

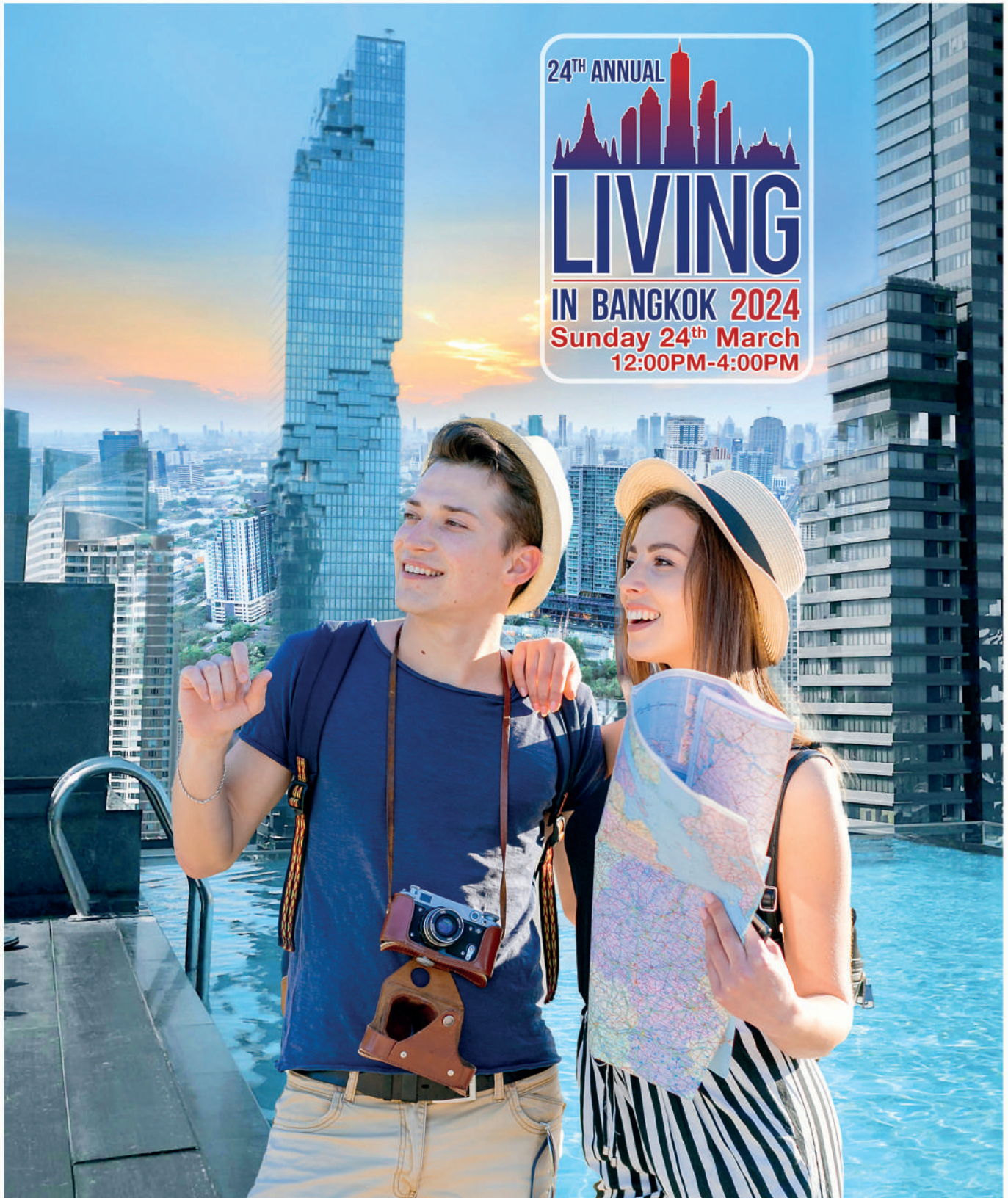
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THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Greetings once again and welcome back to March edition!

In addition to our priorities of providing support to vulnerable British nationals, engaging in external meetings with our key stakeholders is also crucial for ensuring enhanced cooperation.

Last month, we had the opportunity to meet with many of our stakeholders.



▲ PFI Police General Hospital

Donation to the Police General Hospital

To thank for their support of vulnerable detainees, we donated adult diapers to the Police General Hospital, fulfilling one of their needs.

Department for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation

The meeting was led by the Israeli Embassy and represented by 12 other embassies and the Bangkok Consuls group. We met the Deputy Director-General Chatchadaporn Boonpreeranat to discuss about how Thailand responds to major incidents in Thailand.

Grand Palace Exclusive Visit - hosted by Tourist Police Bureau

This was another opportunity to meet with the Tourist Police Bureau Commissioner. It facilitated informal discussions and social rapport building with the Head of Foreign Affairs at Tourist Police Bureau. This private invitation was extended to selected embassies, with notable attendees including U.S, French, Korean and UK embassies.



Tourist Police Koh Samui

Institute of Forensic Medicine and Tourist Assistance Centre

This presented another chance for Consular frontline officers to maintain working relationships and professional cooperation. We took this opportunity to donate adult diapers.



▲ TAC SVB Airport



▲ Ministry of Transport



▲ Ministry of Transport

HMA Courtesy Call to Minister of Transport

A courtesy call to the new Transport Minister, Mr Suriya Juangroongruangkit, to discuss collaborations on achieving a low carbon society, becoming an electric vehicle production hub, and addressing road traffic accidents, especially those involving motorcycles among British nationals in Thailand. This covered discussions on invalid driving licences and local vehicle rental shops.

40th Thai Travel Agents Association Anniversary

This annual social event brought together key players in tourism, including members, international tourism promotion organizations, airlines, embassies, agencies, media, and the Tourism Council of Thailand. Its aim was to revitalise the industry and strengthen partnerships.



▲ Phuket

Phuket Governor Bi-Weekly Meeting with Honorary Consuls/ Consuls

An opportunity to meet the new Governor of Phuket at the regular bi-monthly meeting at the Phuket Governor's complex. The meeting highlighted topics of marine safety and motorbike safety, particularly the enforcement of driving license checks. The Governor expressed particular concern about motorbike safety. British tourists were ranked third in the number of visitors in 2023, following Russian and Chinese.

Joanne Finnamore-Croarkin

HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand



Simon P. Davies

Chairman's Message

As this will be my last Chairmans message before The Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 19th March, 2024 I would like to say a big thank you to all British Club and General Committee (GC) members for your support during the last twelve months which has enabled the club to continue making such good progress.

The AGM offers the opportunity for members to elect a new GC so I would encourage all Ordinary and Country members to attend and participate in the meeting. If interested in standing for election to The GC then Nominations may be put forward in advance, or accepted from the floor, prior to



the commencement of the AGM. Nomination forms are available from The Reception in the Club House or from the General Manager, Tim Vongswang on email tim@britishclubbangkok.org

During the second week in February the old staff quarters, behind the tennis courts, were demolished and the site prepared for a new building to be constructed. Once completed our staff will be able to enjoy purpose-built showers and changing areas, rest and recreation rooms, a comfortable eating area and have facilities that add value to their employment with The Club.

