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EDITORIAL

As the season of goodwill looms, it may seem a little churlish to be critical.

After all, Guy Fawkes night was a success; the front lawn has echoed to the sound of Scottish country dancing -- and to the jingle of much-needed revenue being placed in the BC coffers; groundwork for the Christmas Ball has been so thorough that a first class evening is guaranteed; the club's squash and soccer sections promise us yet another memorable New Year's Eve; the club's new manager has got off to a flying start both in terms of efficiency and in his relations with club members.

What, then, could be wrong?

Well, when St. Andrew's, Christmas and New Year are long forgotten, members who use the "easy chair" section of the new sala will still have to sit in uncomfortable chairs and eat their meals and snacks from tables that really belong in a jumble sale. Some of these tables are not only ugly but dangerous, sporting a nice line in protruding screws. The new poolside furniture has done much to improve that area of the club. It's a pity that there is still one blemish.

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Back to happier topics: Outpost wishes all British Club members and advertisers a very Merry Christmas.

Membership Matters

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to Membership of the Club in November 1984.

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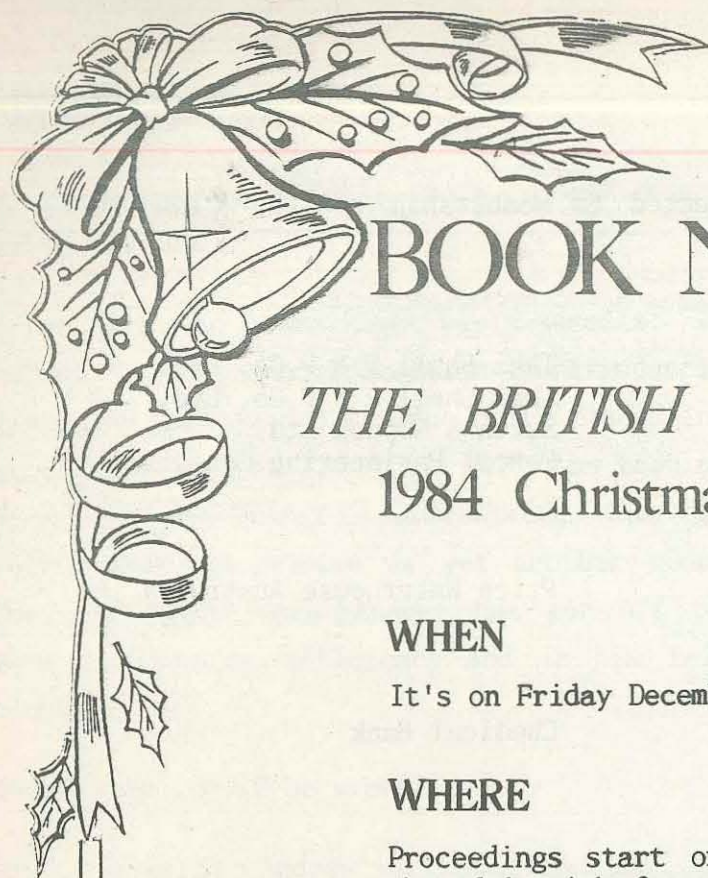
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Status of Membership

The current membership status is as follows:

Honorary	9
Ordinary	355
Non-Voting	3
Associate	52
Ladies Privileges	35
Up-Country	21
Candidates	28
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TOTAL	503
Absence	749
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GRAND TOTAL	1252
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BOOK NOW FOR

THE BRITISH CLUB

1984 Christmas Ball

WHEN

It's on Friday December 21st.

WHERE

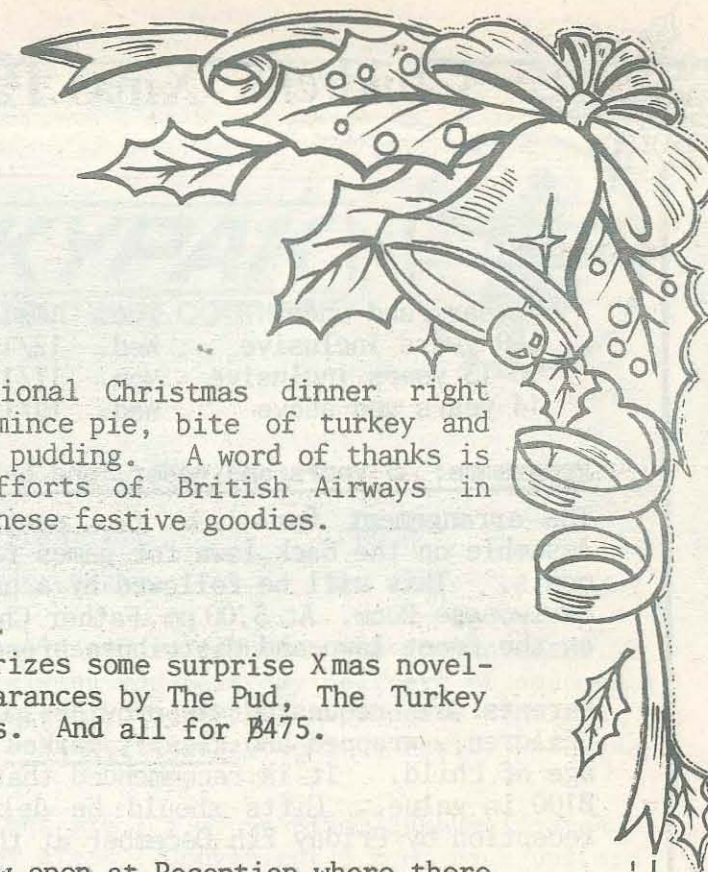
Proceedings start on the front lawn of the club with free cocktails from 7.30 to 8.30. Dinner will be served at 8.45 approx. at the back lawn. We have a dance floor, so you can dance the night away till 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m.....

HOW MUCH

Price of tickets is £475 per head. There is no corkage charge and special wines will be on sale at "supermarket prices". This, of course, is cheaper than last year... but is twice the value. Read on to find out why!

MUSIC

This will be provided by the superb Chulalongkorn University Band. This is the real big band sound with 30 musicians and 7-8 vocalists. Traditional or disco, the CU Band plays it all.



MENU

This is the traditional Christmas dinner right down to the last mince pie, bite of turkey and morsel of Christmas pudding. A word of thanks is due here to the efforts of British Airways in providing many of these festive goodies.

PLUS

Door prizes, spot prizes some surprise Xmas novelties and guest appearances by The Pud, The Turkey and Father Christmas. And all for £475.

BOOKING

Reservations are now open at Reception where there is a table plan on show. Numbers are restricted to 350. So book now!

Dress is Red Sea Rig and free parking will be provided in the Narai Hotel car park.

DON'T FORGET!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21ST.

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Children's Xmas Parties

Dates:

5 years and under	Tue. 11/12/84	3.00-5.30 pm
6-9 years inclusive	Wed. 12/12/84	3.00-5.30 pm
10-13 years inclusive	Mon. 17/12/84	5.00-8.30 pm
14 years and above	Wed. 19/12/84	7.00-midnight

Programme: 5 years and under, and 6-9 inclusive

The arrangement for these two parties are the same. Assemble on the back lawn for games followed by refreshments. This will be followed by a half hour show in the Suriwongse Room. At 5.00 pm Father Christmas will appear on the front lawn and distribute presents.

Parents are requested to provide gifts for their own children, wrapped and clearly marked with the name and age of child. It is recommended that they do not exceed £100 in value. Gifts should be delivered to the club reception by Friday 7th December at the latest.

