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12th November | Front Lawn | 10:00am



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THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Apologies all readers that this month's contribution from the Consular Section is brief. The main reason for this is because I have been deployed to the Middle East to assist with the on-going situation there. My main priority will be to work alongside my colleagues based in the region to ensure that British Nationals who require consular assistance are helped. It is quite normal for consular staff from all around the world to be deployed at short notice to other parts of the world to assist when a situation occurs. Earlier this year two team members flew to Jeddah to assist with the situation in Sudan. When situations like these arise, Embassies and High Commissions reach out to British Nationals through the specific Travel Advice for the country they are in, if they have to give important messaging. This is why it is important that all you all sign up to our Travel Advice so that you can receive up-dates as situations unfold. You will all be aware of the incident which happened at the beginning of October at Siam Paragon Shopping Mall. Luckily the incident did not take place over a significant amount of time. If it had done so, we would have up-dated our travel advice to warn British Nationals of the situation and advising them not to go to the area.

Please do therefore sign up to our advice

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/Thailand>

Regards

Joanne Fynamore-Crokin

HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand



Chairman's Message



Simon P. Davies



November sees the end of the current financial year which has been a record for membership numbers and operating results so a big thank you to all members and staff who have contributed to this very successful year.

The post covid challenges in recruiting service staff for the hospitality sector have continued resulting in service levels, at times, being below par and thank you to those members who exercise tolerance and patience as the staff really do try their best to please. Recent recruits from the Hospitality and Catering Training Centre in Mae Sot are settling in well and it is pleasing to see them carrying out their duties with much enthusiasm.

Without getting into a debate on the actual causes of global warming it is evident that the world has been experiencing some unusual weather patterns. We often hear the words "I cannot remember this much rain falling in Bangkok" and yet recent weeks have seen some record levels of precipitation. Behind every cloud is a silver lining and during one recent storm so much water fell that the cricket net area was flooded which led to a quick decision to raise the concrete flooring therein. Had the storm not occurred it is quite likely that the new cricket mat would have been laid on the old concrete

surface and then there would have been even more disruption and delay in completing the project. So for once it is thank you to mother nature for pouring down upon us!!

Renovation of the Clubhouse snooker room is under way with two competition standard pool tables, shuffle board and televisions ordered. It is planned to join the Bangkok Pool Leagues and commence inter section competitions so if interested in playing please contact GC member Bryce Martin and join the cue (sic).

Last month I made a reference to "Watch this space" and am pleased to announce that plans are well advanced for the opening of a new shop adjacent to the fitness desk counter which will give members the opportunity of purchasing a selected range of their favourite food and grocery products.

As the build up towards Christmas gathers momentum there are many exciting and enjoyable events being held at The Club so please do look out for announcements and book early to avoid disappointment.

**Cheers
Simon**



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Speakers:

Martin Wright (Host)

Senior Financial Planner, The Fry Group Singapore
Max White

Director, Schroders Wealth Management Asia

Date:

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6.30pm - 8.30pm

Location:

The British Club Bangkok
Suriwongse Room
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- Retirement Planning
- Investment market update

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- 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.



THB – History to Present day

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

Thai Baht (THB) has been used to refer to money in Thailand for centuries. However, the modern incarnation of the currency came about in the early 20th century, following the reforms of Chulalongkorn, also known as King Rama V. He reigned from 1868 to 1910 and introduced decimalization of the Thai Baht, which at the time was known as the Thai Tical by westerners.

Prior to decimalization Thailand (Siam back then) had a complex monetary system. Currency units included the chung, the tamuleng, the baht, the salueng, the feung, and other smaller units. By the late 20th century the baht was one of Asia's most important currencies.

The Thai Baht became the focus of economic observers in 1997 when Thailand was the epicenter of the Asian financial crisis. It began after the Bank of Thailand was forced to abandon Thai Baht/USD pegging, which caused the currency to collapse instigating a wave of bankruptcies among Thai businesses who had borrowed in dollars, but who earned revenues in THB. The Bank of Thailand has the exclusive authority to issue currency in Thailand; banknotes are issued in amounts ranging from 20 to 1,000 baht being the largest at present. Until 27 November 1902, the baht was fixed on a purely silver basis, with 15 grams of silver to the baht. This caused the value of the currency to vary relative to currencies on a gold standard. From 1856 to 1864, the values of certain foreign silver coins were fixed by law, with 5 baht = 3 Spanish dollar = 7 Indian rupees. Before 1880 the exchange rate was fixed at 8 baht per pound sterling, falling to 10 to the pound during the 1880s.

In 1902, the government began to increase the value of the baht by following all increases in the value of silver against gold but not reducing it when the silver price fell. Beginning at 21.75 baht per pound sterling, the currency rose in value until, in 1908, a fixed peg to the British pound sterling was established of 13 baht per pound. This was revised to 12 baht in 1919 and then, after a period of instability, to 11 baht in 1923. During World War II, the baht was fixed at a value of one Japanese yen on 22 April 1942.

From 1956 until 1973, the baht was pegged to the US dollar at an exchange rate of 20.8 baht = one dollar and at 20 baht = 1 dollar until 1978. A strengthening US economy caused Thailand to re-peg its currency at 25 to the dollar from 1984 until 2 July 1997, until

the country was affected by the 1997 Asian financial crisis as mentioned above. The baht was floated and halved in value, reaching its lowest rate of 56 to the dollar in January 1998. It rose to 30 per dollar in January 2021.

CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS

For long-term British retirees in Thailand a weakening Pound remains a problem. The downward trend started as far back as 2004, with the lowest point at 37 in August 2019, and at date of writing 44.35. The rates of 75+ seem to be a thing of the past. The effect on GBP based pensions or investment income is harsh, a reduction of more than 40%+.

The difference between GBP and USD against THB is shown in the graphs below:



Currency fluctuations causes many complications and finding the right strategy is highly important. Therefore, we would always suggest you seek professional advice from a company with the relevant experience and knowledge of dealing with “global individuals”.



Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

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GM's Bulletin



Tim Vongswang

As we enter the final months of 2023, we have just completed the budgets for 2024 bringing plans for new enhancements and delights to our members of which I will be excited to share with you as the time draws closer.

In this edition, I am thrilled to announce the installation of the air-conditioning with a fresh air system in both our clubhouse and poolside kitchens. This upgrade has made our kitchen staff extremely happy, ensuring a comfortable working environment which may very well bring an even better culinary experience for all our members.

