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# I Choose Bumrungrad

Every man aged 50 years or older needs to know the risk of developing prostate cancer. One of the easiest and most available methods of detection is the blood test known as Prostate Specific Antigen or PSA

PSA is a protein that is produced by normal, as well as malignant (abnormal), cells of the prostate gland. The PSA blood test measures the level of PSA in a man's blood in order to determine if he is at risk for prostate cancer. The higher the PSA levels are, the higher the risk of having prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is the leading cancer in men globally. According to the World Cancer Research Fund International, over 1.1 million men worldwide were diagnosed with prostate cancer which accounted for an alarming 15% of all cancer cases in men.

There are a few things to look at in order to determine if you are at high risk for prostate cancer :

- ☒ Age – Most cases of prostate cancer are found in men aged 50 and older.
- ☒ Family History – Having a father or brother who has had prostate cancer.
- ☒ Region – Prostate cancer is more common in North America and Europe and less common in Asia.
- ☒ Diet – Men who eat a lot of fatty foods and regularly eat red meat are at increased risk.

Often untested men wouldn't know they had prostate cancer until it was already at the late stages. There are many symptoms to look for in order to detect prostate cancer early. Some of these symptoms include:

- ☒ More frequent urination, especially at night.
- ☒ Pain or a burning sensation while urinating.
- ☒ Feeling as if your bladder is never empty.
- ☒ Having problems starting or stopping urination.
- ☒ Seeing blood in the urine stream. If you see blood, it is important to seek medical attention immediately!

There are currently a number of successful treatments available for prostate cancer . Surgery, Radiation Therapy, Chemotherapy and Hormone Therapy are all good treatments depending on the stage and "grade" of the cancer. Bumrungrad International Hospital is proud to announce the availability of the most State-of-the-Art treatment for prostate cancer known as the Da Vinci Surgery procedure . The Da Vinci System (da Vinci Robot) is designed to perform minimally invasive surgeries (MIS). The treating surgeon needs to make only five small incisions near the navel and then operate the robot using 3D imagery. This type of treatment has several excellent benefits:

- ☒ Effective cancer control.
- ☒ Patients feel less pain, spend less time in the hospital and faster recovery.
- ☒ Greater surgical precision!
- ☒ Potentially Less urinary and sexual dysfunction side effects from the surgery.
- ☒ Quicker surgery time and less blood loss.
- ☒ Fewer complications.

With early detection, prostate cancer survival rates are high. According to the American Cancer Society, the relative 10-year survival rate is 98% and the relative 15-year survival rate is 96%. These are favorable numbers so long as prostate cancer is detected early, which is why having PSA levels checked is so important.

If it is time for your annual consultation with a urologist, you are concerned about your PSA levels or show any of the symptoms of prostate cancer, please make an appointment today at Bumrungrad's Urology Center. The Urology Center is located on the 16th floor of the Bumrungrad Clinic Building and can be reached by calling +66 2011 2222.

*By Dr. Charuspong Dissaranan, Urology Center, Bumrungrad International Hospital*

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## Front Cover

Loy Krathong is featured on the cover this month. A Chance to partake in this beautiful festive tradition on Thursday 22nd November.

## From the Editor

This is another busy month with the ever popular Ploenchit Fair returning the British Embassy Gardens and Loy Krathong being celebrated at the Suriwongse Sala.

With Christmas just around the corner things are going to get even busier with the Annual Christmas Ball will be held on Saturday the 1st of December this year.

Cheers



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**Silom Wing:** I was always told that the last 5% is the most difficult part of a construction project and certainly the Silom Wing is proving that way. The contractors scrambled to get the hoardings down so that Members and visitors could view the site during the *Living in Bangkok* event on 29th September and it was our plan to have a soft opening on 13th October. But alas that did not prove possible. Some finishes were simply not ready and on-going daily torrential downpours delayed the pouring of concrete and prevented the laying of poolside surrounds which require dry surfaces before adhesives can be applied.

Most feedback on 29th was very positive and we are all eager to get everything open before the busy festive season starts. As I write this, just two weeks before the planned official opening, a few days of sun would be very welcome and it is very much a 'fingers crossed' situation. But by the time you receive this copy of *Outpost* we should have stepped into the future and enjoyed a happy celebration. Lots of fun activities are being prepared.

**Living in Bangkok:** It was the first time for the Club to host *Living in Bangkok*, in fact the first time it had been held anywhere other than at Bumrungrad Hospital where it was created 20 years ago. Organising an event of this scale in a new location was a major logistical challenge with huge unknowns. However, we were incredibly lucky to have a mostly dry day in this wettest of years, and everything was pulled off with aplomb. Over 80 'vendors' displayed their products and services and over 2,000 Members and visitors are estimated to have attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day; next year's date has already been set for and with this experience behind us it should just get better and better.

**Clubhouse Brickwork:** The other day an observant visitor pointed out that the newly exposed Clubhouse brickwork displays an historic style known as 'English Garden Wall Bond'. According to 'Heritage Directory', historic buildings feature patterns made by laying bricks exposing the longer face of the brick (stretchers) and the shorter face or the brick (headers) in different combinations. The English Garden Wall Bond was used from the late 18th Century featuring three rows of stretchers and one row of headers, rarely found apparently outside the North of England where it was common. Modern cavity walls have resulted in the monotonous use of stretchers although 'snapped' headers are used on new buildings in conservation areas to provide character.

There remains speculation where the bricks were made. We know that the original ironwork, drain down pipes, brass shutter hinges etc., were imported from England and maybe the bricks were also? But they could also have been brought in from British India. Whatever, it is great to see them again in their full historic glory!



**Honours Boards:** I have no idea when the first Honours Boards were hung in Club House but probably a very long time ago, a tradition featured in Clubs all around the world. They have their charm but are expensive to maintain and keep looking nice. It costs over 1,000 baht just to add one name to a board and the gold paint doesn't last well in the tropics. Our boards take up a lot of space, many names are barely legible and they already fill most of the available space. To be less kind, they really don't look very good!



Traditional Honours Boards

The Chairmen's board became full last year and a decision had to be made about creating a new board. The General Committee decision was to break from tradition by replacing the wooden boards with gold lettering with printed and framed versions. This offered lots of benefits. They could be smaller, taking up less space, and updating them would simply require reprinting an A1 size sheet of paper at a cost of about 100 baht. At any time, layout, fonts and colours will be able to be readily changed and if new names are discovered from missing years in the past (there are many) they can easily be incorporated.



New Chairman's Boards

Our hope is to replace all of the other Loyal Society and Sports boards in the same style in the near future, thus creating more space for other pictures or hangings. Although all changes at the Club usually prove controversial we trust that most Members will approve.

And finally a public service notice ...

