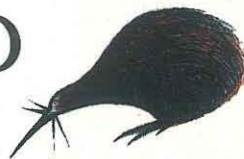




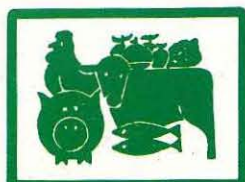
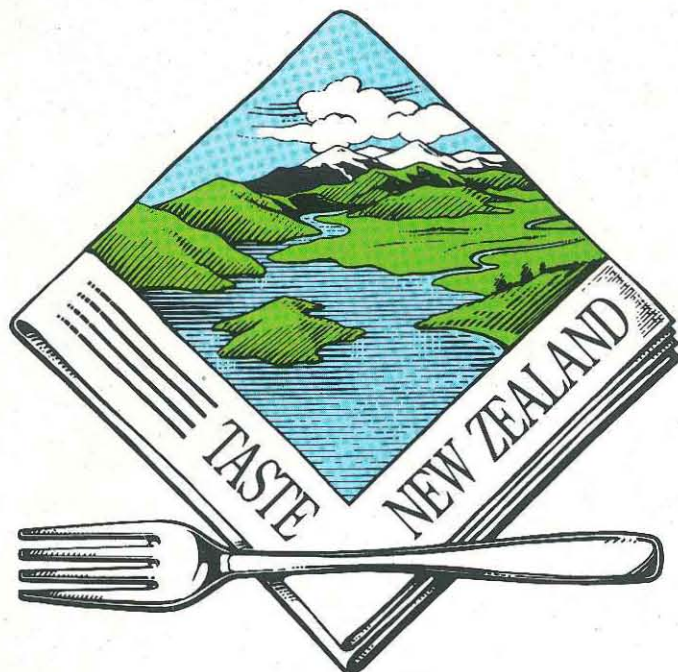
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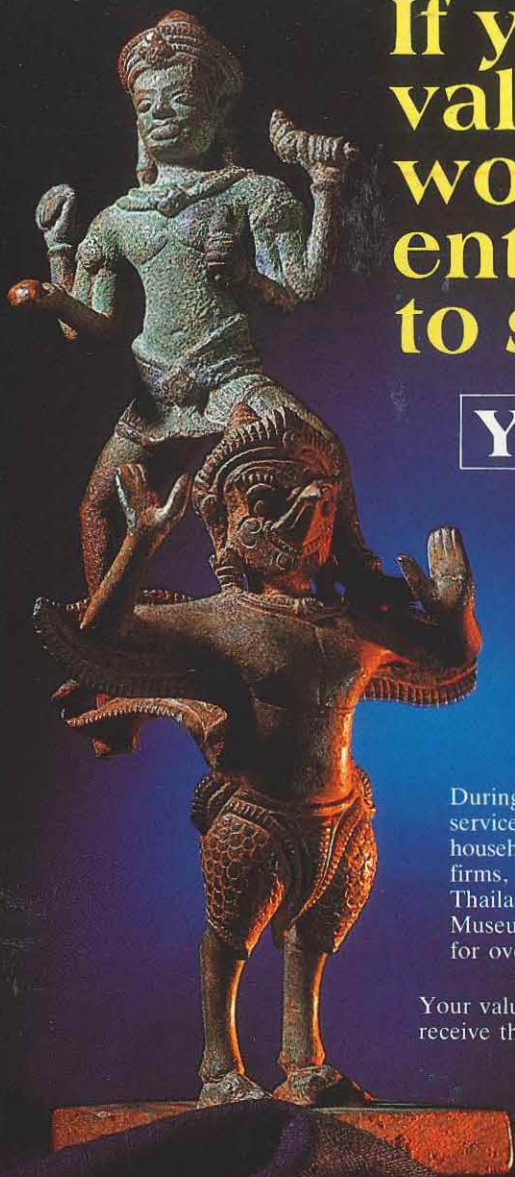
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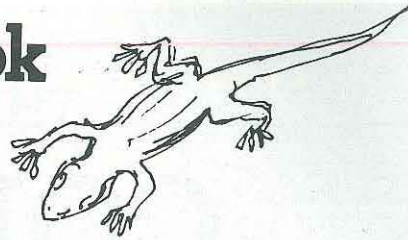
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1. Club Development

With major projects in hand please see the separate report on Club Development in this issue of OUTPOST.

2. Finance

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Following the introduction of Business Tax some members of both clubs have asked the Committee why the RBSC only charges 8.25% whereas the BC charges 10.25% tax on all food and beverage sales.

In the past the RBSC and BC only had to pay 2% Income Tax and apparently the RBSC did not charge their members separately for this. One might say therefore that it was in the price of the food already.

The BC chose to add the tax on to the end of month account (which actually avoids a small 'tax on tax').

With the introduction of Business Tax at 8.25% the BC has just added it to the 2% Income Tax whereas the RBSC has chosen to add only 8.25% to the account and leave the Income Tax as before.

3. Maintenance

Painting and decorating of the Wordsworth Room has commenced.

The Billiards Room will also be repainted this month, as will the outside walls of the Squash Courts facing the poolside.

A formal request has been made to the management of the Narai Hotel to get rid of the stench from their rubbish compound.

4. Mobile Telephones

The Committee has decided to ban the use of mobile phones in the bar and dining room after receiving complaints from Members.

5. Food & Beverage

The kitchens will be extensively renovated and re-equipped to offer "the best of British food in Bangkok".

The name of the Restaurant will be "LORDS".

The name was suggested by Mr. Geoff Percival (P25). Congratulations!

Club Development

FIRST the good news. The Club is enjoying record membership levels, has a healthy cash flow and lots of great plans to improve facilities. Now the bad news. Some facilities are already overcrowded but none of the improvement projects are off the drawing board. Result? A Very Frustrated Development Committee!

The problem of course is that Bangkok as a whole is also enjoying an unprecedented boom and there is an acute shortage of designers, architects, engineers or contractors with time on their hands, and a shortage of materials and equipment. Result? Delay! The VFDC would therefore like to inform you of some of the schemes under consideration, beg your patient indulgence, and assure you that these are being pushed as quickly as possible. The General Committee is ready to approve expenditure once the required costings and feasibility studies are done and hopefully there will be some progress to see on priority projects before the year is out.

The following schemes are all under consideration and at various stages of design and costing:

POOLSIDE: A certain priority is extended poolside space. An attractive scheme is being costed which would provide a new kiddies pool area on the playground side of the Silom Sala releasing the existing paddling pool area for additional poolside seating. The scheme includes a purpose-built toddlers changing room. (see artists impression)





CHANGING ROOMS: Another priority must be the Poolside changing rooms. A design has been prepared to completely revamp them to include new fittings, locker areas and attendants' rooms.

KITCHEN/RESTAURANT: As already announced, the third Committee priority this year is upgrading and relaunching our restaurant.

