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In Loving Memory

The Club will be dedicating the July edition of Outpost magazine to the loving memory of Colin Hastings with a special tribute remembering his amazing life.

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Simon P. Davies

Chairman's Message



It is often said that Thailand has three seasons namely Hot, Hotter and Hottest with the latter seeing a temperature of 44.2° Celcius recorded in the Northern province of Lampang on the 22nd April. The rain that fell during May brought some welcome relief with temperatures dropping accordingly.



During the budget process for this year the Squash Section put forward plans to establish an academy that would give the opportunity for young players to learn, develop and progress their squash skills. I am delighted that the prementioned plans have been implemented and Saturday mornings see the new squash coach, Terry

Cheetham, passing on his skills to enthusiastic youngsters. Well done to the Squash Section committee and who knows, we may have a future champion coming through the squash academy.

On the 20th May, 2024 we bade a fond farewell to our Executive Chef, Khun Laak who had served the Club for almost twenty years and wish her well on her future adventures.

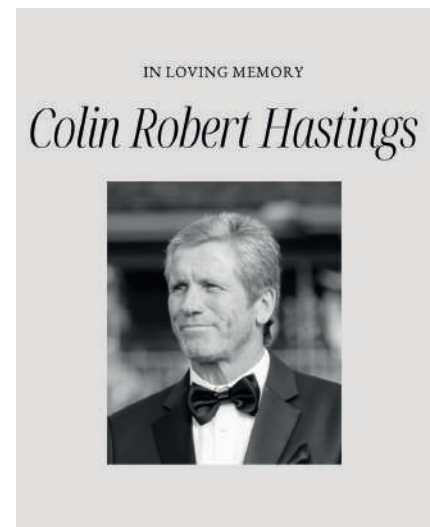


Never give up is a well used expression and after a few months of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory the BC Pool Team finally won their first match against Blue Balls. The Pool Room is seeing good support across the membership and thank you to all players.

The annual membership survey has been distributed with all members encouraged to complete same. Your survey responses and comments are valued as we seek to continue

enhancing members experiences and enjoyment across all facilities and services.

A reminder that the recently renovated Wordsworth Lounge is available for booking private functions, lunches and dinners.



Before signing off a moment of reflection on the life of our dear friend and member, Colin Hastings, who sadly passed away on the 29th April, 2024. A future edition of Outpost will be dedicated to Colin and please contact Tee Bale on tee@britishclubbangk.org if you have any photographs or stories you may wish to be included.

**Cheers
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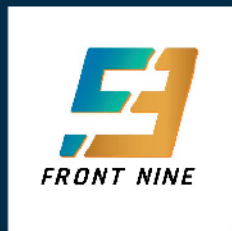


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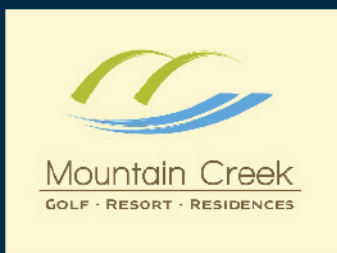


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Summer Camps 2024

The British Club summer camps have gone from strength to strength over the years and last year's success has set a new level for 2024 to follow.

The club is pleased to announce a wide range of partners teaming up with us to do an amazing selection of activities and events for the little ones.

The camps will operate between Monday to Friday starting at 9:30 AM and finishing the mini camp at 2:30 PM and the junior camp at 3:00 PM.

Wine Connection will be sending their professional chefs to teach the children pizza making and more Italian style dishes, Practika will be delivering construction and design modules allowing the little ones to become engineers, Scrambled Art will be teaching the children professional painting skills and an array of arts and crafts, and for the junior camps they will be visiting Top Golf learning to putt and to drive the balls from the digital driving bays.

For the first time the junior camp will be treated to an off-site visit to the Royal Thai Air Force museum they will get to see a selection of military aircraft, commercial aircraft, helicopters as well as a War Museum section - they will do arts and crafts on-site and then be trained and fly one of the 9 specialised simulators choosing from a wide range of different planes to fly.



We take all our member's, and non-member's, children safety very seriously and are pleased to have partnered this year with Med Consult and Bangkok Hospital who will both be supplying on-site first aid services throughout the entire summer camps as well as conducting training sessions for the kids on CPR and first aid allowing the little ones to become doctors and nurses.

The British Club has an amazing number of international professional coaches and this year we have chosen Khun Petch and Khun Amnat for swimming classes and Khun Khwan for the on court tennis lessons.



Introducing this year's 2024 summer camp:



THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Greetings once again,

In our continuous effort to keep you informed, here are our updates.

Casework and Assistance Highlights

In April, a number of British nationals travelling to Thailand declined, with 85,768 arrivals – a 24% decrease from the previous month.

Our team managed 155 new cases, including 57 deaths, 34 hospitalisation, 26 welfare concerns, 9 missing persons, 13 accidents, 26 arrests and some other case types. One of the arrest cases was following the conviction of a British national linked to a theft, leading to retaliatory attacks on the family home. The team facilitated 10 deportations including two Brits who worked illegally as a DJ and MC in Thailand.

Engagements and Outreach in April-May 2024

- The team visited Bangkok Dusit Medical Services, Thailand's largest hospital group, and discussed about medical repatriation, financial assistance, and mass casualty management.
- HM Consul paid a visit to Department of Land Transport and met the Inspector-General to discuss vehicle standards, motorcycle safety, and concerns regarding vehicle rentals in tourist areas.
- The British Chamber of Commerce members visited the embassy, receiving updates on the Consular section's roles and responsibilities.
- HM Ambassador and delegates had an outreach in Chonburi emphasized tourist safety and victim support. The delegates attended meetings with the governor and local authorities followed by British community event in the evening.
- A delegation from the Tourist Police Bureau visiting the UK.
- Consular team's crisis exercise deployment in Laos.
- Director for Consular and Crisis, visited Bangkok and Phuket from 7-9 May to review and bolster our consular services.



The highlight and most important event was the 3rd UK–Thailand Consular Dialogue which took place on 9 May 2024.

Director for Consular and Crisis at the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Commonwealth Office (FCDO), led the UK delegation to the UK–Thai consular dialogue with Deputy Director-General, Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the Anantara Siam Hotel in Bangkok. Delegates discussed a wide range of themes, including immigration, protection and support for British and Thai nationals in the UK and Thailand through tourist safety, and coordination between UK and Thai authorities. The high-level conversation is critical to ensuring that those British nationals who call Thailand home along with over 800,000 tourists who come to Thailand on holiday, as well as the vast number of Thai nationals living or studying in the UK, receive high quality consular services and protection.



We remain committed to support British nationals and strengthening our partnerships across Thailand.

Stay safe and connected.

