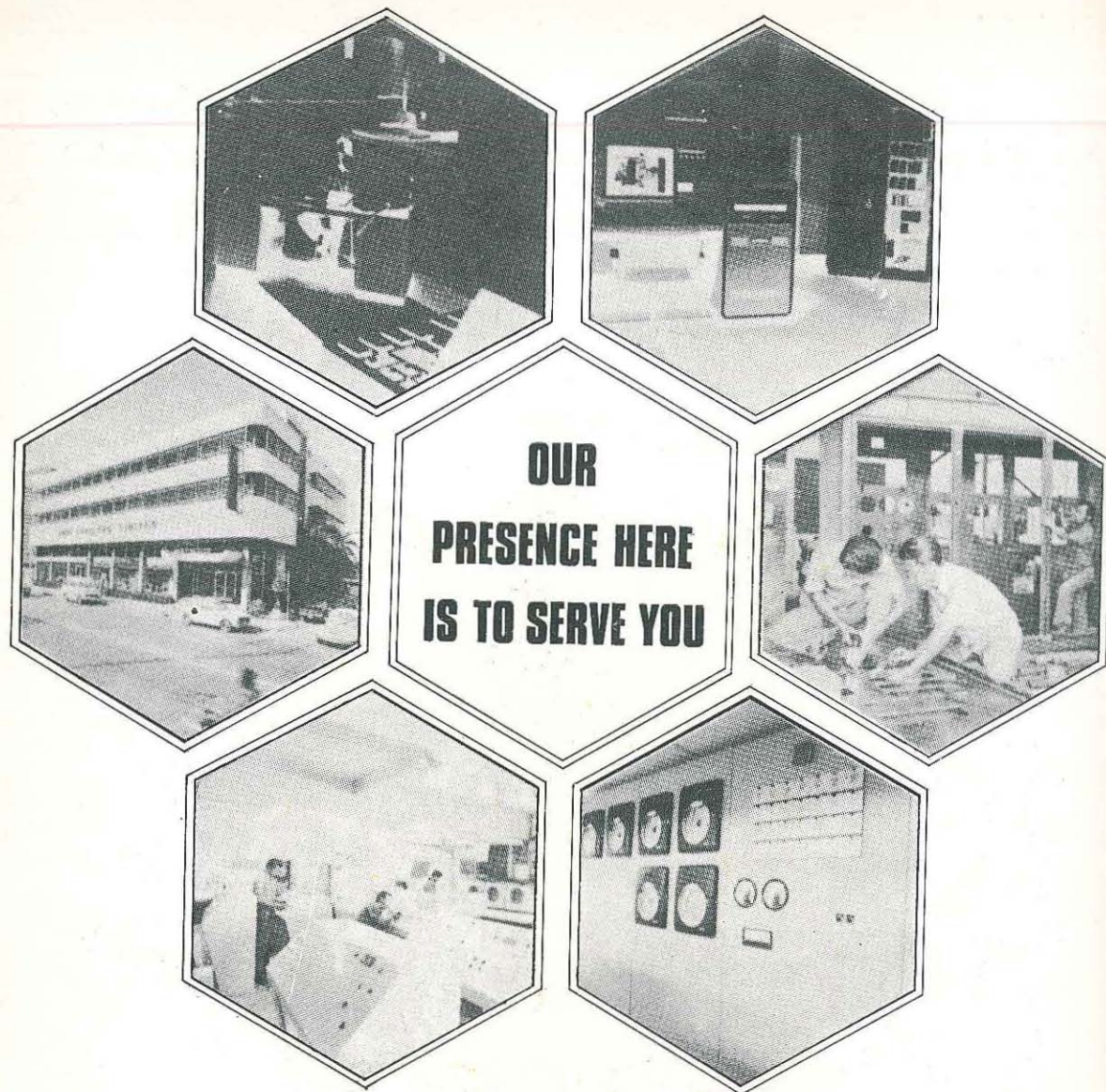


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NEWSLETTER

November 1979

The top of the news this month must be the controversial third squash court, which is expected to be the subject of an Extraordinary General Meeting sometime in November. Debate appears to be hotting up and the evening promises to be rather lively. Quite a few "let" calls or even penalty points are expected.

