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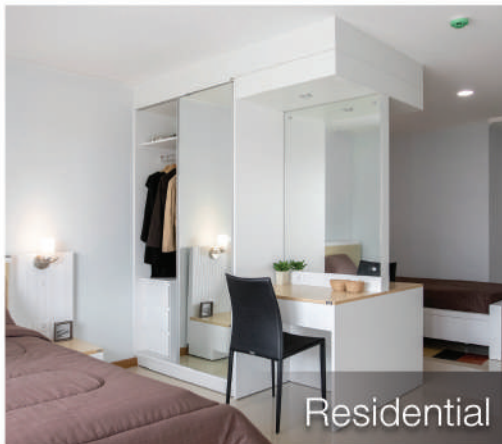
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We're celebrating UK Father's Day and the UK King's Birthday with fun activities, crafts, and royal cheer! Plus, get ready for Summer Camps starting at the end of the month with games, creativity, and adventure ahead!

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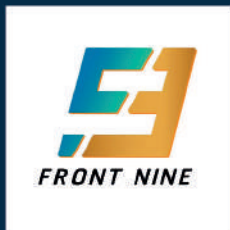
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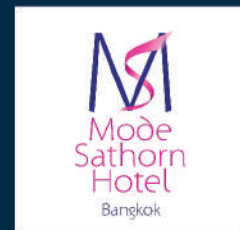
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Chairman's Message

On 8th May 2025, the Royal British Legion organised a VE Day 80th anniversary celebration held on the Back Lawn at the British Club. VE Day marks the formal acceptance by the Allies in World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on 8th May 1945. This significant event marked the end of World War II in Europe.

On the 9th May, the Management and Staff gathered to say farewell to Tee Bale, our outgoing Deputy General Manager, who will soon be taking up the position of General Manager of the British Club in Singapore. Good luck Tee and stay in touch as we anticipate many future respective inter-club sporting and social events.



Simon P. Davies



As the Bangkok Community Theatre returns to the British Club, we can look forward to some fine thespian productions over the coming months. I wonder where the hidden talent is amongst our membership as rumour has it that the Honorary Secretary, Bryce, has been practicing his skills as a theatre production director.

Not all improvements within the Club are clearly visible, especially when it comes to internal operating systems. Recently, an automated HR system was implemented, which cuts down on unnecessary administration and paperwork. All staff are now able to process their leave applications and have full access to their employment records online via their mobile phones or laptops and initial feedback is very positive.

Looking ahead, the Summer Camps for children aged 9-11 years and 6-8 years, will commence on Monday 30th June, and continue until Friday 8th August 2025. Pre-registration is available via Line Official and further details are available on the Club website at www.britishclubbangkok.org. The popularity of the Summer Camps is evident from the advance interest being shown by parents, so please act quickly to ensure your children's participation.



The Annual Members Survey has been distributed so please spare a little time to complete the questions and include your comments as the General Committee do note, and take action on, items that have an impact on the general well-being of the Club. One key area on which suggestions and ideas are welcome is the empty floor space above the Kids Stop adjacent to the young children's pool. Some ideas already put forward include having a music studio, art room or work stations so please give some thought as to how best that empty space could be utilised.

Cheers
Simon



▲ The Annual Members Survey

Invite you to an

AN EVENING WITH PROGENY



Join us for this presentation and social gathering evening event, hosted by Martin Wright, Senior Financial Planner at the Progeny Group (SG).

This event will focus on key topics including:

- ◆ The UK Spring Budget Statement 2025.
- ◆ The UK LTR/non-LTR Domicile changes and April 2027 UK Pensions IHT Changes.
- ◆ An overview of Global Investment Markets.

What you can expect to learn from this event:

- ◆ How the UK tax system will alter following the

latest UK Spring Budget statement and what this may mean for long term non-UK residents.

- ◆ Will there be a need to consider accessing pensions before other assets in the future given the possible tax changes in 2027.
- ◆ What is happening in the investment markets, how 2025 may develop given the political landscape and economics, and what can be done to help.

