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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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Brian Brook

Chairman's Message

Christmas lunch and dinner

Some 440 members and guests came to the Christmas lunch, served in Veranda, Churchill Bar, Suriwongse Room and on the back lawn. A further 120 came in the evening for dinner. As usual, the kitchen put on a great spread of Christmas, and some not so Christmas, fayre. Party poppers popped, crackers pulled, bells tolled and Santa appeared to great cheers to hand out presents.

▲ 10th January 1923▲ 10th January 2023

Centenary Rededication of War Memorial

The British War Memorial in Thailand was originally sited at the old British Embassy, with a dedication service on 10th January 1923, and was moved to the British Club four and a half years ago. A rededication service was held on 10th January 2023 to commem-

orate its centenary. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Christ Church Bangkok and attended by the British Ambassador, representatives of the Royal British Legion Thailand (RBLT), and officers of the Club, past and present.



Annual Monks Blessing

As usual, the Club hosted some monks in early January, to have the Club and its staff blessed. (The Hon Sec and myself also got sprayed with holy water).

Upcoming Events

Sunday 19th February – The Great British Festival

A very 'British' compendium of attractions, with food stands, live cooking, kids activities including the best bouncy castle in Bangkok, fairground stalls, car boot sale, raffle, live 'Britstock' music (five bands playing throughout the day), Beer garden with British beer and Craft beer tents, prosecco and Fever Tree.

Saturday 11th March – Living in Bangkok 2023

This event was badly affected by inclement weather in September last year, so it has been moved to March, hopefully a rain free annual slot going forward.

It is an occasion where those relatively new to Bangkok, and those that have been here a long time already, can meet some seventy exhibitors providing products and services, such as international schools and hospitals, financial advisors, purveyors of imported foods and expat social groups. There will also be stage performances from local bands, schools, and magicians, an international food court, themed bars, kids adventure play area with a mega bouncy castle, and horse-riding.

Staff

Recruitment and retention of sufficient good staff continues to be a problem. The General Manager and General Committee (GC) have taken some small steps in the last twelve months to improve the situation:

Provident Fund: Restrictions on receiving the Club's contributions when staff resign were reduced, as instead of being seen as an incentive to stay they were being seen as a disincentive to join.

Staff Meal: Since September, all staff, excluding management, receive one free meal per day served at the staff house.

Staff house: Some minor improvements were made to the eating area of the staff house, and further work is planned, with quotes being sought.

Service charge

In my Message in the June Outpost, I explained the history of the service charge at the Club and how it works. The 10% charge is levied on F&B and included in Menu prices. It is shared equally amongst all employees except senior management. The General Committee has agreed to extend the scope of the service charge to include Events and Functions with effect from 1st February 2023, which is expected to increase the amount per employee by about Baht 500 per month.

Interested in governance of the Club?

With the AGM and nomination of candidates for the General Committee coming up, these options may help if you do not currently have 'voting rights':

Early Conversion from Annual to Full membership

Article 37 allows Annual members to convert to Full Membership at any time by payment of the appropriate fee, based on annual fees already paid and time to the beginning of the fifth year of membership, on application to the General Manager.

This option may also appeal to those annual members whose expectation of period of stay in Thailand may have changed, and are looking to reduce the total cost of five annual payments. For more information email

Chairman@britishclubbangkok.org

Transfer of 'voting rights' from main member to registered 'spouse/partner'.

Club membership entitles only one person from a family membership to attend and vote at General meetings and to serve on the General Committee. By default, this is the main member, but there are two ways this can be changed under Article 23:

- a. An Ordinary or Country Member may nominate his/her spouse to attend General Meetings and vote on his/her behalf. Application must be made for each General Meeting using an official application form which must be registered with the Club prior to the start of the meeting.
- b. An Ordinary Member may, on application to and approval by the General Committee, transfer to his/her Spouse the Ordinary Member privileges of proposing candidates for Membership, being on the General Committee, attending and voting at General Meetings, and nominating candidates for the General Committee. This approval continues until withdrawn by the main member.

In both cases the spouse must be eligible for Ordinary / Country Membership in his/her own right.



Types of Investment Funds

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

With so many investment fund options available, it's important to understand the main differences in what is a fairly wide and often confusing marketplace.

UNIT TRUSTS (UTS) & OPEN-ENDED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (OEICs)

Two of the most common types of funds are unit trusts and open-ended investment companies (OEICs). They share many traits, but they also have some important differences. Because they will always accept more cash from investors, they just become bigger to accommodate the demand. On the flip side, if there are more sellers than buyers, the fund will become smaller. The price of a fund always reflects the value of its holdings. When more investors want to buy into the fund than sell, the manager issues more units. When the opposite is true, the manager cancels units. They are more widely used even though some are more expensive than their investment trust alternatives. The great advantages of open-ended funds are their flexibility to make more units, as well as the fact there are more funds available meaning a greater choice for investors. This differs from a closed-ended fund, which issues a fixed number of non-redeemable shares like an Investment Trust.

WHAT IS A UNIT TRUST?

Unit trusts were one of the first real "open-ended" investment funds in the UK, termed so because the fund manager can create new units (similar to shares) in the fund to meet investor demand. These units can

be bought or sold at any time. This differs from a closed-ended fund, which issues a fixed number of non-redeemable shares. Investment trusts are closed-ended funds.

WHAT IS AN OEIC?

In 1997, laws were introduced allowing the creation of OEICs, which are also open-ended. Over the last few decades OEICs have become a lot more common and many unit trusts have converted to the OEIC structure. This is due to the relative simplicity of OEICs and the fact they can broadly be sold into different countries across Europe. Most new funds that are launched are structured as OEICs, particularly in the UK.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UTS AND OEICs?

In many respects unit trusts and OEICs are the same. They are both open-ended and the price of each unit depends on the net asset value of the fund's investment portfolio. Both allow you to choose to have dividends paid to you as income or reinvested in the fund and can invest in a wide range of asset classes, geographies, and sectors. A subtle difference is a unit trust is governed by trust law, whereas an OEIC is governed by company law. Technically, this means investors in a unit trust are not owners of the underlying assets, unlike investors in an OEIC although, in reality, this makes little difference to investors. If you invest in a unit trust you buy units whereas if you invest in an OEIC you buy shares. The major difference between

unit trusts and OEICs is the way they're priced. Unit trusts quote a bid price and an offer price; OEICs only quote one price. With unit trusts, the bid price is the per-unit price you'll receive if you sell your units back to the fund company. It's usually based on the bid price of the underlying securities held by the fund.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Investment trusts are effectively companies that hold assets such as shares. They are run by a fund manager and are backed by an independent board acting in the best interests of shareholders. The company itself is listed on the London Stock Exchange. While investment trusts predominantly invest in the shares of other companies, they can also invest in other financial assets. As a closed-ended fund, investment trusts have a fixed number of shares in an issue. This allows managers to take a longer-term view because they do not have to sell assets when investors sell their shares. Investment trusts suit a number of different types of investors thanks to some of the unique features that set them aside from other types of funds.

Income seekers may be interested to know that investment trusts can hold back up to 15% of income generated by underlying assets each year to build up a reserve to be used to smooth dividend payments in tougher times. This means investors can enjoy a steady income when markets are performing. In certain circumstances, investment company boards may elect to pay income out of capital. While this can erode the long-term capital returns generated by the funds, many investors are happy to prioritise short-term income payments over longer-term growth. Growth investors might be interested in another unusual feature which allows investment trusts to borrow. This means that if managers think there is value in a particular market, they can borrow money to use for further investments, known as "gearing".

In a rising market, returns from an investment trust can be magnified because gearing means managers are better able to take advantage of rising share prices. However, when share prices fall, the losses of geared funds can be exaggerated. The pricing of investment trusts works in a unique way too. When the price is greater than the value of the assets held in the company, this is known as a premium. At a time it is lower, it is known as a discount.

EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS (ETFs)

An ETF is called an exchange-traded fund because it's traded on an exchange just like stocks. The price of an ETF's shares will change throughout the trading day as the shares are bought and sold on the market. This is unlike mutual funds, which are not traded on an exchange, and which trade only once per day after the markets close. Additionally, ETFs tend to be cheaper and more liquid when compared to mutual funds like UTs and OEICs. An ETF can also hold multiple underlying assets and as such are also a popular choice for diversification. The assets can include stocks, commodities, bonds, or a mixture of investment types. Some ETFs focus on only US offerings, while others have a global outlook. There are many investment options available and a number of ways of holding these investments. They can be purchased by the public directly through Trading Accounts or through Investment Advisers.

For whatever reason you are thinking about investing, do research the options to understand the key considerations which may affect you. We would always suggest that you seek professional advice from a company you can trust.



Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner



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Tee Bale

Operations Unknown



This new section of Outpost is designed to give the members an insight to the club's operations that sometimes are not known or misunderstood, each month I will uncover, explain, highlight, or even correct any misconceptions of different departments or facilities around the club. You as a member can contact me via my email address if you would like anything to feature in the coming months, I will do my best to cover as many as possible using all the British Club teams input to answer.

This month I'm giving you an insight into our reformatated BC Bees Kids Club. The Kids activities have been done for many years on and off each weekend with different people in charge but in 2019 the Shrewsbury Stars kids club launched; it ran for several months but sadly had to stop due to the country's covid restrictions.

Khun Diary then took the lead to start the Clubs own Kids Club each weekend which proved to be popular. Khun Diary then took on a new challenge and we looked for a replacement which was never going to be easy as she did a very good job.

The club reached out to Khun Natt who had previously worked at the club to see



if she would take over the running of the BC Bees, she accepted and then started work on structuring the kid's activities.

Now each Saturday & Sunday between 12:30pm-3:30pm Khun Natt chooses 3 activities for each day from her branded selection which include "little mad scientists" "mini chefs" "junior athletes" "mini bob the builder" "mini picasso" "young sherlock hommes".

BC Bees has now grown from 3-5 kids a day up to 25-30 kid's an activity, all the regular kids that attend have become friends and parents alike, all of them enjoying learning playing and most of all eating the mini chef's creations.

Look out for this year's Summer Camps as Khun Natt has some amazing ideas for the little ones.