No doubt many questions will be raised, ranging from the price of squash balls to the temperature of the Dining Room air-conditioning. However, with the aid of the many constitutional experts found amongst the Club membership, a decision may emerge which will reflect the majority opinion of the membership (or at least those who attend or who arrange for proxies). Don't miss it.

And now for the bad news... yes, it is true, the Galloping Grommet has taken up squash and the fight against flab. The last empty bottle of Eno's has been consigned to the dustbin. No-one has yet offered to take over the culinary column so volunteers, even for a one-off effort, are welcome to submit their gustatory gleanings. Thank you, Mike, for your efforts.

And lastly the good news.... The T.V. page is back - no FM radio required - no interruption by the vernacular news - and fit for all the family, some say.

So, read on now, and then take the newsletter home.



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### NEW MEMBERS:

The following were elected to membership of the Club in October 1979:

#### Ordinary

Mr. G.D. Bellamy	Jamieson Mackay and Partners
Mr. J.B. Downs	Howard Humphreys
Mr. R.K. Jones	
Mr. R. Leete	ESCAP
Mr. A.C. Taylor	Manplan Ltd.
Mr. T. Yin	Sindhu Maunsell

#### Non-Voting

Mr. S. Griffiths	Kasetsart University
Mr. J.E. Haugh	Traffic Engineering & Systems
Mr. D. Summers	New Tribes Mission
Mr. J.F. Townend	TISTR
Mr. F. Walton	

#### Ladies Privileges

Mrs. E. Salinas	UNESCO
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#### Up-Country

Mr. A.J. Clarke	
Mr. E. Senior	Murray-North

#### Associate

Mr. T.D. Peightal	Dow Chemical Thailand Ltd.
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### NEW MEMBERS NIGHTS:

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

Tuesday 6 November (Closing date 3 November)

Tuesday 4 December (Closing date 1 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.

## ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE LADIES ADVISORY/LIAISON GROUP

Wives of members and ladies privilege members:

We are holding a meeting to elect a new group of ladies interested in helping with those matters concerning the family and the British Club. This will be on Thursday 10th January 1980 at 10 o'clock in the Reading Room.

The primary objective of the Group is to liaise with the Main Committee on matters concerning families, and children's needs in particular. If you would like to stand as a member of this Group or if you have any ideas that you would like to put forward, please come along to the meeting as we need your help.

The following women are currently members of this Group and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Caroline Davidson	Marion Hyde
Barbara Devlin	Sheelagh Spratt
Val Hill	Penny Whalley

### NEWCOMERS TO BANGKOK?

#### WELCOME TO THE BRITISH CLUB

Wives of new members and new ladies privilege members are invited to coffee on the morning of Monday 3rd December to meet members of the Ladies Advisory/Liaison Group, British Womens Group and Australian Womens Group.

They will be in the reading room at 10.30 a.m. for you to meet, talk about "settling in" and have a cup of coffee.

Do come!



## LEGAL NOTES

by Caveat Emptor

A special feature compiled by an anonymous contributor as a guide for members who may have difficulty in understanding the Club's Constitution, Rules and Bye-laws, or may, in fact have never even read them.

BETTING AND GAMBLING is strictly prohibited on the Club premises according to Bye-law 10(f). One might advise one's driver that it is illegal for them too.

TIPPING of Club staff is not permitted (and should be banned everywhere in my opinion). Please advise your guests and visiting members of this. (Bye-law 14(b))

The use of RADIOS, CASSETTE PLAYERS, ETC. is strictly prohibited unless approved by the Committee. (Bye-law 10(c))

CHILDREN under the age of 18 months are not permitted to use the main swimming pool. (Bye-law 22(i))

Members who wish to advertise on the NOTICE BOARD should have the notice "approved" by either the Manager or a Committee member (Bye-law 16). Generally, notices of a commercial nature will not be approved, but may upon payment of a modest fee be provided with a prime location in the NEWSLETTER.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday 11th November

The British Ambassador has invited Members and their wives to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial in the grounds of the British Embassy at 9.30 a.m. The Chairman of the Club will be laying a wreath.