Expert advice says "decide what type of restaurant is wanted first, choose a theme, design a menu, and then design your kitchen and restaurant decor". The members questionnaire was aimed at the first two decisions and now detailed planning is underway.

Subject to satisfactory designs and quotations the above three schemes are the first priorities. But other projects will also be scheduled once the financial projections are finalised and these may proceed soon after or even in parallel with the priority projects. These are also being designed and costed:

CHURCHILL BAR: An attractive colonial-style extension to the Churchill Bar has been designed taking in the present outside veranda. This would provide an alternative bar area with a more 'up-market' atmosphere. (See artists impression)

SILOM ROOM: Small function space is in short supply given the proliferation of new committees and activities. The old Silom Room next to the office is currently dead space and could be converted to a pleasant meeting room for modest cost. (See artists impression)

TENNIS COURTS: The tennis courts are extremely busy throughout weekends and every morning. Grass courts are nice but limit usage. The Committee is costing alternatives for courts 2 and 3 including artificial grass surfaces with floodlighting. No decisions have been made! The Committee is doing its homework and will consult with the Sports Sections as ideas progress.

NEW WING: No the Guest House idea is not dead! An architect is designing a new facility which will incorporate a health centre (exercise equipment, aerobics etc.), ladies hairdresser, massage room, family room and new staff facilities as well as 15 guest rooms. Clearly this is a very major scheme compared with others and if it is considered feasible would be presented to the Membership for approval.

Other smaller schemes are also under consideration including new trophy cabinets, a tennis practice wall and drama facilities for the Suriwongse Room.

Development Committee

THE BRITISH CLUB ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER :

			VENUE
THU	2nd	- BCT - "Fur Coat And No Knickers" Dinner Theatre	Suriwongse Room
FRI	3rd	- BCT - "Fur Coat And No Knickers" Theatre	Suriwongse Room
SAT	4th	- Guy Fawkes	Front/Back Lawns
SUN	5th	- Flicks For Kids	
MON	6th	- St. Andrews Practice	Front Lawn
WED	8th	- After Dinner Speaker - Dr. Belchuk of the Russian Embassy	Suriwongse Room
FRI	10th	- BCT - "Fur Coat And No Knickers" Theatre	Suriwongse Room
SAT	11th	- BCT - "Fur Coat And No Knickers" Theatre	Suriwongse Room
SUN	12th	- Loy Krathong Boat Trip on Chaophya River	Chaophya River
MON	13th	- St. Andrews Practice	Front Lawn
THU	16th	- Ryder Cup Night	
FRI	17th	- Camelot Day	
SAT	18th	- Ploenchit Fair	British Embassy
MON	20th	- St. Andrews Practice	Front Lawn
WED	22nd	- Bar Reception for POW's	Churchill Bar
MON	27th	- St. Andrews Practice	Front Lawn
WED	29th	- St. Andrews Practice & Beat the Retreat (Pipe Band)	Front Lawn

DECEMBER :

FRI	1st	- St. Andrews Ball	
# MON	18th	- Under-5 Children's Xmas Party	Back Lawn
# TUE	19th	- 6-9 Children's Xmas Party	Back Lawn
# WED	20th	- 10-14 Children's Xmas Party	Silom Sala
THU	21st	- Carols By Candlelight	Front Lawn
SAT	23rd	- Xmas Ball	Front/Back Lawns
# TUE	26th	- Jack Edgar's Family Show	Suriwongse Room
SUN	31st	- New Year's Eve	Silom Sala

JANUARY :

# SAT	13th	- Baron Knights	Landmark Hotel
# SAT	20th	- Camp Out (Children)	Back Lawn

FEBRUARY :

- * - South Sea Bubble & Pig Roast
- * - Follies IV - "The Very Best Of..."
or maybe even Follies III.

MARCH :

- * FRI 23rd - Max Boyce

- # = SPONSORED EVENT
- * = TO BE CONFIRMED

FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

PLEASE note the revised and increased entertainment calendar for the rest of 1989 and into January 1990.

On the night of the British Ambassador's Farewell Dinner members and their guests raised £22,850 for the Slum Kindergarten Improvement Project. Sincere thanks go to Stuart Richardson of British Airways who kindly donated a round-trip ticket to London. Also special mention to Bryan Baldwin of Castrol (Thailand) who generously doubled the amount to £45,700.

The Accumulator Prize money steadily increases, at time of publication the Accumulator could be worth £7,500. Don't forget Friday night could be your lucky night.

Traditionally, Christmas time is the time for giving especially to children. I have marked the calendar of events with an asterisk which indicates a sponsored event if any companies or individuals feel they would like to sponsor please call for more details.

The picture below shows the winning department in September inter-departmental competition.



Dear Vivienne ...

WE are particularly proud to announce that the British Club has managed to procure the services of Vivienne, the famous agony aunt.

Vivienne has settled down to a quiet life in Bangkok, and has agreed to answer letters, starting in the next issue of OUTPOST, about any subject at all which you find hard to discuss.

Send your letters addressed to Vivienne through me at the British Club. Naturally confidentiality will be preserved at your request.

The Manager

Meet the New Members



Peter and Janice Young with Terry Adams. They're from Inverkip, Scotland here with Wallems Shipping. Previously in Hong Kong, Peter enjoys sailing, scuba diving, swimming (in fact anything to do with water) also Kloster. They have a two month old son, and a daughter twenty months.



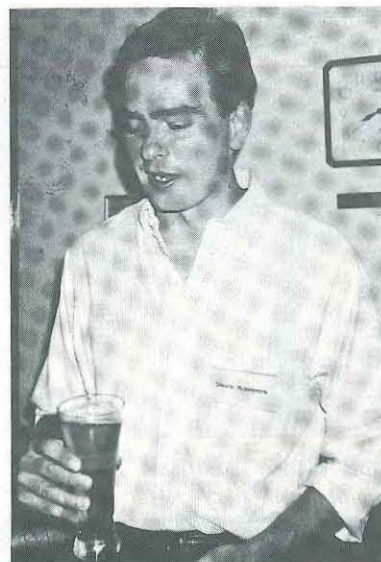
Graham Wilton and Ian Kane. Graham has lived in Thailand for the last three years but only just decided to join the B.C. (he doesn't know what he's missed.) Working for S.G.S., here indefinitely, enjoys soccer and cricket. Originally from Chesterfield Derbyshire.



Desmond and Sandra Thornton. Originally from Sligo and Dublin respectively, previous posting Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, what a change! A keen badminton, and tennis player. Desmond is working for Hewlett Packard as Finance, Admin and Personnel Manager. Their three sons ages 3, 5 and 7 have already made a name for themselves in our last Swimming Gala.



