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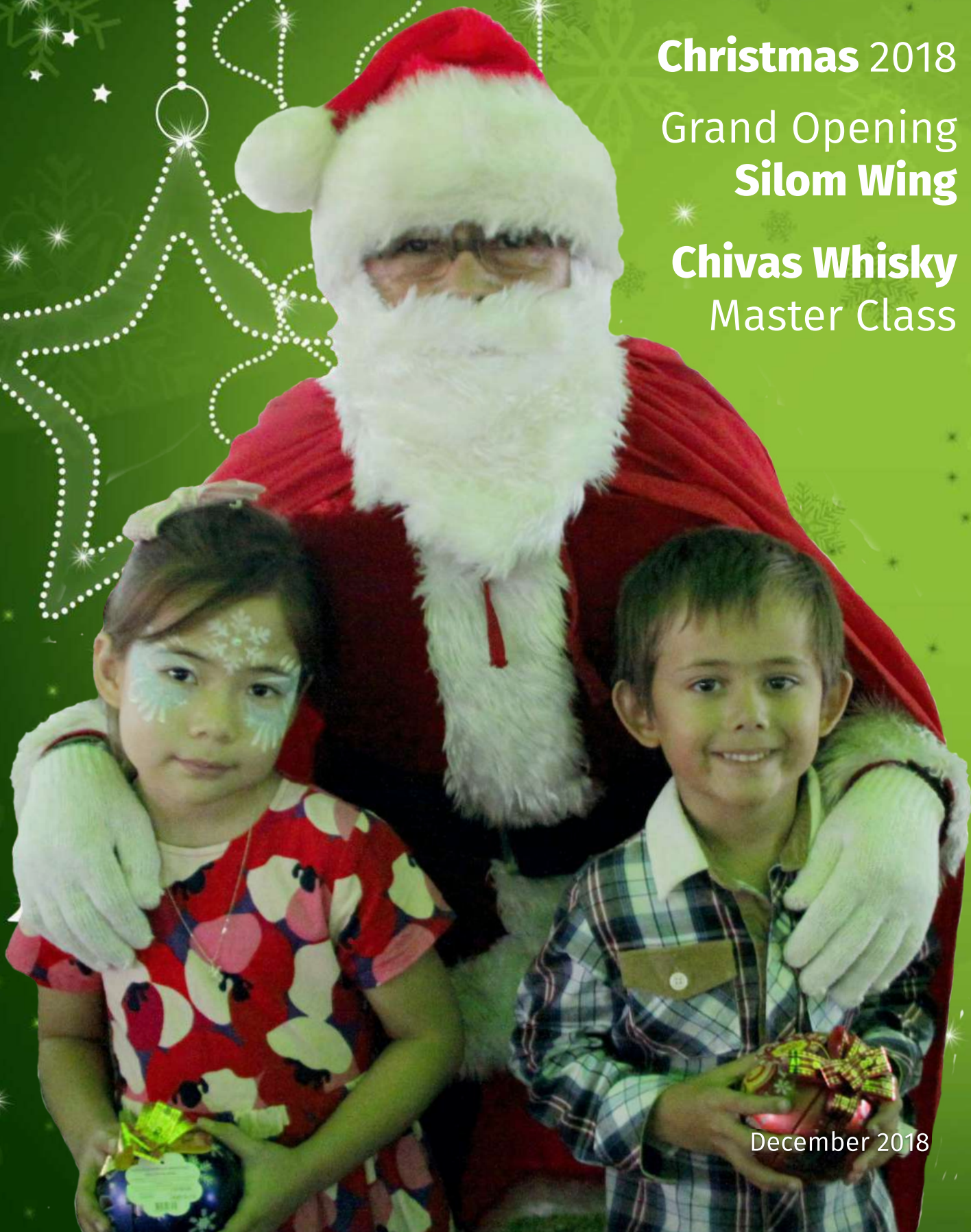
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## Front Cover

The Festive season is featured on the cover this month, with the children's Christmas Party and Christmas Day lunch and dinner at the club.

## From the Editor

WOW, where has this year gone! This is now my fourth edition of Outpost.

At the end of last month the British Ambassador, H.E. Brian Davidson officially opened the long awaited Silom Wing and we feature a photo spread of the day.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to you all.

Cheers

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Jack Dunford

**Silom Wing Official Opening:** Saturday 27th October was an historic day for the Club with H.E. Brian Davidson, the British Ambassador officially opening the Silom Wing at 11.00am. After months of rain, the cool season finally arrived and a nice gathering of Members was present on a beautiful morning for the ribbon cutting. The brief ceremony including recognition and thanks to our contractors and after everyone had been given an opportunity to tour the project, a few celebratory glasses of bubbly and some tasty nibbles were shared on the squash courts balcony.



Cutting the ribbon

A programme of kid's activities was rolled out during the afternoon and there was a festive atmosphere as everyone enjoyed the new facilities. The air-conditioned 'family' room proved a great hit, the 'games room' was kept busy all afternoon and kids loved the new pool. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Of course there had been a mad rush to try to get everything ready in time, leaving a long list of finishes and snags needing to be addressed. Work began on these immediately after the weekend and hopefully by the time you read this everything should be more or less complete.

A couple of major items that were not ready for the opening were the retractable awnings to provide shelter along the front of family room and toilets, and shade over the playground equipment. The awnings have now already been installed and a sail over the playground will be erected shortly.

Unfortunately there were problems with several children blistering their toes in the pool. This is a bit of a mystery since for the last 12 years this lining material has been widely used in high-end resorts without any problems being reported. It is slightly abrasive so as to be non-slip and whilst lots of children have been spending hours in the water jumping in and climbing out without problem, others have suffered blisters.

Re-polishing the surfaces resulted in some improvement and now we are adjusting chemical levels, which may be contributing to the problem. We apologise for any inconvenience. If necessary we will have to change the lining but we hope this can be avoided. Meanwhile we are advising children to wear socks and are providing these free of charge.

**Phase 2:** Many Members are asking when we are going to complete the Poolside Redevelopment by building Phase 2. As reported previously, the designs are currently being finalised and costed and the Finance Sub committee is preparing financial projections. We plan to bring these to an EGM for Membership approval early next year and, if approved, work could start very quickly and be completed in about 12 months.



The old and new

**High Season:** Since the Silom Wing opened, the poolside has been very busy and in fact all our outlets have been packed at times. The Neilson Hays Garden Cafe has also been very busy serving mainly business lunches during the week and family users at weekends. We are expecting a very good end to our financial year on 30th November and a bumper festive season through into the New Year.

As word gets out that the Club has more and more to offer, Membership is breaking new all time highs. We are 40 to 50 Members up on this time last year and we hit 1,133 Members last month against a previous high of 1,126. These are early days but with a programme to go on improving our activities and facilities we can expect to see better and better results.

A major challenge of course is to provide adequate services to meet Members' expectations. We have been understaffed for a while and getting up to speed is an immediate management priority. We have an excellent new F&B Assistant Manager, Khun Ern, who joined us this month and an urgent plan is being put in place to secure more casual labour at the weekends when usage peaks.

