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# THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

## Greetings once again!

Beginning of a new year is an ideal time to set some resolutions for the year. Here are some to consider:

- 1. Write a will**  
It's never too early to plan for the future. Drafting a will can ensure your assets are managed according to your wishes and that your loved ones do not face added stress.
- 2. Plan your funeral**  
While it may seem grim, planning your funeral in advance can relieve your loved ones of the burden during a difficult time.
- 3. Sign up for Travel Advice**  
Stay informed about the latest travel advice in Thailand or the country you are travelling to.
- 4. Check your insurance**  
Review your policies to ensure they're up-to-date and provide adequate coverage for your health and travel.
- 5. Visa renewal and passport validity**  
Ensure your travel documents are in order and your visa is valid. Renew them if necessary. Detention at Thai Immigration Detention Centres can be grim.
- 6. Emergency contact details in passport**  
Update the back of your passport with the contact details of your emergency contact.
- 7. Travel with medications legally**  
If you're traveling with medication, make sure you're aware of the laws and their use in your destination country by consulting the Travel Advice for that country.
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*Joanne Fিন্নamore-Croarkin*

**HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand**





*Simon P. Davies*

# Chairman's Message

**No sooner** had I completed browsing through the January issue of the Outpost I was reminded that it was time to pen a few lines for the February edition, and to check progress on any new year resolutions, which at the time of writing saw me 15 days into a dry January!!

So here we are in February with just a few weeks to go before The Annual General Meeting next month at which a new General Committee will be elected to serve for another year. I would encourage all voting members of the club to consider putting yourself forward for election and participate in supporting the management in continuing to develop our wonderful club.



There has been no let up in maintaining the buzzing atmosphere throughout the club as new initiatives have been extremely well supported. The commencement of **"Friday Night Curry Night"** which in January saw a guest chef from The Punjab grill offer training to our cooks and oversee presentation of regional specialties in the Verandah restaurant with positive comments received from diners.

**Sunset Suppers** on Wednesday evenings commenced in The Sala offering a themed buffet dinner and happy hour prices from 6pm to 9pm and The Fun Sunday held on the back lawn was a resounding success.

The **Brit-Shop** located next to The Sports Desk opened in January and the British Club's ready made frozen



meals are selling well along with baked beans and Pro-secco, not sure of the result of that combination!!

Tee Bale is leading the British Club Pool team participation in The Bangkok Pool league and is very much looking forward to playing with and receiving teams in our recently opened Club House Pool room.

Coming soon will be a meat lovers menu in The Verandah as an outdoor smoker has been purchased and staff training undertaken with advance order and bookings being available in due course.

One of the many benefits of being a member of The British Club Bangkok is the extended number of reciprocal clubs across the world and visitors from same often remark favourably about our facilities and in particular the food so much appreciation to our executive Chef, Khun Lak for maintaining the quality and consistency of our menus.

In closing, a brief mention of Julius Caesar, Father of the Leap Year, who, in 45 BC, decided to simplify the then existing 355 day calendar so various festivals would be held around the same time of the year. To those born on the 29th February, at least for this year, you are able to celebrate your birthday on a day that is clearly marked in the calendar!!

**Cheers  
Simon**





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## An Update to Thailand tax changes on foreign income - featuring special guest Jonathan Stuart-Smith from Mazars

### Speakers:

**Martin Wright (Host)**

Senior Financial Planner, The Fry Group

**Max White**

Director, Schrodgers Wealth Management Asia

**Jonathan Stuart-Smith (Special Guest)**

Tax partner at Mazars Thailand

### Date:

Thursday, 7 March 2024

### Time:

6.30pm - 8.30pm

### Location:

The British Club Bangkok,

Suriwongse Room

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Join us for a presentation, hosted by Martin Wright, Senior Financial Planner at The Fry Group Singapore who will be joined by Max White, Director at Schrodgers Wealth Management Asia and special guest Jonathan Stuart-Smith, Tax partner at Mazars Thailand.

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

- Retirement Planning and "income/growth generation" issues for those living in Thailand
- An update on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 Thai Tax changes for foreign-sourced Thailand-remitted money
- Investment market update and outlook

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

- The impact and considerations for retirement assets and non-pension assets for Thailand Tax Residents
- How is the new Thai Revenue Department 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 legislation shaping up and what is known right now
- What is happening in the investment markets at present and how 2024 may look

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# Foreign Remitted Income – Thailand Tax Changes

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

On 15 September 2023, the Thai Revenue Department issued Departmental Instruction No. Por 161/2566 (“DI No.161/2566”) as a guideline to assist tax officers in determining the personal income tax implications of foreign-sourced income brought into Thailand by Thai tax residents.

Thai Tax Residents are any person residing in Thailand for a period or periods aggregating more than 180 days in any tax (calendar) year. A resident of Thailand is liable to pay tax on income from sources in Thailand as well as on the portion of income from foreign sources that is brought into Thailand. A non-resident is, however, subject to tax only on income from sources in Thailand.

Previously, Section 41 Paragraph 2 of the Thai Revenue Code was interpreted differently: the assessable income derived by a Thai tax resident from employment, a business carried on overseas, or from a property situated overseas, would have been subject to Thai Personal Income Tax (PIT) only if the said taxable income was brought into Thailand in the same tax year.

However, the new interpretation means that foreign-sourced income brought into Thailand will be subject to Thai personal income tax upon bringing it into Thailand in any calendar year from 1 January 2024.

There was further guidance from the Revenue Department on Foreign Sourced Income on 20 November 2023, when they issued Departmental Instruction no. Paw.162 (“DI Paw.162”). This provides clarity that the Departmental Instruction Paw.161/2566 (“DI Paw.161”) shall not apply to any foreign-sourced income earned by Thai tax residents before 1 January 2024. As such, Thai tax residents will not be required to include foreign-sourced income earned before this date in personal income tax returns, even if it will be brought into Thailand from 1 January 2024 onwards.

## ASSESSABLE INCOME

**Employment income** whether the income is paid within or outside Thailand. There are no concessions to foreigners or short-term residents.

**Capital Gains.** Most types of capital gains are taxable as ordinary income except shares in Thai listed companies or the sale of securities listed on ASEAN stock exchanges. Capital gains and investment income earned by a resident from sources outside Thailand are not taxable unless remitted to Thailand in the year of receipt. And capital losses may not be offset against capital gains under Thai laws.

**Dividend income, Interest income and the value of most Gifts are also “assessable income”.**

## EXEMPT INCOME

Certain types of income are exempt from PIT. In respect of income from employment, money derived in the form of *per diem*, traveling expenses, and certain fringe benefits such as medical treatment are exempt. The exemptions also include maintenance income derived under moral obligation. Provided certain conditions are met, gains or benefits from registered provident funds, retirement mutual funds, long-term equity funds, and national saving funds including amounts derived from insurance or social security funds, are also tax exempt.

