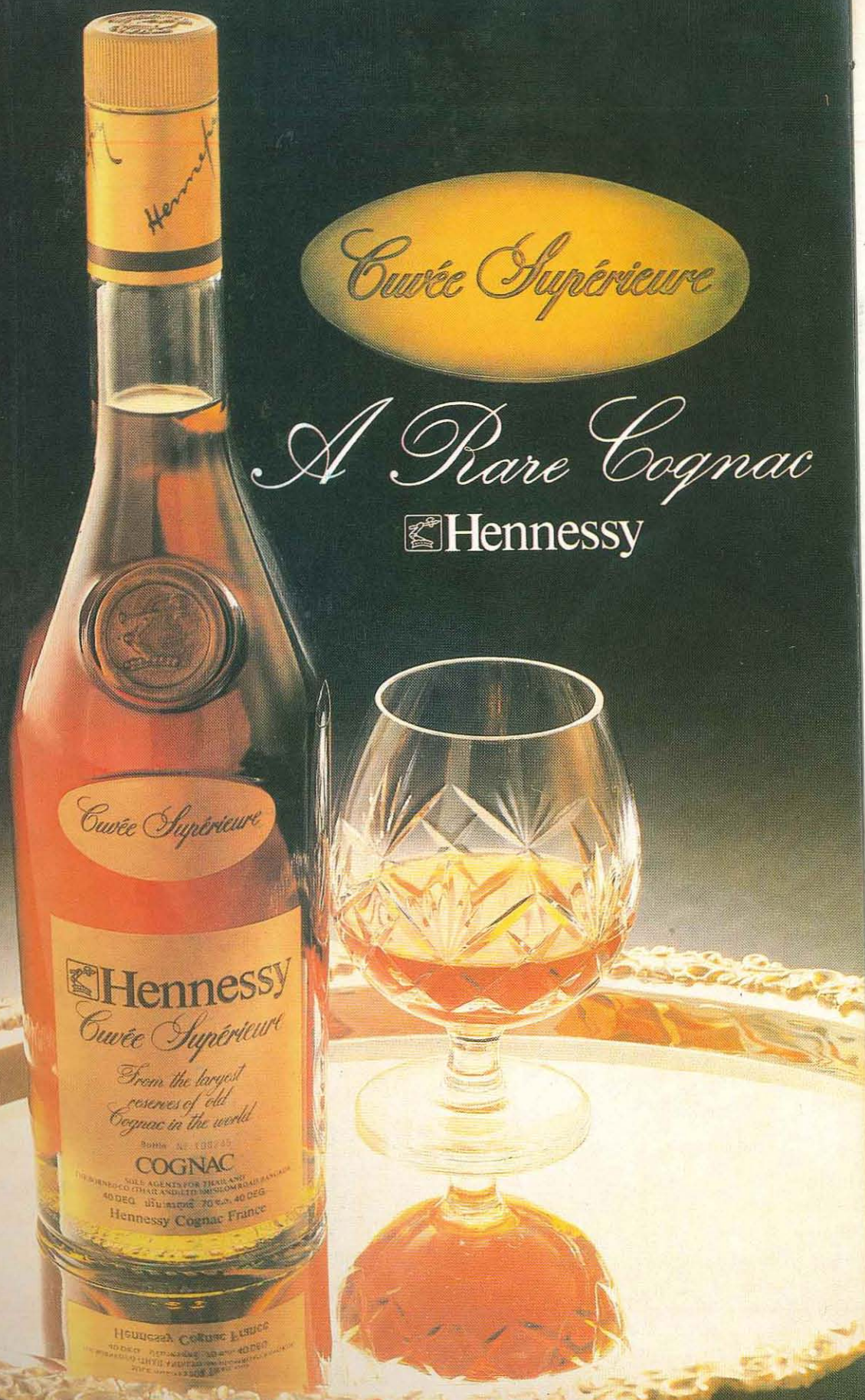


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Members interested in the various Club activities listed should contact the Committee Member responsible.

Editorial

As members will have noticed, several changes have occurred and there are two new faces on the committee.

First of all let us all welcome Roy Barrett as the new Chairman of the British Club who took over from John Williams. Geoff Percival now takes over as Vice-Chairman.

Stewart Fergus replaced Ian Fleming as our Food & Beverage committee member; we all wish both John and Ian the best of luck in their new assignments.

A committee member of past standing has recently been co-opted onto the committee and members who have been in Thailand over the past five years will remember the excellent job John Walker did in the past.

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Payment of monthly accounts is slipping again, and as members should realise, the club's cash flow is just as important as their own and their companies. The committee has introduced some new measures to try and combat this continuing problem, see Jingjok for details.

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

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to membership of the Club in October 1983

Ordinary

Mr. T.A. Adams	ABM Thailand Ltd.
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Mrs. J.A.F. Guthrie

Associate

Mr. J.E. Debouge	Thai-Shell E & P Co. Ltd.
Mr. J.P. Rooney	J.P. Rooney & Associates Ltd.

Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	419
Non-Voting	9
Associates	48
Ladies Privileges	34
Up-Country	19
Candidates	32

TOTAL 561

Absent 689

1250

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1. The club is experiencing an increase in late payment of monthly accounts. Persistent offenders will be asked to increase their deposit with the club. In addition, the charge for first notification of late payment will be Baht 100 and the second will be Baht 200 as of 1st November.
2. Members will experience a slight increase in Food and Beverage charges as the new tax on associations goes into effect from 21st of December. The 1% tax will be added to Members' bills at the end of each month.
3. Dinner Video appeal:

If club members have video tapes they feel would be suitable for the Saturday Dinner Video would they please contact Mr. Stewart Fergus.
4. The Dining Room will be ready during the middle of November with a new chef to serve our members.

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

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Geoff Percival, Geof Connor, Bill Friel

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The Editor,
OUTPOST
The British Club

3rd October, 1983

Dear Sir,

I would like to express via your excellent magazine my appreciation of the service and facilities provided by the British Club which I have enjoyed for four years. My thanks are extended to those often forgotten Founders, and successive committees who have developed the Club to its present maturity, but in particular I thank Bob Vlietstra, the present Committee and the Club staff for making the British Club an excellent haven for the globe-trotting Briton.

I take this opportunity to say farewell to many that I have not been able to see during the last two weeks. I wish all my friends in the B.C. health, happiness and prosperity. My UK address and phone number is above for use by any who wish to contact me there.

May the British Club and OUTPOST continue to flourish!

Yours faithfully,

E.I. Hill

E.I. Hill (H44)

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD*

Everything Midas touched turned to gold. (Everything?) This made life so difficult for him that he prayed to be released.

The Alchemists, on the other hand, try as they would with their spells and retorts, could turn nothing into gold. Which is just as well when you come to think of it.

Poor old Martin Frobisher made three painful journeys over 400 years ago in search of the North West Passage, returning with a cargo of gold ore. Such a pity for him that it turned out to be iron pyrites or "fool's gold".

What they were all after was, of course, wealth. We are more enlightened and know that real wealth derives from savings put to efficient and profitable use. Easily said, but what is "efficient & profitable use"?

David Reoch of Croucher Reoch & Partners Ltd, 10 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1EF specializes in advising expatriates on "efficient & profitable" tax free investments both before and after their return to the UK. He will be staying at the Oriental Hotel on 18th and 19th November. Appointments to see him without obligation can be made via Gregory Meadows' office at the Oriental.

* A bottle of Scotch Whisky for the first person to ring David Reoch after 8 a.m. on the 18th November at the Oriental Hotel to correct this misquotation.

