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### NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1976

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The rains have gone but the curfew, which is still with us, has somewhat dampened the December social programme. Although practices continued through November the St. Andrews Ball has been postponed. The Club's Christmas Ball has been replaced by a Cocktail Party and Christmas Dinner Buffet. (Page 9)

Tennis begins this month with a Tennis Drive on 12 December (Page 7) and Cricket net practice will be held in the hopes that the season will begin in early January.

## 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.

### PAYMENT OF CLUB BILLS

The Committee is concerned at the high number of bills which are not paid within 14 days of presentation as required by the Rules of the Club.

In the past nine months an average of 45 reminders have been sent out each month. The monthly average total of outstanding accounts concerned was Baht 38,670.

In addition to the costs of mailing reminders by registered post there are other associated administrative overheads which the Committee wishes to reduce or eliminate.

In the best interests of the Club and its Members a charge of 10 Baht will be levied on the accounts of all Members who are sent reminders by registered post after 1 December.

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### SECURITY OF CARS

A car was stolen from the car park last month. Members are reminded that the Club does not accept liability for the loss of or damage to cars. Members are advised to take normal security precautions both for their car and items left inside when parking on the Club premises.

### 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 with Baht 100 UNLESS they indicate otherwise on the enclosed form by 10 December.

The Committee wishes to emphasise that Members are free to contribute more, less or nothing but would remind them that the staff are not permitted to accept any gratuity other than in the form of this annual bonus.

### HIRE OF CLUB PROPERTY

Several requests have been received recently to hire or borrow the Club's sound equipment. As the main items are domestic sets of non-robust construction which are in use at the Club on most days it is not in the best interests of the Club to hire or loan this equipment.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee Meetings in December are scheduled for:

Tuesday 7 December at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday 21 December at 5:30 P.M.

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### CHILDREN

A member has drawn the attention of the Committee to damage he noticed being caused by children in the grounds of the Club. In addition children are frequently found playing in the Club house. Parents are asked to remind their children concerning the Club-house restrictions and the damages which add unnecessarily to the Club's maintenance and repair bills.

### NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

New members will be invited to meet the Committee in the Dining Room at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday 7 December. Closing date for applications to be registered at the Office is Saturday 4 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.

### NEW MEMBERS

The following joined the Club in November 1976:

#### Ordinary Members

Messrs A. Bourassa	I.R. Hughes
R.G.R. Chapman	L.T. Paxton
A.C. Dunlop	M.W. Took
A.R. Shaw	

#### Non Voting Members

Messrs R.A. Bailey	G.E. Bartter
L.J. Joyce	

#### Ladies Privileges

Miss H.R. Murray

### CORRESPONDENCE

The following letter has been received from Mrs. Maycock who visited the Club with her husband at the end of September. Mrs. Maycock had just visited New Zealand as a member of the British Women's Squash team.

Colombo 2 October

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you on behalf of my husband and I for the hospitality which was afforded us at the British Club during our recent visit to Bangkok. After such a long break it was very nice to get back onto the squash court and use up some excess energy! We found conditions much warmer than we were used to but nevertheless very playable.

Once more, thank you very much,

Yours sincerely,

Joyce M. Maycock (Mrs.)

Editor's Note. Extract from "The Squash Player International"

(September 76)

"Britains women scored a great morale boosting success on the eve of the Women's World Open Championships in Australia when they convincingly beat New Zealand. Third string Joyce Maycock put the final finishes to a great victory when she trounced New Zealand's Annette Owen in a straight three 9-7 9-3 9-3".

## SOCIETIES NEWS

### ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

The Committee elected for 1977 is

Honorary Bard:	Mrs. J. Gundlach
Assistant Bard:	Professor J.H. Jones
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. D. Gardiner
Members:	Mr. D. Haugh Mr. J. Davies Mrs. R. Taylor

### ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

The Society's AGM and Cocktail Party is to be held at the British Club on Tuesday 14 December at 5:45 P.M.

### ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY

The Committee elected for 1977 is:-

President:	Mr. J. Lenaghan
Vice President:	Mrs. C. Matisin
Treasurer:	Mr. L.V. Vize
Secretary:	Mrs. J. Spratt
Members:	Mr. L. O'Keefe Mrs. S. Voravan Mr. S. Duffy Mr. S. Spratt Mr. S. Braiden

## TENNIS SECTION

### TENNIS DRIVES

First of the Season - Sunday 12 December beginning at 11 A.M. sharp.

Then on the second Sunday of each month through to June except in March when the Club championships will be held.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following competition groups will be decided:-

Men	Singles and Doubles
Ladies	Singles and Doubles
Mixed	Doubles
Veterans	Mixed Doubles (members aged 40 and over on 1 January 1977)

FINALS DAY. Sunday 27 March at 10 A.M.

## SQUASH SECTION NOTES

Congratulations to Len Alexander and Kevin Crump on reaching the finals of the King's Cup.

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The Annual Squash Social will be held at the Club on Friday 3 December commencing at 7 P.M.