Keith Welsh. From St. Albans with Coca Cola, plays cricket, golf, and squash. Enjoys— female mud wrestling, wet T-Shirts and is the Dunstable Dwarf Throwing Champion 1956 the latter comments encouraged by other Coke personnel ... definitely enjoying Thailand at the time of interview Keith's wife Alexis hadn't arrived



David McKinnon. The new Third Sec. Commercial Section at the Canadian Embassy. David is here from Ottawa, a keen tennis player, who seems to be enjoying all aspects of Bangkok.

Single, Good Looking!



Matthew Kingdon. Here from London to market soap powder for Unilever. Likes thinking about sporty things ... but doing lazy things. Single, vast potential, enjoys classical music and free every Friday. Must be the only person to admit to enjoy driving in Bangkok Traffic ... likens it to a Mad Max Movie.

Andrew and Margit Tilley. Marketing Director for the Shangri-la here for about 2 years, previously in Dubai and Kuwait. Andrew and his Austrian wife Margit are keen scuba divers.

Rotha Taylor and Royce Bell. Rotha enjoys swimming and G&T; a girl after my own heart! She is also a P.R. Exec with Presko. Royce is quite a virtuoso, actor (BBC radio plays), singer ... plays rugby and tennis and is a Management Consultant with S.F.V.N. Andersen Consulting; has lived in Indonesia and Jordan. Ed: Sorry I couldn't even prise your photos off your application form.



Edward Star Edward is heavily into snrfrmps ... and their potential in Thailand. Here for three years likes playing tennis and both swim ... Anita wants to learn to play Bridge ... any offers.



Ingvar and Jane Muhl. Associate members from Sweden here with Volvo, Ingvar plays golf and tennis ... but really just like to enjoy themselves.

Meet the New



Peter and Wendy Andrews. Two Kiwis from Wellington! A cricketer but might settle for lawn bowls. Peter is the General Manager for Petro Corp. Exploration, both are enthusiastic restaurateurs.

Chris and Jan Clement-Jones. A well travelled couple previously in Australia and Hong Kong with Alcan and here for 2 to 3 years with their eight month old daughter. Chris plays rugby and tennis.



Ray and Anita Hughes. Just off the plane from Cardiff although no newcomers to life overseas having lived in Saudi and Singapore. Ray is a civil engineer with Kumagai Gumi working on the new expressway. Both are keen tennis and badminton players and Ray is very eager to play golf.



Ian Williams who works for Support Services International, with Ian Scott.



Billy Phillips and John Stamp: Billy from the U.S., works for Premier Oil and is married to Kanda. They have two teenagers and one adult.



Ann Sinthunont in a group pose. She is married to Sorry we ran out of film for the last two new members, we'll get you next time! and we ran out of time for chatting to the McDonalds, Billy Phillips, and Mr Van Gelder. The problem was Maren wasn't there!!!!

Rotha Taylor and Royce Bell. Rotha enjoys swimming and G&T; a girl after my own heart! She is also a P.R. Exec with Presko. Royce is quite a virtuoso, actor (BBC radio plays), singer ... plays rugby and tennis and is a Management Consultant with S.F.V.N. Andersen Consulting; has lived in Indonesia and Jordan. Ed: Sorry I couldn't even prise your photos off your application form.



Jaap Van Gelder with Hannah de Boer! He is from Holland and works with a textile company. Jaap likes all kinds of sports.



Robert and Suphatra McDonald.

CLUB ROUNDUP

Crackerjack Quiz



'We've still got 63 cabbages to go.'



'Cabbage number two.'



The Crackerjacks.



'Don't know that one.'



'One more cabbage and you're out.'



'A prize for your first correct answer.'



'Well Nadia what's the answer.'



'You must know this one Rory.'

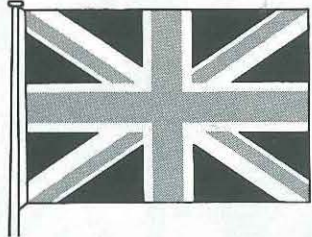
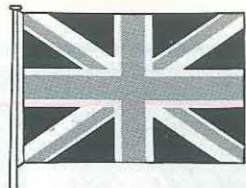


'That's a hard one.'



Question Master Lamb putting them through their paces.

Ambassador's Dinner



Waiter. There's a fly in my soup!



'It's me again.'



'Ah!'



Mr. Castrol.



'I'm so glad, I'm British.'



'Drunk? Of course we're not.'



'It wasn't us m'lord.'



'I'll S.K.I.P. away with this.'



'Excuse me them's my knees.'



'Is he speaking English?'

The Decathlon



'It's mine.'



'Who said that football was easy?'



'Come on girls we can do it.'



'Higher Rory.'




'Stop talking and pull.'

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Mr Brian Heath
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
BANGKOK

12 October 1989

Dear Brian,

I much enjoyed the dinner party at the British Club last week and, as you will recall, I remarked that some fifty years previously, the Oxford and Cambridge Dinner had been held in the same room.

I have pleasure in presenting to the British Club a framed photograph of that occasion, which might indeed be hung in the room concerned. I have, unfortunately, not had time to identify more than a handful of the personalities, but some of them were certainly members of the British Club at the time. I very much hope that the Club will enjoy this souvenir from the past.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Tonkin

(Derek Tonkin)

AMBASSADE VAN HET KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

ROYAL NETHERLANDS
EMBASSY

Bangkok, 17 October 1989

Dear Sir,

I would highly appreciate it if you could convey my deep gratitude to your staff for trying to locate blood donors (rhesus negative) for Mrs. Diny Klein, on 14 October 1989.

I am sad to inform you that Mrs. Klein passed away on that day at 8.30 p.m. in Phyathai Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

Henny B. de Valk

Henny B. de Valk
Attache

AS a result of this very sad event Keith Bell is starting a register of members who know their blood group and are willing to donate blood. The register will be kept by the Membership Secretary in the Clubhouse reception hall. Members who are rhesus negative are especially asked to sign in as this blood type can only be found here amongst the farang population. This is a serious plea – remember, it could happen to you.

Maren

Colin Hastings

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October 28, 1989

Sir,

I applaud the General Committee's efforts to upgrade the main dining room. I wish them every success.

In the meantime, I would like to offer the following suggestion as an alternative plan of action :

– relocate the Churchill Bar into what is today the main dining room. Install a central bar (like that in the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Hong Kong, a most congenial and successful drinking hole), with tables and chairs on the perimeter.

– extend the present air-conditioned area of the Churchill Bar on to the terrace, and make this the main dining room; call it the Trafalgar Terrace. (I understand the general committee is already considering extending this part of the club anyway). Diners could then enjoy the club's pleasant gardens.

Just a thought.

