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NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 1976

Now the rains are due indoor activities are now taking on a new lease of life. After a rest period the Darts Section has started a new league series in the Capital Division.

The Snooker and Billiards Section after several years of hibernation has emerged to dust off the trophies which will now be played for on a monthly basis.

Golf coaching which will be held in the cricket net area begins this month.

VISITING SHIPS

HMAS 'DERWENT' will be visiting Bangkok from 25 to 28 June. The Committee has invited members of the crew to use the facilities of the club as Visiting Members.

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NEWSPAPERS

Members of visiting air crews have kindly promised to bring to the Club copies of homeland newspapers. The first batch of Australian papers has been received. All these papers and periodicals will be placed in the Reading Room.

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DRINKS PRICES

The new price lists were available and price changes were effective from 7 May.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in June are scheduled for:

Tuesday 8 June at 5:45 P.M.

Tuesday 22 June 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 8 June. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 5 June.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club during May 1976:

R.H. Brown	M. Deeney
R. Goring-Morris	P. Hargreaves
E.N.T. Morris (NV)	M.J. Owen (NV)
D.M. Colwell (LP)	D.J. Laffey (LP)
S.M. Salter (LP)	G.P. Poirier

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SPORTS CHARGES

Sports charges are made on members accounts on the authority of the Treasurer of the Section concerned. Members with queries are therefore requested to contact the Section Treasurer and not the Office Staff.

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Members who wish to book club staff for private parties are requested to do so through the Office and not to individuals direct.

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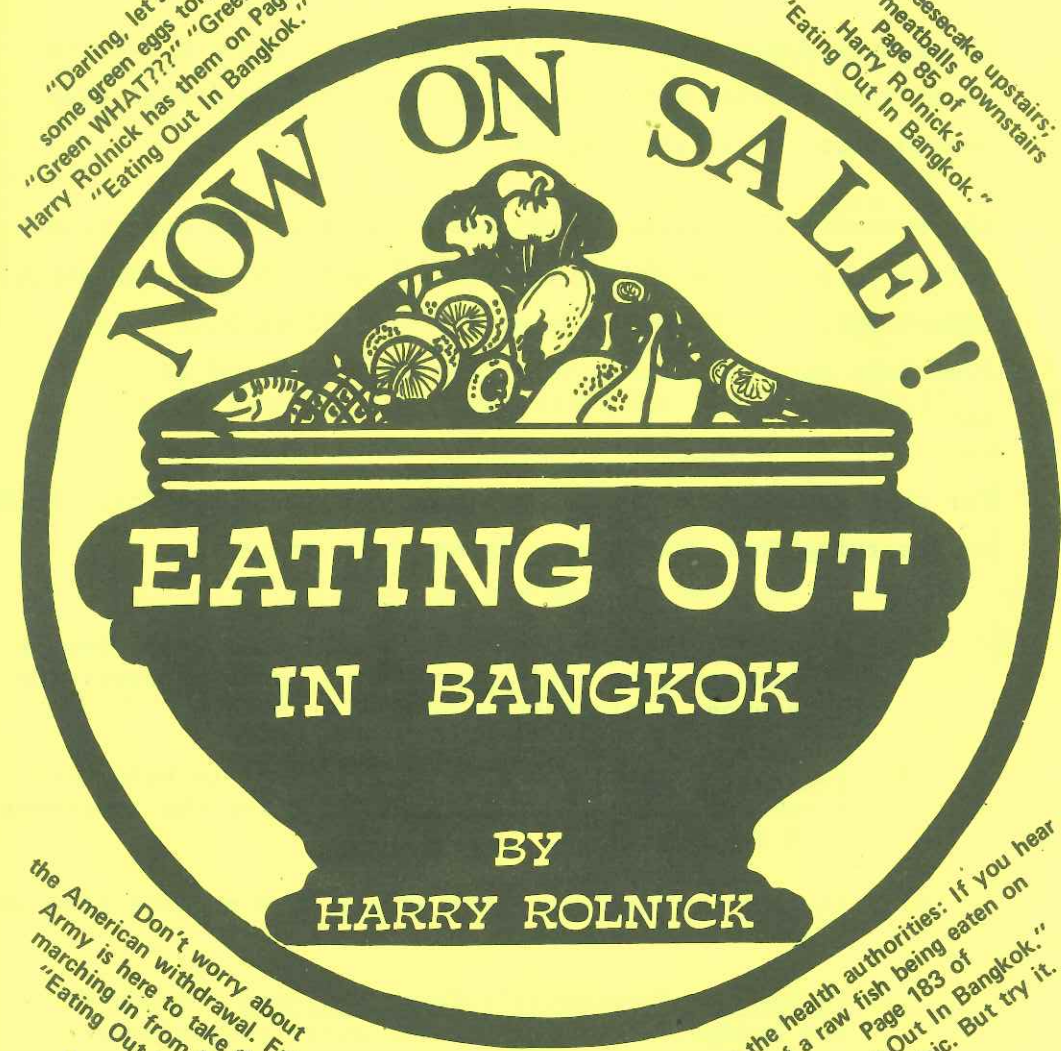
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THE UNITED KINGDOM CHARITIES COMMITTEE

