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THE BRITISH CLUB

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Bangkok

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Vice-Chairman: Mr. A.J. Phillips

Hon Treasurer: Mr. R. Barrett

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Top of the pops for November should be the Grand Fireworks Night on Saturday 8th, when it is hoped to stage the best ever Club fireworks display and put on a bar-be-cue with whole roast pigs etc. rather like that at the Family Fare of a few months ago. It is also rumoured that there will be a second entertainments feature in very late November or early December - a display by the First Battalion Queens Own Highlanders - watch out for a Frosty Flier on this later in the month.

Roy Barrett and Arthur Phillips have been exposed in this issue's Committee Profile column and we will be dealing with the rest of the band in due course.

The Supporters club is growing and members have been at large again - resulting in reports on squash and golf (they have been frightened off swimming!) whilst one or two of our members have had difficulties with their sports attire (see "Letters"). On the other hand we have received some very useful amendments to the By-Laws from the Spider (page 6-7) - perhaps the author could supply another sign displaying his, or her, most important points.

We are looking for contributions to the "About Bangkok" series started this year with articles on the Neilson Hays Library, Christchurch and the British Council. Anyone who could help produce features on other institutions in Thailand which would be of general interest to Club members is asked to contact the editor as soon as possible.

Finally, due to pressure of work, the Club logo competition entries have not been fully evaluated. The competition will now be extended to 20th November so come on, this is your last chance to win that bottle of bubbly.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEW MEMBERS:

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

Ordinary

Mr. D.A. Aitken	UNDP
Mr. R.A. Allen	SMEC
Mr. M.R. Grinius	Canadian Embassy
Mr. G.E. Millington	British Council
Mr. J.A. Sheriff	Foreign Broadcast Inf.
Mr. J.A. Stewart	Thoresen Company Ltd.
Mr. R.G. Walker	Impress Public Relations
Mr. E.H. Woodford	Canadian Embassy

Non-Voting

Mr. J.A. Sayer	Royal Forest Department
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Ladies Privileges

Mrs. J.M. Shomo	
Ms. S. Stefanik	Canadian Embassy
Miss J.A. Webb	Falgout Brown & Root

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

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

Tuesday 4th November (Closing date 1 November)

Tuesday 2nd December (Closing date 29 November)

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

WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	7.30 p.m. - Bridge
Tuesday	4.00 p.m. - Swimming Training
Thursday	9.00 a.m. - Ladies Squash 4.00 p.m. - Swimming Training
Saturday	12.00-15.00 - Buffet Lunch, Dining Room 5 and 8.00 p.m. - Video
Sunday	12.00-15.00 - Buffet Lunch, Poolside 18.00-22.00 - Buffet Supper, Dining Room 2, 5 and 8.00 p.m. - Video

NOVEMBER VIDEO

Date	Film	Star
Saturday 1st	Heaven Can Wait	Charles Coburn
Sunday 2nd	Lost Command	Anthony Quinn
Saturday 8th	The Wild Bunch	William Holden
Sunday 9th	China Town	Jack Nicholson
Saturday 15th	Chuka	Rod Taylor
Sunday 16th	Ivanhoe	Robert Taylor
Saturday 22nd	Cleopatra*	Elizabeth Taylor
Sunday 23rd	Cabaret	Losa Minelli
Saturday 29th	Soldier Blue	Peter Strauss
Sunday 30th	The Killers	Lee Marvin

* both reels please, Frosty!

The reel club will meet again in the Suriwong Room on Thursday 13th November at 7 p.m.

THE FLY

From the Committee meetings held during October:

Regular diners will notice that a new bar menu has been introduced and that, at the poolside, the Thai dishes and fish and chips are available once again. In the dining room, some problems concerning the behaviour of children persist: members are asked not to allow their children (under 12 years old) to serve themselves at buffets.

Many members come to the Club to escape the high levels of noise and pollution in Bangkok. It is annoying, therefore, to note that some cars, when approaching the barriers, have a habit of sounding their horns whilst still some way off in order to encourage the guards to admit them speedily. The Committee requests that those members desist from this unnecessary practice and instruct their drivers likewise.

The Thai Sala is now under construction at the Silom end of the pool: piling should be complete by the time members read this issue. The 3rd Squash Court is ahead of schedule and, subject to the availability and selection of suitable floor timber, will be playable by mid-November.

The Main Bar refurbishment is now complete. Despite delays due to trying to pump out water during wet weather and problems with the end wall, New Billiards Room work will be finished by Christmas. It is intended to "formally" open the new room by holding a billiards or snooker competition at which a new trophy, the Louis T. Leonowens Jubilee Cup will be awarded.

The number of members who received registered letters concerning late payment of accounts once again exceeded 50. This is a serious hindrance to the Club's objective of obtaining a healthy cash flow. Members should note that accounts are due for settlement before the end of each month and that if payment has not been made within 14 days after the 20th of the month, a registered letter is sent. (£50 charge to recipients, regardless of size of debt.)

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THE SPIDER

The combination of heavy rain and high ticks has resulted in unusual conditions at the British Club in recent weeks. While the majority of Members have continued to conduct themselves in a courteous and thoughtful manner, despite adversity, there have been one or two unfortunate incidents and, since conditions are not likely to improve in the near future, Members are asked to note and observe the following points on safety and etiquette while on Club premises.

Members returning from Pattaya are reminded that keels should be raised and masts lowered before entering the arch at the main entrance.

All yachtsmen and, in particular, water-skiers are reminded that a one-way system exists and that they should observe speed limits of 15 knots, especially vessels with a draught of more than two feet passing behind the Clubhouse bar.

Adequate mooring facilities are provided along the edges of the car parking areas and the patio behind the Clubhouse bar. Under no circumstances should anchors be dropped over the tennis courts.

Particular care should be exercised between the hours of 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the presence of a buoy bearing a white and orange flag (International Code 'A') is a warning that trainee divers of the Thailand Sub-Aqua Club are down and practising low-visibility diving techniques.

