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The Battle of Britain Dinner



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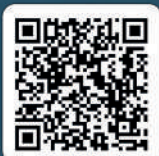
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so much owed by so many to so few."*

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Front Cover

The Battle of Britain was a key air fight during World War II where the smaller British defenders successfully resisted a larger attacking air force, preventing an invasion and marking an important turning point in the war.

This Month

This September is packed with great events, from the exciting 'Back 2 Skool' challenge and the Intimate Wine Night, to the exclusive Battle of Britain dinner. With fun competitions and social gatherings, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

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Chairman's Message

I would like to thank, yet again, all members for your continued support of our wonderful club. Despite the departure of the General and Deputy General Manager, the Club has not faltered as our Thai management and staff team have shown remarkable resilience and dedication, ensuring that our services and operations continue to receive positive feedback. Their tireless efforts in maintaining a wonderful ambiance for our members is truly commendable.

As we move forward, the General Committee continues to evaluate the future management structure of the club. We are currently in the process of recruiting an F&B Manager and conducting training sessions for our service staff to enhance their skills and performance.



Please don't hesitate to reach out to Khun Bea, our poolside manager, if you notice any shortcomings in service or offerings in the Jubilee Bar, Sala, or Sails outlets.

The recent British and Irish Lions rugby Test Matches were shown in The Suriwongse room, using a high-quality, five by three 3 meter, LED screen. The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, and we are considering similar arrangements for future sporting events, subject to demand.



On a personal note, I recently attended the World Spoofing Championship in Sydney. During the toast to absent friends, I was touched when Michael Banks, former Manager of the New Zealand All Blacks rugby team, specifically mentioned Paul Cheesman RIP, previous Honorary Secretary and Club Historian, who in his early days of Spoofing was known as The Enforcer. It's moments like these that remind one of the strong connections and camaraderie that exist within our Club and our associated groups.

For football fans, True Television no longer holds the broadcasting rights for English Premier League (EPL) matches. Instead, Jasmine has secured the rights for a six-year period starting from the 2025-2026 season. We will be making arrangements to show EPL games in the Jubilee and Churchill Bar, and excited to bring the action to our members. Please bear with us as new equipment is installed and any initial teething problems are fixed.

August saw the final sessions of The Kids Summer Camp series; well done to all staff and helpers who worked so very well to ensure all activities ran smoothly and were enjoyed by participants. I am very pleased to advise that following his time taken up with family matters, Khun Aof has returned to full time employment within the operations of the Club and will report to Khun Natt.



For golfers, a free of charge practice area for your driver and iron shots has been positioned on the back lawn adjacent to the cricket net, so there's no excuse not to swing into action.

A good choice of events and functions ahead so do check the weekly updates on email, social media, Club website and notice boards

**Cheers
Simon**

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Operations Unknown

Hygiene Training Session by Food Hygiene Asia (Thailand)



In August 2025, our kitchen team at The British Club Bangkok took part in a hands-on hygiene training session led by Stuart Baker from Food Hygiene Asia (Thailand). The session gave us a valuable opportunity to focus on our daily routines, strengthen teamwork, and sharpen the way we work in the kitchen.

At the end of the training, each team member completed a test to confirm they could apply what they'd learned to real-life kitchen situations.

The result is a more confident, skilled team with a clear understanding of expectations and a strong commitment to maintaining high standards throughout the kitchen.

The club believe investing in our people is the best way to protect our business, support our staff, and give our members and guests peace of mind. This training was an important step in strengthening that commitment and shaping the way we move forward.

THAILAND TAX CHANGES

You're invited to an informative evening with Progeny



MORE THAILAND TAX CHANGES?

Thailand updates rules on foreign earnings

Join us for this presentation and social gathering evening event, hosted by **Martin Wright, Senior Financial Planner at Progeny (SG)**, who will be joined by a special guest speaker, **Jonathan Stuart-Smith, Tax Partner at Forvis Mazars Thailand**.

This event will focus on key topics including:

- ◆ An update on the planned Thai tax changes as indicated on 19 May by the Bangkok Post.
- ◆ Considerations on how to navigate these changes from the perspective of generating value from personal assets.
- ◆ An update and overview of Global Investment Markets.

What you can expect to learn from this event:

- ◆ How the 19th May indicated changes to local taxation may affect Thai Tax residents and how has this developed since the 19 May article.
- ◆ Some ideas and considerations on how to generate income and growth from overseas personal assets given the planned changes to the Thai tax landscape.
- ◆ What is happening in the investment markets, how 2025 may continue to develop, and what can you consider to help your position, 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.

SPEAKERS



MARTIN WRIGHT
Senior Financial Planner,
Progeny



JONATHAN STUART-SMITH
Tax Partner at Forvis
Mazars Thailand

EVENT DETAILS



Tuesday 23 September 2025



6.30pm – 8.30pm



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On 19 May 2025, The Bangkok Post reported on new information from the Thailand Tax Authorities.

The Revenue Department is preparing to draft legislation to amend the collection of tax on foreign income remitted to Thailand. According to Panuwat Luengwilai, deputy director-general of the department, Thais with income earned abroad who remit it to Thailand regardless of the tax year must include that income in their personal income tax filing in Thailand. This is the latest of a string of potential changes most of which began in 2023.

Draft law targets foreign income of Thai residents

These regulations regarding the taxation of foreign income remitted to Thailand were amended during the previous government and have been in effect since Jan 1, 2024. For foreign income earned before Jan 1, 2024 and remitted to Thailand after that period, the previous rules still apply. That means if a Thai earned foreign income before 2024 and remitted it after the year the income was earned, it is not subject to tax.

