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Summer Camps 2026

This Month

This month, the Club celebrates the UK King's Birthday Brunch at Verandah, followed by a Gin Night and Music Night with Jamie at Jubilee Bar. Towards the end of the month, the Summer Camp begins, welcoming another fun-filled season for children at the Club.

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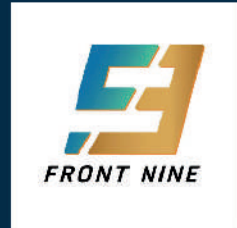
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Chairman's Message

Dean Thompson

Dear all,

As I write, the first monsoon storm of the year has just passed through Bangkok and given us the usual dousing of heavy rain! So the rainy season is officially upon us whether we like it or not. This also spells the time when we head towards the end of school terms and families often head away on holiday either back to their home nations or other exotic vacation locations.

However, the Club never rests and we also cater for the holiday season especially with our very exciting Summer Camp programme for kids that has been going from strength to strength in the last few years. It has been a real hit with the children and gives them many varied, fun activities to do throughout the day and of course gives Mum and Dad a bit of a break and possibly the chance to sit by the pool for a while and have a chilled beverage or two!! Do ask at Reception or direct to Khun Natt our Operations Manager about the programme - I am sure you'll be pleasantly surprised by the list of activities we have got scheduled.

Depending on when you are reading this, I hope you have had a chance to sample the fabulous new dishes that have been added to the food menus as of the 1st June. Our Food & Beverage Subcommittee have been working very hard to review the menus and bring them up-to-date with the current needs of our Members. The strategy was to provide a greater differentiation between the outlets with a more fine casual dining in the Verandah, with pub favourites in the Churchill Bar, and family-orientated food in the poolside Salas. We also wanted to have something for everyone, from a range of well-known every day favourite dishes up to signature dishes that are so mouth-watering you'll be

bringing your friends to the Club to enjoy them with you. I strongly recommend you try the signature Fish and Chips - the sample I was given by our eager Kitchen Team was simply delicious and I can see the British Club getting the reputation for the best Fish and Chips in Thailand!! Tell me if I am wrong!!

You will also note that the prices have very much been maintained - and I am sure you will all agree that our prices, in an inflationary environment, are nothing short of remarkable. Some prices are higher, of course, but that simply reflects the improvement in quality and ingredients that go into them. We have sought to maintain or even reduce the prices for the every day dishes so we will surely have something for everyone at prices that everyone can afford!

In terms of Club development, we have created a Property Subcommittee to champion the maintenance and development of the Club facilities. There will be some exciting news soon on future developments including the long-discussed Padel, Pickleball and Badminton racquet pavilion. We have been exploring all possible locations and will shortly be coming back to you with options so you can share your thoughts too in an informed way.

So it's a very exciting time for the Club; we hope you continue visiting on a regular basis, and lastly for any of you with children doing their end of year exams, I hope you do well and all that revision was worthwhile!!!

Best wishes

Dean Thompson
Chairman
The British Club Bangkok



Metawee (Natt)

Operations Unknown

New Menu Launch

The Club is excited to launch the new menus starting Monday 1st June 2026.

Updated to suit contemporary dining preferences and differentiated by outlet, members can look forward to improved quality, refreshed presentation, and exciting new dishes across the Club – all with no significant price changes and the same great value for money.

Veranda will also introduce a brand-new upscale casual dining menu, with a complimentary glass of house wine throughout June with every main course ordered.

Behind the scenes, both service and kitchen teams have completed training for the new menus led by Khun Tammy, F&B Manager, ensuring the team is fully prepared for the launch.

Members can also look forward to newly designed menu booklets and behind-the-scenes promotional videos showcasing the work and creativity behind this exciting new chapter of dining at Veranda and around the Club.





