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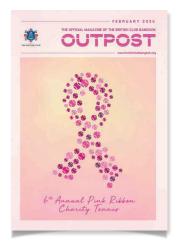
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6th Annual Pink Charity Tennis

This Month

Supporting the cause, the chairman speaks, GM talks, Tee uncovers at 2025, Progeny explain returning to the UK, we revisit 1981, the cavalry & guard club reviewed, event in pictures, Natt reviles BC Bee activities, the section have their say, we invite you to join

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Chairman's Message





It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Kevin Gin, President of The Tanglin Club in Singapore, who visited on the 3rd January 2025 and was given a tour of The Club House and Grounds during which he commented positively on the available sporting facilities and various outlets.

With the Festive Season and Chinese New Year Celebrations behind us we are now in the shortest month of what is a non-leap year meaning that those people born on the 29^{th} February are officially, able to celebrate their birthdays on the 1^{st} March.







On the 13th February, 2025 the British Club will be the venue for The British Chamber Of Commerce Thailand (BCCT) annual Life and Style Garden Party which presents an evening of British Charm including live Jazz, displays of classic luxury cars and motorbikes along with offerings of the best of British food and beverages.

Valentines day, on The 14th February , is a day to express love, appreciation and gratitude to friends, family and partners so why not enjoy dinner in the Veranda restaurant which will be themed appropriately.

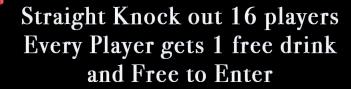
On the 21st February, 2025 The Club will be organizing the 6th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis day in support of The Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation. There will be two sessions with one in the morning starting at 8am followed by brunch at 12pm and one in the afternoon starting at 4pm followed by a dinner buffet at 6pm with live music. Please do give your support to this event which will be a day and evening of fun for what is a very worthy cause.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 18th March, 2025 and qualified members are encouraged to stand for election to The General Committee thereby having an opportunity to contribute further to the development of our wonderful Club.

Cheers Simon

The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

Saturday 1st Feb - Starts 6:00pm



All levels welcome

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GM's Bulletin

Club life – a little more behind the scenes:

I appreciate that the festive season is over however at the time of writing this article we have now reconciled December's figures and therefore would like to reflect a little on that on that successful month which was filled with much merriment as we hosted nearly 50 events and functions, culminating in the spectacular Christmas Day celebrations.







With over 500 members and guests in attendance, Christmas Day lunch and dinner were a great success thanks to our wonderful hardworking teams both front and back of house. Huge thank you to you, our members who joined us in the festivities it was wonderful to see you all having a good time, we appreciate the support. A little trivia, we dished out a whopping 558 kg of succulent turkey and 294 kg of barbecue ham, among many other delectable treats.

In an effort to elevate the dining experience at our club, we have recently acquired another tandoori oven for our poolside kitchen. This enables us to serve your favorite Indian dishes with the same level of quality as our main clubhouse kitchen. Additionally, members can now enjoy a takeaway menu featuring popular items such as back bacon, sausages, and the famous British Club pies just to name a few.

Stepping into the new year, we have and will be making some enhancements to our club facilities. The lighting at the Silom entrance gate and pool side steps has been increased for improved visibility and safety. Our upcoming projects include the construction of a golf practice net in the back lawn area and will ensure we will have left- and right-handed clubs available. Other upgrades are also in store, including new lockers set to be installed by the end of February near the sports

reception area. A new water pump system near the Suriwongse gate is slated for replacement to ensure efficient wastewater management within the club.

A quick thank you to the members who advised their approval of the completion of the tennis courts flooring in vibrant new colours and with the recently installed LED lighting system has added a fresh touch to our sporting facilities. Meanwhile, the Narai building has completed its pilings work, paving the way for the installation of 400 underground parking spaces, I will keep you all updated as the work progresses

As mentioned in last month's post, the Brit Shop has re-opened offering a wide range of great souvenirs ranging from branded golf balls, children's painting sets, drink containers and much more. Stay tuned as we expand our selection of items in the coming months.

Looking ahead over the next couple of months, check out the club's events and mark your calendars for a lineup of exciting events, including the charitable Pink Ribbon Cancer Tennis event and dinner, proceeds go to the BSCBC Breast Cancer Foundation please do support this noble cause. Also don't forget the wonderful 'Wine on the lawn', hopefully the cool weather will continue to this event.



Operations Unknown

A SNEAK PEEK TO AN EXCITING CLUB 2025

February - Once again, the Club will be catering the Rugby 10s at Bangkok Patana Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th. All the Clubs signature dishes will be available together with the all-new protein juice bar and the funky BCB icecream truck serving the retro 99 flake cones.





March - The Great British Festival II is now locked in and scheduled for Saturday 15th. After last year's amazing main stage performances, we are increasing line up of Bands to deliver an evening of pure musical delight for every that will be attending.



April - This year Sunday 27th the Club will celebrate its 122nd birthday, and what better way to do it than combining the celebration with our partners at the annual trade fair event Living in Bangkok. A full day of activities, main stage performances, Partner presentation, awards, prizes, shows, and much more.



May - The FA cup final Saturday 17th is always an exciting affair, shown live in the Jubilee with some extra special promotion to enjoy the match with, and a surprise celebrity football player giving an opening talk and QA before kick-off.



June - Summer Camps have become one of the Clubs signature activities over the school break, with over 350 different children attending over 6 weeks, it's something everyone wants to be part of. A unique outstanding programme is being put together to make this year an unforgettable experience



July - The intimate wine night held every two months at the Club is an exclusive 13 seat event that showcases different regions, grape variety, and producers. In July the event will showcase its best range of wines together with a worldwide recognised speaker, be ready to book straight away so not to miss out.



August - Thailand Mother's Day Sunday 10th will be a culinary dining experience not to miss this year. We are flying in an exceptionally talented Chef to cook one of the most delightful meals you will be able to enjoy on Mother's Day. Time to treat Mum.



September - As the kids get ready to return to school, we make sure their minds are focused for the new term ahead with the Clubs Back 2 Skool Challenge. 30 children will take part in 4 challenges all battling to show they are the best of the best to win the top prizes.