**Voting in the UK:** Did you know that if you have been on the electoral role in the UK in the last 15 years you are eligible to vote in UK General Elections, Referendums and, for now, the EU Parliament Elections? Did you know that you can register to vote online? And did you know that you must then re-register annually to retain your vote?

Well done if you have answered 'Yes', because lots of British expatriates do not know their voting rights or how to exercise them. There are no reliable statistics, but is estimated that less than one third of eligible expats voted in the last General Election.

It is now possible to get personal help to register online at the Foreign Correspondents Club (FCCT) on the first Friday each month between 6.30 and 8.30 pm. Just fill in the form at [www.tinyurl.com/yaonyua9](http://www.tinyurl.com/yaonyua9) and book a spot.

# Retirement Income Matters

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

## UK Pensions

Many Brits retiring overseas may have acquired UK pension rights. It is possible to minimise the UK tax liability on this stream of income, applicable to company pensions (Final Salary/Defined Benefit, and Occupational Money Purchase) and individual pensions (Personal Pension Plans/Group Personal Pension Plans).

From April 2006 until April last year, for those with UK pension income in excess of the UK Personal Allowance (£11,850 currently), Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes (ROPS) were an option which could offer favourable income tax treatment. And historically, Guernsey and then Gibraltar were the jurisdictions of choice for Thailand residents.

Unfortunately this is no longer a viable option. Below we look at why.

## UK Income Tax and UK Pensions

UK pension income can normally be paid anywhere in the world, and usually after 20% basic rate Income Tax is deducted at source, with the final Tax liability based on self-assessment tax returns and UK income tax rates and allowances.

### Double Taxation Agreements

If one can obtain a Double Taxation Agreement (DTA) between the UK and the country of residence, UK pension income may be paid gross from the UK to be taxed locally instead. This will normally be possible if HMRC have proof that local tax is being deducted or that specific criteria are being met.



In certain countries, and in most parts of Asia, this can be difficult.

The **UK/Thailand** Double Taxation Treaty (DTT) specifically excludes an article to cover any other UK pension arrangements apart from UK Government (civil service) Pensions: "Treaty does not include an article dealing with Non-Government pensions. Also, no relief for UK State Pension."

In addition, Article 19 of the UK/Thai DTT covering governmental services states that any pension subsequently paid in respect of past governmental or local authority service can be taxed in the country where the individual is resident, provided the pensioner is a national and a resident of that country for the exemption to be applied.

Therefore, local tax treatment is only possible for a Brit in Thailand who has

a UK Civil Service Pension Scheme and has become a Thailand citizen – not a common situation.

### UK Pensions paid for service outside the UK

Some pensioners receive occupational pensions from the UK, but have spent all their working years, or a substantial period of service, performing duties outside the UK.

HMRC ruling ITEPA03 charges income tax on all pensions paid from the UK.

However, the PAYE regulations set out special provisions that exempt the pension from PAYE where the pension arises from employment wholly carried on abroad. This applies only to non-resident pensioners.

When an employee has been non-resident and worked outside the UK for complete tax years, then the



pension is exempt from the operation of PAYE. An employment is regarded as having been carried on abroad if:

1.1 the last ten years-service in respect of which the pension is paid was abroad

or

1.2 the service that was carried out abroad amounted to half of the total service in respect of which the pension is paid

and

1.3 covered at least ten of the last twenty years.

## Investment Income

### Offshore

For a non-UK resident individual, UK tax would not apply to any distributions received (dividends or savings). However, local tax may be deducted at source and it is unlikely it could be reclaimed.

### UK

For non-residents, income from UK savings & investments is treated for UK tax purposes for non-residents is governed by a specific HMRC regulation.

Except for UK property income and trade investment income, the tax charge for non-residents on investment income arising in the UK is restricted to the amount of tax, if any, deducted at source. If the tax charge is limited in this way, the Personal

Allowance will not be available for other income. So non-residents without UK property or UK pension income may receive UK investment income, and the tax paid cannot be more than:

- the amount of tax that would be chargeable on income, other than 'disregarded income' (see below), but before the deduction of any personal allowances due;
- plus the amount of tax deducted at source from the 'disregarded income'.

'Disregarded income' includes:

- interest and alternative finance receipts from banks and building societies;
- dividends from UK companies;
- income from Unit Trusts/OEICs etc;
- certain social security benefits such as State Pensions or widows' pensions.

For those with UK Rent or UK Pension income, any UK tax liability on UK investments could instead be taxable based on the current UK Savings and Dividend Allowances. •



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# LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



**O**n 29th September we held the Big Event “Living In Bangkok” for the first time at The British Club. In the past it was held at Bumrungrad Hospital and from now on we will organise this event at the Club. Over 2,000 people attended and we had over 80 vendors! I would like to thank all the sponsors and vendors who supported us. Also, our GC Members who helped us to show prospective members around the Club including the new Silom Wing development. We are now looking forward to next year’s Living in Bangkok at the British Club on 5th October 2019.

The Trafalgar Dinner night was held on 20th October and I would like to thank Captain Chris Smith, RAN Australian Defence Attache Bangkok who was our Guest Speaker for helping to organise this function and all the Embassy staff who attended this event. We had over 80 persons which was the maximum number we have ever had. Also Khun Laak, our Executive Chef, who created the fantastic menu to serve with our nice wines. A special thanks to Khun Paul Cheesman, our Honorary Secretary, for his support in helping our team to organise and encouraging people to attend.

Our Halloween Party, Wine Tasting and Friday Affairs were on 26th all on the same night making it a busy night for the Club. With the kids attending the Halloween party and the parents at the wine tasting and Friday affair.

Our staff are now planning for Loy Krathong event later this month along with our Annual Wine tasting on 30th November where we expect 10 wine suppliers or more so. Members can purchase a case of wine directly from the suppliers for their Christmas season.

On the 1st of December we have our Christmas Ball on the back lawn, Christmas Carol night on 6th with

the St. Andrews School Choirs,. Then on the 16th of December will be the Children Christmas Party followed by our Christmas Lunch and Dinner on the 25th. For more information please check and making booking at reception. We have already taken quite a few bookings for Christmas day, so get in early to choose your location for your seats.

The Grand Opening for the Silom Wing took place on 27th October, where we received very good and positive feed back from our Members. Thanks to the Silom Wing Project Sub Committee and all those person concern. Our F&B team are creating a new menu for this area, also if any Members would like to use spaces for functions, please contact Khun Tee or our function team.

Our Christmas Menu will both a Set and à la carte menu available in all outlets from 1st December. For Members not wishing to cook their own Christmas meals, we have inserted a takeaway Christmas menu in this Outpost. If you would like to order, just fill in the form and send it to [info@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:info@britishclubbangkok.org) or you can hand it in at reception.

