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EDITORIAL

With October came the last of the drift back from Annual Leave with most people very glad to be here after the appalling summer in UK. At least the rain in Bangkok only lasts for hours rather than weeks.

The painting of the Poolside area has brightened up this section enormously. What a shame we can't turn the whole place round and view the Main Clubhouse rather than the not-so-jolly green giant.

November promises to be a very busy month for the Club beginning with the Guy Fawkes Celebrations and continuing throughout the month with the dance practices for the St. Andrew's Ball on the 29th.

Commendations to those responsible for thinking up the Harold Mercer Trophy. This is a novel way to organise a competition. It should be a great tribute to him and a very enjoyable event for all levels of squash players.

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NOVEMBER DIARY

SAT	2	Children's Day and Guy Fawkes' Night	3	p.m.
SUN	3	Dinner Buffet		
MON	4	St. Andrew's Practice	7	p.m.
TUE	5	Varuna Yacht Club A.G.M.		
	4	General Committee Meeting		
FRI	8	Music Hall Night	8	p.m.
SAT	9	Endurance Tests	9	a.m.
		Dinner Video		
SUN	10	Swimming Gala 11.4	.5	a.m.
		Dinner Buffet		
MON	11	St. Andrew's Practice	7	p.m.
WED	13	Engineers' Society A.G.M.		
SAT	16	Dinner Video		
SUN	17	Dinner Buffet		
MON	18	St. Andrew's Practice	7	p.m.
TUE	19	General Committee Meeting		
FRI	22	Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth		
		B.C.T. Gala Performance at British Council	8	p.m.
SAT	23	Ploenchit Fair - British Embassy 10 a.m	5	p.m.
		Dinner Video		
		Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth	8	p.m.
SUN	24	Dinner Buffet		
		Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth	7	p.m.
MON	25	St. Andrew's Practice		p.m.
		Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth	8	p.m.
TUE		Loy Kratong		
WED	27	St. Andrew's Practice	7	p.m.
FRI	29	St. Andrew's Ball		
SAT	30	Dinner Video		
	Any acti	vities that members want to advertise in	th	е

Any activities that members want to advertise in the diary please contact: Terry Jezzeph 286 6625 Ext. 2F or leave information at reception.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the British Club in October 1985

ORDINARY:

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Mr.	P. Howley	USAID
Mr.	R. Kennedy	MLTD/RMJM
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Mr.	G.U.A. Martin		

STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary			10
Ordinary			330
Non-Voting			10
Associate			49
Ladies Privileges	7.799		34
Up-Country			19
Candidates			36
		TOTAL	488
Absent			818
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CLUB MANAGEMENT MATTERS

Poolside and Squash Court Cleanliness

Quite apart from the minor safety problem prevailing at the poolside at present I would like to apologize for the generally sub-standard level of cleanliness.

During the past few weeks in particular we have been constantly shrouded in a cloud of dust and dirt from the A.I.A. construction site. Despite constant cleaning this dirt is proving to be very difficult to control and as such I would ask for your patience and good will.

If, however, you feel that any areas are dirty through pure neglect or bad maintenance I would appreciate your informing me as soon as possible so that the problem can be rectified.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Recently, some members have phoned me feeling slightly aggrieved at having to pay a \$50 "levy" for late payment of their accounts. In many instances this has been because they have been away on leave. This "levy" can be easily avoided by following one of the two procedures listed below:-

- 1. Telephone the accounts office and arrange to have your bill made up to a date just prior to your holiday. If this is paid before you go away, obviously no levy will be incurred.
- 2. For those members who are regularly away on business, or who have difficulty getting to the B.C. to pay their bill, or who are just plain forgetful, the easiest way to avoid the levy is to keep your account in credit. This can easily be done by lodging a suitable sum with the accounts office to cover several months' bills in advance. This then only needs to be topped up as and when necessary.

I hope these suggestions will be helpful to those members who have perhaps incurred the \$50 levy in the past unnecessarily.

D.C. WILLIAMSON
Manager



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"Blimey that's expensive!"

(G. Percival - Treasurer)

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(J. Dunford - Vice Chairman)

"Have you got a shorter one?"

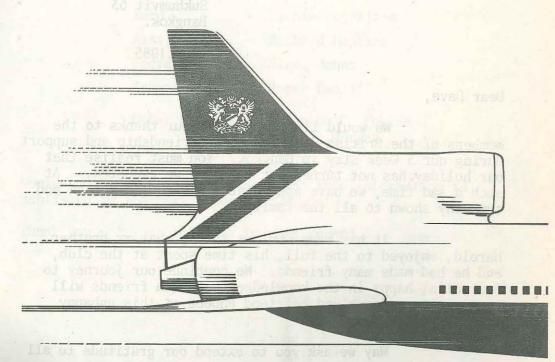
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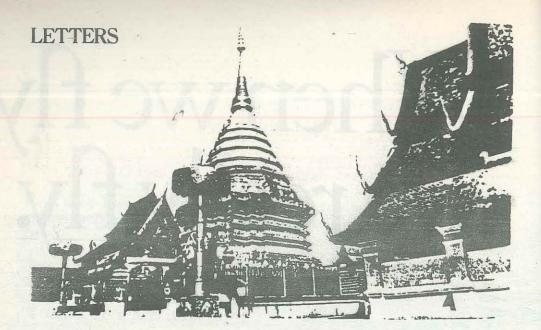
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Dear Dave,

We would like to express our thanks to the members of the British Club for their friendship and support during our 5 week stay in Bangkok. You must realise that our holiday has not turned out to be as we expected. At such a sad time, we have appreciated the consideration and sympathy shown to all the family.