An important future project will be the replacement of the swimming pool, once the new Narai Hotel project is completed, with details of funding allocation to be announced at the AGM in March 2024.

In true Corinthian Spirit the recently formed British Club Pool Team has entered the Bangkok Pool League which sees matches played on Monday evenings alternating between home and away fixtures. Whilst currently propping up the league the team is gaining a reputation for its sociability and hospitality. The new Pool Room is attracting very good usage and players of all standards are most welcome to practice their shots accordingly.



Congratulations to The British Club Squash team that were victorious in their match against the Gymkhana Club in Chiangmai, played on the 10th of February, thereby retaining The Peter Corney Cup for another year.

A very warm welcome to The Hong Kong Cricket Club who will be playing against the British Club on the 10th of March and with The Club Annual Tennis Championships taking place a couple of weeks later I wish all players enjoyable and successful matches.

Having completed a dry January for the first time it was during a slow resumption of imbibing in February which got me thinking as to when beer was first produced. According to information on Google the earliest evidence of beer being made from barley dates to around 3500 – 3100 BC from the site of Godin Tepe in the Zagros Mountains of Western Iran. It is possible, but not proven, that it dates back even further to about 10,000 BC when cereal was first farmed..... Mine's a pint!!

***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, Schroders 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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RSVP:

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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 Schroders 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 1st 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 1st 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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Retirement Planning/ UK Pension Income/ Thailand

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

Brits retiring overseas may have acquired UK pension rights and perhaps some local “pension” value. This is complicated and confusing for those in Thailand, with a further layer of complexity added with the change to Thailand tax on foreign remitted income from 1 January 2024.

THAILAND PROVIDENT FUNDS (FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES)

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

For an employee there are local tax benefits for monthly contributions, and on retirement/termination of the arrangement particularly after 5 years of service.

UK STATE PENSION

The current maximum new State Pension is £203.85 pw (£10,600 pa), the Basic State Pension for pre-April 2016 retirees is £156.20 pw (£8,122.40 pa). You pay UK Income Tax if your total taxable UK income exceeds the current UK Personal Allowance (£12,570). With no Social Security agreement between the UK and Thailand UK State Pensions remain level for Thailand residents.

UK COMPANY PENSION SCHEMES AND PERSONAL PENSION PLANS

UK pension income is normally liable to UK Income Tax and your actual tax liability will be based on self-assessment tax returns and UK tax rates and allowances.

Double Taxation Agreements

Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) between the UK and other countries can mean gross pension income at source to be taxed locally instead. The UK/Thailand Double Taxation Treaty (DTT) only covers UK Government (Civil Service) Pensions, which can only be taxed in Thailand if the pensioner is a local resident.

UK Pensions paid for service outside the UK

There are special provisions for Defined Benefit Occupational Pensions which can exempt the pension from PAYE where the pension arises from employment carried out abroad (only for non-UK residents). The main criteria is at least 10 complete tax

years of non-UK residence. Although the pension may be outside the scope of PAYE the current UK/Thailand DTA could only exempt Civil Service Pensions.

QUALIFYING RECOGNISED OVERSEAS PENSION SCHEMES (QROPS)

Between April 2006 and April 2017 many Brits living overseas transferred their UK pensions to a QROPS. Guernsey, and then Gibraltar were popular options because they may have offered favourable income tax treatment (when compared to UK Tax rules). QROPS is not a viable option for Thailand residents currently as the changes in April 2017 meant an onerous UK tax charge of 25% applying at the point of transfer.

CURRENCY POSITION

For long-term retirees in Thailand a weakened Pound against THB is an issue. The downward trend started as far back as 2004 with lows in exchange rates in the 37's in August 2019. The current position (at the date of writing) is 45, which has probably been an average over the last 8 years. This is awkward for those residents with GBP income streams (whether pension income or non-pension asset income).

THAILAND TAX CREDITS AND REPORTING

For those bringing overseas income into the country there will be some credit for tax paid overseas. We understand there is uncertainty on how this credit will be reported, as well as the man reporting requirements themselves. However, this should evolve and become clearer this year.

These are complicated matters and it is essential you seek professional advice from the right companies with the relevant International and UK experience.



Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

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Metawee (Natt)



The Great Success at the Bangkok Rugby 10's 2024

This year, the British Club Bangkok was honoured to be selected by the committee of the Bangkok International Rugby 10s as the main food and beverage vendor for the event. We were also entrusted with providing meals for VIPs and players over the course of both days. This deal had been in the works since last year and was successfully closed by our Deputy General Manager, Tee Bale, who worked tirelessly alongside our service and kitchen teams to ensure top-notch food and service on the event days.

The Bangkok Rugby 10s took place on Saturday, February 17th, and Sunday, February 18th, from early morning until nightfall. This year, we welcomed teams from across the globe, bringing together over 90 teams comprising close to 2,000 players and officials from 18 countries.

Our operations team, in collaboration with the club's engineering team, set up our booth on Friday, February 16th, securing the best spot near the entrance to the field. With British Club Cafe adorned in Union Flag



decorations, the setup was nothing short of stunning. Kudos to the engineering team for a job well done!

The first day of the Rugby 10s posed a challenge as Bangkok was hit by a storm since the early hours of the morning. Despite the adverse weather conditions, K. Somboon led the service teams, while Chef Laak and her kitchen crew worked diligently to set up our booth and serve attendees on time. Despite flooded floors, the aroma of delicious breakfast baguettes and butties attracted players, and as the storm subsided in the afternoon, everything ran smoothly, with a large number of players lining up for dinner.

Credit is due to the kitchen team, who, after the event, returned straight to the kitchen to prepare for the second day.

The second day dawned bright and beautiful, and our team was ready to excel once again. As anticipated, both food and beverages sold out, and the feedback on our offerings and services was phenomenal.

We are incredibly proud of the team spirit demonstrated by our staff who contributed to making this event unforgettable!





Paul Cheesman

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

*We continue the story of
the British Club Bangkok ... 1970*

Musical Rooms!

1970 was the start of a major clubhouse refit, in that:

- We moved the two post-WWII Billiards tables from the Billiards Room (in 2024, the Churchill Bar) to the Rest Room (in 2024, the Silom Room & Club Offices). This was to allow a Dining Room to be fitted out in the old Billiards Room.
- We then moved the 'sleeping chairs' from the Rest Room to the Cinema Room (in 2024, Suriwongse Room).
- The Front Bar (in 2024, Pool Room) became the new 'Reading Room'
- The Rotunda Lounge (in 2024, the Wordsworth Lounge) became the new Club Office
- We turned the old Office (in 2024, Veranda's private room) into an alcove of the 'Main Bar' and added air-conditioning and sealed off the office's door to the corridor.

It is thought that at this juncture the Balcony alongside the Cinema Room (in 2024, the 1910 Balcony) was filled in to become a storeroom room.

