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Domicile – what the Romans did for us!

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

Fans of Monty Python's 'Life of Brian' may well remember the disgruntled John Cleese character asking his motley crew of rebels, "What did the Romans ever do for us?" The rebels reel off a list of things such as aqueducts, sanitation, roads, and justice, with Cleese's character responding each time, "Well other than that, what did the Romans ever do for us?" Well, they also gave us 'origo' (not a lovely pasta dish but origin/domicile) – a place where you pay your taxes, of course. Domicile of origin has developed since Roman times but, while the British still hold on to this notion tightly, others' nations focus on nationality and citizenship.

Types of domicile

There are three main types of domicile: *origin, dependency and choice* – and just to make things even more complicated, there is also, for tax purposes only, *deemed domicile*. If you are a foreigner living in the UK and are resident for 15 out of the last 20 tax years the UK is your deemed domicile. This means that your worldwide assets become subject to inheritance tax at a current rate of 40% after a paltry exemption.

Thankfully there are exceptions to being taxed at this high rate but first, how do we get our domicile? A child usually takes their father's domicile at birth unless the parents are not married, in which case it is the domicile of the mother that counts. Then, at the age of 16 in England and Wales, a child can choose another domicile – but strangely in Scotland, under the 'emancipation of minors', the age of choice was once 12 for girls and 14 for boys. Clear so far?

Is not always that simple. Women who married before 1 January 1974 took the domicile of their husband whatever country that was but after that date, on marriage they kept their own domicile. A British woman who married, say, an Australian before 1 January 1974 would keep her new Australian marriage domicile even if her husband then pre-deceased her – unless, of course, she decided to change it by choice. This historical anomaly can prove an advantage tax-wise as Australia and other countries don't have inheritance taxes. However, the US said no to this under the UK/US double tax treaty and an American woman is always deemed to have her original domicile, even if married to a Brit before 1 January 1974.

A UK-domiciled person who marries a foreigner is at a disadvantage as he or she can only transfer GBP 325,000 to their foreign spouse tax-free during their lifetime. Anything over that amount is a potentially exempt transfer but would be subject to a tax charge if the British donor spouse dies within seven years of the gift. On the death of the UK-domiciled spouse, any assets left to the foreign spouse will be taxable at 40% over GBP 325,000 or possibly GBP 500,000 if a family home is among the assets. The foreign spouse can elect to be treated as UK-domiciled to prevent this tax charge as the normal inter-spouse exemption would come into play. Sound good? Well no, because on the foreign spouse's death they are taxed on total worldwide assets, whereas before then tax was only imposed on their UK assets, if they had any UK assets. Care needs to be taken with such an election and of course expert advice can ensure tax is managed efficiently!

Know the new rules

Now, by another odd quirk of birth, two children born to a UK-domiciled father could have two different domicile treatments under the new rules brought in from 6 April 2017. Example: father Jack works abroad with his wife in Singapore and they have a son, John, born in the local hospital. A few years later, they are working in an African country when Jack's wife becomes pregnant and for medical reasons, she returns to England where Nicholas is born. Each boy would appear to be treated the same for domicile – but no! Because John was born in Singapore under the new UK domicile rules, if he and his brother make Singapore their permanent home later in life, any return to the UK would have different consequences for each brother.

Say the boys must return to the UK from Singapore to look after their sick mother and, after being there a year and a half, all living in the family home, mother sets the house on fire accidentally one night and they all die. (It's a tragic scenario, but thankfully entirely hypothetical!) Under the new domicile rules, John's estate would pay inheritance tax only on his UK asset, his half share in the burnt-down property. Nick's estate however would pay UK inheritance tax on his half share of the burnt-down home in the UK **and** all his Singapore assets which, like his brother John's, are substantial.

This difference is because Nick was born in the UK – he becomes re-domiciled the year after he returns to UK and his worldwide assets are taxable, while John would have had to be in UK for 15 years before that happened to him. So by an odd quirk of fate, two brothers born of an English father, with domiciles of choice in Singapore but dying in the UK, are treated totally differently tax-wise.

Estate planning like Royalty

Now, what about an Englishman marrying someone from across the pond in America? Prince Harry and Meghan spring to mind. If Meghan predeceases Prince Harry and she leaves her assets to him, the US would impose estate taxes at 40%, there being no marital exemption where the receiving spouse is a foreigner. If both spouses are US citizens, a marital exemption applies. There is relief for US/UK marriages in the form of a US qualified domestic trust known as a qualifying domestic trust (QDOT), but its effectiveness is limited. Maybe this is why it is rumoured that Duchess Meghan is going to take the UK citizenship test.

So even those in exalted circles have to plan to reduce estate tax – and we have the Romans to thank for that!

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Front Cover

This month the Club will host the 20th Living in Bangkok. A community event for Bangkok's internal residents. Explore all the possibilities for a fun and health life style. 9am - 5pm here at the Club.