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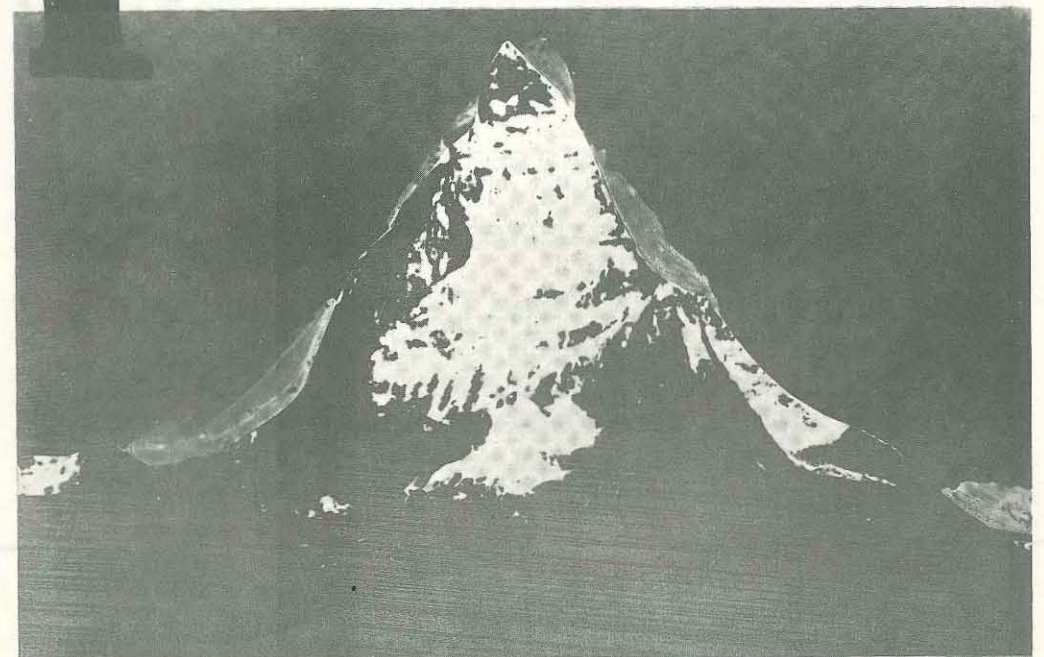
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MORE ABOUT MIRAS

After all that has appeared in the Press on the subject, there cannot be many British expatriates who do not know that these initials stand for Mortgage Interest Relief at Source. However, that is where the certainty ends. Ask five expatriates what the rules are and you are likely to get five different answers!

In this article we attempt to dispel some of the fog which surrounds the subject. Remember though, that the legislation is very new and that the Revenue are still developing their interpretation of it. Consequently, this piece cannot be regarded as the last word on the subject.

The Background

With effect from the 6th April 1983, anyone with a mortgage to which the MIRAS scheme applies, can deduct tax at the basic rate of 30% when paying his interest. For the average U.K. resident, this simply changes the method by which he gets his relief. It used to be given by allowance in his tax coding. Under the new arrangement, he recovers it by deduction at the time the interest is paid.

Likewise, the expatriate with income chargeable to tax in the U.K. could get relief for his mortgage interest by setting it off against that income. But, for the typical expatriate who has no income chargeable to tax in the U.K., MIRAS can bring about relief where there was none before. The Inland Revenue are not noted benefactors – after all their job is to collect tax not distribute it – but they are, in effect, offering expatriates who can comply with the rules a subsidy of 30% of the mortgage interest they pay.

The Lender Must Qualify.....

The legislation sets out all of the classes of lender who qualify to operate the scheme. It is for each individual lender to apply for inclusion and, not surprisingly, representatives of all of the major sources of mortgage finance – for example Building Societies, Banks and Insurance Companies – have done so. But the scheme does not apply to private lenders, so if you have your loan from Aunt Freda's Trust you will have to continue paying your interest gross and claiming your relief separately – if you can.

..... and so must the Borrower

In this case it is easier to say who will not qualify. The scheme excludes those who are exempt from U.K. tax on their salaries by reason of 'some special exemption or immunity from tax'. Consequently, foreign diplomats and servicemen in the U.K. will not be able to claim the relief.

However, this provision does not exclude British expatriates. Their earnings avoid U.K. tax because of the operation of the general law and not through any special exemption or immunity. Furthermore H.M. diplomatic and service personnel are not prevented from claiming the relief simply because they receive a tax-free overseas allowance.

The Loan itself

Herein lies the greatest obstacle which the expatriate must surmount if he is to obtain the relief.

The loan must have been taken for the purchase or improvement of a property in the U.K. which is used wholly or to a substantial extent as the only or main residence of the borrower, his former or separated spouse or a dependent relative.

The Inland Revenue have indicated that this would normally be the property which is the family home where friends and correspondents would expect to find the family.

Consequently, it is something of a surprise to learn that they will regard this test as satisfied if one or other of the spouses live in the property for 92 consecutive days every year. The rule will be applied with some flexibility but it will not, for example, be sufficient if the property is lived in, say, for two spells of 45 days every year.

For those who cannot comply with this rule, there is an extra-statutory concession, although even this will be of little help to the expatriate with an open-ended contract.

In the first place one must show either, that the property was used as the main residence before going overseas or, that it was purchased during a leave and then lived in for a three month period by one or other of the spouses. Then, provided that the overseas employment is for a period of not longer than four years and the property is expected to be lived in again at the end of this time, the loan will be regarded as within the rules.

What is more, if the spouse who had the overseas employment then lives in the property for a further period of three consecutive months, he can repeat the process for a further period not exceeding four years and so on indefinitely. However, a word of warning is necessary here. In these circumstances, the expatriate could well become resident in the U.K. once again which might be undesirable.

Claiming the Relief

For new loans, claims setting out all of the circumstances should be lodged with the Inspector of Taxes to whom Returns are submitted. For many expatriates, there is no need to submit a Return and in this case the claim should go to:-

The Central Unit (MIRAS),
1st Floor
St. John's House,
Merton Road,
Bootle,
Merseyside,
L69 9BB.

When it has been agreed that the relief is due, the Inland Revenue will authorise the lender to accept payments of interest net. However, if the relief is dependent upon the happening of a certain event - say living in the property for a period of three months - the authorities will want that to happen before the relief is granted. In the meantime, interest will have to be paid gross but after the relief is approved a direct repayment will be made.

Any mortgage already in being on the 6th April 1983 will have been brought into the MIRAS scheme automatically unless the lender was aware of any circumstances which seemed to make it ineligible. Consequently, most expatriates will have received letters indicating that the relief could not be allowed without more information.

Choose your Lender carefully!

The maximum loan for which relief is available is £30,000 (increased from £25,000). For loans in excess of £30,000, MIRAS does not apply unless the lender agrees to a special scheme under which he collects the interest relative to £30,000 of the loan net and the balance gross. So, an expatriate who borrowed £35,000 from, say, the Midland Bank (who agreed to the special scheme) will be allowed to pay

6/7ths of his interest net. But if he borrowed from one of the big Building Societies (none of whom were included in the special scheme) he will get no relief at all unless he has some U.K. income to set the interest off against. Consequently, by using the wrong lender, you could lose relief of close to £1,000 a year.

Furthermore, for the one year 1983/84 the same situation will apply in relation to loans of between £25,000 and £30,000.

An opportunity not to be missed

Those expatriates who can organise their personal arrangements so as to bring their mortgages within the MIRAS scheme are in a very enviable position. They can effectively get relief for their mortgage interest as if they were residents of the U.K. whilst at the same time investing their own money in a tax free form. The benefit of this is shown in the table below.