Colin Hastings (H70)



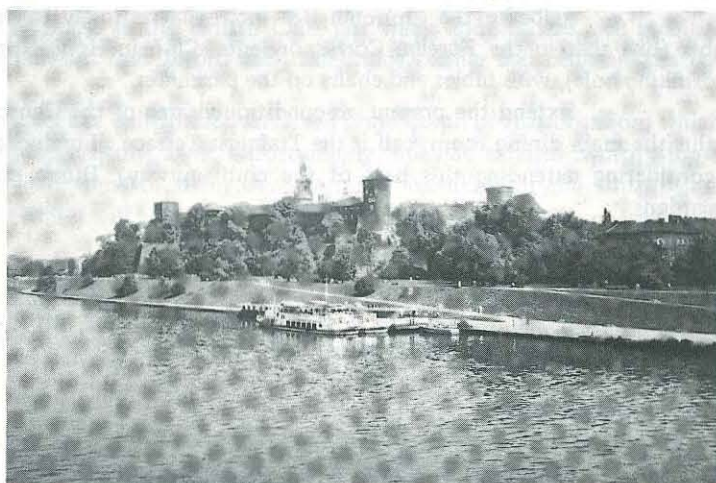
"Oh God! They got Louie!"

Travels in Poland

... and so to Krakow. Part II of David & Glenys Clark's summer travels

THE taxi ride from the station to the hotel took us past the Russian consulate, where earlier that same day, as the taxi driver informed us, not without a touch of pride, there had been a student demonstration to greet a visit from the Russian ambassador. The general theme was "Russians go home", and the demo was eventually forcibly broken up by the police. The driver stretched both his linguistic and his imaginative skills to bring the scene vividly before our eyes. "It was ... It was ..." He struggled for the telling image, and finally found it: "It was like English football match."

The Forum Hotel in Krakow is a long, low building just across the River Vistula from the Wawel Hill, with its castle and cathedral. We were lucky enough to have rooms on the side facing the Wawel, which gave us a magnificent view. Rachel was in a twin room on her own, and as Debbie's student hostel was a tedious bus journey away, we thought it worth enquiring whether Debbie could sleep in the hotel. We were told that officially, since she was a



Wawel Hill, with Castle & Cathedral.

foreigner registered at another address in the same town, it could cause the hotel red tape problems if she registered there. But the way the word "officially" was stressed made the paramessage very clear. They couldn't let the spare bed to anyone else, so they would not object if Debbie stayed as long as they didn't know. A nice example of the self-defeating nature of complex bureaucracy.

Krakow was the capital of Poland for several hundred years from the foundation of the Polish state in the 11th century. In 1609 the royal court moved to Warsaw, and

although Krakow remained nominally the capital, it lost political influence and was used mainly as the scene of events like royal coronations and burials. However Krakow remained in many ways the cultural and psychological centre of Polish national identity. The ancient nucleus of the city is the Wawel Hill, a limestone bluff which rises about 70 feet above a bend in the Vistula. North of this is the Old Town, in this case genuinely old rather than restored. On our first morning, we just meandered round the Old Town. The highlight was the ceremonial opening at noon

of the late 15th century altar triptych by Wit Stwosz in the Mariacki Church. The gilded exterior is swung back to reveal a huge centre panel of the Dormition, with four bas-relief wing panels of the life of Mary. After taking this in (in so far as one can take in such a vast work), we learnt another lesson in the oddities of the Polish economy. A modest lunch for the four of us cost 18,000 zloty, of which 14,000 was for orange juice. The moral of the story is, drink delicious blackcurrant juice, which is relatively cheap because it is made from locally grown fruit, but for the same reason is not always available. In the afternoon we went up the Wawel Hill and around the Cathedral, whose Zygmunt Bell Tower gives what must be the best view over the city. Tickets for the Castle Museum were all gone for the day, so we descended the hill via the cave of the dragon slain by Duke Krak, the legendary founder of Krakow. A bronze replica of the dragon stands guard outside the entrance to the cave, and belches forth gas-fuelled flames every few minutes to entertain passers by. No maidens have been seized lately. The rest of the afternoon we spent on a very pleasant boat-trip on the Vistula, with swarms of Polish schoolchildren (whose general level of behaviour seemed a good deal better than that of their English peers).

During the day we had made one journey in a taxi whose driver spoke English quite adequately enough for our needs. Like many younger Poles, he had spent a couple



Cathedral of Krakow, on the Wawel Hill.

of years in the USA working to save enough money to put a deposit on a flat. We arranged for this man, Jerzy, to take us off for the next day in his taxi, to Auschwitz. We had imagined that this former Nazi concentration camp was away in the forest somewhere like Belsen, but it turns out to be just outside a small town. Nowadays there are many visitors, and the various blocks exhibit relics of the wartime days. Some are coldly bureaucratic, such as registration papers and prisoner lists, some pathetically personal, such as suitcases, spectacle frames and children's dolls, and others stupefyingly macabre, such as gas chambers and crematoria. Since, as you never tire of reminding us, OUTPOST is supposed to be a family magazine, we'll say no more. But for older children at least, a visit might bring home the insane cruelties that war in the twentieth century has produced. Curiously we saw nothing of the convent which has been the cause of recent acrimony.

Jerzy brought us back to Krakow a different way so that we saw a number of country villages that we would not have seen on our own, as well as the castle of Kopec just outside Krakow. We had agreed with Jerzy on 35,000 zloty for the day, but he was so pleasant and helpful that we gave him an English ten pound note, for which we would have got 50,000 zloty, but he would get maybe 60,000. His face was a picture. We discovered later that this was probably about a couple of weeks' wages. But where else in the world could we have got a full day's travel for four with a car and driver for ten pounds?

There are plenty of castles in southern Poland, and as the weather continued fine, we had a second day out in Jerzy's car, going at his suggestion to the castle of Pieskowa Skala. This was not too far from Krakow, perched on a limestone cliff guarding the road through a wooded valley. We spent several hours rambling in the woods, as were lots of

Poles, especially school groups. We didn't meet any other foreigners. We got back to Krakow a bit earlier that day, and had time to walk along the river bank near the hotel and explore the suburb of Kazimierz on the other side. This was formerly the site of the ghetto, where in medieval times lived one of the most influential Jewish communities of Eastern Europe. They were forcibly removed during the war and never returned. It is now a rather run down area, though it has a couple of ancient churches worth visiting.

Jerzy had learnt of our so far unfulfilled wish to go round the Wawel Castle Museum, and promised to see what he could do about it. Next morning he collected us and took us to the Museum himself. A friend of his mother worked there, and surprise, surprise, we were not only taken in, but taken in ahead of the madding crowds. And Jerzy insisted on paying for the tickets. It was a very nice gesture, though fortunately they were not too expensive. The Museum includes the Royal Treasury and Armoury as well as the former state apartments in the castle, and is in effect something like the Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace rolled into one. One thing we had particularly wanted to see was the magnificent tents captured from the Turks when they were driven back from the gates of Vienna by the Polish knights under King Jan Sobieski in 1683. However that section of the museum was not open to the public,



Cloth Hall, Market Square.

so maybe we'll have to return some other time.

