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*Simon P. Davies*

# Chairman's Message

**Eighty years ago** on the 6th June, 1944, 156,000 Allied troops commenced landing on five beachheads in Normandy, France which was the start of operations which would ultimately liberate Western Europe, defeat Nazi Germany and end the Second World War.

On Thursday, 6th June 2024 at 11 a.m. a quiet and respectful laying of wreaths took place on the front lawn of the British Club to commemorate D-Day.

Thank you to everybody who completed the members survey and once the responses have all been reviewed the results, along with actions planned for any key issues or recommendations, will be published accordingly.

This year The Junior Summer Camp has seen a record number of children enrolled and well done to Tee and his Team for organizing a broad range of activities which has attracted such a positive response.



A new hut offering the security staff protection from heat and rain has been installed at the Silom entrance to the Club and a reminder to all members to please show your membership card prior to entering the Club.

The replacement shade covering for the Sails Outlet area has taken longer than expected to be finalised but it was felt better to take time and ensure that the installation was fit for purpose. Thank you for your patience as the purchase order is with the supplier and the result will be a more comfortable environment that allows the outlet to be open whatever the weather conditions.

As we enter the traditional Summer Holiday period I wish everyone an enjoyable time and safe travels but if not travelling there will still be plenty of activities to enjoy within the Club

**Cheers  
Simon**



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Tim Vongswang

## GM's Bulletin



### Behind the Scenes: Members survey feedback and exciting initiatives:

In our last member survey, we received valuable feedback that has further propelled us to enhance the amenities and services at our Club. Here is a glimpse of some of the noteworthy updates and upcoming projects based on your feedback and suggestions ....

- Our fabulous gym boasts a newly installed stretching machine and punch bag elevating the workout experience.
- Additionally, a new co-working space/library has been re-designed to provide versatile and productive spaces for work and relaxation (Wordsworth Lounge).
- In line with our commitment to sustainability, we have introduced waste separation practices and providing waste food to farmers.
- Moreover, there have been a few additions to our beverage menu including six single malts and ten blended whiskies, over the coming months we will also be introducing more 'High end' range of whiskies.
- We also have 17 gins and various tonics to suit every palette (please note that subject to requirements these offers may change).
- To enhance the overall experience at the club, members can now enjoy uninterrupted Wi-Fi access throughout the day without the need to re-login every 30 minutes.
- We are also please to advise that 'service bells' are now installed in the smoking areas of the back lawn and the portico in front of the reception, press the button and one of our wonderful team members from the Veranda & Churchill will come to take your order.
- A new boiler and water pressure pump has been installed to ensure a constant supply of warm water throughout Phase two.

We eagerly await more feedback in the coming months to continually improve our offerings.

### Looking ahead, a few of our upcoming projects include ...

- Replacing the air-conditioning units in the Pool Room and installing sound suppression ceiling tiles which will undoubtedly help the ambiance of the room.
- We are expanding the entrance guard house to included air-conditioning for our hardworking security team.
- Installing bicycle parking stands, for the convenience of our two wheeled members.
- Breathing new life into the children's play area our amazing engineering and gardening teams are working together to revive the vertical gardens with improved watering system and a diverse range of plants.
- In our ongoing effort to enhance our human resources practices and to ensure our commitment to fostering a harmonious workplace we are revising our employee handbook in line with Thailand's labour laws.
- It is with great regret that we have lost most of our Burmese teammates due to work permit restrictions, however we are actively working to bring them back as soon as we can.
- On a more positive note, I am pleased to announce a new appointment, the 'Membership Liaison Manager' named Pattie, who will oversee the front office and membership sales operations. Further details about Pattie and her Front Office team can be found in the following pages of this edition.

I look forward to your feedback and excited for what the future holds at the club.



## THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

### Greetings once again!

In our ongoing effort to keep you updated, here are our latest updates and highlights.

In May, we saw 63,078 British nationals arriving in Thailand, which is a notable 26% drop from April.

Our dedicated team handled 147 new cases this month, including: 56 deaths, 33 hospitalisations, 31 welfare issues, 14 arrests and detentions, 12 missing persons and other case types such as victim of crimes and child welfare.

Among these, 2 were related to road traffic accidents, making a total of 32 such cases so far this year.

### Important reminders

We have just updated our guide about what to do after a British person dies in Thailand on GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-to-do-after-a-british-person-dies-in-thailand>.

For Consular assistance and contact details, please call +66 2 305 8333 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-bangkok>.

Finally, as holiday season kicks in, ensure you review the Travel Advice on GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> for your destination to stay informed and prepared.

Also, please ensure your passport is valid and has sufficient pages for visas.

*Thank you for staying connected with us.*

Consular Team, British Embassy Bangkok

*Joanne Fিন্নামোৰে-ক্রকিন*

**HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand**





Tee Bale

# Operations Unknown

*This month we explore some of the benefits of being a British Club member that you may not be aware of.*



## Group Classes

### Circuit Training

Wednesday 6pm with Amnat, 8 stations which run 45 second sessions or rotation for 40 minutes in the main fitness centre

### Yoga

Thursday 6pm with Aom, classes between 6-15 members running of a 1-hour class



## New Reciprocal Clubs

- Abbottabad Club, Pakistan - <https://abbottabadclub.com>
- The Mundakayam Club, India - <https://mundakayamclub.com>
- All Community Club, Bangladesh - <https://accl.com.bd>
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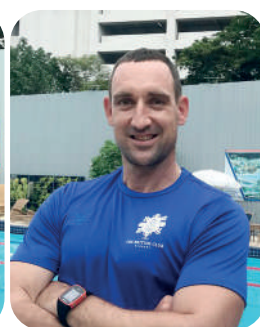
**Squash featured coach Leo** - Boasts six years of diverse coaching experience, skilled at elevating players of all levels, from beginners to national athletes

**Tennis featured coach Marcel** - A professional coach with over 25 years' experience, graduating through the French Tennis Association Coaching system. Coaching positions held include Director of Tennis at several Clubs, Head of Junior Development / Technical Director at Tennis Federation of Vietnam, and Head Coach at Hope Tennis Academy in Taiwan

**Cricket featured coach Daniel** - Daniel Jacobs is a qualified Level 1 cricket coach from South Africa. Daniel specializes on the fundamentals of junior cricket. He captained the Thailand National Cricket team in the World Cricket League series

**Swimming featured coach Petch** - He is a certified Thailand Swimming Association Level 1 coach, and has now been teaching swimming for 11 years

**Personal trainer featured coach Noah** - Bachelor's degree from Mahidol University International College Personal Training, Nutritionist, and CPR Certified from International Sports Sciences Association (ISSA)



## New Food & Beverage Offerings

**Afternoon Tea** - available in Veranda & Wordsworth Lounge 12-4pm

**Premium Deluxe Whisky Menu** - available in Wordsworth Lounge on request

**New Draught Ales** - Guinness, Kilkenny, Dream Alone, available in Jubilee & Churchill Bar

**Aperol Spritz** - available poolside

**Wimbledon Specials** - All outlets during the tournament 1st – 15th July

*Wishing all members a wonderful summer ahead, don't forget to make use of every aspect of your British Club Membership.*



# Types of Investment Funds

By Martin Wright  
Progeny (SG) Pte. Ltd.

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**With so many investment fund options available it's important to understand the key differences in this broad and often confusing marketplace.**

## **Unit Trusts & Open-Ended Investment Companies**

Two of the most common types of funds are Unit Trusts and Open-Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). They share many traits, but they also have some important differences.

