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This Month

This month at the Club is full of fun. We celebrate Chinese New Year with a colourful Dragon Dance, enjoy our Catering Team at Rugby 10s on both days serving the Club's delicious food, and finish the month with Great Fun Sunday and Pancake Racing.

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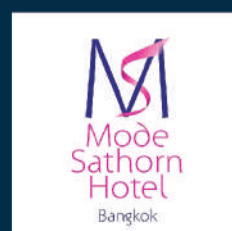


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Chairman's Message

February is all about love and romance, thanks to Valentine's Day on the 14th. It is also a time for the Chinese community to celebrate, as the Chinese New Year falls on the 17th February, marking the start of the Year of the Horse. According to Feng Shui, this year is all about passion and determination, making it a perfect time to bring long-term plans to life .



Simon P. Davies



Following investment in new facilities, outlets, upgrading of existing function rooms and house and grounds, there has been a thirty-two percent growth in membership numbers over the last five years which is testimony to the unique position of The British Club in Bangkok. To all members, thank you for your past and continuous support of our wonderful club.

The Club has some exciting events lined up, including the 7th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis Day in support of The Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation for which full details will be announced once the same are finalized.

Work is in progress on upgrading the content and

support of the Club's website so apologies if there are any interruptions to on line event or sport bookings.

Preparations are in hand for The Annual General Meeting which will be held on the 17th March, 2025. Qualified members are encouraged to stand for election to the General Committee (GC), thereby having an opportunity to become involved and help shape the future of the Club. The role of the GC is to primarily act as custodians of the club and support the management team, who are responsible for the day to day operations and services.

***Cheers
Simon***

QuizNight

10th February 2026 | 7:15pm @Churchill Bar

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Members 150 Baht | Guests 200 Baht

the cat going up or down the stairs? 🌀



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Operations Unknown

A Fresh Flow for Our Turtle Pond

Tucked away within the club grounds, the turtle pond has long been a quiet favourite for members and families alike. Whether it's children stopping to spot turtles basking in the sun or members enjoying a peaceful moment by the water, the pond remains a small but much-loved part of everyday club life.

Many members may not know that our turtles have a unique history. Before making their home at the club, they once lived on the grounds of the former British Embassy. When the embassy site changed hands, the turtles were carefully relocated, and the club proudly adopted them, providing a safe and welcoming environment where they could continue to settle and flourish.

The club has recently upgraded the water pump at the turtle pond, significantly improving water circulation and clarity. With the enhanced system now in place, the water is noticeably clearer, allowing members and families to enjoy watching the turtles swimming beneath the surface.

Members are encouraged to take a moment to visit the turtle pond and enjoy the clearer view, a small upgrade that has made a meaningful improvement to this cherished feature of the club



Metawee (Natt)



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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Valentine Dinner

Date: Saturday 14th February | Time: 6:00pm

Location: Veranda restaurant



**Celebrate love this Valentine's Day at Veranda Restaurant and enjoy a "Club in Love" 3-course romantic dining experience.
Price: 2,998฿ per couple with a glass of bubble and a rose**



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BC Bee Kid's Club!

February at BC Bee Activities was filled with energy, creativity, and cultural fun as our young members celebrated Chinese New Year through a series of themed hands-on activities and special moments.

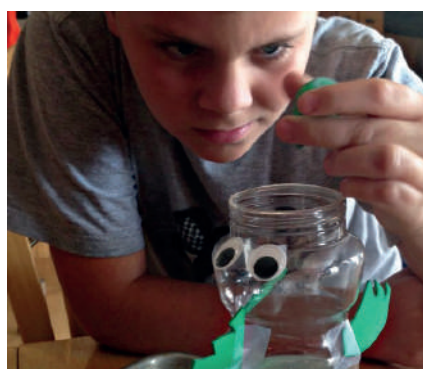


Metawee (Natt)



Our Little Bob the Builders - got busy crafting a cheerful horse, learning about the Year of the Horse and transforming their creations into "Mr. Horse" with plenty of imagination.

Mini Chef - whipped up a playful treat with a Dragon Rice Krispie activity. With green icing, candy details, and lots of smiles, the children turned simple ingredients into dragon-themed delights that were almost too fun to eat.



