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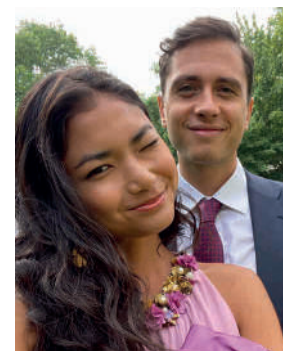
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Each month we like to introduce some of the New Members who have recently joined the Culb. These are some of the Members who joined during the last few months



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▲ Priya, Suchitra and Rohan



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Front Cover

The British Club will be having a weekend celebration on June 4th & 5th for The Platinum Jubilee, we are excited to host the biggest event of the year and would love you to be a part of the weekend.

This Month

We welcome 37 new members, Our new chairman updates us, revisiting the year 1948, Swedish reciprocal club review, quiz winners, songkran, and easter in pictures, the platinum jubilee plan unveiled, our sports sections have their say



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Brian Brook

Chairman's Message



▲ New GC

Firstly, I am very pleased to have been selected as Chairman of the British Club, Bangkok. It is a great honour, and a great Club. Thank you to all those who voted for me and for the messages of support, or as one put it "Congratulations or Commiserations, take your pick!"

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Club's latest AGM was held on 22nd March, with 75 Voting Members present. It was held for the third year in a row on the multi-purpose court to allow for covid regulations, hopefully the last time that will be necessary. Various reports and other agenda items were approved or adopted without the need to count the votes, including minor changes to the Constitution and an increase in Entrance fees, justified by the Club's enhanced facilities following completion of the Poolside redevelopment.

A new General Committee was elected, with twelve candidates for ten positions. I take this opportunity to thank all twelve for standing, all had views on how the club should develop and prosper, and were prepared to devote some of their time to the governance of the Club. At a minimum it forced a debate and offered a choice to the Members.



▲ Outgoing GC

▲ AGM

General Committee (GC)

Once the scrutineers had finished counting the votes, the ten successful candidates retired to the Silom Room to elect the four Officers for the year. The Vice Chairman is David Williamson, his wealth of experience in management of private member clubs and food and beverage will be invaluable. Paul Cheesman is a serial Honorary Secretary; this will be his 16th time in the last 23 years. The Honorary Treasurer is Simon Davies, who served on the GC some 20 years ago, and I am sure will do a great job.

The remaining six GC members bring a mixture of experience and talent. As I write this, we have already met twice, to get to know each other and with so many new faces be updated by Club management on various issues. The first 'normal' monthly GC meeting is scheduled for 25th April. We all have a common purpose, to enhance the Member benefit. I'm sure there will be a few debates during the year on how we get there, and we will be actively looking for Member feedback.

I would like to thank the previous GC members who stood down this year, James Crossley-Smith, Mark Buchanan, David Bell, Jim Short and Nathan Thomas. They all contributed to the on-going development of the Club.

Poolside redevelopment

The British Ambassador, H.E. Mark Gooding OBE opened the Phase 2 development on 5th March. Unfortunately, the building was not fully open to Members until mid-April, but I hope you will find it has been worth waiting for. The key features of the new development are:



▲ The Sala



▲ Fitness



▲ The Lookout

- The return of the always popular 'Sala' space.
- A brand-new kitchen for Western and Thai cooking.
- A huge first-class fitness space
- New locker rooms and toilets
- Two new massage rooms
- The Lookout: An air-conditioned relaxed eating and drinking space with a large balcony. It 'looks out' over the tennis courts and over the front lawn with the Clubhouse as background. The dress code is casual and there are screens allowing six different sporting events to be shown at the same time. It will be interesting to see how popular this venue becomes as it is something the Club has not had before.

Initial feedback on the development has been very positive, although there are some snags to be fixed. The rooms in the Silom Wing previously used for Fitness are being utilised for Games and Table Tennis (ground floor) and a Performance studio (upstairs). The Coffee Stop will revert to Kids Stop, with the beer taps removed.

Staff

The Club has some great Management and Staff, both long term and recently recruited. However, it is having difficulty recruiting sufficient good service staff to fully man all the outlets, an issue facing the whole of the Bangkok hospitality industry gearing up as covid restrictions are lifted. Club Management are doing their best to resolve these problems, both in the short and longer term. Meanwhile please bear with us.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Street Party – 4th and 5th June

The Club is planning a 'big event' to celebrate this momentous milestone, over two days, Saturday for the 'grown-ups' and Sunday for the 'kids'. Come down and join in the fun. Look out for the details.



Finally,

I hope this year will be one where we return to 'normal', where we can all enjoy the new and old facilities, and where the Club's finances prosper. I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

The Common Reporting Standard (CRS) and the Automatic Exchange of Information

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

Over the years tax evasion – the practice of actively and purposely escaping paying any tax due – has been closely monitored. Countries and tax authorities have battled to target and catch those who are undertaking any illegal practices, especially in territories which have become notorious for tax evasion. Recently more universal systems have been set up to enable financial institutions to better share information across international borders.

WHAT IS THE AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION?

The Automatic Exchange of Information is a global initiative which gives financial organisations the ability and power to collect, share and report personal financial information.

Automatic Exchange of Information agreements are made between the UK and other countries. These agreements allow the exchange of information between tax authorities of different countries to help stop tax avoidance and evasion. The information includes details about financial accounts and investments.

Financial institutions, for example, banks, building societies, insurance companies or investment companies, will provide information on non-UK residents with financial accounts and investments in the UK to HMRC. And will share this information with the relevant countries.

WHAT IS THE COMMON REPORTING STANDARD?

The Common Reporting Standard (CRS) was introduced in 2014 to clarify and standardise the sharing of personal financial information between countries. It is the framework by which the Automatic Exchange of Information is facilitated. There are a handful of different frameworks in place, but CRS is the method adopted by the UK, and most other notable global jurisdictions. It is based on the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and stipulates how information is automatically shared between countries

and is seen as a critical tool in the world wide fight against tax evasion.

