



Message from the Chairman

Saturday 13th June

Covid-19: With no locally transmitted Covid-19 cases for 19 days we can all be grateful for the way the Thai Authorities have handle the coronavirus emergency and enjoy slowly getting back to doing all the things that make our lives fulfilling. The General Committee and Management offer sincere condolences to anyone who lost loved ones during the crisis and extend sympathy to any Member whose livelihood has suffered or have been separated from their families or stuck in places away from home. We hope that many of you will now be able to enjoy the British Club as part of your 'new normal'.

Phase 4: The Club closed for six weeks and has now been open seven weeks offering limited but gradually increasing services. Phase 4 of the easing of restrictions on Monday will be a major step forward with reopening of the children's playground and newly named Kids Stop, and yes, the serving of alcoholic beverages with meals. For your own safety there will still be social spacing and health rules in place and no guests will be permitted until at least 1st July. Whilst we celebrate our new freedoms, all Members are urged to comply with these regulations as the Club is subject to inspection by the local authorities.

Club Finances: Thank you to every one who has been coming to the Club or using the F&B takeaway/delivery service. This has helped enormously to minimise losses during the lockdown. During April and May the Club recorded operating deficits of THB 0.82 million and THB 0.49 million, a total of THB1.31 million. Depreciation accounted for THB 1.22 million of this deficit meaning that the overall shortfall in cash generation was kept to just THB 90,000.

As previously explained all staff were retained during the lockdown but all operating costs were trimmed to a minimum. In terms of performance against budget we are still operating at a surplus of THB 2.21 million for the first 6 months of the financial year against a budget of THB 2.74 million. We must wait to see how quickly the economy recovers but by keeping a tight control on costs the GC objective is to finish the Financial Year close to budget, which would be a remarkable achievement in the circumstances.

Membership: There has been some attrition in membership over the last three months but more Members joined than left in May and total Membership stands

at 1229, still 56 higher than this time last year. It will be a challenge finding new Members whilst there is almost a complete block on foreigners entering the country, but the Club offers a clean, well-maintained and safe environment and is more marketable than ever as an oasis in a bustling city.

Facilities: The Club is looking beautiful. Nearly all construction and maintenance work is complete, we are sparkly clean thanks to all the new Covid regulations and the newly planted greenery is sprouting with the onset of the rains.

During the month, the last items on the Silom Wing Defects list have been fixed and agreement made to repay the balance of the Contractor's retention monies. Finishing touches have been made at the entrance, the troublesome upper facade panels in the Silom Wing have been replaced, Fitness 1 and Fitness 2 are both now open offering much more spacious and hygienic workout space than we have ever had before, and the Family Room is now completely refurbished, reopening as the Kids Stop featuring a fun giant London Bus wall decoration.

This weekend the new Splash Café has opened at the poolside where the old fitness centre was located, offering air-conditioned service throughout the day. With beer supplies now air-conned, complaints of warm beer should be a thing of the past and all can look forward to ice cold drinks on tap! It is an attractive spacious facility that is likely to become very popular

There are just a couple of projects left to complete this month. The temporary changing rooms built for use during the construction of Phase 2 above the Kids Stop in the Silom Wing will shortly be fitted out for use as these are much fresher than the old ones, and the car parks will be repainted to remove the confusing old line-markings.

Membership Cards: Installation of the new Club Management Software is nearly complete and some parts are already operational. Sales receipts and monthly billings are now being produced by the system and very soon the new 'smart' Membership cards will be issued for entry to the Club and for all transactions.

There is a new Member portal on the Club Website where you can view your statements and find all Club Documents. This is where you can update your Member Profile at any time when you change your address, phone number or email address etc.

GO GREEN: This is also where you can help us Go Green. Under 'Personal' in your Member Profile there are options to receive your monthly statement by email and also to opt out of receiving OUTPOST by mail. Outpost is published on the Club Website and hard copies can always be picked up at Reception. If you have any trouble finding these links or need help activating them please contact membershipservices@britishclubbangkok.org

AGM: I am delighted to announce that the AGM will be held on **Thursday 25th June at 7.00pm** at the Club. We are waiting for detailed instructions on how this

meeting is to be conducted under Covid regulations from the Bangkok Metropolitan Authority and the Ministry of Interior and notices will be sent out shortly. If you are a voting Member please note this in your diaries.

Finally I will finish by thanking Khun Prem and Tee and their team for the fantastic job they have done over the past few months, not just keeping the premises safe and in good order, but maintaining staff morale and overseeing many improvements and innovations. It has be a very productive period for the Club.

Thank you again for your patience and support during these difficult past few months. I look forward to seeing you around the Club



Jack Dunford
Chair of the General Committee