Little Mad Scientists, who explored a Dragon's Breath science experiment. This bubbly, misty activity sparked curiosity and amazement, introducing simple science concepts in a fun and memorable way.

All children were invited to take part in a special Sunday moment as families gathered on the front lawn to enjoy a traditional Dragon Dance. The lively performance filled the air with music and movement, creating a joyful shared experience for both children and parents.



Coming Events

February 2026

(more details on the website)

- Super Bowl Live Opening
- Quiz Night
- Valentine's Day Dinner
- Rugby 10s at Bangkok Pattana
- Dragon Dance - Chinese New Year Brunch
- Net Working Evening
- Table Tennis & Winston Cup

March 2026

(more details on the website)

- Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis
- Quiz Night
- Six Nations Final France vs England
- UK Mother's Day Brunch
- St. Patrick's Day
- AGM
- Table Tennis & Winston Cup
- Great British Festival

April 2026

(more details on the website)

- Easter Day
- Easter Break Camp
- Quiz Night
- Songkran Wet & Wild Pool Party
- New Members Night
- Table Tennis & Winston Cup
- LIB 2026 with the Club Birthday 123 years

Event & Activities 2026 February Highlights



Saturday & Sunday – Rugby 10s

Rugby 10s returns this year, and the Club is delighted to be part of the action once again. Join us on 14 & 15 February at Bangkok Patana Ground, where the Club will be selling our delicious food throughout both days. Anyone attending is warmly invited to stop by our stall and enjoy great flavours while soaking up the excitement of the tournament.



Chinese New Year

Celebrate Chinese New Year at the Club with festive dining and traditions for the whole family. Join us on Tuesday 17 for a special Dim Sum Buffet at Veranda, featuring Chinese dishes live stations. Don't miss the traditional Dragon Dance on Sunday 15, bringing energy and good fortune to the Club.



Great Fun Sunday & Pancake Races

Mark your calendar for Great Fun Sunday & Pancake Races, a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family. This year's special feature is Pancake Racing, along with a variety of games, go-karting, and family-friendly activities. Enjoy live music throughout the afternoon, making it a perfect Sunday at the Club.

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 2026



Tuesday 17th February | Veranda 11:00-4:00pm
Chinese Dim Sum Buffet | 750฿ adults 350฿ kids

Dragon live show on 15th February
3:00 PM on the Front Lawn

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Christmas Lunch & Dinner

25/12/25

The Christmas Lunch & Dinner at The British Club was a great success, bringing members together to celebrate the festive season in a warm and joyful atmosphere. It was a pleasure to welcome such a wonderful gathering and share the spirit of Christmas together.



GREAT FUN SUNDAY & PANCAKE RACE DAY

Date: Sunday 22nd February | Time: Starts 2:00 PM
Location: Back Lawn



Bring the whole family along for a fun-filled afternoon. Enjoy the fair-grounds, go-karting, paddle boats, and bouncy castles, plus a Sumo Battle for both kids and parents.

Member: 100฿ | Guest: 150฿
Ticket includes two free game tickets



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Polar Swim 2026

01/01/26

Members and families made a refreshing start to the year at the New Year's Day Polar Swim, with a huge ice log pulled into the pool to create the perfect chilly atmosphere and a fun sit-on-ice challenge, bringing smiles, laughter, and wonderful Club spirit all around.



February 2026



Madagascar Pool Party 10/01/2026

The Madagascar Pool Party brought fun and excitement to Thailand Children's Day, as our young Members dived into an afternoon of lively games, including the "Move It, Move It" game, playful pool activities, and laughter-filled moments creating a joyful day at the Club.



TABLE TENNIS

Tournament

Handicap System

Saturday, 21st February | 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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Quiz Night 13/01/2026

The Club's first quiz night of 2026 was well attended, starting with four teams and growing to seven, creating a lively and enjoyable atmosphere throughout the evening. Members and guests showed great enthusiasm and teamwork across all rounds. Congratulations to Drowning Not Waving for securing 1st place, with Exo Quizzers taking 2nd place.