Once we emerged from the castle, the rest of the day was ours to see the parts of the Old Town we had not yet seen. One of these was the Collegium Maius, the oldest surviving building of the Jagiellonian University, dating from the 1490s. It has vaulted arcades around an Oxbridge-like courtyard, but with no grass for the public to keep off. The college has its treasures too, but the door to the library where they are kept was closed. Just as we were about to give up on it, a furtive little man with a key appeared and offered to take us in. The university's most distinguished alumnus is one Mikolaj Kopernik, better known as Copernicus, and among its exhibits are many early astronomical instruments. For those like us who are not very astronomically oriented, the most interesting item was a globe of 1510, the first ever to show the newly discovered continent of America. On sale in the college shop were

university T-shirts. I didn't really need one, but couldn't resist the Latin inscription "Universitas Jagellonica Cracovia 1364." It is after all the definitive answer to people who wear T-shirts saying "University of Southern California."

Like any medieval town in Europe, Krakow has lots of interesting old churches. As it was a Sunday, they were all open, and seemed to be well attended. The one we liked best was the Swiaty Kryz (Holy Cross) church, a small church with the nave supported by a single central pillar from which stone ribs spread outwards. We nearly got locked in. Poland is a strongly Catholic country, and not only was the present Pope Archbishop of Krakow before becoming Pope, which stimulates national pride, but going to church is also a tacit act of defiance to the government. We were there just before the recent election, and there were Solidarity posters and banners everywhere, especially in Warsaw. We saw no

advertising for any other party, and it was hard to believe anyone would vote for other than Solidarity candidates. As we now know, they didn't.

On our return to Warsaw we had a chance to look round some local markets and see how expensive everyday items like vegetables are for those who live on a Polish salary and don't have hard currency. Finally we got the plane back to Bangkok, more than satisfied with our week's holiday.

We had never before thought of Poland as a tourist destination, but it certainly has a lot to offer, and is now trying to get on the tourist circuit as a way of earning foreign exchange. We were very fortu-



Mariacki Church.

nate to have perfect weather the whole time, but we liked the places we saw, the people we met, and the generally friendly atmosphere, and would be enthusiastic about going there again. Language can of course be a problem,

but we were interested and somewhat surprised to find that people who did not know any English were invariably more willing to try German than Russian, despite the fact that they all learn Russian at school. Maybe this is a significant indication that the really profound cultural boundary in Europe is not the Iron Curtain, less than 50 years old, so much as the rift between Catholic and Orthodox Christianity which goes back over 900 years. By that criterion Poland is a western rather than an eastern country, and perhaps it explains why we did not feel like aliens there.

David & Glenys Clark



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

For further information see Activities Page for contact names and telephone numbers. If you would like to announce any B.C. related events in the *OUTPOST* Calendar, please contact Judi Leddy on 258-5110. The deadline is the 10th of the preceding month.

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	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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	25 Flicks for Kids - 6.00 pm. Seafood Night in the Restaurant	26 Flicks for Kids - 11.00 am. Curry Tiffin in Silom Sala - 12 noon-2 pm. Sunday afternoon Club Tennis - 3-6 pm. Family Buffet in dining room from 6.00 pm. Swimming Gala B.C. vs. I.S.B. - 12.30 pm.	27 B.W.G. Mahjong* - 9.00 am. Aerobic Classes - 9.00 am. New Members' Night/ Happy Hour - 5.30-9.00 pm. Chess Club* - 7.00 pm. St. Andrew's Soc. Dance Practice - 7.30 pm.	28 Ladies' Golf - 7.00 am. Bridge - 7.30 pm. Keep Fit Training on Back Lawn 6.30 pm.-7.00 pm. (start)	29 Aerobic Classes - 9.00 am. Tennis and Squash Club Night from 6.00 pm. St. Andrews Soc Scots Guards Perform 'Beat the Retreat' 5.30 pm - Front Lawn 7.30 Dance Practice	30 Ladies' Tennis - 8-10.00 am. Ladies' Squash - 9-12 noon Keep Fit Training on Back Lawn 6.30 pm.-7 pm.	1 DECEMBER Aerobic Classes - 9.00 am. Accumulator Night - 8.00 pm. St. Andrews Ball

NOVEMBER FESTIVALS



NOVEMBER nearly has it all — Loy Krathong, Elephant round-ups, River Kwai celebrations, boat races (again), Guy Fawkes, Bangkok's most popular Temple Fair, the Festival of the Mount and Bangkok's most popular fun fair — Ploenchit.

LOY KRATHONG

The most beautiful of all Thai festivals is held on the full moon night of the 12th lunar month (Novem-

ber 12) to give thanks to Mae Khongkla, the 'Mother of Water'.

Krathongs are small, usually circular floats made of bamboo leaves — or polystyrene, which hold a candle, a coin, incense and flowers. These are then launched onto rivers, canals, swimming pools or any other convenient puddle. It is said that if the candle stays alight one's wishes will be fulfilled.

Loy Krathong was first celebrated in Sukhothai,

where a Light and Sound display takes place on the night of the 12th amid the ruins of the ancient kingdom, but celebrations can be seen all over Thailand.

Loy Krathong with a difference can be found in Chiang Mai during the Yi Ping Festival. (November 11-13). After a day of merit making, colourful hot air paper balloons are released, and hopefully, they will carry all our troubles with them.



SURIN ELEPHANT ROUND-UP

Over 200 great grey beasts are gathered together in the Northeastern village of Surin on November 18-19 to entertain the crowds. There are elephant races, elephant football, (will our own Scoop volunteer to be the coach?) demonstrations of old-time elephant hunts and displays of strength ... and gentleness. The show ends with a battle parade, the elephants and their mahouts dressed over-all for war.

Although this spectacular tourist attraction bears very little resemblance to the original round-up, when wild elephants were

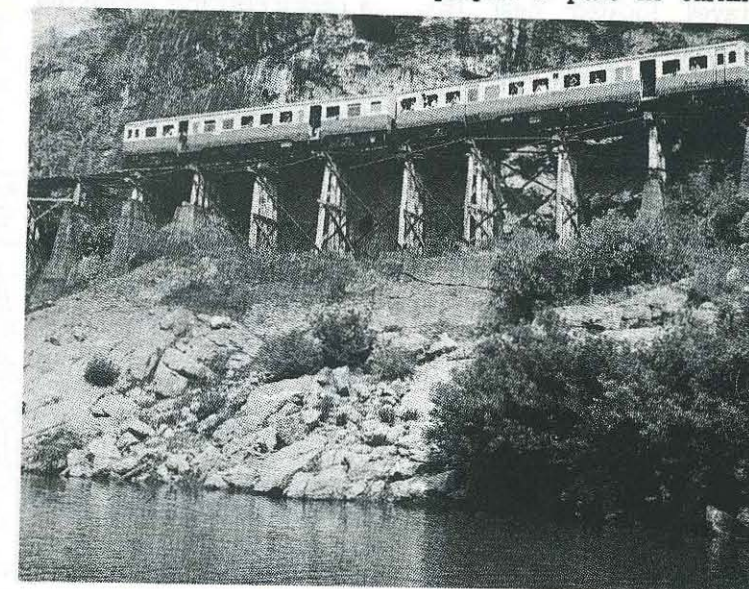
caught in their masses to serve as battle tanks in the deep jungle, it does pay homage to the people who perfected the art of elephant training.

