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Editorial

Looking back over the year, Outpost has had a lively and thriving time. Correspondence on voting rights for Ladies swelled the LETTERS section (stimulating much reaction outside the magazine) and some will applaud the absence of letters on this subject in this issue. In fact, there were no letters at all this month!

But the gratifying aspect of the year has been the quantity (and quality) of contributions from the membership in the form of articles, photos, snippets, even the odd prod to wake up the Editor! This response has virtually eliminated the "borrowed" features and this issue is a magnificent example of members' efforts, recording the activity and, in our view, excellent health of the Club.

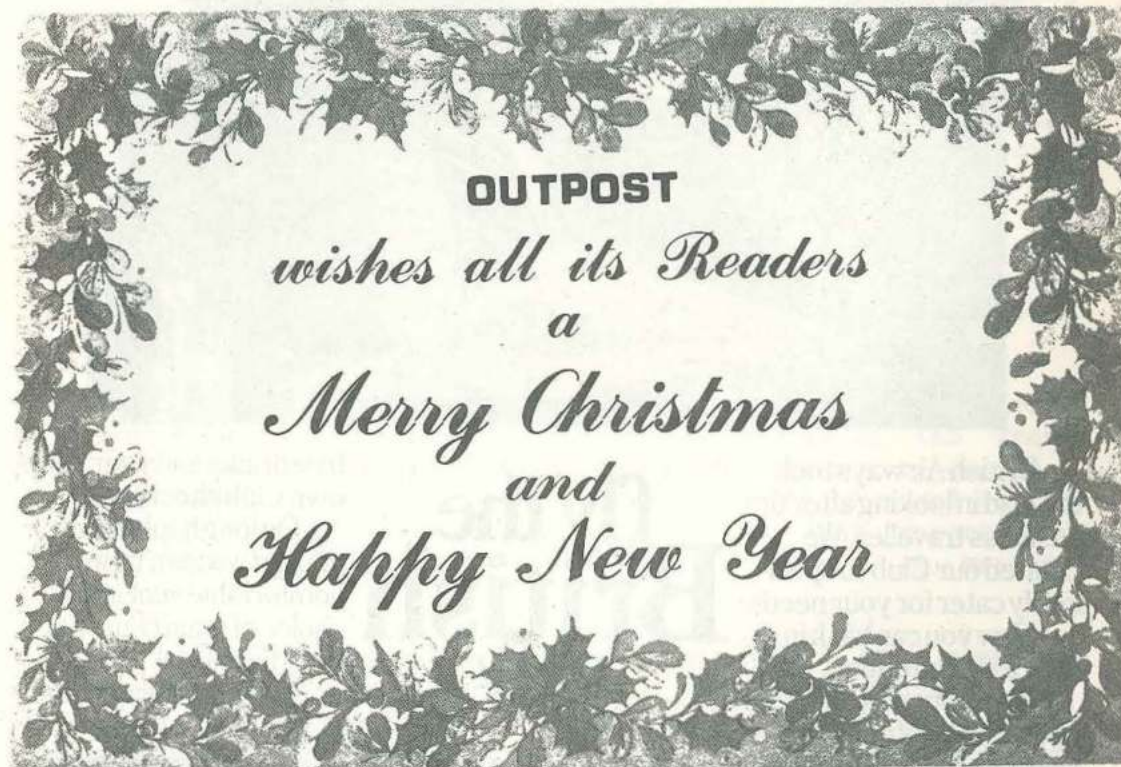
We are particularly grateful to Margaret Miller for her short story "THE SECOND CHANCE" and to our roving anonymous reporter who scooped "Many Happy Returns", but we also applaud again our various SPORTS writers and welcome our newer regular FOOD & BEVERAGES article.

With this issue -- the largest ever! -- we wish you a most enjoyable Festive Season!

Ian Hill, Editor

Weekly Club Events

MONDAY	7.30 p.m.	- Bridge
TUESDAY	9.00 - 12.00 4.00 p.m.	- Ladies Squash - Swimming Training
WEDNESDAY	4.30 p.m.	- Cricket Nets
THURSDAY	3.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	- Ladies Exercise - Swimming Training - Darts
SUNDAY	12 noon - 2.00 p.m. 4.30 p.m. 6.00 - 10.00 p.m.	- Buffet Lunch, Poolside - Cricket Nets - Buffet Supper, Dining Room



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B.C. Fireworks Night

REMEMBER, REMEMBER!

The Poolside was transformed on 6th November (pace the purists!) for a Guy Fawkes' Night which will be remembered for many a year by the six-hundred-plus present. Tables and chairs set out all round the pool (awnings ready in case of rain!), the changing room balcony arranged as a stage wherefrom Mr. Fawkes surveyed the scene of his impending immolation, no less than four barbecues set up at strategic points and all hands on deck promised more than just bonfire and bangers.

Promptly at five-thirty, the popular music from La Boum signalled the warm-up. Barbecues were lit and delicious aromas and a selection of more vigorous music inspired body and spirit alike to the excitement. By the start of proceedings at six-thirty, Mr. Fawkes could see that he had no chance of reprieve. Nevertheless, the very young were introduced personally to him to be reassured that he was not real.

Graham Millington, of Bangkok Community Theatre fame, was our Master of Ceremonies and he commenced with five charming interviews of boys representing UK, Canada, New Zealand and Australia on the subject of Bonfire Night in their respective countries. The boys, dressed in duffle-coats and scarves evoking the London climate (brave boys in this latitude!) then recited "Remember, remember..." to earn tremendous applause. Then Guy Fawkes was given his first ride in the tumbril, being wheeled round the pooldeck to the music of "I'm Your Guy" by four young girls calling the traditional cry, "Penny for the Guy!" Not content with one circuit, he went around twice while "pennies" were donated to the amount of £1,496.50 for Dr. Pierra's Orphanage.

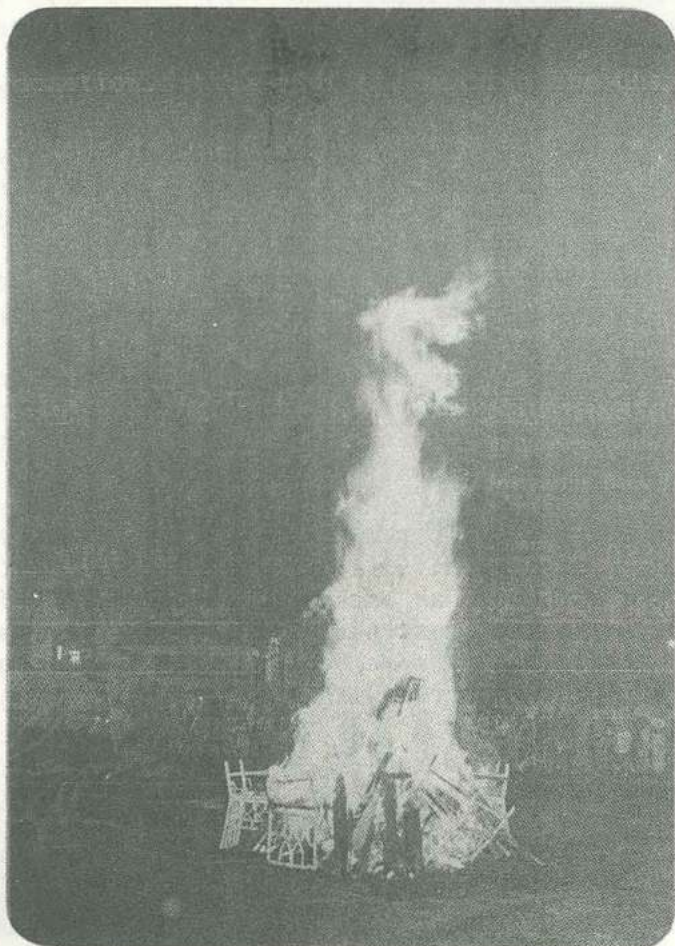
Then, the fireworks! To the accompaniment of Handel's Fireworks Musick a magnificent display was set off on the front lawn with the clubhouse as backdrop. By accident of design - who knows? - as the crescendo of the music increased so too did the spectacle and by some chance the last report and explosion of light occurred with the last note. A masterpiece!

Guy Fawkes was then taken on his last ride. The tumbril, drawn by the same four girls, took him around to the back lawn where he was lifted onto the bonfire. With appropriate ceremony, Mr. Scott Younger lit the fire under the would-be destroyer of Parliament.

Revelry continued well into the night to the accompaniment of the Brandenburg Concertos of Bach - all six! What a superb occasion it was. Our compliments are given to Graham Millington, Norman Musgrave, the Entertainments Committee, Bob Vlietstra, the Club staff and all those behind the scenes for excellent planning and execution, and last, but not least, the youngsters who assisted.

They were: Laura Dunlop Robin Rivers
 Ali Fancy Andrew Shepherd
 Benjie Fathers Kit Whalley
 Jeremy Millington Claire Worthington
 Michele Musgrave

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The Chairman presents a cheque of the charity donations to Dr. Pierra.

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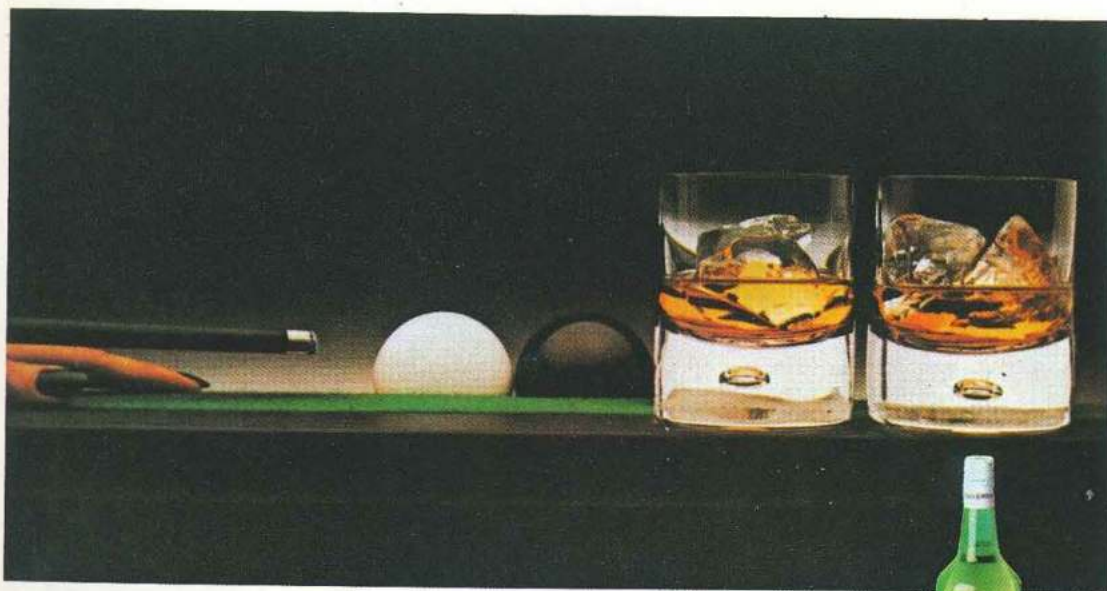
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CALVET
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BY THOSE
WHO KNOW
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Notices to Members

TAX ON ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS

In the October issue we advised members that a five percent tax will be levied on Associations and Clubs, based on gross turnover, excluding subscriptions and entrance fees.

The Committee have now established that this new tax will take effect from the first day of the financial year starting after December 31st, 1982 which in the case of the British Club is December 21st, 1983.

As from **December 21st, 1983** this five percent tax will be added to members monthly statements and to the price of coupon books.

CLUB CLOSED - Monday, 27th December, 1982, 6.00 p.m.

Please note that the Club will be closed to Members after 6.00 p.m. on Monday, 27th December for the traditional Staff Dinner.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Will all members who have recently changed telephone numbers or addresses please advise the Club Office of their new ones (with postcode) for publication in the Annual Report.

