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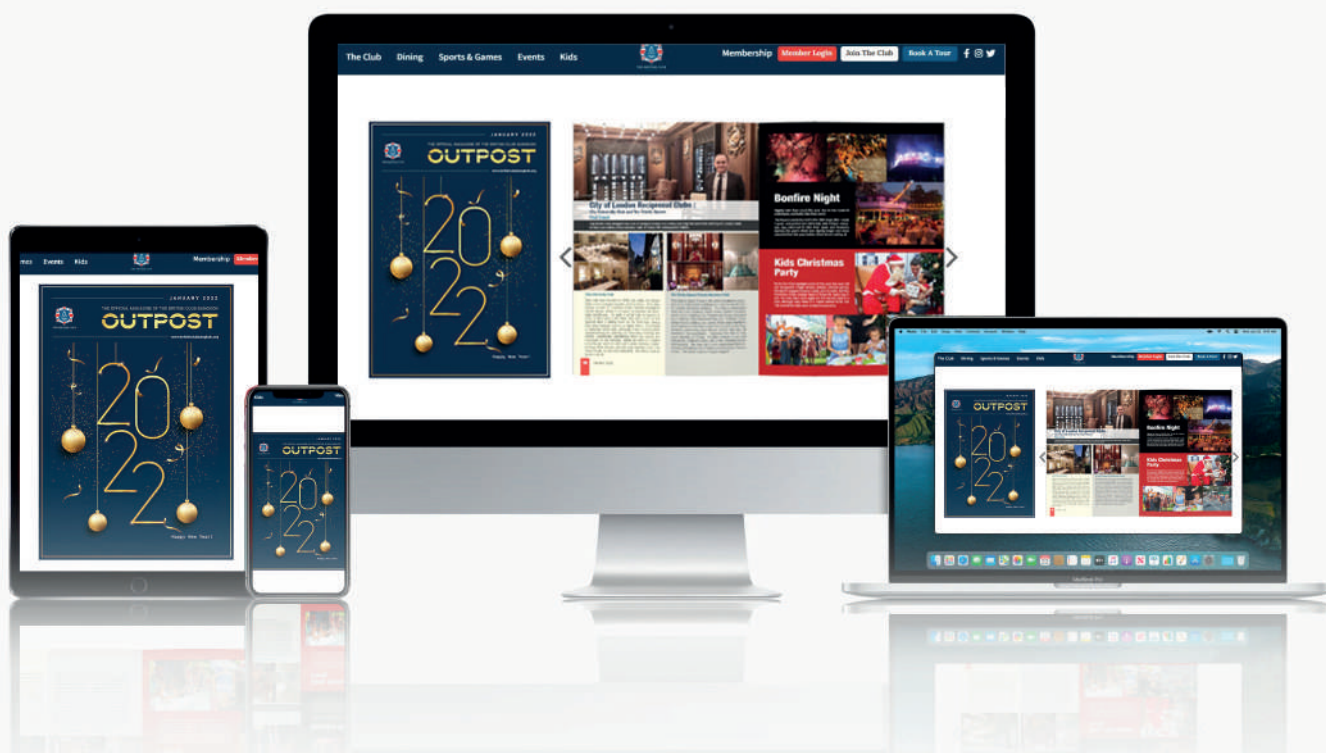
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Front Cover

Mother's Day into the rainy season

This Month

Mother's Day and the rains are here, our chairman talks steps, The Fry Group explain returning to the UK, Tim talks Club, "Our Survey Said", Tee gets arty, we revisit the year 1963, Paul & Jack review The American Club Hong Kong, our events in pictures, the sections have their say



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Simon P. Davies

Chairman's Message

To start with I would like to say a big thank you to all members who are contributing to the excellent progress of our wonderful club. Dear to my heart is the concept that a member's club should be operated for the benefit of the members and not run as a typical commercial venture might be. Yes, we want to have high standards of service and facilities but not at the expense of deflating membership experiences.



▲ *Ranald Macdonald*

As previously advised the key results of the recent membership survey are now published. As can be seen there are a very broad range of suggestions and comments following which the challenge for management will be to prioritise responses thereby enabling an action plan to be promptly implemented.

Much work was recently undertaken in reviewing the pricing structure of menu offerings across all outlets with the next step being a thorough review of the vendor management and likewise costs of all food and beverage supplies. The objective being to ensure that we are competitively positioned, given the overall scope of services, outlets and facilities within the club, so that members receive excellent value for same. I am pleased to say that despite various inflationary pressures menu prices are currently being held which is but a small step to maintaining value for members.

The annual Kids Summer Camp was a resounding success so well done to Tee and his team for organizing such a wonderful series of activities resulting in an extraordinary level of positive responses from Parents.





Work is well underway with the upgrading of the cricket nets and stairs to the squash court viewing gallery have been installed. New trees have now been planted alongside the swimming pool and safety work completed on the recently installed swimming pool steps. Behind the scenes, additional storage facilities have been built which have enabled a general tidying up of car parking and ground areas.

I concluded last month's message by congratulating the hard working staff and it has made me very sad to learn that there have been recent cases of blatant rudeness and abuse towards some of them which will simply not be tolerated. A reminder that members are fully responsible for their guests and civil standards of behaviour are expected from all concerned which also applies to visitors on the club premises.

***Cheers
Simon***



An Evening with The Fry Group

Speakers:

Martin Wright (Host)

Senior Financial Planner, The Fry Group Singapore

Max White

Director, Schroders Wealth Management Asia

Date:

Thursday, 3 August 2023

6.30pm - 8.30pm

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

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- Investment market update

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- What is happening in the investment markets currently, how 2023 may look, and positioning portfolios

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

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Returning to the UK?

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

Increasing healthcare costs, changes in circumstances, redundancy or feeling 'trunky' are just some of the reasons why people consider moving back to the UK.

If you're thinking about a UK return, it's crucial to plan ahead and understand the key issues which may affect you. This will help reduce the chance of a significant, and perhaps unnecessary, tax bill.

Because of the UK's complex tax system, it's important to give yourself plenty of time; ideally six-12 months before beginning the process.

Unfortunately the luxury of time may not be an option. Nevertheless, it's important to understand the consequences of your return to ensure it is the right decision for your personal circumstances now and in the future

WHEN TO RETURN

Although there's no perfect time, an understanding of the UK residence system is a good place to start. This will allow you to be aware of when you're likely to become a UK tax resident - it's sometimes not as straightforward as it may seem!

If you return in the middle of the tax year and have been receiving overseas income, obtaining UK split-tax year treatment will be important. This allows you to split the tax year in two - one part applying to when you're UK resident, and one when you're not.

DO I NEED TO TELL HMRC WHEN I RETURN?

Telling HMRC that you're returning to the UK is very important. It can be done personally, or by your tax adviser. It's always a good idea to seek tax advice before your return, and this could be part of an overall package of a pre and post UK tax advice service.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR A UK RETURN

There are lots of things to consider, but the key points to focus on are:

- Seek UK tax advice - and use a professional qualified UK tax adviser.
- Check your UK banking arrangements - if you don't have a UK bank account speak to your previous UK bank.
- Understand foreign pension provision - can it be withdrawn before your return?
- Review currency exchange rates - if transferring significant amounts research the most efficient way of doing so.
- Review investment funds - they could be taxed differently in the UK.
- Find a home - give tenants the correct notice if you have a UK property or do your research if moving to a new home in a new area.
- Plan healthcare needs - NHS hospital treatment is free for those resident in the UK and applies immediately if you're returning permanently.
- Research schools - explore the options and be aware that children must be physically present in the UK to enroll.
- Check your insurance - consider your general (motor, home), and personal (private medical insurance, life assurance and critical illness) cover; personal insurance is normally cheaper in the UK.
- Make sure your UK driving licence is still valid - this is especially important if you've been absent from the UK for a long period.

Returning to the UK is a big step so do plan ahead both personally and financially. Over the years we've helped many people relocate to the UK, so please get in touch to discuss your plans.



Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

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Tim Vongswang

Letter From The General Manager

THE GM's SPOT

This month I thought it may be interesting to mention a few house and grounds maintenance points that have just been carried out.

