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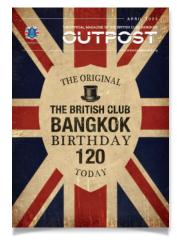
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# **This Month**

Our past chairman has his final say, the Fry Group focus on educating children about money, we revisit the year 1959, Paul & Jack review reciprocal Club Zum Rennweg in Zurich, our events relived in pictures, the date is set for the UK coronation event, our sections have their say.





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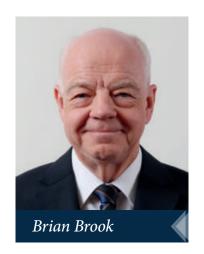
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# Past Chairman's Message

**By** the time you read this there should have been an AGM and a new General Committee and Chair elected, but not in sufficient time to submit reports for the magazine. So, I take the liberty of bringing you up to date (to 15th March) and 'signing off' my year in office.

# First Quarter (Dec 22 to Feb 23)

The Club's financial year ends at the end of November each year, the results of the 2021/22 year are well reported elsewhere. The results for the first three months of the 2022/23 year show continuation of the trends in 2021/22. Membership has further increased, to 1,401. The surplus for the first three months was Baht 2.2 million, which should stand the Club in good stead as it navigates its way through the quieter wet months following Songkran, and then gears up for a strong finish to the financial year in October and November.



# Staff Canteen

Initially, we were looking to improve the existing staff eating area next to the staff rest / changing room area between the tennis courts and the Suriwongse Road boundary wall. Finally, we had a lightbulb moment, there was an ideal unused space that just needed a sink and a few tables and chairs, half of the area above the Kids stop previously used as a temporary Mens changing room during the construction of Phase 2. Already with air-conditioning, much much quieter than next to the main road, and saving about Baht 0.5 million in construction costs, not to mention the potential uproar if two trees were cut down!

# Storage and workshop

Over the last few months, the Club management have been upgrading and reorganizing storage, engineering workshop and kitchen areas. This includes space behind the Silom Wing buildings, and the area between the Clubhouse kitchen and multi-purpose court up to the boundary with the school. Apart from a much needed 'spring-clean' this will enable the banqueting equipment to be moved quickly between storage and the function areas as required, and tidy-up the area in the car park between the school and the kitchen.

# My year in office

I was fortunate to be elected Chairman as post covid 'normality' gradually returned, and Phase 2 of the poolside development became operational. The aim of the 2022/23 General Committee, and the Management headed up by a new General Manager, was to maximise revenue from the Club's facilities, and ensure that we had adequate staff resource to do so. The latter proved quite difficult, as the whole Thailand hospitality industry was re-staffing.

Thanks to a large increase in membership, and some excellent events which were 'sold out', there was a welcome growth in revenue.

It was my duty and privilege to go to a number of both Club and outside functions and events that I would not, or might not, otherwise have attended, meeting people from such as schools and embassies, as well as Club members. Almost without exception they say nice things about the Club, the new facilities, the food, the events, the grounds, the staff.

GC meetings have been well attended and contained lively debate. Ian Harry, Colin Hastings, Graham Johnston, Kathryn Gavin, Robert Lockhart, and Paul Williams have all contributed ideas and supported me, as well as providing strong representation for the Sections. The Officers, David Williamson (Vice Chairman), Paul Cheesman (Hon. Secretary) and Simon Davies (Hon. Treasurer), have devoted lots of time to Club matters, helped me enormously, and provided wise counsel.

The P2 Work Group, Neil Evans, John Vivian and Ian Brewis, oversaw the completion of the Phase 2 project under budget, and have continued to spend time on the finer points of completion and finalising the account. Without the entire poolside redevelopment in recent years, I doubt the membership and revenue would have been so much as they have. So, hats off also to all others who put in the foresight, time and effort to plan and execute both phases of the development.

The senior management team of Tim, Khun Prem and Tee are all dedicated, hard-working and loyal to the

Club. During the year, they set records for membership and poolside and Veranda revenue, got events up and running after covid, and dealt with increased costs and the hospitality industry problem of staff recruitment and retention.

Although we have had difficulties in attracting as many staff as we would like, the staff we do have are a great team, who always help each other, many work unsocial hours, even those on normal 'office hours' help out at events. The Club has made a few improvements to their benefits this past year, it is well deserved.

I have found plenty to keep me occupied over the last five years, initially on the Finance Sub-Committee, and then a term as Hon. Secretary, a year as Hon. Treasurer and finally a year as Chairman. I am now obliged to stand down by a clause in the Articles which as an ordinary member I proposed over seven years ago. Whilst I would have been tempted to stand again if the clause did not exist, I still think it is right that there is such a limit. My wife, my granddaughter and the golf courses will see more of me.

My best wishes to the new Chair and General Committee, and I hope the Club continues to prosper and remain a friendly oasis for all its members.





# An Evening with The Fry Group

## **Speakers:**

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

#### Date:

Wednesday, 19 April 2023 6.30pm - 8.30pm

## Location:

The British Club Bangkok Suriwongse Room 189 Surawong Road Bangrak, Bangkok 1050

**RSVP:** events@thefrygroup.sg

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:

- Educating children about money
- Retirement planning and pension income
- Investment market update

# What you can expect to learn from this presentation?

- Some considerations and future planning ideas for children's investment and financial knowledge
- Considerations for an effective retirement and maximising pensions and other assets
- What is happening in the investment markets, how 2023 may look, 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.