Consular Team, British Embassy Bangkok

Joanne Finnamore-Crorkin

HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand





An Evening with The Fry Group

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

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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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Thailand Tax – Amounts Derived from Insurance

By Martin Wright, The Fry Group

On 15 September 2023 the Thai Revenue Department (TRD) issued Departmental Instruction No. Por 161/2566 (“DI No. 161/2566”) about the Personal Income Tax (PIT) implications of foreign-sourced income brought into Thailand by Thai tax residents, refined in November to take effect from 1 January 2024.

As a reminder Assessable Income in Thailand includes employment, capital gains (except Thai listed shares or shares on ASEAN stock exchanges), dividend income, interest income and the value of most gifts.

In February’s Outpost Magazine I covered that certain types of income are exempt from PIT, including amounts derived from insurance.

We mention this because Offshore Life Assurance Bonds are used frequently in this part of the world as an investment account. This product is a single premium investment typically located in the Isle of Man, which can hold multiple investments in one place. The life insurance version of this product does have lives assured and on death 101% of the bid value of the units of the policy are payable.

Whilst they are a useful tool, particularly for Inheritance Tax and succession planning, they have a wide charging structure menu from reasonable to expensive and, as such, they are often misused when established. There are claims that these products will qualify under the insurance exemption. We have already engaged the services of the Thailand office of a global accountancy firm to provide a review of this product on a local tax basis.

This insurance ruling is based on Section 42(13) of the Thai Revenue Code (TRC), a compensation against wrongful acts, an amount derived from insurance or from a funeral assistance scheme, which are exempt from Thai PIT. However, where the offshore bond also provides a multiple investment function it is a new concept from a Thai tax perspective.

The insurance exemption is based around a ruling dated 30 April 2004, when the Thai Revenue Department (TRD) has opined that benefits paid by a life insurance company during a five-year policy term, or annually to the policyholder, should be considered insurance proceeds and exempt from Income Tax under Section 42(13) of the TRC. This 20-year-old ruling did not involve any investment instrument, only a pure insurance product and therefore may only be used as a reference to understand how the TRD interprets amounts from insurance under Section 42(13) of the TRC, which may not be aligned with the offshore bond.

We note from the independent review we received the 2004 ruling is a private tax ruling which can only be applied to the taxpayer who requested it and cannot be binding to other taxpayers or other cases. And, as it was issued 20 years ago, the TRD may interpret it differently based on their discretion at any time. A personal tax ruling issued by the TRD should be obtained to confirm if the TRD agrees with this 20-year-old ruling or not. The processing time is typically six months to one year plus and the result is unknown.

An offshore bond could form part of an individual’s personal finances but should be considered with caution as these amounts derived from insurance legislation started with event-driven insurance policy payouts (personal accident, medical insurance, critical illness, life insurance). And as the bond is an investment account not a pure insurance policy, erring on the side of caution with this would seem sensible. This is a complicated matter which may become clearer over time.



Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

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Paul Cheesman

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

We continue the story of
the British Club Bangkok ... 1973

“the air-conditioning surcharge!”

The year was a very quiet one, if the Minute Books are to be believed, and devoid of any real excitement or misadventures.

The highlight of the year seemed to be the posting and subsequent removal from membership of a number of members who simply had not paid their bills – one member because he objected to Whisky being priced at 17 Baht in The Bar but only 16 Baht at Poolside – he refused to pay the 1 Baht “surcharge for air-conditioning”. Needless to say, he was kicked out!

7.4 Mr. ... query about the price of Bht.16 at the poolside and Bht.17 in the bar for a whisky water was explained to the meeting and Mr. is to be instructed to pay his bill in full.

▲ The air-conditioning surcharge!

Our Naval Year

In the March, the Club extended use of our facilities to the crew of recently commissioned HMS Antrim (D18), a County-class destroyer, during her visit. Interestingly, she was the Flagship of Operation Paraquet, the recovery of South Georgia in the Falklands War, and then two years later, she was commissioned into the Chilean Navy, and renamed Almirante Cochrane.

HMS Chichester (F59), originally a Salisbury-class or Type 61 aircraft direction frigate but now refitted as a Hong Kong guard ship, visited Bangkok in the first week of July and the Club granted to her crew use of our facilities during their visit.

We were visited, as well, in early November by the crew of HMAS Yarra (DE45), a River-class destroyer escort, en route to Sydney.



▲ HMS Antrim

Sporting Matters

The Swimming Pool was still causing some concern: constant complaints about the purity of the water, its being monopolised by a particular group of members, and of lots of complaints about parent's behaviour: a new bylaw was thus enacted “forbidding the changing of infants' diapers by the poolside”.

One piece of good timing was the training in March of senior staff in first aid and use of resuscitation equipment – in April, their training was put to good use when a child injured themselves incorrectly diving from the high board.

In June, the General Committee authorised the laying of a concrete slab, close to the “Narai Hotel” wall, to act as the base for a single cricket net.

In the July, a group from the New Zealand Test Cricket Squad, en route from playing in England, used Visiting Membership at the Club.

In the August, the Para Handy Plate was donated by Bill Sim for the Annual Club Squash Championship First Round Losers.

defeated. An amendment that a clause be inserted forbidding the changing of infant's diapers on tables by the poolside was moved and second. This amendment was adopted. The Bylaws were then adopted. A/C

▲ No Diapers Allowed!

The Numbers Game

The Minutes of the meeting of 12th June were of great interest, being the first in many years to itemise our membership: on this date we had 447 members, being:

- 393 Ordinary (Gentlemen of British descent)
- 17 Non-Voting (Gentlemen of British descent paying by instalments),
- 11 Up-country (Gentlemen of British descent living outside Bangkok)
- 26 Ladies with Privileges (single Ladies of British descent).

By year end our membership had risen to 461, being 401 Ordinary, 14 Non-Voting, 16 Up-country and 30 Ladies Privileges. For some reason the Honorary Members were excluded from the lists.

Category	Count
Ordinary	393
Non-voting	17
Ladies Priv.	26
Up-country	11
Total	447

▲ Membership update

Service

The committee of 1973 was fairly stable ...

Colonel Hugh Docherty OBE was elected again as Chairman and also with continued service, Mr. John Wood was elected Vice-Chairman (*see Past Participle, May 2024*). Mr. Mike Rudder of Couldrey, Jones, Lindberg Associates, served as Honorary Secretary in his only term but went on the Absent List in August, and was replaced by Mr. Trevor Whalley of Loxley, in the first of two terms. The Honorary Treasurer was Mr. Clive Croy, of Anglo-Thai, in his first of two terms.

Continuing service were Mr. John Price, Mr. J.N. Robinson, and Mr. Blair Littlejohn (*see Past Participle, May 2024*), although Mr. Littlejohn did move up-country in January 1974 and was replaced by Mr. B.S. Lindsay of the Chartered Bank in his only term of service.

In the first of two terms of service were Mel Taylor, of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), and B.P. Thompson of Singer. In their only terms of service were Commander S.B. Griffiths RAN of the Australian Embassy, who resigned after four weeks, and George Muir, of Shanks.

