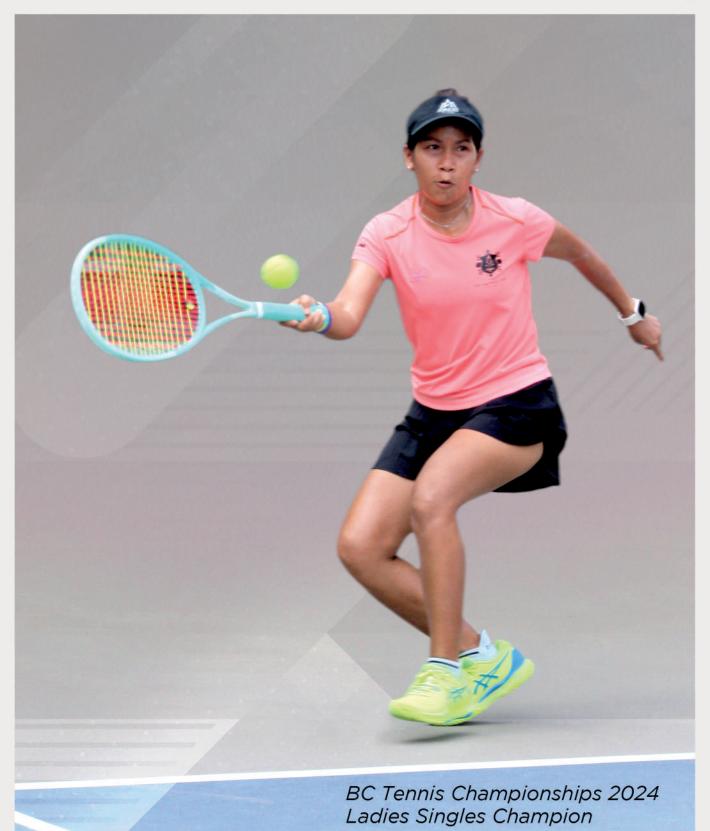
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& COLONOSCOPY

GASTROSCOPY

Gastroscopy is a minimally invasive procedure that uses a thin, flexible camera (endoscope), which is inserted through the patient's mouth - to diagnose any abnormality with the patient's food pipe, stomach and upper part of the small intestine (duodenum). The procedure takes about 10 - 15 minutes.

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British Club Tennis Championships 2024

This Month

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THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Greetings once again.

Hope everyone enjoyed a festive and safe Songkran this year.

As we move into May, there are some upcoming events that we are currently working on. There will be some opportunities for us to meet British expats in Chonburi and Phuket. Please stay tuned for further updates.

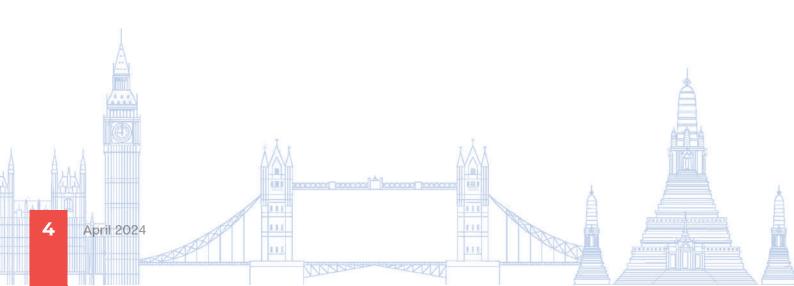
Here's quick recap of last month's Consular assistance.

In March, 112,620 British travellers visited Thailand, marking an 17% increase from February. Bangkok Consular team handled 151 new cases. The majority involved welfare issues and medical emergencies. Additionally, there were 21 road traffic incidents and some arrest and detention cases concerning illegally working in Thailand. We continue to remind all travellers to adhere to local laws and customs through on Travel Advice on GOV.UK.

We wish you a pleasant time in Thailand and look forward to connecting at our upcoming events.

Joanne Finnamore-Crorkin

HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand







Chairman's Message

During the Annual General meeting (AGM). held on the 19th March, a new General Committee, that consisted of nine members of the previous committee and one new member Dean Thompson, was affirmed as no other candidates stood for election. As a matter of interest it was an easy day for the scrutineers as all AGM motions and decisions were carried unanimously without requiring a count!!

I am extremely pleased to be The Chairman of our wonderful club and thank everyone for their continued support as we strive to further improve facilities and services that enhance members enjoyment and experiences.

After the fun filled April which saw in the Thai New Year with Sonkran celebrations throughout Thailand and a very well supported Sonkran party in and around The Club swimming pool it is now time to get cracking with plans for the year ahead.

It was very pleasing to see the Wordsworth Lounge renovation completed during in good time for our long standing member Clan Ranald Macdonald to celebrate his 90th birthday with family and friends. The room is available for booking private parties or dinners and is receiving very positive reviews from members so have a look if not done so already.

Our staff are a key resource and their well being is something very dear to my heart so it is with much satisfaction that their new quarters have been completed in a newly constructed building behind the tennis courts.

Looking ahead quotations are in hand for a more effective covering of the Sails area that gives more shading and protection from the elements so it should not be too long before a more comfortable environment is in place.

Cheers Simon







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New Location : Bangkok Prep Tennis Academy



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Speakers:

Martin Wright (Host) Senior Financial Planner, The Fry Group Max White Director, Schroders Wealth Management Asia

Date: Thursday, 13 June 2024

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Location:

The British Club Bangkok, Suriwongse Room 189 Surawong Road, Bangrak, Bangkok 1050

RSVP: events@thefrygroup.sg

Join us for an engaging evening event featuring a presentation and social gathering hosted by Martin Wright, Senior Financial Planner at the Fry Group Singapore, along with special guest speaker Max White, Director at Schroders Wealth Management Asia.

