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Simon P. Davies

Chairman's Message

No sooner were “Schools out for Summer” than it was time to get back in the “Classroom” and a warm welcome return to all members who have been travelling on holidays.

Unlike our returning members, Football did not “Come Home” but a successive appearance in The European Cup Final was a credible performance for England despite criticism amongst many football pundits and fans as to the manner in which they played to get there.



Much attention has been paid to building relationships within the local community that enhance both the reputation and usage of our wonderful Club. It is therefore very pleasing to see our membership at a record level of 1557 and a marked increase in events that members can enjoy. The Club grounds are in great shape with the front and the back lawn settings providing ideal areas for members to hold outdoor functions such as wedding receptions, birthday celebrations and parties, especially during the dry season, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Our Honorary Secretary, Paul Cheesman, has undertaken a diligent review of all the Reciprocal Clubs to ensure that not only are they operating, sadly quite a few have ceased to exist, but their reciprocity terms and conditions are up to date. The updated list of the updated Reciprocal Club Network is on The British Club website and notice boards

If it is worth having then it is worth waiting for and at long last the new covering over the Sails bar and seating area has been installed with the area now fully functional, whatever the weather. Thank you to member Chris Watts and our GM Tim for overseeing the installation project.

The inaugural whisky tasting evening was a resounding success and thank you to members Paul and Jina Phenix who arranged for the event to be held at The

British Club and to The Club staff who made sure that the attendees were well fed and lubricated. Not forgetting a thank you to the Whisky companies who were most generous with not only their product samples but their explanation of the story behind the various brands being tasted.

The two claimants to the invention of whisky are The Scots and The Irish although they did not invent distillation ie using heat to separate liquids into component compounds as most likely it was the Ancient Greeks who got there first. Interestingly, distillation was refined in the middle ages by polymaths such as Al-Razi with the word alcohol being derived from the Arabic “Al -Kuhl”, any comment would be superfluous . Returning to whisky, the earliest documented records for distillation activities in Ireland and Scotland are in 1405 in The Annals of Clonmacnoise and in 1496 in The Exchequer Rolls of Scotland respectively although this would not have yet involved the mellowing of product in wooden barrels. Various spirits were produced in both Scotland and Ireland but it was not until a Royal commission published in 1909 stated that blends could be classed as whisky and in 1915 the Immature Spirits (Restriction) Act declared that the spirit must be matured in oak for a minimum period of three years to be classed as whisky. Mines a Cardhu !!

**Cheers
Simon**

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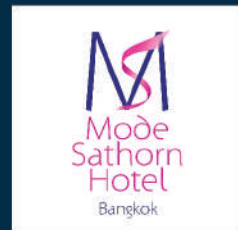
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Tim Vongswang

GM's Bulletin

Several months ago, the BMA generously provided us with 30 trees, most of which we have already planted around the grounds. However, as we have a few left over, if any of our members are interested in taking a tree to plant, please do reach out to us (please note that unfortunately we are unable to provide any transportation).

Our changing rooms are currently undergoing some minor makeover to create more space and improve ease of use for all our members, We appreciate your kind patience during this time as we work toward enhancing the facilities for everyone's benefit.

Still on the subject of the changing rooms, as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain a pleasant environment, our engineering team is working on replacing silicone seals in the toilets. We hope that these additional improvements will help eliminate any unwanted odours.

If you have any upcoming functions or events that you would like to hold at the club, please do let us know. We offer facilities to cater to small and large groups,

whether it be cocktail parties, dinners, meetings or birthdays, our team is ready to assist in making your event a memorable one.

While it has been a quiet month at the club, we look forward to welcoming back all our members who are returning from their summer holidays. As everyone settles back into their routines, we hope to see more of you at the club, enjoying the facilities, promotions, and activities we have to offer.

A friendly reminder to all member that the club's policy requires everyone to have their membership card with them when visiting the club, this will help save time and prevent any inconveniences for you. Also please do tell us when you invite any guests to the club (if they don't come along with you) so that we can advise our security team who has everyone's safety as a main concern, thank you for your kind cooperation in this matter.

I look forward to seeing you around the club!!!

THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Greetings once again!

Let's start with some stats. Here's what kept Bangkok Consular team's operations busy in July.

We provided 110 notarial and documentary services, printed 39 Emergency Travel Documents, and dealt with 157 emergency Consular cases. These cases included deaths (65), welfare issues (27), hospitalisations (28), arrests and detentions (15), victim of crimes (6), child welfare (5), and missing persons (11).

The number of enquiries regarding missing person has increased recently. If you come across similar situation, please see the [Getting help if someone goes missing abroad guide on GOV.UK](#). The guide provides useful information about what to do when you want to report a missing person.

Additional to office operations, we did some engagements with Thai authorities.

Consular team members met Marine department to discuss marine safety ideas and potential collaboration. The team also attended Tourist Police Diplomatic Volunteer Training hosted by Tourist Police and joint by other 21 embassies. It was a good opportunity for Consular team to build network between diplomatic missions across Thailand with the aim to support one another and enhance Thailand's tourism security.

Joanne Finnamore-Crokin

HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand



A Labour government

What their manifesto pledges may mean for you



A new UK government brings new rules and legislation. Here we take a look at some of the main pledges made by Labour.

