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Simon P. Davies

Chairman's Message

Warm greetings to all members and to those who are on annual summer vacations I wish you happy holidays and safe travels.

As we have passed the halfway stage of the year thoughts of the Club Management, supported by The General Committee, turn towards planning and preparing for the remaining months ahead which include the traditional busy period for club events particularly in the fourth quarter. Not only is it very pleasing to see the positive progress of The Club in terms of membership,

facilities, service and activities but also the solid financial performance. It seems like yesterday that much debate was in progress as to whether or not the club could afford the poolside phase 1 and 2 developments with some very lively discussion held on the subject. I am extremely pleased to advise that all outstanding member loans for the prementioned will be fully paid off in August, 2024 and The Club's balance sheet will be clear of any third party loan liability. Again, thank you to all management and members who have contributed to, or been involved with, helping the club to develop into such a wonderful facility.

Improvement is a continuous process and whilst the membership survey responses are being reviewed and evaluated plans for refurbishment of The Suriwongse Room are being worked on.



The new beer taps in the Churchill bar are proving to be very popular as a broader range of beverages are being served, which includes Guinness, and plans are in hand for additional guest beers to be made available. The "Pie and a Pint" promotion has gone down very well and whilst on a recent visit to Newcastle I caught up with our long serving member and food critic, David Mason, who was singing praises for the good value offered!!

Unfortunately England were unable to win The UEFA European Football Championship and "Bring it home" as they were beaten by a very entertaining Spanish team who not only won The Tournament but were the first team to ever win all seven games played whilst scoring a record total number of fifteen goals. Congratulations to Spain who also saw their very own Carlos Alcaraz win The Wimbledon Championships Gentlemen's Singles Final.

On the subject of Wimbledon, in a charter signed by King Edgar the peaceful in 967, the village is referred to as "Wimbedounyng" the origin of the name meaning "Wynnman's hill" with the final element of the name being the Celtic "dun" (hill) not to be confused with Henman's hill or Murray's mound !!

**Cheers
Simon**

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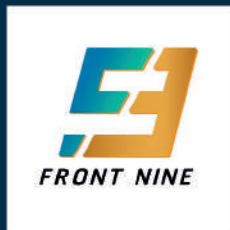


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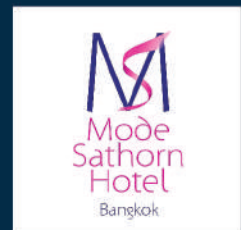
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Tim Vongswang

GM's Bulletin

Greetings everyone,

July has been a rather quiet month for the Club, with many members travelling during the long school holidays, and as I write, the long-awaited European football championship final featuring England is almost here. After decades of near misses and heartbreaks supporters across the nation are earnestly hoping that this time, "It's really coming home".

However, now that many of you are back, I am delighted to provide some updates that has been happening around the club.

To ensure the safety and functionality of our facilities the underground pool pump room has undergone a renovation after years of natural corrosion from the elements with all the necessary repair works completed. In addition, we are pleased to advise that maintenance work on the Clubhouse roof is scheduled to begin at the start of August. This maintenance is crucial to ensure that the roof protects the clubhouse from any potential water damage.

You may have noticed the installation of a new set of beer taps in the Churchill Bar, with the additional cold storage facilities located behind the bar we are now able to serve classic beers such as Guinness, Killkenny, and a variety of IPA's without concern of spoilage.

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our kitchen teams, we will conduct an annual audit of HH&S practices including food handling procedures, cleanliness standards, equipment maintenance and staff training.

As previously mentioned in past articles, the Narai Hotel project has now started, and I will continue to update you on its development. We are waiting for their team to install the Environmental Impact Assessment equipment which measures dust pollution, sound levels and vibration measurements. These three key factors will be monitored throughout the expected four-year project.

If you are looking for a quiet, refined way to spend some time at the Club I would highly recommend trying our re-vamped Afternoon Tea menu which you can enjoy in the idyllic space of the Wordsworth Lounge, or the picturesque setting of our back garden, please ask our staff for to make a reservation.

Although the Royal Barge procession is not scheduled until 27th October 2024, you may like to start pencilling in this date to witness and be a part of this rare ceremony. Celebrations on the Auspicious Occasion of His Majesty The King's 6th Cycle Birthday Anniversary 28th July 2024" will be the second Royal Barge Procession in the present reign. The first was held on 12th December 2019 to honour the occasion of the Coronation of HM The King.



The royal procession by water will comprise 52 barges, including four major royal barges – the Suphannahong, the Narai Song Suban, the Anantanakkharat, and the Anekkachatphutchong. There will be 2,200 oarsmen to row the ceremonial barges along the Chao Phraya River, from the Wasukri Pier to Wat Arun, in a 1.2-kilometre-long and 90-metre-wide formation.

If you have not witnessed this before, I highly recommend you do. We are looking for venues to book, so if you are interested, please do let us know as soon as possible by informing the Reception desk, if there is enough interest, we would be pleased to make a group reservation. There will be rehearsals of the royal procession by water every week from 1st August to 22nd October for a total of 12 times. The public can view the rehearsals at the designated areas along both sides of the Chao Phraya River, from the Rama VIII Bridge to Wat Arun (there is no need to book these as such, and the Club will not be organizing trips for the rehearsal).

In August, the rehearsals are scheduled on 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

In September, the rehearsals are scheduled on 3rd, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

In October, the rehearsals are scheduled on 1st and 10th October

The two full-dress rehearsals are scheduled on 15th and 22nd October.

Please note that these dates could be subject to change.

THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Greetings once again!

We are pleased to share with you about what Bangkok Consular Team did last month. Let's start with travel Statistics. In June 2024, there were 62,229 British nationals entering Thailand – a slight decrease of 1.3% from May. This continues the trend we observed in May when 63,078 British nationals entered the country.

Moving on to our operations. The Bangkok Consular team has been busy handling 120 Consular cases including missing persons, welfare issues, hospitalisations, arrests and detentions, and victim of crimes. More than half of the cases were deaths (70 cases). Many of these numbers occurred in private accommodation, some drug-related, and one due to road traffic accident. On the other side of our office, we provided 142 notarial services including 108 affirmations of marriage.

Finally, did you know about Consular services provided at the British Embassy Bangkok? Check out the FAQs and answers below.

Questions	Answers	Scan the QR code for more info
Does the British Embassy issue a UK style birth certificate?	No	
Does the UK Government offer any advice for a forthcoming trip to Vietnam?	Yes	
Does the British Embassy issue a British Passport?	No	
Does the British Embassy get British nationals out of prison?	No	
Does the British Embassy offer any advice on living in Thailand?	Yes	
Does the British Embassy recommend specific lawyers if one is required?	No	
If I am raped, can you accompany me to the police station/hospital?	Yes	
Can I get consular assistance 24/7 from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office?	Yes Call us at +66 2 305 8333	
If I lose my passport and need to travel urgently for an emergency, can you issue me with a replacement passport?	No	
Can I get a letter from the Embassy to transfer my Thai visa from an old to new passport?	No	

Joanne Finnermore-Crokin
HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand

Operations Unknown



Tee Bale

1. *For all the people reading this article that haven't heard of Flying Dude, give us a short intro to what they can expect when booking*

Flying Dude is born from the fusion of a group of pilots who are passionate about flying and love airplanes. We come from various aviation organizations, commercial pilot, army pilot, airforce pilot and others. Our goal is to share our flying experiences and knowledge through a variety of aviation activities. Participants will gain comprehensive basic aviation knowledge and have the opportunity to practice flying with Commercial Flight Simulators such as Airbus and Boeing. Most importantly, they will experience flying small aircraft in a way that Student Pilots worldwide use for training.