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

EVENT DETAILS



Tuesday 3rd June 2025



6.30pm – 8.30pm



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UK INHERITANCE TAX ON PENSIONS

In the October Autumn Budget, the Chancellor said that UK Inheritance Tax thresholds (the amount you can pass on when you die before UK inheritance tax is due) are staying the same until 2030.

But, from April 2027 pensions will no longer be exempt from Inheritance Tax. This means that Inheritance Tax may have to be paid on your pension when you die.

UK Government Consultation

A consultation on this subject ran for 12 weeks between 30 October 2024 and 22 January 2025 which was designed to seek views on the processes required to implement these changes for UK registered pension schemes. The results were expected early summer although we understand that with significant UK financial services industry lobbying the results have been pushed back by a few months.

Pensions and IHT

Currently, pension death benefits are typically free of IHT - regardless of whichever way the benefits are taken. However, in respect of the possible April 2027 changes, the aim is that on death the pension scheme administrator and the personal representatives of the estate will liaise and the pension scheme administrators will become liable for reporting and paying any Inheritance Tax due on pensions to HMRC.

The personal representatives will use an HMRC calculator to apportion the nil-rate band between the various elements of the estate and they will let the pension scheme know of any IHT charge due on the pensions.

The scheme will then pay the IHT directly to HMRC before paying out the death benefits to the relevant beneficiaries. Any pension death benefits going to the spouse/civil partner will be covered by the spousal exemption.

What can I do now?

For older people who can afford it, the easiest thing is probably to spend more pension cash now. But everyone's circumstances are different, and it is vital for people to ensure that they have enough money to support them through the later years of their retirement. The reasoning for this is simple – why leave behind wealth that could be significantly eroded by tax when it could be enjoyed in the present.

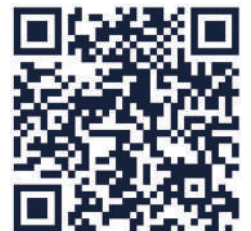
For pension arrangements that allow it, taking the tax-free cash lump sum may be one simple solution prior to the planned changes, although it probably remains sensible to wait for the outcome of the consultation before taking any action. And any tax-free cash taken would need to be spent, or held within UK IHT exempt assets, or passed down to children as a gift to help with things such as buying a first home.

The reality may be that by the time the estate including UK registered pension funds is passed down, children are more likely to be financially independent and have no pressing need for the inheritance.

If you have a lot of money in UK pensions as well as other assets then it might be a good idea to talk to an adviser to work out the most tax-efficient way to spend money in retirement.

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Royal Automobile Club of Australia, Sydney

Visited in June 2019 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)

The [Royal Automobile Club of Australia in Sydney](#) was founded in 1903, the same year as the British Club Bangkok. That was 6 years later than its counterpart in London (see the review of the [RAC Club](#) in London [Outpost December 2024](#)), and 8 years later than its counterpart in Paris (see the review of the [Automobile Club de France](#) in Paris [Outpost June 2019](#)). The club played an important role in shaping early motoring legislation and establishing motorsport in Australia.

The king approved the club's royal status in 1919, and 3 years later the club bought its premises in Sydney's Central Business District that it still occupies today. Work started on the construction of the clubhouse in 1926, which is built in the Interwar Commercial Palazzo style. The clubhouse was opened to members in 1928. In its early years the club provided a roadside assistance service, but that came to an end in 1945 when it reached an agreement with Australia's National Roads

and Motorists' Association ("NRMA"), with members gaining reciprocal access to NRMA provided services. These days most Australian states have organisations named "Royal Automobile Club" with the state names appended. For example, the Melbourne clubhouse of the [Royal Automobile Club of Victoria](#) was reviewed in [Outpost January 2020](#).

One of the best things about the club is its central location, located very near Circular Quay and the Sydney Opera House. Facilities include the Harbour Dining Room on one of the higher floors where a couple of the windows have views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and a member's bar on a slightly lower floor. The Dining Room is open for lunch Monday to Friday, dinner Monday to Saturday, and breakfast every day. The member's bar is open until 10pm Monday to Saturday, but closed on Sunday. There are a lot of meeting rooms and function rooms too, including a

rooftop area which can host cocktail parties and BBQs for up to 50 people. The club also has a gym, a business centre, accommodation, and parking in the basement too that can be booked for a fee. Regarding the dress code, the club's website says that the best attire is "business", but smart casual is acceptable at breakfast.

