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## Front Cover

Great British Festival

## This Month

This month, we will celebrate UK Mother's Day with a special brunch at Veranda, followed by our new Networking Night and the Annual General Meeting (AGM). We will wrap up the month in true British style with our Great British Festival, making it a fun-filled and memorable month for everyone.

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# Chairman's Message



**Beware** the ides of March The first quarter of the current fiscal year has been completed and I am pleased to report that it has been very encouraging to see a continuing number of new members joining the club. Whilst no cause for immediate concern, there has been a slow down in overall membership spend and this is mirrored throughout many sectors of the hospitality industry. The good news is that the Club is in excellent financial shape as operating costs are being well controlled and sufficient surplus cash being generated for planned upgrading of facilities, furnishings and general maintenance.

457	100%	Submissions
327	71.55%	I am supportive, in principle of the padel and badminton development over the rear car park
45	9.85%	I would prefer other development opportunities to be explored as a priority
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6	1.31%	I would prefer other development opportunities to be explored as a priority
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7	1.53%	I am supportive, in principle of the padel and badminton development over the rear car park
	*	I would prefer other development opportunities to be explored as a priority

The Padel and Badminton court development project has generated some good and lively debate and it has certainly attracted a broad range of individual comments. From the survey responses, shown hereunder, it is evident that there is much support for the planned development with some concerns being expressed as to its location along with outright rejection of any development.

At the end of the day, any capital expenditure project in the Club that exceeds a cost of three million Thai Baht requires approval at an Extraordinary meeting at which be a decision whether to proceed, or not, would be taken.

We are a private members club and everyone has their

right to make polite comments and same should be respected accordingly. Therefore I would request that any dialogue and questions from members pertaining to the subject Padel and Badminton court project be conducted in a courteous and civil manner.

Realising that holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on St.Patrick's Day may not be the smartest idea the revised date for the AGM is now the 24th March, 2026 and all qualified members are encouraged to stand for election to The General Committee (GC). Nomination forms can be obtained from the Club House reception desk.

**Cheers  
Simon**

# BANGKOK CONSULAR

## Deliveries in 2025

Bangkok Consular Team, in collaboration with relevant departments and a variety of local authorities, provided Assistance and Notarial services to British people in Thailand.

# 2,316

Consular Assistance provided to British people in Thailand, **15.3% increase** from last year (2,007 cases). In April 2025, we served over 232 assistance cases, highest case number of the first half of the year.

# 1,816

Notarial and Documentary Services were provided. **49% increase** from last year (1,211)

# 641

ETDs were issued to facilitate urgent travel requirements, **5.25% increase** from last year (609).

# 1,189,668 British visitors

entered Thailand in 2025. British visitors peaked at the highest in December (149,254)

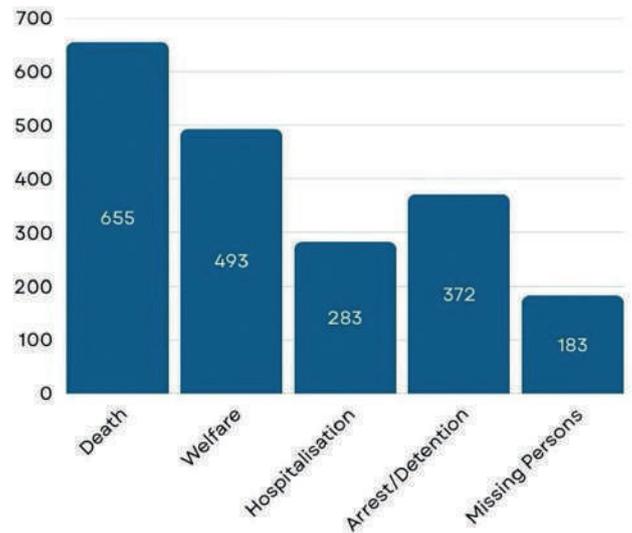
# 73,000 British residents

An average of 73,000 British people are believed to be in Thailand at anyone time. Top 5 provinces for British national residents are Bangkok, Phuket, Surat Thani, Chonburi and Krabi.

### Collaboration with Thai stakeholders

- Consular Contact Reception
- RSA Training for Tourist Police
- Southern Outreach
- EEC Outreach
- Isan Outreach
- Northern Outreach
- Aging Abroad workshop

### Top case types



## 2025 turned out to be yet another busy year for the consular team at the British Embassy.



Whilst **deaths** remain our largest caseload each year, in 2025 we saw a decrease in numbers (**715 to 655**). Most cases we deal with are straight forward and only need the Embassy team to issue a letter to the appointed Funeral Directors. However, where the cases get complex is when there are no next of kin details. **So please do ensure that the last page of your passport has NOK details recorded on it.**

2025 saw a significant increase in the number of **Arrest and Detention Cases (234 to 372)**. The increase is partly down to British Nationals being arrested for attempting to take caseloads of cannabis out of Thailand. We are currently assisting over **63** detainees in **14** Prisons across the country. We also have seen a significant increase in visa overstayers due to the Immigration Bureau strictly enforcing the visas rules. We visit the immigration detention Centre on a weekly basis to assist our nationals in their deportation to the UK. **Please do ensure your visa status is up to date.**

We have seen a steady increase in **elderly welfare** related cases. There are usually several factors contributing to their situation: financial hardship often due to the increased cost of living and difficulties with UK banks, the lack of appropriate health insurance and lacking a stable support network. Medical bills

easily escalate to thousands of pounds. This increase prompted us in December to hold a workshop to discuss **Aging in Thailand**. 40 attendees from funeral directors, insurance companies, long term ex-pats contributed to the discussions on wills, death plans, insurance, care homes. The plan is to produce our own local guide on Aging in Thailand. **Please all do ensure that you record your pin numbers somewhere safe and remain in regular touch with your banks and the Department for Work and Pensions.**

Whilst we saw a decrease in hospitalisation cases during 2025 (**335-283**), we are hearing of an increase in British Nationals not paying their hospital bills. **Please do ensure that you have adequate medical insurance.** It does not cause a good impression with hospitals when so many British nationals are not paying their bills.