It has been obvious to us, that my brother Harold, enjoyed to the full, his time spent at the club, and he had made many friends. We continue our journey to Australia, happy in the knowledge that such friends will continue to support and befriend Phoebe at this unhappy time in her life.

May we ask you to extend our gratitude to all concerned.

Yours sincerely, Lean and Brian Heywood Jean and Brian Heywood 29/2 Sukhumvit Soi 33 Bangkok October 28, 1985

THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY - Bangkok

1985 - 1986 COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you of the election of a new St. David's Society Committee.

At the Society's Annual General Meeting on October 25, 1985 the following members were elected:

Bard - Leonie Vejjajiva Asst. Bard - Richard Hopkins

Secretary - Nigel Johns
Treasurer - Roger Daniel

Other Members - Leighton D. Fowles
John D. Morgan
Thomas J. Evans

Would you be kind enough to see that this information is published in the next issue of "Outpost".

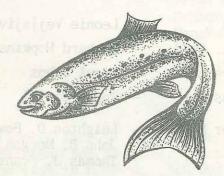
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Yours sincerely.

Leonie Vejjajiva Bard



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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we have to announce that

Mr. W.M. (Bill) JOHNSTON

a club member of many years standing passed away recently in Gibraltar. A stalwart at the bar and an excellent club supporter, he will be SADLY MISSED

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MUSIC HALL

Music Hall was descended from the tavern or pub sing-along, which, far from being a recent phenomenon, has been in existence since at least the Middle Ages in Britain. From Elizabeth I on, tavern music-making is better documented, and Samuel Pepys mentions it in his diaries. Things such as public concerts which we now take for granted did not then exist, classical music only being found in church or the rich home. Thus taverns were an important venue for amateur and professional music-making, from the refined to the bawdy, the gentleman's coffee house to the dockside tavern.

At the Restoration (about 1670 on) the pleasure gardens such as Vauxhall Gardens were popular places of entertainment followed by the coffee houses of the Georgian period, when Glee clubs also enjoyed a vogue. By the 1830s the Early Music Hall could be said to be in existence, when there were gentlemen's "song and supper" rooms, the working class taverns, and the "saloons" which catered for the more discerning working class with some drama as well as music.

A Chairman whose job was to introduce the various singers came into being, and some of the gifted amateurs became so popular that they would make the rounds of several establishments in an evening, becoming professional entertainers. The songs were sometimes bawdy versions of well-known airs, like the present day "rugby songs" and women were not usually allowed in. Songs such as "CAT'S MEAT NELL" and "THE MAID AND THE FISHMONGER" hail from this period.

The first MUSIC HALL as such was built in the 1850s, and various entrepreneurs built chains all over the country. By 1870 London had 30 Music Halls. You could eat, drink and smoke in them, as opposed to the theatres with Dramatic licences where the long intervals between acts allowed the audience to nip round the corner to the nearest public house for a quick one.

There were songs of every description, for example, patriotic songs, comic songs, songs about marriage (usually comic) and protest songs. Because of its ancestry, the Music Hall always had a touch of the bawdy or risque about it, although through the Victorian era it became milder and women were allowed in. Great performers, such as George Leybourne, the original "CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE", became famous throughout the land.

The golden era was from about 1890 to 1910, the time of stars such as Marie Lloyd ("A bit of a ruin that Cromwell knocked about a bit"), Albert Chevalier ("My old Dutch"), Charles Coburn ("Two lovely black eyes") and Gus Elen ("Waiting at the church"). Many of these stars had their stock characters, such as Albert Chevalier's Cockney porter, or sang songs of a particular type, such as Harry Lauder's Scottish songs. Most of the stars were present at the famous 1912 Royal Command Performance, and most of the popular "music hall" songs such as "Daisy", "I do like to be beside the seaside", etc., come from this Victorian/Edwardian period.

After 1912 the Music Hall gradually declined, although it remained popular during the First World War, most of the songs of the trenches being Music Hall numbers. There was more competition from the cinema, revues, and later the radio. Also there was the "American Invasion" of popular song with its Negro-Jewish influences, heralded by "Alexander's Ragtime Band" of 1911. After 1918 almost all the good popular songs were American, although Britain still had a few good popular composers such as Ivor Novello and Noel Coward writing Musicals and Revues.

Elements of Music Hall survived in Variety and Pantomime, and in the working class clubs up North. There have been popular period revivals, such as the long running 'Good Old Days' on the television and there are signs nowadays of more entertainment in pubs and other drinking places, which is where it all originally started.

What was and is good about it? Well, the songs themselves were very good and varied in subject matter, often earthy with wry humour, and had great singalong choruses, involving the audience, who knew the words without songsheets. The song composers realized that although love was a good topic, there were other topics which make for a good song. It made for a good night out, with romance, warmth and humour and camaraderie.