Back in 2019 we were travelling through Australia as tourists, including a visit to my niece in Perth and an old friend in Adelaide. We stopped off in Sydney for a couple of days so we stayed overnight at the club, parking our hire car in the club's basement. Back then the decor of the bedroom that we stayed in felt slightly dated, however these days the club's website says that some of the rooms are newly refurbished so presumably the décor has improved. We had dinner in the club and breakfast the following day, and both meals were fine.

Overall, the club has all the facilities one might hope for, including a professional concierge team to help guests during their stay. The club's amazingly central location makes it a great place to stay in Sydney.



AVAILABLE SOON!

Some Reciprocal Clubs around the world require men to wear ties. New British Club Bangkok ties (pictured) have recently been ordered, so any Members who plan to visit overseas clubs may easily buy one from the Club Shop (poolside) once they're in stock and thus avoid any possible future inconvenience when travelling.

Coming Events

June 2025

(more details on the website)

- New Members Night
- Quiz Night
- UK Father's Day Brunch
- FA Cup Final
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Winston Cup
- Wimbledon
- Summer Camps

July 2025

(more details on the website)

- Summer Camps
- Quiz Night
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Winston Cup
- Intimate Wine Night

August 2025

(more details on the website)

- Summer Camps
- Quiz Night
- Thailand Mother's Day Sunday Brunch
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Winston Cup

Event & Activities 2025 June Highlights



UK Father's Day

Celebrate Father's Day with a special Sunday Brunch at Veranda on June 15th. Enjoy delicious food, refreshing drinks, and quality time with Dad.



Table Tennis Tournament & Winston Cup

Get ready for a fun and competitive day on 28th June with the Table Tennis Tournament in the afternoon and Winston Cup in the evening.



Summer Camps

Summer Camps start on 30th June, so let the fun begin!

BC Bee Kid's Club!

Buzzing into June with BC Bee Kids!

Big smiles, big fun, and big celebrations all month long!

June is shaping up to be an exciting month for our BC Bee Kids, packed with laughter, creativity, and awesome activities!



Metawee (Natt)



We'll be celebrating UK Father's Day with fun crafts, card-making to show our love for all the amazing Dads. There will be plenty of fun moments and creative masterpieces!

Then it's time to go royal for the UK King's Birthday, with crown-making and games fit for little Bees for a fun Royal celebration.

And the biggest buzz of all, Summer Camps start at the end of June! Our Bees will dive into a world of games, adventure, crafts, and outdoor play – the perfect way to enjoy the summer holidays with new friends and non-stop fun.





Living in Bangkok 2025 & The Club's 122nd Birthday 27/04/25

The Living in Bangkok Event 2025 was a fun day for the expat community, with useful businesses, services, and a variety of food. The highlight was the Club Pipe Band's march and cutting of the 122nd birthday anniversary cake. Members and Guests enjoyed live music, horse riding, bumper cars, and go-karts.

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RBL - VE Day 80th Anniversary

08/05/25

The Royal British Legion hosted the VE Day 80th Anniversary at the Club on 8th May 2025. The event honoured the victory in Europe with ceremonies, live music, and a chance to reflect on the sacrifices made during World War II.





Quiz Night

13/05/25

Congrats to the Spin Doctors, who took home the win at our exciting Quiz Night on 13th May, out of 5 teams, they came out on top with their awesome knowledge. It was a night full of laughs, good vibes, and friendly competition!



QuizNight

10th June 2025 | 7:15pm @Churchill Bar

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An Intimate Wine Night – Exploring Australia

16/05/25

Our Intimate Wine Night on 16th May was a hit! We explored the Wolf Blass wine range, discovering new favourites while enjoying good company. A night filled with fine wine and great memories!





