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BRITISH EMBASSY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, 9th November 2025

The British Club, Bangkok

Time: 1020 - 1145 hrs.

Commencing: 1050 hrs.

The event will commemorate British, Commonwealth, and allied personnel, as well as those affected by conflict.

Wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial by Ambassadors or their representative, War Veterans' organisation and representatives from associations and societies in Bangkok.

DRESS CODE

Military: Service Dress with medals | Civilians: Lounge suit

Parking: There is no parking provided. Guests are encouraged to use public transport and should enter via the Silom Road entrance.

For inquiries please contact: Remembrance.Bangkok@fcdo.gov.uk



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Front Cover

The Remembrance Service honours the brave members of the British Armed Forces who served and sacrificed for the United Kingdom. We gather to remember their courage and pay our respects.

This Month

The month begins with Guy Fawkes Night and a stunning fireworks display. Don't miss Loy Krathong on the 5th, the Remembrance Service on the 9th, and the Ploenchit Fair on the 22nd at Bangkok Patana School. We'll wrap up the month with our Annual Wine on the Lawn, a perfect toast to November.

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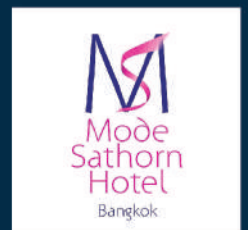


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Chairman's Message



Simon P. Davies

As we approach the end of the financial year in November, I am pleased to report on the Club's achievements and progress. We've reached a milestone with 1,607 members, exceeding our previous records and demonstrating the Club's continued appeal.

I am delighted to announce that our financial results for the year to date are excellent, reflecting sound management and prudent decision-making. This strong performance will enable us to invest in new initiatives and facilities that benefit our members. There will be more details in the December edition of the Outpost, but we will be closing the annual accounts in a very positive position. I want to thank our staff, management team, and committee members for their dedication and hard work. Your efforts have been instrumental in driving our success. To our members, I appreciate your continued loyalty and participation in Club activities.

In October, we hosted two Town Hall meetings, which allowed all club members to attend a presentation for the proposed development of badminton and padel courts. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity for members to learn more about the plans, ask questions, and share their thoughts. The feedback was much

appreciated and thank you to those members who attended and showed interest in club developments. Whilst there will always be different opinions as to how best to improve the facilities for members to enjoy, there comes a time when initial decisions have to be made by the General Committee. Major capital expenditure in excess of three million Thai Baht has to be approved at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) and subject to finalization of badminton court plans and costs an EGM will be held, thereby allowing voting members to play their part in the decision making process.

The Suriwongse room has been redecorated and consideration is being given for additional capex covering lighting, flooring cover and stage equipment and fittings.

As we approach the festive season, please remember to book early for your Christmas Day lunch or dinner which will be served on the back lawn, in the Suriwongse room and in the Churchill Bar, which, as usual, will offer a first class menu with all the excellent Christmas trimmings.

***Cheers
Simon***



Metawee (Natt)

Operations Unknown

Service & Supervisor Training at the Club

The Club recently hosted two comprehensive training sessions led by Arjan Nueng, aimed at enhancing service standards across all departments.



The first training involved all departments, focusing on improving overall service skills, attention to detail, and delivering a better experience for members and guests.



The second training was tailored for supervisors in each outlet and heads of departments, with a strong focus on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), leadership, and ensuring consistent, high-quality service across the Club.

Both sessions emphasized proactive service, teamwork, and excellence, equipping staff with the skills to provide memorable experiences for all members and guests.

Types of Investment Funds

By Martin Wright
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With so many investment fund options available it's important to understand the key differences in this broad and often confusing marketplace.

Unit Trusts & Open-Ended Investment Companies

Two of the most common types of funds are Unit Trusts and Open-Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). They share many traits, but they also have some important differences.

Since they will always accept more cash from investors – they just become bigger to accommodate the demand. On the flip side, if there are more sellers than buyers, the fund will become smaller.

