smashed again! At least the ex-captain Mike and the new Captain Roger (Nai Dai to believers) did try!

5th June 1986 Domino Stone 10 British Club 7

Closes : Peter Tinson (2), Orin, Andy, Bryan, Arthur Phillips
Tons : Orin (100), Arthur (120, 100, 100)

Arthur, Peter and Orin's evening, but the rest were up to the usual standard. This game can be classified as one that got away. Andy and Orin started their doubles game with scores of 60, 77, 61, 60, 68 and then it darteriorated with fours, sevens, tens etc.

12th June 1986 Expats Retreat 12 British Club 5

Closes : Mike M, David Frost, Bryan
Tons : Mike M (100, 112), David (100), Terry (100)

This match was memorable for two things (in short shorts and tight jeans) and the fact that Bryan scored a 2.

19th June 1986 British Club 7 Silom Swingers 10

Closes : Peter Downs, Terry, Roger (2)
Tons : Bryan (140, 121), Roger (134), Terry (100)

We should have won this one, and probably would have done if Carol Anwar, great with child, hadn't closed 3 games. Probably the extra weight made her more steady than usual. I think it would only add to the disgrace if I were to mention that the team from the Toby Jug only had 5 players, so I'll leave that out.

Highest individual score for:	Craig Price 151* vs AIT	9th Mar 1986
Highest individual score against:	Doug Beckett 202 for RBSC	7th May 1983
Best individual bowling for:	R. Lanham 6-30 vs RBSC	29th Mar 1981
Best individual bowling against:	Kuku Uberoi 6-36 for Indians	24th Mar 1985
Biggest win (runs):	by 187 runs vs Post	9th Dec 1984
(wickets):	by 9 wickets vs Post	2nd Feb 1985
Biggest defeat (runs):	by 195 runs vs CMGC	7th Apr 1984
(wickets):	by 10 wickets vs RBSC	14th Apr 1984
Most individual runs in a season:	Craig Price 543	1985/86
Most individual wickets in a season:	Nick White 29	1985/86
Best partnership for:	113 by Adams/Price vs Post	2nd Feb 1985
Best partnership against:	159 by Shakeeb/Asif for AIT	9th Mar 1986
Best partnerships for each wicket:		
1st: for:	113 Adams/Price vs Post	2nd Feb 1985
against:	88 Baker/de Vries for RBSC	4th Feb 1982
2nd: for:	108 Adams/Price vs Post	9th Feb 1986
against:	115 Samar/Narinder for Wanderers	19th Apr 1986
3rd: for:	112 Price/Rider vs Post	9th Dec 1984
against:	132 Beckett/Gilson for RBSC	7th May 1983
4th: for:	86 Price/Stamper vs AIT	20th Jan 1985
against:	137 Beckett/Swaminathan for RBSC	7th May 1983
5th: for:	73 Dunford/Parry vs Allied	13th Mar 1985
against:	102 Wilson/Naveed for CMGC	6th Apr 1985
6th: for:	88 Castledine/Sayer vs Thais	13th Jan 1985
against:	159 Shaleeb/Asif for AIT	9th Mar 1986
7th: for:	78 Parry/B. Thompson vs CMGC	24th Nov 1984
against:	59 R. Deep/S. Bahl for Indians	18th Mar 1984
8th: for:	39 Dunne/Williamson vs Thais	12th Apr 1986
against:	67 Wilson/Winders for CMGC	22nd Mar 1986
9th: for:	41 G. Thompson/Ryan vs RBSC	3rd Mar 1985
	B. Thompson/Dunford vs Allied	15th Jan 1984

(Dunford and Parry put a 48 for 9th wicket against deliberately poor bowling and fielding by the Indians, 24th March 1985)

against:	38	Malberi/Leicester	for RBSC	8th Jan 1984
10th: for:	40	Stephens/Hyde	vs RBSC	4th Feb 1982
against:	25	Ramesh/Fareed	for Indians	14th Dec 1985

Best winning sequence: 5 31st Jan-21st March 1981

Worst losing sequence: 8 29th-Mar 1981-1st May 1982

Best winning sequence against one team: 4 vs Allied/Post 9th Dec 84-present
4 vs Thais 26th Mar 83-present

Worst losing sequence against one team: 12 vs RBSC 15th Jan 83-present

Highest losing score 269 for 8 vs AIT 9th Mar 1986

Lowest winning score 110 vs Allied 21st Feb 1981

* Copies of "momentous moments of cricket taivia" available from the office. ●

24th June 1986 Brits 8 Aussies 11

This was "Aussie Pub Night" so the results don't count! Peter Downs scored lots of tons (134, 100 and 121 to name only 3) and Roger and Andy scored one each. The highest of the evening, though, was Orin's 140. She couldn't get the darts out of the board, but one of her friends put her up to it!

26th June 1986 Saddle Rack 7 British Club 10

Closes : Mike M (2), Andy (3), Terry, Peter Downs

Tons : Mike M (102 Close, 100), Peter D (100), Andy (100),
David Frost (120)

This was the last game for both Peter Tinson and Eric Turner. Peter left after the doubles when we were 7-5 down, so until he reads this he won't know that we sent them both off with a win. Andy was the matchwinner with 3 closes, and altogether we did well to win against a team which included Wan, Oye and Toy well-known in Washington Square Darts circles for short shorts and tight jeans.

