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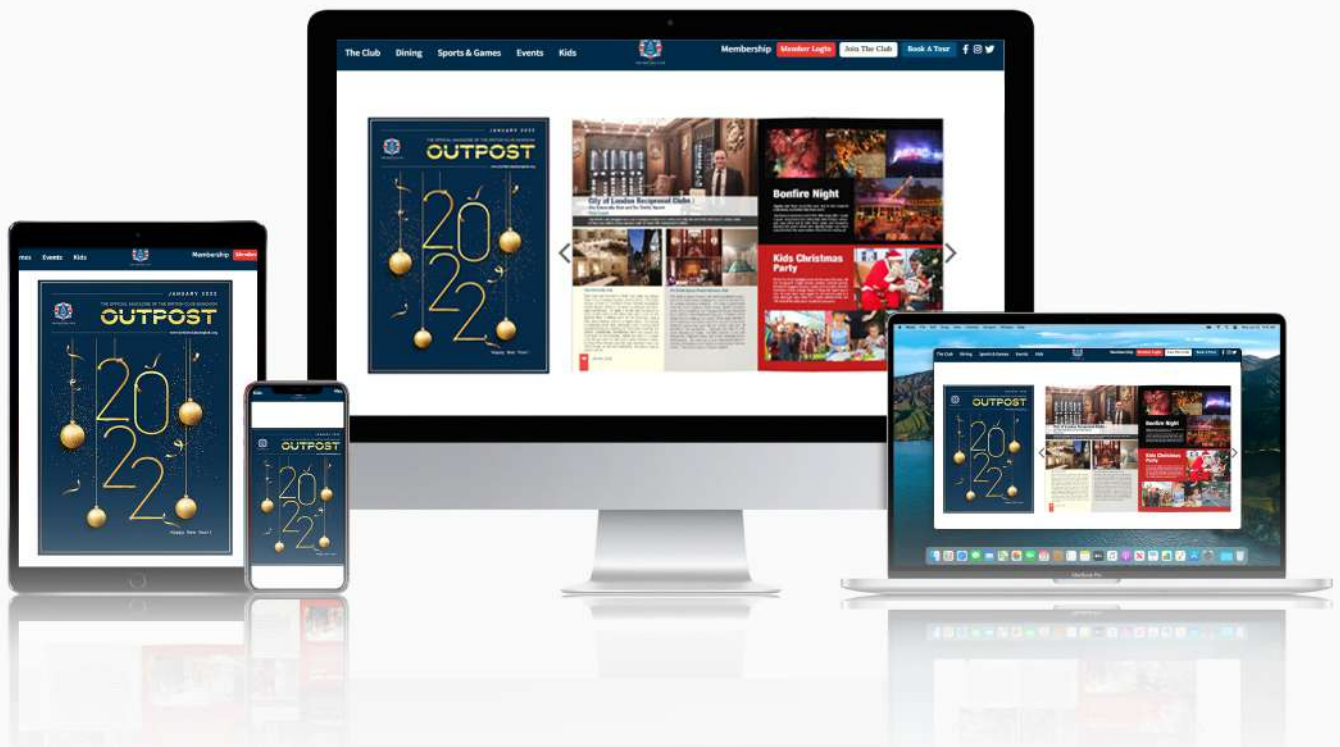


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Simon P. Davies

# Chairman's Message



I am very pleased to be writing this message having been elected as The Chairman of The British Club, Bangkok. Our wonderful club was founded in 1903 and on the 23rd April, 2023 a small celebration was held to mark its 120th anniversary and long may it continue to be an Oasis in The Heart of Bangkok.

Timing is everything and once printed media is published the copy cannot be amended and if not distributed in a timely manner, then content can be quickly out of date or deemed irrelevant. With the Annual General meeting held in March and being after the deadline for articles to be in the April edition of the Outpost, it is not until May that the new Club Chairman has a chance to formally say a few words. So, Apologies if some of the content herein duplicates an earlier communication sent online to members in March!!

A belated "Sawasdee Pee Mai" to our Thai members, a warm welcome to the New General Committee, a sincere thank you to the previous incumbents, whilst not forgetting warm greetings to ALL club members from those of long standing through to the new joiners.

With completion of major developments on the pool side of the premises, attention can now turn to the Club House and enhancement of internal facilities therein benchmarking the ambience and success of the Veranda Restaurant as the standard Bearer for any refurbishments. Don't panic as there will be no demolition or destruction of the actual building !!

The British Club is a fantastic facility and being a firm believer of "Pride in Performance" then one clear personal objective is to make members "Proud of being a member". Removing negativity and replacing it with positivity is often achieved by engaging in communication, listening to comments and, where required, attending to any concerns raised. However, there should be clear lines of communications rather than a scatter gun approach and with this in mind members of the new GC have agreed areas in which they can help support the Club Management team. The General Manager reports directly to The Club Chairman, Kathryn Gavin – Membership engagement, David Williamson – Operations, Colin Hastings and Chris Watts – Club House Developments, Simon Mathews-HR and recruitment,



Bryce Martin - Sport and sections. Paul Cheesman will continue his fine work as Club Secretary and Historian with Ceri Weaver-Berthet undertaking a review of the Finance Department procedures.

One of the key challenges is the recruitment and retention of our middle management and front-line staff. This is not only an issue for our Club but is prevalent throughout the hospitality industry driven by a rapidly improving tourism sector. I would ask all members to be patient as the staff really do try to do the best they can so if at times the service may slip let us be supportive and endeavour to make their working environment one of fun and happiness.

I will conclude my message by thanking all members for your continued support of our wonderful club and if you have not experienced any of the new facilities then please do so. Especially for the foodies amongst you, do book a table in the Veranda restaurant for a wonderful dining experience.





# British Domicile and UK Inheritance Tax

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

## HOW DO WE GET OUR DOMICILE?

A domicile of origin is acquired at birth and is generally that of the child's father (where the parents were married), and of the child's mother (where the parents were not). Then at the age of 16 in England and Wales, a child can choose another domicile if they wish.

For non-British nationals, it was not always that simple, for women born before 1 January 1974, they took their husband's domicile, after that date they kept their own domicile.

## DOMICILE

When it comes to working with British expatriates, a major consideration is their domicile status, since it drives the extent of their UK Inheritance Tax (IHT) liabilities. Determining this and developing advice around this is hugely important. Many people are unsure if UK IHT rules apply to them. The key to understanding whether you are liable to IHT is the concept of domicile. If you are domiciled in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, UK IHT applies to your global assets. If you are domiciled elsewhere, UK IHT is only charged on assets held in the UK.

It is important to note that long-term UK absence does not mean a domicile of choice has been acquired somewhere else, ie other than the UK. This is a common misconception, as severing connections with the UK and making it clear you plan to not live in the UK again is what HMRC are looking to see.

By example, we often meet individuals who have lived and worked in numerous locations around the world, perhaps being outside of the UK for over 25 years, and who have now settled in Thailand. The previous periods of non-UK residency may be broadly irrelevant, it is the "life" in the current location which is all important.