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There goes another year



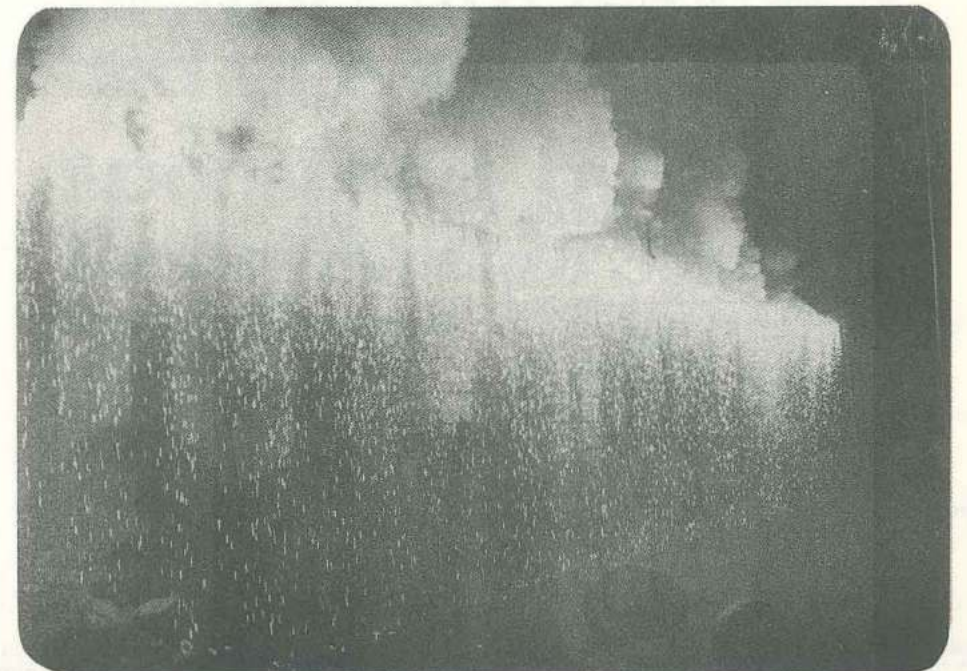
This is how I bowled him out



There goes another lightbulb



Where are the Scottish Dancers?



Niagara Falls?

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in November 1982:

Ordinary

Mr. G.J. Know	Thai Shell Exploration Co.
Mr. H.L. Pool	Dunlop Thailand Ltd.
Mr. M.J.P. Taylor	Louis Berger Int. Inc.

Associate

Mr. P. Rosenfeldt	East Asiatic Co. (T) Ltd.
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Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Ordinary	379
Non-Voting	5
Associate	40
Ladies Privilege	40
Up-Country	20
Candidates	31
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TOTAL	515
Absent	701
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GRAND TOTAL	1216
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HOGMANAY GALA

Pool-side Disco

Friday 31st Dec. 82

8:00 pm - 1:00 am?

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food & drink
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Fly

Fly says he is getting used to the busy-ness of the Suriwongse Room but looks forward to a bit of peace over Christmas!

Fly reports usual quantities of discussion -- and decision! -- about items of maintenance and minor improvements and is amazed to see the transformation into action: witness the new stair carpet and refurbished Billiards table. If Fly heard right, the improved use of the Club pays for these.

("Godfrey, old chap, I don't believe it!")

Last seen, Fly was practising writing "Merry Christmas" in beer drops on the table just inside the door to the Bar!



"What did you tell him last time?"

The Bangkok St. Patrick's Society

THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF BANGKOK recently held their annual Dinner and Installation of Officers ceremony at the Rama Tower Hotel.

THE result was a virtual full turnout of members who after enjoying cocktails sat down to a traditional Irish meal which included Slemish Mountain Lamb, vegetables from Mayo, Carlingford and Dundalk, a farmhouse broth, Bangor mackerel, a St. Patrick Surprise! and of course Irish coffee.

AFTER dinner and toasts the outgoing President Mr. Tom Moran handed over the ceremonious Shillelagh to the 1982/83 President, Mr. Brian Butterfield who, in his augural address, stressed his intention of working to ensure the growing strength of the Society which had been its hallmark in past years.

THE President then surprised everyone with a song -- a rendering of "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen" and such was the quality of singing that this aspect of Brian's repertoire is going to be called into play more than once during the coming year.

MANY old and familiar faces were present and some welcome newcomers as well.

THE out-going officers were given a vote of thanks for their hard work during their term of office and ever-green organisers Les Vize and Joe Stewart were on hand to make sure that everyone had a good time.

THE Society was happy that Des and Shirley Kennedy were able to be there. Des is a founder member and, as such, he explained, he was entitled to wear a gong.

IMMEDIATELY, cries of "Show us your gong, Des!" were heard from all around the room but whether he did or not cannot be disclosed here.

IT'S A SOCIETY SECRET!!

SOCIETY OFFICERS

	<u>1982/83</u>	<u>(1981/82)</u>
PRESIDENT	Mr. B. Butterfield	(Mr. T. Moran)
VICE-PRESIDENT	Mr. D. Tarrant	(Mr. D. Tarrant)
HON. SECRETARY	Mr. T. Moran	(Mrs. S. Voravarn)
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Many Happy Returns

WHAT DID YOU DO ON YOUR LAST BIRTHDAY? MORE ESPECIALLY -- ON YOUR FORTIETH IF YOU CAN REMEMBER THAT FAR BACK. OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WAS ON HAND TO WITNESS HOW TWO B.C. MEMBERS CELEBRATED THEIRS.



The fifth of November this year marked not only the anniversary of Guy Fawkes' parliamentary indiscretions but also the celebration of the birthdays of two prominent members of the British Club. Not ordinary birthdays these - for both Norman Musgrave and Arthur Phillips decided to celebrate their (according to them) fortieth birthdays in some style; indeed the day had been planned with some care.

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Many Happy Returns (continued)

Neither Norman nor Arthur felt it appropriate or reasonable to work on this auspicious day and, according to plan, their wives duly called in to the office to say that, unfortunately, their husbands, respectively if not respectably, were sick. (Note: Charles Edmonds' copy of *Outpost* has been withheld this month). "Life", said Musgrave expansively, as they stood in carefree mood on the first tee of the Thai Country Club, "begins at 40", and Phillips nodded in wise agreement, marvelling at his friend's amazing originality and sagacity.

It was thus that the doughty pair began the day swinging the lead and their golf clubs down the first fairway. With both locked in earnest combat (20 Baht per hole certainly felt like earnest money to Norman) the morning passed to the accompaniment of a number (18 to be exact) of satisfied grunts from Golfer Phillips and from Norman a somewhat larger number of oaths which were of such an interestingly earthy nature that even the caddies, who had thought they had heard it all before, could scarce forbear to cheer.

Trudging along the rough on the 18th, however, Norman's exasperation faded as swiftly as his drives, and evil thoughts were replaced by happy and nourishing visions of beer bottles, all full, dancing before his eyes. With a final satisfied grunt, Arthur holed out and promptly presented Norman with an invoice for Baht 360 - "and", said Arthur, "it's cash. In my kind of business we don't give credit". Aghast at this bare-faced lie - because everyone knows you can buy a MF tractor on the never never (sic) - Norman nevertheless pulled out his new (birthday present) wallet and dealt out the notes with aplomb and a grimace.

Not a minute later the two truants were safely tucked into frothing ales and were studying the elegant and extensive menu offering kowpat prepared in 18 different ways. And throwing caution and, perhaps, sobriety to the winds, they indulged themselves further with a few more ales, toasting their respective Chairmen in the process.

Having slaked their thirst and done their worst (at least in Norman's case) the Birthday Boys sought not Black Mike's Saloon but the sober (?) and classically conservative atmosphere of the British Club. Donning red sea rig and looking askance at others not so rigged, Norman and Arthur repaired to the billiards room for a snooker ladder match. Once again Arthur, with his obvious affinity to this kind of pastime, collected from the hapless and increasingly impoverished Norman.



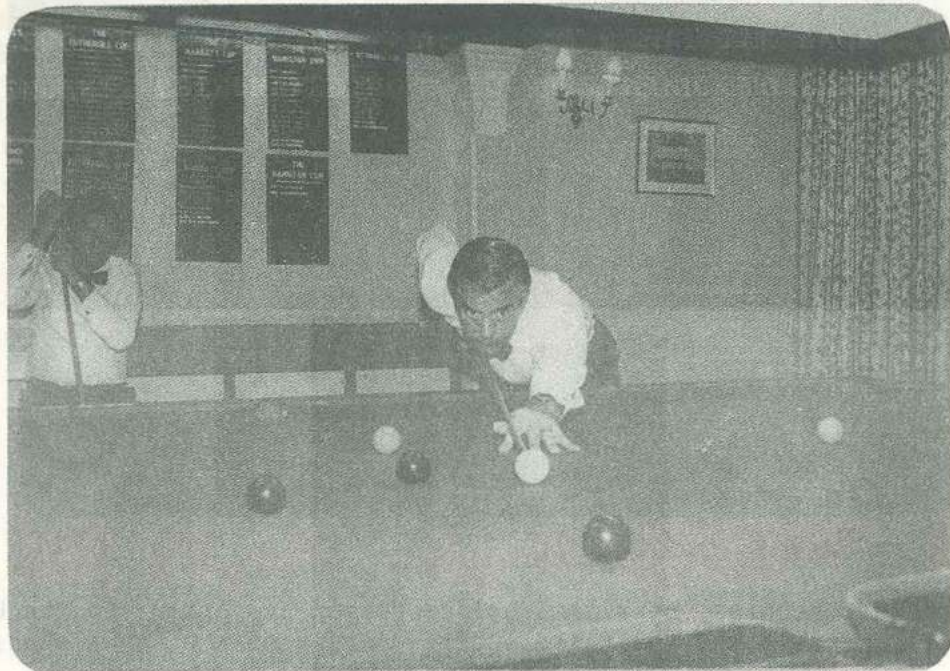
Seeking, perhaps, spiritual solace Norman led Arthur to the bar for cocktails and the third sporting event of the day - chess.

To the amazement of onlookers and, indeed, himself, Norman emerged the winner with Arthur having thrown in the king on the 24th move. Whilst there was no money on this game, Norman declared to anyone who had a spare ear, "Chess, as everyone knows is a game for the intelligentsia and I am glad to have clearly demonstrated the superiority of brains over brawn". Dismissing this pompous speech with a flick of his cigar, Arthur commented "Expletive deleted. Mr. Musgrave would have more plausibly and convincingly demonstrated the superiority of his so-called brains if he had had the nous to put money on them".

By this time the bar was beginning to fill with members who had, by appearances, done an honest day's work and who gave the red-sea-rigged pair, who clearly had not, more than a passing glance. Caring not a hoot, Norman and Arthur quietly retired to don D.J.'s in preparation for dinner. Thus attired, they took their leave from the Club not a little shocked to overhear a passing new member enquire as to the identity of "that pair of weirdos". Bonhommie had, however, not deserted them and, having given the new member a quick lecture, they set off for the Normandie Grill.