Paul Cheesman

~~~PAST PARTICIPLE~~~ *Auspicium Melioris Ævi*

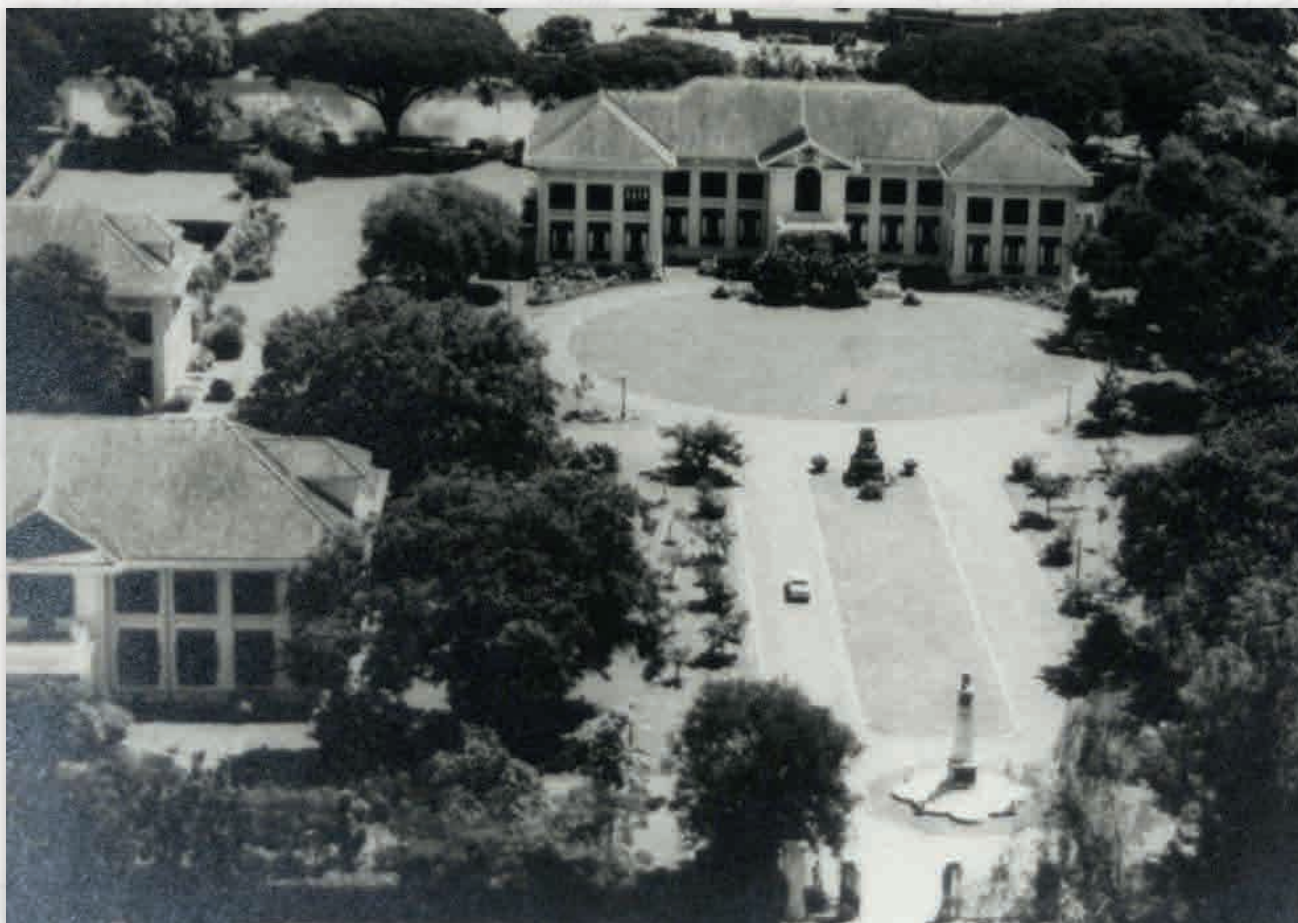
We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1957

Ploenchit Fair

February 1957 saw the birth of the Ploenchit Fair, when for the first time the annual British Women's Community charity fundraiser was moved to the British Embassy grounds in Ploenchit. In 1948 and 1949 the event had been held at the British Club, then became a YWCA jointly organised event but in 1957 it operated solely by the British Community and this time the men also took part! Sir Berkeley Gage, the British Ambassador and Lady Gage loaned the Embassy grounds - the

Fair opened at 3 p.m. and closed at 1 a.m. and raised 78,000 Ticals.

In 1968 it moved under the umbrella of the United Kingdom Commission for Thai Charities, becoming a full charity in 1999 as British Community in Thailand Foundation For The Needy. It was last held in the Embassy grounds in 2001.

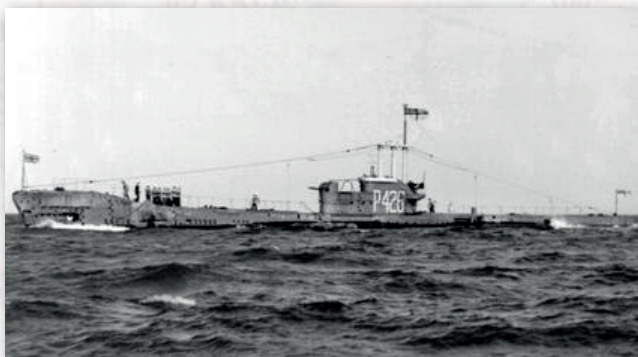


▲ The Ploenchit grounds

Our Naval Year

On February 10th, the Club was host to 35 ratings from HMS Aurochs (P426), an Amphion-class submarine which had docked in Bangkok. This was built by Vickers Armstrong. A year after her visit to the Club, she became only the second British Submarine to circumnavigate the world following HMS Thorough (P324), a T-class submarine, which did it in 1957.

On December 8th, the Club was host to 72 officers and ratings from HMAS Anzac (D59), a Battle-class destroyer. The ship had left Singapore in the April to begin a tour of duty in the Far East, spending ten months visiting various ports, and returned to Australia in January 1958. The ship's plaque can be found in the Churchill Bar.



▲ HMS Aurochs (P426)

Honorary Members

On 22nd August, the General Committee agreed, for the first time, to invite the Australian Ambassador, Mr John Keith Waller, to become an Honorary Member. A tradition which has endured since, although not all Ambassadors have accepted the membership. Mr. Walker, known as Keith, was knighted in 1968 whilst Australian Ambassador in Washington.

On 19th September, Mr. Richard Whittington CBE, accepted an Honorary Membership of the Club upon his appointment as British Ambassador. Mr. Whittington had been Honorary Secretary of the Club in 1935-36. He had served many years in Thailand, in a large number of posts starting in the Siam Consular Service in 1923, rising to Consul & First Secretary at the start of WWII, when he was interned.

He was evacuated in 1942 in a British-Japanese exchange (see *Past Participle*, February 2022). He returned as Consul-General, then became Ambassador. He was knighted by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, and given the First Class Order of the White Elephant by H.M. King Bhumiphol, in 1960 upon King Bhumiphol's visit to the United Kingdom.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Mr. J.H. Donofield proposed and the Committee agreed that Mr. J.H. The Australian Ambassador Mr. J.K. Waller, should be invited to become an Honorary Member of the British Club for the duration of his stay in Bangkok.

▲ Honorary Member

Swimming Pool

The Annual General Meeting debated a motion that "That a swimming pool, at this juncture, be built at the British Club". The motion was defeated 48 votes to 24.

The Swimming Pool saga took another turn in October when the Club was duly presented with a bill for professional fees from a Contractor for the design of the Pool. The work being requested by a Club member. The General Committee unanimously declined to pay stating "this was of no concern to the British Club".

The final voting that a swimming pool, at this juncture be built at the British Club resulted in :-

For.....	24
Against.....	48
Abstentions.....	2

▲ No Pool

Service

1957 was a relatively easy year on the General Committee – Charles Mabbatt was elected Chairman yet again (see *Past Participle*, April 2022) and chose Richard Cantopher as his vice-chairman – the first time this position existed in Club minutes. William Brownsey stood down as Honorary Secretary as he was due to go on leave in the May and was replaced by John Allen, of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, who served this single term only as Honorary Secretary and then one more as a GC member.

This was the first term of Godfrey A. Sommerfield, of the Anglo-Thai Corporation, who would serve eight more terms on the GC, three times as Honorary Treasurer and four times as Chairman. In 1974, he became an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and in 1983 he became an Honorary Member of the Club. The other 'newcomer' was Mr. J. Bate of the Shell Company of Thailand, who served this and two other terms.

1957-58

CHAIRMAN: Charles S.I. Mabbatt CBE
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 HONORARY TREASURER: James P. Malone
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J. B. Bate (co-opted 18.07.1957)
 R.E. Bentley
 William Brownsey (went Absent 01.05.1957)
 John H. Donofield
 Robert W. Fothergill (went Absent 17.10.1957)
 Peter B. Kirrage
 Godfrey A. Sommerfield (went Absent 16.01.1958)

▲ General Committee 1957-58

Club News

The Minutes of 1957 spend a lot of time discussing Gin, in this case Sandeman's Gin and the fact that the Club had 95 bottles in stock due to an ordering error. In April it was agreed that we should sell it off to members at 75 Ticals a bottle and have it available at 'Special prices' in the Bar ... a Pink Gin and Gin with Lime (Gimlet) for only 4 Ticals and with other mixers at 4.50 Ticals. By August it was decided to try to auction off this excess stock (which failed) and by October the Committee were debating a recipe to create Pimm's No.1 from the stock! Cheers!

In June, the Darts Cup was instigated for an Annual tournament against OESA [The Old England Students Association under Royal Patronage]. The Cup is on display in the Silom Room.

The Kirrage Cup for the individual Bowls Champion of the year was donated to the Club by Peter Kirrage, chairman in 1950 & 1954-55 (see *Past Participle*, June 2022).

In October, the Mabbatt & Fothergill Cup for the Inter-In-interest Bowls Competition was donated to the Club by the chairman, Charles Mabbatt and Robert Fothergill, Committee member & Honorary Secretary in 1941. Mr. John H. Donofield, Committee member, also presented a cup for a Volunteer Snooker Singles Competition



▲ Darts Cup

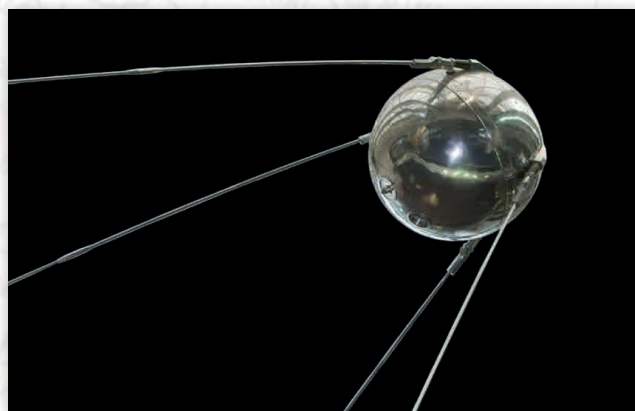
In Other News

Group Captain Fred Rothwell DFC became the British Air Attaché and joined the Club on 16th June.

The Parents' National Education Union opened at the Summer House in Ploenchit Road. In 1958, it moved to Sathorn Road, then Soi Ngam Dupli and in 1964 was renamed the Bangkok Patana School. Eventually it moved to Soi Navan, then Soi Lasalle.

The Bangkok Christian Hospital in Silom, opened its first Outpatients and Pharmacy block adjacent to Patpong.

Sadly the Committee singularly failed to register the fact that the world entered the space age on 4th October with the launch of Sputnik 1.



▲ The Space Age begins

Next month ... Royal Marines

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary

For Members interested in our Club's history, the Club Timeline has been fully revised with over 1950 entries and pictures over 180 pages and can be found on the Website under 'The Club - History'.

SUNDAY 19TH FEB
2PM – 8PM

GBF

Great British Festival

Live Bands - British & Craft Beer Garden - BBQ - Paddle Boats -
Big Wheel - Car Boot Sale - Raffle - Food Stalls - Fair - Fire Show
- Dance - Prosecco Bar - Henna Tattoos - Fun

Members 200 ฿ Non-Members 300 ฿ Member Kids 100 ฿ Non-Member Kids 200 ฿



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Sociedad Bilbaina, Bilbao, Spain

Visited in July 2022

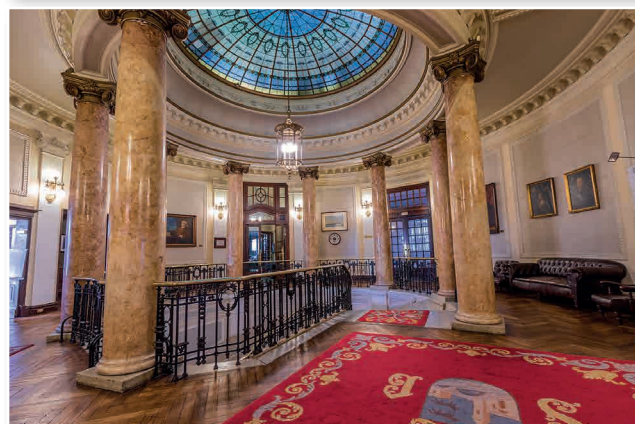