Thailand's current foreign income tax regulations were effective from Jan 1, 2024, and aimed to tackle tax avoidance by requiring tax on foreign income regardless of when it is brought into the country. Under the previous system, Thai tax residents (individuals who reside in Thailand for more than 180 days a year) could delay transferring foreign income into Thailand to avoid local tax.

Then in September last year it was reported that the Thai Revenue Department were drafting a law to tax the income of individuals residing in Thailand that originates from overseas. The draft followed the international principle of worldwide income under the residence rule, said Kulaya Tantitemit, the director-general of the department at the time. This was quite a significant step, and as such, the drafting of the law required an amendment to Section 41 of the Revenue Code.

Foreign income tax tweaks aim to boost local investment

All at a time when Thailand is promoting long-term residence (LTR) visas to attract wealthy foreigners, retirees and digital nomads. The sudden imposition of taxes on their foreign income, without clear communication or transition plans for stakeholders, risks undermining these efforts.

Mr Panuwat said the department is drafting a royal decree to amend the current criteria, in line with the policy of Finance Minister Pichai Chunhavajira, who is encouraging Thai nationals with foreign income to repatriate funds for domestic investment.

Under the new guidelines, Thais with foreign income will not be taxed if they remit that income in the year it was earned or the following year. For example, if income is earned in 2025 and brought into Thailand in 2025 or 2026, it is not subject to tax. However, if the income is remitted after that period, normal tax obligations apply.

According to the article a source from the Finance Ministry who requested anonymity said the taxation of foreign income follows the residency-based principle, whereby Thailand taxes the income of individuals who reside in the country. The department has consistently applied this residency-based taxation principle, which aligns with OECD guidelines.

Seeking professional advice

Whatever your position you should seek appropriate Professional local Tax Advice to navigate this ever changing landscape.



MARTIN WRIGHT
Senior Financial
Planner,
Progeny (SG)

Find out more





BC Bee Kid's Club!

Let the buzzing fun begin at BC Bee Kid Club!

After an exciting and adventurous summer camp, BC Bee Kid Club is back and more energetic than ever! Starting this weekend, children will enjoy six themed activities, with three each day from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. It's the perfect way for kids to stay active, learn new skills, and make friends and all while having tons of fun in a safe, supervised environment.



Saturday: Creativity, Curiosity & Problem Solving

LITTLE BOB THE BUILDER

Kids will get hands-on as they build and create using imagination doing art & craft.

LITTLE MAD SCIENTIST

Things are about to get a little messy and a lot of fun! Through simple experiments, kids will explore the fascinating world of science in a safe and exciting setting.

YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES

Calling all little detectives! In this activity, children will solve mini-mysteries, sharpen their observation skills, and develop logical thinking.



Sunday: Art, Cooking & Sports Galore

MINI PICASSO

Kids can let their creativity shine as they paint, draw, and craft in this art-filled session designed to inspire imagination and self-expression.

MINI CHEF

From mixing ingredients to tasting their creations, this session builds basic cooking skills in a fun, interactive way.

JUNIOR ATHLETE

Time to get moving! This high-energy session features games, challenges, and sports activities that promote fitness, teamwork, and confidence.



Coming Events

September 2025

(more details on the website)

- New Member Night
- Quiz Night
- Back 2 Skool Challenge
- An Intimate Wine Night
- Battle of Britain Dinner
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Wine on the Lawn

October 2025

(more details on the website)

- Desi Night
- Quiz Night
- Trafalgar Dinner
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Halloween Party
- Wine on the Lawn - Halloween

November 2025

(more details on the website)

- Guy Fawkes Night
- Loy Krathong Day
- Remembrance Day
- Quiz Night
- New Member Night
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Christmas Party

Event & Activities 2025 September Highlights



Back 2 Skool Challenge

The Back 2 Skool Challenge is back after the summer break! Get ready for 4 challenges, designed for fun, teamwork, and friendly competition. Only 30 spots available, so sign up fast and enjoy the fun!



Intimate Wine Night

Intimate wine night this month is all about exploring the rich flavors of Italy, featuring a carefully selected variety of wines perfectly paired with crafted dishes. This special event promises great taste, good company, and a memorable experience.



Battle of Britain Dinner

The Battle of Britain Dinner brings together defense attachés to honor a historic victory. This event celebrates bravery and unity through meaningful reflection and a memorable evening of fellowship.

NOT JUST ABOUT HAVING FUN BUT IN PLAY CHILDREN DISCOVER HOW TO LEARN.



Back 2 SKOOL CHALLENGE

Sunday 14th Sep | 1:00pm - 5:00pm



Limited to the first 30 bookings only!

Sunday 14th Sep | 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Members 1,000 ฿ / Non-members 1,500 ฿

Age from 6 - 11 years old

Kids must be able to join the activities without supervision

Special prizes will be awarded to
the Top 3 winners in every challenge!

Includes 4 exciting challenges from our amazing partners!



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Table Tennis Tournament 26/07/25

The July Table Tennis Tournament featured a series of friendly and exciting matches. All players displayed great skill and sportsmanship throughout the event. In a close and thrilling final, Manish claimed victory with sharp shots and steady focus. A great game and a well-earned win!