The full details of Thai tax rates and allowances can be found on the Revenue Department’s website:  
<https://www.rd.go.th/english/6045.html>

This is a complicated matter which will become clearer over time. We would always suggest you seek professional advice from a suitable company with the relevant experience and knowledge.



**Martin Wright**  
Senior Financial Planner

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*Tim Vongswang*

## GM's Bulletin

**Welcome** to the latest edition of our club's monthly magazine, highlighting some small enhancements and features of our wonderful club.

**1. Back Garden Transformation:**

While some more minor work needs to be done, I am delighted to see our revamped back garden area looking more picturesque and serene with the installation of a waterfall, lamp posts and a swing. A big thank you to our Head Gardener Mr. Win who has introduced many new plants together with a maintenance program to keep our plants healthy and free of diseases.

**2. Brit Shop:**

In response to popular demand, we are excited to see our new convenience 'tuck shop' open. This additional outlet offers an assortment of wonderful British snack staples instantly transporting you back to the comforts of home.

**3. Office Efficiency:**

To streamline operations, we have made some administrative office changes that will foster improved efficiency. The entire support team will now be working from the main club house office, creating a more cohesive and interconnected

work environment, enhancing communication and collaboration.

**4. Environmental Initiatives:**

In our first step to promote sustainability we have introduced two sets of recycling bins, one next to the tennis courts and the other in the back car park area. Club members are encouraged to segregate their garbage which the BMA will collect for correct disposal and re-cycling.

**5. Relaxation:**

Keeping in mind the comfort and relaxation of our members, we have introduced three new double daybeds around the poolside. Which will provide an opportunity to relax in the sunshine without over cooking.

**6. Exciting Food and Beverage Promotions:**

The team has come up with many promotions and enticing discounts to tantalize every palate. Many of you have already enjoyed several of Chef Laak's tasty treats so please do continue to support the club's continued growth and success.





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Tee Bale



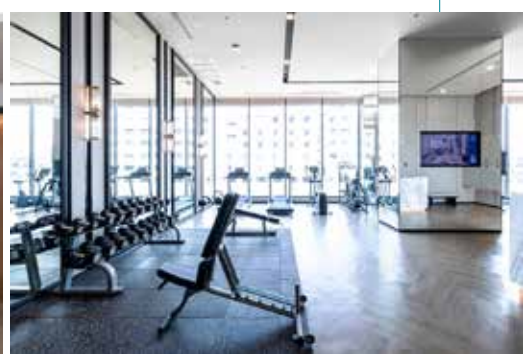
**The Club** recently signed an agreement for the Ascott & Somerset hotel chain to become a membership partner and exchange exclusive offers with each other.

It was my pleasure to recently visit the Somerset Pattaya property situated on second road Pattaya, On my arrival I was greeted by the concierge who kindly guided me to reception and assisted me to my room once the check in procedure was completed. Both the reception and concierge were extremely friendly and helpful and ran through the procedure smoothly and informatively.

The room I stayed in was a standard double with balcony together with a clear sea view. The room is entry level for the hotel and with that to go by all other room types will not disappoint. Good size room, large bathroom with double basins, separate wet room to toilet and good amenities. I settled in and then decided to explore the rest of the property.

The 24th floor is home to the Sky Lounge restaurant and bar which boasts some amazing sea and city views. On the floor is their water park with an amazing pirate ship, water cannons, water slides and beautiful gazebo double sun loungers, I tried both waterslides and fired the water cannons on both days of my stay, endless fun.





The 23rd Floor accessed via a few steps brings you out to a breath-taking view at the infinity pool, sunbeds located semi in the pool give a real beach club feel to the roof top. The pool also has a bar for easy access to daytime refreshments.

2nd floor has a kids club staffed all day with a large ball pit which looks fun sadly I wasn't allowed to go in they said I was over age, but for those visiting with kids this would be a great way to get a break and give the little ones some unique fun. Also on the same floor is the gym, the equipment seems brand new and caters for a full cardio and weights workout.

Breakfast is a key part for my experience when staying in hotels, and I'm extremely happy to share that the Somerset breakfast team did not disappoint. Starting

6am-10:30am its set on the 2nd floor in a large sea themed restaurant with spacious split seating, multiple food stations and live cooking counters, from Western to Asian cuisine, not forgetting two large high quality full option coffee machines.

I highly recommend trying the property when visiting Pattaya either for business, leisure, single or family visits it has it all. Now for the best part, all British Club Bangkok members are able to get an exclusive corporate rate for the full lengths of their staffs simply by showing their Club membership card on booking, making the 5-star hotel stay more than affordable for the amazing experience in return, I for one will be rebooking next month for my next visit to Pattaya and looking forward to it.





Paul Cheesman

# ~ ~ ~ PAST PARTICIPLE ~ ~ ~

## *Auspicium Melioris Ævi*

*We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... 1969*

### If Moses had been a Committee!

In the April, the Annual General Meeting had given feedback that Membership should be widened to include those in the British Community who were not UK citizens. Unfortunately, a General Committee attempt at adopting a resolution to put to Members, went round in circles and then deferred ... this prompted the Chairman, Godfrey Sommerfield, to have minuted *"If Moses had been a Committee, the Israelites would still be in Egypt!"*

An attempt to allow the General Committee authority to allow *"Membership for all of British descent"* was passed by an Extraordinary General Meeting in early June but heavily defeated at the confirmation EGM held in late June. No successful attempt was made at changing the "British" definition of Membership until *an outrage* was reported in the Australian Press in 1974 ... but readers will have to wait until Past Participle in July 2024 to read all about it!

*It was agreed to postpone a decision until the next meeting. Mr. Sommerfield remarked that if Moses had been a committee the Israelites would still be in Egypt.*

▲ *If Moses had been a Committee*

### Our Naval Year

It was another good naval year for the Club ...

From 1st to 5th March, the crews of HMS Dainty (D108) and HMAS Duchess (D154), both Daring-class destroyers and HMAS Derwent (DE49), a River-class destroyer escort, on its second visit, were granted use of the Club facilities during their stay.

From 2nd to 7th April, the Club extended to the crews of HMS Ajax (F114), a Leander-class frigate and HMNZS Blackpool (F77), a Whitby-class anti-submarine frigate, use of the Club facilities during their visit.

The plaques of HMS Dainty and HMAS Derwent are on display in the Churchill Bar



▲ *HMS Dainty and HMAS Derwent*

### Sport

In the March, the "British Club Golf Section" came into being, and members John Robinson and Mike Phelan, of The Dunlop Thailand Co. Ltd, donated the 'Dunlop Cup' to the new section.

