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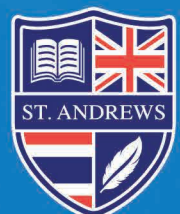
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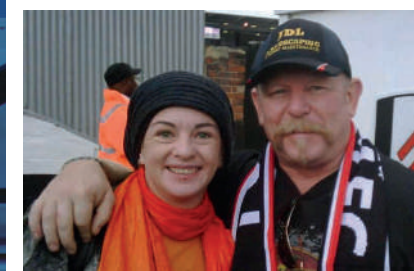
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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



▲ Chong, Rahel, Tisha and Tayclus



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▲ Kenny and Jiyeon



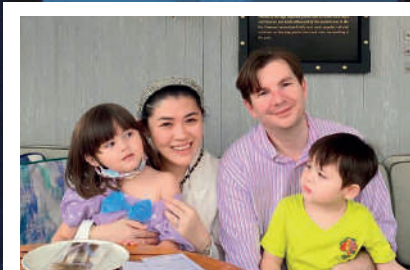
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Reflection on the life and legacy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

This Month

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Brian Brook

Chairman's Message

Living In Bangkok

The 22nd Living In Bangkok Fair, the third held at the British Club in early September, but due to covid the first for three years. We had prepared for inclement weather, with almost everything inside large tents, but the weather was determined to put a damper on the day. The heavens opened shortly after the start and remained open throwing down rain at great force for most of the rest of the day. Attendance was affected, nevertheless, over fifty vendors or exhibitors were present, and there were some great performances on the stage. There were 269 adults and 60 children 'shoppers'. Including vendor staff some 500 people were present. Whilst a few were disgruntled by the extreme weather, others had a great time regardless. A big thank you to the British Club staff, many of whom got drenched trying to keep the guests dry and happy. Maybe in future we shouldn't schedule such a large-scale outdoor event in the rainy season!



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

What a truly remarkable person. Tributes came from around the globe, to precis a few: she captivated the world with a reign defined by grace, elegance and a tireless work ethic; she was thoughtful, wise, curious, helpful, funny and so much more.

The then Princess Elizabeth broadcast from South Africa on her 21st birthday devoting her life to the service of her people. Thank you, ma'am for keeping that promise for seventy-five years.

The Club has sent a letter to Buckingham Palace offering our condolences to the Royal family and extending our best wishes for the reign of **H.M. King Charles III**. A book of condolences in the Club Reception will be sent to Buckingham Palace.



BCCT T3

The British Chamber of Commerce in Thailand (BCCT) hold monthly networking evenings at various locations around Bangkok on the third Thursday (T3) each month. The Club last hosted such an event over three years ago, so we were delighted when BCCT asked the Club to host again on 15th September. Approx.100 BCCT members and guests, and 6 British Club General Committee members were in attendance, enjoying a typical 'British' buffet including bangers & mash, fish and chips, scotch eggs, ham sandwiches and chicken tikka masala.



with names including 'Dream Alone' and 'Speedboat', so it was definitely a case of getting a taxi home.



Budget process

The Club prepares a 'budget' each year, to be approved by the General Committee prior to the start of the financial year (1st December). At the time of writing the Club Management are preparing a first draft to be submitted to and challenged by General Committee representatives by the end of September. The Budget preparation includes estimating:

- The number of members, how many members will leave and how many will join.
- The revenue expected from F&B, events, functions etc.
- The staffing levels required
- The other running costs
- Capital expenditure and depreciation
- Inflation

Inflation

The Thailand CPI as at the end of August was 7.86%. Considerably lower than Europe, but still a concern. The biggest impact on the Club to-date has come from food costs, but beer, wine and spirits are expected to increase shortly, and electricity is expected to increase 16% in October.

Club Wine List

The Club has ended the exclusive agreement it had with a particular wine supplier for the last four years. A new Club wine list is being developed with wines to be sourced from at least three different suppliers.

Charities and Fundraising

Whilst Club by-laws prohibit Club funds being donated to support charities without approval of a General meeting, they encourage Members and Sections to raise funds on the premises on behalf of charitable institutions, or the Pisamai fund*.

The August General Committee meeting thus declined a request from Rotary to sponsor a golf day, but allowed it to leave a charity box at Reception. It further ruled that any charity could apply to leave a box at Reception, but no more than one charity at any time, and preference given to the Poppy appeal in October and November.

* The Pisamai fund was established many years ago, it provides educational grants for children of Club staff, and has been strongly supported by tennis section events.

Beer tasting

The Club held a 'beer tasting' weekend from 26th to 28th August in the Jubilee Bar, with all six beers produced by the Heart of Darkness brewery in Saigon available individually or as a flight or rack of six small taster glasses. The beers ranged between 4.8% to 6.6%,

An Evening with The Fry Group

Speakers:
Martin Wright (Host)
Senior Financial Planner, The Fry Group
Max White
Director, Schroders Wealth Management Asia

Date:
Thursday, 13 October 2022
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Location:
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Join us for a presentation, hosted by Martin Wright, Senior Financial Planner at The Fry Group Singapore with guest speaker, Max White, Director at Schroders Wealth Management Asia.

This event will focus on key topics including?

- Domicile and UK Inheritance Tax overview
- Retirement Planning and Pension Income
- Investment market update

What you can expect to learn from this presentation?

- What is Domicile, its impact, and some UK inheritance tax mitigation techniques
- Considerations for an effective retirement and maximising pensions and other assets
- What is happening in the investment markets and the importance of a well-positioned portfolio.

This presentation will include a Q&A session and an opportunity to chat informally with our guest speakers over a complimentary British Club dinner and drinks.

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What is ESG Investing?

By Martin Wright

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investing is becoming increasingly popular for investors when building investment portfolios, with a growing awareness of climate change, global responsibilities, and social issues.

