

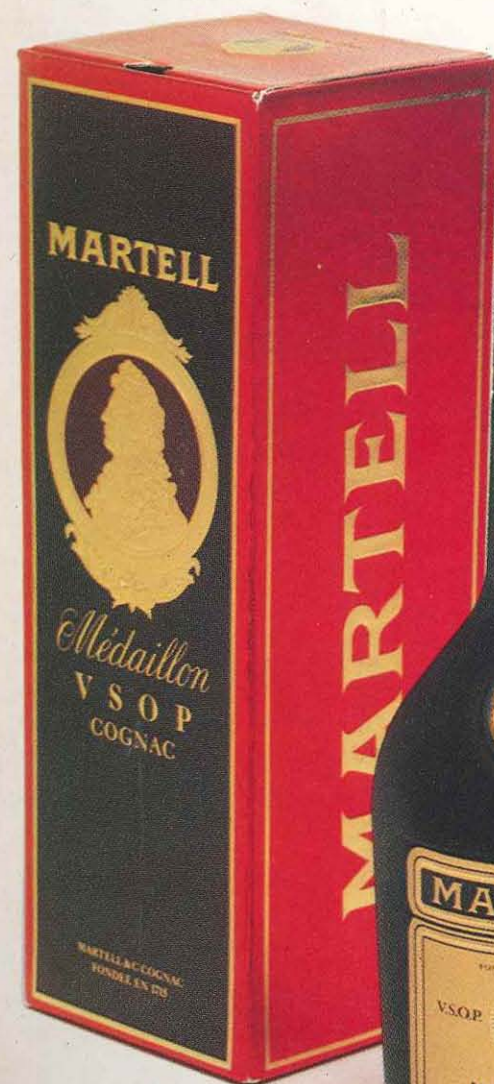
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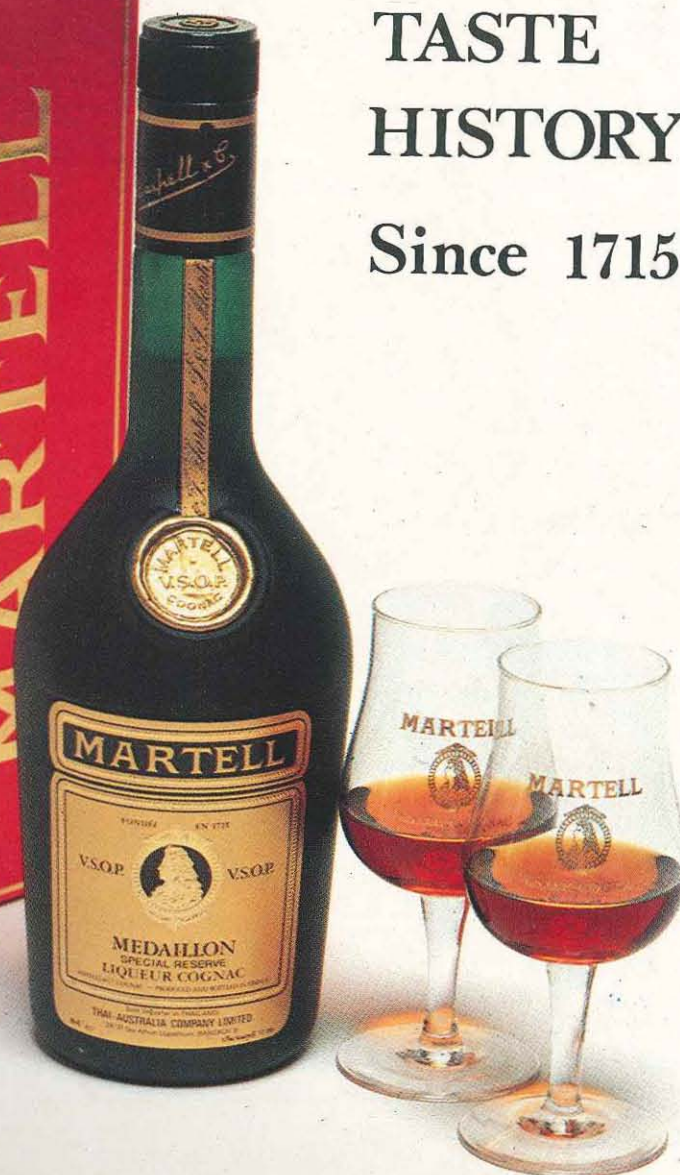
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Vol. II No. 21 November 1981

October saw two superb Club events take place. The first on Wednesday October 21st took the form of a Wine-Tasting and Supper evening and is reviewed in this edition. The second a week later on the 28th was too late for this publication but Ian Fawcett's excellent discourse will be given the full OUTPOST treatment next time around.

Our editorial team which many Members have come to know and love has been hard at work and some innovations are prominent in this month's edition.

Following last month's appeal, the vacant slot for Patpong Correspondant has been filled after great deliberation and much quaffing of beer.

We hope you like our new "pull out and keep" monthly calendar so now sit back, relax, pour yourself a drink and enjoy such delicacies as the Guide for Whisky Lovers, our own Kloster Book of Records, an article on that little known Bangkok disease of punctuality and lots more entertainment and information about this great club of ours.....

Submissions for inclusion in the December issue should reach the Club by 21st November.

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Old Uncle Tom Cobbley.

October 1981 - Staff Report

Full Time 73

Part Time 5

Probation 4

TOTAL 82

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During the month 4 personnel were engaged on probation, 2 were confirmed as permanent staff, 2 resigned and 2 were dismissed. There was no increase in total headcount.

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in October 1981:

Ordinary

Mr. G.D.S. Burles	AS Engineering Co. Ltd.
Mr. A.G. Dickinson	Bangrak Marketing Co.
Mr. D.T.M. Forrest	Surgical Instruments (T)
Mr. K.S. Garland	Hawker Pacific Pty Ltd.
Mr. A.R. Hickson	Shell Co. of Thailand
Mr. M. Kaile	Rama Tower Hotel
Mr. L.C. Laing	Snowy Mountains Eng.

Up-Country

Dr. J.A. Brown	The Christian Clinic, Nan
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Ladies Privileges

Miss S.C. Anderson	British Embassy
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Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	386
Non-Voting	-
Associate	25
Ladies Privileges	41
Up-Country	23
TOTAL	475
Absent	658
Candidate	43
GRAND TOTAL	1176

Weekly Club Events

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

Fly

Yes - Fly is back in action again and here is his report on the goings-on in the Suriwongse Room (Kremlin?) on the first and third Tuesdays of each month....