Staged it may be, but the sight of a fully caparisoned elephant makes

the effort well worthwhile — however cynical the viewer intends to be.

RIVER KWAI BRIDGE WEEK

Fate and history both played a part in turning



the spotlight on Kanchanaburi. Without their intervention, the bridge on the River Kwai would simply be just another steel-concrete construction, like thousands of others found the world over. But Pierre Bouille's book, and the film 'Bridge on the River Kwai' ensured that the otherwise insignificant bridge remained in the hearts and minds of many.

The railway, intended to link Thailand and Burma, was built by 100,000 Allied Prisoners of War and civilians enlisted from Japanese-occupied Southeast Asia during World War II. The prisoners were decimated by cholera, plague, fever and exhaustion, thereby earning the Thai-Burma railway link the dubious nickname of "The Death Railway". Their graves located near the infamous bridge stand in mute testimony to the some 16,000 prisoners who died constructing a line,

which now goes nowhere.

Thousands of tourists annually make a pilgrimage to the notorious bridge. Most return disappointed. The object of their curiosity is nowhere near as spectacular as the one featured in the movie, which was a wholly fictitious Hollywood creation. Even the surrounding scenery was shot on location in Sri Lanka.

From November 28-December 6, the bridge on the River Kwai is the setting for a week-long series of events which include a Light and Sound presentation at the bridge, archaeological and historical exhibitions, and rides on vintage trains.

An hour's train journey beyond the bridge are the wooden viaducts of Wang Po, built by the POW's at a rocky cliff just above the river. It is still (almost) serviceable. Although the trains pass over them at a cautious 5 km an hour, it

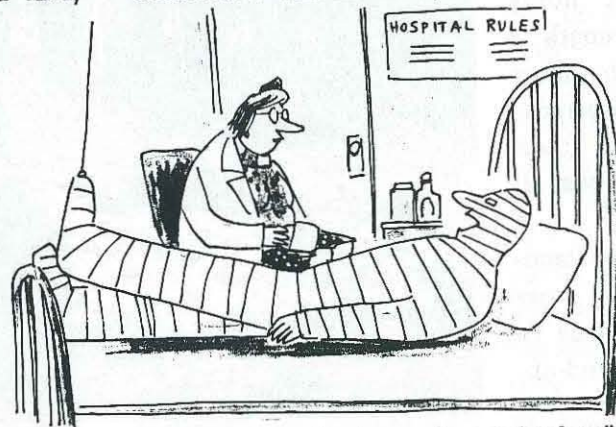
is enough to alarm first-time passengers as loud creaks and groans emanate from the shaky wooden construction.

To enjoy this spine-chilling experience, take the train that leaves Bangkok's Thonburi Station a 0800 hours. It passes over the River Kwai, crosses the Wang Po viaduct and ends at Nam Tok, railhead of "The Death Railway". The same train heads back for Bangkok in the afternoon.

And, finally, for some reason we shouldn't forget the 4th of November.

For further information on any of the above and booking tour trains to the River Kwai and Surin for the round-up, the best people to contact are the Tourist Authority of Thailand on Ratchadamnoen Nok, near the boxing stadium. Tel: 282-1143/7.

Hild Glattbach



"You haven't heard the worst yet. I've become allergic to bandages."

SPECIALS

Tarot Tells

LOVE, heartbreak, wealth, poverty, life and death – these mysteries of fate are revealed when you delve into the occult world of the tarot. Decorated with strange and exotic figures, tarot cards have been handed down from generation to generation as man's mysterious link with the universe.

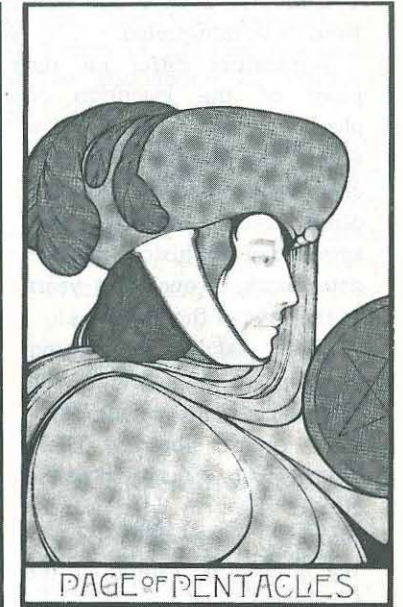
There are many so-called "supernatural" ways of getting answers to questions or of finding solutions to problems. For centuries, man has read the stars with astrological charts, read tea-leaves and consulted Gypsies, and even today, many people check personal bio-rhythm charts. However, only the ancient tarot cards can attempt to give the complete picture of the influences and predict the outcome of a situation.

Tarot (tar-o) cards were originally, and still are, used in the West to tell fortunes, and they are known to date back at least seven centuries. Their actual origins are shrouded in mystery, but it is certain that modern playing cards are descended from one part of them, the resemblances are too close to be disputed.

A tarot deck consists of 78 cards, 22 of which are trumps.



KING OF CUPS



PAGE OF PENTACLES

The 56 remaining (those most like modern cards) are equally divided among four suits: wands, cups, swords and pentacles – analogous to our clubs, hearts, spades and diamonds. These 56 cards are known as the Minor Arcana (arcana being the Latin word for "secrets"). They are accompanied by 22 cards called the Major Arcana, and these depict symbolic figures, elements in nature, and the experiences of man in his journey through life. These latter bear little resemblance to modern cards, but are still important in the fortune telling aspects of the

tarot.

Could the tarot help you? The cards sometimes come up with unfavourable answers, but they can give a new insight into a situation that can leave you smiling for days. Like any card game, you're gambling on the results and hoping that fate will deal you a winner.

The explanation of the working of the cards varies in complexity according to the number of cards used, the sequence in which they are laid out, and the number of influences that appear after the cards are dealt. For a beginner, it's best to stick to a simple

sequence, such as the Celtic Cross, which only uses the 22 trump cards. This is usually explained thoroughly in the instructions with each deck of cards. Once this is mastered, you may decide to move on to something more complicated. But, be warned, even if you only use the 22 trump cards, there are 1,124,727,000,777,607,680,000 possible combinations to be interpreted.

Authorities differ on the point of the invention of playing cards. There is a theory that playing cards and chess were originally the same game. Most, however, are agreed that the history of tarot dates back through the years to the days of the Pharaohs.

