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The British Club News

THE BRITISH CLUB

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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1978

As most members will have noted work has begun on the Dining Room renovations; the Reading Room is being used temporarily to serve lunches; and books, magazines and newspapers have been lodged in the Cinema Room. We hope that things will return to normal in early July.

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During this month a ramp will be constructed at the Club-house entrance so that when the rains come passengers will no longer have to wade through ankle-deep water or negotiate stepping stones.

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Film nights are being reintroduced. Your Entertainments Sub-Committee has arranged for the showing of two films this month. Full details are on page 9.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on Tuesdays 2, 16 and 30 May.

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SUB COMMITTEES

Mr. R.W. Allen has been coopted to the Catering Sub-Committee.

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BIRTHDAY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday the following telegram was sent to London from the British Embassy.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE COULD BE LAID BEFORE THE QUEEN:

BEGINS:

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY, MR REX GORING-MORRIS, CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM, WITH HIS HUMBLE DUTY, HAS THE HONOUR TO CONVEY THE MOST LOYAL GREETINGS OF ALL YOUR MAJESTY'S SUBJECTS IN THAILAND AND THE ASSURANCE OF THEIR PRAYERS FOR YOUR MAJESTY'S CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

NEW MEMBERS NIGHTS

New Members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Dining Room at 5.30 p.m. on the following days:

Tuesday 2 May (Closing date 29 April)

Tuesday 30 May (Closing date 27 May)

Candidates and sponsors are invited to bring their wives to the New Members Night which will take the form of an informal drinks gathering. Dress: Tie but no jacket or Safari Suit.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to membership of the Club in April 1978:

Ordinary

Mr. T.J. Alderton

Mr. T.B. Anscorb

Mr. N.J. Downer

Mr. B.J. Flanagan

Mr. D. Mellor

Mr. D. Pratt

Mr. J. Richards

Colonel L.A. Thomson

Mr. K. Watkins

Mr. M. Wilson

Dulmison

Schering

Thai Int. Employment

Australian Embassy

Chartered Bank

Commercial Union

Kent

Australian Embassy

ILO

Bangkok Investment

Associate

Mr. W.O. Stuetzel

Phranakorn Milk Industry

Non Voting

Mr. T. Spithill

Mahidol University

Ladies Privileges

Miss Keane

Australian Embassy

BY LAWS

The Committee has approved the following new Bylaws:-

CLUB FUNCTIONS

Members will be able to make bookings for major functions with the office by telephone or by returning slips circulated for the purpose. Unless a waiting list has been established any cancellation made less than two days before the day of the event will be subject to a cancellation fee at half the ticket rate.

CAP PARKING

When large functions are arranged at the Club, car parking will be subject to restrictions and a one way circuit may be imposed.

The normal arrangements will be:

- chauffeur driven cars will not be allowed to use the car park.
- cars will enter by one gate and depart by the other gate.

Members will be advised by circular of the arrangements and the time periods involved.

BAR

CIGARETTES

The new brand of cigarette being made by the Thailand Tobacco Monopoly (TTM Export) can now be purchased from the bars at Baht 10 per packet.

CATERING

CORNED BEEF

As stocks of imported Corned Beef run out fresh Corned Beef (Locally made by the Swiss Inn) will be served.

BAKED BEANS

Imported Heinz Variety Baked Beans are now available, while stocks last, at Baht 25 per serving.

In the near future we hope to be able to offer home-made BEANS IN TOMATO SAUCE.

SUNDRIES

SWEETS: PRICE CHANGES

The prices of the following sweets have been changed:

TREETS	8 Baht (increase)
KIT KAT	8 Baht (increase)
JELLY TOTS	8 Baht (increase)
AERO PEPPERMINT	8 Baht (decrease)

LOST PROPERTY

Non valuable items left in the Club by Members are held by the Staff responsible for the area in which they are found for 48 hours. If not claimed in that period the property is passed to the Office and placed in the lost property box.

Members of the staff have been instructed to pass valuables to the Office immediately. These items will be held by the Manager until claimed.

Members who find valuables are requested to pass them to the Manager or a Supervisor and not remove them from the premises.

Items not claimed after one month will be listed and advertised in the Newsletter and on Noticeboards. Property not claimed after a further month will be disposed of or put to good use.

LOST PROPERTY

The following items can be claimed from the office:-

one pipe with Erinmoore tobacco tin
(Billiard Room in February)

one gas cigarette lighter
(Bar - 31 March)

BUILDING PROGRAMME

Work will begin on the Clubhouse entrance ramp on Tuesday 2 May. It is hoped that the ramp will be completed by the end of the month.

While work is in progress:

- the MAIN ENTRANCE will be closed.