We would like to start a regular Music Hall night at the British Club in the New Year, and will start with a "sampler" on Friday November 8th in the Churchill Bar at 8 p.m. We have our "producer", "musical director" and a cast of about 8 who are practising several solo songs and skits, as well as leading the singing in the various popular singalong medleys. It will we hope be pretty professional, while still keeping the spontaneity which is part of such an entertainment, and allowing for volunteers to stand up and sing their special songs or tell a few jokes.

In short, it will be great fun, and a good time to see old friends and meet new people. See you there....

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

ICE SKATING (for adults, too!)

Last week, I spent a most enjoyable and relaxing afternoon with my daughter and some friends at the Ice Castle on top of the Mall (Rajdamri Road). Tickets were \$40 for two hours and included the hire of skates (same price for adults and children). We were very glad that we had taken sweaters as it is a little cold there for short sleeves and we did, finally, give in and buy some gloves (\$15)!

The rinks are very well organised and there is a lot of supervision - if you take a tumble, within seconds a couple of people arrive to see that you are alright. There are two rinks, one small for real beginners and one large for those who can at least stand-up on skates (even if they never let go of the barrier!) The ice on the beginners' rink does, however, get rather cut up. Neither of the rinks were very full when we were there. The only complaint I had was that the pop music was extremely loud, but it didn't spoil the afternoon.

I must admit that ice-skating was the last thing I thought I would be doing in Bangkok. Perhaps skiing will be the next craze!!

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics is an activity that I know many children enjoy, although there are not many such classes in Bangkok. For those of you who live in the Sathorn area or near Patana School, Nang Linchee Road or Suan Plu, there is a very nice studio run by a Filipino lady called Elvie. She has classes for children aged 5 - 12 on a Monday afternoon from 4-5 p.m. and would, I am assured, arrange another class if the number of children warranted it. The charge is \$100 per hour.

For further information please telephone:

Elvie Pineda 249-3478

WELL WORTH WATCHING

If, like me, you have been through all the video blockbusters and are reduced to raking through the dregs in the video shop, then this column's for you. Out of several risky choices lurks the odd gem.

One such recent gem is "Breaker Moran" starring Edward Woodward - who will always be remembered for "Callan" rather than for anything celluloid! Happily his singing is restricted to the title song. and asserted to vierse

The film tells the story of a regiment of commandoes operating on the South African veldt during the Boer War. I don't want to give away the story too much but would point out that it is an Australian film about an Australian Bushveldt Carbonniers regiment and it does tend to pour invective on the old British Establishment but in an amusing way. a none in headores a sew colors axed vis

Naturally the British are the bad guys. Not a film to get excited about but good solid viewing. Available from Silver Bell. and bue estion town beregnil aw besterl ' erreased and

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ROMANTIC RENDEZVOUS

Seekers of a romantic dinner for two will be delighted with La Grenouille in Sói 1, Sukhumvit. Here an intimate ambience has been tastefully created from a mix of wood panelling and floral fabrics, sparkling white tablecloths and low-level lighting.

A study of the menu over aperitifs reveals a wide selection of French delectables. From snails to pates; from fish to a variety of entrees, there is something to tempt any budding gourmet.

And closely following the menus appears the Maître, Jean himself, offering helpful suggestions.

For our starter we eventually settled on an old favourite - eggs en cocotte with herbs - which at \$28\$ was very good value. My next choice was a chicken in lemon cream sauce (\$135) while my partner sampled the traditional Boeuf Bourguignon (\$150). Having gorged ourselves heavily on these delicious dishes we were totally unable to tackle the desserts. Instead we lingered over coffee and the last of our excellent carafe of house red wine.

Choose your partner carefully on these romantic dinners for two, as several club members visit La Grenouille (affectionately known as the green frog) on a regular basis. Bon Appetit.

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The Bangkok Community Theatre presents:

DOGG'S HAMLET, CAHOOT'S MACBETH by TOM STOPPARD

at the BRITISH COUNCIL on November 22, 23, 24 & 25. The performance on Sunday 24th will begin at 7.00 p.m. All other performances will begin at 8.00 p.m. The gala night will be on November 22.

TOM STOPPARD

British playwright Tom Stoppard was born Thomas Straussler in 1937 in Czechoslovakia. His Czech father was killed during the Japanese invasion of Singapore in 1942, and the family moved to India, where they spent four years before moving to England after Tom's mother had married Kenneth Stoppard, a British army major. After spending his teens at school in Yorkshire, Stoppard turned to journalism and then to drama at a time (the mid-fifties) when the British theatre scene was in a state of high excitement following the epoch-making successes of Osborne's 'Look Back In Anger', Brecht's 'Mother Courage' and Becket's 'Waiting for Godot'. After several TV and radio commissions (including writing some episodes of Mrs. Dale's Diary, a long running soap opera), Stoppard finally hit the theatre's big-time in the late sixties with such successes as 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead', 'Jumpers', 'The Real Inspector Hound' and 'After Magritte'. His interest in East European affairs, apparent in 'Cahoot's Macbeth', is reflected also in his 'Professional Foul' (1977).

DOGG'S HAMLET, CAHOOT'S MACBETH

This single work in fact incorporates two short plays, connected by one common character as well as by a similarity of theme and topic. Both have performances of plays within the play.

In the first, we see a group of school students first preparing for, then presenting a shortened version of 'Hamlet'. In the second, a group of dissident actors in Czechoslovakia perform 'Macbeth' in a Prague apartment.

'Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth' is a hilarious play with farcical and visual humour as well as the more familiar Stoppardian linguistic fireworks.

Tickets at \$200 for the Gala Night (November 22), and \$100 (\$80 for BCT members and students) for the other nights, will be on sale at the British Council, Asia Books and from Sandi Almeren, 253 9601 after 1.00 p.m.



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- G) Contained
- H) Knave
- I) Houndstooth
- J) Outcast
- K) Lobby
- L) Mafia
- M) Enormities
- N) Sobbing

Reading down, the initial letters spell "Sherlock Holmes" and the quotation, from The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes, by A. Conan Doyle, reads:

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"Beyond the obvious facts that you are a bachelor, a solicitor, a Freemason and an asthmatic, I know nothing whatever about you."



Monday evening duplicate games are well-supported still but we would welcome more players. If Mondays do not suit, feel free to bring your partner to the Dutch bridge group on the third Thursday of each month at the British Club - 8.00 p.m. Contact Harry 250 0575-9

The competition is keen at the moment with the winners achieving very good scores compared to the average. All scores are percentages of average.

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.c. and Coorgo Arport	118	132	- 142	100
Jennifer and George Arnott Colin Snow, Geoff Slack-Smith	116	118	104	128
Lois and Geoff Crittenden	96		100	108
Mike Evans, Mike Kelly		90		
Jack and Katherina van Ryjk	114			
Carolyn Tarrant, John Sill		106		The office
Harry Kurd, Peter Schumaker			125	114



As usual October was an exciting month for BC cricket. Untested and undefeated, re-united after 6 months' lay-off, confidence brimming over, BC is already threatening to be the team of the season yet again.

We are still having to keep our cards a bit close to our chests because although the Henri Dunant Road mob are under refreshing new management we yet have to sample their good intentions, and until all our talent has actually taken the field they might still be open to seductive offers - so no names yet! Suffice it to say that two BC stars of distant glories past have just returned to play in Club colours again (or are about to do so), and the first BC star ever to receive the new issue farewell miniature autographed bat has returned to the fold to rejuvenate the old worn comparisons of his batting with "watching grass grow", "watching paint dry" etc. In addition to these there are several new Brits in town professing to know something about the noble game and at least 3 new Aussies with impressive claims to recognition. The latter is a relief. With Parry gone we were down to just one Aussie - we need a few more to sharpen up our linguistic abilities again and it was getting a bit much to blame all our failures on poor old

A thoroughly disorganised Section AGM managed to drink itself through the Agenda on 11 October. The assembled masses decided to allow Jack Dunford to continue as Captain since he promised to cover damages resulting from celebrations of his 50th match as Captain somewhere near the beginning of the season. The new clean-cut Steve Bolton somehow managed to end up as Vice Captain and, although no-one remembers how or why, David Hall handed over the Chairmanship to Geoff Thompson. The most boring and most repeated quip of the evening was "Are you standing David? ah yes, I see you are!". Our Treasurer remains unchanged from last year provided that he can satisfy our racerelations committee that his sojourn in South Africa did not contravene the Gleneagle's Agreement. Alastair Ryder was given the much-sought-after portfolio of dropped catch and other fine adjudicator since we had to find some justification for keeping him in the team having purchased largesize wicket keeping gloves for this season which probably will not fit anyone else.

So much for the chat. Unfortunately we soon have to start playing the silly game. Net practices will normally be 2.30 p.m. on Saturdays, 10.30 a.m. on Sundays & 4.30 p.m. (ish) on Wednesdays. Weather permitting we plan to start on Saturday 2 November. BUT PLEASE NOTE - because of the Club Nai Fawkes celebrations on 2nd November (Guy Fawkes did his thing on the 5th!) and the Club Sports Day on 9th November these FIRST TWO SATURDAY PRACTICES WILL BE AT 10.30 a.m.!

The first match will be the Marshall Trophy vs RBSC on 1st December, and the following weekend we will make our traditional pre-season trip to Chiang Mai to play the Dick Wood Trophy and a friendly.

The full fixtures list will be on the Club House notice-board shortly and a programme booklet with competition rules etc. will be available at the RBSC pre-season social later in November. Watch the noticeboard for details.

News on Fixtures is mixed. We will play in both the 50 Over and 30 Over Leagues but this year the Pakistan team has dropped out. This leaves only 7 TCL teams and since the Thais do not yet feel up to playing 50 Over games we can expect only 6 30 Over matches plus 5 50 Over matches. With the Marshall Trophy and our extra Chiang Mai Fixtures this leaves us with just 14 BC Fixtures, two less than last year. On the positive side, however, the Nations Trophy will be played as a two-day 6-a-side competition and should give most of our players another two days' cricket and the 'Ambassadors' fixtures provide a further two opportunities.

In addition to this RBSC have designated at least 5 of their overseas visiting team fixtures as RBSC XI fixtures, and it is their intention that these be invitation XIs including prominent cricketers of all Clubs. This is something we have been pushing for years and if it comes off will provide our better players with some high standard cricket.

It is just possible at the time of writing that a Wanderer's XI may take the place of the Pakistan team and that if our squad is large enough some members will get some games with this inter-Club team. All in all there should be plenty of cricket for BC players this season but competition for places will be keen. If you want to play we must see you in the nets regularly - team selection is based on proven enthusiasm rather than reported ability.