1973-74

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 Trevor K. Whalley (co-opted 21.08.1973)
HONORARY TREASURER: G. Clive Croy
MEMBERS:
 Comdr. S.B. Griffiths (resigned 28.03.1973)
 B.S. Lindsay (co-opted 08.01.1974)
 H. Blair Littlejohn (transferred to Country Membership, thus ineligible to remain on GC 08.01.1974)
 George Muir
 John M. Price
 J.N. Robinson
 Mel J. Taylor (co-opted 04.04.1973)
 B.P. Thompson

▲ General Committee 1973-74

Club News

From the January, members of the General Committee took turns to patrol both gates of the Club to ensure that all entrants were Members or family thereof. It was agreed to repeat this several times a month

Over several years the Club had been in dispute with many neighbours about our land boundaries (*see Past Participle, May 2024*). Finally, in 1973 at a cost of over 105,000 Baht a two-metre-high wall was erected from the Silom Guard box around the poolside to the Suriwongse gate and to be even friendlier with our neighbours, we had barbed wire placed above it!

In the September, the General Committee bestowed an Honorary Membership on Geoffrey Sommerfield OBE for his service to the club, including four terms as Chairman over two periods. A drinks party was held for its presentation.

2.2 A bonded brick wall app. 2 Metres high with barbed man proofing to be constructed extending from the guard box at the Silom end of the property and extending around the Club boundary to the beginning of the tennis courts. Prof. Williams to obtain a price for continuing

▲ Barbed Wire!

In Other News

On 1st January, the United Kingdom joined the European Communities (the "Common Market").

On 29th January, the first international standard shopping centre in Bangkok was opened. Originally called 'The Siam Shopping Center', the builder, Siam Piwat Group, soon renamed it as just the 'Siam Center'. It is now sandwiched between the Siam Discovery Center and Siam Paragon!

In the March, Cdr P.J.F. Moore RN became the British Naval Attaché and joined the Club in the June.

In the September, Paul Edmonds became the New Zealand Ambassador and became an Honorary Member of the Club.

Also in the September, the Rev. Canon John R. Taylor OBE became the new Vicar at Christ Church, and an Honorary Member of the Club.

In the December, David Lee Cole CMG became the British Ambassador and became an Honorary Member of the Club.



▲ Siam Shopping Center

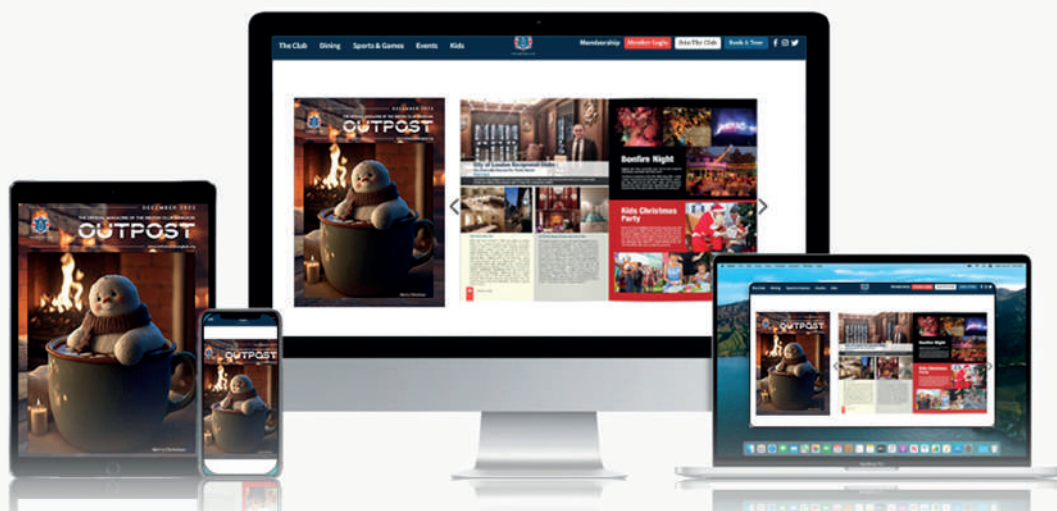
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"Suffer the little children!"

Paul Cheesman
Honorary Secretary

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The Dynasty Club, Hong Kong

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

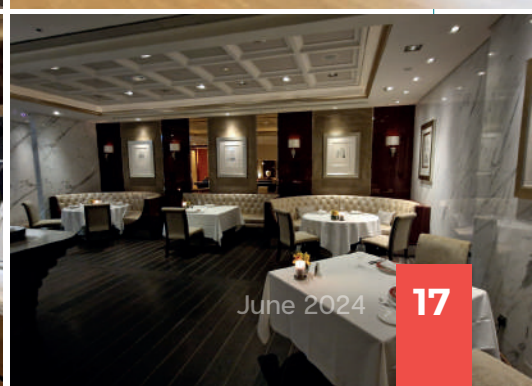
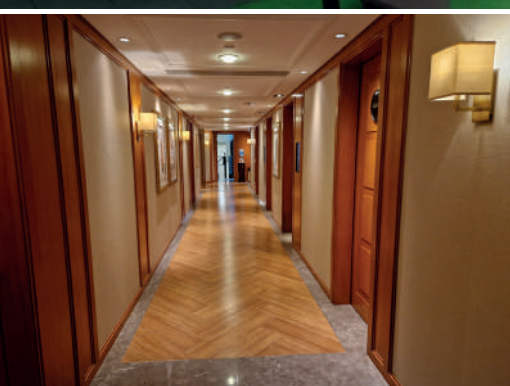
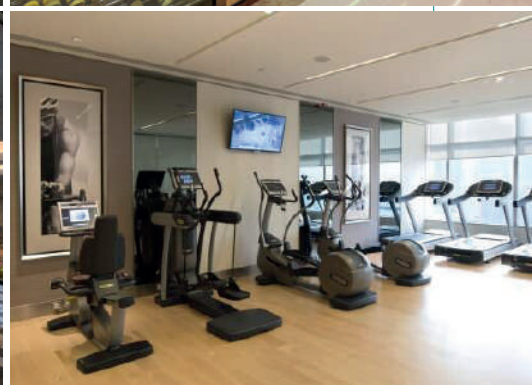
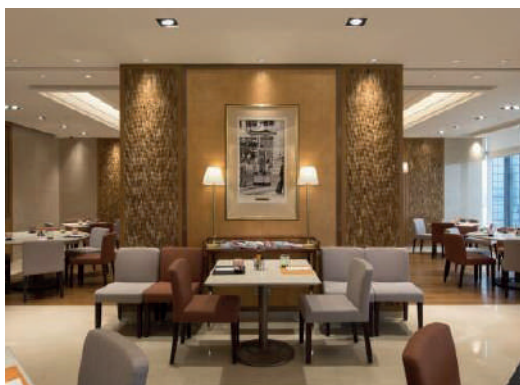
The Dynasty Club opened for members in December 1989, and is located in the Convention Plaza in the Wan Chai district on north side of Hong Kong Island. The Convention Plaza is a large building complex, incorporating a couple of 5-star hotels, the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, as well as the Convention Plaza apartments and the Dynasty Club. The entrance to the club is located on the south-west corner of the Convention Plaza, in a covered driveway that it shares with the Convention Plaza apartments.