In the August, the "British Club Bangkok Golf Society (Ladies Section)" was formally founded under the captaincy of Wendy Burrows. They were affiliated to the Ladies Golf Union and held their first competition at the RTAF Golf Course at Don Mueang when 23 of their 30 members played. In 1992, it was renamed Bangkok Cosmopolitan Ladies Golf. Unilever Exports sponsored the inaugural Astral Cup in 1969 played by them, however, by 1992 Unilever no longer manufactured 'Astral Soap' wrote that they would no longer be sponsoring the cup.

Finally, a quotation had been received for a second Squash Court at 131,000 Baht.





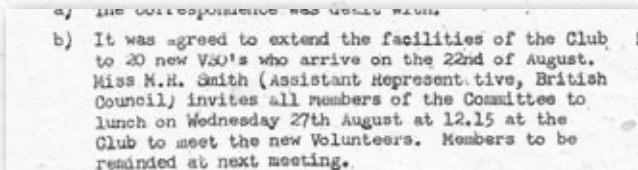
▲ *Ladies Golf Squad*

## External Matters

This year the Club had both a 'hit' and 'miss' situation with overseas volunteers ...

The 'hit' was a luncheon in August to which 20 new Voluntary Service Overseas workers from the UK were given temporary privileges in the Club. A lunch was held at the Club on 27th.

The 'miss' was a letter received in September in which the director and 43 workers from Canadian University Service Overseas withdrew from the Club when it was realised that our constitution, at that time, did not allow *all* Canadians to hold membership, only those of British descent! This took a few more years to resolve. (see *Past Participle, August 2024*).



▲ *Voluntary Service Overseas lunch*

## Service

Godfrey A. Sommerfield was elected as Chairman in one of his many years of service (see *Past Participle, February 2023*) and Mr. T.E. Walton became Vice-Chairman having been co-opted the year before (see *Past Participle, January 2024*). Mike Greenwood was elected as Honorary Secretary (see *Past Participle, December 2023*) and David G.D. Mauritzen, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, served this and the next term as Honorary Treasurer.

Continuing their service were Alistair L. Lapping and Michael Pratt, the latter of whom who went Absent in December.

The 'new boys' were Mr. D.D. Lawson, of Chulalongkorn University and Mr. M.S. Perry, of Lever Brothers, who both only served this term; Connor N.R. Hackett, of Alcan S.E.A, who would serve this term and then the next as Honorary Secretary; and J.R. Davidson, of the Fund of Australia, who would serve two terms.



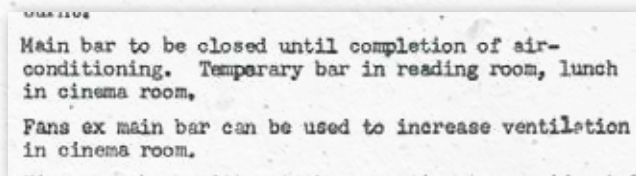
▲ *General Committee 1969-70*

## Club News

The year opened with a trial on a weekly basis of a Curry Luncheon each Sunday. The initial success waned as the rainy season approached and it was reduced to once a month.

A "new draught beer" Krathing Thong (Golden Bull)], brewed by Thai Amarit Brewery, was introduced for service in the Pool Bar.

The clubhouse Bar was closed in mid-July to install air-conditioning. At this stage 'The Bar' was only the "octagonal" section of, what is currently Veranda. A temporary bar was installed in the Reading Room which was where we have the Wordsworth Lounge and lunch served in the Cinema Room, now the Suriwongse Room. The Bar re-opened on 1st September.



▲ *Temporary Plans*

## In Other News

In April, Reverend Peter Broadbent had become a minister associated with Christ Church and became an Honorary Member on 28th May.

On 29th May, the British Women's Group held its founding meeting at the British Club. 57 ladies gathered, adopted a constitution, and elected a temporary committee under Mrs. Lily Milne. Lady Pritchard, the British Ambassador's wife, became the first Honorary President.

On 20th July, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr. became the first humans to land on the Moon in the Lunar Module 'Eagle' whilst astronaut Michael Collins orbited in the Command Module 'Columbia' as part of the Apollo 11 Mission.



On 10th October, Gordon Edwin Cox became the Canadian Ambassador and became an Honorary member in the November.

In late November, Thomas Kingston Critchley became the Australian Ambassador and became an Honorary member in the December.

Group Captain Peter Knapton became the British Air Attaché and had joined the Club in December.



▲ *The BWG History – Outpost, August 2009*

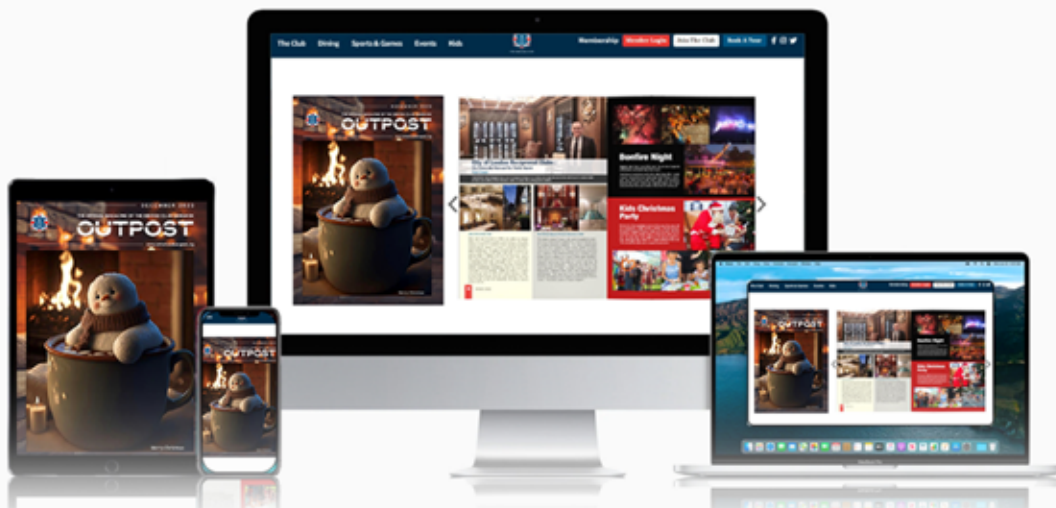
## Next month ...

### **“Musical Rooms!”**

**Paul Cheesman**  
Honorary Secretary

For Members interested in our Club's history, the Club Timeline has been fully revised with 2,139 entries including 460 pictures across 182 pages and can be found on the Website under 'The Club – History'.

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# Castle Club, Rochester, England

*Visited in May 2022 and June 2023 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)*

The **Castle Club** has its origins in a book reading club called "The Rochester Book Society" which was founded in 1797. The book reading club merged with the **Castle Club** in 1918, which had been founded independently in 1865. Since 1908 the **Castle Club** has been located in "The Esplanade House", a double-fronted house near Rochester Bridge with great views over the River Medway. The house was formerly the home of one of its members, and was originally rented from the Bridge Wardens, a charity that runs Rochester Bridge. However, in 1989 the club was able to buy the freehold from them, and has owned the house ever since.