The Committee was advised that savings of approximately £4000 per month have been effected in our telephone bill since the installation of the pay phone in the lobby. A similar device has been placed at the Poolside, a call costs £3.-

In view of the possibility of power cuts, emergency lights will be installed at strategic points in the Clubhouse.

After several warnings two members of staff were dismissed for continued infringement of regulations.

It was agreed to assist Frank Calvert (son of a deceased member) with £3000 to help in defraying some of his medical expenses incurred as a result of breaking his leg while playing Soccer for the Club team.

The Assistant Manager -- Khun Adisak who is a qualified life-guard will train the Poolside Officer, Khun Kamlah, in this art and so provide an increased degree of qualified assistance should this be necessary.

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Wine Tasting

A Wine Tasting was held at the Club on the evening of Wednesday 21st October commencing at 6.30 p.m. in the Suriwongse Room. The numbers were limited to 60 and the event was fully subscribed.

By courtesy of Caldbeck MacGregor Ltd. a selection of 12 wines was made available for sampling from France, Italy and Australia and it was announced that Caldbeck's Manager - Margaret Moore - had arranged for them to be sold at below-wholesale prices for orders taken during the evening.

The event was compared by your favourite Editor (the announcements became more 'rambling' in nature as time went on).

It was followed by Supper in the Dining Room for which the Club had agreed not to charge any 'corkage' on wine brought in from the Tasting.

From the comments of Members afterwards, the whole evening was a great success and our thanks go to Caldbeck MacGregor, Margaret Moore and her colleagues for affording us the opportunity of such an enjoyable time.

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Letter to the Editor

The British Club

Dear Sir,

May I use your excellent pages to tap the memories of Members of long standing regarding winners of Club competitions in billiards and snooker?

As listed below, the last entries on the plaques are quite out of date:-

Mabbatt Cup	1969
Hamilton Cup	1969
O'Connell Cup	1969
Fothergill Cup	1969
The Ashes	1965

Towards the end of this year, the winners' names for 1981 will be recorded. At the same time I would record if possible the winners' names for any competitions played in the intervening years.

I would be most grateful to obtain information for these missing years, particularly if it can be substantiated in some way. I am easily contacted at the Club and a note can be left for me there.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Hill (H44)

The Last Saturday Morning Activities of 1981

on

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MICHELANGELI - A MUST

When Michelangeli plays we listen -- we MUST listen -- for his pianistic faculties are a rarity of our time. A pity, then, that he seldom plays anything, but all who heard his recent Debussy recital on B.B.C. 2 television will jump at the opportunity to get hold of his new digital recording of Brahms and Schubert for Deutsche Grammophon (Brahms, Ballads Op. 10/ Schubert, Piano Sonata in A Minor. D. 537 : 2532 017).

Michelangeli's mastery of the craft of piano playing impresses us immediately during the "Balladen," the first of which is actually founded on the grim Scots ballad, "Edward," with its chilling build-up to the climax. No. 3 is a scherzo in contrast, the pianist sensing the mood change, as in the Schumanesque fourth ballad which reflects Brahms' later style.

In the Schubert Sonata -- an early work -- the opening moments of suspense are convincingly posed against the homely, lyrical middle movement, the pianist displaying his artistry at the highest in the finale, where the coda makes use of repeated chords at the outset, the octaves disappearing into the distance before the sudden final crash.

The thrill of hearing Michelangeli play is a top priority for all music lovers. Don't miss.

I'VE HEARD of the Pythagorean theory in the 47th proposition of Euclid, but "Pythagoras' Trousers" were unknown to me until I encountered Simon Jeffes' Penguin Cafe Orchestra, a 15-track eclecticism performing for Polydor (EGED 11). In this musical unorthodoxy where the instrumentation includes guitar, ukulele, dulcitone, cuatro, shakers, penny whistle, ring modulator and other "features," the track referred to literally "pants" along in 6/8 metre, equalled only by "Yodel 2," which is a sort of Aaron Copland "Hoedown," and by "The Ecstasy Of Dancing Fleas," where the rhythm is appropriately of the "hop, skip and a jump" variety, and having a "biting" effect.

Most of the tunes are rhythmically monotonous -- if pleasantly so -- and the "recital's" intimate concept, and the expertise of the instrumentalists -- albeit unusual in their "sounds" -- is intriguing to a degree. Are you good at Euclid?!

A Guide for Whisky Lovers

There is a distinct Scottish flavour in the air at present with St. Andrew's Day (and Night) coming up and the weekly agony of trying to learn or re-learn Hamilton House, the Eightsome Reel, the Gay Gordons, the Nice Nigels etc.

With this in mind your editorial staff decided one evening -- in the interest of Members' information -- to test various brands of the Water of Life. The result was almost fatal but here is our report which, incidentally, was written in the cold gray light of the following dawn.

What is Scotch whisky?

There are in fact two basic types of Scotch:

- a) the undrinkable. Generally, distinguished by rather striking claims on the label. "King Edward VIII Scotch whisky -- brewed by the King himself in the Kitchens of Buckingham Palace" is one variety which enjoys some popularity in South-East Asia. Other readily recognisable characteristics are a "nose" which would shame Klong Tuey, and a "follow-through" like that of Jack Nicklaus. Avoid naked lights in the vicinity of your glass.
- b) the drinkable. It is with these whiskies, brewed variously in the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland, Islay and Campbeltown that the serious drinker should concern himself.

What are the constituents of a good Scotch?

The primary constituents of a bottle of good Scotch are £150 excise duty, around £50 of retail and wholesale profit, and a nugatory sum represented by the liquid itself. From a chemical viewpoint, the things which go into Scotch apart from money are cereals, malt, and yeast. It is the "rising" of the yeast which gives many regular whisky drinkers the curious sensation that they are floating between six and ten inches off the ground. The cereal is what makes Scotch such an excellent breakfast food. Apart from that, there is nothing in it but water.

Does drinking Scotch harm one's mental faculties?

Obviously not -- as the following quick test will show. Go into any bar and ask a random group of people whether they remember when Scotch was less than £100 a bottle. From the accuracy of the answers, you may actually wish to conclude that the stuff is actually a sharpener of one's recollective faculties.

What does "ageing" mean, when applied to Scotch whisky?

It refers to the condition which will result if the drinker consumes more than half of the bottle in question. An "eight-year-old whisky," for instance, will reduce one to the mental level of an eight-year-old child. And so on.

How does one tell the difference between various brands of Scotch whisky?