The club's main facilities are on the 7th, 8th and 9th floors. However, the reception desk where one registers for a temporary membership card is in the foyer on the ground floor. Taking a lift from the foyer to the 7th floor one is greeted by a long, floor to ceiling display of some of the most expensive wines in the world, including La Tâche, Petrus and d'Yquem. Exposure to light over long periods of time is one of the main things that causes degradation in wine quality, so one has to question the wisdom of displays like this, impressive though it is. The display is certainly in line with [the club's website](#), which says that the club is *"for Members who have an insatiable appetite for the very best of everything"*.

Also located on the 7th floor is the club's large Cantonese restaurant called Imperial City. In addition to a couple of shared dining rooms, the restaurant has several private dining rooms. All the private dining rooms have windows facing west, but as far as we could tell only one of the shared dining rooms has windows. One floor up on the 8th floor is the Noble restaurant serving Western food. Both Imperial City and Noble are open for both lunch and dinner every day of the week. The 8th floor also has a café called the Dynasty Café which is open from 11:00 to 21:30. Reservations are recommended for the café as well as for the restaurants. The club has no accommodation, and no bar either, so if the café is fully booked then there's nowhere one can sit down and relax. The dress code throughout the club is smart casual when not using the club's sports facilities.

The club's indoor sports facilities include a gym and aerobics studio next to the café, an indoor swimming pool, and a squash court which can be used for other activities too. There are also outdoor facilities on the large 10th floor roof terrace which are shared with the hotels and apartments, namely two tennis courts, a golf driving range, an outdoor swimming pool and a children's play area.

The club was close to our hotel so we visited it a few times during our first visit to Hong Kong last year. Even with a couple of days' notice, we were unable to get a reservation for two people for either lunch or dinner at the Cantonese restaurant, but we went for a lovely lunch at the Western restaurant. Jack was subsequently able to get a lunch reservation for just himself at the Cantonese restaurant when I was otherwise occupied. Neither restaurant was cheap, but at both restaurants the ingredients and the cooking were high quality so we felt that the prices were fair. On another occasion we visited for the other facilities, and noticed that a table tennis table had been set up in the squash court where a vigorous game was in progress. I tried to use the indoor swimming pool but it turned out that swimming caps are compulsory and I didn't have one, although I could have bought one from them for HK\$ 75. Nonetheless, the club is certainly worth visiting for its restaurants, but advance bookings are recommended.





Friday Night Curry Night –NILA

26/04/24

Newly opened NILA at the Amari Hotel Bangkok treated all our members with their specialized selection of Indian dishes their executive chef put together a mouthwatering outstanding menu enjoyed by all.





Wine on the Lawn

27/04/24

The April wine evening was moved inside due to the extreme high temperatures seen in April this still created a fantastic atmosphere. It was a pleasure to welcome for the first time at our wine events Wine Connection who showcased a selection of their portfolio. A big thank you to TA wines along with IWS and friendly spirits all supplying a selection of class wines



June 2024

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Table Tennis Tournament

- April 2024

27/04/24

We were pleased to relaunch our table tennis competition in April. The competitors ranged from 12 years old up to 60 years old and had some hard-fought matches. Congratulations to all the winners we look forward to everyone taking a part again in the June competition





Pool Match Monday with Buddy's Bar

06/05/24

The second part of the Bangkok Pool League started again with a home match for the British Club taking on Buddy's Bar as the local derby of Silom. The British club team put in a great effort but unfortunately it was clear to see there is still some practice and work to be done we may have lost the match on the night however we made many new friends with our neighbours we look forward to competing in the coming matches in June

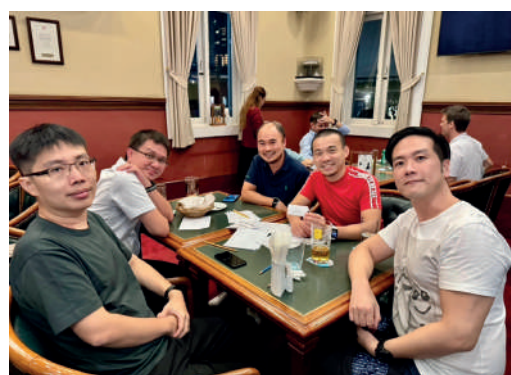




Quiz Night

14/05/24

Eight teams went into battle for the May quiz bragging rights and the top spot. Well done to Quizzicals for winning the May Quiz Night, first time to take part and coming out on top, second place went to the spin doctors.





Pool Match with 8855 8B 13/05/24

The British Club pool team has recruited new players to the team sadly the same result of coming in second seems to be a recurring outcome however the team is not deterred and once again we leave the evening with many a new friend. Fingers crossed for the next match.





An Intimate Wine Night – Exploring Australia

17/05/24

Our new partner Wine Connection kindly offered to host an intimate wine night exploring Australia. Pierre was our host for the evening who kindly guided us through the vineyards of Australia. A big thank you to all that attended; it was a very special evening of wine and pairing.





Table Tennis Tournament - May 2024

25/05/24

A mixture of all ages and level entered the May table tennis tournament with everyone having an equal chance to win with the revised handicap system. Well done to Enguerrand for winning first place.



Quiz Night

11th JUNE 2024 | 07:15PM
@CHURCHILL BAR

TEAM OF 6 OR LESS
Members 150 Baht
Guests 200 Baht



Bookings & Info Via: The British Club Line Official
Add LINE ID @britishclubbkk
by attending you agree to the Club P.D.P.A



Coming Events

June 2024

Quiz Night
UK Klings Birthday
UEFA Euro (Football)
UK Father Day
Summer Camp Start

July 2024

Quiz Night
An Intimate Wine Night

August 2024

Quiz Night
Thai Mother Day Brunch
Wine Master Class
Pool Competition

Event & Activities 2024

JUNE Highlights



Quiz Night - 11th June



UK Fathers Day Brunch - 16th June



Junior & Mini Summer Camps
24th June - 26th July

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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.

June Events:

WHY 'FACE' MATTERS
in Thai Social Exchanges

Learn the 'Ins and Outs' with Dr. Larry S Parsons

- ✓ Author
- ✓ Subject Matter Expert in multicultural contexts
- ✓ CEO CO Leadership Consulting
- ✓ SASIN School of Management, Chulalongkorn University

Date: Thursday, 6th June 2024
Time: 11.45hrs for socializing, lunch 12.15hrs
Venue: Suriwongse Room
Charge: 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 (water, tea or coffee provided)

OPEN TO SENIORS SECTION MEMBERS, CLUB MEMBERS, AND GUESTS

To register please phone Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email to terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com
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A CRASH COURSE IN BANGKOK HISTORY

- The Bangkok you may not know
- Bangkok stories to make you smile (and cry)
- Unfolding The Big Mango: How & Where to get out more
- Historic Video & Photos

A Presentation by "Bangkok Pat"
Thai/British Youtube Vlogger & Guide Extraordinaire

Date: Thursday, 20th June 2024
Time: Socialising from 11.45 am
Lunch 12.15pm with the presentation to follow
Venue: Suriwongse Room
Charge: 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 (water, tea or coffee provided)
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EVENT REPORT:

"Navigating the Legal landscape: The Vital Role of the Estate Executor" **Thursday, 25th April 2024**

Stepping in at short notice to assist the Section Committee to fill an unavoidable late speaker postponement, we extend our grateful thanks to Seniors Section Member Greg Beatty who kindly agreed to bring forward his presentation scheduled for later this year.