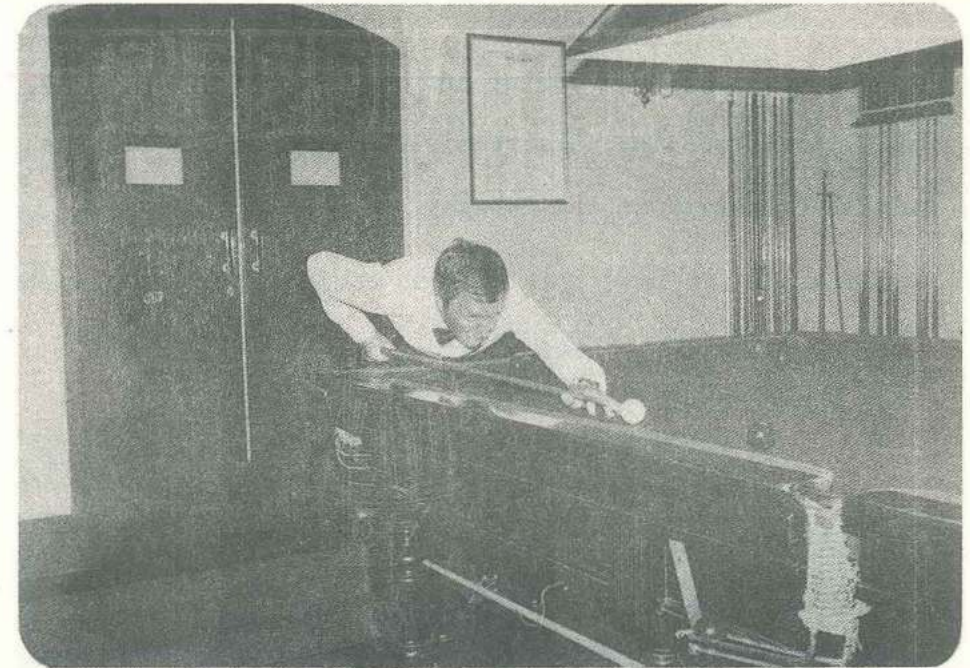
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Many Happy Returns.....



Muttering to themselves that standards of dress over the past 40 years had sadly declined, Norman and Arthur were surprised on entering the famous restaurant, and indeed a little flattered, to be greeted by waves from many of the tables -- some very vigorous and apparently welcoming. These waves soon turned to different gesticulations and our now seated celebrating pair were more than a little disconcerted to overhear a rather loud voice on the next table expound "That really is the limit. This is supposed to be the best hotel in the world and they let the goddam waiters sit down with the guests."

Order was soon restored when the Maitre D had managed to explain that Norman and Arthur were special guests who had just reached their "40 years climacteric" as he put it. And to salvage their somewhat dented pride, the F & B Manager appeared from nowhere and presented them with a fine bottle of Champagne. This quickly hit the spot (which by this time was getting used to being hit and even beginning to enjoy it).



No accurate record exists of what (presumably) sumptuous fare was ordered -- according to Norman "the meal was very nice, thank you". But he was unable to be entirely specific on the precise nature of the dishes. What both Norman and Arthur remembered vividly, however, was the arrival of a magnificent birthday cake and the entire Grill room resounding to the strains of the Happy Birthday song. Atop the cake was a single candle and there was some speculation as to the reason for this. Arthur thought it might be something to do with over-heads but Norman strongly disagreed. He could see two candles - and that meant one each.

Having dispensed slices of birthday cake to 101 strangers the celebrating pair realised that good drinking time was suddenly becoming wasted: they still had time for a quick one at the 99.

Which, indeed, is where they went and the 40th curtain came slowly down on Joe, with his ever generous heavy hand, helping them into their 41st year on Planet Earth.

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A Royal Occasion

On 22nd October, 1982 during her State Visit to Thailand, H.R.H. Princess Alexandra received many members of the British community at the Embassy



H.R.H. Princess Alexandra talks to
Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Bekenn



LADIES' LIAISON GROUP

Following the enormous success of our last Bring and Buy Coffee Morning, the next one will be on Wednesday 1 December from 10 - 11 a.m. in the Poolside Sala. If you have goods for sale, please bring them along before 9.30 a.m.

The children's Christmas parties this year are as follows:

Under 6 years	Tuesday 14 December
6 - 9 years	Wednesday 15 December
9 - 13 years	Monday 20 December
13 plus	Wednesday 22 December

The January Bring and Buy Coffee morning will be on Wednesday 5 January.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS MORNING

All children are invited to come and make Christmas decorations in the Suriwongse Room on Monday 20 December from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. It would be nice if mothers could stay to help supervise.



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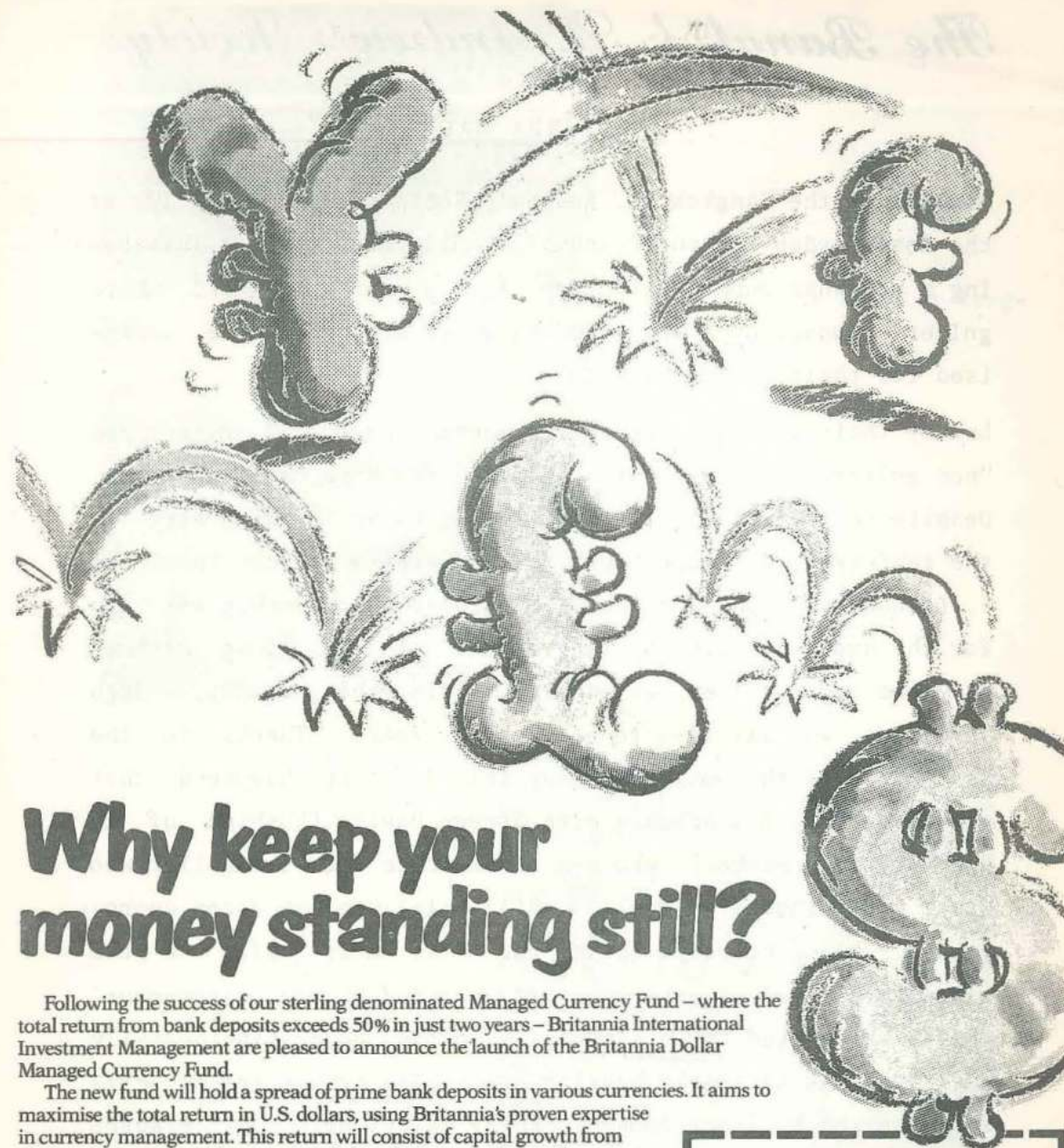
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The Bangkok St. Andrew's Society

SCOTS WHA HAE

Members of the Bangkok St. Andrew's Society met recently at the Rose Garden for their annual "Family Gathering". This being a somewhat euphemistic term for a golf week-end where golfers' consciences are eased as other activities are organised for their children.

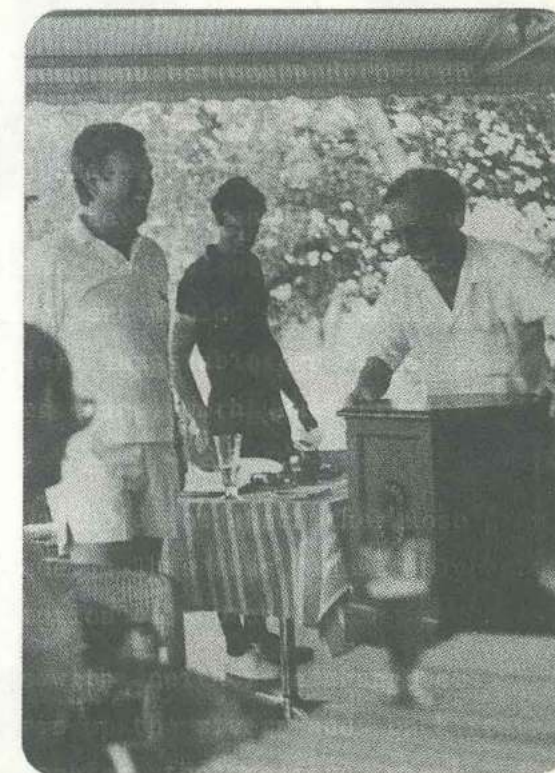
Led by their intrepid Chieftain, Scott Younger, 23 golfers and "non golfers" ventured onto (or into) the Rose Garden mudbath. Despite several players losing plugged balls in the centre of the fairway a few respectable scores were recorded. The Louis T. Leonowens Trophy for the St. Andrew's championship was won for the umpteenth time by Ian McLean. In its long history only one other golfer has managed to win this trophy - Hugh Jamieson, who was also runner-up this year. Thanks to the generosity of the Society's many friends it so happened that every golfer won a prize, even Jeremy Davies (husband of an honorary lady member) who won a new prize for "the golfer who broke most fingers" (one). Bill Friel won one dozen appropriately klong-coloured balls for "the most balls in the klong". He was, however, nearly matched by one, anonymous, member who scored three klongballs on one hole (incidentally the klong was on a neighbouring hole). The stableford competition was won by Scott Younger (ching ching) with "Dai" Pravit, a friend of the society, runner-up.

On the Saturday evening a ceilidh was held for which the Rose Garden provided a superb barbecue. This was inevitably followed by much dancing and consumption of scotch.

The following morning those members with neither a hangover nor stiff muscles went on a boat trip up the river and back. This was followed by the prize-giving for the golfers which rounded off a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

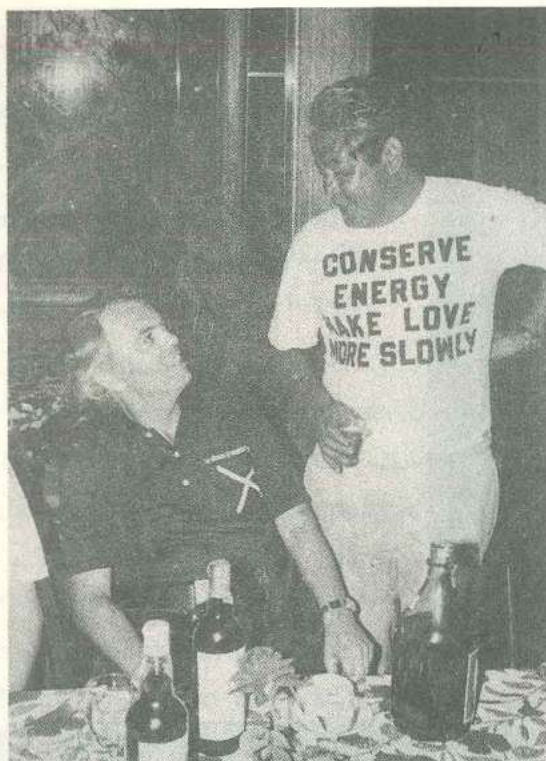


I never knew I had a long-lost mother!



Ooh! I think my truss has slipped!

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... So slowly she thought I was dead!