October - Desi Night Saturday 11th returns bigger and better with an all-day Bollywood themed festival for the full family to enjoy. Everything the amazing Indian culture has to offer all on display throughout the day in the evening.



November - Halloween has grown and grown over the last few years with celebrations and events being fully booked each time. This year the Club will be hosting two amazing nights to celebrate, Friday 31st and Saturday 1st. Look out for the full programme released later in the year.



December - If you haven't yet attended the annual Carol Night at the Club, it's time to put it in your calendar this year and experience the festive performances from a selection of international school choirs.

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THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Greetings once again.

Planning to travel more this year?! Here's some things you might want to consider adding to your New Year's resolutions.

✓ Check out GOV.UK Travel Advice for the country you're visiting.

Read and sign up to receive alerts to see if there are any safety concerns or special preparations you need to take.

√ Make sure your passport is valid and won't expire while you're travelling.

Some countries require at least 6-month passport validity to enter the country. Please check before you travel.

√ Get your travel insurance.

Make sure your insurance covers you for activities you are planning to do as well as medical emergencies.

√ Access to your finances

In case the unexpected happens, it's also a good idea to get your finance in place.

√ Prepare a Will or Power of Attorney.

Make sure you have someone handle things on your behalf when you're unable to.

√ Emergency contacts in the back of your passport.

Include contact details of your next of kin or people that can be contacted if something unexpected happens to you.

√ Keep the contact details for the Embassy close to where you'll be traveling to in case you need emergency Consular assistance. For urgent Consular support from British Embassy Bangkok, please call the 24-hour Contact Centre at +66 2 305 8333 and select option for Consular Assistance.

Here are some stats of what kept Consular team at the British Embassy Bangkok busy in 2024. A big increase on the 1,465 cases we managed in 2023!

Death	715		
Child Welfare	43		
Welfare	432		
Missing Person	121		
Hospitalisation	335		
Arrest & Detention	234		
Victim of Crime	67		
Torture and mistreatment	12		
Property	8		
Accident / Emergency	40		
Total	2,007		

The 2,007 included:

- 87 deportations from Immigration Detention Centre. In 2023 we deported 51.
- 9 rape and sexual assault cases. In 2023 we supported 11 cases.
- 62 road traffic accident cases. In 2023 we dealt with 41.

Joanne Finnamore-Crorkin

R.F.F.

HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand



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

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

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

Planning your return to the UK

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

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

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

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

When to return

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

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

Split Tax Year

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

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

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

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

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

If you return to the UK within 5 years

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

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

Do I need to tell HMRC when I return?

Informing HMRC that you are returning to the UK is very important. And it can be done personally, or by a tax representative/adviser. It is always recommended that pre-return tax advice is sought, which could be part of an overall package of a pre-and post UK tax advice service.

Considerations for a UK return

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

- Seek UK tax advice from a professional qualified UK Tax Adviser. This is arguably the most important to make sure you understand when you may become UK tax resident.
- Seek tax advice in Thailand to make sure that you leave without any tax liability remaining.
- UK Bank account do you still have one?
 If not speak to your previous UK bank first as in the absence of any recent credit history it may be awkward to open a new account with a bank where you have no history.
- Understand foreign pension provision clarify if it be withdrawn prior to a return and prior to becoming UK tax resident, and in particular, can benefits be taken as a lump sum.

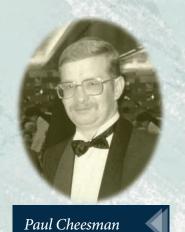
- Review currency exchange rates –
 if transferring significant amounts find an
 economical way as there are many options
 available these days.
- Review investment funds they could be Reporting or Non-Reporting which are taxed differently in the UK. The former liable to Capital Gains Tax (CGT), the latter Income Tax (IT). At time of writing UK CGT rates are lower than UK IT rates so this can be important.
- UK property give tenants the correct notice and refer to the current landlord responsibility rules that apply in the UK as part of the 2023/2024 Renters' Reform Bill changes.
- Healthcare in the UK NHS Hospital treatment is free for those ordinarily resident in the UK on a lawful and properly settled basis, it applies immediately for someone returning permanently.
- Schools research what schools are available, children must be physically present to enroll.
- Insurance consider all your insurance, general (motor, home), and personal (private medical insurance, life assurance, and critical illness). Personal insurance is normally cheaper in the UK as there is a wide and competitive marketplace.
- **Driving license/eligibility** check your UK License is still valid if your UK absence has been more than a few years.

