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Battle of Trafalgar

This Month

This month is full of exciting activities at the Club. We are hosting our first Half-Term Camp, with plenty of fun activities for children. The Trafalgar Dinner is also returning this year. We will end the month with a spooky Halloween celebration for children and parents at Witches & Wine on the Lawn!

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Dean Thompson

Chairman's Message

Greetings everyone,

With the rainy season hopefully drawing to a close – especially for the tennis section! – we can finally start looking forward to a few more reliably dry evenings at the Club.



I was with some of the tennis crowd in the Sala last night after their mix-in had, once again, been rained off. Fortunately, they seem remarkably good at keeping their spirits high with a combination of beer, conversation and plenty of banter! Hopefully, it won't be too long before the rain clouds disappear and they can get back on court.



Meanwhile, Club Management is already preparing for what is traditionally our busiest time of the year, with plenty of events and functions lined up over the coming months. Khun Natt, our Head of Operations, is finalising the programme through to the end of the calendar year, and we'll soon be announcing all the key dates for your diaries. I hope you'll get involved, come along and join in the fun.

There has certainly been plenty going on at the Club this month. Only last night, we formally welcomed another wonderful group at our New Members' Night. It is always fascinating to meet people joining us from all around the world, each with their own backgrounds, experiences and stories to tell.

That diversity is one of the things that makes the British Club such an interesting place to be. So, the next time you're sitting at the bar, having lunch or relaxing

by the pool, strike up a conversation with the person next to you. You never quite know who you're going to meet or what interesting story you might hear. Every new conversation helps build and strengthen the BCB community.



One of our new members, Damien Blower, recently spoke at the Chairman's Fireside Chat. Damien is one of only around 400 specialist Heritage Architects in the world and is an expert in the development and preservation of historic buildings.

He shared some fascinating insights into the processes and considerations we need to take into account as we develop our own estate – particularly our wonderful historic Clubhouse.

Damien has produced a Heritage Impact Assessment for the Club, which is an impressive document covering the history of the Club, the key stages in the development of our estate and, importantly, how we should approach future development. It even considers the potential impact of development in different areas of the Club.

This is an extremely important starting point for us as we think about the future. The document is available for any member to read on our Club website, and I would encourage you to have a look.

There is much that we could do with our wonderful estate in the years ahead. Damien's guidance will help us evaluate the opportunities carefully and, most importantly, make sure we do the right things, in the right way, for future generations of members.

As a rather wonderful aside, having mentioned that Damien is one of only around 400 specialists in his field worldwide, what are the chances that he would bump into another one in the Churchill Bar? Yet that is exactly what happened! The other gentleman was visiting us from the Savile Club in the UK as a reciprocal guest. They apparently had a great time discussing their profession – another lovely example of the unexpected connections that come from our worldwide reciprocal club family.

Before finishing, I also wanted to give a special mention to a perhaps less well-known, but very longstanding, part of our Club community.



I wonder how many of you have experienced the skills of our wonderful masseurs, Khun Champen and Khun Saifon.

Khun Saifon has been registered blind since birth and Khun Champen has been blind since an accident when he was only 15 years old, both have developed an extraordinary sensitivity through touch, becoming highly skilled in massage and in understanding where the body is holding tension and stress. They have now been with the British Club for more than 38 years and are very much a part of our Club family.

If you haven't used their services before, I really encourage you to give them a try. You can book through the Club app or simply ask at Reception.

We are also looking at upgrading their salon area to provide them with a much better and more modern environment in which to work. After 38 years of looking after our members, I think it is only right that we continue looking after them too.

Please do support them – they really are wonderful at what they do, and I'm pretty confident you won't be disappointed!

So, that's all from me this month. I look forward to seeing you around the Club – preferably under blue skies rather than sheltering from another Bangkok downpour!

See you around the Club,

Dean Thompson
Chairman, General Committee

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Training and Development at the Club





Over the past month, the Club has organised several training sessions for our kitchen and service teams. These sessions are part of our commitment to developing our staff and improving the dining experience for our members.



In late August, the Club hosted Indian Night in collaboration with Punjab Grill, led by Chef Vijay Saste. Chef Vijay and his team took over the Club's kitchen and shared their knowledge and techniques for preparing authentic Indian cuisine. Our kitchen team received hands-on training in each dish selected for the evening's special menu. Indian Night was a great success, and the training gave our chefs valuable skills they can continue to use in the future.





