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Front Cover

The recently opened Silom Wing providing the club with much needed exciting new facilities.

From the Editor

Happy New Year to everyone.

2019 is shaping up to be a busy and exciting year.

I look forward to these events and sharing them with you in editions to come.

Cheers



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



It is still 2018 as I write, but Happy New Year everyone and best wishes for a prosperous 2019. I hope you all enjoyed the Festive Season. Thank you again for your support.

Our Financial Year ended on 30th November and 2018 proved a good year for the Club. We have been reaching record new Membership levels over the last few months, the total now standing at an all time high of 1,138, 46 higher than a year ago. Although subject to audit, we are expecting an operating surplus of around 4.7 million baht, compared with 1.2 million last year, and in spite of persistent bad weather, a sluggish economy and all the changes taking place around the Club, Food and Beverage revenues were close to all-time records.

Two changes late in the year that are already contributing positive results and will have a much bigger impact over a full year in 2019, were the re-opening of the Neilson Hays Garden Café in July and the Silom Wing at the end of October.

Neilson Hays Library: We have been operating the Neilson Hays Library Garden Café again since July and revenues have steadily increased every month. Sales are now approaching levels achieved before we moved out in March 2015 and already substantially exceed subsequent average sales in our own Pavilion Café, which closed in 2017.

Silom Wing: Poolside revenues in November, the first month after opening the Silom Wing, were 20% higher than the previous year. We will expect usage to go on increasing as we continue to make improvements and the year progresses. Much will have been done or underway by the time you read this: new shade elements are being added which include a sale over the Children's playground; the temporary Wifi set-up is being replaced with a new router system; issues with the irrigation system which waters the façade

plants are being addressed; and improved lighting is to be installed throughout the whole area. Small adjustments to the electrical system have been made to ensure compliance with British standards and we are already in receipt of an Electrical Installation Certificate to this effect.

Perhaps more importantly our operations and activities will all be upgraded as we gain experience. Crèche, playgroup and other kids activities are already being planned for the Family Room and we will be promoting use of the Interactive Room as co-working space during the week and a wired-family lounge at weekends. We cannot have staff in attendance in all facilities but a buzzer system has been installed to take orders and sign out.

Most of the feedback has been positive and we welcome your suggestions for improvements. Please use the Suggestions Book at the bar.

New Entrance: Finishing touches are still being made at the new Silom Road entrance, including replacing some defective workmanship, adding signs, lighting and the Club logo. Reception will be located here where Members will be allowed direct access and there will be a waiting room for visitors. The Head of Security and Duty Manger will also be based here. We plan to add electronic card access during the coming year.

Phase 2: As mentioned before, we hope to proceed with Phase 2 of the Poolside Redevelopment as soon as possible and plan to call an EGM to get Membership approval early in 2019. As I write, detailed costings are being finalised and the Finance Sub-committee is preparing financial projections. A lot of thought is also being given to temporary arrangements required whilst the old buildings are



out of commission. The Fitness Centre will likely be relocated to the Silom Wing for the time being, whilst we are looking at portable cabins as temporary changing and shower facilities, and shelter provision over the new poolside deck whilst the Suriwongse Sala is closed. We are also looking at installing a BBQ/ Pizza station adjacent to the Silom Wing.

Visitors: This time of year we get lots of visitors, some annual birds of passage. We are already getting lots of complements on the changes. Two appreciative cricket teams this month were the MCC Cricket Team on tour to Thailand and the Koh Chang Cricket team who host the annual beach cricket tournaments. Both enjoyed afternoon practice sessions in our nets and were full of praise for the facilities and hospitality received. The Squash Section also entertained the first overseas visitors to play on the



new courts, from Yangon. They too were blown away with the quality of our facilities and the hospitality received.

Christmas Ball: Almost 200 Members enjoyed the Christmas Ball.

It was the third year in the new, less formal, buffet-party style. The overall feedback was very positive. It was great night with many revellers staying late, but some hanker for something more formal and stylish since this is promoted as a 'Ball'. The format can always be reviewed in the future, but one challenge is

the best date to hold it. This year we chose 1st December to avoid the following long weekend and then international schools breaking up the week after when many families leave Bangkok. But this is early to celebrate Christmas and a difficult one to get right.



Richard Hopkins: There is an Obituary for Richard Hopkins later in these pages who died suddenly in November at the far too young age of 68. Richard was a lovely person and will be missed by many people in and outside the Club. This has been a bad year for the Cub in this sense, five senior, faithful and active Members having passed away since March. Cherish your loved ones while you can.

War Memorial: We have had our first meeting with Embassy Officials to begin planning the move of the War Memorial from the Wireless Road compound to the Club. It will be located at the Suriwongse Road end of the Front Lawn and we are engaging architects to review the landscaping to provide a dignified setting whilst also ensuring adequate space for the Annual Remembrance Day service, which attracts 300-400 guests. The actual move needs to take place before the rainy season.

Since our lawns are constantly in use for all kinds of events, big and small, throughout the year, and we use awnings of different shapes and sizes we are looking at the possibility of installing permanent foundations on a grid system on both lawns so that awnings can be erected quickly to any required specification.

BREXIT, THE CERTAINTY OF UNCERTAINTY

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

As political melodrama goes UK events in early December were extraordinary. The Cabinet debated for 5 hours over a 500+ page draft European Union Withdrawal Agreement, approving a draft a few days later.

Then, the following morning Dominic Raab, (the “Brexit Secretary”) resigned. Subsequently, two senior ministers resigned, and the press is suggesting more to come.

Theresa May now faces a potential leadership election as cabinet discipline collapses and parliamentary approval of a finalised agreement looks diminished at this point.

Mrs. May will hope that Remain supporters within the other Parties will ride to her rescue and vote the deal through. Given the wide aversion to a “No Deal” outcome what is left is a choice between this agreement, a general election or a second referendum.