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

Martin Wright Senior Financial Planner

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.





~~~PAST PARTICIPLE~~~ Auspicium Melioris Ævi

We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... **1981**

"The Silom Sala"

Saint Valentine's Day was chosen as the 'official opening day' of the newly constructed "Silom Sala" with H.E. Peter Tripp, the British Ambassador, doing the honours followed by a free Barbecue for all. It was located where 'Sails' is currently situated and was basically a tile roofed area with tables and seating. The minutes referred to it as "The Thai Sala" whilst Outpost referred to it initially as "The Poolside Sala".

Despite many concerns that the tiles were two different shades, and the roof was noisy in the rain, it was met with members' overwhelming approval, and subsequent numerous requests that the Pool Bar (which was where 'The Sala' is currently situated) be recreated in similar format [see Past Participle, July 2025].

The new "Silom Sala" {picture courtesy of Brian Brook}

EGM 1 ... Members!

A major step, initiated by an Extraordinary General Meeting in February. was to again change the rules on membership ... there were dozens of minor changes, but the major ones were ...

Firstly, to generate more younger members, those under 28 years of age could pay in annual instalments

instead of one lump sum or monthly.

Secondly, the requirement to reside in Thailand was removed. The third major policy was to limit each Member to three guests only in one day, unless with prior approval, to entice guests to join.

And finally, the New Members Night system of meeting the committee ahead of being elected by committee, first introduced in 1965, was replaced by a three-month probation period whereby an applicant (now called a candidate) had three months to collect all committee members' signatures and then their membership came up for election (or not!)

The whole EGM 'event' took over three hours!!!

meeting.

It was proposed and seconded that fees should remain at their present level and that Rule 64 will be a schedule of fees and the amounts will be decided at the AGM on March 23rd 1981.

The meeting agreed to this proposal unanimously.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

The meeting started at 5.40pm!

Our sporting year

In a busy January ...

- the Squash Section hosted the first inaugural British Club Open Championship with 35 entries from Members and guests. The winner's 'Rod Carter Shield' was donated by Club Member Rod Carter.
- the "Billiards Room" was moved from the first floor to the old Reading Room on the ground floor [now the Pool Room]. The vacated room was renamed the Silom Room and was the whole half-floor, including where the Club Offices are now, the mirror image of the current Suriwongse Room.

in honour of their 75th Jubilee the previous year, Louis T. Leonowens (Thailand) Limited donated a Cup for a Volunteer Snooker Doubles championship.

The third Squash Court was due to open in February with the Silom Sala but much to players' dismay it appeared to have been constructed in "the wrong dimensions"! Last minute works instigated by the Committee enabled it to be re-sized within the built walls and concurred that it was not too far off the right shape. What makes this tale newsworthy, however, is that it is virtually identical to the building of Squash Court 1 in 1966 which was itself built "two feet too narrow" (see Past Particle, November 2023).

It was eventually opened in the April, with a demonstration match with guest player, Chams Zaman, from Pakistan and a BBQ!

In the July, the Singapore Town Club invited members of the British Club Bangkok to a Balut tournament in Singapore ... the Club declined although it was a different story 26 years later (see Past Particle, April 2027).

In the October, the Golf Section had its 'annual' match against the Scandinavian Association, played since at least 1968, but this time sponsored by the Swedish Motor Corporation. Although players had hoped to win a 'Volvo model 244' prize for a 'hole in one', they actually went off with the Volvo Cup.



▲ The Volvo Cup

EGM 2 ... Crisis!

A Financial crisis hit the Club again in 1981 as staff costs had gone up 62% over a two-year period and consumables, electricity and water had jumped by 98% over the same period giving a predicted deficit of 197,000 Baht for the year.

Whilst there were a number of excuses tabled (an additional Sala and Squash Court to operate which generated no new revenue, that we had too many managers, that sections got more monies than they brought into the Club) the same remedy was applied as before ... raise joining fees and subscriptions!

So an EGM in September raised joining fees and subscriptions by 25% and for the first time added a differential so that those paying over a year (non-voting members) paid more to join that those just paying cash; Deposits were raised to 2,000 Baht; the Absent Fee rose to 1,000 Baht.

3. DEPOSITS

All Members and Ladies with Privileges (except Honorary & Temporary Members) elected after ist October 1981 shall maintain a deposit of B2,000 at the Club. The status quo regarding deposits shall apply to Members and Ladies with Privileges elected prior to 1st October 1981.

ABSENT MEMBERS REGISTRATION FEE

This will be \$1,000.

Subs up again!

Service

Mr. Charles S. Stewart was again elected as Chairman (see Past Participle, August 2024) with Mr. Arthur J. Phillips again being elected as Vice-Chairman (see Past Participle, January 2025] and Mr. Roy Barrett again served as Honorary Treasurer (see Past Participle, October 2024).

Completing their two terms of service were Mr. Simon Brewin and Mr. Hugh Jamieson. Serving this single term only were Mr. Marshal Douglas, Mr. Don Goodwin, and Mr. Tony Blanc, who resigned in the December and was not replaced.

Elected this year, and serving two consecutive terms were Scott Young, who was Chairman the following year, and Mr. Norman Musgrave, who was his vice-Chairman the following year.

1981-82

HONORARY SECRETARY: HONORARY TREASURER: MEMBERS:

CHAIRMAN: Charles S. Stewart VICE-CHAIRMAN: Arthur J. Phillips (not appointed) **Roy Barrett**

> Tony Blanc (resigned 15.12.1981) Simon B. Brewin Marshall Douglas **Don Goodwin Hugh Jamieson** Norman W. Musgrave J. Scott Younger

OUTPOST

Club News