This event will focus on key topics including:

- The UK Spring Budget including Domicile changes and UK Government planned Consultations
- An update on the 1st of January 2024 Thai Tax changes including the "amounts derived from insurance" tax exemption
- Investment market update and overview

What you can expect to learn from this event?

- What the main changes in the Budget were and what the UK Government consultations could mean for long term Brits overseas
- Any specific Thai Tax updates will be discussed along with the "insurance" exemption
- What is happening in the investment markets at present and how the remainder of 2024 may look.

This presentation will include a Q&A session and an opportunity to chat informally with our speakers over a complimentary British Club dinner and drinks.

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UK Spring Budget & Domicile Changes

By Martin Wright, Senior Financial Planner at The Fry Group

Last month I wrote about Domicile and UK Inheritance Tax. On 6th March Jeremy Hunt was quick to begin his UK Spring Budget with a reminder of some of the momentous challenges which the Conservatives have faced including the pandemic, global financial crisis and energy shock.

After a nod to these challenging headwinds, Mr Hunt mentioned the country's direction of travel, noting that UK growth is building with predictions that inflation will drop below 2% by the summer. Despite the optimism, it was clear there was a little room for manoeuvre, but an early reference that lower taxes create higher growth suggested some announcements were due.

In what seemed something of a repeat of the Autumn Statement, the Chancellor shared a handful of tax raising measures – abolishing tax breaks for non-doms and those letting second homes as holiday properties, and increasing taxes on cigarettes and vapes – before announcing a range of tax cuts including another reduction in National Insurance.

One of the main announcements was based around non-doms – that is, for UK residents whose permanent home is overseas there will be new rules governing tax, which will take effect from April 2025. Last year 68,800 non-doms were living in the UK, with around 37,000 claiming the special 'remittance basis' tax status (Source: www.gov.uk) . A consultation on the reform of Inheritance Tax (IHT) and the desire to move to a residence based regime was also announced which could bring further major changes for non-doms in the future.

DOMICILE

As mentioned before, when it comes to working with British expatriates a major consideration is their domicile status, since it drives the extent of their UK Inheritance Tax (IHT) liabilities. Determining this and developing advice around this has been hugely important. Many people are unsure if UK IHT rules apply to them. Currently if you are domiciled in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, UK IHT applies to your global assets. If you are domiciled elsewhere, UK IHT is only charged on assets held in the UK.

Of great interest for those long-term Brits overseas is that as part of the recent Budget the UK Government outlined that they will consult on plans in due course to move to a residence-based regime for inheritance tax (IHT), including consulting on a ten-year exemption period for new arrivals and a ten-year 'tail-provision' for those who leave the UK and become non-resident.

This could mean that in the future there is no need to plan for acquiring a 'Domicile of Choice' to sever UK links for UK IHT. This remains to be seen of course and as usual it is sensible to seek professional advice and review your circumstances and plan-ahead as best as possible whilst understanding the evolving landscape in which we find ourselves.

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GM's Bulletin



Although the club has been quieter than normal this past month due mainly several long weekends there are still many back of house initiatives still happening. As part of our eco-friendly initiatives our club has taken another small but significant step towards sustainability by separating our food waste to be sold on as animal feed, reducing our environmental impact and promoting a greener lifestyle, and from what I've head the piggies are enjoying their new British fare.

I am pleased to announce that the new wind and rainproof blinds have been installed at the Sala restaurant, thanks to the generous contribution of our member Mr. Darren Burke who completed the job on a complimentary basis and even installed the blinds himself, your kindness is truly appreciated, Darren. Along with the new fans, the Sala will be a 'cool' place to hang out in.

On the human resources front, we welcome a new face to our team. Mr. Monyos Yodkhun (Khun Orm) who recently joined us as the Duty Manager. He brings with him an impressive academic background, having studied economics and finance at Saint Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance, he also holds a master's in business administration with a focus on general management as well as a Bachelor of Business Administration from Dhurakijpundit University. As a part of his role, he will also be setting up English classes for our staff. Please join me in welcoming Khun Orm to our club.

However, with great sadness, we bid farewell to our Executive Chef, Ms. Wilailuck (Khun Laak) who has been with us for almost 19 years as she embarks on a new journey outside of Bangkok. We have all had experienced Chef Laak's culinary expertise of which receives many compliments on a daily basis. It's difficult to sum up in a few words the tremendous value she has bought to the club, through her dedication and hard work of which most people don't see and the respect from the staff and all the management have for her. Without her, the club would not be as successful as it is. On behalf of our team and all the members we thank Chef laak from the bottom of our hearts, I for one will miss her greatly.

Our wonderful Masseuse Ms. Nang has just been awarded a Diploma from Chiang Mai which includes the technique to remove joint calcium build up in joints which is an issue associated with ageing. This Chiang Mai school also supplies Therapists to the Chiang Mai Hospital, and we have had some fantastic feedback from several members regarding this and other treatments she does, so if you have some 'down time' you can't go wrong with a visit to our massage center.

We had a series of successful, although admittedly rather warm events recently, including the well-attended Easter Sunday, 'Life & Styles event of which the British Chambers of Commerce did a fantastic job of organizing and our Songkran pool party which was a splashing success with over 250 people in attendance. As I write, we are planning to celebrate the club's 121st anniversary and hope to see many of you there for some complementary bubbles and cake!

As we continue to grow and evolve as a club, we appreciate the contributions of our members and staff who make our little community flourish. Stay tuned for more exciting updates and events in the coming months.



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Tee Bale

Operations Unknown

Our relationship with the HCTC foundation in Mae Sot has gone from strength to strength over the last 4 years with the Club proudly employing 6 full time staff across our kitchen and service teams.

