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(a) Until 28 February 1977

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 1977

Members will have noted that replacement of the floor and renovation work has commenced in the Main Bar. This work is expected to be completed in about four months. The Reading Room has been converted to a Bar temporarily and an area of the Cinema Room, on the first floor, has been furnished as a temporary Reading Room.

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Now that Suriwongse Road is a one way road at all times the gate closure system has been changed.

The Suriwongse Road gate will be closed at 9pm each evening and the Silom Road gate will remain open until the last Member leaves the premises.

CLUB NEWS

LONG RANGE PLAN

The following Resolutions were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on Thursday 10 February 1977.

- " - The Long Range Plan Schedule of Projects is accepted as the basis for the long term development of the Club."
- " - The initial phases of the Long Range Plan are to include the following projects:-
- a. Improvements to the Clubhouse Bar.
 - b. The building of a new Office and Store complex.
 - c. Conversion of the existing Office to a Reading Room and Library.
 - d. Renewal of the mains supply wiring system.
 - e. Relocation of the Poolside kitchen, stores and ground floor toilets.
 - f. Conversion of the Reading Room to a Billiard Room.
 - g. Construction of a Ladies Toilet and Changing Room in the Clubhouse on the ground floor.
 - h. Conversion of the Billiard Room to a Reception and Special Functions Room.
 - i. Construction of a new Mechanical and Store room on the first floor rear balcony of the Clubhouse.
 - j. Improvements to the Clubhouse Dining Room.
 - k. Improvements to the Clubhouse Kitchen.
 - l. Improvements to the Clubhouse Entrance Hall.
 - m. Construction of two all weather Tennis Courts."

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in February are scheduled for:

Tuesday 8 March at 6.30 P.M.

Tuesday 22 March at 5.30 P.M.

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OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS

With effect from 1 February 1977 the Club closing hours reverted to those laid down in the By Laws except that closing hour will not be extended beyond midnight while the 1pm curfew remains in force.

The use of late-closing statements has been re-introduced in the Main Bar. The last Member to leave the Bar after 10pm is required to sign the statement.

SUGGESTIONS

Comments written in the Suggestions Book are considered by the Committee at its fortnightly or monthly meetings. The Committee has noted that several "suggestions" made recently should and could have received more speedy answers and action. It is therefore recommended that matters which need urgent reaction should be brought to the attention of the Poolside or Clubhouse Supervisor in the first instance or to the Manager.

HMAS VENDETTA

Commander B.G. Dunn, the Captain of HMAS Vendetta, called at the Club on 31 January to thank the Membership for offering the use of the Club's facilities to the ship's crew. Before leaving the ship presented to the Club a plaque and banner.

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NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

New members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Dining Room at 5.30pm on Tuesday 8 March. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 5 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.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected to membership of the Club in February.

Ordinary

Messrs	C.R. Bryant	N. Carter
	I.J. Fawcett	G.F. Neat
	W.P. Panton	D.J. Ryan
	A.E. Thomson	

Non-Voting

Messrs	R.H. Levisieur	T.W.F. Maylett
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Ladies Privileges

Miss L.C. Nicholas

SPORTS SHORT

CRICKET RESULTS

Marshal Trophy (6 Feb)

The RBSC retained the trophy after a day of changing fortunes and an exciting finish.

Booker Cup (13 Feb)

UK Ambassadors XI - 200 for 7 declared
Australian Ambassadors XI - 202 for 6

FOOTBALL RESULTS: Farang League

5 Feb	- BC	- 1	International School	- 2
19 Feb	- BC	- 1	Thai/German Students	- 0

SWIMMING

The Swimming Team retained the Lady De La Mare Trophy on 6 February by beating the International Club by 703 to 429 points.

Individual high points winners for the Club were:-

7 and 8 years

Apple Gwilliam and Michael Reid

11 and 12 years

Meradith Rudder and Mac Darrow

13 and 14 years

Heather Power, Cam Darrow and Andrew Hurrell

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Over the past year the UKCC has given away over Bht. 400,000. This has gone to a variety of deserving causes including:-

McKeans Rehabilitation Institute - providing anti-leprosy drugs, TV sets and a piped music system for the patients.

Father Joe's Hill Tribe Children - constructing a bridge in the hills to improve communications.

Manorom Hospital - a grant for installing a new water system and financial aid for TB patients.

Klong Toey Slums - help with the purchase of a centre for drug addict deintoxification.

HRH The Princess Mother's Flying Volunteer Doctors - medical and office equipment.

