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### NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 1977

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A number of Members have queried the progress of the Long-Range Plan which had earlier been scheduled for presentation in October. Apologies are due to the Membership for the unfortunate delay caused by difficulties in getting information, designs and estimates in on time. The overall task has proved for more complicated than originally envisaged.

It is now hoped that the Sub-Committee's conclusions and recommendations will be put to Members in January 1977. Without going into details here, the overall renovation and development cost, taking into account all suggestions and requests made by Section Sub-Committees, has been estimated in excess of Bht. 6 million at present-day prices. This clearly indicates that the work, if agreed upon, will take a number of years to complete and the cost suggests that, in any case, there will need to be an upward revision of Membership dues to ensure that we are in a position to finance and repay sums borrowed. The time scale will depend on the annual surplus cash funds generated.

In the meantime, following investigations made for the Long-Range Plan it is clear that renovation of the main Club building has to be a priority. Rising damp and dry rot have previously been mentioned, and it is now clear that the electrical wiring must be renewed for safety reasons: these can fortunately be handled on a "room-by-room" basis. Since we have to strip each room on the ground floor it would be preferable to re-decorate in accordance with any Long-Range Plan adopted. It must be apparent that the state of the floor indicates that the Main Bar needs urgent renovation: as January is historically the slackest month of the year, the General Committee has decided to start on that room in January to cause least inconvenience to Members; the Bar will be re-located while this work is being completed.

Other priority considerations are the kitchen facility in the Clubhouse and the serving facility at the Poolside. Both facilities are currently stretched to their limit and early action must be taken to provide better work-flow if the standard of service is to be maintained or, hopefully, improved.

While considering what collateral the Club might have to provide to borrow funds for development and what authority the General Committee might have from the Members to borrow sums required, our "internal" legal advisors discovered that the Thai version (the only legal version) of the Club Constitution and Rules and Bylaws registered with the Authorities apparently goes back to 1940: while the various amendments since that date have been sent to the Registrar in an English version, the Thai language version has never been updated. It is proper that we should correct this and this will necessitate holding an Extraordinary General Meeting and confirmatory EGM. Details will be given to Members in due course, along with additional changes to the Constitution which the General Committee wish to propose.

Following from the above, the General Committee feels that it may be necessary to hold two Extraordinary General Meetings and a combined EGM/Annual General Meeting over the January/February 1977 period. Dates for these meetings are as follows:-

25 January

10 February

28 February

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### CLUB NEWS

#### ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report gives a complete roll of Members with their registered postal address, home and office telephone numbers. The report for 1976 will be published and distributed to all Members in the new year. Any member who does not wish to have his address and or telephone numbers published should advise the Manager.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in January are scheduled for:

Tuesday 4 January at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday 18 January at 5:30 P.M.

## NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

New members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Dining Room at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday 4 January. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 1 January.

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.

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## NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club in December 1976:

### Ordinary Members

L.H. Collings

G.T. Daley

J.W. Hancock

J.H. Mason

R.H. Pease

R.L. Croft

A.J. Fraser

C.R. Hastings

R.N. Mayer

R.G. Wilkinson

### Non Voting Member

W.T. Hill

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## FOOTBALL SECTION

(Captain : John Lenaghan)

After losing an early game the team has settled down and is matching performances of previous seasons. Several of the forwards are now on target and a total of 16 goals have been scored in the five games played. Regular league matches will be resumed after the Christmas break.

Sun. 9 Jan.	v	Thai/German XI	4:30 P.M.
Sat. 15 Jan.	v	International School	3:30 P.M.
Sat. 22 Jan.	v	Swiss	4:30 P.M.
Sat. 29 Jan.	v	Indians	3:30 P.M.
Sat. 5 Feb.	v	International School	3:30 P.M.

The match against the Swiss, who on form are strong favorites, should produce plenty of excitement.

All games are played at the International School at Soi 15, Sukhumvit.