More than 100 countries have signed up to the Common Reporting Standard including the UK, Islands (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man) and Gibraltar, and all countries in the European Union, China, India, Hong Kong and Russia. The USA is currently not part of this initiative as it has its own regulations.

The CRS also covers, which financial institutions are required to make reports, who is subject to information exchange, and what procedures need to be followed.

Since its inception, anyone who lives, works and/or pays tax in more than one country must comply. With many countries sharing their records, regular reports about British expatriates and UK residents with overseas financial assets are now disclosed to the British tax authorities – HMRC.

HOW DOES THE COMMON REPORTING STANDARD IMPACT ME?

Under the CRS, banks and financial institutions are required to identify customers who are tax resident in one country but with financial accounts held in another for inter-jurisdiction reporting purposes, and will need to collect and report certain information on the 'reportable person' and their financial account(s) to the local tax authorities.

Most customers will not need to do anything. Those in the UK will be identified as UK resident for tax purposes in the UK and therefore not 'reportable'.

WHO IS AFFECTED?

The purpose of CRS and the Automatic Exchange of Information Agreement is to identify those who are avoiding paying tax by using offshore tax havens. The regulations also target those who fail to declare their overseas income in order to avoid paying tax on it.

The Automatic Exchange of Information and Common Reporting Standard can apply to anyone, depending on where you live and your financial transactions. It tends to affect those with a multi-national element to their finances, such as British expatriates.

The CRS applies depending on your resident status for tax – in simple terms where you pay income or business taxes. For example if you have a bank account in the UK, but live and pay taxes overseas, then the CRS could be used to enable information about your finances to be shared in both jurisdictions and allow the relevant tax authorities to have a transparent picture about you and any monies or investments you hold.

If CRS does apply your bank or investment facility will have made you aware of the need to share information about your accounts and transactions.

The information which tends to be shared includes:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Country/countries of tax residence
- Tax Identification Number/National Insurance Number (or equivalent where applicable)
- Account details (bank account or similar)
- Annual account balance/value at 31 December including interest

Once the information is received, it is checked against current tax records. Any incorrect declarations can lead to criminal prosecution and a fine of up to 300% of the tax owed.

HOW IS THE AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION APPLIED?

There are four key methods by which the Automatic Exchange of Information is applied:

1) United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

FATCA is the reporting standard which the US tax authorities identify any non-US financial accounts of US resident taxpayers. It's also applied to US citizens who live outside of the United States who are believed to remain in the US tax net. FATCA is the basis on which other automatic exchange of information standards, including the Common Reporting Standard, are based.

2) Common Reporting Standard

This is the global standard for automatic exchange and was based on the US FATCA system. More than 100 jurisdictions – including the UK and most EU countries – have adopted the system.

3) Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories

All governments in the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories, including the UK, Alderney, Guernsey, Jersey, the Isle of Mann, the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands and Gibraltar have committed to sharing information using these automatic protocols.

4) Directive on Administrative Co-Operation

The DAC directs all European Union (EU) member states to share certain information for taxable periods starting on or after 1 January 2014. The information exchanged is in relation to residents of other member states and includes employment income, directors fees, life insurance products (not covered by other directives), pensions, and ownership and income from immovable property.

The DAC was transposed into Irish legislation in December 2013 (S.I. No. 549 of 2012). The DAC was amended in 2014 and the amended version of the Directive (DAC2) was implemented in Ireland by Finance Act 2015 and S.I. No. 609 of 2015. This amendment allows for the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) to be imported from EU legislation.

If you are a British expatriate with accounts in the UK and overseas it is vital that you ensure your tax affairs are in order, with the correct taxes paid in each country. To discuss your tax or tax planning we would always suggest you seek professional advice from a company with the relevant experience and knowledge.



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Letter From

Tim Vongswang - The General Manager

THE GM's SPOT Phase 2 is open!

I am delighted, as I write this message, that all of Phase 2 has opened and now we can get to call the new facilities by their real names instead of just Phase 2! **The Sala** opened first on 2nd April, followed by **The Lookout**, upstairs and the **Poolside Kitchen** on 9th, with the **Changing Rooms** a week before that. The **Fitness Centre**, **Sports Reception** and **Massage Rooms** all opened in March.



Behind the scenes, the team and I are very pleased that the **Poolside Kitchen** is in operation as this now means your food can be delivered in a timely manner. While I appreciate that much more is still needed to be done to ensure seamless service, I feel that we are moving in the right direction and hopefully you will notice the gradual changes over the next few months, both in terms of service and menus. It's sometimes disappointing some of our favourite sporting events are televised late at night, however, **The Lookout** bar will show recorded sporting events the next day so please do ask a member of the sports team for details.

The Temporary Facilities

Although nothing has been completely finalized, we are also working on several ideas on what to do with the two temporary fitness

rooms and temporary Changing Rooms as the needs of members now is not the same as it was when the Silom Wing opened way back in 2018. We have had many great ideas from several members – a “non-electronic” Games Room and a Dance Studio being very popular. The Management, with the GC, are now in the process of evaluating what will work best for the majority of the members.

Summer Fun!

