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Chairman's Message





Beware the Ides of March although in 44 BC Julius Ceasar ignored this warning and on the 15TH March was duly assassinated. Hopefully there will be no such dramatic activity in The British Club and The Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for the 18th March will progress smoothly. To all ordinary members, please do attend the AGM as it gives you a chance to meet, in person, the outgoing and incoming General Committee whilst having an opportunity to be updated on the financial and operational activities of the club.

On the 5th February the Club held its annual a party on the back lawn with twenty plus year members and new members being invited to attend with over hundred and fifteen members confirming their acceptance. Attendees enjoyed an outstanding buffet, complimentary beverages and background music in what proved to be the ending of the relatively cooler weather.

On the 21st February , In collaboration with the "Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation" the Club hosted a very successful 6th annual Pink

Ribbon Charity Tennis event. During the day a series of friendly tennis matches were held culminating in a charity dinner held on the front lawn.

Input from current and potential users of the Suriwongse room is being collected and assessed so that the required level of refurbishment can be considered that would enable first class concerts and theatrical performances to be staged therein.

New additional menu offerings, exclusive to individual outlets, have been implemented and so far are being well received so give your taste buds a treat!!

Before signing off a big thank you to my fellow General Committee members for all your good work during the last "GC year" and to those standing for election on the 18th March I wish you every success in the year ahead.

Cheers Simon





PANCAKE DAY

Sunday 2nd March | 2:00 pm onward | Back Lawn





FREE ENTRANCE

Live Pancake stations with seasonal fruits and ice cream

Get ready for the Pancake Races



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THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Greetings once again.

Alongside the 'usual' workflow of assistance and notarial services, we also managed to include prevention focused pieces recently.

The first one was with a UK production company. It gave us a platform with which to share our key messages, with an aim to prevent incidents from arising, where possible.

We plugged the key points which we always share when given the chance - Having the correct insurance! Ensuring your insurance is valid and covers all areas of your trip (for motorcycle rental for example) and the favourite: **WEAR A HELMET IF TRAVELLING ON A MOTORCYCLE!**

We're hoping to be able to share more updates on this with you, later in the year. In the meantime, we'll continue to find avenues to support our prevention efforts, which remains one of the most important areas of our work.

On 5 & 6 February 2024, 21 Tourist Police officers from tourist hot spots including Bangkok, Phuket, and Pattaya gathered at the British Embassy in Bangkok to attend a two-day workshop designed to strengthen their response to sexual assault cases.

Tourist Police Officer often serve as the first point of contact for survivors of sexual assault, explored practical tools and approaches to ensure compassionate, survivor-centered policing. The workshop covered critical topics such as understanding trauma, improving coordination with other service providers, and fostering trust to better meet the needs of survivors.

Expert facilitators engaged participants in practical exercises, such as role-playing scenarios, to help them apply the concepts to real-world situations. The training also addressed the critical need for survivor-centered police responses that ensure access to essential services to minimise their vulnerability.

Co-organized by the British Embassy and UN Women, the training was supported by the European Union through the PROTECT Project and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

The workshop concluded with participants expressing their commitment to applying the survivor-centered approaches and tools in their day-to-day work. By enhancing their understanding of trauma, strengthening referral systems, and fostering partnerships with other service providers, these officers are now better equipped to support survivors of sexual assault and ensure access to essential services.



Joanne Finnamore-Crorkin

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HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand



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

Unit Trusts & Open-Ended Investment Companies

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

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

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

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

What is a Unit Trust?

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

What is an OEIC?

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

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

What's the difference between Unit Trusts and OEICs?

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

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

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

Investment Trusts

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)

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

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

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

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

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We continue the story of the British Club Bangkok ... **1982**

"All we like sheep"

The year started with an unfortunate occurrence – a series of stock irregularities, particularly in meat, poultry and fish had come to light at the end of January, which led to the Committee insisting on daily stock checks. These stock checks were not forthcoming from management and further checks by Committee members on one occasion revealed that 82kg of beef had gone astray.

These operational failures and the theft were compounded by a false accounting chit and a seriously erroneous cheque, which left the Committee with few options. At the start of March the Chairman, Charles Stewart, suspended the Club Manager, Major Kenneth C. Ywin MC. The same evening, following a full investigation by the Committee into inventory losses, and accounting malpractice, Major Ywin and the Assistant Manager, together with the store clerk and the storekeeper were dismissed from the Club.

Sadly, it was not just management "going astray", a spate of petty and serious thefts from the Club and from Members lead to the Committee employing uniformed security guards 24/7. Inter-Asian Enterprises won the first contract

Mr. Touglas expressed grave concern that the British Club was losing substantial quantities of supplies in an unsatisfactory manner and that the Manager had signed goods inward receipts without checking that the actual delivery had been made, in spite of instructions to the contrary.