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New Menus

Starting Monday 1st June



Updated for contemporary
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Improved quality
and presentation



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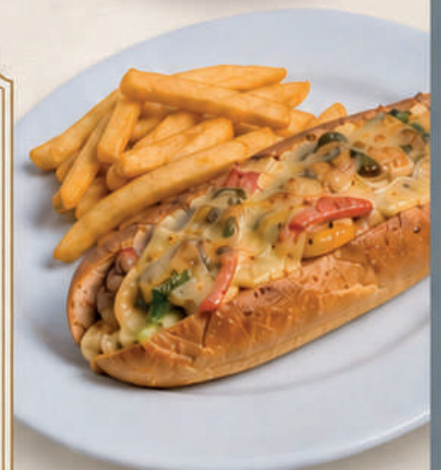


Brand new upscale
casual dining menu in

Veranda

— plus —

Free glass of house wine
with every main course
throughout June!



THE IMPORTANCE OF WRITING A WILL

Writing a Will is a good step in any financial plan. Will writing allows you to detail exactly what you want to happen with your estate when you die, safe in the knowledge that your wishes will be followed.

It can be difficult to know where to start when planning your Will, but ultimately you need to take time to decide who you want to inherit your wealth and personal effects. These decisions then need to be translated into a legally binding document. An up-to-date Will is a very important document. Sadly, failing to write a Will could leave your family facing uncertainty, difficult decisions and even significant tax and financial issues.

Anyone aged 18 or over and of sound mind can make a Will. You should prepare a Will once you have acquired substantial assets, chosen to marry, divorce or become a parent/responsible for dependents. It's important to regularly review and update as necessary throughout your life as it will dictate how you wish to distribute your assets at the time of your death.

Here are some of the many reasons why it is important to write a Will.

Leaving to loved ones

The first reason why you should have a Will is that drawing up a suitable will is the only way to ensure that your assets pass to your family, loved ones and any other chosen beneficiaries in the event of your death. At a basic level, if you have spent your life helping to support your family and built up some assets along the way, then this is the perfect reason why you should have a Will in place.

Blended families

Divorce and re-marriage mean that 'blended families' are now commonplace. A well-drafted will is the best way to deal with the complexities that blended families can bring when it comes to passing on your assets. A legal adviser will know exactly what structure is required to ensure that everyone you want to leave something to is provided for. There is no individual situation that cannot be dealt with.

Minimising Inheritance Tax

A will plays a part in minimising the impact of inheritance tax on your estate when you die. It can set up the structures to allow your assets pass to the right people in the most tax efficient way possible. Many people assume that Inheritance Tax (IHT) is a rich person's tax, but growing prosperity amongst older generations, much of it underpinned by rising property prices, means that more people than ever are finding themselves in the IHT bracket.

However, they often don't realise this until it is too late to do anything about it Don't DIY. There are many cheap will-making options available nowadays, ranging from free online facilities to budget packages from national retailers. While it can be tempting to do it yourself or cut costs with one of the cheaper options, you should carefully consider your requirements before taking this approach.

Risks of not having a will

When someone dies without a valid will in place, they are treated as dying intestate. In this instance, their assets must be shared out according to certain specified rules.



Many people make the mistake of assuming that their assets will automatically pass on to the person they regard as their next of kin, but this is not always the case. Only married or civil partners and some other close relatives can inherit under the rules of intestacy. Additionally, if someone makes a will but it is not legally valid, the rules of intestacy decide how the estate will be shared out, not the wishes expressed in the will. Where intestacy does not provide adequately for the people financially dependent upon you it is possible for them to make a claim against your estate. This involves a Court application that can be lengthy and costly.

Next steps

Choosing how to write your Will is important. A professional will provide you with advice and will be well informed about the latest tax and estate planning legislation. If you choose to write a Will yourself there could be significant legal issues left for your executors to deal with. Do remember that it's very important to keep your Will regularly reviewed, especially if you divorce or in the event of the arrival of children and grandchildren. It's also worth noting that if you marry, you'll generally automatically revoke any Will you have in place.

Once you've taken the time to create your Will it's important to store it appropriately and ensure your family and executors know where it is and how to access it. We offer a free storage facility to all our clients.

If you have assets in more than one country you may need a Will for each jurisdiction in which they are located. Laws governing your property and estate overseas are likely to be different to the laws of the country in which they are legally domiciled. It is advisable that you seek local professional guidance

when compiling your Will or Wills to understand which country takes precedence and how taxation on your legacy works.