During the summer months we will have some big activities happening such as **H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee**, which is a two-day event; the return of the Faulty Towers night of comedy dining entertainment ... “I think we're just out of Waldorfs”! The **Kids Sports Camps** and **Junior Sports Camps** will return; and there will be a new

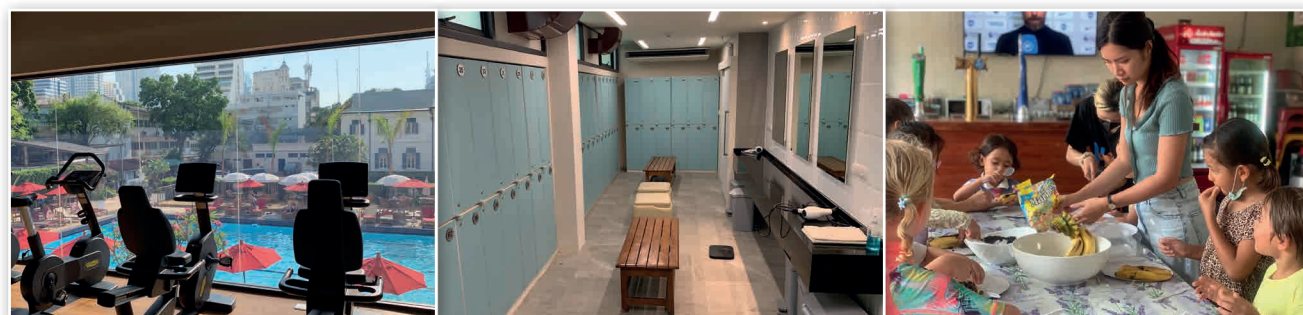
Spa menu. During the month of May, look out for some interesting promotions which we will do in-house highlighting our great F&B outlets. It's my pleasure to welcome back Khun Diary who heads up the **BC BEE's Kids Club**, she does an amazing job keeping children entertained.

Very App

Finally, the long-awaited sports booking app will be live by the end of May so this will make booking a sport venue much more convenient.

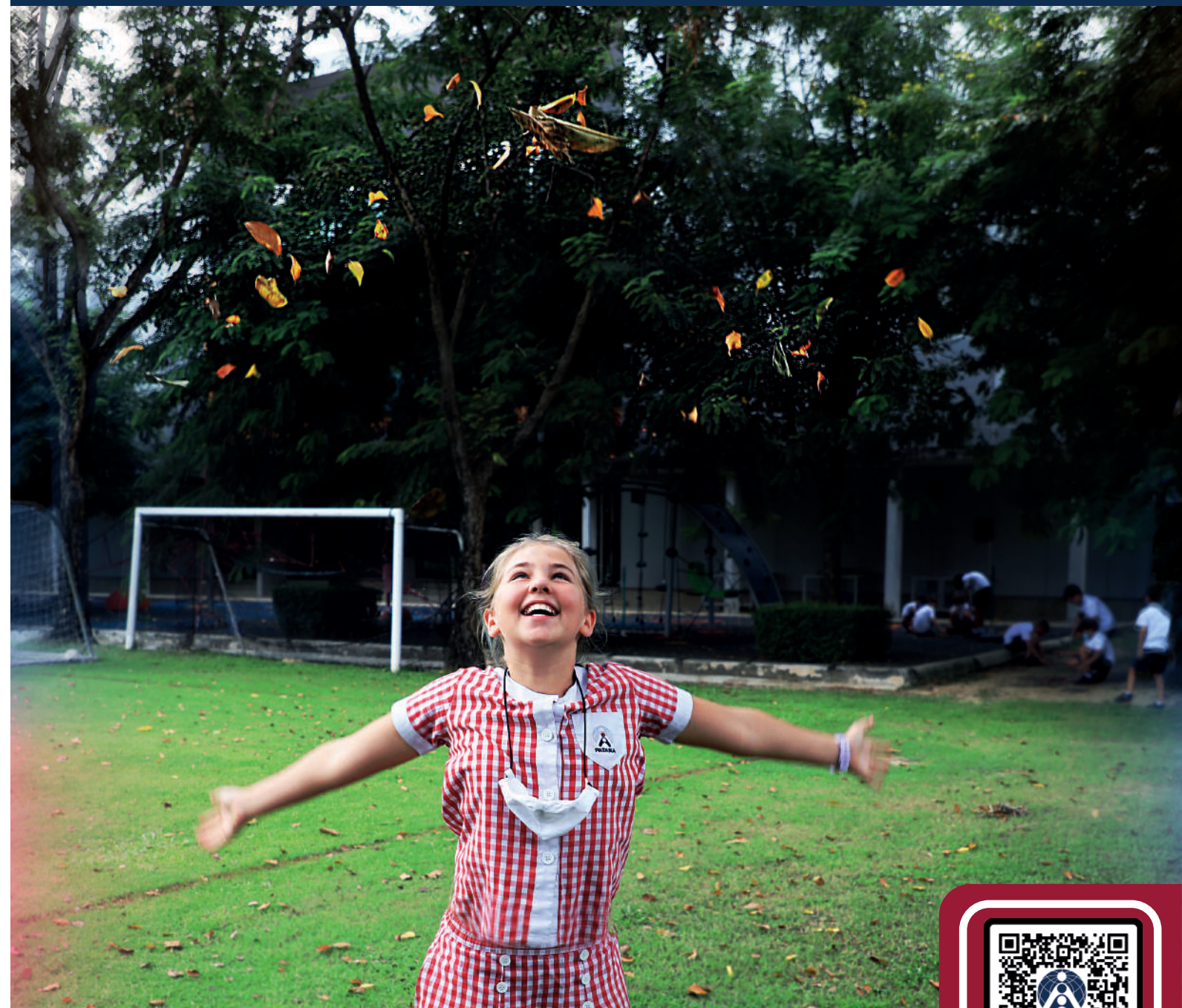
With these and other great initiatives coming I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Tim



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We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1948

Tennis for all

The Lawn Tennis Association of Siam under His Majesty's Patronage ran the 1948 Siam Tennis Championship at the Club. The Club had been a co-founder of the Association back in 1927 (see *Past Participle*, December 2021). Four of the eight Courts were made available (numbers 1-4, approximately where the current courts are) and as a consequence of creating 'seating stands' on the through road, the Suriwongse Gate was closed to Members, who were forced to use the narrow lane down from Silom Road.