We now have two new glass back squash courts available to members, persons wishing to use these please make your booking at fitness center. We hope you will enjoy your games on the new courts.

For Members who are planning their Christmas holiday, remember we have 396 Reciprocal Club in 55 countries around the world. Please contact our Membership department or send email to [info@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:info@britishclubbangkok.org) and tell us which Club you would like to visit and the date. Our staff will then send the introduction letter to that Club and yourself.

I am looking forward to see you all around.

# F&B MORSELS *by our* EXECUTIVE CHEF



Chef Laak

**H**appy Thanksgiving to everyone during the month of November, please join us for a Thanksgiving buffet in The Verandah restaurant, we will be laying on turkey and all the trimmings for you and the family to enjoy.

November also brings us every closer to the festive season... Christmas is just around the corner and we are hard at work to make this year bigger and better than ever! Our Christmas menu is just about to launch, and you will be able to order your Christmas dinner directly from us, we will take care of everything - you just enjoy the eating. We will also start our Christmas menu on the 1st of December in all outlets of the Club, giving you the chance to try all our options throughout the lead up to the big day.

Bookings have opened for our Annual Christmas Ball, which this year it will take place on the 1st of December, we have created an amazing festive buffet

line-up for everyone to enjoy, including some tasty canapes on the front lawn before you all get seated, additional Indian dishes have been added and some mouth watering desserts will be on offer, do also look out for the bubbles bar.

Christmas Day luncheon on the 25th December was an amazing success last year with over 400 people attending, please do book your seats now as this is set to be bigger and better than ever before, special treats on the day and the best cooked turkey in Bangkok.

My selected dish of the month for November is from our healthy menu **Grilled Chicken Breast with fresh yoghurt**, stuffed with spinach and served with roma tomatoes and onions, simply delicious, enjoy.



# BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

**29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

**STARTERS** 65.-

- Mozzarella, Mango, Tomatoes and Rocket Salad
- Chef's Soup of The Day

**MAIN COURSES** 160.-

- Grilled Chicken Breast with Tomato and Bean Sauce.
- Grilled Mixed Sausage.
- Grilled Seabass with Coriander Salsa.
- Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla, Moo Tod Kratium Prik Thai, Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy.

**5<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**STARTERS** 65.-

- Carrots, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw
- Chef's Soup of The Day

**MAIN COURSES** 160.-

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

**12<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**STARTERS** 65.-

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

**MAIN COURSES** 160.-

- 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.

**19<sup>TH</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER**

**STARTERS** 65.-

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

**MAIN COURSES** 160.-

- Cajun chicken.
- Fillet of pork with light curry sauce.
- 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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Reportings

# DEVELOPMENT UPDATE THE SILOM WING IS OPEN!



Ali Adam

Vice Chairman

**T**hank you for your patience over the last several months of the redevelopment project. We were happy to have the British Ambassador open the new Silom Wing and hope you all enjoyed the opening ceremony and afternoon of family activities at the poolside.

The GC and management are committed to ensuring the Club is one that our Members are proud of and enjoy using.

We know there will be a period of adjustment as we get operational issues sorted out and Members adjust to using the new space

We appreciate that the redevelopment has been a long process, and we are truly grateful for your patience. Your continued usage of the Club and your understanding as our team continues to refine operations in our new spaces reflects our supportive community.

We are continuing to listen to your feedback and take short-term action where possible, while continuing to open the new entrance, guardhouse and reception to complete the redevelopment project.



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# PRESS RELEASE

## British Embassy Bangkok to Stop Certification of Income Letters



British Embassy  
Bangkok

**Bangkok, 8 October 2018**

From 1 January 2019, the British Embassy Bangkok will no longer be providing British Nationals with letters confirming their income. This letter has previously served as a supporting document for obtaining a Thai retirement or marriage visa. The British Embassy Bangkok is stopping the certification of income letters because it is unable to fulfil the Thai authorities' requirements to verify the income of British Nationals.

British Nationals should now demonstrate that they have an amount of at least 800,000 THB in an account in Thailand for no less than three months prior to the visa application, or a monthly income of at least 65,000 THB transferred into an account in Thailand for a retirement visa. For a marriage visa, the amounts are 400,000 THB in an account in Thailand for no less than three months prior to the visa application, or a monthly income of at least 40,000 THB transferred into an account in Thailand. A bank statement should be used as the supporting document for obtaining a Thai retirement or marriage visa.

All British Nationals concerned should note that the last date for income letter applications is 12 December 2018.

\*END\*

### **NOTES TO EDITOR**

A) Requirements for a retirement visa:

- Must be at least 50 years old;
- Must have an amount of at least 800,000 THB in an account in Thailand for no less than three months prior to the application for a visa, or a monthly income of at least 65,000 THB;
- Further information: [https://www.immigration.go.th/content/service\\_22](https://www.immigration.go.th/content/service_22)

B) Requirements for a marriage visa:

- Must be legally married to a Thai national;
- Must have an amount of no less than 400,000 THB in an account in Thailand for two months prior to the visa application, or an average annual income of no less than 40,000 THB per month;
- Further information: [https://www.immigration.go.th/content/service\\_18](https://www.immigration.go.th/content/service_18)

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# RECIPROCAL CLUBS

## Royal South Yarra Tennis Club

Thinking of going to the Australian Open in January! Why not stay at the Royal South Yarra Tennis Club. Established in 1884 and last remodeled in 1983 the RSYTC is a reciprocal club with the British Club.

A few years back, a group of us did that very thing and what a fabulous time we had. Staying in their serviced apartments it's was the perfect place. Playing tennis on the grass courts or the clay courts in the morning then having breakfast on the balcony of the club house. It was the perfect start to the day before walking down to Melbourne Park along side the Yarra river to take in a day of tennis at the Australian Open.

In the evenings, if we weren't eating out at some of Melbourne's great restaurants we would chill out having drinks at the club 's bar. Then return to the apartment where the ladies would cook amazing Thai food. This would be washed down with great Aussie wines while watching the Australian Open on the tv.

We also took the opportunity to visit and play tennis a the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club established in 1892 which is also a reciprocal club. The Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club is internationally renowned as "The Spiritual Home of Australian Tennis" and you certainly feel that when you are there. With 26 grass courts, 22 all-weather en tout cas courts and 3 Plexicushion courts it wasn't difficult to get a grass.

Following our tennis, we treated ourselves to a superb lunch on the balcony overlooking all of the courts. Such a relaxing atmosphere especially when you can rehydrate with an ice cold Aussie beer!

The British Club has 396 reciprocal club in 55 countries around the world so checked them out before traveling overseas. Details can be obtained with Membership at reception.