At this stage I did a check on the highest number of closes and tons and the leaders were:

Closes	Peter Tinson	10	Tons	Terry Adams	14
	Mike Majer	9		Mike Majer	10
	Andy Pickup	7		Andy Pickup	9
	Terry Adams	6		Bryan Baldwin	6
	Roger Daniels	6		Peter Tinson	6
	Bryan Baldwin	6		Mike Evans	6

Since then, some of the score sheets are missing, so you'll have to wait for the final tally when this league finishes in a few weeks.

3rd July 1986 British Club 8 Too Soon 9

Closes : Mike M (2), Mike Evans, Terry, Andy (2)

Tons : NIL

Your favourite team arrived at the bar much too soon and, though it was a close game, couldn't manage a ton between them. At one stage we were 6-2 in the lead and then Mike Airways went home. I feel compelled to mention that coincidence to be sure of getting a good seat when I go to Heathrow next year for the 1987 Chipping Sodbury darts championship.

10th July 1986 British Club 0 First Stella Jewelry 17

Closes : (What are they?)

Tons : Mike O'Connor (100), Arthur Phillips (100), Peter Downs (100)

This hasn't happened for a long time. The score sheet has the comment, in Terry Adams handwriting, "No Contest". The team we fielded wasn't bad, so one can only assume the opposition were 17 times better.

17th July 1986 British Club 11 Ozzies 6

Closes : Andy (2), Mike M (2), Peter Downs (2), Erika Majer

Tons : Mike Majer (100, 100), Peter Downs (100, 100)

Showing real fighting spirit the Lillywhites shrugged off last week, put themselves on equal terms with copious quantities of Classic 4X beer, and revenged the Aussie Pub Night defeat.

24th July 1986 British Club 11 New Cowboy Bar 6

Closes : Terry (2), Andy (3), Orin, Peter

Tons : Andy (100, 100), Terry (100), Mike O'Connor (140)

Two wins on the trot is almost more than we can cope with. Actually, we have a secret weapon which is called "taking the micky out of the opposition". We have the following Mike's playing now.

Mike Majer is Mike M

Mike Evans is Mike E (or Airways)

Mike Miles is Mike 2

Mike O'Connor is Mike O

and Mike Williams is Mike W

We're all thinking of changing our names to Mike for the next league, and if we all wear the team shirts and don beards and moustaches we should be able to confuse all the teams. Mike Majer can then play all our games while the rest of us concentrate on snooker or Kloster. Erika, Orin, Pat Daniels and Silawan Miles can all wear blonde wigs so that at least we don't get confused.

31st July 1986 British Club 8 D.M.O. 9

Closes : Mike M (3), Terry (2), Peter

Tons : Andy (100), Terry (119), Orin (100), Erika (105), Mike M (100)

Very close and good fun. One can already see that the players on home leave are hardly missed!

14th August 1986 British Club 3 D-DARTS 14

Closes : Bryan, Mike M

Tons : Peter (116, 100), Mike M (125), Orin (121), Bryan (100, 100)

Well, you can see that the new strategy still isn't ready, but we did get more tons than the visitors.

4th Sept 1986 British Club 10 Domino Stone 7

Closes : Pat, Orin, Mike O, Roger (2), Bryan, Mike M.

Tons : Mike O (100, 100, 117), Mike M (125), Bryan (140),
Roger (100, 140)

Pat Daniels got us off to a winning start in her first game. Four-two up after the singles and 8-4 up after the doubles we had to wait for Mike Majer's double 5 in the second triple before the match was won.

During the current league, many new players have become regulars, Arthur Phillips throws a mean dart these days, Frostie makes telling guest appearances, Mike Williams plays when we can twist his modest arm and Mike and Silawan Miles, Mike O'Connor, and now even Pat Daniels are on a winning streak. So if you like darts and have been known to drink the occasional Kloster, don't hesitate to come along Thursdays. As far as skill is concerned you can be anywhere from mediocre to poor providing you can get a close and a ton occasionally when you lose your concentration.

The end-season dinner and awards fund is now over £4,000. This is made up of shirt sales and £100 every time anyone scores 3 or less. If it goes on like this, the dinner will be at the Normandie Grill this year! ●

GOLF GOLF

JUNE 29, 1986

THIRTY-two golfers played at the Rose Garden with "A" Division on medal play and "B" Division playing Stableford.

The results were:

"A" Group	1st	J. Miller-Sterling	Net 68
	2nd	R. Armstrong	Net 71
	1st Nine	D. Smith	Net 35.5
	2nd Nine	D. Frost	Net 36.5
"B" Group	1st	D. Tarrant	41 pts
	2nd	R. Schramm	37 pts
	1st Nine	E. Turner	21 pts
	2nd Nine	D. Humphreys	21 pts

On his last day as captain, Eric Turner managed a great first nine thus going to New Zealand in a blaze of glory.

JULY 13, 1986

Twenty-nine golfers played at the beautiful Rose Garden layout on a day sponsored by Schlumberger. The overcast skies and very muggy weather made the going tough and the scores were not too impressive.

The results were:

"A" Group	1st	M. Ross	Net 71
	2nd	B. McEwen	Net 72
	1st Nine	J. Jurgens	
	2nd Nine	B. Merry	

The "champagne kid" Vize showing gratitude to guardian for his "hole-in-one" gift.



1986 eclectic runner-up Dave Williamson with Eric Turner.



"Once in a lifetime, you have to get lucky"
E. Jurgens and Les Vize.