Greg, a highly qualified and experienced speaker, has a Juris Doctorate from the New England School of Law in Boston, USA, and more than 25 years of business and legal experience across multiple industries in Asia, where he is renowned for taking a business approach to finding solutions. He is a frequent university lecturer on international and business topics, and is also a published author in conjunction with his teenage daughter.

The somewhat onerous sounding topic followed on from Greg's eye-opening and highly relevant presentation last October on "Living and dying in Thailand", adding further and much needed information on the crucial and LEGAL role of the Executor of a Last Will here in Thailand, but also with general relevance worldwide. He set out in detail the very protracted processes and the legal consequences involved, before turning to the legal and other devastating consequences of being "Intestate" i.e. without a Last Will, in Thailand. He set out the complexity of the

law in Thailand, what is required to progress the administration of the deceased persons estate, the horrors of the usual multi-year interminable Probate Court proceedings, which can also include disputes over foreign Wills, family disputes, and many more such difficult to resolve complications.

There were numerous questions from the very attentive audience plus also highly relevant and personal comments from several attendees who so kindly and bravely shared their own poignant personal anecdotes and experiences.

The presentation underscored the sobering realities, both financial and emotional, of navigating the aftermath to all involved when someone dies in Thailand, which are, frankly, a horrifying quagmire! In the writer's view it is surely in everyone's interests that people have a correctly prepared and signed Last Will so as to do their best to mitigate for their loved ones the bureaucracy involved in and after the beginning of the Probate process here in Thailand.



EVENT REPORT:

“An introduction to Meditation and Mindfulness the Buddhist Way” **Thursday, 9th May 2024**

A well-attended event that included two ‘walk in’ Club Members who were followers of our renowned speaker, were accommodated into the seating plan. Chairperson Terry introduced our Guest Speaker Dr Charles Cheung, who was educated in the UK, USA and Australia before embarking on a career with Wang Laboratories where he served for 13 years in various posts in Asia before finally as Country Manager in Thailand. From there he formed his own company and introduced the first electronic dictionary translating Thai language into many other languages, a product that is still market leading today.

A qualified as well as dedicated meditation and mindfulness practitioner who somehow finds the time to attend several ‘meditation retreats’ each year, Dr Cheung gave an interesting introduction to the positive effects that meditation and mindfulness practices can have on physical and mental well-being, as practiced in Buddhism.



SQUASHY BITS

Dear Members,

The BCB Squash Section has been buzzing with activity over the past couple of months! Here's a quick roundup of the significant events and achievements from April and May that we're excited to share.

New Junior Squash Academy

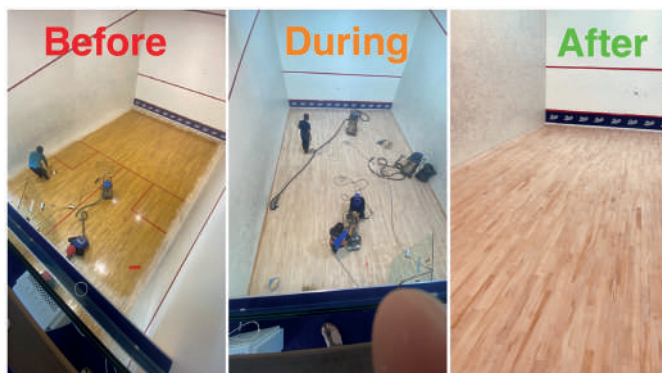
On 11th May, we joyfully launched the BCB Squash Kids/Junior Academy, exclusively for our younger members. These weekly one-hour sessions will run every Saturday until late November (with a break in July and August for the summer holidays). The inaugural session was a hit, receiving fantastic feedback from both kids and parents. Special thanks to our new coach, Terry Cheetham, and the club staff for their support in this initiative. Please note, Court 1 is reserved from 10:30 AM to 12:45 PM each Saturday for the academy.

Interested in the Squash Academy? Scan the QR code.



Court Floors Revamped for Optimum Play

In April, we addressed long-standing concerns about our court floors by removing the varnish, which many felt caused the ball to skid or slide. The courts have been sanded down, creating a roughened surface that improves traction for both the ball and players' footwear, leading to a more consistent and optimal bounce. Players' feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Note that these new floors are more prone to markings, so please adhere to the new footwear rules and signage to maintain their quality over time.



The Polo Club Team League

From 29th February to 4th April, the Polo Club Team League showcased our vibrant local squash community, hosting 12 teams and over 50 participants. It was an intense and exhilarating event that highlighted competitive spirit and camaraderie. Our BCB Squash teams demonstrated remarkable skill and sportsmanship. Team BCB 1 achieved an impressive third place, while Team BCB 2 secured eighth spot. Captain Steven of Team BCB 1 shone with his improved gameplay, reflecting his recent fitness efforts, and Chetan's finesse elevated Team BCB 2's performance. A memorable moment came when Neil won a brand new racket in the lucky draw and generously donated it back for young players' use. Well done all!



The 7th Jaturamitr Tournament

From 29th April to 2nd May, our club competed in the 7th Jaturamitr Tournament at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club. The format included round-robin matches, three individual games, and one jumbo double squash game per team. BCB secured a commendable third place, with Dean and John particularly enjoying their experience on the jumbo double courts.

Looking Ahead

As we progress with developing our squash section, we're grateful to everyone for their commitment and passion in the league, social and competitive events, as well as the mix-ins and post-mix-ins in our recently renovated upstairs area. We look forward to further enhancing our kids/junior academy, conducting squash refereeing courses, and providing training.

The end of the year will be an opportune time to gear up for the Don Johnston tournament, scheduled for October.

Southeast Asian Junior Individual Championships 2024

The championship took place in Bangkok from May 8 to 12. During the event, Thailand was represented by Kourtney Wong in the GU17 category. "Kourtney lost a hard-fought five-game match against Indonesia, which was a fantastic effort!" said her coach, Terry Cheetham. The squash section is extremely proud of her. Her sister Ellie is quickly catching up, and we will always encourage her as well.

This year, we're contemplating gathering all the sports sections together to organize a Christmas mix-sport event for the end-of-year celebration.