The price of a fund always reflects the value of its holdings. When more investors want to buy into the fund than sell, the manager issues more units. When the opposite is true, the manager cancels units.

They are more widely used even though some are more expensive than their investment trust alternatives. The great advantages of open-ended funds are their flexibility to make more units, as well as the fact there are more funds available meaning a greater choice for investors. This differs from a closed-ended fund, which issues a fixed number of non-redeemable shares like an Investment Trust.

What is a Unit Trust?

Unit Trusts were the first real open-ended investment fund in the UK, termed so because the fund manager can create new units (similar to shares) in the fund to meet investor demand. These units can be bought or sold at any time. This differs from a closed-ended fund like the Investment trust as mentioned above.

What is an OEIC?

In 1997, laws were introduced allowing the creation of OEICs, which are also open-ended. Over the last few decades OEICs have become a lot more common and many unit trusts have converted to the OEIC structure. This is due to the relative simplicity of OEICs and the fact they can broadly be sold into different countries across Europe.

Most new funds that are launched are structured as OEICs particularly in the UK.

What's the difference between Unit Trusts and OEICs?

In many respects unit trusts and OEICs are the same. They are both open-ended and the price of each unit depends on the net asset value of the fund's investment portfolio. Both allow you to choose to have dividends paid to you as income or reinvested in the fund and both can invest in a wide range of asset classes, locations and sectors.

A subtle difference is a unit trust is governed by trust law, whereas an OEIC is governed by company law. Technically, this means investors in a unit trust are not owners of the underlying assets, unlike investors in an OEIC although in reality this makes little difference to investors. If you invest in a unit trust you buy units whereas if you invest in an OEIC you buy shares.

The major difference between unit trusts and OEICs is the way they're priced. Unit trusts quote a bid price and an offer price; OEICs only quote one price. With unit trusts, the bid price is the per-unit price you'll receive if you sell your units back to the fund company. It's usually based on the bid price of the underlying securities held by the fund.

Investment Trusts

Investment trusts are effectively companies that hold assets such as shares. They are run by a fund manager backed by an independent board acting in the best interests of shareholders. The company itself is listed on the London Stock Exchange. While investment trusts predominantly invest in the shares of other companies, they can also invest in other financial assets.

As mentioned, as a closed ended fund, investment trusts have a fixed number of shares in an issue. This allows managers to take a longer-term view because they do not have to sell assets when investors sell their shares. Investment trusts have some of the unique features that set them aside from other types of funds.

Income seekers may be interested to know that investment trusts can hold back up to 15% of income generated by underlying assets each year to build up a reserve to be used to smooth dividend payments in tougher times. This means investors can enjoy a steady income when markets are performing. In certain circumstances, investment company boards may elect to pay income out of capital. While this can erode the long-term capital returns generated by the funds many investors are happy to prioritise short-term income payments over longer term growth.

Some growth investors might be interested in another unusual feature which allows investment trusts to borrow. This means that if managers think there is value in a particular market, they can borrow money to use for further investments, known as 'gearing'.

In a rising market, returns from an investment trust can be magnified because gearing means managers are better able to take advantage of rising share prices.

However, when share prices fall, the losses of geared funds can be exaggerated. The pricing of investment trusts works in a unique way too. When the price is greater than the value of the assets held in the company, this is known as a premium. At a time it is lower it is known as a discount.

Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)

An ETF is called an exchange-traded fund because it's traded on an exchange just like stocks. The price of an ETF's shares will change throughout the trading day as the shares are bought and sold on the market. This is unlike mutual funds, which are not traded on an exchange, and which trade only once per day after the markets close. Additionally, ETFs tend to be cheaper and more liquid when compared to mutual funds like unit trusts and OEICs.

An ETF can also hold multiple underlying assets and as such are also a popular choice for diversification. The assets can include stocks, commodities, bonds, or a mixture of investment types. Some ETFs focus on only U.S. offerings, while others have a global outlook.

