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The British Club News

THE BRITISH CLUB

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NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 1978

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 1978



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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in January are scheduled for:-

Wednesday 8 February at 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday 21 February at 5.30 p.m.

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VISITORS

Among the large number of visitors we have had in the last two months were:-

- the NORWOOD CLUB an Australian-rules Football Team from Adelaide, South Australia.
- Mr. P.A.G. NORMAN, a representative of the well-known London financial consultants Martin Paterson Associates Limited. Many years ago Mr. Norman was with Shell in Bangkok.

BILLIARDS TABLES

The Committee wishes to thank the two Club Members (who wish to remain anonymous) who paid for the refurbishing of one billiard table. Both tables are now in good condition and it is hoped that as the Billiard Room has been re-decorated the Billiard Section will be revitalised.

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:

Wednesday 8 February (Closing date 4 February)

Tuesday 7 March (Closing date 4 March)

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 January 1978:

Ordinary

Mr. S. Brady	Canadian Embassy
Mr. D.P. Copeland	Australian Embassy
Mr. V. Hall	Ministry of Education
Mr. J.R. Hyde	British Embassy
Mr. C.J. Knowles	United Milk Co.
Mr. J.H. Lang	Canadian Embassy
Mr. C.K.P. O'Ferrall	The Chartered Bank
Mr. G.P. Sandersley	British Embassy
Mr. P.A. Striffler	ILO
Mr. S.R. Whiteway	Ted Bates



SALE OF MAGAZINES

Back numbers of Illustrated London News, Country Life and Harpers and Queen are offered for sale.

Bids should be sent in sealed envelopes addressed to the Manager marked "Magazine Bid" by 15 February.

Magazines will be sold to Members in order of drawing envelopes, if more than one bid is received, on 16 February.

Illustrated London News 1977

8 issues 50 Baht the lot

Country Life 1977

36 issues 100 Baht the lot

Harpers and Queen

August to November issues (4) 40 Baht the lot

CLUB STAFF

Club Staff can be booked to assist at Members homes. Bookings cannot be accepted at less than 24 hours notice. Bookings for staff by name can be accepted but availability will depend on work schedules.

This service normally covers evenings. Staff can only be provided at lunchtime from those who are off duty and the number is limited to two on any one day.

The current terms and rates payable to staff are as follows:-

- basic rate 50 Baht
- over 4 hours 10 Baht per hour
- transportation or taxi fare to and from residence

BAR AND SNACKS

BAR

The following items are now available

- Whiskey - JAMESONS (additional item)
- Port - COCKBURNS (replaces HARDYS)

SNACKS

Pork Sausages

With effect from 31 January the price of Pork Sausages will be increased as follows:

- Packet - 60 Baht
- Piece (cooked) - 7 Baht

We have received an apology from the maker of our sausages for the fluctuation in size over the past two months. We have an assurance that packs of ten sausages in future will be standard in weight at one or just over one kilo.

New Items

The following new items baked in the Club kitchen will be offered in February.

- Individual Pork Pies
- Sausage Rolls

Pork Pie Salad

Pork Pie Salad has been re-introduced as a Main Bar lunch snack.



ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF BRITISH RESIDENTS

The British Embassy Consular Section has announced that all citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies and of Commonwealth countries not represented in Thailand, British subjects without citizenship and British-protected persons who are resident in Thailand but are NOT citizens of Thailand are reminded that they should register each year, preferably in January, at a British Consular office. Failure to do so regularly may involve the removal of their names from the register.

Registration cards are available at the Consular Section of the Embassy, the British Club (for members), at all branches of the Chartered, Hong Kong and Shanghai and Mercantile Banks in Thailand and at the British Consulate in Chiang Mai.

If registration is already recorded at the Embassy, a telephone call to Bangkok 252-7161 Ext. 203, or a note containing the registration details to the Consular Section, British Embassy, Wireless Road, will suffice to maintain it.

If a registration is recorded at the British Consulate, Chiang Mai, please telephone Chiang Mai 236006 or send a note containing the registration details to the Consulate.

CLUB SERVICE

HIRE STORES

The following items are available for hire by Club members:

Crockery	Glasses (Beer, Whisky and Wine)
Cutlery	Tables
Chairs	Table Linen
Coloured Lights	

Bids for these items can be accepted by telephone but at least 24 hours notice should be given. Items not listed may also be available for hire depending on Club commitments. Members are requested to contact the Manager personally about these other 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.

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.