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Squash Mix-in
5.30pm - 7.45pm

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Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm

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Squash Mix-in
5.30pm - 7.45pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Squash Mix-in
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Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Tennis mixed-in
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Friday Junior Tennis
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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Squash Kids Academy
10.00am - 12.15pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.45pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

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Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
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Table Tennis Tournament
12.30pm - 5.00pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm
Winston Cup
6.00pm - 9.30pm

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Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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Sunil Mehra

TENNIS

The Rains are Back and Muddied the Waters

We always think that the weather forecasts will get us out of trouble and we can stay high and dry all through the season. The Meteorological Department sent me an early warning in 'plenty' advance, "Heavy Rain Warning until 0.9.00." Somehow, they were reading my tentative schedule for the week as I was thinking of the possibility of challenging the hegemony of Sook and Sunai at the morning tennis session for a change. This was not to be because rain muddied all plans. Instead, in the morning I had to extricate from my brain something that had lodged itself for weeks: a striking

message from Richard sent from a train that said something like, "I am on the Arlanda Express which may be slower than a Zverev 2nd serve." The speed on the digital display on the train 179 km/h. That got me thinking relentlessly about the comparison of speed of tennis serves vs trains; and was there any corelation? First, to get the record straight, the Arlanda Express train in Stockholm, runs at an average speed of around 117 km/h. Zverev's Average Second Serve Speed is 142 km/h. Spot on Richard! While the train can reach speeds up to 200 km/h, Zverev's fastest recorded serve was 236.6km/h in 2021 at Indian Wells. Although, a more interesting comparison would be fastest serves by tennis players vs trains in their country. This turned into a worthwhile pursuit to determine if there was the possible correlation or its lack, between Human Prowess vs Technical Progress. So here are the results of dedicated slice of life to this ridiculous cause.

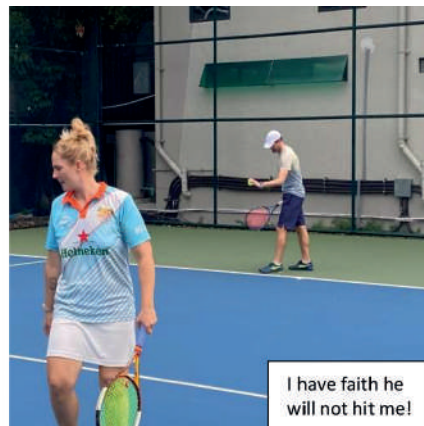


Country	Human Prowess	Technical Progress
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Winner	Fastest Server and Speed	Fastest Train and Speed
France	The fastest recorded serve by was by Albano Olivetti, 257.5 km/h, in 2012.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The TGV (Train à Grande Vitesse) is the fastest train in France and can reach speeds of 320 km/h.
USA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fastest serve; John Isner, 253 km/h 2016 Davis Cup, Singles.	The Amtrak Acela Express is currently the fastest train in the United States, 240 km/h.
UK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The fastest recorded tennis serve by UK player was by Mike Sangster, 247.84 km/h in 1963.	The UK's four high-speed lines (e.g. East Coast Line) have a maximum operational speed 210 km/h; (Eurostar e320, operates at higher speed but is built by the French).
China	No other data, Qinwen Zheng's fastest recorded serve was 137.5 km/h.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ! The Shanghai Maglev Train is currently the fastest commercial train in China and in the world, reaching a peak speed of 431 km/h.
Germany	The fastest recorded serve by a German player was by Oscar Otte, 243 km/h, 4 th Round, 2021 US Open.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> InterCity Express is Germany's fastest train up to 300 km/h; some ICE trains can travel at 320 km/h (200 mph) on French high-speed lines.
Japan	Limited data. "Naomi Osaka clocks a serve of 205 km/h" at Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open, February 2024.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The fastest train in Japan is the Shinkansen Hayabusa, which reaches speeds of up to 320 km/h on the Tohoku Shinkansen line.

I leave it to you to make your own conclusions. Next on the superfast German InterCity to Holland.