Going Astray

New Managers

Following the management dismissal, at a special meeting of the Committee, Mr. Bob L. Vlietstra, a Club Member, and a senior manager at the Royal Bangkok Sport Club, was appointed Committee Advisor, to help rebuild the management and staff structure and accountability.

Mr. Vlietstra was finally appointed General Manager in the October and stayed in the role for two years. To aid him, the Club recruited Dr. Adisak Kankhanti as his Assistant Manager.

By the close of the year the new Management appeared to have gotten to grips with the Club's affairs ... Membership had risen to 502, our Bank debt had dropped from 2.50 Million Baht to 1.35 Million Baht, there were record numbers at Club Nights, Bar Movies and

even bookings for the Annual Ball, held on the back lawn, had to be capped at 350 persons as it had proved too popular to cater for properly.

KHUN ADISAK KAMKHANTI

Assistant Manager

The General Committee is pleased to announce confirmation of Khun Adisak's appointment as Assistant Manager.

The Club welcomes Khun Adisak to the Management team.

New Managers!

Our sporting year

The first record of the Captain George Cup for Best Average Net Score over the year, presented at the Golf Section AGM in the January.

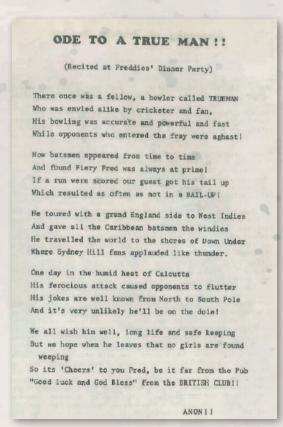
In a busy February...

- the Committee acknowledged the generosity of Leslie Collins Junior in his donating a trophy in his father's honour to inaugurate a competition for Snooker Doubles.
- the Club was host to a dinner with guest speaker Freddie Trueman, the Yorkshire and England cricketer. This excellent evening was summed up in the March Outpost with an 'Ode To a True Man'.
- the Tennis Section was re-founded, after a period of inactivity, with a 'Round Robin' Tennis Doubles Handicap competition.

In the April, the Cricket team travelled to Chiang Mai to play against the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club. This would become an annual tournament.

August was also very busy ...

- the Squash Section had travelled all the way to Chiang Mai to play the inaugural Squash Tournament against the Chiang Mai Gymkhana Club. The event was a weekend affair of good food, sightseeing and squash which the Club lost very heavily!!!
- an informal Snooker Demonstration by 1981 Snooker World Champion Steve Davis took place.
 Mr. Davis was in town for the 2nd ASEAN Snooker Championships.
- the Golf Section played, for the first recorded time, against the Golfers Cocktail Lounge and lost the Richard Mooney Cup!



Ode To a True Man

Club News

In the February, the Club was host to a dinner with guest of honour, H.E. Dr. Thanat Khoman, Deputy Prime Minister & Leader of the Democratic Party. Dr. Thanat spoke of his work with Force 136 during World War II and gave a look into contemporary Thai politics.

In the March, Club Member Ian Hill took over as Outpost editor.

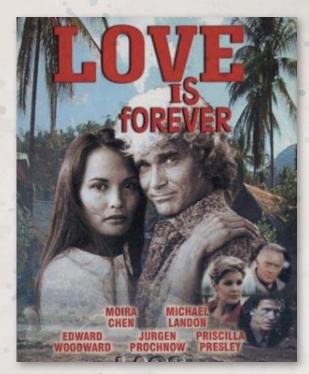
In the August, NBC, the US TV producer, filmed in The Bar and at poolside for their movie 'Love Is Forever' (aka 'Comeback') starring Michael Landon, Edward Woodward, and Priscilla Presley. The movie was

based upon the true story of Australian journalist, Thai resident, *past Club member* and alleged spy John Everingham and his daring rescue of his Laotian wife from communist Laos. Pictures of the shoot were displayed on the previous Churchill Bar wall but appear to have been lost.

In the September, in a break from his SE Asia tour of the comedy "A Bed Full of Foreigners", actor Terry Scott, with his wife Maggie, was guest speaker at a packedout dinner held in the Suriwongse Room.

The Ladies Advisory Group was upgraded to Ladies Advisory Council and asked to come up with options on giving ladies a fuller role in the Club ... even with the 'unthinkable' option of allowing female membership! To aid them the Vice-Chairman was given the task of liaising with these ladies on a regular basis.

The Long-Range Plan continued, and the year ended with a project to raise the level of Centre and No. 1 tennis courts by an amount of 70cm at the cost of 298,000 Baht. This work was completed over four months due to poor weather and was now ready for its grand opening in 1983 however you will have to wait until next month to find out who opened our new courts!



▲ Love Is Forever

Service

As recorded last month, Mr. Scott Young was elected as Chairman, and Mr. Norman Musgrave was elected as vice-Chairman both completing two terms on the Committee. No Honorary Secretary was elected, and Mr. Roy Barrett again served as Honorary Treasurer [see Past Participle, October 2024].