Members are asked to use the Side Door at the Suriwongse Road end of the building.

- the POOLSIDE ROAD will be open to two ways traffic daily. Gateman will assist with traffic control during busy periods and all drivers are asked to drive with care especially on Saturdays and Sundays when children tend to run between the Poolside and the Front Lawn.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC GROUP

The Entertainments Sub Committee has learnt from several Club members that there is a keen interest to revive the Amateur Dramatic section which was a great success several years ago.

Would any person or persons interested in getting involved in such a revival kindly contact S.B. McCALL at 234-1281 during working hours or 392-3790 at home.

CHRIST CHURCH

FINE ARTS AUCTION

SATURDAY 13 MAY 1978

FILM SHOWS

The Entertainments Sub-Committee with the kind help of Ogilvie and Mather Thailand are planning to introduce monthly film shows as a regular feature at the Club.

There are two exceptionally good films planned for the month of May.

WEDNESDAY MAY 10TH "SKY RIDERS"

Starring JAMES COBURN and
SUSANAH YORK

A fast moving film with breath-taking photography of hang gliders - "the most daring rescue ever filmed".

WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH "KING RAT"

Starring GEORGE SEGAL
TOM COURTNEY and
JAMES FOX

"5000 men at Changi prison but only one could be King of the pack".

The films will be shown at 8.00 p.m. on the above evenings and to help defray the costs of hiring the films a charge of Baht 10.- per head will be made.

It is hoped that there will be a good attendance as we have a number of very good films for the future months. We would like to see these shows become a permanent feature of the Club's activities programme.

EVENTS - MAY 1978

HOLIDAYS/FESTIVALS/OTHER DATES

Mon 1 - LABOUR DAY
Fri 5 - CORONATION DAY
Mon 22 - VISAKHA BUCHA

CLUB WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays Bridge 7.30 p.m.
Wednesdays Jazz Ballet 2 p.m.
Fridays Classical Ballet 2 p.m.

SECTION ACTIVITIES

Thu 4 - Darts v BT Audio (Away)
Sun 7 - Swimming. Monthly Gala 11.30 a.m.
Thu 11 - Darts v CPA (Away)
Thu 18 - Darts v AIS (Home) 8 p.m.
20/22 - Golf. Pattaya Weekend
Thu 25 - Darts v Lever Brothers (Home) 8 p.m.
Wed 31 - Squash. 19th League Ends

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Friday 23 - PUB NIGHT

JULY

Thursday 6 - CLUBS 75th ANNIVERSARY

Thursday 20 - Buddhist Lent

PLOENCHIT FAIR

Saturday 18 November

Grounds of the British Embassy

ENGLISH LADIES GOLF UNION

Programme for May 1978

1 May - Flag Competition

Starter: Jean Sprot

Scorer: Margaret Miller

9 May - Stableford

Starter: Jean Taylor

Scorer: Jean Sprot

16 May - 3 Clubs and Putter

Starter: Sheila Neville

Scorer: Anne Quinn

23 May - Stableford - choose partners

Starter: Margaret Miller

Scorer: Jean Taylor

30 May - Medal

Starter: Jean Sprot

Scorer: Sheila Neville

Results

The Gestetner Trophy, donated by Gestetner (Thailand) Ltd., was competed for on 11 and 18 April. The winner was Anne Quinn with a two-round total of 76 Stableford points, and the runner-up Jean Sprot with 71 points. Congratulations Anne! We envy you those lovely silver candlesticks.

DARTS NEWS

The top of the news this month is the commencement of the new short-time league programme. The Club has been drawn in the City Division of the 10th Bangkok two-division league, together with A.I.S., B.T. Audio, Cathay Pacific, Lever Brothers and 20 Hotel.

Once again the format has been changed, and 17 points are at stake in 6 singles (301-1 point per game) 3 doubles (501-2 points) 2 triples (701-2 points) and the team game (1001-1 point). The triples and team game are straight start, double finish, the remainder double on, double off.

New Nai VI, "Fricar" Took, has assembled some dazzling new talent to represent the Lilywhites in the Sport of Nais and is presently working out training schedules, darts maintenance courses (feather fettling, finger grip re-moulding, shank shaving, sharpening the proper end, etc.) and a special "pathfinder" course from Brian K * n*. Special glasses, reputed to make any double look at least twice as big will be available on match nights at between Baht 9 and Baht 30 depending on the venue and what's in them. An alarm clock will be provided for the scribe.

The Great Gadsden has been little seen since handing over the infamous Lilywhite File to Nai VI and is even rumoured to have suspended work on his thesis on the correlation between Amaretto consumption and the number of darts an average Lilywhite takes to close on double one, until the effect of the recent bar price increases can be assessed. The only good news for beer drinkers is that, according to Teny 'Dart' Moore, every time we knock the top off an Amaretto your average Lilywhite is helping to reduce British Steel's massive deficit.