Firstly, our new gardener Khun Neung, who started with us last month, has begun to tidy up the gardens and planted new plants and trees, removing dead wood, and, although there is a lot more work to be done especially around back lawn, we should see small but steady improvements over the next few months.

Talking about clearing dead wood, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) spent two days at the club cutting and trimming the trees in time for the real rainy season and with that season in mind, we also had all our drains dredged and was quite surprised to see how much 'gunk' was exhumed ... if you think your job is hard spare a thought for those guys! We have also purchased new urinal flushing systems for the main changing rooms which now flushes more water for longer, this should clear some lingering issues we had.

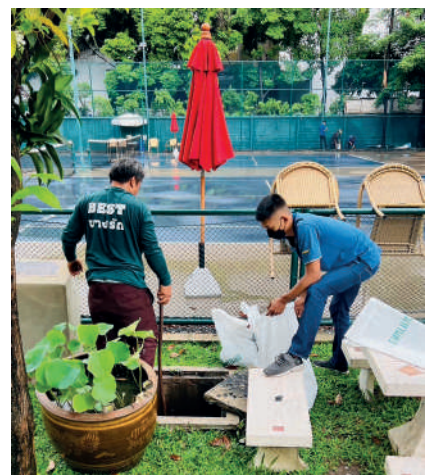
Secondly, our brilliant engineering team has just started



working (at the time of writing) on a new bike parking area which will be a great improvement on the current tents we have. Hopefully, we will get permission from our neighbours to plant trees along the back wall and, with some lighting, the project should look quite nice and round off the front aspect of the Club.

Thirdly, over the past couple of months, a company called "Esson Energy" has installed some complementary electrical measuring systems to gauge which areas of our new phase 2 are consuming more energy than is, perhaps, required. The initial results show that our fitness centre consumes 25% of the area's electricity and the kitchen 21%. We have now a much better understanding of the peaks and troughs of gym usage and have therefore been able to set a more precise schedule for the air-conditioning units.

Enough of this back-of-house update ... at the front of house, to help you keep cool during this rather hot summer season keep an eye out for some of our refreshing F&B promotions ... **have a good August!**





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BC Survey 2023 ... the results

The General Committee would like to thank the 205 members who took the time to respond to the annual Membership Survey, providing useful feedback and opinions about member experiences and future developments.

79% of respondents were full members, 82% were family members, 79% were male and 53% were using the club more than once/week. The largest responses from 1–5-year members (30%) and 20–30-year members (20%). See Figure 1.

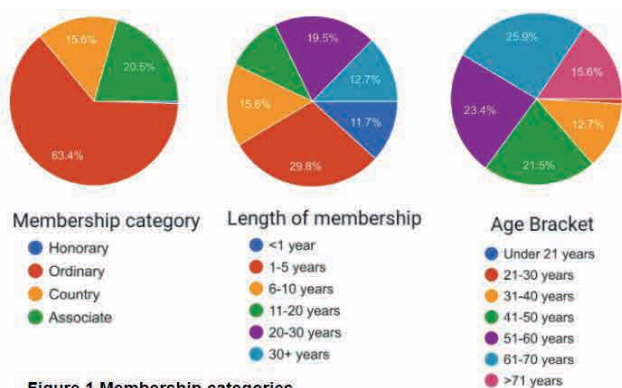


Figure 1 Membership categories

Food

- High praise was received for the Veranda's dining experience by 93% of respondents and Sunday Brunch (88%), with pizzas (88%), healthy options (88%) and vegetarian food (87%) also being highly commended.
- Members also positively commented on the 'best in Bangkok' burgers; the need to improve the consistency of the food quality; to vary the menus and desire to bring back the food delivery service.
- There was a request for a more creative and healthy kids' menu and desserts, weekly healthy options, food specials, the addition of Japanese items, and a review of the business lunches and their availability.

Beverages

- The range of alcoholic drinks and range of ales and beers were highly applauded by 98% and 94% of respondents respectively.
- Members report that the wine provision (86%) and pricing (87%) have improved since last year.
- Members did request a wider range of single malt whiskeys and gins, Guinness to be served in the Churchill Bar, adding kids Robinsons squash to the menu and an improvement in the quality of coffee being served.

Events

- There was widespread support for the events held over the past 12 months. The majority were rated as Outstanding, Excellent or Good by over 80% of respondents.
- Bonfire night, the Christmas events and Mother's Day were most highly praised as was the Great British Fair.
- The kids' activities were positively mentioned, coupled with a request to extend provision to entertain 2–3-year-olds.
- The issue of non-member guests being allowed to attend events was raised, together with suggestions for prioritising members first. Support was also voiced for more senior events, live music, movie nights and the introduction of a farmers' market.

Club Development

- 75% of members supported the promotion of sustainability and an active attempt to reduce the use of plastics and 62% want to see live music or concerts being held at the British Club.
- 56% of members supported charity events being held.
- There was limited support for Ladies nights (13%), monthly speakers (37%), Day trips (24%) and meeting the GC (13%).

Consultation about the Churchill Bar

- 11 of the 205 respondents suggested that it should not be changed at all and 7 stated that money should not be spent on it. 3 members suggested that a refurbishment should involve a return to the pre-2000 bar and horseshoe layout!
- Some members wanted no music and the TVs to be removed whilst others wanted to watch the sport in the bar with the sound on!

- Some liked the standing chairs and tables, others said to remove them!
- One member talked about upholding the dress code, whilst 6 wanted the dress code to be removed with tailored shorts being allowed after 6pm.
- There was a desire for a warmer and more modern look (7) and the bar to be livelier (5), and a layout to encourage communication (3).
- Members supported the old-fashioned pub interior with dark furniture and a long bar (3), whilst others wanted to see a traditional English pub theme (11), with alcoves (2) and an upgrade of the interior and furnishings (4).
- Concern was expressed about the difficulties staff had in taking and recording orders on the system.

Technology

- Several members discussed the improvements that they would like to see to the Members App. They would like to be able to view sports, coaches and events bookings, upcoming events, weekly specials, their account details, and bills, as well as their food orders, the progress of their orders and their spendings real time.
- There was a feeling that the F & B staff could be technologically supported far better in their roles.

Improvements for family members

- There were requests for improvements to the provision for our younger members, to include a soft play area in the Kids Stop, more toys and accessories, beanbags and pool toys, more activities for the 9-13 year olds, a water fountain at the kids pool area, a family bathroom poolside and more aircon/dry space for families, especially during the hot or wet times of year.

Miscellaneous suggestions

- Several members mentioned the need for decoration of the Clubhouse inside and out, with a renovation of the Wordsworth room and much needed upgrade of the toilets, as well as better use of the 1910 bar.
- The use of the Silom Wing was raised with members asking whether it could be repurposed and used better. The concept of co-working spaces was also raised in an attempt to provide members with a more flexible and modern area for out-of-office working.
- Finally, other suggestions included covering the multi-purpose court, relocating the turtles, opening the little gate next to the smoker's area in front of the clubhouse, and installing solar panels and EV charging.

This year's survey has already led to discussions and improvements in several areas. The BC Management and General Committee are carefully reviewing the member feedback and looking to address and consider all the suggestions made. We thank all respondents to the survey for their contributions and suggestions.

Sports

- Members requested improvements to be made to the BC App to allow for tennis court and coach bookings to be made in unison, and a tech solution to be introduced to sign out and in towels.
- One member wanted to introduce BC themed towels.
- There were requests for a pool table, improved beginner tennis and squash sessions, the introduction of touch tennis, a practice wall, heavier dumbbells, stretching machines, downlights in the weightlifting area of the gym, punch bags, more fitness group classes and yoga, and day passes for the gym.
- A couple of members wanted to see swimming pool rules being reinforced, and members to be reminded that the Kids Stop and Games Rooms are noisy spaces for children to do what they do best - make noise! Other suggestions included starting a pool and darts league, adding shades for the tennis courts and swimming pool, and installing a golf practice net.

Maintenance

- A number of issues are being dealt with immediately by management.