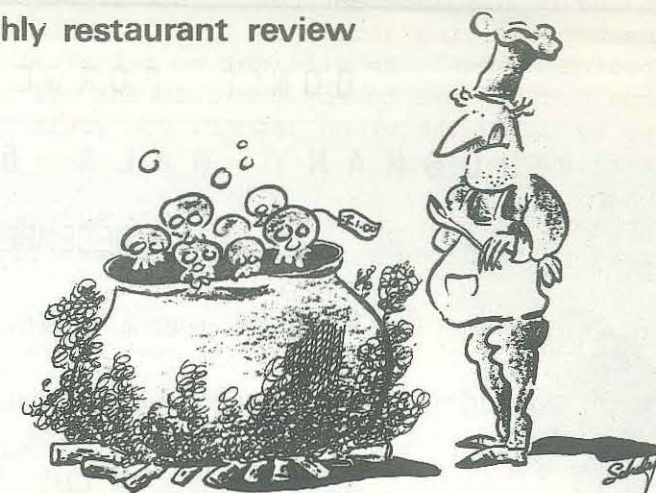
<u>U.K. Mortgage Interest</u>		<u>Offshore Deposit</u>
£30,000 @ 11% = £3,300		£30,000 @ 10% = £3,000
<u>deduct MIRAS relief</u>		
@ 30%	£ 990	
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CORKAGE

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For your interest, the following are corkage charges applied by some of the restaurants that have been or will be mentioned in this column:-

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Rama Hotel (Grill)	200.-	200.-	
Royal Orchid (Grill)	100.-		
Le Vendome	120.-	150.- (variable)	
Two Vikings	150.-	200.-	
Siam Inter (Grill)	100.- (variable)		
Oriental (Normandie & Lord Jims)	120.-		
Peninsula (Brasserie)	200.-	300.-	
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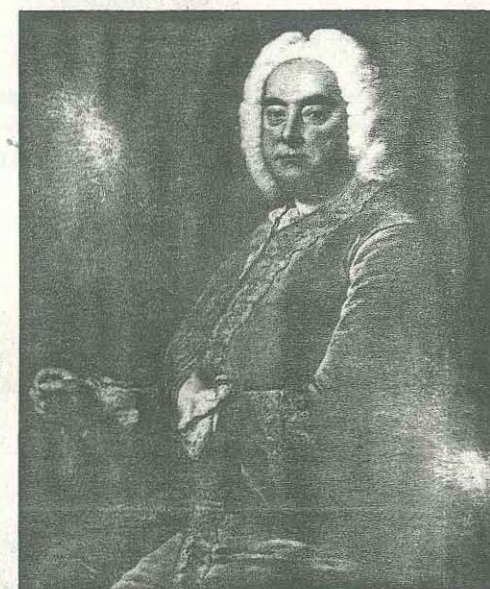
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HANDEL'S INFLUENCE

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL - his own final choice of spelling - was born at Halle on 23rd February 1685. His father was a doctor (a 'barber surgeon') and his mother the daughter of a Protestant priest. His natural aptitude for music was, happily, encouraged, and at the age of 17 he was appointed head organist at Halle Cathedral. His flair for composition was soon in evidence when he moved to the opera house at Hamburg, playing in the orchestra and composing several operas which were not wholly successful. Soon he decided to spend a term



George Frideric Handel

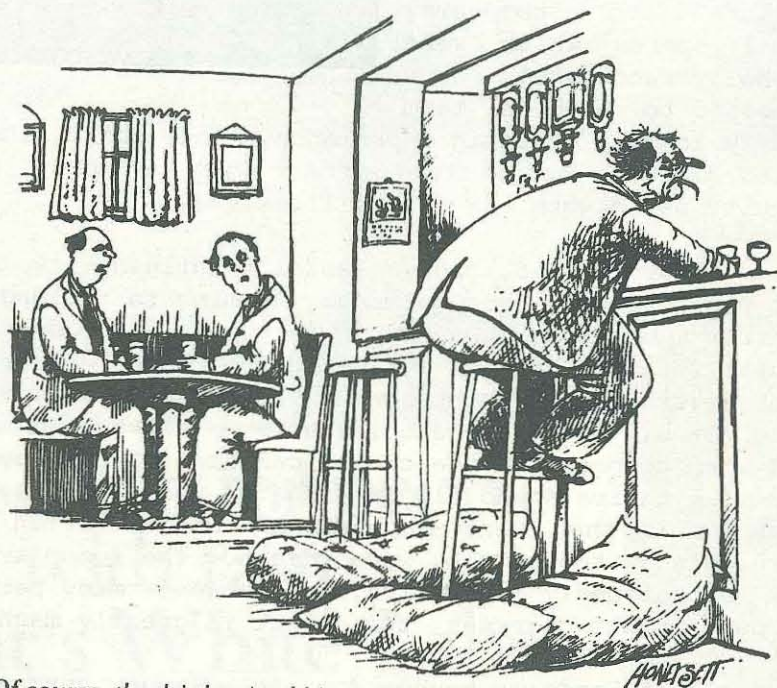
in Italy to gain operatic experience, and while there is reputed to have had a love affair with a young singer, ambiguity as to whom she was still exists.

A contemporary of J.S. Bach, Handel's influence on English music was to become overwhelming. Coming to England in his youthful days and remaining there until his death, his pursuits found favourable outlet in both opera and oratorio. His orchestral and keyboard music in no way compares with that of Bach, but his oratorios have a flavour about them which when compared to the church cantatas of his contemporaries make theirs sound almost archaic. Whereas Bach treated voices as if they were instruments, Handel often treats instruments as though they were voices. The sonority of his works is profoundly impressive, and however many performers take part in his choruses, the effect is greatly magnified.

An example of Handel's keyboard music appears currently in an HMV recording of four of his Recorder Sonatas played by Hans-Martin Linde and Christopher Hogwood (ASD 1466831), and there are many other recordings of his operatic and orchestral essays. It is due to his 'Messiah' (first performed at the Music Hall, Fishamble Street Dublin on 13th April 1742) however, that George Frideric Handel is best-known. The

outstanding tribute which earned him such supremacy over so many other oratorio composers was spontaneous versatility of melodic invention. 'For unto us' is followed by 'Rejoice greatly', 'He shall feed His flock', 'Why do the nations', and 'I know that my Redeemer liveth'. Therein lies an infinite variety of richness.

Handel died in 1759. Englishmen, at any rate, have never swerved from allegiance to their adopted countryman, and will always regard him as an outstanding figure in the history of music. How right they are!



"Of course, the drink ruined him as a stuntman."