Like their Brexit colleagues, they may instead choose to vote the deal through than face the electorate.

So how are matters likely to play out if as appears likely there is insufficient House of Commons support to approve the settlement? First, the special EU Council summit on November 25 is expected to happen but with a focus on a “No Deal”

contingency planning by members and alternatives on the table are down to the UK.

It is unlikely Mrs May will put the agreement to an EU vote if there is a high probability of defeat, so the summit may have to focus on a request to halt negotiations or more formally request a grant of extension to Article 50 negotiations. A reworking of the current withdrawal draft seems unlikely, but interest may turn to a Norway type arrangement that would see the UK remain in the EEA for a time with a temporary customs union added on. Such a scenario would allow sterling to recover some but it would likely peter out after a time.

The other option would be for the government to offer to append a clause in the bill allowing for final agreement via a referendum. This seems unlikely and would have to be supported by the EU, but it may be enough to get backing from Labour and other opposition parties. Sterling would again benefit though volatility would spike as uncertainty around the eventual result builds. The least favorable outcome for sterling is the government losing a confidence vote, however, this may be a less likely outcome before March 29, 2019. Under the Fixed Term Parliament Act this could lead to a general election where there is a chance of a Corbyn government (even if Brexit is

lost) and such an outcome could see sterling tumble to levels lower than after the 2016 referendum vote.

Since outset of the Brexit process sterling movement has been the main risk barometer assessed by the markets.

Sterling volatility has fed through to equity prices and this increased uncertainty has led FTSE100 large cap stocks to outperform more UK small to mid-cap stocks in the short term.

Expect heightened sterling volatility to continue until some of the uncertainty has been removed. When will that will be is hard to say as there are too many moving parts in this equation.



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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



In December we had quite a few functions and events. At our Christmas Ball this year, we had almost 200 persons attend and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves with a wonder spread of food and drinks along with a great band. A special thanks to all our sponsors and in particular, our main sponsors, Emirate Airlines and BNH. At this year's Christmas Lunch and Dinner we achieved a record, with over 500 persons attending which was the highest number ever. Thanks to all Members who supported the Club for these events.

This year our traditional New Year monk ceremony for our Thai staff will be held on Monday 7th January at 10 am. Any members who would like to join us for this ceremony are more than welcome. Then on Monday 28th January the Club will be completely closed in order for the Staff to have their Annual Party. A reminder will be emailed to our Members one week before. At this time, the staff has not made a decision as to where they would like to go, whether to stay in Bangkok or travel outside of the city. We will update you on this in next month's issue along with photos of the day.

In last two month we had a few new staff join the Club. Khun Ern, our Food & Beverage Assistant, Khun Nattawath, our Duty Manager, Khun Chalida, Senior Accountant and Khun Tidarat, Events and Social Media Coordinator along with few staff in the kitchen. At the weekends, you will see our part-time staff in the outlets and especially at Poolside to help our

service staff. Last month we launched our new Food and Beverage menu and have received a few comments from Members. If you have any suggestions, please write them in our suggestion book.

Plans are underway to move our reception area to Silom Entrance and here Members will be able to contact Member Services, Members' Guests, Duty Manager and the Security Supervisor will be on standby here as well. We are also in the process of improving our Membership, POS, and back office systems, which will include access control at the main gate. Our Membership Plus program has now updated and are in the process of getting new benefits for our Members.

Our Reciprocal Clubs around the world now stands at over 400! So don't forget about these when you are planning overseas travel. You can check our reciprocal club list from our website or contact our Membership department. All you need to do is, ask at our reception for an introduction letter before you are leaving.

In 2019 we plan to have new events and activities over at the Silom Wing area and many other new activities. We will update you about these by email in the coming weeks.

A Happy New Year to you all.

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F&B MORSELS *by our* EXECUTIVE CHEF



Chef Laak

We are showcasing one of our favorite cakes from our deli this month, the Chocolate & Whisky Cheesecake, this is a must try for the New Year regardless of any New Year resolutions and diets.

We have finally launched our new western food menu for the club last month and have received some great feedback and some good ideas, we haven't completely finished the overall menu. We still have our Thai menu to update and for all those asking for about our specials you will be pleased to hear they are all coming back with a brand new look and feel. The Healthy menu is being carefully put together with the help of our friends at B&H hospital to make sure we give you the perfect guidance in what to eat and staying healthy at the same time.

Our daily specials are set to make a welcomed return with a whole new menu to choose daily, keep an eye out for Fridays we have something special on the way.

Christmas just gone was fantastic for us and we would like to thank everyone that came for Christmas lunch and dinner and who support all the different functions throughout the month of December, our turkeys were a huge success and we look forward to doing all again this year.

We kick off this year with our first function the Polar Ice Swim, we have a chocolate fountain with fresh fruit for everyone along with mulled wine to heat you back up after a swim with them Ice-Cubes.

Happy Eating!

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE PHASE TWO



Ali Adam

Vice Chairman

Now that the Silom Wing has been completed, the Poolside Development Sub-committee has been working on preparing the design drawings and cost estimates for the Phase Two Development.

Many members may not be familiar with what is Proposed for the future Phase Two development.

Below is an outline of the proposed facilities and two perspectives of the development.

We hope to be in a position to be able to give recommendations to the General Committee in the New Year.