2. *What makes Flying Dude different from other flying schools in Thailand*

We are open to all genders and ages, regardless of their background. Everyone can come and learn from us. We have adapted our communication style to make it easier for everyone to understand and tailored it to each of our programs so that everyone can have fun together at the same time. The most important thing about flying is the safety of the participants. We have a professional team from all sectors, including flight instructors, aircraft, aircraft mechanics, and safety systems. In case of emergencies, we are committed to ensuring the safety of all our activities. One thing that sets us apart is that our team comes from various aviation organizations in Thailand. This diversity helps enrich the exchange of knowledge and experiences during activities, making it more diverse. It's not just about acquiring knowledge, but also about sharing experiences from real pilots that are hard to come by.

3. *Where and who were you with when you came up with the idea to open a Flying Dude*

Flying Dude started with two people, Mr. Prommate Sethasirawatana (Best) and Mr. Noppawat Didyasarin (Jom),



who conversed and shared the same vision of creating an efficient flying activity in Thailand. We aim to share aviation knowledge with everyone in a fun and exciting way. Learning about aviation with us should be engaging and beneficial for everyone, whether aspiring to be a pilot in the future or just a passenger. This is the reason why participants in our activities range from 8 years old to adults up to 72 years old.

4. *Where did the inspiration come from to also run tours at the Royal Thai Air Force Museum*

We believe that there are many people who are passionate about aviation, but how many have the opportunity to learn about the aviation history of each country? It is a great time for participants to learn about aviation by incorporating historical knowledge into their understanding of aviation, especially for children. The summer camp activity we participated in with The British Club Bangkok has brought children from various countries to learn about aviation in Thailand, making it more exciting. They enjoyed basic aviation with the Flight Simulator and, importantly, got to see a variety of aircraft from different wartime eras.

5. *Who is in the team that runs Flying Dude*

We come from various aviation units, including commercial airline pilots from different airlines, army pilots, air force pilots, police pilots, royal rain making pilots, and others who take turns teaching and sharing knowledge with participants in each different group. Nevertheless, we make a great effort to allocate time beyond work to deliver knowledge to all Flying Dude members.

6. *What has been your most successful moment so far with Flying Dude*

Many participants who have returned to join our activities have expressed that they are very happy and have a lot of fun. The pilots and the entire team are friendly and take good care of everyone, making us feel like one big family. We take care of transportation, food, and accommodation professionally and reasonably priced. Each time, we have different experiences, such as choosing from a variety of aircraft models like C152, C172, DA40, and DA42, as well as visiting different airports. The courses, which include both basic and advanced levels, allow everyone to learn more and encounter new things every time.

7. *Describe the aircraft that your clients can fly*

At present, we use Cessna C172, Diamond DA40, and Diamond DA42 aircraft, all of which are suitable for basic flight training. The C172 and DA40 are Single Engine aircraft, which are easier to control compared to the DA42, a Multi-Engine aircraft with engines on both sides, similar to commercial aircraft.

8. *Who are you clients and visitors*

Our activities are designed for everyone who loves and is fascinated by flying, whether you like airplanes, dream of becoming a pilot, want to experience something new with unique aviation activities, or simply want to spend your free time with us. We welcome everyone.

9. *What is the price ranges for the programs you offer*

The price of each program will vary depending on the format, location, flights, and various facilities that participants will receive. Our program's participation fee starts at 19,500 baht.

10. *What can we expect from Flying Dudes over the next 12 months?*

We are still preparing for many different experiences to build on the past experiences we have had, for both existing and new members, as well as other aviation experiences that cannot be found anywhere else. The past four years have proven that we can continue to enhance the aviation experience for everyone endlessly. See you soon!



Retirement Planning and UK Pension Income in Thailand

By Martin Wright
Progeny Group

Brits retiring overseas may have acquired UK pension rights and perhaps some local pension value. This is complicated and confusing for those in Thailand, with a further layer of complexity added with the change to Thailand tax on foreign remitted value as from 1 January 2024.

Thailand Provident funds (for local employees)

The Thailand Provident fund is an investment related long-term savings arrangement voluntarily established by employers and employees (normally consisting of contributions from both parties). For an employee there are local tax benefits for monthly contributions, and on retirement/termination of the arrangement particularly after five years of service.

UK State Pension

The current maximum new State Pension is £221.20 pw (£11,502.40 pa), and the Basic State Pension for pre-April 2016 retirees is £169.50 pw (£8,814.40 pa). You pay UK Income Tax if your total taxable UK income exceeds the current UK Personal Allowance (£12,570). With no Social Security agreement between the UK and Thailand UK State Pensions remain level for Thailand residents.

UK Company Pension Schemes and Personal Pension Plans

UK pension income is normally liable to UK Income Tax and your actual tax liability will be based on self-assessment tax returns and UK tax rates and allowances.

Double Taxation Agreements

Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) between the UK and other countries can mean gross pension income at source to be taxed locally instead. The UK/Thailand Double Taxation Treaty (DTT) only covers UK Government (Civil Service) Pensions, which can only be taxed in Thailand if the pensioner is a local national and resident.

Currency Position

For long-term retirees in Thailand a weakened Pound against THB is an issue. The downward trend started as far back as 2004 with lows in exchange rates in the 37's in August 2019. The current position (at the date of writing) is 46.80, which is the highest point since mid-2016. This affects Thailand residents with GBP income streams (whether pension income or non-pension asset income).

Thailand Tax Credits and Reporting

For those bringing overseas value into the country there will be some credit for tax paid elsewhere. There is uncertainty on how this credit will be reported, as well as the main reporting requirements themselves, and even if the system will develop further and become more onerous. However, this will evolve and hopefully become clearer this year. These are complicated matters, and it is essential you seek professional advice from the right companies with the relevant International and UK experience.

Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

The information in this article aims to provide information. However, this is not intended to form professional advice nor should it be relied upon as such and before taking any particular action, specific and personal advice should be obtained. All levels and basis of, and relief from taxation illustrated here are subject to change.

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- An important update on the January 2024 Thai Tax changes - Mazars
- July's UK election and what this may mean for the UK tax landscape
- Investment market update and outlook - Schrodgers Wealth Management Asia

What you can expect to learn from this event:

- An update on the Thai Revenue Department 1st January 2024 Tax legislation change position
- How the UK tax system may alter as a result of the UK election outcome and what this may mean for Brits overseas
- What is happening in the investment markets at present and how the rest of 2024 may look

This presentation will include a Q&A session and an opportunity to chat informally with our guest speakers over a complimentary British Club dinner and drinks.

Speakers



Martin Wright
(Host)

Senior Financial
Planner - Progeny



**Jonathan
Stuart-Smith**

Tax Partner at
Mazars Thailand



Max White

Director,
Schrodgers Wealth
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*We continue the story of
the British Club Bangkok ... 1975*

“Cats, Geese, and a Turkey!”