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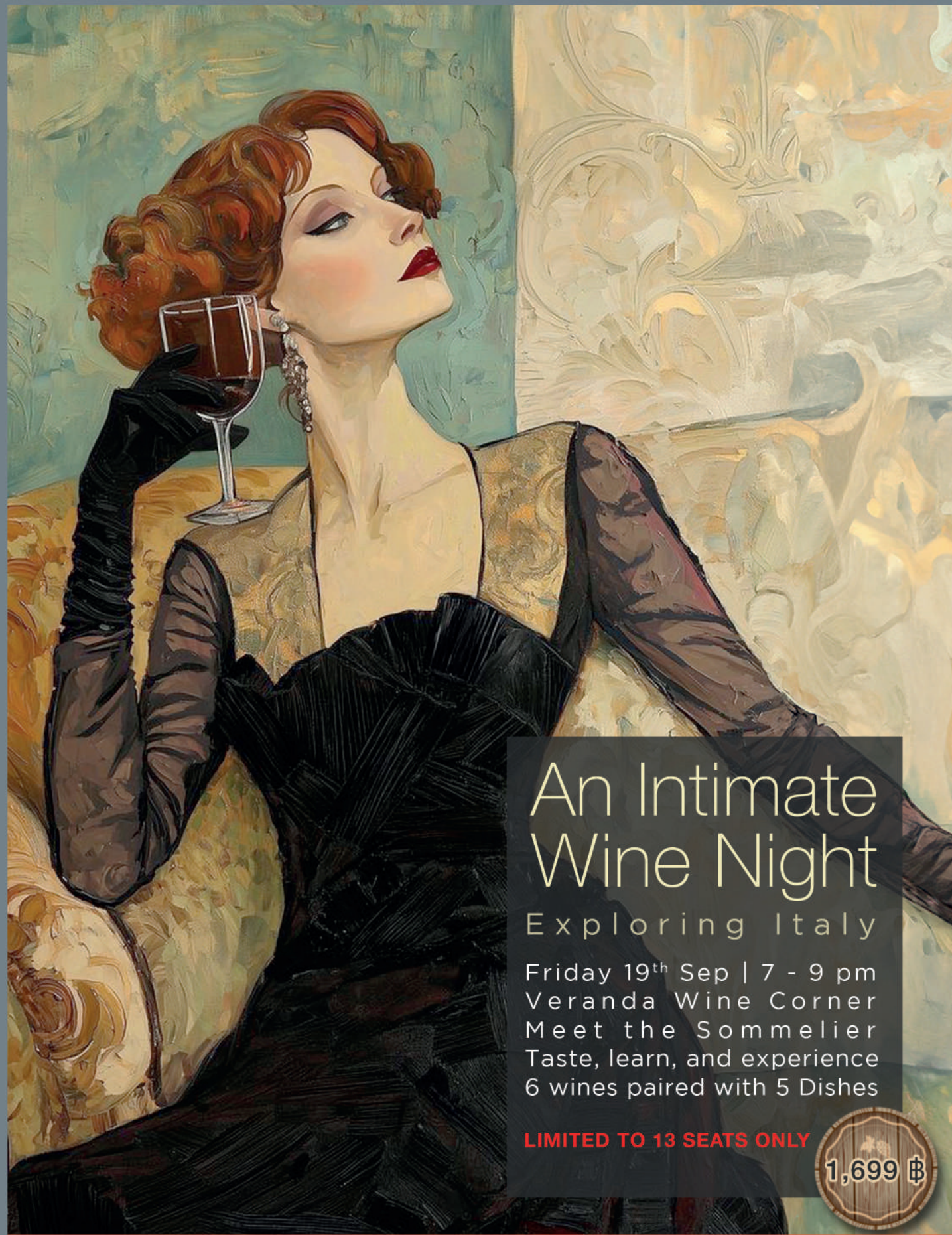


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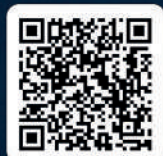


An Intimate Wine Night

Exploring Italy

Friday 19th Sep | 7 - 9 pm
Veranda Wine Corner
Meet the Sommelier
Taste, learn, and experience
6 wines paired with 5 Dishes

LIMITED TO 13 SEATS ONLY



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Winston Cup

26/07/25

The July Winston Cup Pool Competition was a fun-filled event with a great turnout, including many new faces and guests from reciprocal clubs. The friendly matches kept everyone engaged, and Peter claimed the top spot after some exciting battles.



September 2025

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TABLE TENNIS

Tournament

Handicap System

Saturday, 20th September | starts 1:00pm | register 12:30pm

16 players to enter a straight knockout tournament top 2 winners receive prizes

Handicap rating system introduced to make all level compete with a chance to win

FREE TO ENTER

HANDICAP LUCKY DRAW IS BACK



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The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

Saturday 20th September - Starts 6:00pm



Straight Knock out 16 players
Every Player gets 1 free drink
and Free to Enter

All levels welcome

REGISTER NOW



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Lions Tour 2025 2nd & 3rd Tests 26 Jul & 2 Aug 2025

Following the success of the 1st Test live screening, the club hosted the 2nd and 3rd Test matches of the British & Irish Lions Tours 2025. A standout moment was the reunion of several ex-1990s BC Rugby players, who came out to watch the final match together. A great crowd gathered, full of rugby passion and spirit, making it an unforgettable celebration! The club continues to bring the community together through fantastic events like this.



WINE on The Lawn

Saturday, September 27th
6:00 pm | Front Lawn



MEMBERS 400฿ | GUESTS 500฿

4 wine suppliers
includes two featured glasses
of wine, Tapas Buffet

Live Music from
Little Moon - Napak



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Thailand Mother's Day

10 & 12 Aug 2025

Veranda celebrated Thailand's National Mother's Day with a Thai-themed brunch on August 10 and 12, 2025. Families enjoyed authentic Thai dishes in a warm setting, with moms receiving a complimentary glass of Prosecco that added a sparkling touch to their celebration. To capture the joy of the moment, every family received a beautifully taken portrait, making it a memorable day of great food and togetherness.



QuizNight

9th September 2025 | 7:15pm @Churchill Bar

TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS
Members 150 Baht | Guests 200 Baht



Can You Find All The Animals?



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Quiz Night

12/08/25

This month's quiz night, Scumbag College returned to action and took home the win, with Drowning Not Waving coming in a close second. It was great having new faces join the fun, making the evening full of friendly competition, laughter, and great vibes all around.



