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## THE BRITISH CLUB

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Club Manager	:	H.A. Traugott

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### NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1975

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The Committee wishes to extend to all members GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR.

The annual Christmas Ball is scheduled for Saturday 20 December. This is the main club event of the year and it promises to be a really swinging affair. All members are welcome, but it is important to book tickets now as the numbers will be limited to 350.



## CLUB NEWS

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on the following dates in December.

Tuesday 9 December at 5:30 PM.

Tuesday 23 December at 5:45 PM.

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### NEW MEMBERS NIGHT - DECEMBER, 1975

The New Members Night in December will be held on Tuesday 23.  
The members of the General Committee will be in the Dining Room  
from 5:15 to 5:45 PM.

Closing date for applications - 9 December.

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### NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined the Club in November.

G.S. Black

M.R. Taylor

I.L. Watts

K.G. Jowett

G.A. Davis

E. Burtmanis

J.B. Clearwater

M. Cadieux

G.K. Harper

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## MEMBERSHIP

As at 28 October 1975 the membership of the Club was

Ordinary members	348
Non Voting members	13
Ladies Privileges	28
Up-Country members	14
Absent members (Temporary)	<u>108</u>
	511

Absent members (Permanent) 311

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### COMMITTEE LUNCHEON

On Wednesday 29 October, the General Committee formally  
farewelled Don Wyber at a special luncheon attended by the  
Chairman Lt Col Hugh Docherty, OBE, Vice Chairman Mr. Nigel  
Overy and other committee members. The Chairman thanked  
Don for his efforts and contribution over the last two  
years.

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#### CHRISTMAS TREES

For those members interested in purchasing a Christmas Tree, contact the Club Manager, as trees can be made available at reasonable prices. Prices range from B/150 to B/250 depending on the size.

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#### GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Members and children attending the Guy Fawkes fireworks on Wednesday 12 November were treated to an excellent display. After the judging of prizewinners for best dressed witch and warlock a dazzling display of fireworks at the back of the club house had kids jumping with delight. A few of the members themselves were seen to occasionally jump or was it the mixture of potent witches brew having its effect.

On behalf of the Main Committee, many thanks to the New Zealand Embassy for donating one case of juicy apples.

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#### STAFF NEW YEAR BONUS

We are asking members to contribute to the Staff New Year Bonus by the same method as last year. That is to say, Members' accounts will be debited UNLESS they indicate otherwise on the form enclosed by 5 December. The Committee wish to emphasize that members are free to contribute more, less, or nothing, but would like to also draw members' attention to the fact that the servants are not permitted to accept any gratuity other than in the form of the annual bonus.

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#### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The parties have been arranged as follows:

Monday 22 December (3:30 - 5:30 PM)

For Children ~~at~~ from 2 to 6 years.

Wednesday 24 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 special request from 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 5 December and no names can be accepted after that date.

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## SQUASH

### SOCIAL

The end-of-the year Social and Prize giving for the Ninth League will be held on Friday 12 December in the British Club Main Dining Room commencing at 7:30 PM. A buffet dinner, dance music together with door prizes and entertainment - all for 50 Bht. per head is an opportunity for off court revelry that should not be missed. Tickets are available on request from Sub-Committee members of the Club Manager.

### VETERANS INVITATION

In appreciation of the hospitality and gamesmanship provided by the Club during their visit, the Squash Veterans Association extend an invitation to players to use squash facilities at the Navy and Military Clubs, Sydney and Melbourne, when visiting Australia.

### FORTHCOMING COMPETITIONS

The following competitions are planned December to March 1976.

- a. RBSC vs BC: This social competition is now scheduled for 15 to 18 December 1976 with four teams each of four players playing D, C, B and A respectively. Players wishing to compete should contact the Club Captain, Reg Beesley.

Don Johnston Cup: The competition will be held from 14 to 18 January 1976. All players are welcome to enter for the Cup and the plate. Further details and entry forms will be distributed by the end of the month.

Tenth League: Will be held from 1 February to 31 March 1976.

## VOTE OF THANKS

The Chairman and Sub-Committee extend their appreciation to players for their patience during the repairs on Court 1.

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**HAPPY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
**PROSPEROUS**  
**NEW YEAR**

## GOLF

A word about forthcoming matches:

### THE MIXED INVITATION STABLEFORD AGGREGATE

Popularly known as 'The Christmas Hamper' is nigh. The lists (ladies and gents) are filling up and closing date is December 1st. Partners will be drawn by fair lot and starting times posted and published.

