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### NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 1976

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Another new activity this month: Classical Ballet lessons for young children. These lessons will be held on Friday afternoons. Full details are on Page 10.



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in September are scheduled for:

Tuesday 7 September at 5:45 P.M.

Tuesday 21 September 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 7 September. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 4 September.

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## NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club in August 1976:

P. Allsop	R.S. Baker
S.C. Gray	P.D. Handisides
E.M. Holgate	A. Mair
K.S. Nadin	G.D. Roberts
P.J. Skerman	G.B.A. Watt

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## BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Club have been amended and revised. A copy of the new issue will be sent to all Members in September.

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## NOTICE BOARDS

Members are reminded that notices may be placed on the general notice boards subject to such notices being initialled by a Member of the Committee or the Club Manager.

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## CIGARETTES

As the Government Tobacco warehouse has stopped the supply of imported cigarettes only Thai brands will be on sale at the bars until further notice.

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## BAR AND SNACKS

### New Menu

A new Menu has been prepared and will be introduced on 1 September.

The main items of note are the greater variety of all types of food and the introduction of more local dishes. It has been necessary to make some small adjustments to prices which with a few exceptions have not changed in the last twelve months. As far as possible local products are being used to hold prices down.

The wider choice and the eagerness of Members to try some of the new items may place the cooks under strain especially at weekends. We hope you will bear with them in the first few days.

### Opening Hours

The indications were that business did not justify the retention of a cook on duty until 10 P.M. during July. The previous closing time (9 P.M.) has therefore been reintroduced for the Club House kitchen. The provision of soup and sandwiches in the Main Bar after the kitchen closes is now being examined and may be introduced from 1 October.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### LOYAL SOCIETIES MINI OLYMPICS

On Saturday, 7 August, the Bangkok St. George's Society challenged members of St. Andrew's, St. Patrick's and St. David's Societies to a sports competition at the Club. The St. George's trophy was, in fact, won by the St. George's Society themselves as they gained most overall points in the swimming, darts, putting, table tennis and children's races. St. Andrew's Society won the swimming event and were presented with a silver cup, donated by British Airways, by Chris Cross the Regional Manager.

The Bangkok St. George's Society hopes that the four British societies will take it in turn to organise a similar sports day at about the same time each year and expects that the day for the whole family will be as enjoyable as this year's. The Society would, however, like to put forward a suggestion. That is, that during the course of the year, any one of the four Loyal Societies should issue a challenge to the others at a different sport or game. For instance, one Society may challenge the others to a tennis tournament, a squash match, an evening of Bridge or backgammon. Whichever society wins each contest will be awarded a certain number of points which will count towards their final score for the St. George's Victor Ludorum trophy. It is envisaged that the final play-off will take more or less the same form as this year's competition. Perhaps the four Secretaries would keep in touch and collate any ideas put forward by their Society's members.



## EVENTS IN THAILAND

### THAI WAYS AND LANGUAGE

On Wednesday 8 September at 9:30 A.M. in the auditorium of the National Museum, a new programme of monthly lectures arranged by the National Museum Volunteers will start. Denis Segaller a very well known Bangkok writer on the history, customs, language and religion of Thailand will talk on "Thai Ways and Language". Mr. Segaller will also show a film he made several years ago about an up-country community project.

All members, guests and the public are welcome and to the coffee - question time afterwards.

### ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The AIT will be open to visitors on 16 October 1976 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. The day will include:-

- \* An exhibition of academic and research work
- \* Laboratory displays
- \* Displays of Asian goods and crafts
- \* International entertainment in the AIT Center Auditorium
- \* Sports events
- \* Children's treasure hunt
- \* Mathemagical turns

## EVENTS IN THAILAND

### PLOENCHITR FAIR 1976

The United Kingdom Charities Committee have already started planning the 1976 Ploenchitr Fair on Saturday 20 November. Please make a note for your diary.

If any Members would like to volunteer to run or assist at a Stall they are asked to contact:-

Mrs. Rose Taylor

Christ Church

Convent Road

Telephone: 234-3634

### ELEPHANT ROUND-UP

The Tourist Organization of Thailand has announced that the annual elephant Round-Up will be staged at SURIN on the weekend 20/21 November.



## BILLIARDS & SNOOKER SECTION

The final of the annual Billiards Championship, the Hamilton Cup, nearly resulted in major up-set for the old guard of the Section. However, Ken Thompson managed to restore the honour by winning a closely fought match in the final with James Roberts, who is currently out on leave from school in the UK. Ed Nichol and Arthur Phillips were the losing semi finalists.

There were some very close games played throughout the Championship which reflected all credit to the handicappers. The standard of play was surprisingly high with several breaks in the twenties being made.

One small moan however - most of the members turned up to play their matches, but on certain cases in the early rounds people who had agreed to play did not turn up. It is very annoying especially if you have traveled across town to find your opponent has not turned up. If you cannot come to play your tie, it would be appreciated if you could phone your opponent, the Club or a Snooker committee member in order to save a lot of needless aggravation.

