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## Joanne

Hi I am Joanne Lynn Fynamore-Crorkin and I am HM Consul at the British Embassy. I have held the position for almost a year now. I joined the Foreign Office over 40 years ago and over the years have built a career focussing on consular work having worked in Malaysia from 2017-2022, overseeing the consular teams based in KL, Singapore, Hanoi, HCMC, Phnom Penh, Brunei, Vientiane and Yangon. From 2007-2011 I was the Consul at the British Embassy, Manila. And in the late nineties I was the Consul in Lagos, Nigeria. I am passionate about consular work and helping British Nationals when they find themselves in a position not to be able to help themselves. I also have extensive experience dealing with crisis work, having been involved in the evacuation of British Nationals in Zaire in 1991, assisting with the Tsunami in Japan in 2011, volcanic ash situation affecting British nationals travelling from Thailand in 2010, the Lombok earthquake in 2018 and the departure of British nationals from the Gambia in 2017.

# Stories of HM Consul & a Long-Serving Staff Member of the Consular Team in Bangkok.

by Joanne Fynamore-Crorkin, HM Consul

## Gift Mananya

I have been working in the consular team, British Embassy Bangkok for 20 years. There has been much change and development within the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) through all of this time, and I have adapted well to these changes to become a very experienced all-rounded officer. I started working as a Consular Assistant, Passport Officer, Consular Officer as ETD Champion of this region and Notarial Documentary Services expert. Currently I am a Pro Consul and Designed Safeguarding Officer (DSO) dealing with many complex cases. DSOs are consular officers from across the network who have attended training and obtained a level of knowledge about child safeguarding, so we can offer advice on cases and suggest next steps on child cases involving suspected abuse or neglect. Most child cases and some complex cases continue to be referred to us and we have Child Protection Unit (CPU) and UK Social workers to support us in London. Some cases are referred to local social services, Thai authorities (Police, Immigration, hospital, Ministry of Foreign Affairs) or the Childline organisation.



To work within the Consular section, British Embassy Bangkok is quite challenging however I can deal with the cases due to my all-round expertise. I am well aware that working in a consular team we should also be flexible with our time and availability, especially during a crisis or major complex case and our aims are the same: an excellent Consular service for British Nationals who need it and my team's focus is on supporting them.



## Consular team

If asked what are two most important pieces of advice I can give to British nationals, they would be:

1. Sign up to our Thailand Travel Advice on GOV.UK
2. It is important to ensure all personal matters and end-of-life arrangements are organised and documented well in advance.

**Here are examples of some of the ways in which we can assist British nationals:**

- Help with making contact to friends and family back home using our phones and internet
- Issue an emergency travel document, print out tickets and other urgent documents to enable travel
- Provide information about transferring money, and in the most exceptional cases, request an emergency loan
- Provide a list of local lawyers, interpreters, doctors or funeral directors
- Provide support to British nationals detained, liaise with lawyers, authorities and families
- Support victims of rape, sexual or physical assault or other victims of crime when liaising with police, medical and victim support services

- Direct those in need of places of safety, specialist welfare services or support networks to the appropriate agencies
- Signpost those in need of emergency shelter to places of safety and charitable accommodation providers

**And some of the things we're unable to assist with:**

- Make travel arrangements
- Help with entering or exiting Thailand without a valid passport, visa, or permission from immigration authorities
- Pay any outstanding bills, medical costs or penalty fines
- Give advice that is best provided by a professional or make decisions on your behalf
- Investigate crimes, search for missing people or interfere with the judicial process
- Request and enhanced level of treatment in hospital or prison than is provided locally
- Look after children, force medical help or provide shelter



Simon P. Davies

# Chairman's Message

It seems as if it was only last week that the Club held its annual general meeting and here we are half way through the new General Committee year with just three months left in The Clubs' Financial year that concludes in November, 2023. Time flies but so far it is proving to be another great year for the Club and again thank you to all members for your continued support.



Additional upgrading of various "behind the scenes" operating assets of the club have taken place such as installing new kitchen equipment in the clubhouse, air conditioning compressors, new computer servers and catering equipment along with the landscaping of the back lawn area. Work will soon commence on the refurbishment of the snooker room which will include installing two competition standard pool tables, shuffle board and darts.

Those of you have recently dined in Veranda restaurant may well have been served by Khun Thithiaow (Aor) who is one of five staff employed by the Club from the Hospitality and Catering Training Center (HCTC) in Mae Sot and more on the work that they do from Tee Bale who recently returned from conducting workshops for their students. The situation with the recruitment of service staff remains challenging but there has been some positive progress which has resulted in Sails being re-opened during the week days.

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The Rugby World Cup commenced in France during September with the opening two games producing wins, against the odds, for France and England so not to be outdone Steve Bussey, a squash section member, entered The King's and Princess Cup Squash competition and won the Plate Final so well done Steve. A mention for long standing member, Marvyn Lewis, who at 76 years young has attained the World Squash Ranking third position for players over the age of 75 years. I wonder if Terry Adams could organize a Seniors Sporting Day competition amongst the various club sections?

As the Club enters its busiest quarter of the year many of the traditional activities are being planned for and I was going to say **"watch this space"** for some new initiatives until I was reminded about the origins of the expression..... "In the 19th century **"watch this space"** was a formula, originally placed by magazines in space which was reserved by an advertiser but for which no advertisement was ever submitted". Therefore I will remain quiet but, please do **"watch this space."**

**Cheers**  
**Simon**



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# 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, 2 November 2023  
6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Location:**

The British Club Bangkok  
Suriwongse Room  
189 Surawong Road  
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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.

**This event will focus on key topics including:**

- Returning to the UK
- Retirement Planning
- Investment market update

**What you can expect to learn from this presentation?**

- The main considerations for those who are planning a UK return
- The most effective use of retirement assets and the impact of living in Thailand
- What is happening in the investment markets currently, and how the rest of 2023 and beyond may look

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.



# Educating children about money

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

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

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

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

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

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

Letting children select their own investments may initially mean they choose for their own reasons such as liking a company name. Over time you can introduce more complicated concepts such as investigating the background of companies, their management approach and price to earnings.

A few financial planning product options for children do actually exist in the UK.

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

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

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

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

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



**Martin Wright**  
Senior Financial Planner

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# GM's Bulletin



Tim Vongswang



## Exciting updates and future ventures in the club

**Hello everyone,**

As we wrap up a rather soggy September and gear up for an eventful October, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and highlights with you.

Firstly, I'd like to extend our appreciation to Mrs. Kathryn Gavin, one of our fantastic General Committee members, for bringing a group of 250 people to our club from the Harrow Alumni who celebrated 25 years, their very own silver jubilee!!, the event was a great success and we can't wait to host more such events in the future.