SOME OF THE AREAS OF CONSIDERATION INCLUDE:

- **Environmental challenges** such as climate change, pollution, fracking, biodiversity, environmental management, waste and the use of natural resources (water, forestry etc).
- **Social issues** concerning human rights, labour standards, child labour, equal opportunities, food supply, obesity and slavery.
- **Governance considerations** relating to company management, board structure, executive remuneration, bonuses, avoidance of bribery and corruption.

Other factors may include values-based or ethical concerns such as tobacco, armaments, alcohol, irresponsible marketing and animal welfare. These issues adjust and in recent years fracking, climate change and racial equality have also grown in importance to many investors.

Early approaches to ESG investing may have involved simply avoiding investments in controversial sectors, such as tobacco or armaments. Today, there is a much more sophisticated approach which considers sustainability issues which can help investors match both their financial and ethical needs.

THERE ARE BROADLY FOUR MAIN AREAS OF ESG INVESTING:

1. **Responsible ownership and engagement:** this approach encourages companies to improve their practices in areas where investors believe ESG related risks and/or opportunities could be managed better for the benefit of shareholders
2. **Avoidance or negative screening:** this method avoids companies involved in activities that are ‘unacceptable’ or ‘unethical’. This typically works by grading companies based on a list of undesirable business practices.
3. **Positive screening strategies:** investments are directed towards companies that meet an investment manager or

fund’s ‘positive’ ESG objectives. Funds may focus on single sector issues in a narrow range of industries or companies that achieve certain standards.

4. **Impact investment strategies:** this aims to generate specific beneficial social or environmental effects in addition to financial gains. Its purpose is to use money and investment capital for positive social results, including renewable energy and sustainable agriculture.

WHY CONSIDER ESG INVESTING?

Many investors choose to consider ESG investing to match personal beliefs and values. As a result, they choose to support companies who are making informed, responsible decisions which take into account their wider societal and global impact. In this way, investors can achieve peace of mind that their investments are creating a positive effect.

In the past, ESG investing has been seen as a niche investment approach, for a relatively small number of people with specific requirements. This has changed significantly in recent years, with a growing awareness of environmental issues such as climate change and an increasing understanding of social issues and human rights. As a result, many people are increasingly interested in reflecting their opinions and lifestyle choices through the way they invest.

Because this is a personal preference rather than a generic approach, careful consideration is required on how far to develop any ESG exposure within one’s investment portfolio, as a blended approach can be appropriate rather than full exposure.

As always, seeking the appropriate advice remains an important factor to meeting individual requirements and expectations.



Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

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Paul Cheesman

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*Auspicium Melioris Ævi*

We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1953

A Queen is Crowned!

1953 was the year of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation and in June the General Committee, on behalf of the membership, send a telegram to Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace expressing 'loyalty, affection, and best wishes' on the occasion of her coronation. An acknowledgement was received through the British Embassy.

On July 11, the Club showed the colour film "A Queen is Crowned", a documentary of the Royal Coronation with narration by Laurence Olivier, written by written by Christopher Fry and directed by Michael Waldman. 90 members and families attended when it was should in the 'cinema room' [now the Suriwongse Room].

The film was purchased by the Club for loan to the British community. In this connection, the General Committee received a letter from H.E. The British Ambassador, Sir Geoffrey Wallinger, indicating that Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Anthony Eden, "had expressed his pleasure, that the British Club purchased this film for exhibition and also lent it out for private showing".

Stocktake

The detail of the 1952 Buildings & Grounds survey, undertaken by 'Siam Architects', was revealed at the AGM:



▲ A Queen Is Crowned

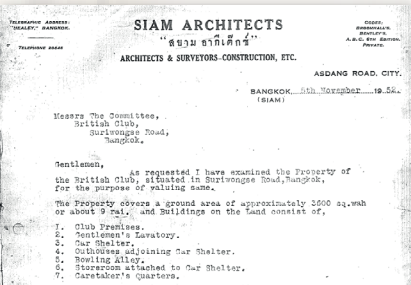
Buildings

- The Clubhouse stood alone, in that that is there was no kitchen block, and the back of Veranda curved area had not been built. There was also a balcony along the whole of the rear first floor with two rear external teak staircases to the lawn.
- Other buildings included a standalone Gentlemen's Toilet block, an outhouse with a pantry, a bowling alley, a freestanding storeroom in the car park and the staff quarters, adjacent to the Neilson Hays Library.

Grounds

- The Club had eight tennis courts, two lawns and two car parks, one of which was covered by a Car Shelter

- The Club had roughly the same footprint as in 2022 although in 1971 we lost a small piece of land at the Suriwongse Gate when the council took control of the pavements. We had lost a very small piece of land in 1947 when a pavement cut was made to access the Suriwongse Gate easier.
- Entry was via the Suriwongse (front) Gate only as the General Committee noted "that petty pilferage always seems to arise when the Silom Gate is open".



▲ Architect's Survey

Staff Matter

The AGM was also updated with the latest 'staff figures' ...

- The Permanent Assistant Secretary (Mr. Jules Jean Mottet)
- The Butler (Mr. Cheng Kim Lee)
- The No.1 Boy (head barman) with his assistants No.2 Boy and No.3 Boy
- A coolie
- The Butler's wife taking the role of 'Wash Amah'
- One Head Gardiner with three juniors
- Two Night Watchmen

- One Head Dek to manage the casual groups of Deks (ball boys), the numbers of which varied each day, who were paid directly by the members playing tennis.

Interestingly not once do the actual names of the staff, other than Mr Mottet and the Butler, ever appear in the minute book. The total monthly salary bill was, however, 6,450 Ticals.