The club is a traditional men-only gentleman's club, and although the club has female staff, female guests are not allowed. The club functions mostly as a weekday lunch club, with dinners on a Thursday every other week, and with various other events organised each month. Lunches and dinners are convivial, with everyone sitting together on the same table or tables depending on the number of diners. The dining area is at the front of the house on the ground floor, behind which there is a small bar area. At the back of the house on the 1st floor there are 3 cheap single guest bedrooms, plus a library that still contains some books from "The Rochester Book Society". At the front of the house on the 1st floor there are a couple of function rooms, one of which has a snooker table which often gets used on Tuesdays. However, the club has no other sports facilities. The majority of members are retired, but over the years the number of members has been quite stable, averaging round 144. The club's dress code is jacket and tie, or black tie for some dinner events.

We first visited the club one afternoon back in May 2022. However, without any information being available to reciprocal members on the club's website, we arrived too late for lunch and only casually dressed. Nonetheless, the members who were there at the time made us feel welcome, including the club's president that year who gave us a brief tour of the club and bought us a drink at the bar. We discovered that the club has 10 reciprocal clubs, and apart from British Club Bangkok, only one other reciprocal club is outside the UK.

We next tried to visit in December 2022, but unfortunately our visit had to be cancelled because a funeral of one of the members was scheduled for the day of our visit, so the club was to be closed. But finally last June we had a successful visit. We took two friends as guests, because these friends have a house not too far from the club, and we all went for lunch on a Monday. The member who had been the club's president when we visited in May 2022 welcomed us all and hosted the lunch, during which he gave a short speech to welcome us. As far as anyone could remember, we were the first reciprocal members to visit from Bangkok. One curious thing about the club is its logo which shows Rochester Castle above a witch, and which is visible on [the club's website](#). We asked the club's members the origin of the witch on logo but no one was sure, not even the person sitting next to me at lunch whose father had designed the logo. Now that I live in Bangkok, the wine in my wine cellar in London rarely gets drunk, so I took 3 bottles of claret from my cellar as a gift to the club. I also took the small bottle of "Club Elixir" that I'd bought at the Royal Industriele Groote Club in Amsterdam the previous month (see Outpost Sep-2023), which everyone enjoyed as the postprandial digestif.

We all had a good time at the lunch, and were well looked after by the club's staff and members. Any men who're members of British Club Bangkok and who're visiting London might consider a trip for lunch at the [Castle Club](#), because the fastest trains take less than 40 minutes to get from London to Rochester. Advance reservations are required, but everything can be easily arranged with the club's steward by email.







## The Pool Room Opening

22/12/23

The launch of the new Pool Room was a fun affair and well attended by some good pool and darts players from our membership. Congratulations to Nicholas for winning both the Pool Winston Cup & Darts Winston Cup, effectively doing the double on the opening night. If you are interested in joining with the darts team or the pool team, please contact Tee Bale DGM at the club or by messaging Line Official.







# Christmas Lunch & Dinner

25/12/23

Simply the best Christmas lunch and dinner the club has held for many years. The members supported the day with their attendance and brought an amazing atmosphere with them, thank you to all that attended.







## Polar Swim 2024 1/01/24

The Coolest start to the year always belongs to the Polar Swim event. Over 150 members took part in swimming with the icebergs, along with our resident Penguins joining in the fun.







## Quiz Night 9/01/24

The first 2024 bragging rights go to the Spin Doctors for coming 1st, they then went on to win the Jackpot of 5,500 baht in a tie breaker against scumbag college.







## Every Friday Night Curry Night

12/01/24

Our weekly Friday Night Curry Night launched January 12th to a fully booked Veranda restaurant, the Club teamed up with the Punjab Grill team to deliver a delicious selection of authentic Indian cuisine. Thank you to chef Hem and manager Anil from the Punjab Grill Bangkok. Make sure you book during February as we team up with the Rang Mahal Indian restaurant from the Rembrandt hotel





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# HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 2024

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Chinese Dim Sum Buffet  
Veranda 11:30-3:00pm  
750฿ adults 350฿ kids

Dragon & Lion Show  
3:00 PM on the Front Lawn

**FREE TO WATCH  
MEMBERS & GUESTS**



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# Madagascar Pool Party 2024

## 13/01/24

We celebrated Thailand's national children day by hosting our annual Madagascar Pool-Party. Attended by more than 260 members the afternoon was full of games, pool sliders and our legendary Log Master Gladiator Battles. Thank you to Denla International School & Bangkok Hospital for supporting the event.







## An Intimate Wine Night – SPAIN

19/01/24

As one of the Clubs sought after events, its essential to book you're seats early because this event series always becomes fully booked. We were pleased to once again be working with IWS and Q Shops to assist in hosting the night and welcomed for the first time Mr Carlos from Argentina as the wine sommelier. Carlos gave an engaging informative and fun journey through the vineyards of Spain. The next intimate wine night is scheduled for March.