As you may have noticed, the back garden has also undergone a small transformation which is 90% completed with a few final touches remaining. To enhance the beauty of our outdoor space, the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration will generously provide us with 20 trees as part of their tree planning scheme for the entire city. So, expect the garden to flourish even more in the coming months and enjoy the club's atmosphere surrounded by nature's beauty.

While we celebrate the small incremental progress of the club's upkeep, I feel it is crucial to recognize the wonderful efforts of our unsung heroes. Over the past few months, Khun Tulien our dedicated housekeeper, underwent a knee operation and was unable to join us at work. Stepping up to the challenge, Khun Ann has admirably led the housekeeping department, which consists of seven very hard-working individuals responsible for maintaining cleanliness across 8.5 Rai of house and grounds. A heartfelt thank you to Khun Ann and her team while we look forward to the return of Khun Tulien.

As the Christmas season approaches, we are delighted to remind you that the British Club's delectable festive treats will soon be on offer again so look out for these offers and reserve early to avoid disappointment.

Looking forward to seeing you in some (hopefully) cool weather!!





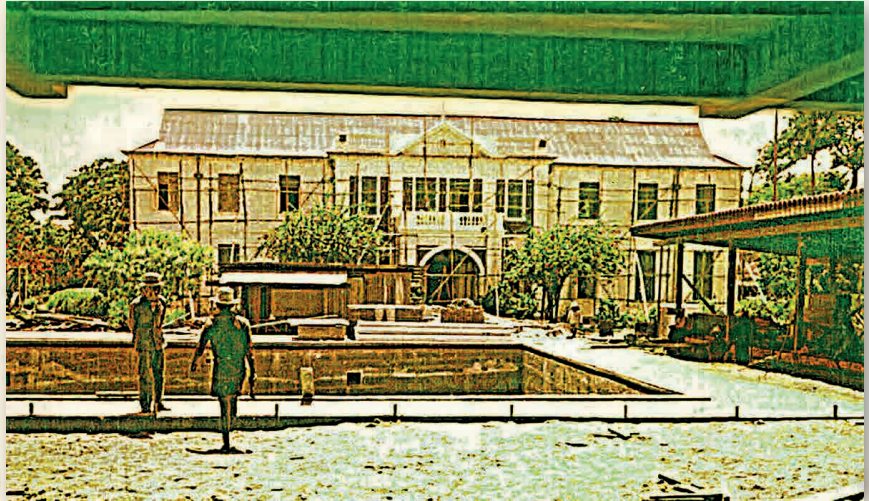
Paul Cheesman

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

*We continue the story of
the British Club Bangkok ... 1966*

First in the pool!

It had been over a year in planning, over 1,300,000 Baht in costs and some 180 days in building and taken over most of Tennis Courts 5 & 6 (with Courts 7 & 8 being 'grassed over' for sunbathing) but the main Swimming Pool and the adjacent Children's Pool, together with a two-storey wooden building containing changing rooms and a bar were ready for soft opening on 12th August and for an official launch on 3rd September by the British Chargé d'Affaires, Ronald Scrivener CMG. It had been decided, prior to opening, that Guests would be banned from using poolside whilst remaining at "two visits a year" for the rest of the Club.



▲ *Close to opening - Photograph courtesy of the Dr. Paddy Dickson Collection*

Sadly, the soft opening did not go very well with many tiles coming adrift in the first week, lots of complaints of uncleanness (a circular was rushed out to instruct ladies to wear swimming caps), complaints that older children were upsetting younger children in the Children's Pool and a huge volume of complaints that guests were not allowed to use the pool!

On a lighter note, and maybe a contributor to part of the above, one member recalled that he and his children arrived extra early on the 12th to be the first in the pool. When asked if she had been the first in the pool, the daughter replied, "no daddy but I was the first to pee in it"!

Our Staff

Whilst the most significant events of the year were the opening of the two swimming pools and the first Squash Court (see below), the year started on a very mundane level – staff getting sick and needing hospitalisation. It was reported in the April that "Boy No.4" had needed a serious operation at the Red Cross Hospital costing 3,424 Baht. The Committee decided that, as a good employer, we should seek to take out Medical insurance and by June a well-known British doctor had arranged for us to insure all our staff.

e. Bar. The medical bill for No. 4 Boy, Pairoj Bhurandaraj, had been paid. The Club insurers would decide whether this is covered by our workmen's compensation policy and if so, would repay the Club the sum involved. It was decided that medical expenses for the Assistant Secretary should also be covered in this policy.

In case new readers are wondering why we refer to "Boy No.4", it was the practice of the Club from its early days to refer to job titles not names, so we had a Butler, Waiters numbered as Boys 1 to 4 (for the bar) and Deks (for the Tennis Courts)– equally numbered. For the record Boy No.4 was named Khun Pairoj Bhurandaraj.

▲ *Medical Needs*

Squashy Bits

As well as the Swimming Pools, it had been agreed to open a Squash Court. Now all the drawing were done and when the member responsible went on Annual Leave they were passed to the Committee. Unfortunately, it seems no-one passed them onto the builder so when this member returned a few months later he found the Court had been built two feet too narrow! It took four extra weeks to extend the Court. The Squash Court opened on 1st October and on the 20th, member Don Johnston, of the Borneo Corporation, donated the cup still played in his honour even nowadays.



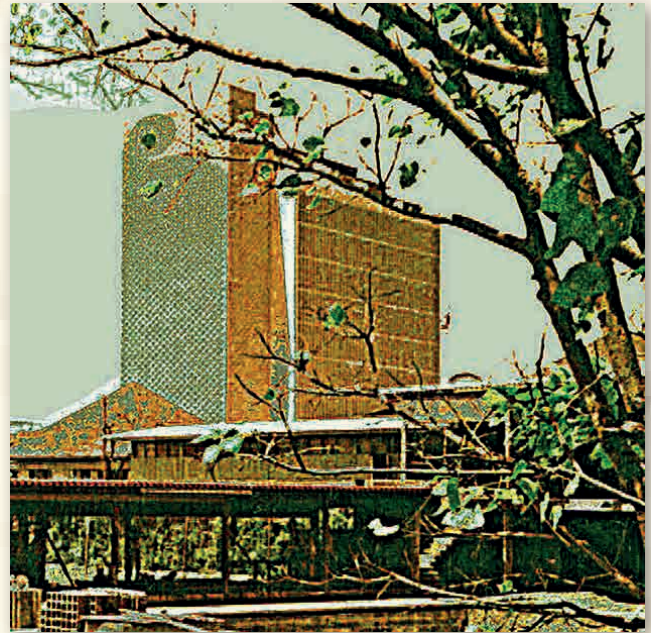
Squashy bits.