Staff

- Overall, there was high praise of the BC staff with a number of staff being mentioned by name for their courteousness, kindness and care.
- A couple of members requested a return to full table service to all outlets.



Tee Bale

Operations Unknown

This month it was my pleasure to pop down and catch up with one of our membership partners and friends, the team at Aurum Art Gallery.

For all the people reading this article that haven't heard of the gallery yet, give us a short intro to what they can expect when visiting?

Aurum Gallery is an independent contemporary, urban and street art gallery based in Bangkok, Thailand. Conceived and curated by internationally acclaimed British DJ, musician, actor and artist, Clifford Price (MBE) aka 'Goldie'.

We are located at Warehouse 30, a trendy community project of restored World War 2 warehouses in the creative district of Charoen Krung. Housed in a 500sqm open space, Aurum Gallery showcases some of the world's biggest artists in contemporary, urban and street art including Belin, Ben Eine, Bio, Bisco Smith, Ces, Crash, Goldie, Helio Bray, James Bullough, Mad C, Mikael B, Mr Cenx, Nick Walker, Simon Berger, Vhils, Voyder and more.

Displayed alongside international heavyweights from the art world, Aurum Gallery is also celebrating a growing and exciting pool of local talent such as 2Choey, Asin, Benzilla, Jecks, P7 and A Kid From Yesterday to name a few.

What makes Aurum Gallery different from others in Thailand?

Incorporated in to the gallery is a live workshop space that can showcase artists in action and provide master classes and events allowing art enthusiasts and aspiring talent to be completely immersed in the process of creation.

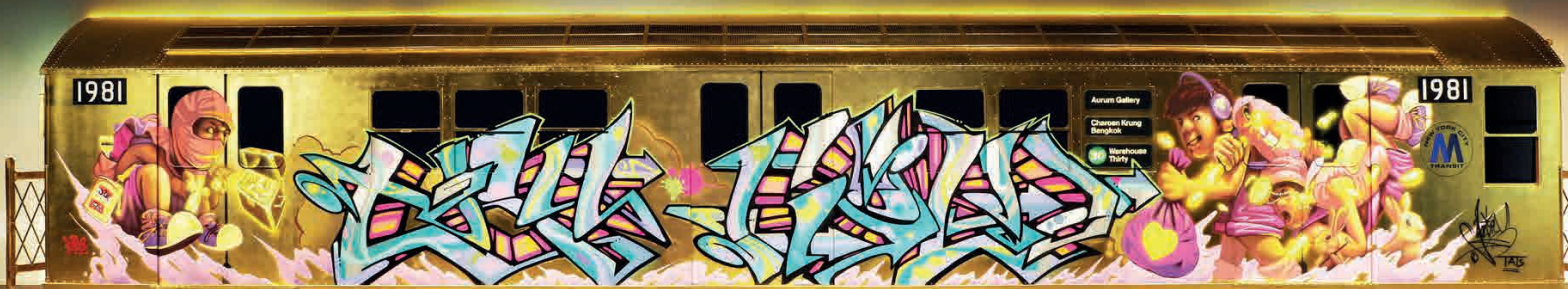
Having opened in July 2020, and during the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, Aurum Gallery has already established itself as one of the best art galleries in South East Asia and a 'must see destination' that is spear-heading contemporary art in Thailand.



▲ Shattered

Aurum Gallery is open
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AURUM GALLERY

▲ Subway Train

Where were you when you came up with the idea to open a gallery and why Thailand?

Initially gaining exposure for his work as a graffiti artist, Goldie became well known for his pioneering role as a musician in the 1990's. He is an artist whose ferocious creativity shows no bounds.

His versatility as a visual artist and his relationship with incredible artists around the world, sparked the idea and inspiration to establish a space to showcase contemporary works for himself and his peers.

An inspiration to many, he was awarded an MBE for services to music and young people.

Goldie now resides in the South of Thailand when he's not on tour and witnessed the birth of Bangkok's creative district and wanted to be part of it.

What is the story behind the New York Subway Train?

At the heart of the gallery, is a one-of-a-kind permanent installation, a full-size gold leaf and graffitied New York Subway Car that symbolises a cohesion of cultures, acknowledging the golden age of graffiti art and drawing inspiration from traditional Thai fine art techniques.

The train is a symbolic collaboration between international and local street artists. The intention for this is to be an ever-changing canvas by inviting artists to re-paint it from time to time.

The current mural represents old school wildstyle graffiti lettering by Goldie, with his signature phrase 'Tru Gold' alongside characters at each end of the train by local Thai Artist Jecks.

Who is in the team that runs the Gallery?

Goldie is the owner and curator and is always on the lookout for established and emerging contemporary artists from across the globe.

Leon Wilkinson is the creative director and is the main man at the controls.

William Brunson and **Spun Ngoensritong** manage the gallery on a daily basis, taking care of exhibitions and events.

Ron Baker is front of house and is the smile you see when you walk through the door.



▲ Goldie



▲ Moona Lisa



▲ Workshop

What has been your most successful display or show so far?

Our first solo artist exhibition, 'Shattered' by Swiss contemporary glass artist Simon Berger featuring over 40 unique works. The artist was in attendance for his debut Asian show and created a stunning live performance piece at the opening event.

With a fascination with human faces, the artist explores the material of glass which he hammers, lacerates, cracks and engraves portraits that play with light and transparency, plunging the gaze into a meander of lesions that he calls 'Morphogenesis'. As the pioneer of this technique, he has become one of the most talked-about and collected artists in the 'urban contemporary' art scene.

The captivating glass works on display are a sight to behold along with our exclusive window installation at the gallery entrance, a giant 8-panel glass portrait.

Describe the most unusual attraction you have?

The most unusual piece on display in the gallery is the 'Moona Lisa' by Nick Walker, as it never fails to amuse viewers.

The story goes that artists Nick Walker, Banksy and Paul Insect were in conversation when Banksy mentioned that you can 're-make/remix/redo or modify any person, thing or piece in the world except the 'Mona Lisa' as it had 'already been done'.

To disprove Banksy, Nick Walker set upon making the 'Moona Lisa', initially starting out as a street art mural before transforming into a painting, prints and then finishing its cycle off in the form of a life-sized bronze sculpture.

Who are your clients and visitors?

We have a wide range of visitors keeping the gallery busy, from artists, collectors, students, expats and tourists.

What price ranges do you sell your artworks for?

We have a great selection of art books and prints which start from USD100, these are always a popular choice for introducing aspiring collectors to the art world and make beautiful gifts. Original works from our esteemed collection range from USD1,000 to USD180,000. We really do have something for everyone, including Tee who I'm sure has got his eye on the 'Moona Lisa'!

What can we expect from the gallery over the next 12 months?

We have some exciting new shows for the rest of 2023 along with amazing new artworks arriving on a regular basis from local and international artists Asin, Robson, Andres Scholtz, 2Choey and more.

- 27 July - 27 August: A KID FROM YESTERDAY (Thai contemporary pop artist solo exhibition)
- 28 September - 29 October: FANAKAPAN (British street artist solo exhibition)
- 1 November - 26 November: TOBAL (American artist in residence)
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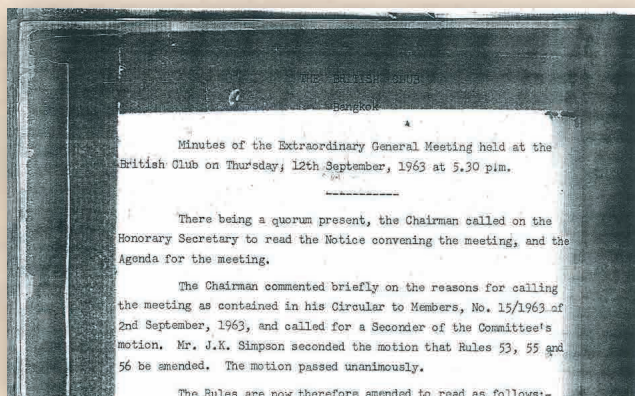
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We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1963

Credit where credit is due!