The Championships ran from 9th February to 4th March, and on the last day His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat attended the Men's Doubles Final and presented the Cup. The Prince was greeted by Club Chairman, Charles S.I. Mabbatt and by the Lawn Tennis Association President Mom Chao Wimwathit Rapeephat.



▲ His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat

Just ahead of this tournament, on 2nd February, the Club received a Tennis trophy from Lodge St. John. It would be known as the 'St. John Challenge Cup' and it was decided that this would be for the Club's Mixed Doubles Handicap Tennis Tournament. This was a token of appreciation for the Club allowing the Lodge to meet regularly in the Club. However, on 18th March, it was reported to the General Committee that the St. John Challenge Cup had been stolen from the home of one of the winners. The winners agreed to replace it with a similar cup, duly engraved



▲ St. John Challenge Cup

Staff Matter!

At Chinese New Year, the General Committee decided to award the four staff, who had been employed at least a year, with one month's salary as a bonus. These were Mr. Cheng Kim Lee, the Butler, the No.1 Boy (the senior waiter), a Coolie and a Wash Ayah. An appeal was made to members to donate to this cause, seeking from 10 to 25 Ticals donation per member. Sadly, members were not generous on this occasion, so they were paid from Club funds.

It had been noted that the turnover of night watchmen was high, so in the February it was agreed to increase the salary of the No.1 Watchman to 250 Ticals per month, and the two others (yes ... called No.2 and No.3) to 230 Ticals.

There had been an ongoing disagreement between Mr. Cheng Kim Lee, the Butler, and the No.1 Watchman, resulting in March of accusations of gambling in the Servants Quarters and of theft of Club property. The Chairman noted that the Butler and some servants had been arrested on a prior occasion, date not listed, for a gambling incident but no proof was given. The Chairman would talk with the Butler and offer him the option of resigning if needed. By the April, it had gotten "so bad" that it was decided to dismiss the Butler. Two weeks later, however, the Committee sacked the Watchmen and the Butler remained!

Service

The Committee of this year had only seven members, with Charles Mabbatt serving again both as Chairman and Honorary Secretary and again no Vice-Chairman was appointed.

Joseph Edward Landray, who served three terms, was born in 1910 in Barnstable, Devon and educated at the Westminster School as a Home Boarder. He served as a Flying Officer in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (RAFVR) during World War II and then came to Bangkok to work for the Anglo-Siam Corporation. He died on 18th January 1964.

Mr. E.C. Phillips, worked for the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and joined the Club on 18th March, and after the Annual General Meeting on 31st March was elected to the Committee and took on the role of Honorary Treasurer. Sadly at the following meeting he had to stand down due to pressure of work a month later. He was replaced by a Mr. D.H. Carey, who served two terms

Sadly, nothing is known about the remaining members except that Messrs F. Burch and P.W. Francis served only this one time and Mr. C.E. Orme served four terms.

CHAIRMAN:	Charles S.I. Mabbatt
VICE-CHAIRMAN:	(not appointed)
HONORARY SECRETARY:	Charles S.I. Mabbatt
HONORARY TREASURER:	E.C. Phillips (stood down 26.04.1948)
	D.H. Carey (from 26.04.1948)
MEMBERS:	
	F. Burch
	D.H. Carey (then Hon. Treasurer)
	P.W. Francis
	J.E. Landray
	C.E. Orme
	E.C. Phillips (from 26.04.1948)

▲ General Committee 1948-49

Rules

On 14th June, an Extraordinary General Meeting was called to look at Constitutional Rule changes. As a result the Joining Fees were lowered from 400 Ticals to 100 Ticals for Ordinary Membership, and from 60 Ticals to 25 Ticals Country Membership, as the Club's finances were now deemed stable.

However, problems with Country Members actually residing in Bangkok had come to a head, so a new rule was set out "Country Members who stay temporarily in Bangkok over 30 days in any month to pay the Ordinary subscription rate". However, abuse continued so the rules were changed in 1954 that if a Country Member exceed 30 days in a row they would be transferred to Ordinary Membership and charged a conversion fee!

An Instalment-payment category was introduced called 'Non-Voting Membership' whereby the Joining Fee was paid over four quarters. This was converted to 12 monthly payment in 1985, then 24 monthly payments in 1993. In 2001 it was set back at 12 monthly payments as many people were leaving part year but after the introduction of Annual Membership in 2010, it was seldom taken up and it was withdrawn in the Constitutional Review in 2018.

It had become apparent to the Committee that potential members were now coming in as guests with a member and not joining the Club, thus a number of "Guest Rules" were introduced, for the first time, to allow each Member to bring to the Club up to two guests at any one time but the same guest only twice a month. This has changed frequently over the decades.

Finally, Officers of the Mercantile Marine and Merchant Air Services to be allowed visiting rights to use the Club whilst visiting in Bangkok. This ceased in 1954 when any visiting person of British descent could invoke this right (see *Past Participle*, October 2022).

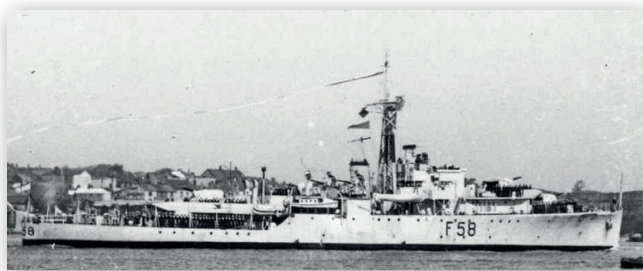
38. Each Ordinary, Non-Voting, Country or Honorary Member shall be entitled to bring two Guests into the Club with him on inscribing their names and his own in a book to be kept in the hall of the Club for the purpose. Such guests shall not stay in the Club after the member by whom they were introduced has left. No persons who are eligible to become Ordinary or Country Members of the Club, or who belong to the family of anyone eligible to become an Ordinary or Country Member of the Club, shall be introduced into the Club as guests more than twice in any one Calendar Month. Members shall be responsible for the observance by their guests of the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Club.