**Tourism safety** is a theme for Consular Prevention work. Priorities include reducing risks of motorcycle accidents, influencing key consular issues with Thai authorities, working with Thai authorities to ensure British victims of rape and sexual assault are dealt with in an empathetic manner and collaborating with like-minded missions.



Metawee (Natt)

# Operations Unknown

## Fitness Façade Repair and Poolside Roof Waterproofing

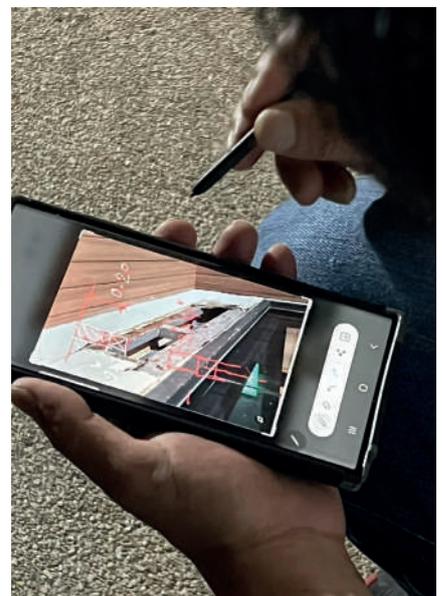
Since the opening of the Club's Phase 2 poolside redevelopment in 2022, regular inspections have been carried out to ensure our facilities continue to meet the high standards expected by our members. During recent routine checks, several areas requiring maintenance were identified, particularly at the façade of the fitness room, where prolonged water absorption had caused material deterioration.



Under the leadership of Khun Aof, Senior Operations Assistant, our engineering team conducted a thorough assessment to identify the root cause of the issue. It was found that continuous exposure to rainwater had penetrated the wooden façade materials, leading to the observed damage. To prevent further deterioration and protect the structure, a comprehensive repair and waterproofing programme was promptly implemented.



The project commenced on 17 February and is scheduled for completion by March. These essential upgrades will strengthen the building envelope, improve long-term durability, and enhance comfort and safety for all members. The Club sincerely appreciates your patience and understanding during this period of improvement, as we remain fully committed to maintaining the highest standards across all our facilities.



# HOW THE AUTUMN BUDGET IMPACTS UK EXPATS

**In this article Martin Wright outlines the key changes that could affect UK nationals living abroad and the way you structure your finances.**

Following weeks of speculation and an early leak of the Office for Budget Responsibility's findings, Chancellor Rachel Reeves delivered the 2025 Budget on 26 November 2025, describing it as a set of "fair and necessary choices" to support the government's agenda for change. The measures are not expected to take effect until April 2026 at the earliest and while the UK Autumn Budget may not apply to you directly, those with UK assets or any exposure to the UK tax system could be impacted by certain measures. We therefore consider it important to keep you updated.

One of the measures to come into effect is the removal of access to pay voluntary Class 2 NICs abroad and increase the initial residency or contributions requirement to pay voluntary NICs outside of the UK to 10 years. For some expats, changes to National Insurance contributions announced in the Autumn Budget are unlikely to have a direct impact whilst they remain non-resident. However, National Insurance remains an important consideration for those who retain UK employment ties, are working overseas temporarily, or are considering a future return to the UK.

Although you will no longer be able to contribute using the cheaper class 2 voluntary contributions from April 2026, you may be able to pay class 3 contributions if you have spent more than 10 years outside of the UK. You should therefore consider topping up Class 2 contributions whilst you have the ability to do so, and review your long-term State Pension entitlement to consider what future funding may be required to maximise your State Pension income in retirement.

Changes to Property Tax may be of particular interest for those with property remaining in the UK. For clients living overseas, UK rental income remains taxable in the UK regardless of tax residence. The introduction

of separate, higher UK tax rates for property income, 22% (basic), 42% (higher) and 47% (additional) from 6 April 2027 means higher tax bills on UK rental income. If you currently pay Income Tax on your UK property profits at 20%, 40% or 45%, each band will rise by 2–3%. This means your net rental income will fall, unless rents rise or costs change.

The Non-residents' rate determination stays tied to UK taxable income and means that even as a non-UK resident, your tax band is still based on your UK-source income only. If your UK rental profits push you into the higher-rate band, you'll face the new 42% rate. Those with significant rental portfolios or high UK income could fall into the new 47% additional rate. Mansion Tax is another concern for many homeowners – including those living abroad with property in the UK. A High Value Council Tax Surcharge (HVCTS) will be coming into effect in April 2028. It is based on property value, not purchase price and will be applied as so:

Property value (England)	Annual surcharge (HVCTS)
£2.0 m – £2.5 m	£2,500
£2.5 m – £3.5 m	£3,500
£3.5 m – £5.0 m	£5,000
£5.0 m and above	£7,500

Under the new rules, this could have significant implications for non-resident landlords and international property investors. As stated above, from April 2027, new separate tax rates will be adopted and this change applies to income from UK property wherever you are resident, thus directly reducing the rental yields received. Furthermore, if you're a high-net-worth expat with a UK home valued above 2 million GBP, the introduction of the new annual High Value Council Tax surcharge represents a notable increase in holding costs which could be 2,500 GBP, but as high as 7,500 GBP for homes valued above 5 million GBP.

These changes could have significant impact in terms of the ongoing costs of holding UK property and you



should therefore consider your ownership structures for property and how this will impact your immediate expenditure, income and long-term personal cash flow planning.

Under the new rules announced last month, if you've spent 10 out of the last 20 years living in the UK for tax purposes, you'll be treated as a long-term resident. This means that once you fall into that category, the UK can charge Inheritance Tax on everything you own worldwide, not just the assets you hold in the UK. This is a significant change from a domicile based IHT system to a residency-based system. This means that if you are a long term expat who is planning a return to the UK, you will need to consider the timing of your relocation back to the UK, as this could impact your long-term non-resident status, particularly if you have spent close to 10 out of the last 20 years outside of the UK for tax purposes. You will also need to consider that worldwide assets (not just UK) could then be brought under the scope of UK IHT if you satisfy the long-term UK resident test, which may not have been the case in the past whilst you were deemed non-resident. From April 2027, if you're under 65 you'll only be able to put £12,000 a year into a Cash ISA. If you want to use your full £20,000 ISA allowance, the remaining £8,000 must be put into a Stocks & Shares ISA. Essentially, many will be nudged towards investing rather than keeping everything in cash. Again, depending on how long you have lived outside of the UK, the rules will differ. Although you may keep any ISA you originally hold, if you become a non-UK tax resident, you're no longer qualified to put money into UK ISAs.

