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Front Cover

FIFA World Cup 2026

This Month

July featured our annual Summer Camp programme, alongside wine events for members: Intimate Wine Night – Exploring Wines of Chile. The FIFA World Cup also brought plenty of excitement, with live matches shown in the Pool Room for early kick-offs and in both bars for later games.

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Chairman's Message

Dean Thompson

Dear Members,

I hope the summer months are providing you ample time with family and friends and some freedom away from the office for those of you that work! As you read this, our Summer Camps for the Children will be in full swing - I know the programme Khun Natt our Operations Manager has in store is full, varied and most importantly exhausting for all our eager participants. Whilst I mention the Summer Camp, it reminds me to mention that the renovations in the Children's play area are now complete so please let the children head over that way and play to their hearts content!

In my previous update I mentioned that the food menus were being updated and relaunched on 1st June. I hope you have all had a chance to try some of the new dishes and noted the improvements in others. The response has been excellent so far and we are very grateful for the positive and constructive feedback. This is a journey of constantly developing and improving our food offering to meet the ever-changing demands of our Member base. A special mention has to be made for GC Member David Williamson who chairs the Food and Beverage Sub-committee, and who has been the driving force behind the improvements. He is a busy man because no sooner has he finished the Food Menus he will start on a comprehensive review of the Beverages we offer which will include all soft and alcoholic drinks. He has a desire to broaden the ranges on offer, especially the wine selection so we have something for everyone including a top end premium offer as well as honest everyday drinkable wines at reasonable prices. Well, that's enough of the marketing spin – we will be judged by our delivery so watch this space as David goes about his work!

Before I finish on F&B, I must extend an official and warm welcome to our new Executive Chef Khun Tarb who joined us in June and is already operating as if he has been here for years. We are so delighted to have attracted a Chef of his talents! He is the real deal – Cordon Bleu trained, has covered the hospitality sector with Amari hotels, and also tested himself with his own kitchen operation. He is bursting with ideas so I am sure as the months roll on, he will make an increasing impact in the Club. In future, always order the 'specials' as these will be "Khun Tarb specials" and I have no doubt they will live up to their name! I am encouraging him to get out of the kitchens whenever possible and introduce himself to the Members directly. If you see him around, please give him your own personal welcome – his English is excellent too so there's every opportunity to chat in either language!

▲ *a straight fluted hand tap if you didn't know what one looked like*

Before I finish, I bet you didn't know the English translation of "Tarb" – as it happens neither did he when I asked him! His dad must have been a mechanical engineer as he called his son after a 'Straight fluted hand tap'! See, you get so much with your monthly subscriptions – Thai language education to boot!! You can't say it's not value for money! Enjoy your summer everyone!

Dean Thompson

Operations Unknown

Metawee (Natt)

Chef Chutchapee "Tarb" joined The British Club Bangkok in June as Head Chef, bringing experience from a range of restaurants and hotels across Bangkok. A graduate of Le Cordon Bleu Dusit Culinary Arts School, Chef Tarb has developed a strong foundation in culinary techniques, kitchen operations, and menu development, with a focus on quality ingredients, flavour, and presentation.

As Head Chef, he will lead the kitchen team across both the Clubhouse and Poolside outlets, working closely with the team to further enhance food quality, consistency, and service standards. In addition to overseeing daily operations, Chef Tarb will share his knowledge and experience through ongoing training and development, helping to strengthen the skills of the kitchen team and support their professional growth.

Members can also look forward to new dishes, seasonal specials, and menus developed for Club events and special occasions throughout the year. On your next visit to the Veranda, be sure to try the Beef Wellington and experience the Club's continued focus on quality dining.

SUMMER COMPETITION

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Around the World!

ADVENTURE AWAITS

Where will your adventures take you this summer?

Whether you're exploring the pyramids of Egypt, sailing the Andaman Sea, heading to the World Cup, or simply enjoying a family holiday, show us how you're flying the British Club flag around the world.

WIN A MEAL FOR 4

AT THE VERANDA RESTAURANT with a bottle of wine and personal service.

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- Wearing Club apparel
- Carrying a copy of Outpost
- Including the Club logo

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UK INHERITANCE TAX ON PENSIONS

In the October Autumn Budget, the Chancellor said that UK Inheritance Tax thresholds (the amount you can pass on when you die before UK inheritance tax is due) are staying the same until 2030.

But, from April 2027 pensions will no longer be exempt from Inheritance Tax. This means that Inheritance Tax may have to be paid on your pension when you die.

UK Government Consultation

A consultation on this subject ran for 12 weeks between 30 October 2024 and 22 January 2025 which was designed to seek views on the processes required to implement these changes for UK registered pension schemes. The results were expected early summer although we understand that with significant UK financial services industry lobbying the results have been pushed back by a few months.

Pensions and IHT

Currently, pension death benefits are typically free of IHT - regardless of whichever way the benefits are taken. However, in respect of the possible April 2027 changes, the aim is that on death the pension scheme administrator and the personal representatives of the estate will liaise and the pension scheme administrators will become liable for reporting and paying any Inheritance Tax due on pensions to HMRC.

The personal representatives will use an HMRC calculator to apportion the nil-rate band between the various elements of the estate and they will let the pension scheme know of any IHT charge due on the pensions. The scheme will then pay the IHT directly to HMRC before paying out the death benefits to the relevant beneficiaries. Any pension death benefits going to the spouse/civil partner will be covered by the spousal exemption.

What can I do now?

For older people who can afford it, the easiest thing is probably to spend more pension cash now. But everyone's circumstances are different, and it is vital for people to ensure that they have enough money to support them through the later years of their retirement. The reasoning for this is simple – why leave behind wealth that could be significantly eroded by tax when it could be enjoyed in the present.

For pension arrangements that allow it, taking the tax-free cash lump sum may be one simple solution prior to the planned changes, although it probably remains sensible to wait for the outcome of the consultation before taking any action. And any tax-free cash taken would need to be spent, or held within UK IHT exempt assets, or passed down to children as a gift to help with things such as buying a first home.