Since they will always accept more cash from investors - they just become bigger to accommodate the demand. On the flip side, if there are more sellers than buyers, the fund will become smaller.

The price of a fund always reflects the value of its holdings. When more investors want to buy into the fund than sell, the manager issues more units. When the opposite is true, the manager cancels units.

They are more widely used even though some are more expensive than their investment trust alternatives. The great advantages of open-ended funds are their flexibility to make more units, as well as the fact there are more funds available meaning a greater choice for investors. This differs from a closed-ended fund, which issues a fixed number of non-redeemable shares like an Investment Trust.

## **What is a Unit Trust?**

Unit Trusts were the first real open-ended investment fund in the UK, termed so because the fund manager can create new units (similar to shares) in the fund to meet investor demand. These units can be bought or sold at any time. This differs from a closed-ended fund like the Investment trust as mentioned above.

## **What is an OEIC?**

In 1997, laws were introduced allowing the creation of OEICs, which are also open-ended. Over the last few decades OEICs have become a lot more common and many unit trusts have converted to the OEIC structure. This is due to the relative simplicity of OEICs and the fact they can broadly be sold into different countries across Europe.

Most new funds that are launched are structured as OEICs particularly in the UK.

## **What's the difference between Unit Trusts and OEICs?**

In many respects unit trusts and OEICs are the same. They are both open-ended and the price of each unit depends on the net asset value of the fund's investment portfolio. Both allow you to choose to have dividends paid to you as income or reinvested in the fund and both can invest in a wide range of asset classes, locations and sectors.

A subtle difference is a unit trust is governed by trust law, whereas an OEIC is governed by company law. Technically, this means investors in a unit trust are not owners of the underlying assets, unlike investors in an OEIC although in reality this makes little difference to investors. If you invest in a unit trust you buy units whereas if you invest in an OEIC you buy shares.

The major difference between unit trusts and OEICs is the way they're priced. Unit trusts quote a bid price and an offer price; OEICs only quote one price. With unit trusts, the bid price is the per-unit price you'll receive if you sell your units back to the fund company. It's usually based on the bid price of the underlying securities held by the fund.



## Investment Trusts

Investment trusts are effectively companies that hold assets such as shares. They are run by a fund manager backed by an independent board acting in the best interests of shareholders. The company itself is listed on the London Stock Exchange. While investment trusts predominantly invest in the shares of other companies, they can also invest in other financial assets.

As mentioned, as a closed ended fund, investment trusts have a fixed number of shares in an issue. This allows managers to take a longer-term view because they do not have to sell assets when investors sell their shares. Investment trusts have some of the unique features that set them aside from other types of funds.

Income seekers may be interested to know that investment trusts can hold back up to 15% of income generated by underlying assets each year to build up a reserve to be used to smooth dividend payments in tougher times. This means investors can enjoy a steady income when markets are performing. In certain circumstances, investment company boards may elect to pay income out of capital. While this can erode the long-term capital returns generated by the funds many investors are happy to prioritise short-term income payments over longer term growth.

Some growth investors might be interested in another unusual feature which allows investment trusts to borrow. This means that if managers think there is value in a particular market, they can borrow money to use for further investments, known as 'gearing'.

In a rising market, returns from an investment trust can be magnified because gearing means managers are better able to take advantage of rising share prices.

However, when share prices fall, the losses of geared funds can be exaggerated. The pricing of investment trusts works in a unique way too. When the price is greater than the value of the assets held in the company, this is known as a premium. At a time it is lower it is known as a discount.

## Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)

An ETF is called an exchange-traded fund because it's traded on an exchange just like stocks. The price of an ETF's shares will change throughout the trading day as the shares are bought and sold on the market. This is unlike mutual funds, which are not traded on an exchange, and which trade only once per day after the markets close. Additionally, ETFs tend to be cheaper and more liquid when compared to mutual funds like unit trusts and OEICS.

An ETF can also hold multiple underlying assets and as such are also a popular choice for diversification. The assets can include stocks, commodities, bonds, or a mixture of investment types. Some ETFs focus on only U.S. offerings, while others have a global outlook.

There are many investment options available and a number of ways of holding these investments. They can be purchased by the public directly through Trading Accounts or through Investment Advisers.

For more information, it is sensible to seek professional advice from a company with the relevant experience and knowledge.

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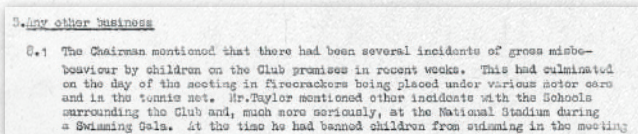
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*We continue the story of  
the British Club Bangkok ... 1974*

## “Suffer the little children!”

“Suffer the little children” was certainly up for grabs as the new Club motto this year... In January, a spate of pranks (such as placing firecrackers under cars and throwing them onto the tennis courts during play) lead to a Committee clamp down on kids and ‘The wrath’ came down on all parents concerned. In April, children spoke into the Swimming Section store and managed to break some of the training boards!

However by August, it was the teenagers who were in trouble such that they were promptly banned from the Billiards Room and the Bar at all times!



▲ *Firecrackers!*

## Our Naval Year

This was an amazing year for our Naval history with the crews of seven ships taking advantage of the use our facilities whilst docked in Bangkok. The year started in January, with HMAS Parramatta (DE 46), a River-class destroyer escort. In April, HMAS Vendetta (D08), a Daring-class destroyer, visited us and its plaque is on display in the Churchill Bar.

In July, we had the crews of HMS Scylla (F71) and HMS Danae (F47), both Leander-class frigates, and HMS Londonderry (F108) a Rothesay class anti-submarine frigate. The Club arranged two soccer matches using the Port of Thailand Authority's ground sadly we lost against HMS Londonderry 4-1 and against HMS Scylla 3-1!

In early November, we hosted HMNZS Taranaki (F148), a modified Rothesay-class frigate and a few weeks later, HMS Chichester (F59), a Salisbury-class or type 61 aircraft direction frigate, recently refitted as a Hong

Kong guard ship. This visit included a soccer match as well ... which the Club won 3 goals to nil.



▲ *Vindico*

## Sporting Matters

In January, the Darts Section requested to formally join the Bangkok Darts League with weekly darts to be played each Thursday in The Bar (in 2024, this is Veranda). Over the next year the Section played against formidable teams from 20 Hotel, Siam Dyeing, Wallaby's, Marios, The Pub, Other Office and ... Uranus.



Although not recorded when in the first season, but it was reported in the Annual Report that a Club Member, Dave Marsh, became the first Bangkok Darts League player to score 180!

In the July, the British Club Golf Society decided to adopt the USGA (United States Golf Association) handicap system. This landed them in hot water a few months later with the English Ladies Golf Union who virtually accused them of cheating!

Also in July, was the start of the year for the Bill Hay Cup, a trophy donated by 1972/73 Vice-Chairman William Hay. The winner was the player with the highest six Stableford scores over a July-July year, for handicap 19 players and above.

**7. DARTS**  
 During its first year, the Darts Section has been very active with a team participating in the Bangkok Darts League weekly in addition to friendly games with visiting ships crews, other darts clubs, etc. The league team has been reasonably successful and some very close games have been contested both home and away. One club member, Dave Marsh, is the only person so far in Bangkok to have scored the maximum 180 points. Well done Dave!

▲ 180!

