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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1977

Now that the local seasons for cricket, football and tennis are over the trend could be to move indoors for the hot season. Bridge is flourishing on Mondays; Billiards and Snooker competition play is on Tuesdays and the Darts team gathers at various "watering holes" in the city on Thursdays. For the more energetic the 15th, Squash league is about to begin and Scottish Country Dancing is still being organised each month - this month on Tuesday 10 May.

LONG RANGE PLAN

Work on the New Bar has been held up because of delay in the delivery of chemicals used to prevent rising damp. The target day for completion is now 31 May.

The architect has been briefed on the next stages of the work plan which are:

- the redesign of the Poolside kitchen and ground floor facilities.
- the construction of a new office/stores block at the south end of the Clubhouse.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in May are scheduled for:-

Tuesday 3 May at 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 24 May at 5.30 p.m.

COMMITTEE

The list of Committee members published in the April edition included Mr. F.B. McConnell and omitted Mr. J.P.D. Gandy in error. The Editor apologies for the oversight.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Copies of the new Constitution and Rules are being distributed with this Newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

New members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Dining Room at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 3 May. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 30 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. <u>Dress</u>: Tie but no jacket.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Lt Col (Retired) H. Docherty has accepted the invitation of the Committee to become an Honorary Member of the Club with effect from 1 March 1977.

NEW MEMBERS

The following applicants were elected to membership of the Club in April:-

Ordinary

Lt Cmdr S.B.E. Courtier, RAN

Mr. I.A. Dudgeon

Mr. J.P. Finnegan

Mr. R.F. Goninon

Mr. J.A. Ray

Ladies Privileges

Miss I.B. Garrett

Miss L.E. Mitchell

Miss J.E. Price

STAFF FOR PRIVATE PARTIES

It is regretted that bookings for staff for private parties cannot normally be accepted at less than 48 hours notice.

Members are reminded that the staff service arrangement is for use by Members only. Members are requested not to make bookings on behalf of non-Members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: BANKERS STANDING ORDERS

It would be appreciated if Members who have not yet sent the revised Standing Orders to their bank or returned them to the Office could do so as soon as possible.

MEMBERS DISCOUNT SERVICE

Triumph International (Thailand) Limited announce that 1977 swimwear collection is now on display on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at their showroom on the 4th Floor Sivadon Building No. 1 Convent Road.

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BAR AND SNACKS

BAR

The Club is now stocking KLOSTER BIER - the German beer which is now being made locally at the Amarit Brewery.

Large Bottle - 25 Baht Small Bottle - 13 Baht

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SNACKS

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The current specials are CHARCOAL GRILLED T-BONE STEAK and PEPPER STEAKS.

DARTS SECTION

FROM THE RUMOUR MILL (and thus unconfirmed) the Lillywhites maintained an unbeaten record during April up to the time of going to press - there being just the one game. Under the skilful leadership of Nai V, known to his friends as the "Great Gadsden", the Club dismissed a short-time challenge from 20 Hotel by 9 points to 6. It was "neck and neck" all the way, a tactic only previously used by the Lillywhites against A Bar Ladies, and the outcome was in doubt until the final game which was clinched by the two Brians (often confused on darts nights with the two Ronnies). Unfortunately, the opposition did not stay in the bar long enough to enjoy the revelry which followed, and the new Nai, safe in the knowledge that we won't have cause to celebrate again this season, bought a round of drinks. Nuff said!

DARTERY NEWS OF THE WEEK was the departure on home leave of all dartist, Ray Roberts. Having made a substantial contribution to his air ticket, your Captain is hopeful of gaining a couple of wins before Ray's return to Bangkok.

APROPOS PREVIOUS RESULTS in the Eighth CPA Darts League, and hitherto unrecorded by this scribe, the Lillywhites were unceremoniously pinned to the new 4 foot 6 board by the Rendezvous, and got off to a most auspicious start to the season when they were narrowly edged by Lloyds Arms. However, with the usual couple of defeats and a few beers under their belts, the Club travelled

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with great confidence to the Joker Club to successfully meet a challenge from the B.T. Audiomen. Rather than clinch the match early on, the sporting B.C. dartists chose to turn the evening into a pulsating thriller, and, in spite of playing the Club's own Joker, Ray Roberts, ran out winners by 9 points to 6.