7(d) Mr. Littlejohn Cook made strong representations for airconditioning present billiard room and using it as dining/entertaining room. Members were in agreement, but undecided as to where to relocate billiard tables. Mr. Littlejohn Cook to seek advice from a structural engineer and an architect by next meeting. Quotations for air-conditioning to be held pending.

▲ Musical Rooms

Our Naval Year

There was only one naval visit in 1970 – HMAS Hobart (D39), a Perth-class guided missile destroyer, which visited in the September. Of course, the Captain himself needed no invitation from the Club, being none other than Rothesay 'Ross' C. Swan, a past member who served in the Committee in 1962-1963 (see *Past Participle*, July 2023).

The plaque of HMAS Hobart is on display in the Churchill Bar.



▲ "Sic Fortis Hobartia Crevit"

Sporting Matters

The saga of the second Squash Court took epic proportions in 1970. The year started with an agreed quotation of 131,000 Baht. By March, no work had started, and the contractor said he now wanted 200,000 Baht. By May they then decided they did not want the work but would sell the Club the drawings for 12,000 Baht! This was rejected and the whole process of finding a contractor restarted. By June, a new design was ready – in August, a tender of 145,000 Baht was accepted with a completion date in October. October came and went, as did November and by 31st December, the Club still had only the one original Squash Court.

In March, a Putting Green was set up on the land just after the swimming pool, where the Silom Wing is now.

The Club was involved in a Billiards Tournament with the India Chamber of Trade (precursor of the India-Thai Chamber of Commerce). Mr. Moolamal Sachdev, one of its past Presidents, presented a shield to the tournament to be played at regular intervals. The shield is still extant.



▲ Moolamall Sachdev Billiards Trophy

Staff Matters

In the March, various reports of 'guests' of staff staying 'overnight' in the Staff Quarters reached the General Committee. It was decided to post a notice to warn staff and have GC members do spot checks. Feedback minuted was that the GC members could not always identify who was staff!

In the July, the Club bade farewell to our then longest serving member of staff being Gardiner No.1 – he had started work in 1940, then there was WWII and he returned after the war and had served the Club ever since. Members gave him an ex-gratia payment of 20,000 Baht on top of his statutory payment. Sadly, his name was not recorded!

3 (n) Mr. Greenwood advised that he would make arrangements for a special presentation of the ex-gratia payment plus gratuity entitlement to the No. 1 Gardener.

▲ Farewell Gardiner No. 1

Service

The Officers were all experienced hands ... Godfrey A. Sommerfield was Chairman (see *Past Participle*, February 2023) and Mike Greenwood was Vice-Chairman (see *Past Participle*, December 2023). Connor N.R. Hackett was Honorary Secretary and David G.D. Mauritzen was Honorary Treasurer (for both see *Past Participle*, February 2024).

Continuing their service were J.R. Davidson and Alistair L. Lapping, and from 1966, Ian McLean, who went Absent in the December.

The 'new boys' were A.C. Brownlow, of the Anglo-Thai Company; G. Littlejohn-Cook, from the British Embassy; and E.M. MacDonald, of Snowchem (Thailand), who only served this term plus C.J.A. Chubb, of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, who was co-opted and served part of this term and D.G. Duggan, of the Singer Company, who served part of this term but resigned mid-year; and finally, Chris R. Thomas, of Siam-Scot, who served this term and the next, the second as Vice-Chairman.

1970-71

CHAIRMAN:	Godfrey A. Sommerfield
VICE-CHAIRMAN:	Mike Greenwood
HONORARY SECRETARY:	Connor N.R. Hackett
HONORARY TREASURER:	David G.D. Mauritzen
MEMBERS:	
	A.C. Brownlow
	C.J.A. Chubb (co-opted 17.08.1970)
	J.R. Davidson
	D.G. Duggan (resigned 13.07.1970)
	Alistair L. Lapping (co-opted 17.08.1970)
	G. Littlejohn-Cook
	E.M. MacDonald
	Ian G. McLean (went Absent 17.08.1970)
	Chris R. Thomas

▲ General Committee 1970-71

Club News

In the March, the Club removed the single flagpole from the apex of the Clubhouse, centre front and, at the cost of 3,200 Baht, replaced them with two flagpoles at the external corners of the portico to fly the Thai Flag and the Union Flag from 8am to 6pm each day.

In the August, a tall fence between the Club and the Chinese School, where the AIA building is now situated, was completed. This was erected after years of complaints of 'objects being thrown from the school into the swimming pool' (see *Past Participle*, December 2023).

In November, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held to debate one major change and 17 other constitutional changes – four of the most interesting changes were:

- All members would now have to provide a 500 Baht deposit as unpaid monthly accounts had hit over 100,000 Baht several times during the year.
- The age of when children must take membership was increased from 18 to 21 providing the said child was still in education.
- Guests, resident in Thailand and of British descent, were only permitted to use the Club a maximum of twice in any year.
- The Absent Fee (first introduced in 1947) was changed from a payment upon return to an advance payment.

The major change, to allow Members to be “citizens of the United Kingdom and such other persons of the British Community in Thailand, whom the committee in their sole discretion may decide” was heavily defeated!



▲ The single flagpole (picture courtesy of Dr. Paddy Dickson)

In Other News

On 27th February, the Dusit Thani hotel opened on the corner of Silom and Rama IV Roads, and it would be Bangkok's tallest building until the opening of the Royal Orchid Sheraton in 1978. It was demolished in 2019 to make way for a new complex, called Dusit Central Park, due to open in sections from 2024 to 2026.

On 26th March, Channel 3 commenced, transmitting in colour, as Thailand's first commercial television station.

Commander J. Michael B. Walkey RN became the British Naval Attaché and joined the Club in June.

Eric Halstead became the New Zealand Ambassador and became an Honorary member in the September.

Sir Arthur James de la Mare KCMG became the British Ambassador and became an Honorary member in the October.

Lt. Colonel S.H. Gurney became the British Military Attaché during the year. Although minutes show the date of his leaving the Club membership a few years later, they fail to give the date of his joining.



▲ The Dusit Thani

Next month ...

“Tuberculosis!”