Following an unfortunate incident earlier this month involving a TSAC trainee and "a nice pair of legs" in 3 feet of water, appropriate action has been taken and an assurance obtained that such behaviour will not be repeated.

TSAC members, incidentally, are always available via the Club notice board to assist in searches for lost property such as ear rings, contact lenses, anchors and cars, but cannot accept commissions involving errant drivers and husbands.

Adequate showering facilities are available and children returning from the playground area should not be dipped in the swimming pool by Members wishing to establish their identity.

First Aid kits and a long-tailed boat are located in and alongside each bar but the Club cannot accept responsibility for the presence of, or injuries inflicted by, wreckage, potholes, leeches, pythons, bank managers, banded kraits and any other form, animate or inanimate, likely to cause injury or distress.

Contrary to popular rumour, Committee Members are not able to walk across flooded areas without getting their feet wet and Members are requested not to allow their children to point this out in a loud or disrespectful manner as this only adds to their discomfort.

Where appropriate, all the above points also apply within the Clubhouse itself while reconstruction of the floors is under way, with the additional provisos that diving from the main stairway and bathing without adequate attire are strictly forbidden.

AS A RULE

Members' attention is drawn to Bylaw 9 entitled "Dress"

It is expected that Members and their guests will be appropriately dressed whilst on the Club premises.

The following restrictions apply to the Clubhouse:

- footwear must be worn.
- bathing costumes may not be worn except by users of the changing rooms who are required to use the side entrance.
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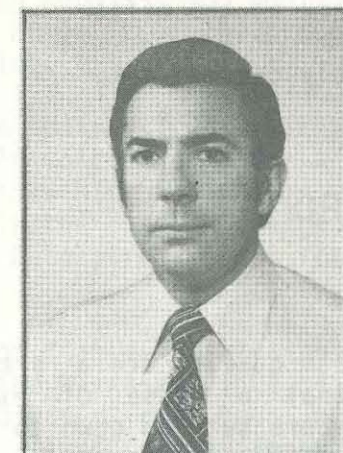
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A PORTRAIT OF THE CLUB'S VICE-CHAIRMAN - Arthur Phillips

Arthur John Phillips was born on 3rd June 1942 in Worthing, Sussex and spent the formative years of his life being educated at Brighton Technical College and Rycotewood College, Oxfordshire. After spending 5 years with a manufacturer of reproduction furniture, he became anxious to broaden his experience and consequently joined Louis T. Leonowens (Malaya) Ltd. in 1964 and set up home in Kuala Lumpur.



Just as he prepared to settle down permanently there, he met and married his beautiful Malaysian wife, Pauline and was promptly transferred to Bangkok!

Arthur fulfilled a series of senior roles in the Leonowens organisation here before recently being appointed Managing Director of L.T.L (Tractors) Ltd.

He lists his favourite sports as drinking, squash, golf and tennis (your correspondent can painfully attest to our Vice-Chairman's addiction to playing sports in an unreasonably vigorous manner - usually in the early morning when most sensible people are still in bed). On the more gentle side, Arthur collects Thai stamps - a hobby which also interests his 7-year old son - Allen. He is an active member of the Lions International and was the president of the Bangkok Club in 1978.

Having now been a member of the British Club for 12 years, the "VC" succumbed to a tidal wave of flattery and consequently finds himself serving on the General Committee and, in addition to assuming the Chairman's role in that gentleman's absence, also chairs the Membership Sub-Committee.

He enjoys the part he plays in helping to run the affairs of the Club and considers this committee to be a most active one.

To his friends, Arthur is known as a pragmatic soul and one who can always be relied upon to bring a sense of fairness and rationale into any given situation.

His organisational ability was never better demonstrated than during the latter days of his wife's pregnancy when, she advises your correspondent, she was instructed to bear the child on either a Saturday or a Sunday - preferably between 8-10 a.m. due to severe pressure of work at the office.

His instructions were duly carried out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

Films of real interest and quality are a rare treat anywhere, so it was not surprising that a sense of excited anticipation prevailed as several Members settled down to enjoy the recent video offering, "Nicholas and Alexandre".

With the Czar beset by the problems of a haemophilic heir, a mad monk, revolting workers and rebellious statesmen, facing the imminent prospects of both a World War and Revolution, most viewers felt that the untimely

May I suggest that in future video recordings should

"Partially

P.S. If anybody should have an idea of what eventually became of a rather ambitious fellow by the name of Lenin, perhaps they could let me know?

Editor's reply:

Apologies to all who turned up, including me, but someone failed to realise that the film was so long it required two cassettes.

As for that chap Lenin, he never really made it. I have heard a rumour that he stood for B.C. Committee but was outmanoeuvred by the Ghengis Khan hordes.

Dear Sir,

A Plea for better communication between the changing rooms.
The night I got caught with my pants down

About 8.00 o'clock on Sunday evening, the British Club - an uncertain quiet hangs over the swimming pool - the teeming hordes have gone.

Alone in the changing room, mind empty and body listless after a struggle on court number 2. The prospect of a bloody mary alone keeps him moving.

A few yards away the splash of water from the ladies changing room - a muted female voice from under the shower. He stops, a momentary frown crosses his brow - damn, she's got my socks and pants. Somewhere in the chaos of Bangkok life there's been a logistical error. A desperate shout for help - unanswered, unheeded or unheard?

Suddenly the sound of flat feet rattling up the stairway - my savior? Alas no! the harrassed face of Songuan - driver extraordinary - uncoordinated gestures, broken english, strange excited thai noises - impending epilepsy?

Acciden, acciden, taxi hit up backside - a cursory glance at Songuan reveals his bumper is in fine shape - must be the car. Sir, Sir come quick - police, man from insurance, everyone too much, too much.

The awful realisation - no underwear, no socks - Lumpini police station - trying to look dignified, - the bemused look on the faces of the policemen - perhaps laying odds on which massage parlour the mad farang was hauled out of.

Buzzie, BUZZIE, save me from that - for God's sake bring my knickers!