10-13 years inclusive

Assemble on the front lawn for games. At 18.00 a B.B.Q. will be served at the poolside followed by a disco in the sala.

N.B. Will children please bring tapes of their favourite disco music clearly marked with their names.

14 years and above

Assemble in the new sala for a B.B.Q. followed by a disco.

N.B. Will children please bring tapes of their favourite disco music clearly marked with their names.

<u>Cost</u>	5 years and under	£70
	6-9 years inclusive	£75
	10-13 years inclusive	£100
	14 years and above	£100

Bookings

Please make bookings at the club reception for which the deadline will be Friday 7th December.

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CHILDREN VIDEO

An unprecedented number of children, around 50, turned up to watch Peter Pan last month. The facilities were rather strained and we apologise if not everyone got a good view of the screen.

Because the children's show runs in parallel with the Dinner Video in the Dining Room, the Club has to hire the video player and television and although it is possible to hire a 40" television, or 60" a projecting one, the cost is very high and would not be economic.

However, I hope that a large number of children will want to come and see the next presentation.

Saturday 15th December

'ALICE IN WONDERLAND'

6.00 p.m., Suriwongse Room. Cost Baht 45 per child including buffet and soft drinks.

This film, which lasts approximately 90 minutes, is not a cartoon, but a feature film with Peter Sellers, Spike Milligan, Dudley Moore etc. - although you would hardly recognise them dressed up as Griffins and Door mice etc.

PUZZLE

CAN YOU MAKE CENSUS OF THIS?

The last UK census was in 1981, and as usual there were quite a number of incompletely filled forms. Specially trained staff were employed to visit the offending households and extract the missing information.

The following is an example of such a visit:

Official: "You say here that you have three children, but you don't give their ages. I need to know their ages please."

Householder: "Well, if you multiply their ages together you get 36, and if you add them together you get the number of the house across the street."

The official said thanks, crossed the street to look at the number on the house, then came back.

Official: "I still can't work it out I'm afraid. Can you give me another clue?"

Householder: "Well, my youngest child doesn't like strawberry Jam."

Official: "Ah! Thank you very much sir. Good-day."

The official then knew the ages of the 3 children. Do you?

FOM

(Answer next month)

TO ALL MEMBERS

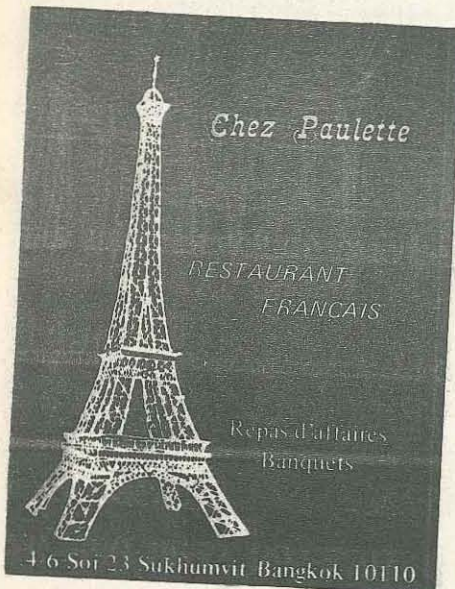
As most of you are aware I have recently started as the Manager of The British Club and I would find it extremely helpful if you could take just a little time to advise me of your suggestions for improvements to the club and also any ideas you may have for social events you would like to see in the future.

As for complaints, please speak to me or Khun Adisak as soon as you feel you have a grievance. We are both here to serve you and it is only through communication with members that we can improve the standards of the services we are providing.

Lastly, although a little early, may I on behalf of all the staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

DAVID WILLIAMSON

Chez Paulette



Special Reveillon for Christmas

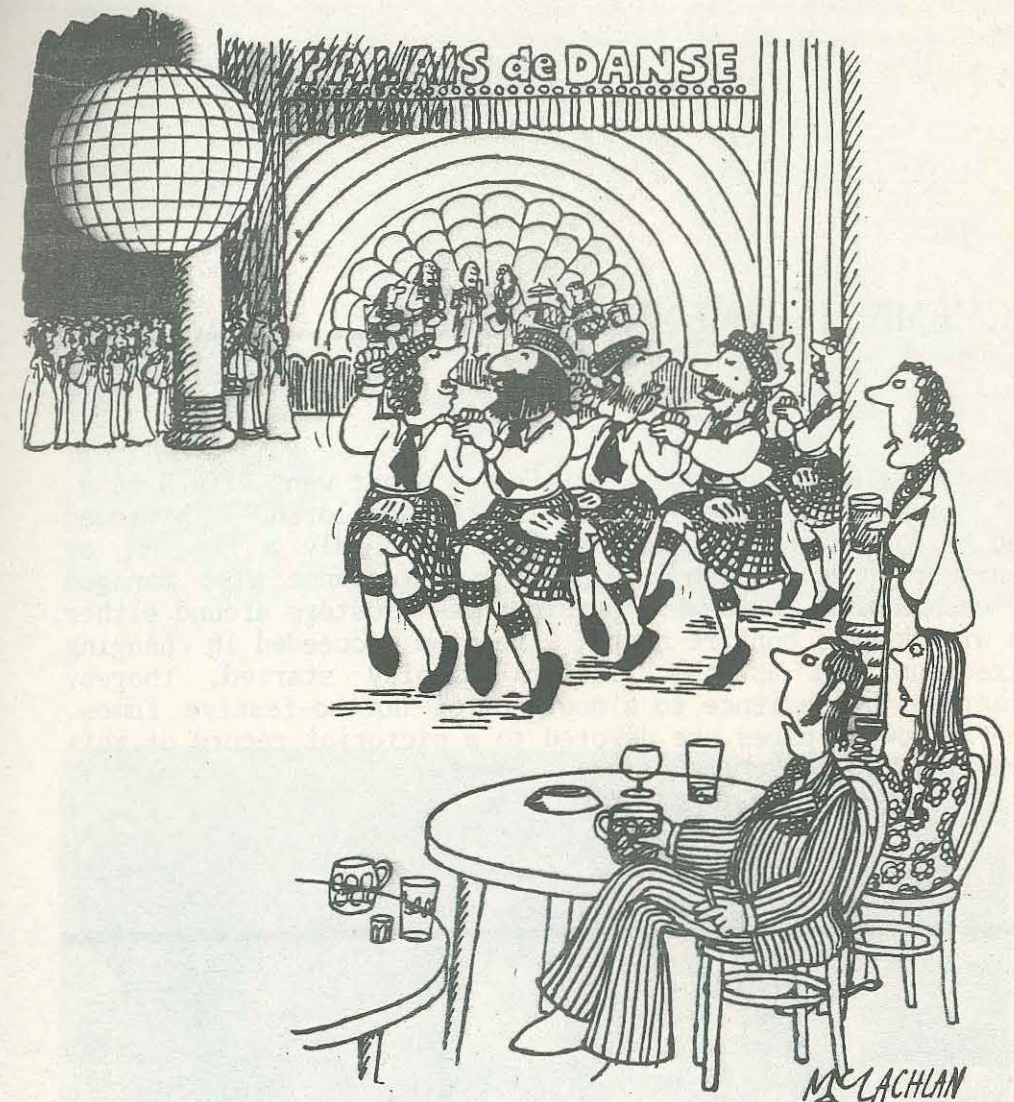
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Reveillon for Happy New Year

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St. Andrew's



"Oh God! Not the Gay Gordons again!"