Photograph courtesy of the Dr. Paddy Dickson Collection

The First AIA Tower

The 1965 plan of leasing tennis courts 1 & 2 to raise monies for development had obviously been aborted, so now the General Committee agreed to fill in Khlong which ran along the rear wall of the Club which ran along the rear wall of the Club using the earth excavated from the Swimming Pool project. It was thus proposed that the Club would now surface and cover the Khlong to use as car parking for 'new' American International Assurance Company tower built in Decho Road.

The parking was ready for use by 1st September but remained 'unused' by AIA until the arrangement between the Club and AIA was abandoned in late November.



▲ *The First AIA Tower - Photograph courtesy of the Dr. Paddy Dickson Collection*

Service

Jack Delacour continued as chairman, whilst Tom Barratt was elected as Vice-Chairman and Keith Fitton became Honorary Secretary (*see Past Participle, September 2023*). The Honorary Treasurer was Peter Adcock, of the Anglo-Thai Corporation, who served three times on the Committee over twelve years, once as Chairman.

Continuing their service were Brian Tomkins, D.C. Horlock, who went on leave after a few months, Dacre F. A. Raikes, who had two months leave during this term, and B.H.N. Maxwell who served a few months prior to his resignation. Anthony Forrester returned (*see Past Participle, June 2023*) and the new boys were R.M. Gault, of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, who served this and the next term; Leo J. McMahon, of Jardine Waugh, who served this and two other terms including a part term as Vice-Chairman; Ian G. McLean, of Horlicks, who served part of this term and one other term; and Alexander W. Rennie, of the Anglo-Thai Corp, who was co-opted and served this term and the next.

1966-67

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VICE-CHAIRMAN: Tom L. Barratt
HONORARY SECRETARY: Keith B. Fitton
HONORARY TREASURER: A. Peter Adcock

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Anthony R. Forrester
D.C. Horlock (went Absent 31.05.1966)
B.H.M. Maxwell (resigned 12.07.1966)
Leo J. McMahon
Ian G. McLean (went Absent 01.05.1966)
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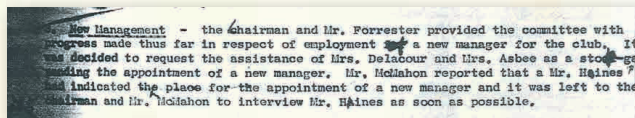
▲ *General Committee 1966-67*

Club News

Saturday lunch was an all-time favourite with members, most of whom worked a half-day on Saturday and lunch was the start of the weekend. Unfortunately, a side effect of this long lunch was excessive gambling by their drivers – in March, three drivers of Club members were arrested in the car park for gambling during the Saturday lunchtime. After this incident, a police officer was employed, at 40 Baht a time, each Saturday lunchtime, to stand duty in the car park. This arrangement lasted for several years

Whilst there was an unrecorded rise in membership due to our new facilities there was recorded a three-fold rise in staff costs, from 4,000 Baht per month to nearly 14,000 Baht – we had to employ four new Bar Boys for poolside plus one male and two female Coolies, a Pool Supervisor, a poolside Snack Cook, and an extra Clerk for the paperwork the additional poolside sales generated.

In the September, our Permanent Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Kay Madar, decided to leave after ten years' service, and so the Club undertook to start proceedings to recruit our first Club Manager. Prior to this, Mrs. J. Wilson had covered Mrs Madar's March leave and Mrs. Olga Bates her Summer leave. Upon Mrs. Madar's departure, as an interim measure, Mrs. Delacour and Mrs. V. Asbee took over as joint Assistant Secretaries until a manager could be recruited.



▲ Club Management

In Other News

Early in the year, Colonel G.L.V. Pring became the British Military Attaché, and he joined the Club on 31st March.

The Bangkok Patana School moved to Soi Navin (see *Past Participle*, February 2023).

The Reverend Dermot Nichols Bowers became the Vicar of Christ Church and accepted the Honorary Membership of the Club on 31st May.

On 30th July, in the last minute of extra time, the crowd of the FIFA World Cup Final began a pitch invasion ... TV commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme was observing English player Geoff Hurst line up a shot commented "And here comes Hurst, he's got... Some people are on the pitch! They think it's all over! It is now! It's four!" So, an England soccer team led by Bobby Moore won the FIFA World Cup. The match was held at Wembley Stadium, London and the Jules Rimet trophy awarded by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Starting in 1966, Apex opened three cinemas in Siam Square – the first was the 800-seat Siam Cinema. This opened on 15th December showing 'The Battle of the Bulge' starring Henry Fonda and Telly Savalas. The cinema was burnt down during the 2010 political protests.

From 8th to 20th December, Bangkok hosted the Asian Games, also known as the V Asiad.



▲ Siam Theatre

Next month ...

"I am the Manager"

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary

For Members interested in our Club's history, the Club Timeline has been fully revised with 2,112 entries including 452 pictures across 178 pages and can be found on the Website under 'The Club – History'.



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Foreign Correspondents' Club, Hong Kong

Visited in October 2023 by Paul Doust

The **Foreign Correspondents' Club** in Hong Kong was founded in 1943 in Japanese-occupied China during World War II. After moving a couple of times, it finally relocated to Hong Kong in 1949. On its website it describes itself as "The most famous press club in the world", and in spite of changes in the political situation in Hong Kong over the years, it still says that its mission is to facilitate journalism of the highest standard and to defend press freedom in Hong Kong and across the region. Both men and women can join the club, and these days it has around 2000 members. Since 1982 it has occupied the North Block of the Old Dairy Farm Depot, which was built in 1913.

The club has no accommodation, but there is a gym in the basement. Also in the basement is Bert's, a speakeasy style bar with live music on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Behind Bert's is a small workroom which has 9 cubicles, each equipped with a computer and a telephone. The main bar and lounge are located on the ground floor, and on the first floor there's a more formal dining room next to the verandah. Both the dining room and the verandah serve the same menu. Also on the first floor is the Burton Room which can be booked for small private functions, and a Chinese restaurant called the Hughes Room although when I visited none of its tables were laid for service. Curiously, no reservations after 1pm are taken in any of the restaurants, so most of the time it's first-come first-served. The dress code is smart casual on the 1st floor, but casual on the ground floor and in the basement.