Looking ahead, October promises a range of diverse and entertaining events. Mark your calendars because we will be hosting a Trafalgar Dinner that continues to promise an elegant affair of fine food and wines interspersed with some amazing speeches, a heartfelt thank you goes out to Col. Tony Stern - Defence Attaché - British Embassy for helping us with getting this organise again this year.

For all the wine enthusiasts out there, we have a delightful wine-tasting event planned for the end of October. Plus, let's not forget our special Halloween evening, where we'll create an atmosphere of spooky fun for everyone. Ensure you check in with our team



to book and secure your spot for these unforgettable experiences.

Apart from these key events, remember that we also offer outside catering services headed by our own Khun Somboon. So whether it's an office gathering or a private party, consider us for all your catering needs. Our picturesque back lawn or air-conditioned rooms are also available for hosting events & themed parties, of which the club's team are experts at organizing. Picture a sunny garden BBQ, with bouncy castles, magic shows, live music, and enjoying the day and evening with friends and family, these are moments in time to remember.

If you're still in need of some extra excitement, we have a limited-time offer on our jubilee merchandise. While it may not be something you have considered purchasing, it does serve as a meaningful memento, representing the end of an era, so don't miss out on this unique opportunity.

Here's some great news, a new massage menu will be introduced this month, featuring facial therapy with the highly skilled masseuse Khun Nanang. As we enter the high season, it's the perfect way to rejuvenate and spoil yourself. I, for one, can't wait to try it out.

Lastly, we have some job openings for the food and beverage service as well as kitchen staff. We take pride in our wonderful team and are always looking for talented Thai individuals to join us. If you know someone who would thrive in our vibrant work environment, please let us know.

*As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you around our wonderful Club.*



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Tee Bale

# Operations Unknown

We decided our second recruitment visit to Mae Sot should include a series of workshops for year 1 and 2 students by our talented British Club Team. I selected Khun Udom from Veranda to conduct a practical cocktail training, Khun Natt our Operations Manager to conduct a practical barista training, Khun Aor from Veranda to give a theory service training, Khun Chon from our bakery to host a pizza dough training, along with myself hosting a presentation of the British Club.

Our team met early at 6am to get underway to the airport, on our arrival at Mae Sot we were met by

the H.C.T.C transport and taken to the foundation. We were greeted by year 2 students who had written a song which they sang to us for a warm welcome, a very touching moment.

We got underway with our workshops before being invited to dine for lunch at their on-campus student run restaurant. The food was amazing, and the teachers have done a great job training all the students in the kitchen, and service.





Both Year 1 and 2 students engaged with our teams training and performed very well, at the end of the Club presentation we had nearly one and half hours of Q&A with the students who never run out of questions, we finished with a show of hand of who would like to come to work at the club, with 90% of them raising their hands to our delight.







## Words from our traveling Club Team



**Khun Aor** "In my opinion, I think H.C.T.C is a school that provides many opportunities for children who have dreams in the hospitality field. This means that our journey can be very beneficial in assisting the children to achieve their dreams".



**Khun Udom** "Maesot is quite city, beautiful mountains, and all the students did very well to learn everything. It's fantastic for us and the H.C.T.C School to do workshops together. They have their own vegetable garden which they use for the school restaurant and my herbal cocktails. I wish all students grow up and have success in the future".



**Khun Chon** "Mae Sot is a small district close to the border with a bridge that crosses from Thailand to Burma. This was my second trip to Mae Sot to give guidance to the young people of H.C.T.C. The students are willing to learn more and more each time and are very interested in the workshops we taught them. Thanks to Khun Tee and Khun Natt for giving us the opportunity to go back again. Thank you, Khun Udom and Khun Aor, our team who travelled to Mae Sot. This trip was very fun and had a purpose".



**Khun Natt** "This trip is the 2nd time I visited the H.C.T.C Foundation and met with the year 2 students who I met on the first visit and met 2 students who decided to do their internship with us at the British Club Bangkok. Khun Jinda (Kitchen) and Khun Chaiyo (Service) will start with us on 1st October for 6 months".

The Club looks forward to maintaining our strong relationship with the H.C.T.C foundation over the coming months and years and in acquiring a selection of their graduates as full-time staff next March, and then a second batch of internships in October 2024. A big thank you to Charlotte, Nuria, and Tangmo for hosting us and their continued work in helping the children of Mae Sot.



Paul Cheesman

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

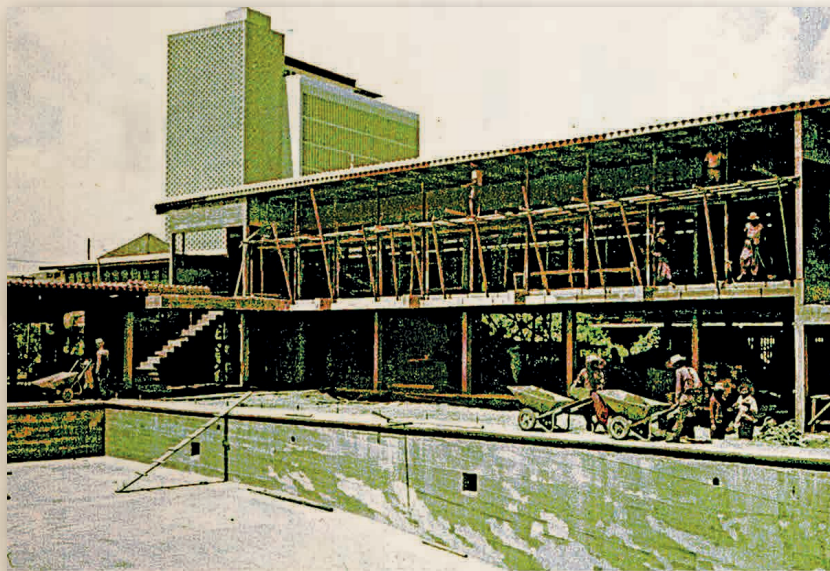
*We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1965*

## Anyone for a dip?

The major event of 1965 was the member consultation, financing, and design of the proposed Swimming Pool and our original Squash Court. Initially a survey was conducted of all 281 members and all the 83 responses were totally in favour of the idea. The Vice-Chairman, Dacre Raikes (see 'Service' below), then obtained quotations, designs, estimates of running costs and started negotiations with banks over possible loans.

That preparation work completed, two Extraordinary General Meetings were held to agree to build the pool and squash court (with ancillary changing room and bar) and borrow 750,000 Ticals from the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China. The EGM on 21st June approved the project by 43 to two and the confirmation EGM on 27th July was approved by 33 to one. It was also agreed as part of the package to raise the joining fee to 250 Ticals and the subscriptions to 100 Ticals a month (if single or your family were not in Thailand) and 120 Ticals for all others.

