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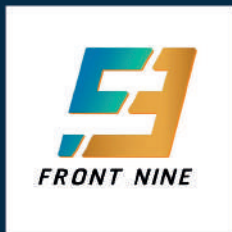
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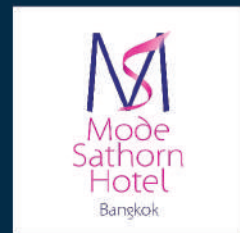
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Chairman's Message



Songkran marks the Thai New Year, celebrated from the 13th to 15th April. During this time, Thai families reunite and spend time together engaging in traditional rituals such as bathing Buddha images, pouring water on the hands of elders to show respect and making merit. Across the country, many people participate in playful water splashing.



During the Songkran holidays, the opportunity will be taken to cover the front and back lawns with concrete which will help to save valuable water resources.

The origin of April Fool's Day is quite uncertain although it may have started in 1582 when France switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar and celebrated the New Year on the 1st January. Still, some people continued to celebrate it in late March becoming the target for good natured pranks and becoming known as April Fools. Some historians believe that The Ancient Roman festival of Hilaria, celebrated at the end of March, with people wearing disguises and mocking each other was the start of April Fool's Day.

One thing is certain in that April Fool's Day has evolved into the fun day of easy pranks that are enjoyed on the first of the month so please don't worry as the front and back lawns will remain in place!!

The British Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on March 18th, 2025 with commercial, operational and financial reports highlighting positive progress during the previous year. A new General Committee (GC) was appointed with several previous members continuing to serve and a warm welcome to new GC members David Williamson, Paul Doust and David Quine. Interesting that in the absence of any contentious motions or long winded debate, the AGM concluded in under half an hour and thank you to all members who took time to attend the meeting.

Looking ahead there are plenty of activities planned during April and one key event not to be missed is the Songkran Wet and Wild Pool Party starting at 12 pm on Sunday 13th April, 2025 so book early for this colourful, lively and fun event.

Sawasdee Pee Mai

**Cheers
Simon**





Tee Bale

Operations Unknown

Looking back at when I first joined the Club, one of the initial challenges was to increase our annual event calendar which in turn will give the opportunity to showcase the Club, facilities, and community to prospective new members.

One our partners Bumrungrad Hospital had a long running annual event named “Living in Bangkok” (LIB), this was a trade fair to allow companies from all sectors to market their services and products to newcomers to Bangkok from 1-5 years, assisting them to find the perfect lifestyle products to suit them.

Unfortunately, Bumrungrad were no longer able to host the event at the hospital due to changing regulations onsite and had invited a selection of potential organizations to a meeting to present why they would be the best candidate to become the event venue or to take over the event management. I presented for the British Club to take both the venue and management

of the event and was pleased to win the vote and be chosen to take both.

Once the Club announced its 1st Living in Bangkok back in 2018, we have never looked back and have been able to continue LIB annually with great success.

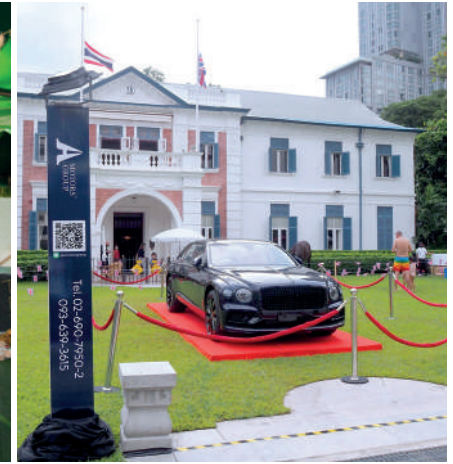
This year in April the British Club Bangkok will celebrate its 122nd Birthday, so what better way than to combine it with Living in Bangkok 2025. This combination will allow us to celebrate in true style with all our partners, sponsors, and members.

The event will be free to enter for everyone and play host to an unforgettable day, activities, shows, interactive booths and stands, main stage performances, raffle draws, surprises, and so much more.

Make sure you block the date and attend one of biggest day of 2025 at the British Club Bangkok.

Past event Pictures: 2018-2019-2022-2023







THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Greetings once again.

On Thursday 6 March, the Consular Team of the British Embassy Bangkok hosted the annual Consular Contacts Reception at The British Club.

The purpose of the event was to recognise and thank stakeholders from both the private and government sector who have worked with the Consular team on providing support to vulnerable British nationals in Thailand. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the following contacts who have been particularly helpful in working with the team to help British nationals.