We can draft your UK Will for you and liaise with local lawyers to ensure that both your UK and overseas Wills work together. Our tax advisers can also assist with the tax implications of owning assets in multiple countries.

We are able to provide advice on the correct process if you live in Scotland or are resident elsewhere but own property in Scotland and work closely with a Scottish partner law firm to ensure you can obtain regulated legal advice in Scotland.



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SWIMMING GALA

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026
FROM 9:00 - 11:00

AGE

5-6 years old

7-8 years old

9-10 years old

11-12 years old

CATEGORIES

Kick board
(under 5 years old only)

Freestyle

Butterfly

Backstroke

Breaststroke



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BC Bee Kid's Club!

June is always an exciting time at the Club as we celebrate the final month of school and the beginning of the Summer Camp season. Throughout the month, our younger members will enjoy plenty of fun, creativity, and hands-on activities together with friends.



This month's Kid Club activities include Little Bob the Builder creating colourful spinning toys, Little Mad Scientist exploring and playing with kinetic sand, Mini Picasso bringing out creativity through arts and crafts, and Young Sherlock Holmes taking part in fun mystery-solving activities and challenges.

We will also celebrate the UK King's Birthday on Sunday 14 June with a special afternoon of British-themed arts & crafts, fun activities, and one of the highlights of the day – the ever-popular Mini Chef session for the little ones.



With Summer Camp just around the corner, June is the perfect month for children to enjoy, learn, create, and make wonderful memories at the Club.



Coming Events

June 2026

(more details on the website)

- Swimming Gala
- Quiz Night
- FIFA World Cup
- UK King's Brunch
- Live Music Night - Jonas
- Winston Cup & Table Tennis Tournament
- Summer Camp

July 2026

(more details on the website)

- Summer Camp (Whole Month)
- Quiz Night
- Intimate Wine Night
- Winston Cup & Table Tennis Tournament

August 2026

(more details on the website)

- Summer Camp (until 7 Aug)
- Quiz Night
- Thai Mother's Day Brunch
- Winston Cup & Table Tennis Tournament
- Wine on the Lawn

Event & Activities 2026 June Highlights



Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala is back just before the kids break for the summer. Members are invited to join a fun morning of races, from kickboard race for the little ones to butterfly competitions, with medals waiting to be won.



UK King's Birthday Brunch

The UK King's Birthday Brunch at Verandah brought members together for a wonderful British-themed celebration in honour of His Majesty King Charles, with great food, drinks, and a lively afternoon shared with family and friends.



Summer Camp

Summer Camp returns at the end of the month, with the Club organising six weeks of fun from the end of June through August. The programme will include sports, games, creative activities, and exciting outside trips for the Junior Camp, along with a visit to Neilson Hays Library for the Mini Camp this year. Hospital partners will also bring CPR training and educational sessions, while hotel partners will run Mini Chef activities for the little ones. More than just fun, the camp combines learning, creativity, and educational experiences throughout the summer.