Dutch Invasion

by Hon. Willem Pentermann, Chairman, Dutch Association Thailand



"On Sunday, 27 April, members of the British Club Tennis Section and the Dutch Association Thailand met for their third friendly tennis match in the past two years. This occasion was particularly festive, as it coincided with the official Dutch King's Day – the Netherlands' National Day – bringing out the largest Dutch turnout yet. The matches were played in great spirit and ran smoothly throughout the afternoon. The British side came out strong in the first round, but the

Dutch team made a spirited comeback in the second and third rounds. Despite their efforts, the overall score saw the British Club emerge victorious with a final tally of 18–14. The day concluded on a high note with a relaxed buffet and refreshing beverages, enjoying curries and desserts – the perfect end to a delightful afternoon of tennis and camaraderie. We extend our sincere thanks to the British Club Bangkok for their warm hospitality. Both teams agreed to schedule another friendly match towards the end of August or early September 2025. Thank you once again for a wonderful afternoon and evening." The Dutch invaded but failed to conquer.

Friendly Visit by The Malacca Club

Photos by Vicki Ong

Next an incursion by our southern neighbours from Malaysia that occurred on 9th May. These great photos capture the spirit and spirits of the great time enjoyed by all together with the fun-loving visitors from The Malacca Club, Malaysia at the British Club – with equally high-spirited players.





The Art of Giving

by Raymonde & Raquel

We can finally share the exciting news that Pink Tennis raised B265,563.68!

A big thank you to all our sponsors and everyone who took part. Your support made this event a success and helps us continue the important work of the Queen Sirikit Centre for Breast Cancer (QSCBC) Foundation, which provides treatment for the underprivileged.

We truly appreciate it!

2025 Tennis Calendar

May 25-Jun 9	French Open	Sept 7	BCB The Great Wide Open
June 30-Jul 13	Wimbledon Championships	Nov 1-8	WTA Finals
July 13	BCB Womble Cup	Nov 8-17	Nitto ATP Finals
July 20	BCB Bruce Gordon Cup	Nov 16-22	Next Gen ATP Finals
Aug 25-Sep 7	US Open	Nov 23-27	Davis Cup Finals

Harold Mollin

Tennis Coach, Dad, Husband and Friend will be missed by all in the BC Tennis Community



"It is with great sadness, that we announce the passing of Harold Mollin on Monday 12th May 2025. On behalf of the family, please keep them and Harold in your prayers going forward. The death of a family member is never easy. Harold was a New Yorker who ended up in Bangkok and lived a remarkable life. His death will be felt by everyone he's left behind. We will miss him beyond measure."

By Mollin Family

To help the Mollin family through these difficult times kindly give on 'GoFundMe for Harold Mollin'



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SQUASHY BITS



From little acorns grow mighty trees – so it is said!! Well from kernels of ideas come great squash tours which has now been proved without a shadow of doubt!!!

And so it was that April 2025 marked the most ambitious, daring, audacious tour ever conceived on the squash courts of the British Club Bangkok!!!

Squash Chairman Thompson speculatively put out a rather limp statement on the Official Squash Whatsapp group chat – “I’m thinking of going to watch the Professional Platinum squash tournament in El Gouna, Egypt – anyone fancy coming??” Expecting a deep, dark, hollow abyss of a black hole of silence I turned off my phone and turned to other matters!!!

Shock and horror and total disbelief later there was a flurry of thumbs ups, not the usual maybes and possibly – ‘if the wife lets me’ responses – but firm “count me in’s”!!

So, it led to a valiant troop of BCB Squashies leaving these shores for the farthest flung destination ever conceived for a tour let alone ever actually undertaken.

Not only did we have Thai resident BCB Squashies we also had attendees from the BCB alumni spread far and wide!! We had Mattheus, our Brazilian Samba squashie living in Washington DC but working in Nigeria! We had Brad our DC resident now living in Poland and we had Robin from back in the UK! From far and wide they heard the call and came running!!