We also welcomed back our popular Pizza Pizza weekend promotion. To ensure that every pizza is delicious and made to a high standard, we collaborated with Gallery Pizza, led by Khun Sean. He and his team trained our kitchen staff step by step, sharing helpful tips on preparing the dough, adding the toppings and creating a perfectly golden and crispy crust. Our team is now ready to serve Pizza Pizza every Saturday and Sunday.



Training was not limited to the kitchen. We also welcomed Khun Neung, a professional hospitality trainer from Dusit College, to conduct training for our service staff, from junior team members to supervisors. The sessions refreshed their knowledge of service standards, communication, teamwork and attention to detail. The aim is to help our team serve members with greater confidence, care and consistency.



We believe that regular training is an important part of improving our Club. By learning from experienced professionals and developing new skills, our team can continue to provide better food, warmer service and a more enjoyable experience for every member and guest.





Returning to the UK?

Helping you to plan ahead and understand the key considerations which may affect you



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Increasing healthcare costs, circumstance change and redundancy are all some of the reasons that people consider moving back to the UK.

The years of UK political turbulence since the 2016 UK referendum vote, and the last few years of changing leaders and political parties, seem insufficient to keep the homebirds away.

For whatever reason you are thinking about a move back it is crucial to plan-ahead and understand the key considerations which may affect you. This will help lessen the chance of exposing yourself to a significant and perhaps unnecessary tax burden.

Planning your return to the UK

Because of the complex UK tax system relocating is highly important and careful planning is essential. In general, the more notice the better and if possible 6-12 months is normally an ideal timescale to begin the process.

The luxury of time may not be an option for all. Either way you need to understand the consequences of a return when planning as it needs to be right for your personal circumstances both now and into the future.

If you come back to the UK after living abroad, you will usually be classed as UK resident again. This means you pay UK tax on: your UK income and gains, as well as any foreign income and gains. This may not be the case if your permanent home (domicile) remains outside the UK.

You would have remained UK resident anyway if you were abroad less than a full tax year (6 April to 5 April the following year). This means you will usually pay UK tax on foreign income for the entire time you were away.

When to return

There is no ideal time but understanding the UK statutory residency laws is a good start. This will make sure you know when you are likely to become UK tax resident as it is sometimes not as straightforward as it may seem.

If you return mid tax year and you have been receiving overseas income, obtaining UK split-tax year treatment is going to be important.

Split Tax Year

You will be resident in the UK for the whole of a tax year, but that year may be split into a UK and an overseas part. This means that when returning to the UK you may be able to split the tax year into one part when you are UK resident, and one when you are not.

There are 8 sets of circumstances when an individual might meet the criteria for split year treatment for a particular tax year. Three cover situations when an individual might go overseas part way through the tax year, which are cases 1-3. Five cover situations where an individual might come to the UK part way through a tax year, which are cases 4-8.

If, in a year in which you are UK resident, there is an actual or deemed departure from the UK, then you will need to consider whether any of the split year cases 4-8 apply.

You must consider all cases of split year that might apply to you. Each has its own set of conditions, and you need to meet all those conditions for the case to apply. If more than one case applies to you the priority ordering rules show which case of split year will apply and what date the year will be split from.

For more information, please refer to the HMRC RDRM12000 guidance on Residence, available on the official UK government website.

If you return to the UK within 5 years

You may have to pay tax on certain income or gains made while you were non-resident. This doesn't include wages or other employment income. These rules (called temporary non-residence) apply if you return to the UK within 5 years of moving abroad (or 5 full tax years if you left the UK before 6 April 2013) and you were a UK resident in at least 4 of the 7 tax years before you moved.

Chapter 6 of HMRC's guidance note to the Statutory Residence Test is where you can find more information.

Do I need to tell HMRC when I return?

Informing HMRC that you are returning to the UK is very important. And it can be done personally, or by a tax representative/adviser.

It is always recommended that pre-return tax advice is sought, which could be part of an overall package of a pre-and post UK tax advice service.