Team Name	Round One	Round Two	Round Three	Round Four	Wipeout	Ponderous Puzzle	Total
Scumbag College	9	10	10	7	4	3	43
Drowning Not Waving	7	7	10	10	4	0	38
Spookers	8	8	10	8	0	0	34
Lauri's Team	8	7	9	7	0	0	31
Blue Practitioner	2	3	5	4	0	0	14



August 2025

25

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Squash Mix-in 5.30pm - 7.45pm	2 Football 6.30pm - 8.30pm	3 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	4 Yoga 6.00pm - 7.00pm Cricket team practice 6.30pm - 8.00pm	5 Tennis mixed-in 8.00am - 11.00am Junior tennis coaching 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Friday Junior cricket 5.30pm - 7.00pm Tennis mixed-in 6.00pm - 10.00pm	6 Squash Kids Academy 10.00am - 12.15pm Squash Mixed-in 1.00pm - 4.45pm Cricket Team Practice 2.30pm - 6.00pm	7 Tennis Men Doubles Team practice 10.00am - 1.00pm Sunday Brunch 11.00am - 4.00pm Tennis Mix-in 4.00pm - 7.00pm
	8 Squash Mix-in 5.30pm - 7.45pm	9 Football 6.30pm - 8.30pm Quiz Night 7.15pm - 9.30pm	10 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	11 Yoga 6.00pm - 7.00pm Cricket team practice 6.30pm - 8.00pm	12 Tennis mixed-in 8.00am - 11.00am Junior tennis coaching 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Friday Junior cricket 5.30pm - 7.00pm Tennis mixed-in 6.00pm - 10.00pm	13 Squash Kids Academy 10.00am - 12.15pm Squash Mixed-in 1.00pm - 4.45pm Cricket Team Practice 2.30pm - 6.00pm	14 Tennis Men Doubles Team practice 10.00am - 1.00pm Sunday Brunch 11.00am - 4.00pm Back 2 Skool 1.00pm - 5.00pm Tennis Mix-in 4.00pm - 7.00pm
	15 Squash Mix-in 5.30pm - 7.45pm	16 Football 6.30pm - 8.30pm	17 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	18 Yoga 6.00pm - 7.00pm Cricket team practice 6.30pm - 8.00pm	19 Tennis mixed-in 8.00am - 11.00am Junior tennis coaching 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm Friday Junior cricket 5.30pm - 7.00pm Tennis mixed-in 6.00pm - 10.00pm Intimate Wine Night 7.00pm - 9.00pm	20 Squash Kids Academy 10.00am - 12.15pm Squash Mixed-in 1.00pm - 4.45pm Table Tennis Tournament 12.30pm - 5.00pm Cricket Team Practice 2.30pm - 6.00pm Winston Cup 6.00pm - 9.30pm	21 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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TENNIS

The Heat is still ON and parched earth speaks the Game is ON

It seems like 2025 has been a relentless-never-ending summer no matter where you go this year – it is hot and hotter everywhere. We long for that earthy smell after the rain. In our modern mindset we have lost the cultural, social and even religious significance in Asia of the *smell of the earth* after the first rain or as called here, กลิ่นหอมของดินหลังฝน. Now what does that have to do with the price of longan or tennis? Well rain may be an impediment for enjoying tennis as Chris happily notes below, “without being rained off like the past two years!” Read on...

Thinking about humans who leave their mark by doing good, and thus making the British Club's tennis space particularly, a better place; one would give the highest accolades to Bruce Gordon.

Bruce Gordon Cup

by Chris Watt, Tennis Section Chairman



Finally, the Bruce Gordon Cup was played on Sunday 27th July *without being rained off like the past two years!*

Eight doubles teams fronted up to play a round robin to decide the winner. In keeping with Bruce's original concept of a Seniors Double Tournament, the Tennis Section Committee decided that the doubles team should have a combined age of 100 thus opening it up to younger players if they pair up with an older player.

The format was to play at total of 8 games which meant everyone got to serve twice and at deuce sudden death with the receiver choosing who would receive. Each would record their score after each match and the pair with the highest would be the overall winner.

The matches started just after 4pm with four courts in play until 7pm when we were reduced to just two courts until 8pm. With great matches being played it was down to the wire with the last two matches being played. It wasn't until these matches were completed did, we know who had won.

Nattaya and Veena took first place with a total of 41 points followed by Richard and Team in second with 39 points, Cyrille and Martin third with 36 and in fourth place with 35 points Jeab and Mai. Bruce would have been delighted to see such a close finish.

After the matches were completed, it was time for food and refreshments. A fabulous buffet was laid out and some bottles of Prosecco popped to celebrate. Yours truly gave a speech and presented the runners up and the winners with well-deserved bottles of wine and in true style of the Tennis Section drinking and conversation carried on until late.

Pictorial Story from Facebook

by Arin the 'Pictorius'



Pictures from the Bruce Gordon Cup. It was a perfect day - great tennis, zero rain, and many smiles from all the players. Huge thanks to the organizers Khun Nattaya and Khun Chris for all their efforts. Also, thank you to every single person who showed up and made it fun. Find yourself! The photo story is yours....



Trophies speeches and happy faces. That's how we wrap up the Bruce Gordon's Cup. A huge round of applause for our amazing winners and finalists. Thank you, Khun Scott,




THE GREAT WIDE OPEN 7th September 2025, 4pm ANOTHER FUN DOUBLES TOURNAMENT FOR ALL



Welcoming all to The Great Wide Open Tennis Tournament, also known as the Pistol Pete Cup. In case you hadn't noticed the references to US legendary song, and the basketball wizard, wild-west super slinger or a Disney character – the choice is yours if you would like to dress up. By happy coincidence The Great Wide Open tournament will be held on 7th September – the same day as the Men's Final at the US Open. Another good reason to celebrate together.