The most significant event of the year was the introduction of the "Chits System". From the Club's re-founding in 1946, members had to buy pre-paid coupons for use in the Club. From 1st October 1963, following an EGM on 12th September, members could sign for drinks and then be presented with an account on 20th of each month for payment to the Permanent Assistant Secretary by the last day of the month.

Rules were also brought in for fining late payers and removing from membership those who failed to pay! Non-Members could deposit cash ahead of any event to which they were invited. The constitution was amended accordingly. The General Committee agreed a 'cash-at-end of visit system' for officers and men from the Golden Arrow (SWB 8) Detachment (see *Past Participle*, October 2022), as they were frequent visitors.



▲ Chits!!

Board

This was the year of the "commissioning" of our first Chairman's Board for the Clubhouse reception. This took over two years to undertake due to our loss of records during the Japanese occupation of 1941 to 1945. In a stroke of luck, Mr. John Fisher, Counsellor at the British Embassy, supplied the Club with a list of chairmen

from 1912 to 1947, found at the Embassy. Sadly, this list recorded that the first chairman was W.E. Adam in 1912, which led to the belief, on part of the Committee, that the Club's founding date was 1912. This original Chairman's Board was replaced in 2002 having run out of room for adding new Chairmen, and then all boards were replaced by updatable framed pictures in 2018.

1. Name Boards It was decided to set up a Board on which the names of former Chairmen of the British Club would be inscribed. The Chairman said that he had access to certain records and would endeavour to produce a list of names for such a board.

▲ Boards

Society Boards

The Bangkok St. Andrew's Society was, however, luckier than the Club in having most of its records since 1890 thus when the Chieftain's board was commissioned, also in 1963, along with the Presidents' boards for the Bangkok St. George's Society and the St. Patrick's Society Bangkok, the St. Andrew's board was complete. Only three Loyal Societies ... The St David's Society in Bangkok was not founded until 1976.



▲ Loyal Society Boards

The Hiring of Boys!

There had been a number of cases whereby Club Servants had been hired out for functions at Members' homes leaving the Club understaffed. The Committee set out a new system limiting the said hire to off-duty staff; however, the phrasing of the minutes would have probably a different meaning these days!!

HIRING OF BOYS

The Chairman said the hiring of the Club's boys for outside work was a privilege given to Members, and should not be abused. A maximum of two off-duty boys would continue to be available for outside work, provided the boys themselves were willing to undertake same.

▲ Hiring of Boys!

Service

John Donofield continued as Chairman in 1963 (see *Past Participle, January 2023*) whilst Mowbray Mackie continued as Vice-Chairman (see *Past Participle, May 2023*) but only for the first nine months, then replaced in position by Jack Delacour (see *Past Participle, June 2023*).

Edward Sibree, of Ben Line Steamers, became Honorary Secretary for six months in his only service on the committee and he was replaced by Jeremy Farrington of the Shell Company of Thailand, who served parts of this term and the next. Godfrey Sommerfield (see *Past Participle, February 2023*) served as Honorary Treasurer.

Continuing their service were J.A. Anderson, William Brownsey, Dacre Raikes, and Brian Tomkins; Serving this one term was R.M. Tesh, from the British Embassy; and co-opted for part of this term were G.B. Mattacks, of Louis T. Leonowens, and W.K. Young, of Thai Glass.

1963-64

CHAIRMAN:	John H. Donofield
VICE-CHAIRMAN:	A. Mowbray Mackie (went Absent 01.10.1963)
	Jack H. Delacour (from 16.10.1963)
HONORARY SECRETARY:	Edward J. Sibree (went Absent 18.07.1963)
	Jeremy T.P. Farrington (co-opted 18.07.1963)
HONORARY TREASURER:	Godfrey A. Sommerfield
MEMBERS:	
	J.A. Anderson
	William Brownsey (went Absent 18.07.1963)
	Jack H. Delacour (then Vice-Chairman)
	G.B. Mattacks (co-opted 19.09.1963)
	Dacre F. A. Raikes
	R.M. Tesh
	Brian P. Tomkins
	W.K. Young (co-opted 21.08.1963)

▲ General Committee 1963-64

Club News

Our Butler, Yee Daeng, was taken seriously ill during the early part of the year and allowed to stay in the Staff Quarters. As a direct consequence of this illness, the

Committee agreed that all servants should undergo a full medical and a full medical would also be undertaken on all servants joining the Club in the future.

By the April, it was mutually agreed that the Butler was too ill to work thus he was retired. He was given a retirement gift of 16,500 Ticals, a month's salary for each year he worked for us, plus over 10,000 Ticals from a subscription fund coming from members. As a result of his retirement the No. 1 Boy, Sumeth Sumethrataniya, was promoted to Butler with effect from 1st June.

The Committee decided that disciplinary matters and other complaints about servants would now come under the Bar Committee leaving the Permanent Assistant Secretary responsible for day-to-day operations.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman, John Donofield, announced to the that the General Committee were close to selling the Club and making an offer on a property on South Sathorn Road, 'Frankfield', then the home of the Borneo Company General Manager. This came as an enormous shock to those in attendance! Mr. Donofield continued that his matter had been raised at previous Annual General Meetings and would, of course, be subject to Members' agreement at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose (see *Past Participle, September 2023*). It was reported that, although the site was only 2.5 acres, thus far smaller than our existing land, it was in a better location and a better shape to develop.



▲ Frankfield – picture courtesy of the German Embassy in Bangkok

In Other News

On 16th March, the St. Patrick's Society Bangkok [a social group for Irish people, founded in 1962] held its first major event at the Club.

In the June, the Reverend John Edmond Ironside became the first Vicar appointed to Christ Church in Covent Road, and he became an Honorary Member on 20th June.



▲ *The Rama Hotel*

Allan Henry Loomes OBE became the Australian Ambassador and was invited to become an Honorary Member on 18th July.

Group Captain P.D. Squires DFC was appointed Air Attaché at the British Embassy and became a Club Member on 21st August.

Later in the year, the Rama Hotel Silom opened on the junction of Silom and Surasak. Today, the site is that of the Holiday Inn Bangkok Silom, having also been a Crowne Plaza Hotel for part of its life as well.

On 22nd November 1963 at Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, Texas, United States, U.S. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was shot whilst in a motorcade. He died in

hospital a short while later. JFK, as he was affectionately known, was the youngest US President to be elected, and the youngest to die.

Next month ...

"To be? Or to be somewhere else?"!

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary

For Members interested in our Club's history, the Club Timeline has been fully revised with 2,086 entries including 439 pictures across 194 pages and can be found on the Website under 'The Club – History'.



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Vern can be contacted at Vernon@eig.email

The [American Club Hong Kong](#) was founded on 6th July 1925, and grew from small gatherings of Americans who met to socialize. Since 1985 the town club-house has been located on the 48th and 49th floor of Two Exchange Square in the 'Central' district on Hong Kong Island. Those floors are the top two floors of the building, so on a clear day the club has excellent views of Victoria Harbour. The club has around 3000 members, of which around 50% are Voting Members, and 50% are Associate Members i.e. non-American citizens. The club also has a country branch which overlooks Tai Tam bay which will be reviewed on another occasion.