The reality may be that by the time the estate including UK registered pension funds is passed down, children are more likely to be financially independent and have no pressing need for the inheritance.

If you have a lot of money in UK pensions as well as other assets then it might be a good idea to talk to an adviser to work out the most tax-efficient way to spend money in retirement.

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CHANGES TO UK DOMICILE 2025

This is an important, and in many cases favourable, change to a decades old piece of UK legislation. From 6 April 2025, the concept of domicile as a relevant connecting factor in the UK tax system has been replaced by a system based on tax residence, the new long-term UK resident rules.

And from this date, if you are a long-term UK resident, your non-UK (overseas) assets may be subject to Inheritance Tax if you make a transfer of assets or die. This does not affect a transfer of assets, or if the person's death occurred before 6 April 2025.

Check if you are a long-term UK resident

You are a long-term UK resident in a tax year if you are tax resident in the UK for either:

- the previous 10 years consecutive years
- a total of 10 years or more within the previous 20 years

When you will not have long-term UK residence

You will not be a long-term UK resident if:

- on 30 October 2024 you did not have UK domicile or deemed domicile status
- the tax year 6 April 2025 to 5 April 2026, you are non-resident
- you do not return to the UK

Leaving the UK as a long-term resident

You can still keep long-term UK residence for up to 10 tax years after you leave the UK. This is shorter if you have not lived in the UK for all the previous 20 years. For example, if you previously lived in the UK for:

- 10 to 13 years, you'll stop being a long-term UK resident 3 years after you leave
- 14 years, you stop being a long-term UK resident 4 years after you leave
- 15 years, you stop being a long-term UK resident 5 years after you leave

If you return to the UK after 10 consecutive years of non-residence, the 10 out of 20 years residence test is reset. Only the year you return and future years of residence count towards UK residence.

Charging Inheritance Tax on overseas assets

Inheritance Tax is charged on transfers of overseas assets you owned outright, or on death, when you are long-term UK resident. Inheritance Tax will also be charged on any overseas assets in a trust you have set-up or added to (even when you were not a long-term UK resident). There will be no Inheritance Tax to pay on your death on trust assets that were placed in the trust while you were non-UK domiciled, overseas on 30 October 2024, overseas on the date of your death or when your rights to the trust ended.

This change is a positive clear outcome for long term UK Expats. However, it is still confusing so we would always suggest you seek professional UK tax Advice to understand your own position.

Find out more here:

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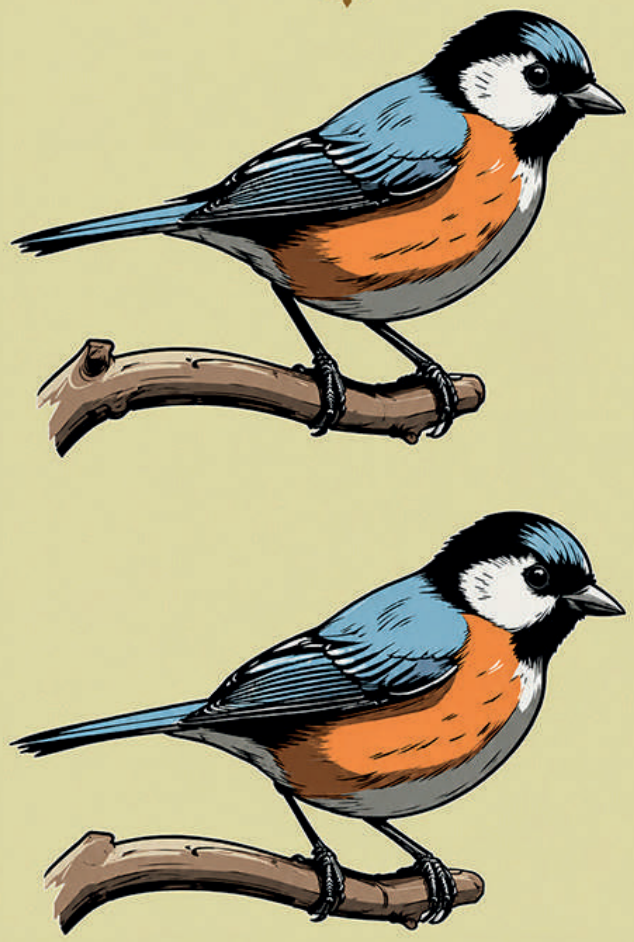

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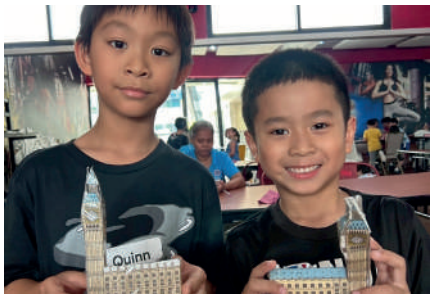
BC Bee Kid's Club!

Metawee (Natt)

As the Club's Summer Camp programme takes centre stage throughout July and into early August, BC Bee activities will take a short seasonal break. With children enjoying a packed schedule of sports, creative workshops, educational sessions, and exciting outings during the school holidays, the focus shifts to our annual summer programme.

BC Bee will return once Summer Camp has concluded, bringing back the fun, creativity, and family-friendly activities that our young members enjoy throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in August for another exciting season of BC Bee activities.



Coming Events

July 2026
(more details on the website)

- Summer Camp (throughout the month)
- Quiz Night
- FIFA World Cup (Live morning matches)
- Intimate Wine Night
- Winston Cup Pool Competition

August 2026
(more details on the website)

- Summer Camp (until 7 Aug)
- Quiz Night
- Thai's Mother Day Brunch
- Tennis US Open - Live matches
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Wine on the Lawn

September 2026
(more details on the website)

- Back 2 Skool Challenge
- Quiz Night
- Intimate Wine Night
- Battle of Britain
- Winston Cup Pool Competition
- Wine on the Lawn

Event & Activities 2026 July Highlights

World Cup 2026

The FIFA World Cup 2026 has captured the attention of football fans worldwide. Although many matches take place late at night due to the time difference, the Club is showing selected live matches throughout the tournament. Early kick-offs can be enjoyed in the Pool Room, while later matches are screened in both the Churchill and Jubilee Bars, creating a great atmosphere for members to follow the action.