In October 2023 we were pleased to welcome 2 internships from HCTC who completed their 6-month terms with the Club at the end of March 2024 and return to graduate with honours back in Mae Sot.

The Club conducted a series of interviews with the new 2024 graduates in April and are happy to announce that we have selected 3 amazing candidates to join the club with a full-time contract into our service team.

Completed his Internship at Avista Grand Karon, Phuket as Waiter, and Bartender

Also worked at the Passport Restaurant at Mae sot, in F&B, Kitchen, Bakery, and

He said "I studied Hospitality & Catering at the training centre. I'm seeking the opportunity to train as a bartender because I love how to mix a cocktail. I have learned some basic skills already. I like to talk to and serve to customers"

Some members might have also spotted he is the brother of our current staff

Meet the graduates:

training for 6 months.

members Khu Aor.

Bistro.



Mr. Tata

Meet the graduates:



Miss Kwanphon

Meet the graduates:



Completed their internship with Internship at Soneva Kiri, Koh Kood for the F&B department, specifically in the barista sector leaning how to make specialized coffees. Also learnt how to make cold coffee, drip coffee, and Latte arts.

She said "I'm excited to show what I've learnt already and to learn more new skills and be part of a large team, Bangkok is somewhere I have always wanted to work"

Completed their Internship at Casa Boho, Hyatt Regency Phuket Oct 2023 - Mar 2024. Welcomed and seated customers in a friendly and courteous manner, ensuring their comfort and satisfaction upon arrival.

Provided detailed information about menu specials and happy hour promotions, assisting guests in making informed dining choices.

Skilfully served a diverse range of beverages, including beer, wine, liquors, and mixed drinks.

She said "What interests me the most is the F&B department as I like talking and being in contact with the customer. I like both serving and making drinks. Therefore, I would like to develop my skills in this domain and enlarge my experience"

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Paul Cheesman

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We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... **1972**

"Financial crisis!"

A sudden increase of interest rates, from 7% to 11%, by the Chartered Bank triggered a financial crisis in the Club. By the March, the Honorary Treasurer sought an emergency meeting of the Committee as the Club's debt of 650,000 Baht was becoming unserviceable. This debt was 350,000 Baht was becoming unserviceable. This debt was 350,000 Baht still owed on the 1965 Swimming Pool Ioan of 750,000 Baht (see Past Participle, October 2023) and 300,000 Baht taken of our subsequent 500,000 Baht overdraft facility

In the June, an Extraordinary General Meeting was called for two immediate measures, which were approved:

- To increase monthly subscriptions from 125 Baht for all Members to 150 Baht for single members and 200 Baht for a married member.
- To increase the entrance fee from 600 Baht to 1,200 Baht.

It was also agreed, at the meeting, that the title deeds of the Club, would not again be pledged to secure any overdrafts, loans and credits advanced to the Club, until all other financial avenues were explored by the Committee. This "policy" was, however, not added to the Club's Constitution until 2019.

'That the title deeds of the Club presently deposited with the Chartered Bank as security for the fixed loan , shall not be pledged to secure all overdrafts, loans and credits advanced to the Club, until all other financial avenues as are available, are explored by the Committee'.

Protect the Deeds!

Our Naval Year

In the February, the Royal Yacht Britannia sailed into Bangkok under escort of HMS Cleopatra (F28), a Leander-class frigate, and HMAS Swan (DE50), a River-class destroyer escort. The Club extended to the various crews' use of the Club facilities during their visit. The plaques of HMS Cleopatra and HMAS Swan are on display in the Churchill Bar, as is a cap from a sailor on board HMY Britannia from her next visit (see Past Participle, June 2026).

In the June, the officers and crew of two Royal Naval ships from the 3rd Frigate Squadron – HMS Diomede (F16), a Leander-class frigate and HMS Lowestoft (F103), a Rothesay-class frigate – were entertained at the Club. Interestingly a few years later both ships fought in the third Cod War where they were both rammed by various Icelandic ships as was the main tactic used by the fisherman. The Diomede ended her life in the Pakistan navy as PNS Shamsheer whilst the Lowestoft was used for torpedo practice by the Royal Navy and was sunk.



The Royal Escorts

Sporting Matters

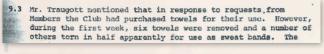
The Manager reported that within six weeks of purchasing new poolside towels in May, six had been stolen and a number torn into strips to form sweatbands. The Committee were truly horrified!

In the July, Committee member John Price was awarded 6,000 Baht to buy equipment for the newly constituted Cricket Section.



Also in the July, the Squash Section organised the first Club Squash League.

For the August and September, the Club was able to hire a Colour TV in order that Members could watch the Munich Summer Olympics on Thai TV3 ... it cost 700 Baht to hire for the six weeks!



Sweatbands!

Raising Funds

In an attempt to assail the financial difficulties, the Committee looked at leasing part of the Poolside area to the Narai Hotel, for car parking. This was the area which now contains the Silom Wing.

The Narai proposed 250,000 Baht "tea money" on a 30-year lease with monthly rental. This was negotiated down to a three-year lease!

However, our legal advice was that, as a foreign entity, we could not lease out parts of our land, thus the idea was abandoned.

3.1	Narai Hotel - Offer now received as under :-
	 Immediate payment of 'Tea-Money' of Bht. 2550,000' Immediate payment of 'Tea-Money' of Bht. 25500 will be made to your Club upon signing Lease Contract.

A Tea Money?

Service

The committee of 1972 was mainly new people ...