Finally we must bid farewell to that 'most lovable' of Thailand's cricketers, the incomparable and incomprehendable Jeff Parry who leaves Thailand this week. Jeff played in 35 out of BC's 40 matches in the last 3 seasons, was the spear-head of our new ball attack and respected by all of Thailand's batsmen. His analyses were 250.3 overs, 47 maidens, 792 runs, 48 wkts at 16.5 runs/wkt.

He took 3 wickets or more on 6 occasions and returned a runs/ over rate of less than 3 in 13 matches, a testimony to his nagging accuracy in the high scoring limited overs cricket we play here. Jeff was also a very capable batsman scoring 248 in 9 innings in his first season. Unfortunately he appeared to increasingly suffer from mental lapses getting out to some of the most ambitious and undignified shots ever witnessed even by the BC team and these ruined his averages during the last two seasons. His final analysis of 30 innings and 475 runs at 18.26 per innings was very respectable but far short of his potential. He could hardly ever be described as fit and we often doubted his ability to finish an over but this was deceptive. Apparently Aussies are often built like that and he could bring off some surprisingly athletic feats in the field including 11 spectacular catches and at least the same number of spectacular misses. We will never know what Jeff really thought of playing for the BC since we could only gain access to him through our Aussie interpreters. We can only assume he enjoyed it and for our part are grateful for his loyalty and companionship. We look forward to seeing him with future Indonesian touring teams.

Don't forget that, weather permitting, the first practices will be 2/3 November and 9/10 November at 10.30 a.m. after which Saturday practices will be at 2.30 p.m. See you there! New players are welcome. Please sign the list on the notice-board.

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DARTS

There are only 2 matches remaining in the 22nd Johnnie Walker Bangkok Darts League, which is a jolly good thing when you hear about our latest tactical failures.

Plan B was to follow Captain Mike Majer's example of drinking Soda. Whether it was to stay sober all evening in the mistaken belief that a clear head produces a steady hand and a straight dart, or whether it was the shame of the galloping beer-gut syndrome I don't know, but it didn't work. Can you imagine? Peter Tinson, Mike Evans, Keith Davison, Terry Adams and the like all drinking Lemon Sodas, Tonics and Gunnahs! They'll be shaving in boiled Polaris water next!

Andy and Bryan who stayed on the beer played just as well as the rest and had a lot more fun. The following week, Captain Mike, the bearded wonder tried Plan C which consists of buying the visiting Thai team 2 bottles of Mekong whisky. This didn't affect their play either, but they enjoyed themselves more and may have put us down for the Sportsmanship trophy. I much prefer the old dartful tactics of relying on plentiful beer, loud shouts of "oggy, oggy!", and our secret weapon of British Club sandwiches.

Those attending the bar on Thursdays may have noticed that it's not unusual lately to have 10 or more players trying to get in the team by stroking the Captain's beard and even stooping to buy him the odd one. These days I know that the only reason I get a game is because I write the darticles. I've received 3 offers to take over but I wouldn't swap my pig-bristle pencil for all the tons in Lever Brothers.

Now for the dartails!

26.9.85 British Club 4 Pepsi 13

Closes: Terry, Peter, Mike E.

Tons : Mike M. (105, 100, 100), Mike E. (100).

Terry and Peter gave us 2 points in the singles and Mike Evans, partnered by Peter, closed one of the doubles to earn the only other points. Our opponents, from a higher division scored a total of 14 tons.

3.10.85 British Club 6 Phoenix 11

Closes: Peter, Mike E. (2), Mike M.

Tons : Peter (103, 116), Mike E. (100, 100),

Bryan (134, 140).

This is a game we should have won. Phoenix are in our Division and rising up fast. Peter Tinson was the Lillywhite's only singles winner; Mike Evans, partnered by Andy, closed one of the doubles and Peter joined them in the second triple which Mike Airways again closed. Having done nothing much else all evening, Mike Majer salvaged his captain's reputation by closing the team game with a well-taken double 8.

10.10.85 British Club 4 First Stella I 13

Closes : Mike M., Keith, Mike E.

Tons : Mike M. (100, 132, 100, 100, 100), Keith (100), Dave F. (100, 100), Mike E. (100), Peter (107).

A tough match against a team from a higher division. The result should have been closer as we scored 10 tons compared with our opponents' 17. However their 17 included no less than 2 maximum 180s, which are still rather rare unless you watch the world championship on BBC Television.

17.10.85 Orientours 14 British Club 3

Closes: Mike M., Keith, Dave F.

Tons : Mike M. (100), Andy (100), Dave F. (100), Peter (100).

Another underwhelming performance by your favourite team, but again it was against a top team. The ranks of available players were unexpectedly swelled (if that's the right word) by the return (permanently this time) of Terry Adams. He didn't manage to do anything, but neither did most of us!

Having suffered the content of these columns for so many months, regular readers (who probably comprise only those idiots playing every week) may wish to know who has contributed most to yet another disastrous season. This is the score, with 2 games to go. (Please note under games played, that this denotes attendance at a match during which he or she played in at least one of the 12 games in each match).