As a resident abroad, ISAs could also be viewed as foreign investment accounts and be taxed at the local rate, meaning their initial tax-free benefits are no longer so.

Although this won't impact non-residents on a day-to-day basis because you can't contribute to new ISAs, it is essential that you plan before returning to the UK. For example, your spouse or partner may be a UK resident in which case you should consider

maximising their contributions whilst they can still contribute. You should also consider how to maximise contributions to other tax-efficient wrappers sooner rather than later, and manage gains in other assets such as property, pensions or General Investment Accounts whilst non-resident accordingly so that you have a plan in place to draw income and capital tax-efficiently when you return.

Our team of professionals are here to support you as a UK expat and despite future changes, it is our goal to keep your financial plan on track. There is time to prepare and make any changes needed before the above measures come into effect, so open communication with a financial planner is key and can provide peace of mind while you enjoy your living your life overseas. Contact our team for more guidance. Tax treatment depends upon individual circumstances and is based on current UK tax legislation, that is subject to change at any time.



**MARTIN WRIGHT**  
Financial Planner, Progeny  
(Singapore)

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more here:



# AGM

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March | 7.00 pm  
Suriwongse Room**



**Registration will open at 6pm.  
Ordinary & Country members are urged to attend**

**Pre-Registration is required.  
Please email to [AGM2026@britishclubbangkok.org](mailto:AGM2026@britishclubbangkok.org)**



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# BC Bee Kid's Club!



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**March** is set to be a month full of creativity, discovery, and exciting adventures at the BC Bee Kid Club! Our thoughtfully planned activities are designed to inspire imagination, encourage learning, and create joyful experiences for our young members.



## Art & Craft for UK Mother's Day

Children will express their love and creativity by designing and crafting beautiful handmade flower cards for their mums. This meaningful activity nurtures artistic skills while celebrating appreciation and gratitude.

## Junior Rugby: Six Nations Final Experience

Our young rugby enthusiasts will enjoy an action-packed junior rugby session inspired by the exciting final of the Six Nations. This fun-filled activity promotes teamwork, coordination, and sportsmanship in an energetic and supportive environment.

## St Patrick's Day Adventure: Mini Sherlock Holmes & Treasure Hunt

Children will create their own lucky clovers before embarking on a thrilling treasure hunt led by our very own Mini Sherlock Holmes. This interactive adventure encourages problem-solving, teamwork, and lots of fun.

## Mini Chef : Green Butterbeer Magic

Inspired by St Patrick's Day and the magical world of Harry Potter, our mini chefs will craft a special green butterbeer. This hands-on cooking session sparks creativity, curiosity, and confidence in the kitchen.

## Little Mad Scientist: The Lucky Rainbow Jar

Young scientists will explore colourful science through a fun and safe experiment, creating their very own lucky rainbow jar. This engaging activity introduces basic scientific concepts while encouraging curiosity, creativity, and hands-on discovery.

Join us at BC Bee Kid Club this March for unforgettable moments filled with fun, learning, and imagination. We look forward to welcoming all our little explorers for another exciting month!

## Coming Events

### March 2026

(more details on the website)

- Pink Ribbon Tennis
- Quiz Night
- UK Mother's Day Brunch
- St. Patrick Day
- Swimming Gala
- Club Networking Night
- Winston Cup & Table Tennis Tournament
- AGM
- Great British Festival

### April 2026

(more details on the website)

- Easter Day
- Easter Camp
- Quiz Night
- New Member Night
- Wet & Wild Songkarn Pool Party
- St. George Day
- Winston Cup & Table Tennis Tournament
- Living In Bangkok 2026 & Club's Birthday 123 years

### May 2026

(more details on the website)

- Quiz Night
- Net Working Night
- An Intimate Wine Night
- Winston Cup & Table Tennis Tournament
- Wine Night

## Event & Activities 2026 March Highlights



### UK Mother's Day Brunch

Celebrate Mum with a beautiful brunch at Veranda. Each mother receives a signature specialty flower and a keepsake photo frame to treasure a precious family moment.



### Net Working Night

The new club's networking evening with Joanne Finnermore-Crorkin, HM Consul from the British Embassy Bangkok. Discover how the Embassy can support you while in Thailand, including essential guidance during emergencies. A valuable and insightful evening for all members.



### Great British Festival

A lively club music festival with a British-inspired theme, featuring live band performances of classic hits from The Beatles and The Rolling Stones, plus Jamie. Fun activities for kids, great food, and a festive club atmosphere for all.

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*Happy Mothers Day*

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## Quiz Night

### 13/01/25

Quiz Night was a great night this month, with Spoofer winning first prize and Drowning Not Waving taking second place. We were happy to welcome a new member who joined as a solo player. With a good crowd and lots of fun, it was an enjoyable and lively evening for everyone.





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# NETWORKING NIGHT

Insight meeting with  
**HM Consul Khun Joanne Finnamore-Crokin**  
British Embassy Bangkok

Highlights:  
**Opportunity to learn more about  
what Embassy can do for you whilst in Thailand  
How to contact us during time of emergency**

**DATE:** Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**TIME:** 5PM – 9PM

Member THB 950 | Guest THB 1200  
Price includes food & free flow of soft drinks, beer and wine.



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# Chinese New Year 2026

15/02/26

Gong Xi Fa Cai! Chinese / Lunar New Year 2026. Veranda was transformed with Chinese-themed decorations and a special Chinese menu, while our staff dressed up in traditional outfits to add to the festive feel. The celebration was topped off with the highlight of the day, our traditional dragon and lion dance show on the lawn. Great vibes, great food, and lots of smiles all around.