This club only became reciprocal with British Club Bangkok a few months ago. When they received my letter of introduction, they emailed me a form to fill in for my temporary membership, also specifying that I should bring my British Club membership card together with my passport and a passport-sized photo too. Travelling by subway, I worked out that exit G at the Central MTR station is the closest exit to the club, from where it's a short walk uphill. Although bills of HK\$ 1200 or more can be paid by credit card, reciprocal members must pay smaller bills with



a special debit card that is sold at the reception desk. Money can be loaded onto the debit card at reception, subject to a 10% handling fee, but unused money on the card is non-refundable.

I was due to have lunch there with a friend, but unfortunately my friend cancelled at the very last minute so I ended up having lunch on my own. I sat in the main bar on the ground floor, and had a lovely Indian curry. I usually don't drink alcohol alone, but nonetheless I took the opportunity to peruse their wine list. There were a lot of reasonably priced bottles, with a few clarets dating back to 2016. Interestingly, their wine list quoted prices for takeaway as well as dine-in, with the takeaway prices being from HK\$30 to HK\$100 cheaper.

I spent an hour after lunch in their basement work-room writing the first half of this article. I imagined that over the last 40 years, the room had been host to lots of journalists writing important articles covering the region's major breaking news events. But perhaps this was one of the first times that the room had been used to write an article about the club itself!

Overall I have a favourable impression of the club. It's a busy club, felt very friendly, and very much had the atmosphere of old Hong Kong. It's open both weekdays and weekends, so any member of British Club Bangkok visiting Hong Kong would be well advised to put a visit to this club in their schedule.



How to visit reciprocal clubs? visit
<https://www.britishclubbangkok.org/reciprocal-clubs/>





Wine Tasting

30/09/23

The last of the wine tastings to be held inside the Club house took place in September, a fantastic night of wine and tapas along with some lucky winners in the raffle draw. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Wine Tasting in November.



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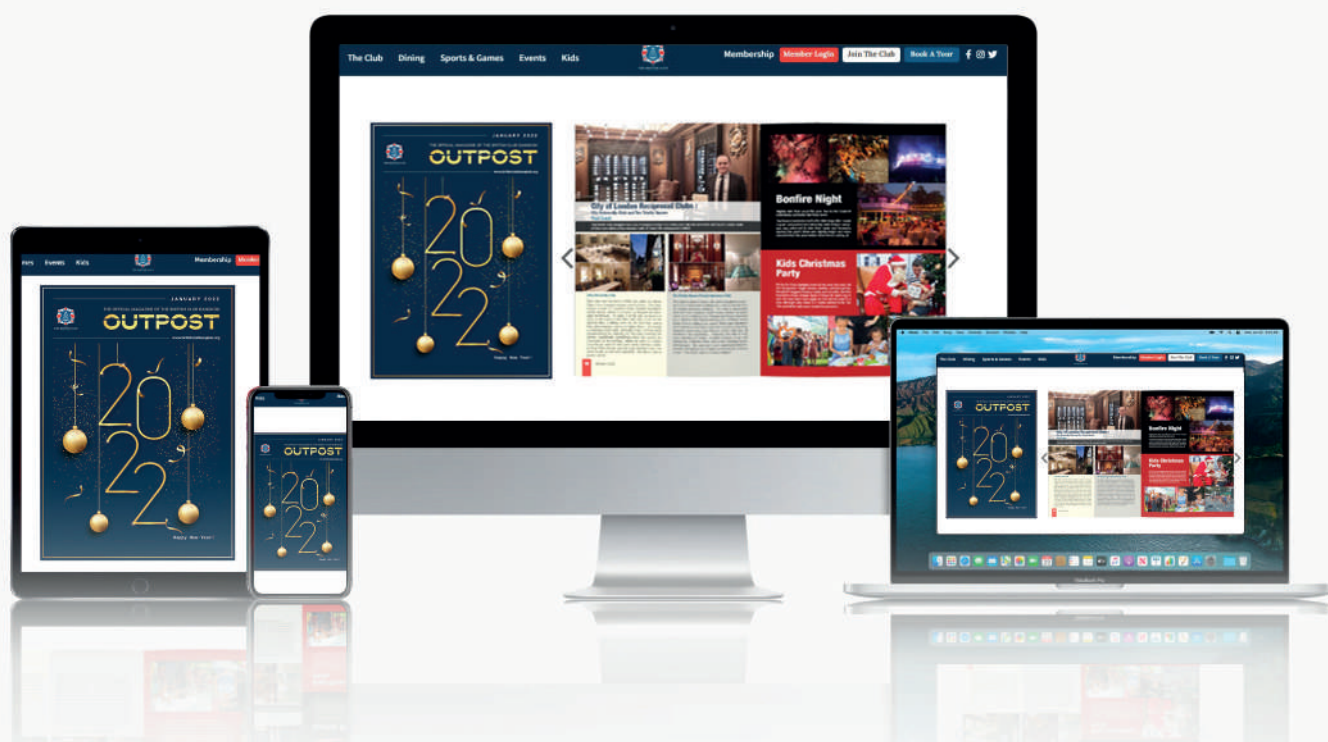
Quiz Night

10/10/23

Quiz master Steven continues with his high paced fun side-splitting quiz, congratulations to Scumbag College for 1st place and Drowning not waiving for coming in a close 2nd.



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13th December 2023 | 6:00pm

Christmas Carols

Come and join the festive fun with a talented line of top international school choirs performing traditional and modern Christmas carols

Live cooking stations, bubble beverages, mince pies, mulled wine and much more

FREE for members / 50 ฿ for non-members adults & kids



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Trafalgar Dinner 21/10/23

Admiral Adoong Pan-lam, head of the Royal Thai Navy, and H.E. Mark Gooding OBE, the British Ambassador to Thailand, were the guests of honour at the 2023 Trafalgar Dinner.

80 of members, guests, members of the Military Attaché Group to Thailand and senior officers of the Royal Thai Navy attended a sumptuous Dinner with free-flow wine. Toasts were made to the Thai King, the British King and to the Immortal Memory.

With various inputs by a number of Military Attachés, a speech by Colonel Tony Stern, British Defence Attaché, the evening ended with "What shall we do with the drunken sailor" sung out loud!