One fascinating legend claims that the tarot are the sole relic of the ancient Egyptians' superb libraries. These libraries were transferred to the city of Fez (in what is now Morocco) which then became the intellectual capital of the Old World.

Wise men travelled from near and far in order to study and gain understanding. Needing a common tongue, they invented a certain method of communication — a picture book of 77 leaves, divided into five classes, each representing subjects as varied as they are colourful and abounding in mystic symbols. A key to the meaning of the signs was handed down by word of mouth from initiate to initiate. To preserve their secrecy, the symbols were later reproduced on seemingly innocuous cards that were used in games of chance by more frivolous men who could not possibly

decipher their true significance.

From ancient Egypt the tarot has become associated with the Gypsies who roamed about Europe at about the same time that the cards began to be used around the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. The cards are heard of as early as the 12th century in Austria and in Rumania in the 14th century. In Europe the practice of card reading was adopted by the followers of the occult for fortune telling.

During the Middle Ages tarot reached its peak in the Mediterranean regions. It became a daily event to consult the cards in matters of business, finance, family, travel and even battle. Those who relied on the assistance of the cards include Christopher Columbus, William Shakespeare, Henry III, Napoleon Bonapart and Harry Houdini. Even men of high intelligence and practical genius — Aristotle, Leonardo da Vinci, Benjamin Franklin



— were preoccupied with the supernatural phenomenon.

After the Black Plague in fourteenth century Europe, the popularity of the tarot declined. However, from the second half of the nineteenth century to the present day, a growing interest in the occult has given a rebirth to the ancient cards. It is no longer a question of how or why the cards work, but rather a shocked acceptance that they do.

In a fortune telling session the cards are shuffled by the "querant" while he thinks about the question he wants answered, and then they are laid out in any one of various formations by the "reader" who then proceeds to interpret them. Each card symbolises an emotion or state such as marriage, evil, death, good fortune or pride. Each individual card and its significance in the general layout is then given its meaning.

A sampling of the cards and their divinatory meaning —



THE FOOL

The Fool symbolizes life-power before it enters into manifestation; he therefore represents inexperience. (In modern card decks this card is preserved by the Joker).

Divinatory meaning: The subject of the reading is a dreamer, a mystic. He has the desire to accomplish a great goal. He must be careful to make the right choice. If he thinks that "when ignorance is bliss, 'tis total folly to be wise," then he is indeed the fool.

If the card appears upside-down in reading, then the interpretation will read: Folly, indiscretion, thoughtless action. The choice is likely to be faulty.

THE HIEROPHANT

The Hierophant represents traditional, orthodox teaching considered suitable for the masses; he is the ruling power of external religion.

Divinatory meaning: Preferences for the outer forms of religion, the ritual, the creed,



Divinatory meaning: A young man who is graceful, poetic, but indolent. He is a dreamer of sensual delights. Can mean the bringer of a message, a proposition or an invitation. When reversed: Sensual, idle, untruthful. Swindling, trickery, fraud. Propositions should be carefully looked into.

ACE OF SWORDS

Swords represent activity, either destructive or constructive. They also represent the rigours of the law; can mean the elimination of outworn forms.

Divinatory meaning: Conquest, triumph of power, great activity. The power to love strongly or to hate. Possible birth of a child who will be of heroic temperament. Championship.

When reversed: Conquest, but the results are disastrous. Obstacles, great loss, infertility.

PAGE OF PENTACLES

Pentacles represent an old form of amulet believed to protect one against evil spirits; or some say they represent coins. In general they symbolize political action or intrigue.

Divinatory meaning: Respect for learning and new ideas. A scholar. A typical introvert. Can also mean application, reflection. Good management, carefulness. The bringer of good news and messages about money.

Reversed: Dissipation and excess. Too great pleasure in the material things of life. Wastefulness. Luxury. News of the loss of money or worldly goods.

the ceremony, the importance of social approval, the need to conform.

If the card appears upside-down: Openness to new ideas, unconventionality. The card of the inventor as well as of the hippie. Take care that you do not become superstitious.

THREE OF WANDS

Wands in general symbolize will and power and suggest continual renewal of life, and change.

Divinatory meaning: Realisation of hope, established strength, nobility, wealth, power. Caution against pride and arrogance. Partnership. Help will be offered by a successful merchant. When reversed: Beware of help offered. Wealth may slip away. There may be treachery and disappointment.

KNIGHT OF CUPS

The suit of cups is associated with the concept of water. The cup is a symbol of knowledge and preservation. It also means love, pleasure and enjoyment.

THE BEACH



BOYS

The surfer, who has just lost his balance, has joined his friends on the beach. By carefully studying the drawings and the three statements, can you discover their respective names?

Sandy and Reg wear striped shorts!

I'm not Tony!

1

2

Reg and Len don't have flippers!

3

4

Len is no. 1; Reg is no. 2; Sandy is no. 3; and Tony is no. 4

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YOU NEED:

- A set of dominoes

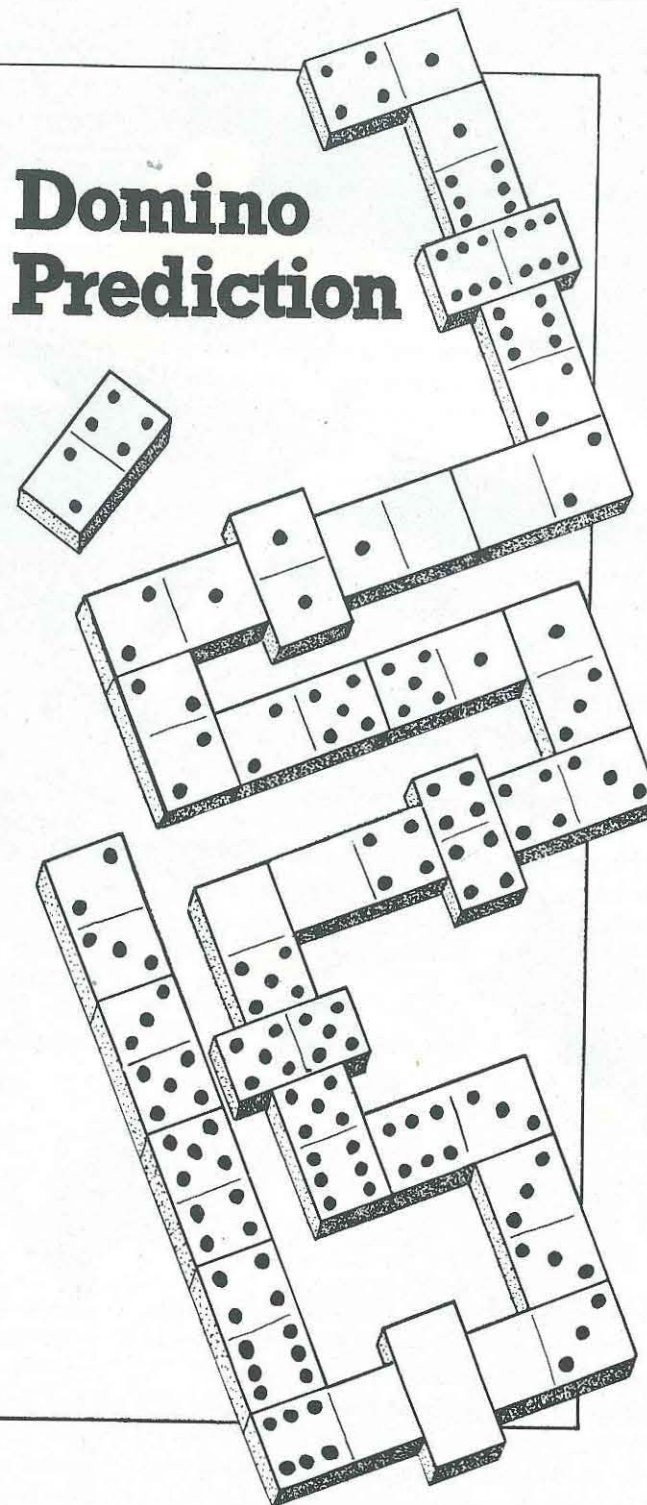
With only a set of dominoes you can appear to predict what is going to happen before it does.

