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NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 1976

The main Social event for October is the annual Beer Festival which is organised and run by the Football Section in typical Beer Hall fashion. There will be substantial German fare and unlimited draught beer so come along and bring your friends on Friday 29 October.

CLUB NEWS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in October are scheduled for:

Tuesday 5 October at 6:00 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 5 October. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 2 October.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club in September 1976:

A. Botelho	T.C.M. Cross
R.G. Cutfield	M. Davidson
M. Lurie	O. Robinson
S. Storm-Turner (LP)	J.S. Ward

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LONG RANGE PLAN

Preliminary Drawings of proposals being considered by the Committee are now on display in the Reading Room for the information of Members. A book is available for those who wish to make comments.

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MEMBERSHIP

As at 1 September the Membership strength of the Club was:

Ordinary	-	366
Non-Voting	-	8
Up-Country	-	29
Ladies Privileges	-	10
		<u>413</u>
Absent List	-	431
		<u>844</u>
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SALE OF MAGAZINES

Back numbers of "Country Life" are offered for sale in monthly lots for the prices given below.

Bids should be placed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Manager and marked "Country Life Bid" by 15 October.

The magazines will be sold to Members in order of drawing envelopes, if more than one bid is received, on 16 October.

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February 1976	Complete (4)	-	20 Baht
March 1976	Complete (4)	-	20 Baht
April 1976	Complete (5)	-	25 Baht
May 1976	Complete (4)	-	20 Baht
	or The lot	-	90 Baht

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from the Reverend Canon J.R. Taylor, OBE, CF in which he has thanked the Club for the donation of Baht 1,000. This money was a share of the takings of the bar set up by the Club at the Fine Arts Auction on 24 June.

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The Australian Defence Attaché, Colonel J. Lenehan, has written thanking the Club for the hospitality shown to members of the crew of HMAS Parramatta during the ship's visit at the end of July.

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Mr. T.K. Southworth, President of The Bangkok St. Georges Society, has written thanking the Committee for allowing the Society to stage the inter Societies games day at the Club on 7 August.

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STOP PRESS

BAR SNACKS

Soup, beef and ham rolls will be available in the main bar after 9 P.M. each evening from 1 October.

PRESENTATION TO THE CLUB

The Committee wishes to thank Mr. R.W. Wood for the photograph taken at the Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club which he has kindly presented to the Club.

The photograph, taken on 27 February 1909 on the occasion of the final of the Mens Tennis Handicap Doubles, shows HRH The Crown Prince, the Honorary President of the Club, seated with a group of members of the BLTC in front of the pavilion.

It was later in that year that the BLTC became the British Club. In his letter Mr. Wood explains that the photograph was among the papers of his late father, Mr. W.W. Wood, who was a founder member of the Chiangmai Gymkhana Club (the oldest club in Thailand) in 1898 and also of the British Club in 1909. Mr. Wood died in 1966 aged 95 years.

BAR AND SNACKS NEWS

CIGARETTES

As most Members will now be aware the prices of all brands of local cigarettes have been increased. The new prices will become effective in the Club once present stocks have been cleared.

WINE LIST

Now that the old stock has been cleared, it has been necessary to increase the price of Champagne as follows:

Champagne (Moet Chandon) Baht 300.-

MENU

The following items have been added to the new menu

Appetizers

Club Pate Baht 12.-
(Pate Maison has been discontinued
for the time being)

Snacks

Hamburger Steak and Chips Baht 20.-

Childrens Portions

Fish and Chips Baht 16.-
Kowpat Baht 8.-

CONFECTIONERY

The following items are now on sale

Animal Chocolate Bars (2 pieces) Baht 7.-
Cheestiks Baht 3.-
Sugus (in packs of 5) Baht 5.-

SOCIETIES AND OTHER CLUBS NEWS

ST. DAVIDS SOCIETY

A general meeting will be held in the Club Dining Room on 7 October.

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ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY

Scottish Country Dancing practice for the festive season will be held at the Club on Mondays 1, 8, 15 and 22 November.

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ROYAL VARUNA YACHT CLUB

The Club's AGM will be held in the Dining Room at 7 P.M. on Wednesday 20 October.

The Club's annual Buffet/Dance will be held at the Club on Thursday 2 December.

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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.

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CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

BEER FESTIVAL

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Saturday 29 October 1976

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FIREWORKS & PUB NIGHT

Friday 5 November

EVENTS - OCTOBER 1976

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Fri. 8 - Ock Phansa
Sat. 23 - Chulalongkorn Day
Mon. 25 - Commercial Holiday

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SECTION ACTIVITIES

Sun 3 - Swimming Gala
Wed 6 - Bridge
Sun 10 - Squash Round Robin
Golf. Don Muang
Wed 13 - Bridge
Wed 20 - Bridge
Fri 22 - Swimming Section AGM and Party
23/24 - Golf. Khao Yai weekend

NEXT MONTHS EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Scottish Country Dancing

Mondays 1, 8, 15 and 22 November at the Club.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

5 - Fireworks and Pub Night

6 - Loi Krathong Day

20 - PLOENCHITR FAIR

20/21 - Elephant Round-up (Surin)

DECEMBER

3 - Squash Section Buffet/Dance

17 - CHRISTMAS BALL

22/23 - Childrens Parties

24 - Christmas Eve Lunch

31 - New Years Eve Social/Breakfast

SQUASH SECTION

12th SQUASH LEAGUE

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up in the 12th Squash League and many thanks to the combined efforts of all players in making this league so successful. Prizes were presented on behalf of the Chairman of the British Club, by Reg Beesley at the Squash Social held on 17 September at the Club.