Normally the price. Another rule-of-thumb is an elimination technique. Go into a bar and ask for a single Scotch. The one to which the barman instinctively turns will be the worst and most overpriced which he has in stock. Refuse a succession of alternatives until you are left with the last available brand, which will be the best in both taste and value.

How well does Scotch mix with ice?

About as well as the Titanic.

What are the best Scotch-based drinks?

Among those recommended by the Scotch Whisky Association are a "Scotch Horse's Neck" -- lemon juice, angostura, Scotch and ginger ale -- so called because of the similarity in taste. The Whisper -- two parts Scotch, two parts French vermouth, two parts Italian vermouth, ice -- is so called for reasons which will become obvious after drinking. Likewise the Earthquake -- gin, Scotch, and anisette. But the simplest and best mix is of equal parts Scotch and water -- and be sure to use a lot of water!

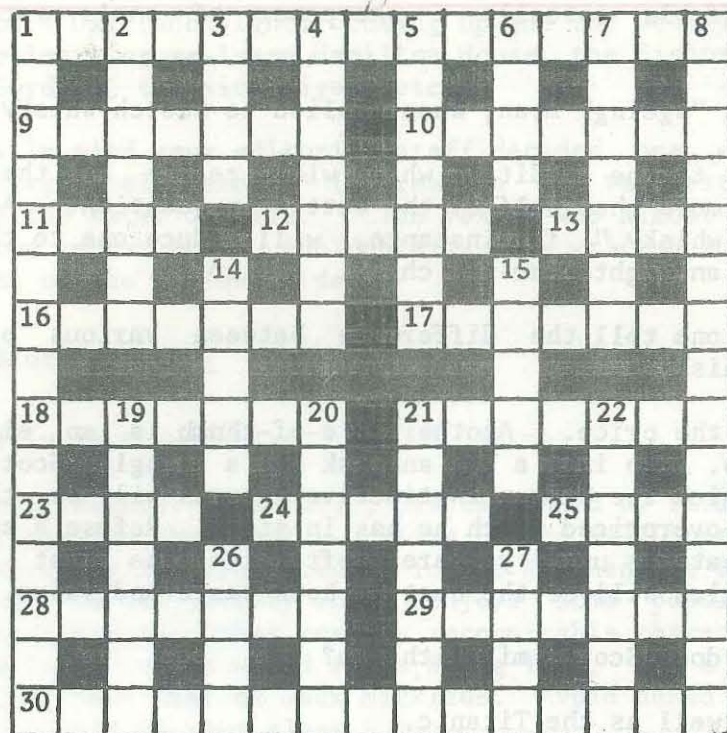


"It costs so much to eat and drink, I find it impossible to be merry"



"I've got better things to do than have the front step raised while you're at the pub!"

Club Crossword



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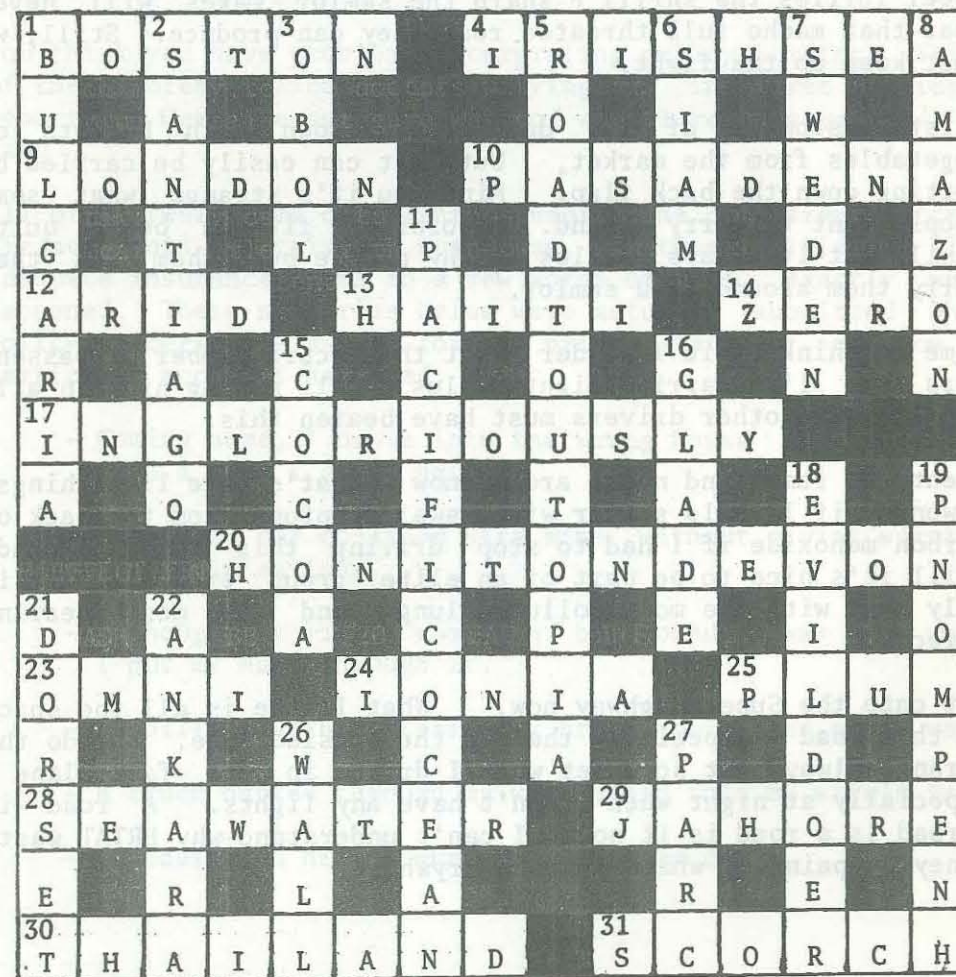
Across

- 1 Please to remember it! (3 words)
- 9 They'll go up at 1 down.
- 10 Santa's helper in North America?
- 11 Hang about for a carol singer.
- 12 Night Watch.
- 13 Happy short girl.
- 16 Ring nun in confusion but moving fast.
- 17 Reach out ... for a spell in stir?
- 18 Dispossess a crazy VIP/ ruminant quadruped.
- 21 Where Archimedes said "Eureka!" (2 words)
- 23 Place that sounds a spectacle.
- 24 Harvests ... arranged for a weapon.
- 25 Just the husks.
- 28 Hide the real confusion!
- 29 Italian Artist.
- 30 We all live in one, they used to sing. (2 words)

Down:

- 1 British Club, Back Lawn, 7th November, 7. 15 p.m. (2 words)
- 2 It's not a fact.
- 3 He, and little Edward, take notice.
- 4 Off ones food.
- 5 Exotic Thai beauties.
- 6 Close around to deserve.
- 7 Old Testament bible makes a valuable little trinket.
- 8 Gather here on 1 across for 1 down. (3 words)
- 14 Fabulous little man!
- 15 They say you'll find it at the bottom of a well.
- 19 Tumble under a mine and find a snag.
- 20 They might have been British and Holy Roman.
- 21 Mrs. Bruin's baby. (2 words)
- 22 Kings Cross and/Hualampong.
- 26 Go away!!
- 27 Small circus performer.