On 16th December, a special daytime Committee meeting opened the six sealed tenders and on 27th December the Club redeemed our two Land Deeds ("Chanotes") from Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank as part of the security required by the Chartered Bank (see *Past Participle, December 2021*) ... all was now ready to dig up Tennis Courts 5, 6, 7 & 8!



▲ Building the pool

## Our Naval Year

On 15th February, the Club hosted a party for twelve Petty Officers of HMAS Derwent (DE49), a River-class destroyer escort, at the request of Commander Rothesay 'Ross' C. Swan, its Commanding Officer, a past Club Committee Member and past Naval Member of the Military Planning Office in SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) HQ in Bangkok. Commander Swan also held a dinner party at the Club for his friends. Commander Swan retired in 1983 with the rank of Rear-Admiral. The plaque of HMAS Derwent is on display in the Churchill Bar.

On 5th May, HMS London (D16), a County-class destroyer, docked in Bangkok, and were honoured by a visit by Their Majesties King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit. The Club extended use of the Club facilities to the crew. The plaque of HMS London is on display in the Churchill Bar. Sadly, one crew member, Able Seaman Brian Charles Dade, aged 25, died during this tour of duty, and he was buried at Bangkok Protestant Cemetery.

May continued with a number of other visits - HMS Loch Fada (K390), a Loch-class frigate from 4th to 8th; HMS Plymouth (F126), a Rothesay-class Royal Navy frigate, and HMAS Parramatta (DE46), a River-class Royal Australian Navy destroyer escort, on 23rd and 25th respectively. Both the plaques of HMS Loch Fada and HMS Plymouth are on display in the Churchill Bar.



▲ Able Seaman Brian Charles Dade RIP

### Speedbird Calling

It was agreed on 10th February to allow British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) flight crews to use the Club on their stopovers that were now being started on their London to Australia routes. The Club would receive 600 Ticals as a fee for use of the facilities by each aircrew, who, in turn, would pay for their Food & Beverage with coupons purchased from the Permanent Assistant secretary.

This arrangement continued through the 1974 merger with British European Airways to form British Airways and even to the joint working arrangement with Qantas. It ceased only in 2002 when the fee suddenly stopped being paid.



▲ Fly BOAC!

### A good walk ruined

A Golf Challenge was instigated between the British and the Australians, and, after a day of fluctuating fortunes, the British inflicted a "humiliating" defeat on the Australians by the margin of 593 points to 591! The event was organised by Committee member B.H.N. Maxwell, an Australian, who was also Convener of the Golf Sub-Committee, thus the annual event became known as the Maxwell Shield.

Golf. Mr. Maxwell said that the Annual General Meeting of the Golf Section will take place on 29th July, 1965. Mr. Maxwell said that the match against the Australian Community will take place on September 11th, 1965, at Bangphra.

▲ *Maxwell Shield*

### Service

Jack Delacour, of Chartered Bank, moved up to chairman in 1965 whilst Mr. Dacre Raikes was elected as Vice-Chairman (see *Past Participle*, June 2023), and Anthony Forrester remained Honorary Secretary. The Honorary Treasurer was initially W.C. Falconer, of the Mercantile Bank, who went onto the Absent List in May having served only this brief spell on the Committee. He was replaced by Ian R. De Leschery, of the Chartered Bank, who served only this part term.

Continuing their service were Tom Barratt, Brian Tomkins, D.C. Horlock and Keith Fitton, who took three months leave midway. B.H.N. Maxwell, of the Australian Embassy, served this term and part of the next (see above) and J.F. Hoare of the Anglo-Thai Corporation who served only this term.

**1965-66**

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**VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Dacre F. A. Raikes  
**HONORARY SECRETARY:** Anthony R. Forrester  
**HONORARY TREASURER:** W.C. Falconer (went Absent 24.05.1965)  
 Ian R. De Leschery (co-opted 24.05.1965)

**MEMBERS:**  
 Tom L. Barratt  
 Keith B. Fitton (went Absent 01.06.1965-16.09.1965)  
 J.F. Hoare  
 D.C. Horlock  
 B.H.M. Maxwell  
 Brian P. Tomkins

▲ *General Committee 1965-66*

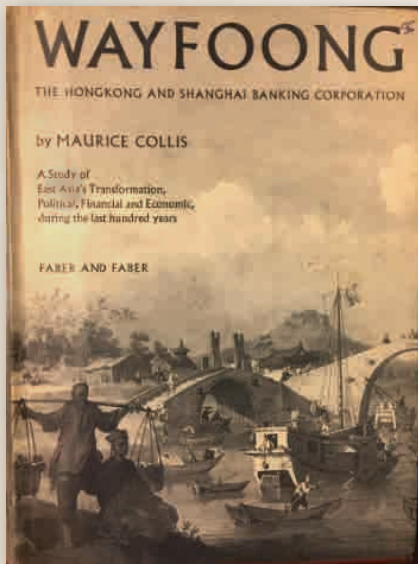
### Club News

1965 opened with the perennial problem of the Bowling Alley. It was, again, falling down with damage to the floor and the roof. In addition, many complaints had been received about it being used as a playground by children. After much debate it was agreed to spend another 12,000 Ticals to bring the floor back up to spec with another 28,000 Ticals for the roof. It was also agreed to issue new bylaws to stop children using the Alley unattended - no-one it seems blamed the parents!

In April, the Club was presented with a copy of 'Wayfoong' the centenary book of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (the title being the old Chinese name for the bank ... "focus of wealth"). Unfortunately, by September it had been noted by the Committee that the book had been stolen!

Also, in April we started the 'Businessmen's Hour' promotion from 5pm to 6pm – this also became a cropper in September when, due to poor patronage, it was discontinued.

On 10th September, the Committee instigated the first 'New Member Night' whereby all membership candidates would have to attend and be interviewed by all members of the committee. This was not the overwhelming success that it had been hoped in that some 'interviews' took so long that not all applicants could be seen by all ten committee members. It was this agreed that in future applicants need only get the following signatures: the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the Honorary Secretary plus four others.



▲ Wayfoong

**In Other News**

In the January, Sir Horace Anthony Claude Rumbold, 10th Baronet KCMG CB became the British Ambassador, and the UK representative on the Council of SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization). He joined the Club on 10th February.

In July, Khun Prajong Ratanaphian and his wife, Khun Wichitra Rattanaphien opened the Silom Commercial College on the site adjacent to the Silom Gate. In later years, it would become the Silom Campus of the new Rattana Bundit University then the Panyarat High School.

Bertram Charles Butler became the Canadian Ambassador to Thailand in November, but resident in Kuala Lumpur.

The Tourist Organization of Thailand (TOT) opened its first overseas branch in 1965 ... in New York on June 7. In 1979 TOT became the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT)



▲ TOT heavily promoting Thailand

**Next month ...  
"first in the pool"**

**Paul Cheesman  
Honorary Secretary**

*For Members interested in our Club's history, the Club Timeline has been fully revised with 2,105 entries including 446 pictures across 175 pages and can be found on the Website under 'The Club – History'.*



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A great heart takes you further.