Nominations:

- **Tourist Police**
- **Knight Asia**
- **Ministry of Justice - Department of Corrections**
- **Immigration Detention Centre**
- **Tourist Assistance Centre**
- **Somdej Chao Phraya Institute of Psychiatry**
- **Samitivej Srinakharin**
- **Banglamung hospital**
- **Yoodee Nursing Home**
- **Living Well care home**
- **Klong Prem prison**
- **Bangkok Remand Prison**
- **UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific**

Another highlight of the event was the speech delivered by Deputy Head of Mission (DHM), David Thomas, who reflected on the remarkable 170-year diplomatic relationship between Thailand and United Kingdom. DHM also noted that the dedication of our contacts demonstrated the strength of the relationship between two countries.

The reception was an opportunity for Consular officers to network and have informal discussions with contacts about collaboration.

For British expats in Thailand, this event emphasized the importance of maintaining strong working relationships with local stakeholders.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of the British Club who worked hard on the evening to ensure that the event was a huge success.

Joanne Finnamore-Croarkin

HM Consul, British Embassy, Thailand

Investment Methods

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

Banks - Offshore

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

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

Banks - Onshore (Thailand)

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

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

Directly held investment funds

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

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

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

Stockbroking accounts

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

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

General investment accounts

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

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

Offshore life assurance investment bonds

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

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

Discretionary portfolio management

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

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

Thailand tax information

Assessable income in Thailand includes the following categories:

Capital gains

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

Dividend income

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

Interest income

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

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

Martin Wright
Senior Financial Planner



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

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Songkran Wet & Wild

pool party

Sunday 13th April 2025 | 12.00 pm - 4:00 pm | Poolside

Live DJ T-Bone in the mix,
Real Tuk Tuk poolside for awesome selfie pictures,
Traditional Thai Buffet, Gladiator Log-Master Battles, Prizes & Fun

Members: Adult 500฿ Kid 350฿
Guests & Non-Members: Adult 600฿ Kid 400฿



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The National Liberal Club, London

First visited in July 2019 by Paul Doust and Prasit Jangkamol (a.k.a. Jack)

The [National Liberal Club](#) was founded by the Liberal Party statesman [William Gladstone](#) in 1882. It has been a bastion of broadly liberal values ever since, and regards itself as “the most inclusive club in London” with an ethnically and socially diverse membership. The purpose-built clubhouse was opened in 1887, and at that time it was London’s largest private members’ clubhouse. Along with other London clubs, the club was in decline in the 1970’s, but the sale of a lot of the club’s rooms to the adjacent [Royal Horseguards Hotel](#) in the 1980’s secured the club’s future. The other London club with roots in a progressive political stance is the [Reform Club](#), see outpost [June 2022](#). That Outpost article erroneously states that the Reform Club was the first traditional London club to allow women members, because the National Liberal Club admitted women as full members in 1976, 5 years before the Reform Club.

The club has various facilities. On the first floor there’s a large lounge called the Smoking Room, even though smoking is no longer allowed. Adjacent to the Smoking Room is another large room, which is divided into a bar on one side and the dining room on the other by a huge piece wooden of furniture which forms the back wall of the bar on the bar side. Outside the bar is a lovely terrace with views over the Thames. On the ground floor there’s a billiards room and a new business lounge. From 1990 to 2021 the room that’s now the business lounge was leased to the men-only [Savage Club](#), but the National Liberal Club evicted them [because of their policy towards women](#). The club also has some function and meeting rooms, but these days there is no accommodation because it was all sold to the adjacent hotel in the 1980’s.

Shortly after the club opened, the club introduced a dress code which simply stated that "No member shall appear in any public rooms of the Club in a dressing gown, slippers, or other deshabelle". In 1979 the club imposed a strict jacket-and-tie dress code for men for the very first time, but before then the club was known for allowing far more casual dress than other London clubs. These days the dress code is once again more relaxed than other London clubs, so although a jacket for men is preferred, it's not compulsory. The website has [full details](#) with examples of what is and isn't acceptable.

We first visited the club before Covid, but we then we didn't use the club again until 2024. On my last visit in November 2024, while waiting for my guest to arrive, I got talking to a couple of women who students at Cambridge university and who're members of the [Cambridge Union](#) which is reciprocal with the National

Liberal Club. One of the women was Taiwanese, and we discussed the China-Taiwan situation briefly. I told her that while visiting another club last year, I had met a retired diplomat who had worked in Beijing for 10 years, and who thought that conflict with Taiwan wasn't in China's interest. However, the National Liberal Club has a "Defense and Security circle", and by chance our conversation was overheard by a member of that group. He thought that China might well invade Taiwan in a few years' time. Later when my guest arrived, we had a good meal in the restaurant. The club has a reasonable wine list too, although not as extensive as some of the other older private members' clubs in London.