Solution Last Month



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BANGKOK SAMLOR DRIVER

(No. 1 in an occasional series)

5 o'clock in the morning, and here we go again. The dogs are barking under the house at something or other that must be trying to swim away in that black water. At least I think they are dogs. I can never be too sure what I am hearing these days as the sound of that samlor engine never stops ringing through my ears.

Where shall we start looking for business today? Let's try Lumpini - there are always plenty of people heading there for breakfast and exercise. It's interesting how the Thais jog for exercise but the Chinese merely walk. What puzzles me is what all the Chinese do on those mornings when they wake at 5 o'clock and the pouring rain stops them going to Lumpini for their morning ritual.

Ah well, here we go - another day of noise and fumes. Despite my best efforts to produce more noise than the buses and ten wheel lorries the shrill F sharp the samlor makes will never beat that macho full throated roar they can produce. Still, we must keep up the fight.

First customers of the day - laden down with baskets of vegetables from the market, but that can easily be carried by letting down the back flap. Mind you it's strange what some people want to carry around. Motorbikes fit on board quite easily but it always puzzles me why people buy them and then carry them around in a samlor.

Come to think of it I wonder what the record number of passengers is. I've carried eight, plus myself making nine in all, but I'm sure other drivers must have beaten this.

Plenty of fumes and noise around now - that's more like things. I wonder if I would suffer withdrawal symptoms from the lack of carbon monoxide if I had to stop driving this thing around. Still it's nice to be part of an elite group even if it is only that with the most polluted lungs and the most hearing defects.

Out onto the Super Highway now. What I like is all the space on this road - especially that in the outside lane. Why do the Farangs always get so upset when I drive in the fast lane - especially at night when I don't have any lights. A road is a road is a road is it not. I can't understand why ERTAT waste money by painting white lines everywhere.

It's like wasting money painting your samlor - a sweep out once a year seems more than adequate. Come to think of it, why are 99% of samlors blue. Those fellows who drive the orange ones around town must feel like real oddities. Nobody has ever explained to me either why we paint pairs of yellow spectacles all over them. Most puzzling.

9 a.m. now and I've been on the go for three hours already - only another thirteen hours and I can call it a day.....

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Insurance!

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Accidents will happen:

You think you have problems interpreting policy wording? Think of the problems police have in trying to interpret accident reports. Here are some examples of actual reports recently to hand.

All of us (well some of us) have endured the confusion of traffic accidents and tried to summarize on those pitifully inadequate insurance forms in a few words or less, exactly what happened. These summaries below were actually submitted when policy holders were asked for a brief statement on how a particular accident happened.

- Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.
- The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.
- I thought my window was down, but found it was up when I put my hand through it.
- I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
- A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.
- A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

- The guy was all over the road, I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.
- I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.
- The gentleman behind me struck me on the backside. He then went to rest in the bush with just his rear end showing.
- In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.
- The accident occurred when I was attempting to bring my car out of a skid by steering it into another vehicle.
- I had been learning to drive with power steering. I turned the wheel to what I thought was enough and found myself in a different direction going the opposite way.
- I was backing my car out of the driveway in the usual manner, when it was struck by the other car in the same place it had been struck several times before.
- I was on my way to the doctors with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.
- I was taking my canary to the hospital. It got loose in the car and flew out the window. The next thing I saw was his rear end and there was a crash.

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TIME IS AN ATTITUDE OF MIND

Some people, especially those brought up in the Anglo-Saxon tradition, have a curious obsession about time — they treat it like a precious commodity, to be measured with meticulous precision and allocated with immense care. Many of them nowadays carry digital timepieces which emit a faint squeak every hour on the hour, so that board meetings, receptions and dinner parties are made to sound, every 60 minutes, like gatherings of demented mice.

Some, their judgement irreversibly impaired by the tyranny of time, carry two of these devices, and they tend to exhibit signs of acute disorientation if the squeaks are a nano-second apart. They arrive at airports, railway stations and business appointments well ahead of the specified hour, and if they are asked by someone else to tell them the time, they no longer say "ten to seven" or "nearly half past three" — they say, with an air of one imparting the secrets of the universe, "oh-six fifty one" or "fifteen twenty seven." Some, past all redemption, will even add "and twenty three seconds."

All this seems to be a disease of highly industrialised and prosperous societies — and also of countries with a strong military tradition. It is summed up in such phrases as "procrastination is the thief of time" and "punctuality is the politeness of princes," not to mention such gruff martial injunctions as "always be on parade five minutes before the appointed time, me boy."

Elsewhere in the world, a more relaxed and civilised view is taken of the whirligig of time. I recall a somewhat bruising occasion during a military operation in South East Asia when I was commanding an infantry force in an attack on an enemy position. My supporting artillery was supplied by the army of the country in which we were operating, which, in the interests of diplomatic discretion, shall remain unidentified. After the planning and issuing of orders for the attack, there was the ritual synchronisation of watches and we dispersed to play our allotted roles. At a precisely appointed time, as I led my long-suffering troops into the final assault, an artillery barrage was supposed to come down on the enemy position. In fact, it did not, and we had to evict a determined adversary from his bunkers without the benefit of artillery support. It was an experience which can only be described adequately by that curious service adjective "hairy"; but not nearly as hairy as the moment, some 30 minutes later, when we were safely established in the enemy positions. It was then, of course, that the barrage came down.

LORD CHALFONT considers the spreading disease of punctuality



At a subsequent exchange of incivilities on the subject, the artillery commander, a gentleman of almost monumental calm and excessive courtesy, expressed genuine surprise that anyone should make such a fuss over half an hour in the context of the broad sweep of human history. Although, at the time, I was, as P G Wodehouse might have put it, "somewhat less than grunted", I now see that there was something in what he said, and in my subsequent travels about the world I have formed the impression that excessive punctuality is a debilitating characteristic. All over Western Europe it emerges in its various manifestations. At airports and railway terminals, there are either large digital clocks, grinding out the minutes like the mills of God or, especially in such scrupulously correct cultures as those of Sweden or Switzerland, even larger clocks with large red second hands and minute hands which advance with a peremptory jerk every 60 seconds, dividing life into small and utterly useless segments.