JAMBO - KARIBU - HABARI

A baraza is to be held of ex-East Africans now in Thailand and will take the form of a 'sundowner' to be held on Tuesday 21st February. Qualifiers willing to attend please contact - Anne Quinn - Tel: 3912322 or Cathie Van Der Watt - Tel: 3914494

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

CLUB EVENTS

THIS MONTH THERE WILL BE TWO PUB NIGHTS

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

The evening will include:

- the screening of the film

COMMERCIAL UNION
MASTERS TENNIS FINAL
1976

- special supper menu in the Dining Room

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

The evening will include:

- games competitions
- special supper menu in the Dining Room
- musical entertainment (subject to confirmation)

Further details of both evenings will be circulated or placed on the Notice Boards.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Tue 7 - CHINESE NEW YEAR

CLUB WEEKLY EVENTS

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

EVENTS - FEBRUARY 1978

SECTION EVENTS

Thu 2 - <u>Darts</u> v Ladda 'B' (Home)	8 p.m.
Sun 5 - <u>Cricket</u> v RBSC (Marshal Trophy)	RBSC
Thu 9 - <u>Darts</u> Knockout Competition	
Sat 11 - <u>Football</u> v Swiss	4.15 p.m.
Thu 16 - <u>Darts</u> v Rendezvous (Away)	8 p.m.
Sat 18 - <u>Cricket</u> v Nakon Sawan (25 overs)	RBSC
<u>Football</u> v Thai German Students	4.15 p.m.
Sun 19 - <u>Cricket</u> v The Rest (40 overs)	RBSC
Wed 22 - <u>Football</u> v ISB	4.30 p.m.
Thu 23 - <u>Darts</u> v 20 Hotel (Home)	8 p.m.
Sun 26 - <u>Cricket</u> British Ambassadors XI v Australian Ambassadors XI	RBSC
- <u>Football</u> v Cosmos	4.15 p.m.



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FEBRUARY 1978 PROGRAMME

1 Feature Film: THE SLIPPER AND THE ROSE

Thu 9th - 5.30 p.m.

Fri 10th - 7.00 p.m.

The film was made in 1977 and it stars Richard Chamberlain and Gemma Craven. It is based on the Cinderella story and is set in an imaginary European Kingdom in a "romantic" period. The running time is about 2 hours.

2 Feature Film: THE MERCHANT OF VENICE 131 mins.

Based on the play by William Shakespeare, starring Maggie Smith as Portia and Frank Finlay as Shylock.

Thu 16th - 5.30 p.m.

Fri 17th - 7.00 p.m.

ENGLISH LADIES GOLF UNION

Programme for February:

7 Feb Public Holiday

14 Feb Stableford

Starter: Anne Quinn
Scorer: Terry Lenaghan

21 Feb Astral Cup/Best Nines

Starter: Terry Lenaghan
Scorer: Jean Taylor

28 Feb Astral Cup/Medal

Starter: Noelene Coulson
Scorer: Shiela Neville

TENNIS

Courts

During February the badly worn parts of the tennis courts will be returfed in preparation for the Club championships. However, the work will be scheduled to ensure that there will be three courts open during the weekends and on holidays.

FILM

A colour film of the Commercial Union Masters Tennis Final 1976 will be shown in the Club House on FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY.



DARTS NEWS

The highlight of the month under review was a darts-citing lilywhite victory over 20 Hotel Happy team in the quarter-finals of the knockout competition. A large and vociferous home crowd were treated to a dazzling display of dartistry, though some supporters and not a few Lilywhites found the wet-look jump suited and zippered Happy dartette an equal attraction.

The singles honours were evenly distributed but the Club picked up four points in the doubles, making it 7-5. In the team game, Amarit count at optimum level, the lilywhites roared into the semi-finals of the "cup" for the first time ever. Once again Nai 5 had shown his skill in making appropriate selections from the unusually large Lilywhite turn-out.

Your captain and Bee Gee took the treasured scoresheet immediately to league headquarters and there observed some of our erstwhile opponents in action on the go-go podia. By closing time our representatives were able to report that we were lucky that Keow's zipper hadn't descended lower than the naval during the match.

In the league we played two away games beating A.I.S. and losing to Marios. Against A.I.S. we won the singles 4-2 but going into the final doubles were 6-4 down. The Dynamic Derby duo kept Lilywhite hopes alive to level the score at 6-6. The team game was never in doubt and an unusually ruthless Lilywhite team saw Ray Roberts close the game while our luckless opponents still had 626 points on the board.

Marios were the team who ended a series of four consecutive victories for the lilywhites. The end of our run of success was not only inevitable but necessary, as your scribe was running out of superlatives and Nai 5 or the Great Gadsden, had begun to rival an African potentate in titles. However "supernai is it a plane? is it a bird? Gadsden" finally met his Darterloo when the Club went down 10-5 in an exciting match.

The singles were a disaster, John Bennett walloping Mario's mine host for our only point. Ray, either over- or under-fuelled, began well but lost after being on a double before his opponent started. The doubles were split 4-2 to the Club's advantage, with Antipod duo Ben and Adrian and the Derby twins winning (again). The 1001 would have given the lilywhites an 8-7 win and the game was very close. Both teams started quickly and level pegged until Mario's shot two consecutive tons, putting them well ahead. The Club fought back with a 70 from your scribe and an amazing 171 from John Bennett which put us in front. However Mario's finishing luck held out and they wrapped up from 70 leaving the Club with 48 on the board. The lilywhites immediately took revenge by influcting the opposition with almost two hours of choir practice. Choir practices will continue until lilywhite engineers have overcome a technical hitch in production of the Lilywhite cassette Volume 1. Our present equipment is insufficiently sensitive to record the thud of dart into pigbristle and the gurgling of Amarit but over sensitive to swashbuckling Polglase's oggy-oggies. Next month's newsletter will report on progress in the development of the revolutionary Dartby sound moderation system designed to overcome this problem.

