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NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 1977

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The new Constitution and Rules were approved at the EGM held on the 28 February. A summary of the main changes is given on Page 2. Copies of the Constitution and Rules 1977 will be sent to all Members this month.

The names of members elected to the Committee at the AGM are given on Page 3 and Committee appointments are shown on Page 5.

Work on Squash Court No. 1 has now been completed and work on the Main Bar is progressing well: completion is scheduled for late May.

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## CLUB NEWS

### CONSTITUTION AND RULES

At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 28 February 1977 the meeting confirmed a special resolution adopting the Constitution and Rules 1977.

The following main amendments to the Constitution and Rules were also confirmed:-

- an increase in rates of entrance fees and monthly subscriptions.
- the introduction of Associate Membership.
- the inclusion of a new Rule giving the Committee the authority to raise overdrafts and arrange loans for the benefit of the Club with the approval of Members in General Meeting.
- Ladies may be introduced as Visiting Members.
- Ladies with Ladies Privileges and Wives of Members may introduce guests.

The total Membership present and registering proxies was 178.

Copies of the new Constitution and Rules will be sent to all members in April.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting held on 28 February 1977 the following Members were elected to the Committee (appointments shown were made at the subsequent Committee Meeting):-

Messrs.	N.F. Overy	Chairman
	C. Stewart	Vice Chairman
	M.G. Ford	Hon Treasurer
	M.F. De Vries	
	I.W. Garfoot	
	A. Hawtin	
	F.B. McConnell	
	R.A. Shedden	
	G.S. Smith	
	L.V. Vize	

### AUTHORITY TO BORROW FUNDS

At the Annual General Meeting the Committee was given authority to borrow funds up to Baht 2 million in 1977 in addition to existing overdraft facilities.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in April are scheduled for:-

Tuesday 5 April at 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday 26 April 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 5 April. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 2 April.

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 March:-

#### Ordinary Members

P.A. St C. Braudé	J.B. Owen
C. Collings	D.C. Pollard
P.L. Murphy	J.F. Wells

#### Non Voting

J.D. Barratt	R.M. Moss
P. Bulmer	

#### Ladies Privileges

Mrs. L. Rittger

### SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTIES

Membership and Public Relations	- Mr. C. Stewart Mr. J.P.D. Gandy
House and Grounds	- Mr. A. Hawtin
Bar and Snacks	- Mr. L.V. Vize
Entertainment	- Mr. M.F. De Vries Mr. I.W. Garfoot Mr. R.A. Shedden
Newsletter Advertising	- Mr. G.S. Smith

### SECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Association Football	- Mr. G.S. Smith
Billiards/Snooker	- Mr. C. Stewart
Bowling	- Mr. J.P.D. Gandy
Bridge	- Mr. I.W. Garfoot
Cricket	- Mr. M.F. De Vries
Darts	- Mr. A. Hawtin
Golf	- Mr. I.W. Garfoot
Squash	- Mr. R.A. Shedden
Swimming	- Mr. J.P.D. Gandy
Tennis	- Mr. L.V. Vize

### VISITING MEMBERS

Members who wish to sponsor Visiting Members and who are unable to introduce them personally are requested to telephone the Manager or give a letter of introduction to the visitor.

The introductions book is held in the Office and cards are issued to each Visiting Member.

### MAGAZINE AUCTION

The result of the Magazine Auction was as follows:-

Harpers and Queen	Mrs. E.D. Hill
Country Life	Mrs. P.M. Lore
Illustrated London News	Mr. J.E.H. Bennett

### VISITING SHIPS

The RFA LYNESS (Sales Ship) will be visiting Bangkok from 20 to 26 April 1977. The Committee has granted Visiting Membership status to members of the crew and the demonstration team on board.

### WORK ON THE NEW BAR

Parents are advised to warn their children to keep away from the porch of the Main Bar and the area of the back lawn used as the contractors dump.

There are three openings on the Main Bar porch which, now the floor has been removed, lead to a four foot drop. There is also much splintered timber with nails around which could be dangerous.

### SQUASH SECTION

It is regretted that the Squash Section's news item for March arrived just too late for inclusion in the last Newsletter (i.e. just in the nick of time for this one). Here it is. On 15 February new names were added to the list of holders of both the Don Johnston Cup and the Parra Handy Plate. Len Alexander, the boy wonder, duly won the DJC at his first attempt defeating Johy Weymouth (over the hill?) in the final, and Mike Holgate took the PHP with a victory over Peter Comerford.

The 14th Squash League ended on 28 March (we think) and the end-of-league social is being held on Friday 1 April (definitely). The next league is scheduled to begin on 1 May and there will be TWO COURTS in use! Entries should arrive at the Club office not later than 16 April.

On Monday 18 April on the RBSC courts, the Club will embark on an attempt to reverse the result of the last match, last September, when we went down 9-11 (after a Crump/Alexander chifffanger) on our own courts. Five-man teams (D, C, B and A) will play respectively on 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, starting at 5.30.

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BILLIARDS SECTION

The annual Straight Snooker Challenge matches are now well under way, and we are preparing for our second competition of the year.

