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**The British Club News**



THE BRITISH CLUB

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NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 1978

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We wish all Members and their families a Happy and Prosperous New Year. At the same time we hasten to remind them that the curfew has been relaxed on New Year's Day only.

From the latest information we have received, 1978 will be the 75th anniversary of the Club. Details of the source of this information can be seen on pages 6 and 7.

## CLUB NEWS

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in January are scheduled for:-

Tuesday 10 January at 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday 24 January at 5.30 p.m.

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### MAIN BAR: CLOSING

Members are reminded that while the present curfew remains in force the Main Bar must close at midnight.

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### ABSENT MEMBERS LIST

Members are reminded that to benefit from the provisions of Rule 52 they are required to inform the Manager of their absence in advance.

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### 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 10 January (Closing date 31 December)

Wednesday 8 February (Closing date 4 February)

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.

## MEMBERSHIP

The following were elected to membership of the Club in December 1977

### Ordinary

Mr. A. Armistead	New Zealand Embassy
Mr. R. Barrett	Kent Thailand
Mr. A.R. Bruce	Berlitz Sch. of Languages
Mr. J.K. Connor	Bangkok Law Office
Col A.D. Crabtree	British Embassy
Mr. R.H. Davis	Wardley Finance
Mr. R. Eaton	Export Development Corp.
Mr. M.B. Fleming	Lever Brothers
Mr. D.A. Frost	Allied Newspapers
Mr. A.N. Launder	Ted Bates
Mr. A.R. Moorhead	Ital Thai
Mr. J. Ringis	UNDP
Mr. M.D. Ryan	Ted Bates
Mr. A. Seymour-Davies	Consultant
Mr. N.C. Starck	Australian BC

### Non-Voting

Mr. S.J. Lloyd	Borneo Services
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### Associate

Mr. Dhana Liauburindr	Borneo Company
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### Ladies Privileges

Miss J.C. Leitch	New Zealand Embassy
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### THE BRITISH COUNCIL

#### FILM: ROMEO & JULIET (BALLET)

In response to public request, the film "Romeo & Juliet" (Ballet) starring Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev will be shown again in January 1978 on the following dates:-

Thursday	12th	-	5.30 p.m.
Friday	13th	-	7.00 p.m.
Thursday	19th	-	5.30 p.m.
Friday	20th	-	7.00 p.m.

### ST GEORGE'S SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. of the Bangkok St George's Society the following were elected to office for 1978:-

President:	Mr. K.W. Boughton
Hon Treasurer:	Mrs. C. Van der Watt
Hon Secretary:	Mr. C.H.P. Edmonds
Members:	Mr. H. Creasy
	Mr. T.K. Southworth
	Mr. M.R. Neville

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Cinema Room at 5.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 1978

### SPORTS SHORTS

#### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL SECTION: RESULTS

Sat 26 Nov	v	Germans	Won 3 - 0
Mon 5 Dec	v	Cosmos	Lost 0 - 2
Wed 7 Dec	v	ISB	Lost 1 - 3
Sat 10 Dec	v	Scandinavians	Lost 0 - 3

#### CRICKET SECTION: RESULT

Sun 11 Dec Friendly match v RBSC (40 overs)

BC won by 5 wickets

RBSC 190 for 6 wickets

BC 191 for 5 wickets

#### GOLF SECTION: COMMITTEE FOR 1978

Captain:	Mr. A.P. Adcock
Secretary:	Mr. J. Lenaghan
Treasurer:	Mr. D. Pott
Match Secretary:	Mr. R. Allen
Assistant Match Secretary:	Mr. D. Frost
Handicap Secretary:	Mr. P. Ford
Public Relations	Mr. D. Sprot

#### TENNIS SECTION

The Tennis Section has not yet been re-established.

As the season is now under way Mr. Vize would be happy if volunteers for the Tennis Committee could contact him.

It is hoped to show films in the new year of some of the 1977 international championship play.



### CLUB HISTORY

Members will be interested to know that the Committee during 1977 has been trying to gather information about the Club's history. Members of the Committee have received much assistance from Mr. Dick Wood, a Member of long standing who has lived in Chiang Mai for many years.