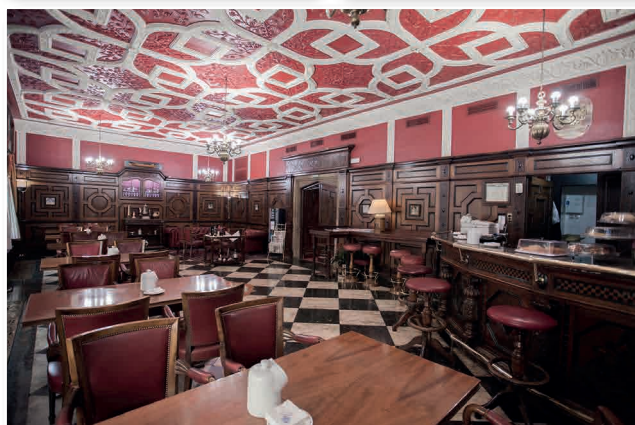
Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)



The Sociedad Bilbaina, which translates into English as "The Bilbao Society", was founded in 1839 and is a venerable old institution in Bilbao. It has a large clubhouse in central Bilbao, which is around 15 minutes' walk from Bilbao's famous Guggenheim Museum. We were passing through Bilbao last summer, so we made sure that we had time to visit the club.

The rooms at the east end of the clubhouse, which includes the club's 2nd floor restaurant, have lovely views over the river towards the old town. The restaurant serves lunch every day of the week, and dinner on Fridays and Saturdays. There's also a small bar which opens onto the hall on the 1st floor, which is open throughout the day. This hall is in the middle of the building and is surrounded by various lounges, including a room for playing cards and a billiards room. I was surprised to see that each table in these rooms displayed a QR code, so I scanned the QR code to see what would happen. To my surprise, WhatsApp opened on my phone. It turned out to be an ingenious system for placing orders at the bar, because it automatically sent the table number to an official WhatsApp account and invited me to place an order. However, apart from the





billiards room which was in full use when we passed it after lunch, all these other rooms were empty. The club's dress code for men is jacket and tie, but ties are not required in the summer.

At the other end of the 1st floor is a library with an impressive collection of books and historical documents, including some prints which are over 500 years old. There's also barber which is open for men's haircuts a few times a week. The club's website also mentions a sauna, a gym, and a bar on the ground floor called the Bar Inglés which is styled after an English pub. However, we didn't see any of these facilities when we visited.

As soon as this club had received our letter of introduction, almost immediately we got a warm welcome email from a woman called Myriam. The club has some cheap accommodation, as well as an arrangement for a discount at a nearby hotel, and Myriam was very helpful and responsive in helping us decide where to stay in Bilbao. In the end we didn't stay at the club, but we went for a marvellous late lunch on a Friday. We had a bit of difficulty gaining entrance to the club because the concierge at the entrance couldn't speak English or Thai, but when we arrived in the 2nd floor restaurant there was a nice window table with my name on it and a waiter who spoke some English. Apart from 3 champagnes, the full wine list was 100% Spanish, although it was disappointing that the wine vintages were not specified. There were also a lot of spirits including a list of gins, whiskies, and tequilas from Mexico. It was amazingly good value because the 3-course menu of the day only cost €27 and included a half bottle of Rioja Crianza 2019. Unfortunately Myriam had left early for the weekend on the day that we had lunch, so we weren't able to thank her in person for all her help. However, if any member of the British Club Bangkok finds themselves in Bilbao, this club is well worth a visit.



Terry Adams

The new BC Seniors Section was formed on 1st December last year to promote the health, wellness, and socializing of our many Senior Members and, when appropriate, the wider Club community. The Section now has a vibrant committee of seven with a wide range of interests, experience, and talents. Having met on three occasions and having organized two events already, we are embarking upon an action plan to create a range of lectures and workshops to enable Section Members to engage in lifelong learning, also in a friendly social setting.

Topics being considered include: how seniors can enter and enjoy the digital economy, seniors' lifestyle and health matters, how to utilise 'the healing power of the mind', etc.

These will be in addition to the fun mild exercise and cultural trips that have already been, and will continue to be provided in the future.

Further, when we can muster a group of 'volunteers' to assist on the day, we plan to introduce a regular "Seniors Day" at the Club where a range of fun physical and mental exercises, board games, lectures, workshops, and social events can be enjoyed, perhaps culminating in a group lunch or dinner or both!

Interested to become a SECTION MEMBER or just wanting to discuss or make enquiry please email to: terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com or call 081 750 1087

SENIORS SECTION



▲ On the bus

TRIP TO PATHUM THANI'S ANCIENT RIVERFRONT ON 11TH JANUARY:

Sixteen Club Members left the Club on time at 8.45 am in a hired new 24-seater luxury minibus and headed for Pathum Thani's riverside.

The first stop was at Wat Bang Luang which is an ancient Mon-style monastery with an ancient Buddha image and paintings about Buddha's biography. The temple, used daily by locals since the time of Ayutthaya, contains two Mon-style pagodas. We were well looked after by two of the temple staffs who

kindly explained the history and features of the temple. They opened up for us the main pagoda that housed some beautiful Buddha images. We came across a walled pond teeming with multi-coloured golden carp and were given a small baby's feeding bottle with teat holding what we believed to be water. Just touching the teat to the water attracted many of the fish, with the bravest of them rising with their mouths out of the water to touch and briefly suck the teat. Perhaps it held more than just water?

Spending some time at the Pathum Thani Square adjacent to the Chao Phraya River, we explored a large



▲ On the bridge



▲ 300 year old kilns



▲ Fish feeding by bottle



▲ Waiting for lunch

and vibrant covered market and purchases were made by many of our party.

We then drove to the nearby Wat Singh. This ancient temple was erected during the reign of King Phra Borom Trailokkanat (1431–1488) and left in ruins after the first fall of Ayutthaya in 1569. It was restored by a group of Mon migrants during the reign of King Narai the Great (1566–1588) and over the years has undergone multiple renovations. This monastic compound is home to a timeworn abode and a centuries-old clay pavilion that boasts some faded murals and a sacred Buddha statue in a reclining posture.

The Ong Ang Ancient Building is located just across the rural road from Wat Singh. It's an archaeological site with three ruined kilns that serve as a testament to the early Mon settlement in this region several hundred years ago during the Ayutthaya period. There were many storyboards (all in Thai language) setting out how the kilns were operated, along with some examples of the pottery produced. Interestingly, we found a copy of a sketch map of the Chao Phraya River from the sea to Ayutthaya in French language, and also a copy of that copy in English language (which acknowledged the copying of the French version): this clearly supports the reality that the French were at court in Ayutthaya before the English!

Lunch was taken at the Baan Ta Nid River Lodge & Art Camp's Restaurant on the Chao Phraya River. A lovely series of interlinked buildings, a great atmosphere, excellent food and service, and superb views of this, on

the day, not so busy river! The restaurant was very full for a mid-week lunchtime, so testament to the above praises!

We finally re-crossed the river and travelled to Wat San Chao and its large undercover Market. The Temple was built in the reign of King Rama III on the Bangkok side bank of the Chao Phraya River. We first visited the large riverfront market set in the temple grounds. One of the two temples is in a Chinese style and has Chinese influences, but the writer was not very impressed given what appeared to be a quite mercenary attitude from the staff in attendance. The adjacent ordination hall of the Buddhist temple houses a 232-year-old statue of Buddha in the Ayutthaya style. The whole area was, to our surprise, packed with cars and people, which somewhat took the edge off the enjoyment of this particular visit.