From the Editor

As the new editor, I am keen to deliver a fresh new look to the Outpost and its contents and will be fine tuning it over time.

We are always looking for interesting articles, so if you have something to contribute feel free to send it into me.

Cheers

The Fry Group
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Jack Dunford

I am writing this as I prepare to fly back to Thailand after a wonderful three-week break in England. The highlight was a happy and very rare family reunion in the Peak District to celebrate my brother's 80th birthday. 21 of all 25 surviving Dunford bloodline relatives were present to soak up a sunny weekend in beautiful surroundings with good food, lovely walks and even a beer or three watching cricket at the idyllic Hayfield village cricket ground.

Inevitably cricket was to be a fairly constant theme of my holiday ...

British Club History: I spent one very special afternoon in London with David Barrett of our own cricket section and yet another cricketer Richard Craig. Richard is a lawyer for Prospect Law UK based in Beijing most of the year, but summering in England. He met David when he visited the British Club earlier this year and joined a practice session with the boys. He was made to feel welcome and was thrilled to see his great grandfather's name on our Honours Boards.

Richard Dudley Craig, (Joey) was Chairman of the British Club in 1926 and served with distinction as Director of the Siamese Land Records Department establishing the first Siamese land records. He was awarded both the 3rd Class Order of the Crown of Siam and the Order of the White Elephant and had a close relationship with King Prajadhipok (Rama 7). He helped the King draft his abdication speech in 1935 following abolition of the absolute monarchy in 1932 and was at his deathbed in Wentworth, Virginia Waters in 1941. According to Richard, King Prajadhipok's abdication speech was used as a model for that of Edward VIII in 1936.



'Joey' was a remarkable man, who was only in his late 20s/ early 30s at the time. Richard shared some amazing movie clips he took in the 1920s. This rare footage included miscellaneous street and klong scenes as well as the Royal Ploughing Ceremony, a train journey to Hua Hin with pictures taken at the Railway Hotel (now the Centara Grand), and Memorial Bridge under construction. It includes events inside several colonial style buildings although sadly none of them appear to have been at the British Club.

The film is not of great quality as was it already badly deteriorating when it was rescued and digitised in 2001. However, David is cleaning it up as best as possible and we plan to make it available to Members in due course together with any more of the story we can piece together

This is all very exciting because as most Members know, the Club lost all of its records when the Japanese military occupied the Clubhouse during WWII. We do not even know the names of some of Chairmen in the early years and Richard is delving deeper into the family archives to see what else he can discover. He has already unearthed some marvellous photograph albums and is looking for anything that might directly relate to the Club. The



photographs are in excellent condition and we will endeavour to get good quality copies to share in due course. I have included a picture of Richard Dudley Craig and one he took at an elephant round up in Ayutthaya in 1926.

The Hurlingham Club: Another balmy afternoon was spent at the Hurlingham Club which is set in 43 acres of luxuriant landscaped grounds on the banks of the River Thames in Putney, and boasts its own cricket ground. It was a quiet Monday and we were there not there for cricket but to enjoy a lovely lunch on the terrace and then a family game of croquet on one of their amazing 10 croquet lawns. This is surely one of the most impressive of all our 370+ Reciprocal Clubs and highly recommended. British Club Members can take 3 guests (5 weekdays) for up to 14 days a year.



Watching and following Cricket: T20 cricket is not my cup tea, but watching an evening match under floodlights at the Oval in front of a packed house was a fun evening. This was not to be compared however



with attending Lords on the 4th day of the Second Test with fellow member David Dance and watching England notch up another remarkable victory. An amazing birthday present!

Back to Bangkok: All good things must come to an end and it's back to Bangkok tonight. But actually I am quite excited to be getting back to watch the finishing touches made to the Silom Wing and preparing for its official opening sometime in the coming weeks. This will be a huge milestone for the Club.

There are lots of other good things to look forward to as well. Just before I left we had a very successful live music night in the Churchill Bar following the July wine tasting during what is normally a quiet time of year. There was a good turnout, great music from an acoustic trio and was enjoyed by all present. I missed the subsequent Hendrick's Gin night but that also sounded like fun and we hope to have lots more attractions over the months to come.

Adjustments and refurbishment of the 'new ' Churchill Bar furniture seem to have appeased most critics and the GC agreed to continue allowing the wearing of smart shorts in the Churchill Bar on Fridays, Saturday and Sundays. We will continue to monitor the response to all of these changes and adjust as necessary.

Gender balance: The current General Committee has followed through on most of its promises at the hustings, but had hitherto failed miserably to attract any ladies to the Committee. In July, however, Robert Brand had to resign due to personal and work commitments and the GC is delighted that Alison Loftin accepted an offer to be co-opted in his place. Rob has been thanked for his services over the last 2 and half years and we look forward to having 'Ali' (yes, another!) join us. Her expertise is in Human Resources.