Italy, of course, is a happy exception to any set of generalisations about Western Europe; and the Italian attitude to time is predictably idiosyncratic. An appointment in Rome is merely a general indication of the period of the

day or night in which the meeting might, all else being equal, take place — or not, as the case may be. If you are asked for dinner at eight and turn up at that time, you will probably run into the last of the departing luncheon guests.

The definitive Italian comment on the importance of time is the large digital clock on the Lido beach, just outside the Excelsior Hotel (where, you may remember, Dirk Bogarde came to a tragic end on a deck-chair in *Death in Venice*). When I was last there the clock was stopped. I had not noticed the fact until it caused me to be late for an appointment. With characteristic Anglo-Saxon charm, I asked the concierge, somewhat rhetorically, why the clocks in Italy were always wrong. "On the contrary, signor," he replied politely, "that one is right twice every twenty-four hours."

There are, of course, places in which time is regarded with even less respect.

In Teheran, I was once woken in my room by the hotel operator with the bright and somewhat confusing announcement: "Good morning, sir, it's ten past eight and this is your seven-thirty call." Attempts to make international telephone calls to London before direct dialling was available were usually voyages into some kind of time-warp. Placing a call at six o'clock in the evening, one would enquire, with a kind of hopeless resignation, how long it might take to come through. "Maybe three hours, maybe four, impossible to say," was the standard reply. In fact, it usually came through either five minutes later while one was under the shower — or, more often, at 3.30 am.

In Spain, Portugal, the countries of Latin America, the Caribbean and in much of the Far East, time has an attractively elastic quality (in fact in Indonesia it is actually known as "rubber time") and the people of these countries clearly subscribe to the view that punctuality is one of the enemies of true freedom. If, in Rio de Janeiro or Acapulco, you were asked for dinner at nine and arrived at half past, you would be regarded as distinctly odd. You can go around for a drink at half past seven, or drop in about 11.30; it is even permissible to go next day, but to be there at the appointed time is to betray an unmistakable lack of sensitivity. *Mañana* — tomorrow — is not just a Spanish word: it encapsulates a whole culture and a carefree

renunciation of the boring Anglo-Saxon ethic summed up in the Samuel Smilesian doctrine of "never put off till tomorrow what you can do today."

Of all the national attitudes to time, however, it is that of the Chinese which delights and impresses me most. It is characterised, not by unpunctuality or lack of courtesy, but by a total refusal to be hurried. With three thousand years of civilisation stretching behind him into an incomparable past, the Chinese is unlikely to be rushed into a decision or bulldozed into an agreement.

This approach is clearly reflected in the ritual of tea. Every business or diplomatic meeting opens with the serving of tea, and no one but a barbarian would dream of opening the negotiations before an exchange of inconsequential civilities, punctuated by appreciative sips. The pace of negotiations can sometimes be frustrating for the Western executive, who, by instinct and training, expects to get the whole deal wrapped up in time for the evening flight back to Heathrow or Dulles. To the Chinese, the first week is just prologue.

There is a story of the Vietnam peace negotiations in Paris which distils much of the essence of this approach. It is said that, after a hard day of negotiating, the delegates were being entertained by an eminent French diplomat who, thinking to raise the intellectual tone of the evening, proposed a discussion on the effects of the French Revolution upon the political structure of the world. He asked Henry Kissinger to open the proceedings, and the good doctor obliged with a sparkling discourse on the development of American democracy, with appropriate quotations from de Tocqueville and La Fayette. Much encouraged, the French host turned to the Chinese delegate, a diplomat of considerable age and wisdom, and said, "And what, your Excellency, has been the effect of the French Revolution on the political development of your country?" After a slight pause the old gentleman replied gravely, "It is too early yet to say."

When dealing with people like that it is necessary to cultivate a more civilised attitude to time. As a contribution to the cause of sanity, I am sending this article in a day late.

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DARTS

Captains Cup

The Club's mailbox has been groaning under the weight of entry forms from would-be winners of the Captain's Cup. However there is still time to enter the lists by informing the office or adding your name to the list on the notice board.

The knockout type competition will start, perhaps with a bang, on Thursday 5th November at 8.00 p.m. and will continue for the 2 or 3 subsequent Thursdays as necessary. Matches will be the best of three, 301 down, double on, double off. Looking forward to seeing you there - it won't be too serious an affair. However medals will be worn and dead sea rig is optional.



GOLF

Golf this month, active as ever, was played in two tournaments both staged at the Hua Mark Course. Welcome from the section to new player John Hope who now ensures that there is some hope in the golf section (joke courtesy of Les Vize). The end of the rainy season has brought out several old hands and it's good to see appearances from Richard Kilburn, Dai Luke (they don't play golf in Peru, do they?) and Ward Washington.

First of the month's matches was the Swedish Motor Corporation's Volvo day hosted by the congenial Jim Harris and played on Saturday October third. There were many ooos and aaahs when the announcement went up that a hole in one would be rewarded by a "model 244" Volvo but such is the luck, skill or should we say courtesy of the average BC golfer that no one took up this kind offer. Nevertheless some excellent scores were returned examples being the winners of each flight being the Irish duo of Les Vize and Neil Duggan with superb Stableford scores of 42 points each. Runners up for each flight were Donald D. Goodin (possibly the section's most consistent competitor this year) and Peter Isle. Two of the club's better golfers Bob Allen and John Kerr were only able to maintain the lustre of their game for nine holes thereby taking the front and back nines. Two other golfers Geon Paola and Derek Johnson put in particularly tarnished performances but the latter received the wooden spoon in the form of a "model 244 Volvo"

The second outing this month saw a return to Hua Mark but to contrast the previous outing's excellent weather conditions, this second tournament had to be fought through the mush of the previous day's rain. Never deterred by such a situation BC golfers rolled up trousers and did battle for Bob Lumsden's trophies. Points were hard to come by but thirty eight won the day, by Bob Lumsden??! who redonated his first prize, and his good wife Joyce presented the same to Les Vize who presently rides upon a wave of golfing success (which is likely to dampen a few Australians next outing). Second place went to Don D. Goodin and third to Jim Harris showing good form with thirty six points (a possibility of overtraining by the Australians?). In all a very enjoyable day was had by all courtesy of Bob and Joyce who have been probably the most

consistent playing couple of the section. It was with pleasure therefore that Clive Miller orating in the same Scots tongue made the presentation of a silver photograph frame to the Lumsdens and we all wish them well for their holiday and future posting.