We eventually re-entered the minibus and enjoyed a relatively traffic free and swift return to the Club. An extremely enjoyable and educational day out in good company!

(Many thanks to Khun Ming for taking all the photographs)
(Some parts of this report have been taken from the Bangkok Post article that can be found via the following link:
<https://www.bangkokpost.com/travel/2403003/tracing-history>)

Terry Adams
Chair
Seniors Section Committee



▲ Making Merit 2



BRITISH CLUB
SENIORS SECTION



Polar Swim

01/01/23

The coolest start to any year is always the Polar Swim. Giant icebergs were pushed into the pool as our members enjoyed a chilled swim, Not forgetting our usual visitor Mr. Rit the Penguin.



Quiz Night

7th February 2023 | 07:15pm

@Churchill Bar



Team of 6 or less

Member 150 Baht | Guests 200 Baht



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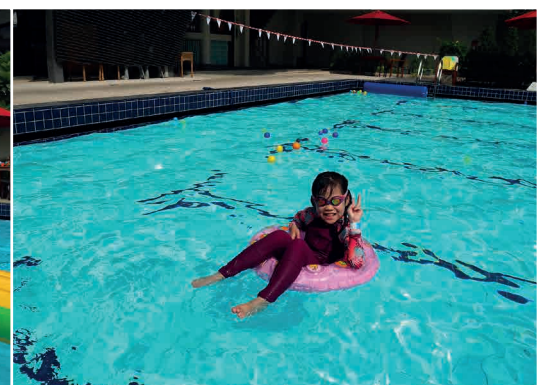
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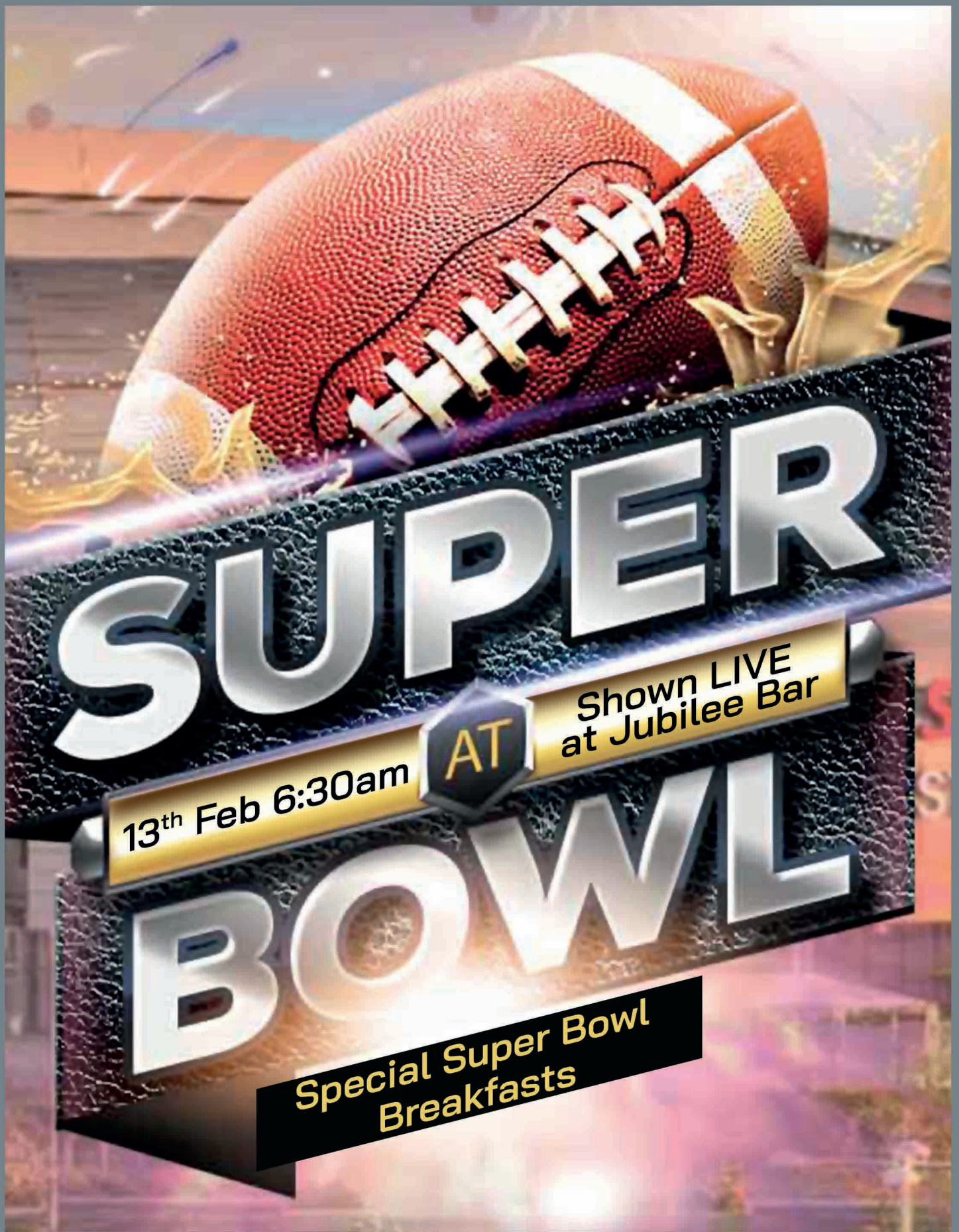


Madagascar Pool Party

14/01/23

Thailand's National Children's Day was celebrated at the club with the first ever kids Pool Party. This year with a Madagascar theme. Appearances from Alex the Lion and Marty the Zebra were well received. The Log master Gladiator battles were epic and won't be forgotten for a long time, well done to everyone that took part. Special thanks to Denla British School and Piya-vate Hospital for making the day a great success.





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Valentine's Day

14th February | 6:00pm-9:30pm
Veranda

3 Course Choosing Set Menu

Live Music Solo Artist

Rose For Every Lady

1,399 ฿ per person



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Staff Party Love Destiny 2

16/01/23

All the British Club Staff were rewarded for all their hard work and dedication in 2022 with the annual staff party set on the back lawn of the club. The theme was Love Destiny, and everyone dressed up for the occasion. Awards and presents were given out along with games, competitions, and Live music.





Quiz Night

17/01/23

Finally, they are back on the top as Drowning Not Waiving win the first quiz night of 2023 to take the first-place prize. Make sure you book your team in as soon as possible for February as places are limited.



007

An Evening with **JAMES BOND - 007**

Saturday 18th February | Starts 6:30pm
Suriwongse Room

Lovers of spy thrillers will be in for a treat at the British Club Bangkok when distinguished British actor Daniel Foley returns to present one of his highly acclaimed one-man, dinner theatre shows

Members 899 ฿ Non-Members 999 ฿
Includes a 3 course dinner & welcome 007 cocktail



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An Intimate Wine Night — Exploring SPAIN

20/01/23

Fully Booked a week ahead indicates you must book early to be able to attend an intimate wine night in 2023. Khun Wei from Itlasia took our members on a journey through the Spanish grape vineyards treating them to some delicate and full-bodied wines.



February 2023



Chinese New Year Dragon & Lions Dance 22/01/23

A fully booked Veranda enjoyed a delicious Dim Sum buffet before joining other members on the front lawn to witness this year's Chinese New Year show with a high-flying Dragon. All the team from the British Club Bangkok with wish our members a Happy Chinese New Year.



Coming Events

February 2023

1st	Wednesday	Member Gathering
7th	Tuesday	Quiz Night
13th	Monday	Super Bowl
14th	Tuesday	Valentine's Day
19th	Sunday	Great British Festival Pancake Race
25th	Saturday	Wine Tasting

March 2023

3rd	Friday	An Intimate Wine Night
7th	Tuesday	Quiz Night
11th	Saturday	Living in Bangkok
17th	Friday	St Patricks Day
19th	Sunday	UK Mother's Day
21st	Tuesday	AGM Meeting
25th	Saturday	Wine Tasting

April 2023

4th	Tuesday	Quiz Night
9th	Sunday	Easter Kids Party
13th	Thursday	Songkran
23rd	Sunday	Club 120th Birthday & St George's Day
29th	Saturday	Wine Tasting

Event & Activities 2023

FEBRUARY Highlights



Valentine's Day - Tuesday 14th February

A little club romance to take place in Veranda with a delightful 3 course choosing set menu under candle-light and hopefully with the company of someone very special. The club will assist in making the night one to remember by giving a red rose to all ladies that attend



A Night with James Bond 007

Saturday 18th February

Theatre lovers and James Bond 007 fans will be treated to a night with James Bond together with a 3-course meal and 007 welcome cocktail. One night only from Daniel Foley the British actor



Great British Festival - Sunday 19th February

Putting together a selecting of the club's previous best events and ideas all in to one Great British Festival. The back car park with play host to the car boot sale, stalls are available for 500b only first come first served, the Back Lawn will have the Brit-Stock Main stage where a selection of bands will perform the big hit and classic festival song, The Multipurpose Court will house the kid's entertainment zone including a Big Wheel, Fair-ground stalls, Paddle boats and much more.



Obituary

Steven Britton

31 July 1970 – 2 January 2023

Steven was the son of Dr Colin and Mrs Kamala Britton. He is survived by his daughter, Nina, and sons Tiberius and Trajan.

He attended boarding school in England, returning to Thailand in 1989 to enroll at ABAC (Assumption University), graduating with a BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) degree.

As a 'luk khrueng' he was endowed with a strikingly handsome mix of Thai and Western genes, so was an active and much sought-after member of the Bangkok

modelling fraternity in the late 80s – early 90s. However, he realised rather quickly that modelling was not a career he wished to pursue, so applied for a job in research at Asia Market Intelligence (AMI) Thailand. AMI was later rebranded Synovate Thailand, where Steven quickly rose through the ranks to become Managing Director.

Following Synovate's takeover he left the organisation and held several positions at other market research agencies in Asia, culminating in him taking on the country manager position at CSN Thailand in 2020.

Steven was a realist in every sense of the word, with a strong pragmatic outlook on life. He could also be a dreamer when it was called for, but was always loyal, and someone his wide circle of friends, colleagues and business associates could count on for support and advice.

He was an active and regular member of the British Club, playing rugby and squash, as well as propping up the Churchill Bar with his partners in crime (*who shall remain nameless in order to protect the innocent...*). Steven was also an active member of the Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers (BGS).

His sister Jaquita, who lives in Sydney, added:

When I think of my brother...

Honourable; would do anything to help his loved ones (to his own detriment on occasions); lived life to the full; did things his own way; smart; high expectations of professionalism; funny, dry humour and partial to rude jokes; adored his kids and thought of them daily. Like all of us, he had his faults and weaker points; stubborn; challenging; high expectations of others and himself and he didn't pay enough attention to his health.

He was very loved and still had so much to give and share in this world but, sadly, it was not meant to be as he suffered a stroke in 2020. The stroke left him partially paralysed and caused him pain that was often debilitating. He walked again and enjoyed keeping his