In addition to the keeping of a number of cats in the Club, it would appear that we also had one turkey and a number of geese. By mid-year these were becoming quite a nuisance so it was agreed by the Committee that the General Manager should have the cats spayed and sell the geese to members.

It is not noted what happened to the turkey, but it did not appear again in the minutes after Christmas!

Any other business
9.1 Due to damage to the lawns it was agreed that the turkey and the geese be removed from the Club premises.

▲ *Geese & Turkey!*

Our Naval Year

1975 was a record-breaking year for Naval visits, with the crew of no less than 12 ships and boats recorded as using our facilities whilst docked in Bangkok.

At the end of January we were visited en bloc by HMS Blake (C99), a Tiger-class light cruiser, on its first visit, HMS Diomedé (F16), a Leander-class frigate, and HMS Lowestoft (F103), a Rothesay class anti-submarine frigate, both on their second visit, together with RFA Stromness (A344), a Ness-class combat stores ship, and HMAS Swan (DE50), a River-class destroyer escort, on her third visit. They were accompanied by HMS Warspite, a Valiant-class nuclear submarine.

In early March we were visited by HMS Achilles (F12), a Leander-class frigate. In late April, it was the turn of the crew of HMS Mermaid (F76), a light frigate: she was built originally for the Ghana Navy, and after five year’s use by the Royal Navy was sold onto the Royal Malaysian Navy in 1977. In 2018 the KD Hang Tuah, as she was renamed, became a Naval Museum ship.

In mid-May, it was the turn of HMAS Otway (S59), an Oberon-class submarine and in mid-June, HMAS

Derwent (DE49), a River-class destroyer escort, made its third visit.

October saw HMS Chichester (F59), a Salisbury-class aircraft direction frigate during their third and final visit; and HMAS Brisbane (D41), a Perth-class guided missile destroyer, part of the British Commonwealth Far East Strategic Reserve.

Of all these visitors, only the plaques of HMAS Derwent and HMAS Swan adorn the walls of the Churchill Bar, although that of HMAS Swan was from a prior visit! (see *Past Participle*, May 2024).



▲ *HMAS*

Sporting Matters

The Tennis Section introduced a League system, with the first Tennis Match League from 5th May to 30th June 1975, to “avoid embarrassment due to poor performance” and “to raise the standard of match play within the club”.

In the September, The Eighth Annual Family Swimming Gala had a more poignant feel as the Club’s children, and occasional parent, were playing not only for the individual prizes over eight different styles of swimming

but also for the inaugural Wyn Lapping Memorial Shield presented by her husband Alistair. Mrs. Edwina Lapping had been the key organiser of the Club's monthly and annual swimming galas for many years. She was also very active in the British Women's Group and the English Ladies Golf Union. She had passed away on 11th September 1974 and her obituary was published in the October 1974 British Club Newsletter.

In November, the Ladies Golf played the first referenced round of a 36-hole Stableford competition called the Lady Pritchard Cup. It is assumed that this dated back to between 1968 and 1970 when Lady Pritchard's husband was the British Ambassador.

THE WYN LAPPING MEMORIAL SHIELD
The Wyn Lapping Memorial Shield will be presented for the first time. The trophy is to be awarded to the swimmer who gains the highest overall points on the day of the Family Gala.

▲ For Wyn

Members' Matter

Two themes from 1974 returned to haunt the Committee of 1975. The first was children's behaviour (see below) and the second was the decline in membership, so a "special committee on membership" had been set up, which proposed three major changes:

- Ordinary membership should be extended to male citizens of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand in addition to those of British descent.
- Ladies Privileges should be extended to those married ladies whose husbands were not eligible to join.
- That 25 Associate Memberships should be created for those males not eligible to otherwise join and that such applications should be by invitation to those "who share a close community of interest with the principal Ordinary membership of the Club."

The Constitution required a simple majority in favour at one EGM followed by a two-thirds majority at a second EGM to pass these measures.

Eighty-Three members gathered on 27th January and all three motions were carried by a simple majority. One of these votes, however, obviously sent shockwaves through our membership because at the following EGM on 27th February, 118, presumably different, members turned up to ensure that the Associate Membership motion was heavily defeated 73 votes to 43 with two abstentions!

Membership at year end grew to only 422 (from 402) as a result.

A 3. Insert New Rule 39 to read :
"ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
Rule 39 --- By invitation of and through a unanimous resolution of the Committee, Associate Membership may be granted to male persons not qualifying under Rule 4, but who share a close community of interest with the principal Ordinary Membership of the Club.
An Associate Member shall pay a deposit of 500 Baht and two months subscription on his acceptance of Associate Membership, and shall pay an entrance fee and subscription in accordance with Rule 24. The deposit of Baht 500 will be refunded on resignation, or expulsion under Rule 53, provided that all outstanding bills have been settled.
Associate Membership shall be restricted to 25 persons".

▲ A first attempt at Associate Membership!

Service

The committee of 1975 was reasonably stable. Colonel Hugh Docherty OBE was again Chairman in his last term of service (see *Past Participle*, June 2024). Mr. Nigel Avery, a six-term Committee member became Vice-Chairman (see *Past Participle*, March 2023). Also with continued service Brian W. Heath became the Honorary Secretary and completing their two terms of service were Bob Coombes, and Don Wyber together with Lt. Col. John F. Davis, who went Absent in the August (see *Past Participle*, July 2024). This was the last time the Club would appoint an Honorary Secretary until the next Century (see *Past Participle* in September 2024 and September 2026!).

Mr. Noel Bond served as Honorary Treasurer in his only term of service but went Absent in the September and was replaced by Mr. John Mumby in his first of two terms of service, both in the same role.

Three of the "new boys" were Mr. C.J.L. Hall, who was co-opted in the July and served only this term, Mr. Blaise McConnell in his first of two terms of service, and Mr. John Ruwald in his only term of service.

The final "new boy" was Mr. Charles S. Stewart who would serve a total of six terms, with two as Vice-Chairman and two as Chairman, the last time being for 1982-1983. Sadly, a few months later, in his role as President of the Philatelists Association of Thailand, he was attending a Royal Sponsored event for the centenary of the first issues of Siamese postage stamps when he had a fall which led to his passing. His obituary can be found in the September 1983 edition of Outpost.

1975-76
CHAIRMAN: Lt. Col. Hugh Docherty OBE
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Nigel F. Overy
HONORARY SECRETARY: Brian W. Heath
HONORARY TREASURER: Noel Bond (went Absent 16.09.1973)
John Mumby (co-opted 16.09.1973)
MEMBERS:
Bob M. Coombes
Lt. Col. John F. Davis (resigned 29.08.1975)
C.J.L. Hall (co-opted 22.07.1975)
F. Blaise McConnell
John F. Ruwald
Charles S. Stewart
Don S. Wyber

▲ General Committee 1975-76

Club News

As noted above, children's behaviour continued to haunt the Committee, things got so bad – graffiti, physical damage etc - that eventually the Committee banned all under 18-year-olds from the Clubhouse (unless with an adult). This ban remained (in name at least) until a By-Law change in 2007!