Financial planning is not generally covered as part of any school curriculum and education. As a result, it's usually the responsibility of parents to teach and guide children about money.

Beginning the process of teaching and guiding young people about good financial decisions can't begin early enough. A study from Cambridge University and the Money Advice Service found that children's habits regarding money are usually formed by the age of seven. Some sensible ways to begin include:

- Making savings a habit as soon as possible and providing rewards for saving.
- 2. Keeping children involved and interested by showing them how their money grows.
- 3. Discussing the difference between short-term, mediumterm and long-term goals and how saving can help.
- 4. Explaining compound interest and how this can help accelerate the journey to reaching long-term goals.
- 5. Introducing the idea of risk and reward

So where do you start? There are some useful online tools which you can tap into. Practical Money Skills by VISA (https://practicalmoneyskills.com) is a website that aims to provide some first steps into financial education with information, games and guides aimed at children.

It can also be valuable to tackle some of the more complex elements of financial planning including investing. Setting up an account with a small amount of money which you use to make minor investments with your children can be a great tool to help with introducing your child to the stock market.

Letting children select their own investments may initially mear they choose for their own reasons such as liking a company name. Over time you can introduce more complicated concepts such as investigating the background of companies, their management approach and price to earnings. A few financial planning product options for children do actually exist in the UK.

Child Trust Funds (CTFs), which were a long-term tax-free savings account just for children. New subscriptions are not allowed because the scheme is now closed but Junior ISAs are available. There's no tax to pay on the CTF income or any profit made, and it will not affect any UK benefits or tax credits received.

Junior Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs) are long-term, tax-free savings accounts for children. For the current and next UK tax year the maximum investment is £9000. To have a Junior ISA the child must be both under 18 and living in the UK or they can only get a Junior ISA if you are a Crown Servant (in the UK's armed forces, diplomatic service or overseas civil service), and they depend on you for care.

There are little or no distinct tax-advantaged options available for expat children in Thailand. However, the planning principles and ideas do not change despite the lack of actual products available.

It is always worth planning early, and assisting the financial education of children at a young age is more important now that ever. Particularly with the availability of information technology at everyone's fingertips these days.

As always, we recommend that you seek appropriate professiona advice on any financial matter.



Martin Wright Senior Financial Planner

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# ~~~PAST PARTICIPLE~~~ Auspicium Melioris Ævi

We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... **1959** 

AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SPEND CLUB FUNDS WITH REFERENCE

This was discussed at length and it was agreed that ordinary Committee members could spend up to Tcs.250.— in any one month on items considered essential and or desirable for the section which that member is looking after. The House & Works sub-Committee were authorised to spend Tcs.1,000.— on work it considered essential.

Spending Limits

# The Wall

In June we decided to build a wall from our Suriwongse Gate along the Suriwongse Road to the corner with the Chinese School, which was on the site, which from 1966, became occupied by American International Assurance Company's first, smaller Suriwongse Tower. The wall was budgeted at the princely sum of 29,000 Ticals.

It was also agreed to open a new car parking area by the Suriwongse Gate but here the Club came unstuck ... instead of the estimate of 20,000 Ticals, the bill was 30,000 Ticals. After three months a compromise was made, and the Club settled on 25,000 Ticals.

Thus a new set of limits was enacted:

- Individual GC members in charge of a section could spend up to 250 Ticals
- The House & Works Sub-Committee up to 1,000 Ticals, without additional authority
- All other expenditure must be signed off at a GC meeting.

# **Our Naval Year**

We ended the 1950's with only a single naval visitor in this year – HMS Cossack (D57), who was in port from 18th to 21st October and we hosted 114 rating to lunch over that period. HMS Cossack was a C Class destroyer of the third or CO flotilla building programme in 1944. Her main 'claim to fame' was that in November 1957, she took part in the second phase of 'Operation Grapple' the 1950s British Nuclear Tests in the Pacific Ocean (see insert).

Sadly a month after visiting the Club she was put on the reserve list, sailed back to Portsmouth, and was scrapped a year later.

The sea had been sucked upwards and vaporised into super-heated steam. Ahead of the ship we could see a huge column that would form the stalk of the mushroom. We craned our neck upwards and saw a raging inferno, angry flames shooting upward and outwards raging through black billowing smoke. Rumbling claps of thunder enveloped the ship. The sky had gone dark except for the flames shooting towards the heavens. It was as if hell was hanging suspended 5000 feet in the air. It was a staggering, terrifying spectacle almost beyond human comprehension. .Cossack maintained course and speed and slowly moved from under the mushroom. Looking astern we saw a huge column of white vapour, several thousand feet high. Reaching its zenith it began spilling over forming a gigantic white dome atop the stalk of the mushroom.

Witnessing a nuclear blast!

# The Crown

Members at the 1958 Annual General Meeting requested that a Club tie be created. The General Committee planned to use the Edward Crown as its logo, but this was scuppered when the Heralds College, in the United Kingdom, indicated that the Lord Chamberlain was unlikely to give permission. The General Committee then started a long search for a suitable alternative symbol.



The Edward Crown

# **Member Discipline**

It was not a good year for member discipline within the Club. In January a member was suspending from use of the Tennis Courts for using one that was closed for maintenance and then abusing the Butler when asked to stop playing.

In May several members bounced cheques when paying for their subscriptions and four others were removed from membership for non-payment of subscriptions.