Summer Camp

Our Summer Camp ran throughout the month, offering children a fun-filled programme of sports, creative activities, and educational experiences. This year's camp featured Mini Picasso sessions with Scrambled Art, storytelling visits to Neilson Hays Library for Mini Camp, and exciting outings for Junior Camp including go-karting, padel, and activities at Beat Active. Children also enjoyed the Little Doctor programme with our hospital partners and Mini Chef sessions with our hotel partners. With a great mix of learning, creativity, and adventure, Summer Camp was once again a highlight of the school holidays.

Intimate Wine Night

Our next Intimate Wine Night will explore the wines of Chile, featuring a selection of labels from Concha y Toro. Guided by the brand ambassador, members will have the opportunity to discover the unique characteristics of each wine, accompanied by specially curated food pairings designed to complement the tasting experience.

The Winston Cup Pool Competition May

The May Winston Cup Pool Competition attracted an impressive 22 players, making it one of the best-attended events in recent months. It was great to see many new faces joining the regular players for an evening of friendly competition and fun. After a series of closely contested matches, the final came down to Khun JP and Khun Bimal, with Khun Bimal taking the Winston Cup title on the night.

Wine on the Lawn May

Despite a brief spell of rain, Wine on the Lawn proved to be another enjoyable evening of good company, fine wines, and a relaxed atmosphere. Members gathered on the Front Lawn to sample a wonderful selection of wines, while a surprise raffle prize generously provided by The Pavilions Phuket added an extra highlight to the evening.

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An Intimate Wine Night

Exploring Chile

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CPR Training

The Club successfully hosted its first CPR and First Aid Training session for members, supported by Bangkok Hospital. Twenty participants attended the programme, learning essential first aid procedures, CPR techniques, and the correct use of an AED machine. The session provided valuable life-saving knowledge and practical skills and was very well received by members. Following the positive response, we look forward to offering similar training opportunities in the future.

New Member Night

Our New Members' Night welcomed members who joined during the last quarter for a relaxed evening of introductions and conversation. New members had the chance to meet the Committee, Management Team, and Section Heads, and learn more about the activities, events, sports sections, and facilities available at the Club. The evening was a great opportunity to meet the people behind Club life, connect with fellow members, and learn more about the Club community.

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Swimming Gala – Jun 26

The second Swimming Gala of the year once again brought together our young swimmers for a fun and exciting morning in the pool. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, determination, and enjoyment from all participants, with parents cheering them on throughout the event. Congratulations to all our swimmers for their efforts and achievements, and thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success.

Quiz Night

Our monthly Quiz Night returned a little later than usual this month before many members headed away for the summer. Four teams took part in an enjoyable evening of trivia, friendly competition, and plenty of laughs. Thank you to everyone who joined us, and we look forward to welcoming even more teams after the summer break.

Thai MOTHER'S DAY

BRUNCH

Wednesday 12th August 2026

11:30 am - 3:00 pm | Veranda

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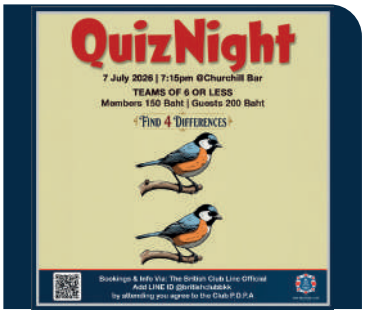	6 **Squash Mix-in** 4.00pm - 7.45pm	7 **Football** 6.30pm - 8.30pm **Quiz Night** 7.15pm - 9.30pm	8 **Squash Mix-in** 4.00pm - 7.45pm **Balut** 6.00pm - 8.00pm **Tennis mixed-In** 6.00pm - 10.00pm
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Bangkok Gentlemen Spoofers

Christian Henrich

World Championship at the British Club 2026

Alive and kicking!

Spoofing is an exciting game of chance; some say strategy, but that's just wishful thinking. The game is played forever already and while it's tied to Rugby, nobody really knows the true origin. At a table full of Gentlemen (called a School), each holds between 0 and three coins in the hand and guess the total number of coins of all players. Correct guessing allows you to withdraw from the table, with the last Spoofer standing to pay for the next round of drinks.

The Bang Gentlemen Spoofers first spoofed back in 1988 in the old Churchill Bar of the British Club and are the oldest running Spoofing School in Asia. The British Club is our spiritual Home ever since! While we always spoof the first Tuesday of the month in the British Club, we rotate through a number of venues in downtown BKK on the other Tuesdays.

We hold three Championships each year, that are super popular not only with the Bangkok Spoofers, but visited by likeminded lunatics from all over the world. The Asian Championship in the first half of the year, for which we usually travel to a Country in SE-Asia. This is followed by the Pattaya Interim September Spoof (aka PISS) in – you might have guessed it – September. In December, we have the Thai National Championship which is traditionally held at the British Club. This year's Asians were played in Manila with yours truly grabbing the title!

Of course, there are countless other Championships mainly in between the UK and NZ; and then there is the World Championship. This year on June 20th, the Bangkok Spoofers had the honor to host the 2026 World Championship at the Club! And what a fantastic day it was! A record number of Players from 16 countries saw a great competition and our Club from its best side. A special thanks to K.Somboon and his Team for a perfectly organized day. Prominent British Club member and 2026 World Champion Vincent "Vinno" Swift agrees!

More important than spoofing are the moments between two Rounds, the chat with your Pals and the comradery. And of course, the Bangkok Spoofers Charity Fund. Especially during the Asian and PISS Championships we collect money for the fund, with which we then support underprivileged Thai children in need. Over the years we were able to collect Millions of Baht which went into carefully selected projects with Thai Schools, Orphanages and the Pisamai Fund.