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There will be no organised Squash in December.

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Programme for the New Year

15-29 January	- Don Johnston Cup/Parra Handy Plate
1 February	- Squash League 14 begins
Late March	- New handicap knockout tournament

## 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 5 December of children attending. Provisional 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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## SOCIAL EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 17 December 1976

Cocktail Party 6:30 PM. to 8 PM

followed by

Poolside Christmas Buffet  
(Catering by the Narai Hotel)

and

Dancing

Dress : Sports shirts

Cost : Cocktail Party - Free to Members.

- Guests 60 Baht per head

Buffet Dinner - Members and their Guests  
110 Baht per head.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE OFFICE

## EVENTS - DECEMBER 1976

### PUBLIC AND OTHER HOLIDAYS : EVENTS

Fri. 3 Dec. - H.M. The King's Birthday Parade  
 Sun. 5 Dec. - H.M. The King's Birthday  
 Mon. 6 Dec. - Commercial Holiday  
 Fri. 10 Dec. - Constitution Day  
 Fri. 24 Dec. - Commercial Holiday

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### SECTION ACTIVITIES

Wed. 1	<u>Tennis</u> AGM	7:30 PM.
	<u>Bridge</u>	7:30 PM.
Fri. 3	<u>Squash</u> Annual Party	7 PM.
Sun. 5	<u>Swimming</u> Monthly Gala	11:30 AM.
	<u>Golf</u> at Krungthep	8:20 AM.
Wed. 8	<u>Golf</u> AGM	5:30 PM.
	<u>Bridge</u> Duplicate evening	7:30 PM.
11/12	<u>Swimming</u> RBSC meet at RBSC	
Sun. 12	<u>Tennis</u> Tennis Drive	11 AM.
Wed. 16	<u>Darts</u> Match v Joker Club	8 PM.
Sun. 19	<u>Golf</u> at Rose Garden	-
Wed. 23	<u>Darts</u> Match v Marios	8 PM.

### JANUARY DIARY

Sun. 9	<u>Swimming</u> Monthly Gala, Barbecue Dance	2:30 PM.
	<u>Tennis</u> Tennis Drive	
15/29	<u>Squash</u> Don Johnston Cup/Parra Handy Plate	

## ADVERTISEMENT

### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The great Christmas shopping season is about to begin. Why not beat the Christmas Eve rush to Central by buying now from Dunlop Thailand.

Some suggestions for presents which will really be welcomed are:-

*A dozen DUNLOP 65 golf balls in a Christmas pack	Bht. 300.-
A dozen MAXFLI golf balls either Black Red or the new BLUE MAX with the Surlyn cover	Bht. 450.-
VOLLEY INTERNATIONAL Aluminium tennis racket made in Australia	Bht. 1,100.-
POWERFLEX Fibre Glass/Wood composite tennis racket made in Germany	Bht. 1,200.-
MAXPLY FORT Wooden tennis racket made in UK	Bht. 600.-
*BLUE FLASH tennis racket made in UK	Bht. 265.-
MAXPLY FORT squash racket	Bht. 400.-
*BARNA original table tennis bats	Bht. 75.-
*ARMSTRONG table tennis bats Standard Green	Bht. 85.-
SWINGBALL sets	Bht. 450.-
UNICORN dartboards	Bht. 110-185.-

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## ENGLISH LADIES GOLF UNION

Owing to the fact that the 1977 L.G.U. Committee was not elected until Tuesday, 23rd November, details of the December fixtures could not be arranged in time for inclusion in this month's newsletter. However, a ladies competition will be held on each Tuesday morning at 7:15 A.M. at the Royal Thai Army Course and details of the competitions to be held during December can be found on the notice board in the main club house.

### BALLET CLASSES

Modern Jazz Classes for Teenagers and 'Mums' are continuing every Wednesday until a short Christmas to New Year Break. Classes held at 2:00 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.

Classical Ballet Classes will have the same break. Classes are held Friday afternoons.

Preschoolers	(3-4 years)	2:00-2:30 P.M.
Beginners	(5-6 years)	2:30-3:30 P.M.
Grade 1	(7-8 years)	3:30-4:30 P.M.

For Details Ring Pam Stanley.

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## DARTS SECTION

Rumour has it that your regular correspondant is presently searching the upper slopes of Mount Fuji for a strange animal known locally as a "Lilywhite-san". He may be successful but the general opinion of the Section is that this is a well Nai impossible task.

The Round Robin held on Sunday 24th October was highly successful. Throw off scheduled for 1 P.M. commenced right on time at 1:45 P.M. with 18 entrants. Many a good game was played but as expected the final was an all Derby affair with Arthur Hawtin narrowly defeating Brian Heath 2-0, the game being played at 7:45 P.M. The ladies prize was won by Nong Gwilliam who edged Jean Stephens and just to keep it in the family, Ben with his mini-arrows had high score (140).