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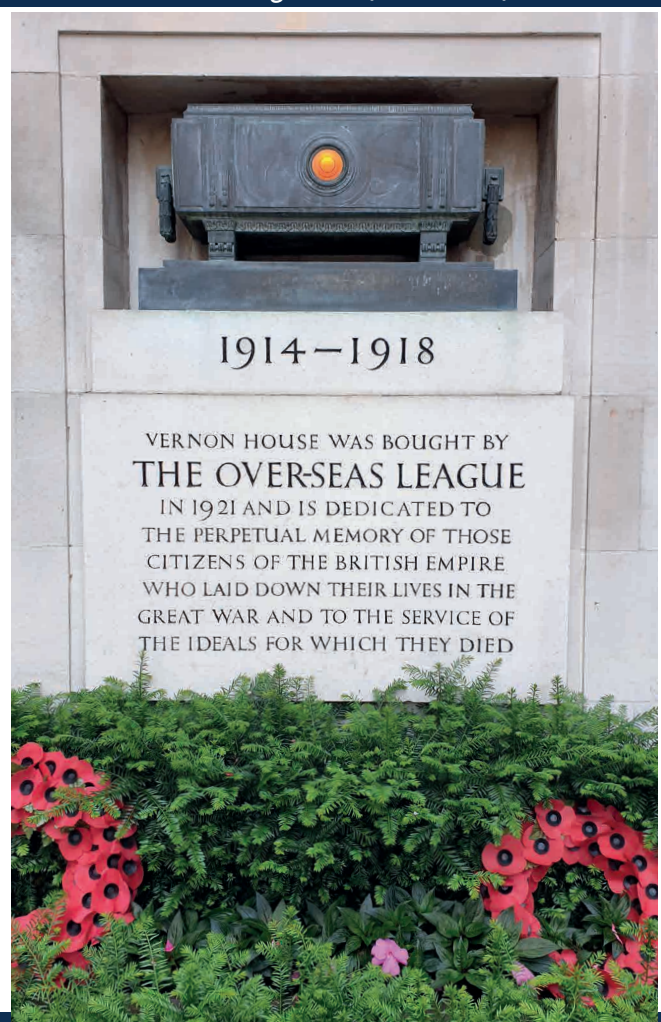


# Royal Over-Seas League, London

*Visited in July 2019 & December 2022 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)*

The **Royal Over-Seas League** is a not-for-profit private members' club, founded in 1910, and located in the St. James's area of central London. The club's website says that it's "dedicated to championing international friendship and understanding throughout the Commonwealth and beyond", and has branches located in several countries including Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. The clubhouse is tucked away at the end of a short cul-de-sac off St James's Street, very near the Ritz hotel in Piccadilly.

The club has 2 dining rooms and 83 bedrooms for members and reciprocal members to use when staying in London. The main formal dining room is called the 1910 Dining Room and is decorated in an art-deco style. The Brabourne Room is the secondary dining room, and there's also a bar called the Duke of York bar. Both the Brabourne Room and the bar overlook the garden, so both have wonderful views looking west over Green Park. Food and drinks are also served in the garden, weather permitting. There's also a room called the members drawing room, as well as a number of rooms where events can be held. The club's dress code is smart casual, although men are encouraged to wear jackets in the 1910 dining room in the evening. Despite having no sports facilities, in some ways this club has the atmosphere of an exclusive hotel.





On our first visit in 2019, the 1910 Dining Room and was closed for renovation, but nonetheless we had a nice enough meal in the Brabourne room. A few days after that we had a lovely lazy summer afternoon sitting in the garden, drinking chilled white wine, and catching up with some friends who were visiting London. The 1910 dining room finally opened again in September 2022 and unlike the restaurants at a lot of London clubs, it's open at weekends. On Sundays there's an additional roast menu, so while we were in the UK for Christmas last year, we took some friends there for the Sunday lunch. It was great meal, and there was a reasonable wine list too.

Although I haven't used the club's accommodation myself, I got talking to a British Club Bangkok member about this club in March 2022 when I went along to the opening of the phase 2 poolside redevelopment. He gave me a good report of the club, telling me that he always stays there when he's visiting London. With a less formal dress code and its prime central London location, any British Club member should consider this club if they need accommodation or dining facilities while visiting London.



# Trafalgar Dinner 2023



**7.00 PM | Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

A Black Tie, or dress uniform with medals, Gourmet Dinner on  
the 218<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar

The dinner is open to all British Club members, spouses and guests,  
Embassy staff and guests, members of the Royal British Legion  
(Thailand Branch) and members of the Military Attaché Group of Bangkok

Special Guest of Honour Speaker



British Embassy  
Bangkok

*Club members, Embassy staff, RBLT members,*

*Military Attaché Group : 2,250 ฿*

*Guests : 2,500 ฿*

*No alcohol less 500 ฿*



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# Trafalgar Dinner Menu

WELCOME DRINK

## STARTER

DUCK RILLETTES  
*with melba toast & cucumber pickle*

## SOUP

ROAST TOMATO & RED PEPPERS  
*with garlic croutons*

LEMON SORBET

## MAIN COURSE

PAN FRIED SEABASS WITH CAPER LEMON BUTTER SAUCE  
*served with asparagus & boiled potatoes*

or

GRILLED SIRLOIN STEAK  
*served with asparagus, new potatoes, & béarnaise sauce*

or

SPINACH RAVIOLI  
*with mushroom sauce*

## DESSERT

PANNA COTTA  
*with passion fruit coulis*

or

LEMON MERINGUE  
*pie*

BODEGA VOLCANES TECTONIA  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BODEGA VOLCANES TECTONIA  
CHARDONNAY



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# Exclusive Wine Tasting Event – TA Wine

04/09/23

Ben Gordon the managing director of the Volcanes Winery in Chile visited Bangkok as TA Wines special guest speaker. Ben explained the unique structure of the wines and surrounding volcanos where the winery is situated then gave all the attendee the chance to experience the full range of wines. A huge thank you to Khun Phing from TA wines who continues to be bring the Club exclusive special deals and wine to our members





ST ANDREWS

# BCCT / British Embassy / British Club - Business Breakfast Briefing

12/09/23

The first in a series of events to be in conjunction with BCCT, British Embassy, and British Club. Thank you to the British Ambassador Mark Gooding for hosting the morning. We would like to thank the British Chamber for a fantastic Embassy Breakfast event. The morning went extremely well and created positive feedback from all that attended.