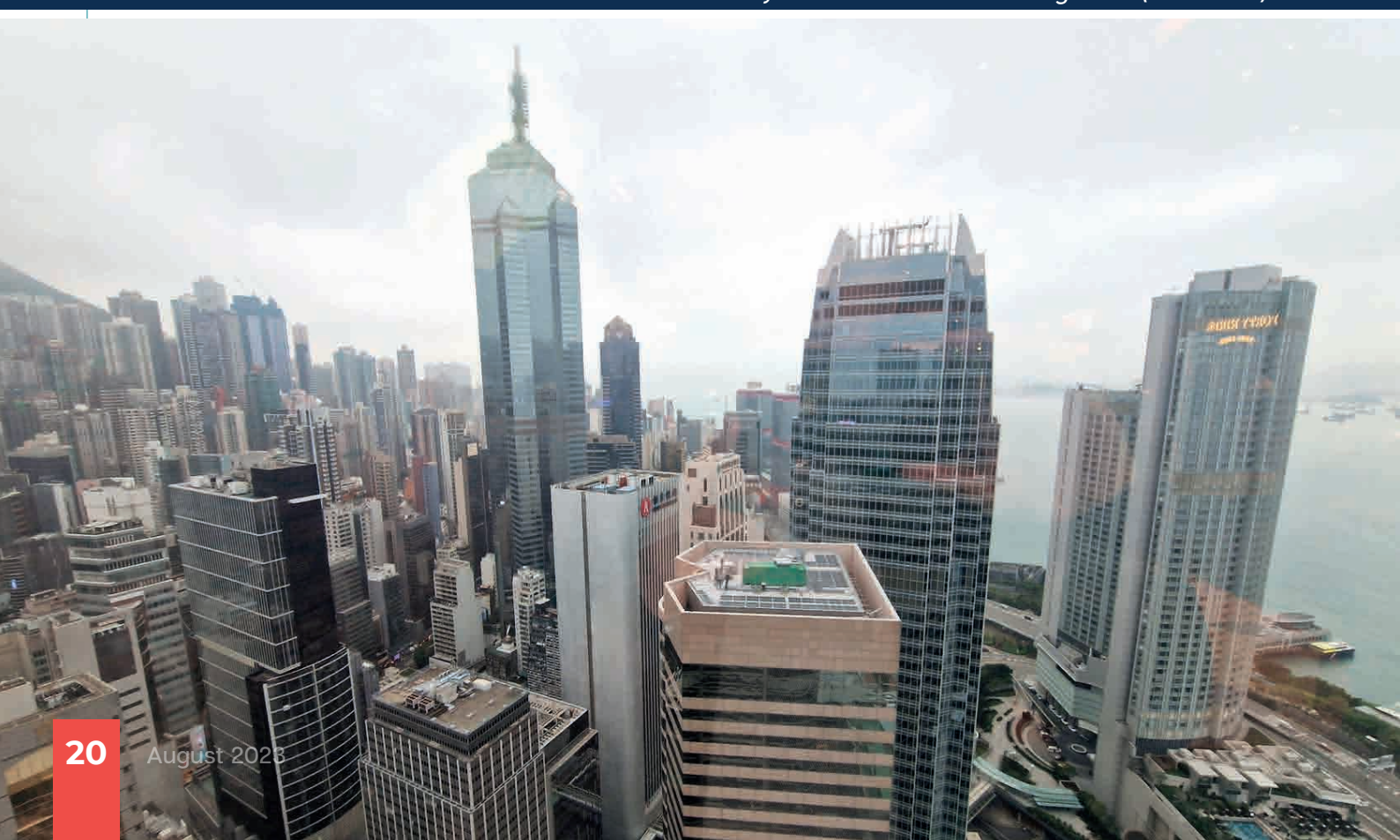
The club has gym facilities, one lounge, two bars, three dining areas, but no accommodation. The Harbor Lounge on the 48th floor has an outside terrace, which is the only area in the club where smoking is allowed. Next to the Harbor Lounge is Billy's Bar, the centrepiece of which is a 135 year-old wooden bar, originally from Billy's Restaurant in New York City. You have to walk through Billy's Bar to get to McKays Steakhouse, which is open for both lunch and dinner but closed on Sun-

days and public holidays. Also located on the 48th floor are several private dining rooms as well as The Clipper Restaurant, which is only open for lunch and closed on Saturdays and public holidays. There's also a sports bar/restaurant called Forty Niner (being located on the 49th floor), and next to Forty Niner is the gym. The dress code is smart casual on the 48th floor, but just casual on the 49th floor. A fee is payable if one wants to use the gym.

Arriving at Two Exchange Square, one goes up a couple of escalators and ends up in an area where there are three banks of lifts going to different levels of the building. To choose the floor that one wants to go to, one tells the lift system the desired floor before entering any of the lifts. The system then tells you which lift to use. To get to the American Club, one chooses floors 47-49, and on arrival on the 47th floor one changes lift to one of the two lifts that go up to the club. The reception where one registers for a temporary membership card is on the 48th floor.

The American Club (Town), Central, Hong Kong

Visited in March 2023 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)





When we registered for temporary membership, the club wanted to see our British Club Bangkok membership cards and also our passports, together with the small the immigration entry permit which we were given at the airport. Although we had our passports, we'd left the small permits in our hotel for safe keeping, but luckily the club accepted the images of our return flights back to Bangkok that we had on our phone instead. We were given temporary membership cards which were valid for 14 days, and told that we are only allowed admission to the club for 14 days twice a year.

While we were in Hong Kong we used the club's facilities on two occasions. After we'd registered for our temporary membership card, we had a nice snack in the Forty Niner sports bar/restaurant. There are lots of TV screens in this area, in particular a giant screen behind the bar which was showing an American baseball game while we were there. The following day we took advantage of the Happy Hour in Billy's Bar, when drinks were discounted 50% between 17:30 and 19:30. With the discount, a glass of a decent 10 year old St-Émilion was just HK\$55 and seemed particularly good value. We asked whether there was any availability for dinner in McKays steakhouse that night, but unfortunately it was fully booked, both for that day and for the following day. In any case, the facilities at this club were all first rate, so with good harbour views and great dining facilities this club is thoroughly recommended.





Seniors Section

SECTION UPDATE:

Seniors Section Membership is open to ALL Club Members and their Spouses/Partners irrespective of age. The Section's objectives are to engender continuous learning, mild activity, and most certainly good socializing. So, come along to your first Seniors Section event: we are confident that having done so, you will then be attending others.

FUTURE SECTION EVENTS THROUGH TO MID - SEPTEMBER:

"100 YEARS OF LIFE"
How to thrive in a World where people are living longer!

A Presentation during Lunch
by Anne Cheng, a serial entrepreneur, currently CEO of an international technology company that helps organizations on digital transformations

All Seniors Section Members, Club Members and Guests welcome!

- Monday, 7th August 2023 starting at 12.30 pm
- Suriwongse Room at the BC
- Charge: Seniors Section Members Baht 380
Club Members Baht 420
Guests Baht 460
(2 Business Lunch courses with water, coffee or tea. Other beverages to personal accounts)

To register please phone Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email to terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com
Seniors Section Website: britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/

Cycling the length of Great Britain!
(Equivalent to cycling from Mae Sai to Chumphon, over 1,400 Km)

Why? With whom? Funniest moments? En-route issues? How long? Planning? Worst moments? Do it again?

BRUCE DARRINGTON TELLS ALL
Open to Seniors Section Members, Club Members, Spouses/Partners, and Guests
Join us for a canapés, wine and cheese evening

Date: Wednesday, 16th August 2023
Time: 6.30pm: presentation & Q&A from 7.00pm
Venue: Suriwongse Room
Charges: Being prepared and will be advised asap

To register please phone Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email to terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com
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THE SILENT THIEF: Glaucoma's Devastating Effects on Aging Eyes

- A presentation on how to prevent and manage the onset of Glaucoma
- By Seniors Section Member and retired eye surgeon Dr. Jinendra Kothari

Open to All Club Members, Spouses/Partners, and Guests

Date: Wednesday, 13th September 2023
Time: 3.00pm
Venue: BC's Wordsworth Lounge
Charge: No charge

For Reservation: Contact Terry Adams at terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com or call 081 750 1087

EVENT REPORT:

"Target Disc Throwing Social Tournament", Wednesday, 21st June 2023:



On summer solstice evening, six Seniors Section Members gathered on the Club's Back Lawn hard court for a Target Disc Throwing Social Tournament. The Club's new Fitness Instructor, Noah, led a warm-up session to prevent muscle injuries. Participants enjoyed the exercises, discovering forgotten muscles but also newfound strength.

Section Chair Terry explained the scoring rules, which involved earning points for throwing discs and hitting or entering various nearby objects and ultimately scoring a 'bullseye' for disc contact with a target affixed to the back wall. The tournament consisted of 8 rounds of throws, with scores accumulated after each round.

The competition began, generating excitement and much laughter among all participants, including the impartial scorer Caroline. One unlucky player experienced multiple misdirected (backwards) throws, attributing it to sudden wind shifts. After two halves of four rounds each, Terry emerged as the clear winner, though some speculated about secret practices. As there was no evidence, Terry's victory stood.