In August the committee had to remind all members that the coupons (used to buy F&B so that staff did not handle actual cash) were not being redeemed in their time limit so many were having to be replaced which was not cost effective.

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BOUNCING CHEQUES
It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the u/m had cashed cheques in the club, which had ultimately "bounced":-
                Mr. M. Boxhall
                                                    Mr. T.N. Jackson
After approaches had been made by the Hon. Secretary this matter had been rectified, but it was agreed to minute the matter.
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Bouncing Cheques

## Service

1959 was another smooth year on the General Committee - Charles Mabbatt was elected Chairman yet again (see Past Participle, April 2022), this year with F.Y. Haynes, of Thai Glass Manufacturers, as his vice-chairman. William Brownsey returned as Honorary Secretary with M.H. Baker, of the Bombay Burmah Trading Company, serving his only term on the Committee as Honorary Treasurer, until he left Thailand in the June and he was replaced by previous Honorary Treasurer, James Malone.

One of the new joins was Thomas Madar, who had joined the Club in 1950, and whose wife, Kay, was the Club's Permanent Assistant Secretary ('manager') (see Past Participle January 2023). Although they continued as members for decades, this was the only time Mr. Madar served on the committee. Mr. F. Young, of Everett Steamship Company, served this one term, and Mr. E.W. Mathis, of Dunlop Rubber, served this and the next term.

## 1959-60

VICE-CHAIRMAN: F.R. Haynes HONORARY SECRETARY:

CHAIRMAN: Charles S.I. Mabbatt CBE William Brownsey HONORARY TREASURER: M.H. Baker (resigned 18.06.1959) James P. Malone (co-opted 18.06.1959)

MEMBERS:

R.E. Bentley (went Absent 26.11.1959) Thomas A. Madar E.W. Mathis J. McCormac Nigel F. Overy F. Young

▲ General Committee 1959-60

# Club News

The play 'The White Sheep of the Family', by Lawrence du Garde Peach and Ian Hay, was staged at the Club by Lt. Col. Peter Drake-Wilkes in March. Lt. Col. Drake-Wilkes was a member working with SEATO [South-East Asian Treaty Organisation].

In April, a cook was trialled in the extended Clubhouse Kitchen to assist the servants to supply snacks.

In August a deal was sought to provide Oysters from Australia's Seas Food Products of Sydney courtesy of Qantas and local customs agent American Transpack. The price was set at 35 Ticals a dozen and by October the Club was ordering a 100 dozen per fortnight. This move, however, did not gain everyone's approval with several committee members voicing objections each committee meeting until the scheme was scrapped in January 1960 and the Erawan Hotel took over as importer.

# OUTPOST

In September, Mr. A.H.J. O'Connell donated a cup for an annual open volunteer singles snooker tournament. The Cup has sadly been lost.

In November, it was reported to the General Committee that a recent stock check had revealed that some 10 cases of large Singha Beer had been stolen. There was no evidence as to the thieves, but the Night Watchmen were replaced.

Numbers for the Annual Ball had risen substantively over the late fifties now a Special Sub-Committee was set up to run it to maintain numbers.

The Chairman arranged a band, the dance floor was borrowed from the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, food was available from 1am (yes, 1am!) consisted of Hotdogs, Sausage Rolls and Curry Puffs with soup and coffee available from half past midnight. The cost was 50 Ticals per head with a 60 Tical corkage for one's own wine. A notable 421 members and guests attended.

#### LARCENY OF BEER

It was reported to the Committee that during November some 10 cases (x 12) large Singha Beer had been removed from the Club's premises end this was undoubtedly an "inside job" and the obvious suspicion fell on the watchmen. The watchmen had been replaced and it was realised there was no point in following the matter further.

Larceny

# In Other News

The Bangkok St. George's Society, a social organisation for English peoples, was founded in this year, and its first president was John K. Simpson, who had first been a Club committee member back in 1936-37, and was chairman 1937-38, and finally returned to the committee in 1961-62, when he returned also as Society President. He worked for the for the Borneo Company, and, immediately after WWII, was the head of the Allied Rice Buying Commission in Siam.

The first South East Asian Peninsular Games were held in Bangkok, from 12th December to 17th December. They were opened by H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej at Suphachalasai ("The National") Stadium.

Jim Thompson's House, close to the National Stadium, was completed in 1959.

The SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) Graduate School of Engineering was founded and in 1967, it was renamed the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT).

In August 1959, the Royal Thai government began a partnership with the Scandinavian Airline System (SAS) to create a Thai owned airline. The first flight of Thai Airways International took off on 1st May 1960 to Hong Kong.



The SEAP Games 1959

# Next month ... The Thepanom

Paul Cheesman Honorary Secretary

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











The club is open from Monday to Friday for lunch and dinner, but closed at the weekends. It has a bar on the ground floor, a restaurant on the floor above the bar, and an outside roof terrace with comfortable seating which is open in the summer on the floor above the restaurant. There's also a courtyard with a few tables on the ground floor outside the bar, and although we ate in the restaurant on our visit, we saw other people dining in the courtyard instead. A couple of meeting rooms are available for hire, but there's no accommodation or sports facilities.

