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The British Club News

THE BRITISH CLUB

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NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 1976

ELECTION DAY - 4 APRIL

It is normal practice for the Government to prohibit the sale of alcoholic drinks on an Election Day. It is assumed that an announcement to this effect will be made for Sunday 4th April.

Now for the good news.....

For some brighter and more interesting items, read on!

LONG RANGE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

A sub-committee has been formed to consider the long term requirements of the Club. The members are:

N.F. Overy (Chairman)
D.J. Graham (Vice Chairman)
F.B. McConnell
M.F. De Vries
J. Mumby

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SECTION REPRESENTATIVES - GENERAL COMMITTEE

The following members of the General Committee have been appointed as Section Representatives:

Association Football	=	G.S. Smith
Bowling (Ten Pin)	=	J.P.D. Gandy
Bridge	=	J. Davidson
Cricket	=	M.F. De Vries
Darts	=	G.S. Smith
Golf	=	J. Davidson
Snooker and Billiards	=	C. Stewart
Squash	=	J.P.D. Gandy
Swimming	=	J.P.D. Gandy
Tennis	=	J. Davidson

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in April are scheduled for:

Wednesday 14 April at 5:45 P.M.
Tuesday 28 April at 5:30 P.M.

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NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

New members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Dining Room at 5:15 P.M. on Wednesday 14 April. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 10 April.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club during March 1976:

W.G. Bainbridge	L.J. Brooks
K.E.W. Darrow	D. Fishburn
J.A. Hare	G.J. Mathieson
J.A.E. Stewart	D.P. Williams
E. Stahel (LP)	

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BAR PRICES

The price list of spirits has been reviewed. New prices have been fixed taking into consideration both the increases in costs since the last review and the recently announced reduction in tax on some imported spirits.

The new prices announced are:

Whisky and Soda	16 Baht
Gin and Tonic	16 Baht
Brandy and Ginger Ale VSOP	20 Baht
3 Star	17 Baht

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MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Next time you call at the Office will you please check that your correct address and telephone number is recorded. Many members cards appear to be out of date.

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CLUB TIES AND CAR BADGES

These items are on Sale in the Office

Club Tie	-	200 Baht
Car Badge	-	100 Baht

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CELLAR STOCKS - IMPORTED BEERS

It is proposed to clear the cellar of stocks of slowing - moving imported bottled beers at reduced rates. Details will be on the Club Notice Boards.

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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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PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

The Committee has agreed to Private Functions being held on the Club Premises.

Wednesday 7 April	Cocktail Party	Dining Room
Thursday 29 April	Cocktail Party	Front Lawn

On 29 April a one way traffic circuit will be in operation from 6:15 P.M. It would be appreciated if members would approach the Club from Silom and leave by the Suriwongse exit.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Annual PLOENCHITR FAIR will be held in the grounds of the British Embassy on Saturday 20 November from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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BC WINDSCREEN STICKERS

BC Windscreen stickers are out of stock but a new supply is expected shortly.

Members who sell their cars on the local market are requested to remove the sticker before handing over the car.

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BEHAVIOUR OF DRIVERS

Members are requested to advise their drivers not to gamble or loiter in the vicinity of the Clubhouse kitchen. It is hoped to erect covered waiting areas for drivers adjacent to the car parks in the near future.

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DISCOUNT SERVICE

Triumph International (Thailand) Limited have offered Club members 10% discount on a recently received shipment of European style and sized foundation garments and swimwear. Members interested should be able to produce their club membership card.

The showroom is at Sivadon Building (4th floor) 1, Convent Road.

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DARTS SECTION

(Captain : Arthur Hawtin)

The Club team has just completed the latest season of the Bangkok Darts League finishing a creditable second in its Division, losing only to the Division winners. The enthusiastic Club team and its supporters, in addition to showing increased skill was also able to uphold the best British social traditions of the game.

The top scorer of the team was Ben Gwilliam, the most consistent singles winner Paul Frankland and Brian Kane was the ideal doubles partner being beaten only once.

