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Christmas

X Annual  
*Xmas*  
**WINE**  
on The Lawn

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6-9pm

Festive Bubble Stand

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# Chairman's Message



Simon P. Davies



It seems like yesterday that the 2023/2024 budget was agreed and signed off by the General Committee and here we are already in the final month of the current financial year and preparing for the new one that commences on the 1st December, 2024. The budget for next year has been agreed with the focus remaining on general improvement of service and offerings across all outlets, value for members and cost controls.

The Club is in great shape having paid off all member loans for the Phase two development, there has been THB7 million spent on CAPEX that includes The Clubhouse Pool room, Wordsworth Lounge renovation, Upgrading the Staff House, A new covering over The Sails outlet area, General house and grounds maintenance. In addition THB 7 million has been set aside towards the fund for a new swimming pool fund project expected to commence in about three years once the new Narai Hotel construction project has been completed. However, it is not just about the finances as more importantly it is the enhancement of facilities and members experiences so to all, a sincerely big thank you for your past and continued support.

Pride in performance and pride in being a member are values that are dear to my heart so let us all continue developing our wonderful Club to be as, Tina Turner sang, "Simply The Best".

New lockers are to be installed in the walkway between the sports desk and squash courts and currently concept plans for badminton courts, along with an upgrade of the Suriwongse Room and 1910 Bar, are being progressed.

Apologies to members who were expecting weekly jazz evenings during October as advertised in the Outpost and efforts are being made to ensure improved communication and promotion of future events.

Following the successful Trafalgar Dinner October was also busy with the inaugural and enjoyable Desi evening on the back lawn, the witches and wine event on the front lawn and the childrens Halloween party which was sold out.

Remembrance Day is observed each year on the second Sunday of each November to remember those who have died in world wars and other conflicts. A remembrance service will be held on the front lawn on Sunday the 10th November, 2024 which is open to all members and guests who have pre-registered on [Remembrance.Bangkok@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:Remembrance.Bangkok@fcdo.gov.uk)

Following an anonymous tip off to search Westminster palace on the 5th November, 1605 Guido (Guy) Fawkes was discovered guarding a cache of gunpowder with which he planned to blow up The House of Lords. In the UK every year Guy Fawkes night is commemorated with a bonfire on which effigies of Guy Fawkes are burnt and the event is usually accompanied with fireworks. Maintaining this tradition on Sunday the 3rd November the British Club will celebrate Guy Fawkes night on the back lawn with a spectacular line up of live music, arts and crafts, magic show, buffet and fireworks.

Plenty of exciting events and activities planned so do keep a look out for the traditional emails and social media announcements.

**Cheers  
Simon**





Tee Bale

# Operations Unknown

## THIS MONTH WE REMIND YOU “DON’T FORGET OUR PARTNERS “

We work tirelessly throughout the year to increase added benefits to every single membership of the Club. We hand select industry leaders in their respective sectors to be part of our membership experience. Below is a highlighted list of these membership partners for our members to use and enjoy.



**Bangkok Hospital:** We are now into year three of our partnership with Bangkok Hospital and stronger than ever. They support the Club on multiple events throughout the year keeping our members safe, not more so than at our Summer Camps, insuring all the little ones are well taken care of every second they are with us. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

- 20% discount on inpatient rooms
- 10% discount on medicines, labs & x-ray
- 10% discount on dental care



**Flying Dude:** They first joined as a partner with our Summer Camps allowing the children to experience pilot training at the Royal Thai Airforce Museum and then taking them into the cockpit flight simulators which is still a highlight for most from 2023. They are set to be a big part of the 2025 Living in Bangkok trade fair and have become close friends with everyone at the Club. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

Free Plane type upgrade when learning to fly with them in any of their packages



**Crowne Plaza Bangkok:** This year, we have partnered with Crowne Plaza Bangkok Lumpini Park. They are not only providing special room rates and complimentary access to their club lounge for members, but they are also participating in our club’s activities, including the Back 2 Skool Challenge with Mini Chef. In this event, a chef from Xin Tian Di taught the kids how to create their own custard buns—yum! Additionally, they are sponsoring a special prize for the Wine on the Lawn event. Below are the member privileges that can be used.

**Special privileges:**

- Corporate Rate for club members using “Corporate ID 787144393” when booking via their website.
- Complimentary to access Crown Plaza Club Lounge



**Praktika:** A long-term partner and one of the kids favourite at our Back 2 Skool Challenges each year. They make furniture fun and exciting with new and modern designs of the shelf or tailormade. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

- Exclusive 30% discount just for British Club members





**Mode Sathorn:** The Club is into the fourth year of partnership with Mode Sathorn with special corporate rates for the club members with the net price fixed the whole year long including breakfast for 2, the location is next to Surasak BTS station which makes traveling around Bangkok easy. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

- Deluxe Mode at THB 2,600 NET
- Executive Mode at THB 3,700 NET
- Breakfast for 2 are included



**Le Meridien Bangkok:** Situated close by to the Club on Suriwongse road the hotel offers not only amazing rooms but a signature Rolling Ribs outlet who many of members may already know by coming to events at the Club. They regularly feature in our larger events and will be back with their amazing pop Ribs station in Living in Bangkok 2025. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

- Special room rate with free upgrade to Deluxe High Floor



**United Relocation:** Moving house or office is never an easy thing hence why we partner with one of the most professional companies in the business. Don't do the heavy lifting and packing simply use the added benefit of your Club membership to make it easy and affordable. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

- 40 days storage complimentary in Thailand on international move
- Special insurance rates



**Head 2 Toe Salon:** Looking good is everyday business and Head 2 Toe Salon are masters at it. Located 5 minutes from the Club on Silom road there is no excuse to ever have a bad hair day. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

- Exclusive 20% discount



**Hertz:** Wear and tear and long distance milage are all taken care of with Hertz. A car for the day or for the weekend away to an island they can assist with every requirement. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

- Car class upgrade for club member



**Rama 3 Driving Range:** Partners come in all shapes and sizes and sometimes you don't require a huge benefit to be useful it can come simply in added value at any level but all the time and every time. Rama 3 Driving range is just 10 minutes from the Club and recently been refitted and upgraded to become an excellent venue to practice the perfect swing. Below are the member privileges that can be used by showing the British Club membership card.

**Special privileges:**

- Free 1 tray of golf ball per visit
- 50% of golf club rental fee
- 20% discount of food voucher when purchase of golf ball coupon pack





British Embassy  
Bangkok

# BANGKOK CONSULAR

## Deliveries in 2024 (January - September)

Bangkok Consular Team, in collaboration with relevant departments and a variety of local authorities, provided Assistance and Notarial services to British people in Thailand.

