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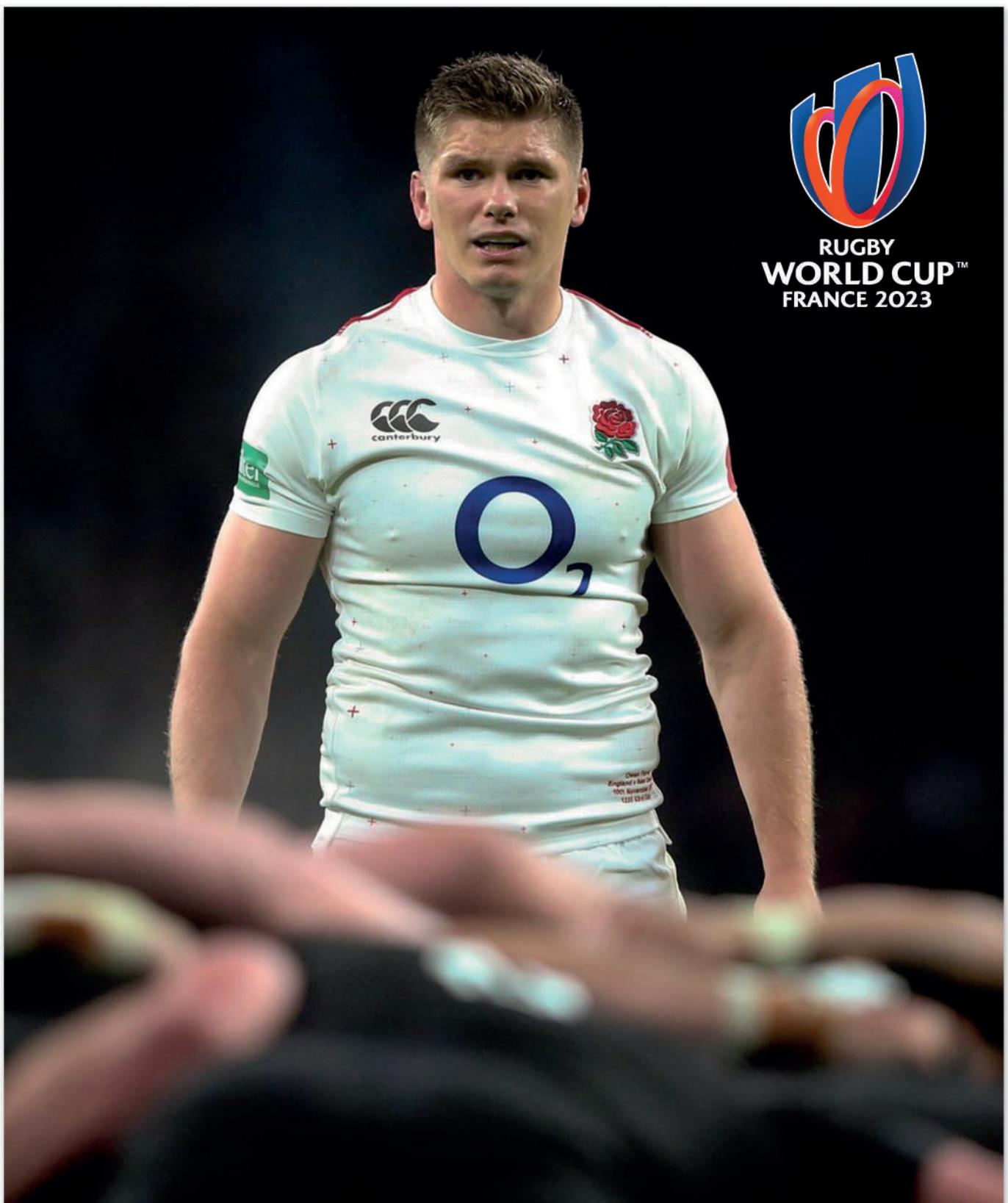
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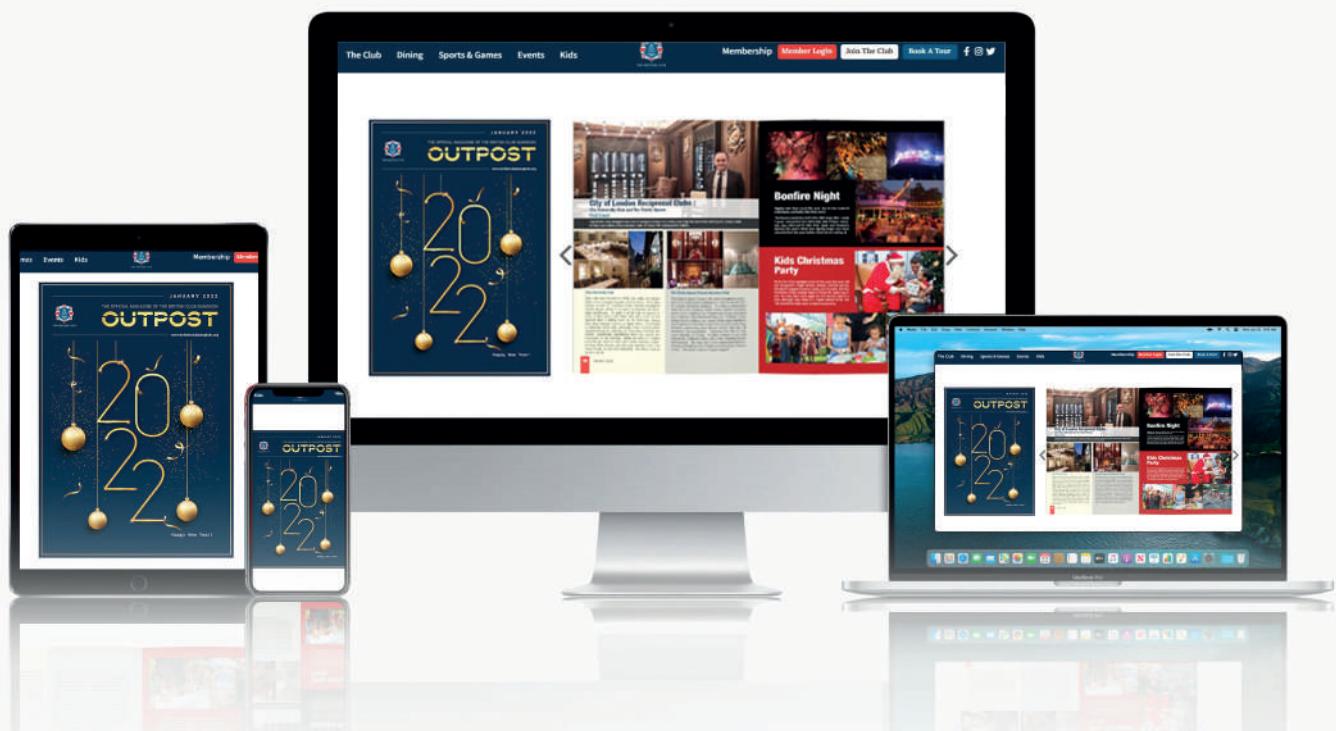


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## Welcome to the first update from British Embassy Bangkok in the British Club magazine!

by Joanne Finnimore-Crorkin, HM Consul

In this issue, we would like to cover some highlights of what the Consular team has done recently and provide top tips for you to stay prepared!