In the first league match of the current series against Marios the Lilywhites unbelievably led 7-2 after the 1001, requiring only one of the three doubles to clinch the game. Despite a remarkable series of 11, 7, 3 and 5 by the Nai in the first game, the Lilywhites managed to lose all three. It was only in the final game that the reason was evident, the opposition were now supplying a different lower octane fuel thus causing the Lilywhites to fire on three cylinders. This I can assure you is quite an awe inspiring sight.

The new captain regreably lost the first game against the Joker Club and Lilywhite lassitude was quickly apparent, the final score being 7-8. The only winners in the singles were that man Gwilliam again and Nai 3 and in the doubles captain Ray Roberts (high score 134) and Arthur Hawtin. The 1001 was also credited to the Lilywhites for the second week in succession which is probably a record.

It was evident that the early season nerves and lubrication problems had been overcome against the Golfers Lounge, for a lead of 5-1 was achieved after the singles. A common tactic of looking at the scoreboard and hoping the score would go away by itself was adopted in the 1001, but by winning the final doubles by pairing Nong Gwilliam with Robin Polglaze, who actually deserves a pat on the back for finishing on 96, it was evident that the new captain knew exactly what he was doing, which is good to know, because nobody else did. The final score was 9-6 to the Lilywhites.

In the first round of the Knockout, run in conjunction with the league, the Lilywhites although playing well, were defeated 4-11 by one of those professional teams which seem to flourish in the Sukumvit area, Brian Kane and the smaller of the Derby duo won their singles and Andrew Sobenko and Robin Polglaze got two back in the doubles. As a result of this narrow defeat your representatives go forward with confidence into the second round.

N.B. Intensive elbow strengthening exercises and subtraction tests are held in the bar from 6 P.M. onwards Saturdays and Sundays.

All welcome.

## SWIMMING SECTION

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES --

The December Monthly Gala will be held on Sunday 5 December, starting at 11:30 A.M. Strokes are Butterfly, Breast and Individual Medley. Awards for the Annual High Points series will be presented afterwards.

The Royal Bangkok Sports Club has invited us to compete in its Invitational Age-Group Swim Meet at the RBSC pool on 11 and 12 December. Entries close on 30 November, so put your names down soon on the list posted on the Notice Board.

A change of schedule for January. The first Monthly Gala of the New Year will take place on the second Sunday of the month, 9 January, starting at 2:30 P.M. An expanded schedule of events, including all strokes, is planned, and a barbecue and dance will follow the Gala.

A new Committee has taken charge of the Swimming Group following the Annual General Meeting held on 22 October. Bob Reid and Gordon Aylward are to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the group, with the exact quota of can-carrying appropriate to each still to be sorted out. Norma Rudder continues as Secretary by popular request, and Russ Hignett is taking over the books as Treasurer. Committee members elected at the AGM were:

Gordon Aylward  
John Bagley  
Greg and Trina Black  
Paddy and Thea Bishop  
Vera Comerford  
Russ Hignett

Yvonne Hurrell  
Hugh Jamieson  
Bob and Jo Reid  
John and Fiona Rogers  
Norma Rudder  
Margaret Ryan

The Swimming Group has been very fortunate in having Fred Aboud's training expertise on tap, if only for a short period, during the vacuum left by the departure from the poolside of Gordon Aylward and Alec Power. The kids have been learning a lot from him; thank you, Fred.

Mrs. de Heer is also continuing her invaluable classes and tests for the Amateur Swimming Association awards, providing children with an excellent opportunity to gain these standards.

Finally, a belated -- and therefore very brief -- word from Gordon Aylward's Coach's Report, presented to the AGM in October. Gordon described this year as the most successful the Swimming Group has enjoyed since it started. The children have already paid tribute to the great role played by Gordon and Alec Power in making this success possible, and to outgoing Chairman Ian Launder, who is soon leaving Thailand.

Poolside rumour has it that, in view of his recent Hawaiian discovery that sailing can be a hazardous business, Gordon may wish to keep his feet on dry land in future .....

## BRIDGE SECTION

In a team-of-four match for the Tay Quaich (presented by the St. Andrews Society) it took the rest of the world combined to beat the Scots. The match, played on November 10, took place at the house of the Reids, whose impromptu hospitality was much appreciated. The members of the individual winning team were Ivan and Sue Garfoot and Ivor and Yoshi Watts (Rest of the World). The top Scottish team was the Chieftain and his Lady and the Watsons. It is reported that the St. Andrews Society hopes to regain the (annual) trophy at the earliest opportunity - probably in early 1977. Asked to comment on the rumour that they had been offered honorary Scottish citizenship, Terence Reese called a spade a spade, Charles Goren responded out of turn, Omar Sharif doubled his investment in Scottish oil, and Rixi Markus handed in her cards.

We continue to meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 for rubber bridge, with light-hearted duplicate approximately once a month. Next duplicate evening will be 8 December. Everybody welcome; and if you need a partner, please call John Higgins (British Council 252-6136, home 251-2048).

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EDITORS NOTES

All material for the January 1977 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 19 December.

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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