- **Back of house:** There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes that Members are not always aware of. Management, with General Committee support, have been working on a number of initiatives that should start showing results in the months to come:
- **Management software:** Our Management software is very dated but finding affordable solutions appropriate for a club operation has proven illusive. We think we now have what we are looking for which will improve all aspects of our accounting, F&B and membership data base management
- **New Entrance:** The new entrance/ gatehouse will open in the next few weeks, for the first time enabling us to effectively control who enters the Club. With the new software in place we hope to be able to move quickly towards an automatic card entrance system.
- **Staff Provident Fund:** Concerns some Members had had about the security of staff retirement funds will shortly be put to rest with the establishment of an independent, registered and professionally managed Provident Fund. Hopefully this will be in place by 1st January, offering staff potential fund growth as well as very significant tax advantages.

**New Menus:** Our menus have not been changed for quite a while but new Food and Beverage Menus are about to be rolled out in all outlets. This always creates a bit of controversy but we hope that the new dishes and tipples will bring a welcome change and look forward to the feedback.

**War Memorial:** A moving Remembrance Day Service was held at the British Embassy on Sunday 11th November, particularly poignant this year since it was both the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One, and the last such service to be held at the Embassy before the Wireless Road property is vacated.

Some time in the next few months the War Memorial will be moved to its new home at the British Club and from next year it will be the Club's honour to host the Remembrance Day Service. This will be quite a responsibility, but I am sure the Club will be able to bring it the dignity and style demanded of the occasion.



The War Memorial



# Where to place your Trust?

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

On 29 October this year, the UK Government confirmed that they will publish a consultation on how to make the taxation of trusts simpler, fairer and more transparent.

The 2014 consultation proposals on Inheritance Tax (IHT) charges did not result in any significant changes so it will be interesting to see the outcome, and also what impact the Office of Tax Simplification report (mentioned in our 25 October BKK British Club presentation) may have.

It is worth mentioning that historically most legislative changes have not been retrospective, so it may be sensible to look into your UK Inheritance Tax planning sooner rather than later.

## 5 Tax advantaged trusts

Trusts have been a useful tax structure for sensible tax planning since the Crusades. Crusaders were exempt from paying tax but placed their property under a trustee's care in their absence with the King's protection in case the trustee didn't want to return the property later.

Today, whether you're among the wealthy who have used Trusts before, or are indeed a Crusader, trusts may be useful for you. Here we look at 5 tax advantaged trusts.

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### 1. Discretionary trust

The discretionary trust is a flexible form of trust, with trustee discretion as to how, when, and for whose benefit some, or all of the capital & income of the trust can be used. Beneficiaries or a class of beneficiaries are named in the trust deed and it is up to the trustees to decide who is to benefit.

They are useful where the person setting up the trust (the settlor) has identified a group of people he wishes to benefit, for example children, but is not certain which of them will need financial help in the future or what help will be required.

The transfer of assets into a discretionary trust is a gift and

therefore potentially chargeable to UK IHT depending on whether the settlor has made other gifts and used his annual allowance of £3,000. Up to £325,000 (the current UK IHT nil rate band - 2018/2019), can be put into discretionary trust every 7 years without a tax charge.

Any sum above this will incur an



immediate IHT charge at 20%, and a possible further 20% if the settlor dies within 7 years.

Beneficiaries can offset their annual personal allowance of £11,850 against income and receive a refund of any tax paid by the trust. After 7 years the settlor can initiate this process again.

## **2. Loan trust**

Here, an individual (you) loans assets to a bespoke trust with a beneficiary trust running alongside.

The Loan Trust offers an alternative to giving away capital – it allows access to capital but any growth won't increase your estate value. The trust is set up by appointing trustees, of which you can be one, and you then make an interest-free loan to them with the capital you wish to invest. The trustees invest the loan in a single premium investment bond, and any growth on the capital is held outside of your estate.

The Loan Trust will not normally create any immediate UK IHT charge although any outstanding loan remains part of your estate for IHT purposes.

You can call this (interest free) loan at any time, and will usually receive up to 5% a year in "income", with the loan tapering down over 20 years.

## **3. Discounted gift trust**

This trust is only for cash or using an existing Investment Bond, and offers

an immediate IHT saving as well as income.

You gift a lump sum to the trust and an actuarial calculation determines your immediate IHT discount (IHT-free even if you die immediately after set up providing the balance is less than your unutilised nil rate band IHT). Your beneficiaries receive IHT-free capital on your death, but until then you receive up to 5% p.a.

In summary the Discounted Gift Trust allows for an immediate IHT saving whilst retaining the right to receive regular "income" payments. Following death, the trust can continue or be wound up according to the trustee's wishes.

## **4. Excluded property trust**

The Excluded Property Trust is for those who are currently not UK domiciled or treated as UK domiciled and who want to mitigate IHT when they later become UK domiciled. This could be you or your spouse. The trust fund will not be subject to IHT providing it holds 'excluded property'.

The trustees have full control over the investments and are able to make payments to any beneficiary, including you as the settlor, at any time.

The trust can also provide IHT protection for beneficiaries, even if they are UK domiciled. The investments will not form part of their estates until distributed to them, so any funds that remain in the trust will not be liable for UK IHT.

## **5. Split trust**

Split trusts or retained benefit trusts are part gift for the beneficiary and part capital return for you, the settlor. They share many features with the loan and discounted gift trusts and are often made through an investment bond.

There are many trusts for different situations: asset protection, personal injury payments, disabled persons, bereaved minors, persons aged 18-25, and second marriages.

If you are looking for a bespoke trust get in touch, and unlike the Crusaders you won't have to go on a crusade to get the tax benefits.



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# TEE TALK WORDS FROM THE DGM



The festive season is here, and the Club is gearing up for a fantastic finish to the year. November had some stunning highlights, our first Whisky master class with the Chivas brand ambassador guiding all that attended through the history of the blend, the ex-world heavy weight boxing champion Mr. Nigel Benn touched down and entertained the sell out crowd with his extensive carer stories, and our monthly quiz night had the best attended turn out of the year with the Interlopers managing to win the night.

December starts with a bang, the Annual Christmas ball on the 1st December will supply all the festive spirit you could ever want, themed “Red & White smart festive fun”, live musical performances, DJ, Band and an amazing raffle featuring an abundance of stunning prizes, the top one being return airline tickets to the UK from Emirates airline, make sure you get your tickets, you got to be in it to win it. Christmas day lunch is selling out fast, last year seeing over 450 people all enjoying the festive spread, this year looks to top that already, with a surprize visit from Santa make sure you bring the kids.

The long-awaited opening of the Silom Wing has been well received from all the members and guests that have been in to try the facilities. The Squash section now has three courts and has had some great mix-in sessions on Saturday and Thursday afternoons, these have now benefited from the new glass backed courts and two storey viewing galleries, which gives the other on-looking players a good insight to their

opponent's game. Our games room has been non-stop action with children and adults of all ages enjoying the table tennis, air hockey, pinball, table football and pong arcade games, the next addition is our new Playstation 4 console for the gamer in you. Looking at the coming weeks and months in the Silom, you will soon be able to enjoy an all new happy hour from 7.00pm till 8.00pm, live acoustic music from our solo and duo for sundowners every other week on a Saturday, weekly BBQ poolside with all the best from the grill, new kids weekend movie night in the family room, plus all the usual extended kids weekend entertainment including craft workshops, magic shows, pool games and more.

