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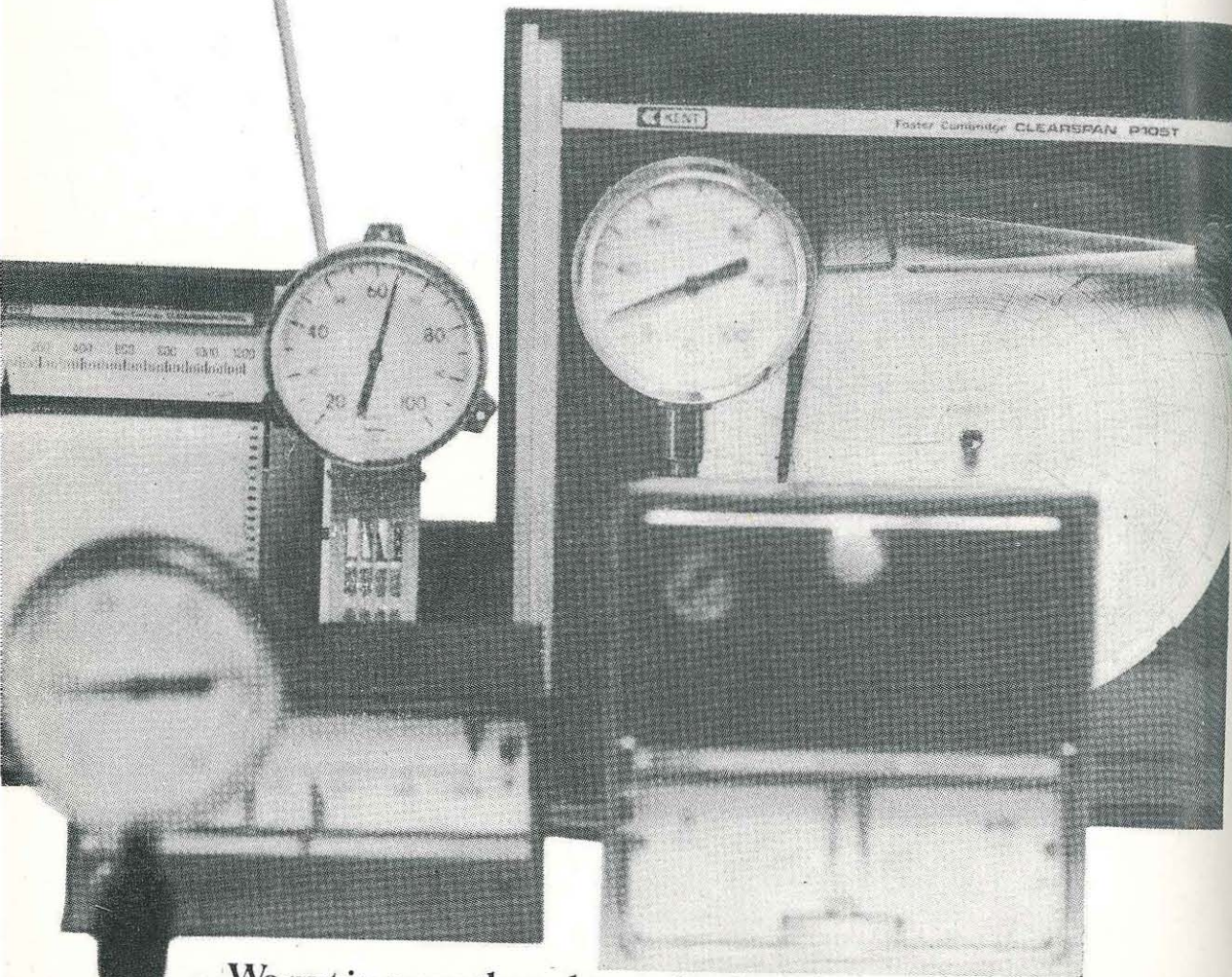
The British Club News

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NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 1978

Surprisingly the Club was free of flood water in October despite the high water levels of the Chao Phya river. We can only assume that the Government funds allotted to flood prevention have been well spent. More exceptionally high tides are forecast for early November and if we escape the rising waters again we might well be able to offer, at a very reasonable as-is price, one front porch ramp.

After a flood of irate queries as to the whereabouts of the Daily Telegraph we should explain, as that publication has done on the front page of the 20 October issue, that the eighteen day gap was due to yet another of the unfortunate disputes that are becoming so frequent in UK at this time.