# Witches



# & WINE TASTING Halloween Special



Front Lawn

October 28<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm

MEMBERS 400 ฿

GUESTS 500 ฿

Live Music

4 of our Best Wine Suppliers

A pairing tapas buffet

2 glasses of  
Rochester Sauvignon Blanc  
& Cabernet Sauvignon

**Best 3 Halloween costumes  
win prizes**



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# KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct  
6:00-9:00PM | Suriwongse Room



Limited to the First 80 Kids to Register

Special Fancy Dress Party with Games & Activities, Magic Show,  
Halloween Snacks, Refreshments, and prizes for Best Costume!

**KIDS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND UNSUPERVISED**

Kids 500฿ | Members & Guests Only



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## Quiz Night 12/09/23

Our new quiz master presented his first night in Churchill Bar to 7 highly competitive teams. The new format certainly had people laughing and smiling all the way through. The top spot was won by **Drowning not waving** (even without the missing Jack and Geoff) then a close 2<sup>nd</sup> place that came down to a tiebreak question which was won by **Scumbag Collage** leaving **Interlopers** in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.





## An Intimate Wine Night - Exploring CHILE 22/09/23

We took our Intimate Wine Night to a new digital level last month by streaming our host live on the big screen from the Barrel Room the Volcanes Winery in Chile. It was a pleasure to link up with Ben Gordon the Managing Director of the winery once again. The sold-out event treated the attendees to 6 top wines all paired with special tapas dishes. Ben joined us by also opening the 6 wines in Chile so we could have a virtual cheers on each one, he was however upset not to be able to be passed the tapas dishes but explained the pairing perfectly.



## Coming Events

### 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

### December 2023

9th	Sat	Kids Christmas Party
12th	Tue	Quiz Night
13th	Wed	Carol Night
25th	Sun	Christmas Lunch & Dinner

## Event & Activities 2023 SEPTEMBER Highlights



### Trafalgar Dinner 2023 - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

The annual Trafalgar Dinner returns with a few surprises this year, make sure you attend to find out what they are. A delightful food and wine menu has been created to compliment this standout event, not forgetting the passing of the port tradition.



### Kids Halloween - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

This event becomes fully booked very quickly so do not miss your chance to have your little ones join in the spooky fun and games.



### Witches & Wine Tasting - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Wear your scary custom and have chances to win prizes while enjoying a selection of red & white wines under the stars



# GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November | 4:00pm-8:00pm | Back Lawn



Arts & Crafts - Build the Guy Head, Live Band, Magic Show & Fire Show

## TICKETS

Members 1,300 ฿ Kid Members 600 ฿ Non Members 1,600 ฿ Kid Non Members 700 ฿  
*All Kids under 3 are Free*



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**Football Academy**  
9.00pm - 10.30pm  
**Tennis Men Doubles**  
**Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Sunday Brunch**  
11.30am - 3.00pm  
**Kids Activities**  
11.00am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

2

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

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**Football Academy**  
9.00pm - 10.30pm  
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**Sunday Brunch**  
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**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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

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**Quiz Night**  
7.15pm - 9.30pm

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**Football Academy**  
9.00pm - 10.30pm  
**Tennis Men Doubles**  
**Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
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11.30am - 3.00pm  
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11.00am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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

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**Football Academy**  
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**Sunday Brunch**  
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23

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

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**Football Academy**  
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**Team practice**  
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**Sunday Brunch**  
11.30am - 3.00pm  
**Kids Activities**  
11.00am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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

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# OCTOBER 2023

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4

**Squash Mix-in**  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
**Balut**  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
**Circuit Training**  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
**Tennis mixed-In**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

6

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

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

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**Squash Mix-in**  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
**Balut**  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
**Circuit Training**  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
**Tennis mixed-In**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
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**Kids Activities**  
12.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Squash Mixed-in**  
1.30pm - 6.45pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

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**Squash Mix-in**  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
**Balut**  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
**Circuit Training**  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
**Tennis mixed-In**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Junior Cricket Coaching**  
5.15pm - 6.45pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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**Kids Activities**  
12.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Squash Mixed-in**  
1.30pm - 6.45pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm  
**Trafalgar Dinner**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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**Squash Mix-in**  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
**Balut**  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
**Circuit Training**  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
**Tennis mixed-In**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Junior Cricket Coaching**  
5.15pm - 6.45pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

28

**Kids Activities**  
12.00pm - 4.00pm  
**Squash Mixed-in**  
1.30pm - 6.45pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm  
**Kids Halloween Party**  
6.00pm - 9.00pm  
**Witches & Wine Tasting Halloween**  
6.00pm - 9.00pm



Terry Adams



BRITISH CLUB  
SENIORS SECTION

# 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 October, since our formation 9 months ago the Section's Committee has organised 16 events for Section Members, Club Members, and Guests: 5 one-day trips, 8 events in our 'Lifelong Learning' series of presentations and discussions, 1 specialist event (UK Voting changes for Expats), and 2 low-impact exercise/social events.

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

## SECTION EVENTS IN OCTOBER:

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)

**STEP RIGHT UP:**  
Learn to  
**LINE DANCE (THAI STYLE)**  
**A Fun Evening!**  
No experience needed, just a desire to enjoy some mild exercise in great company!  
Get started: lessons from a professional dance instructor

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

Join us for lots of fun interspersed with Canapes and Drinks of your choice from the Club Bar (Drinks to your Club account)

Date: Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Time: 6.30pm: The Fun Dance Lessons start at 7.00 pm (with intervals for refreshments and stationary socializing)  
Venue: Poolside Party Room (Ground Floor)  
Charges: Seniors Section Members Baht 380  
Club Members & Guests Baht 430

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/)

**IMMUNOTHERAPY:**  
Harnessing the power of our immune system to combat diseases

Learn how exciting cutting edge science is helping shape the battle to defeat various cancers

A Luncheon Presentation by Dr. Do Tran, of world leading Gilead Sciences Inc.

Date: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 choices of any 2 of the 3 courses options from the day's Business Lunch Menu along with water, tea or coffee (To be served in the Meeting Room)

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Seniors Section Website: [britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/](http://britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/)

## EVENT REPORT:

### Cycling the Length of Great Britain: A "Tell All" Presentation on Wednesday, 16th August 2023:

The Section's first evening event commenced in the Suriwongse Room with enjoyment of Khun Laak's delicious canapes and drinks from the Club Bar as the attendees gathered together for what proved to be a memorable evening. Section Committee Chair Terry introduced long-term Club and Seniors Section Member Bruce Darrington, who once again entertaining us, this time with his lively, interesting and superbly documented slides enhanced with fabulous photographs from his