See you on the courts!
BCB Squash Section



HARD BALLS



Ben Eastwell



Rest in Peace Colin 'Corin' Hastings

The BC cricket section was shocked by the tragic death of long term member and player Colin Hastings in late April. There was an opportunity to pay tribute at the Marshall trophy match covered later in this report where a solemn moment of silence was observed before play, and players wore black armbands in remembrance of Colin's contributions to the section. It was a fitting occasion played in great sporting spirit followed by drinks and yarns of old times past.

Colin, or Corin, his Thai name as we preferred to call him, had been a regular participant in our annual tours to Chiang Mai over the last decade and more. Uncannily he always found himself fielding in the shade of one of those magnificent rain trees lining the boundary. Folklore has it that on one occasion he actually took a catch sitting in a deckchair he had placed conveniently inside the ropes. All the BC cricket community, players past and present, join together in offering our heartfelt condolences to Colin's family. We'll miss you, Colin. Rest in Peace.

British Club V Asian Stars - BCL A Division Eliminator

5th May 2024

On another hot and humid day at AIT, the British Club faced the Asian Stars in a crucial league eliminator match after an unexpected run of results summoned a chance to progress further. Pramodh, true to form, won the toss and elected to bat first, hoping to set a formidable target against the Pattaya-based side who held on for a 10 run win in the last meeting.

Despite early setbacks, Sunil provided a spark with a rapid half-century, scoring a quick 50 either side of a double strike in the 12th over which saw Avi and Shri - BC's season top scorer and super striker sent back. Ben helped to stabilise the innings with Denzyl who added valuable support in the latter stages, but the team could only muster a modest total in the context of the fixture.

Asian Stars started strong and maintained their momentum throughout the innings. After the drinks break, they accelerated, with Dharmesh leading the charge, scoring a match-winning 74 off 41 balls to reach the target and clinch victory by 8 wickets with 5 overs to spare. Denzyl was the standout bowler for BC, claiming the only 2 wickets of the innings. Unfortunately, a couple of dropped chances meant that the pressure couldn't be maintained on the opposition, who capitalised on these opportunities to steer their chase smoothly.



▲ End of the road for now



▲ One last blast for Pramodh



▲ Strong support for the final game



▲ Sunil bags a 50

British Club 191/6 (Sunil 59, Ben 37*) lost to Asian Stars (Denzyl 2-43) by 8 wickets

While the game's total may have fallen short of being a towering challenge, the journey to the A division finals for the first time in the club's history felt like a victory in itself, as A Div captain Pramodh summed up the season:

"To sum up the season, it had a bit of everything: close matches, massive wins, and humbling defeats - but a complete team effort in all the games. First ever play-off's qualification for British Club in A-Div though we could not get over the line at the end. It is a season which sent a clear statement that BC is a team to watch out for in the upcoming seasons."

British Club V RBSC - Marshall Trophy Cup Match 11th May 2024

The historic Marshall Trophy Cup match between the British Club and RBSC took on a special significance as players gathered to honour the memory of Colin Hastings, a cherished member of the cricketing community and both clubs. The day threatened to be washed out by rain, but the cricketing gods intervened, allowing the match to proceed despite the ominous weather. With beers already cracked open, the teams, restricted to gentlemen of 50 years and over, embraced the opportunity to take the field, albeit in a shortened format of 15 overs per side. Denz, the Club captain, won the toss and elected to bowl first, sensing an advantage in the tricky conditions.

RBSC faced a disciplined bowling attack from the British Club, managing to score only 96 runs in their allotted overs. Sunish led the charge with his slow bowling, claiming 3 crucial wickets. However, it was Dale who stole the show with his Man of the Match-winning figures of 3 wickets for just 6 runs. Dilip and Manish also chipped in with 2 and 1 wicket respectively, restricting the home side to a modest total.

In response, BC faced an early catastrophe, losing 2 wickets in the first 2 balls. However, Moose's commanding retirement, marked by a towering six, steadied the ship. Dale contributed a quickfire 17, while Denz sealed the victory with an unbeaten 24*, including a maximum to finish the match in style. The team's victory was complemented by some exceptional catches, notably by Manish and Lenny, though the same could not be said for the self-appointed VC who promised treasure but contributed 2 drop catches, a golden duck, and a boosting of the opposition run rate. Alas.

Jack, Denz and RBSC commended the fixture, which has been a longstanding tradition since 1962, before the camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed on the field were further celebrated over snacks and beers which was undoubtedly watched over in spirit by a contented Colin.

British Club 101/5 (Denzyl 24, Mossy 25*) beat RBSC (Dale 3-6, Sunish 3-14) by 5 wickets*

The fixtures will slow down now through the rainy season, but practice will continue in the sheltered nets. Players can look forward to the Laos 8s (July 12-14) and Koh Chang Beach Cricket (August 23-25) later this year.



▲ Dales day



▲ Moose goes downtown



▲ Mouse takes a screamer



▲ Sunish spinning it up



▲ *Marshall Boys 2024*



▲ *Supporters enjoying entertainment*



▲ *Unbeaten captain Denz*



▲ *A happy chairman wields the trophy*



BRITISH CLUB GOLF

The British Club Golf Society's April monthly medal was held at Subhapruek on Sunday 7th April. There was a relatively small field of 16 players, possibly due to the upcoming Songkran holiday. As expected, the weather was hot and humid with little breeze, but the course was in pretty good condition. We were also able to tee off early as the course was quiet. We welcomed David Swan as a guest of Danny Bean and I think he must be Danny's good luck charm as Danny went on to win the competition.

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

Near pins – Andrew Stray, Tim Stray and Peter Clark

Men's Long Drive – Doug Angus

Ladies Long Drive – Paweena Baothong

Long putts – Peter Clark and Danny Bean

In Flight B in third place was Gareth Knight. In second place, winning a sleeve of golf balls, was Josh Tinker. In first place with a net 74 and winning a bottle of wine, was David Burton.

In Flight A in third place was Varghese Rose. In second place, winning a sleeve of golf balls, was Andrew Stray. In first place with a net 75 and winning a bottle of wine, was Doug Angus.

Congratulations to Danny Bean who was the overall winner with a fine net score of 74 and who also won a bottle of wine.



▲ Pictured left to right: David Burton, Danny Bean, Varghese Rose and Doug Angus

The British Club Golf Society held their annual 2 day eclectic event at Royal Ratchaburi golf course on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April.

This is always a popular event and 28 players took part. We welcomed six guests to the event – Nigel and Earnie Walk, Rungthip Munday, Simon Mee, Andy McWhirter and Ed Wilson.

The course was in super condition with beautifully green fairways and well maintained, very quick greens. As always on this course, we were accompanied by

many families of monkeys and the caddies always had to keep a close eye on the buggys which were liable to get raided by inquisitive monkeys on the lookout for food and Gatorade!

The weather was incredibly hot though and even those die hard walkers in the group chose to take a buggy over the weekend. All, with the exception of Mark 'mad dogs and Englishmen' Adderley who stoically maintained that golf is a walking game. His poor caddy gave up by Hole 15 on Day 2 and he had to pull his own golf bag until a replacement was found!