Overall, the club is comfortable and well-appointed. Before our dinner we sat on the roof terrace for drinks, and it was clear that the club is very private, because from the roof terrace one can see that the club sits in a small area which is surrounded by taller buildings on all sides. The restaurant has an interesting wine list, and one can actually go into the room where the wine is stored which is next to the bar on the ground floor. But as often happens in Switzerland, it wasn't a cheap meal, and not cheaper than smart local restaurants. We had a lovely dinner, with aperitifs and a nice bottle of wine, but the money we paid could feed someone with a cheap street food meal in Bangkok for a year.









# **SENIORS SECTION**

# **SECTION UPDATE:**

To help us to bringing our Section members even more events and activities we are looking for enthusiastic Club Members, especially Associate Members, to join the Section Committee. If you have the time and inclination to want to make a difference and contribute to the growth and success of our new Section, we would love to hear from you.

Our Committee Meetings, held at the Club midweek lunchtimes, are great fun; we want you to join and take our activities further by helping us plan, arrange, and manage events. Remember, the more you put in, the more you get out - and we promise that you will have a great time doing it!

Put your name in the ring, join the Seniors Section Committee, and let's enjoy making some unforgettable memories for Club Seniors together!

Interested to become a SECTION MEMBER or COMMITTEE MEMBER, just wanting to discuss or make enquiry, or to suggest a possible Section event please email to: terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com or call him on 081 750 1087.

## **FUTURE SECTION EVENTS:**

The Section Committee is actively progressing a series of events that, from this month we plan to comprise of two events each month, one being generally held at the Club and the other being one day, followed later by some two day, cultural/leisure trips by luxury 24-seater minibus with, where needed, overnight accommodation at suitable good quality hotels or resorts.

As at 1st April 2023 the Seniors Section Events Timetable is:

# Seniors Section Events Calendar as at 1st April 2023

DATE	STATUS	EVENT	BRIEF DETAILS
Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April 4.00 – 6.00 pm	Being progressed, seeking door prizes	For Section and Club Members who decide to stay in Bangkok over Songkran: <b>A Seniors Section Songkran Social</b>	In the Wordsworth Room, a late afternoon social: Food Tasting theme plus socializing. DOOR PRIZE(s) being progressed
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Confirmed	First of a series of lectures on Seniors 'healthy lifestyle': "Prioritise Health & Wellbeing as you Age"	Presentation & Q+A by Hong Teo Chee (Chad), who has successfully been in the antiaging and wellness business in Thailand for many years
May (Date to be confirmed)	LEARN AGOUT CHANGES for Arread VI 12 Control of the	Workshop on how 'Brits' can register to vote in UK Elections	Presentation followed by Q&A Speaker: Seniors Section Member Bruce Darrington
May (Date to be confirmed)	Being progressed	One day trip	Being firmed up, likely to be to Ayutthaya
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Being progressed, whether to go for the afternoon or evening performances	Charity Concert and Silent Auction in Bangkok at King Power's Askra Theatre Commencing 1.30 pm or 7.00pm (Free entry being progressed for 6-12 seats)	"A Night to Remember" 2023 - IMAGINE charity concert & silent Auction 1 Vietrio 2 The Harvard Krokodiloes 3 Thai Youth Orchestra 4 Mercy Centre Students 5 Blind pianist (Bangkok Post Foundation scholar recipient)

# **EVENT REPORT:**

**"5 tips for an easier life using your Smart Phone"** held at the Club on 8th March 2023.

Introduced by Seniors Section Committee Member Barbara Meynert, a small but enthusiastic band of Seniors, armed with their mobile phones, attended the presentation and hands-on practical workshop presented by the very charismatic and energetic Khun Charkhris Phomyoth (who prefers to be known as "Gap"), CEO/Co-Founder of the "Younghappy" organisation.

Not knowing what to expect, attendees were amazed to learn of the progress and successes that Gap and his growing team have achieved over the 5 years since the founding of his organisation to support Seniors throughout Thailand. (Please visit https://younghappy.com/ to see for yourself).



Having set the scene, Gap then went on to show us, through his mobile phone but projected onto the large projector screen in real-time, a number of smart phone features (for both android and IOS operating systems) that, as advertised, made life not just 'easier' but enriched our knowledge and understanding of what, with little practice, we were each of us able to get our own smart phones to do!

These included:

- · How to take rock-steady 'selfies' one handed
- How to use "Line BK" for online banking by smart phone
- Using a smart phone via WIFI, how to transfer livefeed on a mobile phone to a nearby smart TV
- How to speak rather than type messages into WhatsApp (as an example).

As a finale, Gap gave various demonstrations on the use of new Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology now available to all on the 'ChatGPT' app, including responding to several requests from attendees and showing the app generated outputs, many of which amazed attendees. The reality was quickly noted that in the not-too-distant future, many jobs currently undertaken by humans could be made redundant as AI became ubiquitous. It was also noted that this first venture into commercial AI for 'the masses' would very quickly re-

sult in similar and improved apps being launched by the major players such as Microsoft etc.

From the attendees' perspective the workshop very reluctantly came to an end. Gap was invited back at a mutually convenient future time, which Barbara assured would take place.

One attendee, who shall be nameless said: "I'm in the telecoms business and should know this stuff, but this session has been an eye opener for me". A future Seniors Section event not to be missed!

# Charkhris Phomyoth (Gap) – Workshop Presenter

CEO/Co-Founder of Younghappy (https://younghappy.com/), a social enterprise organisation that focuses on developing and creating meaningful events, presentations and workshops for senior citizens. Charkhris is also an award-winning entrepreneur – ASEAN Youth Fellowship 2022; Gen T Leader of tomorrow 2020, Tatler Asia; Community Leader Facebook 2020; Winner Social New Gen Award Thailand 2017, and many others.