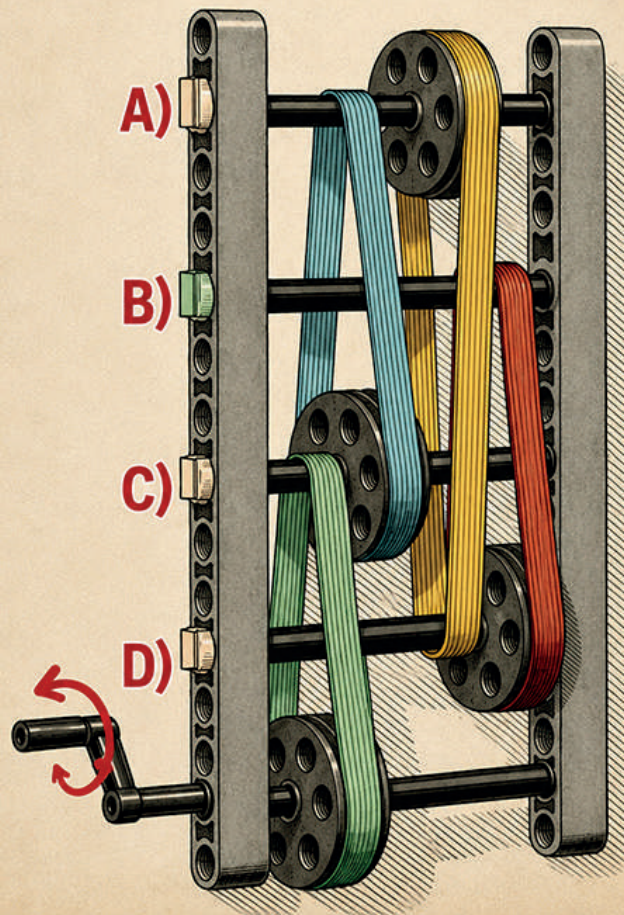
Quiz Night

16 June 2026 | 7:15pm @Churchill Bar

TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS

Members 150 Baht | Guests 200 Baht

Which wheel will rotate
at the highest speed?



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The Winston Cup

The Winston Cup in April brought together a great mix of members from different sections of the Club in a fun and friendly competition. It was great to see new players from the tennis section joining the event, with Khun Paul winning the Cup. Members of all ages enjoyed the evening together.





Table Tennis Tournament

This month's afternoon Table Tennis Tournament brought together members and staff for a fun and friendly competition at the Club. The event featured a good mix of players and plenty of enjoyable matches throughout the afternoon. Congratulations to Khun Joker, who played consistently well and won the tournament.





Living in Bangkok & 123 years

The Living in Bangkok event together with the Club's 123rd Birthday celebration was a wonderful Sunday filled with activities for all ages. The event welcomed many exhibitors and food vendors, offering a great variety of food, drinks, and services throughout the day.

The Aston Martin and MINI showcase on the lawn added a special British touch, while horse riding, fairground games, and family activities kept the children entertained. The celebration was highlighted by the traditional birthday song played by our Pipe Band before the birthday cake cutting.





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29 JUNE UNTIL
7 AUGUST 2026



FULL-DAY
PROGRAMME
9:30 - 14:30



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Add extra adventure
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THB 500
PER TRIP

MINI CAMP

AGES 6-8 YEARS

JUNIOR CAMP

AGES 9-11 YEARS

CAMP FEES

MINI CAMP

WEEKLY RATE

PREFERRED RATE

Members &
Returning Campers

FROM THB 6,000

NEW CAMPER RATE

New Campers

FROM THB 6,800

DAILY RATE

PREFERRED RATE

THB 1,500 / DAY

NEW CAMPER RATE

New Campers

THB 1,700 / DAY

JUNIOR CAMP

WEEKLY RATE

PREFERRED RATE

Members &
Returning Campers

FROM THB 8,000

NEW CAMPER RATE

New Campers

FROM THB 8,800

DAILY RATE

PREFERRED RATE

THB 2,000 / DAY

NEW CAMPER RATE

New Campers

THB 2,200 / DAY

Returning campers enjoy preferred rates for future camps.



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Back 2 Skool Challenge May 2026

The Back 2 Skool Challenge was a lively and enjoyable Sunday afternoon where children had the opportunity to learn and have fun through four exciting activities – Little Bob the Builder, Mini Picasso, Little Doctor by Bangkok Hospital, and Mini Chef by DoubleTree by Hilton Ploenchit. The event created a wonderful atmosphere for the children, while the strong support from all our partners helped make the afternoon both educational and memorable.





Quiz Night

Quiz Night this month welcomed our new Quiz Master, Robert, who brought a great atmosphere and plenty of fun questions throughout the evening. After a competitive night, Spin Doctors took first place, while Drowning Not Waving finished closely behind in second place.



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Whisky Night Royal Salute

The Club, together with Pernod Ricard, hosted an exclusive Whisky Night featuring three special Royal Salute Polo Editions – Mumbai, Miami, and Rio. Members enjoyed an evening of whisky tasting paired with carefully selected dishes, while Flynn, the Brand Ambassador, shared the history, inspiration, and unique character behind each edition, making the night not only about whisky, but also the story behind every bottle.