## Staff Matter

There was a huge rise in the cost of living in Thailand during 1973, thus in January some staff at the Club were threatening to strike – a ‘anonymous letter’ set out grievances over poor remuneration: matters raised included low basic salaries, non-adherence to Labour Law overtime rates, low support of medical costs and need for a larger annual bonus.

An immediate pay rise of 150 Baht per month across the board was given and the remaining items put to the Finance Sub-Committee to negotiate.

Staff unrest had still not been resolved by August, when it was reported to the Committee that payment of overtime was taking around five weeks to process. The Committee set management a target of five days for such payment.

Thankfully, all was amicably resolved, and all staff members were additionally granted new uniforms with their names embroidered on them.

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That if steps were not taken to rectify these matters they would be forced to consider a strike.

▲ *threat of a strike!*

## Service

The committee of 1974 was very stable and, for the first time, contained people who are still members of the Club as this article is written.

Colonel Hugh Docherty OBE was again Chairman and also with continued service, Mr. B.P. Thompson was elected Vice-Chairman, Mr. Trevor Whalley, served as Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer was Mr. Clive Croy, and Mel Taylor served on the committee until he left Thailand in July (*see Past Participle, June 2024*).

Joining this year and serving two terms were Bob Coombes, Lt. Col. John F. Davis, and Don Wyber, and, in his only term of service, James Perry.

The other “new boy” was Brian W. Heath, who in his ten terms on the Committee served three times as Chairman, twice as Vice-Chairman and was the “last” Honorary Secretary of the twentieth century ... more next month!

**1974-75**

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**HONORARY SECRETARY: Trevor K. Whalley**  
**HONORARY TREASURER: G. Clive Croy**

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**Lt. Col. John F. Davis**  
**Brian W. Heath**  
**James L. Perry**  
**Mel J. Taylor (resigned 23.07.1974)**  
**Don S. Wyber**

▲ *General Committee 1974-75*

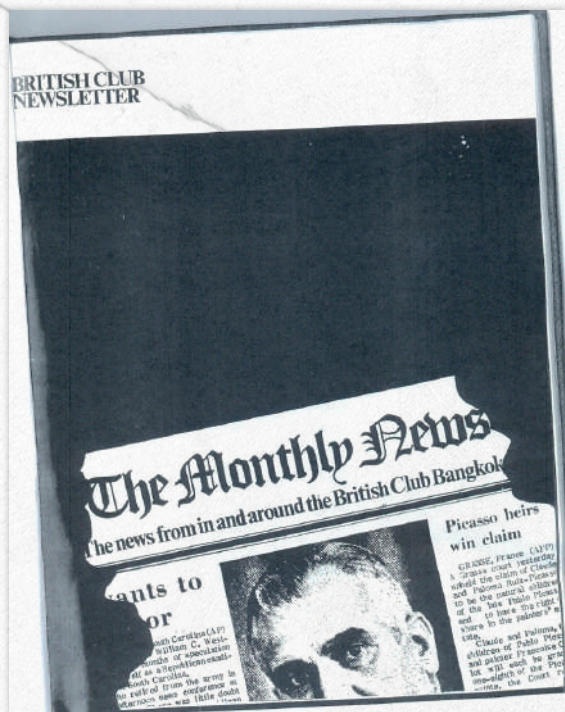
## Club News

In January, the state of the Club's annual finances was reported. Although borrowings in 1973 had been reduced by 118,000 Baht, there was only a nominal surplus of 7,000 Baht. A number of increases to subscriptions were proposed for the AGM: Married Gentlemen from 200B to 250B per month, single Gentlemen from 150B to 200B, Ladies Privileges from 75B to 100B and Upcountry members from 50B to 75B. Unfortunately, this caused a huge loss in membership which dropped from 475 in February to just 402 at year end.

In the April, it was agreed that the ‘Circular’, a regularly produced Roneo sheet, should be replaced by a British Club Newsletter. Arthur Hawtin, a Club member, arranged for the Club to buy a Gestetner lithograph and he taught the staff how to use it. The ‘British Club Newsletter’ was produced, edited in the main by Lt. Col. John Davis and Don Wyber, and financed in its first year by advertising from the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Commercial Union, Chartered Bank, Dunlop, New Zealand Insurance and Handy Hampers!. The first edition was produced in May 1974 to much acclaim, and this continued until the production of the first Outpost Magazine in 1980. Most editions are archived on the Club website.



An inspection in late August found white ants, termites, death watch beetle and powder post beetles. This resulted in the Club being closed for four days in September whilst the whole place was seriously fumigated.



▲ *British Club Newsletter*

### In Other News

In the February, from press stories, Australian Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, instructed Australian diplomats in Bangkok to resign from the Club on the grounds that it was practicing racial discrimination. The story seemed to originate from when a Third Secretary at the Australian Embassy, who was not of British descent, was allegedly refused Membership, although the Club has no records of this. Three Australian Trade Commissioners did resign, but two new Australian Embassy staff also joined later in the year. During the year, David Colin Goss became the Australian Ambassador but did not join the Club but his successor the next year did. A full review of membership categories was set in motion.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, Thai Television Channel 4 was renamed Channel 9, and transmitted in colour.

On 14<sup>th</sup> May, the General Committee agreed to allow the film crew for the 'Bond-9' movie [later named 'The Man with the Golden Gun'] to park in the Club, 6pm to 6am, for a fixed fee of 10,000 Baht. All British film crew could purchase temporary membership status.

In the September, Godfrey Lewis Hearn became the Canadian Ambassador but there is no record of his joining the Club.

The Boonmitr Building, opposite the where the Bangkok Bank is now, was built in 1974 but demolished in 2021, and is due to reopen as a mixed-use twin tower block and hotel in due course.

Finally, in the December TV Channel 7 went into colour and was rebranded as Channel 5 and the 'Bangkok Color Television' channel was rebranded Channel 7.



▲ *Bond 009!*

### Next month ... "Cats, a Turkey, and Geese!"

**Paul Cheesman**  
*Honorary Secretary*

*For Members interested in our Club's history, the timeline "120 Years in the Making" can be found on the Website under 'The Club – History'.*





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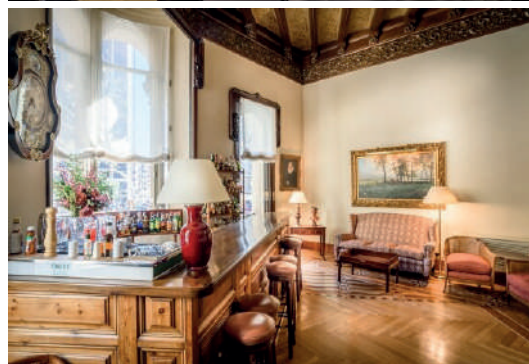
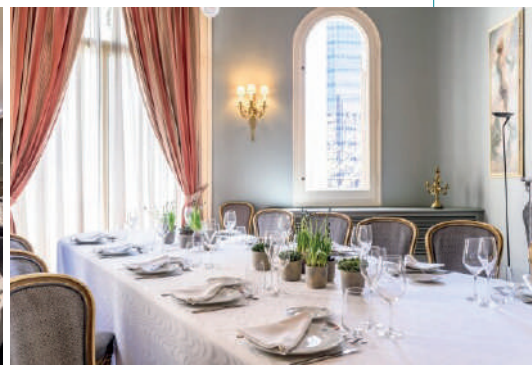


# Círculo Ecuestre, Barcelona

*Visited in July 2022 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)*







**The Círculo Ecuestre**, which translates into English as The Equestrian Club, was founded in 1856 by a group of middle-class Catalonians who were keen on horse riding. The club has an impressively large clubhouse in central Barcelona, with lots of facilities. There is a bar, two restaurant areas, accommodation, several lounges and function rooms, a library, a TV room, and on the roof terrace there's a gym with locker rooms and a (very) small swimming pool too. However, most facilities including the bar, restaurant and gym are only available Monday to Friday. There is a concierge 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, so accommodation is available at the weekends, albeit without breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays.