Colonel Hugh Docherty OBE was elected as Chairman and served four consecutive terms in the role. He had served in the British Army, and then with SEATO (the South-East Asia Treaty Organization) before retiring to the UK, where he served as secretary for the Anglo-Thai Society. His obituary can be found in the November 1999 edition of Outpost.

Mr. William G. Hay, of the Chartered Bank, was Vice-Chairman in his only term of service, similarly Mike Nattrass, of Commercial Union Assurance was Honorary Secretary in his only term of service. Continuing his service was Mr. A.M. Fletcher as Honorary Treasurer, who went onto the Absent List during the year and was replaced by Mr. Blair Littlejohn, of the Chartered Bank, in the first of two terms of service.

Also, continuing their service was Mr. J. Brown, who left for Mexico in the April; Mr. M. Ross Clark, being co-opted back; and Mr. Anthony K.D. Townsend (see Past Participle, April 2024). The new boys were Mr. Des Barry, serving with SEATO, in his only term of service, and the first of two terms each of Mr. John Price, of the Regional Postal Training School, Mr. J.N. Robinson, of Dunlop Thailand and Mr. John Wood, of the United Milk Company.

<u>1972-73</u>	
CHAIRMAN:	Lt. Col. Hugh Docherty OBE
VICE-CHAIRMAN:	William G. Hay
HONORARY SECRETARY:	Mike D. Nattrass
HONORARY TREASURER:	A.M. Fletcher (went Absent 02.08.1972)
MEMBERS:	H. Blair Littlejohn (co-opted 02.08.1972)
	Des J. Barry
	J. Brown (resigned upon leaving Thailand 10.04.1972)
	M. Ross Clark (co-opted 10.04.1972)
	John M. Price
	J.N. Robinson
	Anthony K.D. Townsend
	John L. Wood

▲ General Committee 1972-73

Club News

In, the February, Charles C.I. Mabbatt CBE, the longest ever serving Chairman of the Club (*see Past Participle, April 2022*), finally accepted an Honorary Membership of the Club.

The question of 'guests' using the Swimming Pool had been raised monthly from June as a means of increasing revenue. In the October, the Committee finally agreed to allow guests to use the swimming pool but for a trial period only, and only at weekends.

7.4 Guests at Weekonde

New Committee ruling to be circulated. Guests are with immediate effect permitted to bring guests who are eligible under the Rules, at wockends. This is a temperary measure to test whether the facilities can support a larger number.

Swimming Guests!

In Other News

In the February, H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, H.R.H. Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, and H.R.H. Princess Anne conducted a Royal Tour of Thailand. Sadly, the Club was not on their itinerary.

Col J. S. Houston MBE became the British Military Attaché but there is no record that he joined the Club.

The Sibunruang building was opened on the corner of Silom and Convent Roads. At seven storeys it dwarfed all the local shophouses. It was demolished to make way for the Park Silom complex which opened in 2023.

In the June, Khun Somsak Terphatanakul opened his second 24-hour western-style supermarket, this one in Patpong. It was shortly after rebranded as 'Foodland'.

In the October, Gordon George Riddell became the Canadian Ambassador and became an Honorary Member of the Club.

In the December, the Royal Thai Government merged the newly created Metropolitan City Municipality (see *Past Participle, April 2024)*, with all the other local administrative bodies in greater Bangkok to create the "Bangkok Metropolitan Administration" (BMA). Amphur Bangrak, where the Club is situated, was restyled as Khet Bangrak.

Also in December, Eugene Andrew Cernan, Commander of the Apollo 17 mission, became the last man to walk on the moon ... well, at least in the twentieth century!

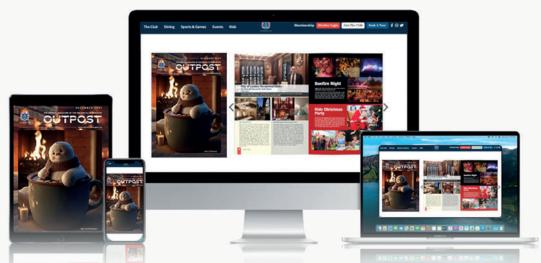
Next month ... "the air-conditioning surcharge!"

Paul Cheesman Honorary Secretary In 1972, National Executive Council Order Number 335 reorganized the form of local government in the metropolis by amalgamating the activities of the Metropolis of Krung Thep and Thon Buri, The Krung Thep and Thon Buri Provincial Administrations, the Metropolitan City Municipality and Sanitation Administration into the "Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA)."

▲ BMA official history

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The Caledonian Club, London

Visited in January 2023 and April 2024 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)



The <u>Caledonian Club</u> was founded in 1891, and named after Caledonia which is another name for the Scottish Highlands. Originally the club was owned by a proprietor. However, on the owner's death in April 1917, the members purchased the club's assets and formed a private club under the leadership of the <u>8th Duke of Atholl</u>. He appealed to members to make it the representative national club and headquarters for Scots in London. Originally it was a club for men only, but these days full membership is open to women too.

There are various facilities at the club including a bar, a restaurant, a drawing room, accommodation, a large number of function rooms, a business centre in the basement, and an outside terrace which is open in the summer. The bar is notable for its huge collection of malts whiskys,



numbering around 225 last month, and according to one of the barmen it's the biggest selection available anywhere outside of Scotland. A selection of Scottish gins and ales are also available. The dress code for men is jacket and tie, with ladies being required to conform to the same standard, although the dress code doesn't apply before 10am in the morning. The club has no sports facilities, but the club's members do have access to the Belgrave Square Gardens nearby which has tennis courts.