Overall, this club is a good club to have on our reciprocal club list. It's notable for its more relaxed dress code, and for its outside terrace with a view over the River Thames.



Coming Events

April 2025

(more details on the website)

- Quiz Night
- Songkran Wet & Wild Pool Party
- Winston Cup
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Easter Day
- St George's Day
- New Members Night
- LIB 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

June 2025

(more details on the website)

- New Member Night
- Quiz Night
- UK Father's Day Brunch
- FA Cup Final
- Table Tennis Tournament
- Winston Cup
- Wimbledon
- Summer Camps

Event & Activities 2025 April Highlights



Songkran Wet & Wild Pool Party

It's time to get wet and wild with our annual Songkran Pool Party 2025! Book a ticket now, as last year we were fully booked.



Easter Day

The hunt will be on in the early morning for the gold, silver, and green eggs. Shows, stalls, face painting, and so much more the kids will love this one



Club Birthday & Living in Bangkok

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BC Bee Kid's Club!

The sun is shining, and summer is calling! This April, BC Bee has a calendar packed with water-filled fun and creative activities that will make your little ones jump for joy.

Songkran Wet & Wild Pool Party - 13th April

Celebrate the Thai New Year with a splash at our Wet & Wild Pool Party! Our pool area will be transformed into a water lover's paradise, with slides, swings, and plenty of splashy fun to get your kids ready for the summer!



Hippity, hoppity, Easter's on Sunday 20th April

Easter is just around the corner, and so has our Easter Egg Hunt! Kids will love searching the back lawn for hidden eggs to win prizes. Then, they can unleash their creativity at our bunny mask-making stations and enjoy fun games like Egg Spoon Racing. To top it off, a magical performance will keep everyone entertained!



122nd Club's Birthday & Living In Bangkok - 27th April

It's time to celebrate 122 year of the club, and we've got an amazing day planned at Living In Bangkok event. Dive into creativity with our Mini Picasso Competition, where young artists will get a chance to express their talents. Then, join us in crafting the number 122 to proudly display on the BC Bee Memories Wall.



The fun doesn't stop there! We'll wrap up this special day with a cake cutting ceremony to sweeten the celebration. Don't miss out on the fun, creativity, and cake—come join the party!



Pancake Day

02/03/25

There is nothing quite like pancake races for kids and adults alike to inspire a maximum effort from everyone to win. Fun, laughs, and delicious pancake made up the day





Quiz Night
11/03/25

Well done to the team 'Under Par' for winning the March Quiz Night and then winning the 4,000b Jackpot! congratulation.





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AGM 2025

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Table Tennis Tournament

22/03/25

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The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

Saturday 19th April - Starts 6:00pm

Straight Knock out 16 players
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and Free to Enter

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Easter Day

20th April 2025 | Back Lawn | 10:00am onward

Easter Egg Hunt

Stalls with Prizes

Arts & Crafts

2 Bouncy Castles

Face Painting

Magic Show

Legendary Tug of War

Easter Lunch Buffet

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Member : Adult 400 B. | Kid 550 B.

Guest : Adult 500 B. | Kid 650 B.



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The Winston Cup BCB Monthly Pool Competition

22/03/25

Congratulations to the new comer Bimal, wins at the first time of trying! Aprils line up of players might see it to be slightly more difficult to win the cup.



MON

TUE

WED



1 **Football**
6.30pm - 8.30pm

7 **Squash Mix-in**
5.30pm - 7.45pm

14 **Squash Mix-in**
5.30pm - 7.45pm

21 **Squash Mix-in**
5.30pm - 7.45pm

28 **Squash Mix-in**
5.30pm - 7.45pm

8 **Football**
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Quiz Night
7.15pm - 9.30pm

15 **Football**
6.30pm - 8.30pm

22 **Football**
6.30pm - 8.30pm

29 **Football**
6.30pm - 8.30pm

29 **Football**
6.30pm - 8.30pm

2 **Squash Mix-in**
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Balut
6.00pm - 8.00pm
Circuit Training
6.00pm - 6.45pm
Tennis mixed-In
6.00pm - 10.00pm

9 **Squash Mix-in**
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Balut
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Circuit Training
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16 **Squash Mix-in**
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Yoga
6.00pm - 7.00pm
Cricket team practice
6.30pm - 8.00pm

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

17

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

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

FRI

4

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

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

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

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

SAT

5

Squash Kids Academy
10.00am - 12.15pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