# An Intimate Wine Night – Exploring North Italy

10/03/23

Another amazing journey through the grapevines hosted by Khun Wei. The next event in May will be visiting two of new world countries of wine, America & Argentina. Don't miss the first time we explore two countries at one An Intimate Wine Night. Limited to only 13 seats.









# Living in Bangkok 2023

11/03/23

The Club is extremely grateful to everyone that played their part in making the 2023 Living in Bangkok event a huge success. After the September rained off event the decision was made to move the event to March, and we were blessed with some fantastic weather on the day. Look out for the coming announcement of next year's date in March then book your place either as a vendor or attendee.































# Quiz Night 14/03/23

6 teams went to battle this in the March Quiz Night controlled by Quiz Master Peter who delivered an exciting wide range of puzzle questions that tested the best of our teams. Well done to the returning champions Scumbag College who ran away with first place.











Easter Egg Hunt, Stalls with Prizes to Win, Sport Games, with Shrewsbury Arts & Crafts, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Magic Show & Tug of War

KIDS BUFFET

Member : Adult 300 B. | Kid 450 B. Guest : Adult 350 B. | Kid 500 B.



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# Hot Cross Buns

Original 65 B (Per piece) Chocolate 70 ₿ (Per piece) by preorder only





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19/03/23

A delightful Sunday brunch designed to make Mum as happy as possible. 11 different desserts to have indulged in along with a complimentary glass of prosecco to lift the mood.









# HAPPY EASTER 2023

Welcome to Christ Church
Bangkok

# **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 2, 2023

# **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 9, 2023

# Regular Sunday services

7:30am & 10:00am



# Christ Church Bangkok,

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Office tel. 02-234-3634 Email: office@christchurchbangkok.org









# **UK Mother's Day Kids Activities**

# 19/03/23

Our partner Shrewsbury International School hosted the BC Bees kids club for us with a selection of teachers who created three different zones of activities, Cake Decoration, Flower Arrangement and Present Building, so that the little ones could create the perfect present for their Mums. Over 50 children took part and there were some very big smiles from Mums when they received their present.









# SONGKIONE SON Party

Thursday 13th April 2023 | 12.00 am - 4:00 pm | Poolside



Real Tuk Tuk poolside for awesome selfie pictures
Traditional Thai Buffet, Log-Master Gladiator, Prizes & Fun



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# **Annual General Meeting 2023**

21/03/23

The 2023 AGM was a smooth affair, and we are pleased to welcome our new committee for the coming year.

















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Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 | 12:00pm-6:00pm | Back Lawn





- The event will be opened by British Ambassador Mark Gooding OBE
- Live screen coverage from the UK, food vendors, full range of UK beverages
- Selection of live bands, raffle draw, best UK dressed competition
  - Shrewsbury Great British Bake-Off, green screen video making, arts & crafts



Member: Adult 550 **B** Kid 350 **B** Guest: Adult 650 **B** Kid 450 **B** 



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# **Coming Events**

# **April 2023**

1st Saturday Wine Tasting 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

# May 2023

6th Saturday UK Coronation

9th Tuesday Quiz Night

19th Friday An Intimate Wine Night

27th Saturday Wine Tasting

# June 2023

6th Tuesday Quiz Night

18th Sunday UK Father's Day

27th Saturday Wine Tasting

# Event & Activities 2023 APRIL Highlights



# Easter - Sunday 9th April

This year we partner with Shrewsbury International School to bring our members a fun packed afternoon that includes Egg Hunting, Tug of War, Arts & Crafts, Clown Magic Show, plus an easter kid's buffet.



# Songkran – Thursday 13th April

We celebrate Songkran 2023 with The Wet & Wild Pool Party from 12:00-4:00pm, with a traditional Thai buffet to enjoy. Log-master gladiator is back, along with a Songkran Tuk Tuk poolside for the perfect selfie



# Club Birthday — Sunday 23rd April

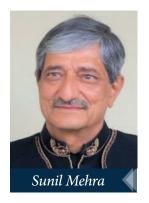
120 years fabulous years of the British Club Bangkok. The Club will be celebrating its birthday with its members all day long with a host of special activities, live music, promotional menus and much more.

# **OUTPOST**

		SUN		MON		TUE
THE BRITISH CLUB	2	Tennis Men Doubles Team practice 10.00am - 1.00pm Sunday Brunch 11.30am - 3.00pm Kids Activities 12.00am - 3.00pm Tennis Mix-in 4.00pm - 7.00pm	3	Tennis Mixed Doubles Team practice 7.00pm - 10.00pm Squash Mixed-in 5.15pm - 7.30pm	4	Football 7.00pm - 9.00pm Quiz Night 7.00pm - 10.00pm
THE BRITISH CLUB	9	Tennis Men Doubles Team practice 10.00am - 1.00pm Easter Day 10.00am - 2.00pm Sunday Brunch 11.30am - 3.00pm Kids Activities 12.00am - 3.00pm Tennis Mix-in 4.00pm - 7.00pm	10	Tennis Mixed Doubles Team practice 7.00pm - 10.00pm Squash Mixed-in 5.15pm - 7.30pm	11	<b>Football</b> 7.00pm - 9.00pm
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# APRIL 2023

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# **TENNIS**

# March-ing Ahead

Month three of 2023 has really brought the tennis section in fuller bloom with tournaments, championships, social events and much more. It has also brought together the best of our tennis players and those from other friendly clubs for some great and fun matches. This month also witnessed a flurry of matches as March also brings the Club Championships to close on the 25th with the Finals. By the time you are reading this, the Championships Finals will be over; there will be many ruminating about the missed chances whilst the winners celebrating their deft wins with a modest smile. All in all a lot of live tennis worth watching at the British Club; more than on any TV channel this month. The Sala is now the most lively and active place to be and as predicted, tennis watching has become biggest sport at the British Club!