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary

For Members interested in our Club's history, the timeline “120 Years in the Making” can be found on the Website under ‘The Club – History’.

~~~PROXIES~~~

As we approach the Annual General Meeting, may I take this opportunity to spell out a CHANGE to the **DISCRETIONARY PROXY SYSTEM!**

Entitlement

All Ordinary and Country members who are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting, but cannot physically be there, are also entitled to vote by Proxy instead. **This has not changed.**

Directed Proxies

When you read the Calling Papers, distributed on 22nd February 2024, and you feel certain how you want to vote on each legal and constitutional matter plus any other tabled motions, you can complete the Directed Proxy Form, sign it and email, fax, or post to the Club to arrive no later than 9am on AGM day (19th March 2024). **This has not changed.**

Discretionary Proxies

If upon reading the Calling papers, however, you feel happier if another Ordinary and Country member were to vote for you, this is the new procedure:

1. Ask the fellow member to confirm that they are attending and willing to hold your proxy, and that they have no other proxy – a member may hold only one proxy.
2. Complete the Discretionary Proxy Form, sign it and email, fax, or post to the Club to arrive no later than 9am on AGM day (19th March 2024). **This is a change of procedure – do not pass to your fellow Member.**
3. When your named member signs into the AGM, they will be given your proxy to vote on your behalf. **This is a change of procedure.**

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary 2023-24



DISCRETIONARY PROXY FORM

I, _____, membership number _____,
am unable to attend the Club AGM on Tuesday 19th March 2024 and hereby appoint:
_____, membership number _____
as my discretionary proxy at the meeting and any subsequent adjournment thereof.
This proxy may be revoked at any time. My proxy holder shall vote at his/ her own discretion. I have asked permission of the Member to hold my proxy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note that this form must be lodged at the Club (i.e. actual form received or faxed to 0-2235-1560 or emailed to GM@britishclubbangkok.org) no later than 9.00 am on Tuesday 19th March 2024. It will then be given to the proxy holder upon AGM Registration.



Cercle de l'Union, Lyon, France

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

The [Cercle de l'Union](#) in Lyon, France, was founded in 1917 when 3 clubs merged into one. The oldest of the three was founded before the French Revolution under the name of "Cercle du Divan", and was the rendezvous for the local aristocracy. Only men are allowed to join the [Cercle de l'Union](#), and one can't apply for membership, one has to be invited. These days the club has just under 500 members, and although only men can be members, women are always allowed as guests.

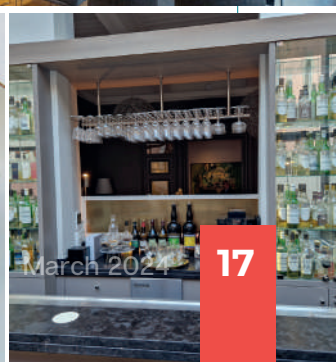
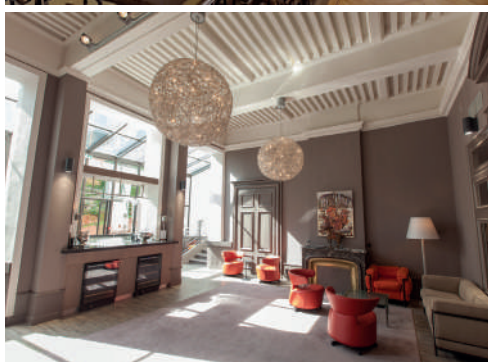


The club is situated in the heart of Lyon, on the 1st and 2nd floors of an old building in Place Bellecour. There are lots of conference facilities, because most rooms are equipped with projection facilities. Although there are high quality catering facilities, there is no restaurant. Instead, members book private rooms on the 2nd floor, and agree the menu with the chef in advance. There is a bar area on the first floor, but this seems to be a relatively new addition to the club. The manager who showed me around said that they were probably going to try opening the bar area for drinks and snacks at lunchtime. The club has no sports facilities and no accommodation. The dress code for men is jacket and tie, and women are expected to dress with the same level of formality.

In late May 2023 we were travelling through Lyon with two Thai friends, so I got the required letter of introduction to use the facilities at this club. When the club received the letter of introduction, they sent a response which I should have read more carefully, because it invited me to "book a lounge" rather than a table in a bar or restaurant. However, I simply requested a table for 4 people for dinner, and they were happy to oblige. I sent the request in French so they responded in French to say that I had booked "un salon". They also sent the 3 course menu, priced at €59, and I assumed that it was the menu of the day and that there would also be an à la carte menu.

On arriving at the club, we discovered that there was no restaurant and no à la carte menu either. It was also surprising to see that the menu specified in our private room was slightly different from the one that had been sent to me by email. Nonetheless, in the end the four of us had a lovely evening. One of us was not keen on the fish main course, but the chef was able to switch it to "Volaille Fermière aux Morilles" instead. Lyon is sometimes known as the gastronomic capital of France, and the club's chef did not disappoint. There was also an excellent wine list, and it felt very special being in our own private room. The staff were all very helpful, and at the end of the meal we were given a small box of chocolates from [Voisin](#), the 126 year old Lyon chocolatier located near the club.

The club was quite busy that evening so I was not allowed to look around, but I accepted the manager's invitation for a quick tour of the club the following day. And after the tour, the manager kindly gave me a free copy of a large coffee table style book about the club. If any member of the British Club Bangkok is in Lyon, without doubt the club is a great venue for private or business functions. If dining, do agree the menu with the chef in advance.





Back 2 Skool Challenge 27/01/24

The first Back 2 Skool Challenge of 2024 generated a great of interest from members and was fully booked and had great support from our "partners". Bangkok Hospital's team undertook CPR, First Aid and Choking training; Gianni Ristorante lead by Chef de Cuisine Stefano and Chef Luciano did pasta making; The Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra with Khun Jack did the active listening challenge; and finally 'Mini Picassos' came from Aurum Gallery





Wine on The Lawn

27/12/23

The new concept of wine tasting this year with the first theme "Key to Success" the lucky person who can open the treasure box won the bottle of wines, thank you to all that attended.





Great Fun Sun-day 28/01/24

The new initiative event this year is to give back the benefits to members, with great support from our membership partner, MedPark Hospital, who takes part as the main sponsor for this loving day. The fairgrounds games, including balloon dart, gun shooting, and dunk tank, bring great fun to both kids and adults. The first Sumo Battle went very well; thank you to all who attended.





BCCT/British Club Bangkok/British Embassy

Business Breakfast Briefing 07/02/24

The second round of the BCCT Business Breakfast briefing with H.E. British Ambassador Mark Gooding OBE, HM Consul Joanne Finnamore-Crorkin and Commercial Counsellor Ben Morley sharing their insights on the current economic and political situation and an update on British Embassy activity.





Member Gathering

07/02/24

The first member gathering of 2024 with the great number of attendees both old members and new members. Cheers to all especially the one who be a member over 60 years!





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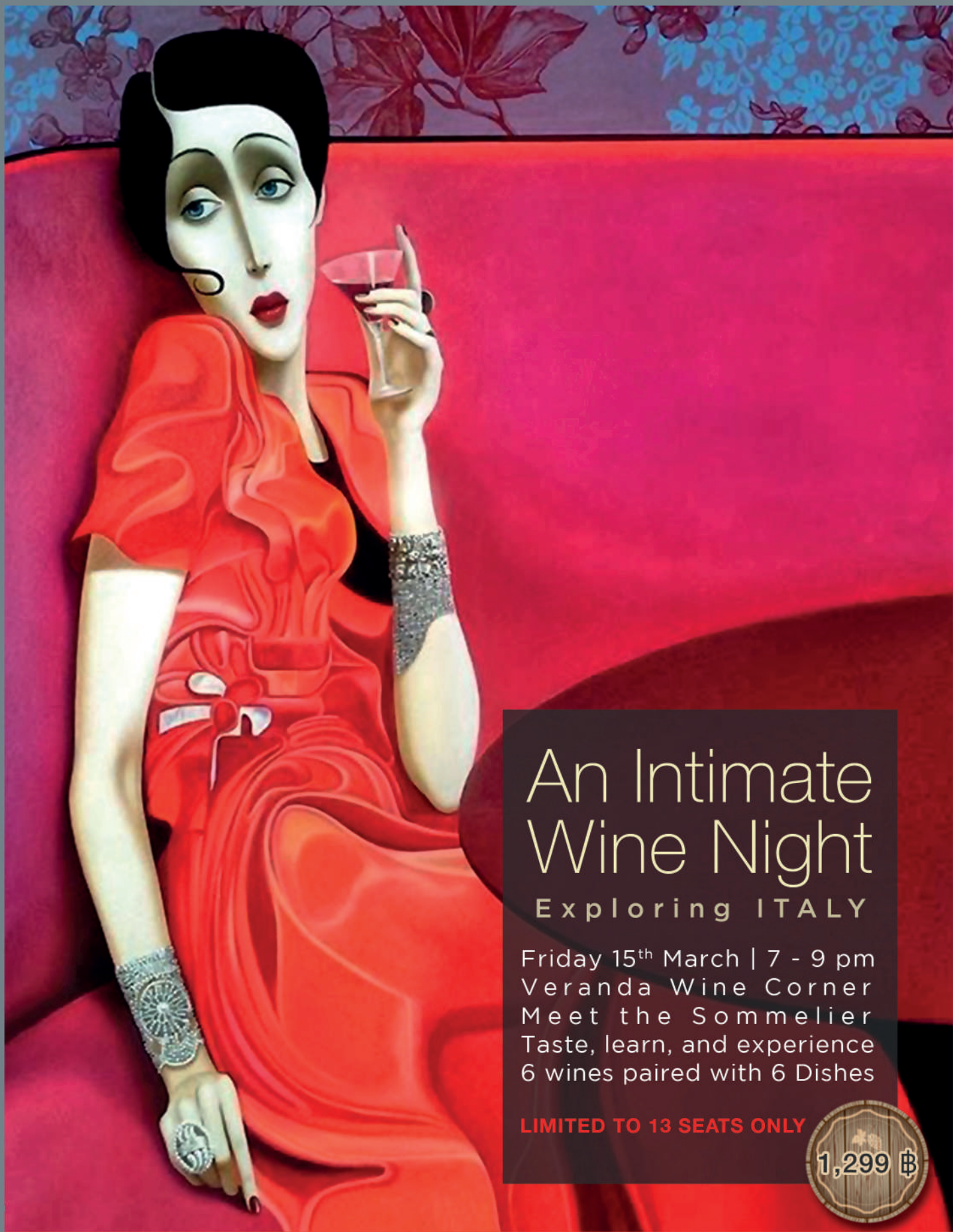