▲ Pictured above – the beautiful Royal Ratchaburi golf course.



▲ Pictured above – inquisitive monkeys!

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

DAY 1

Near pins – Steven Brader, Brian Brook, Ken Kane, Andrew Stray and Bally Gudail

Men's long drive – Andrew Stray

Ladies long drive – Becky Adderley

Long putts – Pete Gale and Ken Kane

ON DAY 1, the winner of Flight B was Paul Carnell and the winner of Flight A was Bally Gudail. Both players won a bottle of wine.



▲ Pictured left to right: Bally Gudail, Varghese Rose (Captain) and Paul Carnell

DAY 2

Near pins – Terry Davies, Becky Adderley, Gareth Knight and Nigel Wark

Men's long drive – Pete Gale

Ladies long drive – Earnie Wark

Long putts – Karen Holloway and Paweena Baothong

ON DAY 2 the winner of Flight B was Paweena Baothong and the winner of Flight A was Mark Adderley. Both players won a bottle of wine.



▲ Pictured left to right: Varghese Rose (Captain), Paweena Baothong and Mark Adderley

The overall winner of the annual eclectic gross competition with a superb score of 74 was Karen Holloway. Many congratulations to Karen – she played an excellent two days of golf and won a bottle of wine and a Benjarong pottery trophy.



▲ Pictured left to right: Karen Holloway and Varghese Rose

For the net competition, Neil Davis finished in third place and John Bell finished in second place. Both golfers won a bottle of wine. John had been leading at the end of Day 1 with a very fine score of 3 under his handicap but Terry had a storming Day 2 and finished with a net 60.1. This was a win of 0.9 of a stroke over John Bell thanks to a birdie on the 17th which was achieved with a 130 yard shot out of the bunker which landed within 4 feet of the hole. Many congratulations to Terry Davies who secured the net competition and won a bottle of wine and a Benjarong pottery trophy.



▲ Pictured above – Brian and Yurachtr Brook

Finally, on the Saturday night we celebrated Brian Brook's birthday – 21 again! Many glasses of wine were raised (and emptied) and Brian generously shared his amazing birthday cake with us all. Many happy returns to Brian.



▲ Pictured from left to right: Neil Davis and Varghese Rose (Captain)



▲ Pictured from left to right: John Bell and Varghese Rose (Captain)



▲ Pictured left to right: Terry Davies and Varghese Rose (Captain)



▲ Pictured above: all the winners from the eclectic competition.

TENNIS

Some Hot Air can be Serious – Take Good Care

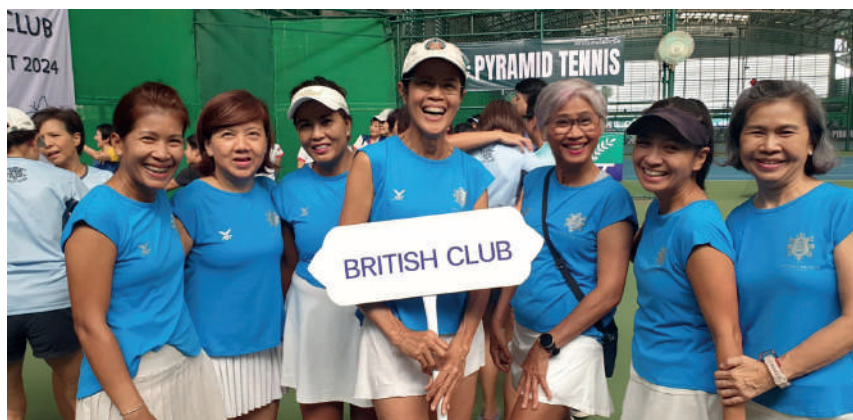
The summer seemed to have arrived fast and with a vengeance; as tennis players we have experienced the really hot sun and high temperatures so far this year and more is yet to come. So, the question one may ask is, *“What do the ‘little boy and little girl’ have to do with that blistering, sweltering, Centre Court in our Club or the size of durian in Thailand?”*



Sunil Mehra

The little boy, *El Niño*, a name coined about 400 years ago in South America; and little girl, *La Niña* used more recently since the 1980s. Both represent the most significant natural recurring climate phenomena that bring change in ocean and atmospheric temperatures. *El Niño* leads to hotter or over 40 degrees temperatures and drier weather in Thailand and SE Asia, often causing droughts, *increased risk of heatstroke*, vector-borne diseases such as dengue and malaria. Thus, it affects not only the temperature of our Centre Court but also rice production and most importantly, smaller durians in Thailand. Whereas with *La Niña* temperatures drop and often more rain falls leading to flooding, more water-borne diseases and worse respiratory conditions. Most importantly, these weather events do not go away quickly, *El Niño* may last generally 9-12 months, whereas *La Niña* may last for years; therefore, learn to take care and learn to live with these phenomena for your health and safety. *Watch for these signs* – cool skin with goosebumps, heavy sweating, faintness, weak pulse, muscle cramps, nausea or headache. On first inkling of any symptom, stop your tennis or other sport activity and move to a cool airconditioned place like Jubilee (which should be open during the day especially during summer conditions) and drink cool drinks; not more beer, but drink water or sports drinks to replenish the water and electrolytes (ions) lost while sweating ¹. These are necessary for recovery. Get medical help if you are not better within an hour, or sooner if symptoms worsen. ‘Prevention is always better than cure’ so reduce or moderate your outdoor sports in very hot conditions, wear protective clothing and increase your cool fluid intake. Now, to all the other important world events and of course, tennis. First, a bit of competition at...

36th LADIES INTER CLUB Tournament April 2024 *Contributed by Raquel Evans*



The British Club Ladies team consisting of Anje, Aom, Jeab, Mooky, Natt, Nisa, Nu, Pin, Raquel, Sasaluck, Tip, and Weena, participated in the 36th Ladies Interclub Tournament on 27th April hosted by the Pyramid Club. There were eight strong teams including RBSC Sky, RBSC Star, Polo, Big/Rama, Pyramid, the new team from Penang the Sweet and Sassy Team and British Club. The competition was tough yet BC ladies were proud to finish as the 3rd Runners-up. The

format of the event this year was different, with each team playing three rounds equally using the Monrad format. Our team had a successful run, winning against Sweet and Sassy Team, narrowly losing to RBSC Sky, and finishing up after a tough match against Pyramid. Congratulations to the RBSC Sky Team as the Winners, and to Polo Team as the 1st Runner-up! A special thanks to our sponsor, FBT Sports, for providing the Team T-shirts. We are also grateful to everyone who came out to support us and especially grateful to Ton for his support during practice sessions. A pleasant surprise was to meet former BC 1992 Champion, Yenni Basso who was with the Sweet and Sassy Team from Penang.