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Squash Kids Academy
10.00am - 12.15pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

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Squash Kids Academy
10.00am - 12.15pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Table Tennis Tournament
12.30pm - 5.00pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm
Winston Cup
6.00pm - 9.30pm

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Squash Kids Academy
10.00am - 12.15pm
Squash Mixed-in
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Cricket Team Practice
2.30pm - 6.00pm

SUN

6

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm
Dinner & Jazz
6.30pm - 9.30pm

13

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Songkran Pool Party
12.00pm - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

20

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Easter Egg Hunt
10.00am onward
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm

27

Tennis Men Doubles Team practice
10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday Brunch
11.00am - 4.00pm
LIB 2025 & Club Birthday
12.00pm - 4.00pm
Tennis Mix-in
4.00pm - 7.00pm



BRITISH CLUB
ACTIVE LIVING SECTION

Active Living Section



Terry Adams

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:

Healthy Brain - Healthy Living
by Three Bangkok Hospital Experts

Mental Well Being for Seniors
Understanding Dementia
Challenge your mind - Brain Gym

Date: Thursday 3rd April 2025
Time: 1140 Socialising for 1200 Lunch
Cost: 400\$ (Section Members), 450\$ (BC members), 500\$ (Guests) includes two course lunch and coffee

Come and join us!
Contact Terry Adams 011 750 1087
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Croquet & Boules Match
All Welcome!

Sign up NOW! Limited Spaces

Active Living Section v Golden Years

Date: Thursday 17th April 2025
Time: 1230 (practice) 1300 (matches start)
Venue: Front Lawn
Cost: 450\$ includes buffet dinner
Drinks: On your own account

Interested? Come and join us! All Welcome.
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Turbulent times for Myanmar and what it means for Thailand

Dominic Faulder
Associate Editor
Nikkei Asia

Date: Wednesday 30th April 2025
Time: 1140 for 1200
Cost: 400\$ (Section Members), 450\$ (BC members), 500\$ (Non-members and guests). Includes lunch.

Come and join us!
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EVENT REPORT:

“Bangkok Pat” on the amazing history of The Oriental Hotel Bangkok: 7th March 2025

A record-breaking 58 attendees, including our speaker, “Bangkok Pat,” gathered in the elegantly presented Suriwongse Room to enjoy a delightful selection of dishes from the week’s Business Lunch Menu, expertly served by the outstanding F&B team. With anticipation running high, the stage was set for a captivating and vividly illustrated presentation on the remarkable history of The Oriental Hotel Bangkok—an iconic landmark that is far more than just a building.

Pat McKay, better known as “Bangkok Pat,” had previously spoken to the Section in June last year, so many attendees knew they were in for a thoroughly researched and engaging talk. He certainly delivered, using excellent slides and embedded video clips to bring the story to life.

Pat’s journey through The Oriental’s history began in 1850, several years before the hotel itself was built on land that once housed the Royal Palace of HM King Rama III. Next door to the palace, a small sailor’s guesthouse was

opened in 1860 by Captain James White. After White’s death in 1863, two Americans, Captain Dyers and J.E. Barnes, took over and transformed it into Thailand’s first-ever hotel, “The Oriental.” However, tragedy struck in 1865 when a massive fire destroyed the hotel along with 67 other properties. Unable to revive the business, the owners sold it in 1881 to Danish businessman Hans Niels Andersen.

Andersen had a grand vision—to create a luxury hotel catering to wealthy travelers and businessmen, offering Western food and comfortable beds. His dream became a reality when The Oriental Hotel officially opened on 19 May 1887 with 40 rooms, becoming the first luxury hotel in Siam.

Pat led the audience through the hotel’s fascinating evolution, highlighting major transformations and the remarkable individuals who owned, managed, and shaped its legacy. He interspersed his talk with rare photographs and anecdotes about the world-famous



A Rare Privilege: An Exclusive Tour of The Oriental Hotel

But the day was far from over for 20 lucky attendees who had managed to secure a spot on an unprecedented private tour of The Oriental Hotel, personally led by the hotel's esteemed Guest Relations Director, Khun Mayuree—who had also been a guest of honour at Bangkok Pat's presentation.

As the saying goes, "if you don't ask, you don't get," and Section Chair Terry took this to heart. Prior to the event, he approached Khun Mayuree to ask if a small group could be given a guided tour following the presentation. To his immense surprise, permission was granted for up to 20 participants—a rare and highly coveted opportunity.

With spots allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, priority was given to Section and then Club members before being extended to guests. The group was then transported the short distance from the club to the hotel and back in 10-seater passenger vans, courtesy of the Active Living Section.