# What's been happening?

Interclub Tennis: A Friendly Tournament with Royal Bangkok Sports Club



On Sunday 12th March, a friendly interclub tournament was organised between Royal Bangkok Sports Club and British Club on our grounds. More than 20 exciting tennis matches were played, including men's, women's and mixed doubles. The level of tennis was very high as **RSBC** is the current **Interclub champion of** *Bangkok*, and



they brought many of their top level players. The level of play from **BCB** team was also very high with the result that our club finished on top this time, in this friendly tournament, helped by the loud and cheering home crowd. Nearly 30 players from BCB actively participated in the tournament on Sunday as did many spectators enjoying the high level of tennis. It was a great afternoon of tennis and we look forward to more exciting interclub tournaments like this.

Great organisation by Enrique Calvo and Racquel Evans helped by many BCB fellow tennis aficionados.

## Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer Tournament A Day for Giving

The British Club hosted a Charity event on the 24th February 2023 in support of a cancer charity. Let's begin with a real life story. The story is of a lady named Irene in her early 50s who contracted breast cancer and it rapidly spread because she developed metastasis which is when the cancer cells break away from the primary location and form new tumours in other parts of the body. In Irene's case to her lungs and liver. Her prognosis was dire and she had all but given up. This was despite medical treatment by surgery and radiotherapy. Irene's case was picked up by the charity which offered her a lifeline; a new form of treatment using her dendritic cells (which are her own natural immune cells) and the antigens in them to boost the body's defence against cancerous cells. Thus Irene managed to recover after receiving this cutting-edge treatment provided by the charity. Together they achieved full recovery for Irene who is still in full remission (her case was published at the 2021 ST Gallen Breast Cancer Conference). The other great news is that this treatment shows no side effects and paves the way for using this methodology to help other metastatic breast cancer patients. This is an example of research and assistance the **Queen Sirikit Centre for Breast Cancer** provides and at the same time supports cases of underprivileged cancer patients who would not have access to early detection and treatment, which is so critical for all forms of cancer.



## ▲ The Unmistakable Pink Brigade

It was heart-warming and uplifting to hear this story from Finola Chatamra, Co-ordinator and Honorary Advisor to the Queen Sirikit Charity who attended the event and it was equally uplifting to see the total raised on the day reach over 150,000 baht. Over 70 attendees of which more than 60 played some tennis in glorious sunshine and enjoyed the fine spread put on by the club's F&B team. We even got in some impromptu volleyball on the front lawn.



An auction and raffle were held using prizes generously donated by super business sponsors:

- Jim Thompson
- Marcel Tennis Lab
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- Head2Toe

- Scorpion Tennis Academy
- Rocket Coffee Bar
- Splash Sunscreen products
- Giglio Trattoria restaurant
- Wiengtip Diamond & Jewellery Design
- Kai restaurant
- Texica Wine

A special thanks to Friend Fryer who helped sell so many of the raffle tickets, all whilst sporting a huge pink head bow, and a big warm hug to all the generous members and guests who played, donated, bid and supported this great cause.

\*\*Contributed by Andrew Tse\*\*











# OUTPOST

The total amount raised by the Pink Tennis Tournament was an impressive 153,942 Baht. I would like to express my gratitude to all the participants and donors who contributed to this worthy cause. A big thank you goes out to our sponsors who showed tremendous generosity by providing amazing prizes. I also want to extend my appreciation to the tennis section for their invaluable help in making this a tremendous



success, especially Raquel, who did a fantastic job in assembling so many people with great help from Enrique, and loads of prizes with Veronica's amazing marketing talent, who also deserves special recognition for her outstanding performance as an auctioneer. I think she should consider changing her career!





There are some Pink hard workers amongst this bunch











# The British Club Championships 2023 Update

The Championships 2023 are heading towards a climactic Finals Day on 25th March 2023.













The great outdoors before the games begin, the unexpected, the two lovely ladies who seem to have won a free return ticket to Hua Win; and the young, the not so old with all smiles before some quarters or semis that resulted in great come backs or missed opportunities. Losing may be hard, while winning and knowing who is waiting in the finals can also make the euphoria short-lived. Here are some of the overheard snippets especially for the tennis players, cheerers, watchers, supporters and drinkers - of the fast moving Championships wrapped into one enchilada:

Michael and Tip the favourite to win in Senior mix doubles

An epic Mixed Doubles Quarter Finals match; Veronica can't get over as Natt and Gary squeezed past to win in three sets after being one set down:

Richard and Jose enjoyed their free lessons from Pierre and Joe

Pui and Tip play in the Semi-finals Plate for Ladies Doubles

This was somewhat surprise result as Neung upset Magnus in three sets: Someone photo shopped Magnus's hands - see photo

Magnus and Karoline advance to semi-finals in mixed doubles against Neung and Aom; a repeat of last year.