SAALARIES OF STAFF

The Hon. Treasurer reported that at the moment we are paying the following salaries monthly:-

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Assistant Secretary   | Tes. 1,500.00 |
| Butler                | 700.00        |
| No. 1 Boy             | 625.00        |
| No. 2 & 3 boys (each) | 275.00        |
| Coolie                | 500.00        |
| Butler's wife         | 250.00        |
| Head Gardener         | 350.00        |
| Junior Gardeners (3)  | 275.00        |
| Watchman (2) - each   | 350.00        |
| Head Dek              | 50.00         |

The monthly total of which is Tes. 6,450.00.

▲ Staff Bill

Naval Interests

The Club was host again to 380 ratings from the Sixth Minesweeping Squadron, over these two lunch-times on the last two days in June. The Squadron commander presented the Club with an inscribed inkwell, which has sadly been lost in recent times, but is pictured inset

It was not recorded if it was any of the same ships as in 1952. That being said, HMS Lysander (J379), an Algerine-class minesweeper, was in service in the Far East with the Sixth Minesweeping Squadron and as her plaque is in the Churchill Bar, it is highly likely she visited Bangkok on this occasion. She was decommissioned in 1957.

Over October 23rd and 24th, HMS Alert (K647), a Bay-class frigate, was again in town, and Members and ratings enjoyed Tiffin over two lunchtimes at the Club.



▲ Sixth Minesweeping Squadron Inkwell

Service

1953 was another turbulent year on the General Committee – whilst Charles Mabbatt was elected Chairman yet again (see *Past Participle*, April 2022) and chose no vice-chairman again. Mr. Kilpatrick remained Honorary Treasurer, four of the remaining seven went Absent sometime during the year.

The Honorary Secretary, William Brownsey was temporarily replaced by Richard B.A. Cantopher, of Unilever, who served three further terms on the GC. Mr. Black was replaced by R.D. Cameron of Thai Industries who only served this term. Mr. T. La Fryett, of Shell Thailand, served two terms whilst Mr. J.A. Pegg, also of Shell Thailand, served part of a terms in this year and part in the next.

1953-54

|                     |                                              |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| CHAIRMAN:           | Charles S.I. Mabbatt                         |
| VICE-CHAIRMAN:      | (not appointed)                              |
| HONORARY SECRETARY: | William Brownsey (went Absent 13.08.1953)    |
| HONORARY TREASURER: | Richard B.A. Cantopher (co-opted 13.08.1953) |
| MEMBERS:            | B.A. Kilpatrick                              |
|                     | C.F. Black (co-opted 19.11.1953)             |
|                     | R.D. Cameron (went Absent 19.11.1953)        |
|                     | C.F. Colchester                              |
|                     | A.A. Hamilton                                |
|                     | P.F. Hutton (went Absent 04.02.1954)         |
|                     | T. La F. Fryett                              |
|                     | Peter B. Kirrage (co-opted 19.11.1953)       |
|                     | Thomas N. Jackson                            |
|                     | J.A. Pegg (went Absent 12.12.1953)           |

▲ General Committee 1953-54

Club News

On 15th January, 'The Bar' renovation was finally completed as per the Extraordinary General Meeting of 21.08.1952 (see *Past Participle*, September 2022). The General Committee then agreed a sum of 24,270 Ticals would be spent on decorating all other Clubhouse rooms and the 'Ladies Bar' [2022: The Membership Office & Games Room] was renamed 'The Front Bar'.

On August 13th, the General Committee appointed a Rules Sub-Committee to complete a 'Constitutional Review' with a view to streamlining the patchwork of amendments

made since 1947. This took until December to report back.

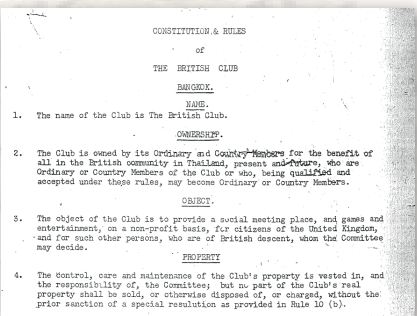
The Honorary Secretary recorded into the December minutes the current (1953) Constitution, thus preserving the earliest known copy of the Club's Constitution.

In Other News

On 19th November, the Oxford & Cambridge Society requested the Club to be their 'home'.

Colonel Eric Ralph Colwill, the British Military Attaché to Bangkok, resigned from the Club on 1st September to take up his new posting as Military Attaché to Prague. His replacement would not arrive until January 1954.

On 22nd September, the Joint United States Military Advisory Group (JUSMAG) was established in South Sathorn Road.



▲ The 1953 Constitution

Next month ...  
The Land Act

Paul Cheesman  
Honorary Secretary

For Members interested in our Club's history, the Club Timeline has been updated with over 1900 entries and pictures over 175 pages and can be found on the Website under 'The Club – History'.





## Real Casino de Madrid, Spain

Visited in June 2022

Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)



**The Real Casino de Madrid**, founded in 1836, is a fabulous private members' club in the centre of Madrid. The name of this club is somewhat confusing for English speakers. Firstly, the Spanish word "Real" means "Royal" in English. Secondly, the club was never a gambling casino, although there was a brief period many many decades ago when a few private members clubs in Madrid including this club took turns to host gambling games like roulette, switching club every 3 months.

These days the club has around 1800 members. In addition to countless grand reception and function rooms, there are 3 bars, 2 restaurants, a basement gym and swimming pool, a TV room, some library rooms and an auditorium. There's also a billiards room near the member's restaurant on the ground floor that was in use when we walked past in the early evening. The 3rd floor restaurant has 2 Michelin stars, which means that the general public are allowed to use it because Michelin ratings are only available to restaurants that anyone can book. However, that's the only part of the building that's open to the general public, and at that restaurant club members and reciprocal club members get a 20% discount. The small swimming pool is 1.5 metres deep, is filled with salt water which is kept at 27°C, and has a jet-stream system so that one can swim against the current for a long time in the same direction. Although the club has no accommodation, it has discount arrangements with a couple of nearby hotels. We stayed at one of these hotels, namely the Hotel Regina which is next door to the club, and with the club discount it was a great value. The club is open 7 days a week, but some facilities are closed on some days, especially weekends and Mondays. The dress code for men is jacket and tie.



