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The British Club News

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NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 1978

After the excitement at the end of March with the visit of Geoffrey Boycott and the Maori Concert Party April looks to be a quiet month. The children will be back at school and the 'winter' sports, cricket and soccer, are winding down.

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ANZAC/Gallipoli Day is on 25 April. Details of the annual service at Kanchanaburi and travel arrangements are given on pages 8 and 9.

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The Barclays Unicorn Group have sent details of new UNIBOND shares. Some general information is on page 7 and full details are contained in the enclosed leaflet and investment booklet.

CLUB NEWS

COMMITTEE

The following members were elected to the Committee at the AGM held on 27 February

Mr. A.P. Adcock - Chairman
Mr. L.V. Vize - Vice Chairman
Mr. D. Sprot - Hon. Treasurer

Mr. T.L. Barratt
Mr. D.G. Cobbett
Mr. I.A. Gadsden
Mr. A. Hawtin
Mr. B.W. Heath
Mr. S.B. McCall
Mr. D.B. Murdoch

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

H.E. Mr. G.A. Jockel the Australian Ambassador has accepted the Chairman's invitation to become an honorary member. We welcome Mr. Jockel to the membership of the Club.

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ANNIVERSARY

1978 is the 75th anniversary of the Club and the Committee is planning various celebrations and associated activities in mid-year. Full details will appear in this Newsletter, a bumper souvenir issue of which will be issued in July, and in circulars and notices.

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CLUB SUB-COMMITTEES

The following Sub Committees have been appointed by the Committee for 1978/1979

Catering

Mr. T.L. Barratt
Mr. S. Spratt

Entertainment

Mr. S.B. McCall
Mr. T.L. Barratt
Mr. M.L.C. Burnham
Mr. B.L. Kane

Finance

Mr. D. Sprot
Mr. R. Barratt

Finance (Plans)

Mr. I.A. Gadsden
Mr. N.F. Overy
Mr. D. Sprot

House and Grounds

Mr. A. Hawtin
Mr. B.W. Heath

Membership

Mr. B.W. Heath
Mr. K.W. Boughton

The following Committee appointments have also been made:

Sports Coordination

Mr. D.G. Cobbett

Public Relations and Advertising

Mr. D.B. Murdoch

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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 4 April (Closing date 1 April)

Tuesday 9 May (Closing date 6 May)

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 or Safari Suit

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NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to membership of the Club in March 1978:

Ordinary

Mr. J.R. Aitken	Reynolds Aluminum
Mr. B.J. Baldwin	Castrol
Mr. P.W. Bate	Cathay Pacific
Mr. B.A. Bearpark	British Embassy (SEADD)
Mr. P.J. Boustead	UN PDAC
Mr. E.S. Kandil	ESCAP
Mr. M.J. O'Keefe	Australian Embassy
Mr. W.A. Temple	Metcalf and Eddy
Mr. R. Winter	Ogilvy and Mather

Non Voting

Mr. F.T. Hallett	ESCAP
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Ladies Privileges

Miss R.B. Beckmann	British Embassy
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MENU AND WINE LIST CHANGES

Some changes in prices of items on the Menu and Wine List became effective from 21 March.

The Menu has been slightly revised to omit unpopular items but issued in its previous form to introduce the price changes, as a matter of urgency. The Menu is now under review and later this year separate Menus will be printed for the Poolside, Dining Room and Main Bar.

The increases in Wine List prices mainly concern beers and those spirits on which the mark up was low prior to the recent tax increases.

The prices of fresh fruit juices were reduced during March.

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NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

In order that the maximum number of members may appreciate the newspapers and periodicals purchased by the Club the following arrangements will be introduced from 1 April.

- all newspapers will be placed in wood holders. Members are requested not to remove the newspapers from the holder or the Reading Room.
- all new periodicals will be placed in plastic covers which will be held in the Office. Members may borrow them from the office and are requested to return the Magazines to the office when they have finished reading them. Magazines may not be taken out of the Clubhouse.

Members cooperation in observing these arrangements will be much appreciated.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Extract of a letter received from Captain J.M. Webster, R.N.