This will be the Hamilton Challenge Cup:- Handicap Billiards, with the preliminary rounds played to 101 and three frames in the finals. We will be playing on Tuesday nights, as usual, starting from 19 April - an entry form will be posted on the Club-house notice board in due course.

A bottle of brandy will be offered for the highest break in the Billiards (courtesy of Bob Shedden), so all the Very Special Old Players who feel they rate Five Stars are invited to join in for a splash.

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.

DATES FOR APRIL 1977

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Wed 13 - Songkran Festival  
8-11 - Easter Weekend  
Sat 23 - St George's Day  
Mon 25 - ANZAC (Gallipoli) Day

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

SECTION EVENTS

Fri 1 - Squash Social 7.30 p.m.  
Sun 3 - Swimming - Monthly Gala 11.30 a.m.  
Wed 6 - Golf Easter Hamper (Rose Garden) 7 a.m.  
Sat 9 - Football Farang League Final 3.30 p.m.  
Mon 11 - Billiards Competition Final 5 p.m.  
Wed 13 - Golf Maxwell Shield 8.06 a.m.  
18-21 - Squash Match v RBSC (Away)  
Sun 24 - Golf Individual Medal (Krung Thep) 8.34 a.m.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Tuesday 12 April at 7.15 p.m.

Members Guests are welcome to attend

DIARY DATES

May 1977

- Sun 1 - May Day  
- Squash League (15) begins
- Thu 5 - Coronation Day
- Thu 12 - Ploughing Ceremony (Sanam Luang)

June 1977

- Tue 7 - Silver Jubilee Celebrations  
(Queen Elizabeth II)

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Lepetit Trophy

The first week in March the Ladies played the third and final round of Lepetit Trophy. This trophy is donated annually by Mr. Kamen Ivanov - two beautiful Lotus Bowls. The Silver Division this year was won by Sheila Neville winning two and one from Jean Taylor. Terry Lenaghan and Jean Sprout played off in a very exciting final which ended on the 21st hole with Terry sinking a long putt to win the match and making her the winner of the Bronze Division.

Results for February:

Tuesday 1st February - Stableford

Winner: Jo Reid (32 points)

Tuesday 8th February - Stableford

Winner: Jean Sprout (36 points)

Runner up: Megda Ivanov (33 points)

Tuesday 22nd February - Medal

Winner Silver Division - Pat Perry (Net 77)

Winner Bronze Division - Joan Jurgens (Net 73)

April Events:

Tuesday 5th April - Bisque Bogey

Starter: Jean Taylor 2862346

Scorer: Sheila Neville 3916000

Tuesday 12th April - 3 Club Competition & Putting

Starter: Terry Lenaghan 2510574

Scorer: Hisako Robinson 2862210

Tuesday 19th April - Stableford

Starter: Pat Jowett 2511798

Scorer: Jean Taylor 2862346

Tuesday 26th April - Medal

Starter: Terry Lenaghan 2510574

Scorer: Hisako Robinson 2862210

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## DARTS NEWS

Last month's darticle was, as usual, overtaken by events both domestic and international and prior to distribution of the newsletter the so-called "highlight of the coming month" - the end of league banquet - had already been held and a new Nai (No. 5) had emerged from the very short list.

Despite exhaustive enquiries among Lilywhites the actual location of the Banquet has still not been established, but a usually reliable source confirmed that it has in fact taken place and, not surprisingly, that lots of beer was left over.

The absence of any Lilywhites at the Banquet and demolition of the Main Bar were interpreted by other Bangkok shooters as meaning that the Lilywhites had succumbed to despair and had finally given up the unequal struggle. A sentiment far from the truth, says your captain.

Ian Gadsden is the new Nai and he has been putting in a lot of legwork (and armwork) attending the necessary long thirsty meetings thrashing out the rules and composition of the 8th Bangkok Darts League.

The League started on 17 March and will continue for 22 weeks playing under the same rules as the last league. There is now only one division of 12 teams each playing the other home and away. The knockout competition has been dropped this time.

Nai 5 says registration of players will be strictly enforced and membership cards will have to be produced on request - so Lilywhites old and new are invited to contact Ian, or show up on darts nights, proffer the extortionate fee and sign on.

Watch the darts notice board (if you can find it) for details of venues. All matches will be on Thursdays at 8.00 p.m.

Congratulations are due in order for Robin Polglase who reached the final of the Bobby's Arms Open (Bobby's Open Arms?), losing to Lek at the final hurdle. In the Bangkok Darts League CPA Invitational Tournament the Lilywhite invitees performed dismally and shall therefore remain nameless and will not be going to Singapore in April with the Bangkok team.

## 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.

## GOLF SECTION

In the early morning of Sunday, 13th March, anyone standing on the banks of the Mae Klong where it sweeps past the Rose Garden would have witnessed an astonishing spectacle. The river was shrouded in mist and the early morning light lent further mystery to the surroundings. A muffled squeaking sound could be heard like leather rubbing against wood and then, slowly taking shape through the white curtain was a sight that has struck terror into the hearts of our forebears. The high prow of a Viking longship. The Norse raiders had arrived to plunder, burn, pillage and do that other nasty thing to the golfing members of the British Club.