..... a different view

REMEMBER, REMEMBER

In keeping with last year, Guy Fawkes Night went with a bang. A total of 516 people -- many of them children -- attended and by the end of the evening there was hardly a hot dog or a hamburger to be seen. Fathers in attendance also managed to ensure that there were precious few Klosters around either. As with many a bonfire night, the wind succeeded in changing direction just as the firework display started, thereby treating the audience to a mouthful of not-so-festive fumes. The following pages are devoted to a pictorial record of this very enjoyable evening ... minus fumes.

GUY FAWKES NIGHT IN PICTURES



AND MORE PICTURES.....



AND MORE PICTURES



WINTER WONDERLAND

As Bangkok settles in to its own particular brand of winter, Outpost looks at the more traditional idea of the cold season as seen through the eyes of Daily Mail columnist Nigel Dempster. His article, reprinted courtesy of British Airways, may bring back memories or stir the desire to visit for the first time one of his chosen cities.

NIGEL DEMPSTER WINTER CITIES

The only time I have ever succumbed to blind panic and been reduced to a gibbering wreck fit only for a straightjacket came one December evening in a snowstorm, somewhere near Moscow. The Soviet capital, along with majestic Leningrad, is one of my favourite winter cities and on this occasion I had forsaken the group coach back to the airport for the return to London, preferring to tarry awhile longer, confident of getting a taxi.

I lunched with friends in a basement restaurant a few paces off Gorky Street, considered by locals to be one of the three best in the city, and planned to make my way to the airport taking my bag and briefcase to the apartment of an old Fleet Street colleague who has made his home in the USSR. A party was in progress when I arrived and, being assured the airport could be reached in 30 minutes – there are no traffic jams in Russia owing to the scarcity of private vehicles – I cut the time rather fine but found a cab without difficulty.

So far, so good. It was when the driver, who spoke just a few words of English, arrived at a heavily guarded military airport (I could just discern the outlines of menacing aircraft through the swirling snow) that I began to realise the full extent of my predicament. I had a visa which cleared me to return on a specific flight and had been warned that, were I to miss it, leaving Russia would be considerably more difficult than entering. The driver and a knot of guards went into a huddle and it was soon apparent that I needed to show an airline ticket for someone to direct the taxi to the appropriate destination. I reached for my briefcase, which contained all my documents, passport and cash... and froze. I had left it behind and, worse still, it even contained the address of the friend's apartment. It was at this point that the future flashed before me and, with visions of the Lubyanka, interrogation, accusations of spying, the key being thrown away, I be-

came a certifiable lunatic.

I have little recollection of the moments that followed but the driver must have set off back, realising what had happened and, with unerring precision, delivered me back where he had collected me outside my friend's high-rise apartment block. My briefcase retrieved, we sped off to the right airport (I later learned there were three in quite close proximity) and, as luck would have it, easily caught the flight which had been delayed due to the weather.

For me, Moscow and Leningrad are far more enjoyable in winter than in summer, perhaps because our perception of the Soviets (remember Napoleon's flight from Moscow?) is that they are huddled in furs, taking sleigh rides to dachas and combating the chill winds from the Steppes with vodka bottles tilted to the lips. Winter is an easier time in any case for tourists – there are seats for the Bolshoi, the queues at the museums are minute (Russia has remarkable collections of Impressionist paintings and some of the finest examples of Picasso's Blue Period, all "donated" in 1917 by titled folk) and restaurants seem positively eager for custom. There are few sights to beat the pale winter sun glinting off the golden cupolas of the Kremlin and a visit to coincide with the mighty November parade show of arms is a must.

Formerly St Petersburg, ex Petrograd, Leningrad is possibly even more wintry and beautifully laid out to the decrees of Peter the Great at the point where the River Neva reaches the Baltic Sea and

home of the Tsars' Winter Palace. It is not a place for great jollity, being a great port and a military base, but on a sunny winter's day with its citizens criss-crossing the frozen Neva like figures from a Dutch painting, it can be a heaven-sent scene.

Further to the north lies Reykjavik, perched on the treeless foreshore of Faxaflói Bay in the teeth of Arctic gales which are ignored with great cheer by Norsemen indistinguishable from their intrepid ancestors. I first visited the Icelandic capital in summer for the titanic world chess championship battle between Boris Spassky and the American Bobby Fischer in 1972 (Fischer eventually out-psyched the unfortunate Boris) and found the locals more hospitable than possibly any other northern folk. They are even more so in the winter months and somehow it seems more fitting that Iceland should be seen covered with ice.

Similarly the dark months are more fun in Stockholm, a curiously unsettling place during the nights of endless light but which repossesses its rightful character with the arrival of sub-zero temperatures and shortened days. If you are able to read Swedish, an amusing interlude may be spent in the palace of King Carl-Gustav, a youthful cousin of our Queen and a fellow descendant of Victoria. It is law that all his correspondence be made public after a brief period and anyone can enter the palace and rifle through the royal desk – it's almost worth hiring an interpreter!

For those who have experienced the magnificence of Venice in June, its most spectacular month, a return in January is a must. Throwing off the mantle of the Imperial capital it used to be, the lagoon city becomes almost parochial, with walks down the narrow streets and alleys rewarded with glimpses of family life never seen in summer.

Football is played, burghers huddle round in intimate groups reliving past glories, and separate neighbourhoods come into their own. The charivari of the Grand Canal in the high season is replaced by the regular passage of the waterbus, almost empty save for the serious commuter reading his newspaper as the Serenissima reverts to the reality of being a smallish port, shorn long ago of its importance.

Elsewhere in Europe, Madrid, Vienna, even Prague have their adherents. The Spanish capital remains essentially a political place, built on a bare plateau 2,500 feet up with ski slopes an easy hour's drive to the north. I enjoy the Spanish

hours, the late night dinners of partridge, suckling pig and prawns and the calm of Sundays with stentorian church bells booming off the rooftops of the palaces and baroque buildings of this always momentous city as haughty ladies in black, veiled for worship, make passage in sleek limousines.

The Vienna of Harry Lime, if it ever existed, has gone and so have, coincidentally, the sewers through which he flitted from zone to zone parlaying his deadly trade. But the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, which successfully resisted two invasions by the Turks, remains the most compact of cities, with the visitor able to traverse almost everything of interest in an hour long amble, making notes of sights to see at a later time. For those who feel Vienna is a city for the old – it is said that the most social place on Sundays is the cemetery – the musical *Cats* made its debut at the Theatre An Der Wien in September last year to rapturous reviews.

Equally historic and dazzling is Prague, with the Vltava River overlooked by an imposing castle and cathedral from a hill on the lower slopes of which is the rich architectural conglomeration of many centuries. There are other castles, churches, art galleries and massive walls and there is so much to take in that visitors always want to come back.

Nearer home there is Edinburgh, which in winter, free from the influx of overseas Scots enjoying the festivals in summer, takes on again the mantle of Auld Reekie (Old Smokey), drawing on its medieval past. For me, visits coincide with the two annual international rugby football games at the newly refurbished Murrayfield stadium and no one will need reminding that the home country achieved the coveted Grand Slam last season for the first time since 1925. There are inviting little wine bars among the order of the 18th century terraces of the New Town, looked down on by the more ancient settlement on the ridge above, and a vibrant student life which instills a pulsating spirit into the city which has been called the dark and bitter prodigy of the North.

Visiting Winter Cities is usually a three, five or seven night excursion, they are not suitable for long sojourns but never to drink deep is to want to sip and sip again and I shall be back making my pilgrimages these wintry months. Time again, I suspect, for Moscow – but this time I will stick to the coach.



