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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1974

The Newsletter. This is the first edition of the new-look Newsletter which, we hope, you the members will enjoy reading. We have some new ideas such as the extra copy of the centre-page diary and in future we hope to offer space for members personal "ads". The Editors will be pleased to have your ideas and thoughts too. The Committee would like to thank The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for taking the advertising space and therefore helping to launch this the first edition of the British Club Newsletter.

Advertising space on the Newsletter's back cover is offered monthly to interested organisations (See Editors Notes).

Membership. The General Committee has decided to appoint a special sub-committee to enquire into all aspects of membership. The following members have agreed to serve on this sub-committee

- Messrs: T.L. Barratt
N.F. Overy
H. Freeman-Greene
W.T. Dean
C. Stewart
The Chairman (ex-officio)

The first meeting will be held shortly.

The Manager. The Manager is increasingly being asked to attend to matters which can often more properly dealt with by other members of staff. Members are reminded that suggestions and complaints need not necessarily be made to the Manager - please use the Suggestions Book or speak to a Committee Member.

The Office will be open as usual to deal with questions of accounts. General queries should be referred to the Manager at the following times only

Monday to Friday	11.30 am to 1.30 pm and 5 to 6 pm.
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon.

Acknowledgements

The New Bar. The Committee wishes to thank the following firms for their contributions towards the successful opening of the new bar on 4 April

- Thai Amarit Brewery Company Limited
Be Lucky LP
Borneo Company (Thailand) Limited
Guines's Thailand Limited
King Supermarket

Easter Day. The Committee wishes to acknowledge with thanks the contributions made to the Easter Day festivities by the following firms

- Anglo-Thai Commercial Company Limited
British Airways
Cathay - Pacific Airways Limited
Donlop Thailand Limited
Louis T. Leonowens Limited
United Milk Company Limited (Milo)

A special 'thank you' also to all the helpers and in particular to Mrs 'Win' Lapping for organising the Swimming Games.

Members Directory. It is proposed to produce a Club members directory for general distribution which will show members postal address and telephone numbers.

If you do not wish these details to be published please inform the office by 15 May 1974.

It would appear that some of the office records are not up-to-date. This would be good opportunity for members to stop by the office and check their personal information record cards.

Security of Cars. Some members have expressed concern over the arrangements for the security of cars parked on the premises of the club. The Committee stresses that the club cannot accept liability for cars stolen but wishes to do all in its power to reduce or eliminate the risk without introducing costly and complicated systems and checks.

The Committee proposes to introduce a simple security system from 1 May 1974. Watch the notice boards for details. In the meantime all members are advised to ensure that they have a BC sticker on their car(s) and to endorse clearly on their membership card their car number(s).

Congratulatory. The General Committee on behalf of all members wishes to congratulate the following young ladies on being selected to represent Thailand in the international swimming meet to be held in Taiwan in May 1974.

Karen Davidson

Julia Yetsenga

Haina Taylor

Elizabeth Barry

Damage. Recently some young children got into the swimming club store (near the Squash courts) and took out the polystyrene training boards. It will cost the club \$450 to replace the damaged boards. Parents of the children concerned may wish to contribute towards the replacement of these training aids.

Committee Meetings

- a. The Committee will meet at 5.30 pm on the following evenings in the Office. The Office will be closed during the meeting.

Tuesday 14 May

Tuesday 28 May

- b. New Members. The members of the General Committee will be in the new bar from 5 to 5.30 pm on each of these evenings to meet proposed new members. Proposers and seconders are reminded that they should be present to introduce their nominees.

SWIMMING NOTES

International Meeting. The British Club Swimming Group achieved notable success in the Bangkok Aquatic Club's (BAC) Invitational Meet at Soi 71, on 30 and 31 March.

The meet was won by the Thai Amateur Swimming Association Team. Their 60 swimmers scored 867 points. The host team BAC entered 75 swimmers and finished second with 644 points. The British Club with only 45 swimmers came 3rd with 500½ points.

More significant is the fact that British Club swimmers improved their times in 91 events out of a total of 131 in which they competed. This is the greatest number of improved times ever recorded by the club.

Two club swimmers - Vivienne Price (7 and 8 year olds) and Karen Davidson (13 and 14 year olds) won the high point trophy in their divisions. Karen was top scorer of the meet.

Vientiane Meet. We are planning to take a large team to Vientiane to compete in the American School Invitational Meet Saturday - Sunday 18-19 May

We shall leave Bangkok by train on Thursday night 6.30 pm. - Arrive Nongkhai 6.30 am - Cross Mekong River and take the bus to Vientiane - Stay in Apollo Hotel - Children may be billeted.

We return by Sunday night train and arrive Bangkok 6.30 am Monday morning.

Please see Mrs. Lapping for more details. All swimmers and parents are invited.

SWIMMING (Continued)

Monthly Gala. The monthly swimming gala will be held on Sunday 5 May at 11.30 am. Events will be Butterfly, Breaststroke, Individual Medley.