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Our F & B Correspondent Writes

MORE ABOUT BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

After an ugly scene in the Club Dining Room when the cook attempted to serve up two muffins and a bowl of custard as bread and butter pudding, your intrepid correspondent stormed into the kitchen and proceeded to make "the real thing". This was duly doled out to unsuspecting members in the dining room, in the bar and at the swimming pool. All who tasted it enjoyed it so the next time you want a good old fashioned stodgy dessert, order bread and butter pudding with confidence!

WINE TASTING

Fifty intrepid tipplers enjoyed a merry evening on November 17 when The Borneo Company sponsored a wine tasting evening. Eighteen "experts" came forward to demonstrate their analytical skills in a wine tasting competition where they had to pick out one Bordeaux from amongst three Burgundies.

There were some surprising and surprised winners who were even more surprised when they sat down to a splendid meal which finished up with - you guessed it - bread and butter pudding (or chocolate mousse for the fainted hearted).

COMPLIMENTS TO

The Borneo Company

who provided the wines

NEWS FLASHES

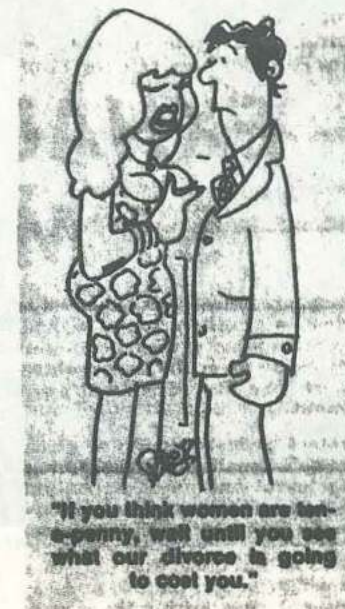
Bob Coombes now claims he can make real rollmops. We await the results with mouth-watering anticipation.

A bemused John Williams was overheard saying the other day that British Airways had cleared 400 lbs of haggis through Don Muang customs. 400 lbs! Surely the Scots aren't going to munch through that lot at their annual celebration?!

The Club will be providing two excellent wines for the Christmas ball, one red and one white, at a very competitive price of Bht. 150 per bottle. So please do not bring your own, there will be plenty wine at the right temperature all night long.

Still on wines, if any member wishes to buy wine from the Club at wholesale prices, please contact Bob Vlietstra for details.

A new poolside menu will be introduced during first week in December. Several new dishes including some exciting Thai ones, will be added for a trial period and there will be a few minor adjustments to pricing and portion sizes to rationalise this menu with those in the dining room and main bar. One portion of sandwiches, for example, will consist of two full slices of bread, with filling, cut four ways. For the adventuresome, try a Rueben sandwich or a Nua Tun (stewed beef soup).



"If you think women are ten-a-penny, well until you see what our divorce is going to cost you."

PHOTOS OF WINE-TASTING....



Grim, grimmer, grimmest?



Wine tasting?



Loitering with intent?



"I can't find any Chateau Blue on this list!"

Papaya(Carica papaya)

The papaya is plant which, at first glance, looks rather like a palm though it is not one. Like the palms, the papaya normally grows as an erect column, without branches and with all its leaves at the top growing directly out of the trunk in a spiral on strong leaf-stalks which may be as much as 1 m. long. The tree grows rapidly to about 10 m. tall, the wood of the trunk is light and brittle.

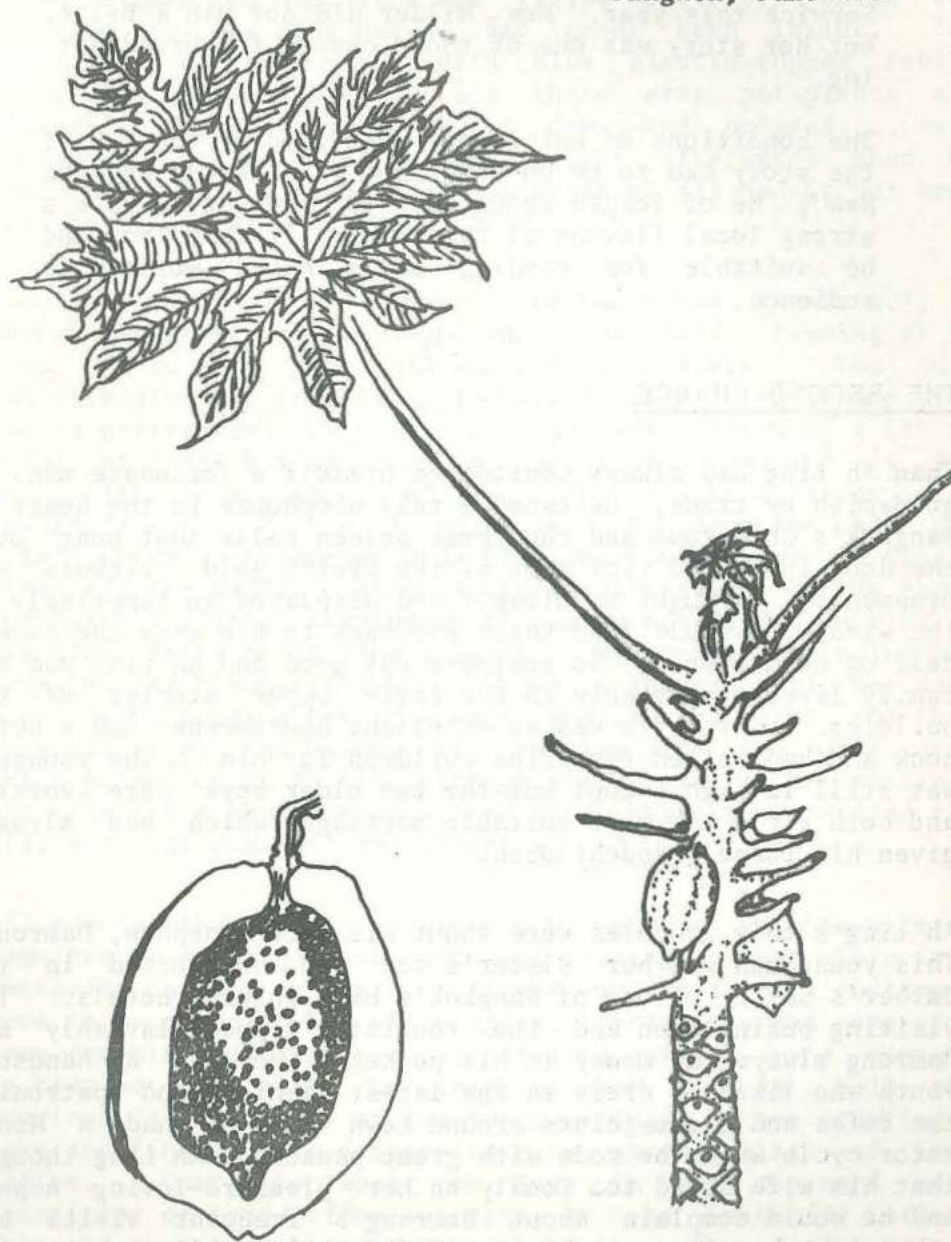
Papaya probably originated in Central America but the species is now widespread in the tropics. It can withstand the dry seasons of monsoon areas, but cannot tolerate waterlogging or frost. As it produces a heavy yield of large fruits (up to 9 kg. and 30 cm. long) the tree needs a fertile soil with good drainage. The skin of the fruit is green but turns yellow when the fruit is ripe. Inside, the pink-orange flesh is 3-4 cm. thick around a five-angled central cavity encrusted with black seeds; the flesh is rich in vitamin A and calcium and has some vitamin C. Papaya plants can be easily grown as pot plants in Thailand: wash the seeds to remove adhering flesh then allow to dry for about 2 days. After that you will find that the thickly-ridged layer which surrounds the seed can be prised away. Plant the seed 2-3 cm. deep and the plant should emerge within 2 or 3 weeks. The early leaves of papaya trees are roughly triangular or heart-shaped and quite unlike the mature leaves.

Papaya trees start to produce fruit very early in life, at about 1 year old but the trees live for only 25-30 years. Towards the end of its life the number of fruits produced declines, but in its best years a papaya can produce between 30 and 150 fruits each year, so an orchard planted with papayas can yield up to 35 tonnes of fruit each year per hectare as about 1,300 trees are planted per ha. In Thailand papaya orchards are often relatively small areas with 50-100 trees.

Unfortunately, papaya fruits cannot be transported easily: the fruits become bruised or overripe. As they are heavy, containing 88 per cent water, they are expensive to transport. Most papaya fruits are eaten in the countries where they are grown, though some fruits are transported from Hawaii to the U.S. and nowadays more of the fruits are being canned for export. The fruits contain a useful enzyme - called papain - which is used for tenderising meat; the enzyme is obtained by drying the fruit and grinding it to a powder.

In 1980, 1.9 million metric tonnes of papaya were produced, one-third of these were grown in Southeast Asian countries, including Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. The world's single major producer, however, is Brazil followed by Jamaica. Uganda is another important producer but the main objective of production there is usually papain, the protein-digesting 'tenderizer'.

by Jacqueline M. Piper
Bangkok, June 1982



Carica papaya
Papaya

The Second Chance

A Story by MARGARET MILLER

This short story was written by Margaret Miller and entered in a competition run by the B.B.C. in connection with the 50th Anniversary of their World Service this year. Mrs. Miller did not win a prize, but her story was one of those chosen for broadcasting.

The conditions of entry were specified by the B.B.C: the story had to be on the theme of "The Old and the New", be of length about 2500 to 2700 words, have a strong local flavour of the country it came from and be suitable for reading to a mixed world-wide audience.

THE SECOND CHANCE

Chan Ah Ling had always considered himself a fortunate man. A goldsmith by trade, he owned a tall shophouse in the heart of Bangkok's Chinatown and the three golden balls that hung over the door indicated that some of the pretty gold trinkets and ornaments, wrought by himself and displayed so temptingly in the window, would find their way back to him when the buyers fell on hard times. So business was good and Ah Ling and his family lived comfortably in the three upper stories of the building. His wife was an excellent housekeeper and a noted cook and had raised five fine children for him... the youngest was still in high school but the two older boys were working and both girls had made suitable marriages which had already given him three grandchildren.

Ah Ling's only grumbles were about his wife's nephew, Damrong. This young man was her sister's son and he worked in the Barber's Salon of one of Bangkok's big luxury hotels. The visiting businessmen and the tourists tipped lavishly and Damrong always had money in his pocket. He was a handsome youth who liked to dress in the latest fashions and patronise the cafes and disco-joints around town and he had a Honda motor cycle which he rode with great panache. Ah Ling thought that his wife doted too fondly on her pleasure-loving nephew and he would complain about Damrong's frequent visits but otherwise, he was, at the age of fifty-six, well content with life. Until the day he went to the Butterfly Coffeeshop.

The weather was very hot and the din of the traffic and the dust and clamour of the streets seemed worse than usual. Ah Ling was just coming out of the bank when he ran into Boon Sang, an old friend and good customer whom he had not seen for some time. "Come and have a cool drink," invited Boon Sang, "I've got some big news to tell you."

He led the way into the Butterfly Coffeeshop... Ah Ling had often noticed the huge blue and yellow butterfly which was the sign over the door but he had never been inside. The place was clean and bright, with blue plastic-topped tables and yellow cups and plates, and there were pot-plants and flowers in the window. They sat down and ordered... many tables were occupied and Ah Ling thought afterwards that he would never have noticed their waitress at all had it not been for the mishap with his iced coffee.

Boon Sang was full of his news:- he had taken a mia noi, a Number two wife! "I tell you man," he said, beaming at Ah Ling, "I am fifty years old and I feel 25 again! You just can't imagine how good it is to have a young thing around... and so pretty too! Oh yes, Number one wife kicked up a bit of a fuss at first but she soon got used to the idea and as for me... life is a poem, I tell you! She is like a flower... a tender flower..." In his enthusiasm to describe his new wife's charms, he opened wide his arms and swept Ah Ling's glass off the table. At once their waitress was beside them, busy with a cloth, mopping up the spilt coffee and dabbing at the brown spots on Ah Ling's shirt, murmuring and cooing her sympathy for his misfortune. She was a shapely girl, her dark blue sarong hugging her trim waist and rounded hips, and her face was smooth and brown, with curving lips and dark eyes which peeped up at Ah Ling through thick lashes. He stammered his thanks and she hovered around them until they settled the bill and went out into the street.