Mr. Wood kindly presented to us a 1910 group photograph, a copy of which is now on display in the Main Bar. Recently Mr. Wood sent an extract from an old book entitled "Twentieth Century Impressions of Siam" (published in 1908). The extract provides details of the formation of the Club which heretofore were unknown. The extract, edited slightly, is reproduced below.

"The British Club was started in 1903 by a number of residents in Bangkok, who combined to form a proprietary club. The constitution of the Club was passed at a meeting of debenture holders on April 24th 1903 and the Club was opened on the following 6th of July.

The ownership of the Club is invested in the debenture holders, who alone are responsible for all Club debts and liabilities. The membership consists of ordinary and honorary members. Ordinary members must be British residents in Siam and are divided into those holding and not holding debentures; honorary members comprise residents in Siam, other than British, who may be elected to the Club. Candidates for admission are balloted for by the debenture holders, but while ordinary members pay an entrance fee of 100 ticals (about £7.10s) and a monthly subscription of 15 ticals (about £1.2.6d), honorary members are only called upon to pay the monthly subscription.

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The Club is under the sole control of the debenture holders, who annually elect a committee of nine from among their number, to manage the affairs of the Club. Ladies belonging to the families of members are entitled to the use of such rooms in the Club as the committee may from time to time declare open to ladies.

The Club premises are situated in a very central and convenient position; but they are now scarcely adequate to the requirements, and recently there have been several proposals for either extending the buildings or purchasing a new piece of land in the vicinity and erecting a new Club House altogether. At the present time (August 1908) the Club has a membership of 90-85 ordinary and 5 honorary members."

### VISITORS IN TOWN? OR PERHAPS A PROFESSIONAL VISIT?

to Sanaam Luang Sunday Market?  
The United Nations building?  
Royal Thai Government offices?  
Theves flower market?  
Thonburi or Bangkok Noi?

If so, you will pass the JOHN SCHOTT bar and grill in the soi behind the Boxing Stadium in Rajdamnoern Avenue. At lunch-time, after-work or in-between you may sample cool draught, Bangkok's best AND cheapest lasagna, fillet steak, sole meuniere, roast-beef salad, chocolate mousse and many other delights, in a cool friendly atmosphere.

For a change from muu katiem (although we supply that too) try the Australian, Italian and French food, a full range of cocktails, and cold cold beer served at the JOHN SCHOTT



EVENTS - JANUARY 1978

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mon 2 - NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

CLUB WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays	Bridge (from 9 January)	7.30 p.m.
Wednesdays	Jazz Ballet	2 p.m.
	Squash Matches (January only)	7.30 p.m.
Fridays	Classical Ballet	2 p.m.

YOGA CLASSES

It is regretted that the provisional plans to start Yoga classes in the new year have had to be cancelled.

SECTION EVENTS

Sat 7 - Cricket v Allied Newspapers (RBSC)

Sun 8 - Swimming. Monthly Gala 11.30 a.m.

14/15 Golf. Pattaya Weekend

Thu 19 Darts v Marios (Away) 8 p.m.

Thu 26 Darts v BT Audio (Away) 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Thu 2 Darts v Ladda 'B' (Home) 8 p.m.

Sun 5 Cricket. Marshal Trophy (RBSC)



### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1978

The main Public Holidays in 1978 will be:

2 January	New Year's Day
7 February	Chinese New Year
22 February	Makha Bucha
6 April	Chakri Day
13 April	Songkran
1 May	Labour Day
5 May	Coronation Day
22 May	Visakha Bucha
20 July	Buddhist Lent
12 August	H.M. The Queen's Birthday
23 October	Chulalongkorn Day
5 December	H.M. The King's Birthday
11 December	Constitution Day

### SWIMMING SECTION

The group continues to fare well, despite reduced numbers. A prize-giving barbecue is planned for Wednesday, January 4, at which awards for the recent Handicap Series and High-points competition will be presented. Watch the notice board for details (and any changes).

The next Monthly Gala will be on Sunday, January 8. The next handicap series will start on January 17.

Parents are reminded that swimming lessons are available for small children.

The committee has decided it is time to increase Khun Choon's remuneration for his excellent instruction, and new monthly rates are as follows: Baht 80 for one child, Baht 120 for two children, Baht 150 for three children or more. Those interested, please contact Norma Rudder.