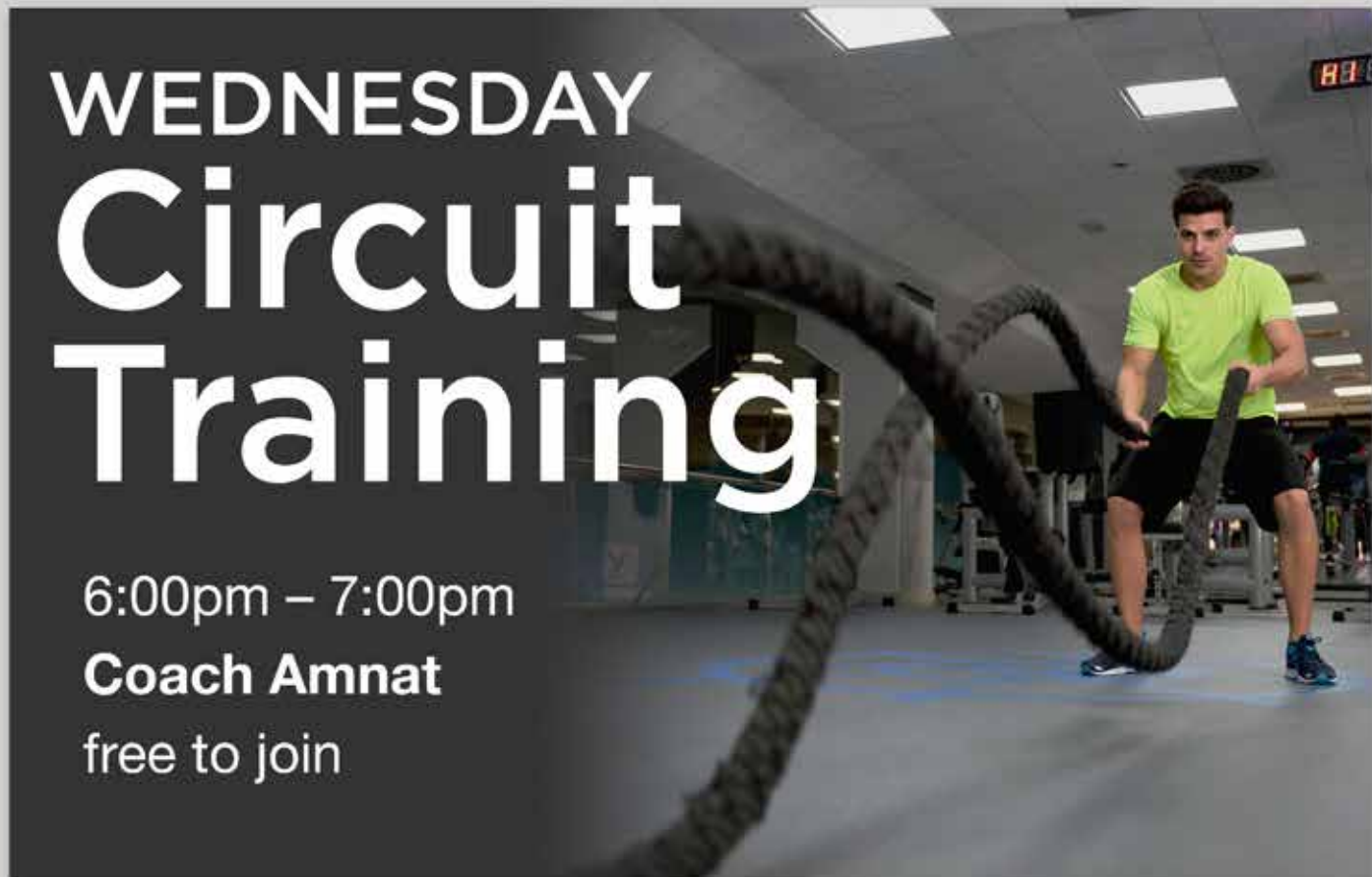


# WEDNESDAY Circuit Training

6:00pm – 7:00pm

**Coach Amnat**

free to join



# THURSDAY Yoga

6:00pm – 7:00pm

**Coach Aom**

150 ฿/session



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# The Pool Room



10:00am - 11:00pm Daily



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## Coming Events

### February 2024

10th	Sat	Chinese New Year
11th	Sun	Super Bowl
13th	Tue	Quiz Night
14th	Wed	Valentine's Day

### March 2023

2nd	Sat	Wine on the Lawn
10th	Sun	UK Mother's Day
10th	Sun	Great British Festival
12th	Tue	Quiz Night
15th	Fri	An Intimate Wine Night
19th	Tue	AGM
24th	Sat	Living in Bangkok
31st	Sun	Easter Day

### April 2024

9th	Tue	Quiz Night
13th	Sat	Songkran Wet & Wild Pool Party
21st	Sun	Club 121st Birthday
27th	Sat	Wine on the Lawn

## Event & Activities 2024

### FEBRUARY Highlights



### Chinese New Year - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

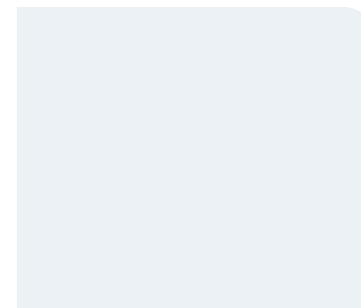
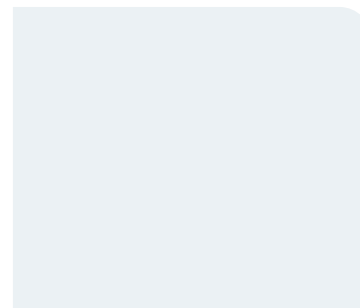
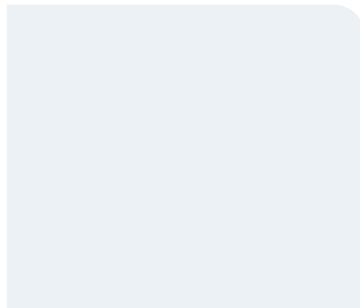
Do not miss the year of the Dragon celebrations at the Club, this year we host a Dim Sum Buffet on Saturday 10th February 11:30am-3:00pm followed by a spectacular Dragon and Lion dance on the front lawn just after 3:00pm



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

**6**

**7** 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



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

**13** Quiz Night  
7.15pm - 9.30pm

**14** 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  
Valentine Dinner  
6.00pm - 9.30pm



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

**20**

**21** 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



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

**27**

**28** 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



# FEBRUARY 2024

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SUN

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

**2** 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

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

**4** 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

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

**9** 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

**10** Chinese New Year  
11.00am - 3.00pm  
Kids Activities  
12.00pm - 4.00pm  
Chinese New Year  
Lunch  
1.00pm - 4.00pm  
Squash Mixed-in  
1.30pm - 6.45pm  
Cricket Team Practice  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

**11** 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

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

**16** 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

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

**18** 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

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

**23** 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

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

**25** 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

**29** 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 to April 2024.

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)

Visit the Seniors Section website at:

<https://www.britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/>

for much more information on the Section and our Events.

## February Events:

**SUCCESSING IN A MAN'S WORLD**  
Vibeke Lyssand Leirvag  
**Journey of a Trailblazing Businesswoman in Thailand**

- ☐ Overcoming the stereotype
- ☐ Bringing people and cultures together
- ☐ Transferring soft skills and knowledge to local educationalists
- ☐ Working with the local government
- ☐ Balance between work and family life

**OPEN TO SENIORS SECTION MEMBERS, CLUB MEMBERS, AND GUESTS**

Join us for canapes, with beverages to your own Club Account  
Date/Time: Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 6.30 pm  
Charge: Section Members Baht 300  
Club Members Baht 350  
Guests Baht 400

To register please phone Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email to [terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com](mailto:terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com)  
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**Day Trip to Ang Thong**

- ✓ Maharaj Buddhist Park
- ✓ The 95m high Golden Buddha at Wat Muang Ang Thong
- ✓ Lunch at riverside Restaurant in Ayutthaya
- ✓ Visit to the amazing "Arts of the Kingdom" Museum

Presented by HMH The Queen Mother

Open for Seniors Section Members, Club Members and Guests

Day/Date: Wednesday, 21st February  
Depart: 08.30am in our luxury 20 seat Minibus  
Breakfast/Tea/Coffee available in the Sala from 07.30 am  
Charges: Seniors Section Member Baht 1,500  
Club Member Baht 1,600  
Guest Baht 1,700  
(Museum Entrance Charge: Over 60's Bht 75, Younger Bht 150)

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## EVENT REPORT:

### From ChatGPT to the age of Artificial Intelligence: Thursday, 11th February 2024

A large turnout for this lunch event in the Suriwongse Room commenced the Section's new year programme in great style: from the room layout, table settings, food service and quality, through to a really interesting presentation from our most distinguished speaker.