The prize presentation, along with celebratory drinks, took place in the Jubilee Bar. Terry received a bottle of the Club's sparkling rose 'Wine of the Month', which was enjoyed by all as was an additional bottle that was funded from the event entrance charges. This resulted in a terrific social evening taking place. The success and enjoyment of the tournament and its social conclusion sparked suggestions for an annual event with a trophy being awarded to the winner.

Special thanks were extended to K Amnat, K Somboon, and their teams for supporting the event.

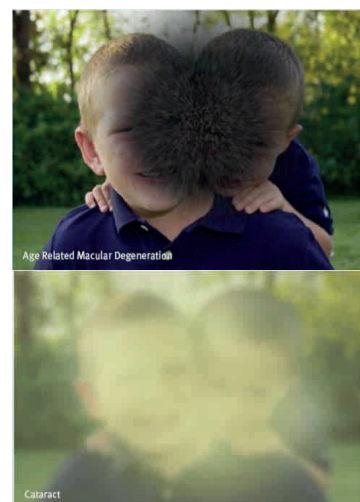
Lastly, congratulations to the players and scorer: Agnes, Bob, Caroline, Derek, Nisa, and Terry.

EVENT REPORT:

"Practical Steps to Prevent Vision or Sight Loss", Wednesday, 12th July 2023:

A full house in the Wordsworth Lounge even required additional chairs as long-term Club Member Bruce Hemmingsen, who skilfully intermingled his own not inconsiderable personal sight endangering experiences with his subsequent research into the subject from his background as an industrial chemist, set out his very interesting presentation.

Bruce set the scene by informing of the world-wide prevalence and significant growth in eye diseases as the global population ages, but countered that up to 75% of vision loss is both preventable and treatable. Going through the various types of vision loss conditions, he set out the actions that people can take to prevent or mitigate the various types of vision loss. Interestingly, the stopping



of smoking was a common theme! Photographs of the effects of the various diseases as seen by the affected person, really brought home his messages of the disease effects and the need for prevention.



Bruce concluded his presentation setting out latest developments for eyesight recovery, including work on "The Bionic Eye". An interesting Q&A followed before Bruce was thanked in the usual manner for an exceptionally relevant and interesting presentation. Attendees were then handed a gift from the Seniors Section, being a two-sided card setting out 10 steps in a suggested eyecare regime.

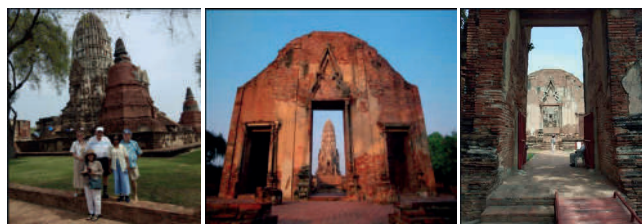
THE JEWEL IN HISTORIC AYUTTHAYA'S GOLDEN CROWN

A Seniors Section visit to the "Golden Treasure Exhibition" on 25th May 2023

Ayutthaya was once a magnificent city and was capital of the Kingdom of Siam from 1351 to 1767. It flourished as a trading hub and grew into one of the world's wealthiest and most cosmopolitan cities. Its strategic location allowed it to control crucial maritime trade routes, attracting merchants from Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. The city's prosperity was reflected in its many grand temples and palaces adorned with intricate architecture and artwork, bustling markets, and extensive waterways that facilitated transportation and trade.

In its heyday as a trading capital, the local population was supplemented with traders, court officials, mercenary soldiers (including some 300 warriors (not Samurai) from Japan) in the King's Army, together with their families. Estimates put that foreigners were, at around 25%, a significant proportion of the total population of some 400,000 people living in Ayutthaya at its peak.

However, Ayutthaya faced numerous conflicts with neighbouring kingdoms, and in 1767 it fell to and was destroyed by the invading Burmese army, leading to its decline. Today, Ayutthaya stands as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, preserving the remnants of its glorious past.



▲ *Wat Rachaburana after the Burmese destruction*

Since 1969 the Fine Arts Department of Thailand has been undertaking renovations of the ruins, scaling up the project after the site was declared a Historical Park in 1976. This has resulted in the discovery of thousands of ornaments and objects, most made of pure gold, others of silver, together with various pottery items, all testament to the wealth of the city during its prime. All of these formed the basis for the construction and opening in November 2022 of a new fully airconditioned wing at the Chao Sam Phraya National Museum to house "The Golden Treasure Exhibition" covering all



8 rooms on the 2nd floor, displaying 2,244 pieces of the above-mentioned items.

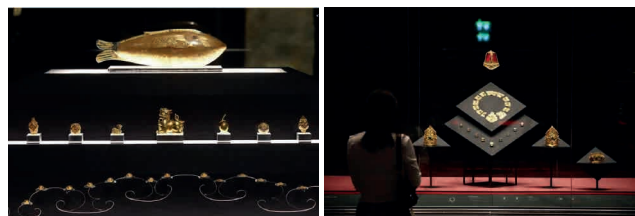
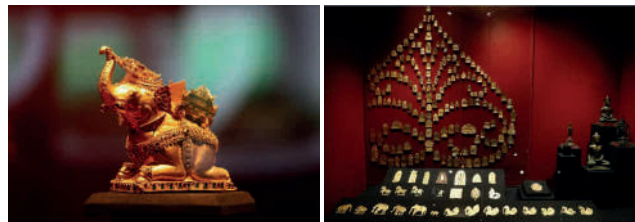
To us as visitors, the exhibition very much achieved its aim to highlight the rich heritage of Ayutthaya and provided a glimpse into the city's glorious past, its history, the cultural influences that shaped the Kingdom, and its contributions to Thai culture.

Without exception, all of our group thought the exhibition to be **'stunning and an absolute must visit when in Ayutthaya!'**

Terry Adams, Chair, Seniors Section Committee

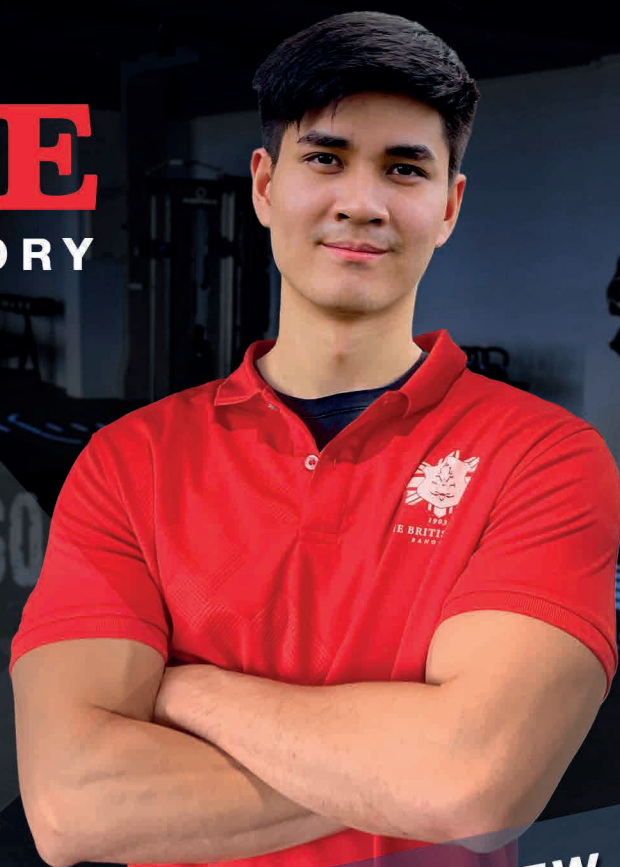
Below are photographs, including some taken by the visiting Seniors Section members during their visit on 25th May, others are from the Bangkok Post article "Treasures of the past" :

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/travel/2513256/treasures-of-the-past>



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Coming Events

August 2023

8th	Tue	Quiz Night
13th	Sun	Thailand Mother's Day Sunday Brunch
26th	Sat	Wine Tasting

September 2023

12th	Tue	Quiz Night
22nd	Fri	An Intimate Wine Night
30th	Sat	Wine Tasting

October 2023

10th	Tue	Quiz Night
21st	Sat	Trafalgar Dinner
28th	Sat	Wine Tasting
29th	Sun	Halloween

Event & Activities 2023

AUGUST Highlights



Quiz Night – Tuesday 8th August

The final quiz before we introduce the new format in September, make sure your team is booked



Thailand Mother's Day Sunday Brunch

– Sunday 13th August

Makes sure you treat your mum to one of the best Mother's Day brunches in Bangkok. On arrival all mums will be welcomed with a glass of prosecco and then before leaving presented with a framed picture of the family on the day



Wine Tasting – Saturday 26th August

Your chance to enjoy an evening sampling wines and tapas buffet with live music before purchasing some delightful wines at trade price to take home.