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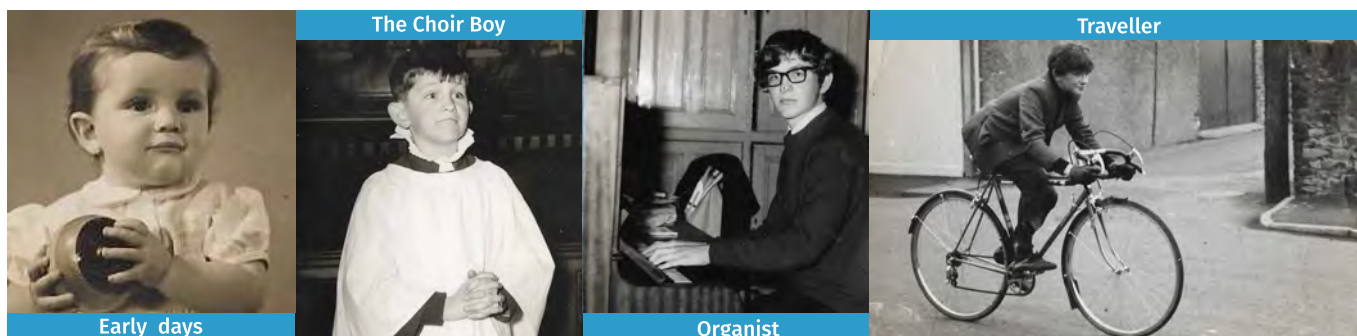
OBITUARY

Richard Hopkins 1950-2018



We were saddened this month to lose Richard Hopkins who died at home on 17th November after a heart attack at the age of 68. He had been a very active Club Member since 1984 serving on the General Committee between 1985 and 1988.

Richard was born in Cardiff, the son of an Anglican vicar and was brought up to love music, singing in the church choir as a boy. He studied Maths and Philosophy at Bristol University but in 1972 got itchy feet and abandoned his studies to travel the world. Setting off on the Orient Express he travelled down through Europe, Turkey, Afghanistan, India, and South East Asia, before finally reaching Australia where he spent a year in Perth.

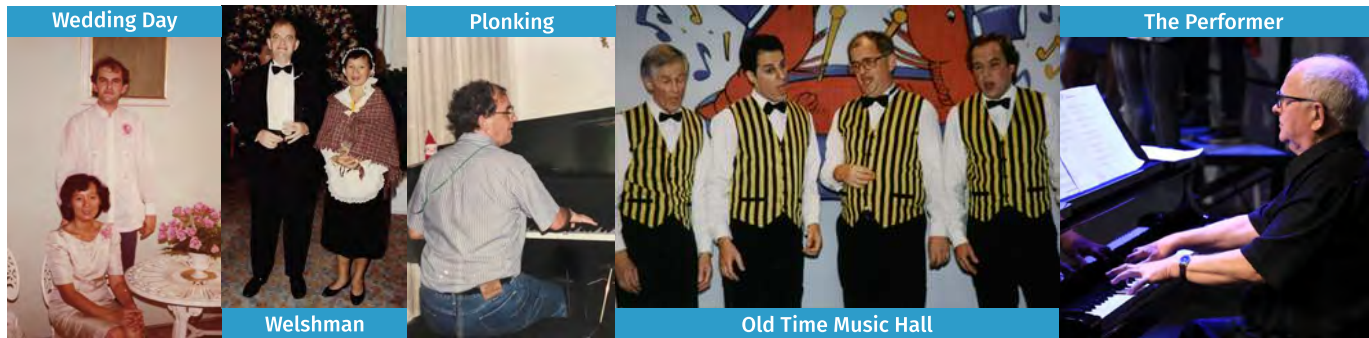


On return to the UK he indulged in his great love, music, gaining a degree at the Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff followed by a Teaching Diploma at Bath College of Higher Education. Then, with happy memories of South East Asia, he accepted a teaching job in Chiang Mai in 1979, before moving to Bangkok in 1980 to be nearer Nitta, whom he had met in the library of the British Council. They were married in 1982, first in a Thai ceremony in Bangkok and then on a cold wet day, two days after Christmas in his Dad's church in Port Talbot, Dad presiding.

Richard became a teacher at Bangkok Patana School where he was integral to developing the music department and the teaching of Theory of Knowledge. He taught for 30 years until his retirement and was still active in the Patana community as resident accompanist and supply teacher right up until the time of his passing. Music was the joy of Richard's life, not just teaching at Patana School, but also in the wider Bangkok community. He was Choirmaster and Organist at Christ Church in the 1980s and 1990s; a Musical Director with the Bangkok Music Society and music director and pianist for countless Bangkok Community Theatre productions. British Club Members may particularly remember Richard's performances in Old Time Music Halls and Pantomimes. He had a great sense of humour and at rehearsal time was often found behind the piano improvising some witty musical punctuation with a half-empty bottle of Speckled Hen on one side.

Richard taught music privately and shaped the musical lives of many young people. One of his greatest satisfactions was inspiring students to reach their full potential.

Reportings



Richard's interest in philosophy led him to freemasonry, which became an important part of his life. He joined Lodge St John, and later become a Founding Member of Chula Lodge where he occupied many positions including that of Worshipful Master.

A proud Welshman, Richard also served on the St David's Society, three times being elected as Bard and presiding over the Annual St David's Day Ball.



Richard had two younger brothers Phil and Peter who flew out for the funeral and two daughters Cathryn and Sarah who grew up running around the British Club swimming pool. He doted over his three grandchildren, Cathryn's three sons. Richard's death was sudden, without warning and the family rejoices that they have recent happy memories of a month together in England in July and of Richard splashing around in the BC pool with Dylan his oldest grandson just a few weeks ago when Cathryn and Sarah were visiting. Since retirement Richard was often seen at the poolside doing his crossword and leisurely swimming up and down the pool for his daily exercise.

Richard was a lovely person and will be missed by his many friends in the different orbits of his activities. We are glad to have had him with us all these years and our thoughts and condolences go to Nitta, Cathryn and Sarah and their families. **Rest in Peace Richard.**

LOY KRATHONG *at the Club*

This year Loi Krathong was celebrated at the club on the evening of 22nd November. For those of who are unfamiliar with this a Siamese festival which is celebrated annually throughout Thailand and is also known as the Festival of Lights. Members and families enjoyed the festive Thai buffet and traditional Krathong making.



