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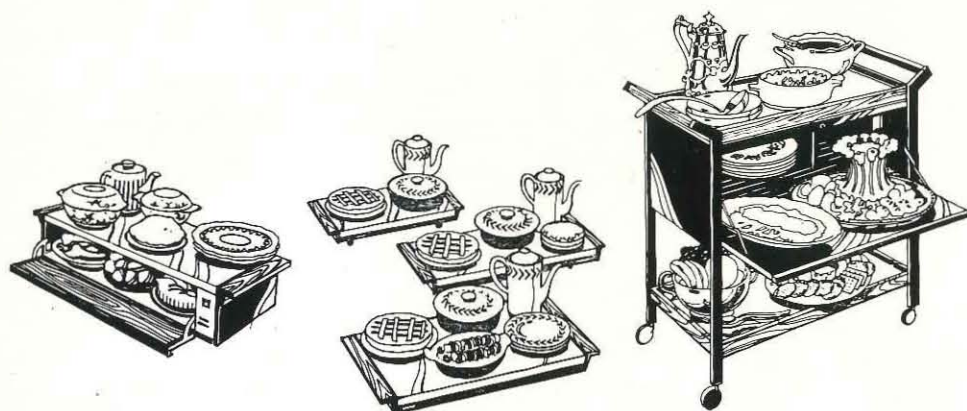
Because, with a little planning, you can get most of the work done in advance—and get yourself looking beautiful, well before your guests arrive.

I can cook vegetables and fish or meat dishes an hour or so beforehand and then put them straight into the heated containers. The Table Hostess keeps them at just the right temperature—it's thermostatically controlled you see. So I just plug it in and forget it.

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NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 1975

### FROM THE EDITOR

On behalf of the club, our deepest sympathies to James and Jane Davidson for the tragic loss of their son in the United Kingdom recently.

On a happier note, welcome back to our Chairman Lt Col Hugh Docherty and also to the Club Manager Mr. Traugott. As it so happens both were on leave at approximately the same time.

Sorry to see the Treasurer Noel Bond departing for Singapore, but he couldn't resist the lure of going further south.

Congratulations to Chris Hall on his election to the General Committee. His presence should be of great help in future plans and events.





For the last few months I have been enjoying an entirely unmerited holiday in Bangkok but, finally and regrettably, I must now depart. I cannot do so without writing to say how much I have enjoyed the time spent at the Club and how thankful I am that I retained my membership. The civility and friendliness of the members has been marked and has contributed greatly to the fun I have had. Not least of this has been when I ventured a complimentary remark about the club to be warned on no account to express much dangerous sentiments in the presence of a member of the Club.

Nonetheless, I want to record my appreciation to both past and present Committees, the Chairman and Manager for the splendid improvements and the fact that the Club is such a manifestly excellent show. This reflects the greatest credit on those involved, particularly over the last couple of years.

I wish you and the Club all the best and look forward to my return, hopefully, in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Dick Cubis

Any letters of this nature are welcomed by the GC.

#### GATSBY NIGHT

The Gatsby Night held on Saturday 23 August was extremely successful. Everyone had a good time, although some may not agree by their looks the following day. The Acting Chairman Mr. Nigel Overy was on hand to welcome guests and name winners in the best dressed competition. Debbie Cutfield and the inimitable Bill Roberts pipped everyone to first prize and delighted us with an exhibition charleston. Rumours have it that Paramount will soon sign them up for their next major picture entitled "The Way We Were" !!! Prize winners in the raffle were 1st Mr. Denzy who won two return tickets to Hong Kong with the compliments of AIR SIAM. The 2nd and 3rd prizes of two very fine looking "drink hampers" went to Messrs Taylor and Montgomery.

Special thanks go to those on the social committee whose time and effort made this function the success it was.

#### CLUB TIES

Brand new club ties are now available. For a total outlay of B/200.-, these are a good buy. Those interested in purchasing one (or two!) should see the club manager. Hurry because the Chairman is most anxious about sales.





#### SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Just a reminder to those eligible for membership to the St. Andrews Society - application forms can be collected from the club manager.

#### REPAIRS TO SQUASH COURT NO. 1

Within the next few days, repairs to squash court No. 1 will commence. The walls and floor undergo a major overhaul, and the contractor needs approximately one month to complete the job. Therefore, all squash playing members should realize that although this will create inconvenience initially, it is obviously in their best interests long term.