**Did you know** that since Thailand completely lifted entry restrictions last year there were more than 640,000 Brits entering Thailand? In July alone, there were 64,457 British travelers visiting the country. This year so far, the British Embassy's Consular team dealt with 961 emergency cases. This involved 92 arrests, 249 welfare concerns, 167 hospitalisations, 31 victim of crimes, and 372 deaths. We issued 287 Emergency Travel Documents (ETDs) and provided 1,335 documentary services (mainly marriage affirmations).

The team also conducted outreach in several locations around Thailand including Phuket, Pattaya, Koh Samui, Koh Pha Ngan, Koh Tao, and Chiang Mai. We met with local authorities to discuss a variety of issues including insurance, tourist safety, elderly welfare, and general

cooperation with the Embassy on how they can help British nationals who are visiting or live in Thailand.

### How can we support British Nationals in Thailand?

We will cover in more detail in future editions what we can do for British Nationals in Thailand, meanwhile .....

### Top 6 things you can do to prepare for major incidents

The majority of the team's time is taken up with individual cases, but we also need to be ready to respond to a major incident that could impact large numbers of British tourists or residents. Lessons learned from major incidents such as civil unrest, a natural disaster, a terrorist attack, or a plane or train crash in other countries suggest there are six practical things you can do today to be prepared for any type of incident:



### Make sure your family's passports are valid.

This sounds like a no-brainer, but having valid passports for everyone in the family makes urgent travel so much easier. Check the expiry dates of your and your family's passports. And add a calendar reminder to **renew the passport** in good time before it expires – don't leave it until the last minute. The passport section in GOV.UK will explain the renewal process and the latest processing time.

(Reminder: if you do have to travel at short notice to the UK and your full validity passport is not available/lost/expired – you can apply for an ETD).

### Update your emergency contacts information.

If you are admitted to hospital but unable to speak to medical staff, it is vital that they know who to contact. Make sure that your friends/family/employer have details for your next of kin. If you have children, check with their schools to make sure they have details for both parents. The back page of your passport has emergency contact details too – please take time to fill this in with up-to-date information.

### Sign up for email alerts for Thailand Travel Advice on GOV.UK.

If there is a major incident, the British Embassy will update Thailand Travel Advice as the situation unfolds. The information we share will help you and your family make important decisions on your safety. Sign up for email alerts to get updates quickly – just go to [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/thailand](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/thailand), click on the link that says 'get email alerts', then follow the steps.

We'll post these updates on social media too, so follow [UKinThailand](#) on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

We no longer have a registration system, so please do sign up for the email alerts and follow us on social media.

### Monitor local government websites.

Our public guide on GOV.UK on consular services, 'Support for British Nationals Abroad', says: 'Wherever you are, the host government has responsibility for the safety of its citizens and overseas visitors or residents during a crisis situation.' Remember to follow the advice of the local authorities. Monitor the news and check information on local government websites.

### Have up-to-date comprehensive insurance

If you do end up in hospital, the British Embassy is unable to pay any of your bills. Pay particular care with insurance policies when riding a motorbike in Thailand – **READ THE SMALL PRINT**.

**If you are involved in an incident – big or small, please let your friends and family know that you're safe.**

Your friends and family could be phoning the British Embassy if they don't hear from you. Call them as soon as possible to let them know you're okay.

### Next edition:

Watch out for the next edition featuring interview with HM Consul Joanne Finnimore-Corkin and one of our team talking about their day to day duty and also what we can do for you whilst you are in Thailand.

### Did you know?

If a major incident occurs, everyone at the British Embassy sets aside their day jobs to work on the situation full-time. We call this a 'Whole of Mission' approach to a major incident.

The Consular Section at the British Embassy offers support and advice to British nationals in Thailand, focusing on those who are more vulnerable and need help the most. Our 24-hour consular number is 02 305 8333 – choose the option for 'consular services'.



## Chairman's Message

**Rome** was not built in a day and the same rings true for the cricket nets upgrade and squash court stairs although, as I write, am assured that the latter will be installed in time for the squash section AGM. The New cricket matting has been ordered from an overseas supplier so there will be some delay in laying same, however, if it is worth having then it is worth waiting for.

One question often asked is "To what extent does the British Club support local charities" and I thought it would be worthwhile outlining what the club can and cannot do with regards to external charitable support. Under the constitution of the club we are not permitted to make charitable donations

using members' funds generated as a result of income from membership fees, subscriptions, Food and Beverage and section funds. The Club is able to periodically have third party collection points at the Club House Reception to receive any individual charitable donations from members.

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" -Nelson Mandela*

Many members may not be aware that the Club has had, for thirty years, a fund that gives grants to the children of our staff to help with their education costs.

The Pisamai Fund was created in 1993 and was established initially to provide funding for the education of Miss Pakvipa



Kaewraksa, being the granddaughter of staff member Mrs Pisamai Raksa who died from cancer that year. Khun Pakvipa ceased her education in 2007 and thereafter the fund was re-designated to its secondary purpose of helping with the education of staff children. Funds are received as donations from Members, Loyal Societies such as the Bangkok St. George's Society and Associated Groups.

The fund requires donations of around 100,000 Baht a year to be sustainable. If you wish to donate to the Pisamai Fund or if any group wishes to donate part of their fund raising, please contact our Deputy GM Finance and Administration, Khun Premrudee Tanyaluck, who is the Fund administrator and your support is much appreciated.

A New Members evening was held in The Churchill bar On the 17th August, 2023 which was a most enjoyable event with over fifty members attending. Very pleasing to see several representatives of the Club sections and seems that golf, tennis, squash and balut received much interest. It is intended to hold further such bi-monthly events for New Members to be warmly welcomed into the British Club to meet representatives of the Management, General Committee, Section heads and attending club members.

Please do remember to present membership cards when entering the club or ordering F&B, preferably with a smile on your face, as the staff requesting your cooperation are only doing their job. Apparently there was a recent incident where a member shouted, quite loudly, to one of the service staff "Don't you know who I am?" when politely asked for their membership card. Should there be a recurrence of the prementioned incident then I suggest that anybody who does in fact know the concerned member intervenes politely to remind them exactly "Who they are" !!