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6 wines paired with 6 Dishes

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Chinese New Year - Dragon & Lion Show 10/02/24

2024 the year of Dragon, the club celebrated the Chinese New Year with the dragon and the lions dance show at the front lawn, wishing you all a year of success, happiness, and blessings.





Pancake Race

11/02/24

This year, we added pancake racing to our BC Bee's activities on Sunday. It was super fun for both kids and parents. Everyone was proud to win a medal and enjoy a yummy pancake at the end!





Quiz Night

13/02/24

What a fantastic night! We had a full house with 9 teams, and guess what? "Waving not Drowning" clinched the 1st prize, while "Scumbag Collage" took home the 2nd prize. Exciting stuff! But hey, no one got lucky with the Jackpot this time. Maybe next time!



March 2024

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Valentine Dinner

14/02/24

The unforgettable Valentine's evening at Veranda Restaurant, where we set the mood with sparkling, roses, and the warm glow of candles. Chef Laak has crafted a special menu that's sure to delight your taste buds and elevate your dining experience.



Coming Events

March 2024

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
30th	Sat	Wine on the Lawn
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

May 2024

7th	Tue	Quiz Night
17th	Fri	An Intimate Wine Night
25th	Sat	Wine on the Lawn

Event & Activities 2024

MARCH Highlights



AGM - Tuesday 19th March

The Annual General Meeting of 2024 will be on Tuesday 19th March from 7 pm and registration will open at 6 pm. The ordinary and country member who would like to attend, can register by send the email to AGM2024@britishclubbangkok.org (Advance registration is required)



Living in Bangkok - Sunday 24th March

Get ready to explore a wide array of lifestyle choices tailored for the expat living in Bangkok individuals and families alike from our an electrifying event this year! Living In Bangkok is back, bigger and better than ever, happening on Sunday, March 24th from 12 pm to 4 pm. Whether you're seeking the latest trends or family-friendly activities, we've got something for everyone! Don't miss out on this ultimate experiences



Easter Day - Sunday 31st March

No Easter celebration is complete without an egg hunt! This year Easter Day is landed on Sunday 31st March, get ready and book your little in for this festive event as it get fully booked very fast!

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Team practice**
7.00pm - 10.00pm
Squash Mix-in
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Cricket Team Practice
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Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
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Terry Adams



Seniors Section

SECTION UPDATE:

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

We continue working to provide two events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalization to June 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

Visit the Seniors Section website at: www.britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/ for information on the Section and our Events. Just keep clicking on the posters to delve deeper for information, photographs, and much more.

March Events:

Looking at Old Thai Wat Murals
Historian Chris Baker will talk about the joys and surprises of the older wat murals

Date: Wednesday, 6th March 2024
 Time: 12.00 pm
 Venue: Wordsworth Lounge
 Charges: Section Members Baht 400
 Club Members Baht 450
 Guests Baht 500

(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)

Open to: Seniors Section Members, Club Members, Guests

To register please phone Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email to terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com
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All about latest Mobile Phone Apps
and how to make them work for you!

A Return/Second Workshop by Khun Charkhris Phomyoth known throughout Thailand as "GAP"

Open for Seniors Section Members, Club Members and Guests

Date: Thursday, 21st March 2024
 Time: 12.00pm
 Venue: Suriwongse Room
 Charge: Seniors Section Members Baht 400
 Club Members & Guests Baht 450

(Pre-order your lunch choices of any 2 of the 3 courses from the day's Business Lunch Menu along with water, tea or coffee)

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EVENT REPORT:

"Cool Croquet" on the Front Lawn: Wednesday, 21st January 2024.

An early evening start in a cool January evening commenced with a draw to pair together 4 teams, each comprising one lady and one gentleman, plus with three unexpected arrivals a further team of two / three gentlemen who rotated their shots as necessary.

Play commenced with each team taking alternate hits in turn as they vied to hit their ball through the series of 6 hoops located at some distance apart using the whole of the front lawn area, in the correct direction, whilst doing their best to at the same time disrupt their opponents from doing the same. Several 'Rokers' were earned allowing the non-offending Team an opportunity to send a competitor team's ball off into the outfield and thus delay that team's progress.



▲ First place



Playing styles varied: some used the traditional practice of hitting their ball by straddling the ball and by taking their mallet back through their legs and then hitting in a forward direction. Others decided to hit their ball side-ways on as per a golf shot. Both had varying degrees of success as the balance of the mallets is far from easy to overcome when combined with the accuracy needed to hit the ball in the correct spot to propel the ball in the required direction with the required speed!

Efforts by everyone were, to be polite, a combination of the sometimes skillful and the outright hilarious, in equal measures from all teams!

Team D (Agnes and Chris B) started strongly and took a decent lead, but then ran into trouble and dropped back into the pack. The eventual winners, Team B (Vicky and Derek), stormed into the lead after passing through 3 hoops and retained that position when they finished

first by hitting their ball against the Pin in the centre of the front lawn. A fast comeback by Team D (Agnes and Chris) carried them through to finish in second place. In third place were Team A (Carole Ann and John) and just behind was Team C (Anne-Maree and Bob). Trailing in last place were Team E, which comprised three late arrivals, all men in Frank, Chris M and Dom, who took turns but somehow were unable to exert much (if any) control over the direction of their ball!

Upon completion of the match all participants plus scorer Terry, headed to the nearby Sala and claimed a table. Terry read out the results. The Prizes, which comprised of 2 bottles of ice-cold white wine, were handed to the winners, immediately and unceremoniously opened, and rather quickly imbibed by all participants as they enjoyed the Club's tasty food in altogether good company. Such was the level of enjoyment by all that there were calls for an annual tournament to be arranged!



EVENT REPORT:

“Journey of a Trailblazing Business Woman in Thailand”:
Thursday, 8th February 2024.



An evening with Vibeke Lyssand Leirvag (Business-woman extraordinaire, currently Chairwoman of the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand), very successfully trialed our new “Fireside Chat” format in a highly successful and interesting event.