Club House



Entry Gallery



Main Bar



View of Grass Courts with Clay Courts to the Right

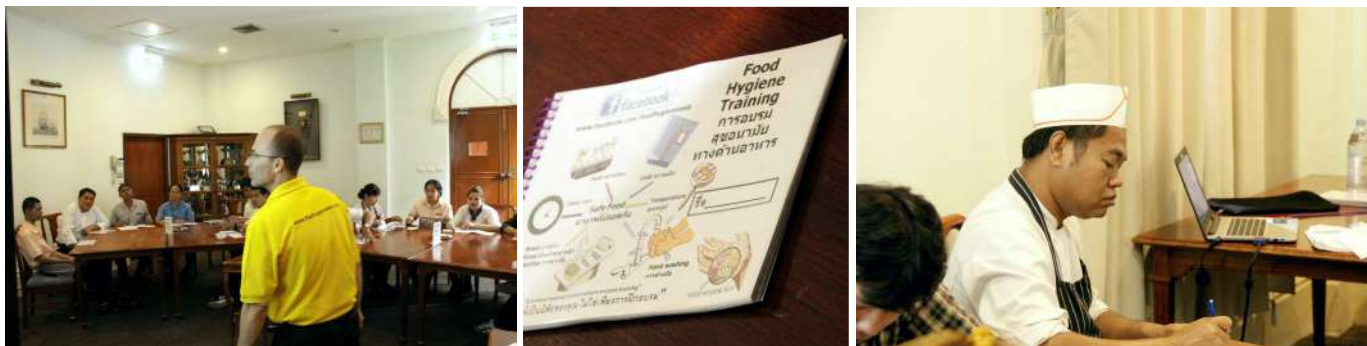
# FOOD SAFETY HYGIENE TRAINING

Here at the Club we take our food hygiene standards very seriously, we hold regular training sessions and participate in independent outside courses for all our chefs and food handlers.

In addition to this we also have an annual audit where an outside company comes and checks our kitchens, stores, prep areas and equipment. All the kitchen team and food handlers take a one-day

training course and then sit a final exam - each time the level goes up and everyone that passes receives their next certificate, any that fail to pass repeat the training and take the test again.

We are in the process of upgrading all our equipment and storage areas and look forward to next years audit where we expect to achieve our best ever results.



# CATS AT THE CLUB

Several editions ago we had an article about the cats at the club and we feel it is important that members understand how they are controlled. Therefore we are publishing it again.

There are currently five cats being looked after by the British Club. They have all been spayed and are in good condition.

Khun Rit from the fitness section is responsible for making sure that the cats are fed and, after consultation with management, to arrange for the cats to be taken to the vet if necessary.

A cat colony is needed at the club to keep the other stray cats away and to deal with vermin, which are

rife in Bangkok. By having the colony we can also monitor the health of the cats.

Occasionally a cat will leave a dead rat behind the tennis courts to show that they are doing their job. Without the colony of British Club cats the club would have all the stray cats around the area wandering in and out of the club, they would hang around food areas and no one would have any knowledge of their health.

Members should remember that **the cats aren't pets and shouldn't feed them**. They are fed at the same place and time every day which stops them hanging around food areas.

The British Club Bangkok invites you to the year's most atmospheric event



# CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY | DEC 1 | 7PM

# BALL



7pm cocktail reception | Signature drinks & Canapés  
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Fantastic raffle draw with exciting prizes!

Venue: Front & Back Lawn | Dress code: smart, fun & festive

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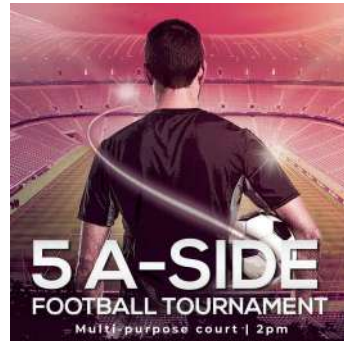
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THE BRITISH CLUB  
BANGKOK

# NOVEMBER



## SUN



## MON



## TUE



**04** Kids Cricket 8am-11am *Book first!*  
 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am  
 Sunday Brunch 11.30am-3pm  
 Open Bridge 2pm Silom Room

**05** BWG Mahjong 10am-1pm  
 Tennis Mixed Doubles Team Practice 7pm-9pm

**06** Squash Mix-In 5.15pm-7.30pm  
 Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8pm  
 Football 7pm-9pm



**11** Kids Cricket 8am-11am *Book first!*  
 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am  
 Sunday Brunch 11.30am-3pm  
 Open Bridge 2pm Silom Room  
 Tennis Mix-In 4pm-7pm

**12** BWG Mahjong 10am-1pm  
 Tennis Mixed Doubles Team Practice 7pm-9pm

**13** Squash Mix-In 5.15pm-7.30pm  
 Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8pm  
 Quiz Night 7.15pm The Verandah  
 Football 7pm-9pm



**18** Kids Cricket 8am-11am *Book first!*  
 Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am  
 Sunday Brunch 11.30am-3pm  
 Open Bridge 2pm Silom Room  
 Tennis Mix-In 4pm - 7pm

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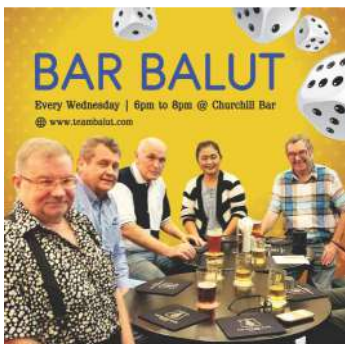
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 Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers 8pm  
 Football 7pm-9pm