All evening the shapely figure and bright eyes of the waitress remained in Ah Ling's mind and next morning he went into the Butterfly Coffeeshop again. It was early and few customers were in evidence, but his heart fluttered when the same girl came for his order and brought his iced coffee... he managed to keep her attention by thanking her for her help the previous day, then by asking for more sugar, then ordering a cake and finally, in desperation, a second glass of iced coffee. Over the next few days Ah Ling consumed vast quantities of iced coffee and cake at the Butterfly Coffeeshop and even took his lunch-break there. The food was of inferior quality... the chilli pork and fried rice made by his wife at home was much tastier, but Ah Ling was indifferent

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The Second Chance (continued)

towards what he ate. He talked to the waitress and learned that her name was Malee. She was 19 years old and had come to Bangkok from up-country to look for work. She lived with the aunt who had found her the job as a waitress ... oh, yes, the wages were small but she got her food free and sometimes people left tips for her.

Ah Ling thought about her more and more and suddenly one day, about three weeks after his first visit to the Butterfly Coffeeshop, he was struck by a tremendous idea. He would take Malee as his mia noi!! He remembered what Boon Sang had told him about the pleasures of a young No. 2 wife and he felt faint with delight that he too would feel 25 again! He too would have a tender flower and for him too life would be a poem! That evening he made his first move by taking Malee a pair of tiny gold stud earrings, of his own workmanship, and presenting them to her as a Good Luck gift. She hesitated and looked up at him through her long lashes, but finally, with a pout and a giggle, she accepted his offering and accepted too his invitation to see the most popular movie currently showing in town.

When Ah Ling got home that night his wife was watching a Chinese soap-opera on T.V. He looked at her critically.... certainly she had been pretty when he married her but she wasn't really worth a second glance now. Not fat, true, but her figure did not go in and out in the enticing way that Malee's did. Her face had lines on it and she did not even use lipstick! Ah Ling felt a sudden surge of resentment.... why should he not be young again? She could never be ... she was a woman and it was quite different for her, but he was a MAN and could recapture his lost youth so easily! His mind was made up.

"Wife," he said, "I have made the decision to take a mia noi. You will always be in the place of Number One and honoured as such but it befits me to have a younger woman now!"

In his heart Ah Ling did not feel nearly so confident as his words suggested and he waited in trepidation for an outburst of anger and protest. Much to his surprise, his wife merely answered quietly, "As you will, husband. But Number Two will have to undertake all the wifely duties which Number One previously performed ... all of them. Retirement must be honourable in every way."

Ah Ling was so thankful that the tempest had not broken over his head that he went up to bed immediately and only vaguely noticed next morning that his breakfast rice-porridge was cold and lumpy and his clean clothes for the day were not laid out on the bed as usual. As he went downstairs to the shop he saw his wife in the sitting-room, talking earnestly in low tones to her nephew Damrong, who was looking very smart in tight jeans and a green leather jacket, his hair swept to one side in the latest casual fashion for men. Ah Ling barely acknowledged him as he hurried down to work.... Chinese New Year was approaching and gifts of gold were traditional at this season, so he was busy, very busy, but it was the most profitable time of the year for him. He did not have time to go to the Butterfly Coffeeshop for several days and when he did, Malee greeted him casually and carelessly put aside the small box of sweets he had taken for her, flouncing away with a swing of her hips to take orders from other tables. Sipping his iced coffee, Ah Ling watched her. How pretty she looked this evening in her dark blue sarong with a silver stripe gleaming round the hem, her smile and eyes bright and the glint of gold in her small ears ... Ah Ling looked again. Instead of the tiny studs he had given her she was wearing gold drop-earrings, intricately wrought in the form of flying birds, which swung and glittered as she moved. As she came closer, Ah Ling thought how like they were to a pair he had made for his wife on the occasion of their 25th marriage anniversary. He longed to get Malee to himself but she was busy and when he called to her she pouted and hovered around the other customers.

During the next few days Ah Ling lived a wretched life. At home his clothes were washed and ironed but they were roughly done and his trousers were no longer crisply starched with a knife-edge crease. His shirts had grubby cuffs and loose buttons and he certainly could not see his face in the polish of his black shoes! When he got into bed at night the sheets were not cool and smooth but crumpled and loosely pulled up over the lumpy mattress. And the food! No more delicious savoury dishes, just watery soup, soggy rice and greasy chicken. He was miserable, especially as things were not going well at the Butterfly Coffeeshop either. Malee was temperamental and no longer rushed to take his order as soon as he came in ... he thought that the customers must be tipping well these days as she was carrying an expensive snake-skin handbag and wearing dainty matching high-heeled sandals ... very like the ones he had had made for his wife some time ago, he thought, and even her new Thai silk blouse was in the deep rose shade which was his wife's favourite colour and which she had worn for their younger daughter's wedding. And the perfume Malee was wearing ... surely that flower fragrance was somehow familiar?

He could stand it no longer. As she passed his table he caught her hand and blurted out what was in his heart ... would she be his Mia Noi? She should live where she chose and he would come every day ... she had only to say what she wanted! Malee looked at him for a moment, eyeing him up and down with an odd little smile and then said she must think about it. She would tell him on Saturday.

The next four days seemed like a year to Ah Ling but at last Saturday came and he went round to the Butterfly Coffeeshop, slightly ashamed of his badly-laundered suit. He sat down at his usual table and a strange girl with plump cheeks and round eyes came to take his order.

"Where is Malee?", asked Ah Ling anxiously, "Is she serving at other tables now?"

"Oh, Malee has left," said the girl, "She has had great good fortune, that one! A young man has fallen in love with her and taken her away to Chiangmai! He is going to work in the Barber's Shop at the Crescent Hotel there. She had an old man here who wanted to make her his No. 2 wife but she is too smart ... now she is No. 1 with a handsome young man ... well off too! You should have seen the presents he gave her! Gold dangling earrings and snakeskin shoes and a very expensive silk blouse! And real scent ... from France! They are going to Chiangmai on his motor-bike ... a super-charged Honda! I ask you ... do some people have all the luck?"

Ah Ling walked out of the Butterfly Coffeeshop for the last time, forgetting to order. Out in the street he just walked and walked. Old man! Old man indeed! Hot and weary he at last went home and dragged his feet up the stairs from the shop. Yes, he was an old man ... he felt 70, never mind 56! Suddenly he sniffed. Surely that delicious aroma was roasting duck? He had forgotten how good the smell was!

In the bedroom a clean shirt and freshly starched trousers were laid out and there was a cold beer on the night-table. Never had a drink tasted so good! Thoughtfully Ah Ling showered and changed and went downstairs to the sitting room. The table was laid for dinner and the smell of roasting duck was more enticing than ever.

His wife was sitting in the window. "We won't be seeing so much of Damrong now, Husband," she said, "The Hotel has transferred him to Chiangmai to take charge of their Salon there. It is promotion for him and will mean more money but I will miss him. He is a good boy. Nobody knows what he has done for me!"

Ah Ling looked at her ... pleasant and comfortable, neat and tidy in her maroon-coloured sarong and white blouse, her gold wedding-band her only ornament. "Wife," he said suddenly, "Why do you not wear the golden bird drop earrings and the rose silk blouse and the snake-skin shoes I bought for you?"

His wife smiled, "Husband," she said gently, "This is my style."

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MAHLER'S WONDERFUL MUSIC

IT is said that the late Otto Klemperer's reading of Mahler's Seventh Symphony, the E Minor, is somewhat controversial, though it is certain that the music's tonal style, polyphonic setting, and its fullness of expression is brought well to the fore in his performance with the New Philharmonia Orchestra, first recorded in 1969, and now re-issued by Conifer - EMI on IC 163 - 01 - 931/32 (two records).



Otto Klemperer

The symphony's sub-title could well be 'Romantic' or 'Nocturnes', for it embraces two 'nachtsmusik' movements among its complement of five. If Klemperer's tempo is generally slow, this is advantageous to the dramatic and deliberate introduction to the opening movement where the magnificent first theme is given to the tenor horn -- 'Here Nature roars', said Mahler -- the second subject savouring of the romantic and being juxtaposed with a typical 'marziale' rhythm. Certainly there is romanticism in the first of the 'night music' episodes, echoing horns and woodwind together with pizzicato strings contributing to the moonlit illusion.

Some find the middle section - a scherzo - bitter, even horrific, but here Klemperer succeeds in reminding us of the fact that the composer never really got fully away from his childhood customs -- this is really "a child's fear of the dark", the orchestra depicting flickering firelight, grotesque shadows, with the gentle trio a calming lullaby. Klemperer's account of the second 'nachtsmusik' moment is magically sensitive - swooning harmonies, the sound of the mandoline for wooing, and a lyrical trio melody for sensuous fulfilment.

The work ends with a final rondo, a variation-form illustration of the music of broad daylight, drums and trumpets suggesting a Wagnerian-like pagentry, the open-hearted gaiety affixing a crowning seal to a symphony that has embraced practically everything.

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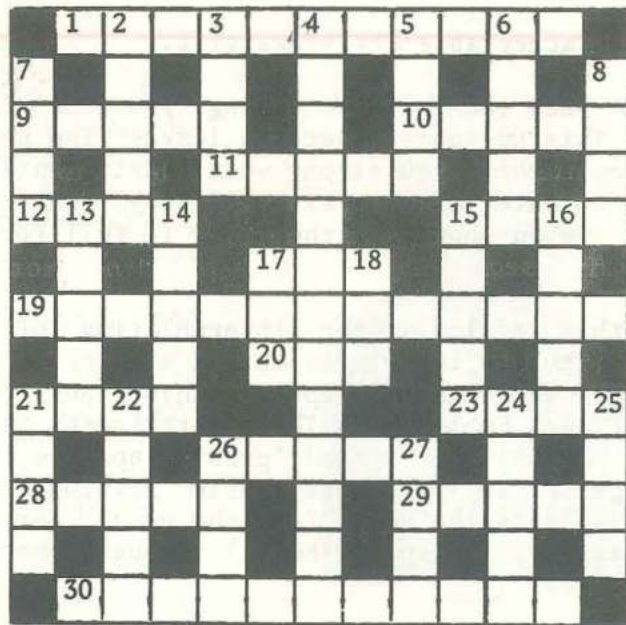
Feature of this service is the interpolating of instrumental obbligati and subtle interludes to add a spice to the vocalising, piano, saxophone, trumpet, banjo, and the accordion (of virtuoso Jack Emblow). The entertainment is well-varied: fast-moving 'Jeanette', a real 'presto' episode; 'She's Going', quick-fire patter in 'perpetuum mobile' fashion; 'Sole Salvation', nearly 'gets the boot' (get the pun?) for a daft lyric; and the clean-cut, crisp rhythm all through, not least in the opener 'I Confess'.

And I confess that, for many of us, the star of the show is the calypso-influenced 'Spar wid Me', ideal vocal ensemble with banjo, lyricon, and extended saxophone chorus. Note the drums and percussion - always appropriately decisive, though never over-emphatic. Note also that the producer is a Sergeant -- a sergeant on the beat?! -- and that The Beat comes to you by 'recorded' delivery.