1986 eclectic winner Les Vize with Singer rep and captain Eric Turner.

"B" Group	1st	D. Ferguson	37 pts
	2nd	J. Garvey	37 pts
	1st Nine	L. Houghton	20 pts
	2nd Nine	B. Hyde	19 pts
Closest the pin		M. Hyde, M. Ross	
Long drives		Men	S. Edmonds
		Ladies	P. Smith

JULY 20 & 21, 1986

A good number of B.C. members spent their holiday weekend chasing golf balls and raindrops around the Siam Country Club. A lot of non-golfing time was spent at the new English pub near the course. Reports reach us that in the "wee hours" of morning the beer flowed freely.

JULY 20, 1986

The results were:

"A" Group	1st	B. McEwan
	2nd	B. Pointer
	1st Nine	D. Williamson
	2nd Nine	J. Miller-Sterling

"B" Group	1st	P. Speed
	2nd	K. Ross
	1st Nine	T. Smith
	2nd Nine	L. Kentwell

Closest the pin	—	L. Kentwell, D. Smith
Long drives	—	Men — J. Kelly
		Ladies — M. Ross

The day was a "club" sponsored day.

JULY 21, 1986

Second day results were:

1st place	- J. Miller-Sterling	35	pts
2nd place	- T. Smith	35	pts
3rd place	- Pam Smith	34	pts
4th place	- P. Speed	33	pts
5th place	- D. Williamson	32	pts
6th place	- Mo Harris	29	pts
7th place	- M. Cave	29	pts
8th place	- K. Ross	29	pts

Long drives - Men - N. Mestrallet

Ladies - M. Ross

Closest the pin - Mo Harris, Fujimoto

Sponsor for the day - American Express

JULY 27, 1986

Twenty-five golfers played at the Rose Garden where the weather was warm and the golf "hot".

The results were:

"A" Group	1st	- M. Ross	37	pts
	2nd	- J. Kelly	35	pts
	1st Nine	- R. McEwen	19	pts
	2nd Nine	- D. Cadwallader	17	pts

"B" Group	1st	- L. Houghton	38	pts
	2nd	- S. Bolton	35	pts
	1st Nine	- K. Ross	16	pts
	2nd Nine	- D. Humphries	22	pts

Closest the pin - Tony Rogers, Des Smith

Long drives - Men - D. Cadwallader

Ladies - Mo Harris

The day was sponsored by Thai Industrial Gases.

AUGUST 10 & 24, 1986

The 36-hole club championship sponsored by Guardian Assurance Company has been played over two outings at Bangphra and Railway courses.

The new men's club champion, Ian McLean, scored a gross 163 over the two outings. Ron Armstrong won the men's net trophy with a score of 146.

The ladies' champion was Margaret McEwen (gross 198)

The net trophy goes to Heather Auger with a score of 149.

Bangphra results:

Men's low gross	- Ian McLean	80
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Men's low net	- J. Miller-Sterling	67
Men's best front nine	- D. Frost	42
Men's best back nine	- D. Cadwallader	43

Ladies' low gross	- Marg McEwen	100
Ladies' low net	- Heather Auger	64
Ladies' best front nine	- Mo Harris	50
Ladies' best back nine	- Pam Smith	53

Long drives - Men - John Kelly

Ladies - Heather Auger

Closest the pin - Fred Agnew, Bob Merry, Ian McLean, Koi Armstrong

Railway results:

"A" Group	1st	- R. Armstrong	Net 70
	2nd	- M. Ross	Net 73
	1st Nine	- B. Decozier	Net 36.5
	2nd Nine	- I. McLean	Net 37.5

"B" Group	1st	- P. Speed	Net 67
	2nd	- B. Hyde	Net 71
	1st Nine	- M. Hyde	Net 36.5
	2nd Nine	- D. Humphries	Net 34

Long drives - Men - Ian McLean

Ladies - Marg Ross

Nearest the pin - D. Humphries, M. Hyde, M. Ross, D. Ferguson

SEPTEMBER 7, 1986

Thirty-five golfers played a regular competition as well as 16 teams playing the first round of the Dunlop Cup at Railway Golf Course. Contek International sponsored the day and Les Vize, playing his usual steady game, was unable to claim any prize as sponsor.

The results were:

"A" Group	1st	- R. Armstrong	40	pts
	2nd	- M. Ross	35	pts
	1st Nine	- B. Pointer	17	pts
	2nd Nine	- I. McLean	18	pts

"B" Group	1st	- B. Mancell	39	pts
	2nd	- M. Crowther	26	pts
	1st Nine	- D. Brittain	22	pts
	2nd Nine	- K. Armstrong	19	pts

Long drives - Men - L. Vize

Ladies - M. Ross

Closest the pin - B. Mancell, L. Kentwell, D. Brittain, R. Armstrong

RUGBY



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AFTER a long absence, the rugby report finally returns to the Out-Post. A severe case of writer's block and poorly-timed hangovers is largely responsible for its absence.

The 1986 season started off with a promise of unparalleled success. Four consecutive victories, a surprising quarter-final placing in the Kodak Cup sevens and an influx of new talent raised high hopes amongst the side and its supporters.