The Great Wide Open/Pistol Pete Cup is a doubles tournament – any mix! You can choose your own partner or the organisers can help you to find a partner (for this tournament only). The opponents are matched from two groups to make the play competitive. Although a knock out tournament, it will also include Plate winners. One Set is played in each Round and the last pair 'standing' will be the Winners. More details will be provided on the tournament day and/or on British Club Facebook page.

Finally, another year of great work by the British Club Tennis Committee is coming to a close. Therefore, it is time for a message from the Committee Chairman.



2025 AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
7:30PM JUBILEE BAR TERRACE

The Tennis Section is calling for the **Annual General Meeting** which will be held on Wednesday 17 September at 7.30pm on the Balcony in the Jubilee Bar. During the meeting light refreshments will be provided.

All members are encouraged to attend, and we look forward to new

members standing for the Tennis Section Committee positions. Members will be voting on the positions of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer along with two others to form the next General Committee. We would like to thank the outgoing Committee for all their good work during the past year.

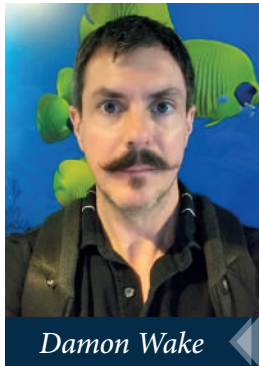
2025 Tennis Calendar

Aug 24-Sep 7	US Open	Nov 9-16	Nitto ATP Finals
Sept 7	BCB The Great Wide Open	Nov 16-22	Next Gen ATP Finals
Nov 1-8	WTA Finals	Nov 23-27	Davis Cup Final

More from Bruce Gordon Cup 2025



HARD BALLS



Damon Wake

While England and India fought out their titanic tussle back home, the British Club cricketers took a break from playing in August to gear up for the Ko Chang beach tournament at the end of the month and begin preparations for the upcoming season. This month's Hard Balls is a review of the past season, celebrating some of our highlights, award winners and stats.

Div A season review, by Pramodh Kamalakannan (captain)

The British Club team had a new look as we went into our third consecutive season in the A-Division – following promotion in 2021-22 – as some familiar faces departed Bangkok. In a welcome innovation all the games of the Bangkok cricket league were actually played in Bangkok itself this season, sparing the players interminable journeys out to Samut Sakhon or Pattaya.

Despite hopes of repeating the previous year's charge to the knockout rounds of the league – and maybe even a crack at the title – a mixed bag of results left BC just outside the all-important playoff spots.

Playing a full season of matches on grass pitches did not suit the BC batters and we passed 200 from 25 overs only twice. Small totals are hard to defend even with BC's strong bowling attack, and we ended with a perfectly balanced record of winning four games out of eight to finish mid-table. The performance on the field extended to the coin toss itself with the captain winning exactly 50% of tosses and winning 50% of the games after winning the toss.

But while the overall results were not what we had hoped for, there were a number of stand-out performances, in particular BC academy graduate Jon, who made his debut at 13 to become the youngest ever in the league, and put in some solid showings with both bat and ball.

Ben Eastwell stepped in to wicket keeping duties for the season and did an exceptional job, finishing third in the league with 11 dismissals overall behind the sticks. Avi Chopra continued his wonderful batting displays to finish third in the league run-scoring chart with 354, while Pramodh also finished third in the league bowling table with 15 wickets.

Pavilionaires season review, by Ed Khan (captain)

During the RBSC Invitational 2024/2025 T20 season,

the Pavilionaires faced a challenging path in a fiercely competitive league – one intended to offer more players the opportunity to participate in meaningful, competitive cricket. While the results didn't always go our way with several narrow defeats, the experience proved invaluable as many players got to step onto the field.

Ed Khan led the side as captain for the second year in a row, and Dilip Mishra (vice captain) admirably filled in on a few occasions due to Ed's Ramadan commitments, ensuring strong leadership continuity throughout the tournament.

A few notable player performances to highlight. On the batting end, Sagar Puthran, Ben Eastwell and Jonathan George, and Mak Khan all accumulated 100+ runs in the season. In the bowling department, Sunish Shah, Dilip Mishra, Sagar Puthran, and Tyrone Bond were the leading wicket takers.

Despite the difficult outcomes, the consensus remains: it was a positive season where everyone was able to play good cricket. A heartfelt thanks to the Bangkok Cricket League for organizing such a rewarding league, and to RBSC for hosting all teams at their ground.

Tour and friendly highlights

Away from the league competitions, the cricket section kept up its usual round of tours and friendlies.

We travelled up for our annual Chiang Mai tour in February, gladly supporting our friends in the north as they struggled to recover from the previous September's devastating floods. The Dick Wood Cup, now in its 43rd year, was contested away from the Gymkhana ground for the first time, and some tight bowling and aggressive batting saw BC take the trophy for the first time since 2021.

We welcomed our old friends the Pangolins for a hard-fought but good-natured friendly April, beating the visitors but more importantly showing them a good time back at the club – and winning the boat race!

The Vientiane 8s tournament brought the usual happy blend of Beer Lao and big hits – not least from our sponsor Arran's very own Rob Gray, whose six will live long in the memory – and BC were happy to come away with the Plate trophy, beating Phuket in the final. Shoutout to Denz for flying all the way from the Netherlands to take part.

The annual Marshall Trophy against RBSC – Thailand's oldest inter-club contest – was cut short by a thunderstorm with BC in a strong position, having reduced the oppo to 150/8 before the lightning and rain intervened.

