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NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 1976

We hope the rains and the curfews will soon be over so that everyone can enjoy the sporting and social events which are rapidly filling the end-of-year calendar.

The football and cricket seasons are about to begin. At the Club a series of Scottish Dancing practices will be held (page 11) and Guy Fawkes will be remembered in usual fashion on 5 November (page 9).

Some Members may wish to be reminded that there are only 47 shopping days to Christmas and the deadline dates for seamail to most homelands are upon us. Details of Children's Christmas parties are given on page 19.

CLUB NEWS

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report gives a complete roll of Members with their registered postal address, home and office telephone numbers. The report for 1976 will be published and distributed to all Members in the new year. Any member who does not wish to have his address and or telephone numbers published should advise the Manager.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Ambassador has invited Members of the Club to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at the British Embassy War memorial on Sunday 14 November which will begin at 9:30 A.M.

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BY-LAWS

A copy of the new edition of the By-Laws was sent to all members at the end of September. The attention of members is drawn in particular to the following new Sections:-

- 7 - Members Addresses
- 8 - Members Accounts
- 19(b) - Squash and Tennis Courts (Dress)

Members are reminded that the wearing of bathing costumes is not permitted in the Club House and that children under the age of 14 years are not allowed in the Club House unless they are accompanied by an adult or they are attending an event authorised by the Committee and arranged especially for children.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in November are scheduled for:

Tuesday 2 November at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday 16 November 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 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday 2 November. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 30 October.

The meeting on the evening of 2 November will take a new form. The wives of applicants and sponsors are invited to come to the Club on that evening and join and informal gathering in the Dining Room from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club in October 1976:

J.V.T. Bennett	M.J. Hill
G.P. Lomax	D.G. Lean
L.R. Perryman	R.J. Souter
S.L. Spratt	J.H. Urwin

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VISITING MEMBERS

The Committee has offered membership to the following individuals under the terms of the rules governing Visiting Members:

- Members of transitting aircrews of British Airways, QANTAS, Cathay Pacific and Tradewinds.
- Students on volunteer assignments in Thailand sponsored by the British Council and the Canadian University Service Overseas.
- Businessmen visiting Bangkok for short periods.

All of the individuals concerned must be qualified for membership and either are registered by name at the Office or sign in on arrival in the record books. Students and businessmen are issued with a visiting members cards; aircrew members use their international aircrew identification.

"LOUIS AND THE KING OF SIAM"

by W.S. Bristowe

Copies of this new book can be ordered from Hudson Enterprises, P.O. Box 1146, CHIANG MAI. Air speed copies at Baht 200 per copy were due to arrive on 21 October. Seamail copies expected in December/January can be reserved: the price has yet to be announced.

BAR AND SNACKS

CIGARETTES

The new prices of local cigarettes are as follows:-

SAMIT 14	Baht 8
KRONG THIP	8
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GOLD CITY	7
SAMIT	6
ROYAL STANDARD	5

The price of LIVARDE Cigars has been increased to 5 Baht per piece.

CATERING

Did you know that the Club

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- can cater for private lunches, buffet parties, barbecues, cocktail parties and dinners at the Club.
- can cater for childrens parties at the Club.
- can provide food for Members to take-away.
(this includes non-menu items too)

The Club can provide all of the above service at very competitive rates. If you have a party catering problem speak to the Manager - the Club can help.

FOOTBALL SECTION

Any Member interested in playing for the Club team in the Farang League in the forthcoming season should contact John Lenaghan (Office: 233-8040 Home: 251-0574)

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TENNIS SECTION

The Tennis Section AGM will be held at the Club on Wednesday 1 December at 7:30 P.M.

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CRICKET SECTION

Cricket begins towards the end of the year (the organisers and the season being very flexible) and carries through to March. Those members who have joined the Club since the end of last season and who wish to play are advised to contact John Dickerson (Tel: 286-0190 Ext. 148).

The following articles on cricket are of interest. The first will be of great value to anyone who is called upon to explain the game to the punters who pack the RBSC stands on Saturday afternoons to watch cricket between the races. The second will be of interest, and possibly come as a surprise, to those who know a bit more about the game.

CRICKET - A DEFINITION

"You have two sides, one out in the field, one in out of the field. Each man on the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When

they are all out, the side that's been out in the field comes in and the side that's been in out of the field goes out and tries to get out those coming in. If the side that's in declares, you get men still in not out. Then when both sides have been in and out, including not outs, twice, that's the end of the game. As you can see, it is all very simple." (Sir John Stow).