Our season began with the French contingent lost en route to Chulalongkorn Stadium for the Kodak sevens. Showing up minutes before our first game, Gramond led the team onto the pitch and our first victory of the season was recorded against King's College, 6-0 with JJ scoring. The second match against Ramkamhaeng also went our way with Terry Smith scoring off a 40 metre break by Fiacre Hensey. Fiacre expired shortly thereafter. We then lost in the

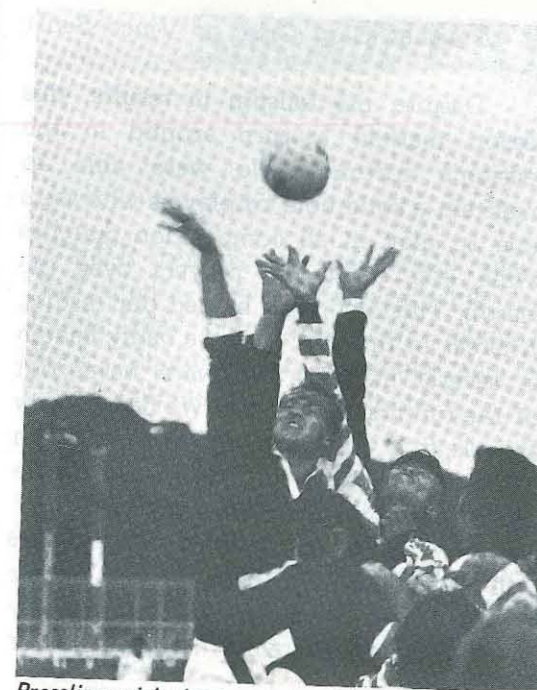


McAllister and Collins fight for the lost Kloster.

quarter-finals 6-16 to the Navy and were knocked out of the competition. Still our best results in a local sevens were recorded.



The new kit.



Pressling might have won had his eyes been open.

The warm-up to the British Council Cup consisted of two strong wins, 36-3 and 28-10 over the Military Preparatory Academy on Wireless Road and a 29-3 victory over the Hong Kong Police Rhinos. Our French played well in all three matches with Dgil Benabou leading the scoring. Other newcomers, Andy Hawkins and Kim Li, both scored tries from the wing in their inaugural matches. Terry Smith had the unique distinction of being named both Man of the Match and Wally of the Match on consecutive weekends.

The Council Cup then started with the Club's most impressive victory ever, 60-3 over the Military Technical School. Fiacre Hensey led the scoring from number eight with three tries — Dgil Benabou, Simon Parrot, Terry Smith and Andy Massey scored twice each and Barry Vize and Craig Scott each scored for a total of 13 tries. For the closer followers of our past seasons, the most amazing statistic was six substitutes were available.

This season marked the first season we managed to field full sides in every match (except for one friendly over a holiday weekend). Unfortunately this was to be our last win.

Former captain and section co-founder Terry Smith left (pretty good timing!) after this match. Had it not been for Terry's tireless efforts over the first two seasons the section would very likely not have survived this long. Best of luck to Terry and Marge and boys start saving your pennies for the Carnival tour to Rio.

The rest of the competition saw us drop our remaining four matches. The first 15-25 against Bangkok University we should have won, but spent too much time arguing amongst ourselves and with the referee. We then lost a close match, 0-12, against the Navy Cadets, which again we could have won with a little more concentration. The penultimate match of the Cup, against the Army Cadets, saw the inclusion of Bath's John Hall who, despite 25 caps for England, could not retain his place in the side after a 0-26 loss to the Army.



Gramond thrills the crowd.

We then played our most important match from a club point of view against the RBSC. Despite going down 0-9 we played our finest match of the season. John Gidley played particularly well at

full back with some of the best tackling the section has ever seen.

Spread in amongst the competition, we managed to drop three friendlies against strong touring sides, the Australian ship Hobart, HMS Amazon and Old Bar from Australia.

This season also saw two combined fixtures with the RBSC against Harlequins, 6-100, and Queens from Zimbabwe, 3-36. Despite the Harlequins' result John Gidley was again noted for a fine performance and Barry Vize was invited to try out for both 'Quins and London Irish upon his return to school.

Remaining matches include a combined fixture against Cambridge and an end of season Club Trophy match against RBSC.

The inaugural tour has been booked for the weekend of October 23-26 to Manila with the soccer section. Cost is £7,000 for a twin room or £8,500 for a single. Be sure to get your £2,000 depo-

sit to either Gary Crist or Vince Swift now!!

Despite the tailspin in results, this season marked a turn around in the section's fortunes. We were able to maintain a solid core of players who were able to play in all competition matches while still using 37 players over the season. This obviously helped our results. Whereas in the past we were badly beaten in several matches, we were never out of the running this season. We had 14 new arrivals this year who will be staying on into the future. Seven nationalities were represented over the course of the season.

Awards for this season's performances will be given at an end of the year dinner in November. Two awards have already been given as the recipients have left or are leaving.

1986 Player of the Year: Barry Vize
1986 Match of the Year: John Gidley (BC vs RBSC)

Four others have yet to be decided.

Hastings expresses his views on the committee's attire.



SNOOKER SNOOKER

OUR room is now completely redecorated - newly-recovered table, new blinds, new paint job from ceiling to floor, repaired coin machines and no rubber mats to trip on any more.

THANK YOU -
GENERAL COMMITTEE!!

We have completed competitions so far this year and will continue running these Wednesday night tourneys every two weeks.

Please watch the notice board for sign-up sheets - we would like to see

new faces as well as old. (Remember - most of our matches are handicap. So anyone can win!)