	Played	Closes	Tons	Highest Score
Mike Majer	21	35	40	140
Keith Davison	21	19	19	140
Bryan Baldwin	22	12	21	140
Peter Tinson	23	14	22	125
Mike Evans	16	14	18	140
Andy Pickup	25	4	8	114*
Dave Ferguson	11	6	12	140
Orin Kongmee	16	4	2	134
Jantje Davison	2	0	. 1	121
Erika Majer	5	1	2	gun*
Linda Tinson	2	2	0	
Roger Daniels	3	2	0	- tota
Terry Adams	12	10	3	105*

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GOLF

B.C. GOLF

(SEPTEMBER 29)

Singha beer "poured" a great day's golf for 27 golfers at Don Muang last week.

The course was in great shape and, even though play was slow, the great weather and social companionship were enjoyed by all.

Results were:

"A" Group

1st 2nd	Smith Jenkins	36 pts 31 "
1st Nine		17 pts

"B" Group

1st	100	Slack-Smith	40 pts
2nd		Williamson	37 ''
1st Nine 2nd Nine			18 pts

Closest the pin - I. McLean, J. Miller-Sterling
Long Drives - Ladies - S. Voravarn
Men - T. Moran

(OCTOBER 13)

The 20th Annual "Brits" v.s. "Aussies" Golf Tussle for the Maxwell Shield was played at Railway Golf Course.

On a day when most ducks were seeking shelter, 38 hardy golfers plodded through soggy fairways and light showers.

Following the match an excellent dinner was provided by the Hyatt Central Plaza Hotel.

British Airways and Qantas donated some marvellous prizes for the top scores.

The shield was retained by the "Brits" who outscored "Aussies" 608 pts to 598.

Individual winners were:

"A" Group

1st	- Des Smith	37 pts	Aussie
2nd	- Peter Hay	34 pts	Aussie
1st Nine	- David Cadwallader	19 pts	Brit
2nd Nine	- Ron Armstrong	17 pts	Aussie

"B" Group

1st	- Peter Young	37 pts	Brit
2nd	- Eric Turner	35 pts	Aussie
1st Nine	- Mike Crowther	18 pts	Brit
2nd Nine	- Dave Williamson	19 pts	Brit

"Brits" Best

1st	- 'John	Maxwell
2nd	- Mike	Baker

"Aussies" Best

1st	- Les Kentwell	
2nd	- Peter Jenkins	;

Closest the Pin - P. Jenkins; Pam Smith; L. Houghton; Anne Hendrie.

Long Drives - Ladies: Pam Smith; Men: Les Kentwell

Calloway Winners

1st	-	Simon	Edmonds
2nd	-	Decho	



LADIES' GOLF

Although there has been no Ladies' Golf news during the last couple of months, the group has continued to play as enthusiastically as ever.

The Medal competition was played on 24th September in very wet conditions which resulted in some high scores.

Margaret Ross, the only Silver Division player, competed in the Bronze 1 group.

Winner		Bronze	T		
Runner Up		DI OIIZE	1	Margaret Ross	net 80
Allowed and the Control of the Contr	:			Prue Pointer	net 81
Winner	:	Bronze	II	Joan Guthrie	
Runner Up					net 81
Nearest Pin				Wendy Binns	net 91
	•	#4		Margaret Ross Margaret Ross	
Longest Drive				Margaret Ross	

There were no low putts or under pars this week!

On 1st October the competition was Stableford and Hidden Holes.

'A' flight

Winner		Wonds D:	
Runner Up	•	Wendy Binns	37 pts.
	:	Kanda Phillips	36 pts.
Hidden Holes Winner	:	Joan Guthrie	
		- our garrie	24 pts

'B' flight

Winner			
	:	Diana Wingfield	33 pts.
Runner Up		Linda Maxwell	oo pis.
Count/back			32 pts.
	:	Penny Whalley	
Hidden Holes Winner		Maumann II i	32 pts.
Nearnast D: "		Maureen Hyde	17 pts.
Nearest Pin #4	:	Prue Pointer	1
Under Par			
	•	Wendy Binns	71

We were also pleased to welcome a new member Janice Dahl.

On Friday 4th October the BCLG and FLOGG groups held a joint farewell game of golf for Muriel Harrold. It was attended by 20 players and was followed by lunch and prize-giving at Lise's house. Muriel had kindly donated the prizes on this occasion.

Winner : Merle Decot	88 Stableford pts
2nd : Maureen Hyde	66 pts
3rd : Linda Maxwell	36 pts
4th : Joan Guthrie	35 pts
5th : Diana Wingfield :	35 pts
	34 pts

Nearest Pin

#	4	Wendy	Binns
#	8	Wendy	Binns
#	13	Pam Sn	nith
#	15	 -	

Longest Drive

#	9	Gai Pitre	
#	18	Dolores Aar	on

Upper	Par	:	Merle	Decot	net 70

On 8th October we played a Par Bisque competition.

'A' Division

Winner	:	Janice Dahl	+	12
Runner Up	:	Kanda Phillips	+	11

'B' Division

Winner		Linda	Maxwell	4	9
Runner Up	:	Diana	Wingfield	+	7

Nearest Pin	#4	 Dolores Aaron
	417	Joan Guthrie

# 13		Juan Guenite		
Under Pars	•	Kanda Phillips Joan Guthrie Diana Wingfield	net net net	69
Low Putts		Deanne Boucher		29

On 15th October the competition was not T's + F's.