## British Nationals in Thailand

From January to September 2024

### 732,937

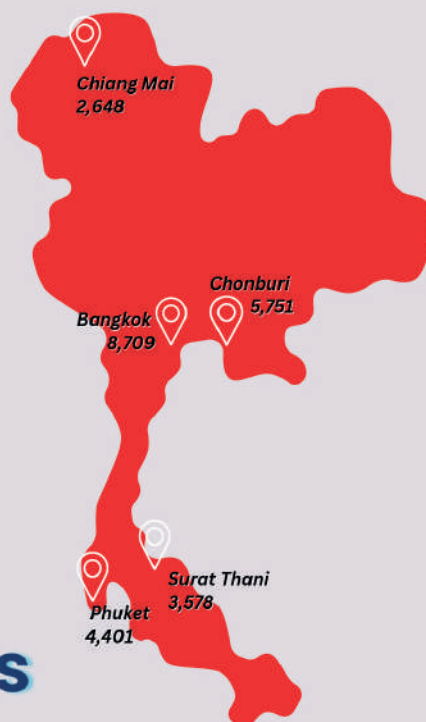
### British visitors

entered Thailand in 2024, data updated in September. British visitors peaked at the highest in January 2024.

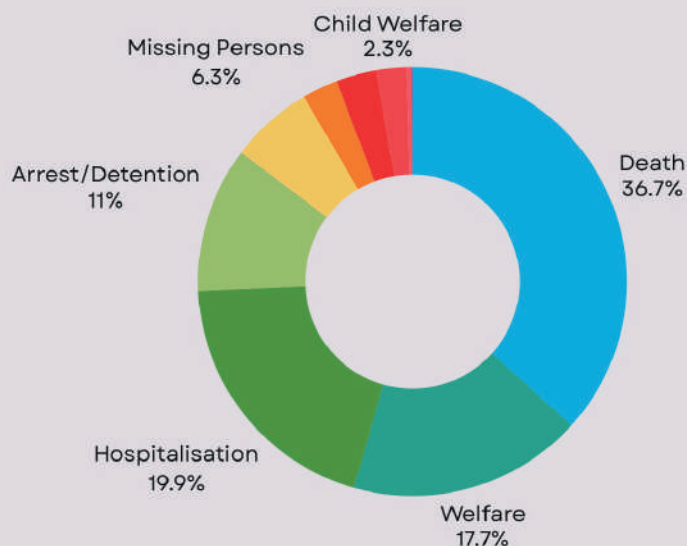
### 49,790

### British residents in Thailand

Top 5 provinces for British national residents are Bangkok, Chonburi, Phuket, Suratthani, and Chiang Mai.



## Assistance Case Types



### 1,249

**Assistance** provided to British nationals from January to September 2024. In April 2024, we served over **201** assistance cases, highest case number of the first half of the year.

### 1,499

**Notarial and Documentary Services** were provided with over 2057 documents issued. The services were provided highest in February to **198** British nationals.



# Guy Fawkes Night

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November | 4:00pm-8:00pm  
Back Lawn & Front Lawn



Fireworks, Buffet, Arts & Crafts - Build the Guy Head, Live Band,  
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# Investment Methods

**In what can be a confusing (and sometimes treacherous) landscape, Martin Wright, Senior Financial Planner at Progeny outlines investment options for British expats.**

## **Banks - Offshore**

There are still many deposit takers providing offshore bank accounts, including the overseas arms of major UK financial institutions. Certain locations use the UK bank clearing system meaning there is a UK sort code which include Jersey, Isle of Man, Guernsey, Gibraltar and Malta. Each location has its own financial services compensation schemes offering various degrees of financial protection in the event of bank insolvency.

Sourcing systems such as the offshore tab of the [moneyfacts.co.uk](http://moneyfacts.co.uk) website can be useful to source competitive interest rates. Given the apparent reducing interest rate environment bank interest rates are likely to reduce from the highs of the last few years. Interest from offshore bank accounts is often paid gross without any tax deduction at source.

## **Banks - Onshore (Thailand)**

Some major global banking institutions have closed their Thailand operations in recent years although there still remains UOB and CIMB banks. There are also well-established local banks like Siam Commercial Bank, Bangkok Bank and Kasikorn Bank.

Local interest rates tend to be lower than those in GBP and USD. Interest received from local banks is subject to withholding tax at a flat rate of 15% although Individuals may choose to exclude interest income from other income and pay tax according to the Thailand Personal Income Tax rates instead.

## **Directly held investment funds**

This includes Mutual funds, Unit Trusts and OEICs. Mutual funds are investments made from pooled money from investors and can include bonds and equities as well as other asset classes. A unit trust differs from a mutual fund in that a unit trust is established under a trust deed, and the investor is effectively the beneficiary.

Two of the most common types of funds in the UK and parts of Europe are unit trusts and open-ended investment companies (OEICs). They share many traits in that the price of a fund always reflects the value of its holdings. They are more widely used even though some are more expensive than the Investment Trust alternatives.

The great advantages of open-ended funds are their flexibility to make more units, as well as the fact there are more funds available. This differs from a closed-ended fund, which issues a fixed number of non-redeemable shares like an Investment Trust. Over the last few decades most new fund launches in the UK were OEICs.

## **Stockbroking accounts**

Stockbroking is typically offered by well-established companies advertising their services in print and online. Most countries have options although there are some major global providers who will allow accounts to be opened without some of the frequent country specific problems.

This option is a cost-efficient approach to investment, usually allowing access to any listed investment instruments on the main exchanges worldwide. The standard service provides accounts on an execution only basis, so no advice is offered, and you just have access to an account to purchase investments through based on your own choice.

## General investment accounts

A General Investment Account (GIA) offers access to investment funds, and some direct securities (this is company specific). This is a common UK method of personal investment

Some international providers allow accounts to be established by Thailand residents (on a case-by-case basis). A limited number of UK account providers will allow this. It's a competitive marketplace currently so these accounts are generally cost efficient with the standard annual product charge in the region of 0.25% per annum. As they are mostly used by advisory companies GIAs aren't frequently used for personal execution only investment.

## Offshore life assurance investment bonds

This method is used regularly by offshore advisers. This product allows investment in the main currencies and listed investments through most dealing exchanges. For non-UK residents the more complicated UK taxation structure does not apply. For UK residents they are a tax deferral vehicle which is likely to have a UK tax liability after a certain period of time of withdrawals or at specific events. Whilst this approach can offer flexibility, the wide charging menu offered by most Offshore Bond providers can lead to an expensive product, upfront, ongoing and high surrender penalties in the early years.

They can be useful for estate planning as a few providers have their own trust companies providing off-the-shelf low-cost arrangements. As corporate trustees there's also a higher likelihood they will remain in place for the life of the arrangement.

## Discretionary portfolio management

Historically these options are used by institutional investors, high net worth individuals, or charities. Most global asset management companies have high minimum investment levels and \$1 million is common, although a handful offer lower-level access, from \$500,000 upwards.

Discretionary Portfolios are managed without consulting you on investment decisions, with changes based on factors agreed at outset. They're usually cost efficient and available in most of the main currencies, although some have country specific criteria. They offer long term consistency and professional well-funded researched solutions.