The club only became reciprocal with the British Club Bangkok in 2022. We first took the opportunity to visit it when we were back in the UK for Christmas that year. We tried to get a dinner reservation on several dates before Christmas, but the restaurant was fully booked on all the dates that were convenient for us. Booking 4 weeks in advance we were able to get a dinner reservation for mid-January 2023, and even then it turned out that the club was very busy with lots of events taking place, so it was hard to find room for our coats in the cloakroom. However, visiting last month, the club was less busy and dinner reservations were available at relatively short notice.

On both occasions when we dined in the club, Alex the maître d' looked after us very well. On one occasion he recommended the haggis as a starter, and with a twinkle in his eye suggested that we have the "gravy" to accompany it. The "gravy" turned out to be a nice shot of whisky. He also explained that during the Covid lockdowns, some club members who were staying in Scotland had the club send some haggis back to them in Scotland, because Covid restrictions were preventing them from buying it locally. The club has a good value wine list, with no corkage charge for bringing one's own wine on Tuesdays. After dinner last month, Alex pointed out to us the stuffed ram that sits outside the bar. The silver ornament behind the ram's head turned out to be the lid of a snuff box, and the snuff inside is available free of charge.

Overall, we were quite impressed with the club. Now that I live in Bangkok, I rarely get to drink the wine in my London wine cellar, so I will certainly return for dinner with friends to take advantage of the free corkage on Tuesdays. The club has a lot of events, including a Burn's night in January. If I'm ever in London in late January I'd love to go to the Burn's night, but given how busy the club can be, no doubt one would have to book a long time in advance.













Wine on The Lawn – Easter 2024 ^{30/03/24}

Celebrating easter inside our wine on the lawn. A delicious chocolate treat corner was added to the tapas buffet to match some of the classy Red Wines being sampled from our suppliers. Congratulations to the raffle winners on the night finding their Golden Tickets and winner special bottles of wine.











Easter 2024 31/03/24

One of the most exciting events of the year we do for the kids is Easter, this is due to the legendary Easter Egg Hunt, over 300 people attended this year, and the hunt was amazing. All kids get a prize for each egg they find and the lucky ones that manage to find either the Silver or gold eggs win huge easter chocolate bunnies. The on running tug of war battle between Amnat's team and Rit's team has come to a tie with Rit's team winning this easter making the overall score 3-3 in the series, next battle is the Kids Christmas Party (they take their bragging rights very seriously)





























Quiz Night 09/04/24

Quiz Night was able to take place just before the start of the Songkran festivities and saw Scumbag College take 1st place with a close 2nd place going to Spin Doctors















Songkran Pool Party 2024 13/04/24

This year's Songkran Pool Party has gone down as the best ever Songkran at the Club with nearly 300 people partying poolside. Gladiator battles took a new turn with dads and mums also taking to the battle and in most cases losing to their sons and daughters, well done all for taking part.

































121st The British Club Bangkok Birthday 21/04/24

Another year passes with the Club reaching 121 years old yet going from strength to strength with each month that passes. Amazing support on the day from all our members that make the Club what it is. We look forward to doing it all over again next year.













Coming Events

May 2024

Quiz Night An Intimate Wine Night Wine Master Class

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Event & Activities 2024 MAY Highlights

Quiz Night

Summer Quiz time, make sure you have a team ready to compete for the top spot



Back 2 Skool

30 places available for the little ones to test their skills against our branded partners challenges for top prizes in different age categories



Intimate Wine Night

A deluxe journey through the vineyards of some of the top wineries in the world

June 2024 Quiz Night UK Queens Birthday UEFA Euro (Football) UK Father Day Summer Camp Start

July 2024

Quiz Night An Intimate Wine Night

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MAY 2024

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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 SEC-TION 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: <u>terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com</u>

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



UPDATE ON THE SENIORS SECTION:

Commencing activities from 1st December 2022 the current membership of the Seniors Section stands at 55, with the youngest two being in their early/mid 40's and the oldest in their 80's. Age is just a number, so don't be put off by the title "Seniors Section" (if you can think of a better title, we will happily give a prize to the suggester)! We arrange 2 Events per month over lunch, mainly under the "Lifelong Learning" banner on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, supplemented with Day Trips to places of historic and cultural importance every quarter, and the occasional mild exercise social events that are always great fun, such as croquet on the Front Lawn or frizzby throwing on

the Back Lawn, both followed by further socialising in the Sala. A full record of all our Events is maintained on our Section web pages which can be seen at: https://www.britishclubbangkok.org/ seniors-section/

As noted above, just keep clicking on the various posters to delve much deeper to find out all about us.



EVENT REPORT:

"All about Phone Scams and how to Protect Yourself" Thursday, 21st March 2024.

The recently refurbished Wordsworth Lounge looked fantastic and must be seen! We had 3 tables set out each with 7 seats, which was just about at maximum capacity for the room. Attendees animatedly chatted away together until the slightly late arrival of our two Speakers from the YoungHappy Organisation; co-founder and CEO Khun Charkhris, known throughout Thailand as "GAP", along with his colleague Khun Nappakarn, a specialist in phone scams and how to 'beat the scammers'! They had just raced to the Club from presenting on the same topic in Thai language to a large group at Central World.

The Business Lunch meals were served – exceptionally fresh and as (very) tasty as they looked!

GAP briefly updated us on the progress of Young-Happy since he enlightened us a year ago with an exciting workshop on how we can easily get far more out of our Smartphones using just a few of the then new apps. YoungHappy currently assists over 30,000 Seniors in Thailand to enjoy their lives, make friends, and definitely improve their own understanding of their self-worth, with plans to 'go national' throughout Thailand in the near future. It is very much recommended that you take some time to look at the YoungHappy website to see what they are doing for their community of Seniors members throughout Thailand at:

https://younghappy.com/

The Speakers then took us through the popular current phone scams (phishing scams, tech support scams, romance scams, investment scams, lottery or prize scams, impersonation scams, job scams, identity theft, and advance fee scams), how they work, how to spot them, and what to do to immediately extricate oneself when recognition of the scam attempt is made. This included the showing of screen shots of actual scam examples and descriptions.