Men are required to wear a jacket in the club's main rooms such as the lounges, restaurants and the bar, but for access to the accommodation, the gym and at breakfast, jackets are not required. The club has about 1600 members, about a quarter of whom are under 40.

However, we didn't see many other people using the club during our visit, and when we had a drink in the bar one evening we were the only people there.

We stayed in this club's accommodation when we visited Barcelona on one of the first holidays that we took after the Covid pandemic. During our stay, all the staff that we met spoke English, and were all very helpful too. There was no breakfast buffet, instead breakfast had to be chosen from a menu on which there was no hot food, but it was free for people staying in the accommodation. We didn't have lunch or dinner in the club, but breakfast looked good value for people not staying in the club so perhaps lunch and dinner are good value as well. However, perhaps the best thing about the club for us was the good value of the accommodation. For just €209 (including tax) we got a suite with a separate lounge area and an ensuite bathroom. Any British Club member should consider staying in this club if they visit Barcelona.





## WHY THAILAND?

I first met Colin in 1962 when we both joined the Surbiton Boy Scouts, and I was lucky enough to be his best friend for the next 62 Years ! We were both privileged to grow up in the 60's and 70's undoubtedly a golden period in the UK, with the added bonus of kind and generous parents who gave us the freedom all young people crave.

Our teenage years were a whirlwind of girls, clubs, fashion, girls, motorcycles, cars and of course occasionally more girls . Most Summers were spent at the Surbiton Lagoon, a large open area swimming pool largely populated by French foreign exchange students. Of course, we spent most of our time showing off our prowess and courage diving off the high boards and chasing the French girls. The rest of the time was spent fighting with the French boys!

Summer holidays were also spent with our parents sampling the delights of Margate, Brighton, the Isle of Wight etc. interspersed with trips to Europe with our schools and Scouts . Our first trip abroad by ourselves, aged 16, was two weeks in Majorca, flights, and hotel full board ... £37! This was followed by regular trips to St Tropez on our motorbikes and then all around Europe in a motley collection of old cars! Colin went off to University and I took a Hotel and Management apprenticeship, but we vowed as soon as we finished our basic education, travel was our dream.

Thus it was that in 1973 we decided to go "around the world" with three other close friends from the UK in an assortment of trains, buses and boats ... via France, Spain, Monaco, Italy, Greece, and Croatia, we eventually arrived at the main starting point for the big adventure ... Istanbul. Here we boarded a magic hippy bus for the journey to India via Turkey, Persia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan staying in low level hotels full of hippies and hallucinatory materials Too many adventures to include here but definite

highlights were the Kabul Gorge, the Khyber Pass and living on colonial houseboats in Kashmir. Leaving the bus after several months we travelled across India by train and then a flight to paradise, Bangkok!!

After so long "roughing it" Thailand was like another world, very civilized by comparison and of course amazing people. Although we were sorry to leave, we were running low on funds, and it had always been our intention to work in the mines in Darwin.

This is where it all went a little bit pear shaped ! On the train to Singapore I turned bright yellow and started evacuating liquids from every orifice ... of course I had caught the dreaded traveller's disease of that era, hepatitis, and was immediately hospitalized in the government hospital in Singapore where I was treated by conscripted soldiers but eventually repatriated by the British High Commission. At that stage we abandoned our world tour and dispersed, Colin returning to his beloved Thailand. After recovery I set up a chain of restaurants but still seeing Colin regularly on his regular trips to the UK and mine to Thailand.

In 1983, I sold my restaurants and returned to Thailand at Colin's insistence and became GM at the BC . Needless to say we had amazing adventures all round SE Asia together for the last 40 years including siring the most incredible 8 daughters between us and I would not change a minute of it!

Colin was the most amazing character who made friends wherever he went and was always a pleasure to be around . I miss him every day especially now I am working in Indonesia for a year without family or friend.

## RIP Colin.





*Short Colin Story.*



# Obituary

## Colin Robert Hastings

11 September 1950 – 29 April 2024, RIP

### Eulogy by Dominic Faulder read at his cremation, 4 May 2024

I am sure we are all a bit stunned to be here today. I had dinner with Colin at the Royal Varuna Yacht Club in Pattaya in February, and he was his usual eternally youthful self, full of news and plans. I never doubted that he would coast happily into his 90s.

Colin died suddenly on Monday afternoon in Bang Saray near Sattahip in Chonburi province when he suffered heart failure and the car, he was driving collided with a wall. Emergency services were unable to revive him, and he was declared dead at the scene at around 3.15pm. There were no other casualties, and his body was taken for autopsy from Sattahip Police Station to the Institute of Forensic Medicine at the Bangkok Police Hospital, where the cause of death was confirmed.

He was 73 and had always been in great shape, so his sudden demise was the cause of widespread dismay. It was reported in *The Sun* and *Daily Mail* in London, and even the *Le Petit Journal* in Bangkok took note: "Colin Hastings, le papa du magazine *Big Chilli* nous a quittés," it announced.

"Colin, you are 8 years younger than me and had no business passing before me. I will miss you greatly," Dean Barrett, the author and former editor of *Sawasdee*, *Thai International's* inflight, posted. "We boxed a charity boxing match at the Dusit Thani (he won)," Barrett recalled. "And when the final bell rang and the referee got us together for a brief hug before the decision, Colin whispered in my ear, 'Thank God that's over,' and I replied, 'You know it, brother.'"

Just six days ago, Colin had been his usual cheery self-circulating among Sunday diners at *Chesa*, Bangkok's popular Swiss restaurant. He was a member of the Sunday club, an informal group of long-term expat residents who gather every Sunday afternoon in the nearby Royal Oak. "I'm not sure Sundays will ever be the same," said one.







A superb squash player, Colin was an outstanding all-round sportsman and highly clubbable – he was invited to join the Royal Bangkok Sports Club in the 1970s on his sporting credentials. He served on various committees at the British Club Bangkok, the British Chamber of Commerce Thailand, and Bangkok Rotary South, and moved as easily in Thai society as he did in foreign circles. On occasions he played squash with Anand Panyarachun, a former Thai prime minister, who once referred to his magazine as “Hot Chilli.”

A veteran British journalist with Fleet Street subbing experience in his early 20s, Colin arrived in Bangkok in September 1974. He worked at the Bangkok Post from 1975 to 1980, when he returned to the UK and worked as a subeditor at The Sunday Times, a flagship newspaper then under the helm Harold Evans – one of the great editors of the 20th century whose journalism manuals are still regarded by many as bibles.

Colin returned to Thailand and spent a year in the Media Transasia stable, editing travel trade and listings publications and battling a chaotic art room where typesetting was done with an IBM Golfball machine by a typesetter called ‘Buert’ who did not speak a word of English.