# HAPPENINGS

## WED



## THU

## FRI

## SAT

**07** **Ladies Tennis Coaching** 9.30am-10.30am

**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm

**Balut** 6pm-8pm

**Paella** Dinner Only

**01** **Squash Mix-In** 5.15pm-9.45pm

**02** **Junior Tennis** 4pm-6pm

**Kid's Movie Night** 6pm

**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm

**03** **Swimming Lessons** 9am-10.30am

**14** **Ladies Tennis Coaching** 9.30am-10.30am

**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm

**Balut** 6pm-8pm

**Paella** Dinner Only

**15** **Squash Mix-In** 5.15pm-9.45pm

**16** **Junior Tennis** 4pm-6pm

**Kid's Movie Night** 6pm

**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm

**Book Launch** 7pm

**17** **Swimming Lessons** 9am-10.30am

**21** **Ladies Tennis Coaching** 9.30am-10.30am

**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm

**Balut** 6pm-8pm

**Paella** Dinner Only

**22** **Squash Mix-In** 5.15pm-9.45pm

**Loy Krathong** Evening Time

**23** **Junior Tennis** 4pm-6pm

**Kid's Movie Night** 6pm

**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm

**24** **Swimming Lessons** 9am-10.30am

**Ploenchit Fair** 10am-7pm

British Embassy Gardens

**5 A-Side Football Tournament** 2pm

**28** **Ladies Tennis Coaching** 9.30am-10.30am

**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm

**Balut** 6pm-8pm

**Paella** Dinner Only

**29** **Squash Mix-In** 5.15pm-9.45pm

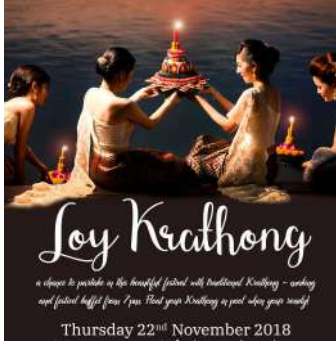
**30** **Junior Tennis** 4pm-6pm

**Kid's Movie Night** 6pm

**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm

**Wine Tasting** 6pm-9pm

**Friday Affair** 8pm-midnight



# LIVING IN BANGKOK SAT



# URDAY 29th SEPTEMBER



# BOOK LAUNCH AT THE CLUB

## Steve Van Beek: 'News from the 90s'.

**T**urn back the clock 130 years. What would your life in Bangkok have been like in 1890? Better, worse, about the same? What would your main concerns be? How would you amuse yourself?

The 1890s were a pivotal year for Bangkok. The reforming zeal of King Chulalongkorn was transforming the cityscape, the modes of governance, and the society. The capital was growing, railroads were reaching into the interior, the Thais were facing foreign aggression. Heady times as the kingdom approached a new century.

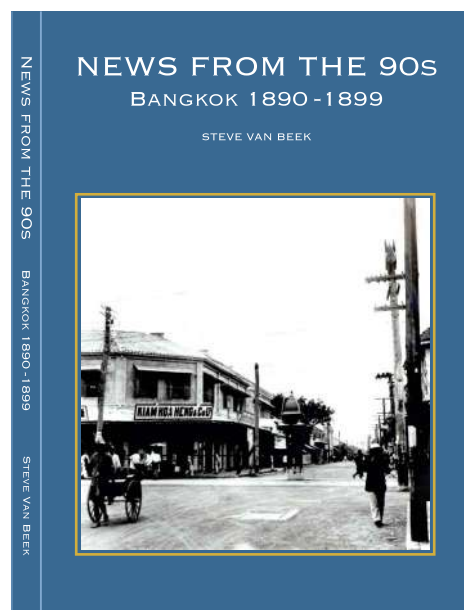
The Bangkok Times newspaper had a ringside seat on it all, reporting on the new developments here and abroad. What claimed readers' attention? Fires, lawsuits, foreign intrigue, crime, new inventions like electricity and X-rays and the odd—and often frightening—ways they were employed. All were keenly observed by the Times reporters who also cast a somewhat jaundiced eye at humbug, sprinkling its

pages with droll humor and a dose of been-there, seen that. All of it made for entertaining as well as informative reading.

In his enormously-successful Bangkok Then and Now (four updated editions and 32,000 copies sold to date), Mr. Van Beek looked at a dozen aspects of this fascinating city. Among the book's most popular items were the short news stories from the Times' pages. For his new book, News from the 90s, he returned to the library and read every issue printed in the 1890s, excerpting the local and international stories that captured reader interest.

He will talk with us about the challenges of life in the period which, in many aspects, was a mirror of our own. Illustrated with ads from the Times' pages, as well as photographs of the period.

He will also offer signed, discounted copies of this and others of his many books.

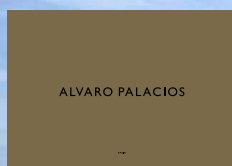


**Entrance: 200 baht Members, 300 baht non-members.  
Including canapés and one complementary drink.  
The British Club, Friday 16th November 7.00pm for about an hour.**



# WINE TASTING

## Rioja



*“If anyone embodies the promise and spirit of “The New Spain,” it’s Alvaro Palacios. Some of his wines are widely considered to be the most important Spanish wines of the modern era.”*

This month seeing I didn’t have time to check out the wines at the monthly Friday night wines tasting, I decided to take a closer look at the club’s wine list and try something different. Not being so familiar with European wines, I decided check out a red from Spain the **La Vendimia, Rioja**.

I must admit, it did have a youth freshness and its nose was reminiscent of sour cherries and ripe peaches, nutmeg, pepper and caramel. As the wine makers say, the noticeable tannins and its juiciness make it a lovable, slightly rustic wine, that knows how to please with its fruity, yet spicy flavour.

### YOUTH, FRESHNESS, REFINEMENT

The newest vines and an age-old alliance with three other families that contribute their product combine to create this young red wine which reclaims an old tradition, the union of the different areas of Rioja; the Mediterranean and the Atlantic.

“Second-year wine” is a classic concept used to explain that if the young wine is good, the following year in the bottle it will be even better. This is what La Vendimia offers: a red very floral, lively and versatile; stimulating, profound and with a certain tannic strength.

Its personality comes from the Garnacha and Tempranillo varieties in equal parts give it that special scope, which is both flighty and well defined at the same time. Meanwhile, its brief stay in oak vats and casks assembles its body and adds complexity.

### BRIEF HISTORY

In the 1980s, Alvaro Palacios was drawn to the largely abandoned, ancient vineyards of Priorat. Located 60 miles from Barcelona, Priorat had been one of Spain's important pre-Phylloxera wine regions. And with its unique terroir of steep hills and terraces, Alvaro believed he could make wines that rivaled the best of Europe.

He acquired his first vineyard, Finca Dofi, in 1990. Then, in 1993, he located what is now regarded as the crown jewel property in Priorat, a precipitous, northeast-facing Garnacha vineyard on well-drained schist that had been planted between 1900 and 1940. Alvaro named it L'Ermita for a small chapel, or hermitage, that sits atop the hill.

So now you know all about it, be sure to try a bottle or two next time you are at the club.

**Cheers**

# THE PLOENCHIT FAIR 2018

Saturday 24th November  
BRITISH EMBASSY GARDENS  
10.00am - 7.00pm



*Come along and join us for The British Community's annual fund-raising block-buster event for Thai Charities.*

*Entrance: Bht 500 Adults Children under 12 year free*

**T**his year Ploenchit Fair returns to the British Embassy gardens after an absence of some 17 years. It was held in the gardens from 1957 to 2001 and this visit will be the last as the site is being developed - so enjoy the last farewell.

Ploenchit Fair is the biggest and longest running Fair in Asia and has enabled the British Community in Thailand (BCTFN) to donate well over two hundred million baht to various projects throughout Thailand. BCTFN is a fully registered and recognised non-profit Thai Foundation.