Terry Adams' introduction of the speaker lasted over 5 minutes as he set out a very long list of the speaker's achievements and accomplishments; from university excellence at the highest level, through international business successes, to a long list of organisations and institutes in Hong Kong and beyond both public and private, where she had contributed to their successes, plus finding the time to mentor students at Hong Kong University where she was an Adjunct Professor. Based in Bangkok for several years this remarkable lady, who knows so many people of influence here and regionally, keeps very much abreast of all matters technology and especially the burgeoning developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI), the subject of her presentation.







The Speaker was our own Seniors Section Member and also Committee Member Barbara Meynert; how she finds the time to do all that she does remains a mystery!

Barbara took us through how Chat GPT had changed the AI landscape forever, how it developed, and how it uses the vast data from the internet. She noted that AI is currently driving massive changes to innovation and new industries. How it is adding economic value to the world, currently estimated to be US\$4.4tn pa which will grow exponentially. She set out details of the new AI industries and importantly but perhaps worryingly how 'AI Nationalism' is currently evolving.

She set out a number of the downsides of AI before moving on to the future of AI as it is quickly advancing to reach the same level of intelligence as us humans, known as 'AGI'. Once AGI is reached AI will grow exponentially as compared to humans, leading to 'Super Intelligence' that AI will have but humans will not yet have.

Barbara suggested that there will soon be a need to balance the fear of AI against the benefits to humanity, but questioned who will do the balancing?

In the final part of her talk, Barbara noted that 'the age of AI' has already begun, AI apps are accelerating in terms of their numbers, scope and scale; the world will be changing with AI applications being developed and used in every human activity. We are just at the start of what AI can do. In concluding Barbara said that AI will change the world as we know it and could be bigger for humanity than anything that has come before!

There were so many questions which Barbara answered with aplomb.

An enthralling presentation that was enjoyed by all. In closing and thanking the Speaker Chairperson Terry said he wasn't sure as yet whether to be 'enthralled or terrified' but hopefully that the former would prevail!







Sunil Mehra

# TENNIS

## WHAT A START FOR THE NEW YEAR 2024

On January 1<sup>st</sup> with the warm glow of hope and promises of a New Year, I started writing this article in Japan, thinking about peace and happiness not just for the family around me but also the tennis friends who have been a big part of my life – from Cairo to Kampala, Abuja to Accra, New York to New Delhi or Los Angeles to London, the welcoming tennis family in Saitama, Japan and warmest of all at the British Club in Bangkok. Thailand. These are diversions of the heart that are an obligation at the end of completing each orbit around the sun. Little did I know, where we were sit-

ting during our extended late lunch on New Year’s Day that in a flash of news all those castles in the sky would come crashing down, the mood would change as fast as a thunderbolt. Bewildered and no longer able to enjoy the sumptuous meal or the golden sake; a real silence descended in the room as we all stared blankly at the TV screen watching the pummelling of another major earthquake in Japan, this time in Ishikawa. A beginning of the new year that will be remembered for decades to come. This experience also brought us to realise that so much of hope and happiness that the new year may bring relates to where you are or who you are with. Let’s also think of all those unfortunate people who find themselves in the wrong place even at the best of times.

### The Tennis League Contributed by Enrique Calvo

So, back at the farm, along Thanon Surawong, the good folks of the tennis family have also been toiling for months, although joyfully, to complete the British Club Tennis League 2023 Season Two. Who better to tell us than the master of Spanish verse, Enrique Calvo. Enjoy his poetic heart lost in the love of tennis.

“The culmination of Season Two in the British Club Tennis League, proudly sponsored by Head2Toe, marks a vibrant chapter that has graced our club’s courts over the past three months. The resounding echoes of thrilling matches and the collective joy signify the robust health of tennis at our club. Nearly 50 enthusiastic individuals joined the ranks during this season, infusing fresh energy into our tennis section. Welcoming newcomers like Pieter De Jong and Jeff Trevarthen has notably elevated the calibre of play, enriching our tennis landscape. Every participant poured their heart and skill into the competition, embodying the essence of sportsmanship. As with any contest, many standout performers emerged in each division, and yet standing tall among all of them and claiming victory as the season’s champions were:

Division 1: **Andrei Ivanov**

Division 3: **Jeff Trevarthen**

Division 5: **Kelly Cailes**

Division 2: **Pieter de Jong**

Division 4: **Brice Knittel**

Division 6: **Arin Wiriya-Aporn**

A heartfelt thanks to all participants for their dedication and fervour, contributing to the league's success. Our special gratitude also goes to our esteemed sponsor, Head2Toe, for the unwavering support and commitment to nurturing tennis initiatives.”

### British Club Tennis Championships 2024

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming Club Championships, the conclusion of this season only serves as a prelude to the excitement that awaits. Let’s carry forward this spirit of enthusiasm and camaraderie into the forthcoming Club Championships and embrace the start of a new chapter in the tennis league. Cheers to the passion for tennis that unites us all! *(Enrique Calvo)*



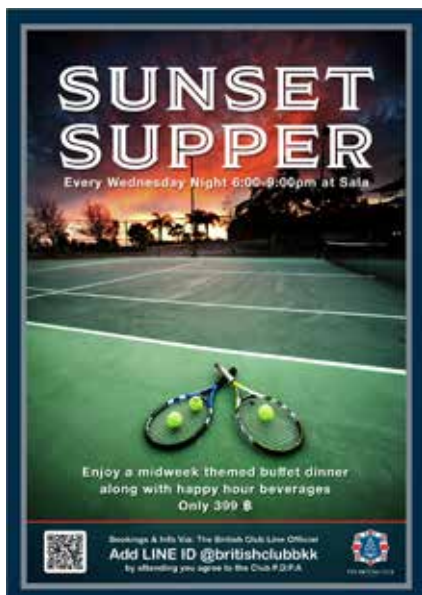


The tennis section is grateful to all our sponsors as shown here for their support for the Championships 2024, and include:

- *B-Accounting Co., LTD*
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- *Head2toe Salon*
- *Jim Thompson*
- *jOOBOO - Blender On The Go*
- *Kai New Zealand*
- *Le Smash Club & Tennis Academy*
- *Marcel Petit Coach*
- *Marcel Petit Tennis Lab*
- *Pizza Mazzilia*
- *RC COLA*
- *Scorpion International Tennis*
- *SEARA*
- *XII Mediterranean*

All British Club members are welcome on Championships Day to watch, to enjoy and to join the fun all day.