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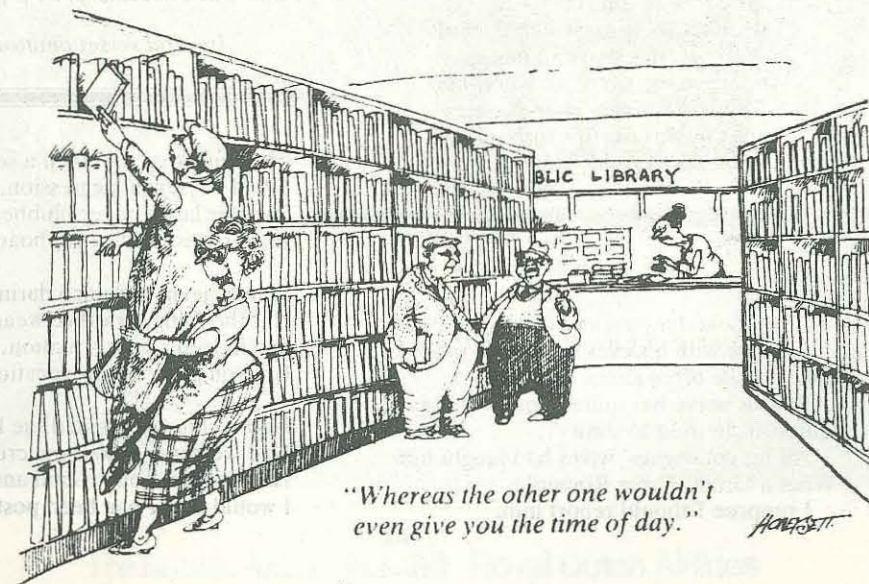
We'll be running a bookstall at the Ploenchit Fair at the British Embassy on Saturday 19 November 1983. We're looking for interesting and attractive books to sell at the stall in aid of the wide range of charitable causes aided by the Fair.

Can you help? If you have any books at home you no longer want to hold on to, please consider leaving them with me, Valerie Teague, at the British Council in Siam Square, or with Khun Chow at the British Embassy.

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"Whereas the other one wouldn't even give you the time of day."

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And help your nine unions to see this thing through.
What bleeders, your leaders! They do it to vex—
They call off all strikes and they come up with Sex.

"The Romeo threat, it can now be disclosed,
Is vastly more grave than was ever supposed."
So hands up, those girls in Consumer Affairs,
Who've had any trouble with wolves on the stairs!

We *must* have some guidelines! We cannot afford it—
This foreplay going on in Exchequer and Audit.
In DHSS there's a powerful notion
That granting of "favours" brings instant promotion.

The whole of Environment's riddled with vice,
And dark are the tales from the Board of Excise.
But let us reflect, ere we dish out the blame,
That things in the unions may well be the same.

The civil servants 'as their faults,
And lots of 'em is fickle,
They likes to linger wiv their birds
And practise slap and tickle
And when the sirens go whoo-hoo
They rush down 'elter-skelter
Andsit intwos likethis forhours
Inside their ruddy shelter.

(Female solo)

Harry looked me up and down,
Harry with his eyes undressed me,
Harry is the office clown,
But his nerve has quite impressed me.
Clumsily he tried to show
All his colleagues' wives had taught him.
What a Grade Three Romeo!
I suppose I should report him.

Clerks of Treasury are we,
Libertines of low degree.
Hey, nonny, nonny O!
Ours is not a sacred flame,
Filthy dalliance is our game!
Hey, hey, nonny!

In the file-room, pouncing, leering,
Pinching, pressing, pushing, peering,
Grabbing, pulling, grunting, groping,
Much rebuffed, but always hoping!

Clerks of Treasury are we,
Steeped in office lechery.
Hey, nonny, nonny O!
Lost to honour, lost to shame,
Filthy dalliance is our game!
Hey, hey, nonny!

In the basement, circling, pinching,
Goosing, panting, clutching, clinching,
Touching, tickling, patting, nipping,
Squeezing, nuzzling and unzipping,
And, when necessary, r-i-p-i-n-g !

(several verses omitted)

Ae fond kiss, and then a session
Filled wi' sexual aggression.
Sweeter lassie never blubbered
In a Scottish Office cupboard.

Jeanie, jeans are unco daring!
Not the thing for office wearing.
Sad indeed's your situation,
But you gave me provocation.

Had you never dressed sae lewdly,
Had we never talked sae crudely,
Had you not gone round and boasted,
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GOLF

TOMMY MADAR DAY

2nd of October 1983 Rose Garden

This was a memorable event as this day was Tommy's last official day with his fellow golfing friends on a British Club regular outing.

Tommy was chauffeured to the course in a Mercedes Benz and sitting in the back seat with Tommy was Les Vize on arrival Tommy was greeted by all, and all members attending were given a fact sheet of what this day was all about the following is a copy of the fact sheet.

TOMMY MADAR GOLF DAY

Rose Garden 2nd October 1983 08:30 Hours

I am electing Tommy, Captain on this day, as I feel it an honour, as I am sure we all do, that Tommy Captain us on his day.

The following is a record of The British Club Golf Section past Captains and Tommy Madar's involvement.

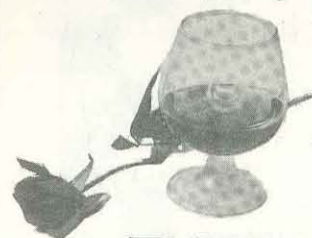
The section was formed in June 1964 i.e. this is our 20th Anniversary.

1964 S.G. (Sam) Boyd	1975 E.C. (Eric) Howell
1965 R.A. (Dick) Kennedy	1976 J. (Jim) Davidson
1966 W.C. (Bill) Falconer	1977 A.P. (Peter) Adcock
1967 R.A. (Dick) Kennedy	1978 A.P. (Peter) Adcock
1968 T.A. (Tommy) Madar	1978 J. (John) Leneghan
1969 T.A. (Tommy) Madar	1979 J.P. (John) Burrows
1970 A.P. (Peter) Adcock	1980 J. (John) Davidson
1971 C.L. (Lloyd) Thomas	1981 J. (John) Kerr
1972 M.R. (Mike) Neville	1982 J. (John) Kerr
1973 M.N. (Mike) Phelan	1983 I. (Ian) Halliday
1974 A. (Alistair) Lapping	1983 D. (Don) Goodin

It is interesting to note Tommy Madars service on the Committee.

1964 Secretary	1970 Handicapper	1975 Handicapper
1965 "	1971 "	1976 "
1966 "	1972 "	1977 Member
1967 "	1973 "	1978 "
1968 Captain	1974 "	1979 "
1969 "		

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As a new comer myself to British Club golf section I had to seek help on past records and Peter Adcock was of valuable assistance. Bring your makeup, as photos will be taken.

Have an enjoyable game.

DONALD GOODIN

Captain

As Tommy was Captain on the day he had the pleasure of teeing off-first and we have all seen Tommy play golf as it was not his best shot but one could understand this, as the gallery of golfers were standing by watching the veteran tee off, however his game improved and his usual good timing was a pleasure to watch and of course with partners Les Vize, Peter Adcock and myself enjoying his company.

30 players attended this day which was our booking limit.

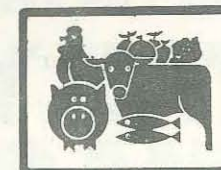
Winner flight A.	Roy Marsden
Runner up flight A.	Pravit
Winner flight B.	Barry Hyde
Runner up flight B.	Ambassador J. Staples
Best front nine flight A.	R. Armstrong
Best front nine flight B.	C. Amos
Best back nine flight A.	M. Lazenby
Best back nine flight B.	S. Lamb

A presentation was then made to Tommy of a fine plaque which read "To Tommy Madar Captain of the day Rose Garden Golf course 2-10-83 best wishes go with you from all fellow golfers of the British Club." This gift was donated by all members of the British Club Golf Section. Also a British Club sporting bag was presented by the club and various other gifts from the Captain and all wishing him well.

Mr. Roy Barrett spoke on behalf of the general committee and thanked Tommy for his valuable efforts in his association with the British Club in general then announced that Tommy from this day was hereby an honorary member of the British Club.

The Captain on behalf of all members wished Tommy good health a safe trip to America and a long and happy life with his family.

The following is a copy of Tommy Madar letter in response to Tommy Madar Day thanking all in sundry.