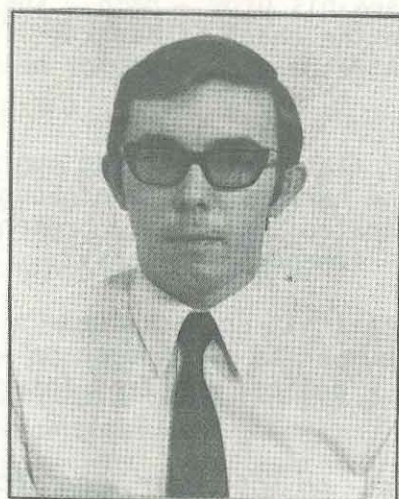
Ed's reply:

It seems that more than one member has got them in a twist this month: Frank (the stagger) Hammill had a similar problem (see "The Supporters").

A PORTRAIT OF THE CLUB'S TREASURER - Roy Barrett

Most people tend to draw a mental picture of chartered accountants as grey, humourless individuals with thoughts only for discounted cash flows, working capital requirements, capital expenditure plans etc. Roy Barrett does not fit this bill. He is an energetic 34-year old having been born in Goodmayer, Essex and educated at Barking Abbey College until aged 18. He was articled to Price Waterhouse until 1970 when he was dispatched to Bangkok on a 6-month exchange programme.

Although he returned to the UK for a brief period, the call of the Orient was too strong and he returned here in 1971 firstly with Price Waterhouse, and subsequently moving to Kent (Thailand)



Ltd. where after having fulfilled several positions, he became Managing Director in 1977.

Roy and his wife, Nida have two children - Lisa aged 7 and Phillip who is 5. His hobbies include squash, tennis and snooker and he enjoys looking like an oversized Ronnie Corbett.

As Treasurer for the past 2½ years how does he see his role in helping to run the affairs of the Club?

"Basically, the Treasurer prepares the financial plans of the Club based on the policy laid down by the Main Committee" he says.

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"He must also monitor progress against the annual Budget and report the Club's position twice each month to the Committee and in addition is responsible for ensuring that the accounting systems and financial controls are adequate in providing effective management of the Club's assets." (you're in the hot seat, Roy).

When questioned about the recent price increases for food and beverages at the Club, Roy explained that in order to make certain that current capital expenditure plans are financed, it is necessary for the Club to operate at a small surplus especially when today's income is being attacked by high inflation. "I do believe", he adds "that the British Club continues to offer very good value for money".

And what of the future?

"Members will see steady improvements in the quality of amenities over the next few years and will also experience increases in membership fees which will reflect the upgrading".

A candid statement from a candid man.



LADIES' LIAISON GROUP

Despite adverse weather conditions, the Committee managed to hold its monthly meeting. We welcome back Mrs. Mary Davey, previously chairman of the Ladies' House and Grounds Committee.

Saturday Morning Activities

Last month's Saturday Morning Activities were well attended as usual. The Play Group, started early February on an experimental basis, has proved to be popular and no doubt its continuance seems more than assured. Starting the 1st of November, Mrs. Sylvia Price and Mrs. Ruth Sherwin will be in charge of the Play Group. The Sewing Section, the largest activity group, has Ann Walker as its coordinator, ably assisted by a number of Ladies. Tennis and Football have been temporarily suspended due to inclement weather. So many enthusiastic players showed up at the first Chess Session that Mr. Tony Price now wants two or more assistants to help him out (come on Musgrave, give him a hand). Mrs. Cynthia Hyatt of the Stamp Collecting Section also requests for more helpers due to the large number of boys and girls participating.

A report on last month's Saturday Morning Activities cannot be complete without a word of thanks to our Manager, Mr. Rupert Russell Cobb. When the tape of the much publicised film, "Star Wars II", could not be shown owing to its poor quality, Mr. Russell Cobb very kindly offered us his very own tape "Batman", much to the delight of everyone. The film, needless to say, was a great success.

Please note that there will be no Saturday Morning Activities in December, with the exception of the Sewing Group. Mrs. Ann Walker has provided materials for sewing Christmas decorations. She invites all the girls interested to come along and join her on the 6th of December.

Children's Christmas Parties

As previously announced, the Younger Children's Christmas Parties will be held on the following dates:

December 16	Tuesday	for 5 and under
December 17	Wednesday	6 years to 9 years of age

Mrs. Joyce Walsingham and Mrs. Caroline Davidson are in charge of this year's Committee. Preparations are underway to give the children a very special treat and lots of fun.

The Young Teen-age Christmas Party will be organised by Mrs. Loretta Parker. It will be held on Monday, the 22nd of December. The Teen-agers Party to be held on Tuesday, the 23rd of December will be taken charge of by Mrs. Mary Davey. Both parties will consist of a barbecue at the poolside area and disco dancing.

Jazz Ballet

Temporarily suspended for three weeks, the Jazz Keep Fit Sessions will resume on the 6th of November. For the information of those who may wish to join, the Jazz Keep Fit Sessions consist of half an hour of exercises done with music and followed by Jazz dancing. It starts at 9:30 a.m. every Thursday. For more information please contact Mrs. Ruth Sherwin (391-4184).

Overheard at the Bar ".... No, I haven't been back to Ireland since I was last there"

The British Club's event of the year

THE CHRISTMAS BALL

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ENTERTAINMENT

What a pleasure it was one evening to leave behind the robust atmosphere of the Main Bar and proceed to the Suriwong Room, pausing briefly en-route to sample a glass of excellent champagne, and partake in a wine tasting evening sponsored by Thai-Australia Co. Ltd.

A wide selection of wines from Australia and France was available for sampling and the 50 discerning Members who took advantage of the event did more than justice to them.

In addition to tasting labelled wines, a competition was held in which each guest was invited to guess the name of two wines in unmarked flagons for a prize of a bottle of bubbly! From a selection of 23 this was a most difficult task although your correspondent must confess to getting the colour right!!

In fact although no one got both correct, no less than 7 people (whether by good luck or good judgement we will never know) managed one right and it says a lot for our hosts' generosity when David Guy unhesitatingly and with only the merest trace of tears ordered that all 7 lucky participants receive champagne the following morning!