Prize giving for the event will take place at the Golf Barbaque to be held at the British Club the same evening from 7:00 PM. onwards. Bring your friends and make it a lively evening ..... Bring your own hooch too, if you wish, corkage rights will be waived .....

### THAI GLASS - GESTETNER ECLECTIC TOURNAMENT

It is planned to start off the New Year with a 'bang', Thai Glass and Gestetner are kindly donating Baht 2,500 for prizes to be won in an Eclectic tournament.

The tournament will be based on three rounds to be played (naturally!) on the same course. It has not yet been possible to arrange bookings (it is always difficult to book for the new year as booking lists are unavailable as yet at the courses) but it is hoped to make an announcement on venue shortly.

The Thai Glass/Gestetner prizes (allocation being Baht 2,000 for Gents and Baht 500 for our Ladies' contingent/supporters club) will be awarded after the three rounds have been played whilst normal Club prizes will be awarded after each day's competition.

## DECEMBER 1975

### MAIN CLUB EVENT

(Highlight of the British Club Social Calendar)

#### CHRISTMAS BALL

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

Commencing 8:30 PM

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DANCE TO A FIRST CLASS BAND

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A SUMPTUOUS BUFFET SUPPER

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DRESS: Red Sea Rig (or Dinner Jacket)

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COST: Baht 200 per person which includes

All drinks before Supper

Beer and soft drinks all night

Supper

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BRITISH CLUB

CINEMA, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 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	- Curry Lunch	12 noon to 2:30 PM.

SPORTS/GAMES/EVENTS

LADIES GOLF

Fixtures:

<u>Tue. 2</u>	<u>Army</u>	2 Best Nines	7:15 AM.
Starter:	Maureen Parish	(526679)	
<u>Tue. 9</u>	<u>Don Muang</u>	4 Ball better ball	7:15 AM.
Starter:	Sheila Neville	(916000 ext.39)	
<u>Tue. 16</u>	<u>Hua Mark</u>	Bogey	7:15 AM.
Starter:	Judy Launder	(525416)	

SPORTS/GAMES/EVENTS (Cont.)

MENS GOLF

Forthcoming Fixtures

Wed. 10 Dec.	Mixed Stableford Aggregate	Don Muang	8:00 AM.
	(Christmas Hamper)		Tee-off
Sun. 21 Dec.	Bogey	Don Muang	8:00 AM.
			Tee-off

Sun. 11 Jan.	Medal	)	
		)	
Sun. 25 Jan.	Medal Aggregate	)	
		)	<u>Venue</u> to be confirmed.
Sun. 8 Feb.	Bogey	)	
		)	
Sun. 22 Feb.	Stableford	)	

SQUASH

15 - 18 Dec. RBSC vs BC

SWIMMING

Sun. 7 Dec. Monthly Gala

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JANUARY

Sun 4 - Tennis Round Robin  
Sat 10 - UN Party  
Sat 10 - Annual Bangkok Aquatic Club V'S BC

### FEBRUARY

Sat 14 - St. Valentines Dance  
Fri 20 - Annual Cocktail Party

## GOLF (Cont.)

For them what haven't played in an Eclectic (dict. = choosing the best of everything!) It is scored thus:

	Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	etc.
Player	(Jan. 11	4	3	4	6	5	6	8	3	5	
	(Jan. 26	5	4	5	6	4	5	5	2	5	
P. Potts	(Feb. 22	4	4	5	7	4	6	5	4	4	
Eclectic Score =		4	3	4	6	4	5	5	2	4	= 37 out
Less : Handicap											6 "
											Net = 31 "
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Even if you can't play on the three outings you can still win with two scores if they're good enough. Give it a go !

### EAGLE'S NEST

Having been robbed once only (in July) the nest is being steadily filled and at least 1 dozen balls await the next robber .....



#### RESULTS OF RECENT MATCHES

A Stableford held at Don Muang on 19th October under winter rules proved to be most testing. The low handicap players were undeterred by playing conditions and Ray Watson, off 9, turned in a creditable card which earned 34 points and the first prize. Runner-up was Ian McLean, off 8, who scored 33 points. Unlucky Ron Campbell who seems fated not to take top spot scored a commendable 32 points but went home empty-handed .....