For the next league starting shortly interested players should contact the team Captain Arthur Hawtin - telephone 34502 (Office) or 33071 Extn. 15 (Home).

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FOOTBALL SECTION

(Captain : John Lenaghan)

Once again the football team is having a highly successful season and has reached the final of the Farang Soccer League.

A few faithful supporters have been in fine voice throughout the season and their noise, if only at times roaring laughter, has helped to create a competitive atmosphere to encourage the team to greater effort.

The final will be at 4:30 P.M. on 17 April, at I.S.B. school Soi 15 Sukhumvit Road. Please come along and support your football team. Bring the family there are plenty of seats available.

Results

29 Feb.	v	Swiss Mountainers	won	3-2
6 Mar.	v	I.S.B.	won	4-0
13 Mar.	v	WAT	won	(Walkover)
21 Mar.	v	German FC	won	7-0

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BRIDGE SECTION

With increasing attendance each week the section continues to flourish and attract new faces. Welcome to Khun Pichai & Khun Phailin.

The March Duplicate was won by Pichai & Phailin with the Davidsons and the Taylors breathing down their necks. An interesting combination of Herr Ignaceous Spanner and Dr. Alec Buchanan almost upset all the contracts with a great display of psychic bidding.

Shortly to be on sale : "The Five Diamond Sacrifice Bid - Charting the Depths" by J. Davidson & D. Bruce. A short and instructive monograph on how to take opponents out of a doomed four major game bid.

It is rumored that the Duggans will soon reappear on Wednesdays.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Subject to confirmation the Annual British Community celebration of the Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held at the Club on Wednesday 21 April.

In the event a one way traffic circuit will be in operation and car parking on the Club premises will be limited to VIP and owner driven cars only.

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ANZAC (GALLIPOLI) DAY - 25 APRIL 1976

The Annual ANZAC Day service and the laying of wreaths will be held this year at the cemetery at Kanchanaburi at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, 25 April 1976. All members of the New Zealand, Australian and British communities are cordially invited to attend.

The distance from Bangkok is 130 kilometres on good roads. Those attending this service should leave Bangkok between 6:30 and 7:00 A.M., depending on how far they have to travel through Bangkok traffic.

At the completion of the service some liquid refreshments will be available.

SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 9 APRIL

SQUASH SOCIAL

Main Bar

WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

FRIDAY 21 MAY

COCKNEY NIGHT

Full details will be circulated and

placed on Notice Boards

EVENTS - APRIL 1976

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Tue. 6 - Chakri Day
Tue. 13 - Songkran Day
16/19 - Easter Weekend

COLOUR TV

A Colour TV set has been hired for a trial period. It will be set up in the cinema room for daily viewing by children and adults. For special programmes and adult only viewing the set will be placed in the Reading Room.

CHILDRENS CINEMA

There will be no childrens film shows in April.

SECTION ACTIVITIES

Sat. 3 - Cricket. Semi Finals (RBSC)
- Golf. Match v Shell (Railway) 8 AM.
Sun. 4 - Swimming. Monthly Gala 11:30 AM.
Tues. 6 - Ladies Golf - (Rose Garden) 8 AM.
Wed. 7 - Bridge 7:30 PM.
Thurs. 8 - Swimming. Water Polo
Sat. 10 - Cricket. Finals (RBSC)
Wed. 14 - Bridge 7:30 PM.
Sat. 17 - Football. Cup Final (ISB School) 4:30 PM.
- Golf. Captains Prize (Rose Garden) 7 AM.
Sun. 18 - Squash. League list closes -
Mon. 19 - Billiards/Snooker. Meeting 5:30 PM.
Tues. 20 - Ladies Golf (Army) 7:15 PM.
Wed. 21 - Bridge 7:30 PM.
Thurs. 22 - Swimming. Water Polo
Tues. 27 - Ladies Golf (Army) 7:15 AM.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

- 1-3 - Golf Match v Bangphra/Sattahip (Pattaya)
- 1 - LABOUR DAY
 - Squash League No. 11 begins
- 2 - Swimming Gala
- 3 - COMMERCIAL HOLIDAY
- 5 - CORONATION DAY
- 6 - Water Polo
- 13 - WISAKHA BUCHA
- 20 - Water Polo
- ? - Swimming, Inter Club Meeting.