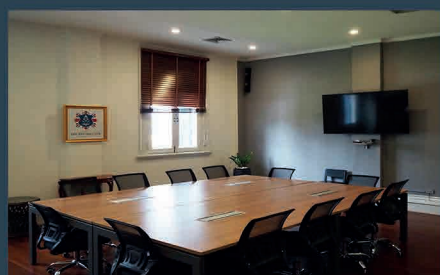
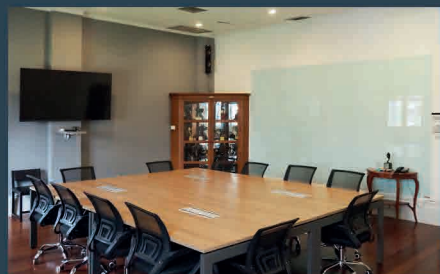
The club has one member of staff, Adriana, who speaks good English and who's dedicated to handling the relationships with all their reciprocal clubs. Once she had received our letter of introduction by email, she sent us a temporary membership document which we needed to get into the club. The club organises lots of events for its members, and were able to attend their special Primavera-Verano dinner which just happened to be scheduled during our visit. The dinner was held outside on the 3rd floor terrace, with a tasting menu from the Michelin starred restaurant which was closed on that day. There were almost 200 people at the dinner, so it was somewhat surprising that the main bar on the ground floor was almost empty when we arrived shortly beforehand. For the dinner itself, we were seated on a table with 8 other people, and it was a sumptuous banquet. Luckily, about half the people on our table could speak English. After the meal, we were introduced to the club's president, perhaps because they don't get many visitors from Bangkok. Although quite a few people at the club don't speak any English, nonetheless the club is very impressive. A "must go to" venue for any British Club Bangkok member visiting Madrid.







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## “FAREWELL LEONARDO & MICHELANGELO”

On August 8th and 9th two of the Club's turtles died



▲ One of our red-Eared Slider Turtles

**MOST MEMBERS** (probably) know that we have a turtle pond at the Club, adjacent to the British War Memorial, and that the staff feed and care for them each day. The current pond was funded by the British Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, in 2019, as part of the 'Relocation of the British War Memorial' works, which replaced the 2014 pond, which in turn replaced a far older pond from 1988.

The original four turtles were small red-eared slider turtles donated to the Club in 1988 by a member who was leaving. When the pond was rebuilt in 2014, they were joined by three larger yellow-headed temple turtles, donated by the builder of the pond. The turtles are regularly health checked by Dr. Pornchai Sanyathitiseree, of the Department of Large Animal & Wildlife Clinical Science, Kasetsart University – he was at the Club in late July.

The larger turtles were easy to name so the large male was 'Dad', the slightly smaller female was 'Mum' and the hunchback, of course, had to be 'Quasimodo'.

It was difficult with the red-Eared Slider Turtles, looking very similar so they collectively became *Leonardo*, *Michelangelo*, *Donatello*, and *Raphael* ... as with the 'original' four mutant Ninja brothers, back in Mirage Comics in 1984, when all of them wore red masks!

Sadly one turtle was found dead on 8<sup>th</sup> August, and the second the next day. An autopsy by Kasetsart University showed no infection, merely old age ... they were estimated to be 36 years old. So farewell Leonardo and Michelangelo.



▲ The original

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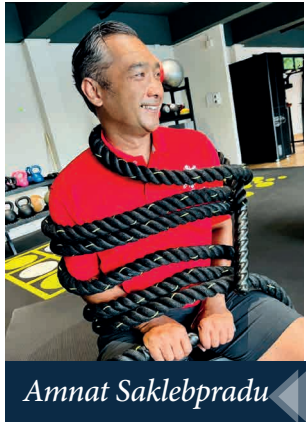
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As the October focus is on keeping the little ones entertained, we have started Saturday dance classes with Khun Wann.

|                   |                               |                              |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10.00am - 11.30am | Junior (Basic dance for kids) | 4 yrs up - 200 b per session |
| 1.00pm - 2.30pm   | K-pop/ Tik Tok Dance          | 8 yrs up - 200 b per session |

For all bookings You can sign up via LINE official or the sports reception.



# CHEST PRESS

## Chest Press

- While maintaining contact between your back and the padding, press handles outwards without locking your elbows
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26/08/22

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## Wine Tasting

27/08/22

Four great suppliers and one very lucky raffle winner, the makings of a perfect wine tasting night. October wine tasting will once again return to the front lawn weather permitting with live music and seating for you to enjoy the perfect red or white.







## Quiz Night

06/09/22

The Spoofers return to the top of the quiz pile with a great win lead by our honorary treasurer Mr Simon Davis. Make sure your team is booked for the October Quiz night in Churchill Bar.



## Intimate Wine Night Exploring CHILE

09/09/22

Khun Wei hosted our fully booked intimate wine night, and carefully guided everyone through a very special night that featured vineyards from Chile and professionally paired tapas from our executive chef. Make sure your booked for November as we visit the vineyards of New Zealand.