CLUB NEWS

FINANCE

Members will remember that at the AGM held in February 1978 the Committee was authorised to negotiate loans to the value of Baht 2 million in addition to overdraft facilities in order to finance the initial stages of the Long Range Plan. Arrangements for a loan has been made with the Chartered Bank and an initial draw down of Baht 500,000 has been made. Members will appreciate that while the credit account system is of great benefit to them the Committee must insist in strict administration of the clearance rules in order to keep a close control of the Club's financial position. The Committee would therefore appreciate the co-operation of all members in clearing their accounts by the due date. Please remember to let the office know if you are going away so that routine reminders are not sent unnecessarily - and, of course, do not forget that we do not object to accounts being paid at any time in advance or even being left in credit!

AFFILIATIONS

The affiliation with the Hong Kong Cricket Club has been confirmed with effect from 1 November. Details of the terms of this affiliation have been circulated separately.

ENTRANCE TO THE CLUB

We understand from the Narai Hotel that they have party bookings on most nights in November. Members are therefore advised to use the Suriwongse Gate in the evenings especially between 5 and 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE

The following member and ex-committee member was coopted to the General Committee from 19 September 1978:

Mr. J.P.D. GANDY

LADIES SUB-COMMITTEE

The following have been elected to the Ladies Sub-Committee

<u>Chair Lady:</u>	Mrs. M. Watson
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mrs. P. Miall
<u>Members:</u>	Mrs. B. Devlin
	Mrs. V. Hill
	Mrs. M. Hyde
	Mrs. S. Spratt (coopted)

FIREWORKS - DISPLAY - 4 NOVEMBER

WARNING

Parents are requested to advise their children:

- not to go on the Front Lawn during Saturday afternoon while preparations are being made.
- not to pick up or tamper with firework cartons after the display.

NEW MEMBERS

The following were elected to membership of the Club in October 1978.

Ordinary

Mr. B.R. Black	Italian Thai
Mr. B.R. Duncan	New Zealand Embassy
Mr. E.R. Foster	Canadian Embassy
Mr. G.D. Harrison	Colgate Palmolive
Mr. D.T. Humphreys	Hongkong Shanghai Bank

Non-Voting

Mr. W. Dawson	TV Rental
Mr. D.G. Wallace	Louis Berger

Ladies Privileges

Miss M. Ashraf	UNICEF
Miss K.P. Murphy	ESCAP

Associate

Mr. H.F.M. Daniels	Borneo Company
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NEW MEMBERS NIGHTS

New Members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Reading Room at 5.30 p.m. on the following days:

Tuesday 14 November (Closing date 11 November)

Tuesday 12 December (Closing date 9 December)

Candidates and sponsors are invited to bring their wives to the New Members Night which will take the form of an informal drinks gathering. Dress: Tie (but no jacket) or Safari Suit.

CATERING

EVENING SPECIALS

The Restaurant Special Dinners planned for November are:

Wed 1	- Restaurant closed
Wed 8	- Pork Cordon Bleu
Wed 15	- Coq au Vin
Wed 22	- Tournedos en Croute
Wed 29	- Canarde a l'Orange

RESTAURANT CLOSURE

On the evenings that the Restaurant is closed a dinner special will be available in the Bar.

POOLSIDE BUFFET

As the Poolside Sunday Buffet appears to be popular it will be continued in November but with Curry on alternate weekends.

WINE SPECIALS

The wine specials for November are:

Cotes du Rhone	115.-
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Mateus Rose	110.-

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FIREWORKS AND FAMILY NIGHT

The annual Guy Fawkes firework night will be held at the Club on Saturday 4 November. The full programme of events planned for that night is:

HAPPY HOUR	Main Bar	5.30 to 7.30 p.m.
CARTOON FILM SHOW (for children of all ages)	Cinema	6 p.m.
FIREWORKS	Front Lawn	7 p.m.
BURNING THE GUY	Back Lawn	7.30 p.m.
PUB NIGHT	Main Bar	7.30 p.m. onwards
POOLSIDE MUSIC AND SUPPER	Poolside	7.30 p.m. onwards
DINNER SPECIAL	Restaurant	7.30 p.m. onwards

CATERING

A snacks tent will be open near the Front Lawn from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

After the fireworks a Fish and Chips supper will be available at the poolside. The fish will be deep fried in batter and served with chips in newspaper (all English-style!)

Fish and Chips plus other special snacks will be available in the Bar during the Pub Night from 7.30 p.m.