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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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HAPPENINGS

WED

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 Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm 
 Balut 6pm-8pm 
 Paella Dinner Only 


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17 Squash Mix-In 5.15pm-9.45pm 

24 Squash Mix-In 5.15pm-9.45pm 

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FRI

04 Junior Tennis 4pm-6pm 
 Kid's Movie Night 6pm 
 Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm 


11 Junior Tennis 4pm-6pm 
 Kid's Movie Night 6pm 
 Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm 


18 Junior Tennis 4pm-6pm 
 Kid's Movie Night 6pm 
 Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm 
 Book Launch 7pm 


25 Junior Tennis 4pm-6pm 
 Kid's Movie Night 6pm 
 Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm 
 Wine Tasting 6pm-9pm 
 Friday Affair 8pm-midnight 




SAT

05 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am 

12 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am 

19 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am 

26 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am 



BOOK LAUNCH AT THE CLUB

Jon Prichard: 'British Club Rugby from the 90's and other Tales'.

Jon takes us back to the rejuvenation of the Rugby Section in the early 1990's and various tales wander through successes and hiccupping failures, that finally brought the Rugby Section and the British Club true recognition when winning the much-coveted National League One: Chareon Satien Cup in 1993.

In truth, the tales are not a tedious collection of play by play regurgitation of how matches were won but more about the beer drinking and then the actual regurgitation after they were won...or lost.

Colin Hastings, amongst others, had maintained the BC rugby element throughout the late 80's playing in the Premier League of the day and unfortunately probably getting liberally thrashed for their troubles. And so, from not the ashes but maybe the smouldering embers of those days, the BC Rugby section took on new concepts – not the least of which was: Training!

The Rugby Section enjoyed some truly halcyon years in the early 90's wherein generous sponsorship from sporting like-minded companies allowed the group to encourage and fund numerous young, fast, fit and skillful Thai Nationals like Khun Prote, Khun Wai,

Chai* and Kitty*, Dakorn, Dominic Whiting and many others to play for them. There is little doubt that the injection of their sheer speed and ball handling skills were winning factors – especially against other rotund and podgy Expat teams. (* *These lads went on to play for the Thai National Team!*)

Not all the short stories are about rugby and there are recollections on learning 'new cultural experiences' around Asia and even the tale of Jon's ex-wife's trip to first base camp at Everest – a tale with a ghastly ending but no loss of life!

He also relates numerous tales involving the Rhino's RFC – an Asian based Expat side touring annually every June around Asia and even further afield.

All of these rugby stories do have a bawdy, frank and at times seriously adult content to them but the book cover does advise you of the hazardous nature of the contents.

There is the threat of Book#2 in the offing providing yet more tales of foreign tours, annual Phuket challenges, Hong Kong 10's and 7's, huge mischief, drinking and merriment ...oh and maybe some rugby.

Jon will offer signed, discounted copies of this book at the launch, which will be held in the new wing by the Kids pool area. Please do bring friends!





2018 CHRISTMAS BALL

“One of the BEST ever”

If you weren't there you missed a fabulous night on Saturday 01 December! Starting in the lovely setting of the front lawn with Signature drinks and Canapés whiles Christmas carols were being sung by pupils from KIS International School, this truly got everyone into the Christmas spirit. From there, the action moved to the back lawn where the international Christmas, Thai and Indian buffet prepared by Khun Laak and her team was waiting. While members enjoyed the wonderful selection three of the students from KIS International School continued with carols. This was followed by the much awaited raffle draw with fabulous prizes of air tickets, resort stays, restaurants vouchers and many more. With the amazing stage set, it was time for the Passion Band to do their thing and within no time at all the dance floor was packed and remained like that as the DJ Octo (Jamie) filled in the breaks and continued on until well after midnight. At just after 1am breakfast was laid out for the many that still remained with both still many from the large cricket and tennis tables.

A very special thanks to all those who made this a very special and fun filled evening, those who attended and not to forget our wonderful sponsors.









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Business Luncheons

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31st December 2018 - 4th January 2019

Starters: 65 Baht

Carrots, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw or Chef's soup of the day

Main Courses : 160 Baht

Chicken Chasseur

or grilled Seabass with Spinach Risotto

or Mini Steak with Gravy Sauce

or Pla Sam Rod, Phad Prik Khing Moo Krob Kai Jiew



7th - 11th January 2019

Starters: 65 Baht

Pasta, chicken and pesto salad or Chef's soup of the day

Main Courses : 160 Baht

Chicken breast stuffed with mozzarella & pesto

or BBQ pork spare ribs

or Mushroom stroganoff with tagliatelle

or Gaeng Pa Gai, Kai Jiew Moo Sub, Phad Khana Nam Man Hoy



14th - 18th January 2019

Starters: 65 Baht

Chicken, apple salad or Chef's Soup of The Day

Main Courses : 160 Baht

Cajun chicken

or Fillet of pork with light curry sauce

or Macaroni with white wine creamy sauce, baked with cheese

or Panaeng Moo, Gai Phad Khing, Sod Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy



21st - 25th January 2019

Starters: 65 Baht

Mixed salad with smoked chicken breast, beetroots and mango

or Chef's soup of the day

Main Courses : 160 Baht

Chicken stew in red wine

or Dory fish with mango salsa

or Roast pork neck

or Tom Yum Gai, Phad Tua Ngok, Tao Hoo Pla Som Ros



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THE BRITISH CLUB
BANGKOK

WINE TASTING

19 Crimes Cabernet Sauvignon

As usual the December Wine Tasting on the front lawn is one of the best of the year with many suppliers and lots of wines to select from. It's a must to stock up your supplies for the festive season ahead.

During my tasting I came across a 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, bright red to crimson in colour, firm and full on the palate with a subtle sweetness giving a rich mouth feel, my perfect red for Christmas. Upon further tasting the vanilla aromatics carry through on the palate and compliment subtle flavours of red currants, dark cherries, and chocolate. I was sold.