There is no distinct timeline of how long one must be in a location where they wish to remain permanently to determine whether a domicile of choice has possibly been acquired or not. It is more how serious the intent is and what steps have been taken to show it. This may, with the right steps, be a relatively short period of time, if all the significant logical and viable steps have been taken.

In the past it was possible to make an application to HMRC to change one's domicile, but this is no longer the case. The main way to understand one's domicile position now is to have a professional review carried out by a sufficiently experienced and authorized individual. This will only provide an opinion and while it is not to be relied upon it may strengthen the case of an individual's position.

## UK IHT

Introduced in 1986 and is based on the transfer of value from your Estate, when the legal and beneficial ownership passes to another.

With IHT on death charged at 40% over the current Nil Rate Band (£325,000) it is important to understand the position for the next generation as there could be an unpleasant tax bill on the Estate of the individual who passes away.



The Main Residence Allowance per person remains at £175,000 for April 2023/2024 UK tax year and is currently planned to have Consumer Prices Index increases applied thereafter.

The unused allowance is transferable to a surviving spouse for total allowances of £1 million and is tapered for Estates above £2 million. There are certain conditions for the Main Residence Nil Rate Band such as the Estate must contain current/former main home or be the proceeds of downsizing. And the current/former main home must pass to children.

For IHT purposes and in relation to a British couple transferring assets between them on death, there is no UK IHT. For a married couple with different domiciles (UK to a non-UK domiciled spouse) the amount is restricted to the normal £325,000 Nil Rate Band, plus a further £325,000 (a maximum of £650,000) that can currently be passed UK IHT free.

It can be possible to overcome this with an election in lifetime or on the death of the UK domiciled spouse for the non-UK spouse to adopt a UK domicile. However, care is needed to understand if this will be most effective in overall UK IHT planning as it does bring the non-British spouse into the UK IHT regime with the Estate value for a minimum period.

To achieve this for a split domicile marriage, the election must be made within two years of the death of the deceased, or for a longer period if an officer of HMRC allows it. If the spouse then returns to the overseas home country, the UK domicile election will lapse after four further tax years. Overall, this would mean a UK IHT-free transfer of assets after completion of the election.

There are a number of UK IHT planning methods such as:

- Planning for a domicile of choice overseas
- Electing for a domicile of choice in the UK (non-Brit spouses)
- Gifting to individuals

- Gifting capital to certain Trusts
- Gift and Loan Trust (IHT-free future investment growth)
- Discounted Gift Trust (an immediate partial IHT liability reduction)
- Excluded Property Trust (for non-domiciled individuals going to live in the UK)
- Short-term (two year) IHT planning method examples:
- Furnished holiday lettings (strict criteria to qualify for Business Property Relief – BPR)
- Woodlands/farmland investments (Agricultural Property Relief – APR)
- AIM structured portfolios (Business Property Relief – BPR)
- Alternative investments which also achieve BPR/APR
- Life assurance policies written in Trust.

With careful planning, serious tax savings can result. Every situation is different and a blend of solutions at the right time is usually most sensible (although domicile planning is normally the first step).

There have been government-driven reviews of UK IHT in November 2018 and July 2019 by the now disbanded Office for Tax Simplification (OTS). There were recommendations but none were implemented. The next UK general election is scheduled to be held no later than 28 January 2025 and a major change to the ruling party could mean changes to the UK IHT system.

We will have to wait and see what happens and in the meantime it remains sensible to seek professional advice, review your circumstances and plan ahead as best you can as tax legislation, rates and allowances can change swiftly and sometimes retrospectively.



**Martin Wright**  
Senior Financial Planner



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# Operations Unknown



Tee Bale

## British Club Team

**After** facing several months of recruitment issues, we are extremely happy to be able to spend the next few months introducing our new team as they join. This month features three amazing additions to the Club Team.



**Khun Mint** is one of our new commis chefs who joined the club this month. She is from Mae Sot and graduated from HCTC Foundation where she learnt about hospitality from housekeeping through to the kitchen. Khun Mint completed her internship at Anantara Chiang Mai for 6 months which has given her a strong passion for working in the kitchen especially western cuisine. When asked how you are getting on at the club so far Khun Mint replied "I am enjoying working at the club and the team have given me a warm welcome and its very nice to be here. Our executive chef Khun Laak is teaching and training her new skills across all the section of the western kitchen to better increase her knowledge and culinary skills.



**Khun Aor** is one of our new service staff that you can meet at the Veranda restaurant in the main Clubhouse, with an outstanding smile and friendly personality Khun Aor is ready to welcome you and practice her extremely good English skills. Khun Aor originally had plans to join the Club a few years ago but unfortunately Covid struck and couldn't come, we stayed in contact and were delighted when we had a new opportunity to place her with us. Khun Aor has completed internships in Phuket and Chiang Mai that has led to her passion in delivering outstanding service. Her next goal is to learn more about the beverage side of the operation and be able to make outstanding cocktails for our members.



**Khun Natt** has returned to work permanently at the club in the new role of Operations manager, she will assist in taking care of events, outlets, membership, sport, and all other operational activities to make sure the team provide the best services for members. She first joined in 2020 but left for a new challenge, however it never felt like she left, as she took over the kid's club that runs each Saturday & Sunday and created the BC BEE'S brand and developed an exciting range of branded activities for all the members little ones.



## May Member Focus

We are pleased to share that on the 6th of April one of our esteemed members Colonel Tony Stern, the British Defence Attaché, received his National Defence College diploma from King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajirak-laochaoyuhua. A proud moment for the DA, and another example of UK respect for ASEAN Centrality and the importance of the UK-Thai relationship.

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## Gym open days

Have you ever been into or tried our new Fitness centre? If not, we now have the perfect chance for you to try. On Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May we will open the doors of the gym and allow all our members to come and try the facility free of charge, there will also be two group classes both days for members to sign up for free of charge, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. No more excuses for not burning those calories, give it try and enjoy seeing yourself get it shape.



Paul Cheesman

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## Auspiciam Melioris Ævi

*We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1960*

### The Thepanom

The most significant event of 1960 was the adoption of a Club logo. This was meant primarily for our Club ties and was requested at the previous year's AGM. Sadly original plans to use the Edward Crown had been scuppered (see *Past Participle*, April 2023).

The Club researched thus for a Thai logo that we could adopt and were advised we could adopt any logo other than Royal emblems. In February we settled on the 'Thepanom' a Buddhist heavenly being and this has remained central to our various logos since. The ties, made by Thomas Mayes Lewin of Jermyn Street, London, were available for sale at the Annual General Meeting.

The tie had a gold Thepanom in a diamond pattern and underneath was alternately B.C.B. (British Club Bangkok) and ส.อ.บ. (สโมสร อังกฤษ กรุงเทพมหานคร [Samosorn Angkrit Krungthep]) in red. Sadly, when contacted in 2010, T.M. Lewin had reported that it no longer had any records of this design and then, on 30th June 2020, T.M. Lewin went into administration and now exists only as an on-line marketing brand of Torque Brands. Fortunately in March 2023, a child of a past member donated a picture of the tie.