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LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Premrudee Tanyaluck

At the beginning of August, we lost our Ordinary Member Khun Michael Stead and we included his Obituary in this issue of Outpost. As a keen tennis player, I always saw him on court during the tennis mix-ins with his friends. Often he attended our wines tasting in Suriwongse room or dined in The Verandah with friends or by himself. He will be sadly missed by our Staff and Members.

The first two weeks of August were busy with our Sport Camps having over 30 kids in some days but our Food and Beverage outlets were quieter as many members were still on holidays. However, the last two weeks of the month saw our outlets busy again, especially during weekends as members returned from their holiday. Having had few functions such as “A Most Unusually Night” with Hendrick's Gin in the Churchill Bar also helped.

In September our F&B will start with an Oyster & Sparkling Wine promotion, a New Chef's Recommend Menu and Private BBQ's for Sunday. The concept is for members to book a private BBQ at the club and choose from the BBQ menu which includes a selection of meats and side dishes to BBQ along with salad options, desserts and drinks. The whole idea will be that Members cook for themselves and serve themselves. The club of course, will arrange everything and will be in hand to assist if needed. There is no minimum amount of people required to

book. However, a minimum order of 2000 THB is required. We hope our Members will enjoy this new offering with friends and family.

As I mentions in last month's issue, we will be organising Living in Bangkok at the Club on Saturday 29th. We plan to have over 40 booths plus lots of activities. As a result, we will be closing the Surawongse car park from 28th in the afternoon and the whole day on the 29th. Entrance to this event will be free of charge and we will be selling coupons for Food & Beverage from the Club. All Members and Guests are welcome to join us.

The Silom Wing is planned to be open later this month and there are further details in the Development Update the Silom Wing. However, we will send an email to all Members to announce when it be ready, which we hope will be soon.

For the last three or four issues of Outpost, we have found some articles in my report were repeated in both the Chairman's and or the DGM's report. So from this month on, we plan to alternate our reports as to what's been happening and what's on.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please drop me an email or we can chat at the Club.

Looking forward to see you all around the Club soon!

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Chef Laak

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Looking ahead to September, we are please to be offering you a mouthwatering Oyster and sparkling promotion, fresh or cooked you choose, one thing is for sure, you won't be disappointed. We have also just launched our new personal live BBQs for the budding

chef in you, the concept is simple, you book your own BBQ with us, choose from our BBQ menu and we supply you with all you need to have a great Sunday BBQ, food and drink packages are available, but its down to you not to burn the sausages. To make a booking please speak to reception or email info@britishclubbangkok.com.

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Prik Thai, Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy.

10th - 14th September

STARTERS: 65 BAHT

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Chef's Soup of The Day.

MAIN COURSES: 160 BAHT

Chicken Chasseur.
Grilled Seabass with Spinach Risotto.
Mini Steak with Gravy Sauce.
Pla Sam Rod, Phad Prik Khing Moo Krob Kai Jiew.

17th - 21st September

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Pasta, chicken and pesto salad.
Chef's Soup of The Day.

MAIN COURSES: 160 BAHT

Chicken breast stuffed with mozzarella & pesto.
BBQ pork spare ribs.
Mushroom stroganoff with tagliatelle.
Gaeng Pa Gai, Kai Jiew Moo Sub, Phad Khana Nam Man Hoy.

24th - 28th September

STARTERS: 65 BAHT

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

MAIN COURSES: 160 BAHT

Cajun chicken.
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Macaroni with white wine creamy sauce, baked with cheese.
Panaeng Moo, Gai Phad Khing, Sod Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy.



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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE THE SILOM WING



Ali Adam

Vice Chairman

The excitement is now building, as we approach the completion of the Silom Wing, the first stage of the Poolside Redevelopment. It is now important that we achieve the highest standard of finish and quality without being rushed. The last few weeks has seen big transformations in the development, with the architectural finishes being gradually completed. However, the rain has continued to frustrate the main contractor. If all goes to plan, we are expecting to have a "Soft Opening" soon and a "Grand Opening" towards the end of the month.



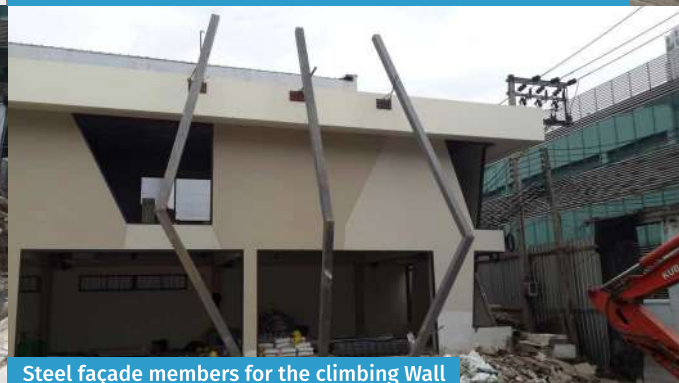
View towards Squash Courts with Garden Bar in foreground



View towards Games Room and Interactive Room on 1st Floor



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Michael Stead 1953-2018

“Mike was a news junkie all of his life and a natural journalist and took an active view of a global life”



Born and raised in Liverpool, the land of the Beatles and Liverpool Football Club which Mike supported strongly. Mike earned a degree in journalism and following his graduation, he started his career with a local newspaper in Bootle, a suburb of Liverpool. Mike crossed the picket lines and was a scab in the London press strikes in the 1970's, which he admitted would have upset his father.