## T.V. PAGE

GOOD EVENING...It's Ronnie Corbett and Ronnie Barker again...

- RC: It's nice to be with you again, isn't it Ronnie?
- RB: Yes, it is and in a packed show to-night we'll be talking to a beautiful young Swedish girl who'd gone swimming in the nude and was rescued today by the crew of a Scottish trawler. To save her embarrassment they quickly covered her with an old macintosh - Mr. Angus MacIntosh of Fyfe - who was delighted.
- RC: British Rail announced today that the price of coffee is to go up to 20p a slice.
- RB: But first, here is some good news. The pound had another good day yesterday. It rose sharply at ten o'clock then had a light breakfast and went for a stroll in the park.
- RC: This contrasts with last week when the pound closed at only 2.4 against the Matabele Gumbo Bead.
- RB: A survey on the decline of morals in Britain reveals that in Liverpool alone on each day last week an average of 267 women made love to an unmarried man. The man is now recovering in hospital.
- RC: Mr. Osbert Grove, Britain's worst ever postman, who claims he was wrongfully dismissed by the GPO, today delivered a petition to the Queen - at 15 Station Street, Scunthorpe.
- RB: In a new drive to improve the standards of service and hygiene a West End hotel today dismissed a waiter for having his thumb in the soup... They also dismissed a topless waitress for two similar offences.



RC: And it appears that in Hexham this evening a mad dog bit an income tax inspector. After being given injections and treatment for shock the dog has been allowed to go home.

RB: It was explained tonight why Shepherds Bush town hall are flying the Royal Standard at half mast - they're half expecting the Queen.

RC: Speaking today at the Weymouth W.I., an unmarried mother of three blamed her situation on the fact that she was sheltered too much when younger. First in a bus shelter, then in an old air-raid shelter, then a taxi shelter....

RB: And finally, millionaire Jock McScrooge opens his new cinema in Peebles today, known as "The Peebles Theatre", with a special offer. Old age pensioners are admitted free - if accompanied by their parents.

RC: And it was also announced in Dublin that the Irish Doomsday Book is in fact a forgery. This was the conclusion after a six-month study of it by typewriting experts. And Mr. Patrick O'Flynn of Dublin was arrested for streaking through a nudist camp.

RB: Police broke into the home of Ireland's most brilliant forger today and took away two million seven-pound notes.

RC: When a clever gang of thieves were caught red handed in a Dublin bank police immediately sealed all the exits - so the gang escaped through all the entrances.

RB: There was a disturbance at Hampton Court Maze this afternoon. A party of Irish trippers panicked when they couldn't find their way in.

RC: The Irish Times published its £20,000 prize competition crossword today. For those who don't wish to take part, the answers are on page nine.

RB: And later tonight we'll have a commentary on the lurching of the Irish Moon Rocket - if they can find a bottle big enough to take the stick.

RC: In London's West End tonight a Scotsman collapsed from starvation after spending five weeks on the back seat of a pay-as-you-leave bus.

RB: And Home Office researchers have at last determined what Scotsmen do with old razor blades. They shave with them.

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## DARTS NEWS

The Lillywhites have done it! By losing narrowly to Haus Munchen by 13-4 your favourite team just managed to avoid being promoted along with the Mermaids.

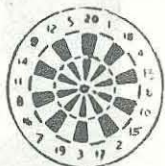
Yes, the Mermaids beat us again on 27th September when they breasted the tape to win 9-8. Singles wins by Roy, Andy and Dave, doubles wins by Roy and John and Dave and Chris, plus the team game made up our eight points. Tons came from Roy (2) Andy (2) Chris and John with 125.

In the next match we hosted Bobby's Arms and started with singles wins from Bryan, Dave F and Roy. The Club then took 2 of the doubles, one of the triples and the team game to win 10-7.

And now we stop the report for a short headline!