Tournaments played so far have been:

- Hamilton Cup (open billiards)
 - Winner - R. Armstrong
 - Runner up - T. Watson
- O'Connell Cup (handicap volunteer singles)
 - Winner - T. Watson
 - Runner up - Koi Armstrong
- Leonowens Trophy (handicap volunteer singles)
 - Winner - R. Armstrong
 - Runner up - Koi Armstrong
- Fothergill Trophy (volunteer handicap doubles)
 - Winners - Andrew Pickup & Alistair Rider
 - Runners up - Tom Watson & David Guy

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SQUASH SQUASH



TO those returning from leave, welcome back. So that everyone is up-to-date we will report on the Don Johnson Cup, The Ladies' Cup, the plate events and the July league.

DON JOHNSON CUP

This event was won in fine style by Mervyn Rattray and the runner up was Ralph Tye. Congratulations to both players. (It had previously been mentioned that Mervyn by now would be back in Australia. Happily Merv will be fending off the challengers for a while longer yet. We will let you know when he is leaving.)

PARRA HANDY PLATE

In this event Les Kentwell was successful over Tom Annas. Although this final may have been billed as the geriatric gala we find another old chap

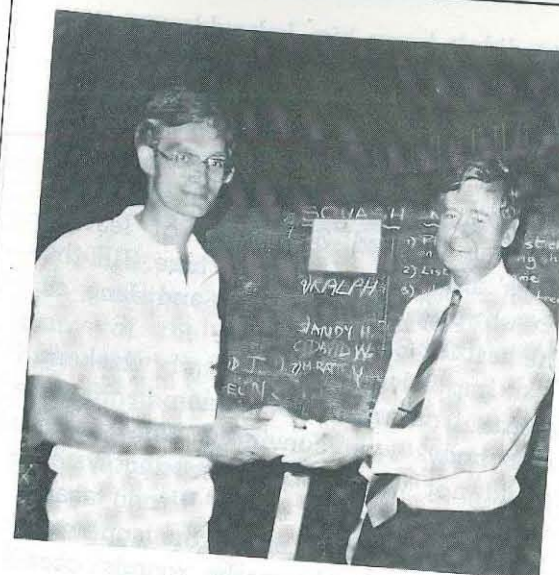
playing an occasional game at the Club who may contend in the future. We, of course, refer to Dick Chessman, who maintains he is fat, unfit and over fifty.

LADIES' CUP

The Ladies' Cup was won by Moira Carey in a hard-fought final over Carolyn Tarrant. Both ladies appeared to be smiling throughout the tussle – or maybe those smiles were actually grins of determination. Whichever, the gallery appreciated the squash.

LADIES' PLATE

This event was played secretly so we cannot make comment. Actually, because of leave and other commitments, the girls could not play the event with the other finals. The result is nonetheless important and Margaret Currie proved victorious over Heather Moore.



JULY LEAGUE

Nine divisions played in the July league and 53 players tried for the 9 top places. The results were:

- DIVISION 1 Richard Parkinson
- DIVISION 2 Dugal Forrest
- DIVISION 3 Colin Reid
- DIVISION 4 Dick Souter
- DIVISION 5 Jim Johnston
- DIVISION 6 Richard Wareham
- DIVISION 7 Sriwan Forrest
- DIVISION 8 Rob McEwan
- DIVISION 9 Colin Snow

Congratulations to the victors who no doubt have already had a celebration drink from their goblets. The Forrests of course are obviously supplementing their bar requisites.

SEPTEMBER LEAGUE

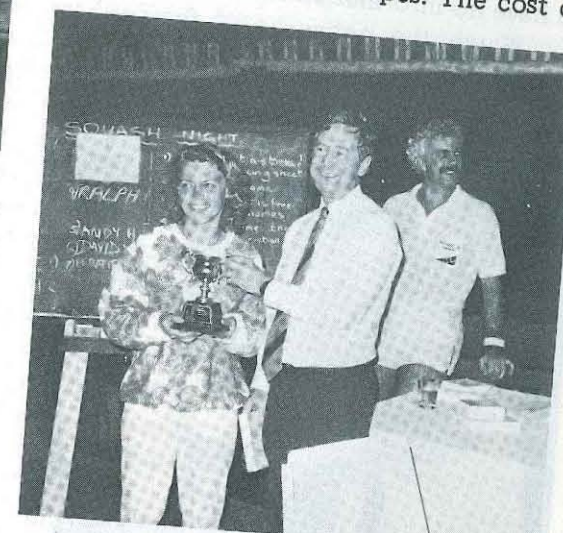
The 60th league is now being played and again we thank Jim Johnston for sponsoring this event. We could all show our appreciation to Jim and his company by having Milo before retiring at night or even before or after squash. Each participant in the 60th league is entitled to a free T-shirt (available at the front desk) and when all players have been supplied

the remaining stock can be purchased for a very low price of Bht. 45.

BRITISH CLUB SQUASH SHIRTS

On the subject of T-shirts, a quantity of good quality squash shirts are now available at the Club.

These shirts have been especially made for the Squash Section and come in sizes that will suit all shapes. The cost of



each shirt is nominal and reasonable at Bht. 75.

Hurry before they are all sold out.

ROD CARTER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries are now open for this annual event. The championship will be played during October and promises to attract Thailand's best squash players.

The semi-finals will be played at the Club at 14.00 and 16.00 on Saturday 11 October and the final on Sunday 12 at 15.00.