An Intimate Wine Night - Exploring France

23/01/2026

Members enjoyed a delightful evening as Khun Net, Brand Ambassador, guided them through each labels, perfectly paired with thoughtfully crafted dishes. With great wines, delicious food, and a warm atmosphere, the night was filled with a truly great vibe.



The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

Saturday 21st February - 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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Table Tennis Tournament 24/01/2026

The first Table Tennis Tournament of the year served up great fun with 14 players, mixing adults and juniors. Plenty of rallies, lots of laughs, and some great matches all round. Well done to Jonas for winning the junior side, and congratulations to Dawa for taking the match win.

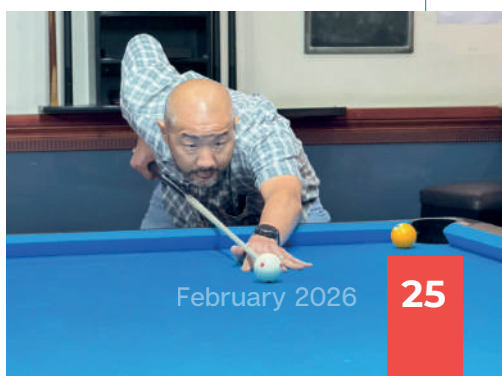




The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

24/01/2026

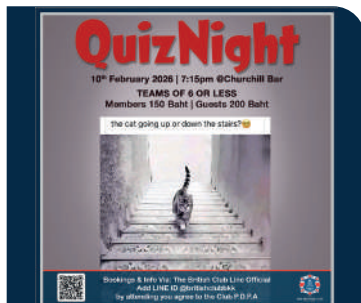
It may have been a small turnout this month, but the energy was anything but small! A few new faces jumped in and gave it a good shot, though stopping the familiar pairing of JP and Peter proved a tough challenge. When the final balls dropped, it was JP who walked away with the crown.



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Squash Mix-in
5.30pm - 7.45pm

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Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm

4

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
5.30pm - 7.45pm

10

Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Quiz Night
7.15pm - 9.30pm

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

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

6 Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Pilates & Barre
8.30 am - 9.30 am
Junior tennis coaching
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Friday Junior cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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

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

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

13 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
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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

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

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

20 Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Pilates & Barre
8.30 am - 9.30 am
Friday Junior cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

21 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

22 Tennis Men Doubles
Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Pancake Day Races &
Great Fun Sunday
2.00pm - 5.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

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6.00pm - 7.00pm
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8.30 am - 9.30 am
Junior tennis coaching
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Friday Junior cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Wine on the Lawn
6.00pm - 9.00pm

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



United Services Recreation Club, Hong Kong

Visited in October 2023 by Paul Doust

The [United Services Recreation Club](#), often known by its initials "USRC," opened in 1911. It was established to provide a recreational haven for officer-class personnel and their families, catering to the growing military presence in Hong Kong following the leasing of the New Territories to the British in 1898. The occupation of Hong Kong by Japanese forces in December 1941 led to the Club's temporary closure, but the British military regained control after the war. Thereafter, the Club continued to serve mainly armed services and related personnel until the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997. Ownership then passed to the People's Liberation Army (PLA); however, as the PLA had no use for the facilities, they allowed the Club to be run by and for its members. These days, the USRC is a limited company with a wholly civilian membership, enjoying a freedom

of operation similar to that of other recreation clubs in Hong Kong.

The British Club Bangkok has 15 reciprocal clubs in Hong Kong, but the USRC is unique being the only one with accommodation. Located in Kowloon just north of Victoria Harbour, the Club is about a 10-minute walk from the Jordan MTR station (Tsuen Wan Line). The facilities are extensive and include four tennis courts, two squash courts, a lawn bowls green, a 25-metre outdoor swimming pool, and a gym. Food and beverage outlets include the Garden Café (open all day), the Chairman's Lounge (open from noon), the Gascoigne Room (open for lunch and dinner), and the Gunners Bar. There is also a children's playroom and a club shop. The Club is open seven days a week.