Pensions

Labour will retain the valuable triple lock for the state pension. They also stated that they will adopt reforms to ensure that workplace pension schemes take advantage of consolidation and scale, and will undertake a review of the pensions landscape to consider what further steps are needed to improve pension outcomes and increase investment in UK markets. Labour did announce that they will not reintroduce the Lifetime Allowance but will instead leave the current regime in place for the time being until the planned review is complete.

Non-dom status and IHT

Labour have made it clear that they will abolish non-domiciled status ('non-dom'). This will only affect a small number of individuals across the UK, but they tend to be some of the wealthiest. Domicile is a concept that does not exist in most other countries' legal systems, which tend to only recognise residency. Residency is where someone is physically located in any particular year and is based on a number of tests including amount of time spent and ties to the country. Domicile can best be understood as someone's ultimate home, or the place to which the person will ultimately return.

Labour have also pledged to end the use of offshore trusts to avoid UK inheritance tax (IHT). These are known as excluded property trusts - they are typically created by people who move to the UK and want to exclude the property they owned from their country of origin from UK IHT.

Taxation

Labour have made it clear they will not increase National Insurance, the basic, higher, or additional rates of Income Tax, or VAT. As such they will need to draw on other sources of potential revenue such as Capital Gains Tax or the Oil and Gas levy. These will be published in due course. Labour have stated that they will end the VAT exemption and business rates relief for private schools to invest in state schools, which could mean that private schools may increase their fees.

Corporation tax

Labour will cap corporation tax at the current level of 25% for the entire parliament and will act if tax changes in other countries pose a risk to UK competitiveness. This will be welcome, as Corporation Tax was raised to the current level by the previous government, from a prior level of 19%.

Mortgages

One of Labour's statements in their manifesto was to be tough on government spending rules in order to keep mortgages as low as possible. Their plan is to create a permanent, comprehensive mortgage guarantee scheme in order to support first-time buyers who struggle to save for a large deposit, with lower mortgage costs.

With a new government in power, we could see more legislative changes in the coming months and an interesting Autumn Statement delivered by the new Chancellor Rachel Reeves.



Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner

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Exclusive Event

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An update to Thailand tax changes on foreign income

Join us for a presentation, hosted by **Martin Wright**, Senior Financial Planner at Progeny (SG) who will be joined by special guests, **Jonathan Stuart-Smith**, Tax Partner at Mazars Thailand and **Max White**, Director at Schrodgers Wealth Management Asia.

This event will focus on key topics including:

- 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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Event Details



Thursday 12th September 2024



6.30pm - 8.30pm



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Paul Cheesman

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We continue the story of
the British Club Bangkok ... 1976

“Community Groups”

Local community groups were important to the Club in 1976 as they are now, thus the Club gave 'standing permission' for four groups to use the Club during this year ... The Australian Women's Group, The British Women's Group, the Royal Varuna Yacht Club, and the Bangkok Amateur Dramatic Society (fore-runner of the Bangkok Community Theatre). As recorded below, the St. David's Society in Bangkok joined them during the year, to add to the existing loyal societies of the Bangkok St. Andrew's Society, the Bangkok St. George's Society, and the St. Patrick's Society Bangkok.

In 2005, the Club's Constitution was formally amended to give a legal status to community groups as 'Associated Groups' and the 'Loyal Societies'.

.2 Status The status of the following organisations was agreed to be	
	Bye Law
Australian Womens Group	3 (b)
British Womens Group	3 (b)
Royal Varuna Yacht Club	3 (c)
Bangkok Amateur Dramatics Society	3 (c)

▲ Status

Our Naval Year

In the June, the British Club Bangkok extended to the crew of HMAS Derwent (DE49), a River-class destroyer escort, on its fourth visit, use of the Club facilities during their visit. Their plaque adorns the Churchill Bar wall.

In June, the British Club Bangkok extended to the crew of HMAS Parramatta (DE46), a River-class destroyer escort, use of the Club facilities during its second visit. This year heralded the start of a slow winddown in the number of naval vessels visiting Bangkok.



▲ Swift & Deadly

Sporting Matters

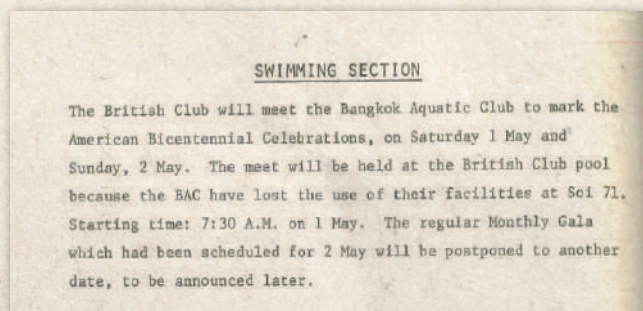
The inaugural Thai Glass-Gestetner Trophy, an Annual Eclectic golf tournament, was played in the first quarter of 1976. In the April, we have the first record of the Golf Section playing the Ladies Golf in a tournament called 'The Kitchen Sink' to win and hold the 'Frying Pan' trophy!!!!

