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## The British Club News

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OR ELEPHANTS  
OR PEOPLE EVEN



# The British Club Gnus

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OF ELEPHANT LETTER  
OR DEER LETTER  
OR SNAKE LETTER  
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THE BRITISH CLUB

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Vice Chairman : C. Stewart

Hon. Treasurer : J. Mumby

Manager : J.F. Davis

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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1976

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It is hoped to secure the services of a Golf Professional to give lessons at the Club in the near future. Full details are on Page 15.

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Should we be caught napping and have our telephone numbers changed before 1 June will you please note the new numbers allotted are:-

234-0247

234-2592

### MEMBERS ACCOUNTS

With effect from 21 April members accounts will be maintained in the Club Office. Accounts will be kept manually on a daily total basis. At the end of each month members will receive a bill in duplicate which will show a summary breakdown of totals under the heading Sundries, Sports, Bar, Snacks and Credits. The bill will be supported by bar and snack chits and other vouchers supporting debits and credits. Members are requested to return the duplicate bill when they make payments.

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### CIGARETTES

It is hoped to obtain stocks of imported cigarettes (Dunhill and State Express) from the Government warehouse in the near future. Indications are that the selling price then will be reduced by 2 or 3 Baht per pack.

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### DRINKS PRICES

The review of all drinks prices has now been completed. Price lists will be printed and the new prices will be effective on 1 May 1976.

Some prices have already been reduced as a result of the Government's reduction in the duty levied on imported whisky and brandy. The Committee has attempted to hold other prices at the present level as far as possible but some adjustments have been necessary. The few changes proposed are to cover the variations in cost of some imported spirits and wines over the past six months. Where ever it is apparent that the use of local products (such as juices) will hold or reduce prices these will normally be served. Imported products will be available on request.

The small addition to the price of fresh lime and orange juices has been necessary to cover the fluctuations in price, quality and juice content of the fruits available.

### BC CAR WINDSCREEN STICKERS

BC Windscreen stickers will no longer be issued. Identification will be by metal car badge only. Cars without metal badges will be subject to spot checks.

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### MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Next time you call at the Office will you please check that your correct address is recorded. Many members cards appear to be out of date. Please let the Office staff know when your Telephone number changes.

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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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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in May are scheduled for:

Tuesday 11 May at 5:45 P.M.

Tuesday 25 May 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 Tuesday 11 May. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 8 May.

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### NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club during April 1976:

C. Bentley	S.V. Braiden
S. Chapman	K.R. Green
T.W. Harrison	B.J. Kukielka
P.M. Lore	P.W. Manns
B. Mortensen	D.B. Murdoch
E. Nicol	A.R. Patten

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## SWIMMING SECTION

The British Club will meet the Bangkok Aquatic Club to mark the American Bicentennial Celebrations, on Saturday 1 May and Sunday, 2 May. The meet will be held at the British Club pool because the BAC have lost the use of their facilities at Soi 71. Starting time: 7:30 A.M. on 1 May. The regular Monthly Gala which had been scheduled for 2 May will be postponed to another date, to be announced later.

At the Monthly Gala held on 4 April, one Team record was broken by Michael Reid (1:47.4 in the 7 & 8 boys' 100 metres I.M.), while Joanna Rogers and Andrew Rogers equalled the team records in the 6 and under girls' backstroke and the 7 & 8 boys' backstroke respectively.

At a well-attended social evening on 30 March, during which Thai National team coach Fred Aboud showed training films, trophies for the Spring Handicap Series were presented. Adam Donald came first, Peter Gibson second and David Bagley third.

The following swimmers have passed British Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) proficiency awards:

Silver -- Julie Gibson, Debbie Hurrell, Andrew Hurrell, Timothy Launder, Michael Reid and Jason Ryan.

Bronze -- Jane, David and Peter Bagley, Iain Brown, Adam Donald, Julie Gibson, Nicola and Warren Hignett, Debbie and Andrew Hurrell, William Jamieson, Amanda and Grant McLean, Andrew, Joanna and Alexander Rogers, Jason Ryan and David Taylor.

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## FOOTBALL SECTION

(Captain : John Lenaghan)

For the third year in succession the football team have won the Farang Soccer League cup final. On a blisteringly hot afternoon on Saturday 17 April the team put up a masterly performance to register a convincing 4-1 win over their arch rivals the Cosmopolitans.