However, "King" Peter was ready for them with an assorted band of Anglo-Saxons, Celts and Anzacs each armed with a variety of weapons with strange sounding names like "brassie", "niblick", "mashie" etcetera and after the strident clamour of battle had subsided the Valkyries were kept busy transporting their slain to Valhalla. Yes - the British Club emerged victorious by 786 points to 714 points.

This victory is all the more creditable when one considers the nefarious tactics employed by the Scandinavians. As all are aware the golf section is renowned for the temperate habits of its members who, following the example of that stout Rechabite, Peter Adcock, believe that strong drink is a curse and an abomination. Well, the nasty Norse forced us to partake of a particularly potent potion on the first tee which they referred to as "early morning bitters" but tasted like a strongly creosoted cough mixture and turned your teeth pink. This concoction had a surprising effect on some of the participants, particularly John Lenaghan who played like a dream until the effects wore off and a runner was despatched to the club house to bring out a fresh supply.

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Mark you, John has been discovered in the dressing room during half time at football matches sitting on a bench sipping a bottle of embrocation with the excuse that he was treating a stomach strain.

The field totalled 79 (55 from the B.C.) and we are indebted to the Rose Garden for allowing extra starting times from the tenth tee although this did result in delays.

The sounds of revelry in the Club carried far into the night. Large quantities of Akvavit and other gargles and meths were consumed and for some, Monday was a lost day.

### Other Points of Interest

The first round leaders of the Thai Glass/Gestetner Electric competition are as follows:-

<u>Men:</u>	67 - Walter Ford, Bruce Mortensen
	69 - Fred Baikie, Peter Cutfield
<u>Ladies:</u>	71 - Krystyna Kukielka
	73 - Wendy Burrows
	74 - Jean Sprot, Anne Marie Mair

The next round will coincide with the Easter Hamper on 6th April.

Steve Kirk is available to give lessons every Sunday between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and bookings should be made through the Club office.

The "Eagle's Nest" has now accumulated 20 balls which await collection by the first person to score a 3 at a Par 5.

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Members are asked to return all cards to David Sprot for handicap purposes even although they are not pertinent to Club competitions.

Frank Calvert has unfortunately decided that he is unable to continue as Treasurer. We would like to thank him for "keeping the books" and are pleased to announce that Mike Taylor has accepted our co-option.

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EDITORS NOTES

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All material for the May 1977 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 20 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.

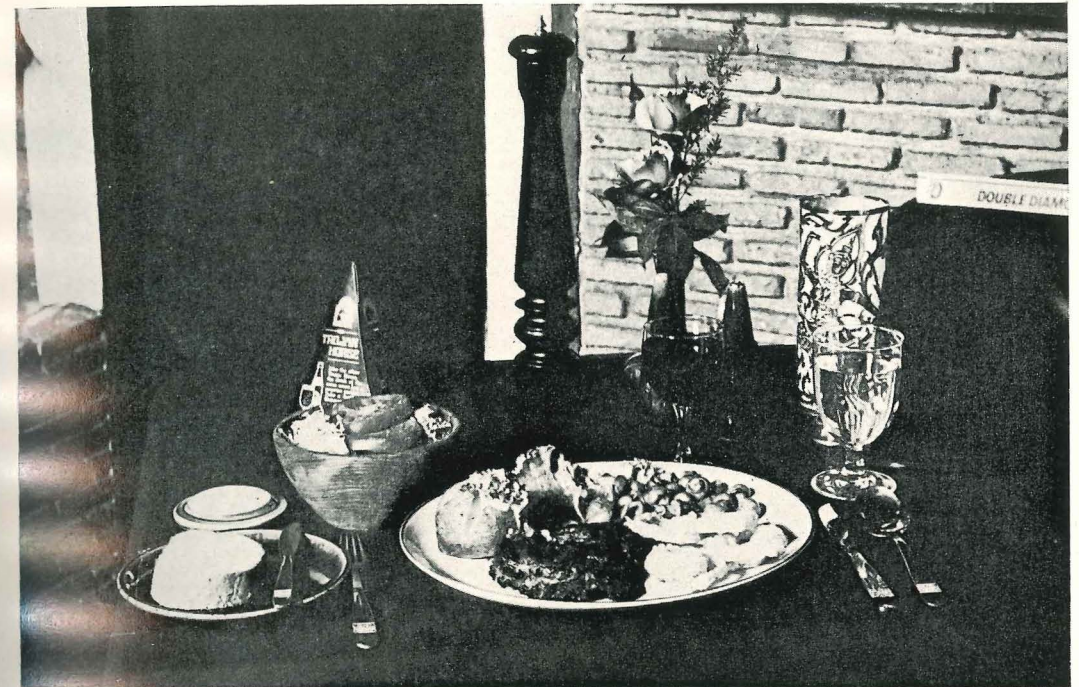
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