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NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 1975

Don Wyber - one of our long standing committee members will soon be leaving for Singapore. During the two years Don has worked on the committee, he has been responsible for many entertaining social functions at the club. Additionally, he put in a lot of work on the newsletters. Many thanks Don and best of luck for the future.

Replacing Noel Bond as Honorary Treasurer is John Mumby who takes over these duties immediately. Welcome aboard John.

CLUB NEWS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on the following dates in November.

Tuesday 11 November at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday 25 November at 5:45 PM.

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NEW MEMBERS NIGHT - NOVEMBER, 1975

The New Members Night in November will be held on Tuesday 25. The members of the General Committee will be in the Dining Room from 5:15 to 5:45 PM.

Closing date for applications - 11 November.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined the Club in October.

C.T. McKee

J.J. Higgins

C.M.M. Barnes

D.T. Eldred

T.A. Burnham

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MEMBERSHIP

As at 30 September 1975 the membership of the Club was

Ordinary members	355
Non Voting members	12
Ladies Privileges	29
Up-Country members	14
Absent members (Temporary)	100
	510

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BEER FESTIVAL

The Beer Festival on Friday 10 October proved extremely successful, with over 150 people attending. The last guest did not leave until 4 AM, which gives some indication of how enjoyable this night was. In true Beer Festival fashion many gallons of "brown ale" were consumed. It would have been interesting to find out the following day how many queued up for AA, that is, providing they could stand! Prizes won were as follows:

- 1st - National Cassette Recorder;
- 2nd - Drink Hamper;
- 3rd - Toiletries Hamper;
- 4th - Free massage at Takara

(The 4th prize winner wishes to remain anonymous - for that reason we have mentioned no prize winners names at all).

DANCE PRACTICES

The St. Andrews Ball is coming up soon, and all those attending would be well advised to get fit and learn some of the dances (with the exception of the Scots themselves!). Scottish Country Dance practices will take place on the following Mondays: November 10, 17, 24, at the British Club from 7:30 PM prompt onwards. Scottish Country Dancing is meant to be fun. Enjoyment of it to the full does not require exhaustive knowledge of correct footwork, but attendance at the three practices generally ensures that your own enjoyment at the Celebration is greater, and that you do not detract from the enjoyment of others! So take this opportunity of learning some of the steps - you will find that the practices are great fun anyway, and what's more, you will probably get a little fitter in the process.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM in the dining room there is social Bridge. Beginners are encouraged to come and play in a friendly atmosphere. Anyone without a partner, please ring 528720 and we shall do our best to 'fix' you up. The second Wednesday of every month is Duplicate evening. Come along and practice your play in a competitive situation. The last Duplicate evening was held on 8 October and the winners were Sally Watson and Eileen Deeley. Recent winners in the regular Slam Pool were David and Heather Bruce. Congratulations. Next Duplicate Bridge evening will be held on the 12 November.

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PLOENCHITR FAIR 1975

The United Kingdom Charities Committee hold the Fair at THE BRITISH EMBASSY on Saturday 22 November.

This is an excellent day and its for a very worthwhile cause. So please make every effort to come along and enjoy the fun.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR MONEY WITH YOU!

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U.K.C.C. PARTY

The function was held on Friday 3 October graced by the presence of Ambassador and Lady Cole. Over 170 tickets were sold, netting £8,000.- for Charity. The Ambassador expressed his thanks to the Club in helping raise funds for this very worthwhile cause.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Wreaths will be laid at the Embassy War Memorial by His Excellency HM Ambassador and by other Heads of Missions on Sunday 9 November commencing at 9:30 AM. Following the Embassy Ceremony will also be a Remembrance Day Ceremony at Christ Church commencing at 10:15 AM. Anyone wishing to attend these services are welcome to do so.

GOLF

MATCH RESULTS

Because of some confusion in the bookings the Match scheduled for 14 SEPTEMBER was cancelled and a Saturday afternoon match substituted and played the day earlier. The winners of this Better Ball Stableford competition were:-

Winners - D. Wyber and P. Huey (40)
Runners Up - T. Moore and Ray Watson (38)
1st Nine - Mr. & Mrs. Taylor (21)
2nd Nine - D. Crawford and A. Forbes (20)

Despite torrential rain in Bangkok during the previous week the conditions on the course were surprisingly good.

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FILM

On Thursday 2 October the Caltex Film "THE MASTERS 1975" was shown to an audience of about 25. Those golfing members who missed this show should look out for it in the future. It was one of the most exciting tournament finishes of all time.

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CLUB EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

GUY FAWKES & HALOWEEN

WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

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Commencing : 5:00PM. - Dooking for apples

5:30PM. - Children change into costumes.

6:00PM. - Judging and prizes for best dressed witch/warlock boys and girls under 7 years, and later under 12 years.

6:30PM. - Judging and prizes for best looking pumpkin/melon.

6:45PM. - Fireworks display

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Food/drinks available from 5:00PM. onwards HOT DOGS, FISH & CHIPS etc.