Back in 2023, I was visiting friends in Hong Kong and had time for a brief visit the USRC on a Wednesday afternoon. Walking from Jordan MTR station, the first small entrance gate to the club that I came across was not locked, so with no security personnel at the gate I was able to walk in and have a look around around the outdoor facilities without presenting my letter of introduction. Apart from people playing bowls on the bowls green between the main road and the clubhouse, most of the outdoor facilities were not being used. On entering the clubhouse, the receptionist asked to see my letter of introduction, after which I was asked to

fill in a temporary membership application form. The clubhouse was also not busy, but there were staff in all the food and beverage outlets and they were very friendly and helpful. I had time for a quick drink in the Gunners Bar, where I was the only customer, before I had to leave to have dinner with my friends on Hong Kong Island.

With its vast array of facilities and its status as our only Hong Kong reciprocal club with accommodation, the United Services Recreation Club is an excellent club to have on our reciprocal club list.

“This is likely to be my penultimate reciprocal club review for the foreseeable future, because now that I have a 1 year old son, I am not travelling as much as I used to. If any members want to contribute their experiences about visiting any of the reciprocal clubs that I have not yet reviewed, please send an email to paul@pauldoust.com”



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Some reciprocal clubs around the world require men to wear ties. At the Brit Shop & Reception, we have ties for \$400 and cufflinks for \$1,100 available for purchase.





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 events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalisation into May 2026.



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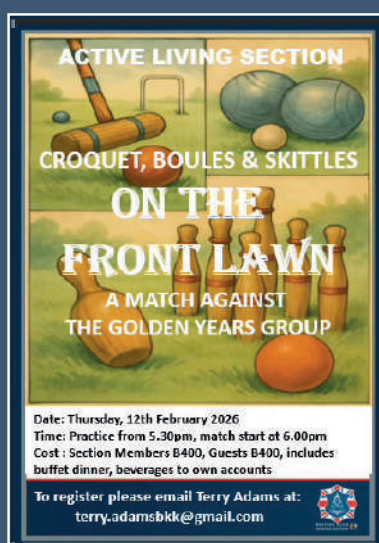
- For information on the Section and our previous Events
- To join the Section by completing your application.

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)

Future Events:



Every Monday: "MOVE IT OR LOSE IT": Over 60's Exercise Class

The Section has joined with the Golden Years Group and the British Women's Group to arrange and support a **weekly Over 60's Exercise Class**, held every Monday from **11.00 to 12.00hrs** in the Club's **Games Room (poolside)**. **Classes take place every Monday and All Club Members are welcome to attend.**

The sessions will be led by **Ishya Silpakul**, the new Leader of the Golden Years Group, who has been running these popular and highly effective classes for some time at a Sukhumvit base. Two of our section committee members attend these classes regularly and advise that they are very effective as well as great fun! To learn more and advise that you will be attending contact Ishya to progress at ishyas@gmail.com.

EVENT REPORT:

Day Trip to Saraburi: 15th January 2026

Travelling in a very comfortable 24-seater minibus, the Section's *Day Trippers* and guests set out on our longest-ever excursion, both in distance and duration. Our destination was Manasikarn, a purpose-designed Buddhist retreat complex set amid beautiful landscaped grounds, dramatically framed by limestone hills. The complex lies some 140 km north of the Club in Saraburi Province.

On arrival, a most welcome and refreshing drink was followed by an introductory talk from Manasikarn's General Manager, Khun Aris. Equipped with multi-language headsets, we divided into two groups and were guided through *The Buddha's Journey* exhibition. Across six immersive rooms, the life and history of the Buddha were presented using light, colour, and

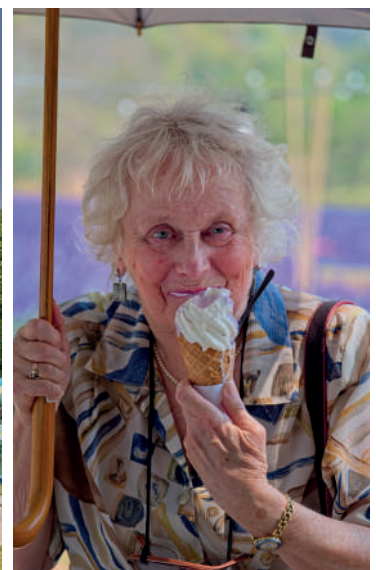


sound, culminating in the serene Stupa Hall with its silk-clad walls and the large seated Buddha statue, *Phra Borommalokkanat*. The exit walkway continued the experience as a modern gallery, employing light, video, and sound to convey Dhamma reflections relevant to everyday life.