Coming Events

November 2023

5th	Sun	Guy Fawkes Night
12th	Sun	Remembrance Day
14th	Tue	Quiz Night
17th	Fri	Intimate Wine Night
23rd	Thu	Thanksgiving
25th	Sat	Annual Wine Tasting
27th	Mon	Loy Krathong

December 2023

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

January 2024

1st	Mon	Polar Swim
9th	Tue	Quiz Night
13th	Sat	Madagascar Pool Party Thai Kids Day
19th	Fri	An Intimate Wine Night
27th	Sat	Wine Tasting

Event & Activities 2023 NOVEMBER Highlights



Guy Fawkes 2023 - Sunday 5th November

Arts and crafts, games, live music, BBQ buffet followed by the Clubs firework display. One not to be missed.



Intimate Wine Night -NZ - Friday 17th November

New Zealand never disappoints when we take you through their vineyards, this month will be no exception. Six outstanding wines with six perfectly paired dishes await all attendees.



Loy Krathong - Monday 27th November

One of the most traditional and well attended festivals held in Thailand takes place Monday 27th November, Live traditional Thai music and dancing, Thai buffet, and the floating of the Krathong's poolside set against the backdrop of the Clubhouse.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

9TH DECEMBER 2023
BACK LAWN / 2:00PM-6:00PM

A day of festive revels featuring
Bangkok's biggest bouncy castle,
Games, Arts and Crafts and
of course a visit from SANTA!



MEMBER : 3-12 yrs 500 ฿ | Adults 200 ฿
GUEST : 3-12 yrs 600 ฿ | Adults 250 ฿



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KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

9TH DECEMBER 2023
BACK LAWN / 2:00PM-6:00PM

Kid's Christmas Party Programme

- 2.00pm Registration Opens
2.05pm Buffet Opens
2:10pm Bouncy Castle, Arts & Crafts,
Face painting, Fairground Games Start
3.00pm 1st Game
– Frozen Elfs vs Santa's
3:20pm 2nd Game
– Elfs vs Santas Candy Relay
3:40pm 3rd Game
– Pass the Parcel Elfs vs Santa's
4:00pm 4th Game
– Tug of War,
Amnat's Santas vs Rit's Elfs
4.30pm Magic show
5.00pm Santa Arrives – Gifts for all
the children & a photo with Santa
6.00pm Finished



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Christmas Lunch & Dinner

25th December 2023



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Lunch - 11:00am - 3:00pm | Dinner - 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Veranda | Suriwongse Room | Churchill Bar | Back Lawn | Jubilee Bar

Members: 1,300 ฿, Kids 700 ฿

Guests: 1,500 ฿, Kids 900 ฿



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Christmas Lunch & Dinner

25th December 2023



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CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAMME

11:00am – 3:00pm	Christmas Lunch seating	All outlets
11:30am – 11:45am	Free Christmas Bingo Card	Suriwongse room
11:45am – 12:00pm	Free Christmas Bingo Card	Veranda
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Free Christmas Bingo Card	Churchill Bar
12:15pm – 12:30pm	Free Christmas Bingo Card	Back Lawn
12:30pm – 12:45pm	Free Christmas Bingo Card	Jubilee
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Close up table Magician	All outlets
12:00pm – 3:00pm	Bouncy Castle opens	Back lawn
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Arts & Crafts for kids	Back lawn
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Santa & Presents	All outlets
2:30pm – 6:30pm	Live Band	Back lawn
5:00pm – 9:00pm	Christmas Dinner seating	Veranda & B-Lawn
6:00pm – 6:15pm	Free Christmas Raffle Draw	Back lawn



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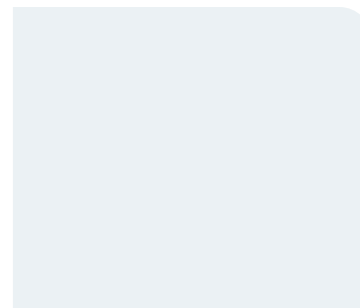
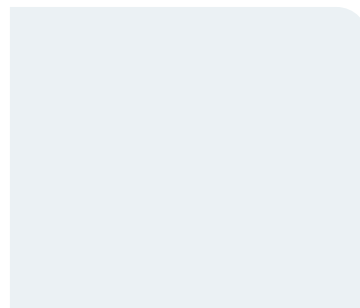
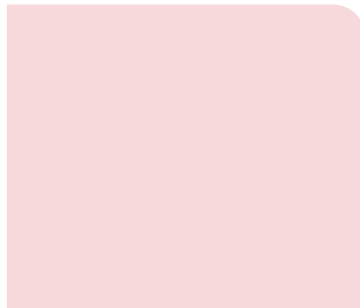


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SUN

MON

TUE



5
Football Academy
 9.00pm - 10.30pm
Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
 10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
 11.30am - 3.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Guy Fawkes Night
 4.00pm - 8.00pm

6
Tennis Mixed Doubles
Team practice
 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm

7



12
Football Academy
 9.00pm - 10.30pm
Remembrance Day
 10.00am - 12.00pm
Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
 10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
 11.30am - 3.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
 4.00pm - 7.00pm

13
Tennis Mixed Doubles
Team practice
 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm

14 **Quiz Night**
 7.15pm - 9.30pm



19
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

20
Tennis Mixed Doubles
Team practice
 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm

21



26
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

27
Tennis Mixed Doubles
Team practice
 7.00pm - 10.00pm
Squash Mix-in
 5.15pm - 7.30pm
Loy Krathong
 7.00pm - Late

28

NOVEMBER 2023

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1 **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

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

3 **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

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

8 **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

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

10 **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

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

15 **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

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

17 **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
An Intimate Wine Night
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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

22 **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

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

24 **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

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

29 **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

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



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.

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 NOVEMBER:

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

NEW INCOME TAX REGULATIONS

From 1st January 2024 you have to pay Tax on monies brought into Thailand

Learn the Why's & How's

A Luncheon Presentation by Kiatchai Sophastienphong
ex Thailand Vice Minister for Finance and much more!