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The remaining Committee were all new: Mr. Geoff Percival started the first of his four terms on the Committee; and starting the first of their two terms were Mr. Anthony Bekenn, Mr. lan Fleming, and Mr. John Williams.

Serving this single term only were Mr. Jeremy Davies, Mr. Ian Hill, and Mr. Norman Scott.

1982-83

HONORARY SECRETARY: HONORARY TREASURER: MEMBERS:

CHAIRMAN: J. Scott Younger VICE-CHAIRMAN: Norman W. Musgrave (not appointed) **Roy Barrett**

> Anthony C. Bekenn S. Jeremy Davies Ian Fleming E. Ian Hill **Geoff Percival** W. Norman Scott John Williams

General Committee 1982-83

Reboot!

With the perceived need to 'reboot' the Club, the incoming Committee set forth nine sub-committees to move the Club forward ...

- Entertainment (to continue with Bar Movie nights and other profitable events).
- F&B (to look at outsourcing catering).
- Finance (to computerise inventory control).
- House & Grounds (to continue the Long-Range
- Membership (to drive up the numbers).
- Personnel (to recruit replacement staff!).
- Poolside (to upgrade poolside furniture).
- Publicity (to continue to produce 'Outpost').
- Sports (to upgrade the tennis courts and create a tennis courts payment system).

4) Chairmen of Sub-Committees The following accepted Chairmanship of Sub-Committees as listed below: HOUSE & GROUNDS Mr. J.S. Younger ENTERTA INMENT Mr. N.W. Musgrave PUBLICITY & OUTPOST Mr. E.I. Hill POOLSIDE Mr. S.J. Davies Mr. W.N. Scott Mr. J. Williams Mr. G. Percival Mr. A.C. Bekenn FINANCE Mr. I. Fleming F & B

Sub-Committees!

In Other News

In the February, the Communications Authority of Thailand introduced 'zip codes' for the whole country and thus the Club is within 10500.

On 6th April, the Chakri dynasty, and Bangkok itself, celebrated their bicentennials with the hosting of a Royal Barge procession along the Chao Phraya river.

Also, in the April, the Reverend lan Bull became the Vicar of Christ Church, and accepted an Honorary Membership of the Club.

The UK was involved in "the Falklands War" during the second quarter of the year.

Col. B.J. Harrold MBE became the British Defence & Military Attaché and joined the Club in the September.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation moved its local offices from the Siam Centre Department Store to the refurbished Building at 64 Silom Road, previously home to both the Australian Embassy and the New Zealand Embassy (see Past Participle, December 2024].

On 27th September, Thailand gained a new province with the creation of Mukdahan, having previously been an Amphur (District) in Nakhon Phanom province.



Mukdahan

Next month ... "Björn and Nyström"

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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Tokyo American Club, Japan

Visited in January 2024 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)

The Tokyo American Club has been an integral part of the international community in Tokyo since its founding in 1928. There had been tension in the air when the club was established, because 4 years earlier the US government had passed the Alien Exclusion Act which barred Japanese and other Asians from immigrating to the USA. However, the club's website suggests that the club was formed because expatriate American men wanted somewhere to take their wives or girlfriends for evening drinks, rather than because of any local consequences of the Alien Exclusion Act.

These days the club has two branches. The main clubhouse is in the Azabudai area of Tokyo, right next to the Russian Embassy, and it's the sixth incarnation of the main club. It was opened in 2011, and has been described by an independent consulting firm as "quite possibly the finest private club facility in the world". Since 2021 the club has also had a satellite branch in the Nihonbashi area. The Azabudai clubhouse is open 7

days a week, but the Nihonbashi clubhouse is only open Monday to Friday. The club has around 4000 Members, drawn from 50-plus nations, and the US ambassador to Japan serves as the honorary president of the Club.

When we visited Tokyo last year we only had time to visit the main clubhouse. It divides into two sides, namely the family side in the western wing of the clubhouse, and the formal side in the eastern wing. As one would expect, the formal side has a more formal dress code than the family side. However, the most formal dress code just requires collared shirts, no shorts and closed shoes, so jacket and tie are never required.

The club has lots of facilities. On the ground floor there's the Foreign Traders' Bar, a restaurant called the American Bar & Grill, and next to that is a very large lounge called the Winter Garden which has an impressively high ceiling. On the family side there are two cafés called the Rainbow Café and Café Med, and

a few rooms specifically for children. There are lots of sports facilities too, including a gym, squash courts, bowling alleys, and a large 1.4 metre deep swimming pool called the Sky Pool which is located on the top (5th) floor. Other facilities include a library and some accommodation.

