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NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 1976

There have been several changes in the calendar for August and September as announced in the last issue of the Newsletter.

The main events with new dates to be noted are:

- 1 August - The Monthly Swimming Gala with special events will be held on that day.
- 14/15 August - An Invitational Swimming Meet will be held over that weekend. Swimming begins at 8 A.M. each day.
- 5 September - Family Day. Side shows and fun events in the morning leading on to the family swimming gala in the afternoon.

SHORT ABSENCE

Members are advised to inform the Office if they are planning to be absent from Thailand on business or leave.

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND PRIZES

The following are held at the office awaiting collection by Members:-

- Photographs of the St. Georges Society Ball
- Prizes for the 11th Squash League (Shirts and tankards)

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TELEVISION

The colour TV set has been moved to the Cinema Room so that children can view the programmes without being disturbed by Members!!!

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in August are scheduled for:

Tuesday 3 August at 5:45 P.M.

Tuesday 24 August 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 3 August. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 31 July.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club in July 1976:

C.J. Albright	M. Anthony
F. Baikie	R. Church
B.L. Eads	I.A. Gadsden
S.M. Kerry (LP)	P.L. Laing (LP)
A.T. Lecky (LP)	R.B. Seigne
M.J. Simmonds	N. Stanley
S. Tait (LP)	H.M. Vernon (LP)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

Members who are interested in joining any of the following can obtain application forms from the office:

- St. Andrews Society
- St. Davids Society
- St. Georges Society
- St. Patricks Society
- The New Zealand Society
- Royal Varuna Yacht Club

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BRITISH EMBASSY REGISTRATION CARDS

New arrivals in Bangkok who are citizens of the UK and Colonies and British Subjects without citizenship are advised to register with the British Embassy.

Residents who have already registered but whose address or status details have changed should inform the Consul.

ALL RESIDENTS should RE-REGISTER each January.

Registration Forms can be obtained from the Club office. When completed the forms should be sent to the British Consul direct.

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MALAYSIAN TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Members who are planning a visit to Malaysia can get details of hotels, routes, places of interest and other information from the Malaysia Tourist Information Centre which is at

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GOLF SECTION

Entry from the Commodore's log: June 26th 1776. T'was at Don Muang on the 26th of June on a calm still day with the wind from abaft that a detachment from the HMAS Derwent was sighted and right promptly engaged. The club deployed its forces upwind well in a stableford formation and at once attached with H. Docherty conspicuous in the first broadside although for all to see midshipman J. Watson would not keep in position and often headed too close to the shoals. Methinks his rudder has a twist in't. Although our spars and rigging took shot after shot (Admiral Neville's consumption of ale), the heavier construction of the British deadnoughts began to tell and the putts were sunk. At length, the enemy gave best at the nineteenth as coincidentally the sun went over the yardarm and we gave them quarter as noble foes though over inclined to the blasphemy. The ghost of Nelson (Byron) would have been proud of our Jack Tars and those who best distinguished themselves in the din of battle were: Midshipman Gibson and Docherty, and Flag Lts Knight and Lenehan.

LADIES GOLF

Fixtures

<u>3 August</u>				
Starter:	J. Launder	2525416	Army	All Irons
<u>10 August</u>				
Starter:	S. Neville	3916000	Army	Stableford
<u>17 August</u>				
Starter:	J. Launder	2525416	Army	Bisque Bogey
<u>24 August</u>				
Starter:	C. Howell	3928662	Army	3 Clubs + Putter
<u>31 August</u>				
Starter:	A. Quinn	3912322	Army	Medal

WHY BE A GOLF WIDOW?

Golf lessons are now available at the British Club, so ladies why don't you try your hand at this game and join the British Ladies Golf Union which plays every Tuesday morning.

Anne Quinn would be pleased to give further details - Tel. 3912322

SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

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EVENTS AUGUST 1976

NEW CLUB ACTIVITIES

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Contact Pam Stanley (252-1543 Ext. 4)

GOLF LESSONS

On Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2 P.M.

Lessons given by professional golfer Mr. Steve Kirk.

Bookings can be made at the Office.