## Coming Events

### October

|      |          |                      |
|------|----------|----------------------|
| 4th  | Tuesday  | Quiz Night           |
| 13th | Thursday | Fry Group            |
| 22nd | Saturday | Trafalgar Dinner     |
| 29th | Saturday | Wine Tasting         |
| 30th | Sunday   | Kids Halloween Party |

### November

|      |           |                                    |
|------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 1st  | Tuesday   | Quiz Night                         |
| 5th  | Saturday  | Guy Fawkes's Night                 |
| 8th  | Wednesday | Loy Krathong Day                   |
| 11th | Friday    | An Intimate Wine Night New Zealand |
| 11th | Friday    | Don Giovanni night 1               |
| 12th | Saturday  | Don Giovanni night 2               |
| 13th | Sunday    | Remembrance Day                    |
| 19th | Saturday  | Annual Wine Tasting                |
| 24th | Thursday  | Thanksgiving                       |
| 25th | Friday    | International Balut Tournament     |
| 26th | Saturday  | International Balut Tournament     |

### December

|      |           |                      |
|------|-----------|----------------------|
| 4th  | Sunday    | Kids Christmas Party |
| 6th  | Tuesday   | Christmas Quiz       |
| 7th  | Wednesday | Carol Night          |
| 17th | Saturday  | Christmas Party      |
| 25th | Sunday    | Christmas Day        |

## Event & Activities 2022

### OCTOBER Highlights



### Trafalgar Dinner Saturday 22nd October

The battle of Trafalgar took place in 1805 and we are pleased to be hosting the 65th Trafalgar Dinner at the British Club Bangkok. Guest speaker this year will be Colonel Tony Stern, British Defence Attaché Bangkok



### Kids Halloween Party 30th October

The Suriwongse Room will be transformed into a spooky scary Halloween venue to host this year's Kids Halloween Party, themed games, activities, buffet and much more await all the kids that dare to join



## 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 4:00PM-9:00PM

# LIVING IN BANGKOK 2022







# Trafalgar Dinner 2022

7.00 PM | Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cocktails on the 1910 Balcony from 7.00 pm,  
Dinner in the Suriwongse Room 7.30 pm

A Black Tie, or dress uniform with medals, Gourmet Dinner on the  
217th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar

The dinner is open to all British Club members, spouses and guests,  
Embassy staff and guests, members of the Royal British Legion  
(Thailand Branch) and members of the Military Attaché  
Group of Bangkok

Guest Speaker: Colonel Tony Stern, British Defence Attaché, Bangkok

Club members, Embassy staff, RBL members,  
Military Attache Group, & guests : 2,250 Baht  
Other non-members: 2,500 Baht  
No alcohol less 500 Baht



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# Trafalgar Dinner Menu

CHICKEN LIVER PATE  
*delicate homemade pate served  
with apple salad & melba toast*

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WATERCRESS & STILTON  
*soup*

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LIME SORBET

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PAN-FRIED COD FISH WITH LEMON BUTTER SAUCE  
*served with green beans, boiled potatoes, glazed carrots, & parsley*  
or

BEEF FILET MIGNON WITH SHALLOT RED WINE SAUCE  
*served with broccoli, carrots, & gratin dauphinois*

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STRAWBERRY MILLE FEUILLE  
*with vanilla sauce & chocolate ice-cream*



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# WINE TASTING

Front Lawn



October 29<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm

Member 200 B  
Guests 300 B



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# KIDS HALLOWEEN

SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
6:00-9:00PM | SURIWONGSE ROOM

Limited to the First 80 Kids to Register  
Special Fancy Dress Party with Games & Activities,  
Magic Show, Halloween Snacks, Refreshments,  
and prizes for Best Costume!

**KIDS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND UNSUPERVISED**

## TICKETS

Kids 450b Members and Guest Only



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# Guy Fawkes Night

Saturday 5th November | 4:00pm-8:00pm | Back Lawn

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Kids Activities from</i>      | <i>4:00pm</i> |
| <i>International Buffet from</i> | <i>4:30pm</i> |
| <i>Live Band Starts</i>          | <i>5:00pm</i> |
| <i>Fireworks</i>                 | <i>7:00pm</i> |
| <i>Burning of the Guy</i>        | <i>7:15pm</i> |

## TICKETS

Members Adult 1,100 – Kids 500  
Non-Members Adult 1,400 – Kids 600  
All Kids under 3 are Free



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# LOY KRATHONG



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*Float your Krathong in the pool, Enjoy  
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## TICKETS