**Cheers**  
**Simon**





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# Retirement Planning / Pension Income

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

Many Brits retiring overseas have acquired UK pensions during their lives, through an employee benefit package (company pensions) or by way of personal pension contributions. It's also common to have UK State Pension entitlement through National Insurance history/payments.

## THAILAND PROVIDENT FUNDS (FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES)

The Thailand Provident Fund is an investment related long-term savings arrangement voluntarily established by employers and employees (normally consisting of contributions from both parties).

Employees with a monthly salary below 10,000 THB are not liable to make contributions, but employers are required to contribute. The law would require those aged between 15 and 60 who are not Provident Fund members to become members of the main mandatory Provident Fund.

For an employee there are tax benefits for regular contributions. Up to 500,000 THB per year is tax deductible. The first part of an employee's contribution can be used within the local tax allowances up to 10,000 THB, the remaining amount above 10,000 THB but below 490,000 THB would be tax exempt.

*Source: Justlaws*

## UK STATE PENSION

The current full State Pension is £203.85 pw (£10,600.20 pa), and the Basic State Pension for pre-April 2016 retirees is £156.20 pw (£8,122.40 pa).

You pay UK Income Tax if your total taxable UK income (for example - UK rent, private/company pension plus UK State

Pension) is more than the tax-free UK Personal Allowance (£12,570 for 2023/2024). The State Pension is the first thing applied against the Personal Allowance.

As there is no Social Security agreement between the UK and Thailand, the State Pension in payment remains level, whether this remains the case will be based on decisions the UK government make. *Source: gov.uk*

## UK COMPANY SCHEMES AND PERSONAL PENSION PLANS

UK pension income can normally be paid anywhere in the world, and usually after the deduction of 20% UK Income Tax at source. The final tax liability is based on Self-Assessment Tax Returns and UK tax rates/allowances.

## DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENTS

Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) between the UK and the country of residence mean that pension income may be paid gross from the UK to be taxed locally instead, but only if HMRC have proof that local tax is being deducted or specific criteria is being met. In many countries this can be problematic.

The UK/Thailand Double Taxation Treaty (DTT) does not include an article to cover any UK pensions other than UK government (Civil Service) pensions, and I quote from the Digest of Double Taxation Treaties: "Treaty does not include an article dealing with non-government pensions".

Also Article 19 of the UK/Thai DTT covering UK government or local authority pensions states "such pension shall be taxable only in the other contracting State if the recipient is a national of and a resident of that State". *Source: gov.uk*

Therefore, a Brit in Thailand would need to have a UK Civil Service pension and become a Thai citizen!

## UK PENSIONS PAID FOR SERVICE OUTSIDE THE UK

HMRC ruling ITEPA03 charges all UK occupational pensions to UK Income Tax. However, the PAYE regulations set out special provisions that exempt the pension from PAYE where the pension arises from employment carried out abroad (only for non-UK residents). The criteria is non-residence for a certain number of (complete) tax years and the pension is then exempt from the operation of UK PAYE.

An employment is regarded as having been carried on abroad if the last 10 years' pension service was overseas, or the overseas membership amounted to half of the total service in the scheme and covered at least 10 of the last 20 years.

*Source: gov.uk*

Although the pension may be outside the operation of PAYE it is important to note that unless it is exempted by a DTA the income will still be taxable in the UK via Self Assessment. (PAYE81750 - PAYE operation: international employments: pensioners who leave UK for permanent residence abroad).

Whilst many of the UK's DTAs will exempt the pension income, not all do, and given the UK/Thailand DTA only UK government or local authority pensions could be exempted this way. Any other pensions will still be taxable in the UK via Self Assessment for a resident of Thailand.

The actual local tax liability in Thailand may be determined by the nature of one's Visa, but commonly "income" is liable to local taxation if it is remitted into the country during the Thai tax year (calendar year).

## QUALIFYING RECOGNISED OVERSEAS PENSION SCHEMES (QROPS)

Between April 2006 and April 2017 many Brits overseas transferred UK pensions to QROPS. Certain locations were popular because they offered more favourable Income Tax treatment when compared to the UK. With so many HMRC changes to QROPS over the years and poor quality "advice" the outcome may have actually resulted in more tax being applied than if the UK pension not been transferred.

## UK PENSION RULE CHANGES

Earlier this year the chancellor proposed changes designed to help encourage people in the UK to stay in work.

### CHANGES TO THE PENSION ANNUAL ALLOWANCE

This was increased from £40k to £60k, which benefits the higher paid workers who can afford to save more.

### CHANGES TO THE PENSION LIFETIME ALLOWANCE

The government has abolished the £1.07m Lifetime Allowance but did cap the maximum tax-free cash to £268k (25% of the Lifetime Allowance prior to its removal).

## CURRENCY POSITION

For long-term retirees in Thailand a weakening Pound against THB over the last 20 years remains a problem. The downward trend started as far back as 2004. The low in exchange rates was 37 in August 2019, and at date of writing is still 44; the rates of mid 70s GBP/THB seem to be a thing of the past. The effects on GBP-based pensions are harsh, a long-term reduction in value of 40%+.

UK State Pensions and final salary pensions cannot be changed into any other currency at source. It is only certain investment-related UK personal pension plans, or some QROPS that may allow a currency change to be more aligned with THB. However, changing from GBP to a strong global currency like USD may not be the best timing given GBP's continual weakness.

UK pension arrangements are quite complicated, particularly for a "global" individual, therefore we would always suggest you seek professional advice from a company with the relevant experience and knowledge.



**Martin Wright**  
Senior Financial Planner



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Tim Vongswang

## GM's Bulletin



### Exciting updates and future ventures in the club

Over the last few months, our club has been buzzing with various activities and improvements. I am thrilled to share the following updates and upcoming projects with you all.

**CPR Training:** Our dedicated team understands the importance of being prepared for emergencies. Many of our staff members have recently completed comprehensive CPR training, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

**Enhanced comfort behind the Veranda:** on the recommendation of our Vice Chairman Mr. David Williamson, we have installed new awnings at the back of the Veranda restaurant. Now members can enjoy even more shaded areas to relax while overlooking the serene back lawn. New plants and garden designs will be implemented over the coming months.

**Technology upgrade:** We will be installing new servers to upgrade our system which after 9 plus years now requires more efficiency. This advancement will ensure all our 'point of sales', reports and administration work will be delivered promptly, however, do not worry this doesn't mean that you will receive your monthly invoices before it's due 😊.

**Kitchen excellence:** last month, an external company conducted a Health & Hygiene audit of our practices. Our dedicated kitchen staff also underwent training, resulting in an impressive 70% pass rate in the first round of examinations. Those who required additional training

have received the necessary support to ensure everyone passes with flying colours, well done to all concerned!!