Mook and Chanon beat Natt and Garry and are in the Mixed Doubles Finals

Raquel advances to Ladies Singles Final and will play winner between Pina and Nataya.

Frank and Jim now in Finals on Senior Men's Doubles against Tames Young and Frank Gluck

Raquel & Nattaya advance to Ladies Doubles Final

Pin plays Natt in the Ladies Singles Semi-finals



Let the games begin; everyone all smiles before the games begin.



▲ Take your pick – who did you fancy would make it to the Finals on 25th March?



For all the latest **The British Club Championships 2023** results from quarter, semi-finals and the line-up for the **FINALS on 25th March** please *scan the QR Code*. The Championships 2023 is reaching its climactic close after three months of intensive competition. Don't miss the action that is right here at your British Club.

## Finally, Love the one you're with....!

What I learnt was cherish what you have and love the club you are with!

Recently I went to attend a wedding in Delhi, India and discovered a Reciprocal Club close to where my hosts lived; that was also had 'tennis' splashed across it webpages. So I spent a couple of days at this reciprocal club in Delhi so I could check it out on behalf the tennis section. I became interested as the 'Club' professed to be a tennis academy run by a tennis doubles icon from India. What I discovered instead were two badly maintained courts, a lonely coach, and a handful members out of 1500 who used the tennis facilities. No one could remember any member-activities at this club. I met one member during my stay even though I had informed the club days before that I was planning to do a review of their club. My level of recommendation for 'resort' The Palms with good other facilities like swimming pool and grounds, is not too high, as it needs better financial management; it is in a busy traffic zone, and a noisy place to witness Indian weddings or corporate promotions but not for tennis.

Thus we end with a refrain from an old song:

Love the one you're with

Love the one you're with

Love the Club you're with!

Thank you Stephen Stills







**At** the end of February, 35 members held the AGM and Annual Awards ceremony at the British Club where we enjoyed a delicious Sunday lunch buffet – thanks to all the staff who looked after us so well.

This event was the last for retiring Captain Jon Standen, who has led the club excellently for the last 2 seasons. Our new captain is Varghese Rose, who has been a much-loved member of the golf section for many years, and everyone is confident that he will continue to build on past successes.

We also have a new club secretary with Peter Clark taking over from Becky Adderley

Varghese's first event was the Juniors and Seniors event held at Royal Ratchaburi golf club over the weekend on 11-12 March. 32 players made the journey to this beautiful country course inhabited by what seemed like thousands of wild monkeys.

The event splits the field into 2 halves based on the age of the players with the youngest half competing for the Junior trophy and the eldest for the Senior trophy. This year's cut-off point was 65 which created some very happy 'juniors'.

The first day was matchplay against the course and the only player to beat the course was Angkana Nil-kumnerd who was 2 up.

# OUTPOST

After play we adjourned to the new constructed Wisma Hotel in Ratchaburi, which was beautiful and very reasonably priced. Our captain had arranged for dinner and wine to be sponsored by Aerolast Elastic Ltd and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the excellent buffet.

On Sunday we played a Stableford round with the scored being aggregated for the overall winners. In the Juniors, Khun Angkana again played excellently to score a fantastic 44 points and she won the Junior trophy by 12 shots.

In the Senior competition, matters were much closer. 8 players were within 2 shots after day 1. Andrew Stray and Alan Ainsworth both scored 37 points on day 2 and were level overall. Andrew Stray was adjudged the winner on count back to stop Alan and his partner, Khun Angkana, making it a family double.

We have our monthly Medal and Stableford competitions in the forthcoming weeks and our Captain is busy planning our next weekend event on 13-14 May

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



# **HARD BALLS**



▲ Topley inspires BCs future players, Eoin and lke

A quarter of the way through the year and the section has been busy over the last month as the league approaches its closing stages, with both teams battling for a spot in the playoffs. And the club welcomed England international fast bowler Reece Topley, who dropped by in late February to use the club's nets and gym facilities as he warmed up for the tour in Bangladesh.

# A Division - Ben Eastwell



Sunils 3rd century of the season



Robs vlogs captivating the nation



Epic win V PCC



Arran approves the ton



# British Club V Pakistan CC, BCL A Division, 19th Feb

Coming off of a mini break and looking to build on a winning streak accumulated at the start of the new year, BC fired back into action against Pakistan CC at the coliseum of runs in Samut Sakhon. Assuredly serving one of the league favourites their first defeat of the season, BC chased down 241 with 21 balls and 9 wickets to spare thanks to a gutsy ton from Tyrone, backed

up by 66\* from Mak and a quickfire 41 from Sunil to ignite the chase in the powerplay. Not forgetting a leading effort from Pramodh with the ball, taking 2 wickets to restrict PCC from posting any higher, supported by wickets from Dilip, Yuvi and Dave E - the A division side restarted their campaign with real purpose.

British Club 242-1 (Tyrone 100\*, Mak 66\*) beat Pakistan CC 241-5 (Tauseef K 85\*, Pramodh 2-38) by 9 wickets

# British Club V Asian Stars, BCL A Division, 25th Feb

With murmurs of BC's unrivalled performance rippling through the BCL and Rob's mind games with the opposition's marquee player, the belief in the sides ability was again realised down in Pattaya where the British Club comfortably chased to defeat the established Asian

Stars side. Sunil dominated with 103 from 56 balls after the bowling attack and steady wickets; 2-a-piece for Denzyl, Tyrone and Ben, and 1 from Talal kept the Stars under control in the first innings.