The club was very responsive to emails. Our letter of introduction was initially sent about 2 months before we were due to be in Tokyo. However, the club replied to say unless we were going to book their accommodation, they only accept letters of introduction 4 weeks in advance of our arrival. In the end we decided to stay elsewhere, so we had to get the letter of introduction resent closer to our arrival date. When we arrived, they had the letter of introduction stored in their systems, but to complete registration as a reciprocal member they required a credit card, our British Club membership cards, and our passports with a Japan Immigration

Stamp or our flight itineraries. We were given temporary membership cards which were needed to open a lot of the sliding doors throughout the club, and we were required to return the cards before we left Japan.

Thanks to Facebook, I had been in touch with an old friend who lives in Tokyo who I hadn't seen for more than 25 years, so one night the two of us arranged to meet for dinner in the club. To introduce him as a guest, he had to bring government-issued photo ID with him. We ate in the American Bar & Grill, which in addition to its à la carte menu, had 3 set menus. We chose one of the set menus and all 5 courses were delicious. Although all the wines on their wine list were relatively young, they were reasonably priced, with a small selection of wines by the glass too. Overall, the Tokyo American Club is a very impressive club, so without doubt it's well worth a visit for anyone passing through Tokyo.



Coming Events

March 2025

(more details on the website)

- · Great British Festival
- · Pancake Day Races
- · Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day
- · Quiz Night
- St Patricks Day
- · AGM
- Winston Cup
- · Table Tennis Tournament
- Wine On The Lawn (last for the summer)
- · UK Mother's 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
- \cdot 2025 with the Club Birthday 122 years

May 2025

(more details on the website)

- · Quiz Night
- · An Intimate Wine Night
- · FA Cup Final
- Table Tennis Tournament
- · Winston Cup
- · Wine on the Lawn

Event & Activities 2025 March Highlights



Great British Festival

A full lineup on solo artists and full bands take to the main stage for a festival Saturday



UK Mother's Day

Treat Mum to a special Brunch with 10 delightful desserts and presents



AGM

Voting members are invited to attend the 2025 Annual General Meeting













An Intimate Wine Night Exploring – Penfolds Bin Range

31/01/25

This was the first time we have welcomed Penfolds to our Intimate Wine Night, everyone was treated with a journey through their Bin Range paired perfectly by Chef Chon































The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition 01/02/25

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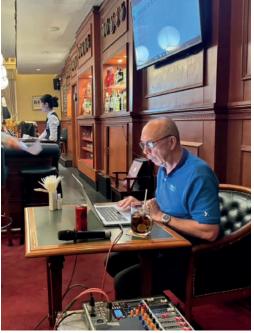
















Quiz Night 11/01/25

Congratulations to the February Quiz Night Winners Drowning Not Waiving and to second place team Scumbag College







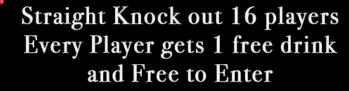






The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

Saturday 22^{nd} Mar - Starts 6:00pm



All levels welcome

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Valentine Dinner 14/02/25

The Club in Love at Veranda, the perfect set menu and pairing champagne made everyone fall in love one more time

















Bangkok Rugby 10s 15/02/25

Our A Team created the biggest ever British Club Stand along with our signature Ice-Cream Truck to serve the 3500 attendees. A record-breaking year with over 105 local and internationals team taking part.





























Wine on the Lawn 22/02/25

The first of 2025, 4 impressive suppliers showcasing their best from their portfolios















Raffle Draw for a Deluxe Room Night Stay at the Dusit D2

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6.00pm - 10.00pm

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2.30pm - 6.00pmTable

Wine on the Lawn 6.00pm - 10.00pm

4.00pm - 7.00pm





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 finalisation to June 2025 and beyond.



Click here:

- For information on the Section and our previous Events
- To join the Section by completing your application.

Or visit the Active Living Section website at:

www.britishclubbangkok.org/ active-living-section/

(Just keep clicking on the posters to delve deeper for information, photographs, and more)

Section Future Events:





EVENT REPORT:

2nd AGM & Party: 20th January 2025

With an attendance of 36% of the Section Membership, Section Chairperson Terry Adams opened the Section's 2nd Annual General Meeting by reading out a message from GC chair and also section member Simon Davies, before progressing on with the Meeting Agenda. He noted that during the year the Section had put on 13 Lunchtime presentations, 1 Evening 'Fireside Chat', 2 Evening Parties (including the 1st AGM), 4 Day Trips, and 3 Exercise Socials, 2 of which were matches against local 'senior's groups. He went on to point out that participation at the Section's Events had increased by 56% over our first year. Noting that his biggest disappointment was the low number of travelers on

our excellent Day Trips, the biggest innovations being our ongoing engagement with the Golden Years Group of Bangkok, and the improved engagement with section members, his biggest surprises were the high level of interest in 'Historical' topics and how much the participants enjoyed the exercise socials. He then set out the background that resulted in the Committee's decision to change the name of the Section, to disassociate the section from the stigma attached to the word "Senior", as after all, age is just a number! With all the current committee members standing for re-election to the new committee, all seven were re-elected with no other nominations.