Award winners 2024-25

- A Division – All Rounder – Tyrone Bond
- A Division – Best Batsman – Avneesh Chopra – 354 runs @ 44.25
- A Division – Best Bowler – Pramodh Kamalakannan – 15 Wickets @ 12.7
- Pavilionaires – All Rounder – Sagar Puthran
- Pavilionaires – Best Batsman – Jonathan George – 130 runs @ 26.0
- Pavilionaires – Best Bowler – Sunish Shah – 18 Wickets @ 11.2

Award winners 2023-24 - presented this season

- A Division (2023/24) – All Rounder – Karthik Rajendran
- A Division (2023/4) – Best Batsman – Avneesh Chopra – 310 runs @ 62.0
- A Division (2023/24) – Best Bowler – Pramodh Kamalakannan – 12 Wickets @ 22
- Pavilionaires (2023/24) – All Rounder – Ben Eastwell
- Pavilionaires (2023/24) – Best Batsman – Rahul Gupte – 154 runs @ 30.8
- Pavilionaires (2023/24) – Best Bowler – Ravi Anandani – 7 Wickets @ 30.7

Social

BC cricket continued to have a strong off field camaraderie with regular Thursday and Saturday training sessions followed by thirst quenching sessions, as well as weekly post-match debriefs which often took longer than the actual matches.

Huge credit to our social secretary Rahul for organising some wonderful occasions this year – the outing to the BC Desi Night and the end-of-season Potluck Supper were particular highlights.



▲ Jonathan George - Pavilionaires Best Batsman 24_25



▲ Pramodh Kamalakannan - A Division Best Bowler (23_24 & 24_25)



▲ Sunish Shah - Pavilionaires Best Bowler 24_25



▲ Sagar Puthran - Pavilionaires All Rounder 24_25



▲ Avneesh Chopra - A Division Best Batsman (23_24 & 24_25)



▲ Rahul Gupte - Pavilionaires Best Batsman 23_24



▲ Ben Eastwell - Pavilionaires All Rounder 23_24

Stats

A Division 24/25 Bat

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	4's	6's	50's	100's	HS	SR	Avg
Avneesh Chopra	8	8	0	354	38	16	4	1	120	133.08	44.25
Mak Khan	8	8	1	169	23	1	0	0	46	85.79	24.14
Tyrone Bond	8	8	1	151	17	1	1	0	68	87.28	21.57

A Division 24/25 Bowl

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Runs	Wkts	BBF	Mdns	Dots	Econ	Avg	SR	4w	5w
Pramodh Kamalakannan	8	8	35.0	190	15	13/4	1	128	5.43	12.67	14.0	1	0
Tyrone Bond	8	8	39.0	229	14	11/4	4	119	5.87	16.36	16.7	2	0
Avneesh Chopra	8	8	32.0	249	10	35/2	0	94	7.78	24.90	19.2	0	0

Pavilionaires 24/25 Bat

Player	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	4's	6's	50's	100's	HS	SR	Avg
Sagar Puthran	9	9	1	157	12	5	0	0	42	122.66	19.62
Ben Eastwell	9	9	0	130	8	4	0	0	30	100.00	14.44
Jonathan George	5	5	0	130	10	4	0	0	34	80.25	26.00

Pavilionaires 24/25 Bowl

Player	Mat	Inns	Overs	Runs	Wkts	BBF	Mdns	Dots	Econ	Avg	SR	4w	5w
Sunish Shah	8	8	27.0	201	18	21/5	0	72	7.44	11.17	9.0	0	1
Dilip Mishra	10	10	30.0	268	11	31/3	0	61	8.93	24.36	16.4	0	0
Sagar Puthran	9	9	28.0	219	8	15/3	0	79	7.82	27.38	21.0	0	0



Terry Adams



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.

We continue working to provide two events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalisation to December 2025 and beyond.



Click here:

- For information on the Section and our previous Events
- To join the Section by completing your application.

Or visit the Active Living Section website at:

www.britishclubbangkok.org/active-living-section/

(Just keep clicking on the posters to delve deeper for information, photographs, and more)

Section Future Events:



EVENT REPORT:

"From Thailand's Kra Canal to Land Bridge: A 350-Year Journey of Vision and Ambition": 24th July 2025



Our speaker for this engaging and timely presentation was the distinguished journalist *William (Bill) Mellor*, who has spent more than 40 years reporting on major developments across the Asia-Pacific region. For over three decades, Bill has followed the long-running saga of the Kra Canal and, more recently, the Land Bridge proposal – a topic he has explored through firsthand visits, interviews with government officials and local communities, and in-depth research.

Bill opened with a striking slide comparing the gestation periods of major infrastructure projects: the Panama Canal took 121 years from initial proposal to completion, the UK/France Channel Tunnel 192 years – and the Kra Canal/Land Bridge, first mentioned by King Narai in 1677, remains unrealised after 348 years and counting.

It stands today as the world's longest-running unbuilt mega-project.

The presentation featured fascinating historical slides, photographs, and videos that traced the project's development – or lack thereof – over time. Among the highlights:

- In 1677, King Narai commissioned a French engineer to assess the feasibility of a canal route.
- In 1882, Ferdinand de Lesseps, the famed builder of the Suez Canal, visited the region in search of a viable path, but reportedly left without finding it – possibly misled away from the optimal route.
- A well-received 1940 Pathé News clip underscored the perceived strategic importance of the canal during wartime.
- Particularly surprising and interesting was a rare 1943 photograph showing the now almost unknown **Second Death Railway** – built and operated by the Japanese during World War II to connect Chumphon with Ranong and linked to the infamous Singapore to Burma Death Railway. It was not used to much effect during the war owing to sustained Allied bombing. Interestingly, the route of this railway is now the proposed route for the Land Bridge project.

Bill also referenced a curious 1973 New York Times

article reporting that Dr. Edward Teller, co-developer of the hydrogen bomb, conducted a six-month feasibility study for the Kra Canal – one proposal even suggesting the use of peaceful nuclear explosions to aid excavation and minimize the major issue of what to do with all the earth and rubble dug up from the canal pathway. Fortunately, that idea was never pursued.