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SQUASH

The 17th November 1984 marked the end of the formal and highly successful squash coaching sessions run by Roger Selleck. Every Saturday was fully booked throughout with players from all levels benefiting from Roger's expertise. The Squash Committee, on behalf of all the players, wish to record their thanks to Roger and hope he enjoys his well-deserved rest touring in the Far East. This is however not the end of the coaching as Roger has agreed to return in January with an even more intensive programme at the British Club:

Saturdays 19, 26 January, 2 February 1985
(all day 0900-1730)

Mondays 21, 28 January 1985
(evenings 1715-2100)

Tuesdays 22, 29 January 1985
(mornings 0900-1100: Ladies)

Thursdays 24, 31 January 1985
(evenings 1715-2100)

Make a note of the dates and watch out for the booking sheets on the notice board.

With the end of the year drawing closer some thoughts are being given to the AGM scheduled for January. It is relevant therefore to remind all players that the success of the Section depends on active participation as well as willingness to serve on the Committee!!

The Alkema 50th League

At this writing, the divisions are all being hotly contested with few clear winners but the possibility seems good for Chris Platt in Division 2, David Gillett in Division 7, David Hall in Division 14, and Lee Thrope in Division 15. The prizes for this event will be awarded at the Hogmanay Disco. Be sure to come!



SWIMMING

November Gala

Instead of our usual BCB monthly gala for November, it was decided to accept the invitation received from the Physical Education Department (Ministry of Education) to participate in their Inaugural Gala to commemorate the opening of their 50m, 9 lane Olympic standard pool located alongside the Planetarium, opposite Sukhumvit Soi 61.

The meet was sponsored by Fanny, who gave us a swimwear fashion show break in the swimming programme - to the delight of all Dads present!

Involving over 300 swimmers from a dozen or so leading local schools (including the Thai Japanese School, Assumption College, St. Joseph's Convent), the meet turned out to be a marathon affair. After a dawn till dusk programme on Sunday, November 4, the final 16 events (of the 68 event meet) were left to be completed on the following Sunday, November 11.

With as many as 6 heats (up to 9 swimmers per heat) in each event, medals and certificates were awarded to the 6 overall fastest event swimmers (-7s, -9s, -11s, -13s & 15s; Boys/Girls). The competition was strong even though National and Regional champions were excluded.

Our team of 20 swimmers, supported by vociferous Mums & Dads and our coaches Khun Choon/Suparp, did us all proud. Some had never swam in a pool of such a size.

The following BCB swimmers were formally presented with medals/certificates - and Fanny pants:-

<u>Sarah Buhler</u>	- 9 Girls	Breast	4th	(of 39)
		Free	6th	(of 41)
<u>Michael Mayo</u>	- 9 Boys	Back	5th	(of 33)
		Free	4th	(of 42)
<u>Dzung Williams</u>	-11 Boys	Back	5th	(of 30)
<u>David Collins</u>	-11 Boys	Fly	6th	(of 20)
<u>Rachel Needoba</u>	-13 Girls	Breast	4th	(of 27)
		Fly	6th	(of 11)

Seksan Collins

-15 Boys	Breast	1st	(of 7)
	Free	1st	(of 6)
	Back	2nd	(of 6)
	Fly	2nd	(of 4)
	I.M.	3rd	(of 4)

Under 11s Boys

Medlay Relay Team	3rd	(of 5)
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(Neil Baker, David Collins, Dzung Williams, Michael Mayo)

No less than 14 personal improvements were recorded - with many first time 50m. swims recorded by our brave -7s (usually only swim 25m.) and our -13s, -15s (usually swim 100m.)

Special Mentions are due to:

- * Karen Hussey, Morcar McConnell, Chris Hambleton, Nicholas Baillie and C.J. Kefford - our brave -7s squad who swam their first ever 50m. races.
- * Sarah Buhler recorded her fastest over 50m. Breast time of 51.9 secs., an improvement of 5 secs. and only 1.3 secs. outside the BCB record (also 1 sec. off her best Free time).
- * Eilidh Currie knocked 5 secs. off her best 50m. -9 Girls Breast time.
- * Jack McConnell swam his best ever 50m. -9 Boys Fly race, by 3 secs and equalled his best Breast & Back times.
- * Natasha Lovell improved by 4 secs. on her best 50m. -11 Girls Back time and equalled her best Free time.
- * David Collins broke the -11 Boys 50m. Breast BCB Record with a personal best (by 5 secs.) of 48.2 secs. (OR -48.7 secs.) - a total 7 secs. improvement over 3 strokes also earns him the title of:

"Improver of the Month/ November"

Congratulations to the above swimmers and to all of the competing BCB team who performed well above expectations.

Full results are on the Swimming Notice Board in the old sala.

Pool Renovation - understand that plans have been put back; await GC news!

BCB Swimming Records

For leaving BCB swimmers, we are now able to present a certificated record of their tests passed and personal best times recorded for each stroke in swimming galas.

These records will be kept up-to-date by Deirdrie Johnson and may be consulted at any time (by arrangement).

We propose to distribute personal copies of the latest records every quarter to enable Mums & Dads to appreciate the swimming progress attained. Our first such distribution will be in January (i.e. records up to end 1984).

Proficiency Awards

For tests completed on Saturday, November 10, awards are due to:

SNAPPER

Britta Herzer
Simeon Thompson

DOLPHIN

Nicholas Baillie
Inka Herzer
Philip Timmins

WHALE

Hannah Thompson
Simon Timmins

Next Gala - a cool Christmas Gala on Sunday December 16 commencing 1200 - flier to follow.

Free, Back & I.M. strokes

SEE YOU AT THE POOL!!

Seksan Collins - 2 Golds + 2 Silvers!



David
Collins



New BCB Record
-15B Breast

Other BCB Award Winners



- Also Sarah Buhler, Rachel Needoba, -11 Boys Medley Relay Team

Dear Sir,

I would like, through the medium of Outpost, to express my, and I'm sure other parents, appreciation for the magnificent efforts of Barry Collins at the swimming gala which was held 'somewhere up Sukhumvit' during the month.

Although the efforts of other members of the Swimming Section Committee, who helped put the team together must not be forgotten, Barry's performance deserves a gold medal. He managed to maintain his cool for 1 1/2 Sundays, continually walking around in the hot sun, dealing with a somewhat chaotic Thai Organisation, children who were, as usual, not always in the right place at the right time, parents who were, as the day wore on, rather wishing they were somewhere else, and on the second Sunday making hurried team changes when parents decided they were going to be somewhere else and didn't bring children to swim in the relay.

Congratulations also, of course, to the children for their efforts and very credible performances as the only farangs amongst a sea of, in many cases, highly trained local opponents.

I understand that entering for this event was something of a first for the swimming section. Despite the hard work and frustrations, I for one, certainly hope it is not a 'last' as I am sure that participation in these events is very good for the children.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Thompson T50



GOLF

Club Championship Report

Sponsored by Guardian Assurance

Everything has been happening over the last month in the Golf Section as great attendances battled for the Club Championship and Boyd Cup. The first round was played at the Rose Garden on 11th November and the then current leader of the Championship was Margaret Ross with 83 points, Richard Wingfield was leading the field for the Boyd Cup with 70 points, following are the scores and winners of this day's outing. In Flight A, Vickie MacWilliams won with a net 73, runner up was Ernie Jurgens also with a net 73, in Flight B won with a net 70 Richard Wingfield and Malcolm Sayer with a net 72 was runner up. Sally Lamb was the front nine winner with a net 36, with Margaret Ross winning, also with 36 points the back nine but only just pipping Mike Lamb on count back.

Les Vize won the men's longest drive and Margaret Ross the ladies. Nearest the Chartered Bank closest the pin sponsored holes was Les Vize, on hole four and John Dequenne on hole 14.