All football fans are reminded that the FA Cup final will be televised live on Saturday 1 May. Those interested can watch the match in the REading Room at the Club.

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## SOCIETIES NEWS

### APPLICATION FORMS

Application forms for those wishing to join the Societies can be obtained from the Office.

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### ST. DAVIDS SOCIETY CELEBRATION

Photographs of the St. Davids celebration ordered by members are now available for collection from the Office.

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### ST. GEORGES SOCIETY

Ties of the new design (St. George) can be purchased from the Club Office.

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## SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

### BOW BELLS BALL

(or a Dingaling Swing)

Mark Friday 21 May

From 8 'til late, dine, drink, dance and sing. The theme is London Town and all Beaux wiv their Belles are invited to have a knees up. Barrer Boys fare - Prizes too numerous to mention - Cabaret.

Watch the notice boards.

Get yer titfer nah!

EVENTS MAY 1976

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

- 1 - Labour Day
- 3 - Commercial Holiday
- 5 - Coronation Day
- 13 - Visakha Bucha

BRITISH COUNCIL

"Murder on the Orient Express" with a full cast of star players will be shown at the British Council on

Thu 6 May - 7 PM.

Fri 7 May - 5 PM.

Thu 20 May - 7 PM.

Fri 21 May - 5 PM.

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SECTION ACTIVITIES

1/2	Swimming. BAC Invitational Meet	
1-3	Golf. Pattaya Weekend Matches	
Tue. 4	Ladies Golf. (Army)	7.15 AM.
Wed. 5	Bridge	7.30 PM.
Thu. 6	Ladies Golf. Match (Army)	7.30 AM.
	Water Polo	
Tue. 11	Ladies Golf. (Army)	7.15 AM.
Wed. 12	Bridge	7.30 PM.
Sun. 16	Tennis Drive	12 noon
Tue. 18	Ladies Golf (Army)	7.15 AM.
Wed. 19	Bridge	7.30 PM.
Thu. 20	Water Polo	
Tue. 25	Ladies Golf (Army)	7.15 AM.
Wed. 26	Bridge	7.30 PM.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

- 3 - Water Polo
- 6 - Swimming Gala
- Whit Sunday
- 17 - Water Polo
- 18 - Squash Social
- 25 - Special Film Show (Malaysia)

July

2 - Pub Night

12 - Khao Pansa Holiday

LADIES GOLF

(Captain : Anne Quinn)

FIXTURES FOR MAY

- 4 May - Bisque Bogey (Army) 7.15 AM.  
Starter : Bobbie Lawson (32355)
- 6 May - BC LGU v Royal Thai Army Wives (Army) 7.30 AM.
- 11 May - Stableford (Army)  
Starter : Anne Quinn (912322)
- 18 May - Best Nines, Best Overall - Medal (Army) 7.15 AM.  
Starter : Christine Howell (928662)
- 25 May - Medal (Army)  
Starter : Bobbie Lawson (32355)

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BRIDGE SECTION

The April duplicate was a close run affair, with the Davidsons just nosing out the team of Pichai and Phailin; the margin being only half a point. School holidays have resulted in depleted attendances in April, but many of the new members who have joined the club should begin to attend the Wednesday sessions if they all live up to their declared interests in the game.

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## GOLF SECTION

(Captain : James Davidson)

The match against Shell, which had not taken place since last 1974, was played at the Railway course on Saturday 3 April, with Shell running out handy winners by 9 matches to 2. The B.C. took the field with a severely depleted side as seven out of the selected team had to call off. The only winning B.C. teams were Ian McLean and Leon van der Watt, and Joe Stewart and Eric Miller, although mention might be made of Peter Farquharson and Duncan Byars, and James Davidson and John Mumby all of whom only lost their matches by 1 stableford point each out of over 120 points scored per game.

John Gibson and Chris Mumby turned in a combined 63 points to be the second most successful B.C. pair of the day after McLean & van der Watt with 66. Ray Watson had a solid 38 points to take joint Shell and B.C. individual honours and Derek Pott was runner up with 35. For the "B.C. only" class Davidson, Kerry Jowett & Byars received individual awards.