▲ *Inaugural spoof 1988*

▲ *Spoof at the BC*

Fun fact: Winston Churchill was a Spoofer! Why not follow in the footsteps of the old Lion and become a Spoofer here in Bangkok? We meet every first Tuesday of the month in the Churchill Bar of our Club at 8pm. Find out more and search for 'Bangkok Spoofers' on Facebook or X.

When The Hands Are Out!

▲ *Spoof at the BC*

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▲ *PISS 2025*

▲ *Asian Champion 2026 Christian Henrich*

▲ *2026 World Champion Vincent Swift*

Terry Adams

Active Living Section

BRITISH CLUB
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 through to November 2026, now including an "Ageing in Thailand" series.

Click here:

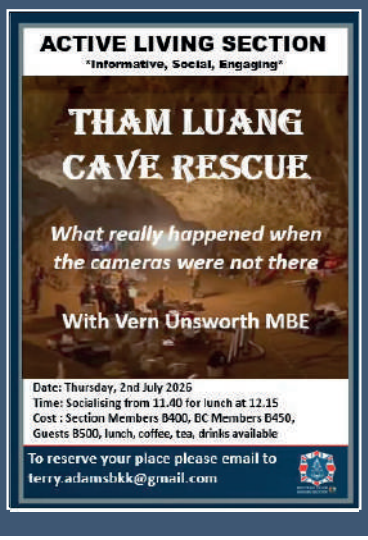
- *For information on the Section and our previous Events*
- *To join the Section by completing your application.*

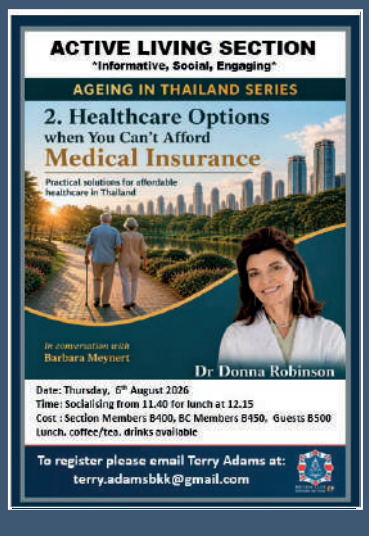
Or visit the Active Living Section website at:

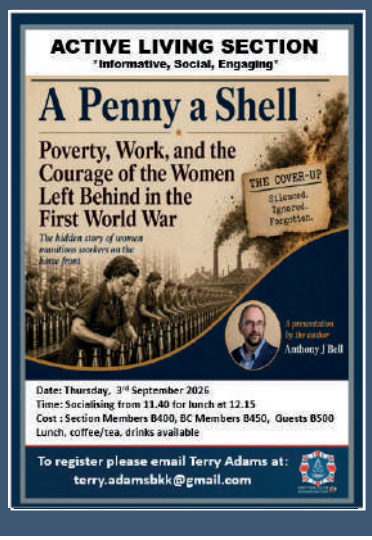
www.britishclubbangkok.org/active-living-section/

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

Future Events:







EVENT REPORT:

"Confidently Use Online Banking & QR Code Apps: A Practical Workshop by GAP": Thursday, 4th June 2026.

Our Active Living Section lunch event on 4th June attracted an excellent attendance for a highly practical and engaging presentation by Khun Charkhris Phomyoth, known as "GAP", the founder of YoungHappy, one of Thailand's most innovative organisations supporting active ageing.

YoungHappy was founded by GAP in 2021 with the aim of helping older adults remain active, connected, informed, and confident in an increasingly digital world. What began as a relatively small initiative has since grown into a nationwide community of more than 50,000 members, providing learning opportunities, social activities, volunteer

programmes, travel experiences, and technology support for older people throughout Thailand.

The presentation focused on a subject that affects virtually all of us: how to navigate the rapidly expanding world of digital technology safely and confidently.

GAP began by highlighting the speed at which technology is becoming part of everyday life. Mobile banking, QR payments, digital wallets, online shopping, government applications, facial recognition systems, and artificial intelligence are now increasingly unavoidable, regardless of our age or level of technical knowledge.

Drawing on his extensive experience working with older adults, GAP explained that the biggest challenge is often not a lack of willingness to learn, but a lack of confidence and guidance. His mission through YoungHappy is to bridge that gap by helping people understand and use technology in ways that make life easier rather than more complicated.

A significant part of the presentation focused on digital payments and mobile banking, subjects that generated considerable interest from members. GAP demonstrated the practical use of QR code payments, PromptPay, banking applications, and digital wallet systems that are now widely used throughout Thailand. He explained how these tools can simplify daily transactions while also helping users monitor and manage their spending more effectively.

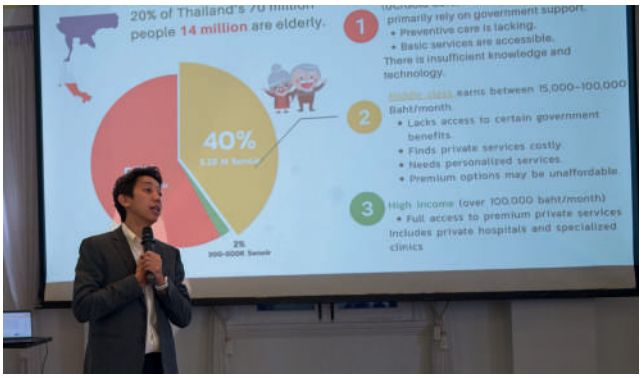
Equally important was his emphasis on online security. Members were reminded never to share passwords, PIN numbers, or one-time passwords (OTPs), regardless of who appears to be requesting them. GAP highlighted the increasing sophistication of online scams, including fake banking messages, fraudulent QR codes, impersonation attempts, and even the emerging use of artificial intelligence to mimic voices and create convincing fraud attempts.