Exciting future events are many, but two of note are the Australian/British day on November the first and the Hua Hin weekend of early December. The former looks to be, using an old Australian expression, a real hum-dinger of a match with both teams shaping up and any golfer wishing to play should contact the captains Clive Miller or Bob Allen for the latest situation.



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LADIES' GOLF

Saturday October 10th saw a great turn-out for the Annual 'KITCHEN SINK' Competition at the Rose Garden Golf Course, the weather was fine although the course still showed signs of previous rains, making the fairways like fields but Winter Rules were enforced so one had the advantage of preferred lies. Even so, the course was playing long and the greens proved difficult and very slow, but despite this the scores were good.

Individual Stableford : Ladies 1st Joan Jurgens

" " : " 2nd Ann Quinn

" " : Men 1st Nigel Hardy

" 2nd Bob Allen

Combined Event

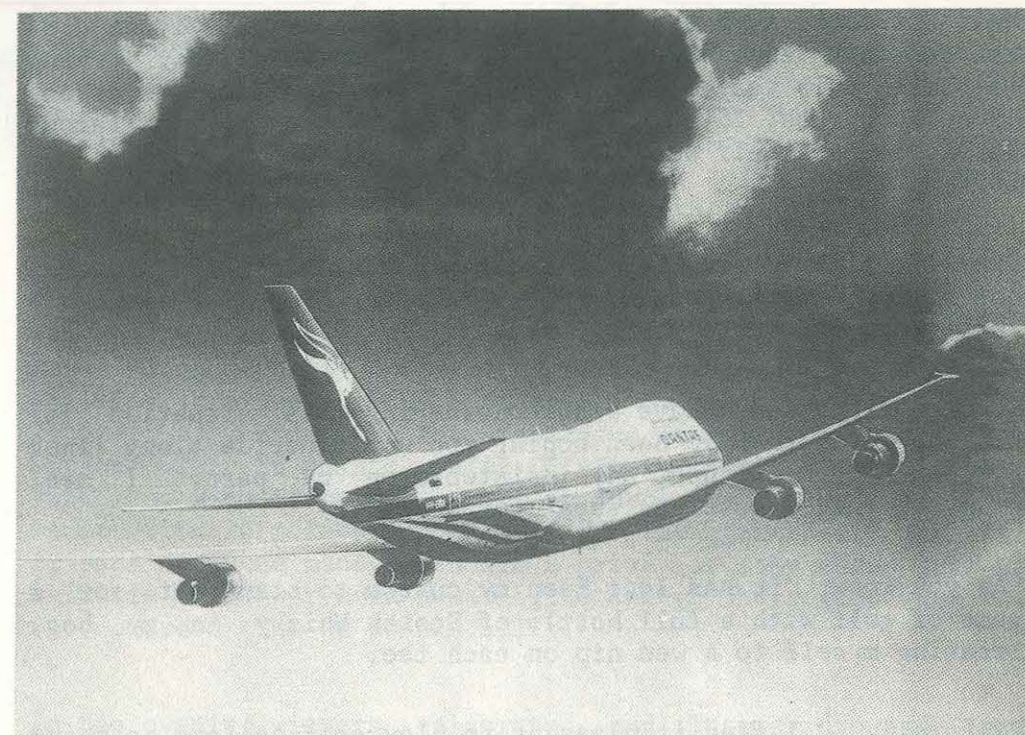
1st Bob & Gillian Allen

2nd Ken Long & Sally Voravarn

Others who figured in the Prize list were, the Frasers, the Kings, the Nevilles, the Lambs, Wil Agerbeek, Peter Isle, Eileen Ford, Graham Mitchell, Ken Boughton, Sheila Kerr and Shan Washington. Small finger eats were provided by the Ladies' Committee helped by the usual quantity of beers! After the presentation of the Prizes which was done by Eileen Ford the Lady Captain, John Kerr (Men's Captain) presented Eileen with the traditional Frying Pan which this year the Ladies won. John Kerr then asked Bob Allen as the main prize winner, to say a few words and he kindly thanked all concerned with the 'Kitchen Sink' for a great day out and reminded us of the next event - Australians v Others - to be played at Hua Mark on November 1st - so make a note in your diaries.

PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER - PLAYED AT THE ARMY GOLF COURSE 7.00 a.m.

November 3rd	Stableford	Starter:	M. Marshall	251 9558
" 10th	T's & F's	"	P. Hardy	252 8340
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Finally, after a fruitless all-day discussion, it is said that one of the Scottish board members, an elder of very good standing, arose and spoke as follows:

"You good gentlemen have been considering this situation for many hours. I have been hoping you would decide along lines agreeable to me without any insistence on my part. I see, however, that I must now speak for myself.

"As you know, it has long been my custom to start out for a game of golf with a full bottle of Scotch Whisky in my bag, treating myself to a wee nip on each tee.

"Naturally, I find it pleasant to play golf so long as there is a drink left in the bottle. And it makes no sense to continue the game when the bottle is exhausted.

"Now, gentlemen, I have here a small glass, which contains about an ounce and a half when not filled so full that a drop may escape.

"I have found that one bottle will fill this little glass just 18 times, so it has been my custom to play 18 holes each afternoon, no more, no less. I see no possible way of deviating from this custom, unless the bottles are made larger, which I fear would be too marked a change in our manufacturing life."

And that's how golf courses came to have 18 holes.

Don't believe it? Well, just take an ounce and a half jigger, fill it full, but not too full, and see if you don't get 18 drinks out of a "fifth" of Scotch!

Scots Wha Hae!

Members of the Bangkok St. Andrew's Society, led by Chieftain Eric Miller, recently met at the Rose Garden for their annual Family Gathering. Saturday saw fourteen Dads (and four intrepid Mums) tackle the Golf Course, which was by no means as waterlogged as we had feared. Some good scores were returned and all players were safely back in the Club House before the heavens opened, with the exception of that hero Derek Gibson, who had gallantly played seventeen holes with his harem of three ladies and then swam with them up the eighteenth!

The Louis T. Leonowens Trophy for the St. Andrew's Championship was won by Ian McLean with a Gross 81, and Ian also took the men's longest drive and a nearest-the-pin prize. Pauline Phillips surprised no-one but herself by winning the ladies' long drive! Winner of the Stableford Competition was Jeremy Watson with 38 points, Vice-Chieftain Scott Younger being runner-up with 34 points, whilst Joyce Lumsden was the Ladies winner with 20 points. Thanks to the generosity of many friends everyone managed to win a prize ... some whose golf was a little below par were swearing to change their game when they were awarded tins of tennis balls!