In the March, at the annual Tennis Championship, a number of the trophies were renamed or re-presented. Fleming Kinnaird donated the Kinnaird Cup for the

Ladies Single Championship winner, as in 1975, Colleen Perry had won the old Ladies Singles Cup three times in a row and got to keep the trophy.

In the May, the Club hosted a special event with the Bangkok Aquatic Club to celebrate the American Bicentennial event. This was due to the BAC having lost the use of their own pool in Sukhumvit.

The immediate past Chairman, Lt. Col. Hugh Docherty OBE, donated a Plate for the Ladies Doubles competition and the Men's Doubles Cup was referred to as 'The Spink Cup' for the first time. It is assumed that the Cup was donated by Mr G.R. Spinks who went on the Absent List in 1973.

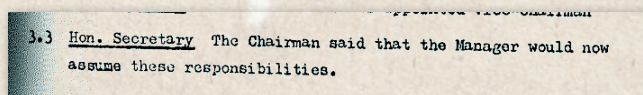


▲ *The Bicentennial Swim*

Management Matters

The first occurrence of the year was that our Club Manager, Mr H.A. Traugott, resigned after eight years' service ... Mr. Traugott's record long service was not exceeded again until 29th October 2020, when Khun Premrudee Tanyaluck broke the record as our longest serving Club Manager!

Mr. Traugott was replaced by Club Member Lt. Col. John F. Davis, temporarily pending his retirement from the Army. Then, uniquely, Mr. Davis took over also the role of Club Secretary as well as being Club Manager, thus ending a history of over seventy years of Honorary Secretaries. The officer role of Honorary Secretary was not filled again until the year 2000.



▲ *Wot No Secretary!*

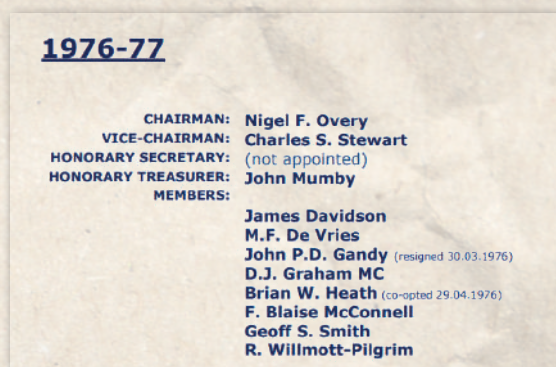
Service

The committee of 1976 was again stable. Mr. Nigel Overy, a six-term Committee member, took over as Chairman [see *Past Particle, March 2023*]. Mr. Charles S. Stewart was again Vice-Chairman [see *Past Particle, August 2024*]. As reported above, there was no Honorary Secretary appointed, and Mr. John Mumby completed

his two terms of service as Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Blaise McConnell completed his two terms of service this year.

Mr. John P.D. Gandy served part of this plus two other terms, and upon leaving the Committee in March, was replaced by Mr. Brian Heath returning [see *Past Particle, July 2024*]. Another 'new boy' serving the first of three terms was D.J. Graham MC, and two, who served twice, were Mr. Geoff S. Smith and Mr. M.F. de Vries.

The final "new boys" were Mr. James Davidson and Mr. R. Willmott-Pilgrim who both served this term only.



▲ *General Committee 1976-77*

Club News

In the February, the Annual General Meeting agreed to the setting up of a 'Long-Range Planning Committee' to set up a list of all works for facilities that Members wanted, then create a priority plan for their implementation.

Although there had been intermittent colour television in Thailand since 1967, the first full colour service on all three channels (4, 5 and 7) did not start until 1976. In the March, the Club Committee decided that we would rent a set (at a massive 700 Baht per month) and that it would be put in the 'Cinema Room' (now the Suriwongse Room) to allow children to watch it with a separate aerial placed in the 'Reading Room' (now the Pool Room) for when adults wished to view it privately!

Richard Willoughby Wood was an Upcountry member of the Club for many decades, residing in Chiang Mai, and in the summer of 1976, he presented the Club with a 1909 photograph of the Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club 'Championships of Bangkok': this picture, on display in Veranda, shows H.R.H. Crown Prince Maha Vajiravudh assembled with all the players and BLTC members. The Crown Prince had actually donated the Men's Singles Championship Bowl for the tournament. In 1910 the Crown Prince became H.M. King Rama VI, in 1914 he donated the Clubhouse land to us and in 1919 we purchased the Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club as our present poolside.

In the November, the General Committee had received appropriate letters of liability from four airlines, whose cabin crew could now use the Club as 'visiting members': These were British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Qantas, and Tradewinds Airlines.

Although the Club was now operating at a slight cash surplus each month there was still an underlying concern that membership was not improving. The 1975 tinkering with eligibility rules (*see Past Participle, August 2024*) had done little to grow membership which had, in fact, floundered to 399 by the year end. A working party was thus set up to re-examine bringing in non-British male members but more on that next month



▲ *Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club Championships of Bangkok 1909*

In Other News

In the April, the St David's Society in Bangkok {Cymdeithas Dewi Sant Bangkok}, a social group for Welsh people, was founded, with Eric G. Howells as its first Bard. Their honours board was duly commissioned.