That was where I first met Colin in 1982, and everybody was still thumping out copy on ancient typewriters. I was editing Living in Thailand, a monthly general interest/lifestyle magazine. We all worked in windowless offices down a narrow corridor, Colin just over the way, and we had to acquire multiple pseudonyms to make up for the acute shortage of writers. I had ten, at least.

Lunchtimes more than made up for the relentless deadlines and steep, cross-cultural learning curves. Other Media Transasia colleagues included Ken Barrett who decades later produced the seminal ‘22 walks in Bangkok: Exploring the city’s back lanes and byways’; travel guru Vijay Verghese who moved to Business Traveller and greater things in travel publishing in Hong Kong; Italian photographers Luca Invernizzi Tettoni and Alberto Cassio with their medium format Pentaxes and almost mafia grip on fashion, arts and culture photography in Bangkok; prolific travel writer John Hoskin; and the remarkable art director Kristiaan Inwood.

It was probably Colin who came up with the irreverent acronym VOMIT for Veterans of Media Transasia, but that scene was actually in many ways part of a much happier media landscape. Southeast Asia and Hong Kong were awash with English-language publications where young, ambitious journalists could get work experience, some income and the vital by-lines that would transport them to better things.

“Indeed, the list of English language magazines that once packed local bookshops and graced countless coffee tables is long, and now a distant memory,” Colin reminisced in 2021. “Who remembers Caravan, Metro, Living in Thailand, Time Out, The Magazine, Farang, Look East, Travel & Leisure, Sport, Traversing the Orient and AsiaLife?” he asked.

“All of these were home to some great editors, writers, designers, and a host of creative minds, not to mention the many behind-the-scenes people such as printers,



messengers, sales teams and office staff. Have they all found new employment in the online media revolution? I doubt it," he wrote.

Colin always moved surefootedly from one journalistic steppingstone to the next. An exceptionally hard worker, he multitasked with tremendous efficiency and understatement – taking on not just writing and editing, but layout and design, and in his later years managing sales and marketing. I can think of nobody in this part of the world with the skills set that Colin brought to Big Chilli.

He nevertheless ended up with four Facebook pages, so evidently found aspects of social media vexing. Colin was also curiously susceptible to online conspiracy theories, for which he was frequently ribbed by his old friend Richard Holt, a former FCCT general manager, and others.

Colin was part of the founding editorial team of the regional publication *Tourism Asia* in the 1990s, the forerunner of today's *Travel Weekly Asia*. "Well-known in travel media circles, he covered the annual ASEAN Tourism Forums in [the] early days, played a pivotal role in promoting various Visit Thailand Year campaigns through his *Big Chilli* magazine, and was a familiar figure covering the annual marketing conferences of Thai International and the Tourism Authority of Thailand" wrote Don Ross, editor of *TTR Weekly*.

He launched *Thailand Tatler* in September 1991 after the Bangkok Post acquired the local license, and served as its managing editor for the next seven years. "It was a challenge I relished, particularly as *Tatler* was the first of many local versions of international magazines like *Elle*, *Cleo*, and *Vogue* to enter the Thai market soon after. It was an exciting period for magazine publishers, and we all expected it to last forever."







In late 1999, Colin struck out on his own launching Big Chilli. "It was a slightly irreverent monthly magazine with lots of gossip, edgy news, tongue-in-cheek articles, parties, profiles and restaurant reviews," Colin later recalled.

"Big Chilli was quickly adopted by foreigners who didn't identify with the local hi-so scene," said Colin. "I think it is fair to say that Big Chilli is very much part of the fabric of expat society in Thailand. An institution, if you like."

Colin himself was an institution. His Tatler and Big Chilli personas made him arguably the best-known foreign journalist in Thailand, and certainly the most popular. He might attend three parties or events in an evening, changing his clothes in the car park if need be. I doubt if there is a person in this room who had not seen him

with magazines balanced on one arm and a camera in the other hand as he navigated a room getting the job done smoothly and engagingly.

"I knew Colin over several decades and through various incarnations as a journalist," recalled Denis Gray, a former FCCT president and long-time bureau chief of The Associated Press in Bangkok.

"I don't ever remember him losing his cheerfulness, zest for life and appetite for hard work. When he launched Big Chilli, I predicted that at a time when print media was on a downward slope the magazine would soon expire. How wrong I was. It did change my mind seeing Colin racing around town doing the work of half a dozen with boyish enthusiasm. Good-bye Colin and hope you'll find a great pub up yonder."



## Coming Events

### July 2024

- Election Breakfast
- Quiz Night
- Friday Night Curry Night  
Punjab Grill
- Summer Camp Mini
- Summer Camp Junior

### August 2024

- Thailand Mother's Day  
Brunch
- Quiz Night
- Table Tennis Competition
- Pool Competition

### September 2024

- Quiz Night
- Table Tennis Competition
- Back 2 Skool Challenge
- An Intimate Wine Night
- Pool Competition
- Wine on the Lawn

## Event & Activities 2024 JULY Highlights



### Election Breakfast – 5th July

The British Club & The British Chamber of Commerce invites our members to attend the Election Breakfast to witness the votes of the UK general election as they come in. Breakfast special with free flow tea & coffee, plus happy hour till midday



### Friday Night Curry Night Punjab Grill – 19th July

We welcome back by demand The executive chef Anan and team from the Punjab Grill Bangkok. This month they will be designing and cooking the full menu with multiple live cooking stations in the Veranda restaurant



### Summer Camp Mini / Junior – 24th June to 26th July

The fun continues for children aged 4-6 and 7-12 years old in the camps.





## Curry Night with Punjab Grill

31/05/24

Chef Anan recently joined Punjab Grill Bangkok as the new Executive chef and was excited to showcase his signature dishes at the British Club Friday Night Curry Night. A selection of traditional Indian dishes and some fusion live cooking stations were received well by the attending guests. The evening was fully booked and as such we will be repeating the night in July, but this time Chef Anan will be cooking the full menu with multiple live cooking station.







# 80th Anniversary of D-Day

06/06/24

The British Club Bangkok and the British Embassy Bangkok Defence Section held a private wreath laying at 11am on 6th June, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Pictured in front of the Clubhouse, with the wreaths, are the Club Chairman, Simon P. Davies, and the British Defence Attaché, Colonel Tony Stern.







# Quiz Night

11/06/24

Scumbag College regain their bragging rights by take the top spot in the June Quiz Night, can anyone beat them in the July Quiz? Signup now to give it a try.







## UK Father's Day Sunday

16/06/24

A delightful Sunday afternoon Brunch to celebrate UK Father's Day. All Dads were made to feel special with our themed UK Brunch menu together with choice selection beverages from the UK.







# Mini Picasso

16/06/24

The Mini Picasso painting competition for ages 5-8 and 9-12. The theme was to paint an animal from your home country. Over 30 Children took part with some amazing budding artists among them.

Congratulation to the top 3 winners from each age category all receiving prizes for their artwork, and well done to everyone that took part making it a very special artistic Sunday at the Club.







**Sunset Jazz Session**  
**16/06/24**

The first in a series of Sunset Jazz Session at Jubilee Bar took place last Sunday. Mark Hodgkins trio took to the stage and entertained a full house with some snazzy Jazz featuring saxophone, flute, piano, and vocals. We look forward to welcoming them back for the second session which will be scheduled soon.







## New Member Night 20/06/24

It was a pleasure to see all our new members at the Churchill Bar for the New Members Night. Our section heads attended along with the General Committee and management. New friends were made, sport sections signed up new members, and some business connection all came from a most enjoyable evening.