'A' Flight

Winner	: Wendy Binns	431/2
Runner Up	: Prue Pointer	44

'B' Flight

Winner : Maureen Hyde 40 Runner Up ? Penny Whalley 44

Nearest Pin # 4:

#13: Prue Pointer

There were no under pars this week owing to very wet conditions.

The starter for November will be Lise Dencker-Nielsen.



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The B.C. Snooker Team has played four matches to this point in time, and are currently in sixth place in the six-team league.

It is not from the lack of trying, as many games have been decided on the last one or two balls. The calibre of the Thai players is very good as our team has discovered - but they are gracious winners anyway.

So far our captain, Ron Armstrong, has won 3 of his 4 matches and Ian McLean has won one of his, giving us four wins out of 20 matches.

Team scores were as follows:

Silom Club - 4			B.C.	-	1
Pharmacy Club	-	4	B.C.	-	1
R.B.S.C.	-	5	B.C.	-	0
O.E.S.A.	-	3	B.C.	-	2

Anybody interested in watching these games can see them every other Wednesday (Oct. 16, 30 and Nov. 13) at 6.00 p.m. at the B.C.

MABBATT CUP - CLUB CHAMPIONSIP 1985

Recently a "best of 35" match was concluded between 1984 Champion, Ron Armstrong, and Challenger, Ian McLean.

This match, held over several months, concluded a few weeks ago in a spectacular manner.

Going into the last night, Ian led 17 - 13 and needed just one more win in a possible four games. An "off" night for McLean and a "super" finishing four games gave Armstrong yet another club championship. (18 - 17 games)

This year there is a new trophy for the runner-up donated by Mr. Mabbatt - so it is a distinctive honour to be the loser for once.

Congratulations to both players on a tremendous competition.



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RUGBY

The closing days of September saw El Capitano flee the Kingdom upon sobering up and realising what he had submitted for publication in this distinguished journal whose reputation for literary excellence may never recover.

RBSC - Seventh Cycle Tournament

We took to the pitch for the Sports Club's 15-a-side tournament with high hopes as the rules appeared to have been designed to our specifications. Five 15 minute matches with no kicks for goal or conversions allowed seemed ideal to us, especially as most of our players can only last 15-minutes anyway. So despite the absence of El Capitano's steady hand at the helm (and somewhat heartened by the realisation his unsteady foot would not be a factor) we entered the grounds determined to improve upon our past efforts.

Having analysed our strengths and weaknesses, it was decided to rely upon the superior size and strength of the forwards to wear down the opposition and carry the day. Unfortunately our superior weight wore us down and we had trouble carrying ourselves by the end of the first match. Although we lost to Chulalongkorn by 8 points to 0, spirits were high as not only did we have a full side at kick off, we actually had two reserves as well! This was accomplished by stealing a visiting Hong Kong player's ticket and passport the evening before thus forcing him to stay for the weekend. It proved to be a fortunate circumstance as several players pleaded to be excused from the pitch moaning something about blurred vison and throbbing heads. This is most probably not connected to Alun and Victoria Griffith's cocktail party the night before.

After a 30-minute break we were paired against the eventual winners of the tournament, the Royal Thai Air Force. Despite exerting control of the set play we managed to give the ball away in the loose and the Air Force ran in five tries in 15 minutes to win 20 points to 0. Some spirited tackling by backs John Gidley and Peter Young saved a couple more tries and kept the score somewhat respectable.

By the time the rain arrived we had run some of the alcohol out of our systems and the tide began to turn as we played progressively better and better. A 15-minute break and we took on the Royal Thai Navy surrendering three tries and scoring none to go down 12 to 0. By now some of the boys were a little tired of losing and a bit more determination was shown against our hosts in the following match. Some shuffling of players in the scrum had little impact on our play as we continued to control the set play. Some more key tackles managed to hold the Sports Club for most of the match. However, they did manage to score one try and booted a drop kick. We went down once more by 7 points to 0, but things were definitely looking up.

Our final match of the day was against Thammasat University and we achieved our first victory of the season, a crushing 4-0 rout. After controlling the ball for most of the match and having a couple of breaks turned back, Peter Collins took the ball from a scrum and sent stand-off Steve Castledine over for the try. Gidley then kept the ball in touch with some fine kicks until time ran out.

The teams: Terry Adams, Dave Wallace, Jay McAlister, Gary Crist (Capt.), John Addis, Mike Barnes, Mike Rickard, Vaughn Bonnell, Tony Coffey, Peter Collins, Steve Castledine, John Gidley, Ted Batchelor, Alun Griffiths, Colin Hastings, James Sutherland, Peter Young.

Mentor and team cripple : James Howard.

Statistics: Consumed 17 bodies, 18 pairs of shorts and the entire RBSC supply of Kloster.

Although all of our scheduled matches have now been played, training will continue every Tuesday and Thursday with the soccer section. We expect to play one or two more friendlies and have been invited to the Singapore Sevens on February 22nd, 23rd. April 3rd and 4th are also booked for the Hong Kong Football Club's Centenary ten-a-side tournament prior to the Hong Kong Sevens. Both tournaments promise to be entertaining and highly competitive. So we need to be fit! Try to train as often as possible.



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SWIMMING

This month, a short report, as typhoon Cecil upstaged Chair-lady Erica, who cancelled the gala at the last moment, to thunderclaps of disapproval from certain unruly parental elements! It was suggested that the protesters might like to brave the elements and act as announcers / timekeepers, but the only response was an order for another Kloster, and so, ever resourceful, our noble Chairlady organised a video in the Suriwongse Room for the children.