The wine tasting was followed by a most excellent barbecue, cooked on the verandah and served in the Suriwong Room.

As we relaxed over coffee and liqueurs, Charles Stewart proposed a deserved vote of thanks to David Guy and his colleagues for hosting a most enjoyable evening to which David replied, with usual grace, that the quality of the food was only surpassed by the wines!!

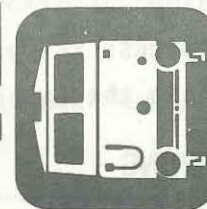
A well organised event all round this - lets have more please! also don't forget the work which goes into this type of evening - so thanks to Manager Rupert from all concerned!

Late News

The Secretary of the Thai Winetasters' Association has retired. Her successor is required urgently and must be plucky, full bodied and worthy of laying down for a couple of years.

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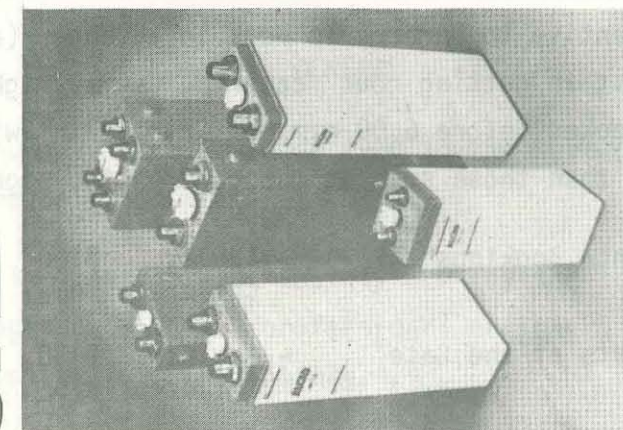
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GRAND FIREWORK BBQ

Saturday 8th November 1980

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SPARKLERS will be on sale during the evening.

The festivities this year will take place on the Back Lawn, suitably adorned with BARS.

Admission will be by **TICKET** only and bookings are being accepted by the Office NOW.

As an incentive to Members to book in advance (and thus assist in getting our catering sums right) tickets booked before 6.00 p.m. on Friday 7th* will cost less than those sold at the gate on the night:-

Advance Bookings*	- Adults	£100
	Children	£65
Tickets at the Gate	- Adults	£100
	Children	£75
Programme:	6.00 p.m.	BBQ
	7.15	Fireworks
	8.00	Burning the Guy

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THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Members of the British Club who are also professional engineers may be interested to know that this Society uses the facilities of the Club to hold its social functions, technical lectures and general meetings.

The Society was formed in August 1978 by a group of about 30 expatriate and Thai engineers with the objective of providing a forum for the exchange of technical information and social get togethers. The Society organises lectures and site visits, usually at about 6 weekly intervals and is open to professional engineers of any nationality. Membership now exceeds 100.

Anyone interested in joining the Society should first contact the Honorary Secretary (Mr. J.S. Walker) c/o Jamieson Mackay and Partners, OCMRT, Office of Policy and Planning, Ministry of Interior, Bangkok. Tel. 223-5248.

THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 20th November 1980 in the Suriwong Room,
The British Club.

All members of the Society are invited to attend, together with any professional engineer who may wish to join the Society.

Cocktails begin at 6.30 p.m. and the Meeting will open at 7.00 p.m. to be followed by a film (s) of engineering interest and a buffet supper.

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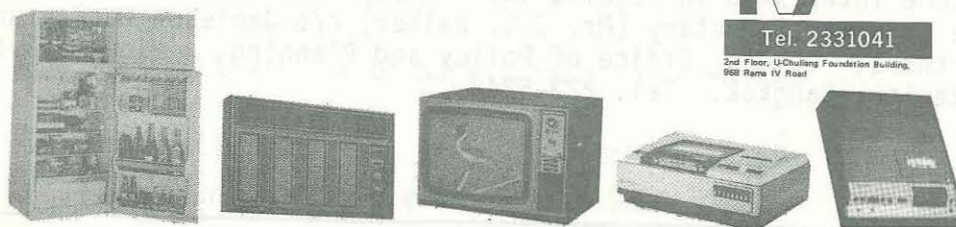
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HILLTRIBES HANDICRAFTS SALE

Everyone is anxiously waiting for the next Hilltribes Handicrafts Sale sponsored by the Women's Association of the International Church. The date is November 8, 1980 from 9:30 to 12 noon at the ISB gym on Soi 15, Sukhumvit. All the volunteers will be waiting to help you find that something special you have in mind for a Christmas present. They devote hours of work because they know their work helps to bring life and substance to thousands of people all over Thailand.

The Hilltribe Handicraft Committee does apologize for having to cancel October's sale because of the flooding at ISB. We realize you were disappointed and so were we. The worst part of course being that these craftsmen were unable to have their handicrafts sold. For most of these craftsmen the sale is their only means of income. So mark your calendar for the 8th! Some of the chairmen say they will have a larger selection of handicrafts this month because of the cancellation.

With Christmas upon us, you will find a large selection of Christmas items. So make this sale another must on your calendar.



BRIDGE

The Bridge Section had another very enjoyable evening playing duplicate bridge on the 6th October. The floods did turn some people away and other regulars had prior engagements, but those who made it fought a hard and close battle with some very interesting hands.

The overall winners were Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Watson.

Thanks again must go to, the director, Jocelyn Grassby, who kept things moving and ironed out any problems that arose.

Due to current alterations to the reading room, the regular Monday night games will be cancelled, but cards will be available behind the bar for those wishing to play.

The next duplicate evening will again be on the first Monday of the month, 3rd November at 7.00 p.m. A sheet will be placed on the notice board for players to sign up.

All players are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

ST ANDREW'S FAMILY WEEKEND

The Annual Family and friends get-together of the St Andrew's Society was held as usual at the Rose Garden on 4/5 October, with some fifty adults and children attending. Saturday afternoon is mainly Children's Hour (s) with films, cartoons and a trial run of 'dooking' for apples in preparation for Halloween. Adults not involved in assisting took their ease, either resting for the evening's exercise or training by the poolside - slainte!