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December Crossword



CLUES:

Across

- 1 Great man who died on his birthday and his country's Saint's Day.
- 9 He was no beauty but he won one!
- 10 Rat! i.e.- makes one angry.
- 11 Lady of the courts in her maiden form!
- 12 Not inclined.
- 15 New arrival.
- 17 Schedule abbreviation of when the airline might get you there.
- 19 Old stage play which offers no selection. (2 words)
- 20 With a dash she makes signals.
- 21 Extremely light?
- 23 British Motorway back in...but very small.
- 26 Cabaret turn done with a tease.
- 28 Fish right out of a ditch.
- 29 Coe's running rival.
- 30 Join the Navy and do it...so they say! (3 words)

Down

- 2 At her to make the centre.
- 3 Show girl whom I requested to osculate!
- 4 People gathered in them, said 1 across, to see Pompey pass. (3 words)
- 5 Time up to give out.
- 6 Ropy gear for a cowboy.
- 7 He was murdered long ago but at least he sounds efficient!
- 8 Throw down the gauntlet.
- 13 Empty area for bracing air.
- 14 Short laugh over a pig's home ... a bit rash!
- 15 Second class weaver makes a flower.
- 16 Poet at breakfast?
- 17 Where the tail is.
- 18 You put on one if you do!
- 21 Do it with a cross.
- 22 Where you would use 6 down.
- 24 One town in England is perfect.
- 25 Direction to a point within.
- 26 Do this up to be quiet.
- 27 Play pool around for another game.



"You think he's doing nothing, but he's bottling up impotent rage."

Last Month's Solution

THE PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

It is at once clear that points were scored as follows:

Mr. Buffalo	=	8
Mrs. Deer	=	7
Lord Boar	=	6
Lady Tiger	=	5
Rear-Admiral Lion	=	4

Also it is obvious that Lion scored for 4 beasts (tiger) at 1 point each.

This leaves 7 beasts that collectively yielded 26 points, distributed 2,2, 2,1 (for Lion photographed twice as many as anybody else). It is clear also that no beast scores 8, as Buffalo's score (8 points) includes a buffalo or boar.

Now consider the possible distribution of the individual scores:

8	=	7 + 1	or	6 + 2	or	5 + 3	or	4 + 4
7	=	7	or	6 + 1	or	5 + 2	or	4 + 3
6	=	6	or	5 + 1	or	4 + 2	or	3 + 3
5	=	5	or	4 + 1	or	3 + 2		

If 8 = 4+4, 4 is the value of a buffalo and the others must be greater. This would mean that we photographed one beast only. Hence a buffalo scores 2 or 3.

Hence the following scale of points must be considered for beasts other than tigers:

bu.	bo.	1.	d.
2	3	4	5
2	3	4	6
2	3	4	7
2	3	5	6
2	3	5	7
2	3	6	7*
2	4	5	6
2	4	5	7*
2	4	6	7*
2	5	6	7*
3	4	5	6
3	4	5	7
3	4	6	7*
3	5	6	7*

Of these the distribution⁺ yields no solution, and all except those marked* yield more solutions than one.

Analyzing these five distributions:

No.	bu.	bo.	1.	d.	8	7	6	5
1	2	3	6	7	6+2	7	3+3	3+2
2	2	4	5	7	7+1	5+2	4+2	5
3	2	4	6	7	6+2	7	4+2	4+1
4	3	4	6	7	7+1	4+3	6	4+1
5	3	5	6	7	7+1	6+1	3+3	5

But only (1) and (3) of the above are admissible, since only these distributions give Buffalo points for a buffalo, and (1) is ruled out by the fact that Boar bags a pair of boars.

Therefore:

Mr. Buffalo has a lion and a buffalo.

Mrs. Deer has a deer.

Lord Boar has a boar and a buffalo.

Lady Tiger has a boar and a hyena.

Rear-Admiral Lion has 4 hyenas.

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Those who follow the Solution deserve as many prizes as those who understood the puzzle! Any questions to genius Geof Connor -- to whom many thanks! - Ed.

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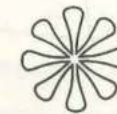
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Little Boy Blue? 2..2..2



MERRY CHRISTMAS, P****!

Although the photo is a trifle dark, we can just discern one of our favourite inhabitants of the BC Bar in his customary posture! On this occasion, the intrepid BC II darts team had just won a match (on a beautiful XI launched by Denis H.) and even the ensuing tumultuous applause didn't wake P**** H*****d up!



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BRIDGE

Bridge has slackened off slightly during the last few weeks due to the intensive activity on the front lawn on Monday nights. Those of us who have been tempted away by the Scottish dancing will certainly be returning, however, and our "hardcore" of enthusiastic regulars have kept things going. Despite the approach of the festive season Bridge will continue through December with just Chicago being played in anticipation of the fact that a lot of people might have social engagements this month. We shall start the New Year off with a special duplicate prize night - details later this month.

Thanks to Heywood Marsh for his help when the Bridge Section Committee were unable to attend.

As always, new members are very welcome. Just turn up at 7.30 p.m. on a Monday.

Please note: No Bridge on Monday, 27th December!



"I often think how nice it would be to have enough imagination to live in a dream world."



DARTS

(continued) DARTS

BRITISH CLUB II

BRITISH CLUB I

The results for the past 9 matches have been a little disappointing with 2 wins and 7 defeats registered. The two wins were against BC 2 and Toby Jug 2, the defeats were 'handed-out' by Toby Jug 1, Mercantile Bank, Orientours, Ladies, Aryan, Hobsons Gang and Jusmag.

For those interested in the statistical records for the past 9 games the following information is included:-

Scores of a 'ton' or more were recorded by Ian Ward-McNally (16), Malcolm Lazenby (5), Hans Holstein (4), Dave Wallace (3), 'Duke' (3), Ian Hill (3), Chris Andrews (2), Ernie Ure (2), Rod Carter (2), Brian Thompson (2) and Peter Hodgson (2). Closing 'doubles' were scored by Ian Ward-McNally (11), Ian Hill (4), 'Duke' (4), Hans Holstein (4), Ernie Ure (4), Peter Hodgson (2), Dave Wallace (2), Malcolm Lazenby (1), Chris Andrews (1), Rod Carter (1) and Brian Thompson (1).

It should be noted that, of the eleven players named above, not one player has played in all the forementioned matches (due to pressure of work etc), and, once again, BC 1 is struggling to get the minimum number of players (i.e. six) to make the team up to full strength each week. With the 'Festive Season' drawing nearer and more formal social occasions taking preference over darts the BC 1 team will be relying on an extra amount of team spirit and practice to finish anywhere else than at the bottom of Division 3 of the 18th Bangkok Darts League. BC 1 Team are currently practising at the 'Joker' Bar on Wednesday nights -- so if you're interested in darts come along and join-in -- we need your support!

BRITISH CLUB II

What a feast! Lots of tons but five defeats.

The closest game by far was that against our new rivals, British Club I on 23rd September. Brian Heath was pipped by Ian Ward-McNally, Bryan Baldwin beat Ian Hill, team trainer Orin threatened to score her first win until Dave Wallace finally closed X3, Chris Staddon beat Hans Hollstein, Ingrid lost to Duke and Peter Hodgson levelled the singles at 3-3 when closing double 20 against Chris Andrews. British Club II, being first to reach the optimum Amarit level threatened a serious upset by taking the first two doubles when Chris Staddon partnered by Bryan, and Brian Heath, partnered by Peter closed X9 and double 5 respectively. The two Ians combined to defeat the two ladies Ingrid and Orin leaving the score BC II 7 BC I 5 at the start of the triples. Both these went to the "visitors" when Ian Hill and Duke both closed, and Ian Ward-McNally finished a close team game with a double I. Tons for the evening were shared 4-4 (BC II Chris Staddon 140, Ingrid 100, Bryan Baldwin 100 & 140, and BC I Dave Wallace 125 and 114 and Ian W-M 100 & 140).

The next week at Mario's, Captain Denis was our only singles victor, and the two Brian's scored our only doubles points. The triples were halved when Ingrid, partnered by Chris & Denis closed double 17, but they were the only points we got in a 12-5 defeat. Tons were registered by Chris (2) Bryan 125 and Brian. The least said about the game against Aryan the better. Your favourite (or second favourite) team lost 0-17, and the only redeeming features were that we at least deserved to win something and we registered tons by Denis, Peter, Chris 125 and Simon Brewin 2 x 125.

On 14th October at Texan II we suffered a further 12-5 defeat, with 3 singles wins from Ingrid, Bryan and Chris, and 2 points in the triples from Ingrid, Peter and Chris (closed X18). Tons came from Bryan 101 and 120 and Chris 100, 100 and 138.

Then on 21st October we hosted the Bankers! We reckon that the employees of the Mercantile Bank practice between customers, and even the boss Khun Tanong must have a board in his office cupboard. Well, our intrepid dartists were 10-2 down at the end of the doubles, only Brian Heath partnered by Chris, closing his double with a 14. Then we halved the triples with Chris, partnered by Orin and Brian, closing with a double! Tons came from Bryan, Ingrid 115 and Peter 100 and 119.

Anyway, we're not giving up! Captain Denis has called for some serious elbow-raising exercise.

Yes, your second favourite team has had a long string of home matches.

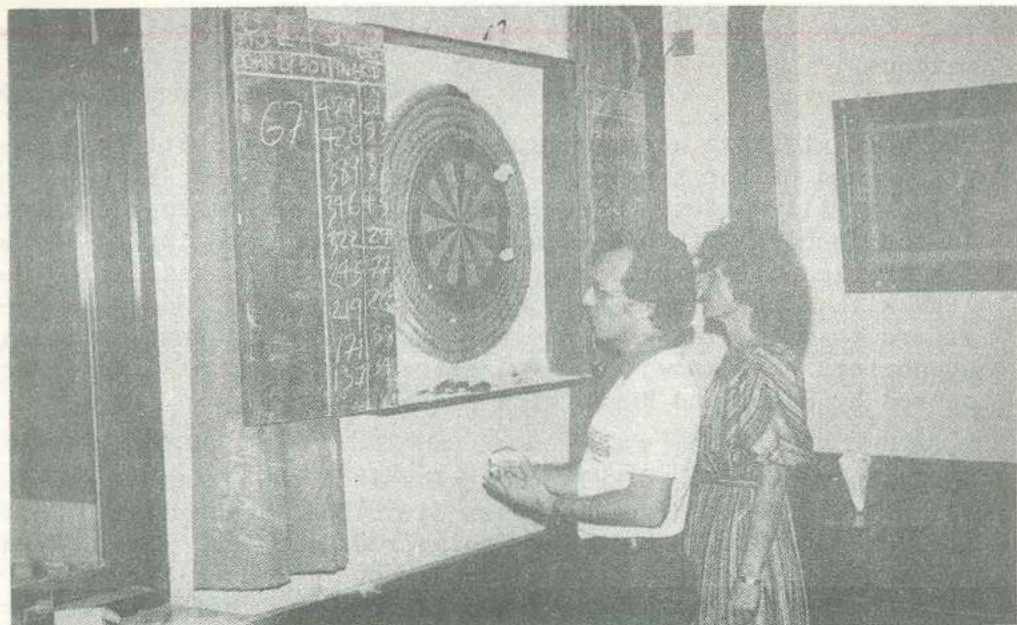
The next visitors were Hobson's gang, when despite being 2-4 at the end of the singles (wins from Peter and Bryan) the "almost Lillywhites", levelled the score by taking 4 points in the doubles with closes by Peter Tinson and Brian Heath. The triples clinched it, putting BC II in an unassailable 10-6 lead with closes from Chris Staddon and Peter. We could then afford to relax in the team game, which, as long standing supporters will know, we are extremely good at! Tons were scored by Peter and Bryan with 2 each.

Now, are you going to believe 2 wins in a row? Yes it was 9-8 against Toby Jub I from a higher division! Brian Heath, Chris Staddon and Bryan Baldwin registered singles wins, Bryan (partnered by Chris) closed the second 701 double with a X2, and then Peter (partnered by Ingrid) put the "off-Lillywhites" into a 7-5 lead with the triples and team game to come. The two points needed for victory came in the first triple when Bryan (partnered by Brian and Peter) closed double 1. Naturally, the customary relaxation period set in, and the visitors took the remaining points. Well, a 9-8 victory is OK isn't it? No need to rub it in! Tons came from Chris, Bryan (3) and Peter (3 including a 125).