This was an all-round masterclass that generated numerous questions and answers, and, also giving us the knowledge on recognizing and avoiding the current burgeoning danger of scamming (especially now in the Al era).





HARD BALLS

A slither of hope

The Songkran break has given a chance for cricketers to recharge their batteries from a hot few weekends out on field. Though the British Club Juniors did slot in a series against Bangkok Cricket Club Juniors on the back lawn early April, and the nets were utilised by England over 40s international player, Damian Westwood, on his way up to the Chiang Mai Sixes.

After the league focus moved from Pattaya to a series of matches at the AIT ground in Pathum Thani, the cricket section have once again left it for fate to decide on advancing further in the 2023/24 BCL A Division. After finishing with 4 wins and 4 losses from 8 games, qualifying in the top 4 will come down to a handful of outstanding fixtures which will be completed this month out of BC's control. Finals are scheduled to commence on the first 2 weekends of this month. The annual Marshall Trophy is scheduled at RBSC on Saturday 11th May and Koh Chang Beach Cricket Tournament on 23-25 August with some friendly games and the international tour to be announced.



BC Juniors with coach Daniel

▲ Bieber clean bowls Westwood in nets ▲ Cricketers enjoying travel

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1	asian stars CC	8	6	2	0	0	12 🗸	75.00%	1.7408
2	BANGKOK BLUES CC (A DIV)	6	6	0	0	0	12 🗸	100.00%	1.3885
3	🥯 РАТТАУА СС	7	5	2	0	0	10 🗸	71.43%	2.2667
4	🐠 BRITISH CLUB (A DIV)	8	4	4	0	0	8 🗸	50.00%	1.1278
5	ERALA STRIKERS CC (A DIV)	4	2	2	0	0	4 🍾	50.00%	0.6795
6	SIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	5	2	3	0	0	4 🍾	40.00%	-1.4429
7	🛞 MARINA CC	6	2	4	0	0	4~	33.33%	-1.8146
8	👔 YTSA	6	1	5	0	0	2 🍑	16.67%	-0.4865
9	SANGKOK CC (A DIV)	8	1	7	0	0	2 🍑	12.50%	-3.5119

BCL A Division Standings 20th April 2024

British Club V Kerala Strikers CC BCL A Division 17th March 2024

In the first of three games at AIT to conclude BC's group stage in the A division, Pramodh won the toss and opted to bat first in temperatures pushing on 40°C. Kerala seemed to gain the upper hand early when they dismissed openers Sunil and Tyrone during the powerplay. However, Avi and Shri steadied the innings with a valuable partnership. Shri, returning for the first time this season, exploded with a characteristic 59 off just 24 balls, and Avi held his bat through until the last over, putting in another big innings to guide BC's score to 218/8 from their 25 overs.

With Denzyl forced to miss the start of the innings due to pressing business matters, the captain turned to Tyrone with the new ball, a decision that paid off immediately. 2 early wickets in his first over courtesy of some blinding catches set the tone for the afternoon, competently followed up by the rest of the team as Ravi, Karthik and even a late Denzyl picked up a wicket in a dominant fielding performance to restrict the Strikers to 71 runs short of the target.

British Club 218/8 (Avi 87, Shri 59) beat Kerala Strikers CC 147/7 (Tyrone 4-10) by 71 runs





Karthik maximising rest periods

Scorching heat at AIT

British Club V Marina CC BCL A Division 31st March 2024

A win to continue comfortably in the road to the finals was the request from Pramodh in the team huddle but despite pushing Marina CC to the last ball in the chase BC fell agonisingly short of victory in a nail biting finish after a commendable fightback from the opposition.

With BC batting first, a score of 208 seemed very defendable. Another productive innings from Shri laid the foundation, supported by a responsible half-century from Mak, who retired 'hurt' suspiciously soon after reaching the milestone, muttering something about cramps as he waddled off to check his batting average. Cameos from Karthik and Pramodh in the closing overs pushed the total over 200.

Marina's chase got off to a disastrous start. Talal struck in the first over and Tyrone followed up with a devastating triple wicket over. Reduced to 4-4, they looked down and out. But a calm partnership capitalised on a string of dropped catches which cost BC 158 runs for the 5th wicket and put them back on track. It was Pramodh with the breakthrough wicket after drinks which injected some fire back into the team defending 72 runs in the last 10 overs. Tyrone bagged a stumping and Karthik joined the party as Marina closed in on the total. A tidy over from Ravi under pressure took the wicket tally to 8 and 7 runs needed off the last over, but Talal couldn't hold off the opposition who inched over the line on the last ball.

British Club 208/5 (Shri 68, Mak 57*) lost to Marina CC 209/8 (Tyrone 4-31) by 2 wickets



Relaxing scenes at the pond

A Pond refreshments

British Club V AIT BCL A Division 6th April 2024

Despite the scorching heat, BC enjoyed their Saturday morning clash against the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) at their home ground in the closing group game of BC's A division campaign. Another correct spin of the coin had the away side batting first - Mak standing strong amongst a depleted top order until he ran himself out, before a hardened display of test match batting from Dilip ensured all the overs were utilised in setting what was a below par total.

Talal (Prasanna), and Karthik's double-wicket maiden, sparked by George surprising himself with a catch, sent wickets tumbling and swung the momentum in BC's favour. A calamitous run out was the last nail in the coffin for AIT as the tail collapsed, and the 9th wicket sealed the victory with one of the opposition unable to bat, injured from diving over the rope into the gravel track whilst fielding. A positive finish which was debriefed at the local 'pond bar' at the AIT golf course, along with all those close encounters which could have left us in a more comfortable table position.