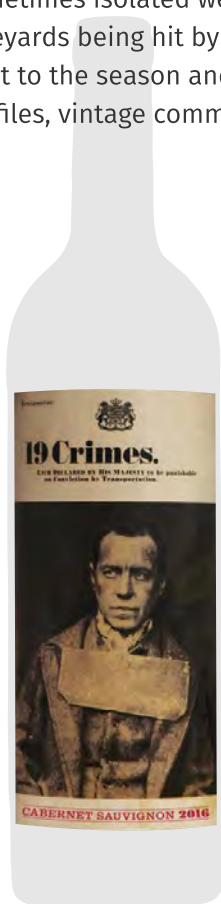
I was told the growing season leading up to the 2017 vintage was challenging. A season of extreme, sometimes isolated weather events resulted in some vineyards being hit by storm and hail. With a cool start to the season and with good soil moisture profiles, vintage commencement was generally late,

running 3 – 4 weeks behind past seasons. The cooler weather and delayed ripeness, favoured good varietal fruit flavour development in the whites and strong varietal fruit flavour and good colour, across the main stream red varieties. Patience was needed to allow the red fruit to properly mature and to manage the risks associated with a late completion to harvesting.

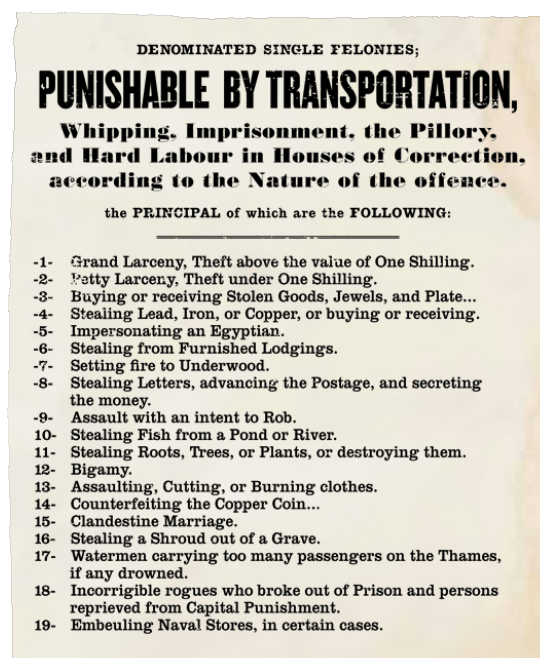
The other amazing thing about this wine is it is the first-ever wine brand to use Augmented Reality (AR) with the downloaded app over 19 Crimes wine bottles will bring the character on the label to life, sharing their scandalous stories of rule breaking that sent them on a long journey to build a new life across the ocean in Australia. Augmented Reality is an exciting new technology gives you the opportunity to let these historic convicts-turned-colonists tell their own stories.

Cheers

“As a co-conspirator to rogues everywhere, 19 Crimes is a wine brand that inspires infamous adventures.”



19 Crimes.



SQUASHY BITS *Pros!*



Bruce Mudge

Here we are not talking about the male and female, and in-between, characters seen plying the streets of Pattaya where Marc Sayer spends most of his weekends on the pretence that he's 'opening a new hotel'. Pros refers to professional squash players who some of us had the unlimited delight and excessive joy to meet and witness compete on a recent trip to Hong Kong for the Everbright Sun Hung Kai Open.

The event took place at the Hong Kong Squash Center where the pro players were seen hanging around outside the courts watching the matches or warming up and playing. It was remarkable to be able to get so close to the stars of the game as they humbly chatted to other players and fans. They were right there and would readily sign an autograph, pose for a selfie or answer a fan's questions without hesitation. So down to earth, accessible and friendly. Such a contrast to the alienated sports stars from the world of tennis, say. You'd be lucky to get within 100 metres of Roger Federer unless you'd paid five thousand bucks for a court-side seat. Snobs! Typical of tennis. Even the BC Tennis Tarts have started to act like this. Upon asking Chris Watt recently for a chat regarding his lack of speed around the court, one was politely informed to make an appointment with his secretary which would later receive approval or not from his management and the appropriate response regarding possible time and date be forwarded by email. What?! Who the hell does he think he is? Stuck up old git! And talking of snobs, five of us took the same flight to Hong Kong early on the Thursday morning so a good chance then

to sit together and discuss the weekend ahead, one would assume. No! Because Evans and Sayer decided to opt for business class while Madge, Cornflakes and Robbie the Canadian Romeo had to slum it in scum class with the other plebians and lowlifes. Business class on a two and a half hour flight to HK! Posh pretentious pretenders!

Anyway, back to the squash pros. We sat down on that Thursday to watch Sarah-Jane Perry compete in one of the earlier rounds as she is a one of England's top players and a good friend of Haroon, who is just coming towards the end of his Diploma Course in Islamic Extremism at Kabul University of Intolerance and expects to be back playing squash at the BC in the new year complete with beard and bombs.

Nearby, warming up for his next match was the men's world number one, Egyptian Mohammed El Shorbagy, and the number two ranked male, Ali Farag, also from Egypt. Right there in the flesh within touching distance; the squash stars we have always admired yet had only ever seen on television. Amazing. And as we watched Sarah-Jane play, Ali Farag came and sat right behind us to also enjoy the match. In fact, he placed his foot on the bench I was sitting upon. I could see it to my right out of the corner of my eye. What does one do in this situation? Turn around and smile, say hello, ask for a quick autograph or selfie? Nothing? It's rather intimidating as it's not every day





one has a real superstar squashie in such close proximity. And his wife, Nour El Tayeb, one of the top female Egyptian players, was also sitting just a few metres away. Wow! Well, I waited for the break between games and "Oi Farag, get your bleedin' foot off my chair, will ya!" He removed it instantly. Back it went like a shot. That told him. Put him right in his place, it did, and soon after that he sheepishly sneaked away with his wife in tow. Bloody pro squash players. Who do they think they are?