Also, in the April, the Telephone Organization of Thailand upgraded all five- and six-digit telephone numbers in Bangkok to new seven-digit numbers with 02 being additionally added as the Bangkok area code. The Club's number of 30247, first issued in 1948, became (02) 234 0247. It should be noted that 0-2234-0247 is still the Club's number, 48 years later

The British Embassy roles of Air Attaché and Naval Attaché were merged in 1976, and Cdr C.G. Roberts RN became the first British joint Air & Naval Attaché in the May and joined the Club in the June.

The Bangkok inner ring road, under construction since 1971, was finally completed in 1976 ... its name, Ratchadaphisek Road, comes from its original purpose to celebrate the 25th anniversary of H.M. King Rama IX.

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▲ *0247 rules!*

Next month ...
"Associate Membership"

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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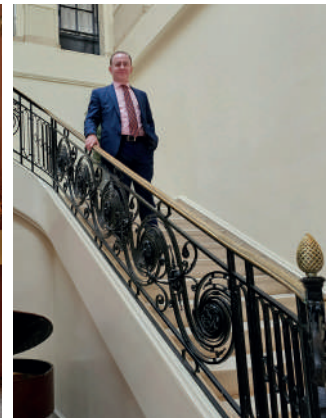


Royal International Club, Château Sainte-Anne, Brussels

Visited May 2023 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)

The idea for [Royal International Club](#) arose around the time that the Treaty of Rome was signed in 1957, when Brussels became the home to various European institutions. The Chateau Saint-Anne estate on the edge of Brussels was deemed an ideal location, and the club was founded in 1959. Besides diplomats, European officials and international executives, the club also welcomes numerous Belgian families. King Philippe of Belgium, who sometimes visits with his wife, is a patron of the club.

The club has two distinct areas, namely the Château Sainte-Anne itself, and the sports area located behind the château. The sports area has 3 tennis courts, a 25 metre swimming pool, a multi-purpose room for group exercise events, and is where the poolhouse restaurant is located. The château and the sports area are separated by a gate, and an access card is required to pass in either direction. The château is used for the club's events, and also has restaurant and bar areas which are open at lunchtime on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only. During the pool season, which runs from late April to early October, the poolhouse restaurant is open for lunch every day and for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays. It offers a "brasserie" menu, suitable for the whole family. The dress code in the château is business casual, so men are required to wear a shirt with a jacket but a tie is not necessary. However, the sports area and poolhouse restaurant has a casual dress code. The club has no accommodation.

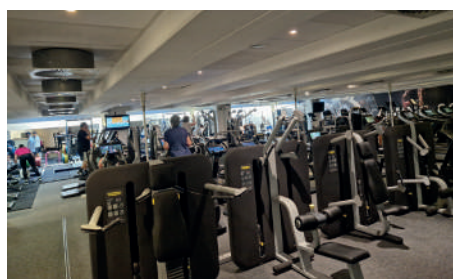


On a trip to Belgium last year, we had time to visit the club with some Thai friends, so we had lunch in the chateau on a Friday. We had a lot of luggage with us, but the staff were very helpful in helping us store it all in the cloakroom. After we'd looked round, we settled in for an excellent 3 course lunch which cost us €40 per person. The restaurant's wine list was very small, but vintages were specified and the wines had been well chosen. We ended up choosing a delicious 2015 Saint-Émilion priced at €44, which seemed good value for a smart restaurant. On the day that we visited only one other table in the restaurant was occupied, but there was an event taking place on the upper floor of the chateau, after which lunch was served for the people attending the event in the room adjacent to the restaurant.



Aspria Brussels Arts-Loi

It's true that this club is slightly out of the way for anyone visiting central Brussels. If British Club Bangkok members just require sports facilities, our club is reciprocal with a couple of Aspria gyms which are located in the city centre. One such gym is the [Aspria Brussels Arts-Loi](#), and during this trip I popped in briefly to have a look at it. It's a fine gym, but in some ways it's an unusual club to have on our reciprocal club list because that's all it is, so it's like being reciprocal with e.g. a Virgin Active or a Fitness First gym in Bangkok. The [Royal International Club](#), however, is a lovely venue away from the hustle and bustle of the city. The chateau restaurant in particular is well worth a visit for anyone who wants a decent lunch.



Coming Events

September 2024

Two Quiz Nights
BCB & BCCT Wine & Jazz on the Lawn
Sunset Jazz Session

October 2024

Trafalgar Dinner
Kids Halloween Party
Witches & Wine on the Lawn

November 2024

Guy Fawkes Night
Remembrance Day
Loy Krathong

Event & Activities 2024 September Highlights



Embassy Breakfast with BCB & BCCT



Macallan Whisky Night



Battle of Britain Dinner



Whisky Night
09/08/24

The first in a series of whisky nights with the Club and St Andrews society. Look out for EPS2 in the series coming soon





**Mother's Day
Sunday Brunch**
11/08/24

The special brunch was enjoyed by our members and all that attended





Quiz Night

09/07/24

Well done again to Scumbag College taking the top spot





WINE and JAZZ on the lawn

Saturday 28th September 6-9pm

BCB Club & BCCT members 400 ฿

Guests 500 ฿

includes 2 glasses of wine & tapas buffet

Live Jazz from Marks Trio

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An Intimate Wine Night - Exploring ARGENTINA