The added comfort of the new Silom Sala, unfortunately, lead to the large number of non-swimmers getting their clothes dampened as swimmers made immediate use of the Sala without first drying themselves ... maybe, this is where the expression 'soggy bottoms' originates?

In the April, Club member Norman Musgrave took over as Outpost editor.

In May, a 'Happy Hour' with bar snacks was instigated in The Bar ... the outlet which is now 'Veranda'!

On 31st July, a Royal Wedding Ball was held to celebrate the wedding of H.R.H. Charles, the Prince of Wales, to Lady Diana Spencer. 250 Members and their guests were treated to a four-course meal and music by the Ading Dila Band. Guests included Honorary Member H.E. Sunthorn Hongladarom, the British Ambassador H.E. Justin Staples CMG, and the Australian Ambassador H.E. Richard Gate.

The year ended with our General Manager being whistled away by the Shell Company of Thailand and a new General Manager sought. In October, Major Ken C. Ywin was appointed as our fourth General Manager and whilst his tenure of office was not the shortest ever, it was not to be too long ... but you will have to wait until next month to find out why!

IT SHOULDN'T BE WECESSARY to point our that
the duckioned seats in the new Sale are not suitwhile for was bottoms.

Regrettably, some throughtless Members and their
families are coming straight out of the Foul and
Flogging into these chairs: not very confortable
for the maxt dry-buttomed Number.

▲ Soggy Bottoms!

In Other News

H.E. Herbert Anthony "Justin" Staples CMG became the British Ambassador and accepted Honorary Membership the Club in the April.

H.E. Ray Jermyn came the New Zealand Ambassador, but his acceptance of Honorary Membership the Club was not minuted.

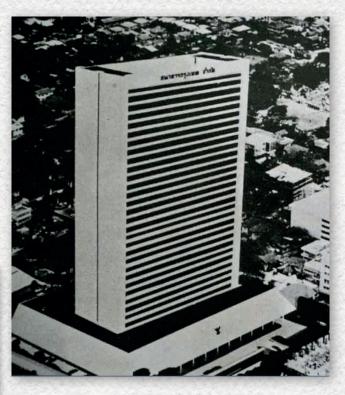
In the April, NASA launched the Space Shuttle Columbia (OV-102) into space, being the first of five Space Shuttle orbiters to fly in space. The much-acclaimed USS Enterprise (OV-101) had been only an Approach and Landing Test Vehicle and never flew in space.

In the June, The Mall, now Thailand's second largest department store group, opened its first branch on Ratchadamri Road.

Wing Commander J.F. Davies became the British Air & Naval Attaché and joined the Club in the July.

The 13-storey "Mo Bradley Building" at Silom's Bangkok Christian Hospital opened in 1981.

Topping out at 440 ft [134 m], Silom again took the honour of Bangkok's tallest building with the completion of the new Bangkok Bank headquarters. It was formally opened in February 1982.



The Bangkok Bank headquarters

Next month ... "All we like sheep"

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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The Cavalry and Guards Club, London

First visited in October 2023 by Paul Doust



The Cavalry and Guards Club was formed by the merger of the Cavalry Club with the Guards Club. The Guards Club was one of the oldest private members' clubs in London, having been established in 1810. But when the merger occurred in 1976, it was the Guards club that moved into the Cavalry Club's premises near Hyde Park Corner, which the Cavalry Club had occupied since its foundation in 1890. The club had some difficulties during the 1980's when its landlord sold the premises to a property developer, who advised the club that it was not their intention to renew the lease. However, the club resolved not to leave, and was able to raise the £3.25 million required to buy the freehold. Club membership is open to serving or retired members of various regiments in the UK military, and since women are now able to join those regiments, those women are eligible to become members too.

All rooms in the clubhouse are exceptionally well appointed, or in the club's own words, "The building today retains its Edwardian grandeur" and it's hard to disagree. On the ground floor there's a library, a few lounges, and a bar called Geoffrey's Bar which is attached to a conservatory next to a small secluded patio. Geoffrey was a barman at the club for many many years. Although he retired a while ago, every time that I've visited the club and enquired. I've been told that he is still alive. On the wall behind the bar there's even a large painting of Geoffrey shaking a cocktail. The ground floor library is one of the few places in the club where one can talk on a mobile phone. The club has two restaurants, one for lunch on the 1st floor, and a smaller one for dinner on the 2nd floor. Additionally there are various function rooms, meeting rooms and accommodation, but no gym facilities. Breakfast is served every day, but lunch and dinner are only available Monday to Friday. The dress code for men is jacket and tie or a suit, with women required to dress smart to an equivalent standard.

My first visit to this club was in March 2015 when I went to a talk by Lord Ashcroft about the men who earned the Victoria Cross during the 1st world war. But on a visit back to the UK in October 2023, I was able to visit the club as a reciprocal member because it had just become reciprocal with the British Club Bangkok. While I was in London, I had time to have both lunch and dinner in the club. I was on my own for lunch so I sat on the club table (see Outpost August 2024 for an explanation of the "club table", which is a table that some London gentleman's' clubs have for members to sit with other members). For dinner I took a friend who lives in London. Both meals were great and reasonably good value, especially the roast beef that I had for lunch which was carved in front of me. The wine list was a bit shorter than at some of the other London clubs. but the delicious club claret only cost £20 a bottle and was a 2016, a good year for Bordeaux. Without doubt, with its prime central London location, the Cavalry and Guards Club is a very welcome additional to the list of reciprocal clubs in London.



Coming Events

February 2025

(more details on the website)

Winston Cup

The Great Fun Sunday

Members Gathering

Super Bowl

Quiz Night

BCCT Life & Styles Garden Party

Valentine's Day

Rugby 10s Bangkok Patana

Pink Ribbon Tennis Tournament

Table Tennis Tournament

Wine On The Lawn

March 2025

(more details on the website)

Pancake Day Races

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day

Great British Open Top Golf

Quiz Night

An Intimate Wine Night

Great British Festival

St. Patrick Day

The AGM 2025

Winston Cup

Table Tennis Tournament

Wine On The Lawn

UK Mother Day

April 2025

(more details on the website)