**Team building:** Big thanks go out again to our Chairman Mr. Simon Davis and our illustrious General Committee who championed a mini staff team building outing for the second group. We all enjoyed a delightful evening of tenpin bowling and a couple of beers fostering camaraderie and creating lasting memories, especially for the people who have never played the game before.

**Group Exercise for all ages:** do not miss our invigorating group exercise classes held every week. These sessions include circuit training, Aero boxing, and yoga. Regardless of your age, everyone is welcome to participate and stay active (remember we can do CPR). If you have time, do pop into the first-floor performance studio and the ground-floor games room which has recently been re-decorated.

**Further Ventures:** looking ahead, we have some exciting projects lined up. To cater to our younger members, we will be resurfacing the children's pool, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for tiny feet. Additionally, we are pleased to advise that 'Sails' our poolside outlet will re-open from September onwards, so keep an eye out for some fantastic offers.

*Stay tuned for more exciting news and developments from your favourite club!!*





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Tee Bale

# Operations Unknown



*I woke up early one Sunday morning and decided to head down to the Club for Operations Unknown to catchup with Nick the coach of the British Club Football Academy, with the intension to find out more about what they are doing each week.*

## When did you start your academy and why in Thailand?

I'd never been to Asia before and I'd heard great things about Bangkok and Thailand so I flew over 11 years ago to help start the project and the club is now celebrating its 10th anniversary.

## What ages can join the British Club Academy and what skill levels are required?

Currently any players between the ages of 7-12 years old can join however we may expand that in the future due to the fantastic response we've had. Additionally anyone can join regardless of their current skill level.

## What days and times can kids join the academy at the British Club?

- Wednesday 5:00pm-6:30pm
- Sunday 9:00am-10:30am



## What will the kids benefit from joining the British Club Academy even if they only play for fun?

The kids will be coached developing all five pillars of the game (physical, technical, tactical, mental & social), however each session will focus heavily on having fun, ball mastery and finish with a game.

## Who are the other coaches in the British Club Academy?

- Coach Jamie** is a UEFA B license coach and ex pro (England/Scotland).
- Coach Ben** is an AFC B license coach and ex Muang Thong United coach.
- Coach Ryan** is an ex pro in the Thai leagues.
- Coach Ed** is an AFC B license coach.

## What has been your most successful achievement as a coach?

My biggest achievement in player development includes sending numerous players off to professional clubs.

My biggest achievement with one of my teams would be winning the JSSL Singapore tournament (the largest tournament in Asia multiple times) or winning Helsinki Cup (one of the largest junior tournaments in Europe).

## Do you enter tournaments and if so which ones?

We will be looking at potentially organising some tournaments this season for the British Club Academy including one in Phuket in 2024.

## Who are your players?

Currently the British Club Academy is a mix of players from Thai schools and International schools providing a fantastic mix of talent.

## What team do you support and why?

Sunderland, unfortunately 😂 My Dad was born there and like the Netflix series says it's Sunderland til I die.

## What can we expect from the British Club Academy over the next 12 months?

You can expect a program that focuses heavily on individual development and ball mastery. Based on the fantastic response expansion in the age groups and number of sessions along with some opportunities to play in friendly games and tournaments.





Paul Cheesman

# ~~~PAST PARTICIPLE~~~

## *Auspicium Melioris Ævi*

*We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1964*

### To be? Or to be somewhere else?

1964 was to be a Hamlet year in that the subject “to be or to be somewhere else” was the question at each Committee meeting, the AGM and several Extraordinary General Meetings held. In 1962, and again in 1963, the Committee sought to sell of the Club, but negotiations stalled. The 1964 Committee decided to restart the process. The Chairman recorded there was now interest in the Club’s site from United Malayan Banking. It was noted that the Club would need to raise from the sale of the Club in excess of 22 million Ticals to buy and develop ‘Frankfield’ in Sathorn Road (see *Past Participle*, August 2023).

In June, however, the project was stopped by the Committee as firstly a questionnaire conducted of Club members reported that 56% wanted to “stay on site and develop it as opposed to moving” and secondly by new Legal Advice that, as a foreign entity, we would only be allowed to buy new land as a special exception to the Land Act 2497, not as previously advised, and this was unlikely without diplomatic intervention.

After the sale to the Club failed, ‘Frankfield’ was purchased by the German Embassy to become the German Ambassador’s residence.

PROPERTY - DEVELOPMENT PLANS	
<u>Questionnaire</u>	Mr. Pitton handed out the results of the recent questionnaire sent to members. These are outlined below:
Replies received:	85 (representing about 30%)
Of these replies:	14% satisfied with existing facilities
	86% unsatisfied
	44% wanted to move to Sathorn Road
	56% wanted to develop existing premises

▲ To move?

### Our Naval Year

On 3rd July, the Club extended to the crew of HMNZS Royalist (C89), an improved Dido-class light cruiser, use of the Club facilities during their visit. Between 11th and 16th August, the Club extended similar rights to the

crews of HMS Loch Killisport (K628), a Loch-class frigate, and HMS Manxman (M70), an Abdiel-class mine-layer. The plaque of HMS Manxman is on display in the Churchill Bar.

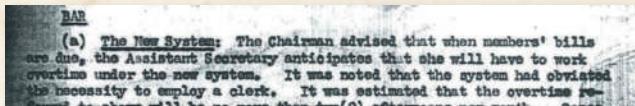


▲ HMS Manxman

### Salaries

The new Chits system of being given credit in the Club (see *Past Participle*, August 2023) had required the hiring of an Accounts Clerk to assist our Permanent Assistant Secretary; the Luncheon Cook left in September and his replacement was more expensive; the Butler’s salary had to be increased as it was agreed that he

would supply all the staff their meals whilst on duty; and finally members had complained about variable rates for the hiring of Club servants for private parties. To resolve the later a new fixed rate was set at "50 Ticals per boy for the period 6.30pm to 10.30pm and 10 Ticals an hour thereafter".



### ▲ Needing a Clerk

## Leasing

In October, an Extraordinary General Meeting was called to approve the leasing to the Anglo-Thai Corporation and Mercantile Bank, for 25 years, of about one Rai of land along the club's boundary with Suriwongse Road (currently the Staffhouse and tennis courts 2 and 3). It was believed that the down payment and lease income would allow the remainder of the Club to be redeveloped. This was the first of two meetings needed to pass the resolution, which was unanimously approved.

The second EGM was called on 30th November, but members had already got wind that the Anglo-Thai Corporation had withdrawn its offer between the issuing of the Calling Notice and the meeting. A vigorous debate was recorded, and, on several occasions, the meeting was called 'out of order' as Anglo-Thai Corporation had withdrawn their offer. Finally, however, the motion was carried by 30 votes to 6 with three abstentions!!