Khun Mayuree graciously took time out of her schedule to personally escort the group on this exclusive tour, highlighting fascinating aspects of the hotel that might otherwise go unnoticed. The tour included:

- The **Khun Angkana Reading Room**, dedicated to the beloved former Guest Relations Manager.
- The Author's Wing, steeped in literary history.
- A preview of the **soon-to-be-opened hotel museum**, offering a glimpse into the past.
- The **hotel's legendary Bamboo Bar**, where the tour fittingly concluded.

As many attendees noted, this was truly a memorable afternoon—an extraordinary experience superbly organized by the Active Living Section.

authors who had stayed at The Oriental over the years, as well as one globally renowned entertainer whom the hotel was very glad to see the back of!

He also paid tribute to two of the most revered staff members in recent history:

- **Khun Angkana Kelantana** – The much-loved Guest Relations Manager who retired in 2012 after an astonishing 66 years of service, honored with a quiet reading room in the hotel named after her.
- **Kurt Wachtveitl** – The legendary General Manager from 1967 to 2009. Widely regarded as an inspirational leader with an acute attention to detail, he transformed The Oriental into a globally renowned luxury hotel, setting new standards in hospitality over his 42-year tenure.

Pat's enthralling presentation was met with prolonged and well-deserved applause, marking yet another successful and memorable event for the Section.



SQUASHY BITS



The Squash Section's Weekend Away to Koh Samui

The Squash Section's weekend away to Koh Samui was the squash highlight of March. Our last trip to visit squash friends at the Maraleina Sports Resort was in November 2023, when the rain was unrelenting. Fortunately, this time, we were blessed with the best weather Koh Samui has to offer, making for an exceptional weekend.

Bart and Dean, ever the adventurers, opted for the scenic route to Samui, setting off a day early to navigate their way via plane, bus, ferry, and Songthaew. Rumor has it they were scouting locations for the next Amazing Race.

By Friday, we had all arrived safe and sound, and so the team headed off to Royal Samui Golf Course for a rollercoaster nine holes—rollercoaster in the literal sense. Royal Samui boasts some impressive elevation changes, making both the golf and the buggy driving an adrenaline-filled experience. Our seven-ball group made it around without significant incident, and we headed out for a relatively quiet night—although one member of the group (who will remain nameless) was

spotted sneaking off for a midnight massage. Clearly having stiffened up after his enthusiastic golf swings.

The Main Event – Squash Saturday

And so came the main event—squash on Saturday. Nestled amidst Koh Samui's picturesque sea-side landscape, the Maraleina Sports Resort boasts an 800 m² fitness center, 400 m² high performance center, five football pitches, and two state-of-the-art squash courts, with more facilities to come. It caters to both the casual enthusiast and the dedicated professional.

Nanu, a British Club Bangkok (BCB) member, is part of the management team at the resort and has been doing fantastic work promoting junior squash on the island. Thanks to the resort's fantastic facilities and Nanu and his team's warm hospitality, we had a perfect afternoon of squash. And so the BCB team delivered a perfect result, winning all six matches. The final match, between Nanu and Steven, provided the best entertainment with some excellent squash on display. Steven remained composed (unusually for him)—despite being called out for foot faulting at one point, which confused him so much that he could hardly get out of the service box for a few points!



Saturday Night – Meat, Music, and Mayhem

Rob, determined to make the most of being away from his vegetarian other half, decided on the venue for our evening meal. We found ourselves at Austrian Corner for an all-you-can-eat BBQ, where Rob filled his boots, and we listened to the famous—or should that be infamous—Samui crooner, Bob Color.

The night wrapped up at a local biker bar, where a game of pool was the perfect way to wind down. Steven prevailed once again, winning the pot of cash, much to the chagrin of his team mates.

Sunday – Padel, Pub Grub, and Goodbyes

What better way to recover from mild dehydration on a Sunday morning than running around a Padel court for an hour? And so, that's exactly what we did. Having baked sufficiently in the Samui heat, we waved goodbye to Dean and Bart, who embarked on the second leg of their Amazing Race research trip, while those of us with more sense headed to the airport via the Shakespeare Pub for a fine roast dinner.

A huge thank you to Nanu, Ricky, Debbie, and John for their help and hospitality during our trip—we look forward to welcoming them to Bangkok for a return fixture soon.