# The Winston Cup Pool Competition 21/02/2026

Winston Cup Pool Competition had a good turnout, with new members joining in, including Eden and a new friend for the junior match. Well done to Bimal, the winner of the night, whose name will go on our Winston Cup Trophy. A fun night with good games and great company.



# TABLE TENNIS

## *Tournament*

**Handicap System**

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March | 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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## Table Tennis Tournament 21/02/2026

Another fun Table Tennis tournament, with exciting games and a great crowd. It was great to see kids playing against adults, and Jackson really stepped up his game. Well done to The Joker for taking first place again.





## Great Fun Sun-Day & Pancake Race

### 22/02/2026

We kicked off the day with fairground games, including the gun shoot and dunk tank, then moved on to sack races, exciting Sumo battles, and wrapped it all up with our much-loved Pancake Race. Despite the sunny weather, it was a day full of laughter and great memories. Big thanks to everyone who joined, and special thanks to Phythai Hospital for their kind support, first aid, and doctor consultation for kids and parents throughout the day.



# The Winston Cup Pool Competition

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - 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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# Swimming Gala

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Main Swimming Pool



## Competition Categories

- Kids (Under 6)
- Youth (6–10 years)
- Adults (Open age group)

## Swimming Events

- Kickboard
- Butterfly
- Backstroke
- Breaststroke
- Freestyle



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## Members Gathering 24/02/2026

From our longest-standing member, Mr Brian Thompson with 68 years of membership, through to those celebrating 50, 40, 30, and 20+ years, it was a proud moment for the Club to bring members together and warmly welcome our new members of 2025. With lively music from Jamie, smiles all around, and a great group photo, it was a lovely evening shared by all.





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**SUN**

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**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**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Ribbon**  
7.00am - 10.00pm  
**Squash Kids Academy**  
10.00am - 12.15pm  
**Squash Mixed-in**  
1.00pm - 4.45pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

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

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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

**15**

**Tennis Men Doubles Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**UK Mother's Day 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  
**Networking Night**  
5.00pm - 9.00pm  
**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**

**Swimming Gala**  
9.00am - 2.00pm  
**Tennis Men Doubles Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Sunday Brunch**  
11.00am - 4.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

**26**

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

**27**

**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  
**Wine on the Lawn**  
6.00pm - 9.00pm

**28**

**Squash Kids Academy**  
10.00am - 12.15pm  
**Squash Mixed-in**  
1.00pm - 4.45pm  
**Great British Festival**  
2.00pm - 6.00pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

**29**

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

# MARCH 2026



Paul Doust

# Reciprocal Clubs Review

## Bath & County Club, Bath, England

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

The [Bath & County Club](#) was founded in 1858 and is located in the centre of Bath. Originally it occupied a single house on Queen Square, but the club proved popular and in 1871 it expanded into the adjacent house. A number of members initially disapproved of the telephone, though one was eventually installed in 1900! Over the years, its membership has included MPs, dukes, and senior officers from the UK's armed forces. The club has faced financial difficulties on more than one occasion, notably in the late 1970 's when it decided to sell the two houses on Queen Square and move around the corner into its current premises fronting Queen's Parade. Women were finally admitted as full members in 1996.



These days, it is a relatively small club, both in terms of its physical size and its membership. When we visited shortly after Covid, we were told there were around 120 members, many of whom were retired. The social heart of the club is the bar, which serves both food and drink. There is also a dining room used for events, such as the weekly club lunch and the occasional Sunday carvery. The club hosts a variety

of other activities, including talks, film nights and quiz nights, alongside commemorative dinners for Waterloo, the Battle of Britain, and Trafalgar. They also host "Four Club" events held in conjunction with three other clubs in the region: the [New Club](#) Cheltenham and the [Cardiff and Country Club](#) (both of which are reciprocal with the BCB), and the Clifton Club Bristol (which unfortunately is no longer reciprocal). Other facilities include the Norfolk



Room for talks, the York Room for smaller meetings or private dining, and the Morris Room which features a conference table. The club has no sports facilities or accommodation.

During a 2023 trip to visit friends in Bristol and Bath, we dropped in for a snack lunch in the club bar. It was a Wednesday, and apart from a small members' meeting taking place in the Morris Room, the club was quiet. When the meeting was over, we got chatting with one of the attendees, a travel writer for Lonely Planet. He said that he was planning an overland journey by train from the UK to Singapore later that year, and was interested to learn that we were from a reciprocal club in Bangkok as it was going to be on his route. Five months later he

emailed me to tell me that he would be in Bangkok the following week, but unfortunately that week I was going to be away. However, I know he visited the British Club Bangkok because when he arrived, I got an email from our then Honorary Secretary Paul Cheesman to tell me that he had turned up without a letter of introduction. Luckily, because I had replied to his email the previous week, Paul decided to look after him while his home club organised the required documentation.

While the Bath & County Club is modest in size, it is a friendly establishment and organises a lot of events. The events are listed on its website, so if you find yourself in the area, it is well worth checking the schedule to time a visit with one of their functions.

**“This will be my last 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](mailto:paul@pauldoust.com) and we could co-write an article.”



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# Active Living Section



Terry Adams

## 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.



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

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

## Future Events:

## EVENT REPORT:

### “From Midas to Modern Money: The Glittering Journey of Gold”: 29th January 2026

Presented by the ever-impressive Barbara Meynert, a speaker of exceptional insight and intellectual range, whose compelling and highly relevant slides took us on a sweeping journey through the history of gold as money – not as a relic of the past, but as a revealing mirror held up to today's global financial system.

The story began, appropriately, in myth. Around 2,800 years ago, King Midas was granted a wish by Dionysus that everything he touched would turn to gold. The blessing swiftly became a curse as food, drink, and even his daughter were transformed. Redemption came only when he bathed in the river Pactolus in Anatolia, whose sands were rich in electrum, a natural gold-silver alloy. As Barbara explained, myth soon shaded into history. Two centuries later, Croesus, ruler of the same region of Lydia, issued the world's first true gold coins, separating electrum into distinct gold and silver and fixing their relative values. For the first time, money became standardised.