¹ That is why one is named Pocari Sweat - [The Story of POCARI SWEAT](#)

British Club Tennis Section Visit to Singapore

Contributed by William Ong



As a Singaporean, on receiving an invitation from the Singapore Recreation Club (SRC) to celebrate the launch of their new astro-turf tennis courts, I jumped at the chance to organise the trip. SRC is one of the oldest social clubs in Singapore. Founded in 1883, it is located in the heart of Singapore, next to the City Hall where Singapore's National Day parades are held. To complement playing at the SRC, I made contact with a friend at the Tanah Merah Country Club (TMCC) to also arrange friendly games with their tennis members. The dates for the matches were also confirmed: SRC on 27th April and the TMCC on 29th April. BC players for the trip were

Jeff Trevarthen, Kyna and Matt Payne, Andrew Tse and William Ong. Vicky Ong came as the official British Club photographer!

Singapore Recreation Club We were warmly welcomed and pleasantly surprised by the number of SRC members who came to meet and play with us. Even the President of the SRC, Mr Chang Yeh Hong, came and presented us with a plaque to commemorate the event. We were definitely outnumbered and the matches were competitive but friendly and jovial. After the matches, we headed to the Chinese restaurant for SRC's Welcome Dinner - a 10-course exceptional Chinese dinner with free flow of drinks. A great evening after a great day of tennis with loads of photos and selfies and a 'Thank You SRC' speech by William Ong, who extended an invitation to the SRC to come visit and play at our British Club. All in all, a wonderful and memorable time was had by everyone. "The hospitality at both the clubs in Singapore was just outstanding," according to Jeff.



Tanah Merah Country Club is situated in Changi, near Changi International Airport. Series of friendly matches were arranged with TMCC team of seven players and in the spirit of friendlies, we mixed and matched the teams to ensure everyone had a chance to play. Refreshments were provided during the whole duration of the matches.



After the matches, the British Club team was invited for a home-cooked Korean dinner by Mrs. Niki Choi, a friend of William's. It was a wonderful and scrumptious meal. Needless to say, another enjoyable and unforgettable evening was had by all.

After a hectic 3-4 days in Singapore, the BC team departed on the 30th April to return to Bangkok.

The feedback from the participants have been very encouraging and we are all hoping to welcome the SRC and TMCC players sometime soon in Bangkok.

Visit by the Hong Kong Football Club

On 28th April, the tennis enthusiasts from the Hongkong Football Club (HFC) visited the British Club. This gave new meaning to upper and lower body workout; more seriously, tennis has a large following at HFC with many tennis players who are excellent, as we realised. The friendly but fiercely competitive matches, sixteen in all, were not captured by the generosity of both sides to ensure an amazing 8-8 final score! A happy ending or *minna ureshi* as they say in Japanese. We look forward to the opportunity to visit their club in the future.



▲ *The Last Beer with inspiration from Leonardo da Vinci*

Womble Cup is back in 2024

For those with limited or no memory of the last Womble Cup – a reminder that it is meant to be both a counterpoint (more fun, less serious) and a celebration of the real Wimbledon Finals being played in The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club just like the olde dægs of 1800s when everyone wore white so as to hide sweat marks! Thus, in the tradition of tradition, Womble Cup adheres to ALL White Attire or as they say in England, “you can wear any colour as long as it is white.”



Join us for the Womble Cup 2024 on Sunday 14th of July from 3.30 pm

Followed by another British Club old tradition. After many sweaty (*no one can see*) matches and a lot the fantastic time by all, everyone gathers together to watch the other Wimbledon Finals, with some PIMMs to salute all the winners on the day, followed by strawberries & cream to celebrate the biggest day on the tennis calendar every year. We hope to see you all again this year for another exciting event.

All levels of tennis players are welcome to participate. *Please wear white* and be prepared for fun and games. To join please comment on Tennis Section Facebook with your name and club number or send by email to bcts.bangkok@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ Jennifer Villalobos

Member Review:

For the past 25 years, my family and I have lived in 4 different cities: Caracas, Sydney, Mexico City and Singapore. But we have always loved Thailand and dreamed of moving to Bangkok. Our wish came true in December 2019... just before COVID. We are technically a unit of four but our son Gabriel is finalising his undergraduate studies in Europe thus making only my husband Carlos, my daughter Carla and I members of the British Club. Having experienced and lived many different cultures; we believe in joining communities where there is a sense of belonging as opposed to having to "fit in". So when very good friends Laura and Martin Ashton invited us to check out the Club, we fell in love with the atmosphere, the staff and the facilities. We look forward to being part of this vibrant community!



▲ Laurent and David Fostier



Member Review:

My brother Laurent and I were on the lookout for a place to enhance our tennis skills, and we stumbled upon the British Club. We truly want to commend the entire team for their warm welcome, and everyone involved for creating a slice of paradise in the heart of Bangkok. Overall, we're extremely satisfied with our experience.



▲ Si Yeung Yu

Member Review:

I'm glad to be finally be able to join the club alongside my family! I was almost unable to leave after I visited with my parents, and already can't wait to spend more time in Thailand.



▲ Ching Yeung Yu

Member Review:

I am very happy to join British Club, a wonderful place in Bangkok with great food, friendly staff and a vibrant community.



▲ Dominic Cox

Member Review:

Recently relocating to South East Asia from London, my partner and I, both avid tennis players, discovered the British Club as an oasis in bustling Bangkok. It provides us with a wonderful venue to visit, socialise, and enjoy our favourite sport whenever we are in the city.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ Thomas Hill

Member Review:

We were members of the Club about 12 years ago and it's great to be back. Originally from Ireland, I and my Thai wife have lived most of our life in Japan. We have 2 children and 3 grandchildren and are now enjoying retirement in Bangkok.

The renovations to the Club are very nice, and we and our family look forward to enjoying the excellent facilities.



▲ Alexander Longman

Member Review:

Looking forward to being part of the club. Often now travelling again and have always liked the idea of somewhere for the kids to relax and enjoy themselves whether the pool or running around in the gardens. For myself and my wife seeing the fantastic reciprocal clubs, I am sure this will come in greatly when we travel along with hoping to join some of the events throughout the year in Bangkok. Thanks.



▲ Vatsal Parmani

Member Review:

British club has been a big part of my childhood. I used to come here all the time with my friends and we have a lot of memories at the cricket nets. I finally decided to be a part of this as I came to appreciate the community and the facilities of this place. Looking forward to being a life long member and getting to know this place and other members better.



▲ Phassorn Pal Singh

Member Review:

One of the reasons we joined the club is because the club offers a wide range of activities for children and adults and that makes it a nice way to mix with other families who have the same interests and hobbies. Since we've joined we've been coming to the club every week and there is always something for every member of the family to do. We love the green space in the middle of the city and the sports that are offered.



▲ Evelyn Loy

Member Review:

Evelyn & Kristian- We have lived in Bangkok for many years and we decided to join The British Club to be a part of the wonderful community and to enjoy all it has to offer to our little family. We were recommended the club by friends for its extensive sports activities and for the opportunities the club can offer to our 2 year old daughter, Elsie. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming and we are excited for our future at The British Club!



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