The last report this month concerns yet another home match in the club bar, (worth bending a coupla elbows at!) and started with Captain Denis throwing a perfect 180 with his first practice attempt. Needless to say this pattern was not repeated in the actual game though our leader did manage a 112 in the team game. Well, the match result was BC II 2 Jusmag 15 so there's not much more to say except that Chris and Brian won their singles and tons were scored by Chris (135 and 100), Peter (120) and Denis (112). Team trainer Orin, still trying hard for her first victory has taken up knitting and wearing contact lenses but not necessarily in that order.

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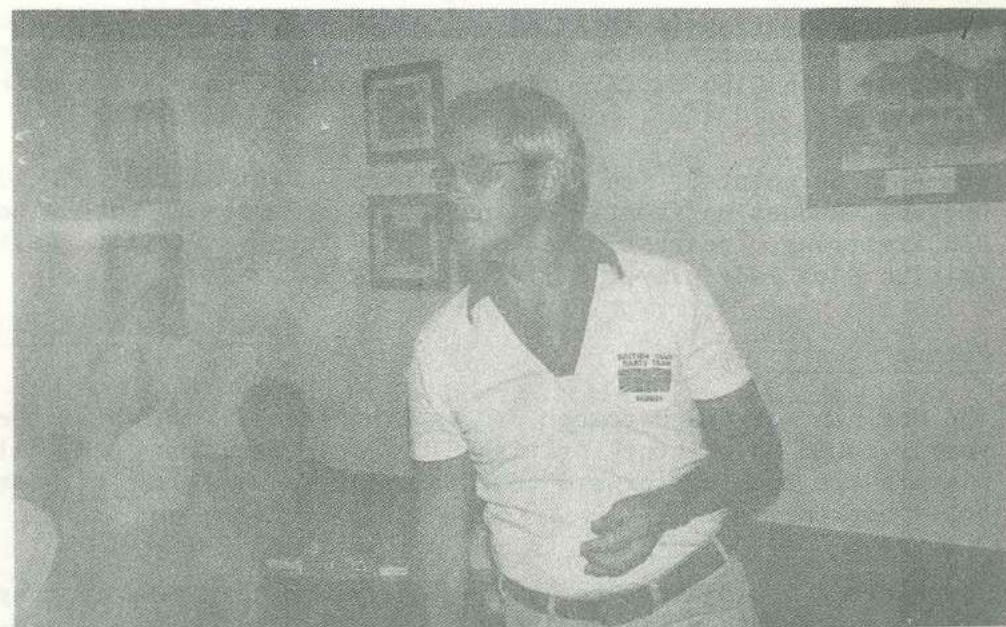
Brian runs out of fingers as Ingrid scores 131 -- and leaves 6!!



Back L to R: Denis, Agnes, Chris, Bryan and Peter
Front L to R: Orin, Brian & Ingrid promise to grow by next time.



Popeye!!!



Peter - Is that A '1" or A '5'?

Note the crossed fingers for luck



GOLF

The 31st October match was held at the beautiful Bang Phra Course, although a few rough greens were experienced but a good day was had by all. The prize winners were as follows:-

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| A.. Group | 1st Ernie Jurgens
2nd Mike Lamb |
| B. Group | 1st Ian Halliday (New Clubs)
2nd Sally Lamb |
| A. Group | Best 1st nine Haans Daniels
Best 2nd nine Joan Jurgens |
| B. Group | Best 1st nine Sally Voravarn
Best 2nd nine David Factor |
| Closest to the pins | Haans Daniels and John Kerr |

14th November:

Outing was held at Hua Mark where the British Club vs The American Chamber held their annual match and resulted with a win to The American Chamber. The average was American Chamber 33.66 British Club 32.22. The Best British Club players were as follows:

Tom Ford 39 points, Ken Long 38 points, Best Back nine Neil Duggan, Runner up front 9 Brian Fraser, Runner up Back nine Ron Armstrong, nearest the pins Bill Young, Pravit, Best British Club lady player Sally Lamb.

Future Events:

The Hua Hin weekend December 3rd to 6th December: which is the yearly round up of the British Club golf section and all players are looking forward to this event so make sure of your hotel booking.

There are a few players to watch closely for next year -- they are none other than Ian Halliday, with his new clubs and trying to lower his handicap, John Hope banking on lowering his handicap, B. Rolph a heady golfer trying very hard, Roy Barrett the 7 iron specialist and least but not last Sally Lamb.

HAPPY GOLFING TO YOU ALL.



LADIES' GOLF

This will be a brief account of the Ladies Golfing Activities as I have only just returned from home leave and am still catching up with all the news.

The results of competitions played as follows:

5.10.82 Stableford:

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| Winner: | Tina Svensson - 30 Stableford points, on count back from Sheila Kerr. |
| Nearest Pin: | Joan Jurgens |
| Longest Drive: | Eileen Ford |

12.10.82 String Competition

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| Winner: | Ella Mallaret |
| Runner up: | Joan Jurgens |
| Nearest Pin: | Eileen Ford |
| Longest Drive: | Ella Mallaret |

19.10.82 Bisque Bogey

- | | |
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| Winner: | Pam Hardy + 6 |
| Runner up: | Tina Svensson + 2 |
| Nearest Pin: | Ella Mallaret |
| Longest Drive: | Tina Svensson |

26.10.82 LGU Medal

- | | |
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| Winner: | Silver Division: Ella Mallaret
Bronze Division: Sheila Kerr |
| Longest Drive: | Ella Mallaret |
| Putting: | Ella Mallaret |

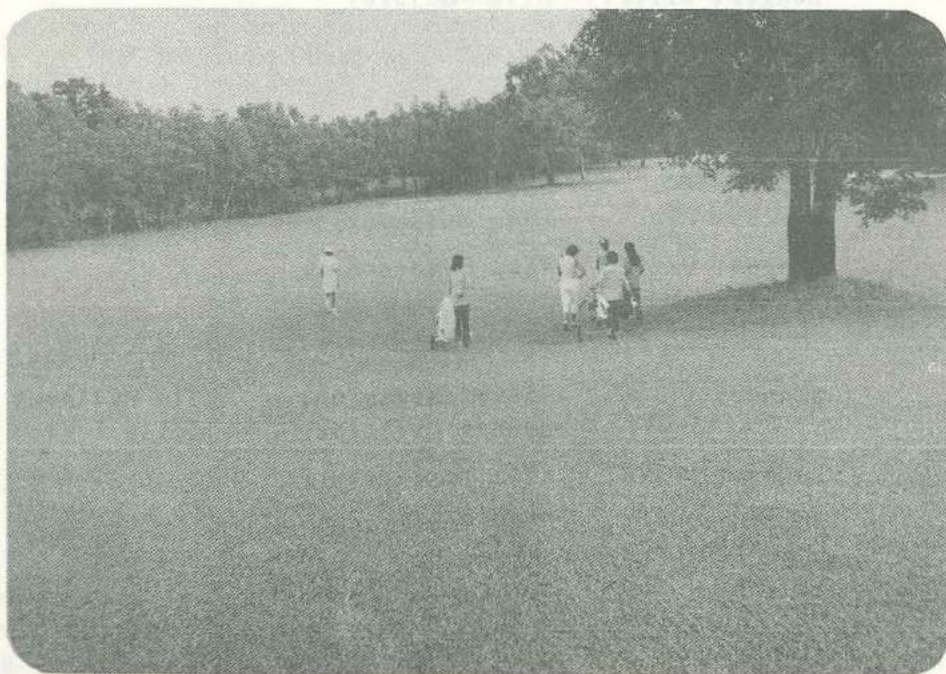
2.11.82 Ts & Fs

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| Winner: | Joan Jurgens |
| Runner up: | Ella Mallaret |
| Longest Drive: | Ella Mallaret |
| Putting: | Joan Jurgens |

OUR LADY CAPTAIN IN ACTION



Mrs. General FORD ready to storm the first hole!



Mrs. General FORD leading the troops and it looks like she is the only one who knows where her ball is! Right down the middle!

9.11.82 Stableford Competition

Winner: Phyl Dunn
Runner up: Eileen Ford
Longest Drive: Ella Mallaret
Nearest Pin: Judy King

16.11.82 LGU Medal

Winner: Silver Division: Phyl Dunn
Bronze Division: Muriel Harrold
Nearest Pin: Tina Svensson
Longest Drive: Kerstin Persson
Putting: Silver Division: Phyl Dunn
Bronze Division: Jenny Holt

FIXTURES

At the Army Course unless otherwise stated.

30.11.82 LGU Medal

Starter: Judy King (392-7191)

7.12.82 Bisque Bogey

Starter: Ann Johnstone (252-8655)

14.12.82 Annual Round Up, Stableford

Starter: Eileen Ford (252-2074)



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BILLIARDS

Hamilton Cup (Billiards)

In the quarter-finals, Roy Barrett gave Tom Watson a run for his money in the first game, but lost it 94-100 and the next one too, 48-100. Tom Moran and Ian McLean played a cliff-hanger that went 44-100, 101-66, 101-93 to Tom. Ian Hill and Ernie Ure also had a close game, Ian winning 81-100, 101-59 and 101-85.

The semi-finals lined Ron Armstrong against Tom Watson and Tom Moran against Ian Hill. Ron led Tom to 99 in their first game but at 92 Tom played a shot that should have been televised, sinking the red, cannoning and going in off to steal the game. Ron retaliated with an early break of 31 in their second game and won to 56, then went on to win the decider 100-63. In the other semi-final, Ian took the first game 101-95, but Tom's game improved all the time and Tom won the next two 101-60 and 102-86.

The final, regrettably watched by only a few spectators, this being a busy month for most, was played on 13th November. Ron played consistently well scoring many breaks in the tens and twenties and two thirties. Tom had one of those frustrating evenings of near misses and ill luck, so Ron won to 57 and 77 in two straight games. Maybe the acquisition of new golf clubs that weekend gave Ron extra inspiration! Congratulations to Ron Armstrong who has now won two years in succession.

O'Connell Cup

With players concentrating on billiards, play in the current volunteer tournament has been slow. Ron Armstrong leads the field, with other places to be decided between Tom Moran, Ian McLean, Ian Hill and a few others! This tournament must be concluded this month, so if walk-overs are to be avoided, get playing!

Donofield Cup, AGM and Ashes

These 1982 events will all be arranged for January, 1983, avoiding the heavy December social calendar. The Donofield Cup, volunteer snooker singles handicap, will be played over two or three consecutive evenings. Entry lists will be posted in early December. Watch the Billiards/Snooker notice boards - it may not be possible to give advance warning in these pages.



CRICKET

BILLARDS



As anyone occupying rooms facing West at the Narai Hotel will know, the British Club 1982/83 cricket season is off to a smashing start. As busily as Bob and Khun Adisak can knit fishing nets, the more aggressive BC batsmen are extending their repertoire of cow shots to even wider limits, so that now, in spite of the management's noble efforts, no window less than six floors up or 100 yards wide of mid-off is safe. The score so far is two broken windows (confirmed) for one shattered balcony roof (unconfirmed, but more than likely judging by the expression on the lady's face seen hanging out of a 5th floor window for a better view). This unexpected ingredient of wild, uninhibited aggression is proving a great attraction to the Thai students in school across the way, and this could well mark the turning point in the hitherto slow process of attracting Thai sportsmen to the ancient game of cricket.

However chaps, - enough's enough! If we go on like this, not only will we have glass splinters in our Christmas pud, but the Narai Hotel is going to get a bit cheesed off and stop giving our balls back. So, be warned, anyone smashing the captain's bowling out of sight in future can expect a bill as well as severe disciplinary action.

In case anyone's not quite with it, British Club cricket practice sessions started on 3rd November with an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response from old and new members alike. 40 players are already listed as interested in playing, of whom at least 21 had turned up for practice in the first 2 weeks - some of these have discovered muscles in places where other sports can't get to! Our Sunday afternoon sessions have proved so popular that a number of non-cricketing dad's have been seen to slope away from their families at the poolside for a few minutes to relive childhood memories and sling a few balls down with us -- and some not bad at all either! Since the evening sessions are rather short anyway, we have decided that until further notice, official nets will be on Wednesdays at 4.45 p.m., and Sunday afternoons only.