HMS Cleopatra

7 March 1978

"Many thanks for allowing us to use the facilities of your delightful club which were much appreciated by all who used them. In particular, I would like to thank the Chairman of the Committee for opening the club to all ranks; it was used, and much enjoyed by them all.

Our visit was sadly, all too short, but has been much enjoyed. However we do hope that before too long, we will be able to visit Bangkok again."

Extract of a letter received from Commander E. Mentz, RAN

HMAS Derwent

8 March 1978

"I would like you to accept my sincere thanks for allowing the officers and men of HMAS DERWENT to make use of your fine club during our visit to Bangkok.

The use of your sporting, bar and dining facilities have provided us with a very pleasant means of recreation and relaxation, and has made our visit to Bangkok all the more enjoyable."



BARCLAYS
Unicorn Group

The Special Introductory Offer of Barclays Unibond Shares is available to non-residents of Thailand and the offer letter with the fixed price buying order is enclosed with this newsletter.

Our "Working Abroad" booklet is attached and this may be of interest to you.

MR. JOHN G. ROBINSON
of Barclays Unicorn Group will be in BANGKOK on 13th May 1978 to meet existing investors and others who would welcome a consultation about investment matters.

For an appointment please leave a message for Mr. John G. Robinson at the Siam Intercontinental Hotel, Bangkok (tel. 59850).

ANZAC (GALLIPOLI) DAY 1978

The annual ANZAC Day service and wreath laying ceremony will be held at the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 25th April. All members of the New Zealand, Australian and British communities in Thailand are invited to attend.

The service will take the following form:

- (a) Prayers and address by the Chaplain.
- (b) Laying of wreaths by representatives of
 - The New Zealand Government
 - The Australian Government
 - The British Government
 - The Turkish Government
 - The Thai War Veterans Organisation
 - The Governor of Kanchanaburi
 - The New Zealand Society
 - The Thai/Australia Association
 - The Custodian of the War Cemetery
- (c) Sounding of 'Last Post'.
- (d) Two minutes silence.
- (e) Sounding of 'Reveille'.
- (f) Prayers and Benediction.

After the service refreshments will be provided and tables will be available for those wishing to have lunch before returning to Bangkok.

The Kanchanaburi Cemetery is 130 kilometres from Bangkok on good roads. Those attending the service should leave Bangkok between 7.00 and 7.20 a.m. depending on how far they have to travel through city traffic.

If there is sufficient interest amongst Bangkok residents, an airconditioned bus will be arranged to leave the Anglo-Thai Building at 7.00 a.m. for Kanchanaburi. After the service and the serving of refreshments, the bus will proceed to the Kwai River railway bridge and will leave for Bangkok at 2.30 p.m. This will give passengers time to pay a short visit to the Chungkai cemetery - some twenty minutes up the river by long-tail boat. Anyone interested in travelling by bus should advise the New Zealand Embassy Receptionist as soon as possible, leaving a contact telephone number. The cost will be Baht 60/seat.

ST GEORGES SOCIETY

The St. Georges Society Annual Ball
will be held at the Narai Hotel
on SATURDAY 22 APRIL

EVENTS - APRIL 1978

HOLIDAYS/FESTIVALS/OTHER DATES

Thu 6 - Chakri Day

Thu 13 - Songkran

Sun 23 - St Georges Day (St Georges Society celebration
on Saturday 22 April)

Tue 25 - ANZAC (GALLIPOLI) Day

CLUB WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays Bridge 7.30 p.m.

Wednesdays Jazz Ballet 2 p.m.

Fridays Classical Ballet 2 p.m.

SECTION ACTIVITIES

Sun 2 - Swimming. Monthly Gala 11.30 a.m.

Golf. Don Muang 7.30 a.m.

Wed 5 - Squash - Don Johnston Cup and
Para Handy Plate 6 p.m.

- Social Evening (Poolside) 7.30 p.m.

Sun 16 - Golf. Dunlop Final and Stableford 9 a.m.
(Rose Garden)

Sun 30 - Golf. Maxwell Shield (Hua Mark) 8.27 a.m.