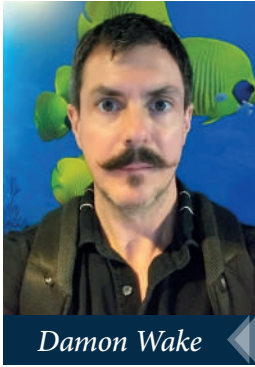
Charity Success

In other news, the Squash Section held a Pink Ribbon Charity Mix-In in late January, raising THB 15,000 for this amazing charity that does incredible work in the fight against breast cancer. The section will be looking for other opportunities to support good causes in the local community.

Finally, a special mention to our league winners for February—which, impressively, marks our 400th league! Congratulations to:

- 🏆 Rob Lockhart (Premier Div)
- 🏆 Dean Thompson (First Div)
- 🏆 Zach Wylie (Second Div)

Here's to more great matches, hilarious moments, and unforgettable tours in 2025!



Damon Wake

HARD BALLS

Here at Hard Balls towers, our crack team of cricket reporters has been kept busy this month by a furiously busy schedule as the BC Division A team wrapped up their season and the Pavilionaires managed to pack in no fewer than five games in the RBSC T20 league.



▲ Tyrone claims MOTM against Kerala

Our final match in Division A was a clash with Kerala Strikers played largely for honour's sake, with the outcome not capable of changing final league positions significantly, but keenly contested nonetheless. Avi continued his excellent season with another 50, finishing with 52 off 48 balls in a century partnership with Tyrone, who made a welcome return to form. The wing-loving South African clobbered 68 off 62 with his trusty old bat – newly fixed and refurbished by our in-house bat surgeon Sarg.

What came next was less successful as Dale, on his return to the side after some time out, missed an attempt to flat bat a shot into low earth orbit, but Ben and Sagar put on 30 together to pilot the innings to a defensible 167. Kerala began their chase briskly and never looked back, despite Tyrone nipping out their openers, eventually running out victors by seven wickets with more than an over to spare.

A word on individual performances – while BC didn't quite make the Div A playoffs this time, some of our lads put in a great show all season long. Avi finished third in the league batting charts with 354 runs at an average of 45, including four 50s and a century. Skipper Pramodh, always tireless with the ball, finished third in the bowling list with 15 wickets at 12.6 and an economy rate of 5.43 – fittingly miserly for our section treasurer. Behind the stumps, in his first season as full-time keeper Ben made 11 dismissals to finish fourth in the league fielding chart.

Youth and experience combined well this season and we look forward to tackling the next league campaign and targeting a return to the playoff spots.

British Club 167/5 (Tyrone 68, Avi 52) lost to Kerala Strikers 168/3 by seven wickets - BCL Division A

The Pavilionaires continued their odyssey through the RBSC T20 Invitational league, taking on the hosts in a ding-dong encounter. Mak and Avi got BC off to a blistering start, with Mak creaming a spectacular flat six over cover before falling to a run out decision that one might diplomatically call “unexpected”.

However, Avi steamed ahead unperturbed, taking full advantage of being dropped four times to reach 38 off 26 balls. Pramodh weighed in with a brisk 22 and young John clubbed three fours and a six on his way to a valuable 27. It was another mature performance from the youngster, who paired up well with Sagar – including one all-run four. Sagar stole the show with his superb 42



▲ Mak and Avi open the batting against RBSC

off 24 balls, energising the middle order as BC reached a solid 168 for seven.

Ed fired up the troop with a brisk team talk between innings, but the Pavilionaires' optimism swiftly faded as the first over disappeared for 20 and RBSC's openers bedded in, batting cleverly as they cruised to 71 inside six overs. Wickets began to fall but some huge blows from the RBSC middle order took the game away from BC in just a couple of overs and they reached their target comfortably.



▲ Sagar back in the hutch after a fine knock against RBSC



▲ Heavy roller gets to work at the RBSC Polo Ground

British Club 168/7 (Sagar 42, Avi 38, John 27) lost to RBSC 170/6 by four wickets - RBSC T20 Invitational



▲ An experienced BC Pavilionaires lineup against Trailblazers



▲ Sunish warms up with one of our loyal supporters

Lyrical oratory, pitched somewhere between Churchill's 'blood, toil, tears and sweat' and Kevin Keegan's 'I'd love it' fired the Pavilionaires ahead of the RBSC match against Sea King CC. From the back terrace of the club, deep into the night, stand-in captain Dilip and our beloved sponsor Rob – possibly lubricated by fine Arran whisky – issued a WhatsApp rallying call that will echo down the centuries.

Alas not all the Pavilionaires rose to the rhetoric. While Ben, Tyrone and Sagar made solid scores, the second half of the innings collapsed with seven wickets falling for nine runs as BC were all out for 140. Arran is Rob's business and a run out is almost guaranteed when he plays, though on this occasion his heroic charge down the pitch first ball ended in a stumping. Uncle and nephew were run out, and we hope that at some point this century Ravi might hear the end of the matter.