Quiz Night

11/07/23

Well done to all the teams in the July Quiz, 1st Reconstituted, 2nd Candoo, 3rd Spoofers. Look out for the September Quiz, we are introducing a new format.







26 Jun - 27 Jul 23

The Summer camps 2023 have been so much fun, golf trips, arts & crafts, tennis, football, cooking, painting, and meeting tons of new friends each day. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the summer of 2024.

Summer Camp

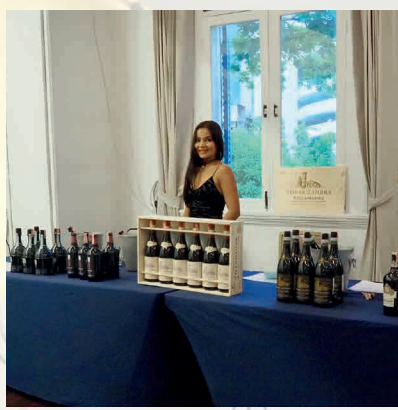




An Intimate Wine Night – Exploring FRANCE 21/07/23

One of the most social nights you can experience in the British Club is our Intimate Wine Night, in July we took our select group of members on an experience around the vineyards of France. The night we summed up with a beautiful full bodied red wine which was perfectly paired with Chef Laaks tapas menu.





Wine Tasting

22/07/23

With many of our members traveling in July & August it was thought we may struggle for numbers on our monthly wine tasting; however, we are pleasantly surprised with the wonderful support of so many members booking and attending on the night. We welcomed our new solo singer Khun Kwang who performed throughout the evening complimenting the perfect mix of wine, food, and music.



August 2023

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SUN

MON

TUE

1

Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Football
7.00pm - 9.00pm

6

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

7

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

8

Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Football
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Quiz Night
7.15pm - 9.30pm

13

Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
9.00am - 1.00pm
Mother's Day
Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Kids Activities
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AUGUST 2023

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Aero Boxing
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Cricket team practice
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HARD BALLS



Ben Eastwell



▲ Weather not always perfect



▲ Refreshments - 2015



▲ Ed gives Alan Mulally some tips - 2015



▲ 1st Koh Chang in 2015



▲ Rules laid down in 2015



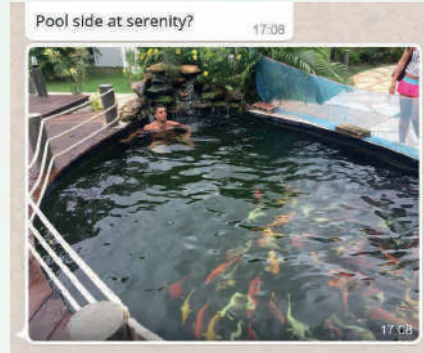
▲ 2016 - 3 BC teams



▲ A tense match - 2016



▲ That boat trip - 2016

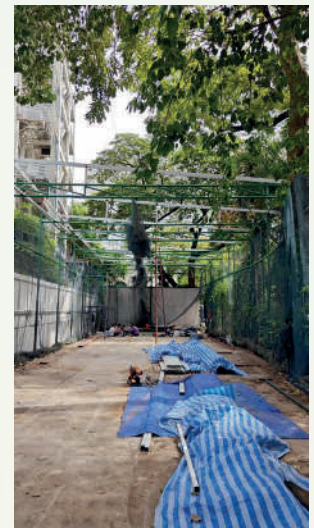


▲ H gets lost - 2016

Nets and Koh Chang

It has been a quiet period amongst the BC cricket section this edition, as the nets renovation is well underway and half the team have ramped up their off-season training programmes to get in shape ahead of the Beach Cricket Tour to Koh Chang this month. In between the showers, we played a 6-a-side 'fireball' indoor-outdoor-game early July to scratch the itch and there has been plenty of drama in The Ashes to keep the cricket fix satiated. The practise nets in the back garden will be fitted with a roof, new lighting and carpet so we can train all year round.

With one of the season's highlight weekends around the corner, this month looks back on some classics from the Koh Chang Tournament since 2015.



▲ The nets roof coming soon



▲ Dilip not put off by questionable kit-2018



▲ Duckpond 2019



▲ 2022 Crew



▲ Rahul - 2022



Sunil Mehra

TENNIS

The rainy season always brings a bit of 'iffyness' into life such as 'should I go or should I stay'; sometimes it offers an escape from the mundane and routine, other times it impinges on tennis life such as 'should I get up early tomorrow; what if it is raining?'. Then there are some slightly bigger 'ifs' in terms of tennis in this world – *what IF* 'Croquet' overtakes 'Tennis' at the All England Tennis and Croquet Club; and the Senior section from our Club sends our champion! More seriously, 'WHAT IF' Carlos I shows the exit door to Novak III, from the All England Club lawns, the home of the 'Wimble'don 'Cup' to end his long reign at the Centre Court. Or on the same day by happy coincidence, after all the moans and groans during the competing and friendly 'Womble' Cup', *'what if'* the Reds beat the Blues!! Those are a lot of 'ifs' for one rainy season!

Launching the Kids Tennis Group

On the other hand, there is nothing *iffy* about the young Atiwat Boonchu, who finds gold or silver wherever he goes and plays those *friendly matches* at tournaments in Thailand.



▲ The first racquet at 3

My very first encounter with Atiwat was on the Centre Court sans grass at the British Club, where his persistence was rewarded so he could join in on the other side of the net. Quite amazingly, whilst I could barely see him above the net, Atiwat returned the ball with twice the pace and spin that I threw at him as a caring parent! Soon I learnt that there was no holding back with this little fellow who was just 6 years old at the time.



▲ The first trophy at 8

So, our story of the month about the incredible young tennis player and champion many times over, Atiwat Boonchu, who started playing tennis from age of three, and played his first tournament at the age of six – no less than the Thailand Open and reached the semi-finals! That was just the beginning, and now Atiwat is 8 years 9 months old. I asked his father, Kwan to kindly bring his trophy and certificate so I could photograph these with him; and I discovered that Atiwat has collected over twenty trophies and certificates in the last two years with a Midas-touch converting every opportunity into gold or silver. Therefore, it seems appropriate that Atiwat launches our Kids Tennis Group within our Tennis Section to focus on kid-friendly tennis events and activities, and also in this club magazine. The number of trophies, certificates and medals that Atiwat has accumulated are too many to include even as a list; so here are a few selected highlights in the following table.



▲ Atiwat with his trophies and medals



▲ Small beginnings to action and winning ways with 2023 success!