## Thailand tax information

Assessable income in Thailand includes the following categories:

### Capital gains

Most types of capital gains are taxable as ordinary income. There are exemptions including the sale of shares in local listed companies and ASEAN member country stock exchanges. Capital gains and investment income earned by a resident from sources outside Thailand are currently not taxable unless remitted to Thailand and capital losses may not be offset against gains.

### Dividend income

Dividends received from a company incorporated in Thailand are subject to withholding tax (WHT) at a flat rate of 10%. Offshore dividends are currently only taxable in Thailand if the value is remitted.

### Interest income

Interest received from local bank deposits, as mentioned, is subject to withholding tax at a flat rate of 15%. Any offshore interest remitted into Thailand is liable to Thailand Tax at the prevailing rates with the possibility of a Tax Credit for any overseas tax paid.

With the changing Thailand tax landscape, it is essential you seek professional local tax advice from an appropriate locally listed and regulated organisation. Choosing the right investment approach for you is also highly important.

**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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Paul Cheesman

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***Auspiciam Melioris Ævi***

We continue the story of  
 the British Club Bangkok ... 1978

“75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!”

The ‘British Club News’ started off the anniversary year by printing a potted history of the Club’s founding extracted from ‘*Twentieth century impressions of Siam*’ by Arnold Wright & Oliver T. Breakspear.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, a Garden Cocktail Party was held to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the first Clubhouse, at the other end of Suriwongse Road, but had to be rapidly moved to inside the Clubhouse as the heavens opened!

Also, in the July the Committee acknowledged that the picture in The Bar (now Veranda) of the old Clubhouse had been a gift from Club Member Charles Stewart [see *Past Particle*, August 2024]. The prior year, his stamp agent had found a picture postcard of the old Clubhouse dated 28.05.1909 addressed to Mr R.W. Giblin announcing the sale of newspapers and periodicals. Ronald Worthy Giblin FRGS, born in Hobart, Tasmania, was a founding member of the Club, and Director of the Royal Survey Department of Siam. The postcard itself was donated to the Club a year later.



▲ The 1909 postcard



## Our Naval Year

“You wait for ages, and they all come at once”... in March, during the only visit of the year, the Club extended use of our facilities to the crews of four naval visitors ...

These were HMAS Derwent (DE49), a River-class destroyer escort, on its fifth visit; and HMS Cleopatra (F28), a Leander-class frigate, on its second visit with HMS Rhyl (F129), a Rothesay-class anti-submarine frigate, and RFA Grey Rover (A269), a Rover class small fleet tanker.

HMS Cleopatra's plaque is still on display in the Churchill Bar.



▲ HMS Cleopatra

## The Law

We nearly fell foul of British Law ... the Club had used the holding of a British Passport as proof of being a British Citizen only to find out that such passports were being issued, for a number of reasons, under the Immigration Act 1971, to persons of Irish and Commonwealth nationality! Our policy changed to one which required the words ‘right of abode’ to be stamped in their British Passport ahead of being considered for ‘ordinary’ or ‘country’ membership.

We did fall foul of Thai Law, however .... we were fined in the January for not joining the Workman's Compensation Fund – this had come into force in 1974 but we seemed unaware of it.

In August, two drivers and a staff member were arrested for gambling on the premises, and in November we were fined again this time for failing to register our Chairman with the Police.

3.2 Gambling. The Manager reported that the police had arrested two drivers and a club employee for gambling on 31 August. The employee had been discharged from Club service.

### ▲ Gambling

## The Long-Range Plan

The Long-Range Plan approved, but stalled, in 1977 started to come to life after the Chartered Bank agreed to loan the Club 1,000,000 Baht, authorised by a motion at the AGM.

In the May, the Clubhouse entrance was closed to allow a ramp and steps to be introduced, such that Clubhouse access was temporarily limited to the side door!

During both May and June, to allow for the refitting of the Dining Room (in 2024, the Churchill Bar), lunches were served in the Reading Room (in 2024, the Pool Room). In turn, all periodicals were placed upstairs in the Cinema Room (in 2024, the Suriwongse Room).

A one-storey Stores, Bakery and Main Kitchen extension was opened in the December onto the side of the Clubhouse.

As most members will have noted work has begun on the Dining Room renovations; the Reading Room is being used temporarily to serve lunches; and books, magazines and newspapers have been lodged in the Cinema Room. We hope that things will return to normal in early July.

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During this month a ramp will be constructed at the Clubhouse entrance so that when the rains come passengers will no longer have to wade through ankle-deep water or negotiate stepping stones.

### ▲ The Long-Range Plan!

## Service

Mr. Peter Adcock was elected as Chairman {see Past Particle, November 2023} with Mr. Les V. Vize as Vice-Chairman in his last term of service {see Past Particle, October 2024}. There was no Honorary Secretary appointed.

Mr. David Sprout served as Honorary Treasurer, in his only term of service, however, he went Absent in the August. The role of Honorary Treasurer then went to freshly co-opted member, Mr. Roy Barrett in the first of seven terms of service, mostly as Honorary Treasurer but also a part term as Vice-Chairman and one and a part terms as Chairman.

Continuing their service were Mr. Tom L. Barratt who would serve six terms {see Past Particle, September 2023}; Mr. Arthur W. Hawtin {see Past Particle, October 2024}; and Mr. Brian Heath {see Past Particle, July 2024}. Mr. John P.D. Gandy from the previous year was co-opted in the September but went Absent in the December.



The remaining committee members served this term only, being David Cobbett, S.B. McCall, Bruce Murdoch, and Ian Gadsden, who resigned in the December.

**1978-79**

**CHAIRMAN:** **A. Peter Adcock**  
**VICE-CHAIRMAN:** **Les V. Vize**  
**HONORARY SECRETARY:** (not appointed)  
**HONORARY TREASURER:** **David Sprout** (went Absent 11.08.1978)  
**Roy Barrett** (co-opted 27.06.1978)

**MEMBERS:**  
**Tom L. Barratt**  
**David G. Cobbett**  
**Ian A. Gadsden** (resigned 12.12.1978)  
**John P.D. Gandy** (co-opted 19.09.1978, went Absent 01.12.1978)  
**Arthur G. Hawtin**  
**Brian W. Heath**  
**S.B. McCall**  
**D. Bruce Murdoch**

▲ *General Committee 1978-79*

## Club News

The magazine noted a visit by Geoffrey Boycott, the England Cricketer “at the end of March” but contained no other details.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March, a Māori Concert Group from Singapore visited the Club, which as a consequence held a Family Night with discotheque for the children plus Pub Night in the Bar.

In the July, the ‘English Ladies Golf Union’ was renamed the ‘British Club Ladies Golf’.

In the September, the General Committee agreed to set up a ‘Ladies Advisory Committee’ to advise and assist with Club affairs and entertainment.

The addition of 10 Associate members, the expansion of core nationality to Australian, Canadian and New Zealand citizens plus a strong recruitment drive amongst the Embassies did its job ... membership at the year-end rose to 447, an increase of 15% over the previous year. The Club thus ended the year one member short of its previous membership record of 448 in 1973!