Dilip opened the attack and after a slightly shaky start the Pavs' slower bowlers built pressure, with Sunish claiming 2/12 off four overs, and with Sea Kings six wickets down still needing 56 the game was in the balance. But it was not to be as Sea Kings sealed the win with a blistering seventh-wicket partnership.

So not the result BC wanted but another good competitive game in the new RBSC tournament.

British Club 140 (Sagar 39, Ben 26) lost to Sea King CC 141/6 (Sunish 2/12) by four wickets



Becky Adderley



BRITISH CLUB GOLF

The British Club Golf Society 82nd AGM, prize giving and dinner was held in the upstairs sports room at the British Club on Sunday 9th of February 2025. Prior to this, during the afternoon the February monthly medal event took place at Subhapruok Golf Course. 20 players participated and the results are as follows:

Near Pins – **Becky Adderley, Neil Davis, Ian Brewis, Varghese Rose and John Bell.**

Men's Long Drive – **Peter Clark**

Ladies Long Drive – **Vicky Brader**

Long Putts – **Varghese Rose and Paweena Baothong**

Coming third in Flight A was **John Bell**, followed by **Ian Brewis** in second place. Winning flight A and a bottle of wine was **Mark Adderley**.

Coming third in Flight B was **Chris Brader**, followed by **Paweena Baothong** in second place. Winning Flight B and a bottle of wine was **Gareth Knight**.

Present at the AGM were 7 members of the 2024 committee, 14 members of the British Club and 9 affiliate members plus some additional guests. At the meeting, the secretary announced that Varghese Rose was standing down from the committee after two very successful years as Captain.



▲ *Varghese Rose welcoming Neil Davis as the new 2025 BCGS Captain*

Also standing down from the committee were Gareth Knight (TRUE admin and Handicap Secretary), Penny Booth (Fixtures Secretary) and Andrew Stray (general committee member) and they were all thanked for their hard work and generous contribution to the committee. The rest of the existing committee were re-elected to stand again and there was one nomination from the floor, Pete Gale, who was unanimously accepted as a

new general member on the committee. The roles for 2025 are as follows:

Captain – Neil Davis

Vice- Captain – Peter Clark

Secretary – Peter Clark

Treasurer – Mark Adderley

TRUE Admin & Handicap Secretary – Mark Adderley

Fixtures Secretary – Martin Finn

Outpost Editor – Becky Adderley

Website Administrator – Martin Finn

General Member – Pete Gale

At the end of the meeting, the annual prize giving event took place.



▲ *Varghese Rose winning the cup for the most near pins in 2024*



▲ *Pete Gale winning the 3 Clubs and a Putter 2024 trophy*



▲ Pete Gale and Gordon Milne winning the 2024 Dunlop Cup trophy



▲ Mark Adderley winning the 2024 Juniors Champion trophy and the Most Long Putts trophy

▲ Penny Booth winning the Ladies Lowest Net Champion trophy



▲ Frank Fawkes winning the 2024 Seniors Champion trophy

▲ Chris Brader winning the Men's Lowest Net Champion trophy



▲ Martin Finn winning the 2024 Dunlop Plate Shield (his partner in the competition was Danny Bean)



▲ Peter Clark winning the Flight A Medal Eclectic trophy



▲ *Angkana Nilkumnerd winning the Ladies Lowest Gross Champion trophy and also the Ladies Most Long Drives trophy.*



▲ *Paweena Baothong winning the Best Handicap Improvement trophy*



▲ *Mark Adderley winning the BCGS Golfer of the Year trophy*

After the prize giving we all stayed to enjoy a super Sunday lunch dinner provided by the catering team at the British Club. As always, the hot buffet meal was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those dedicated members of staff who contributed towards this. The food and service was superb.

On Sunday 23rd February the annual Three Clubs and a Putter Stableford competition took place at Subhapruek Golf Course. This event is a huge amount of fun as well as being quite challenging. It was a good idea to hold it at our monthly medal course because we all know how we play the course with a full quota of clubs, however, having to choose just 3 clubs from the set proved to be quite tricky. Most players chose a hybrid, an iron and a wedge but a few felt that they did not want to play without their driver. The results were as follows:

Near pins – **Mark Adderley, Frank Fawkes and Penny Booth**

Men's Long Drive – **Alan Ainsworth**

Ladies Long Drive – **Angkana Nilkumnerd**

Long Putts – **Mark Adderley, Peter Clark and Gareth Knight**

The most improved score from front nine to back nine was won by **Clive Bucknall** who improved by 7 shots.