Pictures speak louder than words so dear readers please digest the photos of the tourists both outside and inside the great Pyramid of Cheops! Neil for health and safety reasons couldn’t enter the pyramid fearing after 4500 years the structure might crumble just at the moment he stepped inside. Bruce was more sanguine



and entered the central chamber like a pharaoh of old and pulled silly faces like he always does in photos.

However it wasn't all site-seeing alone – there was serious squash to be watched! On arrival in El Gouna on the red sea the tour jackets and banners came into great use by being draped over seats to secure, German tourist style, the best views in the stadium!!

The highlight of the tour was to hob nob with the royalty of squash – notably 6 world champions and much to Todd's great delight USA Number 1 Olivia Weaver – not to be confused with Bart Weaver who is not quite as good a ladies player. One other highlight was playing on the show court itself courtesy of our now close relationship with the powers that be in the upper echelons of squash!!

The intrepid tourists not only watched some amazing squash they also performed at the highest level at padel, scuba diving, golf, camel racing and Sakara Gold beer consumption – the latter being the area the lads achieved highest marks.

Lastly taking in the amazing Valley of the Kings to see King Tut's tomb it rounded off what was an amazing tour – thanks for all the tourists who I feel need a mention for prosperity here –

Dean Thompson, Neil Evans, Todd Rosin, Shiraz Poonevala, John Vivian, Brad Vick, Robin Spencer, Bruce Madge, Matheus Bueno, Sammy Thompson.

Looking forward to the next tour!! How can this one be beaten????



Peter Gale



BRITISH CLUB GOLF

British Club 2-Day Eclectic

The last weekend of March saw 18 BC members head off to Ratchaburi to contest our first major competition of the year, the 2-day eclectic. This is one of our favourite events of the year, particularly when it's played at the challenging Royal Ratchaburi course.

The competition is based on players best score for each hole over the two days. A few years back this used to be a 3-day competition which meant day 1 was one of the years most relaxing rounds, as you had two more chances to recover from a disaster on a hole. With the 2-day format the pressure is on from day 1 to ensure you don't have too many bad scores to recover from on the final round.

Peter Clark ensured he didn't have too much stress on the 2nd round by shooting a gross 78, with only 7 bogeys left on his card to improve on. This great round was despite the distractions from the local monkeys who stole his putter headcover. His net 69 led the way but not far behind him were Frank Fawkes with a net 72 and Andrew Stray with 73.



▲ Eclectic Prize Winners



▲ Neil - winner day 2 of Eclectic

After the round we retired to the wonderful Le Lert Hotel in Ratchaburi which put on a great meal for us, which was enjoyed with plentiful amounts of liquid refreshment. We were all really impressed by the hotel and would recommend to any BC members who happen to spend a weekend in Ratchaburi.

Day 2 saw some big improvements from a number of players trying to bring themselves back in contention, the biggest was by our esteemed captain Neil Davis who shot a net 73 to win the day ahead of Nigel Wark's net 75.

In the overall competition Peter Clark managed to improve his score on 4 holes to stay out in front and finish with a gross 74, net 64 to win by 2 shots from Andrew Stray with Frank and Terry Davies a further shot back. The monkeys, which he believes may have been deployed cunningly by his competitors, again tried to intervene – this time stealing his ball from the middle of the fairway.



▲ 2 day eclectic winner 2025



▲ Enjoying the meal after the Eclectic



▲ Bally at The Eclectic



▲ Beware of the dog



▲ Ready to tee off day 2

It was great weekend and we are all looking forward to our next away weekend at the end of May for the Juniors and Seniors!

March and April Monthly Medals

The March medal was contested by an elite field of 10 players at our regular course of Subhapruek. Division 1 was won by Peter Clark, clearly the form player during March, with an excellent net 72, gross 82. Second place went to Frank Fawkes and 3rd was ex-captain Varghese.

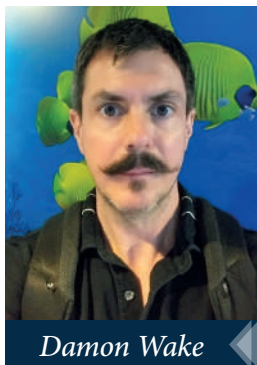
Division 2 was a closely run contest with Paul Carnell edging out Becky Adderley with a net 77 against a net 88. Third place went to Gareth Knight.