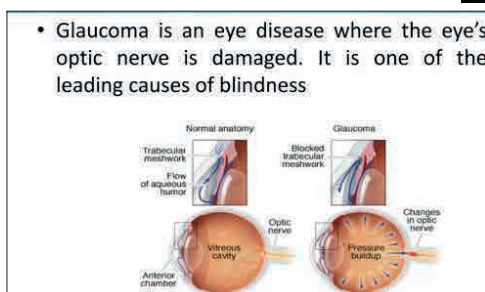
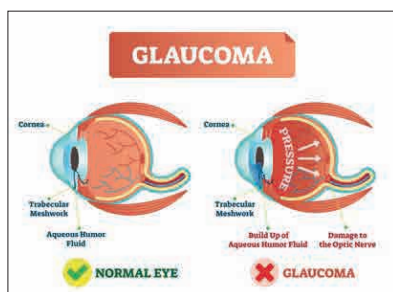


epic journey. As indeed billed beforehand, Bruce “Told All” about his long-distance cycling experiences, starting during his Covid enforced ‘lockdown’ in Taiwan that eventually prompted him to cycle completely around this lovely Island. Then onto the highlight of the evening, his epic 19-day cycle ride from Land’s End at the far southern tip of South-West England, the 1,700+ Km to John O’Groats, the far northern tip of Scotland (in Thailand terms this is the same as travelling by road from Mae Sai in the far north almost to Hat Yai in the far south). We learned that his incredibly detailed route and overnighing planning took even longer than the ride, then the “whys and how’s”, the funniest and most challenging moments of his epic journey, the people he met, the places where he overnighed (including Bodmin Jail in Cornwall). We even saw photos of the massive farm tractors that forced him off the side-roads, canal, and old railway tracks he used and where these monster vehicles unintentionally forced him into the ditches on a few occasions. We enjoyed some laughs and insightful discussions as we delved with Bruce into the world of long-distance cycling and eventually, we learned that the reason for holding the presentation this early in the month was because the very next day, he was travelling to France to cycle the length of France! This revelation was well received and Bruce was asked back to speak again about this, his next long-distance cycling ‘expedition’.

## EVENT REPORT:

***“The Silent Thief: Glaucoma’s Devastating Effects on Ageing Eyes”,  
Lunch Lunch Meeting on  
Wednesday, 13th September 2023:***

Club and Seniors Section Member, retired ophthalmic surgeon Dr. Jinendra Kotari was our guest speaker at this lunch event in front of a very interested audience of Section and Club Members. He started by asking how many of the attendees had contracted Glaucoma, and a number of hands were raised. Dr. Jinendra took the audience through a somewhat terrifying series of examples of the effects of this really invasive disease that people just do not know about or even know that they have contracted, often until it is too late to save failing eyesight. Details were given and explanations made using excellent schematics, imagery, and video clips, leaving the audience in no doubt that they all needed to be aware of symptoms and the consequent need to take professional advice. Happily, he went on to set out what can be done to mitigate the risk of contracting the disease, and some of the means to partially ‘stave it off’, including surgery as a last resort.



The resultant Q&A session allowed Dr. Jinendra to answer the many questions posed by almost all of the audience. Overall, an alarming yet enthralling presentation that, no pun intended, opened many eyes!

Indeed, whilst typing this report a few hours after the presentation, this writer learned that one attendee had already booked an appointment to see an Ophthalmologist at his regular hospital!



Sunil Mehra

# TENNIS

The travel compulsion or the itchy feet syndrome has taken over the world and the tennis section is no different – everyone is on the move again. I was recently in Japan buying some Sencha for the Morning Tea & Tennis Group, when I discovered that the tradition of tea ceremony in Japan came from Zen Buddhism; and according to Kawabata, “...surroundings were brought into harmony to remind the Zen disciple of the Buddhahood in a clod of earth... and turned his mind to... the intersection of time and eternity.” Reading this my rambling mind went into top gear and even found within the fastest re-wind button available on the market proving HI wins hands over fist over any AI impostor. This rewind button took me back to the ‘The Zen of Tennis – a Winning Way of Life’, the book that started me off with tennis in Hawaii by a very caring tutor, Joe Singer, who as an atomic scientist could see Zen inside an atom! Those were the times when there was literally ‘Zen of Everything’ (another book title) and a more recent addition, ‘Zen of Saving the World’ – well; looking into a crystal ball – that is how I believe tennis survived for another millennium! That was really digressing from our central purpose of existence – tennis at the Club; so now, back from the future....to kick off another season, another League or another Tennis Annual General Meeting.

## The Tennis Section Annual General Meeting A crisp summary by Chris Watt

The Tennis Section AGM was held on 13 September 2023 and was well attended by more than twenty members from our Section along with all of the Tennis Committee. The Chairman, Andrew, gave a verbal report stating his main objective was to bring all the section together and thanked all of the committee members past and present for their contributions. The financial Report was presented by the recently appointed Treasurer, Vicky, revealing that the year had been good and finances were in better shape; or at least the reporting definitely was. The Secretary, Chris, highlighted some of the initiatives ongoing to improve the tennis experience at the club including LED lighting, so everyone will be able to see a yellow ball when they are playing on any of the four courts. Raquel gave an update on the Interclub activities, and Enrique on the Leagues. It was noted that the Club Championship had been a great success on the court and also because of all the sponsors who we hope will continue to support tennis at the Club. There was a special rousing vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair, Andrew Tse, for his contributions to the Tennis Section and well-being of the tennis playing folks of all calibre. Thank you Khun Andrew.



**Introducing the New Tennis Committee 2023-24 -- Some new & young, and some not so**

▲ From Right to Left follow the overhead arrows: Phairoj Chansevikul (Advisor, Interclub), Andrew (previous Chair), Nattaya, Vicky (new Treasurer), Laila Inchaiseri (new), Chris (new Chair & Secretary), Veronica, Enrique, Raquel & Sunil. Thanks All

A new Tennis Committee of 9 members was selected comprising of the old members by popular support, and the new, by an even more popular unanimous cheer. Finally, another rousing welcome was given to the incoming Chair of the Tennis Section, Chris Watt; who said very little for a change; as he takes over the dual role of Chair and Secretary; also Vicky Ong was confirmed unanimously as the Treasurer.

## 'Head 2 Toe' Tennis League Series Two Begins

by Enrique Calvo, Capitán del equipo de tenis BCB

The Tennis Section proudly announces the commencement of Series Two of Tennis League 2023 sponsored by 'Head 2 Toe'. Series Two will start on September 15<sup>th</sup> and end by mid-November 2023. The aim of this Tennis League, as all others before, is to make sure that everybody who enjoys tennis can find a good match. This is possible as the Tennis League has different Divisions that are based on players' skill levels.

### *How to organize the matches*

When the League starts WhatsApp groups will be created for each Division. All players participating will be included in a WhatsApp group where they *can organize their matches, send the results and also send pictures of the matches*, at least one picture of both players together from each match. We encourage people to start organizing their matches promptly. One person should book the court, and other person should bring new balls for the match.

### *Match duration*

In each match Two Sets will be played. In case both players win a set then a *Super-tiebreak* to 10 points is played to decide the winner.