There are many investment options available and a number of ways of holding these investments. They can be purchased by the public directly through Trading Accounts or through Investment Advisers.

For more information, it is sensible to seek professional advice from a company with the relevant experience and knowledge.

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Senior Financial Planner



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Loy Krathong

Wednesday 5th November | 7:00pm till late | Poolside

Celebrate one of the most picturesque festivals in Bangkok Loy Krathong with a Thai Buffet featuring four different Thai regions

Float your Krathong in the pool, Enjoy Fire show,
Traditional Live Thai Music and Performance

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Kids 350฿

Tickets include buffet & krathong



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BC Bee Kid's Club!

BC Bee – November Fun!

November is packed with exciting activities for our BC Bee members! From creative arts and crafts to active games, we hope the weather allows plenty of outdoor fun. Special seasonal events and themed workshops will make this month extra memorable.



Metawee (Natt)



Autumn Adventures

Activities focus on nature with fun and engaging projects. Children can enjoy crafts such as leaf rubbings and pumpkin decorating, exploring the colors and wonders of the season while learning and playing.



Seasonal Festivals

Celebrate seasonal traditions with hands-on crafts, including making masks of Guy Fawkes and creating Krathongs.



Little Scientists

Young explorers can dive into simple experiments, building projects, and nature-based science activities that spark curiosity and learning.

Mini Chef

Budding chefs will have fun making delicious pumpkin pies, learning basic cooking skills, and enjoying the tasty results of their efforts.

Coming Events

November 2025

(more details on the website)

- Guy Fawkes Night
- Loy Krathong Day
- Remembrance Day
- Quiz Night
- Table Tennis Tournament & Winton Cup
- Ploenchit Fair
- Annual Wine on the Lawn

December 2025

(more details on the website)

- Carol Night
- Kid Christmas Party
- An Intimate Wine Night
- Quiz Night
- Table Tennis Tournament & Winton Cup
- Christmas Day Lunch & Dinner
- New Year Cruise

January 2026

(more details on the website)

- Polar Swim
- Madagascar Pool Party Thai Kids Day
- Quiz Night
- Table Tennis Tournament & Winton Cup
- An Intimate Wine Night
- Wine on the Lawn

Event & Activities 2025 November Highlights



Loy Krathong

A special evening as we celebrate Loy Krathong under the moonlight. Savor authentic Thai cuisine from all four regions, and enjoy live Thai music accompanied by traditional dance performances. End the night by floating your Krathong in our main swimming pool, making wishes and celebrating the beauty of Thai tradition.



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day will be observed on 9th November, hosted by the British Embassy at the British Club. The ceremony will take place from morning to noon, and the Club will be closed during this time. Members and guests are invited to join in paying their respects, reflecting on the sacrifices made, and participating in this meaningful tradition.



Annual Wine on the Lawn

Annual Wine on the Lawn on 29th November, the final Wine on the Lawn of the year! Enjoy a special evening of wine tasting from our featured suppliers, live music, a relaxed atmosphere with members and their guests, and a chance to win special raffle prizes.

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Table Tennis Tournament 20/09/25

Our September Table Tennis Tournament saw more kids joining in and competing alongside adults, making it a fun and lively mix of players. It was great to see the growing enthusiasm and talent on display. Congratulations to Jackson, who finally claimed first place this month.





Winston Cup

20/09/25

The Winston Cup Pool Competition was an exciting round, with the Cricket section joining in the fun. Fantastic shots and thrilling matches kept everyone on their toes, and Khun Aashish came close to beating Khun Petter for first place.



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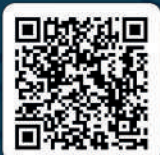
QuizNight

11th November 2025 | 7:15pm @Churchill Bar

TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS

Members 150 Baht | Guests 200 Baht

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Battle of Britain

25/09/25

This year's Battle of Britain event, led by Col. Anna and the Defence Section, was a memorable evening of remembrance and camaraderie. We were honoured to welcome H.E. Mark Gooding, British Ambassador to Thailand, and H.E. Mrs. Anna Hammargren, Ambassador of Sweden, who joined us for this special occasion.