In the evening winners celebrated and losers drowned their sorrows at a superb barbecue dinner and the Junior Members of the Society (well drilled by their practices at the British Club) entertained us to some Scottish Country Dancing before they went off to bed and the older generation took to the floor.

A most enjoyable cruise along the river next morning was followed by a convivial prize-giving, with gifts for all the children, before we all wended our ways back to Bangkok. A hearty vote of thanks was expressed to our Honorary Secretary, Robin Back, who gave so much of his time and talents to organise such a successful event.



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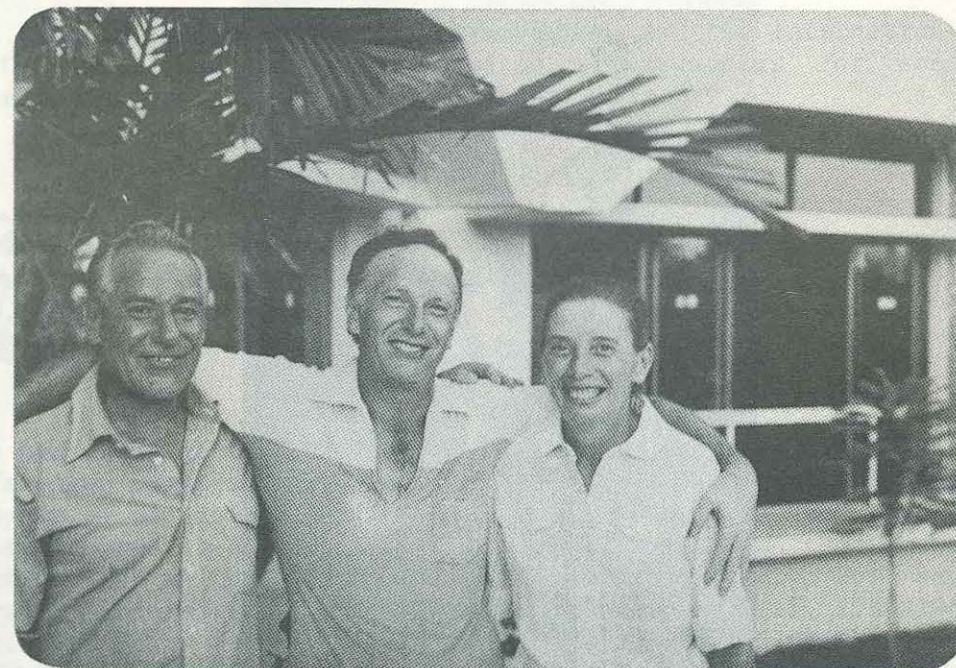
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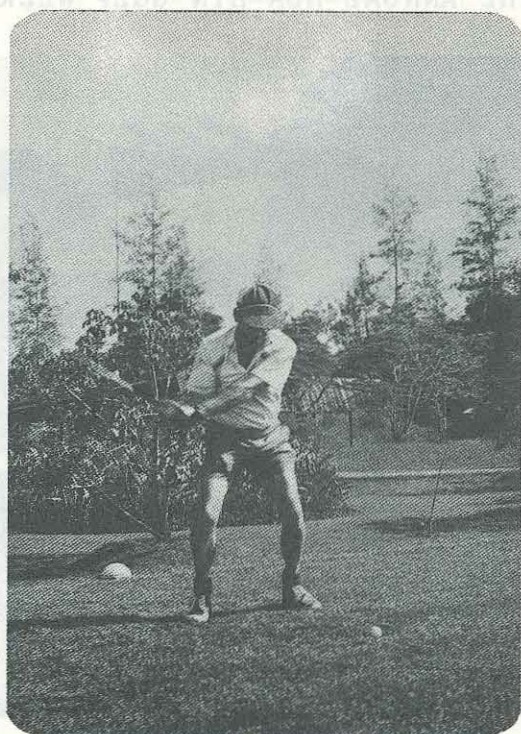
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SWIMMING

Where were all the girls for the Gala on 4th October? Of the 21 swimmers who competed, only 7 girls took part. Many of the boys therefore found themselves swimming with the young ladies in their races as events were doubled up.

This added that touch of extra competitiveness to things and the boys responded with some hard fought duels. Vu Willaims and Timothy Collins produced a memorable tussle in the Individual Medley with only 0.2 secs separating them at the finish - it was all on "the touch".

Jeannie Collins and Dzung Williams swam well to produce 1st place in each of their three events.

Everybody who competes has their times recorded and many improvements in Personal Bests are produced at every Gala. Taking advantage of Khun Choon's coaching and training sessions helps. Improver of the Month for October is Dean Baxter - well done Dean.

The date of the next Gala is 8th November, and the International Club have laid down a challenge to our swimmers for some date in the near future. Watch for details.



CHESS

The new chess section will start at the Club during this month. Interested players will be able to meet every Wednesday evening. Players of all levels are welcome. Tuition will be given. Those members interested should place their names on the Chess Section list which is located on the Notice Board. For any further information please contact Joe Prem Tel. 278-3196 Ext. 6 or Harry Davie Tel. 424-1366 (office), 279-3708 (home).



SQUASH

33rd League

We would like to welcome back all those recently on leave and the good news is that the next Squash League starts on 1 November 1981 through to 13 December 1981. So we hope you have kept fit during your vacation.

As usual, in between leagues the "Ladder" has been the centre of attraction with many challenges taken up and others discreetly side-stepped. However we would offer our congrats! to Jimmy Finnegan who after a lengthy period of total abstinence and dedication to physical fitness finally managed to beat Len Alexander and achieve the coveted position of being the No. 1 Squash player in the British Club. (By the way Len we hope your Asthma problems have now cleared-up.)

Thailand Squash Rackets Association

Division I

In the opening game of the T.S.R.A. League our "Larrikans" had an exciting home win over Vajiravudh "A". John Kerr got the home string off to a good start with a 3-0 win, this was followed by a 1-3 defeat for Len Alexander and despite a gallant effort by Bernard Grogan he was unlucky to lose 1-3. Finally a walk-over to team captain Rod Carter gave the Larrikans a one game advantage on the overall match.

Division II

Our second string unfortunately lost their opening league game 1-3 although notable performances from Bob Allen and Don Goodin were just not enough to tip the scales in our favour. However we are assured that this set-back is only temporary and it is early days yet.

Division III

Our Musketeers after an early set-back quickly regained their composure against the Bangkok Bank to registered a fine 3-1 win with Ken Little looking extremely sharp. The next game is against the R.B.S.C. when much stiffer opposition is expected.