Norma was unanimously elected Chairman of the Swimming Group at its first meeting on December 4. Other officers are: Treasurer, Russ Hignett; Secretary, Jean Stevens; Coach (continuing her invaluable work) Mica de Heer.

Will all parents with children using the Club pool please note that the Swimming Group Committee is not responsible for poolside safety. Despite previous reminders of the rules, some children are still misbehaving on the diving boards, swimming beneath them when others are diving, diving or jumping towards the sides of the pool, standing in a row on the boards, and committing other infractions.

In the interests of everyone's safety and enjoyment of the pool, please will parents ensure that their children use the boards correctly and sensibly. If they don't accidents could happen.



### ENGLISH LADIES GOLF UNION

#### Programme for January:

Jan 3	Stableford	Starter: Terry Lenaghan Scorer: Jean Taylor
Jan 10	Bogey	Starter: Anne Quinn Scorer: Sheila Neville
Jan 17	3 Ball Better Ball	Starter: Jean Taylor Scorer:
Jan 24	Captain's Prize	Starter: Sheila Neville Scorer: Terry Lenaghan
Jan 31	Medal	Starter: Jean Sprot Scorer: Sheila Neville

The A.G.M. and Round-Up were held on the 22nd November and a new Committee elected for 1978:

Captain	: Sheila Neville
Vice Captain	: Terry Lenaghan
Handicapper	: Jean Taylor
Secretary	: Noelene Coulson
Treasurer	: Anne Quinn
Committee Member	: Jean Sprot

#### Results for the Round-up:

Winner:	Jean Taylor	33 points
2nd:	Sheila Neville	32 "
3rd:	Anne Quinn	31 "
	on count/back from	
	Gunilla Famstrom	31 "
5th:	Noelene Coulson	30 "
	on count/back from	
	Terry Lenaghan	30 "

### SQUASH SECTION

#### 18th League

The first squash league of 1978 will run from January 15 to the end of February. Application forms, to be returned to the Club not later than January 7, are included in this Newsletter.

New Entrants, please note that a usable indication of form is essential. If in doubt, contact John Weymouth, 252-7630, Warwick Franklin, 391-1841 or David Workman 391-4755.

Beginners are most welcome to join the league. Never having touched a racket is no reason for waiting till next time.

#### A reminder to all league participants

If you find yourself unable to complete, or even commence, your league programme, please either give due notice of withdrawal (a note to the Club or phone call to John Weymouth, Warwick Franklin or David Workman) or contact the people you are due to play and offer walkovers. Don't just do nothing....

#### Don Johnston Cup: Parry Handy Plate

These tournaments will be held in March. Application forms will be circulated with the February Newsletter.



# 17TH LEAGUE RESULTS (WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP)

## Division 1

Len Alexander 20  
Kevin Crump 15

## Division 3

Warwick Franklin 12  
Mike Holgate 9

## Division 5

Mike Hill 20  
Maria Green 16

## Division 7

Peter Ford 13  
John Rogers 10

## Division 9

Tom Evans 17  
Marilyn Finnegan 14

## Division 11

John Bagley 15  
Rod Stead 15

## Division 2

Bernard Grogan 21  
Graeme Falconer 20

## Division 4

Peter Braude 27  
Jim Finnegan 19

## Division 6

Norm Stanley 18  
John Davis 7

## Division 8

Tom Cowin 18  
Philip Bulmer 17

## Division 10

John Bennett 13  
Richard Wilkinson 13

## Division 12

Fraser Hawkins 11  
Andrew Dunlop 7

Prizes will be presented out the next Squash Social, to be held in January (watch for announcement)

## THAILAND SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

A league organised by the newly-formed TSRA began in December with ten teams, four from the British Club, four from the Sports Club and two from Vajiravudh College. Matches will be played at the British Club (on Wednesday evenings), the Sports Club and Vajiravudh College, and the league will run until February 8th. The detailed programme is posted on the notice board outside Squash Court No. 1. After the league itself there will be a play-off between the top four teams, with the semi-finals at the British Club on February 15th and the final at RBSC on the 22nd.



AIR TRAVEL

BOOKINGS WORLDWIDE - CHEAP RATES

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

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EDITORS NOTES

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All material for the February 1978 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 20 January.

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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