The Romans refined this system further. Gold and silver coins underpinned the empire, with gold as the ultimate store of value and the aureus as the principal gold coin. Yet even Rome could not resist temptation.





Over time, coins were debased by mixing precious metals with base ones. Nero was famously criticised for this practice, although debasement had already been under way for more than a century, reducing gold purity by around eleven percent. Barbara drew a clear and thought-provoking parallel between this slow erosion of trust and the later debasement of the United States dollar.

Eighteenth century England marked the next major turning point. Isaac Newton, better known for the laws of motion and gravity, was also Master of the Royal Mint. As Barbara Meynert reminded us, Newton was a committed alchemist who failed to transmute base metals into gold but succeeded in something far more enduring. By setting the gold to silver ratio, he elevated gold, represented by the guinea, above silver coinage. Without any formal Act of Parliament, England had effectively adopted a gold standard.

Fast forward to 1944 and Bretton Woods, where the post-war monetary order was created. The United States dollar was fixed to gold at thirty five dollars an ounce, other currencies were fixed to the dollar, and the International Monetary Fund and World Bank were born. John Maynard Keynes argued for an alternative global accounting system, an idea rejected at the time

but, as Barbara noted, now being revisited by the BRICS group. In 1971, President Richard Nixon closed the gold window, ending dollar-gold convertibility. Since then, the dollar has been a fiat currency and has lost an estimated eighty eight percent of its purchasing power, while gold has risen from thirty five dollars an ounce to today's multi-thousand-dollar levels.

The modern chapter of Barbara's talk focused on trust, custody, and risk. Recent years, particularly 2022, have seen record central bank gold buying, driven by fears of sanctions, asset freezes, and currency debasement. Gold, she observed, is only as secure as the vault that holds it. Thailand, for example, holds around two hundred and forty four tonnes, roughly eight percent of its reserves, largely stored in Bank of Thailand vaults. Alongside traditional custodians such as the Bank of England and the New York Federal Reserve, new infrastructure is emerging. The Shanghai Gold Exchange has established a Hong Kong vault, allowing gold bought in Shanghai to be settled offshore, stored locally, or repatriated.

From myth to modern vaults, Barbara Meynert left us with a clear and sobering message. While monetary systems change, gold's role as a measure of trust – and mistrust – endures.

## ***MATCH REPORT:***

***Speed Croquet, Boules, and Skittles match against the Golden Years Group, Thursday, 12th February 2026***



A truly memorable evening of friendly competition unfolded recently on the Club's Front Lawn and at the Kids Stop Poolside, where the Active Living Section once again faced our great friends and rivals, the Golden Years Team. Thanks to the Club's Grounds, Sports, and Catering Teams, the setting was perfect, the atmosphere warm and welcoming, and the sense of anticipation unmistakable, especially given that Golden Years had convincingly beaten us in the previous two encounters.



What followed was a delightful blend of gentle exercise, tactical thinking, and good natured rivalry. Each of the three games, Speed Croquet, Boules, and Skittles, produced remarkably close contests, with scores often separated by the narrowest of margins. Determination was evident on both sides, but always played in the true spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie that characterises these matches.

As the final results were tallied and the tension mounted, ALS members hardly dared to believe it, but at last, and after two previous defeats, we secured our first victory. The cheers and congratulations were heartfelt on both sides, a reflection of the genuine friendship between the two groups.

Following the matches, players, referees, and supporters retired together to the Sala, where a sumptuous buffet dinner awaited. Animated conversation, and shared stories of near misses and heroic shots flowed freely along with the refreshments. It was a fitting conclusion to an evening that perfectly demonstrated how healthy competition and warm fellowship can go hand in hand.

Our sincere thanks go to our excellent referees, Tom Payne for Speed Croquet, Agnes Murray for Boules, and the Club's ever supportive Sports Manager Khun Amnat for Skittles, whose calm oversight and good humour ensured that the evening ran smoothly and fairly.

*We very much look forward to the next encounter.*



## **GREAT BRITISH FESTIVAL**

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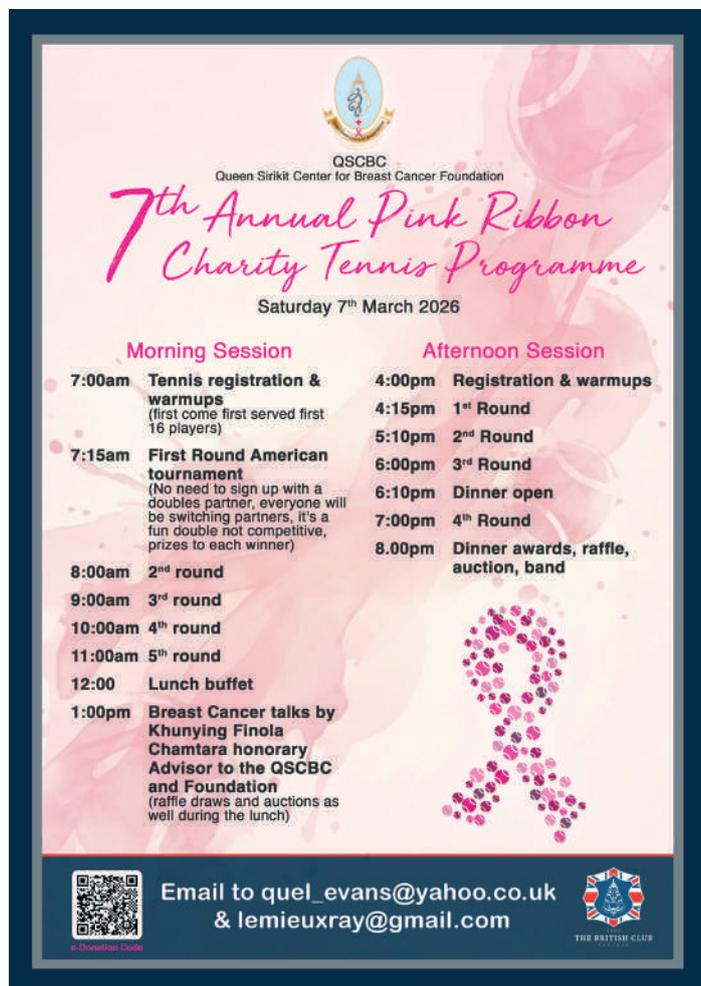
# TENNIS

Dear Readers,

There is no atmosphere like a Grand Slam atmosphere and the **Australian Open** happens to be the closest Grand Slam to Bangkok, both in terms of distance and time zones. This year, the aptly named the "Happy Slam" welcomed over 1.3 million fans through the gates, of which approximately 15 were members of British Club Tennis. Melbourne is also the home of the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club and Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, which extend reciprocal privileges to our members. We enjoyed lovely mornings on lush green grass courts, followed by bubbly brunches at the clubhouse.