The Sub-Committee on behalf of all members extends its appreciation to National Outdoor Sites for their generous sponsorship of 2nd Prize.

Winners and Runners-up:

Div. 1. Len Alexander
John Weymouth

Div. 2. Paul Frankland
Andrew Sobenko
Howard Taylor

Div. 3. Robin Polglase
Tim Hannah

Div. 4. David Workman
Manfred Von Nostitz

Div. 5. Duncan Pescod
Ray Chappell

Div. 6. Mark Jefferies
Ivor Watts

Div. 6. Ross Bentley
David Cobbett

Div. 8. Norm Stanley
John Julius

Div. 9. Runnalls Davis
Pan Wilson

Div. 10. Peter Hargreaves
Tipaporn Gwilliam

Div. 11. Andrew Hurrell
D. Hawkins

The lucky three to win the set prizes were:

- a. Colin Hadley - Return ticket Hong Kong
- b. Brian Heath - One Dunlop Squash Racquet
- c. Robin Polglase - One box of squash balls.

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COMPETITION

Congratulations to the team of Kevin Crump, Len Alexander, Reg Beesley, Nick Coulson and John Weymouth in returning the Dawee Cup at 4-1 for the second year running. The score now stands at 3-3, so 1977 should offer an interesting meet in spite of all that 'beastly' publicity.

The August Round Robin saw the demise of some top players early in the competition. David Mason back from fields afar retained the edge on young Pescod in the final. Well done both players.

The quarterly meet with the RBSC teams at the British Club produced good squash at all levels. On matches played the group won.

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13 SQUASH LEAGUE

The dates are 19 October to 30 November. Entry forms are enclosed and are available from the Club Manager's Office. The closing date for entries is 14 October 1976 - enter now and save that last minute dash. The 13th Squash League social will be combined with the Squash X-mas buffet/dance and is scheduled for 3 December 1976. All members and friends are cordially invited.

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FAMILY DAY

Congratulations to our swimming team of old man Weymouth, Duncan Pescod, Mark Jeffries and A.N. Other in winning the Section Swimming Relay (Chairman's Trophy) at the Family Gala. "Where there's Youth there's Hope".

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SUMMARY OF DATES

- 10 October - Round Robin
- 14 October - Closing date for entries 13th Squash League
- 30 November - 13th Squash League ends
- 3 December - Squash Social/X-mas Party.

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SWIMMING SECTION

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Sunday 3 October -- The October Monthly Gala will be held, followed by the monthly meeting of the Swimming Committee. This will be the last meeting of the current committee, and we hope to tidy up as much business as possible before the Annual General Meeting, at which a new committee will be elected. The A.G.M. will be held on the evening of Friday, 22 October at a time to be announced. On the same evening, a barbecue and dance is planned, as well as presentation of awards for the current Handicap Series, which finishes on Tuesday, 19 October. Watch the notice board for the times of these events.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The outgoing Committee urges as many parents as possible to attend the A.G.M., as there is to be a big exodus of Committee members who have been the backbone of the Swimming Section for many a long month, including Ian Launder, Gordon Aylward and Alec Power. Important decisions have to be taken by the new Committee on the future shape of the Swimming Group's activities, and especially the coaching of the children now that Gordon Aylward has decided to retire from the job after 3½ years' stalwart service.

So if your children swim, or may join the Group in the future, or if you are in any way interested in the Club's Swimming activities, please come along to the A.G.M.

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FAMILY GALA

The Annual Family Gala, held on Sunday 5 September, turned out to be a great success, despite true-to-form rainy season weekend weather.

Despite rumours that it was won by the pint-and-arrow wielders, the Squash Section won the Chairman's Cup, with the Swimming Group coming a poor third to the Rugby Section. New Zealand won the Commonwealth race, and yet again the Comerfords proved to be the fastest-swimming family.

The Wyn Lapping Trophy, awarded to the winners of the highest number of points in the family gala races, went to Sheila Mackay and Ann Gibson. Trophy winners in the age groups were:

6 years and under

Girls

Leonowens Cup

1. Sally Gibson
2. Alexandra Weymouth
3. Kwang Gwilliam

Boys

Tom Barratt Cup

1. Adam Donald
2. Alexander Rogers
3. Angus Black

7-8 years

Litesome Cup

1. Apple Gwilliam
2. Carole Comerford
3. Julie Stephens

Ross Clark Cup

1. Andrew Rogers
2. Benjamin Ryan
3. Mark Comerford
Sean Gundlach

(Continued)

9-10 years

Jim Holt Cup

1. Ann Gibson
2. Caitlin Ryan
3. Michelle Deeny

Les Acheson Cup

1. Timothy Launder
2. David Gibson
3. Warren Hignett

11-12 years

Mel Taylor Cup

1. Meredith Rudder
2. Elaine Jameison
3. Nicola Hignett

Nestle Cup

1. Hugh Rudder
2. Jason Ryan
3. { Chris Aylward
Mac Darrow

13-14 years

Heath Lane Cup

1. Sheila Mackay
2. Sarah Beesley

Sandy Rennie Cup

1. Andrew Hurrell
2. Cameron Darrow

15-17 years

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