JUNE

- 3 - Water Polo
- 6 - Swimming Gala
 - Whit Sunday
- 17 - Water Polo

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SECTION

If sufficient interest can be generated, it is intended to re-activate the presently dormant Billiard and Snooker Section of the Club. To this end, it has been decided to call a Meeting of all those interested, at the Club on Monday 19 April 1976 at 5:30 P.M.

The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Election of a Billiard and Snooker Section Sub-Committee.
2. Any other business including discussion on how best to make this Section a successful part of the Club's activities.

SHOW YOUR INTEREST ATTEND THIS MEETING.

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LADIES GOLF

FIXTURE LIST

6 April	Rose Garden (Kitchen Sink)	8 AM.
13 April	(No Fixture)	
20 April	Army (Stableford) (Starter - Judy Launder (525-416))	7:15 AM.
27 April	Army (Medal) (Starter - Anne Quinn (912-322))	7:15 AM.

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TENNIS SECTION

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 14 March saw a good turnout of both competitors and spectators for the 1976 Championship Finals. Thanks to Dunlop each match was played with brand new balls enhancing the already high standard of play.

The results were as follows:

Ladies Singles (New Trophy presented by Fleming Kinnaird)

Winner : Pipa Miall
Runner Up : Helen Bergstrom

Mens Singles (Horne Trophy)

Winner : Manfred von Nostitz
Runner Up : Jim O'Shea

Ladies Doubles (Docherty Plate)

Winner : Helen Bergstrom and Sheila Neville
Runner Up : Colleen Perry and Norma Rudder.

Mens Doubles (Spink Cup)

Winner : Manfred von Nostitz and Egles Burtmanis
Runner Up : Roy Harwood and David Brunwin

Mixed Doubles (St. John Challenge Cup)

Winner : Helen Bergstrom and Manfred von Nostitz
Runner Up : Colleen and Jim Perry

Ladies Plate

Winner : Genny Gibson
Runner Up : Beth Weymonth

Mens Plate

Winner : Egles Burtmanis
Runner Up : Simon Benians

Mixed Doubles Plate

Winner : Sally and Gavin Anderson
Runner Up : Claire Black and Kerry Jowett

COMMITTEE 1976

At the AGM which was held after the Championships the following were elected to the Committee:

Manfred von Nostitz	Moira Taylor
Roy Harwood	Carvel Jeffries
Anne Harwood	Beth Weymouth
Fleming Kinnaird	

MATCH AGAINST AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY

On Saturday 20 March the Club played a team from the Australian Embassy. Both teams fielded 12 players each in a series of mixed, ladies and mens doubles. The Gods were kind as the layer of cloud made playing conditions ideal. The final result was a win for the Australians 12-10.

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GOLF SECTION

At the A.G.M. held on Thursday 26 February, Eric Howell was succeeded by James Davidson as Golf Captain; Leon van der Watt was elected Match Secretary; Kerry Jowett - Treasurer; David Sprot - Secretary. Eric will remain a committee member ex officio and Tom Madar agreed to continue as our long suffering handicapper.

The very popular Thai-Glass Gestetner Eclectic climaxed at Don Muang as David Brunwin overhauled Mike Bucknall to win by two shots. In a countback for third place, James Davidson just pipped Peter Adcock and Jeremy Watson. The sponsors are due our hearty thanks for supporting this enjoyable event.

A return trip to Hua Hin for the four Societies Golf Match saw some distinguished play by Alistair Greenlees, Nigel Overy, D. Raikes and Paddy Ryan. The blue shirts of St. Andrew stole most of the honours with Ian McLean winning individual Kudos - again pursued by Mike Bucknall and also by Hugh Jamieson. Tom Robertson and Les Vize also drew blood for Scotland and Ireland. Completing the Celtic domination was the new St. David's star, from Tiger Bay (Dai Pravit).