Buffalo Bank - buffaloes to help needy families in the North East.

Phutong Leprosarium - the salary of a nurse, drugs and supplies.

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- Khon Kaen Boys Home - equipment for the workshop.
Don Bosco School - equipment for the workshop.
Pan Ya On School - a tape recorder for the training of retarded children and workshop equipment.

In addition donations have been made to the Red Cross and YWCA.

In the near future the Committee will be considering allocations for the forthcoming year and if any Member would like to suggest any particular deserving cause they should please contact either Peter Leggatt at Borneo (234-2080), Rodney Willmott-Pilgrim at Anglo-Thai (233-1900) or any other member of the Committee.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following letter was addressed to the Chairman.

25th January 1977

Dear Sir,

Just recently I spent a very enjoyable few days in Bangkok. This was in large measure due to the fact that I was able to visit your club.

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DATES FOR MARCH 1977

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Tue 1 - St David's Day
Fri 4 - Makha Bucha
Thu 17 - St Patrick's Day

WEEKLY EVENTS

Golf Lessons - Sundays 4 until 6pm
Bridge - Mondays 7.30pm
Modern Jazz Ballet - Wednesdays 2pm
Classical Ballet - Fridays 2pm

SECTION ACTIVITIES

Sun 6 - Swimming Monthly Gala 11.30am

Sat 12 - Football v Ruam Rudee School 3.30pm

Sun 13 - Golf Match v Scandinavians 7am
and
Gestetner/Thai Glass Eclectic
(first round) (Rose Garden)

19/20 Tennis Semi Finals -
Sun 20 Football v Scandinavians 4.30pm
Fri 25 Squash End of League Social.
Sat 26 Football v Swiss 4.30pm
Sun 27 Tennis Finals -
Golf Individual Stableford (Railway) 7.45am

DIARY DATES

APRIL 1977

- Sun 3 - Swimming Monthly Gala
8 - 11 - Easter Weekend
Sat 9 - Football - Farang League Cup Final
Wed 13 - Songkran Festival

MAY 1977

- Sun 1 - May Day
Thu 5 - Coronation Day
Thu 12 - Ploughing Ceremony (Sanam Luang)

ENGLISH LADIES GOLF UNION

Astral Cup

On the 24th January the Ladies played the second and final round of the Astral Cup competition which is sponsored annually by Unilever Export Ltd. The winner over 36 holes was Anne Quinn with a nett 150, closely followed by runners-up Jean Sprot (151) and Hisako Robinson (152).

Match VS Royal Thai Army Ladies

On Thursday 27th January the British Club Ladies Golf Team played extremely well in their second annual four ball best ball match against the Royal Thai Army Ladies to gain possession of the Inter-Club Trophy. Of the eight matches played the British Club Team won six and halved two. The best nett prize was won by the combined efforts of Sheilla Neville (Captain) and Jean Sprott (nett 70) and the runners up were Khun Laksana and Khun Torsri (nett 71) of the Royal Thai Army Ladies team.

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MARCH EVENTS:

Tuesday 1st March

Four ball best ball

Starter: Jean Taylor 2862346

Scorer: Pat Jowett 2511798

Tuesday 8th March - 1st Round Gestetner Trophy

Stableford

Starter: Sheila Neville 3916000

Scorer: Terry Lenaghan 2510574

Tuesday 15th March - 2nd Round Gestetner Trophy

Stableford

Starter:

Scorer:

Tuesday 22nd March - Bisque Bogey

Starter: Pat Jowett 2511798

Scorer: Jean Taylor 2862346

Tuesday 29th March - Monthly Medal

Starter: Terry Lenaghan 2510574

Scorer: Sheila Neville 3916000

DARTS SECTION

Your regular correspondent is once again back behind both pencil and darts and in his capacity as vice-captain led the Lilywhites, into a merciless drubbing of Bobby's Arms. Despite some spirited opposition from an Arabian oilman who finished on a 95 against a surprised Paul Frankland, who had just scored two consecutive tons, the Lilywhites prevailed 10-5, - our biggest margin to date. Welcome back Sue & Paul - good to see you can still float them in. In the same match history was made as "The Cobbit" won a singles game, sending the team roaring up the league table into second place (from the bottom).

The league programme was wrapped up with one win and two losses, the final position belying the true dexterity of the Lilywhites who were pipped so many times its not fair - says your captain who is the process of being transferred to the Golf Section. Only the transfer fee remains to be settled and the Lilywhites are trying very hard to raise the required amount. Who will be the new Nai - a job only slightly less hazardous than standing next to Idi Amin?