Date: Thursday, 9th November 2023
Time: 12.30pm for Presentation at 12.45pm
Venue: Suriwongse Room
Charge: Seniors Section Members Baht 400
Club Members & Guests Baht 450
(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 register please phone Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email to terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com
Seniors Section Website: www.britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/

A Date for your Diaries: Thursday 23rd November

Day Trip To places of Cultural and Historic Importance

Details being finalized

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

THAILAND
Bangkok
Ayutthaya
Nakhon Phanom
Udon Thani
Surin
Korat
Nakhon Phanom
Udon Thani
Surin
Korat

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EVENT REPORT:

Day Trip to Bang Pa In (Not to the Royal Summer Palace) 21st September 2023:

The hour long first leg of the trip to see the "All About 'Khon' Exhibition" on the outskirts of Bang Pa In was undertaken in our usual luxury 22-seater minibus, with expressway and major roads all the way so a very swift and smooth journey was enjoyed. We paid the not in any way expensive Entrance Fees (no dual pricing thank goodness), received brochures and tickets, and went up to the next floor – to have our senses opened wide in wonder as we entered the large halls displaying huge models of "Khon" scenes and side rooms displaying beautiful examples of the headgear, jewellery, tapestry, and costumes of the various "Khon" characters, all displayed alongside impressive wall posters with explanations in both Thai and English, plus some also supported by videos – staggeringly beautiful and a 'must see' for all in Thailand! Nisa used her considerable 'baag waan' ('sweet mouth') skills to





More photo at <https://www.britishclubbangkok.org/event-photos/seniors-section-day-trip-to-bang-pa-in-photos/>

gain us entry to the room where the artisans and artists were undertaking their work on and painting of various masks. Incredible workmanship on display, not normally seen by visitors!

Then a short 20 minutes ride to the, what proved to be somewhat underwhelming Kong Khong Market, which, apart from a few tourists such as ourselves, was somewhat deserted and thus devoid of atmosphere despite housing some interesting and unusual items for sale.

Lunch was taken at the massive Ruen Thai Gung Restaurant on the Chao Phraya River. We enjoyed a feast of excellently fresh and tasty dishes served in an extraordinarily short time as deliberately not ordered in advance. Louis and William discovered that, as the restaurant was in the grounds of a Wat, they were unable to order their

apparently needed beers.

Then on to Wat Niwet Thammaparawat, located on an island in the Chao Phraya River next to the Royal Summer Palace grounds, and reached by means of two rickety looking but serviceable cable cars. The Temple is unique in Thailand in that it was designed by an Italian architect to King Chulalongkorn's commission in 1876 in a Gothic Revival style with coloured glass windows and a Gothic Altar, but where the usual cross (as in Christian churches) is replaced with the main Buddha Image. The team then spent quite some time on the north east side of the island overlooking the far wider part of the river, and enjoyed the beautiful flora of the gardens and the old but now unused Lighthouse at the far northern island extremity, before the journey back to the Club. As usual, an excellent trip enjoyed by all!

EVENT REPORT:

“Living and Dying in Thailand”, Thursday, 12th October 2023:

Club Member Greg Beatty, who has more than 25 years of business and legal experience across multiple industries in Asia, accompanied by two practicing Thai Lawyers, addressed a record attendance at a Seniors Section Event as he set out his thoughts on our “Three Lives” (Our Physical, our Paper, and our Purposeful lives) as they impact upon the realities that occur when, no matter the circumstances, a death takes place here in Thailand. Using a real example, he set out the consequences of when vital documentation is not to hand, and the long-term personal anguishes that can and do take place over many successive years. He went on to discuss the processes involved and the documents needed by whom and by when, to as much as possible ensure a speedy outcome, which usually involves urgent monetary needs and much, much, more.

There were numerous questions from attendees, all of which were answered by Greg and his legal ex-colleagues. These were supplemented by interventions from the personal experiences of attendees, and the actions that they subsequently took to put their key documents in good order to ensure against future such issues. All in all, a very well received event that many attendees felt was extremely useful and ‘put to bed’ a number of important questions and issues where they were previously struggling for answers.





Sunil Mehra

TENNIS

There is a lot going on in the world that makes you think whether humanity cares for humans or we leave it all to gods to find the answers. In reality, humanity as a whole cares, societies care, people care and the British tennis family also cares for those less fortunate, in need of caring, concern and opportunity. Thus this month we dwell on, 'where there is a Heart...

The Mercy Centre Fundraiser - *Where there is a Heart there is a Way*

This year, as in previous years, the Tennis Section once again rose to the occasion with generous hearts to support another good cause - the children at the Mercy Centre. The Fundraiser American Tournament was held on 29th September. Even though the rain poured and poured during the event and significantly reduced the number of tennis games, the hearts of the tennis players and members could not be dampened, but remained steadfast against all odds and vagaries of Mother Nature. So many hearts were mobilised for this fundraiser that there were contributions from everyone present, and from others who sent their donations while traveling, demonstrating resoundingly... *'Where there is a Heart there is a Way.'*

The children from the Mercy Centre were made welcome and their presence made the tournament even more meaningful. At the end of the day 26,000 Baht were raised for about 45 minutes of tennis in an American style Tournament – that makes it about 580 Baht per minute of tennis. I believe that is faster than the service at the Sala (with apologies)! We hope this humble contribution by the BCB Tennis members will make a valuable contribution towards the well-being of needy kids at the Mercy Centre. The British Club tennis section family and the Mercy Centre would like to thank Veronica Favoroso for all her great efforts to organise this fundraiser and to all the other great persons who made this a success. You have all truly opened your Hearts and shown the Way.



The Good People & the Good Cause

▲ **Mercy Centre** is a shelter for street kids with five orphanages, a 300-pupil kindergarten, a community meeting place, and a serene haven in the slums with small gardens and playgrounds. Originally built on a former Buddhist Temple site on Port Authority property, Mercy Centre has stood in some shape or form for nearly 50 years. In 2000, it was rebuilt through a generous gift to accommodate expanding services to orphans, street children, and children living with HIV/AIDS.

The 'Pickleball Challenge' - Tennis Ladies vs Squash Boys

with contributions by the Tennis Ladies



▲ *The Tennis Ladies vs the Squash Boys (minus an impostor or two)*

Once upon a time there were tennis men and squash men who would challenge each other for a game of buckets & Saint Michael; and then one day it came down to a sport challenge and the squash boys could muster enough courage to challenge the tennis ladies. "Let the games begin" said the tennis ladies and the grand challenge was held on 8th October.

All the reports we heard suggest everyone had so much fun that no one could remember the score!



This adhoc challenge got me thinking about what would be a fair challenge; setting aside the gender imbalance of some sport sections; a game that utilizes the skills and equipment, such as court, racquet, ball, knees and other joints; for both sets of players from squash and tennis clans. My search for a middle road led to discovering fourteen types of sports called tennis (to be explored in the future) and honed down to two; the very obvious one called 'Squash Tennis', and 'Frontenis' that use tennis equipment and a wall. Here is Wiki's pedia for more information, I quote:

"**Squash tennis**¹ is an American variant of squash (from 1880s), but played with a ball and racquets that are closer to the equipment used for lawn tennis.....For younger players the game offers the complexity of squash and the speed of racquetball. It also has exercise and recreational potential for older players!"