As so many Members of the British Club help the U.K.C.C. in their fund raising activities, the Committee felt that they owe the Members a brief report.

The accounts have already been posted at the Club and these detail total income during the year of Bht. 395,000, of which almost Bht. 300,000 was made at the 1975 Ploenchitr Fair. Donations made to various Thai Charities amounted to Bht. 232,000.

For this year the Committee have agreed to allocate Bht. 440,000 to deserving Thai Charities. Among these are:-

- i) Mckeans Leprosarium in Chiangmai a full years supply of Lamprene, an anti-Leprosy drug, and the provision of a piped music system and 2 T.V. sets.
- ii) Manoram Hospital - a substantial grant to help with a new water supply system and funds for the treatment of 8 T.B. Patients.
- iii) Phutong Leprosarium - the salary of a nursing aide and finance for new washrooms.
- iv) Father Joe Sequinotte's Karen Children - funds for a new bridge, vital for the villagers communications.
- v) Klong Toey Medical Centre - a grant for medical equipment.

- vi) Buffalo Bank in the North East - help for a scheme providing Buffaloes to very poor and needy families.

In addition goods of British origin, where possible, will be given to:-

H.R.H. the Princess Mother's Flying Doctors.
Pan Ya On School for retarded Children
Don Bosco School

Should any Members have suggestions for worthy causes that need help they should please contact Peter Leggatt at Borneo Company, Tel: 234-2080 or any other Member of the U.K.C.C.

The Committee will welcome any suggestions, as well as any offers of help for this year's Ploenchitr Fair which will be held as usual at the Embassy, on Saturday 20 November.

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BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SECTION

(Chairman : M.H. Kerr)

After a Dormant period of several years, the Billiards and Snooker section is alive and well. With a new, young, vibrant committee fully understanding the basic needs and urges of men, a full programme is being planned.

An Open Night was held on 13 May and ideas were exchanged on revitalising the Section. Until the section becomes fully established it is the intention to play throughout 1976 for one trophy per month on a one night knockout basis.

These competitions will be held on the first Monday of every month, and details of timetables and entrance procedure will be given to all those interested either by coming along on a Trophy Night, or contacting Brian Kane, Arthur Phillip or Jeremy Watson.

The following events have been arranged:-

7 June	Monday	- 5:30	TROPHY NIGHT - SNOOKER open singles
5 July	Monday	- 5:30	TROPHY NIGHT - VOLUNTEER SNOOKER open singles

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SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY 18 JUNE

SQUASH SOCIAL
in the Main Bar from 7:30 PM.

FRIDAY 2 JULY

PUB NIGHT

EVENTS JUNE 1976

SPECIAL FILM SHOW

SUNDAY 27 JUNE AT 3 PM

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SECTION ACTIVITIES

Tue. 1	-	Ladies Golf (Army)	-
Wed. 2	-	Bridge	7:30 PM.
Thu. 3	-	Water Polo	4 PM.
Sun 6	-	Swimming Gala	11:30 AM.
Mon 7	-	Snooker Trophy Night (Open Singles)	5:30 PM.
Tue. 8	-	Ladies Golf (Army)	7:30 PM.
Wed. 9	-	Bridge	7:30 PM.
Mon. 14	-	Squash. End of League 11	-
Tue. 15	-	Ladies Golf (Army)	-
Wed. 16	-	Bridge	7:30 PM.
Thu. 17	-	Water Polo	4 PM.
Fri. 18	-	Squash Social	7:30 PM.
Tue. 22	-	Ladies Golf (Army)	-
Wed. 23	-	Bridge	7:30 PM.
Tue. 29	-	Ladies Golf (Army)	-
	-	Swimming - Presentation and Social	-
Wed. 30	-	Bridge	7:30 PM.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