To resolve the problem your Darts Section committee will shortly go into secret session - eventually a puff of smoke will appear from the chimney of La Costa and some lucky Lilywhite will be made an offer he can't refuse - remembering. What happened to the last one who hesitated. Not only did Nai 1 lean on him, but his favourite goldfish was found flattened out in the middle of Rama IV Road....

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The highlight of the coming month is the end of league "banquet" to be held on a date and at a place which may be notified to the Club some hours before the event. Gongs will again be presented to the apawney gits. Will the Lilywhites pick up the ladies prize or the Amarit trophy for beer consumption, once again in the balance between the Club and BT Audio? Ken Spencer's preference for Singha and Paul's return to Bangkok should clinch this one for the Lilywhites.

In conclusion your dartscribe noticed that he was named by a fellow correspondent in a rival journal as "player of the century" or something like that.

Fine paper, the B*ngk*k P*st - very absorbent and a pleasant texture.

All would-be marxpersons are welcome on darts nights (Thursdays) and practice sessions on Saturdays and Sundays (from 5.00pm)

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SECTION

Our first competition this year is the Mabbatt Challenge Cup:- Straight Snooker, best of three frames, and the man to beat is the 1976 holder Jeremy Watson. We will be playing on Tuesday nights, with three preliminary rounds starting from March 22nd and the finals on April 11th - entries on the Club-house notice-board, or call Ivan Garfoot (2337961-5) Jeremy Watson (2346915), or Bob Shedden (2828615-7).

For some added excitement, Ivan is offering a bottle of Whisky for the highest break scored in the competition, so take your cues, Gentlemen.

GOLF SECTION

Contrary to malicious rumours instigated by the absence of a contribution to the last two Newsletters, the Golf Section is alive and well and operating in Bangkok. Indeed it might be conservatively stated that it "flourishes" when one considers the success and support achieved at our recent meetings on which this scribe will now report.

On 30th January an individual medal competition was held at Don Muang and the general appearance of the usual bunch of scruff was considerably enhanced by the attendance of eight ladies who competed for a special trophy and we hope this will become a regular feature at future meetings. It was certainly a welcome change to see a pair of shorts adorned with some grace and beauty unlike some of our similarly clad members who shall remain nameless and Peter Adcock who shall not. The winners were as follows:-

1st	Mike Neville	66 net
2nd equal	Jan Kukielka) Fred Baikie)	68 net (Jan Kukielka won on a countback).
1st Nine	Edgar Marland	
2nd Nine	Greg Black	

LADIES

1st	Pat Perry	66 net
2nd	Hisako Robinson	68 net

The final of the Dunlop Trophy was played the same day and the partnership of John Robinson and David Sprot despatched John Lenaghan and Leon Van Der Watt to what can be charitably described as ignominious defeat. John and Leon were recently prevailed upon to appear again in public on the strict understanding that the margin of defeat would not be made known.

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On Sunday, 13th February we headed for Bang Phra for our annual eyeball to eyeball confrontation with the American Chamber. It was the seventh match of the series and we entered battle as the proud possessors of the trophy for the first time. Alas, despite weeks of concentrated training and endeavour the Chamber won the pot. The tales of wicked ill fortune, malicious outside agencies and general bad play were interspersed with stories of heroic deeds and pure British pluck which, by comparison, makes the Walker or Ryder Cup matches fade into utter insignificance. We were narrowly defeated by six matches to four and apart from congratulating our winning partnerships the following are worthy of mention:-

Mike Bucknall, who casually holed a 30 foot putt on the 3rd with an air of bored indifference and followed this three holes later by sinking a 30 yard chip shot and, in direct contrast to his opponents, betrayed not the slightest sign of emotion. And James Davidson, that doughty Perthshire chiel, wielding his putter like a "murd'ring prattle" while the opposition looked on in anguished disbelief. Mike Neville complaining that his partner's so called expertise with the irons had sunk to the level of the knife and fork. John Mumby politely ignoring his partner's cavalier appearance (not to mention his attitude) and winning a prize for deftly laying his tee shot "closest to the hole" at the 15th. And a welcome visitor, Jean Godfrey, displaying compassion for the poor males by using an iron off the tee then winning the long driving contest. Who was the male chauvinist pig who demanded a saliva test?