An Intimate Wine Night Exploring Italy

An Intimate Wine Night Exploring Italy brought together wines from Zonin and Fantini for an enjoyable evening of tasting and conversation. Khun Francesco and Khun Ball, Brand Ambassador, guided guests through each wine, sharing the stories and character behind every label. More than just a tasting evening, it was a wonderful night of great connections, warm conversations, and shared experiences around the table.



THE WINSTON CUP POOL COMPETITION

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

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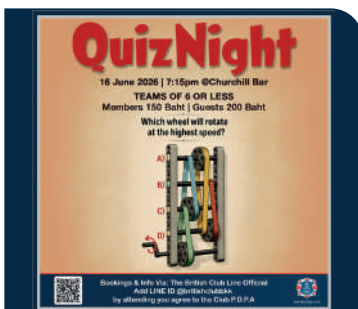
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1 Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

2 Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm

3 Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm



8 Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

9 Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm

10 Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm



15 Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

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

17 Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm



22 Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

23 Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm

24 Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm



29 Summer Camp Starts
9:30
Squash Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.45pm

30 Football
6.30pm - 8.30pm

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

5

Pilates
8.00 am - 9.00 am
Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Junior tennis coaching
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Friday Junior cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

6

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

7

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

11

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

12

Pilates
8.00 am - 9.00 am
Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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

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

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

19

Pilates
8.00 am - 9.00 am
Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Friday Junior cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Live Music Jamie
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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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

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

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

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Pilates
8.00 am - 9.00 am
Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
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Friday Junior cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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

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

Reciprocal Clubs Review



The Singapore Cricket Club

Visited by Jonathan Fairley and family in January 2026

In a remarkably prominent location at the heart of Singapore's civic, business and heritage precinct stands the [Singapore Cricket Club](#), which I had the pleasure of visiting in January. The club was established in 1852 by a nucleus of expatriate cricket enthusiasts playing on The Padang, the iconic green that stretches out from the club and is lined on one side by the National Gallery of Singapore (made up of the conjoined former buildings of the Supreme Court and City Hall) and the riverside Esplanade Park on the other. The modern clubhouse dates principally from 1884, with extensions occurring in 1907 and 1922. Despite its grand location in one of Asia's fastest moving cities, the club retains its reassuringly homely and quintessentially British charm.

Sport remains at the heart of the club, with the club proudly displaying historical team photographs in the main entrance and various sporting paraphernalia throughout the clubhouse. It was hard to resist tea on the terrace whilst watching a spot of tennis set against the backdrop of the imposing columns of the former City Hall. In fact, the whole design of the club is based around watching the various sports played, with the terrace looping around the entire length of the Padang-side of the club and bordered internally by the Main Lounge on the ground floor and the well-appointed Padang Restaurant on the first floor. This produces the very welcome result that many seats in both indoor venues retain excellent views of the tennis courts and

bowling green, as well as the seasonally-determined offering of sport on The Padang.

The SCC supplements the main club facilities with those at [SCC Dempsey](#), a far larger facility 6.2km away from the main clubhouse. SCC Dempsey routinely accommodates outdoor team sports such as cricket, rugby and football, as well as providing additional tennis courts.

The main clubhouse is larger than it looks from the outside, with guests greeted by a wood-panelled atrium and a very affable reception team, who assist with all of the admin required of a reciprocal club visit. Stairs on the left lead upwards to the Chinese-themed fine dining Padang Restaurant, which I only visited on this occasion for photography purposes and to satisfy my intrigue about the view. By this point my attention had firmly been captured by the sign downstairs advertising the near-daily roast dinner buffet featuring both lamb and beef. The buffet itself is hosted in the Main Lounge, a very cozy bar which bears some aesthetic similarity to our very own Churchill Bar, but featuring large wooden pillars, the aforementioned SCC paraphernalia and seats with views of the tennis courts and The Padang. Whilst not quite as extensive as our own roast dinner buffet, and sadly missing the excellent British Club of Bangkok sausages (which should be an export by the way), the buffet was excellent, and at a very reasonable price by

Singaporean standards. A welcome addition was that a cup of tea afterwards was included, something which had the dual benefit of helping me feel more civilised after wolfing down vast quantities of red meat, as well as warding off the approaching postprandial slumber that would have inevitably denied me the further pleasures of exploring Singapore that afternoon.