▲ *The British Club Bangkok tie*

### Our Naval Year

Our naval heritage continued in 1960 when we hosted both the outgoing and incoming Commanders-in-chief, Far East Fleet. In April we hosted Vice-Admiral Sir Gerald Gladstone CBE, KCB., and in October Vice-Admiral Sir John Luce GCB, DSO & Bar, OBE, both aboard our most frequent Royal Navy visitor HMS Alert.

In May, in a policy change, the General Committee decided that the Sailors Entertainment Fund, founded in 1947 (see *Past Participle*, April 2022), was no longer gaining any support from the British community so, instead of funding a luncheon for officers and ratings, the Club would extend use of our facilities to members of visiting naval forces. Thus in September, at the request of the new Naval Attaché, Commander J.J. Phillips RN (see *later*), the Club extended the use of the Club to the crew of HMCyS Mahasena, a River class frigate, previously HMCS Orkney, and HMCyS Parakrama, an Algerine-class minesweeper, originally HMS Pickle, both from the Royal Ceylon Navy.

In October, on the 21st of course, the Bangkok Naval Association held its first Trafalgar Dinner at the Club in order to commemorate the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

Finally, in the November, the Club extended to the crew of HMNZS Rotoiti (F625), a Loch-class frigate, use of the Club facilities during their visit.



▲ *HMNZS Rotoiti*

## The Butler

The second most significant event of 1960 was the retirement on 31st July of the Club's Butler, Mr Cheng Kim Lee, after 41 years' service. The General Committee awarded him an immediate 30,000 Ticals payment and six months later paid him a further 30,000 Ticals from a Subscription Fund which was set up for him. Advertisements for this fund had been placed in The London Times, The Daily Telegraph, and the (Bangkok) Weekly Times to seek support of past members.

One member noted at the time "*The butler was a favourite among Tical-short bachelors for he could be relied on for a temporary loan*".

As a result of his retirement the No. 1 Boy ("head barman"), Yee Daeng, was promoted to Butler.

### BUTLER'S RETIREMENT

This was discussed at length and it was agreed to retire the Butler as from 31st July 1960, after 41 years service to the Club. It was agreed to present the butler with a gift of Tcs.30,000.00 from Club funds as a lump sum and then to open a subscription list, with a further guarantee of Tcs.30,000.00 - any deficiency on this second figure to be made up from Club funds.

### ▲ The Retiring Butler

## To reciprocate or not to reciprocate!

The AGM of 1960 tasked the newly elected General Committee to get some reciprocal Clubs in Asia. Although the General Committee did contact the Tanglin Club in Singapore and the Lake Club in Kuala Lumpur they decided not to pursue either due to "conflicting constitutions and rules" (although both became reciprocal clubs in later years). It was not until 1967 that the Club obtained its first Reciprocal Club.

### RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. Mackie read personal letters that he had received from the Tanglin Club, Singapore, the Penang Club, Penang and the Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur. It was decided that we could not enter into arrangements with the Tanglin Club or the Lake Club because of their Constitutions but the Penang Club seemed possible and it was agreed to exchange copies of Rules and Regulations. Mr. Mackie had not heard from Hongkong at that time.

### ▲ Reciprocation

## Service

1960 saw Charles Mabbatt elected for the last time as Chairman, and William Brownsey serve his last term as Honorary Secretary, (he went Absent mid-way through the year, but would serve two future terms on the Committee) (see *Past Participle*, April 2022, and August 2022 respectively). Mr. Brownsey was replaced by the co-option of M.P. Langley of the Mercantile Bank recording his only service.

F.R. Haynes went Absent from the post of Vice-Chairman in the May and was replaced by Mowbray Mackie of the Mercantile Bank. Mr. Mackie would go on to serve four more terms, three as Vice-Chairman and one as Chairman ... a year which nearly saw the Club sold off! (see *Past Participle*, September 2023).

The Honorary Treasurer, James Malone, went Absent for four months and was temporarily replaced by Godfrey A. Sommerfield (see *Past Participle*, February 2023). Mr. A.D.G. Shaw of the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) served this term only, and two others co-opted, and serving their only time on the committee were Commander J. Ferguson of SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization), and D.A. Sakey of the Shell Company,

## 1960-61

**CHAIRMAN:** Charles S.I. Mabbatt CBE  
**VICE-CHAIRMAN:** F.R. Haynes (went Absent 31.05.1960)  
 A. Mowbray Mackie (from 16.06.1960)  
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**HONORARY TREASURER:** James P. Malone (went Absent 18.08.1960; returned 08.12.1960)  
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 D.A. Sankey (co-opted 18.08.1960)  
 A.D.G. Shaw  
 Godfrey A. Sommerfield (to Hon. Treasurer 21.07.1960 - returned 08.12.1960)

### ▲ General Committee 1960-61

## Club News

The Annual General Meeting instructed the committee to sell off the front two Tennis Courts (along the Suriwongse Road) or even swap them for the house and land behind the Club (where the Panyarat High School now stands) to raise funds for development. The General Committee considered these "*not in the interest of the Club*". (see *Past Participle*, September 2023).

The Bangkok Municipality decided to fill in Khlong Silom and replace its 'water control' properties by a Typhoon drain. This Khlong had long been the Club's main source of drainage and a small khlong ran along Soi 16 (hidden now in the Narai works) from the Club's premises to it to serve our smaller drainage khlongs. A temporary measure enacted was to pump our excess waters into the Suriwongse drain whilst we tried to get a pipe installed to the new Silom drain.

The question of the possible sale of the 2 front tennis courts was discussed and the possibility of purchasing land behind the Club now used as a private dwelling was also discussed and this matter was left to the attention of the incoming Committee.

▲ AGM Minutes 1960

**In Other News**

On 1st January the Paknam Railway closed: opened in 1893, the railway ran from a location near, what is now Hua Lamphong station, along Thanon Thong {Straight Road} (what is now Rama IV Road) all the way down to Paknam, now called Samut Prakarn. Interesting the 'station' at the top of Silom was little more than a gazebo style supported roof surfaced with red tiles ... hence the area is known as "Sala Daeng"!