Sensing the need for adventure, his curiosity pushed him to leave England in 1979 to explore the world. He went to Israel and volunteered on a Kibbutz. Then traveled to the land of the smile in 1980 where he spent one year before returning to the Middle East. There he worked as a sub-editor for the Kuwait Times.

As with many of us, he fell in love with Thailand and returned where he worked at the Bangkok Post to work his way up to a sub-editor position in the business section. After many years in the Post, he moved to the Securities industry and worked for Union Securities (Sun Hung Kai Securities) for many years as an investment analyst covering the consumer sector. Following the financial crisis, Mike went to travel and explore the world with his most famous trip to Indonesia where he spent one year. in that country. Upon his return to Thailand, Mike joined Yuanta/Kim Eng Securities as an editor then finally to Tisco Securities.

Mike was an avid traveler and explorer; he went to places that many would dare to visit. Mike was a news junkie all of his life and a natural journalist and took an active view of a global life. With a critical thinking mind which allowed him to discuss any topic from football to politics and business, art and psychology. Mike was generous, kind with a sense of humor. All these qualities allowed him to make plenty of friends who are shocked to hear about his sudden death.

Finally, not to forget Mike's passion for tennis and the British Club a member since 2003 and a regular at the mixed in every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. He will be dearly missed. We end up with a quote from Mike: “Life is too short, make the best use of every second you have”. **May He Rest in Peace!**



One of Mike's last mix-ins



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The British Embassy Bangkok recently welcomed Paul Kaye to Thailand as the new Consul. Paul will lead the Consular team in Bangkok and further afield for the next four years, as they provide essential support to British visitors and residents in Thailand. In this issue of Outpost, we grill Paul a bit on life so far in Thailand and of course Consular work past, present and future.

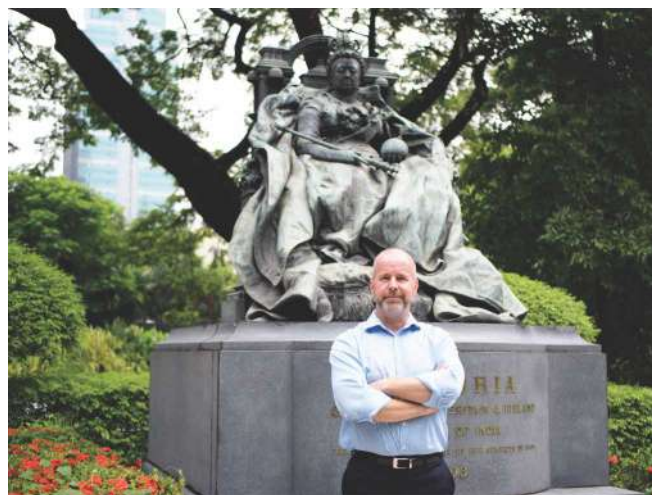
A bit about Paul 'I bring family with me – I have triplet teenage sons and a South American wife, and they are my most challenging customers – so keeping a work/life balance right is a priority. I've been with the FCO for 10 years, and done 5 jobs (about average for a UK diplomat's early career). Working on the Olympics was one highlight amongst many (I still recall our Close Protection Team clearing Hyde Park Corner of demonstrating taxi drivers by gently tapping on windows with their guns...). My work is a wonderful opportunity to travel too – lasting personal memories from my previous posting in Beijing include 5 days on horseback in Mongolia and visiting the Leaders Gifts Museum in the hills outside Pyongyang.'

Post to Thailand 'Most of Bangkok is very new to us. Our early impressions are really positive – especially the people and the food. My children can't get over the internet bandwidth, after three years of the Great Firewall of China (China has strict firewall protection which makes accesses many websites impossible)... And we are looking forward to really getting to know the country over the next four years. It's a wonderful opportunity.'

Consular in Thailand 'About a million British people visit Thailand every year. We work closely with the Thai government and our other partners here to help British people in need, for example when they become victims of crime, are arrested or hospitalised, or have lost their passport and need to get home. We also provide documentary services, for example some of the paperwork needed for a marriage here or for immigration purposes. Just as important is our focus on preventing things from happening, or getting worse when they do – we are working hard to reduce the number of motorbike accidents that occur, for example, and helping Thai authorities with more training in child protection.'