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#### KEEP CARS LOCKED

It has come to our attention by one of our members that on 29th August, his car was forced open between 5.30-9.00 pm and his briefcase stolen. The car was parked near the club house. This is a most unfortunate incident, so may we remind members to keep their cars locked at all times. If anything is to be left in the car, conceal it in the boot.

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#### SWIMMING

##### ANNUAL FAMILY GALA RESULTS

Sixty-two children and quite a few adults took part in this annual swimming event at the pool on Sunday 7th September. As in the past the children's event were keenly contested and in most age groups two heats were necessary to cope with the numbers. The Adults Merchants race and the Commonwealth race unfortunately did not draw as many entries as in past years. A team calling themselves The British Olympic Triallers won the Merchants race and the Australian team the Commonwealth race. Two heats were necessary for the family race and this was won by the Commerfords with the Aylwards second and the Gibsons third.

The children compete for the impressive perpetual age group trophies. The winners are listed below. The top point scorer Vivienne Price (24 pts) was presented with the Wyn Lapping Memorial Shield by Alistair Lapping.

#### Results

##### Leonowens Cup

6 & Under Girls  
Carole Comerford - 21 Pts.

##### Litesome Cup

7-8 yrs Girls  
Anne Gibson - 23 Pts.

##### Jim Holt Cup

9-10 yrs Girls  
Vivienne Price - 24 Pts.

##### Mel Taylor Cup

11-12 yrs Girls  
Meredith Rudder - 22 Pts.

##### Heath Lane Cup

13-14 yrs Girls  
Sheila Mackay - 22 Pts.

##### The Hong Kong Bank Cup

15-17 yrs Girls  
Debbie Hurrell - 23 Pts.

##### Tom Barrat Cup

6 & Under Boys  
Patrick Brennan - 22 Pts.

##### Ross Clark Cup

7-8 yrs Boys  
Andres Perry - 23 Pts.

##### Les Acheson Cup

9-10 yrs Boys  
Timothy Launder - 20 Pts.

##### Nestle Cup

11-12 yrs Boys  
Hugh Rudder - 19 Pts.

##### Sandy Rennie Cup

13-14 yrs Boys  
Tony Aylward - 23 Pts.

##### The Chartered Bank Cup

15-17 yrs Boys  
Richard Launder - 12 Pts.



#### SUMMER SERIES HANDICAP IMPROVER'S AWARDS

At a poolside farewell party for the six Brennan swimmers, Col. Launder presented the trophies for the three top scorers in the last series race. 1st Place went to Anne Marie Brennan 46 points, 2nd to Stephen Brennan 75 points and third to Julie Gibson 118 points. The next series handicaps began September 25th. All children in the beginners and learners squads as well as those in the training squad are welcome to enter. The events will be held every fortnight. Members who would like to contribute to the Wyn Lapping Memorial Shield please send their donations to the Swimming Group Secretary, Mr. Alex Power, c/o B.C. Office.

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The October Monthly Gala will be held on Sunday 12th. Strokes - Breast, butterfly, individual medley.

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#### BRIDGE

On the 10th September the monthly Duplicate attracted three tables, who enjoyed a tensely fought 15 board Howell play. At the begining of the last round Daview and Davies had a good lead with 30 points while Watson and Honan, and Deeley and Sally Watson were paired on the wings at 27 each. In the last round Davies and Davies took 1 out of 12, and Watson and Honan picked up 11 fortuitous points, while the ladies had an above average 8 points.

The final placings were:-

Jeremy Watson and Brian Honan	38
Sally Watson and Eileen Deeley	35
Evelyn and Ivor Davies	31

Welcome to the new-comers Mr. and Mrs. Higgins.

Next Duplicate Evening Wed. 8th. October.