Happy hour at 6.00 in the Hunter's Bar (where's the whisky, Jeremy?) preceded an excellent and sumptuous barbecue, following which Derek (the Dance) Watson took the children for some country dancing practice - a difficult thing to do with super-charged youngsters. Bedtime for children and the turn of adults to get in some early practice for the St Andrew's Ball. A new second man at the mike, Simon Brewin from the Golliwog Asylum,* gave assistance to Scott Younger from the Keelie Ashpan*, who again lost his voice (thank goodness?) - a formidable Glasgow duo this - at what? "Where's the eightsome reel music? never mind, we'll do it to something else" - Edith? "Anyone for skinny dips? asks a grinning past-Chieftain.

Sunday morning waxed fair and a slightly later start to the gowf was gratefully acknowledged. Well done, Mr. Secretary, Sir! Twenty golfers dared to venture on to the course with the underfoot suffering from a climatic hangover. Some diving enthusiasts venturing out to play the Royal Game for the first time were heard to wonder if they had the right equipment. However, overhead the day was fine and a good time was had by all. How welcome was the 19th! The scoring was high, a function of the condition of the course, of course! Main prize winners were Hugh (Thou shalt not smoke in the pool) Jamieson who retained the Leonowens Cup - well done, and, oh, no and, once again, Yott Sounger took the Stableford handicap prize. The Auld Alliance in the form of Ella and Dominique Mallaret made sure that the guests were well in the prize list. Gracious Joyce Lumsden took 3rd place in the Stableford and many other prizes were won by the doughty contestants.

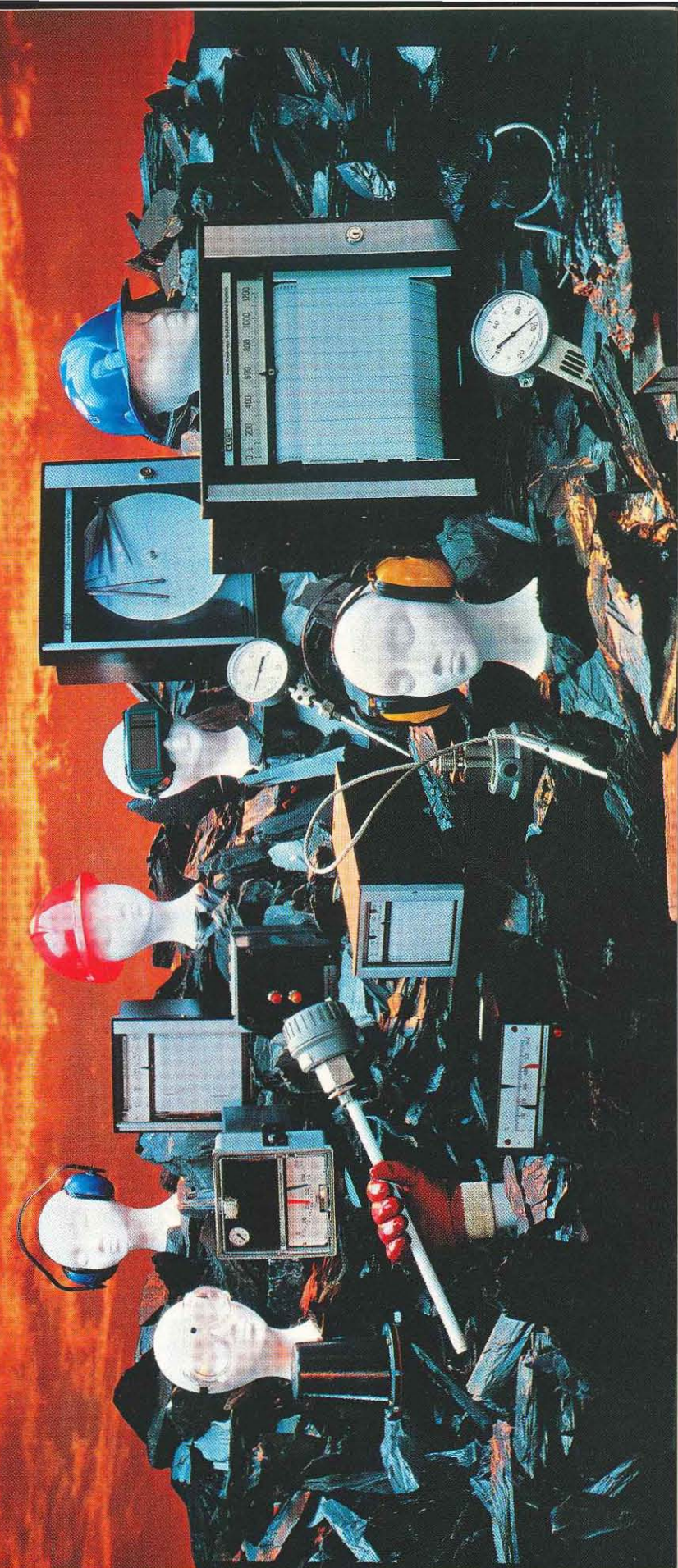
Meanwhile back at the Garden, non-golfers, children and others had relaxed in the grounds or gone on a boat trip under the stewardship of the Chieftain, Ian Fleming and past-Chieftain Steve (skinny dips) McCall. Finally, all assembled for the golf-prizegiving at 3.00 and some kind words from Chieftain Ian. Thank you, Bob Lumsden, for making all the arrangements.

* Ed - I hadn't a clue what most of this article was about, but I'm now told that the Asylum and the Ashpan are Glaswegian educational institutions of questionable repute.

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DIVERS DO IT DEEPER!!

You may have noticed the pool invaded on Tuesday and Thursday evenings by strange figures wearing life jackets, masks, snorkels fins and such gear (in flagrant violation of the new poolside notice board). They are trainee divers of the Thailand Sub-Aqua Club learning their new skills before heading out for the "real thing" in the Gulf of Thailand.