Finally, in December the Club Manager, Lt. Col. (Retd) John F. Davis, gave notice that he would resign sometime early in the new year, and be holidaying in the UK for a month before finally leaving. The search for his replacement thus started.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Ladies Sub-Committee. It was agreed to invite ladies to form a Sub-Committee to advise and assist with Club affairs and entertainment. Those Ladies interested would be invited to lunch on Friday 22 September. Manager

▲ *Ladies Advisory Committee*

## In Other News

Gordon Albert Jockel became the Australian Ambassador at the beginning of the year and became an Honorary Member of the Club in the March.

John Peter Tripp CMG became the British Ambassador in the April, and became an Honorary Member of the Club in the May. At the same time, Commander C.D. Croft RN became the British Air & Naval Attaché and also joined the Club in the May.

Some sources state that the Chokchai International Tower, in Sukhumvit, overtook Silom’s Dusit Thani Hotel as Bangkok’s tallest building in this year, others credit the Royal Orchid Sheraton. The title was to return to Silom a few years later either way. Whilst the Royal Orchid Sheraton still remains, the Chokchai International Tower was demolished in 2017, and rebuilt as UOB Plaza which opened in 2022.

In the November, the municipality of Pattaya became a self-administrating city within the Changwat (Province) of Chonburi.

The 1978 Asian Games ran in Bangkok between 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December ... after Singapore withdrew from hosting the games.



▲ *The Asian Games*

### Next month ...

## “Committee Member without Portfolio!”

**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’.*



HEATING UP

# HOPE

**Sri Hollema, Grad'18,** developed MatZero, a heated mat powered by solar energy, designed to improve the lives of refugees living in dire conditions.

Read Sri's story



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# Cercle Munster, Luxembourg

*Reviewed by Paul Doust after a visit in September 2024 by Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)*

The [Cercle Munster](#) in Luxembourg was founded in 1982 by a group of entrepreneurs. They thought that Luxembourg needed a top quality club for senior professionals and representatives of the city's international institutions, and modelled it on the gentleman's clubs in found in London, Bangkok and elsewhere. New members, both men and women, must be proposed and seconded by existing members and subsequently approved by the Admissions Committee. Renovation was required after the premises were acquired, so it wasn't until 1984 that the club was finally ready to welcome members. Renovation then continued, the first milestone being in 1993 when the 2nd floor was ready for inauguration. More recently, a new brasserie and wine lounge were opened in 2018.

The club premises are in the historic Grund district of Luxembourg beside the Alzette River. That was a problem in 2021 because the club was affected by the [severe flooding](#) that occurred in several European countries. The ground floor was flooded to a depth of over a metre, as shown in one of the pictures.







This club takes great pride in its wine, advertising "an outstanding wine cellar" near the top of its home page on its website. The cellar contains around 1,500 distinguished labels and some 40,000 bottles. The staff had to work hard to protect the wine during the flooding. The wine list is a thick tome, and the scale of the cellar is such that the great majority of the labels are available for purchase to drink off-site.

The [Cercle Munster](#) is open Monday to Friday and on Saturday evenings. Apart from the brasserie and wine lounge, the club's facilities include a gastronomic restaurant, a bar, a veranda, a terrace, and a smoking area in the attic. A lot of function rooms are available for private dinners and business meetings too. The club also has a library which is used for various events, and which is where bridge and chess are played. Before 5pm men are required to wear a shirt and jacket, with ties required after 5pm. The club has no accommodation.

Two months ago Jack was travelling through Luxembourg, so he took the opportunity to have dinner at the [Cercle Munster](#). In advance of his visit, the club was very responsive to our email enquiries, so a dinner was booked in the gastronomic restaurant on a Friday evening. On arrival, a staff member gave him a brief tour, and told him a bit about the club. There was a big event in the club's function rooms on the night that Jack visited, but nonetheless he was reasonably well looked after in the restaurant. In particular, the head Sommelier Mangin Denis was very helpful. After dinner the bar was empty, but there were staff in the wine lounge so he retired there, and he was able to settle the entire bill there at the end of the night.

The overall impression was of a very accommodating and comfortable club, so it's a good club for British Club members to have access to in Luxembourg, especially for members who enjoy drinking good wine.



## Coming Events

### November 2024

(more details on the website)

- Guy Fawkes Night
- Remembrance Day
- Quiz Night
- Loy Krathong
- Dinner & Jazz
- Ploenchit Fair (at Bangkok Patana)
- Thanksgiving
- Annual Christmas Wine on the Lawn

### December 2024

(more details on the website)

- Carol Night
- Kids Christmas Party
- Christmas Quiz
- Sections Classical Christmas Concept
- Christmas Day Lunch & Dinner
- New Years Eve Cruise

### January 2025

(more details on the website)

- Polar Swim
- Quiz Night
- Madagascar Pool Party
- Back 2 Skool Challenge
- Great British Open
- Great Fun Sunday
- Intimate Wine Night

## Event & Activities 2024 November Highlights



### Remembrance Day

The Club has been planning and working hard on Remembrance Day 2024 together with The British Embassy and all involved, we look forward to delivering a perfect service to pay tribute to those who selflessly served their countries, protecting our freedom and values



### Loy Krathong

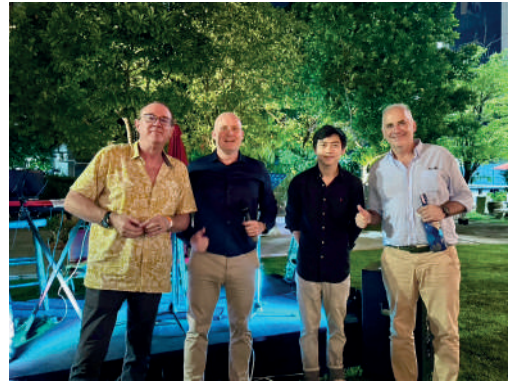
It is a mesmerizing spectacle of candlelit floats floating on our main pool against the backdrop of a full moon and Clubhouse. People of all ages are welcome to join to release their krathongs, symbolizing the letting go of their troubles, negative thoughts and bad luck, then enjoy live entertainment and a traditional Thai buffet



### Annual Christmas Wine on the Lawn

5 wine suppliers, live band, raffle draw, dress code red & white, together with a festive themed tapas buffet are all the reasons why you should attend. The perfect setting under the stars on the front lawn will make this event one not to miss.





# Wine & Jazz on The Lawn

## 28/09/24

The Club hosted Wine & Jazz on the Lawn together with the British Chamber of Commerce Thailand (BCCT) Saturday 28th September attended by 120 of our members. Thank you to Crowne Plaza Bangkok Lumpini Park for the raffle prizes of a deluxe room night stay, and to our special suppliers that make it all possible T/A WINE, IWS Spirit Thailand, Mr Cru, Smiling Mad Dog







# Sunset Jazz Session

29/09/24

Smooth Jazz was played at the Club every Sunday during the month of September finishing with the final session in Sala on the 29th September, thank you to everyone that came to support the sessions.