Present and future Consular work 'I come to Bangkok from Beijing, where I looked after Consular issues in 5 very different countries, including North Korea. I'm now leading the biggest and busiest Consular team in the UK's network. The challenges are different but our aims are the same: an excellent Consular service for British Nationals who need it. That will continue to be my team's focus; my own focus in turn is on supporting them so they can deliver this.'

Final word to British community, including tourists and residents, in Thailand 'If you read our travel advice or talk to our team, you will know what I am going to say here. And if you are a British resident in Thailand, you will know this better than me, so this message is more for temporary visitors: most visits to Thailand are trouble-free but things can go wrong. Don't think that because you are here you can get away with stuff you wouldn't be able to do at home – you can't, and if you get into trouble it can be very serious indeed. Do your research on local laws and customs, and respect them. Don't stay longer than your visa allows you to. Subscribe to our Travel Advice, always take out travel insurance, and always wear a helmet!'



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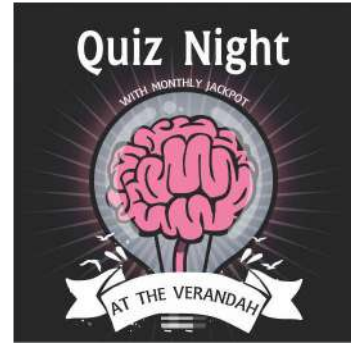
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 Tennis Mix-In 6pm-10pm 
 Paella Dinner Only 


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


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FRI





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



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



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



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

SAT

01 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am 
 Tennis Doubles Team Practice 7pm-10pm 

08 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am 
 Tennis Doubles Team Practice 7pm-10pm 

15 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am 
 Tennis Doubles Team Practice 7pm-10pm 

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29 LIVING IN BANGKOK 2018 - 20TH ANNUAL 9am-5pm 
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Happenings

TRAFALGAR DINNER

with Captain Chris Smith, RAN Australian Defence Attaché Bangkok



Captain Chris Smith joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1989, graduating from the Australian Defence Force Academy. On completion of Seaman Officer training, he served as an Officer of the Watch on a number of vessels ranging from survey ships to guided missile frigates. On transferring to Naval Aviation, he received his Aviation Warfare Officer wings in 1996 and served in embarked Seahawk Flights in HMA Ships SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, completing a tour conducting maritime interception operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf in HMAS MELBOURNE in 1999.

Commencing a loan posting to the Royal Navy, Captain Smith qualified on Lynx Mk 8 anti-surface warfare helicopters and served in the embarked Lynx Flight in HMS MONTROSE, including a tour of duty in West Africa flying in support of the International Military Assistance in Sierra Leone in 2001. Assuming duties as a Lynx Flight Commander from 2002, he served as a Flight Commander in HMS MARLBOROUGH for the Iraq Conflict in 2003, flying combat sorties in support of the Al Faw campaign.

Captain Smith returned to Australia in 2004 as a Lieutenant Commander, and instructed Pilots, Aviation Warfare Officers and Aircrewmen prior to serving as Executive Officer of HMAS STIRLING, the RAN major Fleet Base in Western Australia, from 2006.

In 2008 he completed Korean language training and was the Assistant Defence Attaché in Seoul from 2009-2012. On return to Australia as a Commander in 2013 he worked within International Policy Division, responsible for Defence engagement with China, South Korea, North Korea and Mongolia. Captain Smith assumed duties as Defence Attaché to Thailand in December 2016.

In addition to his Bachelor of Science in Oceanography and Mathematics, he has a Master of Arts in Strategy and Policy, a Master of Management Studies in Leadership, and a Master of Business. Captain Smith was awarded a Navy Silver Commendation for his extended tenure as acting Defence Attaché in Seoul in 2009, and the US Army Commendation Medal for his service with the United Nations Command in the Republic of Korea. Captain Smith is a graduate of the Thai National Defence College.

He married Marika whilst serving with the Royal Navy in the United Kingdom, and has two daughters, Isabella (19) and Teah (14), and a son, Roman (11). Isabella will graduate from the Australian Defence Force Academy in December 2018. Previously a keen rugby player, he hung up his boots in 2002 but has enthusiastically taken up a spectating role.

A MOST UNUSUAL HENDRICK'S



A packed house



Up for grabs



We haven't even started drinking yet



Shake, shake, shake



G&T's over here



just getting started



This is going to be a fun night



Awesome cocktails



Great food too



We are ready for more



Bingo



Not ready for a roadie just yet



Cocktails followed by wine

USUAL NIGHT CK'S GIN



Another please

Yes, more Gin is coming



You're a winner



Time to dance



Why haven't any of my numbers been called?