FIREWORKS

Packets of SPARKLERS will be on sale at the snacks tent during the evening.

ENTRANCE/CAR PARKING

Members are advised to use the Suriwongse Road Gate. Car parking on the Club premises will be limited from 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. to self-drive cars only.

MAGAZINE AUCTION

Back numbers of *Harpers and Queen*, *Country Life* and *National Geographic* are offered for sale by bid. Bids should be sent in sealed envelopes addressed to the Manager and marked "Magazine Bid" by 17 November.

Magazines will be sold to members in order of drawing envelopes, if more than one bid is received, on 18 November.

Harpers and Queen (8 issues)

December 1977 - August 1978 Baht 70.- (the lot)
(March 1978 missing)

Country Life (16 issues)

January 1978 (4) Baht 30.-
February 1978 (4) Baht 30.-
March 1978 (one missing) (4) Baht 30.-
April 1978 (4) Baht 30.-
or Baht 100.- (The lot)

National Geographic (5 issues)

June to October 1978 Baht 50.- (the lot)

BACKGAMMON

An additional set is being purchased and will be kept behind the Main Bar.

If you are interested in the game and in the formation of a Section which will organise regular play and tournaments, contact:

Tom Barratt (Tel: 2344007)

Steve McCall (Tel: 2341919)

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

AFTER THE FIREWORKS OF SATURDAY EVENING

FAMILY GALA

HAVE SOME FUN IN THE POOL

STARTING TIME 11 A.M.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN

AGE GROUP SWIMMING EVENTS

FAMILY RACES

SOMETHING FOR THE TINIES

SOMETHING FOR THE MUMS

SOMETHING FOR THE DADS

COMMONWEALTH RACE AND MERCHANTS RACE

PARTICIPATION PATCHES FOR ALL CHILDREN

TROPHIES FOR AGE GROUP WINNERS

FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL

BAR-BE-QU FROM 2 P.M.

ON THE FRONT LAWN

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: NARAI HOTEL

We have recently made an arrangement with the Narai Hotel under which accommodation bookings made on introduction by the British Club will be subject to a discount. The hotel has offered 20% discount on quoted room rates.

The arrangement was made for the benefit of members, their families and friends and members of affiliated clubs visiting Bangkok.

The Club will issue a card of introduction which should be given to the hotel staff on booking or registration. The Club cannot accept any responsibility for acting as an agent between the person interested and the Hotel. Once an introduction has been issued the interested persons should deal with the hotel direct on all matters concerning the use of the hotel.

FINE ARTS AUCTION

Monday 4 December 1978 at Christ Church, Convent Road

ST BARBARAS DAY DINNER

Serving Military Officers in Bangkok will be celebrating the feast of St Barbara, the patron saint of the Royal Regiment Artillery, at a formal dinner at the Club on Monday 4 December 1978. It is hoped that all Gunners past and present and all Commonwealth Serving Officers currently posted in Bangkok will attend. Anyone requiring further information should contact Colonel L.A. Thomson (Telephone 2335970) or the Manager.

BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday 11 November 1978

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EVENTS - NOVEMBER 1978

EVENTS

Sun 12 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Tue 14 - LOY KRATHONG FESTIVAL

Sat 18 - PLOENCHIT FAIR

18/19 - ELEPHANT ROUND-UP (SURIN)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday 12 November 1978 the following ceremonies and services are scheduled.

Wreath laying Ceremony	British Embassy	9.30 a.m.
	War Memorial	
Remembrance Service	Christ Church	10.15 a.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	Bridge	7.30 p.m.
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(Note change of day - throughout November)

Wednesday	Modern Ballet	2 p.m.
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(1 Nov - Final Day)

Friday	Classical Ballet	2 p.m.
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(3 Nov - Final Day)

SECTION ACTIVITIES

Thu 2 - Darts v The Nation (Away)

Sun 5 - Swimming. ANNUAL FAMILY GALA 11 a.m.

Golf. Captains Prize (Don Muang)

Sun 12 - Tennis. Match v RBSC 2.30 p.m.

Sun 19 - Golf. Mixed Foursomes (Rose Garden) 8 a.m.

Sun 26 - Tennis. Section Day (Singles) 2.30 p.m.

Fri 1 Dec - Golf. Annual Dinner

Sun 3 Dec - Golf. Monthly Medal (Don Muang) 7.30 a.m.