# Kilchoman Whisky Asai Tour - Thailand Launch Night

## 03/10/24

A fully booked Kilchoman Whisky Asia Tour – Thailand Launch Night at the Club. Thank you to Catherine the guest speaker and brand representative from the distillery. The members attending were guided through an exclusive whisky experience enjoyed by all.







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# Winter Fair

Saturday 30th November 2024

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Music | Performances | Activities

| Food | Fashion | Handmade Crafts



Attendees are encouraged to bring water bottles, reusable bags, containers, and utensils.



There will be a shuttle bus from BTS On Nut to the Secondary Campus from 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm.



We offer a "quiet family space" with sensory toys and calm activities for children (and adults) who require a quieter environment



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## Quiz Night 08/10/24

Well done to the winners “drowning not waving” and to 2nd place winners scumbag college of the October Quiz Night, it’s never easy to consistently compete against our Quiz Master.







## The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

### 12/10/24

Once again, a full attendance for the Winston Cup tournament, 3 different Club sections and individual members making up the players. Congratulations to Harold from tennis for winning! He is normally winning on the tennis court but has shown us all he has other talents to watch out for, well done Harold.







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SENSE

# Quiz Night

12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 | 07:15PM  
@CHURCHILL BAR

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**TEAMS OF 6 OR LESS**  
Members 150 Baht  
Guests 200 Baht



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**Trafalgar Dinner**  
**19/10/24**

Trafalgar Dinner 2024 at The British Club Bangkok setting a new all-time high standard to follow next year!!







# Table Tennis Competition Between The Club & Singapore Recreation Club

## 20/10/24

Table tennis goes from strength to strength in the Club as our Club players took on the Singapore Recreation Club in a friendly matchup. The visiting team came with a 12-player strong team and competed well.







## Pool Competition Between The Club & Singapore Recreation Club

20/10/24

The Pool Section had its first interclub match against the Singapore Recreation Club, the competition and standard was very high, all players locked in close finishing games. Well done to SRC for being the overall winners and being an extremely social team, lots of friendships were made.







# Tennis Competition Between The Club & Singapore Recreation Club

20/10/24

The Club Tennis section took to the courts in a friendly match up against the Singapore Recreation Club. A wonderful afternoon of tennis perfectly finished off with delightful meal for everyone who took part. Well done to the Tennis section for putting this together seamlessly.





# Loy Krathong

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November | 7:00pm till late | Poolside

Celebrate one of the most picturesque festivals in Bangkok Loy Krathong with a Thai Buffet featuring four different Thai regions

Float your Krathong in the pool, Enjoy Fire show, traditional live Thai music and dance

Members 600฿ Non-members 700฿

Kids 350฿

Tickets include buffet & krathong



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# Dinner & Jazz

20/10/24

The first ever Dinner & Jazz took place in Veranda, and we were delighted to have a fully booked restaurant for Mark & his trio to perform to. Snazzy beats and delightful food all matching to make the Sunday night a great success. We look forward to seeing you all again in November.





# KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
BACK LAWN / 2:00PM-6:00PM



A day of festive revels featuring Bangkok's biggest bouncy castle, Games, Arts & Crafts and Live Music of course a visit from **SANTA!**



MEMBER : 3-12 yrs 600฿ | Adults 400฿  
GUEST : 3-12 yrs 700฿ | Adults 500฿



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THE BRITISH CLUB



# BC Bee Kid's Club!

## EXCITING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Every weekend, the BC Bee Kid's Club is buzzing with excitement as K. Natt introduces six fun-filled activities designed to engage and entertain children while providing valuable learning experiences. Each Saturday and Sunday, these activities are set to run from 12:30pm to 3:00pm, giving parents a chance to relax and enjoy their afternoons at the club.



Metawee (Natt)

### SATURDAY'S LINEUP:



**1. Little Bob the Builder:** crafting and building, learning about teamwork and problem-solving while creating their own mini crafting items.



**2. Young Sherlock Holmes:** solving fun mysteries and enhancing their critical thinking skills. It's a thrilling way to encourage observation and deduction.



**3. Little Mad Scientist:** diving into the world of science through fun experiments that spark curiosity and creativity. They'll discover the wonders of science while having a blast!

### SUNDAY'S LINEUP:



**1. Mini Picasso:** use their creativity with painting activities. This is not just about making art; it's about expressing themselves and exploring different artistic techniques.



**2. Mini Chef:** exploring basic cooking skills and the importance of healthy eating. It's a tasty way to learn about nutrition.



**3. Junior Athlete:** Energetic kids will participate in various sports and games, promoting teamwork, coordination, and physical fitness in a lively and enjoyable environment.

All kids are welcome to join in on the fun! K. Note, K. Tira, and Micky Mike will also be present to entertain and engage with the children, ensuring a lively atmosphere filled with laughter and joy.

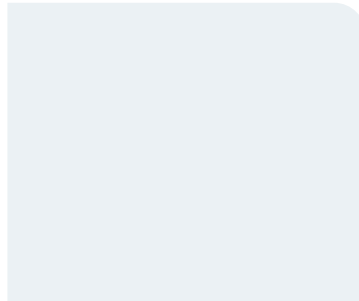
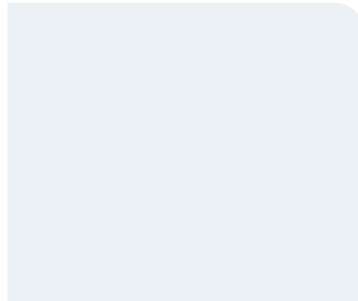
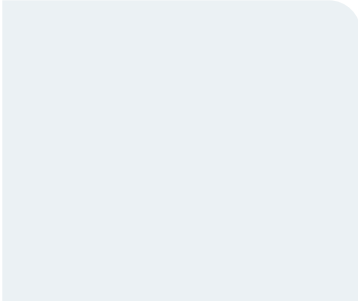
At BC Bee Kid's Club, the focus is not just on having fun; each activity is carefully crafted to include educational elements, fostering learning and growth in a playful setting. So, mark your calendars for the weekend and let your kids experience the excitement and enrichment at the BC Bee Kid's Club!



