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NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1974

"Next year, I must remember to get the Christmas Cards off by sea mail!" Yes, Christmas has come a little early again this year and no doubt the 'rush' will be the same as usual.

In order to get really clear of the rainy weather and the high tides the Christmas Ball has been put back to 20 December. This means that all of the Club's Christmas functions will be concentrated now in the same week and fortunately Santa Claus will be able to appear at two if not all three of them.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

AND THE NEW YEAR

CLUB NOTES

GUESTS

In the November Newsletter it was indicated incorrectly that wives of members could introduce guests. In accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Club wives of members are not entitled to introduce guests.

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MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are requested to check their standing order payment of monthly subscription as quite a few have not yet adjusted them to the new rates which were introduced from 1 April 1974. It would be appreciated if those who have not informed their bankers of the new rate could do so as soon as possible and so save individual monthly billing.

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ACCOUNTING

The accountants have been put to a considerable amount of trouble recently making adjustments in bills and accounts because some members are entering an incorrect club number on their chits. Members are requested to check their club number and ensure that that number only is used on their bar/snacks chits.

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FIREWORKS

Because of the last minute adjustments that had to be made on 5 November because of the weather it was not possible to collect contributions towards the cost of the firework display. If you would like to contribute please enter your name on the notice board lists.

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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY

Contributors to the January Newsletter are requested to note that the closing date for information and notes is Saturday 14 December.

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PRESENTATION

The Committee wishes to thank Mr. Ian McDonald for his gift of eight framed prints of Old London.

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SNACKS

The Committee has endeavoured to maintain prices of snacks as low as possible for as long as possible. Owing to the rapid increase in costs it was necessary to introduce a surcharge from 16 November.

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COMMITTEE MEETING

- a. The Committee will meet at 5.45 pm on the following evening in the Office. The Office will be closed during the meeting.

Wednesday 11 December

- b. New Members. The members of the General Committee will be in the new bar from 5.15 to 5.45 pm on that evening to meet proposed new members.

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NEW MEMBERS

Proposers and seconders of new members are reminded that they:

- a. must have been members of the Club for at least one year.
- b. are responsible for presenting the proposed new member to the Committee at the time and dates set for the purpose.

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WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the club since the issue of the last Newsletter (up to 12 November)

R.N. Bones
V.T. Chives
J.E. Gibson
R.M. Harwood
A.G.P. Laird
J.H. Lucas (NV)

Welcome to the Club!

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FOR THE CONNOISSEUR

"EXPERTS CANNOT TELL CLARET FROM "PLONK""

(Newspaper Headline)

People who are replenishing their wine cellars just now (and who isn't?) may be concerned about the so-called "Winegate" trial going on in France at the moment. 18 people, some of them highly respected in the wine trade, are accused of various malpractices--doctoring inferior wine, switching labels and so on.

This sort of thing undermines confidence. So a few hints for the novice may be useful. The first thing to do, when offered a Bordeaux labelled, say, "Chateau Clocheville 1964 -- Grand Vin de France," is to look closely at the shape of the bottle--any reputable wine merchant will supply a magnifying-glass or telescope, if necessary. If the bottle is of irregular shape--if, for instance, one of its shoulders is rounded, the other sloping - it may well not be a Bordeaux at all, but one of the amusing Indian and Pakistani wines now coming on to the market.

If it is emitting a low-pitched humming noise, or is ticking at regular intervals, it is best left to the experts.

Another thing to watch is the label. Immersion in hot water--any reputable wine merchant will supply this--is a good test. You may find that the outer label, i.e. "Chateau Clocheville etc., etc.," will peel off, revealing a whole series of labels below, ranging from "Petit Vin Francais 1974--Appelation Incontrolable" to "Quids In Bottled Cocktail," or simply "Wine".

The discerning winelover will give these wines a wide berth.

One infallible test is to heat the bottle on a small paraffin stove--any reputable wine merchant will supply one. If, on reaching boiling point, the bottle explodes, the wine can confidently be written off.

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CLUB EVENTS

SCHOOL CHILDRENS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

It is hoped to arrange a programme of activities for school children during the Christmas holiday period. The programme will include

Film Shows
Squash - Coaching and Competition
Swimming - Improve Handicap Series

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GOLF BARBECUE

The Golf Section will be holding a Barbecue at the poolside on Thursday 5 December commencing at 7 pm.