The Fair is run entirely by volunteers with many large companies sponsoring our stalls and attractions – it is a day out for all the family – fully catered for all with first class food, exciting cocktails from the Londoner Pub and various beer and wines throughout. Our afternoon stage entertainment will bring us to closing time at 8.00pm.

Children can enjoy Water Roller Ball, Shooting Gallery, the Happy Train and Bungy Jumps as well many other attractions. Father Christmas will make his usual visit as well as the Ploenchit Clown Eckie.

Mums can enjoy our Petticoat Lane stalls, some 30 shopping outlets and a variety of different products for all your Christmas gifts and needs. Tesco will have their Finest range available including wines as well as Central Tops and Boots, our High Street chemists who will have their tempting toiletries and cosmetics. The Grand Raffle organised by the British Chamber of Commerce has some 30 top prizes plus including flights to London with accommodation and many 5 star hotel resorts offering weekends away.

Left Luggage facilities, ATM machine and Bumrungrad medical services in the grounds.

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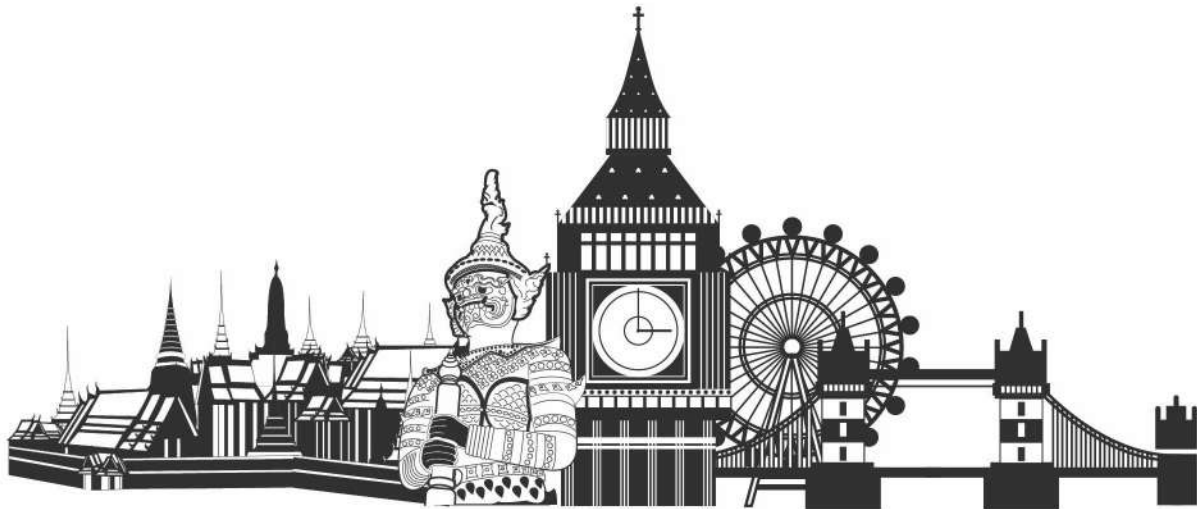


# PLOENCHIT FAIR

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**SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2018 10am - 8pm**

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[www.ploenchitfair.org](http://www.ploenchitfair.org)

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For more help and directional map

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**Childrens' Games and Rides**

**International Food**

**Wine-Beers & Live Music**

**Bargains Galore**

**\*\*All proceeds to support Thai Charities**



**GROOVY MAP**

# SQUASHY BITS

## *Jomtien Comp, T2, German Stuff!*



Bruce Mudge

Finally, a comp. Yes! A three-team event for the BC, Ambassador Jomtien and Ambassador Bangkok. Eight players a team and a strange format of four matches for each player of three games to 11 points, or more if any tie-breaks broke any ties. Complex! Total points won to decide the winning team. Neil, Mark, Marc, Marvyn, Rob, Ranjan, Chris and me expected it to be a farce, yet it



Ambassador Jomtien!



Squash players!

turned out fine with all 9,653.5 matches completed. But first a players' briefing: comp organizer Peter - some old, pedantic, Aussie geezer (nice bloke of whom we didn't get a photo) of the Amb Jom team - had to go over the comp format and rules. And on and on he went explaining that each match had a number clearly labelled on a sheet beside each court and each player had a seeding clearly labelled on the sheet and each court had a number clearly labelled by the court and the results of each match had to be recorded on a special match result slip and here were the courts, and the sheets and the slips and the pens and the squash balls and even a lengthy explanation of where the bloody clocks were situated! And for the match result slips, details required were: match number, designated start time, court number, players' seedings, names and teams, points scored per game

and total points, and on the back more details such as year each player began playing, address of first squash club, surname of first ever opponent, and date and time of match. WHAT?! And there was more like each player's current age, home address, mobile number, email address, passport number, mother's maiden name, name and address of primary school, blood type and any allergies, name of first girl/boyfriend, date and place of very first kiss (if any), name of first pet and favourite bloody colour! WTF! Dear oh dear! So much detail, not enough time to play. But play we did and it was pretty good fun



Pretty good fun!

with not one hiccup really - having six courts helps - and all over by around 5pm. Fantastic! Some good players and no dramas. Even a twin for me. An excellent afternoon of casual, competitive squash very well put together by this Peter fella. And the winners were the BC with 926 points to the Ambassador Jomtien's 908 and the Ambassador Bangkok's 614 - what happened to them? Who knows? Who cares? And our prize? Nothing. Not a sausage. Bigger all. Not even a cheap plastic cup (hence, no winning team photo). But we paid 250 baht each to enter to 'cover the cost



Bruce and twin!

Sports

of squash balls', but 250 a head multiplied by 24 is 6K and a box of balls is about half that so the remainder must have covered printing, paper and pens, but no trophy, and, as we were in the Pattaya area, a local lady/lad for the evening for organizer Peter? Who knows? Who cares?



T2 team photo!

Off to our hotel, the T2 Jomtien, one of Marc's new ventures and what a splendid place it is. Very bright and funky with lovely staff and great rooms. We took a team photo there! If you want a full review go to TripAdvisor - Marc paid me 500 baht to write it! But there's not one word of embellishment as this is a great hotel. Contact Marc if you are heading that way. A few beers here for the hopeless alcoholics - Neil mainly



German grub!

And then off to Jürgen's, a German restaurant, for a sausage buffet laid on, unsurprisingly, by Jürgen one of the Amb Jom players who is, even more unsurprisingly German. A slightly low-key mood hung over the town as most bars were shut due to an important day. However, Jürgen's was dishing out beer like it was free, which it wasn't, so the alcoholics got stuck in and the food, also at a cost, was superb. And Rob had dressed up for the occasion in some



Rob and Jürgen!