New Members Night

Quiz Night

Songkran Wet & Wild Pool Party

Winston Cup

Table Tennis Tournament

Easter Day

St George's Day

Wine on the Lawn

LIB 2025 with the Club Birthday 122 $\,$

years

London Marathont

Event & Activities 2025 February Highlights



The Great Fun Sunday

A free event for families on a Sunday afternoon packed with games, competition, music, and stacks of fun



Super Bowl 2025

Rise & Shine bright and early to catch the 2025 Super Bowl, American themed breakfast special and the all-important Half Time show



Valentines Day

Three special themed way to celebrate this year, choose the one that suits you best and enjoy that loving feeling at the Club













Christmas Lunch & Dinner

25/12/24

Arguably one of the best days of the year at the Club. The Churchill Bar, Veranda, Suriwongse Room, and Back Lawn were all fully booked with over 500 people attending the special day. The perfect Christmas turkey roast dinner, live music, closeup magician, Santa, and much more outing a smile on everyone's face throughout the day































Polar Swim 2025 01/01/25

Simply the coolest way to start the new year in 2025 Polar Swim, great to see our 2 legendary penguins taking the plunge first followed by all the families enjoying the ice-cold waters of the main pool



























Madagascar Pool Party 11/01/25

Alex the lion together with Marty made a welcome return to the annual Pool Party celebrating Thailand national Children's Day. Sliders, Move it Move it dancing, and The Gladiator Log master took centre stage for an amazing Saturday afternoon





























Quiz Night 14/01/25

Scumbag College took the top spot for the first quiz night of 2025, closely followed by the Spoofers in second place. Be part of the February Quiz Night to claim the top spot and have a chance at answering the Jackpot question to win big.























Table Tennis Tournament 18/01/25

Congratulations to Marcel winning the January Table Tennis tournament, the tournament was filled with high quality players as the standard gets better every time.



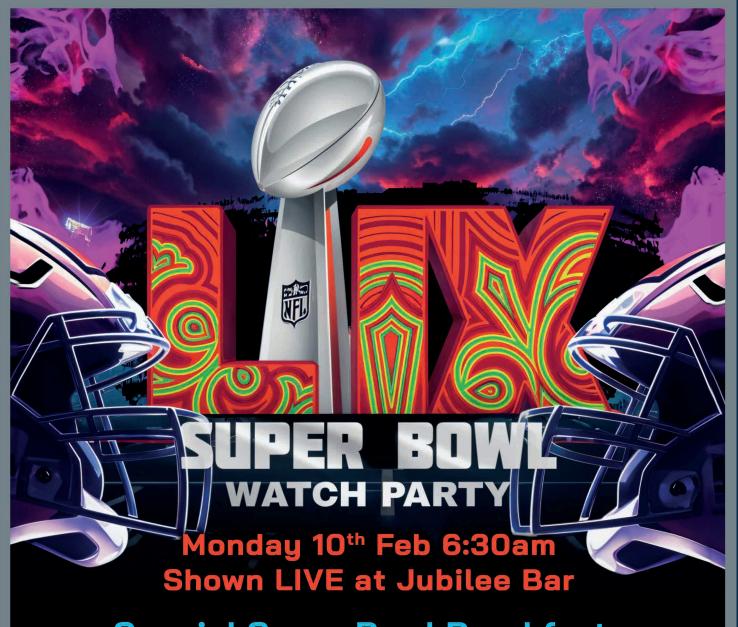












Special Super Bowl Breakfasts

Striploin Steak with Two Eggs 290 B any style, hash browns grilled tomato

Rib Eye Steak with Two Eggs 290 \$\beta\$ any style, hash browns grilled tomato

Corned Beef with Two Egg 290 \$\bar{B}\$ any style, hash browns, grilled tomato



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Chinese New Year Sunday Brunch -Dragon & Lion Dance 26/01/25

Members celebrated the year of the Snake with a delicious Chinese Dim Sum buffet in Veranda Restaurant together with a spectacular Dragon Show on the front lawn



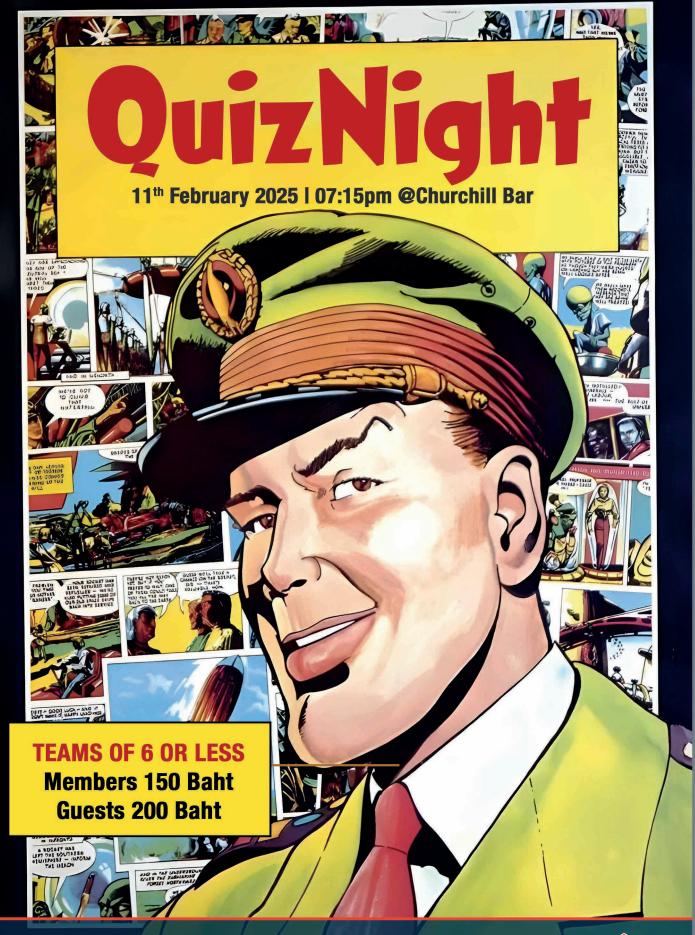














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Life & Style Garden Party



Thursday 13th February 2025 6.30 PM - 9.30 PM @ British Club

Sponsor By











Delight in live jazz music in the garden
Showcase of iconic British luxury cars and motorbikes
Savour exquisite cuisine from top restaurants and hotels
Unlimited British drinks and more.

JOIN NOW

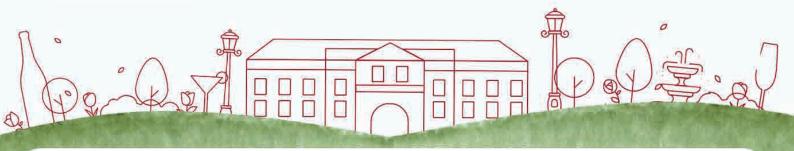


Early Bird (Now until 31st January 2025)

THB 2,000 per person / THB 8,000 for a group of 5

Standard (31st Jan to 13th February 2025)

THB 2,200 per person / THB 10,000 for a group of 5



















































February brings chilly weather. There are plenty of exciting activities to keep kids busy and active at the club!

The Great Fun Sunday - Kick off February with the Great Fun Sunday—a fantastic fair for kids held in the back lawn! It's packed with exciting games, entertainment, delicious treats, and even sumo battles. Whether they're bouncing in the inflatable castle, testing their skills at the balloon dart games, or enjoying in some sweet cotton candy, the Great Fun Sunday promises to be the highlight of the month. It's an event full of laughter, fun moments, so get ready for a Sunday full of laughter, and fun.

This Valentine's Day, BC Bee is bringing some science fun with a heart-themed twist! Kids will be amazed as they make love heart plastic from milk in a simple but cool science experiment. It's the perfect mix of learning and fun.









Rugby 10's is just around the corner so mark your calendars and get ready whether you're playing or just enjoying the games, make sure to stop by our food stall on both days for some of the best food around. It's the perfect way to enjoy great rugby, delicious food, and fantastic company all in one place. We can't wait to see you there!







A Valentine For Everyone

VIP Rooftop



Poolside

Young Valentine



Jubilee

Traditional Love



Veranda

Friday 14th February 2025

3 venues, 3 different experiences to choose from For All Details Please See The Main Programme



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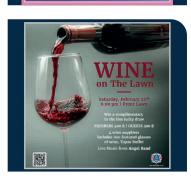


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OUTPOST

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FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS & MEMBER GUESTS SUNDAY 200 FEBRUARY STARTS 2:00 PM Bring the family drown and enjoy a frue afternoon of food, drives and activities RSVP to reserve your place via Line						
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Active Living Section

SECTION UPDATE:

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 April 2025 and beyond.



EVENT REPORT:

Khmer Warfighting: The mysteries surrounding the fall of Angkor: 9th January 2025

Section Chairperson Terry Adams introduced the Speaker, Military Historian Dr Paul Turner, a distinguished historian, researcher, and video documentarian specializing in Southeast Asian history. He noted Dr Carter's distinguished 21 year career in the US Army, mainly working in intelligence postings, followed by 7 years in the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency including completing 4 wartime deployments to Iraq, and then his move to living in Thailand in 2015, where, after completing his PhD at Chulalongkorn University, he currently resides in Chiang Mai, thus facilitating easy access for Dr Carter to progress his ongoing interests and projects in Laos.