### • CPA Bangkok Darts League

## **BRITISH CLUB STRIPS OFF RAJA'S FASHIONS**



Yes, we won 4 singles (Bryan, Roy, Arthur and Dave H), all the doubles, both triples and the team game to achieve what may well be our biggest win ever! Ingrid got the closing double in both her double and triple games, while Roy played a captains game (who said "For a change"?) by winning his singles, double and triple and throwing 2 consecutive scores of 140! Brian Heath also had two 140's in the 15-2 victory.

The final match in the 13th Cathay Pacific Darts League was the Haus Munchen event when apart from Ingrid closing to win the team with double 6, and singles wins from John, Roy and Arthur, we seemed to be suffering from too much Bohnensuppe, and staggered out losers by 4-13! 'Nuff Said!'

## GOLF SECTION

Sunday 23rd September 1979 (Hua Mark)

Despite the fact that the Committee had booked eight starting times and there were 28 signatures on the British Club notice board, only 17 people turned up at Hua Mark which meant that not only money was wasted but acceptance of future bookings could be difficult.

Golfing conditions were nearly perfect when the first four teed off at 11.36 and remained so for the complete round. One or two members had trouble with the greens - four putts was mentioned in a hushed whisper! The scores were not very good and committee members fully exploited this opportunity to clean up the prizes. In fact Julian Wells who is usually the model of consistency was not at all pleased with his performance but managed part of the action by presenting the prizes.

John Davidson won the club trophy with 38 points after a count-back from Mike Neville and Brian Stewart. Mike just pipped Brian for the runners-up trophy. Battling Jim Aitken flexed his muscles and hit the longest drive while Mike Neville and Barry Thomson proved their accuracy with nearest-the-pin prizes. Sheila Neville raised the flag for the ladies by winning the first 9 and K. Long showed a welcome return to form by winning the second half.

Sunday 7th October 1979 (Rose Garden)

The early start at the Rose Garden on the 7th October did not deter people from attending. 34 eager expectant golfers turned out in perfect conditions to compete for John Burrows Captain's prize of a fine pair of silver candlesticks for the winner with an attractive bronze bowl for the runner-up.



The scores were very high but two members managed to put it altogether with Ken Long on nett 65 pipping Magnus Stirling by one stroke. John Burrows in thanking people for attending pointed out that he was pleased that his prize should be won by a man who had not previously won a golf competition. This was Magnus Stirling's farewell and Mike Neville presented him with a small memento thanking him for his loyal and hard work on the golf committee.

Julian Wells back to form won the first nine with John Davidson edging out three others to win the second nine. Peter Adcock hit one sweetly at the 11th to win the longest drive and only just missed the eagle's nest by a few inches. Dai Luke and John Kerr won the accuracy tests at the selected short holes.

We all enjoyed the Captain's description of his first four holes - birdie, par, birdie, bogey. His feet then hit the earth with a dare-we-say NINE! The 5th hole seemed to give the most problems. One group of four recording 36 strokes against a par of 20 - they preferred to remain anonymous! The Club welcomed Sharon and Ward Washington on their first outing. This was also the first round of the Thai Glass Industries and Gestetner (Thailand) sponsored eclectic competition which will be completed on 21 October and 4 November at the Rose Garden.

#### USE OF SILOM ENTRANCE

During November, December and January the Narai Hotel has an inordinate amount of large functions in the evening, resulting in considerable chaos in the Silom Gate Soi and often in a police controlled one-way system.

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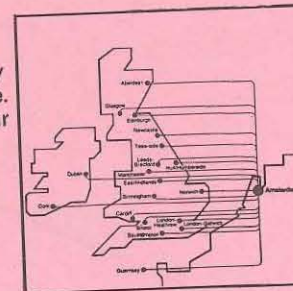
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 1979

WEEKLY CLUB EVENTS

Monday	BRIDGE	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Wednesday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	FOOTBALL	6.30 p.m.
Thursday	TENNIS	2.30 p.m.
	SWIMMING TRAINING	4.30 p.m.
Friday	BALLET	2.00 p.m.
Saturday	TENNIS	10.30 a.m.
Sunday	TENNIS	10.30 a.m.