Anyone interested in joining the Club team should contact John Lenaghan (233-8040)

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## CRICKET SECTION

(Captain : John Dickerson)

The Thailand Cricket League should be under way in January after a couple of false starts in December. This season some games are scheduled to be played at the Asian Institute of Technology ground (north of Don Muang). The main change in the rules is that innings will now be of 40 overs.

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Net practice is being held at the Club on Tuesday evenings.

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Members interested in playing are advised to contact John Dickerson (286-0190 Extension 148).

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## DARTS SECTION

(Captain : Ray Roberts)

### COMMITTEE

The Committee for 1977 is

Captain	-	R. Roberts
Vice Captain and Treasurer	-	B.W. Heath
Secretary	-	A. Hawtin

### MATCHES

Thu. 6 Jan.	v	Golfers Lounge	Away
Thu. 13 Jan.	v	BT Audio	Away
Thu. 20 Jan.	v	AIS	Away
Thu. 27 Jan.	v	Knockout Tournament	
Thu. 3 Feb.	v	Bobbys Arms	Home

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## BALLET CLASSES

(Teacher : Pam Stanley)

The following classes are held each week in the Cinema Room.

Wednesdays	-	Modern Jazz Ballet
Fridays	-	Classical Ballet

## SECTION ACTIVITIES - JANUARY 1977

Sun. 9	-	Tennis Drive	11 A.M.
		Monthly Swimming Gala	2:30 P.M.

Sat. 15 - Squash. Don Johnston Cup Competition begins.

Sat. 29 - Squash. Competition finals.

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## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

The Saint Andrews Society will be organising practices at the Club on:

Monday 10 January

Monday 17 January

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### February 1977

Squash League 14 begins

Sun. 6 - Swimming Monthly Gala

Thu. 10 - Extra ordinary General Meeting.

11-13 - Visit of a Maori Concert Party

Sat. 12 - New Zealand Society National Day Celebration

Mon. 28 - Annual General Meeting

### March 1977

Sun. 6 - Swimming Monthly Gala

Sun. 27 - Tennis. Club Championship Finals. 10 A.M.

Squash. Handicap Knockout Tournament.

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## ENGLISH LADIES GOLF UNION

### JANUARY 1977 EVENTS

Tuesday 4 January Stableford - Army 7:15 A.M.

Starter : Anne Quinn (391-2322)

Scorer : Jean Taylor

Tuesday 11 January Bogey Army 7:15 A.M.

Starter : Pat Jowett (251-1798)

Scorer : Terry Lenaghan

Tuesday 18 January Army 7:15 A.M.

Astral Cup First Round

Starter : Terry Lenaghan

Scorer : Sheila Neville

A flag competition will be held for those members who are ineligible for the Astral Cup.

Tuesday 25 January Army 7:15 A.M.

Astral Cup Second Round

Monthly Medal

Thursday 27 January Match Play Army 7:15 A.M.

ELGU v Royal Thai Army Wives.

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### BRIDGE SECTION

(Organiser : Ivan Garfoot)

The activities of the Section for 1977 are being arranged by the Garfoots.

Anyone interested in assisting in the arrangements or new members wishing to play are advised to contact

Ivan Garfoot - 233-7961 - 5  
or  
Sue Garfoot - 286-3634

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### BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SECTION

(Chairman : Ivan Garfoot)

The Committee for 1977 is

Chairman	-	I. Garfoot
Secretary	-	R. Sheddon
Captain	-	A. Phillips
Tournament Secretary	-	J.F. Watson
Equipment Officer	-	E. Trigg
Monday Night Convenors	-	B. Kane J. MacRitchie J. Weymouth

### TENNIS SECTION

(Organiser : Roy Harwood)

The next Tennis Drive will be held on Sunday 9 January commencing at 11 A.M.

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### HIRE STORES

The following items are available for hire by Club members

Crockery	Cutlery
Glass	Tables
Chairs	Table Linen

Bids for these items can be accepted by telephone. Items not listed above may also be available for hire depending on Club commitments. Members are requested to contact the Manager personally about these others requirements. Hire stores will normally be ready for collection by 11 A.M. on the day required. Items should be returned to the Club on the day after use by 10 A.M.