mind active and having interesting debates with me, but it was all too much for his body, both physically and mentally. Though we have lost a father, brother, son ... we have gained another star in the universe to look down upon us.

He loved his children dearly and fiercely and I know he will follow their ups and downs in life from above, cheering them on after his death, like he did while he was living. They were always a great source of pride for him and I know they will honour his memory with the great things they will accomplish.

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

There are no goodbyes for us, you will always be in our hearts.

Steven's Buddhist funeral was held at the beginning of January, and his ashes were scattered in the Gulf of Thailand, in the same spot as his father's. A well-attended and exuberant wake, where we celebrated his life and shared stories and anecdotes, took place on January 7th.

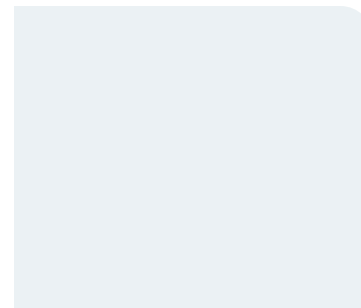
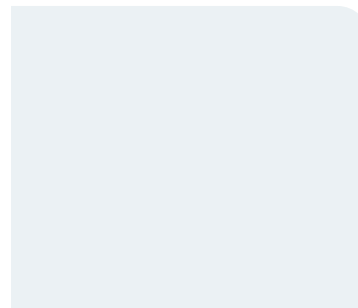
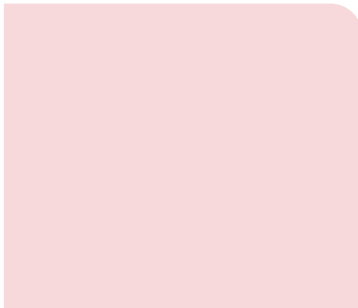
May his soul rest in peace and enlighten and illuminate the universe on the next part of its eternal journey.

Bob Van Es, partner in crime

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Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
9.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Kids Activities
11.00am - 3.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

6

Tennis Mixed Doubles
Team practice
7.00pm - 10.00pm
Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

7

Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm
Quiz Night
7.15pm - 9.30pm



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Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
9.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Kids Activities
11.00am - 3.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
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Tennis Mixed Doubles
Team practice
7.00pm - 10.00pm
Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

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Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm
Valentine's Day Dinner
6.00pm - 9.30pm



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Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
9.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
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Kids Activities
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Tennis Mixed Doubles
Team practice
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Squash Mix-in
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Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm



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Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
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Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Kids Activities
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Tennis Mix-in
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Tennis Mixed Doubles
Team practice
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Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

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Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm

FEBRUARY 2023

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1 **Squash Mix-in**
4.30pm - 8.15pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Members Gathering
6.00pm - 9.00pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

2 **Cricket team practice**
6.30pm - 8.00pm

3 **Tennis mixed-in**
8.00am - 11.00am
Junior Tennis
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Junior Cricket
5.15pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

4 **Kids Activities**
12.00pm - 4.00pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.30pm - 6.45pm
Cricket Team Praticce
2.30pm - 6.00pm

8 **Squash Mix-in**
4.30pm - 8.15pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

9 **Cricket team practice**
6.30pm - 8.00pm

10 **Tennis mixed-in**
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Junior Tennis
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Junior Cricket
5.15pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

11 **Kids Activities**
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Cricket Team Praticce
2.30pm - 6.00pm

15 **Squash Mix-in**
4.30pm - 8.15pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

16 **Cricket team practice**
6.30pm - 8.00pm

17 **Tennis mixed-in**
8.00am - 11.00am
Junior Tennis
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Junior Cricket
5.15pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

18 **Kids Activities**
12.00pm - 4.00pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.30pm - 6.45pm
Cricket Team Praticce
2.30pm - 6.00pm
A Night with James Bond 007
6.00pm - 9.30pm

22 **Squash Mix-in**
4.30pm - 8.15pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

23 **Cricket team practice**
6.30pm - 8.00pm

24 **Tennis mixed-in**
8.00am - 11.00am
Junior Tennis
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Junior Cricket
5.15pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

25 **Kids Activities**
12.00pm - 4.00pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.30pm - 6.45pm
Cricket Team Praticce
2.30pm - 6.00pm
Wine Tasting
6.00pm - 10.00pm



Sunil Mehra

TENNIS

Happy New Year Again – Welcome the Year of the Rabbit

At the time of reading this some of you are recovering from ushering in another New Year. What does the Year of Rabbit have to do with tennis?



▲ Great turn out at last Friday Mix-In of 2022

The Year of the Rabbit will bring peace, prosperity and longevity according to many sages; although not all of them agree. In China Rabbit is the luckiest animal symbolising also elegance; whilst in Korea it is clever and fertile, in Thailand, as in the rest of the Buddhist world, we all see the rabbit in the moon either pounding the elixir of life or rice cakes! One of this is a pleasant change after 2022! It's the third attribute that connects the Rabbit year to tennis – longevity; as evidence over the years reveals tennis as the best sport for living longer particularly because of the additional social aspects of playing tennis. The Rabbit year also is believed to provide opportunities to nurture the social circle and network and make new friends – where else but at the nexus of tennis courts and the Sala.

Some of you avid tennis watchers in the Sala watching tennis being beamed from different cities in Australia or the competitive but civil matches on our own Centre Court or Court One would have noticed since 4th January, the new beautiful billboard poster adorning the tennis courts announcing the British Club Championships 2023 – check it out at the end of this article.

Changing Times 2022 to 2023

Looking back to the end of last year one would have also noticed tennis playing membership has reached an unprecedented high level of happiness as can be witnessed in the colourful turnout on the last Friday Mix-In of 2022; where the longest rallies were social rather than in tennis.

The British Club Championships 2023

For those who are keen to know the real competition called the Championships at the British Club please scan the QR Code for the Draws for Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles for both Junior Men or Women and others called Seniors. The Championships 2023 ushers in three months of intensive competition as the weather begins to warm up too with the ultimate finals on 25th March 2023. Don't miss the action that is right here at your British Club.



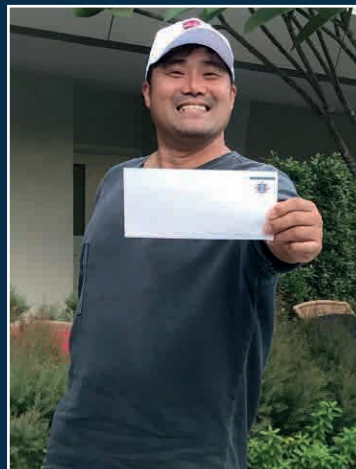
ANNOUNCING LEAGUE WINNERS FROM 2022



▲ Remi Galland
Division 3 Winner