Our General Manager, Mr. H.A. Traugott, was complaining of over-work so in the February Khun Manit Tannakesa was appointed as Assistant to the General Manager. Sadly, this position did not work out, so he left us in the June and was not replaced. Instead we appointed two new "Captains" (referred to as 'No.1 Boys') at Poolside and Clubhouse to better manage the staff.

In April, the 'British Club Newsletter' was upgraded to include a colour cover as 'British Club News', edited in the main by Lt. Col. John Davis. All editions are archived on the Club website.

The General Committee put a ban on the bringing of weapons onto the Club premises in the July.



▲ *British Club News*

In Other News

In the February, Margaret Hilda Thatcher became leader of the UK's Conservative & Unionist Party, hence the Leader of Her Majesty's Most Loyal Opposition, which paved the way for her to be the UK's first female Prime Minister, four years later.

Col. I. T. C. Wilson MBE MC became the British Military Attaché and joined the Club in the March. Sadly, the recently appointed Canadian Ambassador, Godfrey Lewis Hearn, died in the March, and was replaced by William Edward Bauer.

The Australian and the New Zealand Ambassadors were changed in the beginning of the year, both becoming Honorary Members of the Club in April. Marshall Lewis Johnston became the Australian Ambassador and Richard Taylor became the New Zealand Ambassador.

Also in the March, a Farang named Robert de Cozier opened a bar/restaurant in the Patpong Car Park called 'Bobby's Arms'. It was quite unique in that it had a stairwell to an entrance in Soi Charuvan, most commonly known these days as Silom Soi 4! The soi was famous for the Charuvan Duck Shop, situated at the top and for the fact the Charuvan family still resided at the bottom of the soi and frequently drove their cars through the hordes of customers in the soi – a practice that continues today!

At the end of April, the Securities Exchange of Thailand officially started trading in the Siam Department Store (see *Past Participle June 2024*). In 1991, the name was formally changed to the Stock Exchange of Thailand

In the August, voters in Bangkok held the first direct elections for both the Bangkok Governor, and also the Bangkok Metropolitan Council. Khun Thammanoon Thien-ngen, Secretary-General of the Democrat party, was elected as the Bangkok Governor



▲ *Bobby's Arms – picture courtesy of Bangkok Pat*

**Next month ...
"Community Groups"**

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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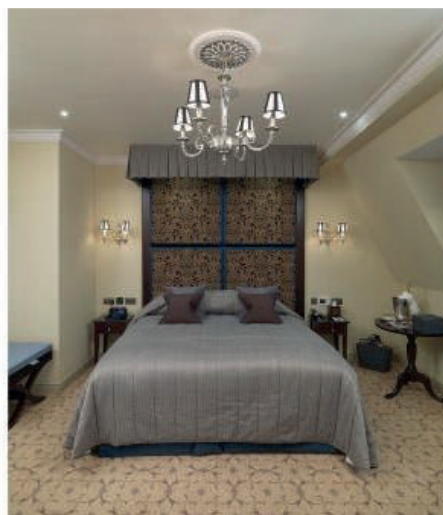


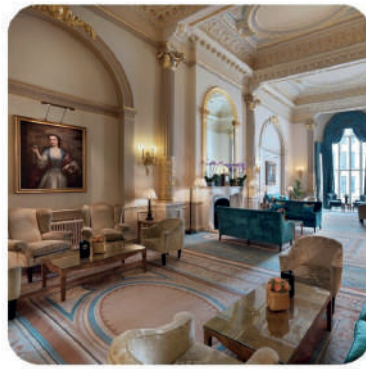
Oxford and Cambridge Club London, and its club table

Visited April 2024 and a few times previously by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)

The present-day [Oxford and Cambridge Club](#) is the result of the merger of two other clubs in 1972. One club was the United University Club, founded in 1821, for members of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. That club proved popular and ended up with a lengthy waiting list, so 9 years later another club called the Oxford and Cambridge University Club was founded. After the Second World War both fell into financial difficulties, resulting in their merger in 1972. Women have been allowed as full members since 1995, and these days the club has around 5000 members.

The club house was designed by Sir Robert Smirke, the architect of the British Museum, and completed in 1838. Facilities include over 40 bedrooms, 2 dining rooms, 2 bars, 2 squash courts, several sitting rooms, a well maintained library, a business area and a variety of rooms that members can hire for social or business purposes. A member of British Club Bangkok who used to be a member of this club told me the accommodation is of adequate B&B standard, but I have not stayed there myself. The main dining room is called the Coffee Room, and unlike a lot of other London clubs, it's open for breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days a week. From 11am onwards the dress code is jacket and tie.



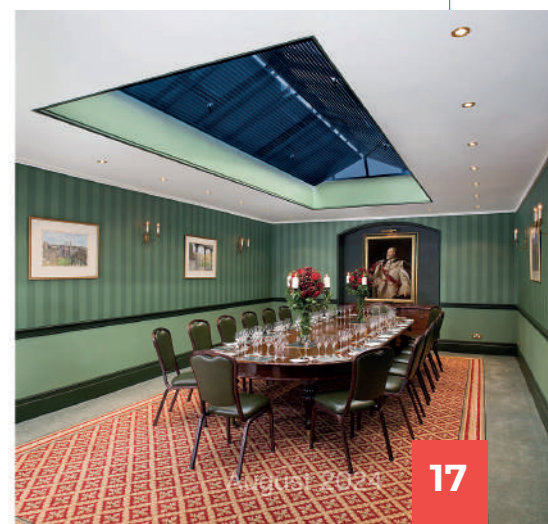


We first visited this club in 2017 for dinner as guests of an old friend who's a member, and then after we joined British Club Bangkok we've been able to use the club as reciprocal members. My most recent visit was in April 2024 when I was in London. The dining rooms in a lot of the traditional members' clubs in London operate a "club table", which is primarily designed for members to dine with other members instead of dining alone. To sit on the club table, one has to sit in the next available chair next to any existing people on the table, and then be prepared to make conversation with whoever you end up sitting near. So while I was in London in April, I went along for lunch to see what the club table is like.

I arrived around 1pm and found that there were only 2 other people on the club table, but soon after I sat down other members gradually arrived. That day it was quite an international group, because the woman who came next and sat next to me had been born in Austria, the man next to her was Danish, and opposite him was a Ukrainian woman. I had a fascinating time

talking to all these people, one whom has been to the same Cambridge college as me. The Austrian woman was particularly impressive, because she was half-way through doing a PhD in the history of architecture as a mature student, and told me that she was fluent in a long list of European languages. Apart from good conversation, another benefit of the club table was the price for the menu of the day. The price for 2/3 courses was just £19/£24, although there was a table charge of £6.50 for reciprocal members, and also a service charge which was labelled as a contribution to the staff fund.

Overall, the club is a good club to have as one of our reciprocal clubs. The service feels quite a bit more formal than at some of our other reciprocal clubs in London where the service is still formal but in a more friendly way. The club table only operates at lunchtime from Monday to Friday, but it's a good place to go for lunch if one finds oneself alone in London.