"**Frontenis**² is a sport that is played in a 30 meter pelota court using racquets (tennis racquets or a similar) and rubber balls. It can be played in pairs or singles..... This sport was developed in Mexico around 1900, and is accredited as a Basque pelota speciality" (Enrique to translate).



▲ *I am in a bit of pickle with this ball*

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Squash_tennis

² <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frontenis>

SQUASHY BITS



	TENNIS 1	TENNIS 2	TENNIS 3
SQUASH 1	11	6	11
SQUASH 2	11	7	8
SQUASH 3	1	11	11

SQUASH 1: Neil and Stefan
 SQUASH 2: Dean and Geoff
 SQUASH 3: Rob and Debbie
 TENNIS 1: JB & Raquel
 TENNIS 2: Leah & Tim
 TENNIS 3: Neil & Laila

At the time of writing the Don Johnston Cup competition is well underway in a frenzy of straight drives and boasts, nicks and mostly out of court's! Of course the early rounds do come up with some mismatches in standards but there are some surprisingly close ones too. With Todd of the mighty US of A persuasion facing Rob the Canadian Mountie this could have been a tense affair. Todd went in very confident (of getting a point) although most of us were skeptical. Anyway Todd duly tucked his shirt into his shorts – no mean feat given the fabric stretch required, and strode onto the court -backwards - doing the Michael Jackson Moonwalk for some reason. Anyway the bookies (and ladies) favourite Rob went into an early lead which he never look like giving up despite, at one stage, lighting up a cigarette one-handed mid rally whilst holding a cold Asahi in the other. So Rob sneaked through his tricky first round match up nevertheless leaving the shot of the day to Todd which was an off the frame looper that nestled into the front corner. That for Todd was the equivalent of winning the trophy itself by the way he celebrated!

Talking of the lumberjack Canadian, great plaudits go to Rob for organizing a mini tournament of a new racquet sport variant – pickleball. One of the fastest growing racquet sports - 6 of us signed up to take on the slightly over confident ladies tennis section on the all weather court. Almost none of us knew the fundamentals of the game let alone the rules but we gave it a go nonetheless. One interesting piece of news was that there is an area in-front of the net called the 'kitchen' – the squash lads thought this might be an advantage to the ladies until we learnt you can't volley in it nor take a beer from the fridge. Anyway after a tentative start everyone got the hang of the tempo of the game – apart from Raquel who started whacking the ball at us with ferocity from the offset.



You'll be pleased to know the Squashies came through triumphant with a resounding win and a desire to have another go in the not too distant future. I would encourage everyone to give it a go in fact!

Other news from around the section – hopefully you will have noticed the further development of the upper viewing gallery floor. Now sporting a very fetching blue carpet hopefully we will increasingly use the space for post match cool downs and beers and also to cheer on the players below. The development will continue in coming months with new bar stools, fans, fully stocked fridge and a TV for watching the pro's play on. We intend setting up a gallery of photos from down the years so please do send in any photos you have from yesteryear!

Just a reminder that we will be starting the ladders shortly - we are currently producing name tags for the players and once that is done we can start challenging people above you to rise to glory in front of everyone's eyes! Another point of admin – hopefully by the time you read this you will be in possession of your new squash kits. Please wear them proudly around and outside the club to spread the word of the section. If you didn't place an order initially we did get some spares so speak to a member of the committee and we will see if we can get one for you.

To finish on a high I would like to extend a massive congratulations to Michael McNeilly and his wife on the birth of their second daughter on 11th October. Michael says both mother and baby are doing well and Michael is confident their new McNeilly addition is well on track to beat Todd 3-0 by the end of January 2024.

Keep it in the nick everyone!





BRITISH CLUB GOLF

The golf section played their September monthly medal on Sunday 24th at Subhapruek. We had a slightly lower turn out this month with 13 players joining the group and one match play competition taking place. We welcomed back Bryan Dodd as a returning member. It was lovely to see him play with the British Club again. We were very fortunate with the course and the weather because it had rained very heavily the previous day resulting in a lot of standing water in the roads approaching the golf course. However, the course had drained well overnight and luckily no more rain appeared through the afternoon.

Congratulations to the winners of the technical prizes:

NEAR PINS – Gareth Knight, Peter Clark and Brian Dodd

LONG DRIVES – Jamie Angus and Becky Adderley

LONG PUTTS – Bryan Dodd and Simon Dewar



▲ Pictured left to right: Frank Fawkes (winner of Division 2), Peter Clark (acting Captain) and Andrew Stray (winner of Division 1)

For Division 1 the overall winner was Andrew Stray with a very reasonable 76 and the runner up was Mark Adderley with a net 78. For Division 2 the overall winner was Frank Fawkes with a score of 73 followed by Chris Brader with a score of 78.

The match play competition between Martin Finn and Mark Adderley was again hard fought and the result came down to the final two holes. The winner in the end was Martin Finn who finished 2 up. Congratulations to Martin as he progresses into the next round.

Our first event in October was the Magpie Putter which is an annual competition between the British Club Golf Section and The Bangkok Wanderers Golf Society. The competition this year was hosted by the Bangkok Wanderers at Vintage Golf Course and 8 pairs played. For the third year running, the Bangkok Wanderers were victorious and retained the trophy with an overall score of 17 ½ points to 14 ½ points.

Congratulations to the winners of the technical prizes who all won a bottle of wine:

NEAR PINS – Terry Davies, Simon Clegg and Becky Adderley. 2 near pins were decided by lucky draw.

MEN'S LONG DRIVE – Andy Flynn

LADIES LONG DRIVE – Moya-Jayne Harris

LONGEST PUTT – Gareth Knight. 1 long putt was decided by lucky draw



▲ Pictured from left to right: Paul Wyatt, Moya-Jayne Harris, Penny Booth and Bally Gudail.

The winners of the lucky draws, winning a bottle of wine each, were Gordon Milne, Khalid Khan and John Bell.

The couple from the British Club Golf Section who won with the greatest margin over their opponents were Penny Booth and Bally Gudail. The couple from the Bangkok Wanderers Golf Society who won with the greatest margin were Karen Holloway and Mark Campbell.