These will be matches worth watching.

HANDICAP COMPETITION

The annual handicap competition will be conducted in early December and more information will be on hand

in October.

SINGAPORE VISITORS

A contingent from the Squash Section of the Singapore Cricket Club will visit the British Club on October 3. An evening match between the two clubs will be conducted and a social gathering afterwards will be organised but to date we have no information from their end.

Watch the notice board for further news.



STEVE RILEY FAREWELL INVITATION SQUASH EXTRAVAGANZA

Making comment about his returning to UK, Steve was heard to say "I want to go out with a Bang".

As his wife Jane had already left it was decided to run an invitation squash tournament and tire the young gentleman out.

Colin Reid volunteered to organise and run the tournament which was enjoyed and appreciated by all participants. Their thanks for his efforts and my thanks for the following article.

"For those of you who know Steve, need I say more than 'goodbye'. For those

who didn't know him I should warn you that he was an awfully nice banker fresh out of Japan who rose to the dizzy heights of propping up Division 1 (rumour hath by only issuing challenges to people with hangovers). He must be a popular chap as he had 3 months of leaving 'does' after only 6 months here. All the squash players wish Steve and Jane all the best for Bahrain.

Importing the idea of weekend events from my last posting in Kenya everybody was convinced the system could not work and the scoring system was bound to be chaos. Wrong again. In a conventional event the superstars cruise through the early rounds occasionally breaking into a small sweat whereas the majority are looking for their main chance in the plate. The system Colin has introduced means that everybody plays four times with an entry of sixteen. They have to play their best the whole time to be able to guarantee the best final position by making sure they win matches 3/0 and (if they really have to) lose 2/3. As most found, not as easy as it sounds as weary old fogies dragged themselves on court AGAIN and AGAIN!

John Thompson won the event and Craig Rennie didn't. John played wonderfully controlled and thoughtful squash that at times must have seemed like torture to his opponents as they scampered around always chasing the ball and rarely controlling the rally. Nice to see that a young player is not all power stuff. The committee will probably try to run a similar type of event for the ladies and the men below A20 on the ladder in October so watch this space."

Colin also reported that Steve, Dave and Craig were practising their touch game into the early hours of Friday and Saturday nights and therefore cannot understand their poor performance on the court the following days. ●

SWIMMING SWIMMING

SWIMMING SECTION PROGRAMME — 1986/87 SEASON

THIS year's Swimming Section's programme represents a mixture of many of the British Club's traditional high quality instructional and recreational swimming activities plus a few new twists to drag those "closet Olympic swimmers of '36" out of retirement.

As usual, our two long-serving swimming instructors (Khun Choon and Khun Suparp) will return to coach and train the best out of our young student swimmers and, dare we suggest, those adults among us who may still strive to improve our aquatic abilities. Some of you may not be aware that Khun Choon has been involved for some time in training and testing Thailand's national swimming team at the National Stadium. Khun Suparp, our other instructor of repute, teaches at the Thai-Japanese youth stadium as well as the respected Joan of Arc high school complex in addition to his work at the BC. With this level of quality leadership, both our youth and adult swimmers can rest assured of proficient and stimulating instruction, regardless of level of ability. All classes will be eligible for testing at the end of each course using examinations based on the Amateur Swimming Association and English School Swimming Association standards. Appropriate awards will be available for successful test candidates.

In addition to the structured swimming instruction, a variety of competitive and recreational swimming events have been planned for the year. Bi-monthly swimming galas (involving races and prizes for all levels of swimmers) will be held the week after completion of each swimming course. Our hope is to tease

out that budding Olympic talent in our young (and not so young) swimming enthusiasts. Marc Spitz, hide your record books!

A new venture, long distance fitness swimming, will be open to all members starting again this year. For 75 Baht each, members of all ages can join this fitness and fun activity. Participant's names will be placed on a distance-tracking board by the pool. Each person will keep track of his or her personal distances swum by noting on the board the number of lengths. When a swimmer has reached a cumulative distance of 10 km (a minimum distance of 4 lengths or 100 metres can be logged on the board), he or she will be eligible for a special British Club "10 km Swimmer" T-shirt. Special "Master Swimmer" shirts will also be available for swimmers who complete 50 km.

Throughout the year special events are planned to fit with the flow of the British Club schedule. Of special note is our annual "It's a Splashout" competition, involving swimmers (or pretenders) from each of the sections and societies of the club. Be forewarned that this contest of brawn, beauty, endurance, and sense of humour requires extensive preparation and training (especially the underwater tricycle tow event).

This column, written in the midst of the life and death competition of a "darts night", may require additional clarification for some readers. For same, feel free to contact Erika Majer (252-7492) or Mike Miles (392-4863). Or catch either of us at the pool! ●

TENNIS TENNIS

Gina Huntingdon Tennis Clinic

ON the 4th and 5th of September, the Tennis Section had the opportunity of learning some tennis tips from Gina Huntingdon, a Yorkshire county player who was visiting Bangkok with her husband at the courtesy of British Airways, the Hyatt Central Plaza Hotel and Dunlop (Thailand) Inc.

On the first day some nine enthusiastic juniors attended and Gina introduced herself. To get them all relaxed and in the right frame of mind, she gave each one the name of a well-known tennis player. For nearly three hours they learnt the art of the forehand and backhand drive, volleying and serving. Then in pairs they did some rallying and ended up playing a few games against each other.

The following players were present and some were awarded token prizes for their efforts.