By way of introduction: In its heyday between the 11th and 13th centuries, the Khmer Empire encompassed much of what is now Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, southern Vietnam, and parts of Myanmar and Malaysia. The Empire's cultural impact, especially through its monumental architecture such as Angkor Wat and its role in spreading religious and artistic traditions, places it among the most remarkable civilizations of its time. But in 1431, the Ayutthaya based Siamese King Borommarachathirat II invaded Ankor and sacked the city and taking considerable 'treasure' as well as tens of thousands of citizens as slaves, thus destroying the Khmer Empire, although its cultural and architectural legacy endured.

Dr Carter explained to a large lunchtime audience just why and how the dominant but declining Khmer Empire with its heart in Angkor, was defeated. His research indicated that the key reason for the defeat, that devastated the Khmer Empire and from which it could not recover, was down to a multi-generational lack of almost any defensive



strategies or resource deployment. Interestingly, he commented that some 400 years later, the Ayutthaya Kingdom was somewhat easily destroyed by the attacking Burmese armies for exactly the same reason. Both resulted in the sacking and destruction of their beautiful capital cities and taking of massive amounts of 'treasure' as well as tens of thousands of the defending people, forcing them into slavery.

Dr Carter started his presentation by outlining the sheer scale and size of the Khmer Empire from its founding in 802 through to its peak in around 1220, and from then what might be considered as the 'complacency' period despite fending off attacks from the Sukhothai based Siamese, through to eventual defeat and sacking by the Siamese in 1431. Interestingly, he contrasted this period with key developments in Europe at the same time. which included for comparison the signing of the Treaty of Verdun in 838 (said to have started developments leading to the formation of France and Germany), the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215, and the ending of the 100 Years War in 1453. He then turned to the military aspects of the terrain around the Ankor Wat and Angkor Thom, the 'heart' of the Khmer Empire, the higher water table facilitating large areas of rice paddy fields, and through terrain that only allowed potential enemy armies two key paths of attack. These being the

only 'positives'. He then highlighted that there were no defenses established around the then capital of Ankor Thom other than an 8m high wall surrounding the inner city combined with a 100m wide moat. There were no outlying teams of observers and no outlying defensive barriers in place to give warning of and impede the speed of advance of an enemy force. He contrasted this with examples of the very extensive defenses-indepth deployed by many ancient cities in India, of which the Khmer Kings would certainly have been aware.

Dr Carter then turned to possible reasons why the Khmer Kings had neglected defensive practices: a) A belief that 'offense is the best defense', b) From the experience of others, fears that his own standing army could revolt and topple the monarchy, c) A lack of military 'know-how', or d) A reliance on mystical forces where gods and magic were more powerful protectors than physical defenses. Perhaps some or all of these contributed to the complacency, or, as someone from the audience suggested – maybe the Khmer elite were just having too much of a good time to care about defense. The jury is still 'out'!

Accepting some small Club mementos following a rousing 'vote of thanks', Dr Carter expressed his delight at receiving the invitation to speak at The British Club.



Despite us being heavily into 2025 now it is definitely worth a reminder of what was a very busy and memorable finish to 2024 for the Squash section.

The highlight for many of us was the extended visit to the club of some real A listers from the world of squash! No less than Lee Beachill a former World Number 1 and now Chief Operating Officer of The Professional World Squash Association and with him was Joey Barrington a former pro' himself, winner of numerous professional tournaments, son of the legendary Jonah Barrington and now lead presenter and commentator of Squash TV. If that wasn't enough they brought along Thomas Dwyer the producer of Squash TV, the channel we all use to keep up to date with the world squash tour! For us squashies this was fanboy territory!

Having persuaded Lee and Joey to come to Thailand between tournaments in Singapore and Hong Kong

we asked them to undertake academy sessions and also undertake a Q&A session to field all the questions about their careers and the inside track on squash at the highest level of the game.

The visit was a roaring success for both us and the visitors who loved the British Club in every way from the warm welcome of the staff and members to the facilities including the squash courts and lounge which they liked immensely and the whole overall vibe of BCB. Wishing to make the trip as memorable as possible for them we arranged to take them out on the town and see some of the highlights of Bangkok. A massive thank you to Todd Rosin and Michael McNeilly who kindly sponsored evenings out with the visitors which turned out to be spectacular nights that can only be experienced in Thailand! Well done chaps we really appreciate your support!



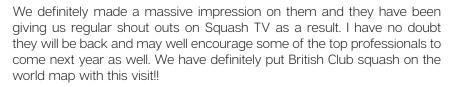








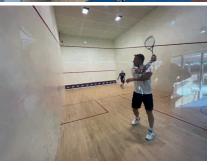




The other major highlight was the running of the Rod Carter Open event which again was a huge success – we had a wide field of entrants and as our signature event of the year it certainly gained a lot of attention particularly as we believe this is the highest prize money squash event in Thailand! The winner of the main draw was the very worthy and perennial Khun Chatchawin (Win) who had a fantastic game with our own Nanu but edged him out with some very tidy and accurate play both at the front and the back of the court! Steven Bussey our section captain came in a creditable third overall! Many of the younger players are getting stronger by the year and I wonder how long Khun Win's rein as Rod Carter champion can continue?? Lets see in 2025!!!

A last but not least shout out to Neil Evans and Dean Thompson who headed on tour to Hong Kong to see the HK Open and latterly for Dean the World Teams' event where they got to hob nob with some of the current greats of the modern game and probably the GOAT of Squash Jahangir Khan!

Happy squashing everyone!!! And remember always keep it in the nick!!