Hua Mark 25/11/84 saw the second leg of the Club's Championship. Unfortunately, Margaret Ross was not available for this outing and that opened up the field considerably. However, winner of the day in Flight A with a net 72 was Malcolm Lazenby closely followed in second spot by John Dequenne of Sabena with a net 74. Winner in Flight B and eventual winner over the two rounds was Richard Wingfield with a net 65. Runner-up with 74 points and a fine round of golf was John Maxwell.

It was the last outing for Roy Marsden who is off to Hong Kong and what better way to leave than as a winner. Roy won A Flight's front nine with a net 37 followed by Ron Armstrong winning the back nine with a net 36.

Mike Summers kept his group moving along and won the B Flight back nine with a net 35 whilst His Excellency the New Zealand Ambassador, Ray Jermyn, won the front nine with a net 35.

The Chartered Bank sponsored closest the pin holes 4-16 and these were won by Mike Ryan and Keith Ross. Vickie MacWilliams won the ladies longest drive and John Maxwell the men's.

Congratulations go to all participants who entered this prestigious championship and to our sponsor, Guardian Assurance, who have for the first time this year chosen to be the sole sponsor. Your sponsorship is very much appreciated and we look forward to your continued support. Thanks again to Chartered Bank for their sponsorship of the closest the pin and now congratulations to our winners.

1984 Club Champion with a gross 174 "MALCOLM LAZENBY"

1984 Boyd Cup Championship with a net 135 "RICHARD WINGFIELD"

Prizes will be presented at the A.G.M. in January.

Don't forget to sign up for the world renowned one and only super fantastic golf week-end at Hua Hin on December 8th and 9th. Sign up sheet is now on the B.C. Notice Board.

Match Report - Sunday, 28th October, 1984

Hua Mark under blue skies saw thirty-four British Club golfers battle it out for some fantastic prizes presented by David Frost of T.V. Rentals and J. Dequenne of Sabena Airlines in their sponsored outing.

It was a tight finish. Les Vize won a flight with 36 points on count back from Ben Harrold. Roy Barrett won B flight with 38 points from David Tarrant on 36 points. In A flight the best front 9 was won by Joan Jurgens 19 points and Ian McLean won the second nine also with 19 points.

In B flight Bill Friel won the best front 9 on count back from J. Guy while M. Baker took the second nine with 21 points.

Closest the pin or hole 4 was Ben Harrold and no one could get closer than Joe Urwin on hole 16.

The longest drives went to M. Ross and D. Williamson won the mens.

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	2	B. Harrold	36 "	(CB)
B Division	1	R. Barrett	38 pts.	
	2	D. Tarrant	36 "	
A 1st Nine		J. Jurgens	19 pts.	
		I. McLean	19 "	
B 1st Nine		B. Friel	19 pts.	(CB)
		M. Baker	21 "	
Closest Pin	4	B. Harrold		
	16	J. Urwin		
Long Drive - Ladies		M. Ross		
		D. Williamson		
Men				



LADIES' GOLF

This has been a very good month for golf. As the rains seem to be over, the course has dried out and the good conditions enabled us to play the club championship at last. This is a two day event and between the first day and the second, the management of the Golf Course decided to make major repairs. We were not deterred!

Eighteen girls turned out for the championship which is run in two divisions - Silver and Bronze. The Silver division was won by Joan Jurgens with scores of 73 and 74, and Eileen Ford was runner up with a 76 and a 74. The Bronze division was won by Kanda Phillips with a score of 69 on both days. How's that for consistency! Not to mention good golf! The runner up was Kay Enterline who scored a 73 and a 69. For this event the trophies are silver lotus design bowls, and the prizes this year were pewter vases and bowls. Small prizes were also given to Jean Marret for the best first day score and to Sally Lamb for the best second day score. In addition, balls were given on both days for low putts, long drives, nearest to pins and under par rounds - there were five of those. It was a very enjoyable competition - at least I thought so.

It was decided to play at the Railway Course on November 13 as the Army Course was still under repair. This is the first time that the group has played away from 'home' and it made a pleasant change, with not too many balls being sacrificed to the klongs. The Stableford which was played was won in Flight A by Vicky MacWilliam with 36 points; runner up Prue Pointer with 33 points. In Flight B, Penny Whalley was the winner, with Anne Swankie as runner up on a count back from Wynne Fraser.

Also on November 13th, the results of the Eclectic were announced. The winner was Kanda Phillips with a score of 63½, second was Joan Jurgens with 67½ and third was Margaret Ross with 68½. Each girl received a silver photo frame. The rest of us vow to do better next time. Many thanks to Lise Dencker Nielsen and Prue Pointer for organising this event.

There are only three Tuesdays left on our 'golfing' calendar. The venue as usual will be the Army Golf Course on Tuesdays at 7.30 sharp. Contact Muriel 2501166.



CRICKET

Cricket Trip to Chiang Mai
23-26th November 1984

With the changing of dates and the shadow of a rail strike it was a relief to finally get this most welcomed trip in motion. Jack Dunford, as usual, greeted everyone aboard the Chiang Mai express with his effervescent boyish enthusiasm.

Right from the outset there was an air of optimism. The truth of last year's debacle was distorted almost to the point self deception. Simple dropped catches became heroic attempts after a thirty metre chase around the boundary. Batting collapses were defended through a shroud of dubious L.B.W. decisions. Silently however we were all aware of the previous disaster. This year was going to belong to the British Club and what a surprise the C.M.G.C. were in for. As per usual the intellectuals attempted to play scrabble in between copious mouthfuls of gin and would you believe it 'Tom Yam sandwiches'. The journey was as always a glorious one with a pervading atmosphere of adults becoming school-boys for a few days. We managed to reach Chiang Mai without any gun slinging incidents and within a couple of hours we were in action.

The Saturday game was played for the Richard Wood Trophy donated by a delightful character who wallows in the game of cricket, and beer. As per usual Jack lost the toss and the B.C. were fielding. The scene was idyllic and the atmosphere redolent with cricket richness.

Chiang Mai do not give away early wickets and Malcolm Sayer and Tom Ryan had a potentially long spell in front of them. Tom bowled very effectively especially in the latter part of his spell when he changed to around the wicket. The ball was moving off the seam causing the batsmen to play and miss consistently. He was rewarded with three well earned wickets. Malcolm bowled much better in his second spell when he managed to add a good length to balls that were moving either side of the wicket. Jeff Parry and Reg Chamberlain were the other main attack bowlers both bowling very tightly, Jeff in particular with his extra pace causing the batsman a lot of problems. He was rewarded with four crickets. The bowlers were not helped by some indifferent fielding which cost the

side a good 30 runs. Brian Thompson escapes such criticism however and kept wicket with a very encouraging air of authority. The B.C. battled against a very strong batting side and managed to bowl them out for 169. A score that was never going to be easy to beat but one well within our capacity. We needed a steady start but unfortunately the early order batting collapsed putting pressure on the remaining batsman. Jeff Parry and Brian Thompson provided a spirited resistance giving the B.C. an outside chance of winning. Jeff hit the ball with awesome power on both sides of the wicket. It was a delight to see him back in action with the bat, Brian provided the perfect partner with his dogged and determined style. Jeff finished on 63 and Brian 28. As often happens both players went soon after each other and the tail enders put up a determined effort. David Williamson looking much more relaxed with the bat than in the previous season. We could not make up for the early collapse however and lost by 22 runs. It was a very competitive match which the B.C. could and should have won.

The Sunday fixture was a 30 overs game and the C.M.G.C. had been given plenty to think about during the previous game. They did try the old ploy of taking us on the town but we resisted with admirable professionalism and everyone was tucked into bed by 4 a.m.