German garb he'd picked up while attending some Oktoberfest in the Philippines a few years previously. He looked.....err.....unusual.



Typical Jomtien bar!

By 9pm we were stuffed and worn out, but it was Rob's first time in this area so we had to give him a tour, but sadly not as far as Pattaya as it was DEAD! Off then to a few quiet sois in Jomtien hosting such establishments as Lucky Girl Bar, Jomtien Happy Beer Bar, and Look Love Now Bar. And despite the lack of music, gallons of local lasses and their mums clambered over themselves to offer us a game of Connect Four or just to sell us more beer. But we weren't interested really all being far too old and knackered. Marvyn is in his 70s! We couldn't even stop for one drink. So only a hotel nightcap or three for

## Sports

the hopeless alcoholics and off to our sumptuous T2 rooms which included free toiletries and complimentary tea and coffee. It's almost three star standard!



Free!

Anyway, the following lunchtime we hooked up with the Tennis Tarts who'd gatecrashed our tour because they have no exciting tours of their own, are mainly



Complimentary!

freeloaders and definitely gatecrashers (apparently, we'd invited them!). So there we were in Bacco Beach Italian restaurant a few yards from the Ambassador, which resembles something out of Pyongyang, and had the most delightful and delicious lunch. An absolutely wonderful place in a beautiful location with awesome F&B. No review on Tripadvisor, however, as I ain't been paid to write one.

Bacco Beach with Tennis Tarts!



And that concluded our first real squash tour since May, when we played in Burma but not against any Burmese, as the KL nonsense in June was nonsense. We won the rather strange comp and stayed in a funky gaff near the sea!

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER OVERALL TENNIS SCORE SHEET - TOTAL POINTS-	708	614	926
MATCH NUMBER AND PLAYERS	AMB JUN POINTS	AMB BRK POINTS	BRIT CLUB POINTS
MATCH 1- SEED 1 AMB JUN V SEED 1 BRIT	12	26	33
MATCH 2- SEED 1 BRIT V SEED 1 AMB BRK	18	33	31
MATCH 3- SEED 1 AMB BRK V SEED 1 AMB JUN	33	25	
MATCH 4- SEED 1 AMB JUN V SEED 2 AMB BRK	26		26
MATCH 5- SEED 1 BRIT V SEED 2 AMB JUN		33	16
MATCH 6- SEED 1 AMB BRK V SEED 2 BRIT	23		33
MATCH 7- SEED 1 AMB JUN V SEED 2 BRIT		10	33
MATCH 8- SEED 1 BRIT V SEED 2 AMB BRK	26	29	
MATCH 9- SEED 1 AMB BRK V SEED 2 AMB JUN	28		23
MATCH 10- SEED 2 AMB JUN V SEED 2 BRIT		17	33
MATCH 11- SEED 2 BRIT V SEED 2 AMB BRK	30	30	
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MATCH 31- SEED 5 AMB JUN V SEED 6 BRIT		8	33
MATCH 32- SEED 5 BRIT V SEED 6 AMB BRK	33	18	
MATCH 33- SEED 5 AMB BRK V SEED 6 AMB JUN	31		21
MATCH 34- SEED 6 AMB JUN V SEED 6 BRIT		17	31
MATCH 35- SEED 6 BRIT V SEED 6 AMB BRK	33	11	
MATCH 36- SEED 6 AMB BRK V SEED 6 AMB JUN	32		25
MATCH 37- SEED 7 BRIT V SEED 7 BRIT		6	33
MATCH 38- SEED 7 BRIT V SEED 7 AMB BRK	33	8	
MATCH 39- SEED 7 AMB BRK V SEED 7 AMB JUN	33	2	
MATCH 40- SEED 7 AMB JUN V SEED 8 AMB BRK	29		25
MATCH 41- SEED 7 BRIT V SEED 8 AMB JUN		13	33
MATCH 42- SEED 7 AMB BRK V SEED 8 BRIT	34		26
MATCH 43- SEED 7 AMB JUN V SEED 8 BRIT		3	33
MATCH 44- SEED 7 BRIT V SEED 8 AMB BRK	33	14	
MATCH 45- SEED 7 AMB BRK V SEED 8 AMB JUN	29		31
MATCH 46- SEED 8 AMB JUN V SEED 8 BRIT		7	27
MATCH 47- SEED 8 BRIT V SEED 8 AMB BRK	33	1	
MATCH 48- SEED 8 AMB BRK V SEED 8 AMB JUN			

The final scores!



**14** | Start: August, 31<sup>st</sup>  
Week | End: December, 14<sup>th</sup>

# FRIDAY JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

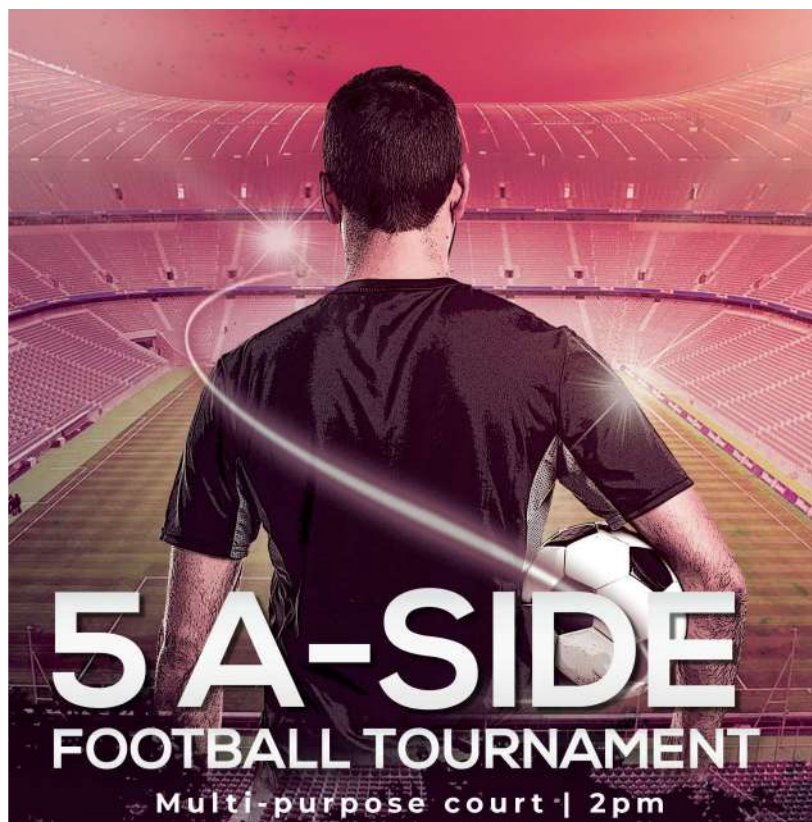
Age 5-8 years 4pm-5pm : 7,000 THB

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# TENNIS

## People in Action

Well, it's been a moist month but we tennis people have tried to stay active despite the storms.