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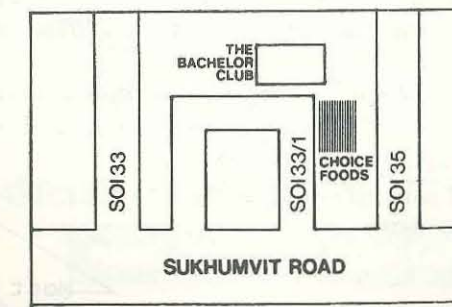
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5th October, 1983

Don Goodin Esq.
Captain, Golf Section
The British Club
Bangkok, Thailand.

My dear Don,

I shall always remember Sunday October 2, 1983, the Rose Garden gathering of the British Club Golfers which undoubtedly through your guidance and the very active assistance of your Committee members proved once again a most enjoyable and successful event on your golf calendar.

I was astounded at the many gifts and mementoes presented to me, particularly your own inclusions will be treasured by myself and family.

As the incumbent Captain of the Golf Section, you and your Committee in your year of office have more than upheld the good name of the Section. I salute you all as I fully know how much time and effort is involved, with all the frustrations one meets on the booking of tee off times.

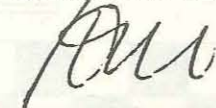
I also wish to thank many members of the golf section who have helped me especially in transportation to and from the golf courses and also previous committee members with their valuable assistance.

My new address will be c/o Mrs. J.M. Baker, 384 Oak Tree Drive, La Place, Louisiana 70068, U.S.A. Telephone No. 1-504-652-7536, which is on the out skirts of New Orleans.

Should you or any one of your Committee Members ever come that way I will be delighted to meet you and buy you a noggin and possibly arrange a golf game.

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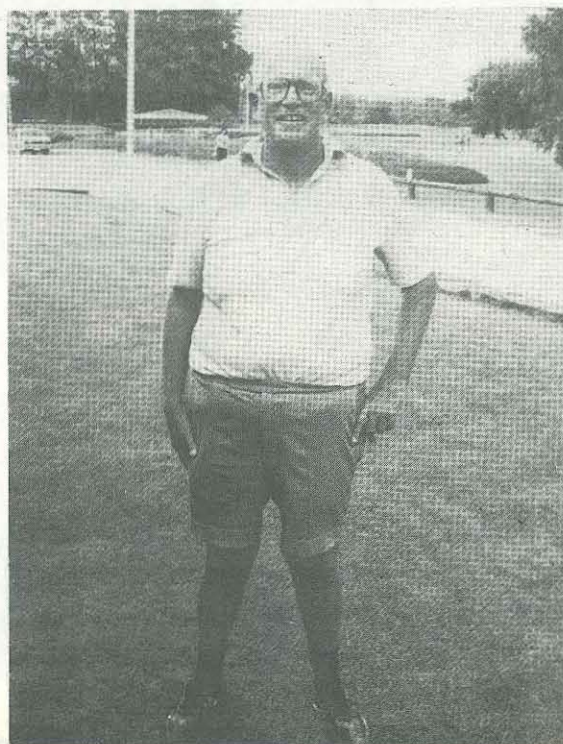
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16th October 1983 - Captain's Day

Group A. Match play Group B. Stableford

25 players travelled to Bang Phra Golf course on Sunday the 16th October 1983 for the Captain's Day the course in general was reasonably dry but greens were well watered and players soon discovered that attacking the pin was the order of the day.

The highlight of the day was Peter Adcock's eagle on the 18th green yes the 18th green, with a superb drive (longest drive) and his second shot actually landed only 50 c.m. past the pin but with a certain amount of backspin and fall on the green the ball came back and dropped in for an eagle 2.

The Captain's prize for the winner group A. Dinner for 2 at Captain Bush Grill Royal Orchid Hotel was won by Peter Adcock 75, the Captain's prize for the winner of group B. Dinner for 2 at Giorgio's Restaurant Royal Orchid Hotel was won by Norman McDonald 41, Group A. Runner up was John Duquenne 76, group B. Runner up was Ken Long 32, Best front nine group A. Peter Smith 38, Best back nine Hans Daniels 36, group B. Best 1st nine Reg Laville, Best 2nd nine David Factor, closest to the pin on holes 12 and 17 were P. Adcock and Viki McWilliam, the prizes for closest to the pin as always are Chartered Bank Golf balls which have that logo well known to many British Club players, even seen for sale around the golf courses of Bangkok after having being retrieved from the various klongs.

The eagles nest was 23 balls so its back to a ball again.

Next British Club Outing will be the match of the year the Aussies V.S. The Brits at Hua Mark 11:43 a.m. on 30th October 1983.

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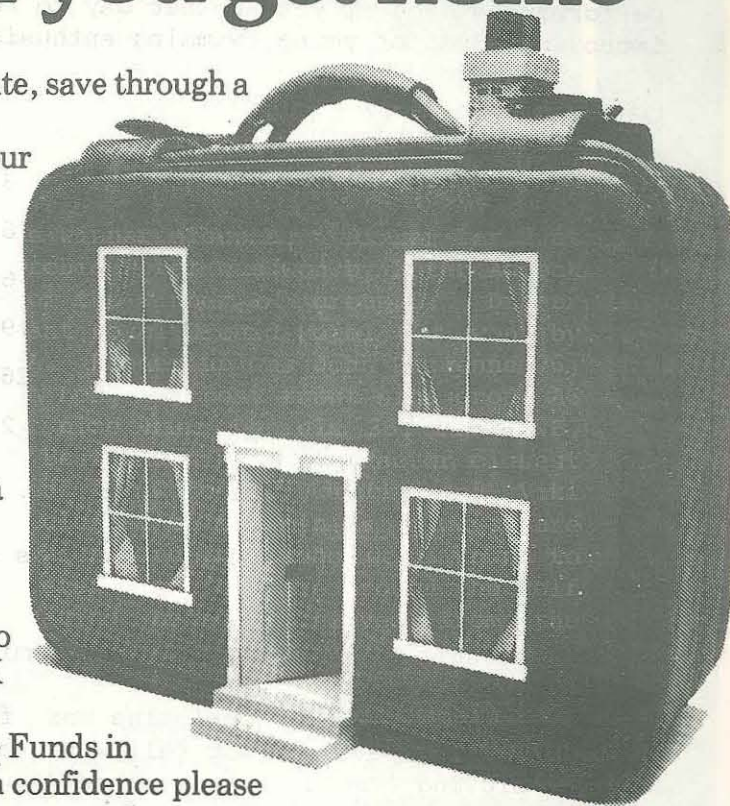
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SWIMMING

October Gala; 2nd October

Conflicting events resulted in a much depleted turn out of just 16 swimmers. Nevertheless, a number of personal best performances made it yet another day to remember for our ever improving squad of young swimming enthusiasts.

Personal "Bests"

Nicholas Baillie	- 7B	- 3 secs for Free
Zoe O'Connor	- 9G	- 6 secs for Free
Trinity Cox	-11G	- 6 secs for Free
*Krite Erswell	-13B	-19 secs for Free
		-26 secs for I.M.
Seksan Collins	-15B	- 2 secs for Free

* Improver of the Month for October.

Very Well Done to Krite and colleagues - keep up the good work coaches!

The full result details are on the Swimming Board.

A special Thank You to Christine Cox for supervising the events in the absence of her fellow sub-committee members (at the conflicting events or "mai sabaaj")

Full-time Coaching

Thanks to a great (and patient) scheduling job by Katherine Passmore, some 66 swimmers have been fitted in to our near (trial) full-time coaching programme.