Considerations for a UK return

There are many and the following are some of the main ones:

- **Seek UK tax advice from a professional qualified UK Tax Adviser.** This is arguably the most important to make sure you understand when you may become UK tax resident.
- **Seek tax advice in Thailand** to make sure that you leave without any tax liability remaining.
- **UK Bank account –** do you still have one? If not speak to your previous UK bank first as in the absence of any recent credit history it may be awkward to open a new account with a bank where you have no history.
- **Understand foreign pension provision –** clarify if it be withdrawn prior to a return and prior to becoming UK tax resident, and in particular, can benefits be taken as a lump sum.
- **Review currency exchange rates –** if transferring significant amounts find an economical way as there are many options available these days.
- **Review investment funds –** they could be Reporting or Non-Reporting which are taxed differently in the UK. The former liable to Capital Gains Tax (CGT), the latter Income Tax (IT). At time of writing UK CGT rates are lower than UK IT rates so this can be important.
- **UK property –** give tenants the correct notice and refer to the current landlord responsibility rules that apply in the UK as part of the 2023/2024 Renters' Reform Bill changes.
- **Healthcare in the UK -** NHS Hospital treatment is free for those ordinarily resident in the UK on a lawful and properly settled basis, it applies immediately for someone returning permanently.
- **Schools –** research what schools are available, children must be physically present to enroll.
- **Insurance -** consider all your insurance, general (motor, home), and personal (private medical insurance, life assurance, and critical illness). Personal insurance is normally cheaper in the UK as there is a wide and competitive marketplace.
- **Driving license/eligibility –** check your UK License is still valid if your UK absence has been more than a few years.

This is a complex matter, and mistakes can be costly. Returning to the UK is a big step so plan ahead both personally and financially. Progeny have helped many people relocate to the UK so please contact us if you would like to discuss your position.



Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

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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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British Club Around the World!

This summer, our members took the British Club spirit on their travels, sharing wonderful photographs from destinations around the world. From mountain adventures and sporting activities to famous landmarks, every entry showed great Club pride.

After careful consideration, we are delighted to announce that our winning photo was taken at Singapore's iconic Merlion! The fun and perfectly timed pose, together with the British Club shirt, made this creative entry stand out.

Thank you to everyone who participated and shared their summer adventures with us!

CONGRATULATIONS to our winner, who will enjoy **a meal for four at the Veranda Restaurant** with a bottle of wine and personal service.



WINNER

SINGAPORE

ALSO TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER



Edinburgh, Scotland



Mallorca, Spain



Warsaw, Poland



Maui, Hawaii

Coming Events

October 2026
(more details on the website)

- Half-Term Camp
- Quiz Night
- Trafalgar Dinner
- Martell Cognac Testing
- Halloween Kid Party
- Witches & Wine on the Lawn
- Winston Cup Pool Competition

November 2026
(more details on the website)

- Quiz Night
- Thanksgiving Brunch
- Remembrance Day
- Guy Fawkes Night
- Loy Krathong Day
- Ploenchit Fair
- Annual Wine on the Lawn
- Annual Winston Cup Pool Competition

December 2026
(more details on the website)

- Carol Night
- Kid Christmas Party
- Christmas Quiz Night
- Thai's Father Day Brunch
- Christmas Lunch & Dinner
- New Year's Eve Cruise

Event & Activities 2026 October Highlights



Half-Term Camp

Following the success of this year's Easter and Summer Camps, the Club was delighted to introduce its first Half-Term Camp. The week was filled with fun and exciting activities, keeping our little ones active, creative and entertained throughout their short school break.



Trafalgar Dinner

After missing the Trafalgar Dinner last year, we are delighted to welcome this traditional event back to the Club calendar. With support from the new Defence Section team, the date has now been confirmed, and we look forward to coming together once again to commemorate the Battle of Trafalgar and enjoy this special Club tradition.



Halloween Kids & Witches and Wine

Halloween and Witches & Wine is always an event that both children and parents look forward to. The children can enjoy spooky games and activities with Khun Natt, while Mum and Dad relax on the lawn, taste a selection of wines and enjoy live music.

With plenty of sweets, laughter and Halloween fun for the children, it promises to be a wonderful evening for the whole family.

BC Bee Kid's Club!



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Spooky October Fun for Our BC Bees!

After the summer break, BC Bee Kids' Club returns this month with more fun weekend activities. Sessions will run from 12.30 to 3.00 pm, with the programme adjusted depending on the number of children attending.

October has arrived, and all the children are looking forward to Trick-or-Treat at the end of the month! There will be lots of fun games, exciting activities and plenty of sweets. Please remember to reserve a place for your little one early, as this popular event is fully booked every year.