The Singapore Cricket Club is truly an international space, with members hailing from all over the world and united by their love of sport and a lovely clubhouse. Nonetheless, as evidenced by an extraordinarily regular offering of a first-class roast supplemented by a revitalising cup of tea, it's pleasing to see they've not forgotten their roots. Whether you are an architecture enthusiast, such as myself, who enjoys watching tennis against the quite spectacular backdrop of a finely-cut green framed by vast Corinthian columns, or a heritage enthusiast who wants a refreshing drinks break from the nearby collection of national museums, or a culinary enthusiast who wishes to partake in Chinese-themed fine dining or the simple pleasure of a roast dinner, then the Singapore Cricket Club is the oasis in this bustling Southeast Asian metropolis you seek.



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



Active Living Section



Terry Adams

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SECTION UPDATE:

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We continue working to provide events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalisation through to November 2026, now including an "Ageing in Thailand" series.



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- For information on the Section and our previous Events
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A practical, hands-on workshop
(Bring your phone)

- ✓ Learn at your own pace
- ✓ Practical tips for everyday use
- ✓ No pressure to take part
- ✓ Or simply watch and learn

GAP
YoungHappy Org

Date: Thursday, 4th June 2026
Time: Socialising from 11.40 for lunch at 12.15
Cost : Section Members B400, BC Members B450, Guests B500
Lunch, coffee/tea, drinks available

To register please email Terry Adams at:
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AGEING IN THAILAND SERIES

1. The Future of Healthcare in an Ageing Thailand

A practical view from inside the system

In conversation with
Barbara Maynard

Dr Chousak Benjamin Vongsuly
Bangkok Christian Hospital

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THAM LUANG CAVE RESCUE

Hear from the heroic rescuer himself

Vern Unsworth MBE shares his remarkable personal story of the Thailand Cave Rescue

Date: Thursday, 2nd July 2026
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EVENT REPORT:

"When Things Go Wrong Abroad: The work of a Consul"

At our 7th May 2026 ALS lunch event, members and guests were treated to a fascinating and highly informative "in conversation" session with Joanne Finamore-Crorkin, HM Consul in Bangkok, who heads what is now the largest British Consular Section in the world operating from a single location.

The discussion, ably directed by our section member Bruce Hemmingsen, provided a rare behind-the-scenes insight into the work undertaken daily by the British Embassy Consular team in Bangkok, and in particular the challenges involved in supporting the very large number of British tourists, expatriates and retirees living in or visiting Thailand.

Joanne's own career background was remarkable in itself. Having joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1982, her postings have included Moscow, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Brazil, Congo, Nepal, Ethiopia and Malawi, together with extensive work alongside her career diplomat husband in countries including Libya and the Philippines. Since arriving in Bangkok in October 2022, she has overseen consular operations covering an enormous range of situations involving British nationals in distress.

What quickly became clear during the discussion was the sheer breadth of cases handled by the Consular Section. These range from lost passports, accidents, arrests and hospitalisations through to deaths, child custody issues, crisis response and assistance to vulnerable individuals suffering mental health difficulties.

Particularly striking was Joanne's explanation of how modern consular work has evolved. While many services are now increasingly digital and centralised, she stressed repeatedly that the "human touch" remains absolutely essential. The Embassy still operates a 24-hour emergency response system, and in serious cases such as assaults or major emergencies, consular staff may become directly involved at any hour of the day or night.

The audience was especially interested in the realities and limitations of consular assistance. Joanne explained candidly that the Embassy cannot pay hospital bills, provide legal representation or simply "fix" problems for people. Much of the role involves guidance, coordination and "signposting" individuals towards appropriate lawyers, hospitals, insurers, charities or family support.

She also highlighted the invaluable assistance sometimes provided through a charitable Benevolent Fund and through close cooperation with organisations such as the Royal British Legion Thailand.