Mon 4 Dec - Squash. Barbecue and Social

ST ANDREWS SOCIETY DANCE REHEARSALS

Society sponsored rehearsals will be held on the front lawn from 7.30 p.m. on the following evenings:

Monday 6 November

Monday 13 November

Monday 20 November

In the event of rain or flooding the rehearsals will be in the Cinema Room.

ST DAVID'S SOCIETY

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Friday 29th September 1978, following were elected as Officers and Members of the Committee.

Bard	- Mr. Bill Griffith
Asst. Bard	- Mrs. Jean Gundlach
Hon Treasurer	- Mr. Len Coulson
Hon Secretary	- Mrs. Jean Frazer
Musical Director	- Mr. Alan Seymour-Davies
Members	- Mrs. Rose Taylor
	Dr. Tony Hughes

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY

The Committee appointments made for 1978/79 are:

Chairman:	Mrs. K. Wilmott-Pilgrim
Vice Chairman:	Mrs. B. Pritchard
Secretary:	Miss J. Leitch
Members:	Mr. N. Launder
	Mrs. K. Moorhead
	Gp Capt A.E. Thomson
	Mr. M. de Vries

ST PATRICKS SOCIETY

We apologise to the lady members of the Committee for the incorrect titles used in last month's announcement and for the record confirm that:

the Hon Secretary is Mrs. Shelagh Spratt
the Committee Member is Mrs. Sally Voravan

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FOOTBALL SECTION

The Farang Soccer League starts during November so weekly training will commence at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st on the back lawn of the club, under floodlights.

All members who wish to play for the British Club this season should attend particularly members who have joined during the year. Players should wear gym or training shoes rather than boots.

SQUASH SECTION

For the information of all participants in the current league and other players, the statement on the league lists that TSRA matches will occupy the courts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until the end of November is incorrect. The TSRA tournament in question ended at the end of October. The last day of the 21st league remains December 6th.

GOLF SECTION

The Golf Section AGM will be held in the Cinema Room at 6 p.m. on

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 1978

LADY GOLFERS

Programme for November

Nov 7 - 4 Throw Aways	Starter: Noelene Coulson Scorer: Sheila Neville
Nov 14 - Stableford	Starter: Anne Quinn Scorer: Jean Taylor
Nov 21 - Captain's Prize	Starter: Sheila Neville Scorer: Noelene Coulson
Nov 28 - AGM & Round Up + Medal	Starter: Margaret Miller Scorer: Anne Quinn

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TENNIS SECTION

Tennis Day with RBSC

On 15 October we played our first friendly against the RBSC. Surprisingly the grass courts were not too wet and the afternoon was hot enough for most of us to suffer from the heat as well as a long lay-off. Pipa Miall and Pam Courtier, and David Waterhouse and Rob Church were our successful pairs.

Fixtures

The programme to the end of the year is

Sun 12 Nov	Match v RBSC (Home)
Sun 26 Nov	Tennis Day
Sun 10 Dec	Match v RBSC (Away)
Sun 17 Dec	Tennis Day (Swam Cup "The Ashes")
	Social Evening

We are trying to arrange additional matches with the ISRC.

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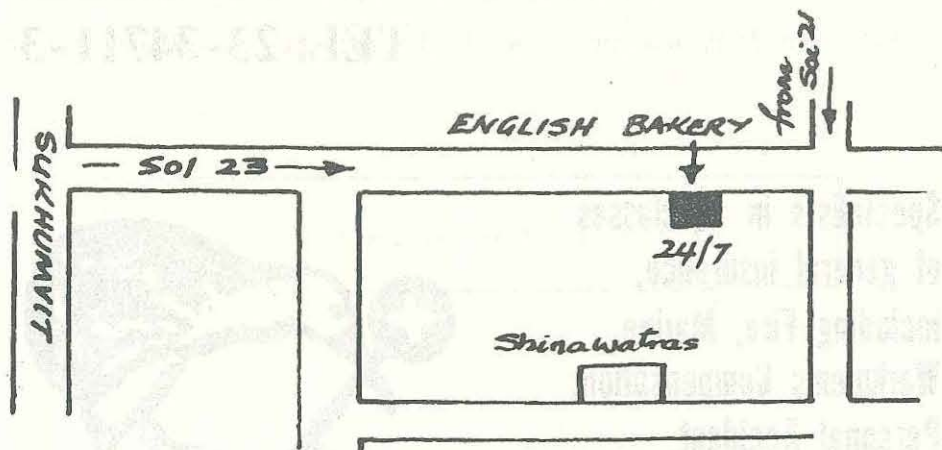
ROLLS

Breakfast, dinner

FLANS, QUICHES etc., etc.