Some of our regular BC Bee activities this month will include a spooky Halloween theme.

At Mini Picasso, children can enjoy a mix of creative art activities, including making fluffy cotton ghosts and designing their own colourful Halloween wreaths.

At Little Bob the Builder, our young builders will enter the magical world of Harry Potter by creating and decorating their own wizard wands. They can use their imagination to make each wand special before practising a few magical spells!

Mini Chef is always a favourite among our BC Bees. This month, our little chefs will be challenged to decorate delicious Halloween cookies by carefully drawing spooky spiderweb and, of course, enjoying their tasty creations afterwards!

Get ready for a month filled with creativity, magic, treats and plenty of spooky fun at the Club!

MUSIC NIGHT



with

NEIL McCARTNEY

WEDNESDAY | 14th OCTOBER 2026

JUBILEE BAR

8 PM – 10 PM

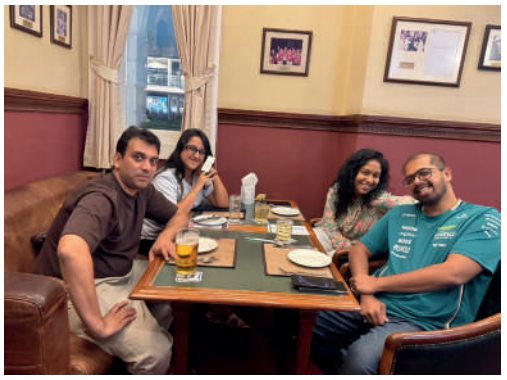
Singer, guitarist and fiddler Neil McCartney brought folk-rock band The Big Geraniums to international stages and later performed with Merry Hell. Expect energetic music, stories and requests from a true "Human Jukebox"

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Quiz Night

Quiz Night welcomed several new teams this month, all ready to challenge our regular players. Urban Safari came very close to beating Scumbag College, but Scumbag College held on to claim the victory. However, the biggest surprise of the evening came when Urban Safari won the jackpot a fantastic ending to a very competitive night!





























Back 2 Skool Challenge

The Back 2 Skool Challenge was a fun and lively afternoon. The children took part in four different challenges designed to encourage creativity, confidence and learning through play.

The activities included Mini Picasso, Little Chef and a special Little Doctor session supported by Bangkok Hospital. The day finished with Little Bob the Builder, the most challenging activity, where every child built a music box to proudly take home.













Trafalgar Dinner 2026



7.00 PM | Wednesday October 30th

Cocktails on the 1910 Balcony from 7.00 pm,
Dinner in the Suriwongse Room 7.30 pm
A Black Tie, or dress uniform with medals, Gourmet Dinner on

the 221st anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar

The dinner is open to all British Club members, spouses and guests, Embassy staff and guests, members of the Royal British Legion (Thailand Branch) and members of the Military Attaché Group of Bangkok

Special Guest of Honour Speaker

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Halloween Party

Saturday 31st October | 6:00-9:00PM
SURIWONGSE ROOM



Limited to the First 50 Kids to Register
Age 5 years and up
Special Fancy Dress Party with Games & Activities, Magic Show, Halloween Snacks, Refreshments, Story telling from Neilson Hays and prizes for Best Costume!

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New Member Night

The Club hosted another quarterly New Member Night at the Churchill Bar, welcoming members who had joined over the past few months. In a warm and relaxed atmosphere, new members met one another, the General Committee and the heads of the Club's sections, while learning about Club activities and ways to get involved. We were delighted to welcome everyone and hope they enjoy being part of our Club community.

























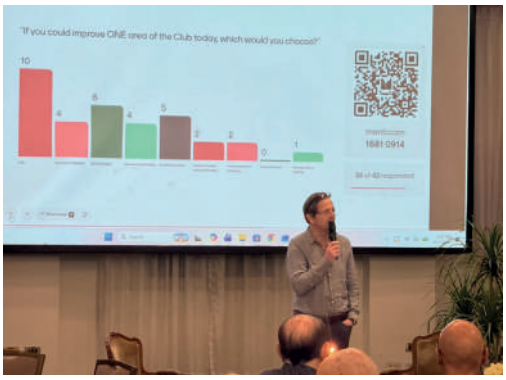


Fireside Meeting

The Club hosted its first Fireside Meeting with the Chairman and General Committee, welcoming a good number of members for an evening of updates and open discussion in a relaxed atmosphere. Khun Damien Blower gave a presentation on Heritage Impact Assessments, explaining how historically important buildings can be developed sensitively and how proposed changes are evaluated. Members also had the opportunity to share their views and speak directly with the General Committee.