Coming Events

August 2024

Thailand Mother's Day Brunch

Quiz Night

Intimate Wine Night featuring Argentina

September 2024

Quiz Night

Tap Take Over featuring IPAs & Pale Ales

Winston Cup

October 2024

Quiz Night

Kids Halloween Party

Halloween Wine Tasting

Event & Activities 2024 August Highlights



Quiz Night



Intimate Wine Night featuring Argentina



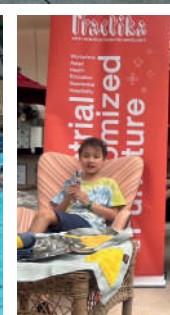
Thailand Mother's Day Brunch



Quiz Night 09/07/24

Scumbag College reclaimed their number 1 spot at the July Quiz Night, the competition was tough with a full house of team. Make sure to register early for the next Quiz Night as available places go very fast



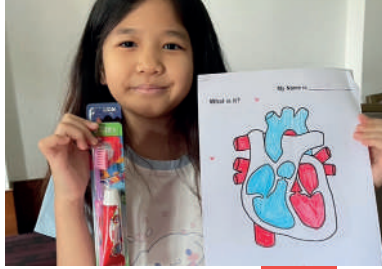




Mini & Junior Summer Camp

24/06 - 26/07/24

Simply the best British Club Summer Camps that have ever been held. So many friendships made, experiences shared, and skills learnt. Thank you to all the families that enrolled this year and all our partners that helped make it possible. Flying Dude, Top Golf, Bangkok Hospital, Scrambled Art, Practika, Med-consult, Food School, Phyathai Hospital.





Thailand Mothers Day



Special Mother's Day Brunch with special 10 desserts
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Sunday 11th August | 11:30-3:00pm Veranda
750 ฿ adult | 350 ฿ kids



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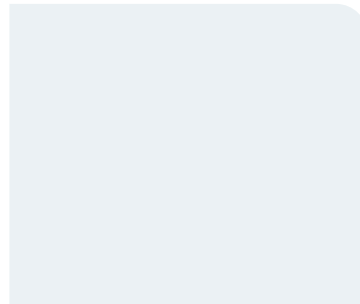
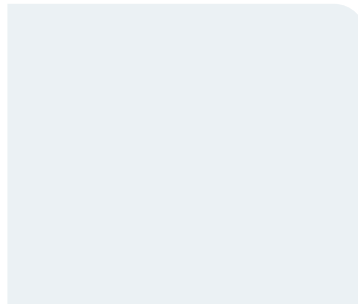
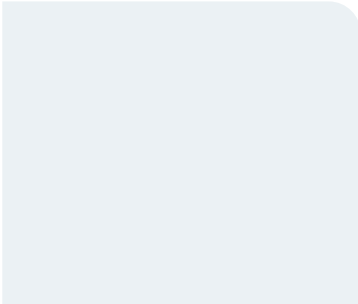


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MON

TUE

WED



5 Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

6 Quiz Night
7.15pm - 9.30pm

7 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



12 Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

13

14 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



19 Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

20

21 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



26 Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

27

28 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

AUGUST 2024

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FRI

SAT

SUN

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

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

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

9 Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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

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

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

16 Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm
An Intimate Wine Night
7.00pm - 9.00pm

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

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

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

23 Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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

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

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

30 Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm

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



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 (which as we all know is just a number). 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 October 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

Visit the Seniors Section website at: 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.

August Events:

Cardiac Cath Labs
The technology fast advancing heart related patient issues & treatments
Hear from Bruce Hemmingsen of IDS Medical Systems who will take us into the history, evolution and technologies involved, and answer all your questions

Date: Thursday, 15th August 2024
Time: 11.40 am for socializing & lunch
Venue: Suriwongse Room
Charge: 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)

To register please phone Terry Adams on 081 750 1087 or email to terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com
Seniors Section Website: britishclubbangkok.org/seniors-section/

Open to: Seniors Section Members, Club Members, Guests

Day Trip
THE CELEBRATED NATIONAL MUSEUM (Sanam Luang Bangkok, Conducted tour with English speaking Guide)
RIVERSIDE LUNCH
THE VISIONARY MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (Conducted Tour with Guide)

Open for: Seniors Section Members, Club Members and Guests

Day/Date: Thursday, 29th August 2024
Depart: 08.15 am in Luxury 22 seat Minibus
Breakfast/Tea/Coffee in the Sala from 07.15am
Charges: Seniors Section Member Baht 1,200
Club Member Baht 1,250
Guest Baht 1,300

Entrance Charges apply: National Museum B200, MOCA B280

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More travelers means reduced charges.

EVENT REPORT:

"A Crash Course on Bangkok History": 20th June 2024

An audience of 35 attended the presentation from Thai-British YouTube Vlogger and Tour Guide Extraordinaire "Bangkok Pat" (<https://www.youtube.com/c/bangkokpat>).

Introduced by Section Committee Chairperson Terry Adams, Pat focused his initial comments and eye-opening slide/short movies depicting the worst of Bangkok, as so very vividly described by the then British Ambassador Sir Arthur de la Mere in 1973. He then similarly showed all the improvements, good and bad, that had taken place up to today. He highlighted the excellent work undertaken by the Bangkok Community Help Foundation, and especially on their work helping the residents in Klong Toey in Bangkok.

He depicted the challenges he faced in the early 2000's when new into Bangkok and seeking out new friends, only to discover 'old style' expats with their own often not so nice 'war stories' about Bangkok and Thailand. He then turned his focus on to districts of Bangkok in and near to the British Club, for example showing photos of trams running along Silom Road in the





1920's when Bangkok had the largest and best run tram network in SE Asia -until 1968 when it was disbanded as considered to be impeding the burgeoning number of cars on the city's roads. Turning then to the history of Bangkok, Pat showed and described the development of the City from 1782 to the present day with a series of interesting and informative photographs, short videos and maps.

A fantastic presentation to an audience of 35 people, Pat's presentation material was extraordinary, including numerous short embedded movie clips. We will definitely be inviting him back to speak to us again, probably towards the end of this year.

Mention must also be made of the excellent quality and taste of the Club's lunch meals and also the speedy and efficient service from the Club's F&B Team from the Kitchens to the tables!

EVENT REPORT:

CROQUET & BOULES MATCH Against the Golden Years Group: 27th June 2024

The weather 'Gods' were in our favour as the Seniors Section did battle on the floodlit front lawn against the Golden Years Group from Bangkok. Whilst both teams commenced learning and practicing (almost all for the first time for both games), chief organizer Terry Adams outlined the rules and scoring and gave short demos for both the croquet and the boules games before play began simultaneously for both games.





Skill levels did not matter and the progress of both games was slow, so much so that time had to be called before any of the games could be completed. The Golden Years team eventually managed to edge the Seniors Section Team at both croquet and boules. Nevertheless, the match's primary goal was fun, friendship and meeting new people. Both teams then moved to the Sala where they enjoyed food, beverages, and camaraderie. Chairperson Terry welcomed the visitors to the British Club, congratulated them on their victory, and assisted by the Golden Years Group's Chief Organiser Beverly Frankel, announced the names of the MVPs for each Team: Ishya Silpikul for the Golden Years and Carol Anne Eastgate for the Seniors Section. Both received their prizes of a bottle of ice-cold Aussie Chardonnay, compliments of the Club Management, which they promptly opened!