The Thailand Sub-Aqua Club which pays a modest rent to the British Club for the use of the facilities, was founded over fifteen years ago to foster the then fledgling sport of diving in Thailand. From a snorkelling and spear fishing group, the Club has evolved into a predominantly scuba diving organization, ever more concerned with the preservation of the rapidly deteriorating underwater environment of Thailand. The membership, currently about 80 qualified divers, has always been drawn from the Thai and Farang communities.

The activities of the Club include diving expeditions to sites all along the Thai coastline. The regular series of day dives from Sri Racha, Pattaya, Sattahip and Rayong are most popular due to accessibility from Bangkok. Longer camping trips are made in the dry season to such exciting spots as the Andaman Sea, Goh Pee Pee (new Phuket, really?) Tarutao National Park, Goh Samui or the islands off Trat. These longer expeditions are dependent on the Club's portable air compressor which is essential for refilling the scuba tanks in remote areas.

Whilst the underwater visibility along the Thai coast is rarely comparable to the Mid-Ocean islands such as the Maldives or Seychelles, the coastal reefs have a tremendous range of animal and plant life. In view of the widespread damage to the Thai reefs, particularly from dynamite fishing, the Club now discourages spear fishing and the collecting of live shells or corals. Fishing with a camera is a much more demanding and absorbing sport.

In addition to the reefs, Thailand has a good collection of wrecks, both medieval and modern. There is nothing more eerie than to glide along the deck of a sunken freighter, decorated by a multitude of colourful reef fish and perhaps a snapping moray eel or a cruising black tip shark!

Besides the diving activities, the Club organizes a series of social events, including lectures and films with a diving theme and occasional sanuk parties.

The Club awards 3rd class Certification to trainees who successfully complete its basic scuba course of 12 pool sessions and lectures followed by ten open waterdives under supervision.

Through the local branch of the British Sub-Aqua Club, the course is also recognised for B.S.A.C. membership. If you feel that you would like to join the next training course just drop a line to the Thailand Sub-Aqua Club at PO Box 11-1196 Bangkok for full details.

Rod Stead



SWIMMING

The last gala was held on Sunday 5th October and attracted a good turn-out despite the fact that some of our regular swimmers were away at the Rose Garden that weekend. However, some first-timers were welcomed in their absence and we look forward to seeing them again. Khun Choon acted as Starter in Hugh (the sign)'s absence and of course there was our own Announcer. (I would like to make it quite clear at this point that I cannot be held responsible for superfluous remarks which are inserted, without my prior approval or consent, into this column after it has been submitted for printing. He knows who I mean, oh little blue-pencil-wielder, so watch it!) - Ed - I thought you had a broader "OUTLOOK" than that. For my own peace (piece) at home I hope you will take responsibility for this month's devious comments on the Voice.

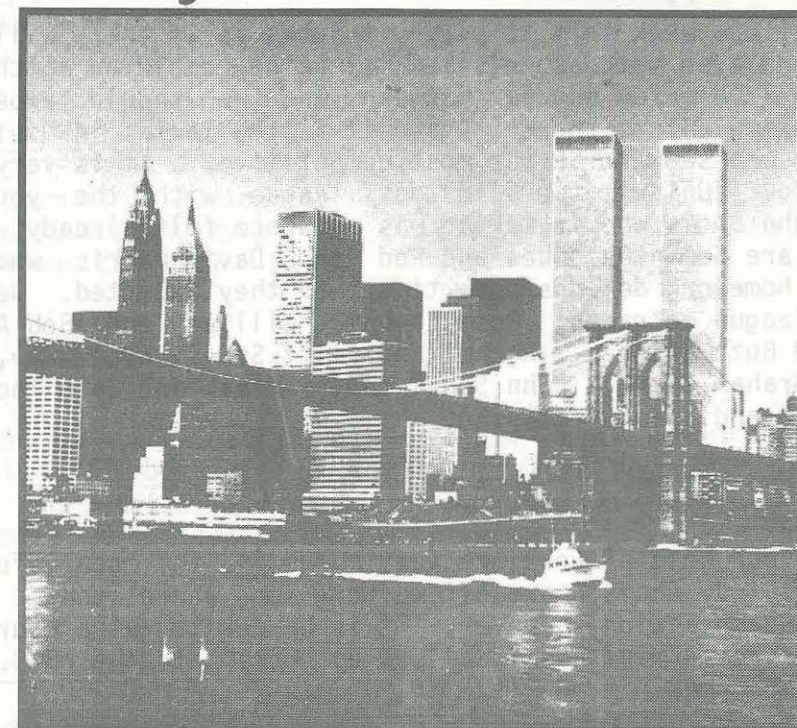
There were lots of entrants in the 6, 7 & 8 age-groups though we were a bit thin on the ground at the other end of the scale. Nevertheless we saw some exciting races from the over - 11's, boys and girls, and noticed one or two excellent swimmers in this group.

The Improver of the Month was Eryl Adams who did especially well in the I.M., with the following children improving on their previous times in butterfly, I.M. and backstroke: Nicola McRobert, Marie Prendergast and Mark Duncan, who deserves special praise for improving his time in all 3 strokes. It is obviously harder to better one's own time in this age-group. Both Mark and Sandra swim very regularly and it shows.

Just to remind you - Swimming Training time has been altered from 4.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and finishes at 5.30 p.m. instead of 6.00 p.m.

The next Gala will be held on Sunday 2nd November, after which a meeting will be held. We would like to see as many parents there as possible.

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SQUASH

League 29

With only one week left to play it looks as if there will be a lot of unplayed matches this league. The completed matches in Division 1 are few and far between and we should expect a better example from there. Again it is the ladies in Divisions 11 to 14 who seem to be the most competitive. It is very good to see four junior members in this league with the youngest being John Shomo who is making his presence felt already; also playing are Samantha Jones and Rod and David Harris who are finding homework demands more time than they expected. Welcome to new league entrants, Rose Lanham, Gillian and Bob Allen, Nick and Buzz Stanton, Rachel and Cliff Symes, Epp McKay, Jeff Sayer, Graham Clark, John Schulstad, Adisak and John Thomson. Good luck and keep practising.