Throughout the session he repeatedly stressed the importance of slowing down, double-checking information, verifying names and account details before making payments, and remaining cautious whenever financial transactions are involved.

The audience particularly appreciated the practical nature of the presentation, with numerous real-life examples and demonstrations showing how technology can be used safely in everyday situations. The lively question-and-answer session that followed reflected the high level of interest in the topic and the relevance of the issues discussed.

The presentation provided an excellent introduction to the opportunities and challenges of Thailand's increasingly digital society. More importantly, it demonstrated that with the right guidance and support, technology can be a powerful tool for maintaining independence, convenience, social connection, and quality of life as we grow older.

Our sincere thanks go to GAP and his colleagues for an informative, enjoyable, and highly relevant afternoon.



EVENT REPORT:

Ageing in Thailand Series: "1. The Future of Healthcare in an Ageing Thailand": Thursday, 18th June 2026.

The Active Living Section's new Ageing in Thailand series got off to an excellent start on 18th June with an informative and thought-provoking discussion between Bangkok Christian Hospital Medical Director Dr Chousak Benjamin (Ben) Vongsuly and moderator Barbara Meynert. The event attracted a strong attendance and generated considerable interest from members and guests alike.

Dr Ben began by highlighting a demographic reality that many of us are only vaguely aware of. Thailand is ageing rapidly. Indeed, he noted that Thailand is among the fastest countries in the world to move from an ageing society to a "super-aged" society. Even more surprisingly, Thailand's population has been declining in recent years, with deaths now exceeding births by a substantial margin.

Against this backdrop, Dr Ben explored what these changes are likely to mean for healthcare in the years ahead. One major shift will be from the treatment of acute illnesses towards the long-term management of chronic conditions associated with ageing. As people live longer, healthcare systems will increasingly focus on helping individuals maintain their independence, health and quality of life for as long as possible.

Technology, he explained, will play a growing role. Artificial intelligence is already assisting doctors with medical records and documentation, allowing them to spend more time with patients. Remote monitoring devices, telemedicine consultations and wearable technologies are enabling doctors to track patients' conditions without requiring frequent hospital visits. Robotics and automation are also helping hospitals cope with increasing demand and staffing challenges.

However, Dr Ben stressed that technology alone is not the answer. The most important factor in ageing well remains personal responsibility. He described exercise as "medicine", emphasising the need to keep both body and mind active. Regular physical activity, mental stimulation, sensible nutrition and appropriate vaccinations all contribute significantly to healthy ageing.

Particular emphasis was placed on prevention. Falls, for example, are a major cause of serious health decline among older people, yet many are preventable through simple measures such as improved lighting, handrails, non-slip surfaces and regular reviews of medications.

Dr Ben also encouraged everyone to prepare for future health emergencies by maintaining a simple one-page medical summary containing details of medical conditions, medications, emergency contacts

and preferred hospitals. Advance planning, including discussions with family members about future care wishes, can greatly reduce stress and uncertainty should a health crisis occur.

The discussion touched on the realities of medical insurance, an issue familiar to many expatriates. Dr Ben urged attendees to fully understand their insurance policies, including exclusions and limitations, rather than assuming that all medical needs would automatically be covered.

Perhaps the most sobering observation came during the audience question session when Dr Ben acknowledged concerns within Thailand's medical community regarding the country's preparedness for the challenges posed by its rapidly ageing population. While hospitals and healthcare organisations are taking steps to adapt, he suggested that broader national preparations still have some way to go.

The session concluded with a practical seven-point summary for ageing well: stay physically and mentally active, undertake appropriate health screening, keep vaccinations up to date, prevent falls, regularly review medications, maintain emergency preparedness and discuss future care wishes with family members.

The enthusiastic audience response confirmed that this is a topic of great relevance to many ALS members. Fortunately, the conversation will continue. Session 2 of the Ageing in Thailand series, focusing on healthcare options for those unable to afford comprehensive medical insurance, takes place on 6th August and promises to be equally informative.

TENNIS

Chris Watt

The 2026 Men's Inter Club

A great weekend was held at the Men's Inter Club on Saturday and Sunday 15 & 16 May at the newly opened Crystal Sports G where they had 9 fabulous courts and facilities.

As usual there were the combined age groups but this year an open category was introduced which meant for the first time, we could play our young guns could play. There were so many close matches. We finished 6th but we could easily have been 3rd. I think we demonstrated that we are the team that had the most fun AND WE CAN PLAY TOO!

So many people contributed to making it great. It was great to have the "young guns" Got and Nop join at the last minute to pair with Cheer and Ton and Neung (also a young gun?). These guys together with Dawa and Daniel helped to make the British Club almost unbeatable versus any team in the combined age group under 90. With all those guys, the future of British Club tennis looks pretty good! Then, of course, there was everyone else who set the example for the youngsters and represented the club so well both on and off the court.

Thanks to Chris and Nat and co-captain Enrique for making it all come together. While we can look forward to next year, let's instead focus on all the fun and games we will play together over the next 12 months!

Jim Fralick

Upcoming Events

Crystal Sports Club
Hanoian Tennis Club
RISC Polo
The British Club
Rama Limited
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Dutch Association Thailand Friendly Match

On Sunday, 31 May 2026, a friendly with the Dutch Association Thailand was held. Earlier in the afternoon, the heavens opened directly over the Club causing a late start by about 30 minutes.

In total, we had just enough players to fill three courts exactly. As there were more Dutch players than British Club players, we decided to make it a social event rather than a formal competition between the two teams.

Fortunately, the weather improved significantly later in the afternoon, allowing everyone to play 3–4 sets. We rounded off the day with a delicious curry buffet.

A special thank you to Chris Watt for organizing this event.

In the Netherlands, we have a saying: "Never stay home because of the weather."