The Party was its now usual great success given the superb camaraderie that is engendered at all the section's get-togethers, from Annual Meetings to time together on the day trips, to the great fun had by all when playing croquet on the front lawn sandwiched between the lovely Clubhouse on one side and the new Sala and Jubilee bar on the other. With many thanks to the section members who kindly donated prizes for the now customary raffle being a highlight, this free-of-charge event is used by the section committee as 'payback' to members for their support throughout the year!

Finally, it is essential to acknowledge that an important part of the success of the section was made possible by the unwavering support, exceptional work, and dedication of the club's F&B and Functions teams. Headed by Khun Somboon, from the kitchen staff who prepared the always delicious meals, to the hard working and excellent service staff, the sound and computer technicians, and also importantly the unseen work of the support staff Khun Phantira and Khun Note, to whom we offer our very many thanks!

EVENT REPORT:

Lunchtime Chat with Medical Doctor Donna Robinson: Breaking Barriers in Thailand: 4th February 2025

Section Chairperson Terry Introduced the Speaker, not by progressing through the usual biography because, in this case, such would duplicate information that would subsequently be gleaned from the 'Chat', So instead he read out the list of Dr Donna's current professional memberships, a long list where all were of very significant duration. He finished by setting out the recent awards that Dr Donna and her MedConsult Clinic had received in the last few years, including one awarded as recently as February this year.

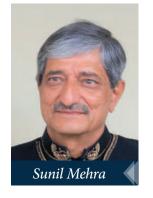
The purpose of a 'Chat' as opposed to a presentation, is for our "Interviewer" the very estimable and personable Section Member Bruce Hemmingsen, to ask a series of questions seeking somewhat 'off the cuff' responses from Dr. Donna. But the best laid plans sometimes fail owing to providing too much information to the 'target'! Rather than surprise such a busy lady, it was decided to send to list of questions to Dr. Donna in advance seeking her approval, which was obtained. What we didn't know until the day, was that Dr. Donna decided to produce a power-point slide for each question, where she included mainly personal photographs to enhance her comments. All good, except that this made our "Interviewer" somewhat superfluous, which Bruce took in his usual laid-back Kiwi stride, so all credit and many thanks to Bruce!

Dr. Donna took us through her life, from being brought up and educated in the North East of England, emerging from the prestigious Newcastle-upon-Tyne University Medical School with two Medical Degrees, then on to London to obtain the UK Medical License, her travels to New Zealand, Hong

Kong and eventually Thailand, where she arrived to support her husband lan who was helping build Thailand's roads and motorways network. Wanting to continue helping people, Dr. Donna described why she decided to seek a necessary Thailand Medical License, and what she had to do to earn it, which in itself, is an inspirational story. She then set out her reasons for establishing her Clinic in Bangkok in 2008 as perhaps the only General Practice Clinic in Thailand at that time, and described the trauma that being in medicine in Thailand during the Covid lockdowns and the tens of thousands of inoculations that she, her team, and indeed all the medical professionals in Thailand had to endure in those so difficult days.

Numerous questions were asked during the Q&A Session, one of which asked for what Dr. Donna could divulge regarding future business plans, to which she responded that she is considering opening additional branches in the suburbs of Bangkok. The intention being to expand the ability of patients to take advantage of her General Practice Clinics as an alternative to taking what the writer describes as akin to 'pot luck that at a hospital, the correct specialist doctor is consulted before finding out that the wrong choice was made!

In thanking Dr. Donna for her truly inspiring story, Chairperson Terry presented her with a few mementos from the Club Shop: A Club umbrella as the rains approach, a Club Mug for her to use for her early morning Mug of Tea, and a Club Shopping Bag, as reminders of a very successful Lunch Event for the Active Living Section.



TENNIS

ALL that is PINK is from the HEART

One of the noblest aspects of human life is Giving. Interestingly, even at the ripe age I still find myself quoting, "as my mother used to say." This is relevant in the Pink context, as she would say, "if you Keep, it goes with you, if you Give it lasts a long time." The

act of giving has been one of the greatest hallmarks of humanity; or as she would say, "even the lowliest animal can take care of itself; it's the noble beings who take care for others;" and in this respect in our world at the British Club, and the Tennis Section as an example within, excels, particularly when it comes to caring and contributing for those more vulnerable and less able, to afford even a cancer diagnostic test. This is what makes Pink Ribbon Charity Tennis for Breast Cancer to support Queen Sirikit Center for Breast Cancer Foundation so special. The Pink Day for short at the British Club rekindles generosity within; as a result, this year, the entire British Club joined in efforts to ensure that the Pink events were successful and thus we were able to raise xxxxxxxx Baht for this very good cause.



Another thing that was recognised on 21st February 2025 was that 'giving can be fun'. This is unmistakably noticeable in the photos that follow the tournaments report.