Time to Spoof



Cheers



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Another bottle



Excitement building



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CROQUET

*A big thanks to Stephen Vine
his assistance with this report.*



“Strategic Marauding”

On the weekend of 28th and 29th April 2018 at very short notice, team captain Chris Watt, Tom Smithson, Michael Todd-White and Anmarin Jadsanam played Mike Burrell, Peter Barrett, Stephen Vine, Blake Ireland and David Lamb from the Hong Kong Club Croquet Society in Croquet for the first time.

Faced with torrential rain on Saturday morning just as play was set to start, rapport was quickly established over several close games of snooker. Although some of our team had played croquet



Mike and Chris took the tricky surface in their stride and were impressively accurate, gradually pulling ahead to win by two hoops and the post.

In the third game Peter Barrett and Michael Todd-White took on Mike Burrell and Anmarin Jadsanam. Michael T-W managed to hit the ball with surprising power and he and Peter initially got ahead only to be marauded by Mike at the second hoop. The order then changed once Anmarin negotiated the first hoop and soon he and Mike took the lead by virtue of some skillful play which they both kept up to win convincingly by three hoops and the post.

On the Sunday morning, Mike and Tom initially took on Stephen and Chris. This time it was Mike and Tom who dominated throughout despite Stephen and Chris's attempts to maraud, eventually posting out to win by three hoops and the post.

In the next game Stephen was joined by Dirk Salaw (another old Hong Kong friend) against Chris and Tom. On this occasion, Stephen and Dirk led from the start and, although Chris and Tom generally displayed a sound grasp of tactics, they did not keep their balls together enough enabling Stephen and Dirk to post out and win by three hoops and the post.

Three or four more enjoyable games took place with standards improving all the time until it was time to retreat to the Surawong Sala for a late lunch.



before, it was agreed to mix and match to introduce us gently to the intricacies of the Hurlingham Rules and particularly the finer points of “strategic marauding”.

After a pleasant lunch Blake Ireland teamed up for the first game with our team captain Chris Watt in truly challenging conditions (long wet coarse grass) conceding two bisques to David Lamb and Tom Smithson. With Chris and Blake adapting quickest, they dominated from the start despite David and Tom's brave attempts to maraud, posting out to win by three hoops and the post.

In the second game Mike Burrell teamed up with Chris Watt against Stephen Vine and Tom Smithson.

TENNIS *Smashing Success at Womble Cup*



Anjelica Manalo

Following two weeks of spectacular tennis at the legendary All England Club, July 15 featured an unexpected Wimbledon Men's Final. No Roger...no Rafa...but nevertheless, there was no shortage of excitement back home at The British Club as the inaugural Womble Cup kicked off!

A serious battle



To celebrate the Wimbledon Final, 36 lady and gentleman 'Wombles' signed up for a fun-filled day of tennis, food and great company. Players were split into two teams - the Committee & Friends Team, captained by Graham, and the Past Captain & Friends Team, captained by James. Pairs from each team played 1-set doubles matches, with each win scoring 1 point for their team until all matches were played and the 2018 Womble Cup Champions were crowned.



Womble Cup queens

Team captain, event organizer, and original Womble, Graham, carried his Committee Team by putting 2 points on the board, teaming up with Jim for Men's Doubles and with Jackson for Mixed. Representing the Committee Team, Harold & Frank took on James &

Geoff in an exciting showdown between some of the club's finest – with Harold & Frank pulling through with a big win. Strong and consistent play from Khun Wandy, Mikola and Alex also earned them 2 wins each to push the Committee Team ahead.

Representing the Past Captain Team, Hara & Nisa narrowly defeated Jim & Pin in an exciting match on Center Court. Khun Jeab secured 3 impressive victories, partnering with Camille in Ladies Doubles and with Khun Prasit and Andrei in two Mixed Doubles matches.

Before the rainstorm



The match of the day was an epic Ladies Doubles battle that set the Committee Team's Mooky & Rebecca against Past Captain Team's Raquel & Edie. Mooky & Becs jumped to a 5-2 lead before Raquers & Edie persevered to bring the set to a 6-6 tiebreak. After several saved match points, Mooky & Becs ultimately snatched the win for the Committee Team. Incredible tennis, ladies!

In total, 17 matches were played before the rain started to fall and resulted in a washout of 2 much-anticipated Mixed Doubles matches. With a tight 10-7 victory, the Committee Team will go down in the BC history books as the first-ever Womble Cup Champs.



As an amazing day on court wrapped up, the fun in the sala was just getting started. Many thanks to the BC staff for the delicious, Wimbledon-themed array of fish & chips, roast beef sandwiches, cucumber & cream cheese sandwiches, strawberries & cream, and more. The evening was topped off with a scrumptious chocolate cake, courtesy of Ann, and plenty of bubbly to go around. Who would have imagined that a Wimbledon Final, without Roger & Rafa, could be so much fun? Thanks to everyone for the wonderful turnout!