Not quite a Grand Slam but just as exciting, please note the final day of the **BCTS Championships** on Saturday 21 March. The order of play has not been determined yet, but expect to spectate the finals of all of the divisions starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Club. Please come early, grab a good spot, order your favorite beverage, and enjoy some good tennis surrounded by friends and family. Many thanks to our sponsors once again for making the event possible.



  
**QSCBC**  
 Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation

## 7th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis Programme

Saturday 7th March 2026

Morning Session	Afternoon Session
<b>7:00am Tennis registration &amp; warmups</b> (first come first served first 16 players)	<b>4:00pm Registration &amp; warmups</b>
<b>7:15am First Round American tournament</b> (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)	<b>4:15pm 1st Round</b>
<b>8:00am 2nd round</b>	<b>5:10pm 2nd Round</b>
<b>9:00am 3rd round</b>	<b>6:00pm 3rd Round</b>
<b>10:00am 4th round</b>	<b>6:10pm Dinner open</b>
<b>11:00am 5th round</b>	<b>7:00pm 4th Round</b>
<b>12:00 Lunch buffet</b>	<b>8.00pm Dinner awards, raffle, auction, band</b>
<b>1:00pm Breast Cancer talks by Khunying Finola Chamtara honorary Advisor to the QSCBC and Foundation</b> (raffle draws and auctions as well during the lunch)	



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It is still not too late to sign up for the **7th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis** at the Club on 7 March 2026. This

year we are expecting an enjoyable evening full of entertainment and auctions.

**Ways to keep in touch:**

1. Email: [bcts.bangkok@gmail.com](mailto:bcts.bangkok@gmail.com)
2. Facebook: British Club Bangkok Tennis Section
3. Bulletin Board (near changing rooms)
1. Whatsapp (<https://tinyurl.com/BritishClubTennisWA>)

**Notable Dates:**

- 7 Mar – Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis
- 21 Mar – Club Championships Finals



# 2026 BRITISH CLUB Bangkok Tennis Section CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 21 March Starting 08:00 am




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- 6:00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Round**
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Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

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# BRITISH CLUB GOLF

The British Club Golf section has had a good start to the year with 3 games already played and a very enjoyable evening event was held at the club on the 8th February for our Annual General Meeting.

## January Medal

We kicked off the golfing year with our January medal at our home course, Subraphruek, a Pete Dye designed course with many tricky bunkers and water coming into play on most holes.

There was a good field of 19 players enjoying the pleasant January temperatures, leading the way was Bally Gudail, who won flight A with a solid net 72. Peter Clark was second with a 74.

In flight B it was even closer with Mark Russell just beating young Monty Finn on countback with both players scoring net 76's.

## January Stableford

Our second trip was to Krung Kavee, a course we used to play on a regular basis but have not used for the last few years. The field was a bit smaller for this event with just 10 players, which was a shame as the course was in excellent condition. For most players it proved as challenging as ever, with several holes having water on both sides of the fairway waiting to catch any errant driving.

For January's form player this was not an issue, and Bally came in with an excellent 41 pts – 5 shots under his handicap to beat long time member Jeremy Watson by 2 points. In 3rd place was Frank Fawkes.

The annual Matchplay Final was also contested on the day with John Virtue up against Josh Tinker. Josh got off to a flying start and was soon 5 up and looking odds on to win, but John fought back and the game finished all square and a rematch was set up for early February.

## February Medal

As always, the February medal attracted one of our largest gatherings of golfers with 26 people ready for tee off on Sunday 8th Feb. The reason for the large field was the opportunity for everyone to head off to the British Club straight after golf for an evening of good food, wine and handing out of our annual prizes.



▲ January Stableford Winner Bally



▲ February Medal Winner Frank



▲ 2025 Matchplay Champion John



▲ More Trophies for Bally..



▲ 2025 Golfer of the Year and New Captain Peter Clark

Before that we had some golf to play on what turned out to be an incredibly humid day, which later turned into a rather soggy evening. Despite the challenging heat there were some good rounds of golf played.

Frank Fawkes won the overall medal prize with a net 72 while Paweena Stray had to be content with winning Flight A on countback having also scored a 72. Earnie Wark was runner up just one shot back.

Flight B was also closely fought with one shot separating the top two with Lynn Munday's 72 just beating out runner up Robert Chafee.

## Annual General Meeting

At the annual meeting we first started, well after a few glasses of red and bottles of Heineken, with a review of the 2025 season. This was led by our 2025 captain Neil Davis, who did an excellent job throughout the year with the highlight undoubtedly being our victory over archrivals the Bangkok Wanderers to regain the illustrious Magpie Putter.

We then tucked into an excellent British Club buffet while continuing to consume various alcoholic beverages as we celebrated the 2025 achievements of a number of golfers.

Leading the way was our 2025 Club Secretary and newly appointed 2026 captain – Peter Clark who won the award for Golfer of The Year, reflecting his consistent excellent play throughout the year

We also finally had a winner of the annual Matchplay competition with John Virtue completing his comeback by winning the replayed final.

Two other key prizes to highlight were the annual Eclectic winners for 2025:

Flight A – Terry Davies and Flight B – Gareth Knight

At the meeting we also confirmed our committee for the new year. Joining new captain Peter, we also have current committee members Neil Davis, Varghese Rose, Martin Finn and Pete Gale who will be joined by new members John Virtue and Bally Gudail.