FIVE FINK FEATHERS go to Robin Polglase for closing games on scores of 79 and 107, and to Brian Heath for creating a new Club record of three singles wins in a row including an eleven dart finish. How about retiring now, Brian?

BRIAN KANE SAID IT "Can't understand what's wrong with my darts tonight, they're all right when they leave this end". BUT I DON'T GIVE A HOOT!

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Sun 1 May - LABOUR DAY

Thu 5 May - CORONATION DAY

Thu 12 May - PLOUGHING Ceremony (Sanam Luang)

WEEKLY EVENTS

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Bridge - Mondays 7.30 p.m.

Modern Jazz Ballet - Wednesdays 2 p.m.

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This class follows the Cecchetti syllabus for children at this age.

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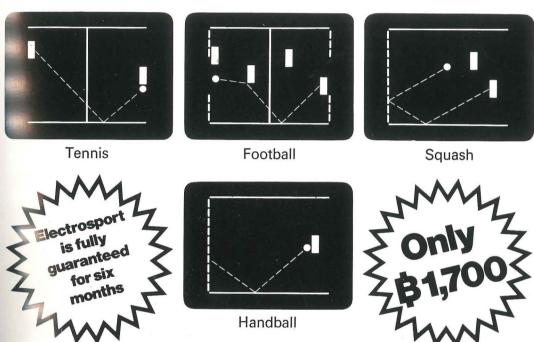
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SECTION ACTIVITIES - MAY 1977

Sun	1 May	- <u>Swimming</u> Gala and Barbecue	11.30
Thu	5 May	- <u>Darts</u> v Laddas (Away)	8 p.m.
Sun	8 May	- <u>Golf</u> . Kitchen Sink	7 a.m.
Thu 1	.2 May	- <u>Darts</u> v Joker Club (Home)	8 p.m.
Sun 1	5 May	- <u>Golf</u> v Australians	8 a.m.
Thu 1	9 May	- <u>Darts</u> v CPA (Away)	8 p.m.
Thu 2	6 May	- Darts v AIS (Away)	8 p.m.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Tue 10 May - In the air-conditioned 7.30 pm. Dining Room

ENGLISH LADIES GOLF UNION

RESULTS

1 March - Four Ball Best Ball

Winner:

Sheila Neville

Tomoe Coghill

Net 69

Putting:

Pat Perry

Nearest Pin:

Pat Jowett

8 March - Gestetner Trophy - First Round

Winner:

Jean Sprot

Nearest Pin:

Magda Ivanov

15 March - Gestetner Trophy - Second Round

Winner:

Pat Jowett

Gestetner Trophy - Overall winner over two rounds was Sheila Neville - 74 stableford points

Runner up: Farida Djemal - 67 stableford points

Nearest the pin on the 15 March were Sheila Neville 4th and Magda Ivanov 17th.

22 March - Par Bisque Bogey

Winner:

Hisako Robinson + 10

Runner Up:

Anne Marie Mair + 5

Putting:

Hisako Robinson 28 Putts

29 March - Medal

Winner Silver:

Gunilla Franstrom Net 75

Winner Bronze:

Anne Marie Mair Net 74

C/b from Jean Sprot & Magda Ivanov

Putting:

Joan Jurgens 29 Putts.

MAY EVENTS

There is going to be an 'Eceletic' for the month of May.