Again Jack did well to lose the toss and we were in the field first.

The early stages were very tight. The fielding in all departments was much sharper and this combined with some excellent containing bowling made runs difficult to come by. We lost Brian at this stage of the game. He will be fined £30 for leaving the field of play without a doctor's certificate! All the bowlers took wickets with Alan Stamper bowling a very controlled line and taking 3 for 21. Geoff Thompson managed to outwit the most experienced of batsman and was rewarded by taking the most unusual wicket seen in Chiang Mai during one of the most unusual spells! Statistics manage to mask all kinds of deliveries.

After a very tight morning's play the B.C. managed to bowl the C.M.G.C. out for 121. It was an excellent performance demonstrating a depth of talent. Chiang Mai were very worried!

Terry Adams and Alan Stamper gave us a rather slow but very steady start. Terry initially being over - cautious but towards the end of this innings demonstrating what a quality batsman he could be in limited over cricket. 'Come on Terry open up those shoulders!' Although behind in the run rate the

openers had given us a promising start. David Hall speeded up the proceedings with a very sprightly knock of 15 and the game was heading towards a very tight finish. Steve Castledine and Tom Ryan came together and the run rate accelerated mainly by taking quick singles around the edge of the wicket. Tom was unfortunately run out, getting tangled up in his leg brace but it was a valuable knock. Malcolm Sayer came to the wicket and right from the onset launched into the bowling. He hit the ball beautifully down the line and a stand with Steve Castledine put on 45 in 25 minutes. The game at this stage was incredibly tight and when Malcolm was out we needed 7 to win off 2 overs. Brian Thompson came to the wicket with a glaze of absolute determination (or was it pain?) Amid very pressurised fielding he managed to create that wonderful cricketing drama of one over to go 3 runs needed. Two came off the second ball leaving the scores level. 3 balls left 1 run needed. The next two deliveries were doggedly kept out. That pinnacle of excitement was reached 1 ball remaining 1 run needed. With all the coolness of a seasoned campaigner Brian stroked the ball through mid on, initiating the first ever pitch invasion in Chiang Mai. It was a tremendous climax and Jack was ecstatic with pride and joy. The Chiang Mai club took their defeat with admirable charm but the moment belonged to the B.C. and especially Jack Dunford.

It rounded off a superb weekend full of wit and friendship. Chiang Mai C.C. as usual were magnificent hosts but they will be worried about the quality and depth of this year's B.C. side.

Thanks to everyone for making it a great trip. Jeff Parry and Alan Stamper were deservedly awarded man of the match accolades.

Terry will be collecting fines (Do not forget yours Terry!)

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RUGBY

The rugby section, still nameless and logoless, have continued their first season with three more friendly games. These games were played against a visiting Australian Navy XV, the Thailand National Squad and the touring Manila Nomads. We were very honoured to be invited to play against the Thailand XV as part of their preparations prior to the Asian Rugby Championships held in Japan.

Match Reports

B.C. vs Australian Navy (HMS Yarra and HMS Stuart) 29/9
B.C. 0 Navy 18

Team: M. Mann, D. Wallace, A. Hill, A. Griffiths,
M. Sharples, S. Castledine, M. Bawden, A. Crossley,
K. Davison, D. Wilkins, B. Farmer, P. Addison,
S. Edmunds, C. Joly, A. Stamper.

Subs: B. Thompson, J. Addis, T. Coffey.

Ref: B. Trotter.

Prior to the game quips were flying around the dressing room ranging from 'Hello Sailor' to the plethora of variations on the Bruce theme. They were all nervously humorous and never have so many been so quiet as when the opposition arrived. Bulging muscles, bearing tattooed inscriptions of unprintable origins were forced into tight fitting shirts. Suddenly our players were volunteering to referee.

Considering that the opposition had supposedly spent long months at sea in cramped surroundings they looked remarkably fit. This was displayed in their vigorous, if upon occasions over enthusiastic display.

In the early part of the game their forwards dominated the scrummage and did not allow our forwards to settle. Considering the amazing variety of shapes that we were trying to slot together it was hardly surprising. Andy Crossley had the unenviable task of leading this motley crew and towards the end after streams of advice and encouragement, the pack tightened up considerably.

In the loose play the forwards fought well with Martin Bawden having a splendid first half before having to leave the field. It was emphasized however how important it is to have a regular team. The forwards were often unsure where to pack in the loose and a lot of good ball was spoilt in the tight by poor channelling (apologies to Dave).

Lineout play was scrappy in the first half and our backs were starved of good ball. They did defend very well and Drew in particular demonstrated his undoubted class with a couple of very 'crisp' tackles. Keith battled hard at scrum half but lack of protection around the base of the scrum and some excellent forward play by the opposition gave him little scope.

It was during the latter part of the first half that the Australians scored two beautiful tries. Both showed very neat handling and excellent support play. Half time came and we were 8-0 down but had learnt a few lessons and collected a few bruises.

The second half showed a considerable improvement and the inclusion of Brian (good to see you back Thommo!) gave the tired three quarters a new lease of life and he almost scored what would have been a memorable try after a 30 metre jink down the line.

It must be mentioned that Simon Edmonds entertained the hardy spectators with 3 superb dummies deep inside our own half. Unfortunately the opposition were too far away to appreciate the talent and he was stranded in embarrassment.

The final score was 18-0 in the Australians favour and considering the conditions (heavy rain and waterlogged pitch) the quality of rugby was commendable. We were beaten by a better all round side.

Again the British Club were amiable hosts to the opposition. They were a little shocked however, at admiralty level, when the mighty British right arm went into action and thrashed the full force of the Australian Navy in a BOAT race!!

Many thanks to Bill for refereeing, you handled the disputes with diplomacy.

B.C. vs Thailand National Squad - 13 October

B.C. 0 Thailand 41

Team: J. Howard, D. Wallace, A.N. Other, J. Addis, A. Griffiths, C. Joly, S. Castledine, T. Coffey, P. Collins, T. Smith, C. Clifford, D. Wilkins, C. Hastings, P. Young, A. Stamper.

Sub: M. Sharples.

Well it had to happen sometime! With our growing reputation the Thai national side could not resist the challenge and offered us a fixture as part of their preparations for the forthcoming Asian Tournament.

The setting was idyllic with a backcloth of magnificent Thai architecture and a pitch both verdant and lush.

The team was again reshuffled, with the inclusion of one of the Thai squad to bolster our mighty 14! This was to be no handicap however and during the first 15 minutes we played magnificently with the pack playing with unprecedented cohesion. The ball was handled cleanly and the backs were given plenty of room to run at the opposition. The forwards on occasions played a superb 'rolling' game which unsettled the Thais. It was unfortunate that we did not score during this period of sustained pressure. The combination and experience (!) of Terry Smith and Drew Wilkins was always threatening, not to mention the lurking positional play of Conrad whose deceptive change of pace often outwitted the Thai defence (and our backs!)

Our initial dominance was shattered by a breakaway try midway through the half and this settled the Thais who then began to demonstrate their natural running game, and excellent support play. The half time score was 0-20 but it did not reflect the true nature of play.

The second half exposed our inferior fitness but the game was highly competitive to the final whistle. The Thais scored consistently throughout the second half but we were unlucky not to 'go over' on several occasions. The final score was 0-41 but the Thai coaches acknowledged our contribution to their preparation. We made them play hard throughout the game and our unorthodox scrummaging techniques certainly upset their forwards on many occasions.

