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JANUARY 1975

The Monthly News

The news from in and around the British Club Bangkok

Wants to
for

South Carolina (AP)
William C. West-
months of speculation
self as a Republican candi-
South Carolina.
who retired from the army in
afternoon news conference at
was little doubt



Picasso heirs
win claim

GRASSE, France (AFP)
A Grasse court yesterday
upheld the claim of Claude
and Paloma Ruiz-Picasso
to be the natural children
of the late Pablo Picasso
and to have the right
share in the painters' es-
tate.

Claude and Paloma, the
children of Pablo Picasso
and painter Francoise Clu-
lot will each be granted
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estate, the Court ruled.

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NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 1975

And so we have come to the end of another year. As they get tucked away into the record book most years are tagged for some remarkable event and it will probably be that the floods will be the mark of 1974. If one is now to make a forecast for 1975 the tag could well be one from the gloomy selection of inflation, recession or depression. Thank goodness the sun is still shining.

The beginning of 1975 is set for a flourish of sporting activity and most of the Club's teams appear to be more strongly supported than ever. The squash leagues continue to be popular; the soccer team has begun to show even better form than last season; the cricketers are boasting paper strength previously unequalled and it should not be too long before the tennis courts are ready for use.

GENERAL NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the club on TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY.

Chairmans Report. Sub section reports for inclusion with Chairmans Report should be forwarded to the Chairman now.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

- a. The Committee will meet at 5.45 pm on the following evenings in the Office. The Office will be closed during the meeting.

Tuesday 7 January

Tuesday 21 January

- b. New Members. The members of the General Committee will be in the new bar from 5.15 to 5.45 pm on that evening to meet proposed new members.

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UK CHARITIES COMMITTEE

The Chairman, Jim Medlay, would like us to inform you that the results of the Ploenchit Fair were very good indeed and that the net profit promises to be higher than ever before achieved. A letter from UKCC to all concerned will be sent out in the near future by the President, Mrs. Cole.

NEW MEMBERS

Proposers and seconders of new members are reminded that they:

- a. must have been members of the Club for at least one year.
- b. are responsible for presenting the proposed new member to the Committee at the time and dates set for the purpose.

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WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the club since the issue of the last Newsletter (up to 14 December):

P. Aitken
J.M. Bishop (LP)
R.R. Black
D.A. Cole (NV)
P. Collier
M.S. Devries (NV)
M.C. Douglas
M.K. Ellis
D.A.A. Jackson (NV)
M. Kimmedy (NV)
J. Lenaghan
S.M. McHugh (LP)
G.M. Power (NV)
P.W. Smith
P.J.J. Stannell

BY LAWS - A REMINDER

Members are reminded that under the By-Laws of the Club:

- a. No Child under the age of 18 months is permitted to use the main swimming pool.
- b. That footwear must not be worn on the tiled surrounds of the main swimming pool.

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ROAD SAFETY

There have been a number of incidents of extremely fast driving in the Club in recent weeks when members have driven their cars at reckless speeds to the danger of all. We trust that all members will continue to observe thoughtful and safe driving whilst on the club premises.

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ST ANDREWS BALL

Photographs taken at the St Andrews Ball can be seen in the Bar.

CONGRATULATORY

HM KING'S BIRTHDAY CUP AT RBSC

NOEL BOND of the British Club won the prestigious HM King's Birthday Golf Cup held at the RBSC over two days in early December.

Shooting scores of 71 + 71 for a gross 142 he won by one stroke over the runners up. Breaking out from a 3 way tie Bond charged home with a 20 yard putt on the 16th for a birdie; followed with a "clutch" 15 footer for a par on 17th, then clinched the cup with a breathtaking par on the 18th, rattling in from a poor position off the green

Noel becomes only the second "farang" to win the cup (the first was in 1960) and the first ever "farang" to win since the event was changed from handikap to scratch about 5 years ago.

Congratulations Noel on a magnificent win !

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SWIMMING - THAI NATIONAL TEAM

MEREDITH RUDDER was selected to swim for the Thai National Team against regional countries for the Sanya Samaggi Trophy 13-15 December. She achieved a third place in the under 11 years 50 metre breastroke (time 44.9 seconds).

Congratulations - Meredith !