Witches & WINE

on The Lawn

Halloween Special



October 31st 2026
6:00 pm
Front Lawn

MEMBERS 400 ฿
GUESTS 500 ฿

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4 of our Best Wine
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A pairing tapas buffet
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An Intimate Wine Night

This month's Intimate Wine Night took guests on a journey through the wines of New Zealand, guided by Khun Oat, Brand Ambassador from IWS, who shared the story behind each wine. The two Pinot Noirs were a pleasant surprise, and each dish was prepared to complement the wines served. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

















Winston Cup Pool Competition

This month's Winston Cup was fully booked once again, with all 16 places filled for an evening of fun, laughter and friendly rivalry. During the break, some of our younger members joined in for a friendly game, and it was wonderful to see them enjoying themselves. The final came down to JP and Bimal, JP put in a strong performance, but Bimal claimed the Winston Cup title once again.








GUY FAWKES NIGHT

Sunday, 15th November | 4.00 – 8.00 pm
Back Lawn



Bring family and friends for a night full of excitement, entertainment, and community spirit!

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	**5** **Squash Mix-in** 4.00pm - 7.45pm	**6** **Football** 6.30pm - 8.30pm **Quiz Night** 7.15pm - 9.30pm	**7** **Squash Mix-in** 4.00pm - 7.45pm **Balut** 6.00pm - 8.00pm **Tennis mixed-In** 6.00pm - 10.00pm
	**12** **Half Term Camp** 10.00am - 3.00pm **Squash Mix-in** 4.00pm - 7.45pm	**13** **Football** 6.30pm - 8.30pm	**14** **Half Term Camp** 10.00am - 3.00pm **Squash Mix-in** 4.00pm - 7.45pm **Balut** 6.00pm - 8.00pm **Tennis mixed-In** 6.00pm - 10.00pm
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1 **Yoga** 6.00pm - 7.00pm **Cricket team practice** 6.30pm - 8.00pm	**2** **Tennis mixed-in** 8.00am - 11.00am **Tennis mixed-in** 6.00pm - 10.00pm	**3** **Squash Kids Academy** 10.00am - 12.15pm **Squash Mixed-in** 1.00pm - 4.45pm **Cricket Team Practice** 2.30pm - 6.00pm	**4** **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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EVENT REPORT:

A Penny A Shell: Poverty, Work, and the Courage of the Women Left Behind in the First World Wa

The Active Living Section was delighted to welcome Bangkok based British author Antony J. Bell to its September Lunch Event, where he shared the remarkable and deeply personal story behind his historical novel, A Penny a Shell.

Antony explained that the book had its beginnings in 2014, when an investigation into his family history led him to his great grandmother, Sarah Ann Jennings. Born in the Yorkshire village of Wilberfoss, Sarah entered domestic service at only 14 years of age. By the time of the First World War, she was living near York with members of her extended family, before becoming one of the thousands of women recruited to work at the vast Barnbow munitions factory near Leeds.

Barnbow was established in response to the serious shortage of artillery shells facing Britain during the early years of the war. It became the largest shell filling factory in Europe and eventually employed around 20,000 people, approximately 95 per cent of whom were women.

The women worked long and demanding shifts while handling highly dangerous explosives, including TNT and amatol.

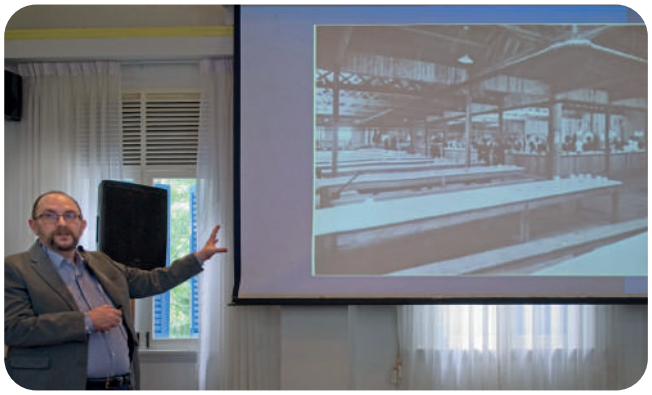
Sarah worked in Room 42, where four and a half inch howitzer shells were filled, completed and capped. The danger was ever present, while the protection provided to the workers was extremely limited.