▲ Michael Barker
Division 4 Winner



▲ Kenny Kim
Division 5 Winner



▲ Laila Inchaistri
Division 6 Winner

WHAT'S GOING ON IN 2023?

American Tournament(s) 2023

Tennis Section kicked off the New Year with the American Tournament(s), which given the high demand, are being held twice, in the morning and evening on 20th January this year. More on these two tournaments in the next Outpost.

Interclub Tennis Taking off in the New Years

The inter-club tennis season is also taking off in the New Year and the British Club ladies have started practicing early and hard for a successful 2023 in action and relaxation.

Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer Tournament

The event of the year not to be missed by those who play tennis and those who don't – all can contribute toward a very good cause. Join IN, pitch IN, serve IN, or give IN – make your contribution to change the world for the better for others less fortunate. **Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer** tournament to be held on **24th February** from 8 am. All proceeds will go to Queen Sirikit Breast Cancer Foundation (QSBCF); the charity that most tennis members are very close to. The funds will be donated towards the QSBCF Slum Project which provides breast cancer screening, rehabilitation and hospice care for underprivileged patients in Thailand. **Help to support the cause.** There are a lot of ways to support apart from playing tennis. There will be merchandise sales, a donation box and auctions. For more information please **contact Raquel or Veronica.**





▲ BCB Ladies Team working hard towards a successful new year

2023 Tennis Calendar Events

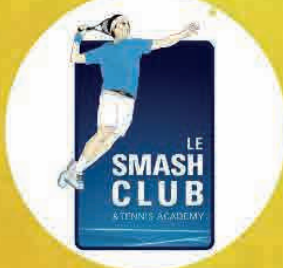
January 20	BCB American Tournament AM & PM
January 16-29	Australian Open
January 23-25	BCB Interclub Chiangmai Visit
24 February	Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer
March 25	BCB Tennis Championships Finals
May 28-Jun 11	French Open
July 3-16	Wimbledon Championships
July 16	BCB Womble Cup
July 22	Bruce Gordon Cup
Aug 28-Sep10	US Open
Sept 10	BCB the Great Wide Open
Sept 9-24	Laver Cup
Nov 12-19	Next Gen ATP Finals
Nov 12-19	Nitto ATP Finals
Nov 23-27	Davis Cup Finals

Once again make the most of the Year of the Water Rabbit – they come around once in a lifetime or every 60 years – work towards peace, prosperity, longevity and making new friends. Gong hei fat choy; sin Jia Yoo Ee and for others Sin Nee Huad Chai.

Our Super Sponsors for the Tennis Championships 2023

The British Club tennis family would like to say a big thank you to all the super sponsors (the most ever) as shown below for the Club Tennis Championships 2023 that kicked off on 5th January. These valuable sponsorships contribute to the prizes and much more. Finals of the Championships are on 25th March so see you all at the tennis viewing gallery or on the courts.

2023 BRITISH CLUB Bangkok Tennis Section CHAMPIONSHIPS Sponsors



The British Club tennis section teams up on centre court to leave breast cancer to Love, joining the battle on breast cancer awareness in the month dedicated to love.

British Club Bangkok will host the 4th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis and invites tennis lovers and anyone else to join the friendly doubles on February 24th at 8 am at their lovely premises on Silom soi 18. As the tennis section has incredible sponsors this year, an auction will be organised to raise more funds.

Whoever wishes to contribute should wear something pink and join the matches or just attend the event to

support and contribute in any way. Men and women are both invited to

"We at British Club are very close to whoever is fighting this battle as most of us have been directly or indirectly hit by breast cancer, I was lucky enough to be back to tennis and to my normal life but I appreciate not everyone has access to the resources" says a tennis member who aced breast cancer thanks to prevention.

Matches are friendly but on the day there will be a winner: awareness on prevention and raising funds for underprivileged patients by donating a contribution to the Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation.



QUEEN SIRIKIT CENTER FOR BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

The British Club Bangkok Presents

4TH ANNUAL PINK RIBBON CHARITY TENNIS



Join us in a friendly
doubles tournament
promoting breast cancer
awareness and supporting
treatments for
underprivileged patients.

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SQUASHY BITS



Highlight of the festive period has to be the Santa vs Elves gathering of squashies for a festive and slightly ridiculous run around in Christmasy clothing. There was much merriment and mince pies and mincy walking from Barty and generally a fun time was had by all. I won't go into detail because I wasn't there and all I know is that Bernie and Marvyn were captains and if you added up their ages you come to a very large number indeed. Such a high number that most of the squashies wouldn't be able to count that high. Bernie tried to count that high but kept forgetting where he got to and had to start from zero again multiple times. He got so exhausted by trying he got puffed out and had to sit down and have a snooze for an hour and therefore missed the trophy ceremony.

Anyway the tournament was won by one of the teams in a close fought contest and it came down to the wire apparently. Very exciting and a great advert for squash generally. Please see the photos and you will get a flavour of the Christmas spirit and general excitement that was generated.

Talking of excitement, this was definitely greater than that experienced by Steven Bussey our Section Captain who went on tour to Singapore recently. His excitement levels took a bit of a hammering as he went to the

▲ Steven in Singapore



airport for a swash buckling, back slapping, slightly giddy and over the top, paint the town red tour only to find he was the only attendee after all the other runners and riders pulled out at various stages. Neil Chairman Evans pulling the plug at the very last with the pathetic excuse of a bout of COVID (yeah right). So off went billy-no-mates Steven to sit in the corner of various bars by himself and to try and ingratiate himself with the tennis section who did get their act together slightly better. It was noted by some, but not me, that Raquel actually left Neil behind despite his ailments and went on tennis tour anyway. That is the license you get from being married so long I understand – something I wouldn't know about so we will move onto other things that I do know a lot more about – winning the inaugural First Division Interclub squash league!

BCB entered two teams into what can only be described as the biggest and best inter squash league in Thailand. It is actually the only interclub league but lets not get distracted.

There were many rounds of home and away games against various teams of varying standards. It was great to see some younger children joining the leagues. In fact some of these children were very young indeed, Neil played an 11 year old girl and only won by barging her out of the way on match point and shouting at the ref. Ranjan played someone so young they got around court in a 3 wheeler pram and a dummy sticking out of the kids mouth. It was noted, again not by me that it was a first for a long time that Ranjan wasn't the only person on court wearing a nappy. Gaa gaa goo goo was all you could hear as the game started until the umpire asked Ranjan to keep the noise down a bit.

Anyway it became clear after a few weeks that this championship was going to be a two horse race – BCB 1 and Capital Club were the two outstanding sides. Regrettably Capital Club had the edge having won both home and away vs BCB 1 coming into the play off finals.