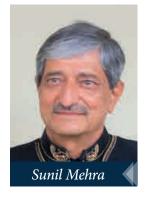












TENNIS

Here we are 2025 in full flow...and what did we Expect?

The pollution is back. Aussie Open is swinging and hitting in more ways than one. And then a surprise....one morning I managed to make it early to the club, in time to join the dawn hitters of the BC Morning Group; and I found all the not-so-young, and wise, sitting around the table and waiting for boiled eggs instead of 'scrambling' on swish new tennis courts. And why I asked itching to play some tennis, and the answer was just PM. My first thought was on no something has happened to the young PM in the country. But no, they were talking about PM 2.5; and had concluded it is too high to play tennis That was more wise than the nonchalance of some notsoyoung pretenders. How bad was it in Bangrak? The colour was glowing **RED** with a clear warning about health hazards.

151 to 200 Unhealthy Red

Disappointed, but impressed, I returned home without hitting a single ball. So, how bad was it on 9th January of the very New Year. On the same day on the other side of the earth was Los Angeles with the raging fires; the day my daughter, who has some respiratory risk, and her family, were making preparations to evacuate from her home near Silverlake because of the air quality and as another fire had started in Hollywood Hills nearby. So, I checked to compare Bangrak and Marathon Street, Los Angeles IQAir stations. The result was shocking. Bangrak 162 US AQI and La Fayette, Marathon 55! It was so improbable that I took a screen shot and sent it to my daughter. Therefore, to all the non-chalants – please take air pollution here in Bangrak seriously or it will get worse before you can get wise. This is not a story or Xspecial, this is real life. And now, back to tennis and happy times at the British Club.

The British Club Tennis League

por el maestro invisible Enrique

The conclusion of Season 2 in the BC Tennis League, proudly sponsored by Marcel Petit Tennis Lab, marks a triumphant chapter in our club's long history. Over the past three months, our courts have come alive with the energy of fierce competition, joyous camaraderie, and an undeniable passion for the game. These moments of shared excitement and skill showcase the vibrant spirit of tennis at BC.

This season welcomed nearly 40 enthusiastic players who brought fresh energy and a competitive edge to our tennis community. Their participation elevated the calibre of play, creating unforgettable matches that enriched our tennis landscape.

Each competitor brought their heart and talent to the courts, exemplifying true sportsmanship. Among them, outstanding champions emerged in their respective divisions, earning well-deserved recognition for their exceptional performances:



▲ Division 1: Daniel Jackobs



▲ Division 2: Remi Galland



Division 3: Fridjof Rusten



Division 4: Michael White

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every participant for their dedication and enthusiasm. Your commitment has been the cornerstone of the league's success and has made this season truly remarkable.

A special thanks goes to our valued sponsor, Marcel Petit Tennis Lab, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in fostering tennis initiatives and elevating the sport within our community.

As we look ahead to the highly anticipated Club Championships, this season's conclusion serves as a thrilling prelude to the excitement to come. With new challenges and opportunities on the horizon, we're excited to see how our players will continue to grow and inspire. Let's carry this incredible energy, camaraderie, and love for the game into the Club Championships and the next season of the BC Tennis League. Here's to celebrating the spirit of tennis that unites us all!

Many thanks Señor Enrique for your caring support for our League

THE BCB CHARITY EVENT OF THE YEAR IS BACK AND BIGGER



6th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis Tournaments 21st February 2025, AM & PM

This special charity event of the year not to be missed by those who play tennis and those who don't – those who are women and those who are not - everyone can contribute to a good cause.

Join IN, Pitch IN and Give IN – make your contribution to change and support others less fortunate. Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer tournaments will be held two times on 21st February 2025, starting with Registration at 7.00 am for Morning Session and Registration 4.00pm for the Afternoon Session.

All proceeds will go to *Queen Sirikit Breast Cancer Foundation (QSBCF)*. The funds will be donated towards the QSCBCF Slum Project which provides breast cancer screening, rehabilitation and hospice care for underprivileged patients in Thailand.

Help and support the cause. There are lot of ways to support apart from playing tennis. There will be merchandise sales, a donation box, auctions & games. For more information, please contact Raquel by email - quel_evans@yahoo.co.uk

2025 Tennis Calendar

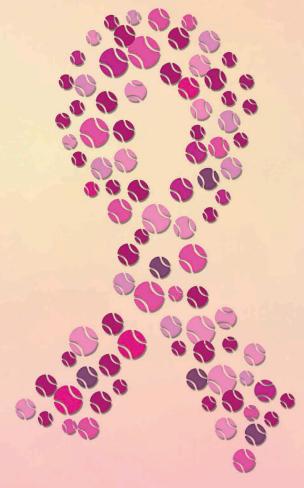
February 21	₩ Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer	July 20	Bruce Gordon Cup
March 14	Friendly with Hong Kong Country Club	Aug 25-Sep 7	US Open
March 15	Mix Doubles InterClub - Pyramid	Sept 7	The Great Wide Open
March 22	BCB Tennis Championships Finals	Nov 1-8	WTA Finals
May 25-Jun 9	French Open	Nov 8-17	Nitto ATP Finals
June 30-Jul 13	Wimbledon Championships	Nov 16-22	Next Gen ATP Finals
July 13	BCB Womble Cup	Nov 23-27	Davis Cup Finals



QSCBC

Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation

6th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis



Friday 21st February

1st session starts 8:00am - second session starts 4:00pm

Brunch 12:00pm / Dinner Buffet 6:00pm

Entry Donation 1,200\$



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QSCBC
Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation

6th Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis Programme

Friday 21st February 2025

Morning Session

7:00am Tennis registration &

warmups

(first come first served first

16 players)

7:15am First Round American

tournament

(No need to sign up with a doubles partner, everyone will be switching partners, it's a fun double not

competitive, prizes to each

winner)

8:00am 2nd round

9:00am 3rd round

10:00am 4th round

11:00am 5th round

12:00 Lunch buffet

1:00pm Breast Cancer talks by

Khunying Finola Chamtara honorary Advisor to the QSCBC and Foundation