A special mention must be made to scrum half Peter Collins who had a magnificent first game always prompting and supporting. It was a great game played in the true spirit of rugby. We wish the Thai Squad every success in Japan and if our fixture list is not too congested we may be able to make this an annual fixture.

B.C. vs Manila Nomads RFC - 2 November 1984

B.C. 3 Nomads 8

Team: B. Trotter, D. Wallace, P. Addison, J. Addis,
A. Hill, S. Castledine, A. Crossley, T. Coffey,
P. Collins, D. Wilkins, M. Summers, V. Swift,
B. Farmer, B. Thompson, A. Stamper.

Subs: M. Rickard, T. Smith

Ref: T. Adams

Thanks to the endeavours of our exiled Filipino Jim Howard and the efforts of Terry Smith in organising a floodlit pitch this match was organised as part of the Nomads Singapore and Bangkok Tour '84. The game was played on a bone hard Chulalongkorn Stadium pitch and thanks to the last minute appearance of several of our players we were able to boost the Nomads up to a full complement of 15 with the loan of Allan Griffiths and Vaughan Bonnell - who both played far too well!

We started off in our familiar disjointed manner with the forwards having to introduce themselves to each other and with poor Dave having to pack down with yet another completely new (Bill Trotter new?) front row. It was therefore hardly surprising that the forwards spent most of the opening quarter being pushed backwards in the set scrums by the large and well drilled Nomads pack. Although big John Addis won a lot of line out ball, it was usually very scrappy ball and Peter Collins at scrum half was usually swamped by the Nomads as he attempted to retrieve the bobbling ball. Consequently the backs spent most of the first half on the defensive which they did very well. The only real surprise at half time was that the Nomads had not made more opportunity of their possession and thanks to a Drew Wilkins penalty we turned around only 4-3 down.

The vast improvement in our set scrummaging towards the end of the first half and our good loose play augured well for the second and with our captain now on the field we had high hopes for the second half. These hopes were dashed in the first minute when one of the Nomads' centres made a break from 30 yards and went on a weaving run straight through our defence and over the line for a great try. The rest of the game was very hard fought, especially in the forwards, and although the Nomads continued to get the better possession our defence held tight and prevented any further scoring. Throughout the game we failed to gain any good clean possession and therefore our backs had limited opportunities to run at the Nomads. The final score of 8-3 was slightly flattering to us in view of the Nomads superior possession but emphasizes our very good defensive qualities. Give us a couple of experienced props to hold up Dave and 8 forwards that are at least on nodding terms with each other and we could go far!

Many thanks to Terry Adams for refereeing so ably.

The usual post match analysis (booze-up) was held in the Churchill Bar and on the following evening the Club played hosts to both the Nomads rugby and soccer teams with a buffet and beer in the Suriwongse Room. Both thoroughly enjoyable evenings and our thanks are extended to the Nomads both for including us in their tour and for being such excellent guests at the Club.



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SOCCER

Honed to a razor's edge by Wilkins, cranked to fever pitch by Wallace and only slightly incapacitated by loose-living, the SS shambled back into action at the end of October. Fortunately, our opposition was the Scandinavian Vikings - the only team in the league where debauchery is as high and morals as low as in the SS. Fortunate, too, that the game was a friendly, so we eased into the season with a 1-1 draw (goal-scorer Wilkins) without extending ourselves. Castledine claimed the inaugural "Man of the Match" award.

New faces included Alan Stamper, Chris Joly and of course Asia's very own Pied Piper, James "Exterminator" Howard. As these three are also remnants of the rugby team, they are not, strictly speaking, new faces. Nor by any stretch of the imagination could they be described as new bodies.

There were some old bodies too, in the second outing against the Manila Nomads, here on a combined soccer/rugby/"cultural pursuits" tour. The previous evening's binge had left its mark on the SS however, as most of the team had played against the Nomads at rugby and naturally ended up on the ale with them. Despite hangovers, the game was tightly fought - invaluable practice for the following week's first league game - and looked set for an honourable draw. Until Swift, in irrepressible form, split the defence with the pass of the game and laid on the winner, for the Nomads.

The game was also Bill Friel's last for the SS, but unfortunately ended prematurely for him with a torn calf. His power in defence and hunger for goals in crucial games will be sorely missed. The only good thing about Bill limping off was Allan Barlow striding on. He had a stormer, and cleaned up everything at the back and Man of the Match as well.

And so to the Farang league and our old sparring partners, the Indians. By now the SS stormtroopers had shed pounds, sweated gallons and coughed up lungs: we were, in fact, almost semi-fit. Wallace had also experimented with team selection and arrived at a final solution. The game plan was to be the same as last season's. Remember? "You mark the one with the rag on his head, I'll take the one with the red socks." A masterful strategy if ever there was one, and it almost worked. The Indians' quicksilver striker slipped his

marker and tucked one away. The SS tightened up in defence, piled on the pressure in attack and deserved to pull one if not two back. In the event it was one, Thompson finishing off the rebound from Morton's shot, and we ended at 1-1. Swift was MOM, not for a making a contribution to the game, but for stopping their striker from making one.

The second league game was against the Swiss, seriously depleted by old age and absenteeism. The modest scoreline of 5-1 to the SS conceals a catalogue of appalling shooting by the British and an atrocious defence by the Swiss. Wilkins (2), Howard (2), and Morton (1) opened their accounts for the season but MOM went to Childs, faster and more svelte with each game.

Last week's match saw the SS in action against the newly-entered Daimler-Benz team. Without foreknowledge of the opposition, grave concern arose when three regulars deserted for the weekend. It turned out that there was no need to worry. We thrashed them 8-0 (Wilkins 4, Childs 1, Howley 1, McAllister 1, Swift 1) in a better display of finishing than the SS have enjoyed in many monsoons. There is of course no suggestion that the absence of the deserters had a beneficial effect on the team's shooting ability.

And there we stand, in the running with the Indians and the Scans for the lead. Our crunch game is December 8th against the Vikings, strengthened by newcomers, sobriety, devaluation etc. and we must win to draw clear.

Training: 5.30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Club.

Forthcoming Games:

8th December	3.00 p.m.	vs The Scans
15th December	3.00 p.m.	vs The Germans
22nd December	4.30 p.m.	vs The Sikhs

Social Events: New Year's Eve Disco.



TENNIS

A very enjoyable Mixed Doubles Handicap Tournament was held on Sunday, 25th November from 2.00 p.m. to dark. A total of 22 players entered and played seven matches of 16 points each.

The three winning pairs on handicap were:

1. Jenny Baillie/Lawrence Clark +14
2. Judith Nunn/M. Rattray +13
3. Bob + Terry Merry + 6

and all received prizes donated by the Sheraton-Bangkok Hotel.

The next Mixed Doubles Handicap Tournament has provisionally been scheduled for Sunday, 13th January at 1.00 p.m. A list for entries will be available at the Reception Desk and it will be helpful if you would sign up in advance in order to assist the Tennis Committee to plan a playing format suitable for the number of courts available.

A fee of £30.00 per entry will be charged to cover the cost of tennis balls and refreshments.

Singles League Tournament

It is proposed to hold a singles league tournament commencing early January. This is a form of ladder tournament, in which you are given fixed dates of play, but the freedom to play anytime in advance of the fixed date, if preferred. Matches are played over two long sets and one point is awarded for each set won. The tournament covers a period of from 6-11 weeks depending upon the number of entries received and is divided into divisions according to playing standards. A ladies league will be formed if sufficient entries are received (Minimum required: 6).

An entry list will be available at the Reception Desk and the deadline for entries is 28th December. A fee of £30.00 per entry will be charged.