DIARY DATES

MAY

Mon 1 - LABOUR DAY
Fri 5 - CORONATION DAY
Sat 13 - Fine Arts Auction (Christchurch)
20-22 - Golf. Pattaya Weekend

ENGLISH LADIES GOLF UNION

The 1978 Astral Cup, donated by Unilever Export Limited was played over two weeks on 21 February and 7 March.

Winner: Noelene Coulson
Runner Up: Krystyna Kukielka

Programme for April

4 April Four Ball Better Ball, choose partners
(off 80% of handicap)

Starter: Jean Taylor
Scorer: Anne Quinn

11/12 April Gestetner Trophy - Stableford

Day 1 Starter: Sheila Neville
Scorer: Noelene Coulson

Day 2 Starter: Sheila Neville
Scorer:

18 April Bogey

Starter: Noelene Coulson
Scorer: Jean Taylor

25 April Medal

Starter: Jean Sprot
Scorer: Sheila Neville

SWIMMING SECTION

Monthly Galas were held on the first Sunday of February and March and were a great success even though only 20 competitors took part on each occasion. Since this number is well down on our 1977 average turnout we would like to see more children swimming in the galas again. So come on children! If you can swim come along to the next Gala on 2 April at 11.30 and have a go. Competition is fun and you don't have to enter every event.

In common with several of the other sections within the Club we were sorry to have to say goodbye to the Williams. The children will be missed at the galas, and Nong for her assistance in running the section. News from New Zealand indicates that Apple is busy leaving her mark in her new school's swimming record books.

The '25,000 metre Club' which is run in conjunction with our regular training sessions is proving a great success and several swimmers are now embarking on their second 25,000 metre swim. A full list of '25,000 metre Club' members is posted on the section notice board. As with the gala turnout, we would be happy to see more children at the training sessions, especially beginners.

The section committee has been obliged to co-opt additional members to replace departing members. So far the Williams and the Stephens have left the committee to be replaced by the Hydes and the Tooks, and we are pleased to welcome Miss Rosemary Beckmann to the committee as secretary.

SQUASH SECTION

April Squash Social

Note the date if you have not done so already - Wednesday April 5th** for a poolside barbecue. The time is 7.30. All present, past and potential squash players, their spouses and friends (which means everyone) most welcome. Tickets (Baht 50) are available in advance from the Club Office.

(** the following day is a public holiday)

Don Johnston Cup and Parra Handy Plate Finals

The finals of these tournaments will be held immediately before the social on April 5th. The Parra Handy Final will be at 6 o'clock and the Don Johnston Final (club championship) at about 6.45.

18th League

Prizes for the 18th league (division winners and runners-up) will be presented during the April social. Division leaders were as follows:-

Div. 1

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| 1. John Weymouth | 14 |
| 2. Len Alexander | 14 |
| 3. Red Carter | 10 |

Div. 2

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| 1. Warwick Franklin | 14 |
| 2. Mark Ellis | 13 |
| 3. Robin Polglase | 12 |

Div. 3

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| 1. Nick Launder | 17 |
| 2. Jim Finnegan | 14 |
| 3. Peter Braude
and Jim Perry | 14 |

Div. 5

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| 1. Norm Stanley | 18 |
| 2. David Sims | 16 |
| 3. Arthur Hawtin | 13 |

Div. 7

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| 1. Tom Cowin | 11 |
| 2. Frank Frankel | 10 |
| 3. John Lenehan | 8 |

Div. 8

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| 1. John Bagley | 17 |
| 2. John Bennett | 16 |
| 3. Mary Launder | 16 |

Div. 10

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| 1. Pam Stanley | 11 |
| 2. Andrew Dunlop | 7 |
| 3. Vikki Skerman | 6 |

Div. 4

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| 1. Brian Heath | 11 |
| 2. Mike Taylor | 9 |
| 3. Mike Hill | 9 |

Div. 6

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| 1. Gilles Poirier | 16 |
| 2. David Cobbett | 13 |
| 3. Wayne Haslam | 12 |

Div. 7x

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| 1. John Ritchie | 16 |
| 2. Tony Strongman | 15 |
| 3. John Blay | 12 |