And They're Off – Race to Bangkok Underway

A new feature of this year's league play is the 'Race to Bangkok'. Scheduled in December, the 'Race to Bangkok' Grand Final will feature head-to-head matchups between the top 2 players from each division based on ranking points accumulated throughout the year. Prizes will be awarded to the champion of each division. As September kicks off, 2 league series will have been completed, and 2 more are planned before the Grand Final. Track the results on the tennis section Facebook page, and keep playing your league matches to rack up more points!



Michael Paul Stead, September 20, 1953 – August 3, 2018, RIP

The British Club Tennis Section expresses its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mike Stead, who passed away in the UK after a short illness. Members will remember Mike as a tenacious tennis player on court and a thoughtful conversationalist with a lively wit off court. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in the tennis section.



SQUASHY BITS

Snooker and 500 Quid!



Bruce Madge

It's unclear how much longer this can be maintained, but here we go again with more pages of ranting and tripe.

And where to begin?

Well, our new squash courts seem to be coming along *s-l-o-w-l-y*. October has been touted as a possible month. A possible month for what? A possible month to ask again when they will be ready? Perhaps. But they will be opened eventually and the Squashies' gratitude will overflow as the existing single court is knackered. It's starting to resemble the kind of facility found at a local leisure centre with its filthy walls, uneven floor, holes and cracks. It's got so bad that certain players are starting to adopt the sad 'leisure centre boast' since they obviously feel they are playing in such an arena. Sad!

Oh, and there is a proposal to relocate the snooker table from the clubhouse to the gallery of the new courts.



Leave it!

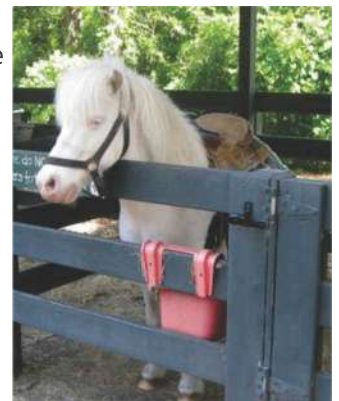
What a wonderful idea. No risk of any noise, disturbance or obstruction. Anything else? Perhaps put some paddling pools in the courts during the weekdays to accommodate some mums and sprogs who don't enjoy being out in the sun. Ooh, be careful of skin cancer!



Stick it on a squash court

How about converting one of the courts into a weekend stable to house some local ponies that the children can feed carrots and apples? That would be nice. Or use them as a miniature bowling alley? Anything really. Why not? Let's spend a fortune on some new international standards courts and ruin them immediately.

What else? Well, we could place a ping pong table at the corner of each tennis court or even turn them into a weekday lunchtime market for local office workers. "Come on ladies! Take a look! Apples and oranges 50 baht a kilo! Mix 'em up if ya like! Come on girls! You can't be looking!"



And the cricket nets could become a car wash every Sunday afternoon. "BCB Car washing - get two motors done for the price of one!"

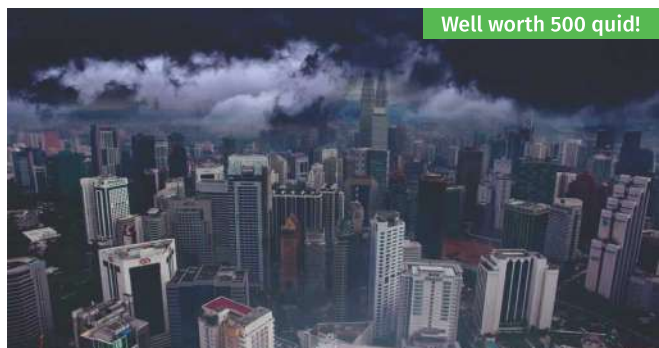


Coming to a cricket net soon!

Dear oh dear! Surely we can find a suitable place for the snooker table without having to disturb the Squashies. Aren't we constructing a games room right next door? Or how about leaving it where it is in a quiet room in the clubhouse close to the bar? Perfect! Anywhere please but on the squash court gallery which is for spectators to watch squash which is why it's called a **SQUASH COURT GALLERY** and not a snooker room!

RIGHT, that's the rant done with so now onto some other nonsense...

Imagine if you had around 500 quid and you had to waste it in one weekend. That is to say, you had to spend the lot without having anything to show for it at all except for some memories perhaps. How would you do it? Spend it on a few expensive steak dinners? Have a Saturday down the pub followed by a five-star curry, a few girly bars, and a late-night 'take away'? Book into a luxury hotel for a night or two and pamper yourself with massages and spas? So many enticing choices. Or how about agreeing to go on a KL tour with the cricket creeps and the tennis tarts with the prospect of a team match at the Royal Selangor Club and all the delights of a weekend away in the Malaysian capital with your squash pals? Sounds perfect, doesn't it? Well worth 500 quid. Sign me up!



of participants - played their pre-arranged matches with RSC teams, and you didn't even get to play at the RSC as it was closed for something or other on the Sunday so you ended up playing at a place called PJ Palms for the price of ten quid, and were left to



ruminate on the fact that you spent 500 quid going all the way to KL to socialize with other BCB members and to play your BCB Squashie pal at a bloody leisure centre! Well, that is what this author and Rob Lockhart did the other month and both have conceded there are far better ways to waste money!