But every occasion has its moment of pathos when frail humanity is exposed to the glaring spotlight of harsh reality. Those of sufficient maturity will remember that sad afternoon at Wentworth many years ago when the young Peter Alliss three putted to loss the Ryder Cup. The not so young Kerry Jowett playing in the last match had a 10 foot putt on the 18th for a birdie and the trophy. Suffice it to say, that in at least one respect, Kerry Jowett plays like Peter Alliss.

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RESULTS

Lloyd Thomas & David Sprot beat J. Rooney & T. Bolan	
Ross Shaw & Greg Black lost to Frank Goode & John Griffin	6 & 4
Mike Bucknall & Alistair Lapping beat Maury Galloway & Jim Savery	3 & 1
Peter Adcock & Mike Neville lost to Joe Murphy & Jack Scott	2 & 1
Alex. Mair & John Bennett lost to Chali Hansasuta and Henry Kocyzk	2 & 1
Tom Moran & Andrew Dunlop beat Keng Na Ranong & Suthep Chavanaviraj	3 & 2
John Mumby & Lean Van Der Watt lost to Tom Alvarez & Dr. Rak Panyarachun	6 & 4
James Davidson & Mike Taylor beat Pravat Purananda & Manas Lantaphayon	3 & 2
Jeremy Watson & Jacques Morin lost to Bill Reinsch & Bill Dawkins	2 & 1
Denis Quinn & Kerry Jowett lost to Ken Goldsmith & Stan Perry	3 & 1
	2 holes

INDIVIDUAL

1st	J. Murphy & J. Scott	47 points
2nd	J. Davidson & M. Taylor	44 points
3rd	T. Alvarez & Dr. Rak Panyarachun	42 points
1st Nine	Tom Moran & Andrew Dunlop	23 points
2nd Nine	Peter Adcock & Mike Neville	21 points

Our next fixture on 27th February should be one of the highlights of the year. A mixed better ball stableford at the Army Course so let's ensure there is no shortage of "Ladies Men".

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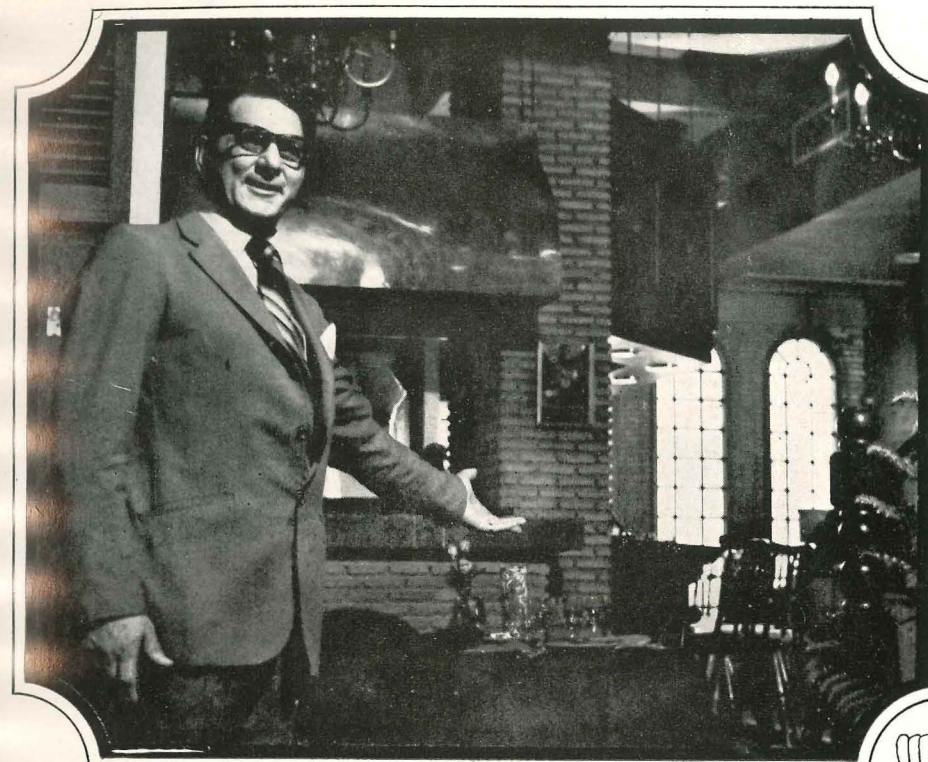
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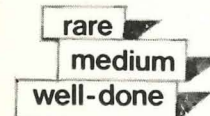
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