SECTION ACTIVITIES

Sun 1	- Swimming. Special Gala	11 A.M.
	- Golf (Sarika)	7:30 A.M.
Wed 4	- Bridge	7:30 P.M.
Thu 5	- Darts Match v Red Lion (Home)	8 A.M.
Mon 9	- Volunteer Snooker	
Wed 11	- Bridge	7:30 P.M.
14/15	- Swimming. Invitational Two Day Meet	8 A.M.
Sun 15	- Golf (Railway)	8:06 A.M.
Mon 16	- Volunteer Snooker	
Wed 18	- Bridge	7:30 P.M.
Thu 19	- Darts Match v Bobbys Arms (Away)	8 P.M.
Mon 23	- Volunteer Snooker	
Wed 25	- Bridge	7:30 P.M.
Sun 29	- Golf (Rose Garden)	7 A.M.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

5 - Family Day

17 - Squash Social

18 - ROMAN NIGHT

OCTOBER

15 - Squash League 13 begins

23/24 - Golf Khao Yai weekend

29 - BEER FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER

5 - Fireworks and Pub Night

20 - PLOENCHITR FAIR

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER SECTION

After a lapse of nearly ten years the Mabbatt Snooker Cup was played for on three nights in June. Jeremy Watson emerged as winner, amid roars of applause and after numerous allegations of bribery, physical violence (which can be painful dependent on the length of the cue) and lacing of opponents drinks.

Bob Shedden was the losing finalist 2-0 but considering he played with a broken arm did extremely well. Ken Thompson and Tom Maran were the losing semi-finalists.

Over twenty people entered for the competition, very heartening considering the section has been dormant for so long. The standard of play varied between terrible and bad and it would seem as yet the British Club do not have a Joe Davis in their ranks. However, everyone enjoyed the free snacks, the competition and the drink.

Highlights of the tournament were as follows:

UNLUCKIEST LOSER - Brian Kane (knocked out in the preliminary round)

BEST SHOT OF THE TOURNAMENT - Brian Kane (fourteen times round the table and in the top pocket)

WORST LOSER - Brian Kane (who is not entering again because he didn't win the first competition)

Entries for the O'Connell Cup for Volunteer Snooker in August are now being accepted and a list for registration is on the downstairs notice board.

O'Connell Cup 9 - 16 - 23rd August
Volunteer Snooker

The September Competition will be Handicap Snooker.

SWIMMING SECTION

Important changes in the diary for the next few weeks: The August Monthly Gala will be held on 1 August (instead of the Annual Family Gala, as previously announced). But we plan to make it a special monthly gala -- so come along and take part in the special events. Watch the notice-board for details.

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The Group's Invitational Swimming Meeting will now be held on the weekend of 14/15 August. The march-past will take place at 7:45 A.M. on 14 August, with warm-up swims starting at 7:00 A.M., and the first event at 8 A.M.

The following clubs have been invited to compete: RBSC, YWCA, BAC, Dusit and Chiang Mai.

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The Club will be holding its Family Day in and around the pool on 5 September. The Annual Family Gala events will be incorporated.

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Fifty-five children took part in the last Handicap Series, and the following led the field: 1. Clare Bishop; 2. Stephen Saunders; 3. Andrew Hurrell.

The next Handicap Series will start in mid-September.

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DARTS SECTION

This is your Captain speaking.....

Hello, darts fans everywhere! Well, whenever you are, how about turning up for the games? Despite the poor turn out at recent games (except when we played the all-girl Red Lion team) the Lilywhites have been holding their own (and throwing the odd dart, too), thanks to timely wins by Mrs. Nai one¹ and Mrs. Nai two² who annihilated their opponents when we played the White

Wallabies (or was it Hobson's Aussie Inn?) and lead the BC to a close-run but deserved win.

Anyway, without mentioning any scores (statistics always a bore, etc.) I can report a month in which we won some and lost some and what is more fans, no-one was in the wrong end of a whitewash. In the knockout, the club lost to the likely finalists, Rendezvous, and now have only one "life" left in this double-elimination competition.

There was a brief interruption to the intensive training programme during the month when the rising damp in the club house finally reached the dart board, the sellotape peeled off and the board crashed to the ground. (Members are asking why this couldn't have happened during the match against 20 Hotel).

Meanwhile, over at Bobby's Arms, Ben Gwilliam, overcorrecting to allow for the airconditioning, narrowly missed a winning double one "in off" the ceiling light. However, Gilles "ou est le papier?" Poirier homed in on that same double to consign his opponent to an early return to the bar muttering "Cordon Bleu!" en route.

During the month we lost two more players, Neil Taylor and Harry Ridsdale, both of whom never missed a game in the current season. Both were also consistent top scorers and Harry appropriately won the prize for top score on "Pub Night." However, on the brighter side we can look forward to the return of the well known darts champ himself, Neville "you hold the darts I'll throw the board" Atherton who is being flown in for two or three weeks fresh from re-cycling toilet rolls in Tehran to clinch the knockout championship and possibly the league (for whom is not known).

The Guinness League end of league bash is being held shortly, probably on 7 August. All who have played in the Guinness League will receive their invitations - meanwhile keep the date free.

Thought for the month:

Did Sherlock Holmes brush up his powers of deduction by keeping score at darts?

Note - Nai 1. Oy Heath
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