Wine on the Lawn

27/09/2025

Wine on the Lawn to Sails proved that a little weather couldn't dampen the fun! Despite the chilly rain, the evening was filled with fine wine, guest beer Carabao for tasting, laughter, and great company by the poolside.





TABLE TENNIS

Tournament

Handicap System

Saturday, 22nd November | 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

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New Member Night 30/09/2025

New Member Night was an enjoyable gathering, bringing together our newest members with committee officers and section heads. It was a great opportunity to meet, mingle, and welcome everyone into the Club community.





Desi Night 11/10/2025

Desi Night was filled with great food from Punjab Grill and Ekka Grill & Bar, lively music, a special performance, and amazing vibes. Guests also enjoyed fantastic raffle prizes generously provided by our lovely sponsors. It was wonderful to see everyone connecting, dancing, and making the night truly memorable. Huge thanks to everyone who joined us.



The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

Saturday 22nd November - Starts 6:00pm

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

All levels welcome

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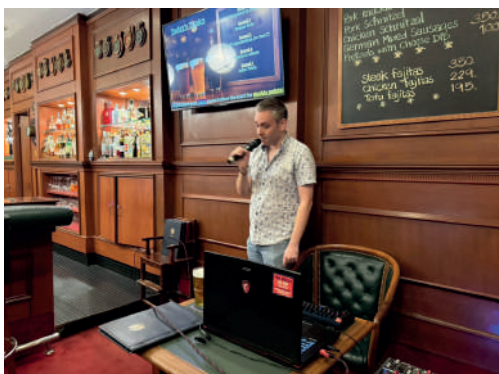


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Quiz Night 14/10/2025

The Back 2 Skool Challenge brought a day full of fun and learning for our young members, featuring exciting activities from our lovely partners. Kids enjoyed hands-on experiences as Mini Chefs, Little Bob the Builder, Little Doctors, and Mini Picassos, making it a day of creativity, discovery, and laughter. A big thank you to all the families and partners who made the event so special!



ANNUAL WINE ON THE LAWN

Saturday 29th November 6-9pm
From 6 Pm - 10 Pm | Front Lawn



The Final Wine Tasting of 2025
Celebrate the year's grand finale with 5 of our finest wine
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MERRY CHRISTMAS LUNCH & DINNER

25th December 2025

Lunch 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Dinner - 5:00pm - 9:00pm

DINNER OUTLETS:

Veranda | Churchill Bar | Suriwongse | Back Lawn

Members: 1,500 ฿, Kids 800 ฿

Guests: 1,700 ฿, Kids 1,000 ฿



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Cocktails & Sparkling Night 17/10/2025

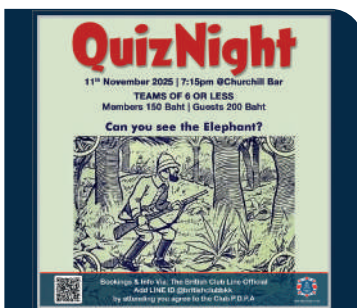
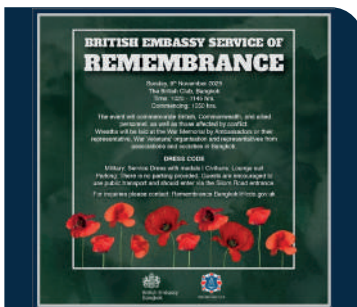
Cocktails & Sparkling Night, in collaboration with the St. Andrew Society Bangkok, was a sparkling success! Guests enjoyed nine sparkling wines from G Four and creative cocktails with Pusser's Rum, making for a memorable evening



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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

Loy Kratong
7.00pm - Late

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Squash Mix-in
5.30pm - 7.45pm

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Football
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Balat
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Circuit Training
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Balat
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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
Guy Fawkes