▲ April Medal Winners

For the April medal our field was boosted to 13 players with the inclusion of 4 guests from the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club. While everyone was a bit concerned with the weather on the drive to the course with plenty of dark clouds, rain and thunder in the air we were lucky enough to tee off in bright sunshine, which just about held up for the whole round.

The dominant performance on the day came from Ian with a net 70 which included a rare eagle on hole number 8. 2nd place in flight A went to Robert Gray with a respectable net 75. The winner in flight B was Frank Fawkes with a net 73.



HARD BALLS



▲ Pavilionaires XI for the RBSC T20 Spoon Final

A hard-fought derby (of sorts) rounded off BC Pavilionaires' campaign, as we went down to Siam Parrots in the Spoon final of the inaugural RBSC T20 Invitational. While the result was not what we wanted, it has been a pleasure to pull on the whites and play red ball cricket in the heart of Bangkok this season, and the team has undoubtedly learned some valuable lessons from facing strong sides in the tournament.

Ed won the toss and decided to bat, with Parrots putting out a strong XI as they sought to secure the competition's consolation prize. Returning after a long absence from cricket, Mak did everything he could to avoid opening the batting. But at the insistence of his old man, skipper Ed, he finally slouched out to the middle and surprised himself – and those watching – with an assured attacking knock. Mak rolled out some of his trademark buccaneering slaps over cover on his way to an entertaining 29 off 16 balls.

Mak's brisk start was carried on by Ravi and Ben as they set about the Parrots' attack. Fired by Chairman Jack's insistence that nothing less than the retirement score of 40 was acceptable, Ravi reached the mark in just 25 balls, while at the other end Ben eased to 27 off 21 before he was stumped.

Determined to lead from the front and to show his son he's not the only big hitter in the family, Ed came out all guns blazing, but sadly there was no Hollywood ending and he too was stumped a few balls later. Thereafter the innings rather petered out with only Talal hitting double figures as the runs dried up in the face of tight bowling from the Parrots.

The Pavilionaires ended on 142-7, and if this season has taught us anything, it is that the RBSC Polo Ground is a hard place to defend low totals, with its even bounce and short straight boundaries.



▲ Talal gives it what for



▲ Ben tucks one round the corner



▲ Tyrone winds up for a tweaker ▲ Sunish snags a victim LBW



▲ Mak plants one through the covers

▲ Ravi's hitting was the highlight of the BC innings



▲ Ed rouses the lads for one last big push

▲ Congratulations to Siam Parrots on their Spoon win

Early wickets brought hopes of victory for BC as Dilip dispatched the Parrots' openers in short order and George took care of their number three thanks to a fine catch by Mak, before the Parrots' four and five took charge, scoring rapidly to shift the momentum back in their favour.

More twists were to come as the big-hitters reached the retirement scores, bringing two new batsmen to the crease. Sunish's mystery spin was too much for them and they were soon back in the hutch, one bowled and one lbw, before a run out tilted things towards the Pavilionaires.

But in the end BC couldn't quite see the game home as one of Parrots' big-hitters came back to seal the chase for them, winning by eight wickets with an over to spare.

British Club 142-7 (Ravi 40, Ben 27) lost to Siam Parrots CC 144-8 by two wickets - RBSC T20 Invitational Spoon Final



Active Living Section

SECTION UPDATE:

Active Living Section Membership is open to ALL Club Members and their Spouses/ Partners. Come along to your first Active Living Section event: we are confident that having done so, you will then be attending others.