The August tournament, the O'Connell Cup -(Volunteer Snooker), is currently under way but entries are required for the September Competition - Handicap Snooker. Details on the downstairs notice board.

## CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

### FAMILY DAY

Side shows, games and competitions for the skilled and lucky and a chance to win a prize in the swimming pool. Events for all the family on

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

### SQUASH SOCIAL AND PRIZEGIVING

FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

In the Main Bar commencing at 8 P.M.

### ROMAN NIGHT

Gather up your toga and come along to the orgy on

FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 1976

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CLASSICAL BALLET

Classical Ballet Classes for children are now being held on Friday afternoons in the Cinema Room. The time table is:-

2 to 2:30 P.M.	-	3 and 4 year olds
2:30 to 3:30 P.M.	-	5 and 6 year olds
3:30 to 4:30 P.M.	-	7 and 8 year olds

For more details contact Pam Stanley by telephone (252-1543 Ext.4) or in the Cinema Room on Tuesday or Friday afternoons.

BRITISH COUNCIL PROGRAMME

Thu. 2 (7 PM)	}	-	Documentary Films
Fri. 3 (5 PM)			
Fri. 10 (5 PM)		-	Documentary Films
Thu. 16 (7 PM)	}	-	"Lord of the Flies" (Film)
Fri. 17 (5 PM)			
Mon. 27 for three weeks		-	Art Exhibition by Thawan Duchanee

SECTION ACTIVITIES

Wed. 1	-	Bridge	
Sun. 5	-	Family Gala	
Mon. 6	-	Handicap Snooker	
Wed. 8	-	Bridge	
Sun. 12	-	Golf (First Leg Championship) Bang Phra	7:30 A.M.
Mon. 13	-	Handicap Snooker	
Wed. 15	-	Bridge	
Fri. 17	-	Squash Social	
Mon. 20	-	Handicap Snooker	
Wed. 22	-	Bridge	
Sun. 26	-	Golf (Second Leg Championship) Rose Garden	7 A.M.
Mon. 27	-	Handicap Snooker	
Wed. 29	-	Bridge	



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

- 15 - Squash League 13 begins
- 23/24 - Golf Khao Yai weekend

29 - BEER FESTIVAL

### NOVEMBER

- 5 - Fireworks and Pub Night
- 6 - Loi Krathong Day
- 20 - PLOENCHITR FAIR

### DECEMBER

17 - CHRISTMAS BALL

- 22/23 - Childrens Parties
- 24 - Christmas Eve Lunch
- 31 - New Years Eve Social/Breakfast

## DARTS SECTION

This is your Captain Speaking .....

Both the 6th Bangkok League and the 1st Guinness League schedules have now been completed and pending publication of the official results your Captain, with his usual delicacy in these matters, can reveal that the Lilywhites finished rather close to the bottom. However, do not despair fans, we are still in the knockout championship (thanks to the luck of the draw and a fine floater or two). By the time this is printed the result of our next round game (against B.T. Audio) will be known.

The Guinness League end-of-league social at Bobby's arms was a most convivial evening, the top honours going to B.T. Audio. The Lilywhites faced with all the free beer and food were a force to be reckoned with and those who can remember would, I am sure, like to join me in thanking Bobby and Amarit/Guinness for the excellent evening.

Some of the team, went on from Bobby's to nearby watering-holes, and one such member has not turned up for a game since that fateful evening (although he maintains he only went out for a pizza). However, most of the trusty BC dartists, undeterred



by the lack of laurels, rushed back to the club to warm up for the next league and Paul Frankland, in his excitement at scoring 45, singlehandedly tore the board off the wall while retrieving his darts (or was it the effect of Bobby's baked beans, said Sue later).

A possibly even more convivial evening was when an unusually large and enthusiastic turn out of Lilywhites hosted the ever-popular dartistes from the Red Lion.

Excitement was at fever pitch as our dedicated marksmen held off the determined Red Lion ladies - the final result being a cliff-hanging 10-9 win.

One visiting spectator, overcome by the excitement of the occasion, tore the Gent's wash-hand basin from the wall and was last seen by the pursuing Ghurka loading his trophy into a samlor outside Suriwongse gate. All agreed that the whole evening might be best described as "Quantastic". Members of the darts section led by the teams sleuth "Hercule" Poirier successfully located and retrieved the purloined porcelain next morning, though we might have washed our hands of the affair (were it possible) - it not really being our responsibility.

The other notable event of the month was that Paul Frankland was on the right end of a whitewash, for the second time this season and three other nameless Lilywhites were on the wrong end of the brush.

Over thirty players have represented the Club in the two leagues and have partaken of our brand of (not so) competitive darts. So, even if we don't win any gongs, more members have taken part than in any previous season. Anyone interested in a game is always welcome to drop in on Saturday and Sunday evenings from 5-8 P.M. or on match nights (see notice board) and if you can stick 3 in you're in.

Captain's thought at press time: "Will the Lilywhites switch off the Audiomen? ... or will it be the last time the Lilywhites aim at the pig bristle under the captaincy of Nai 3?"