The “Chat” evening was opened by Chairperson Terry, who had so much to say about Vibeke by way of introduction and setting the scene. Our Interviewer Bruce Hemmingsen, at his usual relaxed and most charming self, then put a number of questions to Vibeke. These ranging from requesting her to tell us about her journey to becoming a successful businesswoman in the fine jewelry industry, how in Thailand she overcame cultural barriers as a woman in business as well as those from starting off in a foreign (for her) country with its own cultural traits and traditions, through to joining the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce and the journey that took her to today, where she is Chairwoman of the Joint Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Thailand.

Bruce then moved on to ask Vibeke to give what details that she felt able to tell as regards her current roles as Advisor to the Thailand Board of Trade and her involvement in 5 Government Committees tasked to make doing business in Thailand easier. Vibeke’s fluency in both spoken and written Thai language were key in this regard.

The final range of questions focused on work-life balances and particularly family matters, and this evolved to include comments from Vibeke’s husband Paolo, who had accompanied Vibeke to the event.

Giving the audience an opportunity to ask questions, Vibeke’s responses showed just why this extra-ordinary lady is so well considered by not only Foreign and Thai business leaders, by those in the Thai Government and the BMA, but also by us mere mortals enthralled by her dynamism and personality!

Many thanks must go to our Bruce Hemmingsen for so ably undertaking the Interviewer role.

TENNIS

The Great Grand Glam Slam Wins by British Club Team!



Sunil Mehra



▲ Glam Slam Singles Winner Division B: Raquel Evans

Just occasionally something really amazing happens and you sense an obligation to let the world know that this is something otherworldly & special. The bringing home of not one, but two Trophies from the [Australian Open 2024 Glam Slam](#) Tournament by the British Club tennis representatives. There were 234 persons from across the world competing in the tournament. Congratulations and announcing the Champions who fill us all with PRIDE. Three cheers and a hip-hip-hooray that resound off the club walls and the few trees or branches that have survived around the tennis courts after the chainsaws on 12th February.



▲ Glam Slam Doubles Winners: Nattaya Theangtrong & Raquel Evans

Trip to Aussie Open 2024 *in his own*

words – almost –

by Frank Brown

Traveling with BC Tennis group is a sure way especially as this was my first grand slam and playing tennis on clay, the first time understand the people in Australia-language as me (sometimes language). There were a number of the 9 days we were there. We Balwyn North Tennis club on clay for the Glam Slam Tournament so passes for the ultimate tennis ex-



to enjoy everything about Aussie Open tournament, my first time in Australia, too. The best part was that I could lia as they spoke almost the same we can be divided by the same number of events going on during enjoyed friendly matches at courts. We all signed up we received free ground perience at the Australian



▲ Motley Crue, who "in 1985 were the first wave of 'glam' metal"

Open. played Kooyong grass courts time at the day we bought day passes for Margaret Court Arena and watched legends matches with Tommy Hass/Daniela vs Li Na/Thomas Johansson and Svitolina vs Noskova, followed by a great 4th round Men's Singles current-legends match between Alexander Zverev and Cameron Norrie – an exciting, 5-setter to watch. By weekend, the Glam Slam events and matches commenced; some



▲ The FINALS



of us did not fare well, but Raquel and Nattaya were the stars and won B Division Women's Doubles, and Raquel also won B Division singles. Another highlight was the Men's Wheelchair Singles Final on the last Saturday that we watched between young 17-year-old Tokito Oda from Japan who beat the not so old, 26-year-old Alfie Hewett from Great Britain; it was just an unbelievable match; the quality of tennis that makes you wonder – how they could do so much better from a wheel chair than most of us could do on our feet. On the last Sunday there were Glam Slam Singles and Doubles Finals followed by a Glam Slam celebration party, the main draw Men's Singles and Women's Doubles to choose from. Thus, the evening was spent at the John Cain Arena watching the Medvedev/Sinner final on a big screen. Seeing the pros play tennis live is sure

different and *mo-betta* than watching on TV. Great fun was had by all and we all returned with great expectations that our tennis would surely improve tremendously to show off when we returned to the quiet neighbourhood of Bang Rak in Bangkok. There were few surprises but it is always great to be back.



▲ The real Aussie Open 'Doubles' Winner

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Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer Tournament and celebrating International Women's Day **8th March 2024, 8am and 6pm**

This special event of the year not to be missed by those who play tennis and those who don't – those who are women and those who are not – everyone can contribute to a good cause. Join IN, Pitch IN, Serve IN, and Give IN – make your contribution to change the world for the better for others less fortunate. Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer tournament will be held two times on 8th March 2024, at 8 am and at 6pm.

All proceeds will go to Queen Sirikit Breast Cancer Foundation (QSBCF); the charity that many tennis members are close to. The funds will be donated towards the QSCBCF Slum Project which provides breast cancer screening, rehabilitation and hospice care for underprivileged patients in Thailand.

Help to support the cause. There are lot of ways to support apart from playing tennis. There will be merchandise sales, a donation box, auctions & games. For more information, please **contact Raquel by email - quel_evans@yahoo.co.uk**

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Afterthoughts

There are good reasons to continue reading this article, for example, a week ago I was testing the sound before teaching online to a group in Japan when I heard the previous presenter, Sasaki San, discussing 'secrets of longevity' based on results from some enormous surveys in the last 8-10 years across Japan. These revealed a thing or two about what benefits different ways of exercise have on the long-term health of older adults. A few starters: (a) The average gap between Life Expectancy and Healthy Life Expectancy is about 12 years for women and 8.7 years for men or average of 10 years in Japan. You may ask why? (b) The risk of dementia was significantly lower among people who participate in group activities/hobbies!!! This hopefully has instigated some interest; more in future Outposts with the Senior's.

There is still time...

Finally, I started with the unworldly; and so end with something celestial. This was stimulated by Simon's opening salvo in last Outpost that ended with Julius Caesar and leap year...that misled me onto a meandering path of search - whether our days are real or ephemeral, our years are permanent or not? With help from digital ephemera strewn across the internet we learn that our counters of time have been human and it seems they got it wrong, or at least the units, so wrong, that the number of months has not always been the same, nor have the number of days in each month been equal; or how September became the 10th month. So, one begins to question - how credible is our notion of time over the centuries. Is Pope Gregory XIII (of Gregorian calendar fame) still a good custodian of time? So far, we can ascertain that there have been many calendars and quite a few are still in use but none of them has really filled the 'leap-gap'. We need more 'time' to understand all of this, e.g. why an additional day, 29th is added in February? Well..it used to be the last month of the year! Or why we started adding 'leap seconds' in 1972. So, is there any calendar that may be more accurate? The search continues...and thus it is another story in time.....