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Nominal charge B/10.- per person (for fireworks display)

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EVERYONE WELCOME!

BRITISH CLUB

CINEMA, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 1975

(Watch the noticeboards for full details)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	- Ladies Golf	7:15 AM.
Wednesdays	- Bridge	7:30 PM.
Thursdays	- Yoga for beginners (Ladies)	3:00 PM.
Saturdays	- Buffet Lunch	12 noon to 2:30 PM.
Sundays	- Mens Golf (see opposite for times)	
Sundays	- Curry Lunch	12 noon to 2:30 PM.

SPORTS/GAMES/EVENTS

LADIES GOLF

Forthcoming Matches

Tue. 4 - Army - Lady Pritchard Cup, Stableford - 7:15 AM.
Starter: Sheila Neville (916000 x 39)

Tue. 11 - Army - Lady Pritchard Cup, Stableford - "
Starter: Christine Howell (928662)

Tue. 18 - Army - Captain's Prize & Lunch - Medal "
Starter: Anne Quinn (912322)

Tue. 25 - Army - Round up / Medal & "
Starter: Judy Launder (525416) The Annual General Meeting

SPORTS/GAMES/EVENTS (Cont.)

MENS GOLF

Forthcoming Matches

<u>Sat. 1</u>	- Better Ball Stableford	- Hua Hin	8:30 AM.
<u>Sun. 2</u>	- Medal	- Hua Hin	7:00 AM.
<u>Sun. 9</u>	- Better Ball Stroke	- Don Muang	8:00 AM.
<u>Sun. 23</u>	- Bogey	- Rose Garden	7:00 AM.

SQUASH

Sat. 1 - Onwards - 9th League

CRICKET

Tues. 4 - Onwards - Net practice - 5 PM.

SWIMMING

Sun. 2 - Monthly Gala - 11:30 AM.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- Wed 3 - Medieval - Renaissance Christmas Dinner (RBSC)
Wed 10 - Golf. Christmas Hamper (Barbecue)
Fri 12 - Squash Social
Sat 20 - Christmas Ball
22/23 - Children's Parties
Wed 31 - New Years Eve Social

GOLF (Cont.)

MEDAL

The September Medal was held at the Sarika Country Club on 28 September. Only 15 members made this trip which must be one of the prettiest runs in the area. The course was in good condition but play was delayed by intermittent rain. The Medal winner was Ray Watson with a gross 75 off a 9 handicap. A very good effort, Ray!

Runner Up was Ian Long (23) with a gross 82

First Nine - Ian McLean (8) with 36.

Second Nine - John Dickinson (11) with 36½

With the exception of the winner and Noel Bond, all the others playing had scores in the 90 range and above! A very strange contrast.

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SWIMMING

The swimming section entered 36 swimmers in the RBSC meet on 18 and 19 October. Results will appear in the ~~November~~ ^{DECEMBER} newsletter. It was pleasing to see an increase in the entries of the younger children. This is also a feature of the present Improvers Handicap Series that is underway at present. Jason Ryan is leading after the first round with Meredith Rudder and Ian Gibson 2 points behind in 2nd place. The 3rd round of the Series Handicaps will be swum on Thursday 30 October. The next monthly gala on Sunday 2 November will be diving, freestyle and backstroke. Parents please note the section has decided on RED swimming costumes for the club swimmers (any brand).

CRICKET

The cricket season will soon commence. Net practice starts Tuesday 4 November from 5PM onwards at the cricket nets in the club area nearest the Narai Hotel. Obviously, if the cricket season is to be successful, those interested should take the opportunity of getting in as much practice as possible. With two nets available, adequate equipment and good turf, the British Club should be able to produce a good team (two if enough people enter). Attached are entry forms for those interested in playing cricket for the club. If you have already sent the form in from last month, there is no need to complete this one.

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SQUASH

We are sorry to see Ivor Davies departing Bangkok after so many years at the club. Ivor has been a very active member of the Squash Sub-Committee and has contributed greatly to the smooth running of this section. He has also been an active squash player and participated in nearly all the squash leagues and various other competitions. On Tuesday 14 October, the squash section presented Ivor with a tankard (which he guarantees will be well used) and wished him every success in the future.

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9TH LEAGUE

Now that the 9th league is well underway, all those participating please play their games as soon as possible. The No. 1 squash court is still a few days away from completion, so make sure most of your games are booked well in advance to complete the series.

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SQUASH

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

It may give heart to non squash players to know that one is never "too old" to play squash. On a recent visit to Thailand, a group of squash veterans whose average age was 56 years, put up a remarkable performance in conditions unsuited to their game. The oldest veteran, Dr. Mick Powell at 71, made some of the locals feel "old" in comparison. 12 matches were played on the BC courts on Sunday 21 September. Although the BC won most of the matches, the standard set by the veterans and the good fellowship that came out of it, made "A" grade points all round.

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Ms Mary H. Becker, Publicity, 525848

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EDITORS NOTES

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

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