A big shout out to Seniors Section Member Caroline Brown, who single-handedly managed and refereed the boules matches.

The Seniors Section team thoroughly enjoyed ourselves with all our visitors, who were, without exception, kindred spirits.

EVENT REPORT:

"Ancient Ayutthaya: The 14th to 18th Century Cultural & Trading Centre of S.E. Asia": 11th July 2024

Introduced by Section Chairperson Terry, the acclaimed historian Dr. Chris Baker delivered a superb exposition on the history of Ayutthaya, Thailand's early capital. This was his second presentation to the Seniors Section, and he provided an in-depth look at Ayutthaya from its founding to its grandeur as a cosmopolitan and preeminent cultural and trading hub in Southeast Asia, and finally to its destruction by the Burmese Army in 1767. Dr. Baker detailed the historical context leading to the inactions of Ayutthaya's kings, which allowed the Burmese army, with its fifty-thousand soldiers and hundreds of elephants, to attack and capture the city after a 14 months siege. The invasion resulted in the enslavement of some fifty thousand Ayutthaya citizens the almost total destruction of the city, and the looting of almost all of Ayutthaya's treasures and wealth.

Dr. Baker's superb slides enhanced his eloquent and knowledgeable narrative, engrossing the attentive audience. His detailed responses to numerous questions during the engaging Q&A session clearly demonstrated his expertise on this and related subjects. In thanking Dr. Baker, Chairperson Terry noted that Chris would undoubtedly be invited back for a third presentation.



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Sunil Mehra

TENNIS

Wimbledon or Wombledon – where will you find the fastest action?

We dedicate this article to two of the greatest events on the tennis calendar – Wimbledon in Outer London; and Wombledon in inner Bangkok where the famous Womble Cup is played. This year there is more in common between the two than the coincidence of date of the *finals*. First, a new generation is emerging at both places, the tennis played was one-sided affair with the best player(s) swept aside; add to that the warmth and the all white attire. The biggest difference – our tournament and matches wrapped up in one evening whereas our counterpart in London, two weeks – with 1211 hours of grinding tennis and of course, the biggest difference – the prize money!

The big day has to be remembered for the big things or for the emerging talent. Wimbledon had one of the youngest champion, who defended his crown in men; a very rare, smiling ladies finalist, both in French Open and Wimbledon – the charming Jasmine Paolini; and many young players who did shine from the age of 17 onwards. Womble, not to be outdone, had one of the youngest captains in its history; Daniil Klimov for the Blue Team, that won the tournament with a one-sided score of 12-4 against the Red Team. Congratulations! And, we had the youngest and most successful double partnership of Jonah and Caleb, who won all their matches against players, perhaps five times their age. Well done all for a great day of tennis and all the Jasmine Paolini smiles.

“Big thanks to everyone who played in the Womble Cup on Sunday and special thanks to our two captains, Daniil Klimov and Daniel Jacobs. It was truly a fun day with exciting matches and we were so lucky with weather”.

Crisp summary by our Ladies Singles Champion and organiser, Nattaya



The British Club Womble Cup 2024



Womble Cup				
Time	Courts	Count 1	Count 2	Count 3
	David & Anton	Andrew & Stephen	Ying & Laila	Stephan & Frederic
	Daniel & Tom	Philip & Kieran	Lucy & Maretha	Jalwan & Sunil
3:30	Tom & Chris	William & Ash	Jonah & Caleb	Ann & Jack
4:15	Joel & Willem	Kiri & Wende	Sara & Stanley	Kathy & Fred
5:00	Tom & Jack	Andrew & Stephen	Ying & Aaron	Asya & Stephen
5:45	Haruki & Andre	Jonathan & Philip	Lucy & Jon	Willow & Kiri
6:30	Daniel & Anton	Tom & Chris	Jonah & Caleb	Wade & Frederic
7:15	Sam & John	Sunil & Kieran	Wende & Fred	Sara & Stanley
Daniil - Head				
Prof. Yasmine K-Ashi				
Blue		12		
Red		4		





BRITISH CLUB GOLF

The first event on Sunday 9th June for the British Club Golf Society was the monthly medal held at Subhapruak Golf Course. The course, as always, was in beautiful condition and the temperature was not too oppressive but the course definitely won on this occasion as no-one played under their handicap. Again, there was not a huge turn-out (14 players) but everyone had a good time and enjoyed the afternoon out on the course. We welcomed three new members – Nigel and Earnie Walk and Lyn Munday and I hope that they will really enjoy their time playing for the society. We also welcomed a guest – David George.

The winners of the 'Moments of Excellence' were –

Near pins – Earnie Wark, Gareth Knight, Varghese Rose and Mark Adderley

Long Putts – Penny Booth and Brian Brook.

Men's Long Drive – Peter Clark

Ladies Long Drive – Earnie Walk

Third in Division A was Terry Davies. Second and winning a sleeve of balls, was Varghese Rose. The winner of Division A, winning a bottle of wine, was David Burton.

Third in Division B was Gareth Knight. Second and winning a sleeve of balls, was Brian Brook. The winner of Division B, winning a bottle of wine, was Nigel Wark.

Alongside the main competition was a match play as well between David Burton and Becky Adderley. David was the victor and will continue to the next stage in the competition. The victory was well deserved as the match was close for the first 9 holes but then David was by far the better player over the back nine. Congratulations to him!



▲ Pictured left to right – Nigel Wark, Varghese Rose (Captain) and David Burton.

On Sunday 30th June the British Club Golf Society held their monthly Stableford competition at Vintage Golf and Country Club. 17 golfers took part in the event, two of whom were new members to the society. The new members were Mark Russell and James Taylor- Alford. They both evidently had a good time and I'm sure they will be registering for more games in the future.

The course itself was in reasonable condition and we were very lucky with the weather because at one point it looked like a rainstorm was looming but the clouds passed over.

The winners of the 'Moments of Excellence' were:

Near pins – Paul Wyatt, James Taylor-Alford, Jamie Angus and Mark Adderley who managed to collect 3.

Men's Long Drive – Terry Davies

Ladies Long Drive – Carole-Ann Eastgate

Long Putts – Penny Booth

Third in Division A was Tad Han. Second place went to Jamie Angus. The winner of Division A, winning a bottle of wine, was Terry Davies with a super Stableford score of 41 points.

Third in Division B was Penny Booth. Second place went to Paul Wyatt. The winner of Division B, winning a bottle of wine, was Danny Bean with a very good Stableford score of 36 points.



▲ Pictured left to right – Danny Bean and Terry Davies

Alongside the main competition there was also 3 match play competitions being played. All these were hard fought but friendly and the results were as follows:

- **Danny Bean** won his match play against **Mark Adderley**.
- **Ian Brewis** won his match play against **Martin Finn**
- **Jamie Angus** won his match play against **Tad Han**

Congratulations to the winners and they will progress to the next stage of the competition.



Ben Eastwell

The British Club Cricket Section recently enjoyed a trip up to Laos, entering a squad into a new tournament that promises to be the first of many. Forty-two years after the BC squad embarked on their inaugural Chiang Mai cricket tour, history repeated itself for the very first Vientiane 8s tournament as seven of the touring party boarded the Special Express #25 on Thursday night, though this time on a newer train and the team sporting a few less mullets.