SQUASH NOTES

Squash Social. There will be an end of league Scotch Egg and Mash social on Friday 3 May commencing at 7.30 pm. Winner and runner-up presentations will be made and the new league divisions will be announced. All club members and their wives are welcome.

Squash League. The new league will commence 6 May and end 17 July. All current participants will be entered automatically unless they notify the Squash Committee of their desire to withdraw by 1 May. New players should complete one of the forms held by the Club Manager as soon as possible.

Each player will, on average, play one league match per week. Remember, you need not be a good squash player to enter the league, only an enthusiastic one. Ladies are invited to participate in the League. Entry fee for the new league will be Bht 30.

Mr. Derek Greenland, who did a fine job in the past league will again be at the helm for the coming league. He can be reached at phone 928535 (office).

SQUASH (Continued)

Dawee Cup. The Annual Competition between the Thai and British communities was played at BC on Tuesday 16 April. The Thai Community won 4-1. Results were

David Lamb beat Issavangkul	3-2
David Frisher lost to Bunnag	1-3
John Ruwald lost to Pinthanond	2-3
Mike Minto lost to Leetavorn	1-3
Gavin Anderson lost to Burapa Atthakorn	1-3

Squash Round Robin. The first squash round robin competition will be held on Saturday 4 May. It will be a one day competition organised by Derek Greenland. Registration begins at 9 am and play should end by 4 pm. The entry fee which will cover prizes and beer will be Bht 20. Participation will be limited to the first 32 entrants.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR MAY

SQUASH SOCIAL

An end-of-league scotch egg and mash Social

Friday 3 May at 7.30 pm

All club members and their wives are welcome.

MAIN CLUB EVENT

"COME HELL OR HIGH WATER"

BBQ AND DANCE

FRIDAY 24 MAY 1974

at 7.45 pm

COME AS YOU ARE - BRING YOUR FRIENDS

SPOT PRIZES - RAFFLE - SURPRISE EVENT

Tickets (single) Bht 60 (Admission and Dinner)
obtainable from the office and bar from
5 May 1974

PUB NIGHT. Come and meet your friends and chat in relaxing surroundings.

Friday 31 May from 5.30 pm.

BRITISH CLUB

CINEMA, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS SUMMARY - MAY 1974

(Watch the notice boards for full details)

CINEMA

May 5	- ON A CLEAR DAY	Barbara Streisland Ives Montand
12	- FOLLOW ME	Topol and Mia Farrow
19	- SPARTACUS	Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis
26	- DESERTER	Richard Vrenna

Showings Matinee 3 pm: Evening 8 pm.

Entrance Adults Bht 12 Children Bht 6.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday	- Scottish Country Dancing	7.30 pm
Wednesdays	- Bridge	7.30 pm
Thursdays	- Darts Cricket Net Practice	5-6 pm
Saturdays	- Tennis Buffet Lunch	2.30 pm 12 noon to 2.30 pm
Sundays	- Curry Lunch	12 noon to 2.30 pm

SPORTS

Fri 3	- Squash - Scotch Egg/Mash Social(A)	7.30 pm
Sat 4	- Squash - Round Robin (A)	9.00 am
Sun 5	- Swimming - Monthly Gala (A)	11.30 am
	Tennis - American Tournament	
Mon 6	- Squash - New League Starts (A)	
Tue 7	- Ladies Golf - Medal (Army)	
Sun 12	- Golf - BB teams (Railway)	6.30 am
	Tennis - Match v SEATO	2.30 pm
Tue 14	- Ladies Golf - Stableford (Hua Mark)	
18/19	- Swimming - Vientiane Meeting (A)	
Sun 19	- Tennis - Match v RBSC (RBSC)	2.30 pm
Tue 21	- Ladies Golf - Flag (Railway)	
Sun 26	- Golf - Stableford (?)	
Tue 28	- Ladies Golf - BB (Don Muang)	

Note (A). Further details appear elsewhere in this Newsletter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 1974

Sunday 9 - Golf (Don Muang)

Friday 14 - Tramps Ball

Saturday 15 - Squash Round Robin

Sunday 23 - Golf (Hua Mark)

Friday 28 - Pub Night (Mens Night)

July 1974

4 - 6 - Golf "Hamper" Match

Friday 19 - Fishermans Ball

Saturday 20 - Squash Round Robin

Friday 26 - Pub Night

Monday 29 - Squash. New League Starts

TENNIS NOTES

Club Cup Matches. The men's doubles final of the annual Club Cup Tournament was held Sunday 27 March. John Davis and Alan Blanford defeated David Lamb and Gavin Anderson 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

R.B.S.C. Match. The British Club hosted a tennis match against RBSC on Saturday 30 March. Although the final score was a bit one-sided. The British Club put forth a good effort and had a chance in nearly every set. The results were

	<u>RBSC</u>	<u>BC</u>
Mens Doubles	4	0
Ladies Doubles	2	0
Mixed Doubles	4	0

Mike Minto and Helen Bergstrom were the only pair to take a set off the RBSC team.