THE CLUB FARM : A SITUATION REPORT

Farmer Giles reports:

We now have about 15 week-old chicks, which is quite a lot to "crow" about. Unfortunately, the father is not expected to crow beyond the festive season. The geese not being ones to be outlaid, have also produced 3 eggs of at least "triple yoke" proportions, and hopefully we may have goslings within a month or so, that is of course if Mum and Dad survive "Camouys", "Bangkok Drivers" and other hazards.

Finally we have three more kittens (making 12 in this last year) from an old resident of the Club who surely must be the most "popular" feline visitor the Club has ever had.

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DINING ROOM

The Dining Room opening hours are as follows:

Weekdays	12 noon to 3 pm
Saturdays	1 pm to 3 pm
Sundays	12 noon to 2 pm 6 pm to 8 pm

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SPORTS SHORTS

FOOTBALL - RESULTS

The following are results of matches played in the Farang League

Sat. 23 Nov	-	BC	5	Ruam Rudee	0
Sat 30 Nov	-	BC	1	Scan Dutch	1
Wed 11 Dec	-	Match against Swiss Mountaineers postponed			
Sun 15 Dec	-	BC	6	ISB	1

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TENNIS

No news of tennis yet but rumour has it that the club championships will be played on two consecutive weekends in February.

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DARTS

The new Bangkok Darts league started in early December. A record seventeen teams have been grouped into two divisions and will be competing for the title on a round robin basis. The competition will be completed by mid April.

The BC team got off to a good start beating the 'A' Bar by 11 points to 10.

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CRICKET - TEST MATCH BROADCASTS

The dates/venues of the next Australia v England test matches are as follows:

Fourth Test	-	Sydney	4 - 9 January
Fifth Test	-	Adelaide	25 - 30 January
Final Test	-	Melbourne	8 - 14 February

It is understood that Radio Australia will broadcast ball-by-ball commentaries on these matches. Broadcasts can be picked up on the 13 and 16 metre band.

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LADIES GOLF

Committee

The following ladies were elected to the 1975 Committee of the English Ladies Golf Union at the AGM which was held on 26 November

Captain	-	Sheila Neville (Telephone 91600 Extn 39)
Vice Captain and Prizes Member	-	Judy Launder (914416)
Treasurer	-	Maureen Parish (526679)
Secretary	-	Josette Fisher (529417)
Assistant Secretary	-	Trish Hicks Hall (780694)
Handicapper	-	Christine Howell (928662)
Competitions Member	-	Anne Quinn (912322)

January Fixtures

Tue 7 Jan	-	Stapleford - Hua Mark	
		<u>Starter</u>	- Shelia Neville (916000) 7.15 am
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Tue 21 Jan	-	All Irons - Railway	
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Tue 28 Jan	-	Monthly Medal - Army	
		<u>Starter</u>	- Trish Hicks-Hall (780694) 7.15 am

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BRIDGE NEWS

A Teams of Four match took place in the British Club between the British Club Bridge Section and the Dutch Club on the 6 November 1974. Sixteen players from each Club took part, i.e. four teams of four on each side. The competition took place over 24 boards and each British Club team played 8 boards against three of the four Dutch teams. The British Club won two of the three rounds and the match with a total of 51 Victory Points against 33 for the Dutch.

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SQUASH NEWS

Don Johnston Cup

The annual Squash Championships were carried through to a successful conclusion on December 6th when John Ruwald deservedly won the trophy, downing the number 2 and 3 seeds on the way to the final where, in front of a full gallery, he hammered out a 3-1 victory over an off-form Dave Mason, 9-7, 9-0, 7-9, 9-3.

The preceding Parra Handy Plate final turned into a grim 5 game struggle where fortunes swayed both ways, with no-one willing to bet on the outcome after 2 games all. Blaise McConnell produced the extra fire needed to run out the winner over a tenacious Warren Pescod, 10-8, 9-4, 6-9, 4-9, 9-2.

Everyone was somewhat surprised to discover that Don Johnston himself had flown in to present the trophies, information to which apparently only the absent newspaper reporter was privileged. His photo shows a remarkable resemblance to Brian Thompson who was also present on the occasion.

There have been some queries from Members regarding an entrance fee for the Don Johnston Cup. Perhaps the money was to purchase Champagne to fill the Cup, or, more likely, to quench the enormous thirsts of the organisers and their cronies at taverns which shall be nameless. In fact, referring back to the correspondence, Mr. Johnston neither specifically stated, nor implied, that the competition should be free to Members. Although up until last year no fee had been levied, it was felt that a nominal amount should be charged to help increase sub-section funds in line with the Club policy of each section being self-supporting, and so that an expanded programme of activities can be carried out in the future.