#### BOGEY COMPETITION

Held at the Railway course on 26th October in good playing conditions, prior to rains and subsequent flooding, some 25 golfers endeavoured to beat par. Nobody succeeded, but Ian Long with a -3 out and a +3 back managed to turn in an even par score and take first prize. John Mumby, +2 at the turn, failed to maintain his form and came back in -3. Even so his final score of -1 was good enough to take the runner-up prize. Front and back nines were won by Ian McLean and John Dickerson respectively.

#### HUA HIN

A pleasant weekend's golf was enjoyed on 1st and 2nd November by some 32 players on the sea-side links at Hua Hin. The Saturday's tournament, a better ball Stableford, was intended to get players limbered up and acquainted with the course, proved to be profitable for certain combinations and/or individuals and in this context mention might be made of the winning of Don Wyber and Joe Stewart who scored some 40 points. Runner-up with 37 points were Fleming Kinnaird and Mike Bucknall.

The Stableford tournament held on the Sunday saw Bucknall and Stewart reproduce their good form in solo efforts which earned them 1st and 2nd prizes respectively. In third place was Alistair Boyd whose 30 points equalled those of Joe Stewart but alas ! his back nine was less successful .....

Other prize-winners were Paul Huey (Front 9 and Approach), John Dickerson (back 9 once again), Adrian Gundlach (long drive) whilst in the Ladies' tournament Christine Howell emerged winner with 30 points whilst Jean Taylor's 24 points gave her second prize on a count back with Hisako Robinson.

A cool weak-end was had by all .....



## TENNIS

Due to continued uncertainty regarding the condition of the courts, it has been decided to further postpone the start of the Second Tennis League. Nevertheless the committee are optimistic that play could commence mid December, perhaps in time to work up an appetite for Christmas?

As soon as possible, intensive preparation of the courts will commence, but the end November high tides, will have to recede first.

If you do eat too much over Christmas, there is a "Tin & Bottle," doubles Round Robin, planned for Sunday 4th January, commencing 10 A.M. Everyone who has ever held a tennis racquet is invited. Just bring a tin or bottle of something to go into the "Kitty," from which prizes will be given out. There will be no other entrance charge.

This "start-of-season get together," will be organised to give everyone a game and a chance at a prize, no matter what their standard - so please mark it in your diary.

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## SWIMMING

The next gala on Sunday 7th December will decide the winner for the Monthly Gala High Points Score. Awards will be made after the Gala to the girl & boy in each age group with the highest score for the year. The strokes on the 7th will be Butterfly, Individual Medley and Breaststroke.

The Improvers Handicap Series continues to be enthusiastically supported by the children. At the end of the 3rd series Ann Gibson was leading with Heather Power in second place, Jason Ryan third, Jane Bagley fourth, Mark Jeffries fifth & Meridith Rudder sixth. The last round of the series will be swum on December 11th. The series will be back, fly and breast.

Results of the RBSC Meet have been distributed. If anyone wants a copy & has not received one please see a committee member. Ian Gibson won the high point score trophy for the 6 years and under and Ann Gibson won the 7-8 year old trophy.

The Swimming Committee have decided upon plain RED swimming costumes in any brand. Stocks of the green & yellow stripe are no longer available.

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### HILLTRIBES' HANDICRAFT SALE

Thursday, Dec. 4th from 9:30 AM to 12 noon is the last Hilltribes' Handicraft Sale before Christmas. A non-profit service project of the Women's Association of International Church, all proceeds return to the craftspeople. The Sale will be at Bangkok Chapel Center, 1496 New Petchburi Road between Soi Nana (3) and Asoke Road (21). Refreshments will be served by the Protestant Women of the Chapel.

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### NEILSON HAYS CHILDREN'S HOUR

Father Christmas comes to Neilson Hays Library on Saturday, Dec. 20. The monthly Children's Hour will begin at 10:00 A.M. with caroling. The puppeteers will have a Christmas Show. Father Christmas will arrive with surprises for the children. Refreshments will be served in the garden for the children while the drawing for the Annual Christmas Raffle is held. First prize is a round trip for two to Hong Kong via Air Siam and raffle tickets (฿10) are still available at the library or from Committee members. Admission to Children's Hour is ฿5 for children of members and ฿15 for non-members. The Library is at 195 Suriwongse.

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