EXHIBITION TENNIS MATCH

Saturday 10th November

Lex Vinson, the Thailand National Tennis Coach, will be bringing the top Thai tennis players to the Club for an exhibition Match, and friendly games with Club Members. Play will start at around 10.00 a.m. - seats for the exhibition match on a first-come-first-served basis.

CLUB/SECTION EVENTS

Tue 6	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Le Petit Knock Out Competition	
	NEW MEMBERS NIGHT (Cinema Room)	5.30 p.m.
Wed 7	- Scottish Dancing	7.00 p.m.
Sat 10	- Childrens Activities	9.00 a.m.
	Childrens Films	11.00 a.m.
	<del>Tennis Exhibition Match</del>	<del>10.00 a.m.</del>
Sun 11	- <u>Film Night.</u> Hammersmith	8.00 p.m.
Sun 12	- Scottish Dancing	7.00 p.m.
Tue 13	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Le Petit (Continuation)	
Sun 18	- <u>Film Night.</u> The Other	8.00 p.m.
Mon 19	- Scottish Dancing	7.00 p.m.
Tue 20	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Captain's Prize	
Sun 25	- <u>Film Night.</u> Ben	8.00 p.m.
Mon 26	- Scottish Dancing	7.00 p.m.
Tue 27	- <u>Ladies Golf.</u> Medal	
Sun 2 Dec.	<u>Film Night.</u> The Blue Max	8.00 p.m.
Sun 9 Dec.	<u>Film Night.</u> A Few Bullets More	8.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

10-14 Dec.	Children's Parties
21 Dec.	Christmas Ball



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## LADY GOLFERS

### Programme for November

#### 6th November - Le Petit Knock Out Competition

Starter: Jean Taylor (286 2346)  
Scorer: Ape Armistead

#### 13th November - Le Petit (Continuation)

A Stableford will be played for those not in Le Petit

Starter: Sheila Neville (391 6000 Ext. 39)  
Scorer: Anne Quinn

#### 20th November - Captain's Prize

It is hoped to follow the game by a "get-together"  
Lunch in the Club House

Starter: Margaret Miller (286 5906)  
Scorer: Margaret Miller

#### 27th November - Medal

Starter: Margaret Miller (286 5906)  
Scorer: Sheila Neville

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## SOCCER SECTION

After suddenly being brought forward by one whole month (based on the Meteorological Department's report that the rainy season had finished) then being postponed twice due to rain, and brought forward yet again the Bangkok Farang Soccer Season finally burst into action on Saturday 20th October. At I.S.B. Soi 15, when last seasons champions, your very own British Club took on the might of the "German all Stars".

The Germans looking resplendent in their new style strip dominated the kick in with their precision passing and dummy runs past the clicking cameras, bringing smiles to their sponsor's eyes.

Undaunted the British Club captain David MacWallace (having found the pitch before kick off time) lost the toss, and with stiff upper lip, thinly disguised by moustache, agreed to allow his championship team, (wearing last year's jerseys), to defend the Soi Anfield End, facing the sun.

The team was then quickly selected, given a brief sobriety check, and issued with the vital match plan.

Unfortunately the Germans had a different plan, and inspired by their secret weapon, a new signing from the Thai/German Frankfurter Factory, started to split the B.C. defence apart.

The first goal came when the British Club sweeper "swept" both the ball and the legs from under der German winger, inside the penalty box. After the penalty kick, despite an heroic dive from B.C. goalie, big Bill Appleyard, the ball was seen to be in the back of the net as the dust settled.

Still confident, the "commonwealth strollers" decided to give their opponents some further encouragement and popped one into their own net from a German corner.

To emphasize that this generous start was in fact deliberate, the blue and red shirted side presented the all stars (who could hardly believe their luck) with a third, when Her Majesty's Team gave the ball away (passed to an opponent for the benefit of Australians) in midfield, then stood back to watch the German player slot it home.

Meanwhile, at the other end, the German custodian was given some work to do, with a couple of Long Range Plan shots and some gentle headers.