HARD BALLS

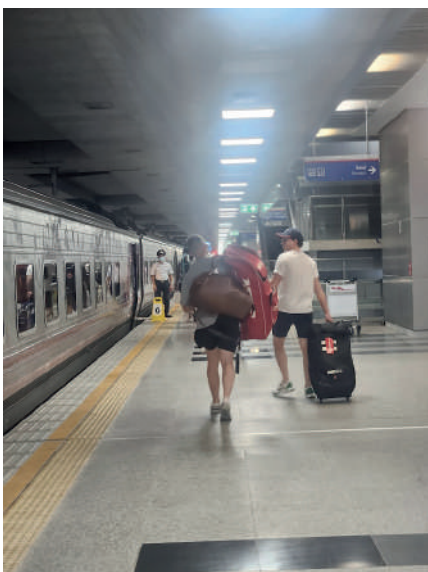
Vientiane 8s Tournament 13-14 July



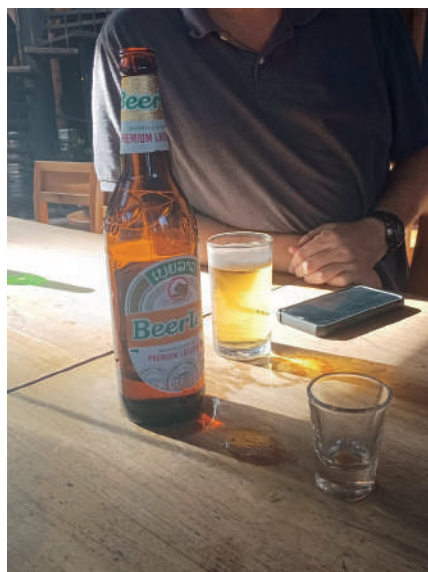
▲ Opening party

Any sports nutritionist would have been horrified at the volume of snacks which formed the foundation of the athletic diet to fuel the active weekend, but they were enjoyably grazed while talking strategy and nonsense before 40 winks ahead of arrival to Nong Khai at the crack of dawn. Not half as well organised as Pramodh had prepared the team for the weekend, pens were like gold dust at immigration which took almost as long as the train journey itself. However, the 'early check in' proved a little ambitious, leaving the rest of the morning to imagination after a chicken wing-heavy breakfast, waiting for the arrival of the jetsetters who insisted on air travel only.

A sampling of Beer Laos was firmly the only item on the itinerary for the afternoon, with the hosts inviting teams from Lamphun, Bangkok and Pattaya for a welcome party that evening. The reporter's notes did stop here however as he apparently had a bit of a taste for the local beverage offering and took an early night in preparation for the start of the tournament the next day.



▲ Bang Sue Departure



▲ Weekend fuel



▲ Jetsetters arrive

Day 1

A vertically spacious team vehicle awaited the players on Saturday morning, ready to taxi them 20 minutes to the tobacco factory which housed the facility The Laos Elephants and Calves called home. The social cricketing community who have featured in Chiang Mai's Sixes, had reportedly been playing on a rolled out dirt wicket until their recently installed concrete track made it possible to reciprocate in hosting their own tournament over the border.

An array of sponsors lined the boundary, elegantly framed by a grove of majestic trees, beyond which Ford and the local telecoms company had taken the opportunity to display their latest models; the full bar, BBQ and massage tent attracted a stream of guests to come along and enjoy what was an amazingly well organised and entertaining weekend.



▲ *A productive day*

All 5 teams played each other once in the 8-a-side, 7-over format on day 1. Batters retired at 35, and all fielders bowled 1 over in an otherwise conventionally ruled competition, with social spirit prevailing. The BC touring squad which featured a wealth of experience, serious firepower, and five current and former captains, blitzed 376 runs and snapped up 16 wickets in their 4 games. Eventually finishing third in the group stage with two wins and some tight losses against the Laos Elephants, and a clinical Lamphun side.

Tyrone and Avi made compelling cases for 'batsman of the tournament' after day 1, showcasing clean striking and 2 retirements each, including five consecutive sixes in one over from Mr Chopra who was seeing the ball as big as the mountain of snacks still left over from the train ride. With par scores sitting in excess of 12-per-over, the format was particularly brutal on bowlers but didn't stop some stand out double-wicket overs from Tyrone, Rahul and Denzyl. The latter two each claimed 5 wickets and contributed 39 valuable dot balls over the weekend.

Although perhaps the real highlight was Mossy falling over three times in a row chasing the ball down from behind the stumps where he was expertly evading bowling in his brand new orange shoes. Some tough chances were taken in the outfield to round off a decent team performance, though a few went down - one at the expense of the skipper's distal phalanx. A rum-fueled fines session washed away a long day of cricket to the backdrop of an awe-inspiring sunset before a quiet dinner and early night.



▲ *The Laos venue*



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Day 2



▲ *Into the final*

A convoluted elimination finals format got brains fired up early on Sunday where Vaughany continued to impress after a classy 36*(12) on day 1. Stamping authority on the semi and grand final, he reached retirement score in both the crunch games, alongside Tyrone who secured the batting trophy with 193 runs in the weekend - 35 more than Avi who continued his form through day 2.

BC ended up facing the Elephants twice more on finals day, resulting in a decider to play Lamphun in the grand finals, even after Moose made a game of the first one after his first over went for 29! The 2 more resulting attempts at Lamphun went unsuccessful as the youthful Thai side justified their talent after finishing up as deserved tournament winners and The British Club settling for runners up.

A huge thanks to the Laos cricket community for making this happen, and all British Club cricketers involved in organising and supporting the event.



▲ *Tyrone - Batsman of the tournament*



▲ *Lamphun winners*

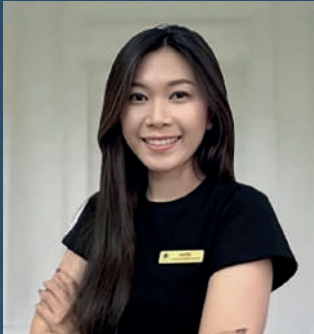


▲ *Runners up*



▲ *Vientiane 8s crew*

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



Pattie Lalanan W.

Hello August!

I always look forward to leading tours of our British Club Bangkok for anyone visiting our club, especially when we have newly renovated areas to showcase. I take great pride in sharing the story of how the Club has evolved over the years, especially the upgrades that have been done recently. I am excited to extend a warm welcome to all new members joining our British Club Bangkok community! Whether you're joining us for any of our facilities, exciting events and functions or simply enjoying the fine offerings at our Club's F&B outlets, we are delighted to have you as part of our family. At the British Club Bangkok, we value our family-friendly atmosphere, where members can enjoy activities together and share moments of joy. We hope you all enjoy your time here and have a fantastic August!



▲ *Stephen Taylor*

Member Review:

We are now based in Thailand, Khon Kaen, having worked in Hong Kong and Asia Pacific for the last 38 years. Bangkok has always been a regular destination, both for work and meeting with friends many of whom are members of the club. Over the years this has resulted in many invitations to the club, which we have found to be a sanctuary from the daily hustle and bustle of down town Bangkok. We have always found it a friendly and welcoming environment and now as members we are looking forward to spending more time enjoying the club and meeting both old and new friends.