Every pantomime has a villain and the villain this time was very much the ugly sister Keillic Wong (boooo hisss) as he shunned his own club and played for Capital Club!! Can you believe it?? "Its behind you" they all shouted in true pantomime style!! Well the ball was behind me for most of the time as I ended up playing Keillic in the final game. Steven having won easily and Neil having lost easily (still getting over the abandonment by his wife) left it tightly poised at 1 all. Up stepped yours truly Dean to his own amazement went into a 2-0 lead. Calling on all his reserves of energy and fitness he managed to lose the next two games gaining only 2 points in doing so. So it went down to the wire – Keillic looked like he was coasting to an easy win managed to get complacent and in true tortoise and hare style went to sleep under the squash tree of complacency and the sweating, heavily breathing Thompson managed to sneak a highly unlikely win on a tie break. The Australian Wong stood there flabbergasted at the end – wondering how on Earth did Raquel leave Neil when he had COVID, head shaking he left the court in wonderment. That's what you get for being a traitor to the almighty BCB squash section!! Hurrah for the good guys and BCB!!

The pantomime continues in January in Chiang Mai – Steven apparently is buying his ticket at the airport itself this time!!





Ben Eastwell

HARD BALLS



▲ Christmas at BC

A busy cricketing month has been concluded amidst mostly unsuccessful vows to 'dry January' following an indulgent holiday period. The A division team played their 5th game in new territory and the 'Killer B's' patiently prepare for their opening match. The Chiang Mai tour and annual awards evening will have taken place by the time this reaches the printers, but for now we look back on 2 league games in early Jan – featuring a crushing win against RBSC and a new high score for the honours board.

BC V TNCC 8th Jan 2023 - BCL A division

BCA cricket facility in Samut Sakhon served up a run-fest for BC's 3rd match of the season versus Tamil Nadu in the BCL A division. An unconventional win of toss led BC in to open the batting on a lightning fast outfield – Tyrone and Sunil who were tasked with opening the proceedings, guided some fast paced bowling to the boundary ropes early on to apply pressure to the fielding side. After Tyrone was eventually dismissed for an assured 58 (38) and his maiden half-century for BC there was no reprieve for TNCC as Shri came out the blocks from the second ball – his first of 3 sixes caught by the fielder in the adjacent ground. Then Sunil who was playing anchor up until after drinks, changed gear to crack his second 50 off of only 20 balls on his way to smashing through Dale's high score of 92 last season, eventually finishing up with 115 (68) and a long awaited club century. A sharp cameo from Mak in the closing overs saw BC post a classy 252 from their allotted 25 overs.



▲ Mimosas

TNCC returned the favour to the BC bowlers and held their nerve to keep up with the heavy run rate despite an expert opening spell from Denzyl who deservedly took BC's opening wicket at the end of a testing over. A lesson which could have been learned by the remainder of BC's attack who apart from Pramodh who took the only other wicket of the innings – the remainder of the bowlers failed to keep the set batsmen at bay as they eventually chased the total down with 8 balls to spare. "There's no school like the old school", Denzyl chirped on for the rest of the afternoon; Rahul begged to differ as he later confirmed his annual thumb fracture alleged to have been picked up in the warmup, though rumours began to circulate it was a recycled x-ray and he was taking a couple of months to trade in the bat and pads for poolside cocktails, void of any training duties.



▲ *RBSC setting*

BC V RBSC 15th Jan 2023 - BCL A division

Always a luxury to play at the RBSC, the British Club drew their first league match against the established A division side on their home ground early in the campaign which made the perfect excuse for supporters to come and enjoy a great day of cricket. Royal Bangkok Sports Club won the toss and decided to bat first on the freshly rolled grass wicket which looked to be the right decision, though still offering somewhat more for the bowlers than the pitch the week prior.

Steering clear of an opening spell from Pramodh and Talal, a watchful start from the home side didn't see the first wicket fall until the 9th over when Dilip scalped one of the danger bats as the team crossed 50 runs. They settled in for another 10 overs until Sunil snapped up a thick edge on Ravi's second ball of the game which set the wheels in motion for a mini collapse; Pramodh/Sunil ran out the set batsman and Ravi took a couple more to finish up with figures of 3-17 from his 3 overs - helping bring the total under control which had began to stray from plan. BC were left needing 174 from their 25 overs.

Tyrone and Mak took some time to settle into the conditions as they calmly initiated what eventually turned out to be a comfortable chase for BC's batting line up. The team enjoyed an early finish after Mak's impressive innings of 74* shored up by another exhibition from Shri who slapped a 43 off only 20 took the pressure off the chase completely. A satisfying win which surely will boost the team's confidence going up against some more challenging opposition in the coming weeks.



▲ *Shri goes large*



▲ *Mak on his way to player of the match*



▲ *Pramodh gets his man*



▲ *Ravi tosses one up*



▲ *Dilip gets a breakthrough*



▲ *Job done*



▲ *Mak - man of the match V RBSC*

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



Kannikar J.



▲ *Marine Combes*

Member Review:

Regarding our impression on joining and using the club, I have to say we are thrilled. We are very happy about the kids facilities and activities, our baby girl enjoys it a lot. And along with my husband, we particularly like to use the tennis courts and to chill on the poolside. Also, the F&B options are quite complete and we are pretty happy about these too.



▲ *Andre, Amy, and Alex*

Member Review:

Great place to unwind and reconnect with friends and family



▲ *Tyrone Bond*

Member Review:

Very happy to have joined the BC, weekends are taken up by back to back days of cricket which is something I can't complain about!



▲ *Vincent Yi Ding*

Member Review:

I think British Club is really a good place to know new friends. My son Eason really likes BC, and he knows lots of new friends there. It's really a nice place where both adult and kid can enjoy together. My son enjoys the Big TV, swimming and hop jumping a lot at the BC, and I enjoy the tennis and swimming a lot. Furthermore, the food at BC is really nice too, and we have various selection of the food at BC for both my kid and myself. Hope we can know more friends there and spend a memorable time at BC during our stay at BKK.



▲ *Harpreet and Navjyot*

Member Review:

Our impression is that it's a great club with great facilities and great staff. Hope to be using more of the facilities depending on our travel



▲ *Louis, Thanikarn, and Hunter*

Member Review:

Great facilities, good food and a friendly homely atmosphere.



▲ *Richard, Tetiana, and Sofia*

Member Review:

We have been members for 2 months now. We were especially drawn by the relaxed, friendly and convivial atmosphere of the club, in particular with the tennis mix-ins and socialising afterwards.

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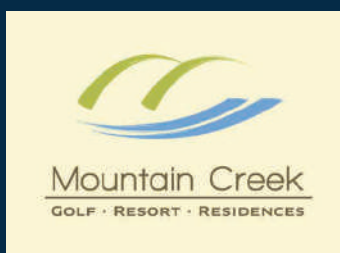
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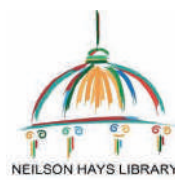
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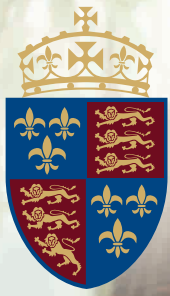
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