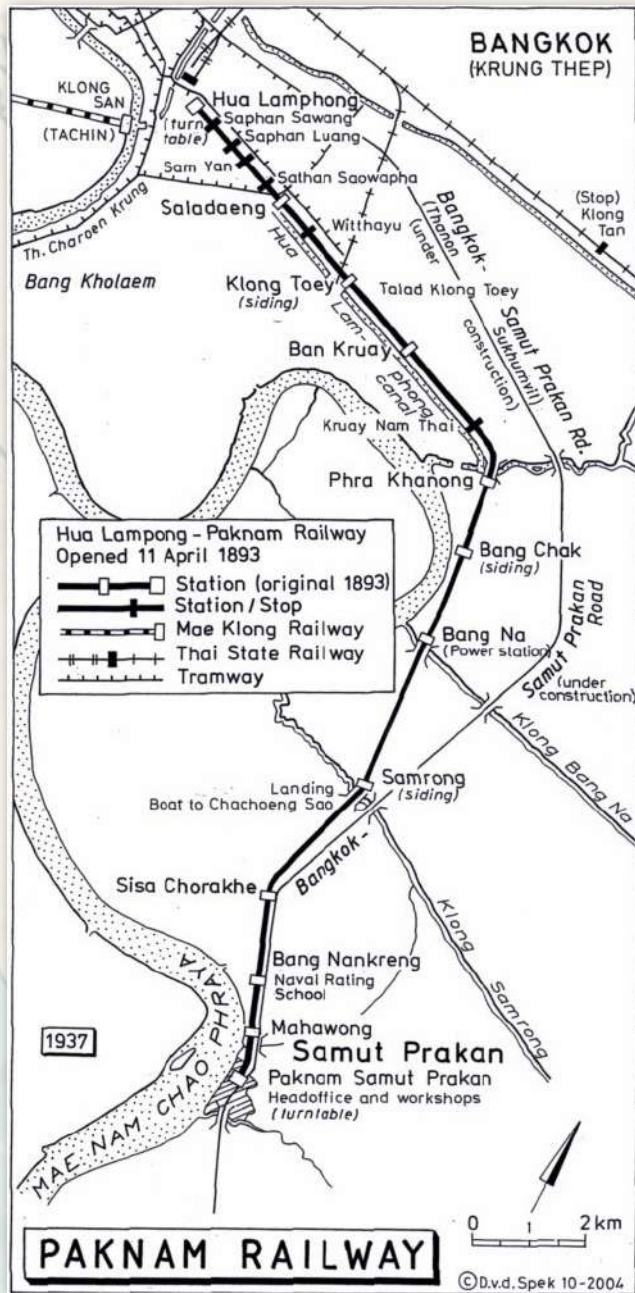
Commander J.J. Phillips RN became Naval Attaché at the British Embassy and joined the Club on 19th March. Colonel O.D.A. Le Feuvre BSc became Military Attaché at the British Embassy and joined the Club on 30th March.

Group Captain Joseph W.E. Holmes DFC became Air Attaché at the British Embassy and joined the Club on 22nd September.

H.E. Malcolm R. Booker became the Australian Ambassador.

**Next month ...  
What a Pantomime!**

**Paul Cheesman**  
Honorary Secretary



▲ The Paknam Railway

For Members interested in our Club's history, the Club Timeline has been fully revised with 2,070 entries including 433 pictures across 194 pages and can be found on the Website under 'The Club - History'.

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## County Club, Guildford, Surrey, England

Visited in December 2022

Paul Doust



**The County Club**, founded in 1882, is a comfortable well-appointed private member's club in the heart of Guildford. The site where the club now stands used to be an inn which was a staging post between London and Portsmouth, with the current building consisting of three old timber-framed cottages which have been joined together. The ground floor of the middle building is the club's entrance, with shops on the ground floor of the two outer buildings, and with the club occupying the upper two floors across all three buildings. Originally it was a provincial gentleman's club, but these days women can join too. When I visited the club, the club had around 430 members, and for the first time the club's chairman was a woman.

One quirk of this club is that it doesn't have a reception desk at the entrance. Instead there's a cloakroom, with stairs leading up to the first floor which is where the club's main facilities are. At the front of the building on the first floor is a lounge, incorporating a bar in the middle, and on one side of the building at the rear is the club's dining room. The club's offices are at the rear on the other side of the building. The second floor has meeting and function rooms. However, the club has no accommodation or sports facilities.





I have an old school friend who lives in Guildford, so during my visit to the UK for Christmas 2022, I arranged to meet him for lunch at this club. I arrived first and given that there's no reception desk at the entrance, I went to find the club's offices to introduce myself. The lounge was quiet, with just a couple of women sitting by the window drinking coffee. But there was also one club member sitting on his own, so I got chatting to him. He was a retired employee of Shell, who had worked as an expat in several countries all over the world. When his wife arrived, she told me that it was the club's female chairman who was responsible for the club's comfortable décor and furnishings, and that previously it had looked like an old gentleman's club and it hadn't been renovated for a long time. I also spoke briefly to this member's two guests, who were impressed by how cheap the club's lunch menu was compared to local restaurants in Guildford.



There were only a handful of tables occupied for lunch on the Thursday that I visited, but I had a nice lunch with my old school friend. The club had a simple wine list which didn't specify the vintages, but the staff were more than happy to check for me before I made a decision. During the meal, both the club's manager and the female chairman came to introduce themselves to me. The chairman told me that the County Club only had 11 reciprocal clubs, and that as far as she knew, I was the first person to visit from British Club Bangkok. In any case, everyone who I spoke to made me feel welcome, so this club is thoroughly recommended for members of British Club Bangkok who find themselves in or near Guildford.





Terry Adams



# SENIORS SECTION

## SECTION UPDATE:

To help us to bringing our Section and the wider Club 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 to the benefit of all Club Members, we would love to hear from you.

Our monthly 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 an enjoyable time doing it!

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](mailto:terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com) or call him on 081 750 1087.

## TRIP REPORT:

### *“Explore Chachoengsao” trip undertaken on Friday, 31st March 2023*

Having enjoyed leisurely BC breakfasts in the Sala, the trip participants boarded our minibus and commenced the first part of our journey. Seniors Section Committee Member and Trip Organiser Noah Shepherd handed out the Trip Itinerary and Information Guide that he had prepared, which, in addition to the enlightening details provided, included QR codes so that using the bus's on-board WIFI, we could read even more about the three stops that we would be making during the course of the trip.

The first stop was at Wat Hong Thong also known as the appropriately named Wat Klang Nam (Middle of the Sea), a temple complex in the Gulf of Thailand along Chachoengsao province's 10km coastline in a somewhat denuded but rapidly being replanted mangrove forest, where much of the area around the temple is used to farm salt.

Using the under-cover walkway over the shoreline (the tide was in) we first visited the three-level pagoda. The first level contains statues of the Lord Buddha, the second has some interesting wax statues of the Lord Buddha, and paintings of the current and past Kings of Thailand, and the top floor has a terrace with excellent sea and coastal views. The adjacent smaller ordination hall, is beautifully decorated both inside and out. The interior features wall and ceiling paintings depicting scenes from the life of the Lord Buddha. The main Buddha image is a scaled down copy of another famous statue of the Lord Buddha, the Phra Phuttha Chinnarat, the original of which is enshrined at Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat in Phitsanulok.





Nearby there is also a quite new pier holding a gold-coloured Buddha image, reached using a 'sea walk' with a glass floor (at a cost of Baht 30 each, which in the opinion of this writer, smacked of money raising rather than of piety and merit-making). Finally, we accessed the large observation tower where from the 11th and top floor we enjoyed magnificent views of the coastline and the totally flat but still interesting and very scenic inland.

Then back on the bus for lunch at The River Restaurant located on the Bang Prakong River a few Km south of Chachoengsao City, where we enjoyed a Thai style set menu in lovely surroundings complete with very friendly and efficient service. Noticeable was that, in contrast to the Chaophraya River anywhere north of Bangkok, the Bang Prakong River had zero traffic during our time there.