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

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**6** 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



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

**12** Quiz Night  
7.15pm - 9.30pm

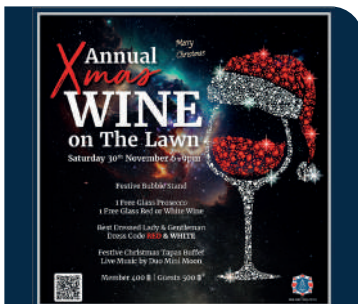
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**Balut**  
6.00pm - 8.00pm  
**Circuit Training**  
6.00pm - 6.45pm  
**Tennis mixed-In**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm



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

**19**

**20** 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



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

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**27** 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



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

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

3

**Tennis Men Doubles Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Sunday Brunch**  
11.30am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Guy Fawkes Night**  
4.00pm - 8.00pm

7

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

8

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

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

10

**Tennis Men Doubles Team practice**  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Sunday Brunch**  
11.30am - 3.00pm  
**Tennis Mix-in**  
4.00pm - 7.00pm  
**The annual Remembrance Day Service**  
9.00am - 12.00pm

14

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

15

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

16

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

17

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

21

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

22

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

23

**Squash Mixed-in**  
12.45pm - 4.30pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm  
**Ploenchit Fair**  
(at Bangkok Patana)

24

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

28

**Yoga**  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
**Cricket team practice**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm  
**Thanksgiving Lunch & Dinner Buffet**  
Lunch - 11.30am  
Dinner - 6.00pm

29

**Tennis mixed-in**  
8.00am - 11.00am  
**Friday Junior Cricket**  
5.30pm - 7.00pm  
**Tennis mixed-in**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm

30

**Squash Mixed-in**  
12.45pm - 4.30pm  
**Cricket Team Practice**  
2.30pm - 6.00pm  
**Annual Xmas Wine on The Lawn**  
6.00pm - 10.00pm





Terry Adams



BRITISH CLUB  
ACTIVE LIVING SECTION

# Active Living Section

## SECTION UPDATE:

With GC approval we have changed our Section name to the **ACTIVE LIVING SECTION!** This is to shift perception from an age-based categorization to a modern, more inclusive, inspirational, and lifestyle focused approach that eliminates stereotypes, and allows us to appeal to a far broader audience at the Club. The

Section's objectives are unchanged: to engender continuous learning, mild activity, and most certainly good socializing amongst our Section Members and the wider Club community.

Active Living Section membership is open to ALL Club Members and their Spouses/Partners. Come along to your first Active Living Section event: we are confident that having done so, you will then be attending others.

We continue working to provide two events each month, with events already at various stages of progression and finalization to January 2025.

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

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

## November Events:

**AI in Everyday Life: Fiction to Reality**  
Tech savvy or just curious?  
Discover how AI is transforming our daily lives.

Barbara Meynert

Date: Thursday 7th November  
Time: 1140 for 1200  
Cost: 400฿ (section members), 450฿ (club members), 500฿ (guests). Includes lunch

Interested? Come and join us! All Welcome.  
Contact Terry Adams 081 750 1087  
[terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com](mailto:terry.adamsbkk@gmail.com)

**Day Trip West of Bangkok**

Thursday 21st November 2024

1600฿ (Section Members) - 1650฿ (BC Members) - 1700฿ (Guests)

A full day trip to some of the less visited attractions west of Bangkok.

- Leave BC at 0830
- Wat Tha Mai - on the Ta Chin River
- Woodland Museum (Entrance fee 150 - Thai, 250 - Foreigner)
- Lunch on the Ta Chin River at Woodlands Resort
- Thai Film Archive Museum
- Return to BC at approx 1630

Interested? Come and join us! All Welcome.  
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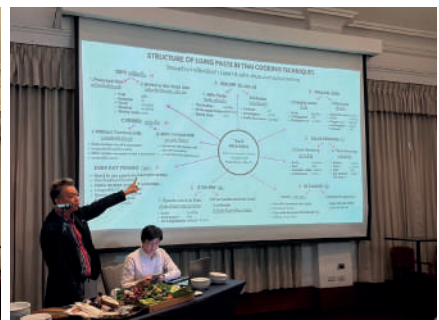
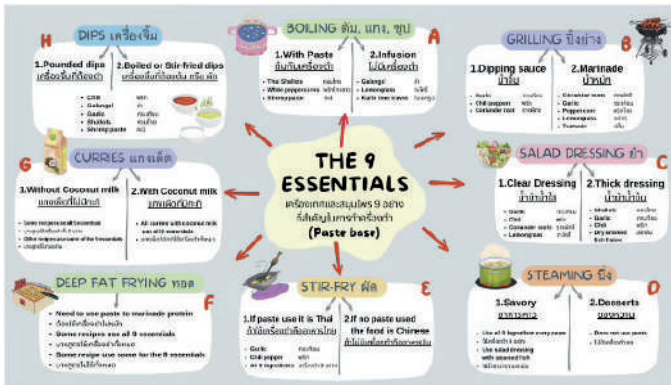
## EVENT REPORT:

### A Thai Food Masterclass from Celebrity Chef McDang: 26th September 2024

Section Chairperson Terry Adams introduced Mom Luang Sirichalerm Svasti, born into the Thai Royal Family, who is popularly known as Chef McDang, Thailand's Celebrity Chef. He is very much known as the 'oracle' as regards Thai cuisine, its history including the various regional differences, and for his ground-breaking work to highlight the complexities of taste and senses involved in Thai cuisine.

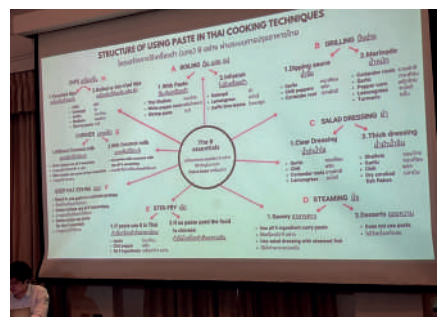
Chef had brought with him very fresh examples of key herbs and spices used in Thai cookery. He chopped and/or hammered these, which were passed around the very attentive audience for each to savour the different aromas, as he took us through his 'Principles of Thai Cookery' presentation. He explained to us with superb slides the influences of fat, salinity, sweetness and sourness. He then highlighted key herbs and spices before





discussing the importance of paste in Thai cuisine, following which he then introduced the key nine 'essential' ingredients and explained how they are interlinked.

Moving on to Thailand's food history he took us through the Sukhothai Era and in more detail the important Ayutthaya Era where Portuguese and Chinese interaction and influence facilitated massive additions to Thai ingredients, food, and cookery techniques, through to the Rattanakosin Era. He then discussed the various regional differences before turning to the history of Thai Desserts before, during, and after the King Narai The Great period, finishing on the structure of Thai cookery's various cooking techniques.



This was a true 'Masterclass' given by a consummate professional, as attested by the reality that all the globally recognized chefs when visiting Thailand, seek to cook with Chef McDang and to learn from him.



## EVENT REPORT:

### *A Croquet & Boules Match against the Young Happy Organisation: 10th October 2024*



All was in hand on the Club's front lawn from freshly cut grass to the croquet hoops and peg already in place for action to begin. Our visitors had arrived and after admitting that almost none had ever heard of The British Club never mind visiting before, Section Chair Terry took them on a quick tour of the Club. Upon return to the Front Lawn and starting to become acquainted with the games of croquet and boules (none of them had heard of let alone played either, but they were very much up for some fun). Then came the rain – lots of rain!