Forthcoming matches include a two-day weekend at Pattaya playing Bangphra and Sattahib. This is set for 1/2/3 May. Meanwhile the side to play Shell has been selected and is under strict training.

The Dunlop Trophy final, contested between John Robinson and David Sprot, and John Gibson and Frank Calvert was played at Hua Mark on Sunday 21 March with Gibson and Calvert emerging victorian by 4 and 3. Winning also that same day were:

Lean van der Watt	x	Mike Taylor	-	net 65
Ian McLean	x	Mike Neville	-	net 65
Paul Huey	x	Joe Stewart	-	back 9

Ron Shackelford was making his last appearance and was thanked for his support over the years. Cups were also given to Eric Howell, outgoing Captain and to Derek Pott, Treasurer for last three years.

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SQUASH SECTION

(Chairman : Reg Beesley)

END OF LEAGUE SOCIAL

With the present league coming to an end on 31 March an event for all players to remember is the End of League Social and Prizegiving on 9 April.

A tankard will be presented to the winner of each division and second place players will each receive a squash shirt. Once again we owe our sincere thanks to National Outdoor Sites for donating the shirts. Those of us who didn't make it into the top two places needn't despair. Free door prizes will be given away. Don't forget 9 April at 7:30 in the main bar in the Clubhouse. Everyone welcome.

11th SQUASH LEAGUE

The next League will start on Labour Day (1 May) and run until mid June. Application forms are included in this newsletter and will also be available at the Social. Please, please note that 18 April is the closing date for entries. We regret to say that we will not be able to include any late entries in the next League. Also players who are new to the Club League must submit results of at least three matches with present league players in order to help the committee place them in the league as accurately as possible. One final point is that all players wishing to compete in the 11th must submit an application form whether or not they competed in the 10th League.

DON HOHNSTON AND PARRA HANDY PLATE

Congratulations go to Rod Carter for winning the 1976 Don Johnston Cup and to Adrian Lamb for winning the Parra Handy Plate. Both of these prizes will be presented officially at the Social.

SWIMMING SECTION

(Chairman : Ian Launder)

AGM

At the Annual General Meeting of the Swimming Group on 29 February, it was agreed that the group had just gone through a most successful year. The Committee -- and the swimmers -- intend to keep it that way.

COMMITTEE

The following Committee was elected for 1976:

Ian Launder (Chairman)	Vera Comerford
Hugh Jamieson (Vice-Chairman)	Maggie Darrow
Alec Power (Treasurer)	Jenny Gibson
Norma Rudder (Secretary)	Russ Hignett
Gordon Aylward (Coach)	Yvonne Hurrell
Grace Aylward	Bob Reid
Hazel Bagley	John Rogers
Patricia Beesley	(Khun Choon Ruprapun)

The children will be asked to elect their own representative to the Committee.

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FUTURE EVENTS

- The next Monthly Gala will be on Sunday 4 April, at 11:30 A.M. (Strokes: Freestyle, Backstroke and Diving).
- The May Gala will be on Sunday 2 May, at 11:30 A.M. (Strokes: Breaststroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley).
- The Easter Handicap events will begin on Tuesday 20 April. There will be 24 series events, and the best 16 will be scored. The series will be swum every Tuesday at 4:30 P.M., and the last three races will be held on 8 June.
- A summer series, also of 24 events, is planned from 29 June to 17 August.
- Water Polo will be held on the following Thursdays: 25 March, 8 and 22 April, 6 and 20 May, 3 and 17 June, 1, 15 and 29 July and 5 and 19 August.
- A.S.A. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Honours proficiency badges: Classes are now being held to prepare children for these awards. Please see Norma Rudder for details.
- The Committee is trying to arrange for a coming Monday or Tuesday an informal social evening for children and parents. It is hoped that an Australian swimming film will be shown, with elucidation by Mr. Fred Aboud. Please watch the Notice Board for details.

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EDITOR NOTES

All material for the May 1976 edition of the Newsletter
must reach the Office by 17 April.

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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