Willem Pentermann
Chairman – Dutch Association Thailand

Farewells Mark and Laurent

After many years at the club on Monday 01 June, we said farewell to Mark Hyland and Laurent Pousse with an all-day event. Starting with tennis of course at 11am, followed by snacks, tennis juice, and a few drops of whisky in the Jubilee Bar at 1.30 pm before heading over to the Back Lawn for a BBQ and plenty more liquid refreshments and even some fun games of pickleball! What a great day, both Mark and Laurent are truly going to be missed both on and off the court..

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SQUASHY BITS

The Mean Machine at 80

Celebrating Bernie Grogan – The British Club's Longest-Serving Squash Member

Some people join a club. Others become part of its history.

As Bernie Grogan celebrates his 80th birthday, it is impossible to think of British Club squash without thinking of Bernie. For more than five decades he has been a familiar face around the courts, a fierce competitor, a committee member, a storyteller, and above all, a passionate ambassador for the game he still loves today.

Bernie's connection with Thailand began on a date he has never forgotten: 17 November 1971.

"How could I forget?" he laughs. "There was a coup d'état that day."

Not everyone arrives in a new country during a military takeover, but then Bernie has never done things the ordinary way. Sent to Bangkok by his employer, the accounting firm Ernst & Whinney after previous assignments overseas, he stepped off a plane at the old Don Muang Airport,(Suvarnabhumi Airport did not exist, in those days the site was often jokingly referred to as the "Cobra Swamp".) The road into Bangkok was full of potholes and the city was a very different place from the modern metropolis we know today.

Within his first year he had discovered the British Club and, in 1973, picked up a squash racquet for the very first time.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Back then the Club had three squash courts, but no AC, yet the sport was thriving. Bernie quickly developed a passion for the game and rose through the ranks with remarkable speed. By the early 1980s he was sitting proudly at the very top of the British Club squash ladder, number one among a playing community of around 120 members.

It was an era now spoken about with something approaching reverence among squash veterans – most notably Marvyn who like harking back to yesteryear and his rivalry with Bernie.

Bernie also battled with legendary names such as Colin Hastings, Rod Carter and Professor Nick White. Yet when asked who was the best player of them all, he doesn't hesitate.

"Len Alexander," he says. "A brilliant ex-Australian army veteran."

Len coached Bernie and helped shape the technical skills that remain evident in his game today. While Bernie admits his legs may not move quite as quickly as they once did, those famous soft hands and deft touches around the court are still very much intact.

Of course, every sporting career needs a crowning achievement.

Bernie's favourite story is the year he won the Division 1 League title. In one of the most unusual finishes imaginable, he, Colin Hastings and Rod Carter all finished tied. The deciding factor came down to points dropped throughout the month, and Bernie emerged victorious.

By his own admission, he made sure the other two knew all about it.

"I really rubbed it in," he recalls with a grin.

His playing style earned him another distinction.

Around the section he became known as "The Mean Machine"—a nickname inspired by his exceptional speed, stamina and refusal to give up on any rally. Opponents knew that even the most hopeful winning shot might somehow come flying back.

Yet Bernie's contribution to the Club extended well beyond the squash courts.

Over the years he served on the Squash Sub-Committee and later the General Committee, taking responsibility for House and Grounds. It was during his tenure that the Club made the bold decision to convert the tennis courts from grass to hard surfaces—a move that generated considerable debate at the time.

His committee years also provided one particularly memorable encounter. In 1979, he met tennis legend Bjorn Borg during his visit to the Club. To open the new hard courts

Bernie's relationship with Thailand has had a few interruptions, but never an ending.

He left in 1975 amid concerns that the fall of Phnom Penh might trigger a wider communist expansion across Southeast Asia. Yet the pull of Thailand proved too strong. He returned in 1977, bought a house in the Rama 9 area in 1985, and maintained a connection with both the country and the Club for decades, even after returning to the UK for family reasons.

When retirement finally arrived in 2019, Bernie returned permanently. These days he divides much of his time between Bangkok and Chiang Mai. While he enjoys life in the north, there is one thing he misses.

Squash.

Perhaps that should come as no surprise.

After all, when asked what advice he would give to the younger Bernie who first walked onto a squash court in 1973, his answer is immediate and heartfelt.

He would tell himself that squash would become far more than a sport.

It would create friendships, provide a social circle, improve his health, strengthen his heart, build resilience and contribute to a long and active life. It would become one of the defining threads running through more than fifty years of his life.

▲ *a grainy photo with Bernie at the top of the ladder! Well we will believe him that that is his name there!"*

And perhaps that is the real story here.

The trophies, league titles and ladder rankings matter. The stories and rivalries matter. The nickname certainly matters.

But what stands out most is the lasting connection that Bernie has built–with the Club, with Thailand, and with generations of fellow members who have shared a court, a drink, or a laugh with him over the years.

So, from everyone at the British Club:

Happy 80th Birthday, Bernie.

You may have arrived in Bangkok during a coup, but you became one of the great constants in British Club history.

And to many of us, you'll always be The Mean Machine.

written by Dean Thompson

HARD BALLS

Michael Flowers

INCOMING TOUR MATCH

May 2026 · Terd Thai Ground (Turf)

9th May 2026 · British Club vs Patong Cricket Club · Terd Thai Ground

GNOME SWEET GNOME: BRITISH CLUB CLAIM "THE DUNFORD" AS PENGUINS FINALLY COME TO TOWN

Jacobs and Bond put on a show as Bangkok heat wilts the Phuket tourists on Thailand's premier stage

Since 2012, British Club cricketers have been making the pilgrimage south to Phuket – a social weekend played in a wonderful sprit, with the odd squad that stayed out a little late and played a day more than their body could handle. In May, the Patong Penguins finally returned the courtesy, successfully executing on a maiden Phuket tour to Bangkok. They brought with them the Dunford Trophy – a charming gnome that carries the history of this inter-city rivalry, a very friendly rivalry that up until now has been one dominated by the Phuketians.

Credit where it's due – Vaughan Mcclear, affectionately known as Uncle V, secured the Third Thai Ground (TCG) for the occasion, the premier cricket venue in Thailand, and one that doesn't fall into just anyone's lap. It was a fitting stage for a historic fixture, and the Penguins' two-match tour – which also included a game against the Southerners the following day – was given the setting it deserved.