### ▲ Order! Order!

## Service

Mowbray Mackie moved up to chairman in 1964 (see *Past Participle*, May 2023) whilst Mr. J. Bate was elected as Vice-Chairman (see *Past Participle*, February 2023), however the other two officers both went absent during the October: Jeremy Farringdon (see *Past Participle*, August 2023) became Honorary Secretary and was replaced by Anthony Forrester (see *Past Participle*, June 2023) whilst J.A. Anderson became Honorary Treasurer (see *Past Participle*, August 2023) and was replaced Godfrey Sommerfield (see *Past Participle*, February 2023).

Continuing their service were Dacre Raikes, and Brian Tomkins, joined for a few months by new boy M.R.K. Wilson of Ben-Line Steamers, who served only this

term. Jack Delacour (see *Past Participle*, June 2023) went absent for three months and returned. There were three other new boys – Tom Barratt, of Ben-Line Steamers served this and five more terms between 1964 and 1980 ... including one year as Vice-Chairman and one as Chairman; Keith Fitton, of the Shell Company of Thailand, served this and two other terms, as did D.C. Horlock of the Anglo-Thai Corporation.

The General Committee bestowed an Honorary Membership on Mr. John H. Donofield OBE for his service to the Club, the last two years as its chairman.

## 1964-65

<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	<b>A. Mowbray Mackie</b>
<b>VICE-CHAIRMAN:</b>	<b>J. Bate</b>
<b>HONORARY SECRETARY:</b>	<b>Jeremy T.P. Farrington</b> (went Absent 13.10.1964) <b>Anthony R. Forrester</b> (co-opted 13.10.1964)
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<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Tom L. Barratt</b> <b>Jack H. Delacour</b> (went Absent 12.04.1964-15.07.1964) <b>Keith B. Fitton</b> <b>D.C. Horlock</b> <b>Dacre F. A. Raikes</b> <b>Brian P. Tomkins</b> (co-opted 12.05.1963) <b>M.R.K. Wilson</b> (went Absent 11.08.1964)

### ▲ General Committee 1964-65

## Club News

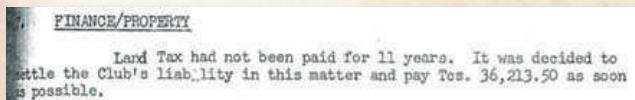
As consequence of the Land Code, B.E. 2497, the Club, as landowner, was liable for land tax. Sadly, the Club had not paid this in eleven years so the sum of 36,213.50 Ticals was duly paid

On 13th May, Sir Edmund Hilary gave a lecture to members of the Club about the conquest of Everest.

Serious concerns were raised during the year about the poor quality of the Tennis Courts and the need for them to be re-turfed, or some converted to hard court. Particular concern was the partitions which separated each row of courts. Quotations were received for 130,000 Ticals to strip off, lay drainage and relay the turf on six courts with a further 150,000 Ticals to convert two Courts to a hard surface. The matter was deferred a final decision on the land was made.

The General Committee sets up a Golf Sub-Committee to run golf matches in which the Club participated.

There were occasions when the minutes go unexplained – like on 13th October when the Honorary Secretary wrote that the Chairman thanked various members for their organization of the "Roman Orgy" on 26th September!



▲ *Land Tax*

## In Other News

Operation Crown was part of the America's Special Logistic Aid to Thailand (SLAT) whereby Great Britain would construct an airfield at Loeng Nok Tha, near Mukdahan. From January 1964, the General Committee agreed to

allow officers and men from Operation Crown to have use of the Club's facilities whilst in Bangkok.

Colonel A.J. Turner was appointed British Military Attaché and joined the Club on 12th May.

Commander D.G. Matthews RN was appointed British Naval Attaché but there is no record that he joined the Club.

The Parents' National Education Union was renamed the Bangkok Patana School (see *Past Participle*, February 2023).



▲ *Operation Crown*

**Next month ...  
“Anyone for a dip?”**

**Paul Cheesman  
Honorary Secretary**

For Members interested in our Club's history, the Club Timeline has been fully revised with 2,101 entries including 446 pictures across 174 pages and can be found on the Website under 'The Club – History'.



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# Royal Industrieele Groote Club, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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

The Royal Industrieele Groote Club (De Koninklijke Industrieele Groote Club in Dutch), has its roots in three other clubs which were located in Amsterdam. One such club was the 'Doctrina et Amicitia' club which was founded in 1788, and another club was the 'de Groote Club' which was founded in 1872. These two clubs merged after the First World War, and then in the 1970's merged with the Industrieele Club which had been founded in 1913. The club has around 1400 members.

The club occupies the 1st and 2nd floors of a building in Dam Square in the centre of Amsterdam, which the Industrieele Club had constructed between 1913 and 1916. Originally the club had the entire building, but the building was sold in the late 1980's and now the club gets a good rental deal on the floors that it occupies. These days the upper floors of the building are occupied by a boutique hotel called **Hotel TwentySeven** which has just 16 rooms, all of which are suites, and all of which are expensive. Apart from the doorway with the entrance corridor into the building, the ground floor is occupied by shops.





On the 2nd floor of the building the club has a library and several function rooms. On the first floor there's a bar and a restaurant, and a large lounge area with a very small outside balcony overlooking Dam Square. The club has no sports facilities and no accommodation, but one of the staff in the club suggested that a small discount may be available for reciprocal members to stay in the hotel on the upper floors. However, the hotel staff who we spoke to were not sure whether a discount was available or not. The dress code at the club is smart casual during the day and all day on Fridays, and but Jacket and tie from Monday to Thursday after 5pm.

We were meeting some Thai friends in Amsterdam for a trip to France, but on the day we arrived they were going to be out of the city so we booked lunch in the club's restaurant. On arrival in the club we spoke to a receptionist at the end of the ground floor entrance corridor. She turned out to be the receptionist for the hotel, but someone else was able to help us regarding the club. After looking round the club, we had a lovely lunch in the club's restaurant. The restaurant was very quiet on the day that we visited, with only 2 other tables occupied. The restaurant had a reasonably priced wine list, and although the vintages were not specified, the staff were happy to show us a few bottles before we made a decision. However, the most memorable thing about the meal was that the club has its own digestif. The digestif is called "Club Elixer", is 28% alcohol, and is made by [Wynand Fockink](#) which is a distiller that's been located in the heart of Amsterdam since 1679. The digestif has a wonderful herbal flavour and it not available outside the club, but we were allowed to buy a small bottle while we were there. This club is thoroughly recommended for escaping the hustle and bustle of central Amsterdam. However, the bottle of "Club Elixer" that we bought has already been drunk, so if any British Club members visit this club, I'd be more than happy to pay all the costs for them to bring back another bottle of "Club Elixer" to Bangkok for me.