The bus then drove us north-eastwards to Wat Saman Rattanaram, which is in complete contrast to the serenity of Wat Hong Thong. The temple is located on a landlocked island on the banks of the Bang Prakong River. We parked in the main car park, and walked to the main temple area through the huge market with stalls selling every variety of vegetables, river fish, meats, on-site cooked foods, hand-crafts, clothing, and even toys and ornaments. Interspersed were various convenience stores and coffee shops of various local and international franchises. The huge site was quite crowded on this last Friday of the month!

The main temple area houses a number of religious features for merit-making: the biggest Ganesha statue in Thailand, an ornate Chinese temple and the Goddess of Mercy, the Hindu deity Indra riding the three headed elephant Erawan, overlooking the river is a large statue of the Hindu God Brahma seated on a pedestal, several large brightly colored statues of Nagas serpent deity, in a corner of the parking lot is a replica of the Golden Rock in Burma with the Kyaikhtiyo pagoda, one of Burma's most sacred sites. A whole lot to take in on a blisteringly hot day in company with quite a lot of visitors to this very popular temple.

Whilst the drive back to the British Club was slow and long, nevertheless it was an enjoyable day out in good company, excellently and professionally organized by Noah!

## FUTURE SECTION EVENTS:

### Events Calendar as at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

DATE	EVENT
<b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>7.00 – 9.00 pm</b> <b>for ALL British Club Members and Guests</b>	<b>Workshop on how 'Brits' can register to vote in UK Elections“:</b> Absolutely not as easy as it sounds – understand how to navigate the minefield and when” Presentation & Q&A Speaker: Bruce Darrington
<b>Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>8.30 am – 5.00 pm</b> <b>NOT TO BE MISSED!</b>	<b>Day trip:</b> details and costs being progressed but will include the <b>magnificent new Gold Treasure Exhibition</b> at the Ayutthaya National Museum <a href="https://www.bangkokpost.com/travel/2513256/treasures-of-the-past">https://www.bangkokpost.com/travel/2513256/treasures-of-the-past</a> 
<b>Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <b>2.00 pm Performance</b> 	<b>Charity Concert in Bangkok:</b> We are excited to announce that as a benefit to our Section Members and Guests, we've obtained 12 Free tickets to this superb Charity Concert, a fantastic opportunity to enjoy an afternoon full of music, passion, and purpose: <b>“An afternoon to Remember 2023 – IMAGINE”.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vie Trio (Internationally renowned Thai cross-over band)</li> <li>• The Krokodiloes (Capella singing group) (Harvard University, USA, on their World Tour)</li> <li>• Thai Youth Orchestra</li> <li>• Mercy Centre Student Performers</li> <li>• Somsak Chaima (Blind pianist, Bangkok Post Foundation scholar)</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>3.00 – 5.00pm</b>	<b>“Writing and publishing made easy” including how to go about writing your own memoirs</b> Presentation & Q&A by Club Member Greg Beatty



## Wine Tasting

01/04/23

The last outdoor wine tasting took place on the front lawn with the backdrop of the Clubhouse. Live music and a delightful selection of wines and tapas were enjoyed by all our attending members.



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



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- 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



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# Easter Day

09/04/23

No rain this year, however, the temperature was extremely hot, but this didn't stop the sell-out crowd of members having an enjoyable Easter Sunday. The egg hunt was one of the longest ever as our Easter bunny had carefully hidden 300 eggs with the top 3 eggs green, silver, and gold proving hard to find but they got there in the end, so well done to everyone. The annual tug of war between Amnat's team and Rit's team was all tied at 2-2 but with a great performance this year Amnat is back in the lead with after taking the win, so it up to 3-2 (bragging rights all year now in the sports department)





OUTPOST



# Songkran Wet & Wild Pool Party

13/04/23

We held our first ever Songkran Pool Party this year and it featured the legendary Log Master Gladiator battles, there was no love lost out there on the battle raft and we produced some fine gladiators from the age of 3 years and up. No one stayed dry and smiles all around from the 200+ attendees. See you next year for round 2.





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# QUIZ NIGHT

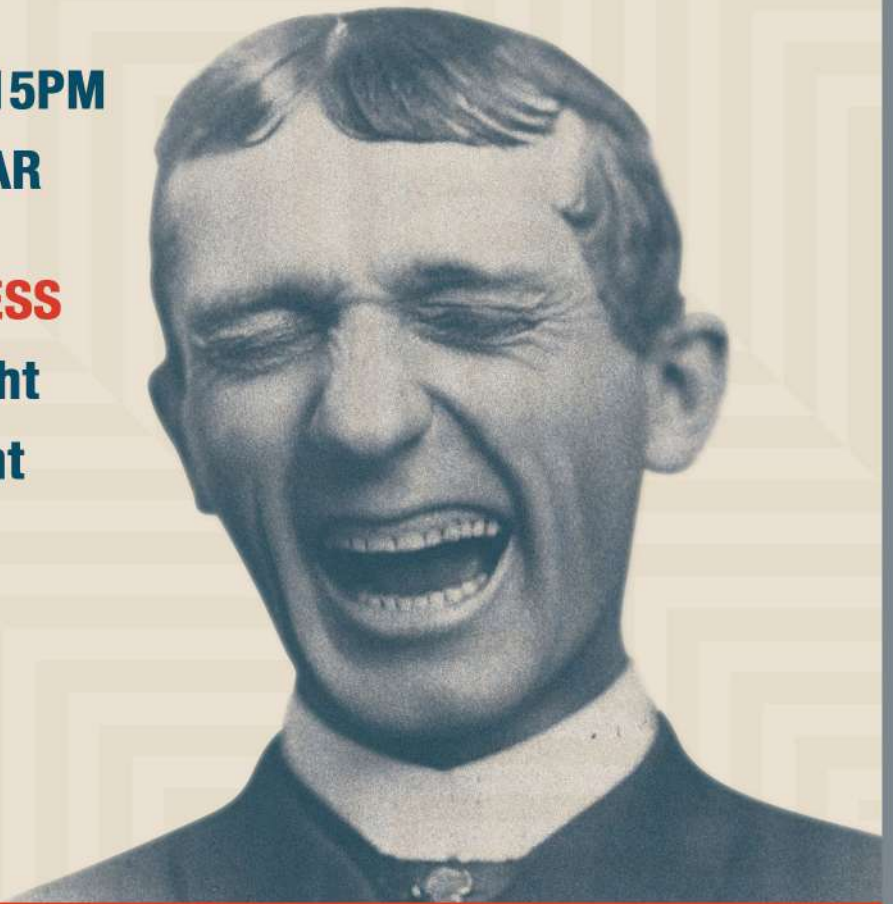
9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 | 07:15PM

@CHURCHILL BAR

TEAM OF 6 OR LESS

Member 150 Baht

Guests 200 Baht



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# 120<sup>th</sup> The British Club Bangkok Birthday

23/04/23

The Club reached its 120th birthday and celebrated with a series of activities and promotions throughout the Club concluding with the British Club Pipe Band leading on the Birthday Cake and our chairman giving a speech ahead of cutting the cake.