▲ An Extraordinary General Meeting

Ship Ahoy

In the April, the officers and crew of HMS Hart (F58), a modified Black Swan-class sloop, was hosted at the Club over two lunchtimes under the Sailors Entertainment Fund.

The ship had been commissioned in 1943 and had been a support vessel to HMS Glory (R62), a Colossus-class aircraft carrier, at Rabaul, New Britain (now Papua New Guinea) on 6th September 1945 for the formal surrender of 139,000 Japanese forces in that area.



▲ HMS Hart

Privileges first won!

Although the 1947 Extraordinary General Meeting, later reclassified as an Annual General Meeting, agreed to accept Ladies Privileges (see *Past Participle*, April 2022) none were granted in that year, and it took until April 1948 for the first such ladies to join. Ladies Privileges were to allow single ladies, of British descent, who worked in Bangkok – in the schools, embassies, and hospitals – to use Club facilities. They existed until December 1986 when females could become Members in their own right (see *Past Participle*, April 2025).

Also in the April, the General Committee announced the 'Last Man Standing' rule, whereby the Club remained open after its usual closing time if a member was present – it was further clarified in September. This 'privilege' continued until 17th June 2014 (see *Past Participle*, October 2027)!!!

Ladies: The Committee duly confirmed that the facilities of the Club as provided in Rule No. 39, be extended to the under-mentioned ladies:

Misses: J. Parsons
D. Benson
H. French Scott
E. Parker
H. Jordan
H. Edie
D. Penn
A. Curtis

The Chairman undertook to notify them accordingly.

▲ Ladies Privileges

In Other News

The Club was connected to the telephone network for the first time: The Thai Post and Telegraph Department issued the Club with the number of 3-0247 (0-2234-0247 is still the Club's number today).

The British Chamber of Commerce co-organised a 'UN Appeal for Children' Charity Affair, with Commonwealth, American, Dutch, and Scandinavian supporters, held in the grounds of the Club. The event was opened by Lady Thompson, the British Ambassador's wife.

Mrs. Sequeria replaced Mrs. Tisseman as Paid Secretary to the Club (essentially the bookkeeper).

Lastly in 'usual' Club practice, the year ended with its Annual Christmas Ball on December 18th, but this year with 'in house catering' ... now it must be understood that the Club had no kitchens at all: there was a little pantry to the rear of the Men's Bar used for making snacks such as 'Sardines on Biscuits' and 'Cheese on Biscuits' and that was it. The Ball, however, was deemed an outstanding success as the ladies served "Soup followed by Ham & Eggs or Sausage & Mash"!

Next month ...

Management!

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary

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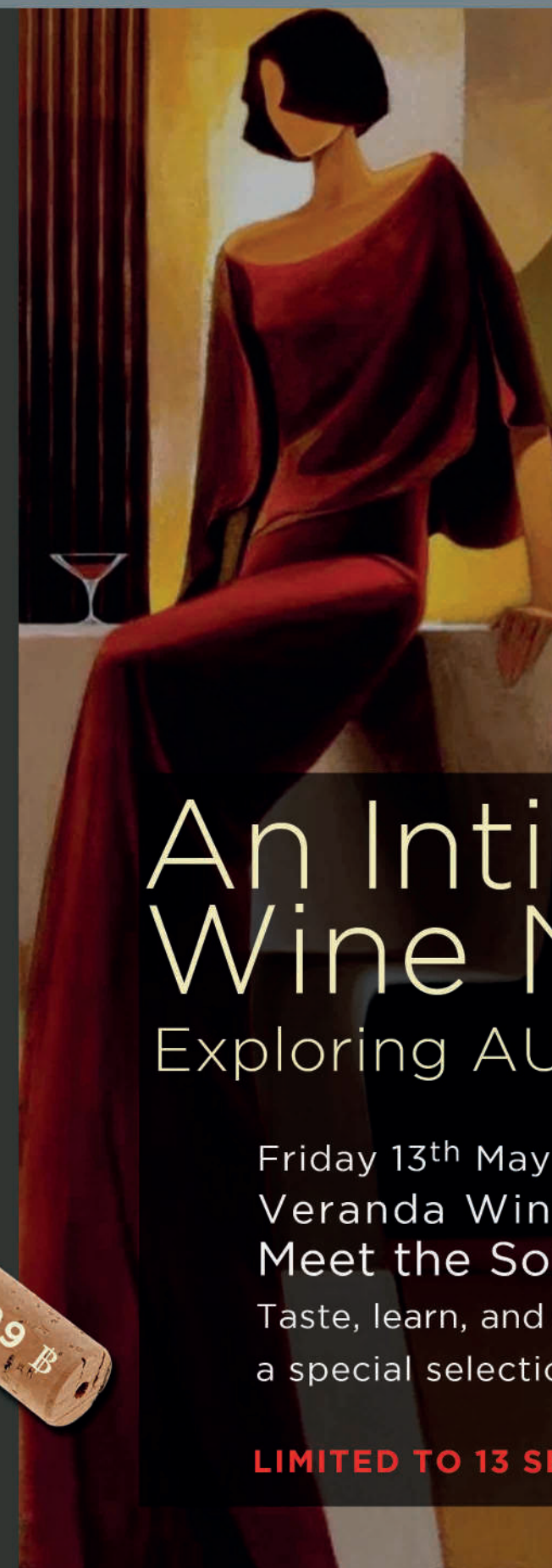
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Visited in January 2020.

Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol



We visited Stockholm just before Covid struck, so we made time to go Sällskapet for lunch. Sällskapet is a traditional old gentlemen's club, having been founded in 1800, and boasts having the King of Sweden and his son as honorary members. Women allowed in as guests after 3pm. The club has been in the same sturdy 3 storey building in central Stockholm since 1870, the centrepiece of which is the fabulous 1st floor dining room, designed by Swedish architect Johan Fredrik Åbom as a copy of the banqueting hall he designed for the now defunct Hotel Rydberg. Apart from the dining room there is a bar, a billiards room, a games room with card tables and an extensive library. Private meeting rooms are available for a fee. However, the club closes at 7pm on Friday and remains closed all weekend, and has no accommodation or sports facilities either. The dress code for men is Jacket and tie at all times, no jeans or sneakers, with an equivalent level of attire expected for women.



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TENNIS



Graham Johnston

Dear Lobbers & Droppers

In this month's article we look back on the feast of tennis that was our Club Championship's Finals Day.

Finals Day

Our British Club Tennis Section Championship's Finals Day took place on Saturday 26th March. The weather was kind(ish) in that we did not get any of the recent unseasonal rain, but my goodness it was a hot one – totally exhausting and that was just from watching!

Championship

Eight finals were played with Mooky downing Rhea in the Ladies final in the opening match. Pierre then claimed his 10th or 11th victory in the Men's singles outlasting Cheer to win in 3 sets and taking a 2-1 lead in their own personal head-to-head challenge. Next up in the Ladies doubles in the midday sun, Aom & Rhea came close but were eventually defeated by Mooky & Pin. In the afternoon Cheer & Neung showed no mercy to Andrei & Magnus in the Men's Doubles and were followed by Raquel & Pam who battled hard before losing 2 closes sets to Mooky & Cheer.

Seniors

Fabulous Frank took the singles title denying French Frank a hat-trick of wins but French Frank got revenge in the doubles as he and James took down Harold & Fabulous. Toi & Jeab were the Ladies Doubles Champs in a three-team round robin with Sassaluck & Yubharet and Annie & Christina also competing.

Plate

Philip Mock took the Men's Singles title by defeating last year's champion Nick in the final while Jen took the top spot in the Ladies Plate with Gabi in the Runner-Up spot.



▲ Champion Pierre



▲ Champion Mooky



▲ Champions Neung & Cheer



▲ Champions Mooky & Cheer



▲ Champions Mooky & Pin



▲ RU Andrei & Magnus



▲ RU Rhea & Aom

Koji & Chris won the Men's doubles defeating brothers Nico & Rafa in the final while Veronica & Tip came out on top in the Ladies Doubles over Enju & Lucy. Eunju was back on court for the Mixed Doubles were she and Andy edged out Team & Laila.

Senior Plate

For the first time we were able to play a Senior's Plate event and Pornchai took the honours in the singles with a victory over Sean and Chris & Doug edging out Philip & Stefan in the doubles.

An excellent day's tennis was followed by a very fun evening on the front lawn with prizegiving, BBQ, and some quite startling dancing.

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Let's do it all again next year!

Graham



▲ RU Pam & Raquel



▲ RU Cheer



▲ RU Rhea



2022 BRITISH CLUB Bangkok Tennis Section CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 26 March Starting 8:00 am



Follow the matches British Club Bangkok Tennis Section



Jonathan Fudge

Those who are regular readers of my ramblings will be forgiven for thinking the cricket section have "limited" success. Indeed, some members have mentioned that we seem to have a "mixed bag" of results. However, this month's entry marks an historic moment for the section with promotion to the 'A' division secured after a remarkable run of results at the end of March and into April. For context, I think it is worth, albeit briefly, outlining how the league system works. Essentially it is VERY Australian, funny that with Vaughany at the helm! The top four teams in the league season qualify for a playoffs with the two who qualify for the final gaining promotion and an overall winner declared, from that two....Still with me? 1st plays 2nd, the winner going directly into the Grand final. The loser of this game plays the winner of 3rd vs 4th to determine the other finalist and promoted team....anyone else's head hurting?



▲ Ed with his well deserved man of the match award

HARD BALLS



▲ Ed smearing the ball for another boundary

BC vs Indorama 27th March at BCG

Effectively a quarter final with the winning team securing their place in the play off semi final against the loser of 1st and 2nd. Full of theories and optimism we travelled to Boweja to face an unpredictable team in Indorama, capable of brilliant performances as we have seen in the past. On a day that was only going to get hotter and with the cooler early morning start (very early for a Sunday!) Indorama won the toss and elected to bowl first. Rahul and Denz got us off to our now customary good start putting on 50 for the first wicket in 10 overs. From here there was a slight wobble as they both fell in quick succession followed by the captain and Dale who had previously been in the form of his life. At 99-4 some sensible batting was required and with contributions from Bacon and Kitkat (Pramodh and Jon) supporting the aggressive Mak who made a quick fire 36. BC settled for what looked about a par score, reaching 176-6 from their 25 overs. Dilip got BC off to the best start imaginable with a wicket with the first ball of the innings, Dilip went on to take 3 wickets. In truth the Indorama innings never really recovered. Their captain looked dangerous flicking the ball over the boundary for a huge 6, but when he was out caught the innings crumbled as they were bowled out for 58 in only 12 overs. The wickets were shared around, alongside Dilip's 3, Talal and Pramodh took 2, with Ed Khan adding 1. I believe the captain took 2 but his decision to bring himself onto bowl at the last two batsmen, caused him to deservedly be fined very strongly after the game...."my bat...my ball"....you get the message! Rumours that he had brought the kitbag, stumps, ball and was driving the van home also turned out not to be true!