Terry Adams



# 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. Pleasingly, after attending their first Seniors Section Event a number of Club Members immediately joined the Seniors Section.

As at 1st September, since formation 8 months ago the Section's Committee has organised 13 events for Section Members, Club Members, and Guests: 4 one-day trips, 7 events in our 'Lifelong Learning' series of presentations and discussions, one specialist event (UK Voting changes for Expats), and 2 low-impact exercise/social event.

We continue working to provide two Events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalisation up to the end of November.

## SECTION EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

*Interested to become a SECTION MEMBER or just wanting to discuss or make enquiry, or to suggest a possible Section event please call Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email him at: [terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com](mailto:terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com)*

**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



**A Luncheon Presentation**  
Date: Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Time: 12.30pm for Presentation at 12.45pm  
Venue: Suriwongse Room  
Charge: Section Members Baht 380  
Club Members & Guests Baht 430  
(Pre-order your choice of any 2 of the 3 course options from the day's Business Lunch Menu along with water, tea or coffee to be served in the Meeting Room)

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

**Thursday  
21<sup>st</sup> September  
Our 5th One-Day Trip  
To places of cultural and historic importance  
Details being finalized**

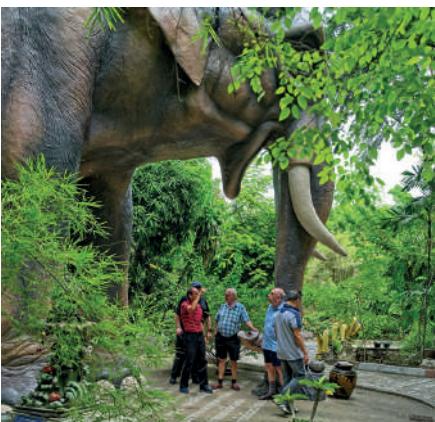
Open to Seniors Section Members, Club Members, Spouses/Partners, and Guests



THAILAND

- Nakhon Ratchasima
- Chiang Mai
- Ayutthaya
- Phuket
- Hua Hin
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## EVENT REPORT:

### **Day Trip to Nakhon Chai Si, Thursday, 20th July 2023:**

Meeting up at the pre-booked table in the Sala for breakfast, coffee, etc, the 14 Seniors Section Members plus one Club Member set off in our luxury 20-seater minibus on the easy drive to Wat Samphran in Nakhon Chai Si district some 45 Km to the west of Bangkok.

Famous for its "Dragon Tower" where visitors can climb to the top through the body of the Dragon as it circled the tower, a number of our travellers did just that so as to enjoy views of the surrounding area. Others just



enjoyed the tranquillity of the large temple area, magnificent very old trees interspersed with tall bamboo and a large variety of fauna and flora. They were also able to observe a number of more recent additions of large concrete painted edifices: a turtle, a peacock, an elephant, plus also some ornamental concrete pools in which visitors were encouraged by the resident Nuns to throw coins into various receptacles and thus garner "good luck, health, and fortune", all done in an understated but not unexpected way.

Then on to the absolutely largest Temple complex that this writer has ever seen in Thailand, at Wat Rai Khing, perhaps the 2nd most revered temple in the region after the large Chedi in Nakhon Pathom. Originally built in 1791 along the banks of the Tha Chin River, the sacred Buddha image in its beautiful building surrounds plus some other revered images, were absolutely dwarfed by the what seemed like acres of mostly under roof areas displaying all sorts of statues, other paraphernalia, and various shops and eateries, all geared up for visitor enjoyment. In the expectation of food thrown into the river by visitors there were what seemed like thousands of fish advised as being iridescent sharks and black spotted catfish, swimming besides the temple's river bank.

Lunch was taken at the award winning Gothe Kitchen Restaurant on the outskirts of Nakhon Pathom. Consuming a sumptuous feast of at least 10 different dishes, everyone complimented the choice of restaurant owing to the quality and variety of the really tasty food.

A short 20-minute drive took us to the Thai Human Imagery Museum. Almost all of the images on display in their various and very relevant settings were extraordinarily life-like, especially given that they were made of fibre-glass rather than wax. Despite the double-pricing entry charges, the Museum was and is very well worth visiting!

More photo at <https://www.britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/seniors-section-day-trips/>



Our final stop was at Wat Don Wai and its huge indoor market displaying an enormous assortment of foods, vegetables, fruits, and Thai puddings for sale. Most of our travelers emerged carrying various quantities of filled plastic bags, joining those few of us who preferred the adjacent Amazon Café. The trip back to the BC was not helped by traffic delays caused by a massive downpour that had not stopped by the time we alighted from the bus in front of the Sala at the BC. The trip was well enjoyed by everyone with particular compliments given for the choice of restaurant for lunch.

## EVENT REPORT:

### ***"Living to 100 years: A Blessing or a Curse", Lunch Meeting on Monday, 7th August 2023:***

The Section's first Lunch Event was presented by the extra-ordinary serial startup entrepreneur Anne Cheng. The event drew an enthusiastic collection of Section Members who enjoyed the Club's tasty business lunch menu choices. Paying great attention to Anne's inspiring presentation, especially her forward-looking, very positive and systematically structured approach (which included the use of a QR Code driven survey with each attendee receiving personal online feedback, an innovative touch that resonated well with all), attendees were quickly able to understand and recognise the positive and not so positive aspects of their own personal situations.

We particularly appreciated Anne's focus on identifying and outlining the assets that we all possess in terms of: productive assets, vitality assets, transformational assets, and tangible assets, as we learned how to 'build a portfolio of life' that will enable people to better manage their individual lifetimes and lifestyles.

Section Members enjoyed a really interesting and thought-provoking presentation from the charismatic Anne. A lively Q&A and discussion with Anne followed, with almost all attendees having something to say!





# YOGA

Every Thursday 6.00pm-7.00pm  
with Coach Aom Member 150฿



# AERO boxing

Every Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm  
with Coach Thanet Member 150฿



Bookings & Info Via: The British Club Line Official  
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# BC Bee's Kid's Club



The BC Bee's Kid's Club is back after a break during the summer camp. We're excited to restart the club and welcome back kids from their school break.

We have activities planned for both Saturday and Sunday, with 6 special themes. The most popular one is Mini Chef, happening as the second activity every Sunday. Similarly, Mini Picasso allows kids to play with colors and have fun. The little mad scientist experience also adds excitement for the kids.

BC Bee's activities run from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, with each activity lasting 1 hour. Khun Natt will keep the kids engaged, giving parents a 3-hour break to enjoy the pool or relax.