Div. 9

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| 1. Vera Comerford | 13 |
| 2. Richard Wilkinson | 12 |
| 3. Meike de Heer | 9 |

CRICKET SECTION

Results

25 over league

11 Mar v ISB Won by 40 runs
18 Mar v RBSC (Semi Final Play Off) Lost by 1 run

Annual Fixture - Marshal Trophy (50 overs)

19 Mar v RBSC Lost by 3 wickets
Scores BC 188 for 6 wickets
RBSC 189 for 7 wickets
(in the last over)

April Fixtures

During April the season will come to a close with the completion of the 40 over league and the British Airways trophy which attract teams selected on a national basis - in fact the local world Cup.

John Dickerson

John Dickerson's imminent departure will be a sad loss to the Cricket Section. Not only has he been the most consistent batsman in Bangkok over the past three years but he has kept the section alive in the last two seasons with tireless patience and personal dedication. It was a great disappointment that he was unable to leave with a victory over RBSC under his belt. This years one run and last over losing margins were nail-bitingly close but just not good enough. We all wish John the best of good luck in his next work (and cricketing) post.

FOOTBALL SECTION

Results

12 Mar v Germans Won 5-1
18 Mar v Scandinavians Won 3-0

Farang League

The Farang League was won by the Cosmos who defeated the Indians on penalty kicks following a goal less draw.

Departing Captain

Geoff Smith is about to leave for KL and so we bid farewell to another player who has provided good support for the Section. Geoff has been a regular player and captained the team through this difficult season at the end of which the glimmer of days past began to show through with eight goals being scored in the last two games. We wish Geoff all the best in KL and hope to see him from time to time in the future.

LOST PROPERTY

The following items of lost property can be claimed from the office:

One pipe with Erinmoore tobacco tin
(Billiard Room)
Two bottles of wine (Christmas Ball)
Towels (8)
Swimming Trunks (2)
Undergarments (3)
Tennis Shoes (1)
Flipflops (1)
Inflatable Swimming Supports (2)

These items have been held for over one month. If they are not claimed by 1 May they will be disposed of.

GOLF SECTION

It took a couple of matches for the new golf committee to organize itself into an efficient group. It was planned that the monthly medal to be played on the 26 February would be the day for the members to see a highly organized committee in action. The committee had a last minute huddle in the bar on the Friday evening; the scene was set for a blistering day of golf.

Saturday 26 February (Don Muang)

Close to forty golfers rose at 6 a.m. to compete for the highly prized monthly medal, they fought their way down the superhighway through a gale force 8 with a competitive spirit that had never been seen before. The course was flooded. The committee not to be beaten by the elements went into a huddle. The captain asked for a volunteer, who was quickly dispatched into the great lake wearing his Dunlop wet weather golf shoes. His mission; to bring news of clear skies. He failed to return. The rest of the committee, with one member short and 2 cases of Singha under their belt decided to adjourn to the British Club bar for a post mortem. By 9 a.m. with the beer stock running low at Don Muang a dozen or so fearless competitors (commonly known as the Dirty Dozen) made a bid to capture a Guinness Book record. 5 hours of 6 aside water polo played with golf clubs. Although unsuccessful, the Dirty Dozen have become masters of the underwater wedge.

Sunday 19 March (Don Muang)

Easter Hamper Winners

S. Neville	41 points
P. Adcock	34 points
Total	75 points

M. Taylor	36 points
L. Van Der Watt	37 points
Total	73 points

J. Taylor	37 points
D. Sprot	33 points
Total	70 points

Nearest the pin

4th hole Lean Van Der Watt

11th hole S. Neville

The winning team lead from the start with a rip snortin' birdie. The leader in his excitement to recover his birdie putt from the hole, developed a 6 to 8 inch rip on the inside leg of his trousers. The pressure was then on his partner to score well, as the Chairman was having problems with improper weight transfer.

Read the next issue for the inside story.

AIR TRAVEL

BOOKINGS WORLDWIDE - CHEAP RATES

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

EDITORS NOTES

All material for the May 1978 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 22 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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Editor : John Davis