Exposure to TNT turned the women's skin and hair yellow and caused serious illness. Milk and barley water were provided in the mistaken belief that they might counteract the effects of the poison. Although only four deaths from TNT poisoning were officially recorded at Barnbow, Antony explained that the true number may have been considerably higher, as many women became ill and later died at home from liver failure and related conditions.

At 10.27 pm on 5 December 1916, shortly after the night shift had begun, a shell exploded in the capping machine at Room 42. Further explosions followed, while ruptured heating pipes poured boiling water into the wooden building. None of the approximately 150 people working there escaped entirely unharmed. Ultimately, 35 women lost their lives, including Sarah, whose body was never recovered.

Among the most moving parts of Antony's presentation was the story of William Parkin. A soldier wounded on the Somme and subsequently employed at Barnbow, he repeatedly entered the burning and devastated building, reportedly making 12 separate rescue attempts and dragging injured women to safety. He received no official recognition from the government or the factory. Several years later, however, the surviving Barnbow women presented him with an engraved silver watch in gratitude for his courage.

Wartime secrecy meant that the disaster and the women's sacrifice remained largely hidden. Their families were bound by the 'Defence of the Realm' Act, death notices referred only to sudden or accidental deaths, and official communications concentrated upon the fact that the interruption to shell production would be negligible. Room 42 was cleared and returned to operation by the following evening.









Despite the risks, the Barnbow women made an extraordinary contribution. The factory is estimated to have produced some 15 per cent of the shells fired by British forces during the war. Yet when the Armistice came, the women were simply dismissed with two weeks' wages and a commemorative card. There were no medals, official ceremonies or public marches acknowledging what they had achieved.

Antony combined meticulous research with warmth, humour and visible emotion. His presentation reminded us that Britain's wartime achievement depended not only upon those who fought in the trenches, but also upon millions of women whose dangerous and exhausting work made victory possible.

A memorial was finally unveiled at Barnbow in 2016, one hundred years after the tragedy. Through A Penny a Shell, Antony has created his own lasting tribute, ensuring that Sarah and the other courageous women of Barnbow are no longer forgotten.







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Pool Section



Autumn update

It's been a year of massive nights, a title run that ended in heartbreak in our last match of the season, and overall, just fantastic progress for the whole Pool Section. We achieved our best ever performance in the league, finishing 3rd out of 11 teams in the 8-Ball Division C (including a juicy win over the eventual champions). Our away form was iffy, but we went unbeaten all season at home and the BC clubhouse remains a fortress!

From next season we will be fielding two league teams, a five-player competitive 8-Ball team on Monday nights, and an all-inclusive 9-Ball team on Wednesday nights. So, from now on every section member will have the opportunity for regular league play. The section committee is unchanged: **Tequila Tom** is the chairman, **CIA Andy** is captain of vice, **Sheriff Paul** is treasurer, and **Ceri the Welsh Dragon** is our secretary. Some stand-out performers to mention: **Bimal** (Winston Cup King), **Karan** (breakthrough player), **Tibo** (most improved), & **Ash** (ladder boss for most of the season and rock solid in the league). Our reputation as the friendliest (and most well-refreshed) club in the league goes from strength to strength and we've had some wonderful friendly matches against **Please Don't Tell, The Shakespeare, Old English, & Sportsman Deadpool.**

New blood has been injected over the season and our section now has 19 active players. The section ladder has been hotting up and we've seen many new players rise up into the squad and start representing the club. We continue to run the monthly Winston Cup, a 16-player knock out tournament open to all BC members, with a bottle of wine each to the two finalists, and the immortality of the winner's name being etched



on to the trophy.. Over the next few months we'll be improving the facilities by installing cue lockers, fixing the music system, putting up 8-Ball and 9-ball rules, sorting out the artwork and photos, and our beautiful new team shirts will arrive in time for the start of the new season in October. We will also be running social nights with training and a competition to attract more families, female players, and teens – watch out for these events in Outpost. We are a friendly section and new members are extremely welcome to join.