Plan B was immediately enacted. The excellent Club Staff quickly took away all the exposed tables, chairs, electric fans, and water dispenser. Both Teams transferred to the Poolside 'Kids Stop', where an impromptu and improvised historic game of 'skittles' (originated in England in the 14th century) was quickly organized using 10 full plastic bottles of water and the croquet balls. Each team was organized into 4 groups of 3 players, with each player taking a throw each at the 10 skittles in each 'round', with the end number of skittles knocked down in each 'round' being awarded to each group.

As to the match: 4 rounds were played. The BC Seniors team won all 4, and overall knocked down 82 skittles compared to 64 by the visiting YH team. For the BC team the best scoring group (25) comprised Anne Marie, Phanida, and Greg. The second best (22) was the group comprising Magne, Terry and Chris.

Much hilarity prevailed and lots of banter and fun was enjoyed by all, as balls not only managed to hit the skittles, but quite a few were somehow thrown wide and some even managed to travel straight through the skittles 'diamond' thus earning the epithet of being a 'flopper'!

Match completed, the joviality continued in the Sala where each Team sat opposite the other at a very long extended single table, which thus allowed much interaction between the players from both teams whilst enjoying the Thai food buffet (which was very much praised by our visitors as to its quality). Short speeches were made by Seniors Section Chair Terry, and by GAP, the charismatic and so enthusiastic Joint Founder of the (now Nationwide) Young Happy Organisation (<https://younghappy.com/>). Comments from our Section Members was of a memorable evening that should be undertaken with regularity!



# BRIDGE SECTION



**The Bridge Section** plays Duplicate Bridge every Sunday (except the last Sunday of each month), game play starting 2pm sharp. We play at an intermediate level, and we 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 and given enough notice, we might be able to introduce you to a fellow player. Our regular players are an international and interesting group, and we always welcome new players hoping that you will make your 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 a friendly Sunday Bridge game! We look forward to welcoming you.

This month we welcomed back our Swiss friends, Reini and Regina from their vacation in and around Switzerland and other areas of Europe. It was nice to see them both looking so well and lovely to have them back at the Bridge table.

In November, we will hold our eagerly anticipated biannual bridge tournament "Tower Bridge". We hope it will be as successful as the London Bridge tournament held in February. The Bangkok Bridge community is certainly looking forward to the event, especially the Club's roast beef and famed fish & chips. Yummy!! Thank you in advance to Winlock, our game organiser, for all his hard work in making these events so enjoyable and successful.

***Congratulations to all the winners in October.***





Sunil Mehra

# TENNIS

**Times** change, life we hope stays the same; but it never does – it has its own seasons and its own cosmic rhythm. As it moves through time it leaves behind some traces of footsteps in some places, memories with some and ineradicable loving and learning with many more. We will get to this further along.

For now, November in Bangkok usually promises cooler weather and time to dust-off and dry-off the musty tennis shoes in the sunshine. Enjoy these few months of tennis without sweat, or for higher ups an opportunity for some pursepuration after tennis holidays somewhere in the country.

**Next** to take you to an opportunity not to be missed, the first of a kind, and first at the BCB – an evening full of delightful surprises. The special dinner with great music and greater company with an added bonus – a promise that Chris Watt will be speechless even after he has wet his whistle five times. Enjoy an evening of classical music, super dinner and festive spirits.

## Visiting Clubs

Also in the meantime, some clubs from across the region have also got a sniff that it must be time to visit Bangkok and those lovely tennis folks at the British Club where beer is free-flowing after dark. So, they have determined it is the best time to visit the British Club for some easy wins to make their autumn a delight.

We and reciprocal (tennis) clubs share some common courtesies and customs – such as taking good care of us when we visit them. Thus, it is time to ‘reciprocate’ so show up, be generous with your spirit and cheer; welcome them with open arms and hearts, and let em win sometimes for those memories to take home; that should not be difficult. Thus, the eternal cycle repeats itself as they take better care of us next time.

The next clubs to visit us are the Singapore Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club and Tanglin Club from Singapore. Check the Facebook page for the latest news about visiting clubs. While some other clubs got wind that beautiful new courts were on their way at the British Club so they postponed their visit.

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**A British Club Bangkok EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED!**

**Celebrate Christmas in style!**

**“THE CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & CONCERT”**

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December from 6.00pm to late.  
Open to all members of the British Club and guests.  
Black-tie/Formal evening wear for ladies.

**Ticket Prices:**  
THB2,500 for British Club Members, THB2,700 for Guests

Specially prepared 3-course dinner (vegetarian option available).  
An unforgettable concert of everlasting classical & popular music by:

**Phitchaya Klimov** – a classical music Soprano, Phitchaya (*or Plang as she is fondly known*) has performed with the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra and in many other musical venues across Asia. She is also the previous winner of the Best Soloist Award at Moscow Sound in Russia. Currently teaching at the College of Music, Mahidol University, Phitchaya is an accomplished individual in the world of vocal performances. Phitchaya's performance will also be accompanied by Baritone

**Well Disayanon Kaljaruek** - fondly known as Mr. D, is a Thai and international vocalist/performer with two decades of experience in the music industry. His career highlights include record deals with Sony BMG at a very young age; extensive classical tours in the USA; four consecutive summers performing at opera venues in Italy and is annually featured in Dreambox Theatre musicals and plays.

The evening's presentation will also feature:  
**A 3-piece Strings Ensemble** performing favourite classics *Adagio in G Minor, Cavatina* and many others. **A Classical Solo** guitarist performing *Concerto de Aranjuez* and others.

**Book your tickets now at [bcts.bangkok@gmail.com](mailto:bcts.bangkok@gmail.com)**



## New Look, New Courts at the British Club



Good news for all the tennis folk. Before the end of this year, you could be playing on beautiful courts as shown here. Resurfacing of the courts will be between 2-25 December 2024 so Boxing Day tennis may be possible. These are special courts with CSS CoolTop that incorporates new Cool pigment technology which reduces the amount of energy absorbed by the surface, and hence the surface temperature. A range of pigments have been identified which reflect light in the infrared range. So, we will have blue courts with green around the outside.

## Tributes to a Tennis Player and Dear Friend

In memory of a fellow tennis player, a member for over 20 years. I would like to quote from valuable tributes written by two great tennis coaches at the Club. These tributes are for a very dear friend, David Pagdam, who sadly passed away on 28 September 2024 at the British Club. David will be missed by all in our tennis world.