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| <br>1903<br>THE BRITISH CLUB<br>BANGKOK                      | 2<br>Tennis Men Doubles<br>Team practice<br>9.00am - 1.00pm<br>Sunday Brunch<br>11.30am - 3.00pm<br>Tennis Mix-in<br>4.00pm - 7.00pm                                             | 3<br>Tennis Mixed Doubles<br>Team practice<br>7.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>5.15pm - 7.30pm  | 4<br>Football<br>7.00pm - 9.00pm<br>Quiz Night<br>7.15pm - 10.00pm | 5<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>4.30pm - 8.15pm<br>Tennis mixed-in<br>6.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Circuit Training<br>6.00pm - 6.45pm<br>Balut<br>6.00pm - 8.00pm  | 6<br>Cricket Team Pratices<br>6.30pm - 8.00pm  | 7<br>Junior Tennis<br>4.00pm - 5.00pm<br>Junior Cricket<br>5.15pm - 6.45pm<br>Tennis mixed-in<br>6.00pm - 10.00pm  | 8<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>1.30pm - 6.45pm<br>Cricket Team Pratices<br>2.30pm - 6.00pm                                          |
| <br>1903<br>THE BRITISH CLUB<br>BANGKOK<br>GOLF SECTION     | 9<br>Tennis Men Doubles<br>Team practice<br>9.00am - 1.00pm<br>Sunday Brunch<br>11.30am - 3.00pm<br>Tennis Mix-in<br>4.00pm - 7.00pm                                             | 10<br>Tennis Mixed Doubles<br>Team practice<br>7.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>5.15pm - 7.30pm | 11<br>Football<br>7.00pm - 9.00pm                                  | 12<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>4.30pm - 8.15pm<br>Tennis mixed-in<br>6.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Circuit Training<br>6.00pm - 6.45pm<br>Balut<br>6.00pm - 8.00pm | 13<br>Cricket Team Pratices<br>6.30pm - 8.00pm | 14<br>Junior Tennis<br>4.00pm - 5.00pm<br>Junior Cricket<br>5.15pm - 6.45pm<br>Tennis mixed-in<br>6.00pm - 10.00pm | 15<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>1.30pm - 6.45pm<br>Cricket Team Pratices<br>2.30pm - 6.00pm                                         |
| <br>1903<br>THE BRITISH CLUB<br>BANGKOK<br>CRICKET SECTION | 16<br>Tennis Men Doubles<br>Team practice<br>9.00am - 1.00pm<br>Sunday Brunch<br>11.30am - 3.00pm<br>Tennis Mix-in<br>4.00pm - 7.00pm                                            | 17<br>Tennis Mixed Doubles<br>Team practice<br>7.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>5.15pm - 7.30pm | 18<br>Football<br>7.00pm - 9.00pm                                  | 19<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>4.30pm - 8.15pm<br>Tennis mixed-in<br>6.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Circuit Training<br>6.00pm - 6.45pm<br>Balut<br>6.00pm - 8.00pm | 20<br>Cricket Team Pratices<br>6.30pm - 8.00pm | 21<br>Junior Tennis<br>4.00pm - 5.00pm<br>Junior Cricket<br>5.15pm - 6.45pm<br>Tennis mixed-in<br>6.00pm - 10.00pm | 22<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>1.30pm - 6.45pm<br>Cricket Team Pratices<br>2.30pm - 6.00pm<br>Trafalgar Dinner<br>7.00pm - 10.00pm |
| <br>BRITISH CLUB<br>RUNNING TEAM                           | 23<br>Tennis Men Doubles<br>Team practice<br>9.00am - 1.00pm<br>Sunday Brunch<br>11.30am - 3.00pm<br>Tennis Mix-in<br>4.00pm - 7.00pm                                            | 24<br>Tennis Mixed Doubles<br>Team practice<br>7.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>5.15pm - 7.30pm | 25<br>Football<br>7.00pm - 9.00pm                                  | 26<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>4.30pm - 8.15pm<br>Tennis mixed-in<br>6.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Circuit Training<br>6.00pm - 6.45pm<br>Balut<br>6.00pm - 8.00pm | 27<br>Cricket Team Pratices<br>6.30pm - 8.00pm | 28<br>Junior Tennis<br>4.00pm - 5.00pm<br>Junior Cricket<br>5.15pm - 6.45pm<br>Tennis mixed-in<br>6.00pm - 10.00pm | 29<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>1.30pm - 6.45pm<br>Cricket Team Pratices<br>2.30pm - 6.00pm<br>Wine Tasting<br>6.00pm - 9.00pm      |
|                                                                                                                                               | 30<br>Tennis Men Doubles<br>Team practice<br>9.00am - 1.00pm<br>Sunday Brunch<br>11.30am - 3.00pm<br>Tennis Mix-in<br>4.00pm - 7.00pm<br>Kids Halloween Party<br>6.00pm - 9.00pm | 31<br>Tennis Mixed Doubles<br>Team practice<br>7.00pm - 10.00pm<br>Squash Mixed-in<br>5.15pm - 7.30pm |                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                              |





Graham Johnston

# TENNIS

## Dear Acers & Faulters

This summer was a season of great returns! First, we had the return of the The Womble Cup, then towards the end July and early August we had the return of the friendly matches with visiting teams!



▲ Mmmmmmm



▲ Two Tribes



▲ Does everyone understand the rules



▲ That winning feeling!

The Womble Cup is our annual team event traditionally played to coincide with the last day of play at Wimbledon. The 2022 event saw Raquel's Reds take on Gary's Blues. Two teams of 16 players did battle and for once it was NOT Raquel lifting the trophy at the end of the day. Well played Captain Gary and the Blues for their excellent play and famous victory. With the Womble Cup decided, it was time to settle down with some fish 'n' chips, strawberries 'n' cream, some fizzy drinks and some Djokovic V Kyrgios from SW19.

## Friendly Visitors

Towards the end of the July, we were delighted to welcome our first visiting team from overseas for almost 3 years as the Singapore Recreation Club returned to play a friendly match with The British Club Friday Night Team. The SRC had some tidy players on their side and were on their way to victory when the rain saved our socks and brought us back to the Sala for refreshments. August saw the visit of the Singapore Cricket Club and another fun evening of tennis, a delightful buffet dinner, and some international standard socializing! Thanks to all our players who made up the team and to Chris Watt for captaining our side on both nights.



▲ BC V SCC



▲ The 2 Skippers hot the San Mig



▲ Captain Watt welcomes the SCC



▲ Post-match fun with the SRC



▲ Dan Jacobs Div 2 Champ



▲ Andrey Div 3 Winner



▲ Koji Div 4 Champ with Chris



▲ Corinne Div 5 Champ with Henry



▲ The multi-abled Frank Fourage Div 6 Champ



▲ Kenny Div 7 Champ with Joy

Lastly, we wrapped up Series 2 of the BC Tennis Section Singles League sponsored by Head2toe Salon 🏆 with the winners as follows :

Div 2 - Daniel Jacobs

Div 3 - Andrei Kornilov

Div 4 - Koji Takagi

Div 5 - Frank Fourage

Div 6 - Corinne De Coninck

Div 7 - Kenny Kim

Div 8 - Gulzhanat Kaiyrbeko

Well done all winners and participants.

That's all for this month.

**Enjoy your games!**

**Graham**





# BRITISH CLUB GOLF



We held our August Medal at Subhapruek on the last weekend of the month. The course has a reputation for being wet at this time of year however although there had been heavy rain overnight it was still in lovely condition for our round.

We welcomed 2 new member, John Virtue and Ian Gallifant, and welcomed back Roy Robertson who had been wintering in Australia.