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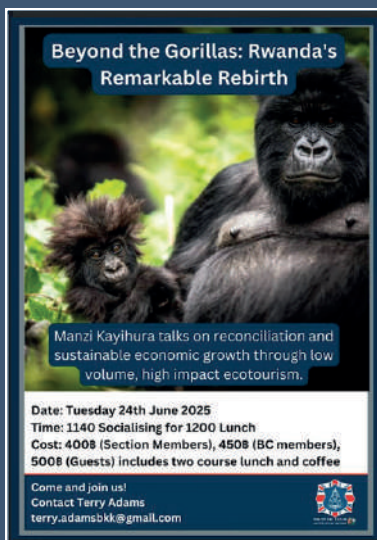
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Section Future Events:



EVENT REPORT:

“Turbulent Times for Myanmar and what this means for Thailand”: by Dominic Faulder: 30th April 2025

Section Chair Terry Adams welcomed a large and highly engaged audience to a powerful presentation by Dominic Faulder, a renowned journalist and long-time observer of Myanmar's troubled history. Drawing on over 30 years of personal engagement and 75 of his own photographs, Dominic gave an insightful and sobering overview of the country's ongoing crisis.

He began by tracing Myanmar's journey since independence in 1948, describing how hopes of nationhood quickly collapsed into decades of civil conflict, driven by deep ethnic divisions, military rule, and failed attempts at unity. Dominic highlighted the plight of Myanmar's many minorities—Rohingya, Kachin, Karen, Shan, and others—whose struggles





have been largely ignored or suppressed by the central military-dominated state. He reviewed the brief period of hope when Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy gained power, only for the military to retake control in 2021, plunging the country back into violence. Unlike previous uprisings, today's widespread armed resistance includes both ethnic forces and new People's Defense Forces, though their alliances are fragile and often driven by self-interest or regional influence, particularly from neighboring countries.

Dominic spoke candidly about Thailand's complex relationship with Myanmar, balancing security concerns, economic interests, and refugee management. He stressed that Thailand cannot fully isolate itself from the crisis, with conflict and displacement already impacting border communities.

Responding to audience questions, Dominic painted a grim picture of international failure, with no real progress toward peace and the risk of Myanmar becoming a failed state. He urged listeners to recognize the regional significance of the crisis, particularly for Thailand's stability and humanitarian responsibilities. Attendees left with a deeper understanding of the immense suffering of Myanmar's people, and the disturbing reality that an end to the violence remains nowhere in sight.



EVENT REPORT:

"Tariffs, Trade and the almighty Dollar: what it means for us all": by Barbara Meynert – 15th May 2025

A thoroughly interested number of Section members and guests gathered to enjoy an excellent lunch, accompanied by the Club's always attentive and professional F&B service. What followed was a timely, highly relevant, and expertly delivered presentation by Barbara Meynert, whose extensive career in global finance and deep regional insight positioned her perfectly to unpack this fast-moving and complex international issue.

In her trademark clear and engaging style, where she has ways of taking complicated subjects and making them easy to follow and understand, Barbara explained the implications of the U.S. President's shock announcement of sweeping new tariffs affecting nearly all of America's trading partners. She broke down the situation with clarity,



helping the audience grasp not only the global stakes but also how these developments could impact people far beyond the negotiating rooms.

Using well-structured slides, Barbara walked us through the sequence of events, starting with the U.S.'s dramatic "Liberation Day" declaration on April 2nd, followed by the partial U-turn on April 9th, and the announcement of a 90-day pause. She noted China's immediate retaliation, including 125% tariffs on U.S. goods and restrictions on critical exports like rare earth elements and magnets. Barbara also highlighted how these tariff increases would soon translate into higher prices for ordinary American consumers, explaining the political and economic calculations behind the U.S. move.

Turning to China, Barbara outlined how it has been strategically reducing reliance on U.S. trade through

initiatives like the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the Belt and Road Initiative, and deeper involvement with the BRICS bloc, of which Thailand is now a Partner Country, though not yet a full member.

In closing, Barbara reflected on the fragile dominance of the U.S. dollar, warning that "the crown is slipping" as the world shifts from a U.S.-led unipolar order to a more fragmented, multipolar landscape where the world is moving from being U.S.-led and relatively unified under U.S. influence, to becoming more contested and diverse, with multiple countries and blocs shaping the rules and direction of global affairs. She reminded everyone that while such transitions can be unsettling, they also bring new opportunities. Her parting advice was simple but memorable: "Buckle up and enjoy the ride."

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