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## SWIMMING SECTION

A change of schedule for January. The first Monthly Gala of the New Year will take place on the second Sunday of the month, 9 January, starting at 2:30 P.M. An expanded schedule of events, including all strokes, is planned, and a barbecue and dance will follow the Gala.

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## GOLF SECTION

(Captain : Peter Adcock)

The Committee for 1977 is

Captain	-	P. Adcock
Secretary	-	A. Shaw
Treasurer	-	F. Calvert
Match Secretary	-	K. Jowett
Handicap Secretary	-	D. Sprott
Ex Officio	-	T. Madar

## SQUASH SECTION

(Captain : John Weymouth)

The following have been scheduled:

### January

Don Johnston Cup and Parra Handy Plate  
Finals on 29 January.

### February

Squash League 14 begins

### March

A new handicap knockout tournament.

## CATERING

Did you know that the Club

- can cater for buffet parties, barbecues and provide cocktail eats at your home
- can cater for private lunches, buffet parties, barbecues, cocktail parties and dinners at the Club.
- can cater for childrens parties at the Club
- can provide food for Members to take-away.  
(This includes non-menu items too)

The Club can provide all of the above service at very competitive rates. If you have a party catering problem speak to the Manager - the Club can help.

## EDITORS NOTES

All material for the February 1977 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 16 January.

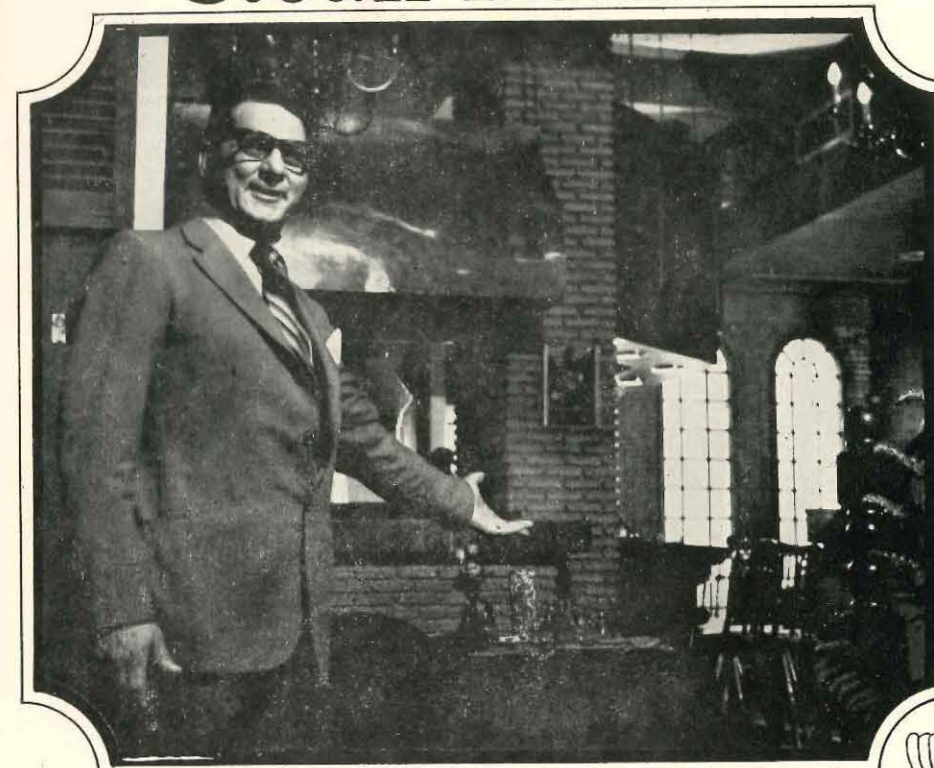
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Advertising Editor : Geoff Smith

Editor : John Davis

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**Friday** - Steak & Kidney pie



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