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Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Pilates & Barre
8.30 am - 9.30 am
Junior tennis coaching
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Friday Junior cricket
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Club Clousure
6.00am - 2.00pm
Remembrance Day
10.20am - 1.30pm
(Bookings through the British Embassy ONLY – no Walk-ins)
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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The Square Club, Bristol, England

Visited in June 2023 and July 2025 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)

The [Square Club](#), in the Clifton area of Bristol, was established in 1990 as a private member's club for the film, media and creative industries. The club's premises are in a building which labels itself outside as The [Berkeley Square Hotel](#). The hotel is located on the upper floors of the building, with the club on the ground floor and in the basement. The membership manager at the Square Club can help members and reciprocal members get discounts at the hotel. In an adjacent building is a serviced co-working space called [Square Works](#), which is connected with the Square Club and uses the same logo, but membership of the Square Club does not include access to Square Works. Berkeley Square itself is an attractive Georgian Square, laid out around 1790, with a small leafy park in the middle.

The club is open every day of the week and has a very modern feel, with a relatively young membership. Next to the reception area is a lounge, with the Square Kitchen Restaurant also on the ground floor. Reciprocal members are entitled to the same discounts in the restaurant as the club's own members. A door at the back of the restaurant area leads onto a spiral staircase which goes down to the basement area. The basement area is called the Lower Deck, the main feature of which is a cocktail bar. The flight of stairs at the back of the Lower Deck leads up to an attractive outside terrace.



The first time we visited the club was 2 years ago when we were in Bristol to catch up with various friends. We arrived at the club in the middle of the afternoon, and were made to feel very welcome. We sat in the outside terrace area for a few drinks. There was an event taking place that evening which was fascinating. Three entrepreneurs stood up in turn at the front of the audience, and explained what mistakes they had made that had caused failures in their businesses. The idea is to break the taboo of failure, and promote the ethos that it's better to have tried something and failed rather than never tried at all. The Square Club's members present that evening were the ideal audience, given the club's focus on attracting members from the creative industries. The presentations the entrepreneurs gave were very entertaining.

The second time I visited was a couple of months ago. I was visiting Bristol for some meetings in the afternoon, so I arrived in time to have lunch at the club. To my amazement, the membership manager who was at the reception said I looked familiar. I recognised her too from my previous visit, so I explained that I had visited back in 2023 and she warmly welcomed me back. One of the other members, a mixed media artist, had heard that I was visiting from overseas so she came over to have a chat while I was there. She said that the club was a great place for her to come and work during the day because it's so friendly.

In summary, if one needs somewhere to hang out while visiting Bristol, the Square Club is sure to provide a warm welcome.



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



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Some reciprocal clubs around the world require men to wear ties. British Club ties are still available to buy for £400 from the Brit Shop or Reception



Terry Adams

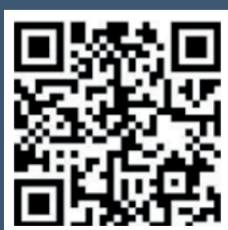
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Active Living Section

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 into the new year.



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[www.britishclubbangkok.org/
active-living-section/](http://www.britishclubbangkok.org/active-living-section/)

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

Future Events:

ACTIVE LIVING SECTION

SEARCHING FOR BILLIE

From orphaned baby girl in 1916 China, Survivor, Trailblazer, Woman of History, Honoured MBE

As told by her son, journalist and author Ian Gill: His search to uncover the untold story of his truly extraordinary mother

Date: Thursday, 6th November 2025
Time: Socialising from 11.40 for lunch at 12.15
Cost: Section Members B400, BC Members B450, Guests B500, two course lunch with coffee/tea

To register please email to : terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com

ACTIVE LIVING SECTION

The King and the Consul

A BRITISH TRAGEDY IN OLD SIAM

Speaker: Mr. Simon Landy MBE

Date: Thursday, 20th November 2025
Time: Socialising from 11.40 for lunch at 12.15
Cost: Section Members B400, BC Members B450, Guests B500, two course lunch with coffee/tea

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EVENT REPORT:

"Thonburi the Capital of Ancient Siam: King Taksin's Vision, Thailand's Future": 16th October 2025

Our speaker, journalist and author Kenneth Barrett, began his presentation at the time of the fall of Ayutthaya in 1767, when the city was besieged and eventually sacked by the Burmese after eight months. Among those defending the city was Sin, then the Governor of Tak Province, later known as Taksin. Seeing that defeat was certain, he led around 500 men through the Burmese lines and withdrew to Chanthaburi on the southeast coast. From there he gathered support and built a new army, returning within seven months of Ayutthaya's destruction to regain control of the Chao Phraya Basin and much of what had been old Siam.

Ayutthaya, by then, lay in ruins. Recognising that it could no longer function as the capital, Taksin established his new seat of government at Thonburi. It was there that the surviving nobles and clergy acknowledged his leadership and declared him king.





From that point, Kenneth took the audience on an illustrated journey through Thonburi as it exists today, showing how many parts of the old capital still reflect Taksin's short but formative reign. Using his own photographs, he guided us from the Taksin Roundabout, with its well-known statue of the king, along the river to the mouth of the Chao Phraya, pointing out places that still link directly to the Thonburi period.

Among these were the Santa Cruz Church, founded on land granted in 1769 by Taksin to the Portuguese Catholics who had fled Ayutthaya, and the nearby Bang Luang Mosque, notable for its mixture of Thai, Chinese, and European architectural styles. Both buildings have been rebuilt several times and remain open to visitors today, reflecting Thonburi's religious and cultural diversity at the time.

Kenneth also described the role of Chinese settlers, mainly of Teochew origin, as was Taksin's father. Their

arrival helped restore trade and river commerce after the war and brought back skills in boat-building, metalwork, and craft production. The Chinese communities of Thonburi grew rapidly and became an important part of the city's economy and character – a legacy still visible in the area's markets and shop-houses today.

The presentation gave a well-rounded view of how Thonburi functioned as the bridge between the devastation of Ayutthaya and the rise of modern Bangkok. It was an informative and well-researched talk that placed familiar places in a much deeper historical context, showing how the foundations of today's capital were laid under King Taksin's brief but decisive rule.

The event drew a very good turnout, with members and guests clearly engaged throughout the talk and the question session that followed. Several commented afterwards on how much they had learned about an area of Bangkok they thought they already knew well.



The BEST of YOU



TENNIS

Cooling down so warming up for Party time

Time passes and years roll by, and yet what was once, is, forever in a perpetual cycle like the moon or the earth, or the seasons; and so is the Tennis Calendar year on year – check it out. So much so that the weekly grind is getting to the best paid tennis players. While, here at the British Club the credit, for month-on-month indefatigable dedication and hard work, goes to the leadership and the members of the Tennis Section Committee and to also the enthusiasm and support by all wonderful tennis members. For an early thank you from all of us to all of you we dedicate a few columns to your best in 2025.

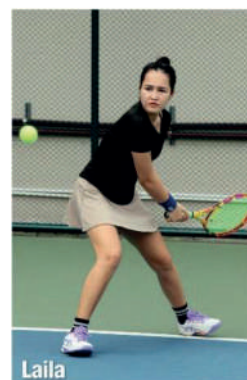
From me, greetings from the northeastern edge of the globe once again where I have been taking refuge from the exploitative market forces of medical care in Bangkok – and that is another story for another time about how the ideal of universal coverage in Thailand has been ripped apart by greed and profit. Of much greater interest this month is the announcement of the Tennis Section Christmas Party 2025!