Five league games remain to be played and of course the semi-final of the knockout cup. All games start at 8.00 p.m. in the bar. All are welcome at both matches and practices.



SQUASH SECTION

Don Johnston Cup - Parra Handy Plate

The D.J. Cup is the top British Club squash tournament, open to all B.C. Squash players. All matches are best of five games. The top eight players are seeded and there are no handicaps. First-round losers get a shot at that other highly-prized trophy, one Parra Handy Plate. Both finals take place on the same evening, which will be in late March. The tournaments will begin in March. Enter now (form enclosed in this newsletter) and copies are also available at the Club.

T.S.R.A. League

The winning team of the new TSRA squash league will be decided by a play-off between the top four teams when the league ends on February 8th. The semi-finals will be at the British Club on Wednesday February 15th and the finals at the Sports Club on the 22nd (times to be announced - watch the Bangkok Post).

GOLF SECTION

Your new scribe requests patience, sympathy, and a modicum of assistance when necessary in view of his unenviable task of following Ross (the Bard) Shaw in writing this column, Chapman Pincher, Peter Dobereiner and Billy Connolly all refused the task on the grounds that their careers would almost certainly be ruined as they could not equal the afore-mentioned (nor can they use Acturial Tables I might add) and so to the thunderous roar of such accolades as "hiss", "boo", and "gerroffthestage" I salute my public.

Recent results have been:

Kiwi Cup 4 December (Don Muang)

Winner Peter Adcock 36 Stableford points, second David Sprot 35 pts, third Brian Kane 34 pts, fourth Julian Wells 34 pts. Front 9 Noeleeh Coulson 19 pts, Second 9 Kerry Jowett 19 pts. Nearest-the-pins to Doug Fishburn, Derek Pott, Derek Pott (again) and John Burrows. Also competed on the day was a solitary Dunlop Trophy match in which Derek Pott (again again) and David Sprot beat Mike Neville and John Burrows 3 and 2. H.E. Richard Taylor very kindly presented a Sheepskin Rug as the trophy for the day as he could not obtain a Sheepskin Cup.

Christmas Hamper 18 December (Rose Garden)

Winners Tommy Madar and Jacques Morin, Second Lloyd Thomas and Mike Taylor, Third Sally Vorawarn and Doug Fishburn, Fourth Bob Allen and Eric Miller.

First 9 winners Jean Taylor and Peter Farquarson
" " second Peter Adcock and Pat Jowett



Second 9 winners Ladda Thomas in Hidden
draw with Tommy Madar

second Sheila Neville and Peter Ford

Numerous other prizes of bottles of alcoholic beverage went to numerous other persons who shall remain anonymous (no connection however with Alcoholics Anonymous, I just forgot who they were).

1 January (Don Muang)

Match cancelled as there was a celebration the night before.

Royal Thai Navy vs BC 14 January (Sattahip)

The BC were second but managed to win half of the prizes by cleverly changing the rules to give awards for first, second, third etc on each side, we did not however do this the following day as we won the Sunday competition.

Winners	RTN	1112	Strokes
	BC	1182	"

Individual winners were - RTN, first Cdr Suthee 87-20 = 67, second Adm. Siri 83-15 = 68, third Lt Paiboon 84-15 = 69, fourth Cdr Peeraphol 85-16 = 69, BC first Julian Wells 85-12 = 73, second David Frost 90-15 = 75, third Leon Van Der Watt 85-9 = 76, fourth Jeremy Watson 94-17 = 77. Nearest-the-pin prizes went to J. Hancock (No. 5) and Khun Wanee (No. 16). Best lady of the day was Jean Taylor on a countback from Sheila Neville.

Royal Orchid vs BC 15 January (Bangphra)

BC	269	Stableford Points
RO	224	" "

Individual winners were-first Mike Neville 41 points, second David Frost 35 points, third Jacques Morin 35 points, fourth R. Bridgeman 33 points. First nine John Burrows 19 points, second nine Tommy Madar 20 points. Nearest-the-pins went to - Hole No. 3 Ian McLean, No. 8 Julian Wells, No. 14 Bob Allen, No. 15 Mike Neville. Best lady score of the day was 35 points by Jean Sprot and a special award was made to pro. Tony Highfield whose participation on the day was very welcome.

After the match the BC once more showed its appreciation of the efforts of Messrs. Singha and Kloster in the high standard of quality control attained and Khun Dai Pravit (the punters friend) enlivened the closing stages of the Thai International Professional Tournament by offering odds on long putts being sunk, which are not even offered by Littlewoods for 8 score draws in a line. All that was missing was a Tic-tac man on the 18th tee and the RBSC totaliser to convert Bangphra into a bigger money spinner than Monte Carlo. Cries of "Shurupmaneesputtin" are now standard vocabulary in the rules of golf.

AIR TRAVEL

BOOKINGS WORLDWIDE - CHEAP RATES

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Siam Business System
Hotel Manhattan
Sukhumvit Soi 15
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EDITORS NOTES

All material for the March 1978 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 19 February.

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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