# An Intimate Wine Night

Exploring AUSTRALIA

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May | 7 - 9 pm  
Veranda Wine Corner  
Meet the Sommelier  
Taste, learn, and experience  
a special selection of wines

**LIMITED TO 13 SEATS ONLY**



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# WINE TASTING

Suriwongse Room,  
The 1910 Balcony & Wordsworth Lounge  
May 27<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm



MEMBER 400 ฿  
GUESTS 500 ฿

Live Music

4 of our Best Wine Suppliers

A pairing tapas buffet

2 glasses of Rochester Sauvignon Blanc  
& Cabernet Sauvignon



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# *The Battle of Waterloo Dinner*

7:00 PM | Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

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



*“A celebration of the Duke of Wellington’s  
famous victory over Napoleon Bonaparte”*

**Guest Speaker:**

**Colonel Tony Stern, British Defence Attaché, Bangkok**

**Club members, Embassy staff, RBLT members,  
Military Attache Group, & guests : 2,250 ฿**

**Other non-members: 2,500 ฿**

**No alcohol less 500 ฿**



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## Coming Events

### May 2023

6th	Sat	UK Coronation
9th	Tue	Quiz Night
17th	Wed	Learn how and when to avoid the "minefield" - Seniors Section
19th	Fri	An Intimate Wine Night
27th	Sat	Wine Tasting

### June 2023

6th	Tue	Quiz Night
16th	Fri	Waterloo Dinner
18th	Sun	UK Father's Day
24th	Sat	Wine Tasting

### July 2023

11th	Tue	Quiz Night
21st	Sun	An Intimate Wine Night
22nd	Sat	Wine Tasting
28nd	Fri	Thai Kings Birthday

## Event & Activities 2023 MAY Highlights



### UK Coronation Day - Saturday 6th May

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camila we will be hosting a live broadcast of the occasion from the UK. Our on-site event will feature live music, kids' activities, raffle draw, Shrewsbury "British Bake Off", green screen video making, food stands from international 5-star hotels, British beers, and much more. We are honoured to have the British Ambassador Mark Gooding OBE to open the event for us and proud to partner with the British Embassy and Shrewsbury International School for the special day



### An Intimate Wine Night – Friday 19th May

Our bimonthly Intimate Wine night is back, and this month Khun Wei will be taking you on a detailed experience around the vineyards of Australia. 5 carefully selected wines paired with 5 tapas dishes. Limited to 13 seats only.



### Wine Tasting – Saturday 27th May

Now that the weather has changed, we move back inside the Club-house with a new layout and format to the May wine tasting. Three areas will be used, the Wordsworth lounge will feature the tapas buffet and have a sparkling wine tasting counter, the 1910 terrace will be the place to pick up your two complimentary glasses of red or white wine to get you in the mood plus is a smoking area for those that wish to, the Suriwongse room will host four wine suppliers, live acoustic music from our duo 'Mini Moon' and have high tables and low tables for seating allowing you to enjoy the wines and music and open any bottle you may purchase.



# SUMMER CAMP

26<sup>TH</sup> JUN - 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY

09:30 - 15:30

**7 years -12 years**  
950 baht/day  
4,499 baht/week (5 Days)

Snack Attack Junior Athletes  
Bob the Builder  
Mini Chef Little Mad Scientists  
Arts & Crafts



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# Mini SUMMER CAMP

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10:00 - 14:30

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650 baht/day  
2,999 baht/week (5 Days)

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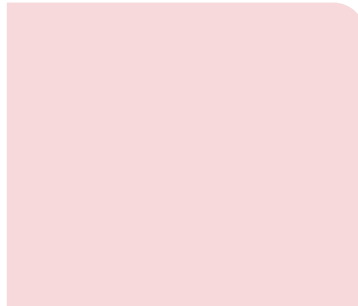
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SUN

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TUE



**7** **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

**14** **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

**21** **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

**28** **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

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

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

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

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

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

**2** **Football**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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

**16** **Football**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

**23** **Football**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

**30** **Football**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

# MAY 2023

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3

**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

4

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

5

**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Junior Cricket**  
5.30pm - 6.30pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

6

**UK Coronation Day**  
12.00pm - 6.00pm  
**Squash Mixed-in**  
1.30pm - 6.45pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

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**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

11

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

12

**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Junior Tennis**  
4.00pm - 5.00pm  
**Junior Cricket**  
5.30pm - 6.30pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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

17

**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  
**Learn how and when to avoid the "minefield" - Seniors Section**  
7.00pm onwards

18

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

19

**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Junior Tennis**  
4.00pm - 5.00pm  
**Junior Cricket**  
5.30pm - 6.30pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm  
**An Intimate Wine Night**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

20

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

24

**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

25

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

26

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

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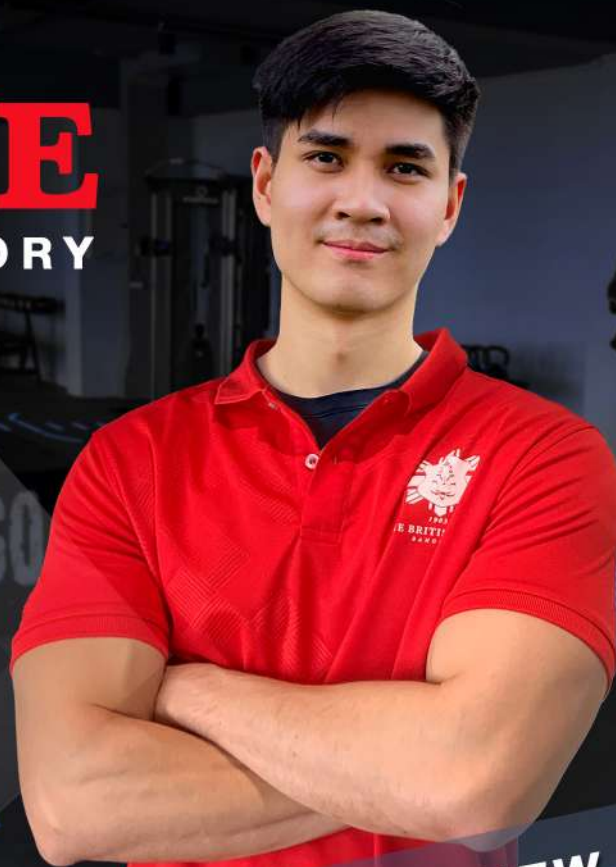
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**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm  
**Wine Tasting**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

31

**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

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# TENNIS



Sunil Mehra

**What** a HOT month! We are not talking about the temperature in Bangkok but the hottest month for tennis at the British Club that led to a 'climatic' Finals Day for the Championships 2023. What a feast of tennis for everyone - the players, the styles, the great backhands, forehands or volleys as shown on the next two pages with many thanks to Chris for the stunning photos and wonderful montage.

According our court historian, Raquel, this was the biggest tennis championship with 91 entries; 60 gentlemen and 31 gentladies. This was also a championship that was successful because of the amazing collective efforts by the organisers - A BIG thank you from the rest of the tennis family. The success of the tournament also depends on all the amazing players and our *sponsors*.



A special thanks to all the staff of The British Club Bangkok for setting up a fabulous dinner and organising the trophies and medals.