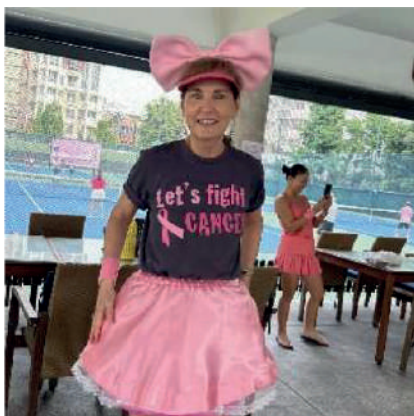
Tennis Terminology

Once in a while, someone uses a term in tennis that makes you want get to the bottom of it. Thus, one morning a certain John (*with apologies*), who escaped from Tasmania when he was too young to quite remember his first language and used the term, 'vollier'. I was flummoxed and wanted to know more about this term, only to find another clairvoyant with an astrologically prophetic name consisting of SUN+AI sent an erudite clarification; "...refers to a player's movement after a return. It describes the player who moves towards the center of the court to reduce the angles for the server's next shot". Even more intriguing! In the meantime, I found out that no French dictionary would accept this inventive tennis term. The French spell the word to match the erudite definition, like the English, as 'volleyer'! Oxford University Press, recorded earliest use of 'vollier' in 1855 but it put to rest, possibly as no one could remember the meaning. Until, a gentleman called Murray published a dictionary in 1924 that suggests a definition, *vollier (dialectal, noun): That part of a cheese-press (or cider press) to which pressure is applied*. Thus, the not so young John may be safely named as the 'historic' etymological dinosaur and combined with a modern erudite Thai gentleman may finally help to challenge the dominance of the Dons of Oxford!

Tennis Etiquette

This nicely moves us to *Tennis Etiquette Two*. For those who haven't been practicing the right rituals of tennis or have memory lapses because of old age, like me, *please refer to Outpost, July 2025*. In addition, here are a few more. First and foremost, if you cannot keep the score then kindly ask your partner in doubles for rescue as you would rather not reveal impending dementia. Second, do not keep looking at the clock or watch implying you have plane to catch to get home; whereas the rest of the players are pedestrians. Third,





watching the watch is a few degrees worse than yawning out of boredom when the serve takes eons to reach you. Number four, do not bring a 'glass, glass' on the court, seriously, that can be dangerous. Fifth, there is no competition regarding how long you can hold out, before taking a drink – this can be dangerous for your health. Having a drink is allowed; it's nature's way of telling you that you have lost some of the 70% of your body water or that you are working too hard for the results so far. Take a break! At the same time, do not rush off in the middle of a point or game to get a sip. Sixth, I forgot and hopefully someone will remind me. In brief, combining Part 1 and 2 – would tell us to

behave as a gentleman and take care of others and then yourself.

*It's a Beach-in-the-city Party theme, wet & wild...
A night out for fun and excitement, it's all about love! Be there!*

*The Tennis Section Christmas Party
13 December 2025*



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to be continued*

2025 Tennis Calendar

Nov 12	Ladies Recreation Club HK, TBC	Nov 23	Davis Cup Final
Nov 21	Recreation Club SG, TBC.	Nov 24	Registrations Start BCTS Championships
Nov 1	WTA Finals	Dec 13	BCTS Christmas Party
Nov 9	ATP Finals		

2026 Tennis Calendar

Jan 02	Registration Close BCTS Championships	Jun 29	Wimbledon
Jan 03	Draw BCTS Championships	Jul 12	Womble Cup
Jan 05	Championships Start	Aug 31	US Open
Jan 18	Australian Open	Sep 13	The Great Wide Open
Feb 01	Aussie Tournament, fun doubles event	Sep 23	BCTS Annual General Meeting
Mar 21	Championships Finals Day	Nov 7	WTA Finals
May 24	French Open	Nov 15	ATP Finals
Jun 07	Bruce Gordon Cup	Nov 18	Davis Cup Final



Michael Flowers

HARD BALLS

Cricket Section AGM Summary

The British Club Master Batters won the Ko Chang Beach Tournament Cup, going one better than last year's Spoon win. On the way we proved two important principles: first that you don't need good weather to have a good time, and second that children are their parents' toughest critics.

The Cricket Section's recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) was filled with optimism following three consecutive successes: the Plate victory at the Laos 7's in June, retention of the Marshall Trophy (played since 1962) in July, and the Cup triumph in Koh Chang in August. This positive momentum set a confident tone for the upcoming 2025/26 season.