We are very happy to announce our newest addition to the team Khun Thanomsab Taylor, nick name Khun Ern, she has been appointed as the club's assistant food and beverage manager overseeing all outlets and operations, she brings a health of experience to the team with over 17 years in the industry including appointments with multiple 5-star hotels and 9 years UK experience.

The launch of the brand-new wine list takes place this month and we are very pleased to be working with IWS who has helped create a portfolio of wines that will suit everyone's taste, from a glass to a classy bottle we have it all, be sure to ask our staff to take a look.

## Reportings

# F&B MORSELS *by our* EXECUTIVE CHEF



Chef Laak

**T**he kitchen team has been hard at work preparing for the Christmas season, our turkeys are on the way and our Christmas take away menu has now launched, you can find a menu from our reception, simply pick one up, fill it in, then let us do the rest.

From the 1st December we have launched our set Christmas lunch or dinner and A La Carte Christmas menu in all outlets, we have a great amount of options to choose from, so whether you love turkey, pork, lamb, honey back ham or chicken we have it all, not forgetting our Christmas pudding and brandy sauce and mince pies, a must try over December.

We have been working behind the scenes on revamping our full club food menu, this will finally get underway this month and feature a lot of new items, we have added more to the best of British, toad in the hole being one of our favourites, plus an increased Mexican section with some delicious burritos and mini beef tacos.

We look forward to seeing at the club soon and wish you a merry Christmas.

# PISAMAI FUND *or did you* *know we have a Club Charity?*

**T**he British Club Bangkok believes that the future prosperity of people comes from the education of their children and **MANY NEW MEMBERS** may not know that the Club manages a charity fund to provide grants to children of Staff Members, to help with their education.

Originally found in 1993 for the education of the grandchild of a staff member who sadly died of cancer, Khun Pisamai Raksa, the fund now gives twice yearly grants to children of current staff members. The grants are used for books, fees, equipment, and uniforms and are spread across both Prathom and Mathayom school grades, and to pupils in higher education. The General Committee has recently increased the value of each grant thus almost 100k Baht each year is awarded.

The Pisamai Fund is generously funded by Members through donations and standing orders, and actively supported by the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofer (thanks guys). Any further information or donations should be referred to Khun Premrudee Tanyaluck, our General Manager.

In continued memory  
of Khun Pisamai Raksa

# BUSINESS LUNCHEONS

3<sup>RD</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

## STARTERS 65.-

- Chicken and cranberry salad
- Chef's soup of the day

## MAIN COURSES 160.-

- Chicken Tikka Masala
- Pan-fried Dory fish with mornay sauce
- Fillet of pork wrapped in Parma ham grain mustard and honey sauce
- Gaeng Kiew Wan Gal, Moo Tod Krathiem, Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy

10<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

## STARTERS 65.-

- Tuna Salad
- Chef's soup of the day

## MAIN COURSES 160.-

- Creamy Chicken Breast with Penne, Peas and Creamy White Wine Sauce
- Fish and Chips
- Marinated Pork Fillet Roast on Rhubarb
- Tom Kha Gal, Tod Man Pla, Phad Tua Ngok Moo Krob

17<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018

## STARTERS 65.-

- Smoked Duck Salad
- Chef's soup of the day.

## MAIN COURSES 160.-

- Chicken and Wild Mushroom Lasagna
- Pan Fried Dory Fish with Caper Meunière
- Shepherd's Pie
- Gaeng Jued Tao Hoo Moo Sab, Phad Kraprao Moo Sab Kai Dao

10<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

## 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 Krathium Prik Thai, Phad Phak Ruam Nam Man Hoy



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# Club Membership and Usage

After cleaning up our databases, last year in December we were able to present for the first time a comprehensive summary of our Membership demographics and usage by different categories. It is our intention now to repeat this annually as a way of tracking changes and monitoring the impact of any new policies and facilities.

Member Megan Benger has again crunched the numbers for us and we can now compare the Membership profile at the end of June 2018 with one year earlier, and Club usage over the 12 month period July 2017 to June 2018 compared with the year before.

As one might expect, the year on year changes are mostly not very significant but with the Silom Wing targeting young families now open and Membership levels already hitting new highs since this analysis was undertaken, we can expect this data to be a valuable baseline in the years comes. Some highlights of this year's figures are as follows:

## 1. Membership Profile

Numbers: 1,117 (1,096 in 2017) Members were included in this analysis with 753 (725) registered spouses and 607 (568) children, a total of 2,477 (2,391) individuals with membership rights. These increases are the most encouraging trends identified in this analysis.

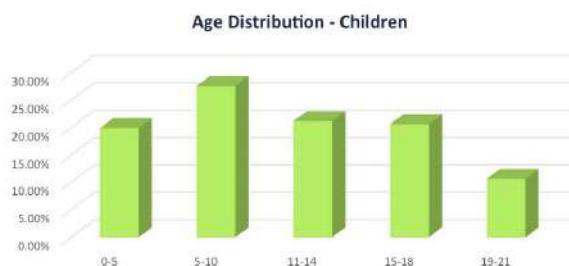
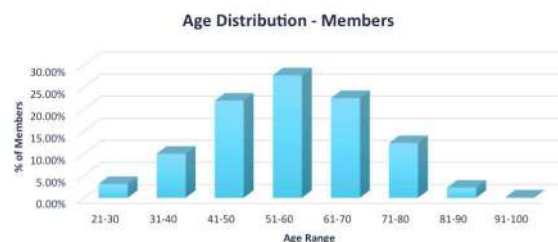
**Gender:** 86% of our Members are male but, including spouses and children, 55% are male, 45% female.

**Nationality:** 62% are from the four Core nationalities British (49%), Australian (8%), Canadian (4%) and New Zealand (1%), whilst the top four Associate nationalities are Thai (13%), Indian (7%) American (5%), and French (3%) with 46 other nationalities (up from 39 last year) making up the remaining 11%.

**Membership Type:** 56% of Members have voting rights. 10% are Annual Members

**Years of Membership:** The average length of Membership is 12.7 years. 27% joined in the last 3 years whilst 15% have been Members for at least 25 years.

**Age:** The average age of our members is slightly lower than last year at 55.9 years. The 607 children of Members are evenly distributed across the age groups averaging 11 years.



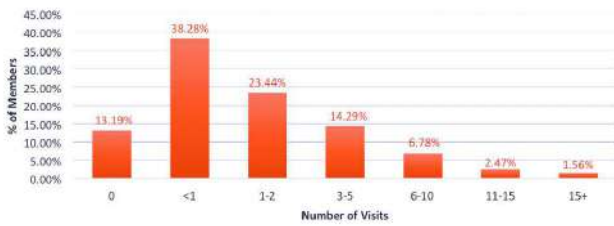
## 2. Club Usage

A lot of Members use the Club infrequently and during the 12-month period July 2017 to June 2018, the average Member visited the Club just 2.63 times a month and spent an average Baht 2,222/ month. The average spend per visit was baht 1,143.