16/08/24

A fully booked Intimate wine night was presented by Carlos from Argentina, special thank you to IWS



MON

TUE

WED



2 Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

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4 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



9 Squash Mix-in
5.15pm - 7.30pm

10 Quiz Night
7.15pm - 9.30pm

11 Squash Mix-in
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Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
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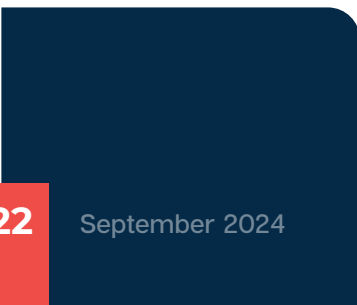
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Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunset Jazz Session
6.00pm - 9.00pm

5

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

6

Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday Junior Coaching
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm

7

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

8

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunset Jazz Session
6.00pm - 9.00pm

12

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

13

Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday Junior Coaching
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm

14

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

15

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Back 2 Skool
1.00pm - 5.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunset Jazz Session
6.00pm - 9.00pm

19

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

20

Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday Junior Coaching
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm

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Squash Mixed-in
12.45pm - 4.30pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm
The Battle of Britain Dinner
6.00pm - 9.00pm

22

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunset Jazz Session
6.00pm - 9.00pm

26

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

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Tennis mixed-in
8.00am - 11.00am
Tennis mixed-in
6.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday Junior Coaching
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday Junior Cricket
5.30pm - 7.00pm

28

Squash Mixed-in
12.45pm - 4.30pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm
Wine and JAZZ on The Lawn
6.00pm - 9.00pm

29

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.30am - 3.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunset Jazz Session
6.00pm - 9.00pm



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.

September Events:

A NEW ERA IN THAI TRAIN TOURISM

Learn all about them, and more on Tourism Trips from SRT's Khun Wanwit Niampan

Date: Thursday, 12th September 2024
 Time: 11.40 am for socializing & lunch
 Venue: Wordsworth Lounge
 Charge: Section Members Baht 400
 Club Members Baht 450
 Guests Baht 500

Pre-order your choices of any 2 of the dish 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
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A 2-Hour Interactive Thai Food Masterclass from Celebrity Chef McDang

Learn the History of Thai Cuisine
 Savour the taste and aroma of fresh local ingredients
 Learn what to cook, how to cook, and why
 Ask all your questions: Receive forthright answers

Date: Thursday, 26th September 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 dish options from the day's Business Lunch Menu (water, tea or coffee provided)

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EVENT REPORT:

"Blockchains: Already transforming our World": 1st August 2024





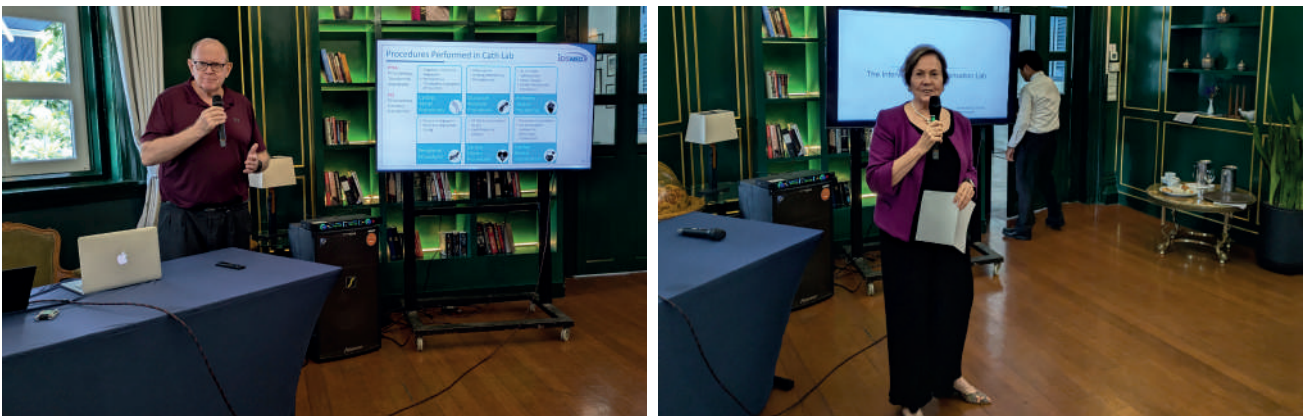
Financial Technology Expert Eetu Kuneinen started from first principles and lead the very attentive audience into the world of Blockchains. Starting from the founding of the concept in 2008 through how they work, the various current applications, the benefits and challenges, then he moved on to future trends and innovations. Eetu suggested that Banks globally should in particular be concerned as to the massive impact that blockchain technology is and will have on their longstanding business models.

There were numerous questions, all very well answered in Eetu's laid-back and professional style, before Chairperson Terry Adams brought the long presentation to an end, but people were reluctant to leave the room, instead prevailing upon Eetu to respond to even more questions!

A big shout-out to the Club's Kitchen Team as they provided meals that looked great and tasted even better!!

