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Hon Treasurer : Mr. D. Sprot
Manager : Lt Col (Retd) J.F. Davis

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 1978

The anniversary Reception on 7 July had to be held in the Clubhouse because of rain which persisted through most of the afternoon and early evening. Over two hundred members managed to pack the Bar and the Reading Room and surprisingly still managed to get a drink and hear the Chairman's "few short words" which were relayed by a hastily installed close-circuit sound system.

The combination of the Friday night rush hour and rain made the traffic situation chaotic (that is, one stage worse than normal) and some members were still arriving as the free drink cut-off bell was sounding at 8.30 p.m., following the Chairman's generous extension.

Over one hundred members attended the barbecue at the pool-side where the celebrations continued until nearly midnight. Fifty members enjoyed the dinner in the new Restaurant which marked the official opening of the room. Several enjoyed the convivial atmosphere until beyond midnight when they joined the stalwarts in the Bar until well after 4 a.m.

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There are still some final touches to be made to complete the Restaurant although it is now open for lunch and dinner business. Wall bracket lights, chandeliers and sound boxes will be installed shortly. The decor appears to have met with most people's approval and business records indicate that members appreciate having a comfortable and pleasant dining facility.

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June was a quiet month and indications were that in addition to plenty of rain many, possibly more than usual, members have made the break on home leave. Those returning from the UK appeared pleased to get back as, following an early flourish, the country seems so far to have been suffering a normal "changeable" summer.

The arrival of school children from England in mid-July was marked by an increase in activity around the poolside and bigger splashes in the pool! Sub aqua training and table tennis coaching sessions are being arranged as holiday activities at the Club. While not wishing to put a damper on the childrens use of the facilities, parents are requested to remind visiting teenagers of the Bylaws concerning the use of the Clubhouse in general, the Reading Room and the Billiard Tables. The main routine transgressions are the use of the Clubhouse as a play area and secondly the wearing of swimming costumes in the building.

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CLUB HISTORY

We wish to extend a sincere apology to Mr. C.S.I. Mabbatt, CBE for omitting to mention, in the short history published last month, his service to the Club as Chairman. Of course, his long spell in office from 1946 to 1961 was an achievement unequalled before or since. It also came in the immediate post war years during which time the Club was reestablished and much of the premises was developed and upgraded.

COMMITTEE

Mr. R. Barrett has been invited and has agreed to join the Committee as Honorary Treasurer due to the imminent departure of Mr. D. Sprot.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Club wishes to acknowledge with thanks the donations of spirits, beer and meats received from the following firms on the occasion of the Club's anniversary.

Be Lucky Limited Partnership
The Borneo Company (Thailand) Limited
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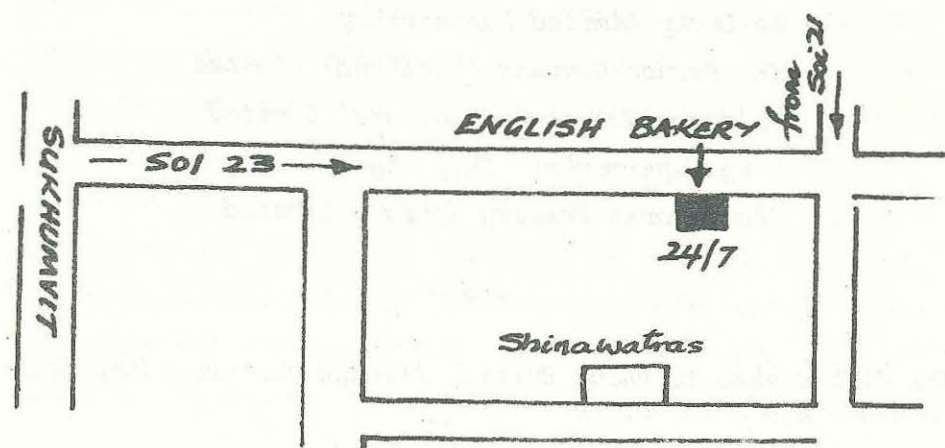
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NEW MEMBERS

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

Ordinary

Mr. J. Coles

Mr. J.E. Collins

Mr. W.C. Dalglish

Mr. R.E. Duggan

Mr. T.R. Green

Mr. H.D.P. Hollstein

Mr. A.J. Kidd

Mr. J.I. Meszes

Mr. A.J. McMurray

Mr. E.D.C. Thomson

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Associate

Mr. J.F. Lowe

Mr. J.M. Morin

Freeman Fox

Ital Thai Industrial

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 22 August (Closing date 19 August)

Tuesday 19 September (Closing date 16 September)

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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CATERING

RESTAURANT

The Restaurant is now open on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 11 p.m. with last orders being taken at 10.30 p.m. During August a special dinner menus will be offered on Wednesday evenings: prices will be very reasonable.

The Catering Sub-Committee will be pleased to have members suggestions and comments on evening opening, such as the days and times, as these will be under review at the end of the month.

SNACKS IN THE BAR

A Short Order Fries list has been added to the Main Bar Menu. In the evenings when the Restaurant is closed a selection of popular hot snacks will be available.

SWEETS

The following new items are now on Sale at the Poolside:

CHOCOLATE TOFFEE CRISP 8 Baht

TOOTIE FROOTIE 7 Baht

LIPSA (Peppermint) (3 pieces) 4 Baht

CHILDRENS MENU COVER COMPETITION

It has been decided to introduce a childrens menu for the pool area and it is felt that the children themselves should design the cover of this menu. There will therefore be a competition during the month of August.

The competition will be broken into two age groups

4 to 8 years

9 to 12 years

Drawings or paintings should be sent to the office by the 31st August and should be on paper approximately 8" x 10" with the name, address and age of the child written on the back.