## Sunset Supper + Tennis Social = Good Life



The folks at the British Club have a great sixth sense about how to keep you happy even when you spend more. So here is the very latest initiative to entice tennis players to socialise more, enjoy better.

### Enjoy the Four S's in one Evening

*Social, Sunset Supper at Sala*

What more could you ask for to spice up your mid-week.

Announcing the special antidote to mid-week blues – a Sunset buffet dinner and happy hour organized by the club coinciding with Tennis Social on Wednesdays – for tennis players and spectators at the Sala. Come and join the Tennis Social, Mix-In every Wednesday to unwind and socialize on and off the court! We tried this and it is worthwhile. So, come along and enjoy tennis and great food on Wednesdays.



# SQUASHY BITS



▲ *keep your balls tight to the walls at all times!*

**Well** the squash year started off in fine form after the Christmas festivities with waist lines clearly feeling the effects of the turkey, Christmas pud and all the trimmings! The section members mostly lumbered back onto court determined to lose a few kilos and start the New Year living up to their resolutions of more squash and a better and healthier lifestyle. “Yeh right!” said Brucey who cleaned up his act years ago looked down his nose at his fellow players and their hollow promises of changed habits! Particular scorn was thrust upon Neil Evans who stated forthrightly to the listening throngs (the cleaner and the club cat) that he was determined to get down to below 120kg for the first time in years. Dry January he cried!!! We will keep track of his fortitude through this newsletter and see if he stays off the Budweisers and hits his weight targets – he was even talking of a time extension to 100 days off the plonk!! “It has a certain sound to it” he said more quizzically than convincingly. Yours truly, Section Chairman, has also taken on the herculean task of Dry January and as of

writing has already completed 21 days due to starting early on Boxing Day!! We will be encouraging each other to see it through and fully rejuvenated liver function!

Of course there are some who have no need for draconian measures to control weight and drunken excesses – types such as John McCosh the lithe and chiselled crypto king maintains his bantam weight proportions through all festive seasons and dusts off any weight gain in seconds of getting on court. He is one to watch in the leagues to come this year as his game has improved immensely and he has even added one or two more shots to his heavily (completely) boast orientated game.

Another one to watch is Bart but for different reasons – he is one to watch because he might cave your head in with his Dunlop racquet or failing that take you out in a rugby style ruck manoeuvre. He is slowly working his way around the section taking people out in a not so stealth like approach clearly trying to make his way up





▲ Look at your new fridge!

the ladder by fair means or foul! The good news is that Ranjan can now see more than 10% out of his left eye, Mani's ribs have completely fused again and Chetan's ankle is now re-attached to his leg although Bruce's left testicle was less fortunate and is now in the basket with the used squash balls if anyone wants to see it.

If anyone wants to watch Bart perform in the Colosseum of courts one and two then please head to the viewing galleries – no tickets required! Talking of which has everyone seen the development of the lounge area and viewing gallery on the second level. Improvements are being made slowly but surely with the latest addition being a drinks fridge fully stocked with all sorts of

▼ Bart putting opponents down!



▲ John McCosh most improved player 2023

refreshments (once Dry January ends of course). Donated by a most generous anonymous philanthropist it will help the social aspect of this area and we hope everyone will start using it. More improvements are to come so please come check out the social area – a second home for many of us.

I will finish by wishing everyone a very happy 2024 and hope you will support and encourage the section as we grow more active and social as the year goes on! Please get on one of the tours in 2024 they are always fun excursions!

**Happy Squashing everyone!**

▼ Neil with pre dry Jan chunk







# BRITISH CLUB GOLF



The golf section played their October monthly medal on Sunday 10th December at Subhapruek. This medal match was not the usual British Club event but a paired match against The Gentleman's Cocktail Lounge. This event is an annual fixture and both teams play to win the SUAL (Shut Up And Listen) Bell. Both teams put out 6 pairs to play match play and then the net medal scores are all added together once all of the teams have completed the 18 holes. The lowest total score wins the SUAL Bell. It was a very closely fought match and really it was down to the last two pairs coming in to decide the eventual winner. The British Club had won this competition in the previous year and so were competing to defend their title. Unfortunately, this was not to be and The Gentleman's Cocktail Lounge were victorious by a margin of 9 shots.

**Congratulations to the winners of the technical prizes, all winning a golf ball:**

**Near Pins** – Mark Adderley and Brian Brook

**Long Drives** – Doug Angus and Becky Adderley

**Long Putts** – Doug Angus and David Burton



▲ *Steven Brader (Acting Captain of The Londoners) presenting the Hapag Lloyd Trophy to Varghese Rose (Captain of The British Club)*



After the recent narrow loss to The Gentleman's Cocktail Lounge playing for the SUAL Bell, a team was assembled to take on The Londoners in our annual match for the Hapag Lloyd Cup.

This match, also played at Subhapruek Golf Course, was competitive but friendly. The British Club managed to be victorious winning 16 1/2 to 15 1/2. However, was another very close match and there was everything to play for in the very last game, with The British Club needing 3 1/2 points to retain the trophy and 4 points to win. Doug Angus and Josh Tinker came up with goods with a 4 - 0 victory so very well done to them. Many thanks though to the whole team for contributing to a great result. During the presentation, we could easily read the result from Varghese's face, as he had a broad smile from ear to ear. A great day was had by all, and our thanks must go to The Londoners for making it a successful day.





▲ *The victorious British Club team.*

As we approach the British Club Golf Section AGM on Sunday 11th February, this is a suitable time to give a round-up of The Majors and annual events for 2023.

#### **Senior & Junior, Royal Ratchaburi, 11 & 12 March**

Junior Winner - Angkana Nilkumnerd

Senior Winner - Andrew Stray

#### **2 Day Eclectic - Wangnoi GC, 13 & 14 May**

Overall Eclectic winner : Andrew Stray

#### **The Dunlop Cup, Royal Hills, 28 & 29 October**

Winners - Peter & Barbara Frank

#### **Annual Club Championship, Banyan GC, 25 & 26 November**

Men's Club Champion - Peter Clark

Men's Club Champion Net winner - Martin Finn

Ladies Club Champion - Yurachatr Brook

Ladies Club Champion Net Winner - Becky Adderley

#### **Annual Eclectic**

Division 1 - Mark Adderley

Division 2 - Becky Adderley

#### **Annual Order of Merit**

Winner - Mark Adderley

The annual Matchplay is still in progress - Paul Carnell is in the final and will play the winner of Neil Davis and Penny Booth.

Congratulations to all the winners for 2023. After the AGM, in the March edition of Outpost, additional golf section winners will also be announced.