EVENT REPORT:

"Cardiac Cath Labs: Revolutionary Future of Heart Care": 15th August 2024





Seniors Section Committee Member and leader of our Lifelong Learning programme Barbara Meynert introduced our Speaker Bruce Hemmingsen, himself a Seniors Section Member despite working in a very senior regional role for a leading medical equipment supplier.

Supported by superb slides and graphics, Bruce firstly described in detail using an excellent video, how the body's blood circulatory system interacts with the heart to continuously pump blood through our bodies. All attendees must now be in no doubt as to how our heart muscles, pumping so very often and regularly throughout our lives!

He then moved on to describe and show real Cardiac Cath Labs as are currently used in hospitals around the world (which includes Thailand where a number of hospitals are using such high tech equipment). He then touched upon the procedures that are performed in Cath labs before describing the most common heart diseases, and showed slides depicting how these are treated in Cath Labs. These included coronary angiograms, coronary angioplasty, TAVR (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement), pacemakers, then on to the use of catheters, guidewires, balloons, and stents.

There were numerous questions asked and all were well answered by Bruce. One not unsurprising fact was that, given the cost of a Cath Lab as being between US\$ 1.5 to 3mn (depending on the numbers of 'bells and whistles' provided - the writer's term not the speaker's), plus the cost of numerous items of support equipment and necessary consumables, meant that the cost to the patient for an operation was very much at the high end at present, but that favourable outcomes were very much enhanced.

This was a fascinating, thoroughly engaging, and informative presentation of interest to all.

BRIDGE SECTION



KEEP
CALM
AND
PLAY
BRIDGE

The Bridge Section has a Bridge game every Sunday (except the last Sunday of each month) starting at 2pm sharp. Our players are mainly intermediate skill levels, and we all enjoy a friendly but competitive game.

Pre registration is essential to allow us to make preparations for the game and to ensure an adequate number of tables for a fun filled afternoon! If you do not have a partner, given enough notice, we might be able to introduce you to a fellow player. Our players are an international and interesting group (as we wish to believe), and we always welcome new players (especially movie stars) hoping that they will make their Sunday afternoon a regular Bridge afternoon at the British Club.

If you are new to Bangkok, this is a super way to get to know the very active Bridge scene in the city. One has to start somewhere, so why not join the friendly Sunday Bridge game! Non-member guests are welcomed, and we look forward to seeing you!

For more details, please contact the Organiser: **Winlock Hsu**

Email: britishclub.bridge@gmail.com





Sunil Mehra

TENNIS

Summertime – Never ends – Livin is easy

Why? Tennis was a summertime sport in most of the northern hemisphere where it was born, whereas nowadays it is played 6-11-365 at the British Club; and the proximity to the Sala for chill and pool to cool makes the 'livin easy' for the hard working and the hardly working - so hush" ¹ That is the sunnier side of sunny. On the other side I thought I was leaving the heat and humidity behind when I boarded a plane for the

north only to find that Japan was not only more humid but also hotter. I tried tennis a couple of times at my local club and genuinely roasted from my wheatish to coffee in complexion playing between 11 and 3pm with temperatures above 35°C and humidity high enough to require change of socks and all, every 45 minutes. This was the last chance to play on clay courts (*thinking of Hemant & bad knees*) before they are replaced by more omni or astroturf stuff. What saved me from the heat were ubiquitous vending machines that serve cold drinks at a perfect temperature and the *livin was easy* with the chilled golden nectar in between tennis games.

Now to the core business of tennis league and all the other goings on.



The Grand BC Tennis League Season 1 by Enrique, a maestro of wordsmithing

At the heart of our BC in Bangkok, there is an annual event that mobilizes all the tennis enthusiasts around the club: the BC Tennis League, sponsored by Marcel Petit. We have just concluded the first season of 2024 with great success. The beauty of this league lies in its spirit of inclusivity, as vast and welcoming as the sport itself. The league opens its gates to players of all ages and skill levels, from our highest division players who also compete in ITF tournaments and represent BC in interclub competitions, to beginners who are just learning their way on the court. Every participant, regardless of their experience, enjoys their time on the court.

For the seasoned players, these leagues offer a platform to showcase their prowess, refine their strategies, and experience the thrill of competition, all while dodging the occasional rogue ball from an overenthusiastic newbie. This harmonious blend ensures that tennis remains vibrant and accessible, cultivating a diverse tapestry of talent and tenacity.

The physical and mental demands of tennis are unparalleled, and the BC Tennis League is the proving ground where these qualities are honed to perfection, with a dash of humor. The swift volleys, powerful serves, and strategic placements are not mere acts of play but heroic feats, occasionally punctuated by a swing and a miss that leaves everyone in stitches.

At the end of the league, one person in each division finishes on top. Here are the winners of Season 1:

Division 1: Daniel Jacobs

Division 3: Cyrille Arlandis

Division 5: Arin Wiriya-Aporn

Division 2: Enrique Calvo

Division 4: Edmund

Congratulations to the winners!