## Table Tennis Competition

22/06/24

16 players went into the tournament, all mixed ages and mixed nationalities. Some high standard games took place with some players showing off some fancy trick shots. Congratulations to the winner Marcel.







## The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

22/06/24

Hosted in the Pool Room of the Clubhouse the tournament used both of 8 feet competition standard tables. 16 players went in and 1 ended up on top so congratulations to Andrew.





MON

TUE

WED

**1** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm

**2** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm

**3** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
Balut  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
Circuit Training  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
Tennis mixed-In  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

**8** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm

**9** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
Quiz Night  
7.15pm - 9.30pm

**10** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
Balut  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
Circuit Training  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
Tennis mixed-In  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

**15** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm

**16** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm

**17** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
Balut  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
Circuit Training  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
Tennis mixed-In  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

**22** Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm

**23** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm

**24** Summer camp  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
Mini Summer camp  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
Balut  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
Circuit Training  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
Tennis mixed-In  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

**29** Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm

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**31** Squash Mix-in  
5.15pm - 7.30pm  
Balut  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
Circuit Training  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
Tennis mixed-In  
6.00pm - 10.00pm





# JULY 2024

## THU

## FRI

## SAT

## SUN

4

**Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
**Mini Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

5

**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
**Mini Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

6

**Squash Mixed-in**  
12.45pm - 4.30pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

7

**Tennis Men Doubles Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Sunday Brunch**  
11.30am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

11

**Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
**Mini Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

12

**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
**Mini Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

13

**Squash Mixed-in**  
12.45pm - 4.30pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

14

**Tennis Men Doubles Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Sunday Brunch**  
11.30am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

18

**Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
**Mini Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
**Mini Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm  
**An Intimate Wine Night**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

20

**Squash Mixed-in**  
12.45pm - 4.30pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

21

**Tennis Men Doubles Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Sunday Brunch**  
11.30am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm

25

**Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
**Mini Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm

26

**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 3.00pm  
**Mini Summer camp**  
9.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

27

**Squash Mixed-in**  
12.45pm - 4.30pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm

28

**Tennis Men Doubles Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Sunday Brunch**  
11.30am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm





Terry Adams



BRITISH CLUB  
SENIORS SECTION

# Seniors Section

## SECTION UPDATE:

**Seniors Section** Membership is open to ALL Club Members and their Spouses/ Partners irrespective of age. The Section's objectives are to engender continuous learning, mild activity, and most certainly good socializing. So, come along to your first Seniors Section event: we are confident that having done so, you will then be attending others.

We continue working to provide two events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalization to September 2024.

Interested to become a SECTION MEMBER or just wanting to discuss or make enquiry, or to suggest a possible Section event please call Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email him at: [terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com](mailto:terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com)

Visit the Seniors Section website at: [www.britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/](http://www.britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/) for information on the Section and our Events. Just keep clicking on the posters to delve deeper for information, photographs, and much more.

## July Events:

**ANCIENT AYUTTHAYA**  
THE 15TH TO 17TH CENTURY CULTURAL AND TRADING CENTRE OF S.E. ASIA:  
FROM IT'S FOUNDING THROUGH IT'S MAJESTY TO IT'S DOWNFALL IN 1767

Historian Chris Baker to enlighten us

Date: Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Time: 11.45am for socializing  
12.15pm for lunch  
Venue: Suriwongse Room  
Charges: Section Members Baht 400  
Club Members Baht 450  
Guests Baht 500

Pre-order your choices of any 2 of the 3 courses options from the day's Business Lunch Menu (water, tea or coffee provided)

Open to: Seniors Section Members, Club Members, Guests

To register please phone Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email to [terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com](mailto:terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com)  
Seniors Section Website: <https://www.britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/>

**From BITCOINS to HEALTHCARE to BANKING and beyond!**  
**BLOCKCHAINS:**  
Already transforming our World

Hear from Financial Technology Expert Eetu Kuneinen

Date: Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Time: 11.45 am for socializing & lunch  
Venue: Suriwongse Room  
Charge: Section Members Baht 400  
Club Members Baht 450  
Guests Baht 500

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## EVENT REPORT:

### Day Trip to Nakhon Nayok: 30th May 2024

Thirteen travellers set off from the Club for an almost 2-hour drive in our 20-seater minibus to the famous Wat Maneewong in Nakhon Nayok Province. Whilst boasting a superb Temple, the main attraction was the stupendous man-made Naga Cave (Naga's are mythical Serpents, which are a divine or semi-divine race of half-human half-serpent beings that reside in the netherworld), which in all honesty, 'blew away' everyone with its size, complexity, and most certainly its detailed intricacy and beauty! This description fails to adequately describe what we all saw and so much enjoyed.

Then a short drive to the top of the Khun Dan Prakarn Chon Dam, Thailand's longest at 2.7Km and 93m high. Golf Buggies were hired and the party set off and traversed the whole length of the top of the dam and back, stopping to take group photos and enjoying the marvelous views on either side of the Dam. Everyone enjoyed this 'out in the fresh air' experience, before taking the bus for the very short trip to the Rabbit Home Restaurant. We were quickly seated in a lovely setting with the aircon already working well, and some of the ordered dishes on the table welcoming us. The usual sumptuous and extremely tasty meal was very well received after the morning's exertions. Comments were made that perhaps this was the tastiest lunch that we had enjoyed in the 8-day trips made by the Seniors Section to date.

On the return journey a visit was made to the Jee Tek Lim Chinese/Thai Temple built on 'Feng Shui' principles. Heavily influenced by Chinese architecture and religious figures, the temple serves as a spiritual center for both



Thai and Chinese communities. It is particularly renowned for its large jade Buddha statue, representing 'Chai Sing La' the Chinese God of Luck, which weighs around 1,000 Kg.

The quite long return journey was, on the outskirts of Greater Bangkok, long delayed as a result of a massive thunderstorm and ensuing traffic chaos. After arrival at the Club a number of travellers decided it best to wait out the storm in the Sala, enjoying the restorative powers of beer, cider, etc.



**“The Anatomy of Thai ‘Face’ in social and business settings”:  
6th June 2024**

Dr. Larry Persons, a Thai-American subject-matter expert, delivered a thoroughly interesting, thought-provoking, and entertaining presentation to the lunch audience. He shared insights from his academic research, which culminated in the publication of his now essential textbook, "The Way Thais Lead: Face as Social Capital". A published quotation from one satisfied reader set out the reasons why this book is 'must read' if you live in Thailand: "After working in and studying Thailand for more than two decades I can honestly say that of all the books I've read on Thailand, this is the one that I wish I'd been able to read 25 years ago. If you're associated in anyway with Thailand, this book will explain so much of what is going on around you in the Kingdom".

Dr. Persons' first-rate presentation guided us through his extensive research across various levels of Thai social and business hierarchies, revealing his fascinating findings and conclusions. His slides were easy to read and understand, making complex concepts accessible and engaging.

Thanks to the excellence of the Club F&B Team's service, the quality of the food, and the setting and ambiance of the Suriwongse Room, this event turned out to be one of the Section's most enjoyable and best events to date in our 18 months of existence.





# SQUASHY BITS

## What a Difference an Active Section Committee Can Make

– a testimony from a section member.