We are sorry to learn that Tony Blanc is currently in hospital with hepatitis. We wish you a speedy recovery Tony.

Finally a warm welcome to all new members of the Squash Section.

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LADIES' SQUASH

This section is now started again under the auspices of Carolyn Tarrant, who we are delighted to welcome back to the fray after an operation on her knee. The date is every Thursday morning and time between 9-12 p.m. All ladies interested in playing Squash are welcome.



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Sat Nov 14	INDIANS	16.30
Sat Nov 28	GERMAN ALL STARS	16.30
Sun Dec 6	SWISS	16.30
Sun Dec 13	SCANS	09.00
Sun Dec 20	GS 77	09.00
Sun Jan 10	DUTCH	09.00
Sat Jan 23	INDIANS	16.30
Sat Feb 20	GERMAN ALL STARS	16.30
Sun Mar 14	SWISS	09.00
Sat Apr 3	SCANS	15.00
Sun Apr 4	FINAL	

NOTE: All matches to be played at the International School Sukhumvit Soi 15.



BILLIARDS

The Billiards Room is becoming well known as a busy place these days. With two competitions running, interest is high and players still manage to fit in the odd ladder match. Our casualty from the bottom rung has been reinstated and has been seen playing again. Who would question his priorities (marriage v. snooker - see last issue)?

We understand that the Assies have chosen their team for the Ashes and the players are being isolated for secret practice sessions, brainwashing and a course of anabolic steroids. England typically have not woken up to the threat, but there is still hope.

The Ladies' tournament is fixed for the weekend 13th/14th December. Don't forget Monday, 30th November for the billiards AGM, presentation of cups and Ashes.

O'Connell Cup

There were nineteen entries for the draw in late November. With one or two exceptions, the matches of the preliminary and first rounds were promptly played. Highest scores by far in these rounds occurred in the decider of three frames between Mr. Tom Watson (446) and Mr. Brian Brook (281). We guess that the loser was volunteering in desperation while the winner volunteered for practice! Messrs. Ron Armstrong and Arthur Phillips have reached the semi-finals. Candidates for the other two semi-final slots exhibit a curious reluctance to get on with it. Maybe they will lift a telephone (or even a cue) after reading this!

Leonowens Cup

The draw for the Leonowens was nearly as exciting as the game - last minute entries raised the total to 17 players. The first match was played on the same night as the draw, possibly indicating desire for revenge in the casualties from the O'Connell Cup.

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CRICKET

Anyone for Cricket!

The 1981/82 Cricket Season is now close at hand with matches due to start at the beginning of December. All members interested in playing for The British Club are invited to register their interests as soon as possible.

For newcomers, The Thailand Cricket League operates two competitions, a 25-over league, and a 40-over league, all games being played at The Royal Bangkok Sports Club. Usually up to 6 teams compete in each competition and The British Club normally plays about 10 matches spread over the period to April. There are some opportunities for further participation in other representative matches.

Last year The British Club fielded a strong team winning the 25-over league and losing the prestigious Marshall Trophy awarded to the winners, the RBSC, by just 18 runs. This year we have lost most of last year superstars and are looking for new talent to maintain a reasonable challenge to the might of RBSC.

All playing standards are welcome and anyone interested should contact either Don Goodin, office 233-5968, home 286-3446, or Jack Dunford, office 234-7221, home 252-7221.

Most important for those non-RBSC members, please submit your names to Don Goodin or Jack Dunford so that passes can be issued by the RBSC for net practice.

Net practices have now started at RBSC, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for about an hour.

Please look on the notice board at the Club under cricket and place your name on the list, none too young none too old!

Darts Special

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While he was in the posture, an old lady passed and
inquired if he was all right. 'Alra? Igmmmlptk', he replied
at which point she ran away.

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sort of . . . muffled,' explained Mr Rowlands, a pottery
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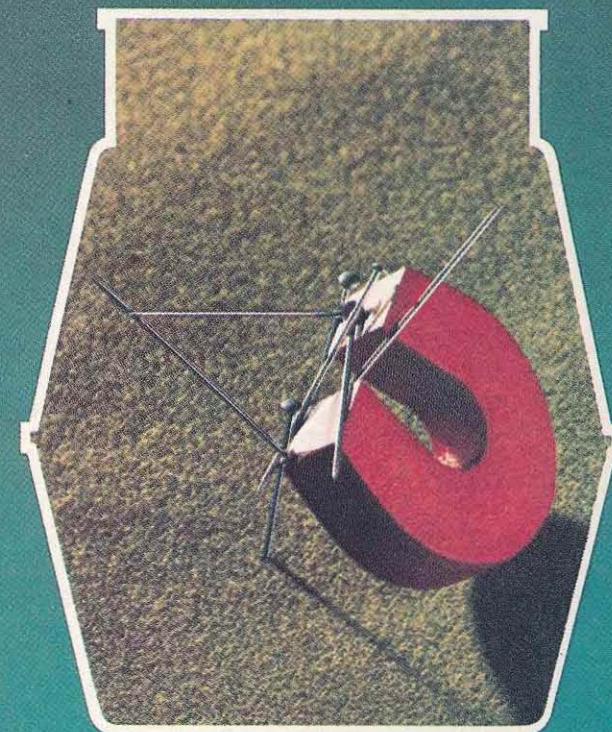
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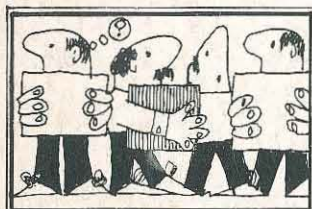
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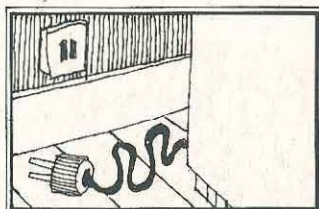
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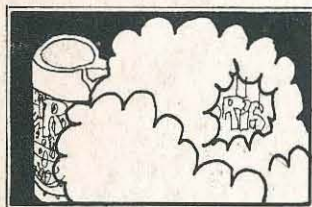
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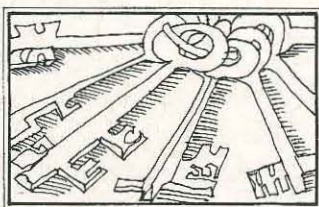
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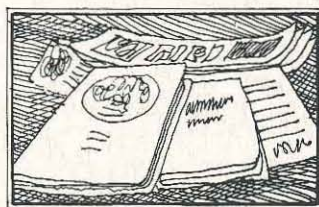
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