Reduced slightly to 22 Overs a side after a delayed start and a wet outfield, touring skipper Jagsir Brar elected to bowl first given the unfamiliar conditions. British Club set about the task with balance and patience. Daniel Jacobs and Rob Gray - the latter somewhat surprisingly promoted to the opening position by Captain Pramodh Kamalakannan, a decision apparently sweetened by the promise of a couple of bottles of premium Arran Whisky - gave the innings its foundation before Jacobs shifted gears entirely – his retirement at 55 off just 36 balls was the kind of innings that makes outfields look small: seven fours, two sixes, a strike rate of 152. Tyrone Bond then took the concept and ran with it. He retired at 50 off 27 – four fours, two sixes, a strike rate of 185. Avneesh Chopra chimed in with 23 off 18, James Moss added a busy 24 off 20 at the death, and BC closed on 201/5, a very formidable total, particularly against a team unfamiliar with the pitch and outfield conditions.

Chasing 202 to win, the Penguins were never quite able to bridge the gap between ambition and arithmetic. Pelham Myburgh gave them genuine belief – eight fours and a six in a knock that had the match alive at the drinks break – before Bangkok had the final say. The heat, significantly more oppressive than anything Phuket had prepared him for, left Myburgh stricken with severe cramping as he was forced to retire hurt on 48*(31) at the interval. A gutsy effort from a quality player, undone not by the bowling but by the conditions.

Yet another half century for the Boss as Tyrone makes Penguins pay

The British Club, Patong Penguins rivalry resumes!

A magic moment for Moose as he takes a match winning stunner against the Penguins

Penguins Captain Jagsir Brar presents "The Dunford" to BC Skipper Pramodh

Michael Flowers, a BC regular now but long term Penguin stepped up in the middle order and kept the Penguins' hopes alive with a composed 23 off 17 balls. It was the arrival of Craig Morgan that really had BC looking over their shoulders however. A player who has made a habit of hurting British Club on their Phuket tours, widely regarded as one of the very best batsmen in Thailand. He came to the crease looking a little out of sorts – scratchy early, finding neither timing nor rhythm, perhaps inviting the thought that he might just go quietly. Then he middled one for six and the whole complexion shifted. Suddenly the chase looked very much on.

Then James Moss intervened. Sagar Puthran got the ball to fly off the face of the bat – absolutely middled, drilled hard and flat to Mossy's right – the kind of shot that nine times out of ten whistles to the boundary untouched. A big Moose like hand reached out and plucked it from the air in a moment that froze everyone at the ground. Morgan gone for 20 off 18, the best catch of the British Club season, taken against a player who has made a habit of hurting BC badly, at the precise moment it mattered most. The match, as a contest, ended there. From the moment Morgan walked off, the chase stalled for good. The Penguins finished on 163/5, defeated by 38 runs.

Both teams returned to the British Club for what was meant to be a sociable outdoor evening. Bangkok had other plans. Torrential rain drove the entire party inside, and the Wordsworth Lounge – the British Club's stylish colonial-style library and covered bar area became the unlikely but rather fitting venue for the first "The Dunford" presentation held in Bangkok. The lovely little gnome stays in Bangkok. For now!

Result: British Club won by 38 Runs
Man of the Match: Tyrone Bond (50* off 27 balls & 5-0-28-2)

RBSC INVITATIONAL T20

April - June 2026 · RBSC Polo Ground (Turf)

26th April 2026 · British Club Pavilionaires vs Chennai Kings · RBSC Polo Ground

BC SURVIVE A THRILLER AT THE POLO TO SEAL BOWL FINAL BERTH

Geordie umpire calls it 'match of the season' as Sagar's Kings fall agonizingly short

The Pavillionaires arrived for the final league fixture knowing precisely what was at stake – win, and they reach the Bowl Final against the Southerners. Lose, and Chennai go instead. Sagar Puthran, a BC regular by trade, pulled on the Chennai shirt once more. He'd been here before. The script looked worryingly familiar for BC.

BC's innings began in disarray. Rahul Gupte was bowled for a duck by Pavin Rajendran. Two overs later, Mak Khan followed – caught for 2, BC 5/2 inside three overs. What followed over the next twelve overs was one of the more compelling rescues the RBSC Polo Ground has witnessed. Tyrone and Flowers refused to panic. They rotated, they accumulated, they waited. Flowers retired not out at 40 off 38 – including two sixes off Puthran, sweet revenge for the damage Sagar had inflicted in their previous meeting – while an injury-hampered Tyrone ground his way to an equally vital 39 off 39 before being caught by Sagar off Kumar Madhuraj.

With the platform set, Ben Eastwell arrived and immediately changed the mood. A four and a six off Siva Ramasamy in the same over announced his intentions. Mayank Jain held firm at the other end while Eastwell accelerated, and then – in the penultimate over from the unfortunate Rajkumar Kalaivanan – Ben detonated: six, six, two in three deliveries, retiring on the final ball of the innings with 40* off just 19 balls. BC closed on 145/3. Not a monster total, but one with a sting in it on a difficult wicket.

Chennai's reply started shakily, Dilip Mishra bowled Kirubhakaran Gunasekaran with the sixth ball of the match, but Prabakaran Babu quickly responded – two consecutive fours off the first two balls of Mishra's second over, a boundary off Tyrone Bond, 27 off 22 balls before Sunish Shah had him caught by Eastwell. Then Rajkumar Kalaivanan walked in and made the entire BC attack look ordinary. A four off Bond, then off Shah – a four off a no-ball, back-to-back sixes – 22 off 11 balls. Chennai looked to be cruising.

Kalaivanan retired not out on 43 off a breathtaking 22 balls. Four fours, three sixes, a strike rate of 195. He will have watched the rest from the rope with increasing unease.