A particularly important topic concerned the increasing number of cases involving tourists injured in motorcycle accidents, often without valid insurance cover. Joanne explained that many travelers unknowingly invalidate their insurance because policy conditions frequently exclude the larger motorbikes commonly used in Thailand. The Embassy is now actively involved in discussions with Thai authorities and insurers regarding accident prevention and better traveler awareness.

The session also touched on several issues highly relevant to long-term expatriates and retirees in Thailand. Joanne noted the growing need for elderly care facilities, the financial difficulties sometimes faced by ageing expatriates, and the importance of proper planning regarding healthcare, insurance, banking access and pension arrangements.

Perhaps the strongest message of the afternoon was Joanne's advice that British nationals should take personal responsibility for 'preparation and prevention' – including arranging proper insurance, keeping emergency contact details available, and signing up for UK Government travel alerts.

The ALS audience greatly appreciated Joanne's openness, humour and honesty throughout what proved to be one of the most informative and thought-provoking sessions we have held for some time.





Chris Watt

TENNIS

Reciprocal Clubs Friendly Matches

Each year, the Tennis Section hosts several reciprocal visiting clubs for "Friendly Matches." We typically schedule these on Fridays or Sundays during our mix-ins, as this guarantees court availability and enough players. These events are always highly social, with a complimentary buffet after the matches, are always followed by plenty of chatting and drinks.

Over the past few years, we have welcomed teams from Singapore (Tanglin Club, Singapore Cricket Club, Singapore Recreation Club), Hong Kong (Hong Kong Cricket Club, Hong Kong Country Club, the American Club), and Malaysia (Royal Selangor Club, Malacca Club).

This year, on Friday 27 March, we hosted the Calcutta Cricket & Football Club (CCFC) for the first time. Established in 1792, CCFC is recognized as the oldest cricket club outside the United Kingdom. During their 1792 tour of India, the Eton cricket team (Old Etonians) played an exhibition match against the Calcutta Cricket Club. Tennis, introduced to India by the British, has been an important sport at CCFC since the 1920s.

It was an honour to host their eight-man team, who were a cut above our regular mix-in players. Despite this, we managed a few close matches before everyone blended into a relaxed social mix-in.



On Friday 01 May, we hosted another reciprocal club, the Singapore Cricket Club, who arrived with a strong team of 3 ladies and 9 men. They proved formidable opponents and ultimately defeated the British Club, though several matches were hard-fought and we secured a few wins of our own. As always, the post-match social was lively and enjoyable.



Our next visit will be a "Friendly" with the Recreation Club Singapore on Friday 12 June.

Japan Visit

Towards the end of April, four members of the Tennis Section travelled to Japan, visiting Osaka and Kyoto. We had the opportunity to reunite with Sunil (former Tennis Section Committee Member), who travelled from Tokyo to join us in Kyoto. We also spent the day with Stanley and Sakiko, reunions like these are always a highlight.



▲ Reunion Dinner



▲ To-ji-Temple Kyoto



▲ Osaka Castle

Upcoming Events

The SIGN-UP WOMBLE CUP

Sunday
12 July
4-7 pm

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British Club Bangkok Tennis Section

Two Teams* **Blue vs Red**
Dress code all **WHITE!**

*To be selected

Prosecco, Fish & Chips,
Strawberries & Cream
THB500 per person



The GREAT WIDE OPEN Pistol Pete Cup

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Ladies, Men's or Mixed
Fun Doubles Tournament
Sunday 13 September, 4pm to 8pm
Followed by a Buffet and Prize Giving
THB500 per person



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A Heartfelt Thank You!



The 7th Pink Tennis 2026 was once again a great success, and we are delighted to announce that together we raised an incredible Baht 325,332.46 for the QSCBC Foundation.

Dr Kris and Khunying Finola would like to extend their sincere thanks to everyone who supported the 7th Pink Tennis fundraiser.

We are deeply grateful to all who attended and supported the event, and we look forward to welcoming you again next year for another Pink Tennis event.

Raquel and Raymonde

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