Farewell

Three of our keen players are leaving us in the near future. Eric and Cindy Thomson are off to Hong Kong where there is a lot of Squash action, however, it is harder to get a court and Eric is sure to miss his ideal set up here at the B.C. with lunch time games.

Brian Flanagan will be returning to the land of Oz in December, to Canberra where the air is really clean. Brian is the second Ockeriwi to leave this year and auditions will have to be run if a team is to be fielded next year. Best Wishes and all the luck to you all.

Third Court

The court should be completed by the middle of November, well ahead of schedule. This will allow the Club to do some much needed repairs on the floor of Court No. 2.

Court No. 1

The recent renovation of Court No. 1 did not go as planned and after the third court is opened we will make the final renovations i.e. painting of the walls and levelling the front wall. The committee apologises for inconvenience to those members who booked a court when the court was unplayable. A credit note has been arranged for each of these members.

T.S.R.A. (or, friends of S51)

In the recently completed competition, our first division team, the Larakins, lost in the semi finals. In the second division, the Musketeers were unlucky to lose the final, when Jim Finnegan having just returned from the U.K. on the Sunday, found that the English Beer was not the right training diet for Squash. Congratulations to the teams on their finish in the finals.

Coaching - Juniors

A programme for juniors is being drawn up and will be run over the December/January period. All those interested should contact Tony Blanc 233-8939.

Coaching - Adults

Numerous enquiries have been received and noted and it is planned to start coaching again after the current league ends. Coaching will be carried out on a format different from previous times and details will be posted soon. All interested are urged to contact a section committee member.

And from the SUPPORTERS

Saturday 18th October was the date of one of the most boastful and staggering games of squash ever seen on Club premises. Frank (the stagger) Hammill challenged John Boaster Ballantyne to a small-ball match at 4.30 p.m. and, much to the contentants' surprise, there was the biggest crowd in court two since Qamar Zaman played Steve Balme.

All settled down to a casual knock-up, by the end of which Frank was staggering well and the Boaster was making sure that the ball was nice and cold. Someone tried to spin the racket but it fell over - anyway, the spinner won the serve. The spinner must have been the stagger because a co-supporter recalls that ace asking the gallery "Was that up?" after serving loudly into the tin after one bounce. Boaster followed this with a serve which Terry Jones deftly caught. At this point you may be wondering what Mr. Jones was doing on the court, well, in fact he was at the time of deftness, innocently mounting the stairs.

It is believed that the first game proceeded in consistent fashion except for the occasional dead bounce along the edge-of-

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 1980

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court floorboards. When these occurred, the Boaster attacked by missing and pirouetting or alternatively, the Stagger tried to break a racket.

The latter action had a most disastrous effect on Mr. Hammill. It must have been the smash of wood and gut on wall which eventually caused resonance to transmit to his underpant elastic! It was during the third game (despite a gallery occupant saying "when ya goina star' ") that a strip of additional white appeared on each thigh - as the audience grew louder the strip grew wider until both strips were completely separate from the shorts. Even though the eventual sag was below the knee, the dauntless Stagger staggered on (it was all he could do!) until? - at this point your supporter could no longer contain himself and had to depart to another poolside venue.

And, if you're bored with this, from the SUPPORTERS

Pretty Wee Marg was the first ever squash league player to give it to Graham Bellamy. After the contest Marg was heard to say she was saving some for Scott Younger (a Brute of erstwhile fame). Graham made no comment until after his game with Sod Reldon, when he was overheard to say "I controlled the game entirely but didn't get a point.



DARTS

German Girl throws BC's first 180!

Regular darticle readers will remember that during the previous Cathay Pacific Bangkok Darts League, the Lillywhites placed as much emphasis as possible on scoring tons to distract supporters (as in "thank you for your support. I shall wear it always!") from our tendency to lose more often than we win. Well, now we have a new target. Following Ingrid's maximum score of 180 against the Nation on 9th October, all members of the British Club team will no longer be content with tons, but are practising like mad on their treble twenties. All except the dartful Brian Heath, that is, who out of envy or disgust is reported to have thrown his equipment into a klong during a recent Hash run. (F.R.B. of course).

Now for news of this month's 4 defeats! We started well enough against the Wonder Ladies on 25th September but the first 2 points from Chris and Bryan were soon wiped out by 4 consecutive

singles wins from the ladies. After Bryan and Ingrid levelled the score at 4-4 with a win in the first doubles, your favourite team couldn't manage any more points and lost 13-4. Our only consolations were tons from Roy (100), Arthur (101) and Bryan (140) and the fact that it is always a pleasure playing against these Thai girls. They're red hot and they play a good game of darts too!

The following week we had a closer game against Hobson's choice at the Embassy. The singles points were halved at 3-3 with wins from John, Roy and Bryan, and we then went into the lead for the last time when Bryan and Arthur won the first doubles. Our remaining points came from Arthur, John and Ingrid's triples win. In this 10-7 defeat, tons were scored by Arthur (120 and 125) and John (100 and 116).

Even though the Nation are one of the best teams in Bangkok, the Club's finest were a little disheartened to be 12-0 down at the end of the doubles in the match at Our Place on 9th October. Particularly Roy and Bryan who suffered the indignity of being whitewashed in the singles. But then it all happened! Ingrid's three darts in the treble 20 for a maximum 180 (the game being interrupted for about 5 minutes for much handshaking, scotch-buying, spectacle polishing etc.) gave triples partners Roy and John a quick lead which Roy sewed up with his first shot at the double 15. You don't get many chances at the doubles - when you play the Nation, and those were the only points we got in a 15-2 defeat. Apart from Ingrid's 180, other tons came from Arthur, Roy and John (120).

Against Bobby's Arms on 16th October, our only singles hero was Doug who closed X 18 to surprise their star player Cherd. Further points came only from Arthur and Brian's doubles which Arthur opened with a 108 and closed with a double 4. Our only other ton in the 14-3 defeat was from Norman, much to the interest (if not delight) of Jean and son Mark, both of whom are now paid up members of the supporter's club.