# Reportings

Average Visits per Month

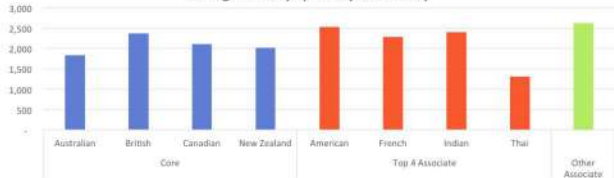


Less than 1 Visit per Month by Membership Type



**Spend by Nationality:** Of the largest nationalities, the Americans (average Baht 2,528/month) and Indians (2,400) were the largest average spenders, somewhat higher than the British (2,376).

Average Monthly Spend by Nationality



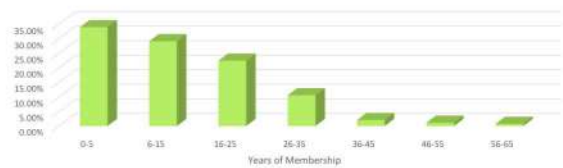
**Highest spenders:** It is of course the Members who spent most that made the biggest contributions to Club income. The top 100 Club users (9%) contributed 45% of total member spend; the top 300 (27%) contributed 78%.

Contribution to Total Spend from Top 100 to Lowest 100 Spenders



**Non-users:** Members from all categories and all lengths of Membership only use the Club one day or less per month

Members Visiting Less Than Once per Month by Years of Membership



The Club is in good shape but the potential to do better is again only too clear to see. We must go on trying to attract more younger members and encourage existing members to visit the Club more often. The Silom Wing, new activities and on-going further developments are aimed at doing this. Next year's will hopefully show progress being made.

# CHRISTMAS DAY

## *Luncheon & Dinner*



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# LEST WE FORGET

**THE GUNS FELL SILENT** to end the War to end all Wars, at the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. It was thus fitting that its centenary was celebrated on the same time and date in 2018 ... lest anyone forget the sacrifices made that we can, mostly, live in peace in our world.

In 1922, the British Delegation to Siam purchased land at the edge of town in a road now called Wireless, to relocate their building from Chareon Krung Soi 32 and although the whole site was not fully occupied until 1926, the first edifice constructed was the British War Memorial, or Cenotaph, in 1923. Inscribed upon it are the names of 25 British men who lost their lives in that first conflict ... the youngest, Roger Upton, being only 19 and the oldest at 45 being The Honourable Robert Ambercromby Forbes-Sempill, who in 1903 was the first Honorary Secretary of the British Club. The Cenotaph was paid for by public subscription.

On 11th November 2018, hundreds of men and women paid their respects to the fallen of both World Wars and conflicts since. A multitude of wreaths were laid, including one from the Club, laid by our Chairman, Jack Dunford MBE. Afterward as part of the centenary celebration peals of bells were rung and at 1pm (6am GMT) the Club's Pipe & Drum Band played 'The Battle is over' as part of a world-wide celebration of the time the armistice was actually signed.

As most know, the Embassy is relocating next year to AIA Sathorn Tower, and the good news is that the Cenotaph is to be relocated to the Club ... its natural British home. You are invited to Remembrance Day 10th November 2019 ... lest we forget.

Paul Cheesman  
Honorary Secretary





# 75th Anniversary of the completion of the Siam-Burma Railway

On 17th October at 6.00pm a private ceremony took place at the Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in Kanchanaburi to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the completion of the Siam-Burma Railway. The service was attended by HRH Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, Khun Sirikitya Jensen, HE The British Ambassador, HE The Australian Ambassador, The Governor of Kanchanaburi Province and the British Defence Attaché among others.

The Pipe Band was contacted by Mick Newblatt of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), who is responsible for the the maintenance of the two cemeteries in Kanchanaburi. Although Mick kindly offered to obtain approval from London to pay our expenses, we immediately agreed to absorb the costs ourselves, since we admire the work the CWGC does all over the world. In fact, an uncle of mine, who was

killed as a newly commissioned 23 year old 2nd lieutenant in the fierce battle of Leros, Greece, in 1943 lies in a beautifully kept CWGC grave there.

Although it was a week day the band was able to muster three players to play at the service, Pipe Major Keith Walker, Lead Drummer George Morgan and a brand new Thai piper Mr Nutt, who acquitted himself admirably at his first major public performance. The band marched in the Royal British Legion's colours playing Scotland the Brave and during the wreath laying ceremony we played an extended version of the traditional lament, Flowers of the Forest. Finally we closed the ceremony by marching off with Auld Lang Syne and The Rowan Tree with the sound trailing off into the darkness.

*By George Morgan*



From left to right PM Keith Walker, Col. Roger Lewis, Nutt Ingavat



From left to right PM Keith Walker, George Morgan, Nutt Ingavat

*Photographs by Anchalee Fordsungnern*



Prince Richard, Khun Sirikitya Jensen, The British Ambassador, The British Defence Attaché, The Governor of Kanchanaburi Province and other dignitaries

# Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Back Lawn | 2pm - 6pm

A day of festive revels featuring Bangkok's bouncy castle,  
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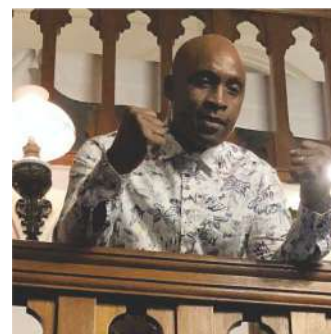
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# NIGEL BENN EVENING

## Former WBC & WBO World Champion



Fans of boxing in the 90s will no doubt remember the name of former world middle weight champion, Nigel Benn, or the “Dark Destroyer” as he was commonly known as. On Thursday 1st November Mr Destroyer, graced the Club with his presence, to give a talk about his life, both in, and out of the ring.

The event was a sellout, with over 85 people enjoying free flow beer, and a full roast buffet. Nigel mixed freely at the pre dinner drinks, and still looked to be in rock solid shape, not bad for 54 year old. He then took to the stage during dinner, to recall some fascinating life stories: As a teenager, fighting National Front supporters in Essex, fighting his six brothers for food at home, and then fighting in Northern Ireland for the British Army. He was obviously well prepared for his famous battles with his ring nemesis, the eccentric monocled pugilist, Chris Eubank. At his point. I invite you to search for “ Eubank vs Benn” on Youtube, and let you sit back in awe of two of the UK's finest boxers in action against each other.

Nigel then took questions from the floor, where we learnt more about his fights, offspring, women, money, drugs and lifestyle. All in all, a really good insight into what drives an athlete to reach the top of his game, and be the best in the world at what he does.

The evening continued after Nigel's talk with some magical carpet and boxing memorabilia auctions. My wife's birthday and christmas presents, are now all sorted!

I for one am looking forward to more sporting greats visiting the club, and have already spoken to Tee, about either Kenny Dalglish or Gabriela Sabatini.

As a footnote, Nigel now lives in Sydney, and after a lifetime of being hit in the head, has now turned to god.