CELTIC ORIGINS

"At the dawn of history the Celts of the far west loved games and their national sport was to fling a sacred petrified walnut from mountain top to mountain top. In time this game became ritualised and the sacred walnut was symbolised by the rise and fall of the sun (The Great Ball in the sky, Crae-Khet). In the course of time two druidical priests called Owen-Owen and Dai Pwyll decided that their lumpy terrain was unsuitable for The Game so they set out towards the east in search of flatter ground. On the morning of the summer solstice The Great Ball rose from behind a pointed rock and revealed to them the perfect pitch (in the vicinity of Amesbury). The priests were overjoyed and immediately raised three large stones in honour of the event. Today a special ceremony is performed there each 21st June, and it is known as Owen-Dai Crae-Khet." (Punch 1976).

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CLUB EVENTS

FIREWORKS NIGHT AND PUB NIGHT

Friday 5 November

- 0 -

A full evening of entertainment for the family

- 0 -

5:30-6:30 PM - Happy Hour (Main Bar)

6 PM - Cartoon film show for Children (Cinema)

6:45 PM - Fireworks Display (Back Lawn)

7:30 PM onwards - PUB NIGHT (Main Bar)

- 0 -

A hot dog stand will be open from 5:30 PM

- 0 -

A charge of Baht 10.- per head will be made for the fireworks display.

REMINDER

CHRISTMAS BALL

FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER

Full details will be issued shortly

EVENTS - NOVEMBER 1976

THAI CELEBRATIONS, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

AND OTHER EVENTS

- Sat. 6 - Loi Krathong - Lamp Floating
Sat. 20 - PLOENCHITR FAIR (British Embassy grounds)
20/21 - Elephant Round-Up (Surin)
Thu. 25 - King Rama VI Memorial Day

BALLET CLASSES

These classes will recommence on 3 November

- Wednesdays - Jazz Ballet
Fridays - Classical Ballet

SECTION ACTIVITIES

- Wed. 3 - Bridge 7:30 PM.
Sun. 7 - Golf (Rose Garden) 8:18 AM.
- Swimming Gala 11:30 AM.
Wed. 10 - Bridge 7:30 PM.
Wed. 17 - Bridge 7:30 PM.
Sun. 21 - Golf (Railway) 8 AM.
Wed. 24 - Bridge 7:30 PM.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

The Saint Andrew's Society will be organising dancing practices at the Club on 1, 8, 15 and 22 November. All Members of the Club are welcome to take part in the dancing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

- 2 R Varuna YC Buffet Dance
3 Squash Section Buffet Dance
5 HM The King's Birthday
8 Golf. Krungthep
10 Constitution Day
17 Christmas Ball
19 Golf. Rose Garden (Christmas Hamper)
22 Children's Party (2-6 years)
23 Children's Party (7-11 years)
24 Christmas Eve Lunch
31 New Year's Eve Social/Breakfast.

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SQUASH SECTION

Over 100 players have entered for the 13th league which is now under way. The Committee believe this is one of, if not the biggest leagues to have been formed. Competition is expected to be keen as several old hands and no less than twenty new players have entered the lists.

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LADIES GOLF SECTION

November Events

- 2nd November - Best Nines Army Course 7:15 A.M.
Starter: Sheila Neville 391-6000
Scorer: Judy Launder
- 9th November - Three Throw Away Army Course 7:15 A.M.
Starter: Terry Lenaghan 251-0574
Scorer: Sheila Neville
- 16th November - CAPTAIN'S PRIZE NAVATANEE 7:15 A.M.
Starter: Anne Quinn 391-2322
Scorer: Bobbie Lawson
- 23rd November - ANNUAL ROUND-UP & A.G.M. Army Course 7:15 A.M.
Starter: Bobbie Lawson 234-8355
Scorer: Sheila Neville
- 30th November - Medal Army Course 7:15 A.M.

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GOLF SECTION

September in Thailand has traditionally been club championship month for the golf section, which has often meant that good players are on leave; this year such a fate befell Bob Reid. The original booking for Bang Phra had to be amended to Don Muang on the 12th as the club was doubled up with a Putra Cup selection trial round and the committee had no doubts about who would have come off worst. Scores on the 12th were high, with John Burrows providing a notable exception to card, an 87, which was the shared lead with Peter Adcock at the end of the day. Lying close behind were John Lenehan and James Davidson on 90, while John Gibson - 92, John Dickerson and Derek Pott - 93, and Ivan Garfoot and Hugh Jameison - 94 were also in contention. What distinguished Burrows' round was that he was right on handicap and took the monthly medal trophy with a net 72. Garfoot was second and Adcock & John Bennett took front & back nine prizes.