LADIES' GOLF

Programme for November

We have two important events this month ... Lady Captain's Day and our Annual Round-Up so we are hoping for drier weather and a full turn out of Members for both these fixtures.

November 4th - Flag Competition

Starter: Sheila Kerr 252-6517

November 11th - Lady Captain's Day

Starter: Anne Quinn 391-2322

N.B. This will be a Stableford Competition and will be held at the Rose Garden Golf Course, starting at 7.30 a.m. Our Captain will give us lunch in the Clubhouse after the game.

November 18th - Monthly Medal

Starter: Eileen Ford 252-2074

November 25th - Annual Round-Up (Stableford)

Starter: Margaret Miller 286-5906

The Round-Up will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at which the Committee for 1980/81 will be elected.



GOLF

The first round of the Thai Glass/Gestetner/Eclectic competition did not take place at Hua Mark in October. The reason given by our intrepid golf team for the cancellation was a modicum of excess liquid on the course. (It was rumoured that Frosty's personal beer tanker had sprung a leak and flooded the venue to a depth of several feet!!)

However as you would expect the world famous British Club Supporters Committee braved the inclement conditions and arrived safely at Hua Mark via car, boat, helicopter, submarine, Mig and Wellies!! - a normal journey by Bangkok standards!

Grief and woe!!! no golfers were evident upon the smooth unruffled surface of the water. Waht to do? - Obvious! - play a round of golf!

Chair and Vice waded to the first tee.....

"Where is the first tee flag" said Chair "Tees don't have flags" said Vice (obviously an expert) "its over there on the green". And sure enough there was a brave yellow triangular piece of cloth flying on the horizon. Had some unfortunate young lady lost all on the flood? No! No! - Wishful thinking Chair, its the first green!

They teed-off, Chair Walker having claimed to have won the toss although the coin was never seen again. A mighty blow!! - unfortunately on his right upper thigh and not the ball. Vice Musgrave demonstrated his capability and then teed-off hitting the ball in the general direction of the aforementioned flag.

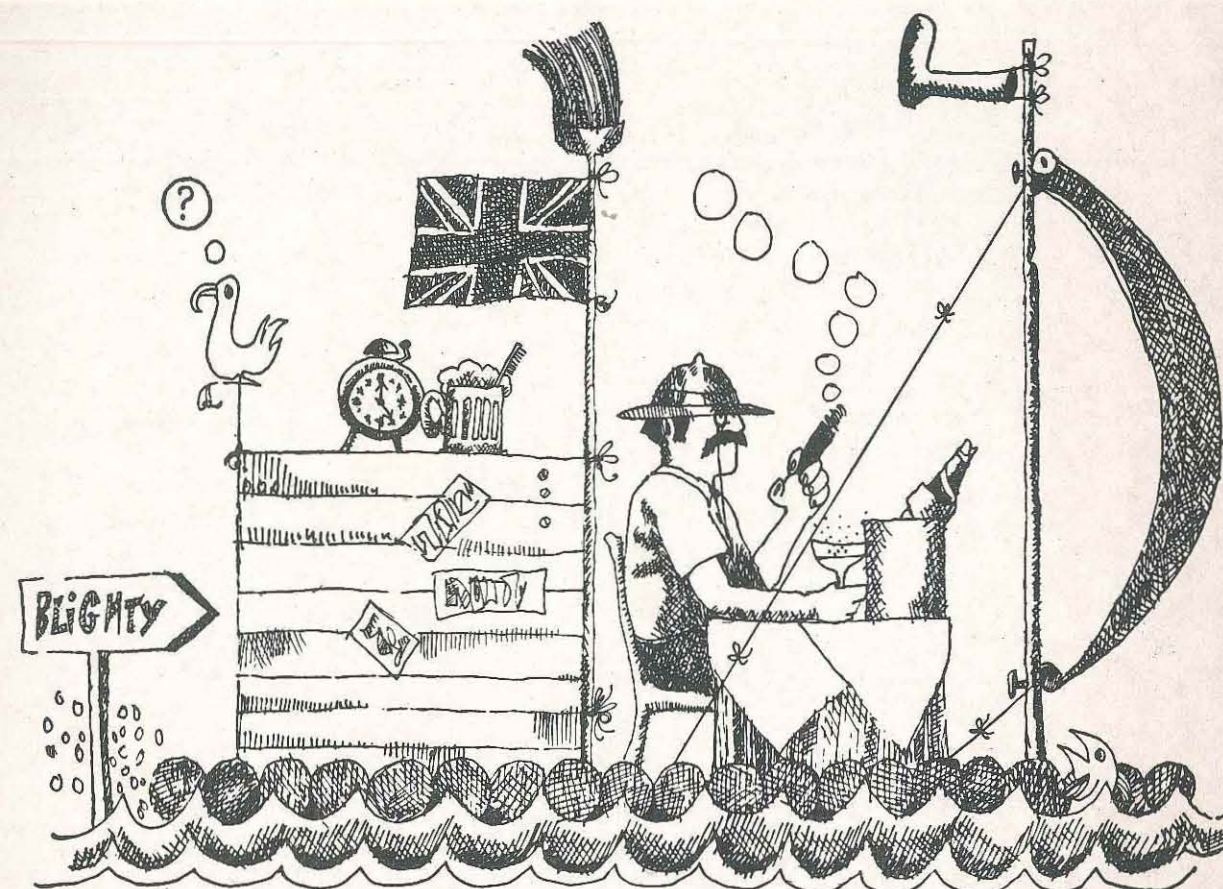
They swam up the fairway to retrieve balls and discovered that an eddy (not Rennie) was carrying the said objects from hole to hole in a most accurate fashion. Such was the flow of water that, without further strokes, the entire course was completed in one by each stalwart. The story was unreasonably treated with a degree of skepticism later in the Club bar but fortunately both Musgrave and Walker could vouch for each other's score. It's a record that's likely to stand for a long time. It is confidently expected that a suitable trophy for a "course in one" will be presented to the proud participants with due pomp and ceremony in the near future.

A report on the award which will, presumably, be arranged by grateful golfers will appear in next month's edition of Outpost.

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