Have you seen the changes in the Squash Section at the British Club Bangkok (BCB)? As a new and active member of the BCB Squash Section, I have observed significant improvements in the club's squash courts and overall section activity over the past year. Initially, coming from Singapore and the Singapore Cricket Club, I was excited to join the British Club Squash Section. Over the past year the Squash Committee has embarked on a mission to transform the facilities and the section into the best in Bangkok, by embracing the Japanese concept of Kaizen, meaning continuous improvement or change for the better. It has certainly not been business as usual.

### Facility Enhancements

The Squash Section Committee has made several notable upgrades:

- **Lower Court Area:** The lower court area has been enhanced with historical squash rackets displayed on the walls, adding a touch of history and inspiration.
- **New Stairway:** A new stairway now leads to the second-floor lounge, adorned with cool photos that add to the aesthetic appeal.
- **Second-Floor Lounge:** The second-floor lounge and observation viewing area have become ideal spots for watching fellow squash players or simply relaxing after a game.

### Member Amenities

The Squash Section has also introduced several new amenities for members:

- **Honor Bar:** Members can enjoy a beer from the Honor Bar, simply recording what they've had and ensuring the refrigerator is locked when they leave.
- **Large Flat Screen TV:** The lounge is equipped with a large flat-screen TV that streams the latest Professional Squash Association (PSA) matches, keeping members updated with professional squash action.





## Social and Competitive Activities

The committee has invigorated the social and competitive scene:

- **Social Mixing Sessions:** Well-organized squash social mixing sessions are held every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, offering great fun for players of all levels.
- **Monthly League Competition:** The monthly league competition is now more engaging, well-organized, and well-attended, fostering a competitive spirit among members.
- **Communication:** The section has improved communication about section activities and local and international squash events, ensuring members are well-informed.

## Extracurricular and Community Activities

In addition to regular activities, the Squash Section has introduced exciting extracurricular events:

- **Away Competitions:** Members can participate in away squash competitions, adding variety and challenge.
- **Curry Nights:** Monday night curry nights have become a popular social event, bringing members together for good food and conversation.



## Junior Squash Academy

One of the most significant initiatives is the Junior Squash Academy. This academy aims to nurture young talent and bring new members into the club, ensuring the future of the squash section.

## Conclusion

The British Club Bangkok's Squash Section has seen remarkable improvements over the past year, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Squash Section Committee. The emphasis on Kaizen and a myriad of enhancements and activities have transformed the section into a vibrant and engaging community, setting a new standard for squash facilities and activities in Bangkok.

The ongoing efforts of the Squash Committee not only enhance the experience for current members but also attract new members and engaging current members to spend more time at the club ensuring the continued growth and success of the section..

**Todd Rosin**





Ben Eastwell

# HARD BALLS

## Calm before the storm

With the league business now concluded, the section has slipped into the meditative period of the season. However, we have still gratefully enjoyed continued use of the nets, thanks to the fantastic new roof that has proven its worth during recent heavy downpours.



▲ Nets in the storm

Proudly represented by a significant portion of the competing nations, the section has no doubt been inspired by the T20 world cup in the US/ Caribbean to get back to action. Fortunately this month we will be sending a group up to Laos for the inaugural Vientiane 8s tournament over the weekend of July 12-13, organised by the Laos Elephants CC. 3 local teams will be joined by the British Club and 2 other clubs from Pattaya and Chiang Mai. Another opportunity to pick up some silverware presents itself next month as Koh Chang sees the return of the 'Swingers' and 'Master Batters' sides from BC for the 9th edition of the beach cricket tournament starting on the 23rd August.

The Section always welcomes new members of any standard so please do get in touch if you're interested. Training sessions are run Thursday nights/ Saturday afternoons. Further details, results and statistics can be found on the Club Notice Board or the cricket subpage on the main BC website.

## A Division Summary

After the British Club's defeat against the Asian stars in the eliminator match reported last month, the A Division finals concluded the following weekend, which saw Pattaya CC lifting the trophy after beating the Stars and Bangkok Blues in consecutive days.

Following is a look over some highlights of BC's second season in the BCL A division. You can check out more detailed stats on the cricket subpage on the club website.

#	TEAM	MAT	WON	LOST	N/R	TIE	PTS	WIN %	NET RR	FOR	AGAINST
1	BANGKOK BLUES CC (A DIV)	8	8	0	0	0	16 ▼	100.00%	1.7891	1451/186.1	1201/200.0
2	PATTAYA CC	8	6	2	0	0	12 ▼	75.00%	2.2667	1276/149.2	1084/172.4
3	ASIAN STARS CC	8	6	2	0	0	12 ▼	75.00%	1.7408	1471/181.0	1273/199.2
4	BRITISH CLUB (A DIV)	8	4	4	0	0	8 ▼	50.00%	1.1278	1638/200.0	1363/193.0
5	KERALA STRIKERS CC (A DIV)	8	4	4	0	0	8 ▼	50.00%	0.3951	1321/177.3	1319/187.1
6	MARINA CC	8	3	5	0	0	6 ▼	37.50%	-1.3964	1412/199.0	1646/193.5
7	ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	8	3	5	0	0	6 ▼	37.50%	-1.5287	1108/191.2	1309/178.5
8	Y TSA	8	1	7	0	0	2 ▼	12.50%	-1.4608	1172/200.0	1164/159.0
9	BANGKOK CC (A DIV)	8	1	7	0	0	2 ▼	12.50%	-3.5119	992/198.5	1482/174.2
10	TAMILNADU CC (A DIV)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



## Top Batsmen

Player	Total Runs	Average	Strike Rate
Avneesh Chopra	354	59.0	129.2
Sunil Kumar*	286	47.6	186.9
Mak Khan	204	34.0	109.6

Highest Score - Sunil Kumar: 175\* V BCC (league record)

## Leading Wicket-takers

Player	Total Wickets	Average	Economy
Pramodh Kamalakannan	12	22.6	6.3
Karthik Rajendran	10	22.4	9.4
Tyrone Bond*	9	14.22	5.8

Best figures - Tyrone Bond: 4-10 V Kerala Strikers

## Fielding

Player	Outfield catches	WK catches	Stumpings
Karthik Rajendran	5	-	-
Avneesh Chopra	4	-	-
Shriyansh Maheshwari	4	-	-
Sunil Kumar	-	2	6
Ben Eastwell	1	1	4



▲ Mak in action



▲ Avi and Sunil celebrate with Pramodh



▲ Avi man of the match V AIT



▲ Shri Man of the match V Marina



▲ Sunil 175 not out V BCC



▲ Ben - player of the match V YTSA





# BRITISH CLUB GOLF

**The British Club Golf Society's** monthly medal was held at Subhapruek Golf Course on Sunday 12th May. It was a tremendously hot afternoon and resulting scores reflected this. Everyone looked exhausted by the end!! There was a small field of just 13 players and below are the 'Moments of Excellence'

**Near pins** – Terry Davies, Peter Clark, Mark Adderley, Doug Angus and Ian Brewis

**Men's Long Drive** – Ian Brewis

**Long putts** – Mark Adderley and Varghese Rose.

Third in Division A was Ian Brewis. Second, and winning a sleeve of golf balls, was Doug Angus. The winner of Division A, winning a bottle of wine, was Peter Clark.

Third in Division B was Arun Dhawan. Second, and winning a sleeve of golf balls, was Penny Booth. The winner of Division B, winning a bottle of wine, was Gareth Knight.

*Congratulations to the winners.*



▲ Pictured left to right – Penny Booth, Varghese Rose (Captain) and Gareth Knight.