## Next Events

- 15th February – 3 Clubs and a Putter
- 8th March – Monthly Medal

We are a very welcoming group and if you are interested in joining us please send an email to [bcgs.bangkok@gmail.com](mailto:bcgs.bangkok@gmail.com)



Michael Flowers

# HARD BALLS

## BC Retain the Dickwood Cup in Chiang Mai with Bangkok League Cricket in full swing

The **A Division** season got underway on Sunday the 18th of January at the Asian Institute of Technology with BC dominating Indorama in all facets of play. Skipper Pramodh got the season off on the right note winning the toss and electing to bat first. Bangkok Final Boss Tyrone Bond and debutant Prash Alphonsus (13 off 13) got started nicely, before Avneesh Chopra (32 off 16) really got the scoreboard ticking over.

Following the departure of Chopra, Bond (53 off 45) and Flowers (41 off 41), another A Div debutant, worked the fielders for a 71-run partnership before Bond was unfortunately runout going for a second run in a highlight moment for Indorama in the field.

Dale Lamb (41\* off 21) then dominated the Indorama bowling towards the back end of the innings.

In the final over, with Lamb expecting to have the strike rotated to him, the fearless youngster, Jonathan 'Bling' George took matters into his own hands smashing a four before hitting the shot of the season, a huge, superlative six over long off to the astonishment of the BC support crew. The final pairing boosting the score to a huge total of 243/7 off the 25 Overs.

In reply Indorama were never in the hunt as opening bowler and Man of the Match, Talal Sanoon (5 Overs, 4 for 11) ripped through the heart of the batting order and amazingly hit every stump at one end.

Once Sanoon took his 4th wicket, Indorama were completely out of the game at 35/5 after 9.5 Overs. Ravi Anandani (2 Overs, 2 for 4) was the other stand out bowler on the day for BC, bowling with terrific flight and accuracy.

BC ended up completing the victory in the 21st Over by the dominant margin of 138 runs putting the rest of the league on notice and moving to the top of the table on net run rate (NRR).

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The following Sunday, the 25th of January the A Div season continued with a difficult fixture against last seasons table toppers and runners up the Kerala Tuskers.



▲ *Man of the Match Talal Sanoon rips right through the Indorama top order*

Following some video analysis from their previous match, BC were well prepared and ready to give the Tuskers a shock.

BC skipper Kamalakannan again won the toss and elected to bat first.

It was a difficult and nervous start with the score at just 6/1 after 3 Overs with the big loss of opener, Bond (3 off 7) setting BC's target score back to around 180.

Chopra quickly calmed the nervous sideline energy as he began to dominated the Tuskers bowling before departing for a quick-fire 41 off 23 balls boosting the score to 61/2 after 7.5 Overs.

The big hitting Shriyansh Maheshwari (4 off 3) wasn't able to get going but Ben Eastwell (47 off 39) and Flowers (64\* off 50) were able to increase the run rate while consolidating the innings during a 61-run partnership.

At the back end of the innings, Sagar Puthran (44\* off 21) plundered the Tuskers bowling as BC posted a highly competitive total of 231/5 from the 25 Overs.

In reply the Tuskers came out swinging from ball one and put huge pressure on BC before a double strike in the 5th Over put BC back in control.

Unfortunately that brought Man of the Match Sreekanth Bhavadasan (96\* off 60) to the wicket.

Although BC continued to take wickets at the other end, Bhavadasan and his partners continued to attack. Crucially BC put down several key catches in the last 10 Overs to let victory slip away as the Tuskers jubilantly reached the finish line with an over to spare, victorious by 4 Wickets. BC were left wondering what if while still very proud of their efforts and remain very positive and hopeful for the season.

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The following week, British Club set off for yet another tour to Chiang Mai for a fun yet competitive weekend away and began festivities with the customary meet and greet at the UN Social Bar where the format and final details for the weekends matches were finalized.

Saturdays match was played against Lanna Cricket Club with Bond, captaining the side and winning the toss and electing to field first. BC picked up the early wicket of opener Brian Cassingena (4 off 10) with Kamalakannan getting through his defenses at 19/1.

Later, Lanna's other opener Richard Cowles (40\* off 27) hit a six to bring up his retirement before Captain Richie George (35\* off 26) also reached the retirement figure.

It wasn't until the 17th Over that BC took another wicket when Ashish Pandey (19 off 25) was bowled by Bond with the score at 127/2.

Despite setting a solid platform BC didn't allow Lanna to get away from them as they took regular wickets at the back end of the innings and limited the score to 181/6 after 25 Overs, a score that BC felt was a little under par. Chan Chhabra was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3 Overs, 2 for 9 as the entire team (outside of keeper Eastwell) got a bowl.

In reply, the Pavillionaires Captain and co-Captain duo of Rahul Gupte and Dilip Mishra were sent in to open. It was a brief stint for the duo with Mishra (0 off 3) being runout and Gupte then being bowled for a golden duck. Most of the rest of the team were entertained by the ensuing bickering and blaming for the miscommunication in running between wickets while others were left scrambling to pad up.

BC quickly righted the ship with several significant contributions with the bat. Eastwell coming in at #3 showed his class (38\* off 22), Chhabra (34 off 39) provided valuable support at the other end before Chopra (27 off 13) and Flowers (38 off 21) set up a comfortable victory with the A Div brains trust, Bond (6\* off 3) and Kamalakannan (9\* off 8) guiding BC to a 4 wicket win (with 3 Overs to spare).

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▲ Dilip and Rahul open the innings against Lanna Cricket Club

Sunday morning brought the annual Dickwood Cup contest (30 Overs) and a completely different and stronger Gymkhana side arriving fresh and ready to play. BC again won the toss, with skipper Kamalakannan electing to put the locals in to bat yet again.

BC got off to a fairly solid start, limiting Gymkhana to 27/1 in 6 Overs after the opening bowling spells of the familiar combination of Mishra (3 Overs, 0/19) and Gupte (3 Overs, 1/13). BC then turned to the spin options of Chopra (3 Overs, 1/17) and Bagaria (3 Overs, 0/21) for the next 6 Overs as Gymkhana continued steadily to 72/2 in 12 Overs.