Hardest Worker Best Rallyers

Most Matches Won Most Improved Player during the Session

- Sally Dunford - "Chris Evert-Lloyd"
- Julian Burton - "John McEnroe"
- Allen Phillips - "Stefan Edberg"
- Julian Burton - "John McEnroe"
- Timothy Strange - "Mats Wilander"



Other gallant efforts were made by: -

- George Dunford - "Ivan Lendl"
- Alastair Binns - "Boris Becker"
- Lynley Strange - "Martina Navratilova"
- Megan Bodycoat - "Evonne Cawley"
- Sacha Blackburn - "Hannah Manlikova"

A great afternoon was had by all. Well Done Children.

On the following afternoon 11 adults and one child turned up for a similar session. They were also on court for nearly three hours and in the heat of the sun. This was quite a task. We all now have a lot to think about, having been told what to do to improve our play!

Those present were: -

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| Wendy Binns | Mark Kunzman |
| Kristine Chappell | Same Narkprasert |
| Mal Chessman | Barbara Noon |
| Margaret Currie | Catherine Noon |
| Rita Dunford | Fiona Richmond |
| Sue Kunzman | Judith Strange |

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the session and it was good to see such enthusiasm for the tennis. We would all like to say many thanks to Gina for all her hard work.

In the evening a Buffet Dinner was held in The Wordsworth Room. After an excellent meal Malcolm Huntingdon told us some entertaining stories of his duties as Umpire and Linesman at Wimbledon, Davis Cup matches etc. This turned out to be a very interesting evening and I am sure all who attended thoroughly enjoyed it.

Many thanks to the Committee for arranging this clinic and dinner and may

we look forward to more of these events in the future.

On Sunday morning, 21st September, the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC) was scheduled to play a friendly inter-club fixture at the British Club in a renewal of a long-standing rivalry between our two clubs.

Our sketchy archival records show that competition took place at least as early as November 1941 and the latest was held in February 1984, a total of twenty-two fixtures having been recorded during that period with the Sports Club holding a very large edge. It is believed, however, that during the second to fourth decades of this century, the British Club may have been a more equal opponent to the Sports Club.

On Sunday afternoon, 28th September, the monthly tennis round robin tournament was to be held. These round robins consist of competition between pairs of any sort and standard (for example, men's or women's or mixed doubles, father and son, father and daughter, etc.), with the winners being decided by a hidden handicap. Thus, players of unequal placing standards can compete with the weaker players having a chance to win.

October fixtures:

On 5th October, Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to about 11:45 a.m., our Club team will host a friendly competition on our courts against the twelve-member (six men, six women) team from the Japanese Association of Thailand. Following the match, a buffet lunch will be held at which time mementoes will be exchanged.

On 8th October, Wednesday, from 3 p.m. to about 7:30 p.m., we will be hosting a friendly competition on our courts against a twenty-one member (eight ladies, thirteen men) team from the Tennisbezirk Darmstadt of West Germany. A buffet dinner will be held after the match.

All players wishing to participate in the aforementioned fixtures are requested to sign up for one or the other competitions on the sign-up sheets at the Reception Desk and/or to notify G.U.A. Martin (telephone: 286-8797 any morning).

On a final note, the work recently carried out around the grass courts is very much appreciated – maybe we can play tennis now without delving in the ditch for balls! ●

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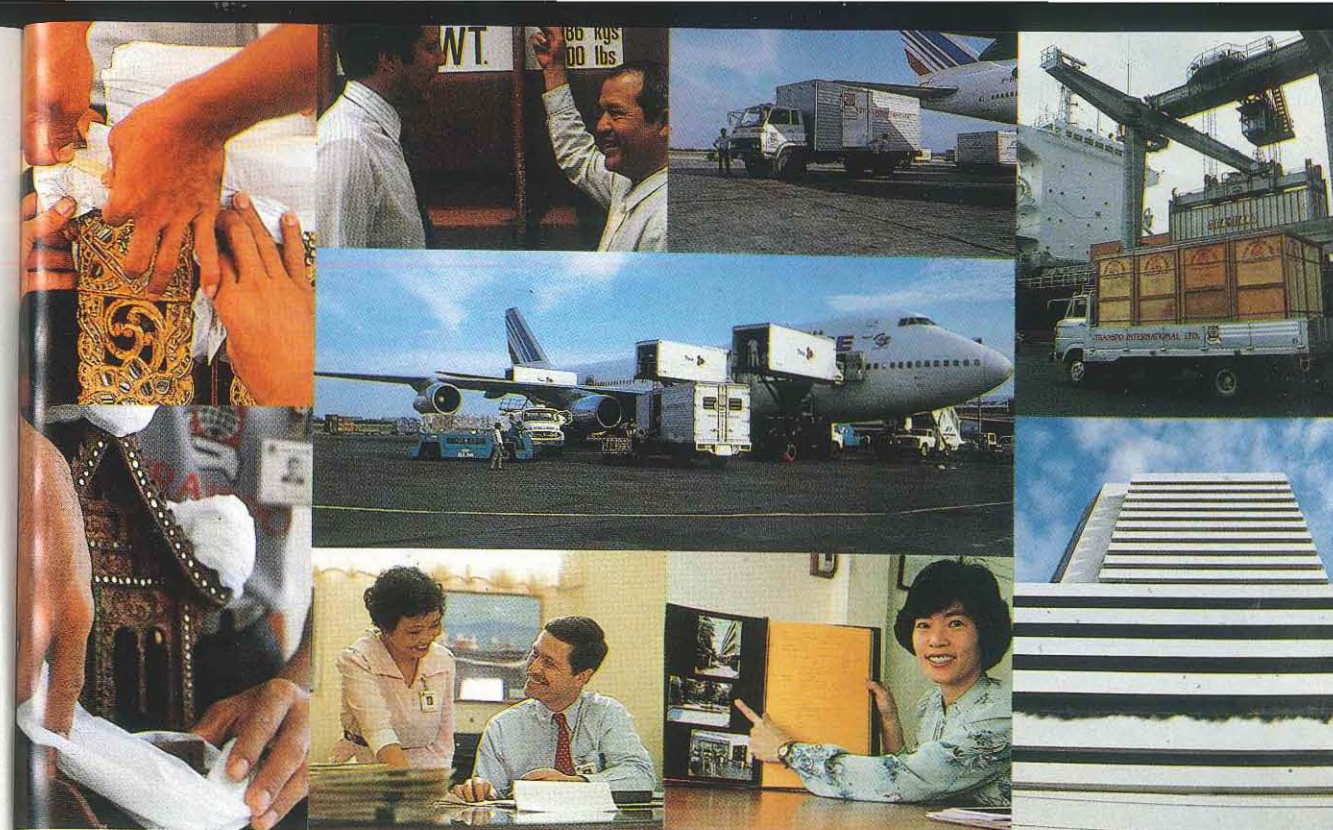