After half time, revitalised by a new plan, and ignoring the advice of the wives present, the British Club played much better, actually drawing the second half one-one, thanks to a goal from Willy MacWallace who smashed home the ball from the penalty spot.

Final score B.C. - 1 G.A.S. - 4.

Undaunted your heroes picked their best drinking team and despatched them to the house Munchen with the orders no surrender, and it was here that the pre-season training paid off with glass boots of lager being consumed with consummate ease. In no time at all, the reasons for defeat were analysed and everybody returned to the real object of the exercise, which was to pass the boot not the buck!

Final verdict.

The team is confident it can do better (despite what the spectators think), based on the much improved second half performance which produced some nice football, but lacked the finishing touch.

This season promises to be an interesting one with several sides out to win the trophy currently held by the British Club eleven (plus three).

The team, as you can read, needs your support either as a player or spectator.



If you wish to play, or just wish to keep fit, come along to the Wednesday night training seasons on the back lawn of the Club, (conveniently located close to the bar) which commence at 6.30 p.m.

If you can't play, come along to the games as printed in the Bangkok Post, and cheer on your team, at Soi 15.

Contact Team Captain: D. Wallace  
Office: 279-8225 Home: 234-3010 Ext. 46

### SQUASH SECTION

#### Third Court

The results of the recent referendum on a third court was an overwhelming response of 82 percent for the installation of a third court. An extraordinary general meeting will be called in November and letters to that effect will go out to all members at least 14 days before the meeting.

Note the date of the meeting and be sure to turn up to cast your vote.

### MANAGER'S WATER REPORT

Water shortages sometimes occur at the Poolside with the result that tacky squash players find themselves unshowerable.

Any such inconvenience to such an august body of our community is deeply regretted but the problem is not of the Club's making. Ire should be directed at the Water Authority, whose "improvements" necessitate the cutting off of our water without notice, thus presenting our ordering water-trucks (which need 24 hours notice) in time to prevent a drought.

### SWIMMING SECTION

The month of October has seen a very active group of over 30 youngsters training 2 nights every week. We are very lucky to have gained the expertise and valuable time of Mr. Chris Gordon working with the squad. Saturday mornings also see the pool in full use with Meike de Heer training the children for all levels of personal survival. There are children diving off boards and swimming round and round the pool with shirts, pyjamas, shoes and socks on, little ones treading water with hands above the water and duck dives in and out of hoops-all looks fun and the children certainly enjoy it, but much skill and training is needed to achieve it all.

Plans are well in hand for the Family Gala on November 4th and movements being made for our hosting of the Lady de la Mare Cup meet in January.

We always welcome new swimmers. Beginners may take lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoons - see Helen Jamieson for details.

As we will be losing Meike at the end of the year we are anxious to find someone to help coach the children from 4.30-6.00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Hugh Jamieson Tel. 233-7918. Please watch notice board for date of December Gala.

### PLOENCHITR FAIR

Saturday 24 November 1979 at the British Embassy



## TENNIS SECTION

The season is underway for everybody, and separately in this issue you will find details of the competition programme until February 1980, and entry forms for the first Club Tournament, the Turner Bowl (1913) to take place on November 11th which is open to all married couples, regardless of experience or standard.

We have a very full programme ahead, of club events, inter-club matches and visiting overseas sides, with full details in the separate enclosure.

In November there will be a visit from Australia of the QANTAS airline touring team, and at month's close the Pangana Club of Brunei will be our guests.

Plenty for everyone.

Responses to our September circular have been received from over seventy players, with great interest in a tennis ladder for singles competition. Details for this will be posted by early November, on the long awaited tennis notice board, yet to be placed near the courts at the swimming pool bar.

A new schedule for court opening has been drawn up. In an attempt to keep the courts in good condition all season they will all be closed on Mondays and Fridays for maintenance purposes. (the days of least usage)

In line with this a new weekly court booking schedule will be available, by the poolside bar, effective the week beginning October 29th, bookings will be possible one week in advance.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Price increases are never popular but I wonder at the attitude of a small vociferous minority of members who complain about the new menu and its prices.