Apologies to the 6 swimmers still on the waiting list but we are trying to persuade people to switch to the new (and vacant) Monday and Friday times to make room for you ASAP.

May we please emphasize that the schedule (in both timings and activities) is completely flexible and all constructive requests and views are most welcome - to help us try and please the majority of participating swimmers (and parents).

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- * all swimmers signed up for lessons may join in the same-day training sessions "free" - and Saturday 0900 - 1030 "free".
- * half the pool is condoned off to keep lanes 4/5/6 free for all swimmers not involved in the current training activities.
- * non-members, signed in by members, have (according to the BCB Rules and Regulations) every right to utilise the pool.

Complaints

The Swimming Sub-Committee have received a number of basic complaints to the new full-time training programme and every effort is being made to ascertain the level of support amongst the membership of such views. The programme will not be continued in its present form after the end of its 3-month trial period (or possibly terminated beforehand) if we can ascertain that a significant group of the membership are against the programme.

Some Views received:

- * The pool is not designed for swimming training and is a place for relaxation.
- * The swimmers "ploughing up and down" are disturbing the mothers and children who wish to use the pool.
- * The change from occasional Tuesday and Thursday (3 hours for 2 days) training to a full programme (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri for 1330-1900, Sat, Sun for 0900-1200) is too drastic a move.

For the record:

Over the past 2 years, with more and more swimming enthusiasts wishing to train, the classes for Beginners comprised upto 6 or more participants with Junior/Inter/Senior classes of over 10. The 1630 - 1730 training sessions often were attended by over 20 swimmers, using the whole pool, "ploughing up and down".

The results were:

- * unhappy mothers who felt that "Johnny" wasn't showing the expected improvements.
- * unhappy coaches who were struggling with oversize classes and unable to operate any real structured training programme for such a varying (in skills) mass of swimmers.
- * swimming times that showed little improvement and certainly no new BCB records - and then a reduction in training numbers.

The full-time (trial) programme was so designed as to attempt to solve these problems and to ensure that, at all times, part of the pool is free for non-trainers.

The reaction to the programme, with 66 + 6 (waiting) participants in the first month has been, it is felt, most encouraging but certainly not conclusive for the programmes continuation.

The ISB have been invited to send a team to Kuala Lumpur for a regional gala in February '84 and two BCB club members asked if there would be any objection (being part of that team) to invite, as formal guests, some 6-8 non-member ISB swimmers to join our training only (i.e. no lesson time) sessions on:

Tuesday 1530 - 1630

Thursday 1530 - 1630

Normally, under the old programme, this is when the pool is completely taken over by the trainers. The proposal was agreed to, on a trial and unofficial basis, on condition that:

the two BCB members signed in the visiting non-members and acquainted them with the general rules of the club.

the BCB membership and other trainers were not inconvenienced.

Unfortunately, a group of member's wives were inconvenienced by this arrangement, to an extent that a formal complaint was lodged in the Poolside "Suggestions Book".

The Outpost is a vehicle for member's views and the printed opinions are "not necessarily those of the G.C."

-- certainly we would welcome your views on the above subjects.

Next Gala: Sunday, November 6 starting 1130-1200 (Breast, Fly and I.M. events).

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CRICKET

The following conversation was very recently overheard in the men's room at the B.C.

J. Hi Ollie!

O. Hello Jack!

J. Thanks for coming to the cricket meeting last week. Not bad, was it?

O. Excellent, and congratulations on being re-elected Captain again.

J. Thanks a lot! Definitely a mistake to be in the John when that vote was taken.

O. Well, you know for next year. But what about your new Deputy?

J. Jeff Parry? He could hardly avoid the Vice's job; he'll have his work cut-out too. By the way, did you remember to get that slip-cradle to the club?

O. Jack, as the elected Treasurer, I'm not sure it's such a good idea. Since we'll be charging 20 Baht for each dropped catch again this season, if we improve our fielding too much we'd have a financial disaster. Without that money we could never have afforded new balls this year.

J. Oh no, not another season of infectious droppsies! Still, at least the committee didn't adopt your recommendation to charge 50 Baht for each catch held.

O. Pity that, I should have waited until the new Chairman went to the John.

J. Chairman? You mean chairperson surely! This is a democratic outfit, I'll have you know.

O. Oops, sorry about that. Anyway, I am not sure it was a good idea to give Gordon "The Pads" Burles the dual office of sitting in the chair and of being "dropped catch adjudicator".

J. I disagree, he has easily the most experience in both these departments.

O. What's the rest of our team like this year?

J. A bit early to say yet. We've lost of the "Old Guard"; Coghill, Piper, Goodin, Brook, Lockyer, Niemczyk, Eastaway, Apps, Staddon, that's nine gone but maybe some of the previous seasons' casuals will come on and we have quite a list of enthusiastic newcomers.

O. Sounds good, and as long as we have as much fun as last year, nobody will be complaining. I see RBSC are almost unchanged this season, electing Peter Wright as straight-man and Myles as P.R. Officer.

J. Yes, should be a bundle of fun that! Still we are eternally grateful for their generosity in providing us all with an opportunity to play cricket in Bangkok. I was delighted to see that they have now agreed to let us play an annual fixture of our choice on February 29th from now on.

O. Shouldn't it be April 1st?

J. No, that's on a Sunday and they might want to play cricket.

O. Talking about cricket....

J. (To himself) here we go, these foreigners are all the same!

O. ...I gather the B.C. has never before had as many games as planned this season.

J. That's right. With six 40 over league matches, seven 25 over league games, the RBSC Marshall Trophy, the Chiang Mai "Dick Woods' Cup", one other friendly up north and two traditional fixtures which see B.C. players taking part, that's at least 18 matches for some players.

O. By the way, train tickets for the Chiang Mai trip have been purchased. We're going up on the night of Friday 2nd December and returning on the Sunday night. The only problem is who will provide Fosters for the journey up?

J. I'll ask Bill Cox as the squashies are coming too. What's the price of the tickets?



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- O. For second class air conditioned sleepers, 836 Baht return. We'll have to think about booking the railway hotel again, that's about 350 Baht for a short night.
- J. It will be great to enjoy Chiang Mai's hospitality again and, if anyone wants to stay for an extra day's sight-seeing, the Monday is a public holiday.
- O. Beautiful ground, cool temperature, great friends, the weekend would be complete if we could beat them.
- J. Do you know, Ollie, that would be the first time! We'll need some practice though.
- O. I vaguely recollect someone approaching the subject at the meeting.
- J. Indeed, it was unanimously agreed, somebody put your hand up for you, that practices will be held....
- O. Weather permitting.
- J. ...At the club every Wednesday at 4.30 p.m. for about an hour and on Sundays at 3.00 p.m. for two hours.
- O. Will the new net be ready?
- J. Should be, the B.C. staff have done a great job clearing and reclaiming land alongside the clubhouse. Hopefully Barry Collins will have it all ready by the end of October including a carpet wicket - and of course, the slip cradle on the back lawn.
- O. Yes, pity that, unless of course we levy fines for dropped catches during practices....
- J. Only applicable to continentals!
- O. Well, perhaps not then. Tell me, what's happening about the umpire's course at RBSC which you went on and on about in last month's Outpost.
- J. Glad you enjoyed that. Yes, it's definitely on for everyone interested, on the nights of 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th November at RBSC at 7.00 p.m.; all cricketers should try to come and join the fun. It's only an hour or so, but don't tell the missus, and the Sports Club are providing free beer and snacks.
- O. Sounds like a must, I hope a lot turn up. We need a few umpires on our side usually.