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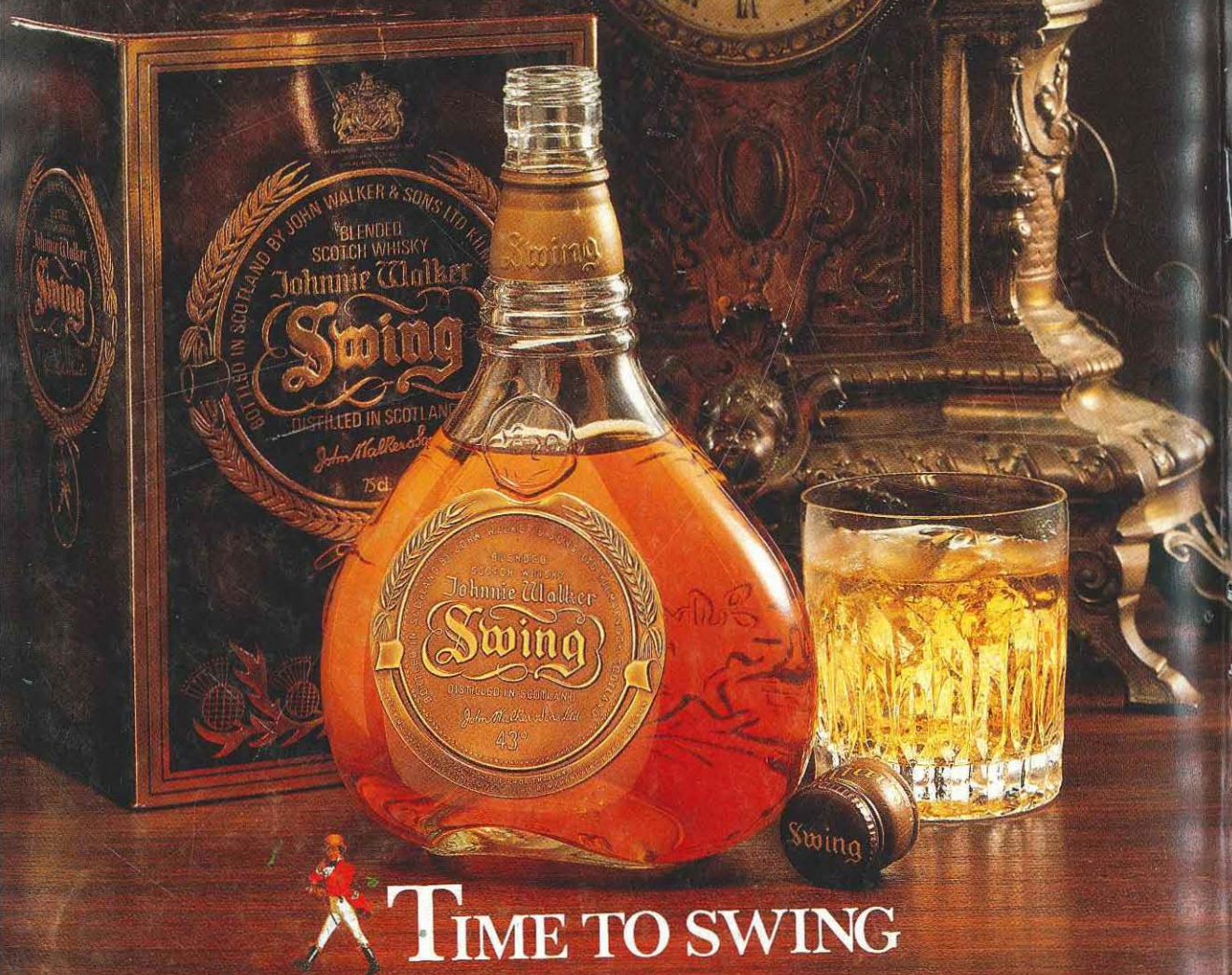
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