2 - Pub Night

5 - Snooker Trophy Night (Volunteer Snooker)

12 - Khao Pansa Holiday

AUGUST

1 - Squash League 12 begins

12 - HM The Queen's Birthday

? - Teenagers Disco

SEPTEMBER

5 - Family Day Swimming Gala

17 - Squash Social

18 - Roman Night

LADIES GOLF

(Captain : Anne Quinn)

1 June - Three Throw Aways (Army)
Starter : S. Neville (391-6000)
Scorer : J. Launder

8 June - Bogey (Army)
Starter : J. Taylor (286-2345)
Scorer : B. Lawson

15 June - 1st. Round Wynne Lapping Memorial
Starter : C. Howell (392-8662)
Scorer : S. Neville

22 June - 2nd Round Wynne Lapping Memorial
Starter : C. Howell (392-8662)
Scorer : J. Taylor

29 June - Medal (Army)
Starter : B. Lawson (234-8355)
Scorer : A. Quinn

Please Note: An Eclectic Competition will be held over the four Tuesdays in July.

BRIDGE SECTION

(Organiser : James Davidson)

The May duplicate was won by John & Mary Mumby with Mrs. Swann & Mrs. Skelton close behind. It was an evening of new partnerships with Brian Honan pulling Maureen Manson down to defeat and Phillip Cohen similarly afflicting Muriel Higgins.

Alec Buchanan and David Bruce bidding three grand slams in ingenious fashion won the rubber on 12 May.

The Bruce-Davidson "Five Diamond Sacrifice Bid" is about to roll off the presses. Disputes have arisen with Uganda Aviation (one of the sponsors) and the authors present apologies for delay. Highlights include:

- the automatic club bid
- excerpts from the Kampala closed pairs 1975 event.

SWIMMING SECTION

(Chairman : Ian Launder)

The Club faced very tough competition in the Bangkok Aquatic Club (BAC) Bicentennial meeting, swum at our pool on May 1 and 2. Strong YWCA and Royal Bangkok Sports Club teams took first and second places in the four-way meet, and the British Club finished third, about 100 points behind the winners and more than 300 ahead of a sadly depleted BAC team. The points scores were YWCA 735, RBSC 718½, BCB 631½, BAC 320.

British Club swimmers put up a great display, excelling in the relays and breaking no less than seven club relay records.

Adam Donald and Iain Brown won Age Group trophies and eight other British Club swimmers won places in the Age Group high points tally. Eight Club records were broken -- three falling to Iain Brown and two to Tony Aylward -- while Adam Donald broke the Pool record for the 6 & under 25m butterfly. Twelve other Pool records went to YWCA and Sports Club swimmers, among them Thailand's possible Olympic entries, Rachaniwan Bulkul and Sansanee Changkasiri. Seven British Club swimmers won gold medals.

Coach Gordon Aylward reported that the 53-member British Club team turned in the highest improvement score it has ever recorded. More than half the Club's swimmers improved all, or

all but one, of their times, and British Club swimmers improved their times in 190 out of 270 individual swims, or 70 per cent.

