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BRITISH CLUB
NEWSLETTER

July

The Monthly News

The news from in and around the British Club Bangkok

Wants to
for

South Carolina (AP)
William C. West-
months of speculation
self as a Republican candi-
South Carolina.
who retired from the army in
afternoon news conference at
was little doubt



Picasso heirs
win claim

GRASSE, France (AFP)
A Grasse court yesterday
upheld the claim of Claude
and Paloma Ruiz-Picasso
to be the natural children
of the late Pablo Picasso
and to have the right
share in the painters' es-
tate.

Claude and Paloma, the
children of Pablo Picasso
and painter Francoise Clu-
lot will each be granted
one-eighth of the Picasso
estate, the Court ruled.

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THE BRITISH CLUB

189 Suriwongse Road

Bangkok

(Telephone: 30247-39592)

Chairman : Lt Col H. Docherty, OBE
Vice Chairman : B.P. Thompson
Honorary Treasurer: G.C. Croy
Honorary Secretary: T.K. Whalley
Club Manager : H.A. Traugott

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 1974

"My dear, did you see what I saw at the club on Sunday? They were actually playing tennis with pink - yes, would you believe it, - pink tennis balls". Well, there you are, it had to happen and no doubt it will not be long before 'they' are brave enough to wear coloured shirts too.

The lunch time sleepers and those good enough to return library books will have noted that things are happening in the reading room. This is the first phase of a move to combine the need for essential maintenance with the desire to brighten up the interior gloom. In the meantime the Committee is considering long term face lifts and developments - the plot is outlined on page 2. Read on.

CLUB NEWS

LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE

The General Committee believes that the Club requires an agreed long-term plan to govern the development of the main building, pool side area, and the grounds over the next five to ten years. Alterations and adaptation of the existing facilities are becoming increasingly expensive (as indeed is routine maintenance) and the possibility of making any worthwhile changes in the lifetime of a single committee is becoming more and more remote. Consequently, the Committee feels that a long-term plan agreed by the members is a necessary step to the improvement of our facilities and the rational use of our finances.

A small working party has therefore been formed to consider possible improvements to the Club in the time scale mentioned. They will shortly present their views to members by means of a circular which will enable members to comment and also to put forward their own ideas. Depending on the reaction of members, professional advice on the feasibility on any new proposals may be taken and a further report presented to the members, hopefully, before September or October. Members will again have an opportunity to express their views at this stage and the Committee hopes that a general view on the future development of the Club will have emerged.

It is certainly the intention of the Committee, and this must be emphasized, to be guided by the wishes of the members in this matter. No development work will be put in hand without obtaining approval as laid down in our Constitution and Rules. In the meantime, the present committee will not introduced further new developments but will concentrate on routine maintenance.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Members of the club will be pleased to hear that Godfrey Sommerfield, four times chairman of the club, was made a member of the Order of the British Empire in the Birthday Honours List announced on 15 June. The following telegram was sent by the Chairman to Mr. Sommerfield

"Congratulation on well deserved honour
from all members of the British Club.

Docherty".

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BOOKS

Gifts of 'paper backs' and books to supplement the light reading book shelves will be much appreciated.

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GUESTS

Member are requested to ensure that the names of their guests are entered in the Guest Book which is kept in the lobby of the main building as soon as possible after they enter the club premises.

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CLUB TIE - DESIGN COMPETITION

Design a tie and win a prize.

Members of the club and their relatives are invited to submit designs for a new club tie. The winner of the competition will be presented with a bottle of whiskey.

Rules

Designs should be submitted to the manager in sealed envelopes clearly marked CLUB TIE COMPETITION by midday Saturday 20 July.

The Committee will consider entries on Tuesday 23 July. The Committee is not bound to select one of tie designs submitted and its decision will be final.

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NAVY VISITS

Ships of the Royal Navy and the Royal Australian Navy will be visiting Thailand over the holiday weekend (5-7 July). The Football team will be playing two matches against the visitors. The usual invitation will be extended to the ships crews to use the facilities of the club during that weekend.

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SAUNA CLUB

Members of the Club can now obtain a 20% reduction at the SAUNA HEALTH CLUB on production of their membership cards. A further reduction of 20% is given if the member joins the club by paying the monthly subscription of Bht 100.

There is a Ladies Sauna also. A wife of a member may obtain the same terms on production of her husbands membership card.

The Sauna Club is situated at:

1-9 Chalermloke Commercial Centre

Rajdamri Road

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DISCOUNT SERVICE

Members of the Committee are following up the offer of the Sauna Health Club and investigating the possibility of establishing a Members Discount Service. Several businesses and organisations are being approached to see whether or not they are prepared to offer special discounts to members of the club.

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CAPTAINS CHAIRS

As most members will be aware the Club is in great need of some new furniture. It is proposed to purchase a number of Captain's chairs similar to the one which is presently on display in the Bar. Eighteen members have kindly agreed to donate one chair each. Any other member wishing to add his name to the list will be rewarded with the Club's gratitude and also a brass plate commemorating his gift. Alternatively members may find it more convenient to induce their company to donate. The cost per chair is a modest £600.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined the Club in June (up to 19 June):

Ordinary Members

D.J. Brunwin
N.J.M. Brierley
L. Clark
W.G. Ford
J.N. Knight
G.K. Morton
M.A. Pells
A.J. Pepper
K. Spencer
T. Smith

Ladies Privileges

Miss J.A.S. Gilbert
Miss J. Sutcliffe

Welcome to the Club.

COMMITTEE MEETING

- 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 9 July

Tuesday 23 July

- 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 are responsible for presenting the proposed new member to the committee at the time and dates set aside for the purpose.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

This is a chain letter and was started in the hope of bringing relief and happiness to tired husbands.