We then proceeded to the *Spiritual Life* exhibition, which deepened our understanding of the Buddha's teachings and highlighted the proper conduct and respect due to the Buddha and his images. This section also, rather soberingly, illustrated examples of inappropriate and

offensive uses of the Buddha's image in modern ornamentation and objects.

A short stroll through the beautifully maintained grounds brought us to the Meditation Hall. Here, a resident meditation guru gently introduced us to the fundamentals of meditation. Speaking immaculate English with a calm, melodic clarity, she guided us through the thoughts and simple practices required to begin meditation at its most basic level. It was an uplifting and memorable session—both instructive and deeply calming.





Our visit concluded with a walk towards the adjacent limestone cliffs, where we paused to admire the expansive flower gardens, awash with thousands of delicate blue blooms, before rejoining the bus for what had by then become a keenly anticipated lunch.

Lunch was served communally in classic Thai style, with numerous dishes placed at the centre of the table for all to share. As always, our Bus Captain, Anchisa Young, worked her magic in persuading the restaurant to produce a truly delicious spread. The meal at Suki Nok Noi Restaurant in Phra Phutthabat District was no exception, drawing its customary praise. Regular traveler and Section photographer Derek Sherman summed it up neatly, quipping with a smile, *"I only come for the lunches!"*

Our final stop was a brief visit to Wat Phra Phutthabat Ratchaworamahawihan, one of Thailand's most important Buddhist temples and one of only six designated as First Class Royal Temples—a status reflecting its exceptional religious, historical, and cultural significance. Founded in 1624 during the reign of King Songtham of the Ayutthaya Kingdom, the temple grew in importance following the discovery of a sacred footprint believed to represent the Buddha, and it remains a major site of pilgrimage to this day.

The return journey to the British Club was unexpectedly interrupted when our almost brand-new bus suffered an engine malfunction in a remote stretch of road. With heavy truck traffic thundering past, Bus Captain Anchisa once again took swift and decisive action—locating the nearest bus station, making the necessary calls, and arranging for an 18-seater replacement minibus to collect us and return us safely to the Club albeit with a 2 hour delay. Her calm efficiency and initiative were very much appreciated by all.



WINE on The Lawn

Friday, February 27th
6:00 pm | Front Lawn

MEMBERS 400฿ | GUESTS 500฿

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

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TENNIS

Dear Readers,

The new year is under way and so is the **2026 British Club Tennis Championships**. This season, there are a total of 84 players competing across 8 divisions. Many thanks to the Championship Committee of James Y. and Frank S. for setting up the draw together with the Tournament Referee, Chris W.

Gentlemen Singles	38 Entries
Gentlemen Singles (Seniors)	21 Entries
Ladies Singles	12 Entries
Gentlemen Doubles	20 Teams
Gentlemen Doubles (Seniors)	3 Teams
Ladies Doubles	6 Teams
Mixed Doubles	18 Teams
Mixed Double (Seniors)	3 Teams

One notable match in January was the matchup between Harry and Jonah in the men's single division, where the oldest and the youngest participants faced off. Harry, who is no younger than 75 years played Jonah, who is barely past his first decade. It was a entertaining match with Harry prevailing 6-2 and 6-4, but not before Jonah gave him a good run around. Harry graciously predicts that he will be "done and dusted" by Jonah should they meet again next year.

Thanks again to our sponsors who make the Championships possible.