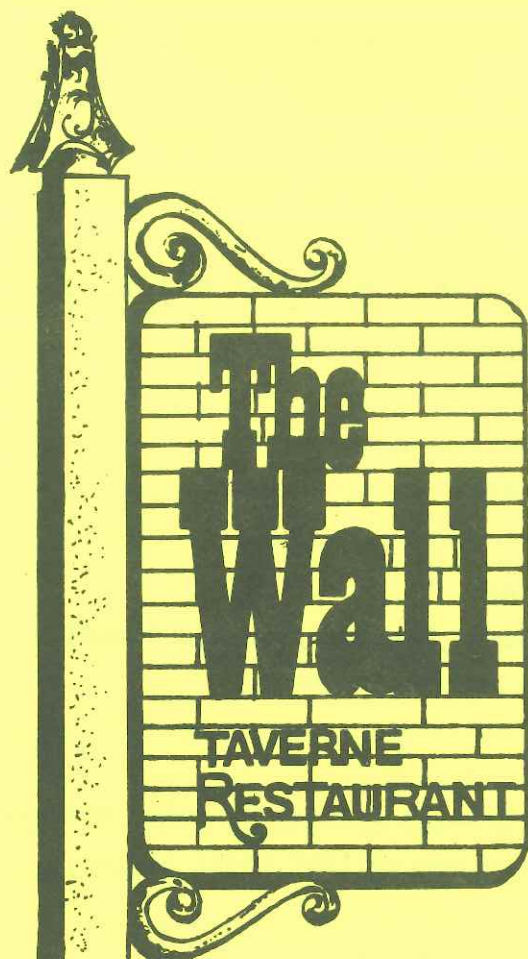
Monthly Gala - the next Monthly Gala will be held on Sunday, June 6. Strokes: Diving breast and fly.

Dates for Monsoon Improver's Handicap Series & Water Polo:

- June 1 - IM, Fly, Underwater.
3 - Water Polo.
8 - Back, Free, Breast.
15 - Underwater, IM, Fly.
17 - Water Polo.
22 - Breast, Back, Free.
29 - Fly, IM, Underwater. Presentation and Social.
- July 1 - Water Polo.

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GOLF SECTION

(Captain : James Davidson)

In May Lady & Gentleman golfers joined forces to play the challenging East Gulf courses of Bang Phra and Sattahib, while spending their between round apres golf at the Orchid Lodge swimming pool and bar. Roughly forty players took part on both days in a stableford competition. Members were pleasantly surprised by the condition of the courses, and to get away from the flat parkland around Bangkok on to a hilly course was especially pleasing. While a little rain fell into most rounds, and the drive to Sattahib almost defeated the map reading of a few campaigners, no one was abandoned or lost.

Leon van der Watt, who is enjoying an Indian summer in his golf, was the winner of the combined two day event, followed by Ray Watson. Christine Howell took the ladies event. Others who played well were John Bennet, Kerry Jowett, John Lenahan, John Knight and Jim Stewart. Eric Howell and James Davidson had the longest "grunts" and David Sprot and Moira Ryan showed deadly form with their wedges. Jacques Morin, for story telling, and John Weymouth, for Callaway, took special awards. This was Ray Watson's last match and we wish him and Jackie well in their new home in Swallowfield.

Rain and soft going affected the 7:00 field at Krungthep East course on the 16th. Some entries were scratched. The conditions were very poor and the match secretary received numerous protests as they came under starter's order. Ian McLean, carrying the lowest handicap won by a short head from the ubiquitous Leon van der Watt while the favourite came down at the tenth. Hugh Docherty was always up with the leaders although carrying top weight and Edgar Marland finished strongly, under pressure. Mrs. Topham has certainly a new venue if Aintree is sold. The sixth hole will be renamed "Bucknall's Brook".

Steve Kirk will start his lessons at the club- from the week beginning 1st June. Those who have signed up will hear from him to arrange times. About twenty golfers and beginners have enlisted so far and newcomers are welcome.

Golfers who have wondered about future events will be glad to hear that the program has been arranged till end 1976 and a handy pocket card will be distributed to all members of the golf section ere long.

DARTS SECTION

(Captain : Arthur Hawtin)

The sixth Bangkok Darts League started on 27 May and eighteen teams have entered forming three divisions. After some discussion the league committee decided that games would be played under the same rules as previous leagues.

The Club has entered a team and we have drawn in the Capital Division together with Bobbys Arms, Hobsons Choice, Red Lion, 20 Hotel and 'A' Bar. All matches, home and away will be played on Thursdays except perhaps for one away game which will be on a Tuesday. In addition to the league there will be a championship knockout competition played during the progress of the league. This competition will be played under different rules designed to help those who find difficulty getting a double to start (guess who?)

Since the last league finished were are unfortunate to have lost or are losing three of our regular players, Tony Bradley and Martyn and Kay Pells so anyone who can hit the board with pointed ends and who would like a throw will be welcome. The accent is on having enjoyable evenings in good company although of course we would like to win a few gongs too.

Bobbys Arms/Guinness invitational tourney has also started - all matches at Bobbys on either Mondays or Tuesdays duration approximately five weeks.

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