Obviously your favourite team were lacking in match practice and pizzazz in general, so we hope that all Club members who fancy their chances at relieving a Lilywhite of a beer will turn up on Saturdays late afternoon, early evening or Sundays early evening onwards to join in some friendly training. Don't forget, the prestigious Captains Cup will soon be up for grabs. Watch the Noticeboard for details of the new League programme and the Club's own Championship.

And now, hot from 20 Hotel, venue of our first game in the new league, an analysis of the not entirely unexpected result against Lever Brothers. The Sunlight Sharpshooters started slowly but were helped by the usual poor finishing of the Lilywhites. Only Brian Kane (the Lilywhite who thought the Thermae was a vacuum flask showroom on Sukhumvit) salvaged a point in the singles. The doubles proved even more disastrous as the home team warmed up and Lilywhite attention wandered to the adjacent board where the Ladies team were engaged in a spirited match with Joker Club, the scoreline being 11-1 going into the new "triples" Roger Gittins, Nai VI and Brian Kane gained 2 more points in a late rally. Three points was our tally for the evening as the dispirited Lilywhites faded further in the 1001. Tons were scored by Roger and Nai VI.

WANTED TO PURCHASE

SECOND HAND ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER IN GOOD CONDITION
PREFERABLY IBM.

TEL: 2862409 - ROCKWOOD

SQUASH BALLS

The selling price of DUNLOP YELLOW SPOT
Squash Balls will be increased from 1 May

New Price: Baht 20 each

SQUASH SECTION

The finals of the 1978 Don Johnston Cup and Parra Handy Plate, played before a packed gallery on 5 April, resulted in new names on both trophies. John Weymouth overcame the 1976 winner of the cup, Rod Carter, after a very slow start, 0-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-3, while in the plate, Brian Heath just pipped Norm Stanley in an atmosphere of "nail-biting tension" (Bangkok Post), 9-5, 9-0, 9-10, 7-9, 9-7, a game which, to continue quoting the Post, "had the crowd gasping and on the edges of their seats" (they were, too). All this was followed by a poolside barbecue with trophies and 18th League prizes presented by the Club Chairman Peter Adcock.

Next year these tournaments will be supplemented by an essay competition on the subject of Don Johnston, with special prizes for the most original theories as to who Don Johnston might have been and for any bona fide entries on the "Don Johnston I know."

The other tournament in April was a handicap Round Robin contested by 16 players including the new club champion on 16 April. Peter Mans emerged the winner with Geoff Davis and Peter Ford second and third respectively.

Squash Court Maintenance

Courts will be closed for routine maintenance on:

1/2 June - Court No. 1
5/6 June - Court No. 2

MEMBERS DISCOUNT SERVICE

HOLIDAY INN SANDS HOTEL, PATTAYA

The Holiday Inn has made the following special-offer room rates to members of the Club:

<u>RATES</u>	Single room	Baht 300.-
	Twin room	Baht 340.-
	Suite (one bed-room)	Baht 750.-
	Suite (two bed-rooms)	Baht 1,100.-

- CONDITIONS:
- The above rates are NET of service charge and tax and valid until December 20, 1978.
 - The booking should be made in advance either through the Bangkok Sales or Pattaya Reservation Offices.

Members who wish to take advantage of this offer are advised that they must produce their Club membership card when they check in at reception on arrival.

GOLF SECTION

PATTAYA WEEKEND

It is hoped to organise a successful long weekend of golf in Pattaya on May 20/21/22. Provisional bookings have been made as follows:-

Saturday 20th May Siam Country Club
10 tee time at 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 21st May Navy Course Sattahip
10 tee time at 8.30 a.m.

Monday 22nd May Siam Country Club
10 tee time at 7.00 a.m.

Would Golfers please contact Bob Allen as soon as possible as to whether or not they will be able to make it either phone 2520131 or indicate on the list on the notice board in the Club.

Further details of lunches, dinners being organised and also accommodation bookings, will be circularised at a later date.

AIR TRAVEL

BOOKINGS WORLDWIDE - CHEAP RATES

Contact SUVANEESALIGUPTA
Siam Business System
Hotel Manhattan
Sukhumvit Soi 15
(Telephone: 2527141-9)

EDITORS NOTES

All material for the June 1978 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 20 May.

Advertisers interested in purchasing the space on the covers of the Newsletter are requested to contact the Advertising Editor.

Classified Ads should be handed to the Club Manager by the closing date for entries published in the Newsletter. Publication fees will be charged to members accounts.

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