The drawings will all be judged by the committee and prizes will be awarded for three, best in each age group.

EVENTS - AUGUST 1978

CELEBRATIONS/HOLIDAYS

Sat 12 - Birthday of HM The Queen

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bridge	Mondays	7.30 p.m.
Jazz Ballet	Wednesdays	2 p.m.
Classical Ballet	Fridays	2 p.m.

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SECTIONS

Sun 6 - Swimming. Monthly Gala

12/14 - Golf. Hua Hin Weekend

Thu 31 - Squash. Last day of 20th league

BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

Mr. Leslie Collings has kindly donated to the Club a Skittle Pool set. The rules are now on display in the Billiard Room, one table has been marked up and skittles are kept in the store cupboard.

BRIDGE

Although many regular players are away on holiday Bridge is still continuing on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. Tables are being set up in the Bar for the time being.

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BRITISH COUNCIL PROGRAMME

Siam Square

Feature Film - THE SIX WIVES OF HENRY VIII
(Part 1 - Catherine of Aragon)

Thursday 3 August at 5.30 p.m.

Friday 4 August 7 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH SUMMER FAIR

This year the Annual Christ Church Fair will take place on 5th August 1978 from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The Ambassador Designate of the United States of America has very generously allowed the grounds of his residence at 108 Wireless Road, to be used for the event.

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SWIMMING SECTION

Happy to report that we are filling 3 lanes at training each night. Our chairman has the children well motivated and the standard of their swimming is improving steadily. A sincere thank-you goes from all the members of the section to Helen Jamieson and Helen Hignett for their early afternoon organisation and all the mothers who so patiently stand in the sun and the rain, get splashed by over enthusiastic divers, laughed at by air crews, and accused by second graders of being unable to count, recounting lengths. Considering the average child swims 50 lengths a night and at times there are 14 swimmers to a lane we have thought about investing in calculators built in to the stop watches! Margaret Boothby has the grand total records well in hand. During the last month Nicola Hignett has completed her 25000 metres and Alexandra Weymouth 50000 metres.

A very successful gala was held on 2 July with 20 swimmers competing. For the first time we held an underwater swim competition. Warren Hignett swam 36 metres and Chris Long managed 32 metres, both commendable efforts. In the 6 and under age group a new team record was broken. Kimberlie Weymouth swam back stroke in 27.8 secs beating the previous record of 28.3 secs.

The next gala will be on 6 August at 11.30 a.m. We look forward to seeing all our overseas boarding students in action that day.

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SQUASH SECTION

20th Squash League

This league which goes through to 31 August comprises twelve divisions and no less than 104 participants. We would advise players to arrange matches as soon as possible and so avoid last minute overbooking, frustration and disappointment.

Court Renovations

Costings are now being considered for the complete renovation Court No. 2. It is possible that work will commence in September.

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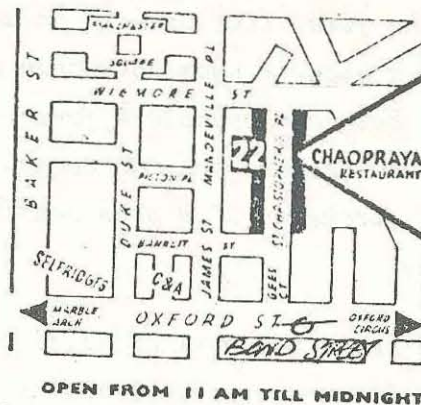
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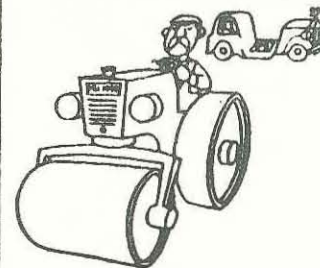
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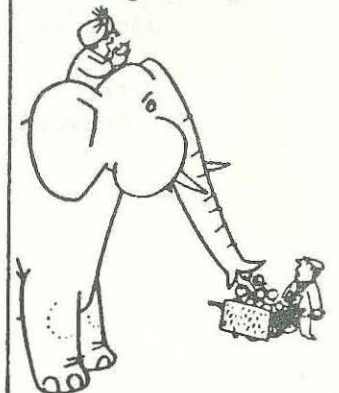
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GOLF SECTION

HANDICAPS

At the Committee meeting held on the 16th May 1978 it was decided that the maximum handicap would be reduced to 30 in an endeavour to conform to other clubs and to improve the standard of our own club.

This decision was implemented from 1st July.

HUA HIN WEEKEND

Arrangements are being made for the Hua Hin Weekend (12-14 August) competitions which basically will take the following format:-

12th & 13th August

Two day competition, format still to be decided. Unfortunately the Scandinavians have not been able to raise a team.

14th August

One day Medal competition.

General

Starting times - on all days at 7 a.m.

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Room allocations will be made strictly on a first come, first served, basis.

Social evening - Arrangements are being made for a get-together and prize giving to be held on the Sunday evening. Details will be advised in due course.

Prizes - The usual wide range of prizes will be awarded with some surprise items depending upon the number competing.

Fees - An entrance fee of Baht 50.- per person per day plus green fees and caddy fees will be for the individuals account.

If you intend to participate in the competitions or attend socially please contact as soon as possible:-

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ADVERTISING

Members are reminded that they can place advertisements in the Newsletter at reasonable rates. Notices on the Club notice boards are seen only by those using the Club whereas this Newsletter is sent to all members.

Rates are:

Members Personal Advertisements

Ten line box	-	25.-
Half Page	-	50.-
Full Page	-	100.-

Business Advertisements (Not on the Covers)

½ page	-	250.-
Full page	-	500.-

EDITORS NOTES

All material for the September 1978 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 20 August.

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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