The Pink Ribbon Charity for Breast Cancer Tournaments were held on 21st February 2025, at 7am & 4pm





The celebration of Pink with all its hues and shades was remarkable throughout the day - is many ways exhibiting the spirit of the occasion. The tennis courts, the Sala, the lawns and everywhere in the Club was resplendent with colour. Eighty-three players joined in the fun as the two 'Turtle Island' style tournaments in the friendly, somewhat non-competitive style, with mixing of double partners after every 15 minutes. The morning tournament was played with generous spirit, full of revelry of the heart. Whereas, the evening included some testosterone-fuelled matches played with gusto and for glory. This is because we forgot to include the Brandt charter to curb such instincts, that decrees, for example, "that players should dismiss any thoughts of personal glory from their minds" and "a result, no matter what, involves no one's reputation."





Regardless, there were those who excelled both in the morning and afternoon sessions with consistency of the simplest requirements in tennis, 'get the ball over the net and keep it in the court. The winners from the Morning Pink Tennis Tournament were **Khun Napa** and **Khun Karl** – congratulations to both. The Evening Pink Tennis Tournament winners were **Khun Jaeb, Khun Vachara and Khun Dave**. The real winners were all the ladies, young and old, who without fear or favour, can safely be diagnosed for breast cancer. We should be proud to say that the **Pink Tennis for Breast Cancer tournaments 2025** held morning and evening were a great success as two funfilled "Turtle Island" style charity tournaments (even though no one on Turtle Island plays these). All proceeds have gone to **Queen Sirikit Breast Cancer Foundation (QSBCF)**. These funds will go towards the QSCBCF Slum Project which provides breast cancer screening, rehabilitation and hospice care for underprivileged patients in Thailand.

Morning Pink Tennis Tournament was followed a charity lunch for all those who contributed towards the worthy cause.



Special Thanks by Raymond Lemieux

"I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making our **Pink Tennis Fundraiser** such a memorable and successful event. To all the tennis participants and guests who joined us for dinner, your presence and support truly made a difference.



We are deeply thankful to our generous sponsors, Andrev Kornilov, Marcel Petit, Khun Tip, Khun Toei, Khun Ten from Yonex, and Khun Ann Sirium. To those who couldn't attend but still donated, and to everyone who not only took part in the Pink Tennis Tournaments but also donated and contributed by purchasing items, thank you. Your generosity helped increase the amount we raised and we raised an impressive amount of xxx,xxx Baht for QSCBC.



Do forgive me if I forgot any names. Everyone's support played a vital role in making this event possible; please know that every single contribution matters. You have all helped support a cause that is incredibly important, providing access to checkups for the underprivileged who might otherwise go without.

A very special thanks goes to Raquel Evans for her invaluable help; without her dedication and hard work, this event wouldn't have been the success it was. I am also incredibly grateful to Sunil for his support and assistance on the day of the event. We would like to also extend our thanks to the British Club for their support.

With immense gratitude, I thank you on behalf of Dr Kris, and Khunying Finola."

The Glorious Pink Ribbon Dinner

An evening full of Tennis was followed by a dinner on the front lawn when an additional 100 plus guests joined when all the stars came out. The fun and games, the raffling and auctioning, the singing and dancing went on until the wee hours of the night. Thank you every one for all your contributions with a smile and for making a wonderful PINK DAY to remember. See for yourself.....giving can be good and fun.

OUTPOST



OUTPOST





On Sunday 12th January 2025, the British Club Golf Section played their monthly medal at Subhapruek golf course. 18 players took part and we welcomed three guests – Monty Finn, Lynne Elder and Mary Richards. This was the first medal of the new year and therefore the beginning of the new eclectic competition which gave us a clean sheet and everything to play for. Alongside the medal competition was one of the semi-finals of the match play competition between Varghese Rose and Gareth Knight. This match was valiantly fought on both sides with neither wanting to lose. The match was a draw and so will have to be played again before the February AGM.

The winners of the 'Moments of Excellence' were:

Near pins – **Peter Clark** (who won three out of the four) and **Penny Booth.**

Men's Long Drive – Varghese Rose

Women's Long Drive - Lynne Elder

Long Putts - Neil Davis, Peter Clark, Simon Clegg and Brian Brook.



Pictured left to right: Robert Gray, Varghese Rose (Captain) and Gareth Knight.

The most improved player from front nine to back nine was **John Bell** and the player with the most birdies was **Robert Gray.**

Third in Flight A and receiving an honourable mention was **Peter Clark.** Second was **Frank Fawkes** and first in Flight A, winning a bottle of wine was **Robert Gray.**

Third in Flight B and receiving an honourable mention was **John Virtue.** Second was **Penny Booth** and first in Flight B, winning a bottle of wine was **Gareth Knight.**

Congratulations to both of our winners.