Finally, *Congratulations* to all the Champions, runners-up and plate winners who took home some incredible prizes, including top-of-the-line tennis gear and exclusive deals thanks to the support from our fabulous Sponsors.

For anyone who missed the action at the Tennis Championships 2023, you can check out all the Results by *scanning the QR Code*.

Now turn the page to experience the great feast of tennis....at

**The British Club Tennis Championships 2023.**





Women's Singles Cup Winner Raquel



Women's Doubles Cup Winners Mooky & Pin



Women's Singles Plate Winner Veronica



Men's Doubles Cup Winners Cheer & Nueng



Men's Singles Cup Winner Pierre



Mixed Doubles Cup Winners Mooky & Cheer



Men's Singles Plate Winner Remi



Senior Men's Singles Cup Winner Frank G



Senior Men's Doubles Cup Winners Frank S & Jim



Senior Men's Singles Plate Winner Michael



Seniors Mixed Doubles Cup Winners Veera & Phairroj



Women's Doubles Plate Runners-up Bridget & Dailah



Women's Doubles Plate Winners Pui & Tip



Women's Singles Runner-up Nattaya



Senior Men's Cup Runner-up Frank S



Women's Singles Plate Runner-up Laïa



Men's Doubles Plate Winners Chris & Ravi



Men's Singles Plate Runner-up Andrei



Men's Singles Plate Runner-up Vincent



Senior Men's Singles Plate Runner-up Philip



Mixed Doubles Plate Winners Pui & Michael



Senior Mixed Doubles Plate Runners-up Tip & Michael



Matches Played Prior to Finals Day

- Senior Women's Singles Cup Winners Jeab
- Senior Women's Doubles Cup Winners Nu & Jeab
- Senior Women's Doubles Plate Winners Nu & Jeab
- Senior Mixed Doubles Plate Sasaluk & Suang



Women's Doubles Cup Runners-up Nattaya & Raquel



Men's Doubles Runners-up Andrei & Pam



Mixed Doubles Plate Winners Pui & Michael



Senior Men's Doubles Runners-up Frank G & James



Watching the Action Court Side



Men's Doubles Plate Runners-up Sook & Vatchara



Mixed Doubles Plate Runners-up Angie & Cyrille



Photographer's Action Pick of the Day



Ben Eastwell

# HARD BALLS

#	TEAM	MAT	WON	LOST	N/R	TIE	PTS
1	BANGKOK CC (A DIV)	11	9	2	0	0	18
2	PAKISTAN CRICKET CLUB	11	7	3	1	0	15
3	PATTAYA CC	8	7	1	0	0	14
4	BRITISH CLUB (A DIV)	10	6	4	0	0	12
5	BANGKOK BLUES CC (A DIV)	10	6	4	0	0	12
6	KERALA STRIKERS CC (A DIV)	9	6	3	0	0	12
7	ASIAN STARS CC	8	5	2	1	0	11
8	TAMILNADU CC (A DIV)	11	5	6	0	0	10
9	ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	10	2	8	0	0	4
10	ROYAL BANGKOK SPORTS CLUB	9	2	7	0	0	4
11	SUPER BOYS CC	9	1	8	0	0	2
12	MARINA CC	8	0	8	0	0	0

▲ BCL A Division Points Table

#	TEAM	MAT	WON	LOST	N/R	TIE	PTS
1	SOUTHERNERS CC (B DIV)	5	4	1	0	0	8
2	INDORAMA	5	3	2	0	0	6
3	CHICHA CC	6	3	3	0	0	6
4	ALIBABA CC	6	3	3	0	0	6
5	TAMILNADU CC (B DIV)	5	2	3	0	0	4
6	BRITISH CLUB (B DIV)	5	1	4	0	0	2

▲ BCL B Division Points Table

The league action has continued either side of the Songkran break and both teams still have a game or 2 remaining before an outside chance of reaching their respective playoffs. The English cricket summer is underway and the IPL has been providing entertainment while we head towards the off season in which the section will be hosting a few visiting teams, drinking plenty of Arran and the plans are in motion for a Vietnam tour in July ahead of the Koh Chang Beach Cricket Tournament in August. The nets and BCs home format 'fireball' will continue through the rest of the year as the team looks to build on the first season fielding 2 sides in the section's modern era.



## British Club V AIT, BCL A Division, 11th March

AIT were the opposition for Pramodh to continue the winning streak in his debut league match in charge and was asked to bat first at their home ground. The flourishing opening partnership charged the score to 88 within 10 overs where Sunil departed for 38. Mak then supported Tyrone to his second ton of the season and fell just four runs short of his own half-century before Denz finished the innings off with a bang which took the British Club to 217-2 from their 25.

Sunil and Talal broke a threatening AIT partnership with a smart stumping from a wide, and a wicket on drinks from Yuvi set the tone for a slow bowling attack after Pramodh cleared the way with a crucial wicket following the interval. Thanks to 2 each for Tyrone, Dave and Ravi, the home side ran out of steam and George cleaned up the last wicket with AIT 56 runs short of the target. A bittersweet win which sadly turned out to be Tyrone's last game - bowing out with 417 runs@83.4 and 7 wickets@38.3 for the season. A fine contribution and we wish him all the best in his onward journey.

**British Club 217-2 (Tyrone 101\*, Mak 46) beat AIT 161-10 (Dave Elder 2-13, Ravi 2-9) by 56 runs**



▲ Interesting shot choice



▲ Sunil attacks early



▲ Khan and Bond keep it ticking



▲ A healthy scorecard



▲ George cleans up



▲ Skipper looks on



▲ A reminder to wear a helmet

## British Club V Kerala Strikers BCL A Division, 19th March

The Kerala strikers were the next in line, with a cruising BC team looking to avenge the teams' last encounter in the B division final last season. Again put into bat first, Mak pushed up to join Sunil in the opening slot. A positive but short lived partnership gave the middle order their first real test of the season which produced a handful of good starts but nobody managed to convert to a big score as BC were bowled out for 152 in the 18th over. Defending 6 per over on a ground which had been producing 500 run matches proved predictably difficult - Denzyl taking the sole wicket before the strikers chased down comfortably and kept themselves in with a shout of playoffs.

**British Club 152-10 (Sunil 29, Ravi 23\*) lost to Kerala Strikers 153-1 (N. Varghese 64\*, Denzyl 1-28) by 9 wickets**



▲ *BC V Pattaya 02 April*

### British Club V Pattaya BCL A Division, 25th March

Pattaya CC - the defending A division champions proved their worth against the British Club on a blazing hot afternoon, not only because of the psychological bruising the 2 and a half hour bus ride had inflicted. Limping to 112, BC seeing off the 25 overs was the only consolation in a dominating performance from the home side. Aided by 3 drops from everyone's favourite South African - Pattaya's opening pair knocked off the total in the 10th over calling for a well appreciated early finish and a few cold ones.