Cheers,
Tom, Andy, Paul & Ceri





FINAL TABLE

8-Ball Division C

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS	FRAMES
1	Sportsman Deadpool	20	29	229
2	8855 8B	20	29	223
3	**British Club**	20	27	205
4	Bully's	20	26	228
5	Keep In Touch	20	20	205
6	Old English	20	19	188
7	Buddy's Fireballers	20	16	193
8	Phoenix Bar	20	15	191
9	Golden Giraffe	20	14	176
10	Show m.t. Money	20	13	189
11	Blue Balls	20	12	173

Two points off the top of the table, decided in the last match of the season.

PS :

"Never play pool for money against a man named after a city or a state."

BRITISH CLUB GOLF





It's been a relatively quiet couple of months for the British Club Golf Section as we navigate the wet season. Most golf societies avoid having major competitions during August, September ,October due to the threat of rain disruptions and stick to their regular monthly medals and stableford competitions.

July 26th Monthly Stableford

At the end of July we headed up to Bang Sai Golf Club – a favourite among the Bangkok golfing community. 16 golfers competed on the day and the results ended up being a family affair with Angkana Ew Nilkumnerd submitting a score of 39 points to win flight A, she was only beaten on the day by overall winner Alan with an excellent 40 points. Runners up were Paweena, flight A, with 35 and Mark Russell, flight B with 37 points.

August 9th Monthly Medal

August started with our medal event played at Subraphruek, a challenging Pete Dye designed course with plenty of water and sand to challenge everyone. The challenge of this course was once again highlighted by our scoring with the equal best score being Bally Gudail's 4 over handicap net 76. This pushed Paweena Stray into runners up spot again with her net 78.

In Flight B ex-captain Neil Davis matched Bally with a 76 to take the win by 4 shots from Gareth Knight who pipped John Sargisson on countback with matching 80's.

August 23rd Monthly Stableford

The highlight of our month of golf was the trip to the newly opened Silverlake Links course. It's a links-style golf course with a surfeit of sandy waste areas, dunes, and water including two signature island green par 3 holes. According to the course description **" sixteen of the holes feature water hazards, making it a course best suited for skilled players. For high handicappers, the more straightforward sister course at Lakewood Golf & Country Club is a better option".**

This is definitely something I would agree with,though for a number of our golfers including Flight B golfer David Burton the course didn't seem to pose as big a challenge as he continued his rich run of form by winning overall with 43 stableford points.

Flight A winner was Frank Fawkes winning on countback from Teddy Andrews with 38 pts while Flight B winner was Howard Hofland with a respectable 36 points.

The round was also memorable due to the weather as we started the round in very rainy conditions. This lead to one of golfer, who won't be named, unceremoniously doing a comic sliding fall down a very slippery slope and covering (myself) himself head to foot in mud.

It also caused a near catastophic incident when a golf bag, that had been put into the front of a golf cart to keep it dry, accidentally fell onto the accelerator causing it to speed into Neil's caddy and his golf bag. The caddy was wiped out and had to be taken to hospital to be checked up, fortunately she was fine. Unfortunately the same could not be said for Neil's bag which was dragged along behind the golf cart until it finally hit something and stopped.

So if you are out golfing in these challenging seasonal conditions keep your eyes open as it's dangerous out there!









Joshua George

HARD BALLS

BEACH CRICKET TOURNAMENT

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SAND, SEA AND SURPRISE FINALS

The British Club returned to the sun-soaked shores of Koh Chang for another edition of the annual beach cricket tournament. This year, the club fielded two distinct sides ready for action: Sons of a Beach, captained by 13-year-old Joshua George, and Pitch Please, captained by his 16-year-old brother John George.

Anyone who knows social cricket in Thailand knows that Koh Chang is the ultimate tour, six-a-side cricket played on the water's edge next to an excellent pool bar. While the setting looked like paradise, nature had other plans for the weekend. High winds whipped blinding sand directly into the fielders' eyes, while an unusually high tide left one side of the pitch entirely submerged in seawater. Players were left splitting their time between chasing boundaries and wading through the surf.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CRICKET AND BEACHSIDE BARBECUE

The BC convoy made the journey down from Bangkok early on Friday morning, eager to get the weekend started. By Friday afternoon, the tide had receded just enough to get the first round of fixtures underway.

Josh's crew "Sons of a Beach" kicked off their campaign with a narrow victory at 3PM against the Black Swans before John's side "Pitch Please" took to the beach against Big Chang and completed the Friday double in difficult conditions to send festivities back to the villa.