On Sunday the 26th January the British Club Golf Section played for the Magpie Putter. This is an annual competition against the Bangkok Wanderers Golf Society where 8 pairs from each society battle to win the Magpie trophy. It is always a well contested match and was won last year by The Wanderers and so the British Club had much to play for. The scramble competition took place at Subhapruek Golf Course which was in lovely condition and we were also lucky to have beautiful weather too.

The winners of the 'Moments of Excellence' were:

Near pin in one – Steven Hurworth (Wanderers), Arun Dharwan (British Club), Simon Clegg (Wanderers) and Julien Raybaud-Gines (Wanderers)

Near pin in two (awarded to the pair because both would have had input into the end result) – Mark and Becky Adderley (British Club) and Steven Hurworth and Mark Beaumont (Wanderers)

Men's long drive - Daniel Amby (Wanderers)

Ladies long drive - Mon Hoffer (Wanderers)

The best Wanderers team, based on their winning score, was Steven Hurworth and Mark Beaumont.

The best British Club pair based on their winning score was Mark and Becky Adderley.

Overall though the Wanderers team were much stronger and for a second year running beat the British Club by 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Congratulations to them all for a hard fought match and victory.



Pictured above – the Bangkok Wanderers team with the Magpie Putter trophy.

OUTPOST

The British Club AGM is due to be held on Sunday 9th February after the monthly medal competition at Subhaprueck golf course. In preparation for this our Captain Varghese Rose provided his thoughts on the golfing year in his captain's report for 2024.

Captain's Report 2024

2024 was a year of ups and downs. Our monthly medals were held at Subhapruek golf club on the outskirts of Bangkok and we had a good turnout of members in the first quarter with the average being around 25 players per game. However, we could not maintain this level of attendance and averaged only about 17 for the rest of the year.

Based on performance over the year in the monthly medal, we have our annual eclectic competition. The flight A Annual Eclectic winner was Peter Clark and flight B was won by John Virtue.

We also have an annual match play event. This year we had 18 of our members signing up. The semi-finalists have been identified (Gareth Knight and Tim Stray) and we will be finding out the winner of this at the February medal before the AGM.

We have a number of annual intersociety games. We managed to retain the trophy against the Chiang Mai Gymkhana. However, we lost the Hapag Lloyd trophy against the Londoners. The game against the Wanderers for the Magpie Putter was played on the 26th January and the Wanderers team were victorious. The game against the Gentleman's Cocktail Lounge for the SUAL Cup could not be held in 2024 as the GCL were not able to source sufficient players. However, they have informed us that we can have the 2025 edition in March as many of their players are active again.

We also conducted our Majors in 2024 as per schedule. The majors include the hugely popular 3 Clubs and a Putter (which is the only single day event), the 2 day Eclectic, the Seniors/Juniors, the Dunlop Cup (which is sponsored by David Lamb and Dunlop Adhesives) and finally the Club Championship. These events had a better turnout than the Medals.

Our first Major the 3 Clubs and a Putter was played at Rajakram Golf Course. The winner was Pete Gale with a stupendous score of 44 Stableford points

The 2-day Eclectic was played at Royal Ratchburi and the winners were Terry Davies and Karen Holloway

The Seniors /Juniors competition was played at Wangnoi in Ayuthaya. The interesting thing about this event is that players are not quite sure which group they fall into until the draw is completed at the start of the competition. The Seniors winner was Frank Fawkes and the Junior winner was Mark Adderley

The Dunlop cup is our only pairs event and was played at Royal Hills. It's a pairs Stableford on the first day. The 2 best teams play a Matchplay on the second day whereas the rest of the team play Stableford on the second day to decide the Plate winner. The Dunlop cup winners were Gordon Milne and Pete Gale and the Dunlop Plate winners were Martin Finn and Danny Bean

Our last Major was the Club Championship which was played at Palm Hills in Hua Hin. The Gentlemen's champion was Doug Angus and the Ladies winner was Angkana Nilkumnerd

The low net Men's winner was Chris Brader and the low net Women's winner was Penny Booth

In addition to all these games we also played 6 Stableford events around different courses close to Bangkok.

Based on our individual performances over the year we have annual awards which are presented at the AGM. The list of winners and awards are below:

Best Net Average	Terry Davies
Best Handicap Improvement	Paweena Baothong
Most Long Drives (men)	Doug Angus
Most Long Drives (women)	Angkana Nilkumnerd
Most near Pins	Varghese Rose
Most long putts	Mark Adderley
Golfer of the year	Mark Adderley

Running the society takes a lot of effort. I would like to thank the committee members who have put in a lot of effort and kept the BCGS cogs oiled.

Neil Davis	Vice Captain
Peter Clark	Secretary
Mark Adderley	Treasurer
Gareth Knight	Handicap/True Secretary
Penny Booth	Fixtures Secretary
Becky Adderley	Outpost editor
Martin Finn	Digital Coordinator

HARD BALLS

The British Club's cricketers travelled north this month for the annual Chiang Mai tour – now in its 43rd year. What is always a happy, sociable trip was given an extra dimension by the terrible floods that inundated the city and surrounding areas in September, including the ground of our hosts the Gymkhana Club.