# TWELVE TOASTS ...

## *the Trafalgar Review*



**T**O CELEBRATE THE 213th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR, we sought to create a 'Mess Dinner' approach to the event complete with a Mess President and a "Mr Vice" to lead from the rear. The Club must, at the start, thank the Defence Attaché section of the Australian Embassy in Bangkok for its inspiration, direction and provision of the crew to run the show but more about them later.

With a highly organised programme of complex military proceedings, we had two practice sessions on how to deliver 'silver service' for a five course meal with naval precision ... but the numbers overtook us ... 84 Members and their guests booked, giving us 115% of a complete sell-out, pushing table settings and service levels to the limit ... and forcing us to display 'Fully Booked' posters two weeks ahead of the event!

The lack of rain, hence traffic, had nearly all 84 diners crush into the Churchill Bar for pre-dinner drinks, but they were superbly ushered upstairs to 'Cocktails on the Balcony' by "Mr Vice", Major Glenn Sheridan of the Australian Army, at the strike of seven.

The report of "five minutes to dinner Sir" from the Corporal of Stewards, the Club's own Deputy GM, Tee Bale, was misunderstood and people invaded the Suriwongse Room, carefully passing all the signs that showed them where they sat!! However, we all finally arrived and the Mess President, Commander Paul Welch RAN, Assistant Defence Attaché at the Australian Embassy, soon took control, and we sat.

### The Showrunners...

Mess President:	Comdr. Paul Welch RAN
Mess Vice-President:	Major Glenn Sheridan
Guest Speaker:	Captain Chris Smith RAN
Corporal of Stewards:	Tee Bale (Deputy GM)

Over the next hour or more, a small army of staff, or should that be flotilla, served a wonderful meal devised and cooked by the Club's Executive Chef, Khun Kornnisara Nongkoo (usually known as Khun Laak). Then came the order "ease springs" which allowed many of those present to seek comfort in the toilets.

At this point in the proceedings, the Mess President read out a very moving letter written the day before the battle by a Midshipman on HMS Victory, Robert Smith, to his parents – *"As I expect to be in Action tomorrow morning ... in case I shall fall in the noble cause I have wrote these few last lines to assure you that I shall die with a clear conscience"*. Midshipman Smith was one of 57 to die on HMS Victory the next day, along with his Admiral.

To set us more at ease, we then received a lesson in 'how to pass the port' ... including the air force and army variations ... although many Club Members were slow learners and the decanters got hogged at the end of tables ... they had obviously not heard of the Bishop of Norwich and thus a 'cat-o-nine-tails' will be brought to the 2019 dinner!



The Mess President and “Mr Vice” led in toasts to H.M. King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun and to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. As we had present the Military Attaches of Indonesia and the USA, their heads of state were toasted and then, with all due reverence, we had the Immortal Memory.

We then welcomed our guest speaker, Captain Chris Smith RAN, Defence Attaché at the Australian Embassy. As well as highlighting a certain battle, Captain Smith delighted us with an explanation of the daily toasts done on board a naval ship ... with the even more delightful experience of celebrating each of the seven toasts! By the time Chris has finished, we had drunk twelve toasts ... and the event was ready to close.

For me, however, the show stopper, and apologies to the speaker, was “Mr Vice” who enacted the 'Closure of dinner' by formally fining the Mess President for failing to request Warrant Officer Chris Moc to deliver grace, and for mumbling through the letter from Midshipman Smith. The gavel fell, and we adjourned to the Bar.

Those gathered would not only like to record our thanks to the 'Showrunners' but also to Khun Laak, Khun Somboon and his staff, and to all the other staff who assisted making this a night to remember.

**Paul Cheesman**  
Honorary Secretary

# DECEMBER



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## MON

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT**  
WITH MONTHLY JACKPOT  
**TUE 4TH DEC 2018**  
MEMBERS THB 100 | GUESTS THB 150  
TEAM OF 6 OR LESS

## TUE

**CHRISTMAS DAY Luncheon & Dinner**  
DEC 25  
Enjoy the warmth and goodness of Christmas in the comfort of The Verandah, the Chandeliers Bar/terrace room, or the Back Lawn, especially good for Christmas Street!  
Full seasonal Buffet & Drinks, suitable for vegetarians  
Cocktails, ice-creams, snow and with Santa at 7.30pm

**SPORTS CAMP**  
17-21, 24, 26, 27, 28 DECEMBER 2018

	17 TH MONDAY	18 TH TUESDAY	19 TH WEDNESDAY	20 TH THURSDAY	21 TH FRIDAY
9:30-10:00	ADMIN				
10:00-10:00	TENNIS		TENNIS		TENNIS
11:00-11:15	SNACK	ICE SKATING	SNACK	ICE SKATING	SNACK
11:15-12:15	FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL		FOOTBALL
12:15-1:00	LUNCH				
1:00-2:30	BASKETBALL	NOVING	SQUASH/COOKING	NOVING	BASKETBALL
2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING		SWIMMING

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Swimming Lessons 9am-10.30am  
Sunday Brunch 11.30am-3pm  
Open Bridge 2pm Silom Room

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

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

**MINI SPORTSCAMP**  
17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28 December 2018  
650 Baht/day

TIME	ACTIVITIES
10:00-10:15	Admin
10:15-10:30	Games
11:00-11:15	Snacks
11:15-12:15	Mini Tennis
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Cooking/Playtime
1:15-2:15	Water Fun

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Let's celebrate **New Year's Eve 2019**  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
WITH CHAO PHRAYA PRINCESS  
Don't miss countdown to 2019 with Chao Phraya Princess Cruise. Enjoy the international buffet with grills seafood and open bar inclusive of whiskey, wine, beer and soft drinks. Includes champagne with toast for music and for arrival by the spectrometer. Firework display about the Chao Phraya River.  
\*\*Enjoy Best View show and lucky draw\*\*  
ADULTS: THB 4,500 | CHILD THB 3,500

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Open Bridge 2pm Silom Room  
Tennis Mix-In 4pm - 7pm

**17** BWG Mahjong 10am-1pm  
Tennis Mixed Doubles Team Practice 7pm-9pm  
SPORTS CAMP Starts 9.30am  
MINI SPORTS CAMP Starts 10am

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

**POLAR SWIM**  
TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2019  
COME | SWIM | REALLY BE COOL!  
HUGE BLOCKS OF ICE WILL BE DROPPED IN THE POOL LIKE SNOW FLOPPING IN THE POOL'S WATERS.  
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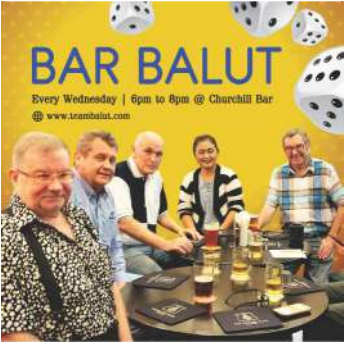
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**31**

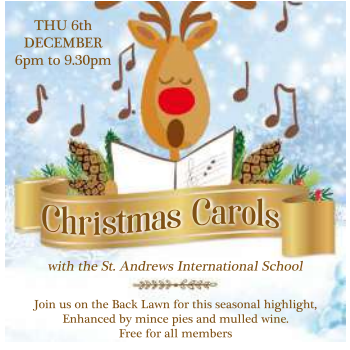
**25** Squash Mix-In 5.15pm-7.30pm  
Christmas Lunch 11.30am-3pm  
Christmas Dinner 5pm-9pm

# HAPPENINGS

## WED



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## SAT

**05** **Ladies Tennis Coaching** 9.30am-10.30am  
**Tennis Mix-In** 6pm-10pm  
**Balut** 6pm-8pm  
**Paella** Dinner Only

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

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

**08** **Swimming Lessons** 9am-10.30am

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

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

**29** **Swimming Lessons** 9am-10.30am

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THU 6th  
DECEMBER  
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# CHIVAS WHISKY Master Class

## “A dram good time”

This month I decided to review a whisky instead of a wine and what better way to do it was to attend the Chivas Whisky Master Class. On entering the Sports Bar the air was filled with the smell of whisky, one felt like we were in a distillery, the perfect atmosphere for the evening. The setup of the long table looked amazing with all the tasting trays laid out for the participants.