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NEW YEARS EVE

Those who have no other plans may like to come along to the club on New Years Eve for a quiet relaxing evening in the Bar. There will be taped music for listening and dancing, good snacks and a special substantial Farmers Breakfast in the early hours.

Those who are seeing in the New Year elsewhere may wish to come along to the club afterwards to enjoy the Farmers Breakfast.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The parties have been arranged as follows:

Wednesday 18 December (3.30 - 5.30 pm)

For children of from 2 to 6 years.

Thursday 19 December (5.30 - 8.00 pm)

For children of from 7 to 12 years.

The party for the elder children will consist of games, barbecue and a film show.

Father Christmas (by kind permission of the Committee!) will attend both parties.

Tickets will cost Bht 70 per child.

The Christmas Party books (held in the office) will be closed on 1 December and no names can be accepted after that date.

SPORTS SHORTS

Association Football

Because of the continuing bad weather the start of the Farang League was delayed until the end of November. League matches are played each weekend at the ISB ground (Soi 15 Sukhumvit). The team is now appearing in its new Castrol strip.

Results (Friendly Matches)

29 Oct - West Berlin XI - 5 BC - 1

17 Nov - HMS Chichester - 0 BC - 3

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Darts

The Darts Section will be running a knockout championship in December. Singles (301) and Doubles (501) games will be played.

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Tennis

Because of the ground conditions the Tennis Gala Day has been postponed and will probably be combined with the club Championships in January/February 1975.

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GOLF NEWS

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The Club Championship was won for the second year in succession by Noel Bond whose 35 hole score of 163 earned him the title and the McMahon Cup. His scores of 84 at Bangphra and 79 at Rose Garden gave him a convincing win by 22 strokes over Mike Neville and Jim Davidson. Jim Davidson who was lying second after 18 holes missed his opportunity to be runner-up by scoring at treble bogey on the last hole at Rose Garden and on a count back Mike Neville was declared runner-up. We understand that Jim is still with us.

In the Medal tournament played the same day Mike Bucknall (21 Handicap) returned a 72 net to win his first tankard. Runner-up taking the silver spoon was 'Cobber' Burrows with a net 75.

On 27 October at Krungthep the Boyd Cup was won by Ray Watson who played immaculate golf and with a Gross Score of 78 amassed 42 Stableford points to win the trophy by 7 points from runner-up Derek Pott.

The Christmas "Hamper" Mixed Stableford to which all L.G.U. Members and Spouses are invited is to be played on Thursday 5 December at Don Muang. Tee off time is 9.30 am. Prizes (of which there are many) will be presented the same evening at a Barbeque which is being held at the British Club starting at 7.00 pm.

SWIMMING NEWS

Monthly Galas

There is just one Gala to be held on Sunday, 1 December at 11.30 am to complete the years progressive point score. Breaststroke, butterfly and Individual Medley races will be swum. Trophies are to be awarded to the highest scorer in each age group after the Gala.

Annual Swimming Meeting

The swimmers are looking forward to the 4th Annual Swimming Meeting between the British Club and the Bangkok Aquatic Club to compete for the Lady de la Mare Cup which will be held on Saturday, 7 December at 8.00 am at the British Club pool.

The pool will be closed from 7.30 am to 3.00 pm on that day but the support of all members would be welcomed.

Further details can be found on the poolside notice board and all children are encouraged to put their names down. Interested children would also be welcome at the daily training sessions which take place at 4.30 pm on every weekday. Final selections for our team will be made by the Coach, Mr. Aylward.

Please give this event your enthusiastic support and make a note of the date. The cup was presented by Lady de la Mare to promote friendly competition between the BC and the BAC. Mrs. David Cole has kindly agreed to present the Cup.

Coaching

Swimming classes recommenced in mid-November and will now continue on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Mr. Choon Roonprapunta is the new teacher and we are very pleased to welcome him. Mr. Choon is a Bachelor of Physical Education, Instructor in Swimming, College of Physical Education. He represented Thailand in swimming in the Asian Games.