Sarah-Jane won her match and we went to congratulate her, take some photos and receive some signed items - a racket, a t-shirt and a photo which we had to, gladly, pay for as this is one source of income for some of the pro players, even those ranked in the world's top ten. Why? Because the prize money and sponsorship funding is so pitiful for professional squash. Unlike bloody tennis! No wonder the BC Tennis Tarts act like snobs. They think they are millionaires!

Anyway, as we were chatting to Sarah-Jane, a certain individual began to feel a little guilty over the foot-on-the-bench incident. So Marc wandered off to find Ali to get a photo and offer an apology. He was very nice about it and conceded he had been rather rude and offered an apology himself, yet was rather

reluctant to give it personally as he was still a little shaken up. Anyway, that hopefully cleared things up. Just don't do it again, Ali.

The squash was amazing, and mainly dominated by the Egyptian players. However, Sarah-Jane made it to the quarter finals and Simon Rosner of Germany made it to the semis. The women's final featured Jeolle King of New Zealand against Egypt's Raneem El Welily and

Joelle played brilliantly and won. In the Men's final Shorbagy was too good for poor old Ali Farag who is now receiving counselling and classes on foot placement etiquette. Amazing squash. The way the pros play is just too good, too eloquent, too incredible to describe in words. It has to be witnessed.

Hong Kong is a wonderful place for a squash weekend and we enjoyed the facilities at the Hong Kong Football Club and the Cricket Club. Some of the drinkers in our party also enjoyed late night 'mingling with' some of the other pros located in the entertainment facilities of the Wan Chai district who can be 'mingled with' in exchange for a glass of coloured water costing in the region of 500 baht. A bargain for a chat with a poorly educated, yet kind and friendly, female trafficked from Nepal or thereabouts. HK has lots to offer, yet it ain't cheap and a good weekend there can cost a thousand quid which is about a minute's wages for a pro tennis player. A cup of coffee is about 200 baht and that is a flamin' rip off. But the squash was awesome and we will be back next year.

BC Squashies please join us!

Until then.....



TENNIS *Interclub Mixed Doubles and Much More*



Graham Johnston

Dear Members

Let me first take the opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and may all your passes find the lines in 2019 ... ☺ As you read this, our 2019 British Club Tennis Section Club Championships will have just got underway. Follow the schedule, results, and action at our Facebook group – British Club Bangkok Tennis Section.

It's been yet another action-packed month for the tennis section leaving no time for reflection on 2018 just yet. Let's get straight into the action ...

Interclub Mixed Doubles

The Bangkok Interclub Mixed Doubles Tournament was held on 10 November at C.V Sports Club. The British Club were one of five teams competing this year in a round-robin format. Unforeseen circumstances and bad luck combined to leave us one player short in one of the age categories, and therefore with the proverbial mountain to climb to win any matches. However, this is the British Club and climb the mountain we did putting both G.S.B and B.I.G to the sword in fine style! Sadly, our luck ran out against the two Bangkok giants RBSC and Polo and we had to settle for another 3rd place finish. Well played and thanks for representing the club in fine style: Sasaluk, Raquel, Nattaya, Ann, Nisa, Phairoj, Chalermphon, Prasit, Dmitry, Andrei K & Suang.



Team BC resplendent in red



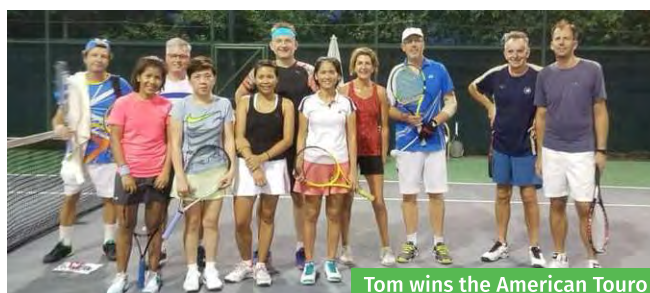
Line Up for the British Club



3rd Place Finishers

American Doubles Tournament

We staged another of our 'American Doubles' tournaments at the club on Friday 16 November. Once again, the event was well-supported by our members and we have now made this a monthly event! This month Tom Smithson navigated ☺ his way into topspot! This was a popular win and not only because Tom was on flying duties the next day and donated his winning bottle to his thirsty fellow competitors. Cheers and well played Tom ☺.



Tom wins the American Touro

Success on Tour

Up and coming stars Harold Mollin and Phairoj Chansevikul are causing quite a stir on the Thailand Senior Tennis Tour with notable and multiple ITF successes of late.

Firstly, at the SEARA TENNIS SERIES AT GRETA FARMS Harold picked up no less than 3 trophies for victories in the Mens Singles 65s, Men's Doubles 65s, and in

Sports



Seara ITF Greta Farm Champ 65s



Seara ITF Greta Farm Doubles Champ 50s



ITF Thai Championships Doubles Champ 65s



Seara ITF Greta Farm Doubles Champ 60s



Seara ITF Greta Farm Singles Champ 65s



Seara ITF Great Farm Doubles RU 55s

the Men's Doubles 50s! While at the same event, Phairoj was victorious in the Men's Doubles 60s and runner-up in the Men's Doubles 55s.

The following fortnight, and despite battling a well-documented high-fever, Harold got his hands on the winner's trophy for the Men's Doubles 65s at ITF SENIORS THAI CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE ROYAL CLIFF RESORT.

Great work boys. Keep your eyes on these rising stars.

Friendly Match V HK Football Club

On Friday 07 December we welcomed the visiting HK Football team to the British Club for our final friendly match of the year. Much fun was had on court and off as the British Club notched up another win. We then hosted our visitors in true BCTS style during the après-tennis party at the Sala bar. Did the BC Friday Night Team (Anje's Invincibles?) just go through the entire 2018 season unbeaten?



Apres-Tennis with HK Football Club

2019 British Club Tennis Section Club Championships

The highlight of our sporting year is upon us again. Our Club Championships will run from 28 December and culminate in our celebrated Finals Day on 09 March.