### First from Marcel Petit.

*"I've been reflecting on the incredible journey I had with David, and think of all the moments we shared. I first met him back in 2005, but it wasn't until years later, when we crossed paths again, that I really got to know the wonderful person he was. David's passion and dedication to tennis, especially his dreams for the ITF Seniors, was truly inspiring.*

*Training David was never just about tennis—it was about life. He taught me as much as I taught him, always reminding me how important trust and team spirit were in any partnership.*

*David, my friend, my tennis partner, my mentor—I will always carry your memory in my heart. I will continue to build on the dreams we started with your spirit guiding me every step of the way. With love and gratitude"*

**Marcel Petit**



▲ David Pagdam

### And from Pierre Sequier

*"I met David in 2007 when I arrived in Bangkok. He was one of the first person I met and one of the first player I coached here. I couldn't speak English when I arrived and David still gave me a chance to coach him. He couldn't understand half of what I was saying but he was trying so hard to understand and help me. This is how he was, always kind, friendly, helpful and supportive.*

*He was also one of our first member to join Le Smash Club when we opened in 2010, once again very supportive.*

*I also had the privilege to coach his son Eric and that gave me a chance to see the considerate dedication, love and support he had for his son and his family.*

*David we will miss you"*

**Pierre Sequier**





# BRITISH CLUB GOLF

**The September** monthly medal was played at Subhapruek on Sunday 8th September. We had a better turnout with 17 players competing. It was lovely to have participants that we hadn't seen in a while signing up – James Taylor-Alford, Filipe de la Morena Casado, Jonathan Kings and Barbara and Peter Frank. Once again, we were very fortunate with the weather, no rain, a mixture of cloud and sun, with the breeze keeping temperatures comfortable. The course was in good shape generally, especially considering the time of year but it did manage to get the better of most of our players with only one player (Mark Adderley) managing to play below their handicap. Our Captain, Varghese Rose, was only one shot back though on even par.



▲ Pictured left to right: Penny Booth, Varghese Rose (Captain) and Mark Adderley.

**The 'Moments of Excellence', winning a golf ball each, were:**

Near pins – **Peter Clark, Martin Finn, Varghese Rose, Jamie Angus and Mark Adderley**

Men's Long Drive – **James Taylor-Alford**

Long Putts – **Varghese Rose and Jamie Angus**

Third in Division A was Martin Finn. Second in Division A, winning a sleeve of golf balls was Varghese Rose. Winning Division A and a bottle of wine was Mark Adderley.

Third in Division B was Gareth Knight. Second in Division B, winning a sleeve of golf balls, was Brian Brook. Winning Division B and a bottle of wine was Penny Booth.



The annual, two day Junior and Seniors event was played on the 28th and 29th September at Wangnoi Prestige Golf Club. It always provides a bit of hilarity deciding on where the cut-off point is between seniors and juniors and many players over the years find themselves flitting between one and the other depending on the field of players who have enrolled. This year our cut off point for being a 'junior' was 57 years old!! The format for the event was par/bogey on Day 1 with players competing against the course and Stableford on Day 2. The scores from both days were then added together to find the overall winners. Everyone had a



▲ *In the bunker!!*

good time, despite the relatively low numbers and the course was beautiful and in really good shape. Wangnoi is always a tricky course to play with relatively narrow fairways lots of trees, lots of water and very deep and large bunkers. The challenge that this course offered was reflected in many of the scores and also in the numbers of golf balls lost! We were very fortunate with the weather, with no rain - a dry weekend which is very surprising for this time of year.



▲ *Teeing off!!*



▲ *On the green!!*

**The 'Moments of Excellence Day 1, winning a golf ball each, were:**

Near pins - **Bryan Dodd, David Burton, Mark Adderley (twice), Varghese Rose and Bally Gudail.**

Men's long drive - **Varghese Rose**

Ladies long drive - **Angkana Nilkumnerd**

Long Putts - **Jonathan Kings and Mark Adderley**

With the par/bogey format on Day 1, Mark Adderley was the only player to beat the course being one under par. Very close behind him though was Frank Fawkes on even par.



The 'Moments of Excellence' on Day 2, winning a golf ball each, were:

Near pins – **Sureerat (twice), Arun Dhawan, Bryan Dodd, Alan Ainsworth and Varghese Rose.**

Men's long drive – **David Burton**

Ladies long drive – **Sureerat**

Long Putts – **Arun Dhawan and Bryan Dodd.**

The overall winner of Day 1 for the Seniors was Varghese Rose with 1 over par and for the Juniors Angkana Nilkumnerd on even par.



▲ Pictured left to right: Varghese Rose (Captain) and Angkana Nilkumnerd.

The overall winner of Day 2 for the Seniors was Bryan Dodd with 33 Stableford points and, for the Juniors, Arun Dhawan with 32 Stableford points.



▲ Pictured left to right: Varghese Rose and Bryan Dodd



▲ Pictured left to right: Varghese Rose and Arun Dhawan

Winning the overall competition for the Seniors was Frank Fawkes with 31 points and, for the Juniors, Mark Adderley with 32 points.



▲ Pictured left to right: Varghese Rose and Frank Fawkes



▲ Pictured left to right: Mark Adderley and Varghese Rose

***Congratulations to all of our winners!!***



# Thanksgiving

## BUFFET

28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 | Veranda

**LUNCH 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**DINNER From 6:00 PM**

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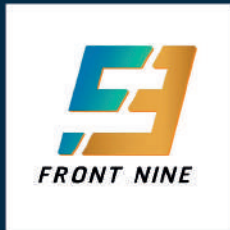
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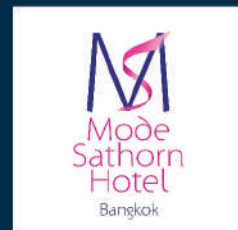
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# HARD BALLS

## NEW SEASON

As we prepare to kick off another exciting cricket season, the British Club Cricket Section is ready for what promises to be a memorable one. After plenty of action last time around, including two hard-fought league competitions and tours to Phuket, Vientiane, Chiang Mai, and the recent beach cricket showdown on the sands of Koh Chang, it's time to shift gears and focus on the upcoming fixtures. With the AGM now behind us, the 25-over BCL A

Division campaign begins in early November, and the players are eager to hit the ground running. Pramodh will embark on his second year leading the side which last year secured an encouraging 4th place finish.



Ben Eastwell



▲ Full Arran Merch

Nets activity has slowly started to pick up, thanks in no small part to the roof over the facility, which has been a game-changer during the wet months. This upgrade has benefited both BC and supporting clubs, providing much-needed shelter for pre-season training. Last month, some post-nets activity also provided the opportunity to get the radar working and swap the bats for cues at the club's monthly Winston Cup pool tournament.

A huge thanks to our sponsors from last year: Mr. Denzyl Allwright (50 Wings), who is currently on loan to Rotterdam CC, as well as Mr. Dale Lamb (Dunlop Adhesives) and Mr. Rob Gray (Arran Single Malt), who have generously continued their support for the upcoming season. Whether it's providing kits, keeping our bats held together or helping us celebrate our victories, they've been a key part of our success.

We look forward to welcoming both old and new faces to the nets and pitch this season. Let's make it another one to remember! 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. You can follow all fixtures and results on the club website.



▲ Talal on fine form



▲ Representing Cricket Section at Pool Winston Cup



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Lunch & Dinner

25<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Lunch - 11:00am - 3:00pm | Dinner - 5:00pm - 9:00pm  
Veranda | Suriwongse Room | Churchill Bar | Back Lawn | Jubilee Bar

Members: 1,500 ฿, Kids 800 ฿

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