Until the tennis court weekday market gets going....

Yeah, until you book your flight and a luxury apartment for three nights and find out at the last minute that there are only two Squashies going and that no match, not even a mix-in, had been organised with the Royal Selangor Club so you spend most of the dull, wet weekend doing largely sod all while the cricket creeps and tennis tarts - oh, they had plenty



HARD BALLS

Season Summary



Ben Eastwell

A long and eventful match season was concluded in July as BC's run in the Eastern Seaboard League drew to a close after a narrow loss to Pattaya – which resulted in a 4th placed finish in the table. Needless to say, the training sessions have continued and social activities have increased to fill that weekend void which cricket had done such a good job of in previous months. Sunil hosted a well- enjoyed dinner early August to set the tone for the infamous upcoming period where half the team will be celebrating birthdays. At the time of reading, BC should (hopefully) have returned from the Koh Chang beach cricket tour, which you can

look forward to reading about in next month's edition if you were unfortunate enough not to experience it first-hand.

All in – a total of 25 outdoor matches were played throughout the season which ran from November, including tours to Phuket, Chiang Mai, and Kuala Lumpur. BC also entered teams into the RBSC T10 and Pattaya 8's tournaments and hosted Pangolin on their Bangkok tour. Below is a selection of highlights from the season.

Bangkok Cricket League - B Division

RANK	TEAM	P	W	L	D	WKTS LOST	RUNS FOR	WKTS TAKEN	RUNS AGST	Pts	%	OVERS BOWLED	OVERS FACED
1	Bangkok Cricket Club	9	7	1	1	50	1355	75	1011	150.05	1.58	191	197
2	Southerners Cricket Club	9	6	2	1	45	937	67	824	128.27	1.29	186	164
3	Chicha Cricket Club	9	6	3	0	63	1098	68	1338	114.58	-0.06	224	185
4	Indorama	9	5	4	0	74	1354	67	1301	101.94	-0.40	200	222
5	British Club	9	4	3	2	50	883	54	885	96.63	0.42	163	151
6	Super Boys CC	9	4	5	0	65	1314	67	1232	88.54	0.31	214	215
7	CSK Thailand	9	4	5	0	73	1183	68	1196	85.43	-0.39	203	216
8	Asia United Cricket Club	9	3	6	0	71	1068	68	1153	73.28	-1.16	189	216
9	Kerala Strikers CC	9	3	6	0	73	1049	68	998	73.09	0.56	198	186
10	Siam Cricket Club	9	1	8	0	78	988	40	1291	32.88	-1.96	191	206

Bangkok Cricket League - Eastern Seaboard Cricket League

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2	Pattaya Cricket Club	8	5	3	0	58	1275	58	1176	101.35	0.26	188	196
3	Southerners Cricket Club	8	4	4	0	53	1293	50	1242	86.93	-0.17	181	193
4	British Club	8	3	5	0	64	1115	49	1166	67.95	-0.27	172	171
5	Kerala Strikers CC	8	2	6	0	61	935	51	1114	51.55	-1.33	175	186

Sports



Victors in Phuket



Rahul goes big in Phuket



Representing in Chiang Mai



Happy New Year at the Allwrights



Just some of the was consumed throughout the season



Lucky new kit



Dunford V Philbrook Trophy



Mossy being undone at the annual awards



Just one of BCs knockout wins



V Pangolin 25th March 2018



Santa selfie at the club

BCGS GOLFING NEWS

August Stableford @ Lam Luk Ka CC

Our section Captain, Frank Fawkes truly is a man dedicated to his remit. Despite painfully turning an ankle a few days before the game and being in no condition to play himself he bravely arrived at the course (limping) to carry out all his pre-game duties, welcoming new members and generally living all the values of the BCGS. Outstanding, Frank.

Golf at Lam Luk Ka CC is always such a pleasure. This is a beautifully presented mature course and, for some of our players, is reminiscent of playing in Europe. The low cloud cover, absence of sun and a continuous breeze made for great playing conditions at the August stableford.

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Emerging victorious on the day with 33 points was the mercurial Randall Colman. It's good to see him back in the winners enclosure.

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Captain Fantastic

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July Medal @ Royal GCC

22nd July saw the BCGS striding the fairways @ Royal Golf and Country Club, Latkrabang for the monthly medal.

This a great course always offering a different golfing challenge no matter how many times you play it.

On the day Flight A winner was the ever consistent Varghese Rose while the Flight B winner was Neil Davis who narrowly edged out Brian Brook on count back.

Congratulations to both winners.



Flight A winner Varghese Rose



Flight B winner Neil Davis



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