BC vs Southerners 2nd April at RBSC Polo

So to the semi final we went against a strong Southerners who had finished the league season above the BC. The RBSC Polo ground is always a picture and with good weather it was set fair for a competitive game, which it turned out to be! Eastwell won the toss and elected to bowl on a wicket that looked like it would only get worse as the game progressed....interesting decision their skip! Southerners got off to a fast start with the



▲ A motley crew no doubt....but a motley crew who will be in the A division!

opening batsmen putting on a quick fire partnership of 86 in only 11 overs. An excellent catch by Captain Eastwell to dismiss Nathan Kinciad who was looking dangerous on 55 looked to have changed the game along with the introduction of Pramodh to the attack who took 3 cheap wickets, again bowling excellently. Southerners who looked set for a score in excess of 200 had to settle for 167 from their 25 overs. A great effort from BC to restrict them to a chaseable score. However, at 82-5 with only 9 overs left the game looked to be going the way of the Southerners. But enter the number 1 Khan, Ed proceeded to smash 31 from only 14 balls. He would later win a deserved Man of the match award, his innings getting BC close with Talal and Dilip getting us over the line in the last over. A great day, with promotion effectively secured the party began....until we remembered at some point in the early hours of Sunday morning that we had the Grand final that very Sunday!

Grand Final BC vs Kerala 3rd April at Pattana Sports Club

So with some sore heads but still smiling, the BC boys made the trip down to Chonburi for the Grand Final, fortunately for all concerned it was an afternoon game. Again, electing to bowl first, BC again bowled well restricting Kerala Strikers to 172 from their 25 overs with

the wickets shared around between the bowlers. However, the elation of the previous day and the merriment caught up with the BC boys as we limped to 85 all out. However, the work had been done the previous day and for the first time in the clubs history, promotion had been secured. The A division will represent a step up in standard, one that the club will relish. The journey home and accompanying beverages gave the boys the chance to reflect on an outstanding season. There have been outstanding individual performances, Dale has enjoyed a freakish year with the bat. But special mention should go to Captain Ben, he handles the politics of selecting a team brilliantly, captains with authority, does all the "legwork" in the background to keep the section functioning and has performed well with bat and ball. He more than most deserves the success that has been enjoyed. Further to this I have in previous accounts neglected to highlight the endeavours of our female support crew, Noon and Cristina. Without whom we would be lost! They give vocal support, provide hydration but crucially maintain the scorebook and update the scoreboard. These are jobs no player relishes and without them we wouldn't be able to complete fixtures...they are an integral part of the section and on behalf of all the boys would like to say a public thank you!



BRITISH CLUB GOLF



▲ Green Valley clubhouse

On Sunday 27th March we held our Monthly Medal at Subhapruek Golf Club. There were 19 eager competitors including 1 guest, Chris Seal. Guests are always welcome and if anyone would like to join please feel free to contact us

The course was in fine condition but quite wet due to unseasonal rainfall. This resulted in higher than normal scoring with no players able to beat their handicap.

The overall winner was Martin Finn with Gordon Milne and David Burton taking the divisional victories

Our Stableford event was held on 10th April at Green Valley which was a new venue for the section. This Robert Trent Jones jnr designed course is on the

BangNa Trad Highway only 30 minutes drive from the centre of Bangkok and one of the best designed and maintained courses in Thailand.

It was certainly a course to the liking of Gareth Knight who scored an epic 40 points beating Neil Davis by 4 points and Graham Johnston by 5. A suitably large handicap adjustment was immediately applied to Gareth

If anyone would like to join any of our events please just message us at bcbg.bangkok@gmail.com – new members are always warmly welcomed

Mark Adderley



▲ Green valley green



▲ Green Valley April 22

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Ammy Aphinya

We are very happy to have almost 40 new Members this month, close to an all time record. Thanks to all of you who encouraged your friends, families, and colleagues to join us. We always appreciate your support and we can all now, at last all enjoy the lovely facilities of Phase 2 which are now fully open.

Do come down and try out the fabulous new gym, The Lookout bar and lounge, which for now is open from 3.00 pm daily. The new massage rooms, changing rooms and toilets are all open to make your visit even more enjoyable.

Don't forget to check out the benefits of our membership partners when you are traveling during the holidays.

We have two new ones again this month, Santafe Relocation company and Hertz Car rental exclusive for British Club members.

Let's check out these two new families !



▲ William and Vicky

Member Review:

"We are so glad to be part of the BKK British Club. The ambiance is fantastic and facilities awesome. Looking forward to meet other members and the beginning of our new lives in Thailand."



▲ Bennett, Kanokwan, Somzaa and Joanne

Member Review:

The British club has a really welcoming atmosphere. It was great to experience the buzz around the club tennis championships yesterday and see so many people enjoying the day and the club facilities. I've enjoyed trying the British and Thai food on offer and I look forward to working my way through the British Club menu. My family and I look forward to spending many happy hours here.