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DARTS NEWS

At last! A win! Lilywhites bounce back and wreak wrevenge on AIS, of which more later. But first the bad news in a dartspacked month of six fixtures.

The first fixture saw Cutty Sark grace the hallowed precincts of the BC bar in flamboyant yellow sarks of a richer hue than the pale distillation advertised. The soberly attired Lilywhites let victory slip away following a 6-6 stalemate after the doubles. 4 points from the triples assured the distillers of victory which a five BC team game win could not reverse. The final score line was 10-7. Derbyshire threw 3 of the 5 tons scored during the evening. Cutty Sark will remain unavailable at the Club.

The second match was a Sunday home game against Joker Club. With three defeats under our belts Lilywhite fortunes could be said to have improved in this exciting match, although the improvement was insufficient to clinch victory. 4-2 up following the singles, this early promise faded in the doubles which all went to the Jokers. A quick adjustment of Amarit levels saw the Lilywhites storm back to 8-8 in the triples, only to be thwarted in a close run 1001. Both teams mustered 3 tons during the match.

The Nation were our next visitors. The scriveners proved their prowess with darts as well as with pen in a high-scoring match. After the doubles the newshounds had an unbeatable 9 points to the Derbyshire tally of 3. This remained the BC total as we crashed out of the triples and team game. 14-3 was not a true reflection of Lilywhite dartsmanship in this game in which Brian Heath threw three tons. Closing doubles were, as usual, a problem for us though not for the newsmen.

Hobson's Choice hosted your favourite but luckless team on the only truly British and Gurkha-guarded dartpitch in Bangkok, handing out in the process our most crushing defeat in the league to date. Roy Regan was the BC star, winning his singles. All the other games except the 1001 went to the chosen. The team game was diplomatically conceded by Hobson's reserve choice. As a consolation it may be recorded that the BC logged 4 of the 5 tons thrown; the final score may be calculated but will not be mentioned here.

The fifth game was a visit to the Joker Club, a favourite venue of long standing for the Lilywhites. For the first time this league an abundance of Lilywhites were on hand and even a supporter. Your captain, totally unfamiliar with this situation, appeared to have difficulty in making the selection; despite the wealth of talent at his disposal we went down 5-1 in the singles. Roy Regan once again salvaged some honour for the Club. The Derby-duo kept Lilywhite hopes alive by winning their doubles but the match was lost before the triples. Rapid adjustment of Amarit levels and crafty team selection saw the BC clean up the remaining 5 points in fine style to give a final result of 9-8 in the Jokers' favour. Roy, with scores of 134 and 120 was man of the match and the Lilywhite totalled 4 of the 6 tons thrown.

The final match was where you came in, and the long awaited victory. AIS were without Jurai the BC bogey-lady. The regular Lilywhite who was absent in this occasion will not be named. Nai VI (Captain Took) with consummate delicacy led his team from the chalkboard and didn't enter the lists until victory was assured. Bryan Baldwin opened impressively for the club and we were 4-2 up going into the doubles. It was, however, in the doubles where the Lilywhites showed their mettle, or had a lot of luck (depending on which side you are on), and stormed into an

unbeatable 10-2 lead. Inevitably the Amarit ban was breached rather than lifted and the triples went to AIS. Still feeling euphoric Nai VI rashly announced that the 1001 would be a beer game. Your favourite team gladly bought sporting AIS their beer.

In honour of our victory, and never ones to be upstaged by the British Club in any field of endeavour, the Lilywhites own galloping grommet has selected for the forthcoming month some notable dartstube specials from the caves:-

Plonque' itine	A robust vin de table often ordered but rarely served.
Chateau vers l'opposition	A rare wine for laying down, certainly not for drinking. The bouquet is distinctive.
Mateus a raising	A rose especially popular with the committee.
Nuits St Victoire	The Lilywhite vin ordinaire, tastes like a bitter Amarit and is almost as commonly drunk.

Further wines are presently being matured for next month, until then Thursday night is darts night and your Nai is Mike Took. All welcome, both players and barrackers, even if you don't come from Derby (the dead centre of England).

REMINDER

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Half page	-	50.-
Full page	-	100.-

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EDITORS NOTES

All material for the December 1978 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 18 November.

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.

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