The evening kicked off with Will giving a brief history of James and John Chivas and how their whisky became Chivas Regal Scotch Whisky. Hearing that it all started just outside of Aberdeen in Scotland, I immediately felt I had a connection as my Dad with from that part of the world.

Then the tasting started. First up was Chivas Regal 12 which tasted of ripe apple, pear, vanilla and honey. Next up was Chivas Regal Extra this had a taste of ripe pear, cinnamon, sweet toffee. This was followed by was Chivas Mizunara with tastes of orange, pear, toffee, honey and a touch of Mizunara spice hence the name. You didn't need to be an expert to tell that these were getting progressively smooth as we tried the Chivas Regal XV with tastes of fruity with flavours of poached pears, butterscotch caramel toffees and vanilla. Finally, we tried was Chivas 18 tasting of sweet oranges, peach, marzipan, fondant creaminess.

To round off a great evening, we had the opportunity to mix our own blended whisky from the five small bottles of Smooth & Floral, Creamy, Fruity, Smoky and Citrusy whiskies. I named my Chivas Blend Inverurie.

### Slàinte





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# CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY | DEC 1 | 7PM

## BALL

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A lavish buffet, and traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings | Indian & Vegetarian dishes  
● Fantastic raffle draw with exciting prizes!

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

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## CHRISTMAS 2018 AT CHRIST CHURCH

*Christ the Saviour is born!*



*Sunday - 9<sup>th</sup> December*

7:30am Holy Communion

10:00am Children's Nativity

*Sunday - 16<sup>th</sup> December*

7:30 am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

6:00pm Carol Service

*Sunday - 23<sup>rd</sup> December*

7:30 am Holy Communion

10:00am Holy Communion

*Monday - 24<sup>th</sup> December*

6:00pm Christingle Service

11:00pm The first Communion of Christmas

*Tuesday - 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day*

10:00am All-Age Christmas Service, with Communion

11 Convent Road, (Next to BNH Hospital)  
BTS Silom Line - Sala Daeng Exit n.2  
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	950 THB MONDAY	1,300 THB TUESDAY	950 THB WEDNESDAY	1,300 THB THURSDAY	950 THB FRIDAY
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2:30-3:30	SWIMMING		SWIMMING		SWIMMING



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- Children should be 7+.
- This is not an elitist camp, the emphasis is on joining in, trying out new sports, having fun and making friends.
- A five child minimum is required to run each day so please sign up.
- As travel arrangements need to be made for some activities, please sign up 48hrs in advance.
- A no show booking will still be charged the full amount. Cancellations up to 24hrs before will be charged 50%.
- Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activities camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or off site or travel to or from the Club.



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# SQUASHY BITS

## Dear Lovely Squashies and BCB Members



Peter Corney

My name is Peter and I am the Chairwoman of the Squash Section.

I am writing the Squashy Bits column this month to report on the opening of our beautiful, new squash courts and to practice my English skills, which are not that great to be honest. Actually, Bruce, the regular Squashy Bits columnist, had to proofread my article before it could be published as my ability to use English correctly has now become very limited and I can't remember many words. I have also forgotten how to spell. Some cruel people have suggested that my poor English is down to me being decrepit and thick. I think that is a little unfair. I prefer the term old and stupid.



Anyway, our beautiful, new glass-backed squash courts were officially opened on Saturday, 27th October with Marvyn Lewis and me playing the first game in them. We were the obvious choice as have been members for a long time, are both 71 years old and have supported the squash section as players and on the squash committee during our time at the club. However, our game was a bit of a joke really as I'm not in the best shape since I'm coming towards the end of my playing career and can't get around the court too well anymore. He thrashed me. I can still hit the ball quite cleanly when I can see it, but that isn't very often, and my balance and ability to think straight are severely compromised now so I tend to miss the ball or move, slowly, in the wrong direction. Sometimes I forget to put on my shorts or shoes before I enter the court which is rather embarrassing. A few weeks ago I got lost going to the toilet in the clubhouse and ended up at Hua Lamphong Train Station where I tried to buy a ticket for the penguin show! Dear oh dear. That was silly of me. Back to the new courts official opening day.



The station!

Well, before Marvyn and I played our 'match' I had intended to give a small speech to the players highlighting some historical facts regarding the old courts, and a few comments about the new ones including a big thanks to the BC General Committee for the new squash facility. The problem was I couldn't remember what I wanted to say and although I had written it down I had forgotten to bring those sheets of paper with me. Oops.

So here we are with some interesting facts on the old courts. Court 1 was built in 1965, court 2 in 1966 and court 3 in 1981. That's it. I'm afraid that's all I can recall really apart from that we had some air conditioning units installed later and one year we had a flood when lots of water came into the courts. That's called a flood, isn't it? I think we had a flood in Australia once as well. That's where I was born. Australia.



A flood

So after Marvyn and I played squash on the new squash courts lots of other squash players played squash on the new squash courts and it was good to see all these squash players playing squash. Particularly on the new squash courts. We had a squash mix-in that day to celebrate our new courts and plenty of people turned up to do this. Thanks for coming to all those players that came.



Peter & Marv

The first game

I think we now have a very good facility. The new courts are glass-backed which means the back wall of each court is made of glass. This means that we can see the players moving around within the courts from the viewing area behind the courts. This is great and creates a much better club atmosphere in this viewing area between the courts. Some players drink beer here, which is allowed, and they cheer and make jokes like they did when I played Marvyn in the first game. Lucky that I couldn't hear any of the jokes directed at me due to my hearing problem as I believe some of them might have been a bit cheeky and childish. Something about kangaroos or wallabies probably.

Anyway, the new courts are very good and just what the BC Squashies had been waiting for. The comments from the members have been very good and the Saturday mix-ins have become more popular. This is good and now we have our new courts we can resume all our annual competitions and welcome visiting teams again. I think the future looks very good for squash at the BC.

I would like to say thanks to our good Chairman, Jack Dunford, who has been associated with the Squash Section since he joined the Club. He has made sure that we have now got a very good, modern squash facility which should attract new members and hopefully encourage more people to try squash, especially females and youngsters as we see so few of those for some reason. We really look forward to promoting squash at the BC more.