This early enthusiasm has resulted in a splendid response for our pre-season Chiangmai fixture on 4/5th December. We have 14 players signed up and can look forward to 2 good days of cricket, even though our performance might be dented by the absence of our loving wives and families who for some unknown reason have mostly chosen to leave us to it on this occasion.

CRICKET (continued)

BOUQUET



Since we can't trust that lot along at Henri Dunant Road, we cannot at this stage release details, let alone names, of new signings so far this season. Suffice it to say, that with one new fast bowler, one new class batsmen, one new promising spinner, and several other solid looking new cricketers, we're off to a petty promising start. Except, that is, for the disturbing trend in the increasing proportion of Aussies making up our squad. We would like to reassure all our faithful, peace-loving British supporters, that we will do everything possible to ensure that this does not result in an increase of incidents of violence perpetrated by players against innocent spectators.

Finally, the only sad note this season has been the absence of our wise-cracking keeper, Gordon, 'The Pads', Burles. Gordon has been sadly laid up with a nasty touch of the yellow disease this last couple of months, but his beautiful wife reports that this is not preventing him from breaking in our brand new gloves in bed. Come back soon Gordon, Nimmers might be able to catch the ball, but he's an Aussie too!

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SQUASH

They say a picture says more than a thousand words so you will note we have added several thousand words to our squash article this month. This is probably a copy of our friends over at the Bangkok Post who did such a good cover of our Don Johnson tournament in their Saturday Sports Supplement early in November. We didn't submit to them the sequel to the Don Johnson where Mr. Evergreen grew back to take his revenge on Youngblade Carter by beating him in their league match 3-1. When will we get that cup back Rod?

The tireless, sensitive, reserved coordinators of BC squash have already mentioned in the 38th Squash League list some facts and figures on the volume of entries but there is a new figure out now worth recording.

Apparently in the space of this year and primarily since the inception of the bi-monthly league, 250 new players have made their appearance in the leagues. It's not a case of 250 people all trying to play on Sunday afternoon (thank heavens) but an indication of the turnover of squash players this year. So far the club doesn't have to resort to best of 1 games in 10 minute booking slots but at times it looks that way.

Speaking now of court bookings and forward reservations the subject has come up again, as it always does in times of court use pressure, of Court Etiquette a la British Club Squash. Some of the more common areas of possible gaps in understanding between members are:

1. Knocking on Doors. It was said earlier this year but has occurred again so, for those coming fresh from the world of pressure cooked commercial squash clubs, please hasten to adapt to the Land of Smiles and Mai Pen Rai. Apologies to Ben. The practise of K.O.D. has an alarming effect on most players who usually have by that time tottered into their 5th game and are hovering around 8-all. One story has it that in just that situation a K.O.D. caused one venerable player intently watching the serve to find the ball gently trickle down his face and the point was lost. So instead of rattling on the court doors, with other hand on stop watch, please leap up to the gallery, pause for breath and lull in battle, then pointedly enquire about score progress and time of day. Even the most dedicated K.O.D. would allow several more minutes play to finish an imminent victory below. By the same token they would expect the same grace if their own games staggered past

the appointed time. Gentle manners like these could be expected to be thrown out the window. However if the players below say they have reached all of 1-all in the 4th! Then its definitely a strategy of employing shame if not threats to propel those players to another court or day.

2. Game Start Times. Despite what the most incredibly nano-second accurate diver type watch may say the time for starting is taken from the trusty clock on the wall between court 1 and 2. That clock is a few minutes slow which is a blessing for the late arrivals. The clock has been known to stop in which case there is not enough space here to mention the merits of diver type watches.

PEAK PERIOD. To clear any possible confusion the references found to this period means per day and not per week so players are certainly not restricted to once weekly peak period bookings.

STICKERS. Any sticker removal or replacement or overlaying on others is of course not etiquette and will cause a chain reaction of problems for all players.

Don't forget to brush up on the squash bye-laws and booking rules now outside the courts.

TRSA LEAGUE. The British Club teams make up about a third of this league as we have about 30 players carrying the banner. Good write ups on how we are going can be read from the Bangkok Post every Monday morning in the sports pages. To date our Ladies teams have been unbeaten so knock on wood, they have a good chance of seeping up all their matches to the finals. By the way found out that the team "Pink Elephants" comes from the rather large size of the players and the colour of their faces going into the 5th.

SQUASH CLINIC FOR YOUNGSTERS. Len is working on this project which will be really good for the boys and girls keen to start or smooth off the edges of their play. Don't think there is a fee but not sure on this because there may be a small attendance inducement charge but there is no age limit and tentative start date is 18 December at 9 a.m. Len will have a notice out in the mail before that date to confirm.

LADIES SQUASH MORNINGS. Lyn Cook is coming up with alarming (sorry, glowing) reports of large attendances of 25 ladies to the Tuesday squash mornings. It is now to the stage where an additional week day morning will probably have to be added. Are the ladies getting into training for HOGMANAY GALA night?

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NEW YEAR'S EVE/HOGMANAY. For the benefit of the writer and probably 2 other people who don't know HOGMANAY is some form of Scottish eruption which surfaces once a year when everyone thought it was over. With luck we will have a poster in this edition and perhaps a flyer in the post before OUTPOST can wink. Ticket demand should rival court pressure as nothing else on in town is worth going to that night.

Better get your tickets ASAP.

FAREWELL to Ron (Swisher) Skeldon the nemesis of many league games and slayer of quite a few higher hopes up the ladder.

Ron is taking Grania and baby on a spot of leave before starting his new appointment at Hong Kong University.



Next year will be different!

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Guess who broke the ball?



SWIMMING

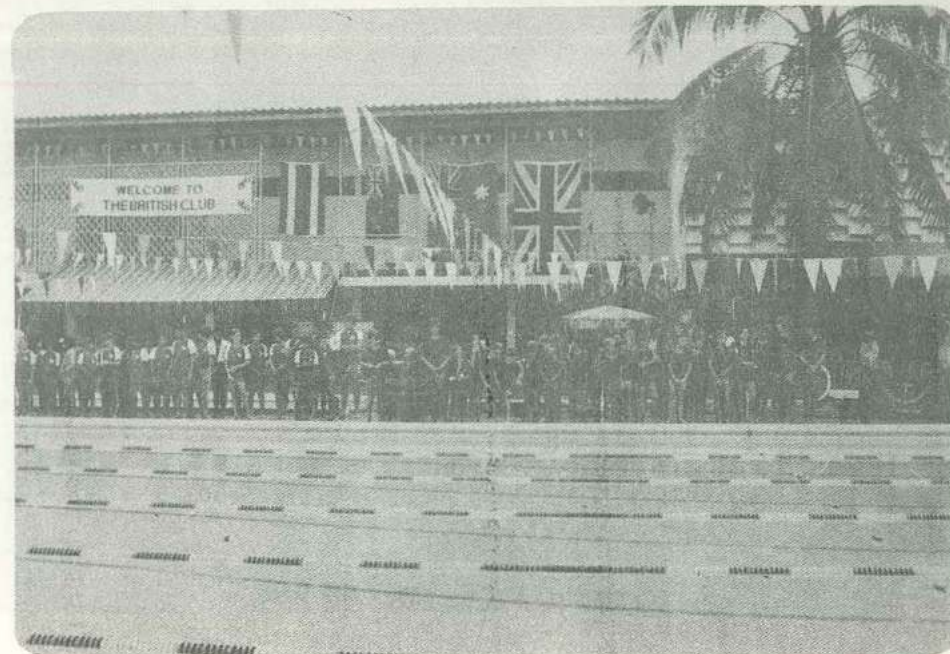
Mark your diaries now for the Family Gala on 19th December. Parents are also recommended to search out their swimming costumes and even to buy new ones if the old ones have holes in the elbows because the pressure from children to join in the events is going to be intense. This is always a popular day at the pool with novelty and parents events in addition to the regular swimming events. Start time is 9.30 a.m. and to add to the competitive element of the day all competitors will receive commemorative ribbons plus medals for first, second and third in each event.

There are also trophies to be won and Helen Jamieson would appreciate the return of these as soon as possible from last year's winners.

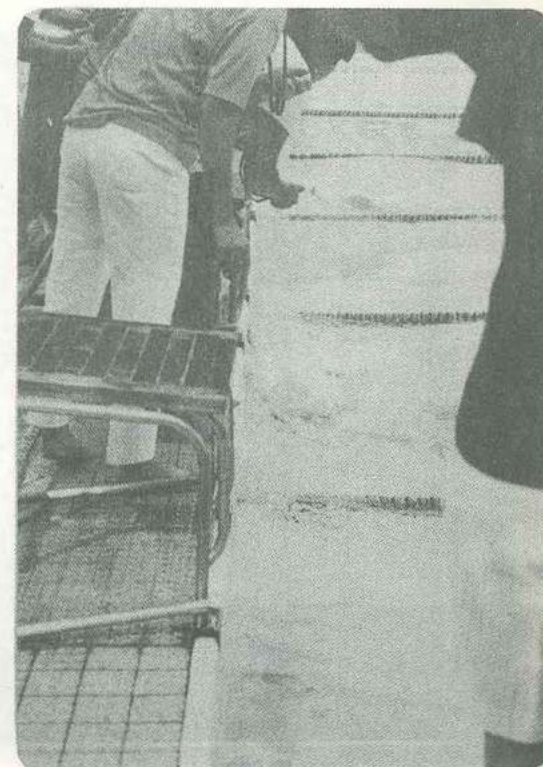
The November Gala showed that swimmers had benefitted from the higher level of competition they faced in the October inter-club Gala. Another fine crop of personal improvements were recorded, especially in the I.M.; and Karen Prendergast improved on her own Club Record in the 100 m. Backstroke. As usual there are several contenders for the Improver of the Month award, and this time the winner is Sarah Gillet. Well done Sarah! Special mentions must also go to Jeremy Urwin and to Alexander Fleming and Selinla Collins.

Stamina is one of the most important ingredients in improving swimming performances and the distance Swimming Awards provide good incentive to get into the pool and to put in the lengths. Would you believe Michael Hodgson has now completed over 80 kms. since July? Awards for youngsters are made for each 10 kms. A handsome certificate is the mark of achievement and improved stamina is the real benefit. The logbook for recording daily totals is beside the poolside notice board. Start today.

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Endpieces!



MY WIFE works in the despatch department of a mail order firm. The other day, a customer returned a brassiere with this curt note: 'Not suitable -- exchange for a pair of pillow cases.

(-- Letter in Daily Mirror)



A MEMBER of the African Family Planning Association said: "We are having a lot of trouble with pregnancy in secondary school girls, and this represents a lot of man-hours wasted."

(-- Medical News)



(from the Malay Mail)

British Club - December 1982 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1/ Football Social BBQ Cricket Nets	2/ Ladies Exercise Swimming Training Darts	3/	4/
5/ Buffet Lunch & Supper Cricket Nets	6/ Bridge	7/ Ladies Squash Swimming Training	8/ Cricket Nets	9/ Ladies Exercise Swimming Training Darts	10/	11/
12/ Buffet Lunch & Supper Cricket Nets	13/ Bridge	14/ Ladies Squash Children's X'mas Under 6's Swimming Training New Members Night Committee Meeting	15/ Children's X'mas 6-9 years Cricket Nets	16/ Ladies Exercise Swimming Training Darts	17/ X'mas Ball	18/
19/ Swimming Gala Buffet Lunch & Supper Cricket Nets	20/ Children's X'mas 9-13 years LLG Meeting Bridge	21/ Ladies Squash Swimming Training	22/ Children's X'mas 13 + Disco Cricket Nets	23/ Ladies Exercise Swimming Training Darts	24/	25/
26/ Buffet Lunch & Supper Cricket Nets	27/ Staff Party (CLUB CLOSED) 6.00 p.m.	28/ Ladies Squash Swimming Training New Members Night Committee Meeting	29/ Cricket Nets	30/ Ladies Exercise Swimming Training Darts	31/ Squash Hogmanay Disco	

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