British Club 154/9 (Mak 43) Beat AIT 118/9 (Karthik 3-15, Pramodh 2-29) by 36 runs



Avi man of the match V AIT



Shri man of the match V Kerala Strikers

TENNIS



Spring in the Air Championships Season!

There are times when the change of seasons such as winter to spring heralds a new beginning to give life a chance. Plants care about spring, so do the animals but it seems human tend to ignore the call of nature to rejuvenate, to recreate, to save the wonders of life anew with the cycles of time. Let's hope in the coming months humanity recognises the true value of every life and every life form and we return to peace.

The spring also brings the tennis season to a revving max with the culmination of the League and the start of the Grand Championships at the British Club. The 2024 edition was a magnum – with over 100 entries, the grand climax on 23rd March – what a feast of tennis and what a party and more feasting after. I was many thousands of miles away travelling in Europe (including Britain) but the sheer joy of participating or winning for some, and 'thank god it is over' for others, reached me incessantly like the waves from the English Channel. This article is therefore dedicated to Championships 2024 at the British Club Bangkok.

British Club Tennis Championships 2024

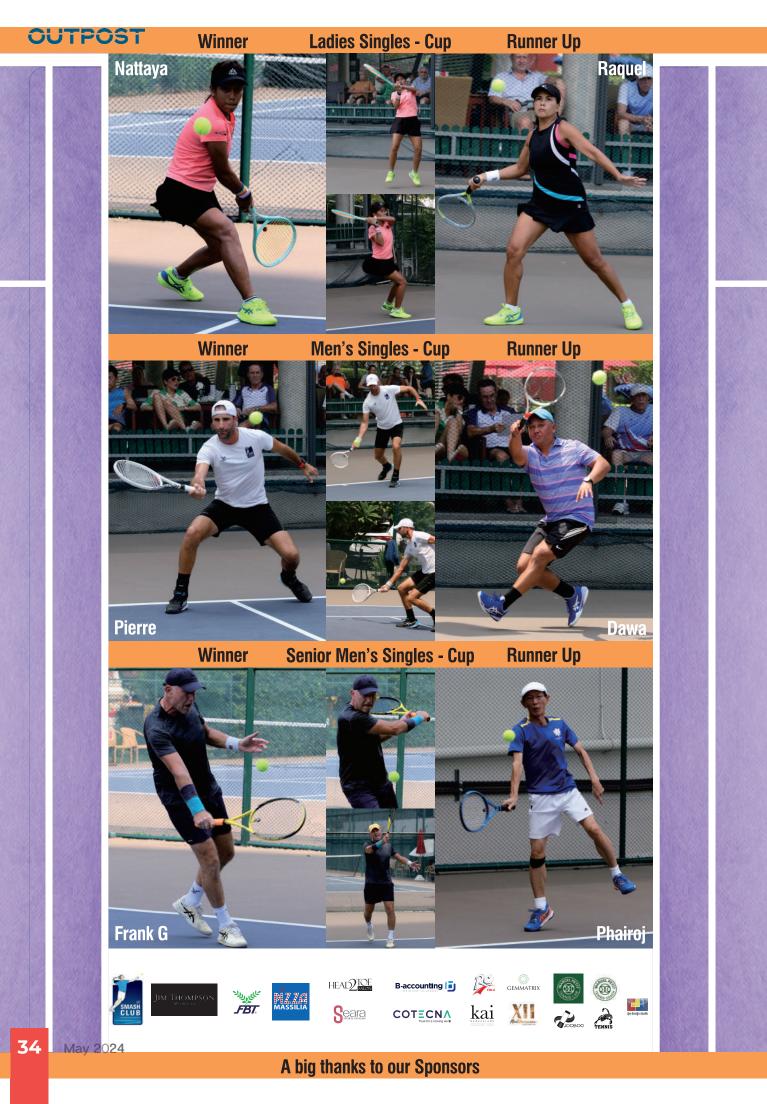


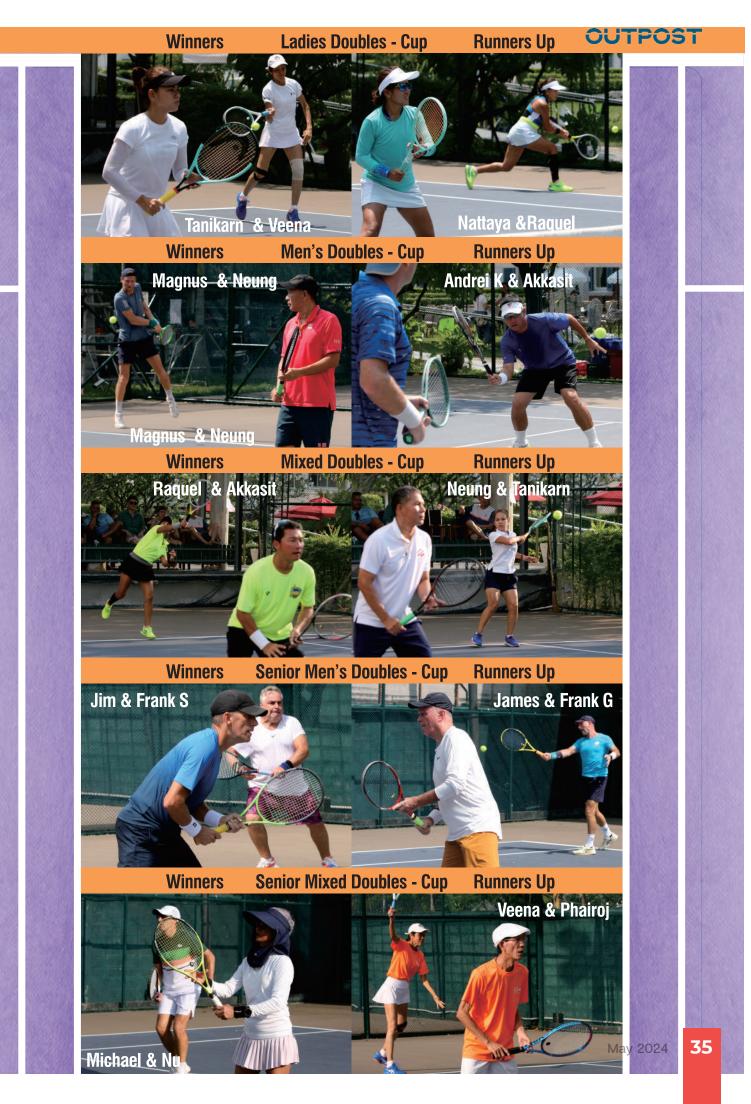
▲ Let the games begin...