Whether we like it or not inflation is with us. Menu prices had been held for ... years/months! Club prices are still very competitive compared with comparable commercial establishments. We are not the Normandie Grill but neither are we a Chinese coffee shop.

One is cognizant of the argument that prices should be rock-bottom because we pay a subscription and the Club pays no rent. However what about the upkeep of the house and grounds, swimming pool and other sporting facilities. Additionally we have the maintenance of an old building which is likely to be far more expensive than paying rent, normally no more than 10% of a commercial establishments overheads.

There is nothing in the Club constitution to say we must be the cheapest in town. What is more important is that the Club offers good value for money which it indisputably does. That turnover is increasing steadily (a third up over last year) clearly indicates there is a majority of discerning members who appreciate quality and good value.

To the minority of dissenters I would say; given good management, which we undoubtedly have, in the final analysis, you get what you pay for. Let us continue to support a Club that both we and our successors can be proud of.

M. Wilson (W35)

And after the bouquet the brickbats.....(Editor)



Dear Sir,

Could the Galloping Grommet comment on the special condiment that now permeates a lot of the food at the poolside, stemming, I think, from the changing of children's diapers on tables?

I have not come across this unusual form of seasoning before and am wondering if it is peculiar to British cuisine.

Yours faithfully,

A.S. Sociate

The Manager replies :

The Grommet's comment was too esoteric for this family publication but I would draw members' wives' attention to Rule 11(h) in the Bylaws which specifically forbids the changing of diapers on tables.

#### OUTSIDE CATERING

Can the Club help you with your party at home?

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An unaddressed broadside which may have been for the Editor:

Some questions to the Powers-That-Would-Be, that Gang of Dissidents anonymously mounting a wall poster campaign beside the British Club Pool.

Who put these posters up?

On what authority?

On whose rather strange reasoning were they based?

Do these poster-mongers understand the difference between restrictive regulations and considered reasoning?

We can only presume these posters are well-meant. Unfortunately their lack of realism and their dictatorial tone make them - and their authors - seem ridiculously petty.

Point One = Babies Not To Be Changed In The Poolside Area!!

We are well aware that babies perform the same bodily functions as do older children and adults - both within and out of the Pool. However, babies are generally reasonably clean and well cared for by their mothers. It seems a bit much to comprehend a swarm of highly-contagious germs seething across tables and chairs as a result of a baby being laid upon a towel to be changed anywhere within an infective distance of the Pool.

The suggested alternative of using the bench in the ladies' room would be more acceptable if this bench were not daily smothered with bags, clothing and perspiration-sodden squash and tennis gear. If you don't want to share our germs, please spare us yours!

Point Two = No Disposable Nappies In The Waste Paper Bins!!

Obviously, the re-designation of these bins from "rubbish" to "waste paper" prompts this regulation. Perhaps Khun Pampers should be informed that his disposable nappies no longer can be disposed of, and now British Club tables, chairs, floors

Turn over for more....



will be home to spasmodically scattered lumps of fermenting nappies, cloth or otherwise. Considering the generally food and rubbish - splattered conditions of floor and tables, this probably won't matter much. Garbage to you!

Point Three = Toddlers To Wear Tight-Legged Pants In The Pool!!

Who is next to suffer? Baggy-shorted fathers? Loose-topped feeding mothers? We look forward to under-going Elastic Tightness and Stretchability Tests, and the awarding of Passing Out With Full Bladder and Bowel Control Certificates to those who achieve post-Toddler Age, whatever that may be.

Since the ownership of a young baby seems distasteful to some, perhaps the Club could be redesignated "The British Men's and Spinster's Only Club". Better still, lets do without those whose unusual idea of contribution is misguided authority, and those whose level of tolerance apparently diminishes in direct proportion to the growth of their children.

We are modestly proud of our babies and how we care for them. We regret that someone takes similar pride in pettiness and self-appointed authority.

Please take these opinions a little more seriously than we are inclined to take the anonymous, autonomous attempt at "bettering" our days in the sun.

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