The well-attended meeting saw Pramodh Kamalakannan re-elected as Captain of the Division A side, with Rahul Gupte succeeding Ed Kahn as Captain of the Pavilionaires. Tyrone Bond and Dilip Mishra were selected by the captains as their respective Vice Captains.

The new team uniform is in its final phase, with sponsor allocations being finalised. Upcoming tour destinations were discussed, including traditional locations and a highly enthusiastic response to a potential 2026 Sri Lanka tour, which will likely be combined with some international cricket.

The Committee saw several updates for the next year: newcomer Michael Flowers, formerly of the Penguins from Phuket, was installed as Tour Manager and Outpost Editor following the departure of Damon Wake; Avneesh Chopra was appointed as Nets Coordinator; and Chan Chhabra was named Social Coordinator.



▲ *New uniforms almost ready! Maybe we should've gone for black—slimming and hides the curry stains!*



▲ *AGM at the British Club: Serious business, but the drinks were flowing faster than the minutes!*

Regular net sessions are becoming more consistently attended as the new season approaches, with the undercover net facilities providing valuable shelter during the rainy months. We look forward to good weather and BC cricket returning to the beautiful and nearby RSBC polo ground soon. If you are interested in getting involved with BC cricket, it's a great time to do so—please feel free to reach out and join our regular Thursday/Saturday net sessions.

The Pavilionaires' RBSC Invitational T20 will likely start in early November, featuring 6 teams playing 10 matches each. The BCL is scheduled for early 2026, with 10 teams competing at AIT and TCG.



▲ *Fielding practice at the British Club: So popular, we had to fight off the crowds...*



Peter Gale



BRITISH CLUB GOLF

▲ Ratchakram

A relatively quiet month for the golf section with just our two regular monthly events being played as we prepare for the busy end of the season.



▲ Monthly Stableford Winner John Virtue

Monthly Stableford

The first event was our Stableford game which was played at Ratchakram, a really nice rural course, to the north of Bangkok. We played off the yellow tee's, which made the course relatively short compared to many we play. With a number of holes having drives over water this enables some of our older/shorter driving players the chance to compete.

Not all of our players struggle with driving the ball a long distance, as our youngest player Monty Finn showed us with a huge shot to win the days Long Drive prize.

The short course clearly helped out the scoring with four players playing below their handicaps. The competition was a close fought affair with John Virtue shooting a tremendous round of 88 to score 42 points to just beat out last years club champion Doug Angus by 1 pt. Third



▲ Stableford Winners

place went to Terry Davies with 39 points, one point ahead of Peter Clark.

Monthly Medal

The October Medal attracted a bigger field than last month with 11 players gathering at Subhapruek our regular medal course. The course is always a very tough challenge where playing to your handicap is something to be celebrate. Celebrating a good round too early though by taking advantage of the numerour drinks stops around the course is never a good idea as the finishing holes on both 9's are particularly challenging...

The event was another close run competition with 3 players tied for 3rd on a score of net 80, with Arun Dhawan winning out on countback. 2nd place went to the ever consistent Terry Davies finishing one shot behind the winner Andrew Stray who shot a net 76.



▲ Andrew Stray October Medal Winner



▲ Ratchakram Course

Upcoming Events in November

Coming up next month we have our regular monthly medal on Sunday 9th November followed by our annual grudge match against arch rivals The Bangkok Wanderers on 15th November, which is being played at Vintage golf course.

The final event of the month is the much anticipated Club Championship which will again be held at Palm Hills Golf Resort in Hua Hin over the weekend of 29th/30th November.

The society is always looking for new members, we are a very friendly and welcoming bunch so please contact us if you are interested in playing at any time - bcbg.bangkok@gmail.com



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	Oct	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	Nov	11/30/25	Sat			
28	Dec	12/14/25	Sun	Medal	Subhapruek	11:30

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