The success of this tennis league relies first of all on all the players who participate, as well as the BC Tennis Section. Special thanks to Laila and Phillip Mock, who encouraged the players to play the game, and our proud sponsor, Marcel Petit Tennis Lab which generously provided tennis materials to the winners of each division. We will continue the league in September, and we hope that more and more players join us and have fun playing this great game. Special thanks to *Enrique Calvo* for the report and running the league

The Tennis Committee 2023-24

A note of appreciation from the Chair of the Committee, Chris Watt

As we prepare for another Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) for the Tennis Section in September, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the committee members for their dedication and hard work over the past year.

Vicky Ong, our Treasurer, has done an outstanding job managing the finances, providing monthly updates, ensured all accounts are accurate, and analysed various activities to ensure we are not incurring losses.



▲ *The British Club in-house Olympics Team*

Raquel Evans has been instrumental in coordinating all inter-club matches and assigning handicaps for competitive matches and tournaments. Along with **Nattaya Theangtrong**, they have efficiently organized food and beverages for visiting clubs and social events for the section. Additionally, Raquel and Nattaya have managed the Section's Facebook page and overseen the Monday night doubles training sessions.

Sunil Mehra has consistently contributed by writing articles for the Outpost each month, keeping our members informed and engaged.

Enrique Calvo and **Laila Inchaisri** have successfully managed the Leagues, ensuring smooth operations and competitive play throughout the year. You know Enrique convinces many with eloquence. Laila encourages all the young and not so young to get movin, mobilising all the reluctees to join the league and other fun activities including singing in the rain.

Lastly, **Veronica Favoroso** did a fantastic job organizing sponsorships for the Club Championships, which significantly contributed to the event's success.

Not forgetting, **Arin Wiriya-Aporn**, who escaped all the work by joining at the end of year; so, you will see more of him working hard to compensate during next year.

Thank you all for your unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions to the Tennis Section. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

Finally, a very special thanks to **Chris Watt** -the-indefatigable who holds Court every Wed, Fri and Sunday with blessing of the spirit of St Michael or San Miguel in Spanish, with whose help he is able to relentlessly fight all the demons of the night world in his pursuit for perfection in everyone else. Hence, he becomes demi-god of delegation and motivation until the spirit of San Miguel takes over.

¹ *Summertime, Lyrics by DuBose Heyward, 1935*



BRITISH CLUB GOLF

The first event on Sunday 14th July for the British Club Golf Society was the monthly medal held at Subhapruek Golf Course. It was a very small event with only 7 players available to play due to many being away on holiday. The course was quiet for a Sunday but in good condition. However, a few players mentioned that the greens were a bit slow.

The winners of the 'Moments of Excellence' were –

Near pins – **John Virtue** and **Frank Fawkes**

Long Putts – **Gordon Milne**

Men's Long Drive – **Peter Clark**

As the field of players was so small there were no awards for Division A and B and instead we chose to do an overall ranking. Third overall was Peter Clark. In second place, winning a sleeve of balls, was John Virtue. First place in the medal competition with a net 76 and winning a bottle of wine was Gordon Milne. Congratulations to him and clearly the purchase of a new set of golf clubs was a great success!

On Sunday 28th July the British Club Golf Society held there monthly Stableford competition at Rachakram Golf Course. There was a slightly better turnout this time and the weather and the course conditions were very favourable.

The winners of the 'Moments of Excellence' were:

Near pins – **Peter Clark, Gareth Knight, Clive Bucknall** and **Varghese Rose**

Men's Long Drive – **Bally Gudail**

Long Putts – **Peter Clark** and **Clive Bucknall**

Similarly to the previous medal competition, we decided to do an overall ranking rather than splitting the players into Division A and B. In second place, winning a sleeve of balls, was Chris Brader. In first place, winning a bottle of wine, was Gareth Knight. Congratulations to him!



▲ Pictured from left to right: Varghese Rose (Captain) and Gareth Knight.

TO BOLDLY GO
TO QUIZ NIGHT



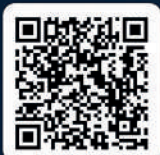
TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024 | 07:15PM

@CHURCHILL BAR

TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS

Members 150 Baht

Guests 200 Baht



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HARD BALLS



Ben Eastwell



▲ *Sarg busy in the nets*

Since the Vientiane tour, the cricket section has had a quiet schedule, with a few relaxed weekend net sessions and some focused pre-season training on the bowling machine. Sarg has been eager to share his coaching expertise with those looking to hit the ground running when the new season kicks off next month.

In mid-August, Chairman Jack took a break from his endless book writing to oversee an impromptu fireball doubles competition at the club.



▲ *Sunish and Raz awarded the Chopsticks*



▲ *Lenny, George and Rajveer share the Spoon*



▲ *John and Talal take the Plate*



▲ *JCS and Mak Cup Winners*

Seventeen players provided plenty of entertainment for a lively crowd of spectators on the back lawn. JCS and Mak emerged victorious after a series of low-scoring finals, showcasing plenty of skill ahead of the Koh Chang beach cricket tournament, which will be featured in next month's Outpost.

The Koh Chang trip is always a highlight of the calendar and will cap off what has been another fantastic British Club season. For any members reading this who are looking to get involved, now is the perfect opportunity to join in. Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious, drop in or get in touch to find out more about our net sessions on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons ahead of the new season.