Thanks for reading.

Lots of love,

Peter



Chairwomen!



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1:00-1:45	Cooking / Play time
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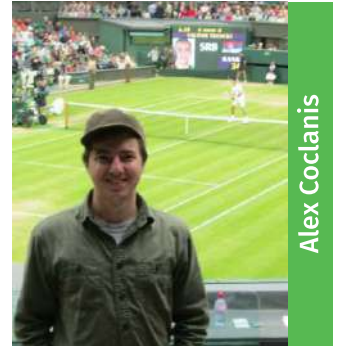
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# TENNIS *League Finale Highlights Busy Month*



Alex Coclanis

A record 32 competitors participated in the third Head 2 Toe Salon League series of the year. With the rain season passing, we were able to get some quality tennis in over the last six weeks and complete the majority of league matches on time. This series had a healthy mix of new and regular league players, and a couple of newcomers even found their way into the winner's circle.

## Division 1

The quality of the first division was top notch this series with James, Dawa, Big Andrei, Hara, and Geoff duking it out. There were a number of tight matches, but the championship ultimately came down to a third set tiebreaker between Andrei and Dawa that Big Andrei pulled out 10-5 to win his first series of 2018.

## Division 2

Yuki So-Cutie was anything but as he gobbled up opponents like a hungry Pac-Man in search of flashing dots. The young man from Japan won all four of his matches, dropping only one set in the process. Also worthy of note, Graham somehow returned from a month-long tennis hiatus in Iraq in better form than ever, securing second place after a three-set slugfest with Luc.

## Division 3

With a horde of nine players qualifying for division 3, we had to split the division into two sides and decide the winner via playoff. In 3A, Prasit turned back the clock and won all three of his matches in straight sets. Meanwhile, in 3B, Raquel followed suit to set up the much-anticipated division 3 championship. Raquel, in her return to league play after more than a year away, was ultimately too much in the playoff, winning in straight sets and sending a warning to the division 2 boys.



## Division 4

In what always seems to be the most competitive division, division 4 was once again a tightly contested affair. Led by her strong forehand and endless energy, Nattaya, whose average match time was approximately 3 hours and 47 minutes, finished atop the table after dropping only one match in a tiebreaker and earning 14 of a possible 16 points. The most talked about moment of the series was surely Ann's win via shot to the heart – some dispute this, but I'm going to exercise the power of the pen to make it official.

## Division 5

Good news! Division 5 happened. Newcomer Joey beat the mystery man Jay 7-5, 7-5 in what turned out to be the decisive match of the division. Congrats to Joey, whose blistering serve should make him a welcome addition to division 4.



Div 1 - Andrei



Div 2 - Yuki



Div 3A - Khun Prasit



Div 3B - Raq Attack



Div 4- Nattaya



Div 5 - Joey

**Pink Ribbon Charity Challenge**

On October 18th, the ladies of The British Club hosted a charity tournament to support breast cancer awareness and care.

The British Club, RBSC, Patana School, and the Japanese Ladies Club each entered a team of 8 players in the tournament for a total of 32 participants. Each club played 8 doubles matches in a round robin format, and games were tallied up to crown the winning club.



The British Club team of Raquel, Nisa, Jean, Anje, Nat, Wandy, Tip, and Nu delivered solid performances to secure a 2nd place finish. The pairing of Tip and Nu, in particular, dominated their opponents in both of their matches, racking up impressive points for The British Club team. At the end of the morning, Patana snatched the top prize.

Through entry fees from tournament participants, cash donations from members, and the sales of t-shirts, bags and pins, The British Club raised nearly 50,000 baht on behalf of the Queen Sirikit Centre for Breast Cancer Foundation. QSCBCF supports projects for cancer prevention and treatment in the poorest communities in Thailand. Its newest project Pink Park Village provides rehabilitation and hospice care to underprivileged cancer patients.

Following the tournament, a delicious lunch of Thai & Indian food was served. The founder of the Queen Sirikit Centre for Breast Cancer Foundation attended the lunch to thank all participants for their contributions, and an oncologist from the organization gave an informative talk on breast cancer awareness.

Many thanks to The British Club and the BC Tennis Section for sponsoring the luncheon, to the ladies' clubs who supported the tournament so enthusiastically, and to all those who made donations and contributed toward the success of the event.

**Tennis Section Tour to Pattaya**

During the weekend of October 13-14, 18 tennis section members joined the squash section on a weekend excursion to Pattaya. A friendly match was arranged with a group of 12 local players at Greta Farm Sports Club – thanks to Khun Phairoj for organizing!

Following a fun and successful match on Saturday afternoon against the Pattaya team, the BC players returned to Pinnacle Resort and enjoyed a BBQ Buffet Dinner followed by drinks next door at The Glass House.

Sunday began with some needed R&R by the pool and a delicious lunch at Bacco Beach Italian Restaurant. The afternoon involved a mix-in session at Greta Farm – and those who lasted through the evening despite the spotty rain showers were rewarded with a lovely dinner at Khun Wandy's seaside condo before making the journey back to Bangkok.



**BC Takes on Singapore Recreation Club**

The British Club hosted the Singapore Recreation Club for a friendly on Friday, November 2nd. A total of 14 doubles matches were completed on a beautiful night, with the British Club coming out on top 9-5. Jeab and Nattaya won two matches to lead the way for the home squad. After the friendly, all the players enjoyed a nice buffet and a few drinks.





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

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# HARDBALLS

## Phuket Tour

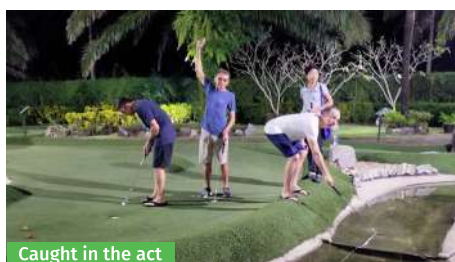


Ben Eastwell

It's that time again - we're finally back into the season following the annual rest period and a shake up during the pre-season AGM, and what better way to start the campaign than the memorable Phuket tour which you can read about below. The bustling BC cricket section looks ahead to the 3rd successive shot in the BCL League, (atleast) 3 more tours, and plenty more action in between for the 2018/19 season.

adventure mini golf helped get the eye in before the opening match in the morning.

The van rolled in to the Alan Cooke Ground, located up the north west side of the island at about 10 o'clock, giving enough time to for Dash to figure out how to walk near the boundary rope without falling over it, a catch up with the hosts and a quick bacon



Caught in the act



Friday night feed



Calm before the storm

### Phuket Tour Nov 18

The 6th annual trip down to the island was enjoyed by a party of around 15, rounded up under new management from BC's accomplished tour manager of recent, 'AirBnBrewis', who alleviating Jack of his former duties, had opted to stay in a quieter location. Aside from the chairman, who suspiciously soon after insisting on taking control of the section accounts, was enjoying an extra week down at the team hotel - most arrived Friday afternoon, having taken the shorter journey from the airport into Bangtao which was the selected base for the weekend. After a dip in the pool and a quick freshen up, 18 holes on the

sandwich before setting to the field in the 2 (15 over) innings match versus the PCG Members XI, which would mark the beginning of the 2018/19 season.