Tue 3 May - T & F Competition & Best Net

Starter:

Sheila Neville (3916000)

Scorer:

Terry Lenaghan

Tue 10 May - Flag Competition

Starter:

Pat Jowett

(2511798)

Scorer:

Hisako Robinson

Tue 17 May - Bogey Competition

Starter:

Pat Jowett

(2511798)

Scorer:

Jean Taylor

Tue 24 May - Stableford Competition

Starter:

Sheila Neville (3916000)

Scorer:

Terry Lenaghan

Tue 31 May - Medal Competition

Starter:

Hisako Robinson (2862210)

Scorer:

Jean Taylor

GOLF SECTION

The acute embarrassment and ever increasing depression suffered by your scribe concerning his golf from (or lack of it) over the past six months was aggravated to an astounding degree at the recent Easter Hamper competition when his young son returned a gross score lower than his "old man". If the "old man" possessed even a modicum of wit or intelligence he would have realised that Armageddon was at hand and acknowledged the presence at his shoulder of the old man with the scythe. However, pride was his downfall and he repaired to the squash court with his son a few days later, thirsting for revenge, and as a result is penning these notes from Ward 21, Bangkok Nursing Home and has traded his sticks for the walking variety. Anyone for tiddlywinks?

The Individual Stableford competition at the Railway was won by Andy Dunlop with Fred Baikie as runner up - two fugitives from Scotland of rather awesome proportions. If the wild High-landers who charged with their claymores out of the mists at Prestonpans resembled these two no wonder the Redcoats fled in terror and disarray. If they would only give up the drink and their other wellknown vices who knows what they might accomplish in the field of athletic endeavour? Alas, as the Scots are not renowned for their hesitancy when it comes to imbibing (unless its their turn to buy a round) history will probably repeat itself and sadly their Culloden may not be far distant.

It is worthy of note that during the round Andy holed out from off the green with his putter and subsequently perfected this shot at the Easter Hamper by using the same club in a bunker and repeating his success. "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas le golf!"

The Easter Hamper was a resounding success and thanks are due to the following sponsors who generously donated prizes:-

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The winning partnership was Bruce Mortensen and Matthew Bucknall with the excellent combined medal score of 140. The prizes were very evenly distributed which was probably just as well because, being a combined medal event, some players who had put in a sterling performance were hardly on speaking terms with partners who had contrived to score a multitude. However, no blood was shed - or at any rate no permanent injuries were sustained - and everyone went home with an Easter Bunny (unfortunately not the Patpong variety).

The annual match against Shell was played at Don Muang on 13th April and in a scene resembling an Arabian slave market Ray Roberts was sold to the opposition as they were one player short. The

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successful purchaser wanted to take him home to his baby daughter who had lost her teddy bear but thought better of it when Ray expressed his opinion in language certainly not reminiscent of Winnie the Pooh. Unfortunately this disgraceful incident did not unsettle his game and he helped his team to attain a narrow victory over the British Club side.

I would like to end these notes by issuing a warning to the gullible. Do not play Leon Van Der Watt for money! He is on a hot streak (which has nothing to do with a lack of apparel) and has scored in the middle seventies at the last two outings. Keep swinging Leon -- and how much do you charge for lessons?

SWIMMING SECTION

The next monthly gala will be held on Sunday 1 May starting at 11.30 and followed by a barbecue lunch at which prizes for the current Handicap series will be presented. Strokes for the gala are breast-stroke and butterfly, as well as diving.

Khun Choon is expected to fill the gap as temporary coach while Mrs. de Heer is away. As usual, every afternoon except Wednesday. All children already in the squad, as well as newcomers, please make an effort to attend.

SPORTS SHORT

CRICKET

The Cricket team lost to AIT by 34 runs in the semi final of the Bangkok Cricket league.

In the new end of season International series the UK lost to Australasia by 16 runs. Nick Coulson won the man of the match award for an excellent batting performance.

CLUB ANNUAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1977 Results

Mens Singles

Winner: John Cox

Runner-up: Mark Jeffries

Ladies Singles

Winner: Marie Julius

Runner-up: Joan Deeny

Mens Doubles

Winners: John Cox & Roy Harwood

Runners-up: Peter Cutfield & Peter Murphy

Ladies Doubles

Winners: Norma Rudder & Joan Deeny

Runners-up: Beth Weymouth & Diane Bentley

Mixed Doubles

Winners: Denise Laffey & Bill Roberts

Runners-up: Ann Harwood & Roy Harwood

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