**British Club 112-9** (Extras 23, Ben 18) **lost to Pattaya CC 113-0** (Wezley 65\*, Pramodh 0-25) by 10 wickets

### British Club V TNCC BCL B Division, 12th March

Over to the B division, and the Paviolionaires found themselves in trouble at the bottom of the table coming up against TNCC's 2nd XI. A steady start saw the top 3 back in the shed with the score at 38 in the 7th over, paving the way for the captains Dale and Dilip to carve out a rebuilding partnership of 65 before Dale was ultimately run out as he was starting to open up some trademark shots. A slow run rate ensued and BC posted a below par 136 which did not trouble TNCC despite wickets for Dilip and Chan, some tight bowling from Manish and an infamous mankad from Sarg.

**British Club 136-5** (Dale 35, Dilip 20) **lost to TNCC 140-3** (Dilip 1-11, Manish 0-18) by 7 wickets

### British Club V Indorama BCL B Division, 2nd April

Losing the toss and put into bowl first, Dale's men found themselves looking at a hefty total following some heavy hitting from a strong Indorama side. Dilip put them on the back foot after surgically removing both openers but a solid contribution from the middle order helped Indorama to 224-7. Chef justified his newly appointed fitness regime with an assured half-century and Dale continued his good form with a quickfire 38 but the target proved a little too much in the end despite valiant efforts in the closing overs from KK and Kathy.

**British Club 176-8** (Rahul 59, Dale 38) **lost to Indorama 224-7** (Dilip 3-33, Sunish 3-38) by 48 runs

# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



*Wattanan B.*

Hello Members,

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Ukkie the new Membership Sales Manager of the British Club Bangkok. My previous work experience includes working at The Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok on the executive floor 'Grand Club', and La prairie at Gaysorn, before moving on to become a flight attendant with Emirates Airlines First Class in Dubai for 12 years. I moved back to Thailand and worked at Central Embassy as a Customer Service Division Manager before accepting the position at the Club. It has been nice to meet a selection of long term and new members around the club in my first month and hope to meet all of you soon. There is a good atmosphere between staff and members while seeing them enjoy sporting facilities, restaurants, bars, and events. Do not hesitate to come and say hi when you see me or pop to the office for a chat.



▲ *Todd Rosin and Sunmin Park*

#### Member Review:

We are excited about being part of the Bangkok British Club. As long-time members of the Singapore Cricket Club we heard many good things about the Bangkok British Club from other members, all true. We have lived in Singapore for the past 15 years and are looking forward to our move to Bangkok. We have been coming to Thailand and Bangkok for over 35 years, we know the city and county well. I am particularly excited to join the squash and golf sections and participating in the interclub events. We plan on making the Bangkok British Club the centre of our life in Bangkok spending time enjoying the facilities and the dining at the club.



▲ *Agnes Murray*

#### Member Review:

My first Impression of the Club was that it is a wonderful little hidden oasis which gives some welcome respite from the bustle of Bangkok. I choose to join to meet fellow expats, make new friends and start some new adventures!



▲ *Thomas, Chitoyo, Koji and Joji Browne*

#### Member Review:

We are a British / Japanese family that moved to Bangkok from Singapore last year. We've recently joined the club and are really enjoying it... with young children having access to the pool / kids facilities is already proving to be a big plus for us!

# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ *John Thornback and Jindalai Ngamjaroem*

## Member Review:

I finally moved full time to Sisaket almost a year ago where we have a house and a small rice farm. The move had been many years in the planning as we spent a long time building the house and renovating the farm. The photo is of my wife and step granddaughter, who lives with us.

Prior to Sisaket I spent eight years working in Singapore initially as CEO of a couple of biotech start ups specialising in the development of medical diagnostics and then latterly with the Singapore government to help promote and grow the medical diagnostics industry in Singapore. As you can imagine the COVID crisis was especially challenging as everyone became aware of the role diagnostics could play in detecting the disease and there was an intense effort to rapidly develop new diagnostic tests.

My sporting passion has always been cricket and I am a member of Singapore Cricket Club, one of the reciprocal clubs of the British Club. I am also a member of the Royal Overseas League in the UK which is great if you ever want to stay overlooking Green Park and metres from Piccadilly.

I joined the British Club because it has a lot of similarities with both my other clubs, a formal bar where you can have a quiet drink and meal, along with the informal pool area and informal restaurant. Somewhere to relax away from the noise and bustle that is Bangkok.

I am looking forward to making new friends at the club and taking part in many of the different activities during my regular trips to Bangkok.



▲ *Caroline Brown*

## Member Review:

During my life overseas I have been fortunate to experience the many benefits of belonging to various Clubs

and more recently as a member of ROSL in London.

The sense of being a part of a multicultural community and participating in various events and shared interests.

A place to come together with family, friends or just a quiet haven to sit and read with a long cool drink.

Retiring to Bangkok to spend more time with my family, both my son and granddaughter are members, I look forward to participating in club life.



▲ *Victor Cheong*

## Member Review:

Hi, my name is Victor from Canada, I wish to enjoy my relaxing good time in the the Club during my stay in Bangkok from time to time. I love tennis and enjoy great food.



▲ *Nicholas, Joanne, Lucy, Thomas and Amelie Nixon*

## Member Review:

Having recently moved into central Bangkok, we found The British Club to be a perfect environment to bring the family for sporting activities, events and food. We look forward to spending more time here in the peaceful surroundings and wonderful facilities.

# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



*Rachel Hizon*

## Member Review:

We first came to Bangkok in 1998 and a year later became members of the British Club. In 2011 when we moved to Singapore we resigned our membership. Fast forward to this year, I've decided to become a member again having been told of the club's major facelift featuring better-looking outlets, pool areas, tennis courts, gym, and additional facilities too.

The British Club has always been for us a safe, private place to meet up and relax with friends old and new or even on our own. The food outlets are great, in particular we love the Sunday roasts not to mention the ever-delicious Thai food at the Sala and lovely wine at the Churchill Bar. I look forward to the holiday parties & events, the wine tasting and children's activities that my recently-born granddaughter shall be able to experience.



▲ *Clifford Mee and Amanda Hyciek*

## Member Review:

We were looking for a "home from home" when we visited Bangkok and felt the British Club was the right fit for us and we have not been disappointed! As a couple who travel a lot the extensive reciprocal club network is also a big plus.



▲ *Po Tak Tsoi and Ka Lok Ho*

## Member Review:

After retiring from work nearly a decade ago, meeting new friends and travelling have become a new norm for me and family.

Joining British Club Bangkok is a perfect fit for us. During the visit at the Club last month, I was impressed by its cozy and relaxing ambience. We would surely make more visits to Bangkok and the Club in future.



▲ *Jan Pstrokowski*

## Member Review:

A Londoner, born in Poland, educated in the UK, tennis player. I manage a hedge fund investing in Japanese value stocks. I live in Silom, and plan to be here for the long term.

Why I like the club: I have so far only been a few times, but the atmosphere makes me feel relaxed, and I enjoy playing tennis and swimming.



▲ *Guillaume, Pattranit and Grace Verbal*

## Member Review:

We are very pleased to join British club, we love the community. It's a good place for families to hangout because there are good food plus indoor and outdoor activities for kids. We love that they arrange activities for every important calendar event such as songkran, easter or Christmas. Happy to be here.

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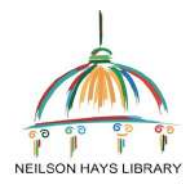
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