SEATO match (21 April). After a gap of several years this annual fixture has been revived. Records do not show how long it is since the last match but one (elderly) member of the SEATO team said it was way back before the swimming pool was built. A successful but very hot afternoon.

Result summary

	<u>BC</u>	<u>SEATO</u>
Mens Doubles	5	1
Ladies Doubles	1	0
Mixed Doubles	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$

TENNIS (Continued)

Saturday Tennis. Special tennis activities will be held every Saturday, weather permitting.

The first tennis Saturday was organised by Jim and Colleen Perry and held on Saturday 6 April. About 22 players participated, each playing about four sets with different partners and opponents. The star for endurance goes to Norma Rudder who was on the courts at 11 am and wasn't seen leaving until after 5 pm.

Thank You. A special thanks to Mr. Brian Thompson who, as Chairman of House and Grounds has worked diligently to provide us with fine tennis courts this season.

Forthcoming Events

5 May - American Tournament

12 May - Match versus SEATO (at BC)

19 May - Match versus RBSC (at RBSC)

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL NOTES

The Football team rounded off a successful season by beating the Cosmopolitans 2-1 in the final play off in the Farang League.

In front of a large and enthusiastic crowd many sporting Union Jacks and BC rosettes (where were the rattles?) the game was played in true cup final style. A fast, hard tackling game swung both ways but neither side managed to score in the first half. In the second half Cosmopolitans scored to break the deadlock. This goal, a good one but against the run of the play, appeared to rouse the BC players and produce the edge which brought the equaliser in the next two minutes and a second winning goal five minutes later.

Mick Gallagher the BC skipper scored the winning goal and brought his personal tally for the season to 21 goals.

The final standings at the top of the Farang League were

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
British Club	12	11	-	1	48	15	22
Cosmopolitans	12	9	1	2	26	8	19
Scandinavians	12	8	1	3	26	15	17

Mr. Gunther Glomb, the tournament organiser, has formed an ad hoc group of players to continue training and play friendly games during the close season. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Mick Gallagher (811322 Extn 356). The next Farang League will begin in mid-November.

SPORTS SHORTS

Cricket. Both the over 35 and under 35 teams have reached the semi final stage of the Thailand Cricket League Competition and one team is assured of a place in the final which rounds off the current season. The 1974/75 season will begin in November.

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Cricket Nets. Net practise will continue until further notice. Coaching for youngsters will begin 30 June and continue on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons through the school holidays. A small fee will be charged to offset the cost of balls and equipment.

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Golf. The two meetings scheduled for May are:

12 May - BB teams at Railway (6.30 am).

26 May - Stableford. To be confirmed.

One of the three annual special Meets is scheduled to be held at Kao Yai over the holiday weekend 4-6 July. This will be a two day hamper match at the TOT Centre. Full details will be issued shortly.

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Snooker and Billiards. It is hoped to reactivate the Snooker and Billiards section. Members interested are asked to enter their names on the notice board list. The organizer is Brian Heath (Home telephone 782903).

Bridge. A match was played against the Dutch Club at RBSC on 20 March. The team play score was 2 - 2 but the Dutch Club were winners on aggregate points score 306 to 294.

Ten Pin Bowling. Anyone interested in Ten-Pin-Bowling is advised to contact Dave Townsend (31321-5). Try it; you'll like it!

Ladies Golf. Every Tuesday in and around Bangkok the Ladies tramp the course. Meetings scheduled for May are

Tuesday 7	- Medal (Army)
Tuesday 14	- Stableford (Hua Mark)
Tuesday 21	- Flag (Railway)
Tuesday 28	- Twoball best ball (Don Muang)

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CATERING

Apart from the organised social activities both at club and section level, the club offers food and drink at prices unbeatable anywhere in Bangkok. Those who have taken advantage of the Saturday buffet lunch for example will certainly agree. Members are invited and asked to use the club more for cocktail parties, barbecues and general dining. General plans provide for a selected number of imported dishes (where else can you get an imported steak for 50 Bht), regular Sunday lunch time curry, (both hot and mild) and free snacks and tit bits at the main bar.

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TRY A CURRY LUNCH ON SUNDAY

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SATAY STICKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
POOLSIDE AT WEEKENDS

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CLASSIFIED ADS

As an additional means of advertising members may wish to use space in the Newsletter from June 1974. The Newsletter staff offer space at the rate of Bht 10 for up to 4 lines (approximately 30 words) per entry.

Advertisements 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.

It is proposed to publish advertisements using the following format:

PET

A good home required for elderly three legged Siamese Cat. (and 20 kittens)

Contact Smith. Telephone 12345 (Work)
67890 (Home after 11 pm).

CAR

MERCEDES 280 (1903). 750,000 miles.
Faded Green. Worn solid tyres all
round. Radio (Crystal set).
Airconditioner. Available from 15 Nov 1986.

Contact Jones. Telephone 7654321
before 5 am .

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THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS
FOR 10 BAHT
See details of classified Ads on
page 19

EDITORS NOTES

All material for the June 1974 edition of the Newsletter reach the Office by 15 May.

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

Editors. John Davis and Don Wyber.