Meanwhile one of the more successful pairs of the day Peter Adcock and Les Vize scored 30 & 31 points each to take "non team" prizes.

Khun Somjai Sirisingha, the Shell P.R. Manager and Golf Captain happily welcomed the cup "home again" to his office, and accepted a pewter tankard as the winning captain.

At the Rosegarden on Saturday 17 April the monthly medal was taken by Leon van der Watt on a count back from Ray Watson. Both scored net 70, and Watson also had the best low gross of the day with 79. On that day also the outgoing captain, Eric Howell, presented the customary captain's prize.

At his nomination the competition for 1976 was held over the par 3 holes, with the best gross score winning. James Davidson turned in a one under par 11 to win by a clear margin. John Gibson continuing a consistent run, and Matthew Bucknall took the honours for the front and back nine holes respectively.

## GOLF LESSONS

Mr. Steve Kirk, who has come to Thailand principally to teach at RBSC, will be available to give lessons at selected times at The British Club

These lessons will be organised as follows:

- a) individual lessons - at 85 Baht per 30 minutes tuition
- b) group lessons for beginners charge to be based on numbers attending
- c) children's classes - charges as per b)

Mr. Kirk has held professional posts at Shek-o Country Club, Hong Kong; Royal Calcutta Golf Club and Easingwold Golf Club - York, and has 15 years experience of golf tuition. Lessons will be given on the back lawn of the British Club with the aid of mats and arrangement of nets.

Those interested who have not yet informed the Golf Secretary can obtain an application form from the Office.

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## SQUASH SECTION

(Chairman : Reg Beesley)

### 10th LEAGUE

The Squash Social to mark the end of the 10th League was held in the main bar of the Club house on the 9 April. The Club Chairman, Nigel Overy, presented prizes to the first and second placed players in each Division, and also presented the 1976 Don Johnson Cup to Rod Carter, and the Parra Handy Plate to Adrian Lamb.

The first two places in each Division went to the following players:-

Div. 1	Len Alexander	(14 Pts)	Reg Beesley	(9 Pts)
Div. 2	John Weymouth	(24 Pts)	Mark Ellis	(21 Pts)
Div. 3	Paul Frankland	(21 Pts)	Andrew Sobenko	(20 Pts)
Div. 4	Pat Gabbett	(20 Pts)	Bob Boulter	(17 Pts)
Div. 5	Tim Hannah	(18 Pts)	Russ Hignett	(16 Pts)
Div. 6	Mike Taylor	(15 Pts)	James Junke	(11 Pts)
Div. 7	Peter Cummings	(16 Pts)	Colin Hadley	(15 Pts)
Div. 8	Roger Miall	(17 Pts)	Vol Franklin	(10 Pts)
Div. 9	Bob Shedden	(15 Pts)	Jim Newton	(10 Pts)
Div. 10	Ray Chappell	(21 Pts)	Tom Burnham	(17 Pts)
Div. 11	Pippa Miall	(18 Pts)	Mary Hannah	(12 Pts)

Players who have not yet collected their prizes may do so from the Manager's Office.

With the 11th League now under way and running until the middle of June, all players are encouraged to play their games as early as possible in order to avoid the congestion of court bookings which invariably occurs towards the end of the League.

also please remember that the only squash balls that may be used are either approved non-marking balls, or green balls. Both the Slazenger non-marking black balls and the Dunlop green balls are on sale at the Poolside Bar.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Two quotes from Qanar Zaman, 1975 World Squash Champion, on the relative importance of fitness and ball control:-

"Always father teach me to control the ball, learn that properly he say. Then opponent do running, get dizzy, sit down against sidewall for rest".

"Always try and play ball in unusual way, or to most unlikely place in court. Then perhaps, if opponent quick, he set off foster than other men in wrong direction".

### SQUASH DRESS

Rumour has it that one or two of the younger players at the Club have been seen on court wearing either nothing at all on their feet or outdoor shoes, and using tennis rackets and tennis balls. If you happen to see this sort of thing going on, please feel free to do something about it.

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## CLUB SERVICE

### 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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### ENTERTAINING?

The Club can provide the following service for members all at very reasonable prices:

- Catering for buffets at your home
- Cocktail Parties on the Club Premises

Club staff can be booked though the Office to help you at your home in the evenings subject to Club commitments.

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