Pavs Skipper Rahul receives Coco the Duck but gets the big win over the Chennai Kings to advance to Bowl Final

With Sagar at the crease and 50 needed off 8 overs at 96/2, the game appeared done. Then Tyrone, produced one of the overs of the season – five consecutive dot balls to the usually destructive Sagar, with just a single squeezed off the final delivery. The required rate tightened with every dot, and from there the momentum shifted. Dilip returned to remove Kumar Madhuraj for 20 with the match in the balance. Then Sunish Shah delivered another decisive blow – Puthran bowled for 18, and before Chennai could draw breath, Siva Ramasamy was run out next ball by a stunning no-look back flick from Flowers that drew inevitable comparisons with MS Dhoni – of course. Ahem. Two wickets in two deliveries, 124/5, and the match had turned completely on its head.

Chennai needed 22 off three overs. Then 19 off two. Then 12 off the last – still theoretically possible, still agonising. Sunish held his nerve to bowl it, conceding only nine. Sarath Kumar swung hard and connected a couple of times, but the ask was slightly beyond them. Chennai finished on 143/7. BC won by two runs and booked their place in the Bowl Final.

A team performance to the last man – nobody panicked, nobody gave up, and when the moment came, BC took their chances. The Polo Ground had its match of the season.

Result: British Club won by 2 runs
Man of the Match: Michael Flowers (40* off 38 balls & 2 run-outs)

6th June 2026 • British Club Pavilionaires vs Southerners CC • RBSC Polo Ground

STACKED PAVILLIONAIRES OVERRUN SOUTHOS TO TAKE THE RBSC T20 BOWL AND MARSHALL CUP

BC's bolstered lineup prove too much as young Southerners fall short

The Bowl Final had been rescheduled once before it finally landed – and when it did, it landed at short notice. The match also doubled as the fourth and deciding game of the Marshall Cup, with both sides level after a win a piece and a tie across the previous three season long encounters. There was more than just the Bowl Final on the line.

Pavs Captain Rahul Gupte and the BC Pavilionaires responded by fielding one of the strongest lineups they'd put out all season. The Southerners, captained by Brett Wells, went in with several youngsters – Brett himself would later reveal that the average age of his side was around 18. This was a young side playing in a big match against a seasoned BC outfit that meant business. The character shown by the Southerners throughout ensured it was not as straightforward as the margin suggested.

After winning a friendly/performative toss and electing to bat, BC made a nervy start against a young but promising opening bowling combination of Reyansh Gupta and Ayden Shaw. Reyansh opened with a maiden, set a disciplined tone, and then removed skipper Rahul Gupte – bowled with the final ball of his third over – to leave BC 19/1. Avneesh Chopra fell for 11 shortly after, and at 48/2 the innings was in need of something substantial. Michael Flowers and Tyrone Bond provided exactly that.

Together, the now familiar pairing put 69 Runs on the board in 5 Overs, Bond retired at 43* off just 21 balls – six fours, a six, a strike rate of 204 – and Flowers followed shortly after at 40* off 30, six fours, the anchor to Bond's pyrotechnics.

Following the retirements, the platform was set with 129/2 on the board with 7 Overs remaining. That freed Ben Eastwell and Shri Maheshwari to press the accelerator. Eastwell – quietly becoming one of the most dangerous finishers in the BCL – punched two fours off Jonathan George in the 18th over and kept going. Shri, launched a six and followed it with another before being caught for 33 off 23 balls in the final over. Eastwell finished not out on 35 off 24. The Pavs posted 203/3 – their highest total of their season, and a target that was always going to test the young Southerners side.

To their credit, the Southerners didn't fold. Brett gave the chase genuine early momentum – two sixes and a four off Dilip Mishra, another four and a six off Joge George, 32 off just 18 balls before Joge had him caught behind by Flowers. Uncle V added a solid 30 off 22 balls including a cracking pull shot for six and Teddy Andrews retired not out with a striking 42* off 26 balls – for a period, the Southerners made BC sweat.

The most memorable moment of the match, however, had nothing to do with the scoreboard. Young Jonathan George, a BC regular drafted into the Southerners' depleted lineup, found himself facing his own father – Joge George. The BCL cricket community have undoubtably seen a few things over the years, but a father-versus-son Bowl Final showdown may be a first. Joge, showing no sentimentality whatsoever, had his son caught for 2. Parenting and cricket, it turns out, are not always compatible. Post-match, emboldened by the victory, Joge signalled he was ready to take on youngest son Josh next – and in a move that suggested the George household may never be the same again, even called out his wife P' Kae. Batter up.

After the 10 Over drinks break the required rate began losing touch with the original asking rate and once Mo Hyder fell for 36 off 32 balls to Ben Eastwell in the 17th over, the game was up. Sunish Shah triggered the final collapse and Rahul Gupte finished it off in the final over with two late wickets. The Southerners ended with 165/9, 38 runs short of the Pavs total. The Marshall Cup was decided. The Bowl Final sealed.

The win was completed against opponents who were always likely to find 203 a mountain too steep and the victory came with a side order of mild embarrassment. A late addition to the BC lineup in the form of Avneesh Chopra strengthened an already formidable side, while BC keeper Flowers took the bails off to run out one of the Southerners' boys in the field when the result was no longer in doubt, raising the odd wince. One or two apologies were quietly extended over drinks.

That said, matches against Uncle V and Brett's Southerners teams are always conducted in good spirits, and despite the absence of neutral umpires – a detail that could easily have added significant friction – things passed off relatively smoothly. BC will take the win, both sides will take the experience, and everyone goes home happy – more or less.

For Tyrone, our very own 'Bangkok Final Boss' it was an exclamation point to a fabulous 2025/26 league campaign – Man of the Match once again, and a reminder, if one were needed, of just how influential he has been all season.

Result: BC won by 38 Runs
Man of the Match: Tyrone Bond (43* off 21 Balls, 3-0-0-32 & 2 Catches)

▲ *It was the fourth and final meeting between the British Club and the Southerners for the 25/26 season*

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