After a hard day on the sand, the entire British Club contingent gathered for the absolute highlight of the trip, a legendary beachside barbecue. The feast fed the entire traveling squad including supporters, keeping spirits high and restoring energy levels for the matches ahead. A massive note of thanks goes out to everyone who put in the hard work at the grills and helped prepare such fantastic food for the crew throughout the evening.







SONS OF A BEACH: THE FORM TEAM

With Josh captaining the side, Sons of a Beach put on a dominant weekend performance, backed by huge contributions from Denzyl Allwright and Pramodh Kamalakannan.

Versus Black Swans: Sons of a Beach adjusted quickly to the damp pitch, posting 37 runs and holding on for a thrilling 4-run victory over the Black Swans.

Versus Pangolins: Dilip Mishra and Jorge George set the foundation, while Pramodh blew the game wide open to power Sons of a Beach to a 43-37 win.

Versus Alibaba: In a high-scoring 63-19 affair, Sons of a Beach suffered their only group stage setback. Between blinding sandstorms and one memorable catch dropped directly into the incoming tide, Alibaba took the win.

Versus Purple Helmets: Denzyl put on an absolute clinic in the final group match, anchoring the innings to close out the tournament with an impressive 3-out-of-4 record.





PITCH PLEASE: THE SURPRISE FINALISTS

In the corresponding matches, John led Pitch Please through a wild weekend.

Versus Big Chang: BC put up a massive 59 runs, and despite some big swings in tough conditions, heavy wicket penalties left Big Chang dropping their opener.

Versus Chump: They suffered a heartbreaker, falling just short in a tight 45-42 thriller.

Versus vs. Pattaya T: Pitch Please bounced back in style with a massive 73-20 dominant win!

Versus vs. Captain Morgan: Tyrone got Pitch Please off to an absolute flyer with a bonus point, 32 run first over as Pitch Please held on for a 53-42 victory to conclude the group stage with 3 wins from 4 matches.

Thanks to racking up crucial bonus points and Sons of a Beach beating down the rest of the competition (most importantly the Purple Helmets), the table worked out in Pitch Please's favor. In a plot twist no one saw coming, Pitch Please jumped up the standings and sneaked straight into the Cup Final!

THE FINAL AND THE RETURN

Pitch Please lined up for the Cup Final on Sunday against Alibaba with the entire BC continent eager to retain the Cup won last year. It was an absolute nail-biter right down to the wire, with Alibaba scraping by 32-28 to take the trophy. Reaching the final was still a massive accomplishment for the squad!

John certainly owes Sons of a Beach full credit for helping pave the way to the final. We returned to Bangkok with great stories and awesome memories, ready to do it all again next year!











TENNIS

The 38th Ladies Doubles Invitational at RBSC Saturday 05 September



Chris Watt



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Playing the matches, going the distance, having fun and socializing after the matches at the trophy's presentations made it a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Matches kicked following the opening ceremony at 8am with eight teams taking part, Pyramid, Japanese, British Club, RBSC Star, RBSC Sky, Big Rama, RBSC Polo Club and Sweet & Sassy.

The British Club had five doubles partners in the combined age groups, Jeab & Toi - 120, May & Tip – 110, Nattaya & Aom -95, Channe & Maria – 80 and, Nink & Pin – 80. I am pleased to say other Ladies played extremely well giving it all they had but sometimes in tennis the score doesn't always reflect just how close the games were. We won several 6-0 and a couple 6-2 & 6-3 but despite that we were only able to make 6th place.

OUTPOST



With the last matches finishing at 7pm it was time for dinner and refreshments followed by the trophy's presentation. Then it was time for some real fun as only the ladies from the interclub could best do! Each Team was given the opportunity to put on a small performance. The best was by the Japanese, but Maria and Arena did put on a good show for the British Club.





As usual, there was a small group from the British Club who were there until the end of the evening's celebrations!





A special thanks goes to Nattaya for all the arrangements and putting together the combinations this job is never easy. Also, big thanks to the Ladies who participated.

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Action from the 38th Ladies Double Invitational at RBSC on Saturday 05 September



Jeab & Toi combine age group120



May & Tip combined combine age group110



Nattaya & Aom combined combine age group 95



Channe & Maria combined combine age group 80



Nink & Pin combined combine age group 70


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