2026 BRITISH CLUB Bangkok
Tennis Section
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday 21 March Starting 08:00 am

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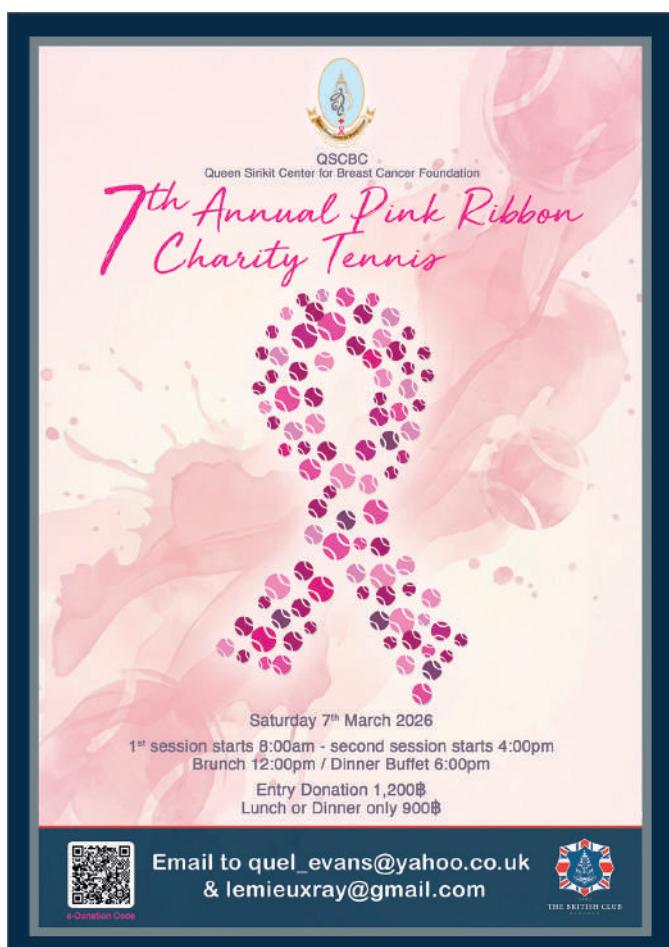
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January also witnessed **Sunil M.**'s last mix-in before he relocates to Tokyo with his family. Sunil has been a reliable member of the Tennis committee for many years. He was also the man behind the pen for the Tennis Section updates on the Outpost. Most importantly, we will all, mostly, agree that Sunil is the quintessential gentleman on and off the court. We look forward to Sunil's return visits to Bangkok.



We have a few events to look forward to in February and March. Firstly the 7th Annual **Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis**, in support of Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation will take place on 6th March 2026. Last year, the British Club Tennis members, friends and family raised over 200,000 THB. This year, we are expecting another great event with plenty of tennis followed by dinner, drinks and a lively auction. If you would like to wear pink and serve it up for a laudable cause, please reach out to Raquel (quel_evens@yahoo.com) or Raymonde (lemieuxray@gmail.com).

British Club Tennis merry crew will be crossing the Mekong river for the **Laos Tennis Trip** on 28 February to visit to our friends at Anuthai Sporting Club in Vientiane. This will be followed by a train ride north-wards to UNESCO recognized town of Luang Prabang for even more tennis. From our recollection, this will be first tennis visit to Laos. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with us via email provided below.



Ways to keep in touch:

1. Email: bcts.bangkok@gmail.com
2. Facebook: British Club Bangkok Tennis Section
3. Bulletin Board (near changing rooms)

Notable Dates:

- 1 Feb – Australian Open Finals Fun Tourney
- 28 Feb – Laos Tennis Trip
- 7 Mar – Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis
- 21 Mar – Club Championships Finals





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7th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis Programme

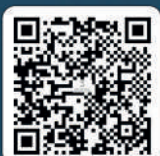
Saturday 7th March 2026

Morning Session

- 7:00am Tennis registration & warmups**
(first come first served first 16 players)
- 7:15am First Round American tournament**
(No need to sign up with a doubles partner, everyone will be switching partners, it's a fun double not competitive, prizes to each winner)
- 8:00am 2nd round**
- 9:00am 3rd round**
- 10:00am 4th round**
- 11:00am 5th round**
- 12:00 Lunch buffet**
- 1:00pm Breast Cancer talks by Khunying Finola Chamtara honorary Advisor to the QSCBC and Foundation**
(raffle draws and auctions as well during the lunch)

Afternoon Session

- 4:00pm Registration & warmups**
- 4:15pm 1st Round**
- 5:10pm 2nd Round**
- 6:00pm 3rd Round**
- 6:10pm Dinner open**
- 7:00pm 4th Round**
- 8.00pm Dinner awards, raffle, auction, band**



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Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation

7th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis



Saturday 7th March 2026

1st session starts 8:00am - second session starts 4:00pm
Brunch 12:00pm / Dinner Buffet 6:00pm

Entry Donation 1,200฿
Lunch or Dinner only 900฿



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Michael Flowers

HARD BALLS

The Pavilionaires go down swinging against stacked RBSC in T20 on the Polo turf.