Penny stood in to hold Peter Clark's bottle of wine as he had left very quickly after the game to return home to watch his team Norwich City play Leeds United in the Championship playoffs. I wonder if the bottle of wine actually reached Peter????

The next fixture on Saturday 18th May was the Hapag Lloyd Cup which is an annual fixture played against the Londoners Golf Society. The format is a four ball better ball match play and the British Club Golf Society were eager to repeat the victory of the previous year and bring back the cup. The event took place at Flora Ville Golf Course and we took a team of 24 players. The course was in beautiful condition and a good time was had by all. Unfortunately this year was not to a winning year for the British Club and the Londoners took the trophy by quite a margin – 32 ½ to 15 ½ points. Congratulations to all of the Londoners team and hopefully next year we can bring the cup back with us.



▲ Pictured above is the victorious Londoners team.

Although the end result was disappointing there were some of our British Club team who won technical prizes –





▲ Pictured above – Varghese Rose (Captain) and Doug Angus.



▲ Pictured above – Varghese Rose (Captain) and Mark Adderley



▲ Pictured above – Varghese Rose (Captain) and Jamie Angus



▲ Pictured above – Varghese Rose (Captain of the British Club Golf Society) presenting the Hapag Lloyd Trophy to Phill Mulligan (Captain of the Londoners Golf Society)

The final event on Sunday 26th May was the monthly Stableford which was held at a new venue of Thanya Golf Club. The feedback on the course was really positive so it may well be a venue that we return to at some point. The field of players was very small this month as many people who usually play were away.

**The winners of the ‘Moments of Excellence’ were:**

**Nearest the pin** – Neil Davis, Sureerat Thanasodsai, Martin Finn, Doug Angus and Penny Booth.

**Men’s Long Drive** – Doug Angus

**Ladies Long Drive** – Penny Booth

**Long Putts** – Frank Fawkes and David Burton

Third in Division A was Mark Adderley. Second, and winning a sleeve of golf balls, was Varghese Rose. The winner of Division A, winning a bottle of wine, was Sureerat Thanasodsai.



▲ Pictured left to right - Sureerat Thanasodsai, Varghese Rose (Captain) and David Burton.

Third in Division B was Penny Booth. Second, and winning a sleeve of golf balls, was Paul Carnell. The winner of Division A, winning a bottle of wine, was David Burton. David had an absolutely excellent day with a winning score of 41 Stableford points!!





Sunil Mehra

# TENNIS

## Join in for BCB Womble Cup on Wimbledon Finals Day, 14 July 2024

The BCB Womble Cup is back as a celebration of the real Wimbledon Finals being played in The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club where every players wears white. Thus, in the tradition of tradition, Womble Cup adheres to ALL White Attire or as they say in England, “you can wear any colour as long as it is white.”

*Join us for the Womble Cup 2024 on Sunday 14th of July from 3.30 pm*

Followed by another British Club old tradition. After many matches during our Womble Cup, everyone gathers together to watch the other Finals across the seas in Wimbledon, with some PIMMs to salute all the winners on the day, followed by strawberries & cream to celebrate the biggest day on the tennis calendar every year. We hope to see you all again this year for another exciting event.

All levels of tennis players are welcome to participate. *Please wear white* and be prepared for fun and games. To join please comment on Tennis Section Facebook with your name and club number or send by email to [bcts.bangkok@gmail.com](mailto:bcts.bangkok@gmail.com)

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# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



*Pattie Lalanan W.*

**H**ello Members!

I am **Lalanan Watee**, also known as **Pattie**, the new **Membership Liaison Manager** of the Club. After my transition from King Power International Co., Ltd., I used to work with the Support Office Team at the British Club Bangkok over a year and a half. During that time, I actively participated in raising and implementing facility projects with the GM and the Team. Recently, I was promoted to Membership Liaison Manager for our Membership & Front Office Team. This journey has allowed me to seamlessly integrate my prior experiences with new challenges.

My role is to ensure that members and visitors feel welcomed and content at the Club. If any of your friends are interested in becoming part of our community, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'll be available throughout the Club and look forward to seeing you all.

In the past three months, our **Membership & Front Office Team** has undergone some changes with the addition of two new members, including myself. I would like to introduce the members of our team as depicted in the pictures below:



**Khun Aor**, our freshly appointed Receptionist, stands alongside **Khun Kannika**, our Membership Coordinator. The next one is me, **Pattie**, the Membership Liaison Manager, and **Khun Pradap**, another friendly face from our Reception. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Club! :)



# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ *Alejandro Vargas Blanco*

## Member Review:

We joined the British Club in Bangkok to become part of a family-friendly community where we can feel right at home. We love the city and felt the club's welcoming atmosphere, great facilities and sports-focus were a perfect fit for us and our daughter, Olivia. We're looking forward to many wonderful experiences and memories at the club.



▲ *Kyril Estrin*

## Member Review:

Estrin Family - we have just moved from Canberra Australia and love the family-friendly vibe of the British Club, it's now our favourite weekend haunt. Our kids enjoy the pool, organised activities and especially the Hawaiian pizza! We hope to check out some of the evening and sporting fun soon too. It's been great to meet so many diverse and friendly members, and the staff are so welcoming!



▲ *Scott Pontifex*

## Member Review:

Loraine and Scott "We moved to Bangkok a year ago and have recently joined the club because it offers a wide range of activities for both children and adults with a laid-back atmosphere. It's a great way to meet people and other families with similar interests. The club's central location also makes the club feel like an oasis in the middle of the city and an escape from the hustle and bustle of big city living".



▲ *Samina Kadwani*

## Member Review:

The reason for joining the British Club is because I believe it is a great place to relax and unwind in the heart of Bangkok and it has good facilities, a great pub and restaurant, perfect for entertaining.



▲ *Ronald Small*

## Member Review:

My initial impressions of the club are that everyone is very friendly and welcoming. The club is very organised and knows what it wants and how to do it.

I look forward to attending and helping out at the many events hosted by the club. Being an active member of the Bangkok St Andrews Society I look forward to events partnering the British Club.



# MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ Anirban Deb

## Member Review:

My impression of the British Club is exceedingly favorable. I derive immense satisfaction from spending tranquil and serene moments at the club, interspersed with occasional, stimulating conversations of high quality. The culinary offerings there are truly exceptional. These aspects collectively underscore the reason behind my decision to become a member.



▲ Alan Bovenizer

## Member Review:

Despite living in Bangkok for many years we hadn't visited the club, but recently after talking with friends who are members we came to the club for an introduction and were much impressed by the facilities and atmosphere. So, we now look forward and hope to be able to frequently visit and take part in the many activities available.



▲ Filza Samid

## Member Review:

We joined the club primarily for the kids. With a lot of activities and courses for them all year round, we expect them to make new friends and have a great time at the club.



▲ Brian Arnold

## Member Review:

Having been to the club several times before with friends that are members, we decided the British club would be a nice spot to spend time with our young son on weekends. It is such a nice environment and oasis in the middle of a bustling city. We love all the activities our son Brayden can participate in at the club, and as well we enjoy the atmosphere and food & drink. We are happy to be new members and look forward to spending time and making new friends!



▲ Alan Chin

## Member Review:

We have stayed in Bangkok for a couple of months and was referred to British Club by friends. We are very pleased and honored to be part of the family. We have decided to join the Club as our kids enjoy the great facilities as well as making new friends in the Club. We enjoy the awesome hospitality, wide-ranging food menu coupled with interesting events for families. We look forward to meeting all of you!



# REASONS TO JOIN US

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