### The American Tournament #2

This is the tournament format which Graham rightly pointed out involves whistles and partner swapping. We had all 4 courts in action again with Dmitry taking the honours. Top 5 places as follows:

1st	Dmitry	22 Games
2nd	Phyrot	21 Games
3rd	Vichien	17 Games
=4th	Ann	16 Games
=4th	Wandy	16 Games



### Singles League

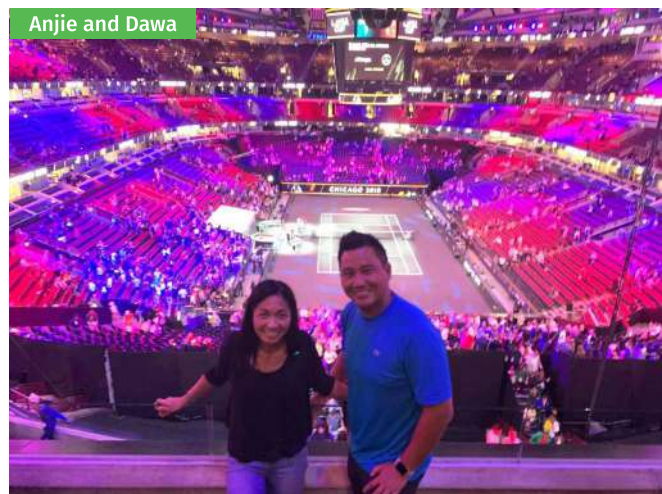
At time of writing battle continues in the current round. Only one certainty so far – the writer is going down!

Great rivalries in sport? Nadal/Federer/Djokovic cannot compare with Ann/Nat/Anjie. They may be all smiles in the photo but when on court.....



### Laver Cup - Chicago

It's all very well getting Harold's running commentary on happenings in the world of tennis but we needed some first hand experience. I suspect our emissaries pictured had a good time. We are all looking forward to seeing Dawa's new backhand ( as featured on FB) in action on his return.





Anjie and Dawa again!



### The Run

Whose idea was that!! (Thanks Nat). Still in recovery.

We don't just play tennis you know.

Nataya, Chris, Alex, Ann, Anjie and Nick stormed round the 10K Run for Life 3 course. One of us (Chris!!) enjoyed it so much he put in an extra lap! Note Nataya helping Chris over the line after his epic journey.



13.1 km!



### Pink Ribbon Charity Challenge

Top evening in support of a great charity. Thanks to Raymonde for organising.

Group Bollywood dancing was lively as were Alex's moves (pictured). Remarkable!



Go Alex Go!

### Forthcoming Events

The tennis and squash people are joining forces for a trip to Pattaya on 13th/14th October. Full lurid details to follow in next edition.

Watch out for date of the next American Tournament.



# Loy Krathong

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

## At the Club

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*Tickets include transfer, transportation, dinner, soft drinks and Krathong*



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# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

## September Medal, Royal GCC Ryder Cup Inspiration

**T**alk of the Ryder Cup, which was being played in France, was a hot topic and certainly inspired some great golf from our members.

Flight A was won by our very own 'postman', Roy Barrett carding a net 67. Roy never seems to falter and always delivers. He was some way clear of the runners up. Congratulations and well played, Roy.

After either having given himself a stern talking to or opting for the beer that *'refreshes the parts others beers cannot reach'* our September medal B flight winner, Neil Davis, improved his back 9 score by an amazing 11 strokes! Well played, Neil.

For the record it was merely coincidental that both flight A and flight B winners played together and marked one another's cards.

Why not join us at our next event? We welcome players of all abilities, from enthusiastic hackers to semi-pros. If you're interested, do visit our website <http://www.bcgsthailand.org/> for details of upcoming events and the contact details of our Captain.



Neil Davis winner of Flight B



Roy Barrett winner of Flight A

# The October Stableford event held at Lam Luk Ka



LUCKY AT LUKKA

Our stableford winner receiving his 'trophy' from the Captain

Our monthly stableford competition for October was held at Lam Luk Ka Country Club on the 7th. Lam Luk Ka has 4 nines A-D usually played as either A-B or C-D and we played on the A-B layout which is more open, but longer than C-D and is referred to by the club as the "Championship" Course.

Perhaps it was the length, or the heat, or what the players had been doing the night before – with two of our players crying off at the last moment – but the scores this month were perhaps not up to our usual standard.

I am sure some fine golf was played nonetheless and one must not take credit away from our winner Mark Adderley, who was the best player on the day, taking home the bottle of wine with 32 points.

**Congratulations Mark.**

There were some tall tales in the clubhouse with a remarkable par achieved from the wrong fairway and through the trees by a certain, Mr Gale, and a similar effort by Brian Brook on a par 5.

But that's what golf is about. And its those great shots that keep you coming back for more.

On that point why not join us at our next event? We welcome players of all abilities, from enthusiastic hackers to semi-pros. If you're interested, do visit our website <http://www.bcgsthailand.org/> for details of upcoming events and the contact details of our Captain.

*If it goes right  
it's a slice*

*If it goes left  
it's a hook*

*If it goes straight  
it's a miracle*



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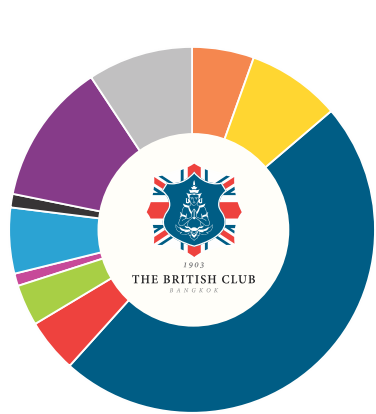


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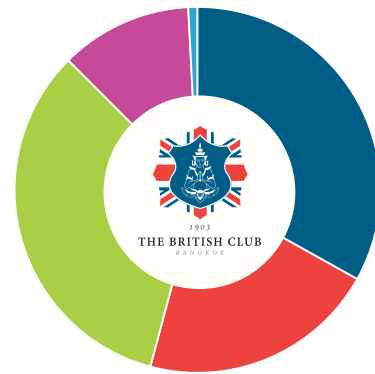
# CLUB STATISTICS



British Club Stats  
**NATIONALITIES**

American	62
Australian	93
British	538
Canadian	53
French	40
German	13
Indian	65
New Zealand	13
Thai	141
Others*	168
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1124</b>

\* 43 Nationalities



British Club Stats  
**CATEGORIES**

Ordinary*	369
Country*	241
Associate	373
Annual	132
Honorary*	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1124</b>

\* Voting Members



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