▲ *The Pavs were looking dashing in their brand new kit!*

After a pair of victories over the Siam Parrots to start the season, the Pavilionaires were in for a tougher test against tournament hosts the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on Sunday, January 11th at the beautiful Polo Ground. RBSC won the toss and elected to bat first.

RBSC Innings

Joge George opened the bowling with Dilip Mishra and the pair got off to a good start with Mishra ending the opening partnership with help of the safe hands of Tyrone Bond at deep mid-wicket, a familiar departure for Abhininder Singh (5 off 6), Mishra firmly in the batsman's head after a decade of battle.

After the 4th Over RBSC had been limited to 19/1 but the classy left hand batsman Robert Raina, the Mutants Premier League Captain and Coach, immediately threw George off his line and got the scoreboard ticking over for RBSC.

The partnership for the second wicket was a rather costly one for BC as Raina and Anil Tanwani piled on a 77-run ground attack partnership consisting of ten fours before Raina (43* off 25) was retired the ball after drinks with RSBC 95/1 after 10.1 Overs.

Tanwani (40* off 36) was retired a few overs later after some tight bowling from Manish Bagaria and Chan Chhabra in the middle section of the innings. RSBC 110/1 after 12.2 Overs.

With wickets in hand at the back end of the innings RSBC were able to extend their advantage and post a hefty total of 180/4.

The highlight of the innings was undoubtedly a super man like diving catch at long off from Bond, leaving his team mates and onlookers in awe. Bond claimed 3 outfield catches on the day while Mishra bowled fantastically well to prevent RBSC from amassing an unassailable score.

The comical moment of the match came on the final ball of the innings with a self proclaimed “diving stop” and run out assist from bowler and Pavs captain Rahul Gupte. Unfortunately, the scorers paid no attention and simply inputted 2 runs to the batting side.

BC Pavilionaires Bowling

Dilip Misra 4-0-20-2

Manish Bagaria 4-0-34-1

Rahul Gupte 3-0-30-1



▲ BC were up and ready for RSBC during pregame warmups.

BC Innings

A target of 181 in 20 Overs was always going to be a difficult assignment however BC opener Mak Kahn started imperiously with 4 boundaries in the first Princy Singh over. The 13 run over from Kahn included three glorious and consecutive cover drives to get BC off to a rollicking start.

Along with captain Rahul Gupte, BC moved quickly along to 60 without loss when Mak (37 off 25 balls) was out stumped off the bowling of Kaviraaj Singh. It was an innings which included 6 fours and a towering six in which captain Gupte later described as the best he had ever seen from Kahn!

Following the departure of Kahn the required rate quickly rose to 11.5 per over after the drinks break creating pressure for new batsman Dale Lamb (4 off 9) who succumbed to a runout from bowler Singh. BC reduced to 68-2 after 10.2 Overs.

The pressure continued to rise with tight bowling from RBSC. More than 14 per over was required from the final 6 Overs when Captain Gupte (31 off 45) was finally caught off the bowling of Raina.

Bond (43* off 22) played a defiant boss like innings finishing with 12 runs off his final 3 balls to retire in style.

Mayank Jain (13 off 8) excited the fans with a quick flurry and the injured wicket keeper Ben Eastwell (5 off 5) added a few more to give the scoreboard some respectability as the British Club went down by a respectable 29 Runs.

RBSC Bowling

Robert Raina 4-0-13-2

Kaviraaj Singh 4-0-23-1

Charanjeet Singh 1-0-1-7

Man of the Match:

Former Thailand international Raina was the Man of the Match for his rapid 25-ball retirement and superb spell of 2 for 13 from 4 Overs.



▲ The Man of the Match from the first two matches, Chan Chhabra and Rahul Gupte posed prematch for a cute photo.

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