**Our next event will be the January monthly medal to be played at Subhapruek, Sunday 14th January, 2024.**



# HARD BALLS



Ben Eastwell



▲ New nets security



▲ Jack and Sally delighted to meet Santa



▲ Christmas crew

**Cricket** has fired back into action following Santa's brief visit to the club on Christmas Day and the new year holiday break - the BCA Challengers Division having provided plenty of league action for the section already this year. The BC cricketers will also have recently returned from the annual Chiang Mai tour for the Dick Wood cup at the Gymkhana club which you can read about in next month's outpost, and the eagerly awaited BCL A division league will be shortly commencing. This report looks back at the last couple of games of 2023 and the first of the new year.

## British Club V Pattaya CC Sat 9th December - Cup Game



▲ Caught and bowled V PCC



▲ Early finish v PCC

A Dunford Philbrook Trophy match broke up the league activity down in Samut Sakhon for the penultimate game of 2023, bringing together the usual enjoyable occasion with Pattaya CC and their entourage of supporters. Dating back to 2010, the two clubs have got together every year to play a series for the cup named after the respective chairmen of both clubs.





▲ *Mak loses his leg stump*



▲ *Pramodh heavily fined against PCC*

Unfortunately, this particular encounter was one for the visiting side to sweep under the carpet. To quote Clive's impartial report in the Pattaya Mail "There were so many ducks the score book resembled a farm yard". Bowling first, BC managed to pull PCC back from a runaway score to 220-9 after their 25 overs. A string of dropped catches and the home umpire's finger firmly stuck in his pocket did not do much to force an easier chase but the 32-all-out to follow did little to justify the defeat.

The early finish meant the beers were still cold and left plenty of time to enjoy an extended fines session, but BC will be looking to bounce back against PCC in the league fixture scheduled later this month.

*British Club 32-10 (Extras 16) lost to Pattaya CC 220-9 by 188 runs.*

## **British Club V Chennai Kings Sun 17th December - BCA Challengers Division**



▲ *Early morning start at BCA*



▲ *Breakfast of champions*

Ed won the toss and elected to bat first against the Chennai Kings in BC's 4th game of the competition, looking to add a third win to the results table. A solid bowling performance from the men in yellow kept BC quiet, perhaps slowed down by the athlete's breakfast at McDonalds earlier that morning. Danny high-scored with 33 out of a modest 141 total and the skipper showed glimmers of hope wielding his son's bat, but not enough pressure could be applied to stem the flow of runs as the opposition chased down the total comfortably with 8 overs and 9 wickets in hand.

*British Club 141-9 (Danny 33) lost to Chennai Kings 142-1 (Danny 1-20) by 9 wickets.*

## **British Club V Tamil Nadu CC Sun 7th January - BCA Challengers Division**

The first game of the new year started with trouble as the captain scrambled to find 11 with half the squad still enjoying extended holidays out of town, but the Southerners CC kindly provided a few of their men to help out.

Bowling first, BC struggled to keep TNCC under control despite an early wicket from Pramodh. The run rate threatened 10 consistently until Southo's 'Chips' took a couple leading up to drinks, and a reshuffle at the break helped retain some order and restrict the opposition to 221/8 but with lots of work to do.

British Club took advantage of a wild opening spell and frantic start from TNCC who conceded 45 runs for 0 in the first 4 overs. But a tactical switch to slow bowling brought a run out and 2 quick wickets for the defending side as BC dipped below the challenging rate. A useful 60 partnership between Mossy and Max helped to keep the chase alive and Dilip threatened to do the impossible with 3 quick boundaries in the closing overs, but it was not to be. BC ended up 12 runs short of the target and missing out on important league points.

*British Club 209/9 (Max 40, Ben 34) lost to Tamil Nadu CC 221/8 (Ben 2-11) by 12 runs*

*The cricket section always welcomes new members of any standard - get in touch with us if you're interested! Training sessions are run most Thursday evenings/Saturday afternoons. Further details, results and statistics can be found on the club noticeboard in the main clubhouse corridor and club website cricket sub-page.*



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# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



*Kannikar J.*



▲ *Matthew Koon Chung*

## Member Review:

It is our pleasure to join The British Club Bangkok, a club with such history and culture. Walking into the Churchill bar gives me a sense of historical significance. Absolutely fond of it!

I'm Matt from Canada, and my wife is Daizy from Hong Kong. We are currently based out in Hong Kong, with our 2 beautiful poodles, Lola and Brownie.

We look forward to engaging with the rest of the members.

Fun fact about myself, when I'm drunk, I somehow speak with a British accent... I think it might be related to the education system in HK.



▲ *Maximilian*

## Member Review:

I joined the British Club Bangkok because of its wonderful facilities, especially for families, and vibrant community. My family and I are new to Thailand but we hope to make many friends through the Club and support its activities wholeheartedly. I look forward to the journey and to meeting you all soon



▲ *Michel*

## Member Review:

Our first impressions of the British Club in Bangkok are great, and we appreciate its relaxed setting and facilities. It is a good escape from the city's bustle. So far, we've truly enjoyed the Club's restaurants and the yummy sausage rolls, and Michel is excited to start playing tennis. Everyone at the club has been welcoming and we are happy to be a part of this community.



▲ *Timothy*

## Member Review:

I was introduced by my good friend Neil McArthur to what I see as great place to relax play some sports and have a lovely place to wine and dine for my partner and I.

The staff have been so supportive and helpful since I have joined the club.

I met with Simon on the board who explained lots of wonderful ideas the club may be doing in the future and I joined in the darts and pool night which was terrific fun.

Thank you to all involved we are really enjoying it.





▲ Karl

**Member Review:**

I have visited the British Club many times with friends who are members and really enjoyed the facilities and the atmosphere there, we are based in Hua Hin so never really considered being a member ourselves, now the kids are all living in Bangkok and we are spending more time coming up to Bangkok to see them, so now was a perfect time to join the club.



▲ Paul

**Member Review:**

We first discovered the British Club Bangkok through my daughter's school friends and decided to join as we found it to be a fantastic place for the whole family, a nice community with great facilities, good food and fun events.



▲ Robert

**Member Review:**

My wife (Jeng) and I joined the Club to give us a foundation upon which we can build our social network. We have lived and worked in SE Asia for much of the last thirty years, but we're quite peripatetic, so it's not easy to get established in a new place.

Our welcome to the Club has been warm. The facilities are excellent and the food and - most importantly - beverages have been agreeable. Thank you having us!



▲ James

**Member Review:**

We joined the British Club to enjoy an oasis of calm in the centre of bangkok. We enjoy the gym, pool and other facilities offered at the British Club.



▲ Sze Wah Sam

**Member Review:**

We like the close culture of the club members. We are delighted to becoming members of British Club Bangkok!



▲ Christopher

**Member Review:**

We've really enjoyed our first month as members at the British Club. The community feel and friendliness of all the staff have made us feel very welcome.



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