From there, Bill recounted his own evolving interest in the canal project over the years, sharing images of meetings with key stakeholders – from senior policymakers to grassroots advocates on both sides of the debate. He discussed the 2017 proposal for Route 9A, a new canal path requiring no locks but ultimately shelved due to its extended length.

Turning to the current *Land Bridge* proposal, Bill outlined its claimed advantages as presented by proponents – yet noted a critical concern: while infrastructure investors have shown interest, not a single potential user of the proposed transport corridor has publicly committed. A telling and sobering reality.

The lively Q&A session that followed featured passionate commentary, including several strong calls of support for the original canal concept over the Land Bridge alternative. The final sentiment from the audience seemed to echo a familiar truth:

"This is Thailand – anything, or nothing, might happen."



EVENT REPORT:

“Thailand, Farangs, and the Art of Getting Along”: 7th August 2025

Greg Beatty – British Club and Active Living Section member – returned for his fourth presentation to a full house of members and guests, including his wife, Khun Rung, and daughter, Mai, co-author of their children’s book *Snowflake and the Big Race* (October 2018). Greg shared a rich mix of stories, encounters, and observations drawn from decades of working and living in Thailand – each one offering both insight and entertainment.

He began with early corporate experiences, highlighting the respect Thai business leaders place on monks’ blessings at even the most high-level contract signings, and the role astrology and fortune telling still play in both corporate and personal life. From there, Greg moved to the delicate art of saying ‘No’ without saying ‘No,’ and explored the uniquely Thai concept of *krengjai* – a deep consideration for others’ feelings that often leads one to avoid causing inconvenience, discomfort, or embarrassment, even at personal cost. This, he noted, has shaped much of the Thai character over centuries.

To much laughter (and a nod of agreement from his wife), Greg offered light-hearted guidelines for a happy marriage to a Thai partner, before providing insights of temples as a place for recalibration and the reason why Greg might be rejected upon entry– with several Thai guests in the audience confirming he’d hit the nail on the head. He followed with equally accurate do’s and don’ts for dealing with authorities, ending with a line that many long-term expats in the room recognized instantly from their own experience: “In Thailand you don’t find yourself. You lose yourself. And what’s left is all the good stuff.”

A lively Q&A brought out more amusing anecdotes from both long-term and short-term residents, rounding off what was a charming and spot-on cultural portrait of how Thais and Farangs truly “get along” in this wonderful country.





BRITISH CLUB GOLF

With our regular scribe away in the UK we missed the deadline for the last edition of Outpost, so this a catch up on the results of our games through June and July and other matters.

June Medal - We were once again very lucky with the weather. Rain was forecast, but not a drop fell on the course, mostly overcast, with a nice breeze - so no excuses right ? Well no one finished under handicap !!! Perhaps we could put part of the blame on the greens, which were far from their best.

We welcomed two guests David George (pro) and Su, 2 handicap - very accomplished golfers, with David representing Fenix XCell, who have produced our new golf shirts.

Those of us who were there received our shirts, and most others who have ordered them have received theirs since. I believe I speak for all when I say we are all very pleased with the new shirts - which can be seen in the photo below - being modelled by all at the June Medal

		Gross	Net
Overall winner	Peter Clark	84	74
Runner-up	Terry Davies	88	75
Third	Martin Finn	92	76

As we were low in numbers, it was decided to have an overall winner and runner-up, so congratulations to Peter Clark and Terry Davies respectively.

June Stableford - We played our June stableford at a new venue for us, (or at least one the BCGS hasn't played at



in many years) Lakewood Country Club. We all had a really enjoyable round, apart from the last group, who got soaked with a very heavy downpour on the last green. But even they like all, had only good words to say about the venue. It has a 3 x 9 hole layout and we played the Lake and Wood 9's. The course was in good condition, good greens, and excellent caddies. This was combined with some really good scores as well. Definitely a course we will be coming back to.

It was also great to see Randall Coleman making an overdue return to the BCGS. Hope to see you playing with us more Randall.

Congratulations, and well played to both division winners, Frank Fawkes and John Virtue for A and B respectively, and both scoring a brilliant 43 points.

		PHC	Points
Division A winner	Frank Fawkes	17	43
Division A runner-up	Doug Angus	13	42
Division A third	Terry Davies	16	40
Division B winner	John Virtue	27	43
Division B runner-up	Gareth Knight	26	41
Division B third	Brian Brook	28	36



Ready for the off at Lakewood



July medal winners

July Medal - Back to our regular course -Subhapruek - for the July medal. We had recently sent out a survey to all our members due to concerns over dwindling numbers at our games (more on that below). Whether this had anything to do with it we can't be sure, but this month we had the best turnout we have had for quite some time - 21 players. Great.

We were yet again lucky with the weather, no rain, and a nice breeze to keep us cool. We also welcomed a new member, Mike Bailey, who showed us he is no novice, and cleaned up a good few of the technical prizes.

Again, no one played below their handicap, I think we all found the greens a little tricky. But many congratulations, division A winner, Gordon Milne, and division B winner, Kotoku Nakauchi.

		PHC	PTS
Winner	Alan Ainsworth	21	39
Runner-up	Mark Russell	18	38
Third	Bally Gudail	17	36

July Stableford - Our July Stableford was played at Ayutthaya Golf Club on Sunday 27th July. After a bumper turnout for the July medal, it was perhaps a little disappointing that numbers returned to a fairly small but select field of 10 players. An enjoyable and quite friendly course, with perhaps a little (a lot) too much water for the likes of the writer. The sales of 'pre-used' balls must be doing a roaring trade around the area.