At this event we also ran a Stableford competition for additional members of the British Club Golf Section and welcomed Tad Han as a new member. In this competition Neil Davis was the overall winner with a very good score of 38 Stableford points.

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Ben Eastwell

HARD BALLS

It's the new cricket season in Thailand! As the world cup ticks along in India, the British Club cricket section is preparing to begin its league campaigns having entered teams into both the BCL A Division, and the BCA Challengers division which will take the main stage through the high season; interspersed with the usual tours, cup games and friendlies along the way.

British Club Cricket Section Committee 2023/24	
Position	Elected
Chairman	Jack Dunford
Club Captain	Denzyl Allwright
A Division Captain / Vice Captain	Pramodh Kamalakannan / Mak Khan
Pavilionaires Captain / Vice Captain	Ed Khan / Dilip Mishra
Treasurer	Pramodh Kamalakannan
Secretary/Fixtures	Ben Eastwell / Dale Lamb
Tours Coordinator	Ian Brewis
Social Coordinator	Chandan Chhabra
Media/Stats	Adrian Salter



▲ AGM 2023

By the time this report has been printed we'll have just returned from our tour to Phuket for what is officially the first game of the 23/24 season after a long break, although players did get lucky with the weather during a pre-season match against the Southerners for the McClear Dunford cup reported below.

The AGM took place in the middle of last month, where 2 new captains were appointed to take on their respective league competitions. Along with the unveiling of new kits and an eagerly anticipated upgraded nets area, the section is primed to get the ball rolling.

McCclear Dunford Trophy - 14th October 2023



▲ Boat race to finish



▲ John makes his debut for BC



▲ Avi player of the match



▲ *Vaughan and Jack at the toss*



▲ *McClea Dunford 2023*



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▲ *Nice break from the rain*

The McClea Dunford Trophy was coined last year by Southerners/British Club hybrid, Nadeem - honouring Vaughan and Jack as luminaries of their respective clubs. "Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game", was the message on the cup and out on field, whilst also providing the opportunity to brush off a few cobwebs and get back into the swing of things before the league campaigns begin.

Mr McClea won the toss and put his side into bat first in the 25 over match. The ball was shared around 4 bowlers in the 8 over powerplay, Rahul the first to strike gold with the prize wicket of Danny and a surprisingly good running catch from Mak but the boys in canary got stuck into some loose bowling to power through to 106-3 at the drinks break after Dilip's neverending over. But the BC found some momentum after the cool down and kept pressure on the Southerners run rate - John on debut took twice as many wickets (2) as his dad, Avi picked up a couple and Sunish bagged a 3-for after cleaning up the tail with 2 in 2. The collapse left British Club with a target of 159 to win after a well fought comeback, and a fair helping of looseners from the bowling side helped boost the chase early on despite BC finding themselves 68-6 in the 9th over. Avi pulled the game back into balance when he secured a 47* retirement before John, Ed and Sunish helped steer Dunford's XI over the line, regardless of a few nervy overs. An intensely tied boat race finished off a good day of cricket before heading back to the club to watch Indian V Pakistan.



▲ *Safe hands*



▲ *Southos off to a good start*



▲ *Sunish finishes up*



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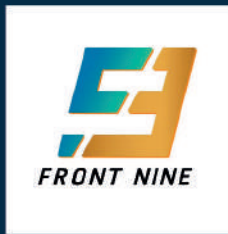


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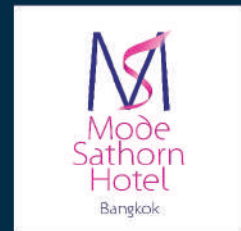
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▲ *Pascal*

Member Review:

We were looking for a haven in the center of Bangkok that every member of our family could enjoy: the possibility for parents (Doanne and Pascal) and children (Julien and Thomas) to make friends, practice sport, and enjoy a delicious meal, among other things! We were fortunate to find everything we were looking for in the British Club of Bangkok, and after just one month of being members, we already feel “at home” any time we come to spend time in our club.



▲ *Carola*



▲ *Stanley and Ploy*



▲ *Hsiang Wen*

Member Review:

I joined the British Club after I heard about it from friends who were already members. One of the reasons I joined is that I love squash and tennis, and this is a great place to play those sports in a nice environment – and then have a lovely lunch at The Verandah. But I was also looking for a place where it's easy and comfortable to work when I don't want to be in my home office, and I find the club ideal for this. And last but not least, when you are in a foreign country it's always nice to socialize and to make new friends.

Member Review:

We are pleased to be welcomed as members of the club after attending the Canada day celebrations back in June. Stanley is Canadian and Ploy is Thai, and we are based primarily in Bangkok. We look forward to making new friends over a game of tennis or at many social events organized by the wonderful team at the British club.

Member Review:

Our family are from Hong Kong originally. We have 3 daughters and the oldest one is studying university in Australia. Our family enjoy the travels and also the Thailand lifestyle. We really love The British Club Bangkok when we first have the tour and join the club immediately. We love the club history and the people. We hope to meet all of you soon.



▲ Matthew

Member Review:

We joined the British Club as it's a bit of an oasis of calm in the bustling city of Bangkok, and a reminder of the good things of home when far away



▲ Faith and Harouny



▲ Paul



▲ Christopher

Member Review:

It has been an absolute pleasure (and a great decision) to join the British Club Bangkok! Wonderful facilities such as the gym and pool and as a food and wine lover, the catering outlets are fabulous. As a professional musician, I am looking forward to participating in some of the musical events at the club along the way.

Member Review:

My wife and I are joining the British Club to create wider circle of friends for our life here in Bangkok. Arriving from Hong Kong, our children are living in London and Leeds having begun their careers now and they will enjoy meeting you in time also. Our shared aim is to begin golfing, tennis and spend some quality time with the beautiful location and facilities of the club. Look forward to connecting with you. Kindest, Chris and Julie.

Member Review:

Harouny and I joined the club in October. In this short time, we have already been enjoying the sporting facilities (to work off all the great food we have been eating here :D) and community feel of the club.

For me, this place holds a treasure trove of childhood memories. Weekends here with my mother and brother were a staple. Mom had been a club member since the early 90's and was a dedicated swimmer. We couldn't leave until she had clocked her 30 laps in the pool! Returning now, it's like slipping into a familiar, comfortable haven away from the hustle of surrounding Bangkok. Now, after a couple of decades since my last entrance with Mom, I'm happy to be back. I now have the pleasure of sharing the experience with Harouny, and with our very own club membership.



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