## Quiz Night

**08/08/23**

The last night of David as our quiz master. Congratulations to the winning team Scumbag College. Can they come back again in September and hold on to the top spot?



## Coming Events

### 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

### November 2023

- 5th Sun Guy Fawkes Night
- 12th Sun Remembrance Day
- 14th Tue Quiz Night
- 17th Fri Intimate Wine Night
- 18th Sat The Great British Ball
- 23rd Thu Thanksgiving
- 25th Sat Annual Wine Tasting
- 28th Tue Loy Krathong

## Event & Activities 2023 SEPTEMBER Highlights



**Quiz Night – Tuesday 12th September**

In September its eyes down and thinking caps on with our new Quiz Master Stephen. Known to some of our members from his previous quizzes back in 2011. Enter your team and do your best to win the top prize and bragging rights as the best team in the Club, until next month of course



**Intimate Wine Night – Friday 22nd September**

Our intimate wine night returns with a favourite of the new world country Chile. Khun Wei will take you through the vineyards and tasting experiences along with our executive chef Laak presenting her carefully paired tapas menu.



**Wine Tasting - Saturday 30th September**

Weather permitting, we will be returning to the front lawn to host the September wine tasting. Possibly one of the most historic and prestigious backdrops of the Clubhouse along with perfect views of Lebua State Tower and Mahanakhon to match. A night under the stars with a selection of wines, tapas buffet, and live music.



## Mother's Day Sunday Brunch

**13/08/23**

A beautiful afternoon brunch, treating all the mums that attended with complimentary prosecco and framed picture to remember the special day. Thank you to everyone that made it a great success.



## New Member Night

**17/08/23**

The first in a new series of new member nights took place in the Churchill Bar with live music, raffle draw and a fantastic introduction for all new members to meet section heads, management, and the general committee.





## FIFA Women's World Cup

**20/08/23**

The So close yet so far for England in the Women's World Cup final. Congratulations to Spain as the final winner and now World Cup Champions. The evening atmosphere was electric in all 3 of our venues the Churchill Bar, Jubilee Bar, and Kids Stop.



September 2023

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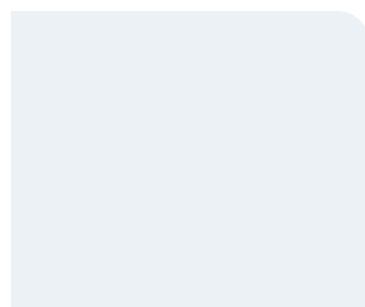
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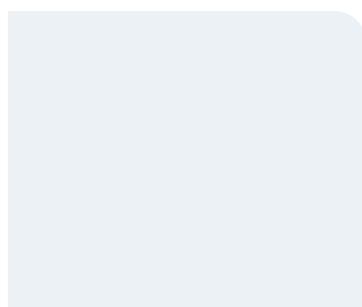
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# BALUT



## A BALUT IS A BALUT

Unless it's an egg, or a choice

You would be forgiven for thinking yourself in the wrong room when sitting down with Pink Nylon, Dark Horse, Sausage, Douchebag, Orange, Shanghai, Penguin, Bowling Ball, Jammy or Monkey. But only until the table mats were issued and the shakers primed. Then it begins, the quest for 5 matching dice (aka a Balut), or required combinations thereof, to achieve a score that may not be the best but certainly isn't the worst. For therein lies the penalty.

Often compared with Yahtzee, as people love to find some familiar base when facing the un-known, Balut is a light-hearted game using dice. Each game has 7 rounds, with players having 3 throws per round to achieve fixed combinations. It sounds easy, of course, but there is skill (and of course luck) in managing to keep or re-throw certain dice to meet a certain combination. And as each round dismisses a combination, the need to meet the rest grows. And as everyone knows, the harder you try to throw specific dice, the less likely you are to do so. Unless you're someone like The Jackal or TC who seem to be able to radiate gamma waves which make the dice roll to order.



Sounds confusing, huh? Don't worry, that's me. The game is fearsomely easy in itself, it's the dice that are the problem. "Never chase a straight", "Go for a Swampy House", "Never take a choice below 23", "Keep the sixes". Players are always full of recommendations for others, until it's their turn and they face curiously controversial conundrums.

Meeting in the Churchill Bar at 6pm on Wednesdays, the fun of testing and moulding your luck gives rise to both frivolous and diverting conversation weaving through the muttering and cheering of dice thrown. "That means I need a five so I'll just throw one" is as often rewarded with ebullience as "I'm doomed" is aggravated with further disaster. And it's rare that a game proceeds as expected, which is part of the enjoyment after all.



Before Covid (dare I mention it), the Balut Section was much busier and it has organised and hosted (for the Club) several Interport Competitions with teams of players from Clubs throughout S.E. Asia as well as regular visits from Singaporean teams. Internally we had the Balut Cup and ad hoc competitions with bottles of wine as prizes. We are even proud that the Global Highest Score is held by Douchebag, unrivalled for many years now.



When is Balut an egg? Maybe when you're hungry in the Philippines, but that's another story, dice not included.

**David Quine**



## SQUASHY BITS

**Dear British Club Members,**

Last month, we held the section AGM and had our traditional Chairman's vs Captains competition. On this occasion, the victory went the Chairman's way. Thank you to everyone who came, making it a hard-fought but fun affair.

After a few years of fantastic stewardship, Neil Evans has passed the Chairmanship of the section to Dean Thompson for the year ahead. A big thank you to Neil for all your effort, and we're delighted you'll remain an active member of the committee. Dean promises to carry on with Neil's great work and, as he says, will introduce a mix of innovation, energy, and a touch of playful mischief to the section leadership.

We're delighted to welcome Krishan Jhalani to the committee, looking forward to the fresh new ideas he will contribute. We are pleased to report that all other committee members have agreed to stay on for another year.

It is great to see our squash family grow. We extend hearty welcomes to Matt McConnell, Paul Smith, Todd Rosin, Duncan Forgan, and Chetan Mahendra. We anticipate your active involvement in the section, both on and off the court.

With new beginnings, there's also a farewell. We bid a heartfelt goodbye to our Brazilian friend, Mattheus. His standard of squash improved weekly since his arrival, and he leaves just as he was approaching league 1 standards – it was only a matter of time.



The section has delivered a new baby, much loved and eagerly anticipated – a brand new bouncing staircase! (literally). Realized through the hard work of our committee and the steadfast support of Simon Davies and Chris Watt. This isn't just a structural addition – it is an important part of us trying to link the on-court and social side of the section together. A more than physical connection between the two areas.