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SQUASH (Continued)

League

For those of you who didn't receive the circular, "Dormant status" has now been dropped. In other words, non-members of the current League who wish to participate in the next League, (starting 1 March) must apply to join by filling out the appropriate form. Those players who withdrew from this League, (including later withdrawal through injury), must follow the above procedure. Those players who requested dormant status for the current League are considered withdrawn and no fee has been charged to their account.

Round Robin

The Round Robin held on 30 November saw two previous winners score for tankards again. In the morning, John Dickerson narrowly out-pointed the three other members of the flight in extra long games to 20 points.

The afternoon saw Arthur Hawtin make it two in a row when he beat arch rival Bernard Grogan in the playoff.

BC v RBSC

The third squash match to be played on the RBSC courts has been postponed until the New Year. Teams and dates will be posted as soon as they are available.

Finally, your Squash Committee, under the Chairmanship of Bill Sim wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

GOLF NEWS

Four Ball Better Ball Stableford

This event in which 31 players took part was held at Don Muang on 24 November. Winners were two old campaigners Ray Watson and Tommy Madar who amassed 45 points whilst runners-up Stan Carten and Alec Buchanan scored a very creditable 43 points. Following the announcement of the winners' score the Handicapper was requested to make an urgent review of his and his partner's handicap !

Dunlop Trophy

The first pair of finalists to emerge are relative newcomers to British Club Golf viz. Duncan Byars and Kenneth I'Anson. They convincingly defeated Tim Martin and Peter Farquharson by 6 and 4 in the semi-final.

Semi-finalists Derek Pott and Eric Howell presently await the outcome of the match between the partnerships of Noel Bond and Paul Huey and Robin Worth and Terry Moore.

The final of this popular match-play tournament is scheduled for 19 January at the Railway Course.

Christmas Hamper Tournament

This better ball mixed Stableford event held at Don Muang on 5 December was an outstanding success. There were some 65 players participating and in a relaxed atmosphere the golf matched the mood. Prizes were presented to the "lucky" players at a lively Barbeque which was held at the Club in the evening. The principal prize winners were:

1st	with 45	Points	:	Christine Howell & David Fisher
2nd	" 42	"	:	Mary Brown & Jim Davidson
3rd	" 42	"	:	Terry Lenaghan & Hugh Docherty
Front 9:	with 22	Points	:	Pat Perry & Alec Forbes
Back 9 :	" 22	"	:	Joan Jurgens & Glen Darlington

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GOLF (Continued)

Forthcoming Tournaments

Sunday 5 January : Rose Garden Tee off 7.00 am Medal
Sunday 19 January : Railway Tee off 8.00 am LBBB + Dunlop Final
Sunday 2 February : Hua Mark Tee off 8.20 am Individual against Pa
Sunday 16 February : Sarika Tee off 9.00 am Stableford Individual
(Captain's Prize)
1/2 March : Societies' Tournament is hopefully to be
organised to take place at Hua Hin. Details
will be announced once booking is confirmed.

CRICKET NEWS

Net Practice

The net will be open for practice at the following times

Tuesday and Thursday - from 5 pm
Saturday and Sunday - from 3 pm

Net coaching will be arranged for boys in January on Saturday mornings. Watch the notice boards for information.

Bangkok Cricket League

Eight teams have been entered for the league which will be run in two divisions. The groupings are as follows:

Group A

British Club Cavaliers
British Club Crusaders
RBSC (Cricket)
Nakon Sawan

Group B

Asian Institute of Technology
Allied Newspapers
International School
RBSC (Rugby)

Club Teams

The following panels of players have been selected to represent the British Club.

THE CAVALIERS - N Bond M Buckall L Clover
I Davies J Davis M De Vries
J Dickerson B Grogan B Heath
R Hignett A Lamb G Law
M Perry D Robinson P Rogers
J Sharland G Smith R Stevens
B Thompson M Ward

THE CRUSADERS - N Atherton G Blumfield J Boucher
D Brunwin R Carter D Cobbett
N Coulson J Davidson H Freeman Greene
J Greaves R Harwood J Houston
D Mason D Mathews T Moore
N Overy P Ryder P Smith
M Springate H Stradling

SWIMMING NEWS

The Swimming Group has had a very active month with three major events taking place since the last bulletin.