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J. Quite! Did you hear that the Pakistanis are getting nicely organised this year?

O. Yes, the rumour has it they'll play the Indians on a Friday 13th!

J. That might add a bit of "spice" to the proceedings. Hey what?

O. No doubt, but wait until the Belgian Ambassador hears about it, he might also get ideas about next year. It's a shame for the colts though, isn't it?

J. Very sad, but being a team of mere boys ourselves, we should be able to accommodate a youngster in the team if he can put up with the banter that goes on; might improve the fielding a bit too.

O. You could do with improving your snooker, you were terrible after the meeting.

J. Wasn't too good, was it; I blame it on the bad roll on that table, it was like southport sand-dunes, either that or the floods are causing uneven subsidence! Jeff Parry's Aussie Rules didn't help much either.

O. I don't believe a word of it. Mind you that Jeff Parry could play a bit, couldn't he?

J. Not a word to anyone or he might decide the game is more his pace than cricket.

O. Why didn't he join us afterwards?

J. He knew that the Chairman and you would be engrossed in English lessons at the 99 language school.

O. You were rather moody about it all if I recall rightly.

J. Rotten wet night, wasn't it?

O. Yes, my feet feel wet now too, I better get back to the family. See you, Jack.

J. Amazing how far a small Kloster can go, isn't it! See you soon, Ollie.

Summary

1. Captain Jack Dunford; Vice Captain Jeff Parry; Chairman Gordon D. Burles (and dropped catches adjudicator); Treasurer Olivier de Braekeleer.
2. Practice at the B.C. Wednesday 4.30 p.m., Sunday 3.00 p.m. starting 2nd November (if possible).
3. First match: 3rd/4th December in Chiang Mai including "Dick Woods' Cup" travel Friday 2nd 6.00 p.m., return early Monday 5th; contact Jack Dunford (Tel. 234 0098 office) or Olivier de Braekeleer (Tel. 234 9260 office) if interested.
4. Season trough into May; 13 league games, 3 other B.C. fixtures and other opportunities in traditional games.
5. All matches at the R.B.S.C. (except Chiang Mai).
6. Playing fee 50 Baht per game (for kit fund); dropped catch fine 20 Baht.
7. Umpiring course at RBSC 7.00 p.m. on November 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th.



"Well, dialect jokes, mainly—corgis, alsatians, beagles . . ."



SQUASH

Undaunted by the torrential rain and some of the worse flooding experienced in Bangkok for many years over 35 members of our squash community braved the elements to participate in our Quantas sponsored Squash Fun Day on Sunday 9th October 1983.

Although the environment was damp and dreary, spirits were high and competition acute as everyone dashed around between courts in an attempt to maximise their participation in the numerous activities which were superbly orchestrated by Len Alexander and Lyn Cook.

Quantas Fun Day - Winners

One Pointer:	Divs 1-5	Steve Tapner Dave Mason
	Divs 6-10	Wayne Needoba Steve Cook/Ben Piper
	Divs 11-	Tony Healey Amnuay Alexander
Five Pointer:	Divs 1-5	Peter Dwyer Chris Platt
	Divs 6-10	J. Ross Wayne Needoba
	Divs 11-	Tony Healey Sriwan Forrest
Two Minute Game:	Divs 1-5	Bill Friel Rod Carter
	Divs 6-	Ria van Weers Constantine Annas
Volleying:	Kids	Colin McWilliams Rosy McWilliams
	Ladies	Ria van Weers
	Men	Len Alexander

Box Hits:	Kids	Colin McWilliams
	Ladies	Meg Friel
	Men	Steve Tapner
Baskets:	Open	Constantine Annas Hamish McWilliams
Booby Prize:	Men	Tony Austin
	Ladies	Rita Dunford

Once again we wish to extend our sincere thanks to Quantas for their excellent sponsorship and to all participants who helped to make this a very enjoyable day.

43rd Squash League - Results

Division 1	Pts	Division 2	Pts
1. Len Alexander	17	Chris Platt	17
2. Dave Mason	16	Steve Tapner	15
Division 3		Division 4	
1. Brian Brook	12	1. Brian Birley	14
2. Bruce Pointer	10	2. Ben Piper	13
Division 5		Division 6	
1. Tony Laven	13	1. David Parker	15
2. Peter Dwyer	12	2. Tom Annas	15
Division 7		Division 8	
1. Alex Hill	17	1. Michael Pallett	12
2. Roel van de Lint	17	2. Amnuay Alexander	10
Division 9		Division 10	
1. Jill van de Lint	13	1. Constantine Annas	12
2. Tony Healey	12	2. Ria van Weers	11
Division 11		Division 12	
1. Bert van Weers	18	1. Jantje Davison	15
2. Meg Friel	14	2. Prue Pointer	14
Division 13			
1. Sue Molle	12		
2. Rita Dunford	10		

Forthcoming Events

Don Johnson Cup and Parra Handy Plate

Tentatively scheduled for early November - watch the notice board for further details.

Chiang Mai Fixture

Tentatively scheduled for early December - all interested parties contact Len Alexander as soon as possible.

Handicap Competition and Plate

This competition is nearing in its final stages with handicaps proving just about right. Why not make a point of attending the final stages of this entertaining competition.

Top Ten

The following is the Top Ten ranked players in the world according to the ISPA World Ranking List as of May 20th 1983.

1. Jahangir Khan (PAK)	6. Stuart Davenport (NZ)
2. Qamar Zaman (PAK)	7. Phil Kenyon (ENG)
3. Dean Williams (AUS)	8. Ross Norman (NZ)
4. Hiddy Jahan (PAK)	9. Gawain Briars (ENG)
5. Gamal Awad (EGY)	10. Magdi Saad (EGY)

Note: Since publishing the above table Hiddy Jahan has become a British citizen and is leading the English team in the ISRF World Championship in New Zealand.

Know Your Squash

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

11. Appeals

- (a) An appeal may be made against any decision of the Marker, except for (b)(i) below.
- (b) (i) no appeal shall be made in respect of the Marker's call of "Foot-fault" or "Fault" to the first service.

- (ii) if the Marker calls "Foot-fault" or "Fault" to the second service, the server may appeal, and if the decision is reversed, a Let shall be allowed.

- (iii) if the Marker allows the second service, Hand-out may appeal either immediately, or at the end of the rally if he has played the ball, and if the decision is reversed, Hand-in becomes Hand-out.

- (iv) if the Marker does not call "Foot-fault" or "Fault" to the first service, Hand-out may appeal that the service was a foot-fault or a fault, provided he makes no attempt to play the ball. If the Marker does not call "Not up", "Out" or "Down" to the first service, Hand-out may appeal, either immediately or at the end of the rally, if he has played the ball. In either case, if the appeal is disallowed, Hand-out shall lose the stroke.

- (c) An appeal under Rule 6 shall be made at the end of the rally.

- (d) In all cases where a Let is desired, an appeal shall be made to the Referee with the words "Let, please". Play shall thereupon cease until the Referee has given his decision. This applies also to all appeals for a decision under Rule 12.

- (e) No appeal may be made after the delivery of a service for anything that occurred before that service was delivered.

12. Fair View, Freedom to play the ball, and Interference

- (a) After playing a ball, a player must make every effort to get out of his opponent's way. That is:

- (i) a player must make every effort to give his opponent a fair view of the ball, so that he may sight it adequately for the purpose of playing it.
- (ii) a player must make every effort not to interfere with, or crowd, his opponent in the latter's attempt to get to, or play, the ball.