SQUASHY BITS

In the heart of Chiang Mai, amidst the vibrant festivities of the Chinese New Year of the Dragon, the annual Peter Corney Cup Squash competition unfolded with the fervor on February 10th. This prestigious event brought together two formidable teams: The British Club Bangkok Squash Team and the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club Squash Team, in a battle that transcended mere athleticism and is steeped in tradition and camaraderie.

The British Club team arrived on Friday the day before the tournament and gathered at O'Malley's Pub for a team strategy session and pep-talk by Team Captain Steven.

Steven walked past the pub several times resisting the urge to start before everyone else, Marvyn focused on what time the Six Nations Championship match between Wales and England start on Saturday night and Neil ate a grilled cheese sandwich with a knife and fork. In the Post pep-talk pool match Steven upped the competitive spirit by winning two games in a row before finally buying a round for his teammates.



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



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

The backdrop of Chiang Mai's rich cultural heritage added to an extra layer of excitement to the tournament. The allure of the Peter Corney Cup lies not only in the exhilarating matches but also in the sense of history and legacy it carries, paying homage to the late Peter Corney a legendary figure in the world of British Club Bangkok Squash.

The British Club Bangkok team was well rested, fresh and relaxed upon arrival at the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club. The seeds were set, the opponents were aligned, and competitors sized up in what seemed to be a well-matched competition. In order Gymkhana against BCB – Nice Nancy vs T Rod (aka Todd), Tantalizing Tan vs Bernie, Delightful Duncan vs Todd, King Kong vs Marvyn, Mighty Mac vs Bart, Ravishing Ryan vs Neil, Amazing Ano vs Dean, Delicious Dujean vs Rob and the top seed Blazing Blake vs British Club Bangkok team captain Steven.



▲ *Todd and Nancy*



▲ *Bernie and Tan*



▲ *Todd and Duncan*



▲ *Marvyn and Kong*



▲ *Bart and Max*



▲ Neil and Ryan



▲ Dean and Ano



▲ Rob and Dujean



▲ Steven and Blake

As the matches commenced, the intensity on the courts was palpable. Each rally was met with thunderous applause from the spectators, who were treated to displays of skill and finesse by both teams. The British Club Bangkok Squashies known for their technical prowess and strategic gameplay proved to be tough competitors as they demonstrated their skills on the meticulously maintained courts of the Gymkhana Club. The Gymkhana Squashers renowned for their agility and resilience proved the saying “never give up, never surrender”.

The competition unfolded with a series of closely contested matches, each one showcasing the talents of the players and the depth of the dedication to the sport. From nail-biting tiebreakers to exhilarating rallies that left the spectators on the edge of the seat, every moment was a testament to the passion and sportsmanship of the competitors.

As the day progressed, it became evident that the Peter Corney Cup was more than just a trophy (one that was conveniently left in Bangkok), it was a symbol of the enduring spirit of squash and the bonds forged through competition between the two clubs. Amidst the fierce rivalry, there was a sense of mutual respect and admiration between the players, underscoring the camaraderie that lies at the heart of this historic tournament.

In the end, it was the British Club Bangkok that emerged victorious with seven matches to two matches win to retain the cup for another year. The British Club can be proud of the Squash Section show of sportsmanship and integrity in representing the club.

A big thanks to all the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club players and a special thanks to Dujean who organized a fantastic event. From all the BCB players thank you and see you next year.

***Cheers.
Todd Rosin***



▲ The Winners



BRITISH CLUB GOLF

The British Club Golf Section's first monthly medal of the year was played at Subhapruek on Sunday 14th January. Although the start was slightly delayed, it was a really enjoyable afternoon and although hot on the front nine, the sun had begun to fall behind the trees giving very welcome shade across the fairways on the back nine. The course had been a little over watered and was spongy in parts and there were a few areas where marks had been left by buggies and tractors but overall the course was in good condition and was very playable.

We had a reasonable turnout of 21 players, some of whom we had not seen in a long time. It was lovely to welcome back Markson Tang, Alice Khaye, Shane Torr and Tony Rodriguez, all returning to play after quite lengthy absences. A very important mention must also go to Karen Carter who is stepping down as the Fixtures Secretary after 26 years in the role. We have one or two players who are not even 26 years old, so this is an amazing feat!! Karen has done a fantastic job for a long period of time and has shown huge dedication and commitment to the Golf Section and we are very grateful for all of her hard work. Thank you Karen!! I think now she is going to be spending her time doing much more travelling but we hope that she returns to play with the Golf Section whenever she is available. We presented Karen with a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of wine and Penny Booth will now be taking over from Karen as Fixtures Secretary.



▲ Pictured left to right: Peter Clark (Secretary), Karen Carter and Varghese Rose (Captain)

For Division 1 Jamie Angus came in third place, Stefano Kim was second (winning a sleeve of golf balls) and Peter Clark came first (winning a bottle of wine).



▲ Pictured left to right: Peter Clark (winner of Division 1) and Varghese Rose (Captain)

Congratulations to the winners of the technical prizes (all receiving a British Club golf ball)

Near pins – Peter Clark, Shane Torr, Mark Adderley, Jamie Angus, Tony Rodriguez

Long Drives – Doug Angus, Alice Khaye

Long Putts – Varghese Rose, Alice Khaye

Most Birdies – this was a tie between Shane Torr, Tony Rodriguez and Jamie Angus

Most improved score between front and back nine – Frank Fawkes

For Division 2 Becky Adderley came in third place, Gareth Knight in second place (winning a sleeve of golf balls) and Markson Tang came first (winning a bottle of wine).



▲ Pictured left to right: Markson Tang (winner of Division 2) and Varghese Rose (Captain)

The overall winner of the January medal was Mark Adderley, which was a fitting result as it was his birthday. Congratulations to Mark!



▲ Pictured left to right: Mark Adderley (overall winner) and Varghese Rose (Captain)

In the club match-play semi-final Penny Booth won her match against Neil Davis in a well-contested game. The final between Penny Booth and Paul Carnell was played on Saturday 21st January and although the match was very close, Paul emerged victorious. Well played to Paul!!