Local Thai Recruit Ton (3 Overs, 1/20) then picked up the important wicket of Gymkhana captain Jon Scales (23 off 23) in the 17th Over with the score at 107/3.

Gymkhana really began to up the scoring rate in the following 9 Overs, adding a whopping 100 runs with Insha Javaid (50\* off 35) and Thai youngster Champ (50\* off 29) racing to retirement as the score swelled to 207/3 after 26 Overs.

Eastwell, the pick of the bowlers (3 Overs, 2/25) and Ajay Sampige (2 Overs, 1/18) made some late inroads as Gymkhana posted a challenging total of 239/6 from the 30 Overs.

In search of 240 to win at 8.00 per over, BC again sent in Gupte and Mishra to open the batting.

It was much more successful effort from the pair after they had patched things up over a succulent Indian meal the night prior. The pair brought up their 50 partnership in the 8th Over before Mishra (12 off 24) was dismissed in the following over with the score at 55/1 after 8.4 Overs.

Eastwell (5 off 7) was unfortunately unable to continue on with his good form from the previous day although Gupte (50 off 45) accelerated on towards a terrific half century and retirement with the score at 96/2 after 14.3 Overs.

At the half way point the game was very much in the balance with BC sitting at 99/2, just 1 run ahead of where Gymkhana were at the same stage (98/2).

Flowers and Bond rotated strike well until Bond (19 off 17) was caught by Javiad from the bowling of Russel Ward with the score at 118/3 after 16.4 Overs.



▲ *BC retain the Dickwood Cup against Gymkannawith thrilling tie*

Chopra came to the crease at #6 and he and Flowers were immediately put under pressure by some tight bowling from Ward and Tandin Penjor. After 19 Overs, with the score at 131/3, BC still required 109 runs at a tick under 10 an over.

Fortunately for BC the devastating Chopra (50\* off 24) quickly got into his work and blasted Gymkhana to all parts of the ground to set the match up at 190/3 after 24.3 Overs leaving 50 runs required from 33 balls.

Flowers (38\* off 44) continued to anchor the innings with partners Chhabra (16 off 12) and Kamalakannan (8 off 4).

Following the captains departure, 14 were required off the final 12 balls as Ton joined Flowers.

8 runs from the penultimate over left just 6 required from the final Siva over but there was no decisive blow with 5 singles from the first 5 balls leaving 1 to win from the last ball.

Ton was bowled from the final ball as he tried to smash it into the leg side leaving the match dramatically tied, but notably with BC retaining the trophy and finishing undefeated for the weekend (including the coin tosses)!

It was a lovely post game celebration of cricket as Chairman Jack Dunford gave his famous speech about the history of the Cup dating way back to 1982. Jack also made a fitting tribute and toast to BC legend Sir Nick White who sadly passed away later that day. Further tributes and celebrations for Sir Nick are flowing in with a late afternoon get-together at BC planned for March 21st to share stories and raise in glass in his memory.

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Pavillionaire Cricket resumed the following weekend and yet another multi match weekend with matches against the Southerners on the 7th of February and the table topping Trailblazers on the 8th of February.



▲ *A Chiang Mai Toast to BC Legend Sir Nick White*

The match against the Southerners was an exciting affair with Southerns captain Vaughan McClear opting to bat first, only for their first 3 batsmen to return to the sheds for Golden ducks leaving the Southerners reeling at 3/4 after just 1.1 Overs!

The Southerners consolidated well with Sam Eliasakhan (31 off 29) and Manish Agarwal (42\* off 41) sharing a 61-run partnership to lift the Southerners to 65/4 after 9 Overs. Contributions from McClear (19 off 15) and Mudasir Rehman (16 off 12) helped the Southerners to a score around par on the difficult Polo



▲ BC Pavillionaires wore black arm bands vs the Southerners in honor of Sir Nick White

wicket. 139/6 After 20 Overs, an excellent recovery after a disastrous start! Mishra was the stand out bowler for BC with figures of 4 Overs 3 for 17.

In reply, opener Shriyansh Maheshwari retired hurt in the 4th Over with the score at 21/0 after 3.3 overs to bring Flowers to the crease to join Mak Kahn. The pair put on a 65\* run partnership when Kahn (40\* off 34) retired with the score at 86/0 after 12.5 Overs. Flowers (40\* off 34) then also retired with the score at 98/0 after 14.2 Overs, leaving BC with 42 to win from 34 balls.

Captain Gupte (28\* off 24) played well, manipulating the field and guiding BC to the finish line however a flurry of wickets at the other end left 7 runs to win from the final Rehman over. A faint edge for 4 from the second ball of the over followed by a wide left just 2 to win from the final 3 balls. Unfortunately BC was only able to manage a scrambled bye from the final delivery as the keeper fumbled for his only bye of the day leaving the match tied. Remarkably it was the second tie in a row for the British Club!!

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The following day, a strong Pavs side was matched against the star studded table topping Trailblazers. Captain Gupte won the toss and elected to field first after the early success with the ball the previous day.

Incredibly the early stages followed the same script as the Trailblazers were quickly reeling at the very same score of 3/4 after 2.3 Overs.



▲ Southerners Keeper fumbles the final ball as Pavs scramble a second straight tie

The Trailblazers quickly recovered from their precarious start however and despite a flurry of wickets at the back end, they posted a big score of 177 All Out (19.4 Overs). Neeraj Sodhi (42 off 25) and Rahul Jangir (43 off 32) were the stand out batsmen for the Trailblazers while Nitin Dhavle (1.2 Overs 2/14) and Adrian Salter (1 Over 2/9) were BC's top wicket takers.

In reply only Mak Kahn (20 off 20) and Flowers (37 off 40) reached double figures although Salter (3 off 22) frustrated the opposition as BC refused to be bowled out, concluding the 20 Overs at 88/9, a 89 run victory for the defending champs.

A lot more cricket is coming up in the next month for both the A Div and Pavillionaires as the season continues, thanks to all the supporters and photographers for their ongoing efforts!

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