Let's take a look at the likely contenders for the 2019 Men's and Ladies singles titles.

British Club Tennis Section Club Championships by the Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Bangkok Menam Riverside

SEARA Men's Singles



La Decima Chaser

Pierre Sequier – La Decima is ON! Our 9-time champion would love to make it 10 and is showing no signs of the aging process as he begins life as a senior tennis star! However, could there be a chink in the armour? He did lose in the final of the Men's Doubles last year and was even spotted netting a forehand at Smash last weekend. Can someone stop the perfect 10?



Comeback King

Andrei Ivanov – The 'Big man from Belarus' is our comeback king having saved match points in his QF and come back from a set down in his SF to reach the final again last year. He went toe-to-toe with Pierre in the opening exchanges last year and is in form and itching for another crack at the title.



Smiling Assassin

Dawa Sherpa – The smiling assassin with the boom-boom serve improved on his 2017 BCC performance to reach 3 semi-finals in 2018. Spent a few months earlier in the year at a secret location working on his fitness and backhand. Could that make the difference in 2019?



Crafty Kiwi

Geoff Bellingham – Still searching for a BCC singles trophy to go with his multiple doubles wins. Now fully fit and playing league tennis again the Crafty Kiwi should be ready for a serious crack at the title. Rock solid all-court game – Please don't give me Geoff in the 1st again.



Faheem Dream

Faheem Ebrahim – Last year's Men's Doubles Winner and Mixed Doubles runner-up would definitely be a serious contender for the singles if fully fit but is currently recovering from surgery and has had little court time under his belt. Could still make the QFs on one leg but may then struggle.



Forever Young

James Young – Still competitive at the top level in singles and capable of causing the young guns trouble on his day. May have his eye on the doubles prizes instead though.



Gluck G-45

Frank Gluck – Rock solid game and in good form throughout 2018 he should slip trouble free into the QF again this year. Soundly beaten by his doubles partner Pierre at that stage last year will be looking for a kinder draw this time to progress deeper into the championships.



Mad Professor

Christian Roland – The 2017 semi-finalist didn't compete in the 2018 BCC as he was busy running across Asia. We trust he has got that nonsense out of his system and is ready to get back to serious business on the tennis court. Looked to be in good form at the Interclub and could be the danger man flying in just under the radar.

Sports

The New Wave...

Welcome to the BCC - Gary Sakuma, Taimur Khilji, Jim Fralick & Remi Bourrat. These relative newcomers to the club will all be making their first appearance in our BCC this year and all four have the pedigree and the intentions to shake things up and stun a seed! I can't wait to see how things unfold.

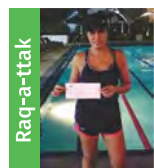
Ladies Singles



The Mookster
Mooky – Who is going to stop her in 2019? She strolled to victory again in last year's singles and took the ladies doubles title too for good measure. She stopped by League Division 1 earlier this season and beat up on a few of the men before Dawa final took the series. Maybe that's the answer ... Mooky V Dawa in a skirt for the final?



Becks
Rebecca Bellingham – Runner-up again last year when she put in some serious on court mileage in the final against Mooky without being rewarded in deserved games on the board. A great competitor and won our 'Dare to Dream' award as the player who lasted longest in the chase for 3 titles last year. Who would bet against her competing in 3 finals again this year?



Raq-a-tiak
Raquel Evans – 8 times (and counting) a ladies doubles champion, Raq-a-tiak is one of the best competitors at the club. She's moving well, competing hard in League 2 with the guys, and has recently been crowned Queen of Monday Night Club with the most wins in our Mixed Doubles challenge. Soundly beaten by her doubles partner Mooky in the semis last year, can she make it back to the final in 2019?



The Nisa-nator
Nisa Young – She might have the best backhand in the draw and came within a point of a place in the final last year when she lost the 'match of the championships' to Mrs. Bellingham. She will be fighting again on all fronts this year and will once again be a tough nut to crack.



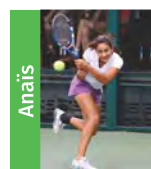
Rhea
Rhea Poonevala – Semi-finalist in 2017 but cruelly injured on the eve of the championships last year. Now fully fit and raring to go but has she had enough matches to compete with the top seeds? If so, could be a good bet for a place in the final this year.



Zahra
Zahra Poonevala – Gave Mooky perhaps her toughest match last year after pulling the short straw in the QF draw. We have witnessed her power from the baseline at Monday Night Club and after strolling to victory in the plate the last two years, she will be looking to go deep in the main draw this year.



Edie
Edie Fralick – Well-known in Bangkok tennis circles as a craft and consistent performer from down the road at RBSC, Edie joined the club earlier this year. We haven't managed to get her on court at the BC as often as we would like but she did compete impressively in our Womble Cup and looked like she could trouble the established stars.



Anaïs
Anaïs Nusaumme – Back in Bangkok after playing college tennis in the U.S, could Anaïs be the chosen one to take Mooky's crown and etch the name Nusaumme on a BCC trophy once more? At the time of writing her entry form has not yet been received ... Where are you Anaïs?



WITH MONTHLY JACKPOT

TUESDAY

2019

Quiz Night

15TH JANUARY

THE VERANDAH - 7.15PM

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SATURDAY
5, 12, 19 AND 26
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1.45PM - 2.00PM | AGE 9 YEARS - 12 YEARS

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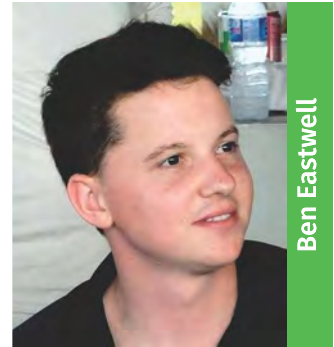
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HARDBALLS

All is Not Lost

Happy New Year ladies and gents. Following a cracking start to the 2018/19 season in Phuket, this edition covers BC's first league game of the season and the chairman's 40th anniversary match between the gentlemen of Bangkok and Pattaya. The nets have been touched up following a visit from the touring MCC from England, and the new kit cupboard extension has been completed at last. The club competently hosted the Bangkok cricket league (BCL) awards this year, in which a thin turnout from the cricket section was inundated with prizes and applause...even if it was only from the raffle. By contrast, just shy of 30 cricketers represented at the Christmas ball - treated to a glitzy night under the stars and an impromptu performance from George, who would have put Michael Jackson to shame.