Thanks for your active participation, and hope that you have a lot of fun playing in the British Club Tennis 'Head 2 Toe' League 2023 Series Two.

## Bruce Gordon Cup Replay

with Contributions by Raquel Evans

Bruce Gordon Cup Part II or Replay was organised on 20th August and the turnout of players and supporters was just as great as in the previous edition. Many thanks for the determination and enthusiasm



of everyone. Despite the rain we managed to play most of the second round matches. One highlight from Replay matches was the application of a 'handicap system'. This helped create more exciting and challenging matchups for all levels of players. As our friend Stefan rightly pointed out, "this setup truly determines each individual's unique characteristics on the tennis court, allowing us to bring out our best game and sportsmanship!" We feel the strong sense of spirit that tennis brings to our British Club Bangkok community.

Maybe because of the rain everyone returned to the watering hole, the Sala, thirsty as always and this led to another great celebration into the wee hours of the morning – all in great memory of Bruce Gordon; at least for all those with any memory!

Trolling back to Zen and tennis, one of the key Ideas in the 'Inner Game of Tennis'<sup>2</sup> is to "Trust your unconscious mind to do what it does best." I found at our Club most people are better at doing this after tennis rather than during the beautiful game.

## Mercy Charity Event

Look out for this event!! Stay connected on Facebook for updates and don't miss out on this extraordinary charitable event. Supporting a noble cause has never been more exciting! Please donate kid's clothes and toys for this charitable event

<sup>2</sup> by W. Timothy Gallway



# BRITISH CLUB GOLF



▲ Pictured left to right: Frank Fawkes, John Virtue, Varghese Rose, Bally Gudail, Andrew Stray and David Burton.

The golf section played their August monthly medal on Sunday 27th at Subhapruek. As usual, we had a good turnout of 24 players all eager to play for the technical prizes and the overall winner. We also had three matchplay pairs competing for victory and a move into the next round of the competition. The course played beautifully and we were very fortunate with the weather – it was warm and humid but thankfully it did not rain.

Congratulations to our overall winner, Andrew Stray, who played an amazing game with his recently purchased clubs and walked off the course with a fine

score of net 69. In addition, we played to the two division winners, Frank Fawkes, net 71, and John Virtue, net 72 winning divisions 1 and 2 respectively.

The three pairs involved in the competition matchplay all had hard fought rounds and, for two of the pairs, the end result rested on the outcome of the final hole. The eventual winners, going through to the next round of the competition were: John Virtue (who beat Gordon Milne); Penny Booth (who beat Robert Gray) and Becky Adderley (who beat Damian Sutton). Congratulations to all these players.





▲ Pictured left to right: Peter Clark, Neil Davies and Josh Tinker

Our September Stableford competition was played at Vintage and again there was a good turn out to compete for the technical and main prizes and also two competition matchplays taking place. We would like to extend a warm welcome to two new members playing with the group – Doug Angus and Jamie Angus. The course was well presented and the weather was perfect – warm and a little overcast.

Congratulations to our overall winner, Neil Davies, who had a fantastic round of golf and came off the course with an impressive 40 Stableford points. In addition, very well played to the two division winners. Peter Clark for division 1 with a very good score of 39 Stableford points and Josh Tinker for division 2 with an equally good score of 39 Stableford points.

Alongside the results for the main Stableford competition, there was also two matchplay results. The winners from these two matches were Martin Finn (who beat Steven Brader) and Neil Davies (who beat Peter Clark). Congratulations to all these players.

#### **Congratulations to the winners of the technical prizes:**

**Near pins** – Neil Davies, Peter Clark, Julien Raybaud-Gines, Peter Lucas, Angkana Nilkumnerd and Jonathan Kings.

**Men's long drive** – Neil Davies

**Ladies long drive** – Yurachatr Brook

**Longest putt** – Andy Woods and Penny Booth

**Our next British Club Golf Section fixture is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at Subhapruek.**

# HARD BALLS



*Ben Eastwell*



▲ *Siam Royal View*

## Hardballs October - New Season

October marks the beginning of the 2023/24 season for the British Club Cricket section. The teams will be briefed and committee officers appointed at the cricket AGM this month, followed shortly after by the tour down to Phuket for what will officially be the first 2 games of the new season. The league campaigns will kick off in November and run all the way through until around April with cricketers looking to build on a recent expansion to 2 teams and venturing into the BCL 'A' Division.

The club has also been busy carrying out a nets upgrade for the section - adding a roof to the training facility to make no excuses for practise and make it available all year round. Stay tuned, and for any keen cricketers of all talents hiding amongst our club members, now is the best time to get involved with nets sessions on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

## Koh Chang Beach Cricket 6s Tournament 2023

The 'Swingers' and 'Master Batters' took to the shores of Koh Chang for its 8th edition of the beach cricket tournament back in August this year - 2 British Club teams perfectly divided, either side of a half-century of years on the planet. The section's third and final tour of the season all but concluded a busy year and provided the opportunity to swap the helmets and pads for sandals and cocktails, in the format which brings the Thailand cricket community together outside of usual territory. 12 six-a-side teams from as far as Kuala Lumpur battled it out at the dreamy Shambhala beach venue, uninterrupted by beautiful weather throughout the weekend only occasionally brought back to reality by Mossy's incoherent ramblings and team tactics.



▲ *Mak tosses one up*



▲ *View from the team quarters*

A handful of tourists were extra keen, arriving a day early to inspect pitch conditions and get accustomed to the environment, but most arrived on Friday ahead of setting up Denzyl's mighty new tents and the veteran 'Batters' opening game against Alibaba. White Sands hosted the welcome party and evening entertainment throughout the weekend; stories of past tours etched into its beaches which George, Nitin, Aakash and John were about to add to for the first time.

The young Swingers, who were kindly scheduled for the first and last games of the Saturday fixtures, opened their account with a win against the tournament runners-up, Phuket, but were less successful against the Pattaya Stallions and Chiang Mai Lanna in their following two matches. The last game of the day versus the Pangolins, who at this stage had consumed half of the beer bar, culminated in the lowest-scoring match of the weekend, but it was an important win for the Swingers - closing out day 1 with 2 wins and 2 losses, and banking on bonus points into the next day. The Master Batters continued their losing streak and cooled off in the duck pond through day 2 but did not lose faith heading into the closing day of the competition.