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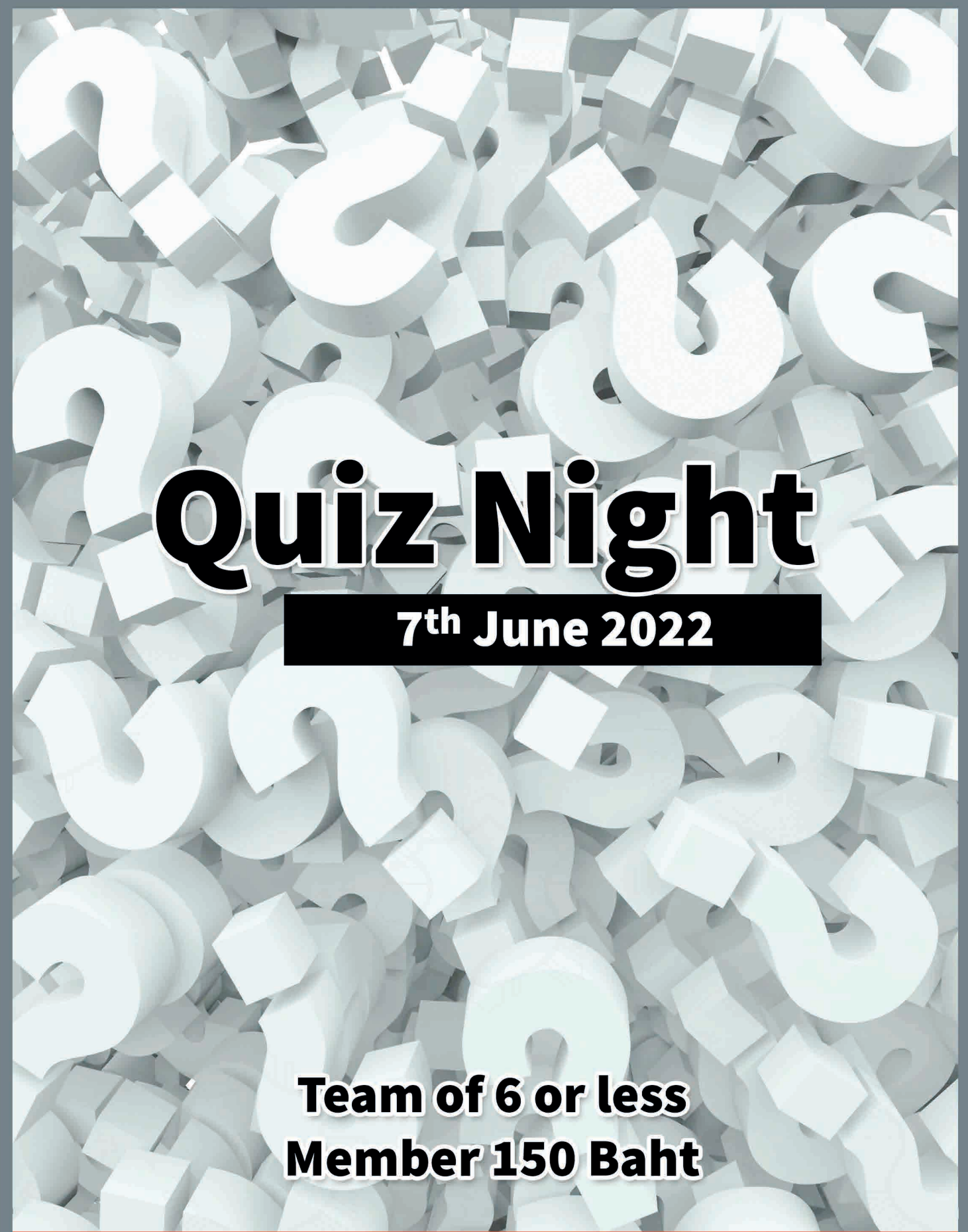
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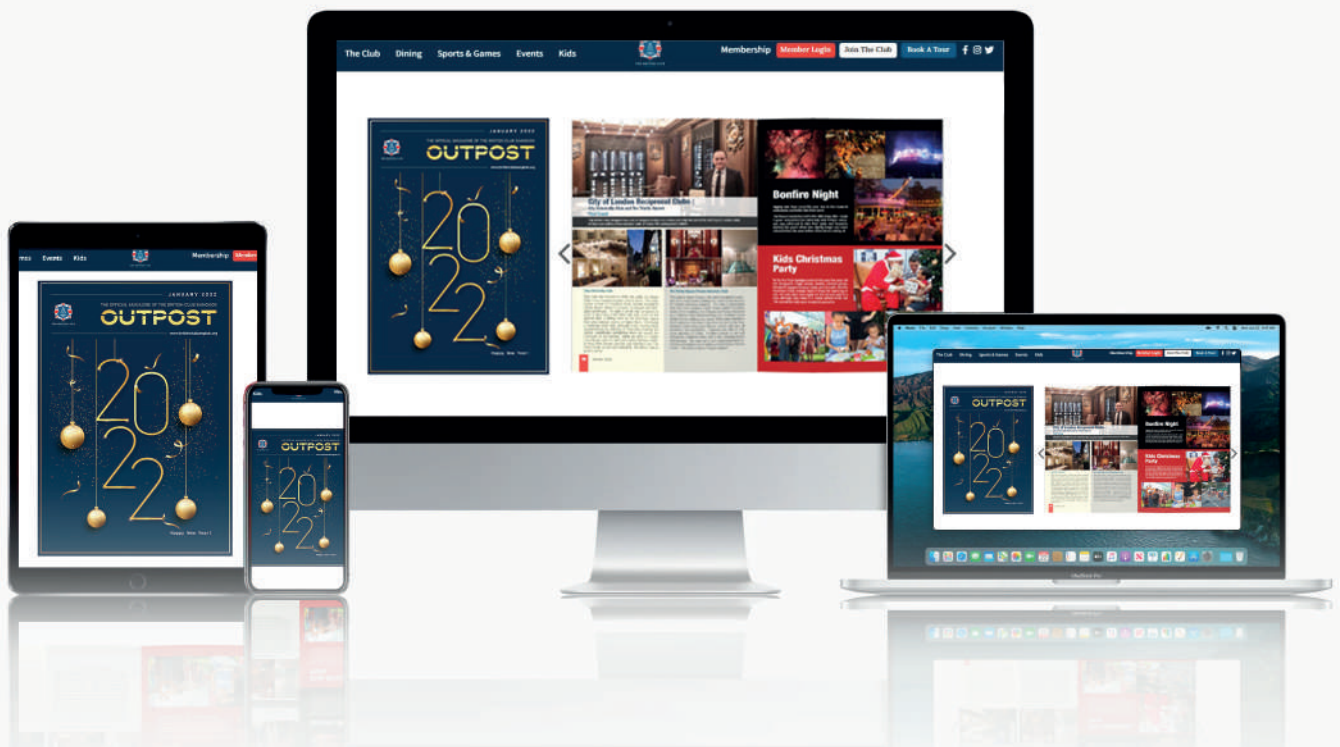
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