Overall winner was Mark Adderley with a gross 80. Division 1 winner was Varghese Rose and Division 2 winner was Gareth Knight.

Our annual Matchplay tournament is well underway. Neil Davis has knocked out last year's winner Gordon Milne and Paul Carnell has eliminated Captain Jon Standen.

In our September Stableford competition at Lam Lukka 2 next round matches were contested. Suzie Standen avenged her husband's defeat by beating Paul Carnell

3 and 2. Penny Booth look on Peter Clark and despite being 2 up at one she finally succumbed 4 and 3

In the stableford scoring was high on a very long course in difficult conditions. This is not made easier when, like Neil Davis, you bury your balls in the bunker.

Division 1 winner was Peter Clark and Division 2 winner was Gareth Knight – well done!

2 dates for the diary – on 29/30th October we are holding the Dunlop Cup, which is a 2day pairs event at Chatrium Soi Dao. On 27/28th November we hold the Club Championships at the Banyan golf club in Hua Hin

If you would like to join these or any of our events please just message us at [bcgs.bangkok@gmail.com](mailto:bcgs.bangkok@gmail.com) – new members are always warmly welcomed

**Mark Adderley**





Damon Wake

## HARD BALLS



▲ After a week of showers we got lucky with the weather

**Glorious sunshine**, pristine sands, cold beers and a bit of cricket thrown in – how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Late August is a fallow period for the British Club cricketers but after a one-year covid-enforced hiatus the hallowed Ko Chang Beach Tournament returned to give us a break from dodging the apocalyptic downpours in Bangkok.

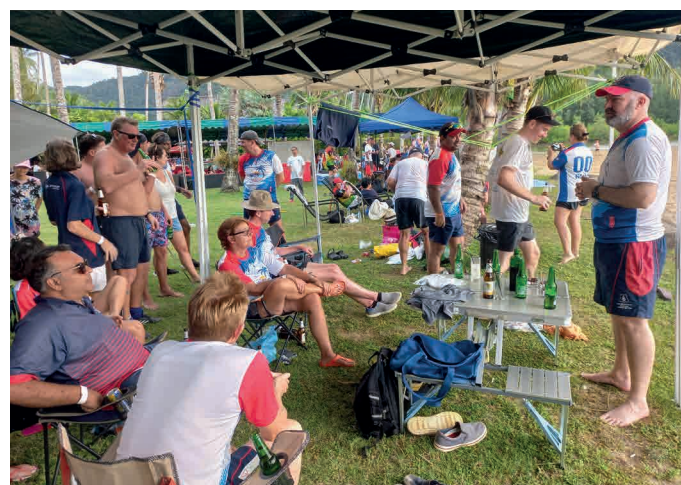
Legendary tours start with legendary tour buses and the cricket section's peerless logistics division struck gold with a vehicle of unparalleled magnificence: a fever-dream of a coach dripping with disco balls, combining the lurid colour scheme of a pub fruit machine with the swagged curtains and suspiciously upholstered ceilings of a provincial Spearmint Rhino.

Our old mates from the Southerners and KL's Pangolins joined us for the long drag down to Ko Chang – some more bleary eyed than others at the 6.30am start. The early hour did nothing to dampen the spirits as Denzyl and Mossy opened the bar before the bus turned off Silom. The journey sped by with a little light singing in the bus's downstairs party room, while the more sedate sportsmen and women snoozed in the library upstairs.

The transfer to the ferry and then songthaews on the island answered two of life's deepest questions: how many people does it take to buy 35 ferry tickets? And



▲ BC partners and offspring team



▲ Denzyl leads an excellent fines session



▲ BC partners and offspring in action



▲ Tim swoops in the field



▲ After a year's break, the excitement was overwhelming



▲ 'Eeeh you've got one of them internets on your phone'



▲ BC Port-a-Pavilion

how many people does it take to sort out songthaews for 35 people? It turns out the answer to both is one: Noon.

The early start got us to the beautiful Shambhala resort in time for a couple of Friday afternoon games – one each for BC's two six-a-side teams, Ben's Swingers and Mossy's Master Batters.

The format – five-ball overs, five runs lost for losing a wicket, stiff penalties for wides – and the ball-deadening soft sand out-field called for judicious hitting over the top and canny game management, which some of our players picked up on sooner than others.

In the Master Batters' opener, Denz took a pasting from the Southerners' opening bat before Mossy and Carl kept the total down to a gettable 48. Credit to Rob for keeping the crowd entertained and the scorers busy with an eventful knock. Two huge sixes, followed by an all-run four marred by him stopping halfway through the fifth to be run out – a lot of work for minus one. Some big hits from Tim and JCS got the Master Batters over the line.

There was less joy for the Swingers. Despite tying Pangolins down to 31 – helped by an over of minus three from Paul – and Sunil and Rahul scoring some big hits, the loss of three wickets to tight bowling sunk the chase.

Saturday dawned, sausages and bacon were consumed and despite the best efforts of the Indian Breakfast Committee distracting him with a non-stop stream of advice, Chef managed to rustle up some superb masala scrambled eggs.

Thus fortified, the Swingers took on the Pattaya Thoroughbreds, one of the talented seaside outfit's three teams. Paddy was unlucky to start with a no ball, hit for six, and while Kathy, Ben and Pramodh followed up with some tight bowling, a total of 71 was always going to be a tough chase. Bacon earned a dip in the duck pond with a first baller before a bludgeoning 27 from Sunil – with four sixes – got us within 10 runs, but victory eluded the Swingers again.

The Master Batters took on Ko Chang B, whose opener was clueless against Dilip's devious induckers, giving Onions a maiden to open his tournament account, which if you're very lucky he may tell you about some time.

One of the wonderful aspects of the Ko Chang tournament is its inclusivity – several teams were made up largely of young Thai players and their skill and competitiveness showed cricket has an encouraging future in Thailand. And so after handing his teddy to his mum, Ko Chang B's number two batter tottered out, barely big enough to swing his bat.