Highlights from tours and matches during the 2023-24 season so far..:



▲ BC Chiang Mai Tour - Jan 2024



▲ Marshall Cup Winners - May 2024



▲ Fueled by Arran



▲ BC knocked out in BCL A Division elimination final - May 2024



▲ Runners up - Laos 8s July 2024

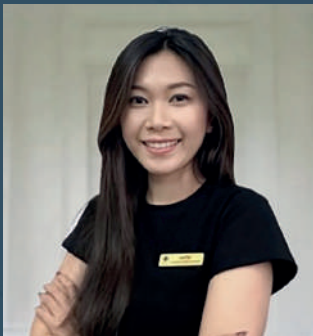


▲ Phuket tour - October 2023



▲ The Village Phuket - October 2023

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



Pattie Lalanan W.

Greetings from Membership Team!

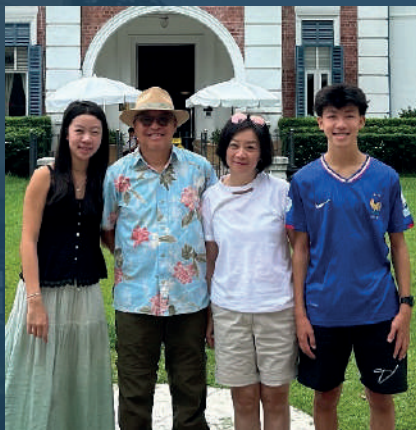
We hope you all had a wonderful time last month. We're excited to introduce our new members listed below. They come from various backgrounds and bring fresh ideas to our community. We encourage you to get to know them and share your own experiences. Building new connections can lead to great friendships and new opportunities. Feel free to reach out them and I am looking forward to meeting you all. :)



▲ *Wai Kwong Lau (Gilbert)*

Member Review:

The club provides a sense of community for expatriates and Locals with British ties, which allows me & my wife to meet different people, make friends and make a support network. Secondly, we'd like to have social activities including sports and outings that can be a great way to engage leisure activities, stay active and enjoy a good time with my wife in Thailand. Thirdly, the club has good facilities, such as restaurants, bars and sports facilities which enhance our lifestyle and provide a comfortable environment for socializing. Lastly, the club also engages in charitable activities and community services allowing us to contribute to local causes and make a positive impact in the community.



▲ *Chee May Chow*

Member Review:

Bangkok has always been a home away from home for us. We love coming to Thailand and often spend our holidays here. As a country member of the Bangkok British Club, my husband, our two teenage children and I hope to make use the club's sports and F&B facilities during our future visits. We love the outdoor space of the club and the very relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We very much enjoyed the club on our first visit and watching the Olympics in the Jubilee bar. We hope to be back very soon.

Thank you for accepting us.

Chee-may, Vincent, Clio and Harry



▲ *Geoffrey Wilson*

Member Review:

We are thrilled to introduce ourselves to this fabulous British Club Bangkok! We are a Kiwi (Geoff), French (Nathalie) and son (Sam) family recently arrived in Bangkok after long stints in Dubai, Kuala Lumpur and Manila. Have already received a warm welcome by the squash nuts. Looking forward to some warm friendships and the occasional (or frequent) cold pint. Thanks for allowing us to be part of this wonderful community. Cheers and sante'

Wilson Family

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT



▲ Philip Payne

Member Review:

Nui and I are delighted to be a part of the present day British Club and share an environment shaped through its cultural heritage in Bangkok. With its mix of 'old colonial' and 'contemporary' the club and its membership provides the perfect setting for us to escape the pressures of commercial life and pursue our sporting interests and recreation with new friends and mentors



▲ Derek Eyre

Member Review:

I have recently moved to Bangkok from Hong Kong. I have been very pleased by the atmosphere in the British Club and the facilities on offer. The staff are excellent, the environment is relaxing and the range and quality of the food is superb. I am looking forward to spending many pleasant hours here.



▲ Chi Wai Calvin Shum (Calvin)

Member Review:

We are a family of 3 and are referred by a friend who is also a member about Bangkok British Club. My profession as a pilot requires me to travel to different parts of the world all year around. The facilities of the club and its reciprocal clubs can provide me with a good get-away and relaxing place to spend my time when I am away from home. Look forward to meeting members when I am in Bangkok on my next trip.



▲ Kieron Walker

Member Review:

My partner Noi (AKA Gantapat) and I are delighted to have become members of the British Club. I have been travelling to Thailand since 2017 and wanted to join for a while. Now that I am planning on retiring in a couple of years, the British Club will hopefully become a home from home for us, and I aim to become an active member in due course. Thanks to everyone for welcoming us!



▲ Cheekay Yuen Chow

Member Review:

We are a family from Hong Kong but Bangkok is almost like a second home to us. We joined the club upon a friend's recommendation and have been particularly impressed by the friendliness of its members. We look forward to spending lots of time at the pool and the tennis courts!



SUNSET JAZZ SESSION

Every Sunday
in September
6:00pm-9:00pm
Jubilee Bar



Snazzy Jazz Vocals,
Saxophone, & Piano
Buy 1 Get 1 Prosecco
By The Glass 6-8pm
Happy Hour 6-9pm



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