▲ Pictured left to right: Paul Carnell and Penny Booth



▲ Pictured above: Enjoying socialising!

The next British Club Golf Section event during January was two-fold. There was a January Stableford on Sunday 28th at Lam Lukka and also on the same weekend (27th and 28th January) Captain Varghese took a team to Chiang Mai to compete against The Gymkhana Club.

The monthly Stableford was played at Lam Lukka and it proved to be a lovely round of golf, despite the low numbers. The weather was gorgeous and the course was in good shape, although some of the pin positions were tricky to say the least. The scores were very reasonable and congratulations to Stefano Kim on winning with 34 points, closely followed by Neil Davis with 33 points.



▲ Pictured left to right: Paul Carnell and Penny Booth

The British Club Golf Society trip to Chiang Mai also went very well. The team played the Gymkhana Club and on Day 1 at Artitaya Golf Club they emerged victorious with a score of 6/2. The British Club won 2 games and drew 2 games.

On Day 2 the British Club played at the home course of the Gymkhana Club and although losing 5.5 to 3.5 they did manage to become the overall winners with a score of 9.5 to 7.5. Captain Varghese was very happy with the overall result!!



▲ Pictured above: the British Club team enjoying the victory and the trophy!

The next British Club Golf Society event is the February monthly medal on Sunday 11th February at Subhapruek. This is followed by the AGM and meal in the Suriwongse Room of the British Club.

Later on Sunday 25th February there is the annual 3 clubs and a putter event at Rachakram Golf Club.



Ben Eastwell

The **second tour** of the season took place during the last weekend of January, marking the club's 42nd trip to Chiang Mai, decades after the club's initial excursion fondly recounted by Jack during the Dick Wood speech after the cup match V Gymkhana on Sunday. The golf section joined this year to contribute another BC performance towards the Chairmen's Cup – another piece of silverware in Mr. Dunford's arsenal, which he and Paul Drew introduced during the 40th-anniversary tour to commemorate ongoing sporting contests between their respective clubs.

HARD BALLS

Chiang Mai Tour



▲ Dick Wood Cup - 1983

Ian Brewis, our seasoned tour organiser, and Captain Pramodh let the team loose on Friday night, comfortably assured that the Saturday game would be a friendly doubles warm-up match on the artificial wicket. An evening during which everyone found out why Angry got his nickname and the fines sheet overfilled with early night offenders, though none more atrocious than the club captain. He said he was going to drop his jacket and return only to vanish for a night in, though he still bore resemblance to the lifeless rodent discovered in the beer garden the night before when he eventually re-surfaced.

Joined by some local talent at Gymkhana, the warm-up 'doubles' format was eventually cobbled together under the watchful eye of umpire Paul and Jack's scoring support. A fixed 4 overs per pair and minus 5 for a wicket allowed for everyone to get a bit of time at the crease ahead of the 30-over cup match the next day. After the sponsors had paraded the bottles around the ground for a photoshoot, the Arran single malt was very well enjoyed through the afternoon, ahead of a freshen-up and meeting with the opposition at their local watering hole to try and inebriate their star players before the game the next day.



▲ Arran enjoyed by all



▲ Lenny faces up



▲ *Gymkhana Dick Wood Cup 2024*



▲ *Chairmens cup*

With the grass strip only cut once per year, it tends to add an air of mystery to the fixture, and this edition was no exception – a variable pitch created an interesting low-scoring encounter. After being asked to bowl first by Gymkhana, Pramodh's men made a couple of early breakthroughs from Ian (3 overs, 1-14) and Denz (4 overs, 2-10), setting up Manish to dismiss the danger man on his way to man of the match winning figures (5 overs, 3-23). A disciplined fielding effort and steady flow of wickets saw the home side all out for 136, 3 overs short of the allotment.

Requiring under 5 runs per over, Ben and Denz got things rolling with a steady 44 from their brief 7-over partnership, but Gymkhana fought back leading up to the halfway stage, with only 20 runs added to the tally, and Aakash also joining the openers back in the pavilion despite all the early nights taken over the weekend. Rob didn't hang around long after the break, eager to get back to his sideline sales pitch, while Lenny turned up a gear, unfortunately also spiking up next year's match fees with a boundary that smashed into the caterer's car.



▲ *BC Chiang Mai Tour 2024*

A strong partnership from Dale and Pramodh looked to get things back on track, but it was not to be – Gymkhana bowled fantastically in the death to secure an 8-run victory. The match was played in great spirit throughout which saw one of the hosts honourably walk on a duck, and JCS called back by the team after the home umpire judged him LBW, apparently not hearing the ball off the middle of his bat. Jack captivated the crowd with another dazzling speech, and Denz followed up with an excellent fines session to close the weekend. Many thanks to Chiang Mai Gymkhana and all organisers – see you next year Chiang Mai!



▲ Dick Wood Cup 2024



▲ Manish awarded some exclusive merch



▲ Friday night at O_Malleys

League Roundup

Captain Ed's BCA Challengers Division has reached its conclusion for BC this season – finishing 9/10 in a challenging pool. Though the last few games did produce some great individual performances including another century for Tyrone and some gutsy batting from Rob and Lenny.

The A division fixtures kicked off in Feb and Pramodh started with a fantastic win against YTSA down in Pattaya. The team will be looking to capitalise on a strong squad to fight their way to a top 4 finals spot after narrowly missing out last season – 7 games remain in the 10 team league.

BCA Challengers Division

Opposition	British Club	Opposition	Result
Royal Star	187/5 (Tyrone 107*)	188/2 (16.3 overs)	Lost by 8 wickets
BCA Blues	131/7 (Rob 30*)	134/4 (Dilip 2-25)	Lost by 6 wickets
BCA XI	148/9 (Lenny 39)	233/3 (Rahul 1-27)	Lost by 85 runs

BCL A Division

Opposition	British Club	Opposition	Result
YTSA	206/6 (Ben 57)	173/10 (Kartik 3-49)	Won by 33 runs
Bangkok Blues	177/7 (Avi 73)	182/3 (Denz 2-21)	Lost by 7 wickets



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Kannikar J.



▲ Michael

Member Review:

Our Canadian-Korean family has felt right at home since joining the Club. Our girls have made many friends and love the facilities. It is a fun and safe environment for the whole family. We look forward to taking part in many events and meeting other members.



▲ Itzhak Ikal



▲ Htet

Member Review:

I am thrilled to be a member of the British Club, and everyone is friendly. As a sports enthusiast, there are plenty of activities to enjoy, and I'm excited for more time at the club.



▲ Sarah

Member Review:

I've been in Bangkok since August, I've moved here on my own and I'm looking forward to making some friends at the British Club to enjoy life in the city with. I've already joined the circuit training and I'm looking to join more of the sports clubs. I'm enjoying the club providing a little bit of calm in the organised chaos that is Bangkok.

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