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## SWIMMING SECTION

### BIG INTERNATIONAL SWIM MEET AT BRITISH CLUB

Records tumbled as more than 270 swimmers from six clubs, including one from Chiang Mai, competed at the British Club over the weekend in one of the biggest swimming meetings held in Bangkok.

The Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC) came out on top with 670-1/2 points -- more than 100 ahead of the YMCA (553 points) and the British Club, hosts of the two-day invitational event, with 448 points.

Chiang Mai Swimming Club finished fourth, with 273-1/2 points, followed by Suan Dusit Teachers Training College Swimming Club with 161 and the International Club with 104. The International Club has taken over the remnants of the once-flourishing Bangkok Aquatic Club, cut down to only 25 swimmers by the American military withdrawal.

A total of 16 pool records fell during the meeting -- four of them to YMCA swimmer Veraphol Kidchom, competing in the 13 to 14-year-old boys' age-group. Veraphol emerged as the outstanding swimmer of the weekend, winning five gold medals in five events.

The top girls were Sansanee Changkasiri of the RBSC, fresh from the Montreal Olympic Games, and Pattraporn Jirachaipranit of the YMCA. Both girls captured four golds and one silver.

Coach Gordon Aylward considered the BC performance "most respectable ... in competition with the elite of Thailand's swimmers."

Place-winners included Douglas Pescod, Mark Jeffries and Chris Mumby in the 15-17 Boys; Debbie Hurrell and Barbara Keppie in the 15-17 Girls; Tony Aylward, Andrew Hurrell, Cam Darrow and Sheila Mackay in the 13-14 Age-group; Jason Ryan and Meredith Rudder in the 11-12 section; Tim Launder, David Gibson and Anne Gibson in the 9 & 10; Andrew Rogers, Michael Reid, Julie Stephens and Apple Gwilliam (7 & 8); and in the youngest age-group (6 & under) Alex Rogers, Angus Black, Jonathan Beesley, Carole Comerford, Sally Gibson, Alexandra Weymouth and Kwang Gwilliam.

British Club teams also swam well in the relays, gaining valuable points and smashing six Club relay records. Seven team records were broken, including three by Carole Comerford.

From the Club's point of view, it was a meeting successfully run and enjoyed by all the swimmers and parents. Gordon Aylward paid tribute especially to the kids, of course, but also to the Club staff and their fine effort in helping the whole affair go smoothly.

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## LADIES GOLF FIXTURES

### 7 September

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### 14 September

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### EDITORS NOTES

All material for the October 1976 edition of the Newsletter  
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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.

Advertising Editor : Geoff Smith

Editor : John Davis



### Bacchanal

The Club is beginning the forthcoming silly season with a roystering Bacchanal to be held on 24 September at 8.00 p.m.

In order that due honour may be given to the ever-popular Bacchus, this will be a Revolry in Fancy Dress and everyone is requested to come suitably toga'd. (Bed linen; curtains??). As befits the occasion there will be quantities of inexpensive wine available and corkage will not be charged on bottles of same. Dining will be truly classical i.e. without the aid of chairs or cutlery and there will also be entertainments and dancing, hopefully, of an appropriately frenzied nature!!

The couple most extravagantly attired will be crowned as Bacchus and Ariadre and will be presented with suitable tribute. There will also be the customary plethora of other prizes.

In order to mount this epic, it is essential that the number of potential revellers be known well in advance. You are therefore requested to affix your name to the scroll in the Manager's office, not later than 14 September. If at that date there are insufficient numbers, the event will have to be cancelled, as was the case with the recently proposed Down-Under Night.

So all these who value enthusiasm over prudence, delay ye not. The token sum of £100 per head will ensure a night of unforgettable carousing!!!



### BEHAVIOUR OF CHILDREN IN THE CLUBHOUSE

The Committee is concerned at the damage that has been caused to decorations and the billiard tables by young children playing in the Club House building since the school holidays began.

Members are reminded that unaccompanied children are only permitted in the Club House to watch the Television which is now in the Cinema Room. Children should use the side entrance and stairway when proceeding to the Cinema Room.

Should further damages be caused the Committee will insist that young children may enter the Club House only when accompanied by an adult.

Members are also reminded of the following By Laws concerning the BILLIARD ROOM:-

- "No children under the age of 16 are permitted in the Billiard Room"
- "Persons between the ages of 16 and 18 years of age are permitted to use the billiards tables only when playing with a member."

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### DOWN UNDER NIGHT

This Social Event has been POSTPONED and will now be held on -

FRIDAY 27 AUGUST
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Are you interested in good food? If the answer is "Yes" then you will want to purchase the Recipe Cards produced by the British Women's Group which are being sold in aid of Thai Charities.

There are 108 recipes in six sections, i.e. Starters, Fish and Fondue, Meat, Puddings and Desserts, Cakes, and Pickles and Preserves, all attractively presented in a box to hang on the wall of your kitchen.

The recipes have largely been collected from British Women's Group members so have been well tried and tested, and there are some old favourites among them, as well as recipes to appeal to the gourmet cook which have been donated by chefs from some of Bangkok's leading hotels.

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