The Tennis Section and players are grateful to our sponsors for their support for Championships 2024:

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To celebrate all winners and almost-winners of this year's Championships Chris Watt presents a wonderful twopage spread; as a prelude to all the other Grand Slams to follow. Everyone of you who played during this year's Championships, who watched, cheered, assisted or celebrated are also the winners. Once again, we are ahead of the game in more ways than one -the British Club Bangkok style. Thank you, British Club, and thank you Tennis Committee members.







The British Club Golf Society March monthly medal was held at Subhapruek on Sunday 10th March. There was a decent turnout of 23 players and the weather was good, in that is was dry. However, there was a swirling wind and it was quite hot and very humid which made the golfing a little tricky. The course was in good condition and we even got to tee off slightly early but there was a slight delay as we started the back nine holes due to additional groups being put in front of us.

We welcomed three guests for the medal event – Dietmar Bandat, Paul Devine and Franz Jacobitsch.

The winners of the technical prizes 'Moments of Excellence', winning a golf ball each, were:

Near pins - Doug Angus, Peter Clark, Andrew Stray and Paul Devine.

Men's long drive – Doug Angus

Long putts – John Bell and Franz Jacobitsch

Third in Flight A was Mark Adderley. Second, winning a sleeve of golf balls was Frank Fawkes. The winner of flight A, winning a bottle of wine was Terry Davies with a net score of 77.

Third in Flight B was Paweena Baothong. Second, winning a sleeve of golf balls was Gareth Knight. The winner of Flight B, winning a bottle of wine, was Arun Dhawan with a net score of 77.

The overall winner of the March medal and also winning a bottle of wine, was Peter Clark with a net score of 76. This was a very fitting result as it was Peter's birthday.



 Pictured left to right: Varghese Rose (Captain) and Terry Davies (winner of Flight A)



 Pictured left to right: Varghese Rose (Captain) and Peter Clark (Overall winner of the medal)

The March Stableford event was played at Floraville on Sunday 24th March. This is a course that the British Club Golf Society have not played for a while, so it was a welcome change of venue. The course was in good condition and the weather was lovely but Floraville can be quite a challenging course because you are never far away from water! Mark Adderley took an excellent photograph of David Burton who thought that his golf ball had definitely found water but he was pleasantly surprised when he saw how it had landed.

The winners of the technical prizes 'Moments of Excellence' were:

Near pins - Varghese Rose, Chris Brader, Gareth Knight, Frank Fawkes, Mark Adderley and Stefano Kim.

Men's long drive – Arun Dhawan

Ladies long drive - Angkana Nilkumnerd

Long putts – Stefano Kim and Vicky Brader

Doug Angus and Tad Han also hit 2 birdies each.

Third in Flight A was Stefano Kim. Second in Flight A, winning a sleeve of golf balls was Frank Fawkes. The winner of Flight A, winning a bottle of wine, was Tad Han with a score of 36 Stableford points.

Third in Flight B was Brian Brook. Second in Flight B, winning a sleeve of golf balls, was Yurachatr Brook. The winner of Flight B, winning a bottle of wine, was Arun Dhawan also with a score of 36 Stableford points.

The overall winner of the competition and also winning a bottle of wine was Doug Angus with a super score of 41 Stableford points.



Pictured left to right: Tad Han (winner of Flight A), Varghese Rose (Captain), Arun Dhawan (winner of Flight B) and Doug Angus (overall competition winner).



The 'missing' golf ball. David thought that it was lost but it was found! He got it out of there as well with no wet feet!!

Our next event is the April monthly medal on Sunday, 7th April, at the normal venue of Subhapruek Golf Club.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



Kannikar J.



🔺 Emiliya

Member Review:

We used to come many times to British Club with our friends who are members. Over time we felt so accustomed to the Club, its beautiful grounds, friendly staff that it felt like a serene private island in the middle of bustling Bangkok. We decided to join the Club as Members so we can come here any time for a wonderful community, super friendly staff, diverse and delicious food menu, lots of interesting events for kids and adults on different occasions. We love our small part of UK in Bangkok since kids also attend British school so their exposure

continues. We have already made some new friends at the Club which is another reason to meet fellow Bangkokians. We are happy to return here with great pleasure every time!



Ashley

Member Review:

We've joined the club as we are potentially looking to spend more time in Thailand and South East Asia and want to connect with fellow expats.



🔺 Aaron

Member Review:

After many years of visiting as guests, we decided it was time to become members ourselves!



Dora

Member Review:

We are super happy to be part of this big family, we are loving the food, the pool, and all the facilities here. Kids are jolly happy to have a second home here in BKK!

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