However the day before.....

PROFICIENCY TESTS 11TH OCTOBER

Some 10 invitees turned up for the proficiency tests on Saturday. Following some observations that the previous ESSA tests were too easy when compared with the BCB extinct fish, some subtle changes have been made so that even those qualified in the Shark grade before should find a challenge.

This time there were a couple who didn't quite make it, but those who were successful were:

Grade 2 Tosha Sanders Grade 4 Morcar McConnell
Tina Sanders Sophie Majer
William Sayer
Peter Rutter Grade 5 Philip Timmins
Judith Rutter

Congratulations to you all.

The next proficiency test will be in December, and as before, it will be by invitation only.

Swimming Lessons

As you may know, the swimming section employs two coaches to conduct the swimming lessons, run tests and help with galas etc... We have to pay their salaries from charges made for swimming lessons. Also, from these charges we must purchase any equipment necessary for galas, lessons etc.

The charge has been fixed at Baht 25 per lesson for many years and the coaches' salary has not been increased for several years either. We now find ourselves faced with the need to purchase a number of items of equipment for swimming lessons and also with a debt which must be cleared very soon. We have no alternative but to increase the charges for lessons, and the committee has decided to double it to Baht 50 per lesson. Hopefully, after a few months, this will leave us with a healthy balance, and it may then be possible to make a reduction in charges, although we make no promises.

The new charge will be effective from the bills issued on 20th November. Anyone who does not accept the new charge can, of course, cancel their children's lessons, but we hope that everyone will understand the situation and will not take this step.

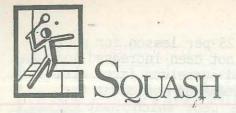
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For those of us who only seem to know the day before if we are free to play squash at a particular time, getting on court the past month has been easy. Certainly, because of the large numbers of squash players who returned from their holidays during September and were slow to get back in the "swing" of things again, court usage has been well below normal. At one stage in early September there were 40 plus names marked on the ladder board (or should have been) as unavailable. Consequently the September league saw only 51 entries which were divided into three divisions of seven players and five of six. The large divisions of seven players were used by the co-ordinators to avoid divisions of five, and this proved to be the right format as only two divisions were completed without any withdrawals. The larger divisions and low entry ensured promotion for just about everybody except Mervin Rattray and Rod Carter. However, the next league in January 1986, with hopefully the usual number of entries, should see some impressive demotions!

The eight winners of the September league to whom congratulations are due were as follows:-

Division 1	Mervyn	Rattray*

- 2 Mike Kelly*
- ' 3 David Wallace
- " 4 David Ferguson
- 5 Sandy Sanderson
- " 6 Geoff Slack-Smith
- " 7 Bryan Baldwin
- " 8 Taras Panichpakdee*

Remarks: * no defeats.

The league due for November has been cancelled because it was believed that many players would be committed to playing in the Harold Mercer and Rod Carter events and so would find it difficult to participate in a league as well. The next league will be in January 1986 so, for those "squashies" who have not signed up with a team for the Harold Mercer Trophy or to compete with the aspiring Geoff Hunts for the Rod Carter, this could be the month for a serious assault on the ladder.

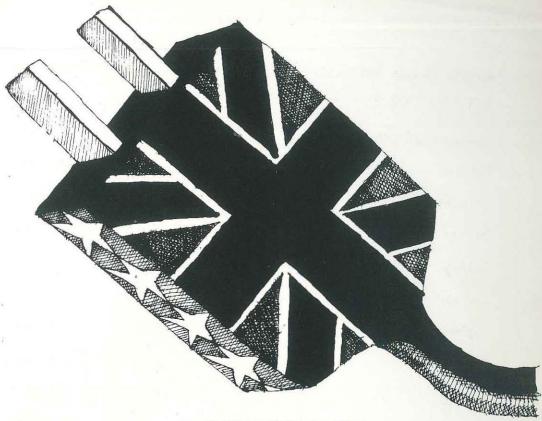
Talking about the ladder, perhaps this is the time to confirm that there has been a small alteration to the ladder rules in that players are now allowed to challenge from one flight to another so long as the Seven Positions Rule is adhered to.

Looking forward now to December, there are two items scheduled which should encourage all squash section players to start working off the "Monsoon Blues" on the squash court. Firstly there is the annual handicap competition which always proves to be popular with players of all standards. Fliers will soon be mailed with details and entry forms. Secondly, for those players who would like to gain an edge over their opponents in the New Year, plans are afoot for three sessions of squash instruction including a video and two on-court sessions under the direction of Len Alexander - watch the Squash Notice Board for further news.

ACTIVITIES

Anyone who is interested in participating in any aspect of the following activities should contact:

Billiards/Snooker	Ron Armstrong	390 2445
Bridge	Geoff Crittenden	391 4849
Cricket	Jack Dunford	234 0098
Darts	Bryan Baldwin	221 1895
Golf	Ron Armstrong	390 2445
Ladies' Golf	Mrs. L. Dencker Nielsen	286 8264
Rugby	Terry Smith	233 1481
Soccer	David Wallace	235 3551
Squash	Tony Laven	251 4222-3
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