Thinking ahead we will soon be publishing our vision and mission for the section, along with the goals we intend setting ourselves this year and laying out how you all can get involved and play a part. A couple of areas we will definitely be focussing on is attracting juniors into the section creating a new stream of players for the future. Equally it will be great to see some ladies on the court and we will be reaching out trying to get the gender balance a little less lopsided. More to follow on these areas.

In wrapping up, whether you're a squash enthusiast, a casual observer, or just exploring, our Squash Section extends a warm invite. Swing by for a game or join us for a beer in our soon-to-be-renovated lounge, watching the matches unfold below.

***Warm regards and happy squashing,***

***The Squash Committee***



Sunil Mehra

# TENNIS

**One** rainy season to another... we thought we had left the rains behind in Bangkok only to be caught in the middle of the first monsoon during our recent trip to Kerala; often referred to as God's own Country. I started writing this article during my travels in southern India and reminisced about throngs of worshippers at Erawan and Sri Mariamman Temple near our club. Although those throngs in Bangkok were a small group compared to the crush when the Bhagwati Temple in Kanyakumari, on the southernmost tip of India, opened for 'darshan'. By now you are wondering what all this has to do with

tennis. Well, this reminded me of what happened when Agassi was playing and Court 1 opened at Wimbledon where the crush was similar but with a bit of decorum balancing beer and champagne! There are other interesting links and comparisons, to spin the yarn to margins of the page, between the State of Kerala and the Country of Thailand with populations of 30 and 60 million approximately. For starters, both of these territories have not produced a grand slam tennis winner yet! Although, my interest in Kerala stems from my other love - public health - here the stats between the two are quite interestingly comparable. On to tennis at the British Club...

## British Club Head to Toe Tennis League

*From Andrew Tse, Chairman, Tennis Section*

Season 3 of the tennis section league was played out in May and June with some closely contested matches and exciting debut results. In all, we had 7 divisions this season from the Top division Div 1 to Div 7 for beginners or new players with no rating. Well, the unrated Arin Wiriya surprised everyone and destroyed the field in division 7 winning all 3 matches and only losing 2 games in 3 sets. The seasoned veteran Willem Adolfs was the champion of Division 6 and deserves to be in a higher division. Our debonair hotshot executive Ravi Bordia claimed the title in Division 5 fending off a late run by Kelly Cailes and consistent league performer Laila Inchaisri. Meanwhile, Division 4 was one of the most competitive tables with a great showing from the only lady in the division, Jaycy Ortelano. She won 2 of her 3 matches and only missed out to Frank Fourage who had a 100% record.

Division 3 was left to be contested by an all-male field when Pin pulled out early on, Vincent Cloitre won all his 3 matches to claim the crown and catapult himself up the unofficial club rankings. We look forward to him testing himself against Division 2 players. Div 2 had a lack of matches played, with 5 players in the division only 6 matches were played because of injuries and players away, but Enrique Calvo managed to top the group and take the spoils. Finally, the top Division was contested by 5 of our elite players and what a thrilling division; going into the final week, any of three players could have been champion. Andrei Ivanov finished 3rd and Daniel Jacobs finished on the same points as Christian Roland but by virtue of a better head-to-head record, Christian claimed the title and tops the tree by winning Division 1.

A great effort by all players in what may be the last time the league is played in its current format. If you wish to test yourself against these heroic players or just play more singles, please sign up on the Facebook page or [bcts.bangkok@gmail.com](mailto:bcts.bangkok@gmail.com) email for the next season of competitive club singles.

### The Winners Roll Call

Division 1: Christian Roland

Division 5: Ravi Bordia

Division 2: Enrique Calvo

Division 6: Willem Adolfs

Division 3: Vincent Cloitre

Division 7: Arin Wiriya-Aporn

Division 4: Frank Fourage

## Bruce Gordon Cup

Part 1 played on 22 July; Part 2 to be played on 20 August.

You might be wondering why Part 1 & 2 of this Cup this year. We tried once but failed to control the heavens and clouds so very few matches could be completed because of heavy rain. Therefore, quite possibly by the time you are reading this, Part 2 will have been played on 20th August. For those who may need reminding why the British Club Tennis Section members are committed to Bruce Gordon Cup and play this memorial cup every year.



BRUCE GORDON CUP	
Match	Age
1	Under 16
2	16-18
3	19-21
4	22-24
5	25-27
6	28-30
7	31-33
8	34-36
9	37-39
10	40-42
11	43-45
12	46-48
13	49-51
14	52-54
15	55-57
16	58-60
17	61-63
18	64-66
19	67-69
20	70-72
21	73-75
22	76-78
23	79-81
24	82-84
25	85-87
26	88-90
27	91-93
28	94-96
29	97-99
30	100+

The Bruce Gordon Cup tournament is usually played annually to honour the enormous contributions of Bruce Gordon to tennis development at the British Club over 17 years, from May 1991 until he sadly died in 2008.

There were some exciting matches for everyone to enjoy; as always some winners and losers; at the same time plenty of hot shots



Despite the abandonment of the Bruce Gordon Cup because of the rain; the spirit was very much kept alive by many revellers taking advantage of the early end to 'seriously competitive' tennis. The spirit will be kept even more alive as the Bruce Gordon Cup will be played again on 20th August.

## Mercy Charity Event – upcoming on 3rd September

Announcement by Veronica Favorosa



We are thrilled to announce an upcoming tennis fundraising event for the Mercy Centre charity on 3rd September. Supporting a noble cause has never been more exciting! Please donate kids' clothes and toys for this charitable event.

Stay connected for updates so you won't miss out on this extraordinary charitable event. **Thank you in advance for your support.**

# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



Kannikar J.



▲ Till and Joanna Morstadt



▲ Cheryl Rego, Marc and Matthew Broadbent



▲ Mei Ting

## Member Review:

We had such a wonderful time celebrating the coronation of King Charles III this past May and this event sparked our interest in joining the British Club. It is very convenient for us to have so many of our favorite activities available in one beautiful setting. We are looking forward to upcoming events as well as getting to know more members.

## Member Review:

We're looking forward to enjoying the club facilities and with old and new friends. We joined because you and Tee Bale kept meeting us and telling us we should join!!

## Member Review:

One of the aspects I greatly enjoy about the Bangkok British Club is the opportunity to connect with both expats and locals. This opens doors for new friendships and networking opportunities as I am new to the city

Staying active every day is a must for me. The sports facility the club offers allows me to continue my fitness routine even while in the heart of Bangkok city.

Being a member of the Bangkok British Club also grants me access to an extensive reciprocal list of clubs around the world. This is a bonus for someone like me who loves to travel around the globe!

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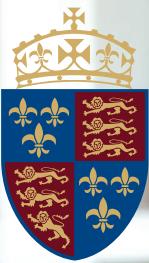
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