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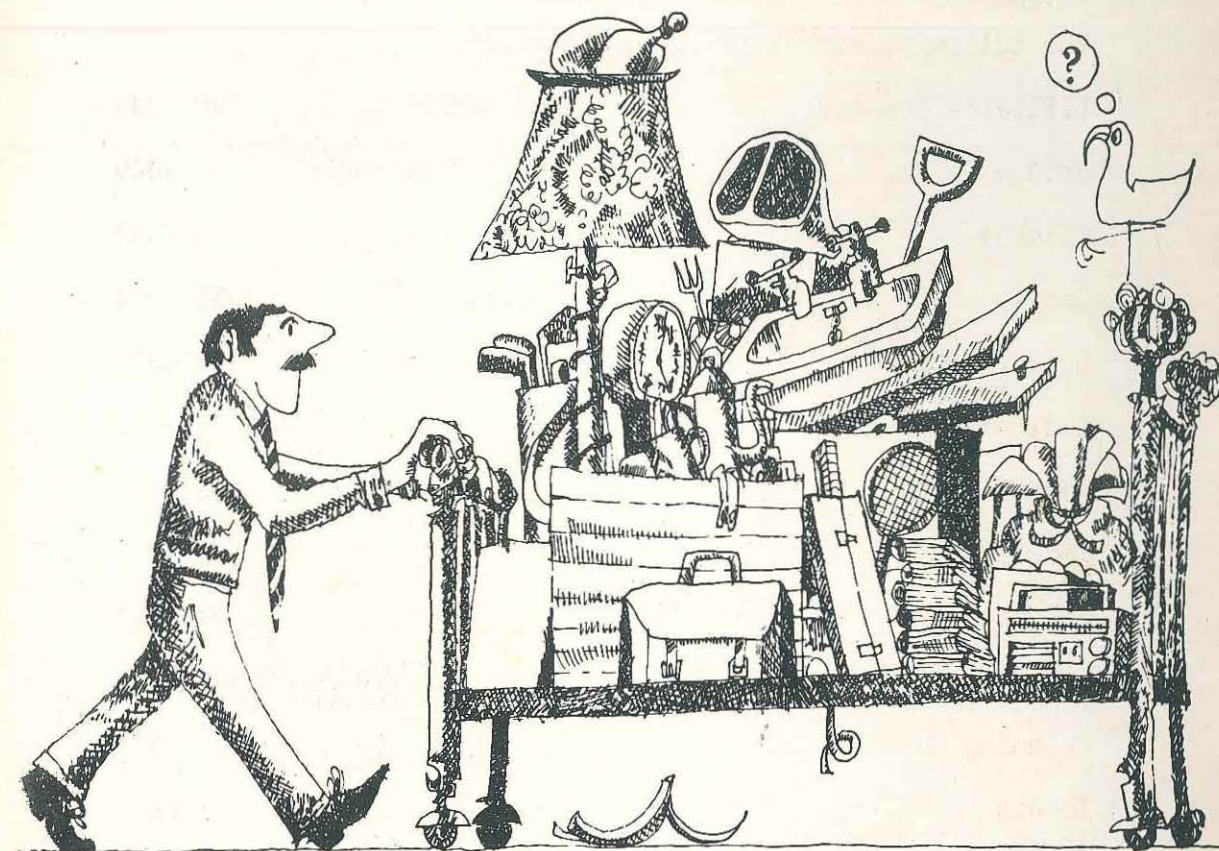
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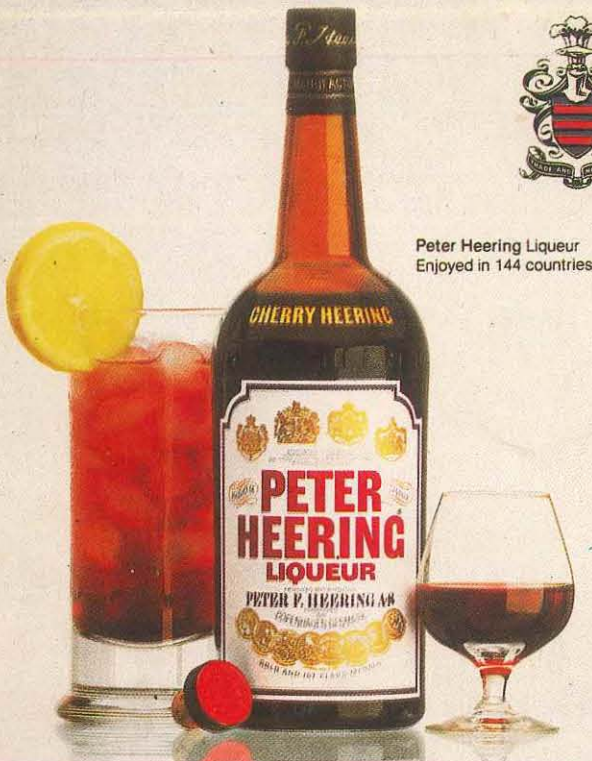
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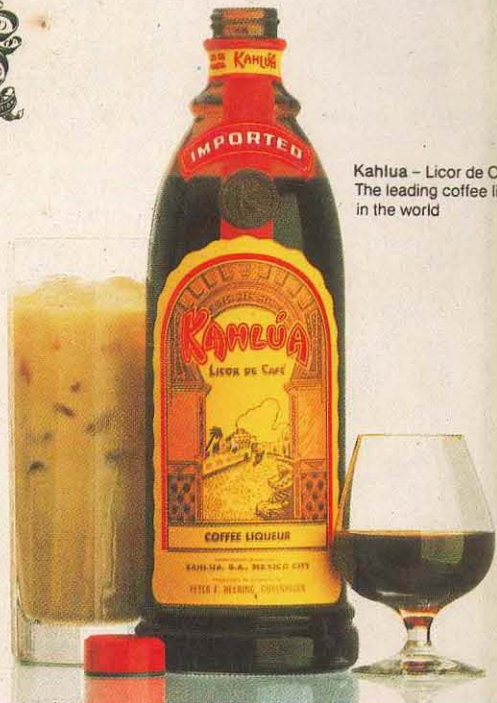


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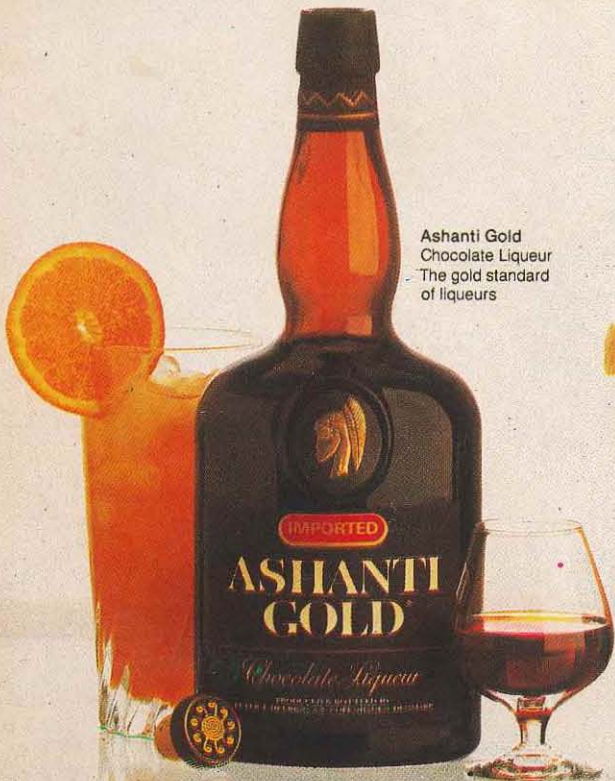
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