National Age Group Swimming Championships - 30 November 1974

The Swimming Group entered a small team of 16 swimmers for the above event and were proud to return with 13 medals. Our congratulations to the following:

Timothy Launder (Under 9 year) - 50 m Backstroke - 2nd place
50 m Breastroke - 3rd place
Meredith Rudder (Under 11 years) - 100 m Freestyle - 2nd place
50 m Breastroke - 2nd place
100 m Breastroke - 2nd place
50 m Butterfly - 3rd place
100 m I.M. - 3rd place

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SWIMMING (Continued)

Heather Power	(Under 13 years)	- 100 m Backstroke	- 2nd place
		100 m Butterfly	- 3rd place
Gordon Ramsay	(Under 15 years)	- 100 m Backstroke	- 2nd place
		100 m Butterfly	- 3rd place
Debbie Hurrell	(Under 15 years)	- 100 m Breastroke	- 3rd place
		100 m Butterfly	- 3rd place

Annual High Point Trophies

These trophies are awarded at the end of each year to the child who has gained the most points in his/her age group throughout the year at the monthly Club Galas. Anybody is welcome to enter these monthly galas and points are awarded as follows: 1 point for entering, 3 for first place, 2 for second place and 1 for third place. The child's age is taken as at the December Gala but points are carried forward from one age group to the next. We congratulate this year's winners who were:

<u>6 years and under</u>			
<u>Girls</u>	Penelope Stephenson	- (24 points)	<u>Boys</u> Mark Comerford (24)
	Amanda McLean	- (18)	M. McLachlan (3)
<u>7 - 8 years</u>			
<u>Girls</u>	Robyn Power	- (63½)	<u>Boys</u> Thomas Stephenson (83)
	Helen Campbell	- (50)	Timothy Launder (67)
<u>9 - 10 years</u>			
<u>Girls</u>	Meredith Rudder	- (112)	<u>Boys</u> David Freeman-Greene (76)
	Jan Holt	- (42)	Douglas Bruce (25)
<u>11 - 12 years</u>			
<u>Girls</u>	Heather Power	- (53)	<u>Boys</u> Andrew Freeman-Greene (94)
	Belinda Hill	- (25)	Hugh Rudder (92)
<u>13 - 14 years</u>			
<u>Girls</u>	Debbie Hurrell	- (78)	<u>Boys</u> Tony Aylward (68)
	Julie Hurrell	- (51)	Mark Barry (60)

Lady De La Mare Trophy

For the fourth time in succession the Bangkok Aquatic Club won the Lady de la Mare Trophy with 726½ points, 142 points ahead of the British Club. Mrs. Cole, the wife of the British Ambassador presented the trophy to the BAC coach, Jim Austine, at the end of a very good morning's swimming. The BAC entered a team of 66 swimmers and the BC a team of 50.

BAC dominated in six age groups: the 13/14 year girls and boys (top scorers Julianne Mc Gowan and Craig Reed); the 11/12 year girl (Cathy Raynes) and the 7/8 year girls and boys (Jeanne Richt and Chris Husted). The BC team won in four age groups: the 6 and under boys and girls (Amanda McLean and Mark Commerford), the 9/10 year old girls (Meredith Rudder - 5 gold medal) and the 11/12 year boys (Andrew Freeman-Greene).

In all the BC put up a pleasing performance for as well as the four firsts in the age groups we gained 3 seconds, 4 third, 4 fifth and 5 sixth places. Of the 166 seeded times entered for our swimmers 87 improved times were recorded.

Monthly Gala

There will be no club gala in January 1975. The first Gala for the 1975 series will be on Sunday 2 February at 11.30 am.

THE PUB - CHIENG MAI

When visiting CHIENG MAI for business or pleasure you are sure of a hearty welcome at THE PUB the only ENGLISH restaurant in the North.

Bring the family as well.

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The Club notice boards can be used free of charge to advertise - your notice will be read by those who pass the board.

A notice in this Newsletter costing only 10 Baht will go into over 450 homes and offices.

EDITORS NOTES

All material for the February 1975 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 18 January.

Advertisers interested in purchasing the space on the back of the Newsletter cover are requested to contact the Editors.

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.

Editors: John Davis and Don Wyber