#### CLUB EVENTS IN OCTOBER

##### BEER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

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# BRITISH CLUB

## CINEMA, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS SUMMARY - OCTOBER 1975

(Watch the noticeboards for full details)

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	-	Ladies Golf	7:00 am
Wednesdays	-	Bridge	7:30 pm
Thursdays	-	Yoga for beginners (Ladies)	3:00 pm
Saturdays	-	Buffet Lunch	12 noon to 2:30 pm
Sundays	-	Curry Lunch	12 noon to 2:30 pm

### SPORTS/GAMES/EVENTS

#### LADIES GOLF

October 7                      Don Muang                      Stableford                      7am  
 Starter: Anne Quinn (912322)

October 14                      Army                      Two Best Nines                      7am  
 Starter: Maureen Parish (526679)

October 21                      Hua Mark                      Flag.                      7am  
 Starter: Sheila Neville (916000 ext.39)

October 28                      Army                      Medal                      7am  
 Starter: Judy Launder (525416)

October 31 - November 2 - Golf weekend at Hua Hin

The Lady Pritchard Cup will be a 36 hole Stableford competition played on Tuesday Nov; 4th & 11th at the ARMY G.C.

### SPORTS/GAMES/EVENTS (Cont.)

#### MENS GOLF

#### Forthcoming Matches

October	12	Rose Garden	Bogey	7:00 am
	19	Don Muang	Stableford	7:06 am
	26	See notice board for details		
November 1/2	Hua Hin	Better Ball	Stableford Sat.	8:30 am
		Medal	Sun.	7:00 am

#### SQUASH

Wed. 1 - 9th League commences

Fri. 10 - Sun 12 - NZ Forces

#### SWIMMING GALA

Sun 10 - BC Pool - Commences 11:30 am



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### NOVEMBER

31 Oct. - 2 Nov. - Golf Weekend - Hua Hin

Wed 5 - Guy Fawkes and Halloween

Sat 22 - Ploenchitr Fair

#### DECEMBER

Wed 3 - Medieval - Renaissance Christmas Dinner

Wed 10 - Golf. Christmas Hamper (Barbecue)

Fri 12 - Squash Social

Sat 20 - Christmas Ball

22/23 - Children's Parties

Wed 31 - New Year Eve Social

### PLOENCHITR FAIR 1975

The United Kingdom Charities Committee have already started planning the 1975 Ploenchitr Fair which will be held as usual at the British Embassy on Saturday 22 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 31634

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### MEDIEVAL - RENAISSANCE MADRIGAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

The International School Bangkok Madrigal Singers have planned a Christmas Dinner at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on 3 December at 7.00 pm. The Madrigal Christmas Dinner is the first performance of its kind in Bangkok. The concept of the dinner is an Olde English evening with a concert of Madrigal Singers, instrumentalists, dancers, and an oral presentation of Old English literature. All performers will be dressed in Medieval - Renaissance costumes. Keep the date in mind - 3 December.

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## GOLF

### HUA HIN WEEKEND - October 31st/November 1st, 2nd 1975

Some members have had provisional accommodation booked for them at the Railway Hotel, Hua Hin for the nights of the 31st October and 1st November 1975.

This is not a special weekend and no arrangements other than golf have been made. No special meals or festivities are involved, the prize giving will be short and sweet and any frivolity completely impromptu.

2 Golf Matches have been arranged:

1. On Saturday 1st November - Starting at 8.30 a.m.  
better Ball Stableford.  
Entry Fees - One new wrapped acceptable ball per playing member to be contributed at the course.  
Ball Sweep - Bht. 15.00 to be debited to Member's account
2. On Sunday 2nd November - Starting at 7.00 a.m.  
November Medal.  
Entry fees - Bht.25.00 } Both debited  
Ball Sweep - Bht.15.00 } member's  
account.

For both matches players are to pay their own Green Fees at the Course.

Winter Rules will be enforced for the Saturday Match and a decision will be made by the Committee regarding how the Sunday November Medal is to be played following our Saturday experience.

Full handicaps from the current list will apply and an approved handicap will be accepted for playing guest.

Prize Award will be made immediately after each match at the course on both days.

Players must confirm by return and in any case not later than the 28th September their intention to attend, sending a cheque covering the part accommodation cost of Bht.300.00 in favour of "The British Club" to "The Secretary British Club Golf Section" together with completed form inclosed.

On receipt of this confirmation they will receive details of the accommodation booked for them.

Should players find cancellation of their trip subsequently unavoidable the Golf Section will do its best to return this deposit but cannot undertake definitely to do this.