With the Gymkhana ground wrecked by the floodwaters and unplayable for the foreseeable future, at one one point it looked uncertain whether the tour would go ahead at all, but all of the BC cricket section agreed it was important to support our old friends in their time of need, and so an alternative venue was found in the form of the Royal Chiang Mai Golf Resort.

Tour began with the customary Friday night elite prehydration session with Gymkhana at the UN Irish Pub, with Cakes – who had travelled up some days in advance to get the lie of the land – leading an early (too early?) expedition to a nightclub.

Saturday dawned and the BC team piled into the vans for the ride to the ground. It was the first time the coveted Dick Wood Cup had been contested away from the Gymkhana ground, and the Royal Chiang Mai proved a splendid alternative: a fine turf pitch and outfield framed by mature trees, and in the distance the magnificent hills of the north.

Pramodh won the toss and inserted the hosts on a slow turning wicket. While both sides relish getting their hands on the Dick Wood Cup, the emphasis is always on fun and participation, with a retire-at-50 rule and all 12 BC players getting a bowl.





▲ The Dick Wood Trophy

Chef opened the attack with the traditional nine-man slip cordon in place, keeping things tight early on before coming back later in the innings to bag a couple of rabbits for a miserly return of 2-6 off four overs.



The traditional nine-man cordon

OUTPOST



BC victorious in Chiang Mai

Gymkhana wickets fell steadily as Pramodh rotated the bowling, with only three of their lineup breaking double figures. Tour Monster Manish cut a swathe through the middle order, claiming three scalps for just 13 runs off five overs.

The hosts finished their 30 overs on 133, with top bat Insha Javaid (26) comfortably outscored by the 42 extras, including 28 wides.

Avi, scoring runs for fun this season, continued his glorious form to hit 43 off 50 balls. As he powered the chase at one end, at the other Chef did his best to give the hosts a chance, taking us back to back to an earlier, more sedate era of cricket with 48 balls of cautious nurdling.

Three weeks later, with both teams begging for mercy, the limpet was finally extracted from the crease for 12, an innings that will live long in the memory of those who managed to stay awake through it. Sagar and Ben then picked up the pace before Dale weighed in with a breezy 28, carrying BC to a four-wicket win with an over and more to spare.

It is the first time BC have won the Dick Wood Cup since 2021, and our glorious chairman Jack, who spent a happy 60 overs gambolling around the outfield taking some wonderful pictures, delivered the customary post-match oration.

With no man of the match awarded, Pramodh presented the Gymkhana skipper with a bottle of 10-year-old Arran whisky, in token of thanks for the game and to fire them up for their recovery from the floods. The BC team were also delighted to present Gymkhana with a donation of 20,000 baht to help them get back on their feet.



▲ Spreading the Arran love to the north



Chef strikes

British Club 134/6 (Avi 43, Dale 28, Rahul 12!!) beat Gymkhana Club 133 (Insha 26, wides 28, Manish 3-13) by four wickets – Dick Wood Cup

BCL DIVISION A

The league games have been coming thick and fast over the past month, with the Div A team facing some tough opponents, going down to three defeats to Kerala Tuskers, Indorama and Pattaya. Avi chipped in two 50s and skipper Pramodh took 4-13 against Indorama but overall BC were consistently light on runs.

But a clash with Asian Stars, who knocked BC out of the league playoffs last season, brought out our better side. Avi blitzed a terrific 120 off just 79 balls, backed up by Mak (39) and Tyrone (24), as BC posted a competitive 204.

Asian Stars lost an opener to Pramodh before getting stuck in to the chase, rattling along until our master of deception Sunish spun them dizzy, removing their three top order hitters to shatter their momentum and tilt the game BC's way.

Regular wickets followed, Sunish finishing with a richly-deserved 5-23, as BC looked to be cruising, only for the Asian Stars' tail to wag dramatically, smashing 27 off the final over to get within a whisker of victory. Fortunately BC held their nerve to win by just two runs.

British Club 204/3 (Avi 120, Mak 39) beat Asian Stars 202 (Sunish 5-23) by two runs - BCL Div A





Mouse in action

▲ MotM for Avi (R) against Asian Stars



▲ Elite sports recovery



Avi gives it a rip

PAVILIONAIRES

Ed's Pavilionaires have had a similarly challenging run against strong sides.

Against Siam CC, the opposition reached 142/6 and the Pavilionaires struggled to chase against some disciplined bowling, finishing on 108. Mak Khan top scored with a brisk 30, while Sagar Puthran contributed 20 off 14. A promising father-son partnership between Mak and Ed added some stability before the innings unravelled.

Siam 142/6 beat BC Pavilionaires 108 by 34 runs – RBSC T20 Invitational

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