Bowling first, the newly re-appointed Captain used 8 bowlers throughout the 1st innings, lead by Denzyl (0-9, 3 overs) and Dash (1-11, 2 overs) who bowled through one of the danger men in the 2nd over. Yuvi on his birthday, Ben, Glenn, and Dale, all chimed in and opened their accounts with a wicket each - assisted by safe hands from Chan, and 2 stumpings from Sunil which helped restrict PCG to 89-5 off the first 15.



Formal entrance



Warmup



Drinks break



The venue



BC V Village 2018

Denzyl set the tone in reply with 31\* in just 20 balls, before Dash followed him into retirement shortly after. A commanding start from BC didn't see the first wicket fall until the 80 run mark before closing up 23 ahead of the hosts with 109/4. BC applied pressure to PCG throughout their 2nd innings with 3-24 from the birthday boy, a couple of wickets from the Chan Brothers, a direct hit run out from the South African, and continued sharp work behind the stumps which put the tourists into a good position. However, a hard-hitting late partnership took advantage of a lethargic field in the final few overs, bumping the target up to 92 to chase in the final leg of the game.

Somewhat thanks to support from Phuket's extras, both teams remained within a shout until the closing stage of the match; with PCG defending an 11 run lead in the final over, the first delivery passed everything including the keeper and disastrously clipped his helmet for a 5-run penalty, the second ball was a wide and the third was brutally smashed for six by Shri to win the match.

The subtle new touring shirts made an appearance for Saturday night entertainment which took an unfamiliar twist from years previous, with a sophisticated beachfront seafood dinner and fire show, where the crashing waves were within touching distance for the first time in Phuket touring history. After Chan had delayed the order with a round of coconuts from a neighboring island – the well-earned food quietened everyone down before Dilip made a surprise appearance with a bottle of single malt. Despite a few 'for the road' and whispers of a night cap on Patong beach, most retired after releasing a sky lantern into the distance with a wish for good luck in the game the following morning.

After almost leaving Ben behind for the final trip of the weekend, the tour party rocked up to the ACG for a midday 25 over clash against the village. BC were put into bowl first after losing the toss and after Dilip (3-27, 5 overs) castled the top 3 and Dash punished some clumsy running, Village found themselves struggling on 20-4 in the 6th over. A much-required



Bowled



2 out of 2



Thirty work



MVP V PCG



New nicknames



Wishing for wickets

middle order recovery was eventually broken by Jack's well-disguised slower ball and further speedy glovework from Sunil – assisting Glenn (1-8, 2 overs) and Ben (2-37, 5 overs). However, the highlight of the innings (if not weekend) was Dilip taking a blinder of a catch against all the odds – swirling underneath the towering shot with hands poised like a crocodile's jaw, eyes rolled as the ball popped out of his grasp, only for him to snap it up on the second attempt and proceed to celebrate as if the world cup had just been won. After the excitement, village wrapped it up on 175-10.

BC lost Ben early in the chase, before Dash and Denz steadied the ship, both finishing not out for the weekend after retiring on 30. Shri's explosive 31 off 10 balls before drinks swung proceedings in the tourists favour which was followed up by a handy captain's knock from Dale, who carved the 4th retirement of the innings from just 19 balls. A trademark cameo from Sunil (18) and Glenn (12) helped the team over the line – Dilip just missing out on producing a fairytale ending by hitting the winning runs. The tour was rounded off in usual fashion with slammers and fines, before almost missing the flight back to reality – until next year, Phuket!



Which way to Patong



Wait for me



Until next year



Only came for 1 day

# BCGS GOLFING NEWS

## Club Championship, November 2018 Black Mountain Golf Club, Hua Hin

**T**wo days of competitive stroke play over a testing yet beautifully presented 27 holes was to decide the women's and men's British Club Golf Section champions of 2018.

Black Mountain is a golf course and resort complex that's always being upgraded and improved. This year we were able to enjoy the original 18 holes along with the addition of a new and interesting 9 with lots of water.

Playing conditions were superb and the fairways delivered run on the ball that you just don't get on the regular courses we play around Bangkok. The greens were in excellent condition although quite nuanced making for some interesting scores and some not to be repeated player commentary.

There were gross and net competitions for women and men.

Emerging victorious over the 2 days as women's Club Champion in the gross competition was Gaew

Khongyoo recording a gross 89 and 87 respectively. In the men's competition Graham Johnston signed for a gross 80 and a truly impressive gross 74. Well played and congratulations to both golfers for winning a major.

In the Club Championship net competition Mark Adderley ran out the winner of the men's competition while Khun Ew took the women's. Well played to both our worthy winners.

Other notable winners of day prizes over the 2 days were Alan Ainsworth, Dawa Sherpa, Varghese Rose and Randall Coleman. All of whom received a nice bottle of wine for their good golf.

Many thanks to Karen Carter for booking the course and getting such a great deal on the green fees! And finally a big thanks to our Captain, Frank Fawkes for his continued inspired leadership.



Everyone a Winner! All 4 of these players came away a winner!

Gaew with her son, Matthew collecting her prize from Captain

Our Gross Champion 2018, Graham Johnstone

Another to add to the winning collection for Mark Adderley

Well played, Randall



Varghese anticipates the vintage

Well played, Alan Ainsworth

A smiling Dawa and his prize

Ew receives her prize for winning the women's net trophy

Karen Carter receiving her prize from Captain Frank Fawkes



## October Medal, Royal Golf & Country Club

The October medal is one of those special rounds that straddles the end of the low season and a nice quiet golf course with the added bonus of cool weather.

In Flight A, Terry Davies was the runaway winner carding a net 71. Well played, Terry. Roy Barrett was runner up carding a net 77 on the day. Flight B was a tighter race with the mercurial Ken Kane emerging victorious with a net 76. Close on his heels was Brand Sobel who was just a shot shy of being in contention for major honors. Well played to both Ken and Brad.



Terry Davies, Flight A winner receiving his prize from Frank Fawkes, BCGS Captain

Ken Kane, Flight B winner receiving his winning prize from Frank Fawkes, BCGS Captain

## 2018 Dunlop Cup, Springfield Golf & Country Club

The wonderful Springfield GCC hosted this year's annual Dunlop Cup kindly sponsored by Dunlop Adhesives courtesy of David Lamb.

The weekend saw our intrepid golfers battling over course A and the very long and testing course C. Both courses were in great condition and the weather over the weekend was equally good with no rain.

Such good playing conditions inspired some equally good golf and there was drama on the final day. This is a pairs event. James Lawden and David Burton were 2 down with 3 to play. They came back to beat John Bell and Gaew 1 up on the last hole with the last putt. Well played to James and David.

The Plate winners (better ball stableford) were Pete Gale and Frank Fawkes with 36 points on day one and 44 points on day 2. Runners up were Martin Weber and Brian Brook with 39 on both days. In third place were Val and Barry Ashman with 37 points on both days.

Many thanks to David Lamb and Dunlop Adhesives for his kind sponsorship. Thanks also to David and Cheryl for hosting a wonderful dinner on the Saturday night.

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.



Dinner with the golfers

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Where's the plate?

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