Come the 26th for the second & final round and tension had built up. Adcock had thought it imperative to go to Malaysia for reasons of work but had earned a reprieve and so departed to the Rose Garden on Saturday with Garfoot to practice, have an early night, wake up early refreshed, have a leisurely breakfast, etc. etc. As Frank Calvert guessed, however, the "wake up" call was an hour late and they arrived unbreakfasted and late at the course, unclear where the first tee was located. Burrows had loaded up on Saturday with Thai curry and proceeded to unload same on Sunday at intervals too frequent for comfort; Dickerson was delayed by a 747 and did not arrive at all; Davidson played squash for 4 hours on Saturday to "help" his hook and Lenehan had prepared so well that his first sliced drive missed a beckoning klong by a few inches. There's a lesson for Johnny Miller there somewhere.

The match soon developed into a two horse race - the runners being Davidson & Adcock, with Davidson's putter only in use 28 times in the round. Eventually, however, Adcock's three

stroke lead and his strong play through the green on a full set of graphite shafted clubs saw him hold out with a one-stroke victory over the two rounds, shooting a 77 to Davidson's 75 on the day.

Adcock thus emulated Noel Bond in winning the McMahon Cup twice, his previous success 6 years (and 10 kilos) ago in 1970.

The medal for the day was decided on a count back between Davidson & David Sprot - both with 65. Alistair Lapping and Adcock took front & back nine awards and Davidson the low gross.

Bookings are now firming up for the Annual Pilgrimage to Khao Yai where our members traditionally sacrifice about 6 dozen golf balls to the local Lares et penates. A severe disagreement between Eric Howell and Leon van der Watt about how many baboon varieties can be found at Khao Yai will be settled this year. No prizes for identifying the funky gibbon.

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WANTED - PIANO PLAYER

The Entertainment Committee wishes to enlist the services of a pianist to play on Pub Nights and other social occasions. Any Member who is interested is requested to contact John Gandy, Rodney Willmott-Pilgrim, Brian Heath or the Manager.

DARTS SECTION

This is your ex-captain speaking.....

The leadership crisis was finally resolved by the appointment of a new darts sub-committee and the naming of a new captain and vice-captain (the Lilywhites not yet being ready for democracy). Ray Roberts is your new Captain and the Nai himself has been appointed vice-captain by Brian Heath.

Your new captain will no doubt be known as Nai 4, plus a few other names if he gets whitewashed again. Nai 3 wishes Ray the best of luck in the unenviable task of channelling the enthusiasm of the Lilywhites in the right direction, i.e. getting them to turn up, on the right night at the right place and to stick the darts in the board.

During the last month the Lilywhites again showed their resourcefulness and managed to get a team out at less than 24 hours notice for the end of league dinner at the Sports Club. We once again won through to the finals, together with B.T. Audio, matching them glass for glass until the free barrel of Amarit was exhausted. This was the last occasion Paul and Sue Frankland (Mr. & Mrs. Nai 3) were able to turn out for the Lilywhites and Paul characteristically put in a sterling performance. We wish them both a pleasant leave and hope they will both be able to point a dart at the pig-bristle with the Lilywhites again before too long.

At the dinner, gongs were distributed to the winners, or spawney gits, and details of the next league were announced, the main change being that teams have now been reduced to six players.

Our first match should have been on 14th October, but the anticipated inability of the Lilywhites to get a double before curfew time resulted in postponement of the match.

Until the curfew is over the Lilywhites will continue their regular Saturday and Sunday late afternoon/early evening practice sessions. This month Nai 3 will be giving demonstrations and coaching tips on how to hit the "B.C. triple top"*. Constructive barracking classes will continue under Nai 1.

The Newsletter deadline precludes a report on the first darts round robin however, a full report will be made in the next Newsletter by a guest reporter as your regular dartscribe will be making a goodwill visit to his in-laws.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Details of the Children's Christmas Parties are as follows:-

- Wednesday 22 December

- for those aged from 2 to 6 years.
- from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M.
which will include
- games, tea-party, film show and present giving.

- Thursday 23 December

- for those aged from 7 to 11 years.
- from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.
which will include
- games, a barbecue, film show and present giving.

Father Christmas has agreed to appear on both days.

The price for each child will be Baht 80.- This price includes the cost of a present.

To assist the organisers it would be appreciated if Members could inform the office by 15 November of children attending. Pro-
visional bookings on behalf of families which are on leave and may not return before the closing date can also be accepted.

No booking can be accepted after 5 December.

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