- (iii) a player must make every effort to allow his opponent, as far as the latter's position permits, freedom to play the ball directly to the front wall, or permits, freedom to play the front wall, or side walls near the front wall.
- (b) If any such form of interference has occurred, and, in the opinion of the Referee the player has not made every effort to avoid causing it, the Referee shall on appeal, or stopping play without waiting for an appeal, award the Stroke to his opponent.
- (c) However, if interference has occurred, but in the opinion of the Referee the player has made every effort to avoid causing it, the Referee shall on appeal, or stopping play without waiting for an appeal, award a Let, except that if his opponent is prevented from making a winning return by such interference or by distraction from the player, the Referee shall award the Stroke to the opponent.
- (d) When, in the opinion of the Referee, a player refrains from playing the ball, which, if played, would clearly and undoubtedly have won the rally under the terms of Rule 9(a) or (b), he shall be awarded the Stroke.
- (e) If either the striker or non-striker unnecessary physical contact with his opponent the Referee may stop play and award a Stroke accordingly.

Notes to Referees

- (i) The practice of impeding an opponent in his efforts to play the ball by crowding or obscuring his view is highly detrimental to the game. Unnecessary physical contact is also detrimental as well as being dangerous. Referees should have no hesitation in enforcing Rule 12(b) and 12(e) above.
- (ii) The words "interfere with" in Rule 12(a) (ii) must be interpreted to include the case of a player having to wait for an excessive swing of his opponent's racket.

- 13. Let, When Allowed. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, and provided always that the striker could have made a good return:

(a) A Let may be allowed:

- (i) if, owing to the position of the striker, his opponent is unable to avoid being touched by the ball before the return is made.

Note to Referees. This Rule shall be construed to include the cases of the striker, whose position in front of his opponent makes it impossible for the latter to see the ball, or who shapes as if to play the ball and changes his mind at the last moment, preferring to take the ball off the back wall, the ball in either case hitting his opponent, who is between the striker and the back wall. This is not, however, to taken as conflicting in any way with the Referee's duties under Rule 12.

- (ii) if the ball in play touches any article lying in the court.
- (iii) if the striker refrains from hitting the ball owing to a reasonable fear of injuring his opponent.
- (iv) if the striker, in the act of playing the ball, touches his opponent.
- (v) if the Referee is asked to decide an appeal and is unable to do so.
- (vi) if a player drops his racket, calls out or in any other way distracts his opponent, and the Referee considers that such occurrence has caused the opponent to lose the stroke.

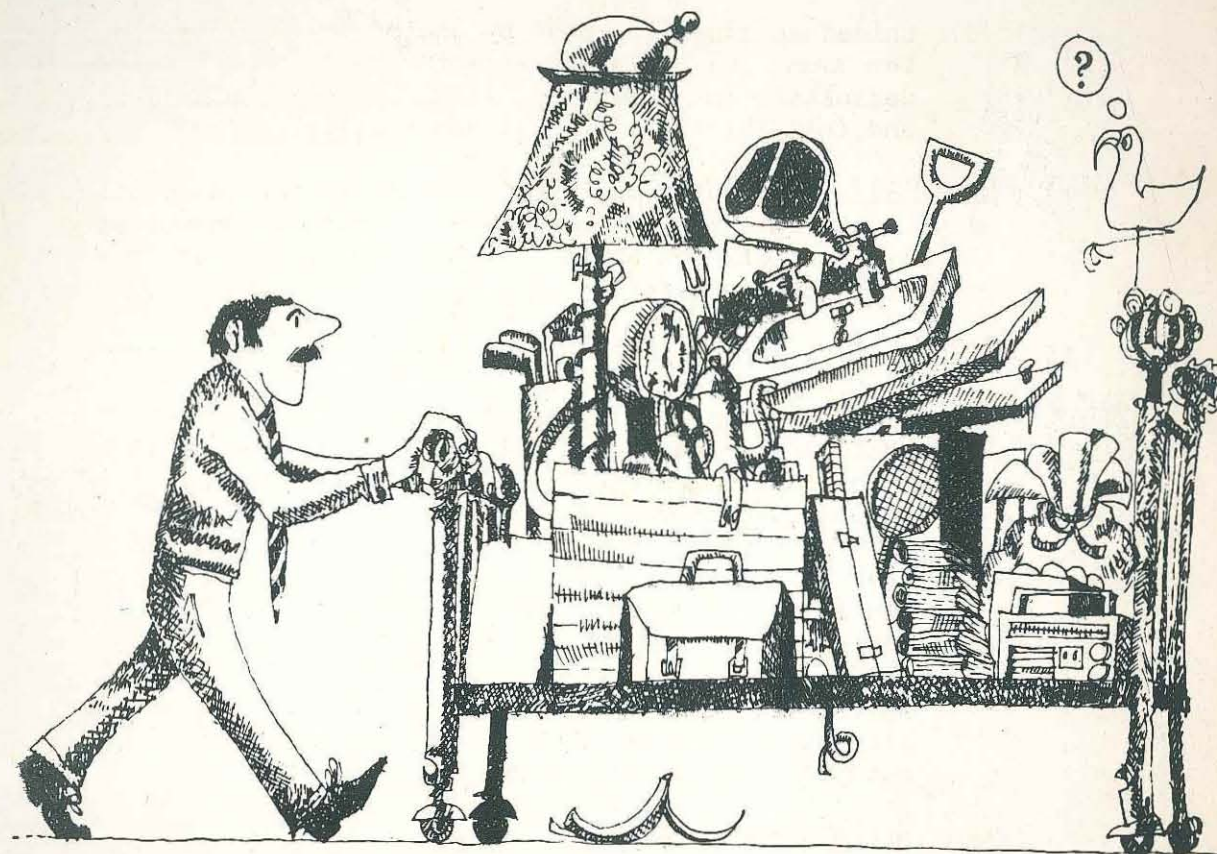
(b) A Let shall be allowed:

- (i) if Hand-out is not ready, and does not attempt to take the service.
- (ii) if the ball breaks during play.
- (iii) if an otherwise good return has been made, but the ball goes out of court on its first bounce.
- (iv) as provided for in Rules 9, 10, 11(b) (ii), 18 and 19.

- (c) No Let shall be allowed when the player has made an attempt to play the ball except as provided for under Rules 10, 13(a)(iv), 13(b)(ii) and (iii).
- (d) Unless an appeal is made by one of the players, no Let shall be allowed except where these Rules definitely provide for a Let, namely Rules 9(a) and (b), 10, 12, 13(b)(ii) and (iii).
14. **New Ball.** At any time, when the ball is not in actual play, a new ball may be substituted by mutual consent of the players, or, on appeal by either player, at the discretion of the Referee.
15. **Knock-up**
- (a) Immediately preceding the start of play, the Referee shall allow on the court of play a period not exceeding 5 minutes to the 2 players together for the purpose of knocking-up, or in the event of the players electing to knock-up separately, the Referee shall allow the first player a period of 3½ minutes and to his opponent 2½ minutes. In the event of a separate knock-up, the choice of knocking-up first shall be decided by the spin of a racket. The Referee shall allow a further period for the players to warm the ball up if the match is being resumed after a considerable delay.
- (b) Where a new ball has been substituted under Rule 13(b)(ii) or 14, the Referee shall allow the ball to be knocked-up to playing condition. Play shall resume on the direction of the Referee, or prior mutual consent of the players.
- (c) Between games the ball shall remain on the floor of the court in view and knocking-up shall not be permitted except by mutual consent of the players.

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