### MATCH RESULTS TO DATE

#### Rose Garden 20th July

Medal Winner	- Medal Competition
R.U.	- D. Wyber
Low Grass	- J. Davidson
1st Nine	- J. Davidson
2nd Nine	- M. Neville
	- T. Bradshaw

#### Don Muang 3rd August

Bill Hay Trophy Winner	- Stableford
R.U.	- P. Ford
Winner Coverall	- I. Long
R.U.	- L. Van de Watt
1st Nine	- I. Patterson
2nd Nine	- N. Bond
	- L. Fowles

#### RAILWAY Course 17th August

Winner Overall	- Bogey
R.U.	- E. Marland
1st Nine	- J. Watson
2nd Nine	- L. Van de Watt
	- M. Waller

#### August 31st Rose Garden

Winners	- Combined Medal
1st Nine	- D. Brunwin/M. Buchnall
2nd Nine	- D. Wyber/P. Huey
	- J. Dickenson/M. Waller

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to those who turned out in some rather doubtful weather. Also appreciation to the scorers, starters and prize buyers without whom we would be in difficulties.



## CRICKET

It may be hard to believe that with all the rain we have had recently the start of the Bangkok cricket season is only a few weeks away. Weather permitting, we expect to have games arranged between November and March, including our usual participation in the cricket league. In previous seasons all matches have been at the RBSC only, but this year there is some hope that the new pitch at AIT at Rangsit may be available for the occasional game. Since last season we have lost several of our better players, including two persons who were responsible for running the cricket section in the last year, Lt Col John Davis and Neville Atherton. They will be hard to replace both for playing and administrative ability.

### CRICKET LEAGUE

In the last two seasons, the British Club has managed to run two teams in the cricket league with reasonable success. However, it proved very difficult on occasions to choose full teams. This year we need to decide whether we can still maintain two league teams. It is sincerely hoped it will be possible since it does give members a better chance of getting a regular game. The league matches are played on Saturday afternoons 1.30 pm - 5.30 pm, 25 overs per side. Each team plays on average once every three weeks.

### OTHER MATCHES

There are also several friendly matches arranged during the season against the RBSC and other teams and some of our members usually find places in the commonwealth matches which are played all day on Sundays. One or two social events too are held during the season culminating in the annual cricket dance at RBSC at the end of the season.

## NET PRACTICE

In order to try to develop a passable team, cricket nets are organised on the area of the Club nearest the Narai Hotel. These have not been a great success and some thought into how they should be organised needs to be given soon. There are two nets available, adequate equipment and the turf is improving every year.

### CHILDREN CRICKET

One of the reasons for introducing cricket to the Club a few years ago was to provide some additional sporting facilities for the children. The best time for arranging coaching is naturally during the months of July/August when so many children are returning from UK for their holidays. This year it was not possible to do much due to the early rains. Perhaps it would be feasible to arrange some coaching and matches against ISB and AIT during the Christmas/New Year period.

### INFORMAL MEETING

All these matters will require some organisation and any keen volunteers will be welcome, whether they have just joined the club or are a seasoned members. We need to form a small cricket sub-committee for the season and to this end, an informal meeting will be held on Monday 6th October at the Poolside Bar at 6 PM. for all interested members. Whether you can attend or not or whether you are interested in playing for the club, but do not have time or inclination for the administrative side, please complete the enclosed questionnaire and drop it into the Club Manager's Office in the next few days. Your help will be very welcome either as a player, or a supporter.



## SQUASH

### 9th LEAGUE

Watch the notice board for details - remember that squash court No. 1 will be under repair during this league.

### BC V's RBSC

Next competition is tentatively scheduled for 8-11 December, starting at 5.30 pm. There will be four divisions consisting of 5 players in each. More details as the time draws nearer.

### DON JOHNSTON CUP

This is scheduled in January 1976. Application forms will be sent out in the December Newsletter.

### VISIT BY NZ FORCES - SINGAPORE

Scheduled for 10-12 October. Watch notice board for details.

## SOCCER

The soccer season will soon commence. Those interested in playing please contact J. Lenaghan at 865411 (office) or 510574 (home).

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### EDITORS NOTES

All material for the November 1975 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 15 October.

Advertisers interested in purchasing the space on the inside covers of the Newsletter are requested to contact the Editors.

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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