▲ *BC V Parrots*



▲ *1 of 3 Khans on show*



▲ *The Master Batters*



▲ *MBs take an ice bath*



▲ *Swingers*

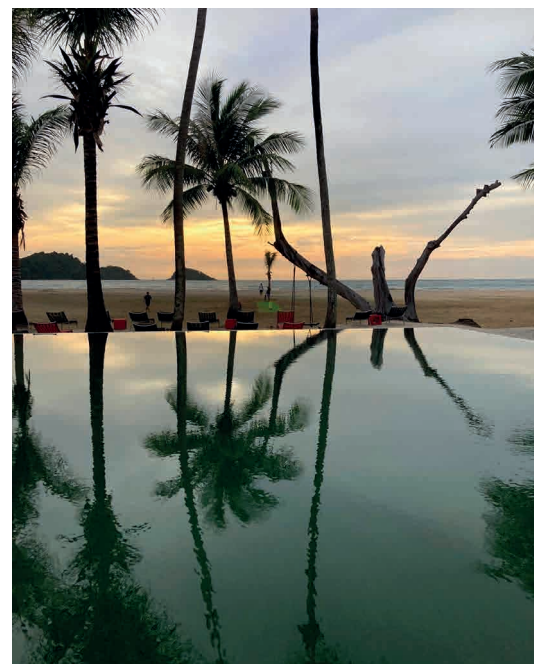
The seasoned British Club side looked like an inspired new team and registered their first points on Sunday morning against the Pattaya Thoroughbreds. With Dilip's athleticism turned up a notch and Manish being chased around the field by the tree snake which had allegedly been following him around from a past life, the lads looked unstoppable going into the dead rubber against the equally imbibed Black Parrots to close out their tournament. That was until Mossy was bamboozled against some counter-attacking tactics from the Parrots' command centre, unconventionally smothering the field and piling pressure on with some lively celebrations, at one point punishing the MBs with 3 wickets in 5 balls with the one and only Fried Egg at the crease. The Kiwi skipper did manage to pull his side back into contention with some runs on the board in an assertive final innings, only to unravel his heroics in the opening over with 2 wides off the strip and a beamer which went over the keeper's head. With only the top 4 teams qualifying for the finals, both BC teams had confirmed their exit by lunchtime on Sunday, leaving plenty of time to sample cocktails in the pool which had turned an unusual colour, and enjoy the ladies match and Pattaya's title defence in the final before the closing beachside BBQ and England V Spain in the conclusion of the ladies world cup. As most had left the island by Monday lunchtime, Jack who had volunteered his umpiring for the weekend is likely still there writing Chapter 37 of his book as you read this - perhaps occasionally reminiscing about signalling a wide off the ball which was middled for 4. Massive thanks to all organisers and particularly Steve Perry and Shambhala for hosting the event which helps to support Koh Chang Cricket and ensure many more years of this tournament.



▲ *Sunset Cricket*



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▲ *Shambhala Venue*

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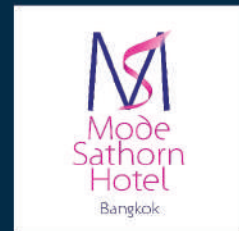
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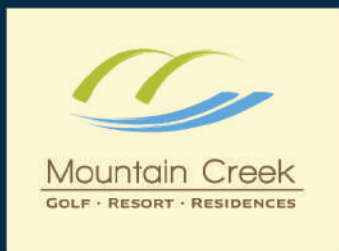
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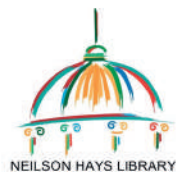
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# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



*Kannikar J.*



▲ *Tao Liu and Junkai Liu*

## Member Review:

My impression of the club: the British club gives me a mixed feeling of classic and modern. Also it's a safe place for kid to play and make friends.



▲ *William Barber, Pikul Marthinsen and Reilly Barber*

## Member Review:

My husband and I are returning members and live between Phuket and Bangkok. There is nothing better than getting tucked into some British grub and relaxing here on the weekend. William works out of Riyadh, and commutes back to the island or the city whenever he can. My son Reilly studies at the British International School in Phuket and I am a stay at home mum. We come to Bangkok often and love coming to the Club.



▲ *Someswara Rao and Pramila Chimalakonda*

## Member Review:

" We have been living in Bangkok for the last 9 years. I have been associated with Oil and Gas business for a long time. At the present moment I am working with Valeura Energy( A Canadian based company) as director looking after their Capital investment projects based in Bnagkok."

"I visited British club few times with my friends who were already members of the club. I was impressed with Ambiance , the facilities and proximity the place from where I live. I am particularly impressed with Gym facilities, Choice of breakfast and the Cozy Churchill bar. All this encouraged me to become a member of the club."



▲ *Murray and Katelyn Lang*

## Member Review:

The Langs moved from Hong Kong to Bangkok last July, and having attended several British Club events over the past year with some friends who are already members they wanted to join as full members to make use of the wonderful facilities (for adults and kids) and grow their social network here in Bangkok. Kit (mum) works at King's College, Murray (dad) works at Jim Thompson, and they are looking forward to playing an active part in the club.



▲ Jeffrey

**Member Review:**

I am from Australia and am recently retired and had been thinking about basing myself somewhere in Asia to be able to get to ITF masters tennis events more easily, to travel and just to have different life experiences. When I was introduced to the British Club and after having spent a few weeks there I know this is the best possible place I could be! Great Club and fantastic tennis community. I have already met many wonderful people and made friendships. I am looking forward to the next phase of my life.



▲ Andrea Bonaffini

**Member Review:**

Was pleasure to join the British club Bangkok, I find a lots new people who bean super nice and great energy and amazing tennis player



▲ Violaine Beix

**Member Review:**

I'm delighted to have joined the British Club! The warm welcome I received from everyone has been truly heartwarming. I can't wait to meet new members, bond over tennis games, and enjoy swimming in this great community.



▲ Pieter de Jong and Ayla Gareman

**Member Review:**

We are Ayla Gareman and Pieter de Jong, originally from the Netherlands. We joined the BC because we want to get the most out of our time here in Bangkok and build a wider network around the globe. Even though we will only be in Bangkok for a short period of time because of Ayla's temporary assignment for Nike, we look forward to connect with all members during this time. A bit about us: We are obsessed with discovering new place and meeting new people, We love inviting friends over for exquisite wining & dining, and We will never decline a spontaneous night out. As self-proclaimed foodies, we can't wait to hear your food recommendations! Outside of work Ayla tries to stay athletic and goes for a run in the early mornings or hits her 10k step goal by playing golf and Pieter loves to spend his time on either the Tennis court or the golf course.



▲ Rohitkumar Srinivasa

**Member Review:**

I joined the British Club for an interest in activities like squash, Bridge and meeting other folks in Bangkok. I enjoyed the atmosphere on my visit and wanted to join immediately. Furthermore, due to my travels, I wanted a club that offered good reciprocity coverage.

We were invited for lunch and a round of tennis at the BC by member Khun Willem Penterman. We received a warm welcome by other members and staff and were invited for more rounds of tennis before we even applied for membership. The next day we applied for a membership.



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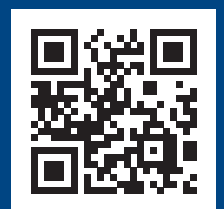


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