Nevertheless, congratulations to Alan Ainsworth on a really good round of golf, winning the event with 39 points.

August Medal - I have one word to describe the round at Subhapruek for the August medal - HOT. The weather, and for some the golf as well. 11 players, but August is often a quite month. Hopefully more again in September. We shall see.

Is the game getting more difficult, or perhaps it was because of the heat? For the third month in a row, no one scored under their handicap at the medal.

Congratulations to the winner Gareth Knight - nett 74, runner up Yurachatr Brook nett 76 and in third place overall on countback Paweena Baothong, also nett 76. All players from what would have been flight B.

After the game the results were announced as a combined event, but credit should have been given (and now is) to the person who came first in what would have been flight A - Gordon Milne, who missed out on the overall, on countback, also having a nett 76.



On the 17th tee at Subhapruek



▲ Our August medal best overall and runner up.

Last for now – and not least – the results of our survey are in. A quick summary of the main points

- We had responses from 35 members
- For timing of events Sunday afternoons are the clear favourite.
- For general location courses down Bang Na way are preferred
- Cost – not a concern for many, and OK if kept under THB 2,500 for nearly all
- And perhaps a little surprisingly to some, Subhapruek as a venue is liked or ok for the majority.
- More stablefords are wanted. The committee needs to see how to accommodate this, whilst still maintaining our annual eclectic.

Thanks to all who responded.



BCGS Fixtures List 2025

	Month	Date	Day	Event	Course	Start time
1	Jan	1/12/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
2	Jan	1/26/25	Sun	Match v Wanderers (The Magpie Putter)	Subhapruek	11:51
3	Feb	2/9/25	Sun	Medal (and AGM)	Subhapruek	11:30
4	Feb	2/23/25	Sun	3 clubs & putter	Subhapruek	11:30
5	Mar	3/9/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
6	Mar	3/29/25	Sat	Eclectic weekend	Royal Ratchaburi	11:30
7	Mar	3/30/25	Sun			11:30
8	Apr	4/27/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
9	May	5/3/25	Sat	Match v Londoners	Subhapruek	
10	May	5/11/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
11	May	5/24/25	Sat	Juniors & Seniors	Rayong Green Valley / St Andrew's 2000	
12	Jun	5/25/25	Sun			
13	Jun	6/15/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
14	Jun	6/29/25	Sun	Stableford	Lakewood	11:29
15	Jul	7/13/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
16	Jul	7/27/25	Sun	Stableford	Ayuttaya	7:12
17	Aug	8/10/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
18	Aug	8/24/25	Sun	Stableford	Royal Lakeside	
19	Sep	9/14/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
20	Sep	9/28/25	Sun	Stableford	Rachakram	
21	Oct	10/12/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
22	Oct	10/18/25	Sat	Match v Wanderers (The Magpie Putter)	Vintage	
23	Oct	10/25/25	Sat	Dunlop Cup	Royal Hills	10:30
24		10/26/25	Sun			8:30
25	Nov	11/9/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30
26	Nov	11/29/25	Sat	Club Championship	Palm Hills, Hua Hin	
27		11/30/25	Sat			
28	Dec	12/14/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30



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The Club, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Visited July 2025 by Paul Doust

In 1962, the Sheikh who ruled the Abu Dhabi emirate donated a plot of land to the expatriate community and [The Club](#) was born. In 1967 the new ruling Sheikh donated more land to The Club, and it has been an integral part of the expatriate and local community ever since. During that period, the whole region was an informal British protectorate, because the UAE wasn't formed until 1971.

To commemorate The Club's 50th Anniversary, a 15-metre-high artistic lighthouse called the Al Nadi Tower was commissioned. Al Nadi literally means 'The Club' in Arabic. The structure was opened in 2014 and has a viewing platform on top. In 2024 there were around 3,500 members, drawn from 86 nationalities, with a large British membership and including 35 ambassadors to the UAE. The Club's reciprocal clubs are listed on their website, together with [a photo of the British Club Bangkok clubhouse!](#)

The atmosphere at The Club very much depends on the time of year. During the summer months from June to September, fewer members tend to use The Club because the heat outside is quite oppressive. At other times of year there will be a lot of members on the main beach outside, and in the outdoor dining facilities.

The Club has lots of sports facilities, and 11 food and drink outlets too as detailed on [The Club's website](#). The main building has 2 bars, one called the Al Sarab lounge which is Arabic in style and is an outlet where UAE nationals are welcome, and the other one is simply called The Club Bar. Some members like drinking whisky, so there's a bottle bank of whisky bottles against a wall. When members buy an unopened bottle in the bottle bank, they get the key to that bottle's cubbyhole which they can keep until the bottle is finished. The Club also has a library, as well as 2



beaches with sun loungers under parasols. The dress code varies from outlet to outlet, but the smartest dress code is very similar to the smartest dress code that applies in the British Club Bangkok. The Club has no accommodation available for overnight stays.

Last July I was flying back to Bangkok through Abu Dhabi, so I stopped off to relax in The Club before my evening flight. The security at The Club's gate needed to see my letter of introduction, my British Club membership card, as well as another piece of photo ID. When they let me through, they gave me a card which I was able to exchange for a towel in the Health Complex when I had a shower to freshen up. I got a map of The Club from the receptionist, who told me that he had visited Bangkok last March and was there when the earthquake occurred. Wandering around The Club I met the current chairman, a Scottish man called Mr. Willie Duff who told me a lot about The Club. He explained that all The Club's outlets are designed thoughtfully, taking account of the local cultural values surrounding alcohol consumption.

The Club in Abu Dhabi has a lot of similarities to the British Club Bangkok. Everyone who I chatted to were very friendly, both staff and members, so it's an excellent club to have on our reciprocal club list.



If any members want to write a reciprocal club review, please send an email to paul@pauldoust.com



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