Ben Eastwell

League game v Almas 17th November

The first league game of the season drew an excitable BC against Almas which was played down in Pattaya at the crack of dawn; an 8:30 start meant the team van setting off before sunrise which miraculously left on time. After turning up at the venue lacking chairs, stumps, or umpires, a few jibes were thrown at the captain for driving to the wrong ground before the opposition did eventually arrive and put BC out to field first in the 25 over match after winning the toss.



An early wicket from Ed (5 overs, 1-25) didn't manage to hold back a top order blitz which resulted in 2 speedy half centuries from the opposition. With Almas motoring, heads were down going into the drinks break but a good fightback restricted the flow after removing one of the danger men and tiring out the other who was forced to retire with cramp. Pat (5 overs, 1-33) picked up a wicket on his second spell, and Denzyl (5 overs, 2-25) a couple after troubling the tail. After a well-fought second half from BC, Almas finished up on 191-6 going into the innings break.

8 runs per over was not an easy task in reply and after nobody scoring more than 10 in the top 4, the game looked to be done and dusted early doors. However, a well-timed recovery innings from Dale (41) featuring 2 fours & 3 sixes threatened to re-ignite the chase. This set up what would have been a blast from the past from David Dance who was fired up for a big knock, only to be run out by Ed without facing a ball



Xmas ball



George stealing the show



Only won the raffle

Sports



Dale faces up



Friar bending his back



End of the fightback

featuring 2 fours & 3 sixes threatened to re-ignite the chase. This set up what would have been a blast from the past from David Dance who was fired up for a big knock, only to be run out by Ed without facing a ball on his debut return to league cricket. Dilip (20) dug in with the lower order and showed the rest of the team how

it's done with 3 class 4s - which of course we still haven't heard the end of. All out for 108 in the 24th was perhaps a fair reflection of overconfidence, coming off the back of 2 wins against a pack of beered up islanders!

Dunford Philbrook Anniversary Match @ Pattaya 9th December

Through way too much 'serious cricket' of recent, the call for a social-game was heralded by the chairman and reciprocated in Pattaya, which eventually gave birth to an unconventional format enjoyed by 28

players and their supporters early in December. Hosted at the familiar Polo Club in Pattaya, the organisers slung out the usual regulations and decided that players would bat out 4 allotted overs in predetermined pairs which were based on age/wisdom, and youth would be suitably handicapped. As a nod to the celebration of social cricket, which also happened to fall conveniently around the time of Jack's 40th anniversary of playing for the British Club, it was unanimously decided that the whole party must travel together in style which made perfect sense for a spacious double decker luxury coach although most ended up crammed in to the downstairs VIP area.



Gentlemen of BC invitation XI

On arrival, the BC chairman aptly won the toss and selected to bat, perhaps because he fancied the conditions as the opener for the day – boasting a

grand age of 140 between him and his unfortunate partner. As the intention, everyone was involved equally and the cricket featured plenty of excitement for the crowd. But, with handicaps and penalty runs clocking up faster than the beer bottle count, even the scorer had little clue as to what was going on up until the very end where BC somehow managed to lose after securing wins over most individual pairings. Needless to say, (apart from Jack parting with the Dunford Philbrook trophy) nobody was too concerned. The day held out to be everything it always promised to be - Pattaya excellent sports as always who treated the visiting side to a carvery and beers before heading back to BKK.



Openers done for the day



Grumpy flicks one through



Reluctant to give up the trophy

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

SUAL Cup... Bell



The Trophy

SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

My my, I hear you say, that is not the sort of title to an article we expect in the Outpost magazine.

But no, it is not being rude. Apparently this is the full name from which the acronym / title of the match that the Club team played on 11th November is derived.

The SUAL Bell, or Trophy - but not cup (Captain please note).

This is an annual match played against the Golfers' Cocktail Lounge for which the trophy is a lovely brass bell.

The match was fought over the course at Subhapruerk between teams of 12 each side.

A somewhat complicated scoring system of matchplay against combined stableford points did not deter the team from being the 4-2 victors.

Well done all and particularly to our top pairing of Rod McMillan and Andy Coop who were run away winners over their opponents.

It should also be noted for the record that whilst Rod and Andy won their game by the biggest margin, our top points scorers were Gordon Milne and Varghese Rose with 36 and 33 points respectively. Great play G&V.

SUAL would appear to derive from the need to get the players' attention in the clubhouse after the match, but it is suspected there may be a specific tale behind it. If anyone reading this is aware of the real derivation please do let us know.



The Team



The Victory



The Best Pairing

November Medal

Our penultimate medal event of the year was held on 25th November at our regular course – Royal Golf & Country Club Lat Krabang.

Congratulations to the two Peters – Peter Clark and Peter Gale for their victories in flights A and B respectively.

In the match play Karen Carter ousted Neil Davis 3 and 1 and moves on to the final where she will be playing Varghese Rose.

Our next event is our final Medal for the year to be held on 16th December.

In conjunction with the monthly medal games the club also scores a year's best eclectic, so being the last game of the year it will also produce the results of the eclectic. Results next month!

We're a very friendly group of golfers who play the game for competitive fun. We welcome golfers of all abilities.

Visit our website for details of our events <http://www.bcgsthailand.org/>. Our captain, Frank Fawkes can be found at bcgs.bangkok@gmail.com





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