We also welcomed a guest **Kevin Durrant** and we hope that he will play with us again. The overall results were very close, particularly for those players at the top of the leaderboard.

In 4th place was **Neil Davies** with a Stableford score of 33.

In 3rd place was **Alan Ainsworth** with 34 points.

In 2nd place was **Mark Adderley** with 35 points.

1st place was claimed by **Gareth Knight** with a net level par score of 36 points. Many congratulations to Gareth.

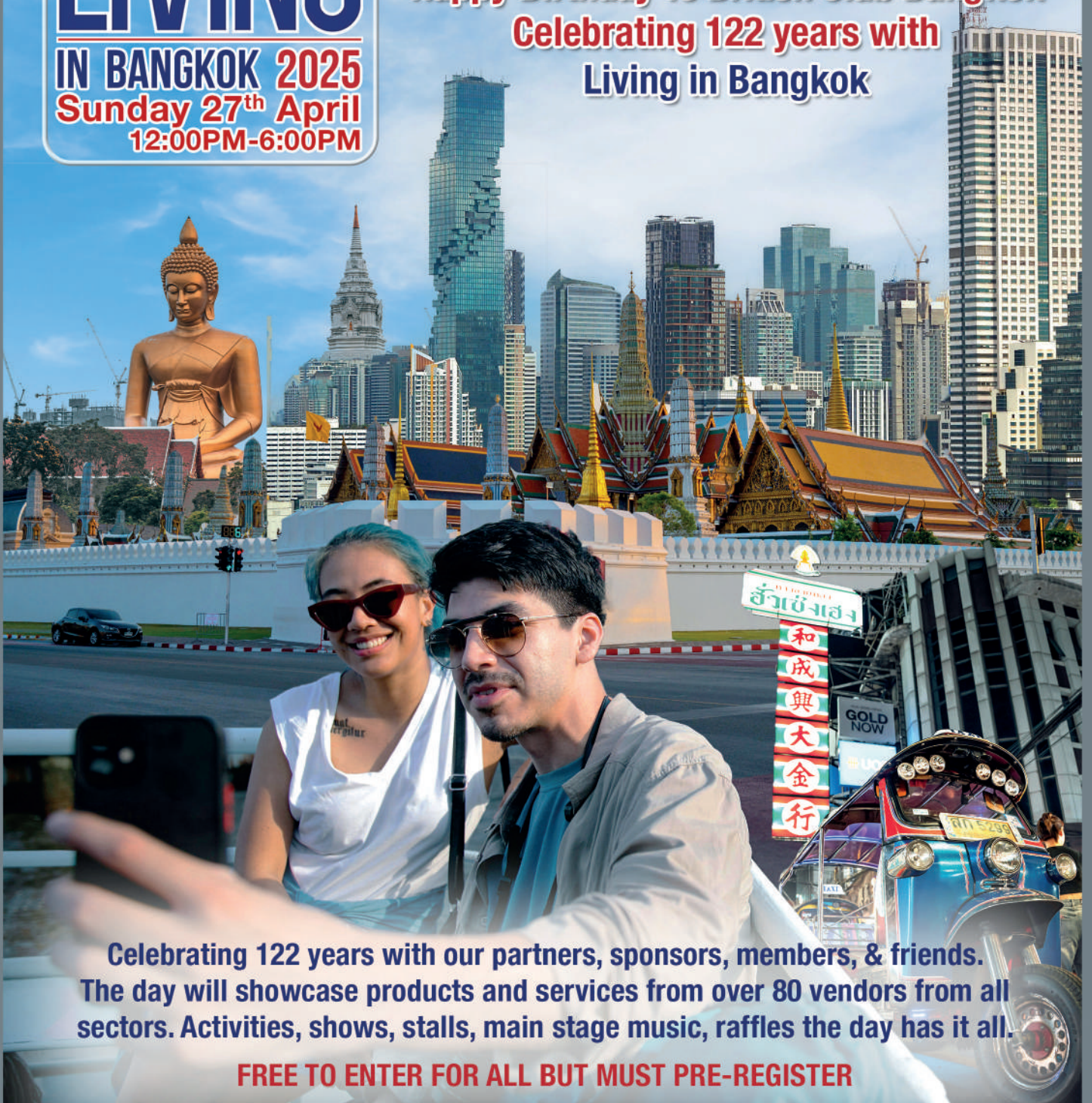


▲ *Pictured left to right – Gareth Knight and Neil Davis (Captain)*

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