▲ *Tanatip Arunsanondchai*

Member Review:

We were introduced to the club through friends and immediately loved the welcoming atmosphere for both children and parents. Having recently relocated to Bangkok from Berlin/Los Angeles, we now live within walking distance of this oasis in the middle of such a bustling city, so becoming members was an easy decision. Our daughter, Ava, loves the water and family poolside dinners. We are excited to meet everyone and for little Ava to make new friends at the club!

Warmest wishes and see you soon

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ *Guillaume Mirabaud*

Member Review:

Hi everyone! We are a family with 4 children that just moved to Bangkok, after 5 years spent in Seoul. We were looking for a family-friendly place, and some of our friends told us about the British Club. So here we are! Really happy by the facilities and nice environment! Looking forward to meeting other members and making friends!



▲ *Stephen O'Dell*

Member Review:

My wife Wipada, my son Sebastian, and I are very happy to join the British Club and the friendly community of members. Having lived in Bangkok for many years, we look forward to a pleasant place for Sebastian to grow, and for all of us to enjoy the club's wonderful activities, location, and setting. We look forward to meeting all the members and sharing all the fun.



▲ *Henry Cho*

Member Review:

We are Henry and Ammy - Henry is originally from Korea, and Ammy is from Thailand. Many of our friends are members of the British Club, and their positive experiences and warm recommendations led us to join. We were particularly drawn to the family-friendly atmosphere and the welcoming community. As we plan to start our own family, we found it delightful to see how our friends' families enjoy their weekends at the Club. We look forward to creating many wonderful memories and enjoying the fantastic facilities and activities that the British Club offers.



▲ *Mark Russell*

Member Review:

As country members, Evelyn, Charlie and I are delighted to join The British Club as it's a wonderful home away from home when we're visiting Thailand. The club facilities are superb and I'm enjoying the golf section already whilst I'm here on business. Evelyn and Charlie will no doubt enjoy the pool and sports when we return as a family next month and in future, and we very much look forward to making new friends along the way.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ *Mark Bebb*

Member Review:

It was an easy choice to join as the squash courts and swimming pool make the British Club such a great place to go after work. The food in the different outlets is perfect and I am looking forward to social and squash events.



▲ *Elvira Götz*

Member Review:

We arrived in Bangkok in February 2024 from Nairobi, Kenya, where we spent great Saturdays and Sundays at the Muthaiga Country Club, a reciprocal Club of the British Club in Bangkok. We are looking forward to meeting other members of the club and enjoying the facilities and the rich family and cultural Programme!

Elvira, Damian, Sophia and Thalia



▲ *Diane Archer*

Member Review:

We joined the British Club having enjoyed its children's facilities at weekly Bambi playgroups for a couple of years. We now bring our son almost every day to play in the pool and playground, and he is taking swimming lessons, while we enjoy the food and drinks and try our hand at pickleball!



▲ *Charles McLaughlin*

Member Review:

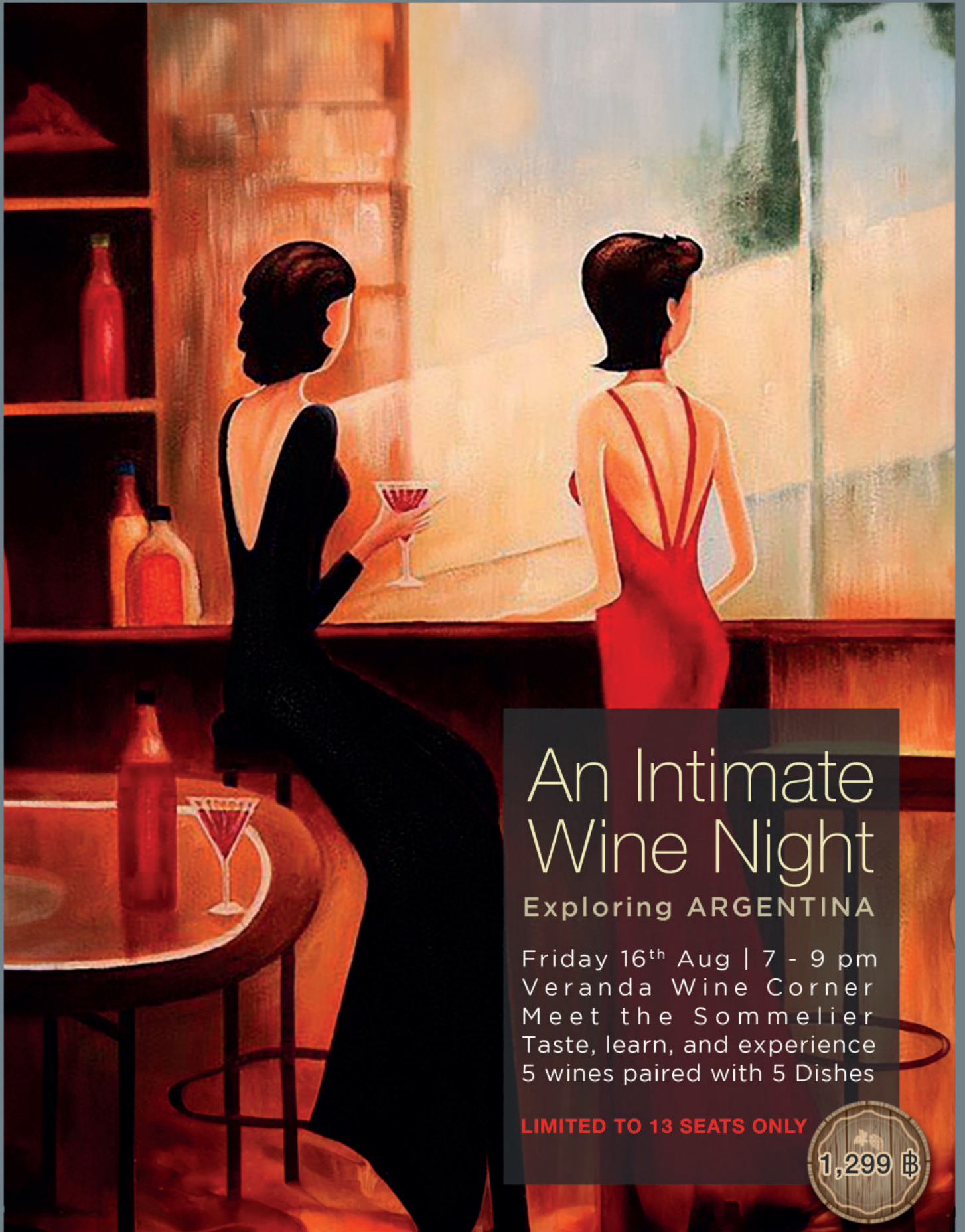
Free and I travel quite a bit but have decided to base ourselves in Thailand for a while. We're living in Phuket but visit Bangkok for extended periods. I'm trying to connect with home and am looking to making new friends, maybe taking up tennis again and to joining the Wine group!



▲ *Matthew Phillips*

Member Review:

Matt, Mim and Ash. We have been living in Bangkok for one year now and visited the club a few times. It is great for Ash to meet with friends, swim and join the various clubs. We also love the pool and enjoy having a place in the city to retreat.



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