SQUASH NEWS

League

The Squash Social on 1 November marking the end of the 5th League was again a success. Upwards of 100 people came along, severely taxing the strength of the bar air-conditioning and draining the beer kegs dry. (Sorry 'bout that). Our special thanks go to Derek Greenland, who will be leaving Thailand shortly, for the enormous amount of work he has put into helping to organise the Leagues, Round Robins and Squash in general within the Club over the past two and a half years. Best of luck, Derek and Barbara.

Apart from the cups for division winners and runners-up in the Leagues, the third-placed players now also receive a prize:- a white sports shirt, by courtesy of National Outdoor Sites Ltd, (N.O.S.), who will donate the shirts throughout the 1975 Leagues.

The 6th League is just starting, so we urge every participant to play his matches as regularly as possible, at least once a week, to avoid the rush on court-time which will otherwise occur towards the end of January. It's the ideal way to remove that excess, "festive cheer" likely to be consumed during the next month or so.

Regarding the 6th and future Leagues, the Squash Subcommittee has resolved to follow certain guidelines when setting up each League:

- "a. It was agreed that future Leagues would last two months with one month rest.
- b. There would be a total of 12 players including Dormant players per division. Therefore the total number of entrants for a League would be divided by 12 giving the number of divisions per League.
- c. Players would be ranked through the complete League according to the following rules:
 - (1) Demoted players below promoted.
 - (2) Active players (not moving) above promoted.
 - (3) Dormant, new and misplaced players to be ranked by the Subcommittee."

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SQUASH (Continued)

Results of the Fifth Squash League

Division One

1	Gavin Anderson	24 points
2	Rod Carter	22
3	David Mason	18

Division Two

1	Oliver Skeen	27 points
2	Colleen Perry	25
3	Jim Perry	23

Division Three

1	Alan Aitken	12 points
2	Derek Garnier	12
3	John Davis	11

Division Four

1	Noel Bond	31 points
2	David Brunwin	30
3	Pat Gabbett	17

Division Five

1	Ken Hill	31 points
2	Hal Freeman-Greene	30
3	Mike Ward	25

Division Six

1	Alastair Fraser	27 points
2	Bob Boulter	26
3	Mike Gallagher	25

SQUASH (Continued)

Division Seven

1	Nigel Overy	25 points
2	Josette Fisher	22
3	John Gandy	19

Division Eight

1	Colin Hadley	30 points
2	Sue Petrie	25
3	Chris King	24

Round-Robin

The results of the 26 October competition were as follows:

In the morning session for division 5 to 8 players, Arthur Hawtin beat out Bernard Grogan and last month's winner Mick Gallagher in the final round for flight winners.

The afternoon saw Dave Mason add to his collection by beating Derek Garnier and Tony Spottiswoode in the playoff.

We are moving towards a system of individual handicaps according to players positions in the latest Leagues and their known ability, but NOT taking into account their activities of the Friday evening before!

Watch the notice board for details of the December R-R.

BC v RBSC

The third Squash encounter is slated for the first half of December, at the RBSC courts. With our teams up to full strength there is no reason why we shouldn't even the series and in convincing fashion too. Teams and dates will be posted as soon as they are available, supporters are welcome to attend.

SQUASH (Continued)

SRA

After a lapse of some four years or more, the British Club has renewed its overseas membership with the Squash Racquets Association. More of this later.

Don Johnston Cup

By the time this newsletter is published, the Championships will be drawing to a conclusion. However, studying the draw before the first round has been played, it's anybody's guess as to who will win this year. The first seed is doubtful, (with a recent knee injury), the second seed has been on leave, always difficult to recover from, and any of the other seeds could easily be toppled by the quarter-finals.

The Parra Handy Plate, which was donated by Bill Sim last year, offers so many combinations that it is impossible to predict a winner at this stage, although one or two names are being mentioned quite frequently. If last year is anything to go by, then this year's final for the Plate should be an equally tense and dramatic affair.

An informal get-together is being arranged after the finals, on or around the 6 December, to present the trophies.

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The Club notice boards can be used free of charge to advertise - your notice will be read by those who pass the board.

A notice in this Newsletter costing only 10 Baht will go into over 450 homes and offices.

EDITORS NOTES

All material for the January 1975 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 14 December.

Advertisers interested in purchasing the space on the back of the Newsletter cover are requested to contact the Editors.

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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