(raffle draws and auctions as well during the lunch)

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4:00pm Registration & warmups

Afternoon Session

4:15pm 1st Round

5:10pm 2nd Round

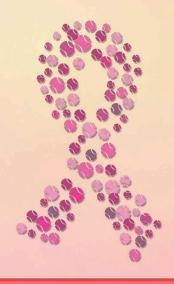
6:00pm 3rd Round

6:10pm Dinner open

7:00pm 4th Round

8.00pm Dinner awards, raffle,

auction, band





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Pictured left to right – Mark Adderley, Varghese Rose (Captain) and Mark Russell.

The December monthly medal was held at Subhapruek golf course on Sunday 15th December. It was a later than usual start at 12:50pm and we were a little worried that the last groups would not quite make it round the course on time. However, our worries were misplaced as all 13 players made it round before sunset and actually, the shadows falling across the fairways over the back nine holes made a lovely and cooling atmosphere which was very well received.

The winners of the 'Moments of Excellence' were:

Near pins - Mark Adderley, Mark Russell, James Taylor-Alford and Frank Fawkes

Men's long drive - Doug Angus

Long putts - Frank Fawkes

Coming third in Division 1 and receiving an honourable mention was Peter Clark. Second in division 1 and winning a sleeve of balls was James Taylor-Alford and first in division 1, winning a bottle of wine was Mark Adderley.

Coming third in Division 2 and receiving an honourable mention was Frank Fawkes. Second in division 1 and winning a sleeve of balls was Gareth Knight and first in division 1, winning a bottle of wine was Mark Russell.

Congratulations to both of our winners.

Finally there were a few errors made in the reporting of the results of the annual Club Championships in the January edition of the Outpost Magazine. The changes to those results are as follows:

Brian Brook was net runner up in the men's net competition rather than Day 1 winner.

Paul Wyatt was Day 2 winner rather than net runner up in the men's competition.

Alan Ainsworth was the Day 1 winner.



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HARD BALLS

A double helping of festive cheer for the BC cricketers with two hard-fought wins either side of the Christmas and New Year holidays, ending the old year and starting the new one in the right way.

BC Pavilionaires (116/9, Rahul 40*) beat RBSC (111, Dilip 3-31) by five runs - RBSC T20 Invitational



BC Pavilionaires celebrate victory over RBSC

Fireworks from Shri and a solid anchoring performance from Rahul, backed up by some nerveless bowling, saw BC home in a nailbiting encounter with RBSC on their home turf just before Santa made his rounds.

The hosts won the toss and chose to bowl first on a grassy pitch at the Polo Ground, as Ed's Pavilionaires sought to bounce back from defeat at the hands of Siam CC in the first round of the new T20 invitational tournament.

Opening the innings with Chef, Mak smote his first ball for four, but any hopes of repeating his quickfire knock against Siam were dashed as he nicked behind in the next over.

This brought Ben to the crease but he departed soon after, opening the way for Shri to hit a typically explosive 36 off 17 balls, including three sixes and three fours. After putting on 45 with Rahul in a little over four overs, Shri departed stumped.

At 72/3 with half the innings to go, the Pavs had a good platform to build on, but wickets tumbled regularly at one end. Rahul doggedly held up the other end to carry Ed's men to a below-par but defendable 116.

Dilip got BC off to the perfect start with the ball, removing the RBSC captain with his first delivery, caught by Shri. But the other opener Anil and number three Saddam stepped on the gas, putting on 23 in just a couple of overs to keep RBSC on top. Dilip struck again to remove the dangerous-looking Saddam for 20, Ben ran through a miserly but wicketless four overs and there were scalps for Raul, Ravi and Sunish. But still RBSC chipped away at the total, keeping up with the run rate even as wickets steadily fell.



Sunish and Ed discuss tactics at the Polo Ground

But cometh the hour, cometh the Onions. He roared back for his final spell to break through with a third wicket, before Ed shifted opener Anil for 33, finally tilting the game back towards BC.

With seven needed off the last two overs, the skipper gave the RBSC number 11 little chance with a middle-stump thunderbolt, claiming his second wicket of the day to clear up the hosts for 111 and bag a famous fiverun win.

Man of the match went to Rahul for his 40* and two wickets, but Dilip's 3-31 and Ed's 2-7 were also crucial.

British Club (150/5, Avi 64) beat Bangkok CC (148, Tyrone 4-11) by five wickets - BCL Division A

Bangkok CC won the toss and chose to bat on a beautiful cool day at AIT, but the BC attack swiftly left them rueing their decision as Pramodh, Talal and Tyrone tore through their top order to leave them five down for 43 at the end of the first powerplay.

There was no let up from the BC attack as Tyrone in particular, continuing the form he has shown all season, bowled with masterly control to claim 4-11 off five overs, with only a juggling drop by Ed at mid-on denying him his five-fer.

With Bangkok struggling on 77/5 at the 15-over break, BC were eyeing a low chase. But Bangkok's captain marshalled the lower order to mount a fierce rearguard action, putting on 71 for the last two wickets as the BC bowlers lost a bit of focus. Bangkok reached 149, helped by an 11-ball 26 by their number 11 before he was removed by a jubilant John.

Tyrone came and went swiftly at the start of the BC innings, and some tight bowling by Bangkok put BC behind the required rate before Avi and Mak picked up the pace, putting on 71 together. Mak departed for 39, bringing Dilip to the middle, where he expertly farmed the non-strike to score two in a partnership of 33 as Avi kept the chase on course.

Avi was finally caught for 64, leaving Pramodh and John with work still to do -22 runs needed off 23 balls with five wickets in hand. A six from the skipper eased some of the nerves before Bangkok brought back their left-arm quick, looking for revenge on John who had castled him earlier in the day.

But young John kept his cool, nonchalantly glancing the first ball off his hips for four, then – as Bangkok brought the field in to put pressure on him – belting a six to win the match in style with an over to spare.



Heavy roller in action at AIT



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