Tournament	Year	Atiwat Boonchu Result
1. King Bhumibol Tennis Tournament No. 60, Bangkok	2022	Winner First Tournament
2. Artengo School Tennis Tournament, Pattaya	2022	Winner – Singles Winner – Doubles Under 8 years
3. Taksa Tennis Tournament, Northeastern Region	2022	Runner up - Singles
4. Tennis 105 Junior Circuit No. 7, Bangkok	2022	Winner – Singles Runner Up – Mixed Doubles Under 8 Years
5. PTT Tennis Tournament No.5, Bangkok	2022	Winner – Singles Under 8 Years
6. CV Asics Junior Tournament, Bangkok	2022	Winner Under 8 Years
7. Taksa Tennis Tournament No. 6, Bangkok	2022	Winner Under 8 Years
8. PTT Taksa, Korat, Northeastern Region	2023	Runner-up Under 10 Years
9. Marvin-CV Junior Championships 2023 Circuit 1	2023	Boys Singles 10 & under Third Place
10. PTT Taksa, Northeastern Region, No.4	2023	Runner-up Singles under 10 Third Place

Silom Club and the result was 3-3; next we played against Lawyers, and we won 5-1. By Sunday, we were sitting on top of our group with an opportunity to advance



▲ Queuing for the 'Mess'

Andrew Tse
Enrique Calvo
James Young
Suang Chantra Urai
Robert McGuigan

Frank Sutherland
Frank Gluck
Gary Sakuma –all the way
from Samui to join the team
Magnus Muller

Andrei Ivanov
Christian Roland
Andrei Kournilov
Daniel Jacobs
Ton Mingmankong

Let's pick up some of the other action of the tennis family from the past, starting with Men's Interclub 2023.

Men's 2023 Inter-club Team Event 3-4 June 2023

At the beginning of June, the British Club tennis team participated in the prestigious Men's Inter-club tennis tournament at FBT Sports Tennis Academy – an annual by-invitation-only doubles tournament, with a round-robin format across 6 age categories where tennis clubs in Bangkok compete for the title of the *Best Team in Bangkok*.

The competing teams: *Group A* – Saithip, Rama Gardens, RBSC/POLO; and *Group B* – British Club, Silom Club, Lawyers and Rama United. With 6 age groups so 6 matches per round and 6 points up for grabs; with game-win ratio also recorded in case points were tied. We played in *Group B*, our first tie was against the hosts



to the final, *if (another if)* we beat Rama United. They proved a tougher competitor and we eked out a 3-3 tie which meant narrowly missing out on 1st place in our group and a chance to compete for the trophy against winners of Group A. This meant our final set of matches were a consolation tie against old rivals Royal Bangkok Sports Club to decide the 3rd and 4th place. Our team couldn't regain the momentum for this final round and we went down 5-1. Our team fought during the 2-day tournament, and we came close to reaching the final. Next year with more belief, we will fight again for this trophy. A big thanks to all the players that represented the club during these 2 days:



▲ The coveted Trophy

Special thanks to **Neung Kedbhatara** for captaining the side and **Phairoj Chansevikul** for playing in our team whilst organising the whole tournament.

Contributed by Enrique and Andrew

Rajapruek Club Friendly Match



competition, laughter, and wonderful camaraderie. We look forward to welcoming all the great players from Rajapruek to the British club in the near future!

Contributed by Raquel

WOMBLE CUP RETURNS!!!

So back to our 'Womble' Cup held on the same day as the 'Wimble'don Championships in accordance with the ancient tradition at the British Club, on 16th July, for those not in the know. To continue with our theme of Kids Tennis we highlight supertennisstar Faheem's two boys, Jonah and Caleb, who participated valiantly against all the big boys and girls. A special welcome also to a truly great personality on screen and in life, Ann Sirium, who chased every



ball and with more energy than many other boys on court. On the business side, there was no *iffiness* about the Blue Team again! They were a run-away winners against the Red Team. Womble Cup was an incredible day of fun and some serious competition. The usual mantra you hear is, "this is a friendly match, it doesn't matter who wins

("as long as I do not lose)." The Final match between *Faheem / Daniel VS Andrei / Stephen* lived up to its billing, both exciting and intense in equal measure, with the Blue team winning a very close match at 6-4. Congratulations to Captain Andrei and the Blue Team for the impressive 11-8 victory over Capitana Mariaveronica and the Red Team. The cheers and excitement truly made the day especially as everyone did look fabulous in their 'All White' attire following the dress code of in 'Wimble'don where King Carlos ended 10-year rule of Novak at the Centre Court. Many thanks to Marcel Petit for sponsoring some goodies for the raffle draws. Once again thank you everyone. Let's keep the spirit alive until the next WOMBLE CUP!

Finally, Watch Out Dengue Is About!

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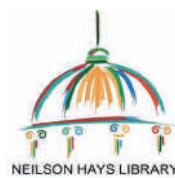
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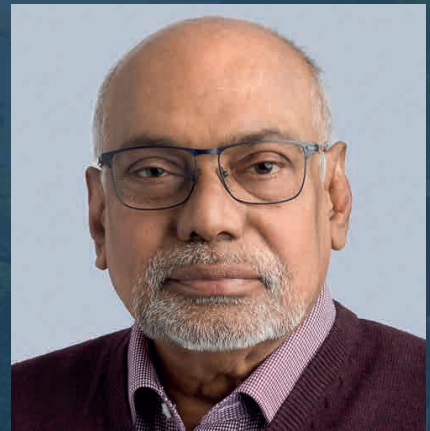
Time flies so fast, Half a year already, We have a lot of new members joining us this year and the promotion of member get member is still going, please introduce to one of your friends to join our lovely family. Don't miss our sport activities circuit training and yoga class, you will love them and I am look forward to seeing you at the club.



▲ *Sudhir Mullick and Family*



▲ *Nitin Dhavle and Family*



▲ *Muthu Govindarajah*

Member Review:

As expatriates residing in Bangkok, we actively sought out a space that could provide us with a range of sporting, social, and cultural opportunities, ideally situated in the bustling heart of the city. The British Club stood out to us as an establishment that offered an abundance of facilities to fulfill these requirements. Its serene exterior beautifully contrasted with the stunningly elegant interiors, creating a sophisticated yet inviting atmosphere that instantly captivated our attention. We are delighted to have become members of the club and feel a true sense of belonging within its premises.

Member Review:

I have been coming to the British club since 2007 to watch Cricket matches, attend Birthday parties, etc, my friends are members there.

I have joined the club now so I can meet my friends on a regular basis, play Cricket & Tennis every Saturday and also to make connections and expand my social network.

The new facilities at the club are great, my daughter enjoys the pools and spends hours in it and also has made many new friends.

Member Review:

My first visit to the British Club was in February 2023 when a member took me to the club as his guest and was impressed how friendly the members were. The colonial building was very impressive and the facilities at the club were amazing. When I returned to Bangkok at the end of May I was a frequent visitor of the club through one of your members. Once again, I felt at home at the club and being British and with the help of Kannikar I was able to become a member on the 2nd of June and please believe me it's one of the best decisions I have made in my life.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ Pareyaasiri Witoonchart and her son

Member Review:

Three years ago, my son had the most extraordinary and positively fulfilling experiences at your sports camp. These experiences left such an indelible impression upon his mind that he has been yearning for further opportunities to engage in sports and outdoor activities ever since. He has consistently and frequently expressed his delight and joy in the activities he participated in while at your camp, which subsequently motivated me to take the decision of joining the club as well. As of now, I am absolutely overjoyed and ecstatic to be accepted as a member of the British club!



▲ Timothy Walton and Bongkot Walton



▲ Bernard Cheng



▲ Kui Fu

Member Review:

I was a member 15 or so years ago but working all over the world let it drop. I am a retired oil field worker and I have been in Thailand 23 years married to Bongkot (Bo) for the last 18 years. We now live mainly in Trat near our farm and Koh Chang, our holiday home. We have a house which we use at Noble Annawanna Sai 3/4 when we visit Bangkok. I am fairly well known to members through my other associations with Rotary and Lodge St John.

Member Review:

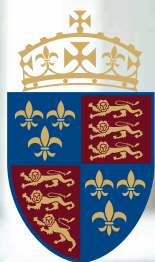
An international multiskilled professional, Bernard has lived in many corners of the world. Combining experiences as an Australian pharmacist, a UK-educated barrister, a Hong Kong liquidation specialist and now an IVF consultant in Bangkok, he aims to bring his diverse expertise to the club. His love for exploration and cultural fusion drew him to join the British Club.

Member Review:

I'm very British, as I have been living in London for 25 years, so I really enjoyed your British style.

As a Chinese I really enjoyed your brilliant restaurant as well. Your club is very international, you have many branches all over the world, this is very important for my business as I am doing immigration business and being run by very kind and nice people which makes a very good service.

So, I am really happy to join your club.



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