Bowling to children is a tricky balance for many players – you don't want to ruin the kid's day but you don't want to patronise them either. Not so Denzyl, who saw a chance to beef up his stats and teach the lad a Valuable Life Lesson at the same time, peppering him with a barrage of chin music (albeit off a very slow three-pace run-up and with a plastic ball) and following each ball with a few words of what was presumably fatherly advice. Those of you old enough to recall Allan Donald's treat-



ment of Mike Atheron circa 1995 will have some idea of what went on.

Tim and Harshit kept it tight before Onions shared the chase with new boys Rob and Sean as the MBs knocked off the target comfortably.

Mossy's men then faced a sterner test from eventual champions Pattaya Stallions, who overcame a superb double wicket maiden from Carl to post 50 before knocking the MBs over for a net score of just one.

The Swingers' second Saturday game, against the Parrots, was largely memorable for more parsimonious bowling from Paul ('conceding' minus three again) and one of the oppo batsmen chucking his toys out of the pram about a legside wide. After losing his temper he then lost his off stump, proving that arguing with the umpire never pays.



▲ *Carl gives it what-for*



▲ *Textbook stuff from Boris*



▲ *The scorers and callers did a brilliant job*

In the end though the Swingers came up short again, leaving them rooted to the foot of their group and playing for the Chopsticks on the Sunday while the Master Batters did battle for the plate.

As Saturday evening wore on and beers went down, the temperature around the team mysteriously went up, while passing aircraft were drawn off course by a strange glowing light. The source was traced to none other than Ben, who had watched the afternoon's action while sinking mojitos in the Shambhala pool and was now burned to a furious shade of crimson from the nipples upwards. Wear sunscreen, kids.

Sunday morning brought news of a fresh casualty: the night's entertainment had reduced Denzyl's usual melodious fluting voice to a hoarse rasp. Deprived of his usual encouragement, the Master Batters struggled to fire against Ali Baba in the plate semi-final despite some



▲ *Onions winds up another inducker*



▲ *Denzyl leads an excellent fines session*



▲ *Really not a bad place to play cricket*



▲ *Look at it! Just look at it!*

tidy bowling from 'Seaview' Harshit. A couple of expensive overs from Onions and Rob left them with too big a target and they were free to spend the rest of the tournament on the lash.

In the chopsticks semi, the Swingers proved once again that BC cricketers are Sunday specialists. Kathy got us off to a blistering start against the Pattaya Carthorses before your correspondent continued the BC development work with 28 off an over from a youngster. Chef weighed in with 17 and Ben closed the innings with four sixes in a row to take the total to 112 – a tournament record.

Miserly bowling followed – Kathy and Pramodh going for two each, Ben bagging a maiden and Chef going for minus two – to take the Swingers to the final with a remarkable 100-run victory.

In keeping with the fun, inclusive spirit of the weekend, before the finals the BC supporters – partners, children and other hangers on – played an enjoyable friendly

against a similar mixed side.

The final was rather less one-sided than the semi but by now the Swingers were in the groove with the ball, keeping Ko Chang B to a lowly 37. Talal got the chase going with some monstrous hits over cow before the middle order consolidated and Ben, Pramodh and Sunil saw us home.

Sunil finished the weekend as BC top scorer with 78, including nine sixes, with Paul and (not bad for a keeper) Carl tied for most wickets with three apiece.

So after a highly enjoyable tour the cricketers made their way back to Bangkok – rather less raucously than on the way out. A big thank you to Chairman Jack and the other umpires who toiled in the sun so we could all enjoy the cricket. And of course huge thanks to Steve and all the other organisers for making a wonderful weekend happen – some of us are already counting the days until the next one!



▲ *Large aquatic mammals rise from the water to drink at sunset*



▲ *Wear sunscreen*



▲ *Space, pace and grace*



# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



Ammy Aphinya

Hello Members!

Welcome back to the British Club guys after the summer holidays. We are back to normal. In collaboration with Shrewsbury School, kids activities have restarted every weekend in September. They include fun things like face painting, cooking, pizza making, sculpting and treasure hunts.. Not to be missed!

And thanks again to everyone who came for the Annual event "Living in Bangkok 2022" over 1,000 Families. I look forward to seeing you at our next big events, the Halloween Children's Party, Loy Krathong water festival and Guy Fawkes

I am also happy to introduce a new membership partner, this month, Lancaster Bangkok. This hotel offers exclusive discounts for British Club members including laundry and F&B. and Intercontinental Khao Yai Resort complimentary upgrading and late check out. Just present your membership card to claim the discount.

This month we welcome 23 new members and I would like to introduce you to two new families.



John Michael

## Member Review:

I joined The British Club just two months ago and so far it's been great. The new facilities are really nice, and I love the new gym. Relaxing around the pool with friends for a meal and drink is a welcome escape from the heat and chaos of Bangkok. The staff are also very friendly and help make you feel right at home.



Masahiro and family

## Member Review:

I joined the British Club in early April and am convinced it was a one of my best decision.

Meeting new people is our pleasure and playing tennis and drinking beer and wine is also my joy so here is the ideal place we hope.

Also, we welcomed our beloved first baby at the end of May in Japan and my wife and baby are planning to come to Thailand around Sept.

We look forward to getting to know you all at the British Club!

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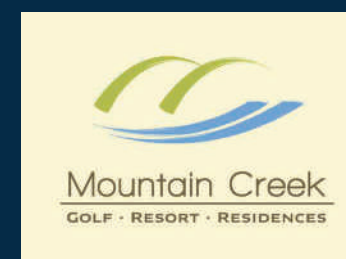
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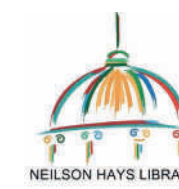
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