Like most chain letters, this does not cost money. Simply send a copy of this letter to five of your married friends who are equally tired.

Then bundle up your wife and send her to the man whose name is at the top of the list and add your name to the bottom of it.

When your name comes up to the top of this list, you will receive 16,789 women and some will be "Dandies".

Have faith! - Don't break the chain - one man broke the chain and got his old lady back.

"A Tired Friend"

P.S. At the time I write this, a friend of mine had received 334 women. They buried him yesterday and everyone said he had a smile on his face for the first time in years.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL NOTES

Result

The Soccer Team played a friendly fixture against Loxley Football Team on Sunday 26 May at the Chulalongkorn University Grounds. Despite fielding a weakened team the result was a 4-3 win for the British Club. This is the team's fourteenth consecutive win.

Fixtures Arranged

The football team is faced with a strenuous out-of-season weekend on 6/7 July. On both days the Club XI will take on teams from visiting RN and RAN ships. Games are likely to be played at the Port Authority ground. For further last minute details please watch the notice boards.

New Strip

The football team will be appearing in a new strip next season thanks to Castrol and Castrol's local manager Geoff Smith. The uniform consists of green shirts, black shorts and red stockings.

Coaching

It has been suggested that we run coaching sessions for children during the July/August holiday period. If enough children are interested, it is proposed to start these sessions in July (Saturdays at 2.30 pm on the back lawn). Please pass names and ages of children (10-15 years) to Mick Gallagher (811322, Ext 355 or 518367 (home)).

Players

Anyone interested in playing soccer in the coming season for the British Club team please get in touch as we are losing five players before the end of the year.

SQUASH NOTES

Current League

The present squash league, due to the great number of entries and limited booking time will be extended until midnight 31 July. The awards social will be held Friday 2 August with the next league to begin 19 August. Watch the squash bulletin board for further details.

League Rules

Amendments to current League Regulations have been unanimously resolved by your Squash Sub-Committee.

These are:

1. Lady League participants may book matches during peak hours.
2. League matches may be played to a result even though a match runs over the original peak period provided that the match began within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time.

It should also be noted that the Squash Court Book Rules read:

"If after 10 minutes of the scheduled time, one or both the parties reserving a court have not arrived, other players may use the court by making an entry to the booking register."

Kindly make every endeavour to follow this regulation as non-observance may lead to confusion and the possible suggestion of penalties may be instituted.

SQUASH (Continued)

The Second Monthly Squash Round Robin was held on Saturday 15 June. Good squash for the spectators and fun for all. Awards were presented by Derek Greenland to the following flight winners; Charles Edmunds, Gavin Anderson, Oliver Skeen, Jim O'Shea, Mike Ward, and Jim Perry. The Round Robin winner was Jim O'Shea who defeated Mike Ward in the final.

Proposed Fixture v RBSC

Three BC squash teams will be competing against RBSC teams in the near future in a proposed quarterly match. Watch for posting of time, place and teams selection.

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GOLF

The golfers are planning a long weekend trip to Kao Yai over the July holiday weekend. A two day meeting will be held on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 July.

Bungalow accommodation is reasonable. That is more than can be said for the course which is reported as being on 18 hole terror with ball eating ravines and roughs and water hazards galore.

SWIMMING NOTES

The hard working coach of the British Club Swimming Group team, Professor Gordon Aylward is now enjoying home leave in Australia. The group wishes him a pleasant holiday, thanks him for past efforts and eagerly awaits his return in late August. During his absence our other coaches, Mr. Alec Powell and Mrs. Wyn Lapping will carry on assisted by Mr. Mel Taylor

Swimming Gala

The next swimming gala will be on Sunday 7 July. Events will be Breaststroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelleher and their three children (Tuck, Danny and David) prominent members of the Bangkok Aquatic Club, have been invited to participate in this gala. In recent years the Kelleher family have energetically and successfully promoted swimming in Thailand, including fostering meetings for our own swimming team. Mrs. Kelleher has been coach of the highly successful Bangkok Aquatic Club Team, in which her husband has also been an official. The boys have been prominent place getters in swimming meetings between the two clubs.

Future Galas

The annual Family Day Gala will be held on Sunday 4 August starting at 1.30 pm.

The gala will feature family, commonwealth and merchant races as well as the usual swimming competitions.

A two-day invitational age group meeting will be held on 24 and 25 August. The pool will be closed till approximately 2 pm. on both days.

SPORTS SHORTS

GOLF FILMS. Films from the series "Shell Wonderful World of Golf" will be shown at 6.15 pm as follows:

Tuesday 9	July	-	Palm Beach/Florida	Arnold Palmer Doug Sanders Frank Beard
Tuesday 23	July	-	Melbourne/Australia	Peter Thomson Gary Player

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SWIMMING. Congratulations to Alexandra Brown and Thomas Stephenson for breaking club records for 6 years and under at the club gala on 2 June. Alexandra swam the one length free style in 25.6 seconds (previous record J. Menzies 26.4) and Thomas swam the one length free style in 22.4 so beating his own record by .7 second.

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TENNIS. The Tennis Section played a return match against SEATO on Sunday 16 June. There was some good and close fought games.

Result: BC - 9 points SEATO - 4 points

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SWIMMING POOL

All swimmers are reminded to use the showers before swimming. Please held keep our pool the cleanest in Bangkok.

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 55 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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SYDNEY ROCK OYSTERS
Now available at 50 Bht per half dozen

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A fantastic selection of

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NON FICTION	BOOKS ON ASIA	FICTION

and even a few rare books you can actually touch.

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from 10 to 1130 am and of course the

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513336 (home)

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Bring the family as well.

EDITORS NOTES

All material for the August 1974 edition of the Newsletter must reach the Office by 15 July.

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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