British Club 181-5 (Sunil 103, Tyrone 21) beat Asian Stars 178-7 (Denzyl 2-25, Ben 2-21, Tyrone 2-28) by 5 wickets

# B Division/Pavilionaires - Damon Wake

# British Club Pavilionaires vs Chicha, BCL B Division, February 12th

To the distant shores and undulating run-ups of Pattaya as the B team opened their league campaign against Chicha CC, returning to the Horseshoe Point ground for the first time in six years.

Skipper Dale called correctly and, heeding the old warning against inserting in Pattaya on a Sunday, decided to bat. Denzyl and Rahul departed early before Ed K, Ravi and Dale settled the wobbles with 20-odd apiece. Rob fell once again to his old weakness – running 22 yards – but Dilip saw the innings out with a careful 25. Special mention to top scorer Frank Extras, who chipped in with

32 - 25 of them wides - as the Bs reached 151-6.

Better was to follow with the ball as Chicha lost wickets steadily, none of their top order getting past 11 as the BC bowlers pinned them down. Manish claimed 3-23 off his five overs and Ravi 2-26, including an excellent caught and bowled. A valiant 29 from Chicha's number 10 took them close but in the end his effort was not quite enough as BC rolled them for 132 with an over to spare, to win by 19 runs. F. Extras top scored again, this time with 34, including 31 wides. Something to work on.

British Club Pavilionaires 151-6 (Ravi 25, Dilip 25) beat Chicha CC 132 (Kalpesh 29, Manish 3-23, Ravi 2-26) by 19 runs

# British Club Pavilionaires vs Alibaba, BCL B Division, February 18th

Buoyed by their opening win, Dale's Bs returned to Pattaya to take on Alibaba, who were looking to bounce back from a narrow defeat by the Southerners.

With the side boosted by the return of everyone's favourite big-hitting Haka performer Mossy, Dale chose to bat again on winning the toss. Furious debate erupted about the batting order: toys were thrown, dummies spat and double teapots deployed.

In the end the order mattered little as Alibaba ran through BC quickly, claiming four ducks and three run

outs. Only Rahul with 38 and Rob with 12 managed to break double figures as BC limped to 100 all out -29 of them extras - with more than an over to spare.

Opening combo Rahul and Dilip kept it tight with the ball, but it was a small target to defend and Alibaba attacked briskly. They reached 81-0 after 10 overs when Sarg produced an over of magic: dot, wicket, two, six, wicket, wicket. Sadly it was too little too late – his hattrick ball was seen off, and Alibaba got home by seven wickets.

British Club 100 all out (Rahul 38, Terence 3-10) lost to Alibaba CC 101-3 (Paras 48\*, Sarg 3-12) by seven wickets



The weekly pilgrimage

# British Club Pavilionaires vs Southerners, BCL B Division, March 4th

The Southerners returned to the BCA ground looking for revenge against the Bs after our friendly win over them a few weeks earlier. Dale called correctly for a third match in a row, confirming what a tremendous tosser he is, and put the Southerners in.

Sean's probing swing did for the two openers, and some smart teamwork in the field between Dale, KK and Sarg ran out the Southerners' dangerous-looking number four to put them 57-3. Tight bowling in the middle overs from Ravi and Chan tied the batters down, and Sean broke a finger in heroically clinging on to a juggling catch in the deep. But the Southerners built solidly with a fourth wicket partnership of 74, and an explosive finish of 43 off the last three overs took them to a competitive 216-6.

Recent experience has shown that eight or nine an over is eminently achievable on the BCA ground's lightning fast outfield, but Vaughny's canny field placement, aided by his fielders' athleticism, made quick scoring a challenge. Ed bashed a quickfire 26, backed up by Rahul and Chan with 20 each, but BC were off the pace. Dale stepped on the gas with a 38-ball 64 in a partnership of 93 with Dave Barratt but it was not quite enough, and BC finished their 25 overs on 190-6.

**British Club 190-6** (Dale 64, Dave B 37) **lost to Southerners CC 216-6** (Matthew Young 47, Ravi 2-22) by 26 runs



Sean takes one for the team



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# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT





Yang and Xiang Li

#### Member Review:

We found the British Club Bangkok to be a serene space for a community with similar background and objectives. It is truly an oasis in the heart of Bangkok. We join the club to find peace, relaxation, health and friendship.



Robert Page

#### Member Review:

I am really enjoying the club so far, especially the tennis courts and look forward to spending more time there. Everyone has been very welcoming and it is great to have somewhere peaceful in the middle of Bangkok.



Darren, Sirimol and Hannah Moore

## Member Review:

The British Club was an obvious choice with an active four year old. Our daughter Hannah can have fun with swimming and kids activities while we relax with a drink and some good food.



Jaime , Gabe, Scarlett and Charlie Carter

## Member Review:

It's nice to be part of the British Club!

We are an Australian family, with 3 busy little ones in tow! We moved from Vietnam to Bangkok in 2021 and are loving everything Thailand has to offer! We are looking forward to meeting other members and joining the many events that the Club holds for the adults and kids alike.



Vikram, Preeti, Suhani and Daksh Mehta

#### Member Review:

We are really glad to join your British club as we have started living in Bangkok so we want a different environment and as your club have sports activities so we really looking forward to join that as we love sports activities and I hope I see more good things in future and I love to be part of your British club

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