The audience is given a set of dominoes and asked to arrange them on the table as if they were playing a normal game. When they have laid out all the dominoes they will look something like the set shown on this page.

Ask everyone to note the numbers at each end of the domino pattern (in the picture these are a four and a two). You now draw attention to a folded slip of paper that has been resting on the table right from the start. When the paper is opened it reveals a message you wrote earlier, 'The two end dominoes will be a four and a two' (or whatever the end numbers happen to be). As this is absolutely correct it seems that you must be able to predict the future.

How did you know what to write on the paper before the start of the trick? The secret is that when no one was looking you took one of the dominoes out of the set. The numbers on that domino are the numbers that will be at the ends of the row when all the other dominoes are laid out. So, if the domino you take has a three and a six on it, that is what you write on the paper. In our example the missing domino was a four and a two – and you can see how that worked out.

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CRICKET



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CRICKET Section AGM was held in the vastitude of the Suriwongse Room under the gavel of Chairman Nickse White, whose report, as item number one on the agenda he himself had drawn up, covered the achievements of the two BC teams in the 1988/89 season and their semiotic significance as dynamic metaphor for a more generalisable socioeconomic subreading. There was widespread appreciation of this view. Item 2 on the agenda was "ugly crowd scene", but by common agreement this item was extended to the whole meeting, as the crowd was among the ugliest in living memory. By item 3, the treasurer's report relayed by satellite from the Cayman Islands, the crowd had grown to almost 17, agog to hear the captains' (note position of apostrophe) reports, each of which consisted of the three words "done", "lads" and "good" arranged into a well-known phrase or saying.

It was confirmed that BC will once again run two teams in the 35-over league and one in the 45-over league. Predictions for the "derby" match from both captains were once again remarkably similar, consisting of the words "we", "are", "going", "to", "stuff" and "you" arranged into a meaningful statement.

A lot of boring stuff followed about kit and practice and team spirit, but then we came to the officers' erection. D. Lamb was reelected as Pavilionaires captain, but F. Hough attempted to stand down after a mere lifetime

as BC captain. He was prevailed upon to change his mind at least until the beginning of the season by the threat of being tied down and having to listen to the chairman's report again, after which other officers were erected. The precise matching of names and positions seems to have escaped my otherwise quite meticulous minutes, but I do know that Jim Howard agreed to organise Thailand's first international six-a-side tennis-court cricket tournament, with thousands of dollars' worth of sponsorship, before the end of October.

This year's overseas tour, always a certainty at AGM time and never yet achieved in the real world, will be to Jakarta, a joint trip with Chiang Mai. Six members of the BC side have already paid in money to the tour fund; will this be the year a tour will finally happen? (watch this space).

Weather permitting, the first nets will be on Saturday afternoon, 4th November, and thereafter on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2 p.m., and Wednesday evenings from 4.30 p.m. Just turn up and join in.

There may be one or two friendly matches towards the end of November, but the first competitive matches will be in Chiang Mai in the first weekend of December.

David Hall

DARTS



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THE Johnnie Walker Darts League is now coming to a close with only the knock out matches to play, these are (as they imply) matches where only the winners go through to the next round. The Lions and the Unicorns face their first such matches on 26th, October, Lions at the British Club against Grants New Cowbox I and the Unicorns at the Dot Pub (Pahonyothin Road)

against 3rd division leaders Commodore, good luck to both teams.

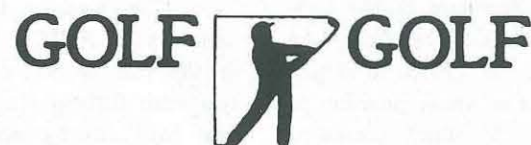
During the last month of league matches the Lions again failed to win and came dauntingly close to a white-wash at the B.C. against Commodore but eventually managed to score 1 point! The other games were not much better and the final scores are best left unmentioned.

The Unicorns, with the return of their captain Mr. Patrick Windeler, did very well winning two of their matches played, one of which was against 4th division leaders 'Esso', this particularly pleased Mr. Bryan Baldwin though he claims not to have mentioned this on the night concerned! They are also showing what decent sportspersons they are by not claiming a 17 : 0 victory when the opponents failed to show and are in the process of re-scheduling the match, good show Unicorns. Final division placings are as yet unclear though I fear the Lions may be close to bottom of the 3rd division while the Unicorns should reach a decent placing in the

4th division.

As there is now a lull between matches we hope to get a few friendly games under way, all would be darts players are welcome, please come along on Thursday evenings to the Churchill Bar, bring your Darts if you have any, if not there are club darts and hope for lots of participants in the challenges for the Castrol Trophy and the Ladies' Cup, dates of these matches should be known for next months issue.

Annie Douglas



British V Japanese Assoc.

Rose Garden will be the venue for the second of the Japanese challengers on 5th November. Rule changes are being studied to determine whether we could somehow invoke something in there to come up with a win. Under consideration is having Japanese play left handed, allowing our opponents to wear only unstudded flippers instead of Golf shoes or perhaps giving them the wrong venue, thereby Winning on a forfeit.

Why not turn up and assist your fellow club members in this knock down, drag out competition.

Annual Outing to Hua Hin – December 9-10-11

The Constitution Day long weekend in December has been planned for Hua Hin this year. Previous years have seen it played at venues such as Rose Garden.

With tourism raising the costs of accommodation the Golf Section Committee needs to hear from members quickly on the subject of this very expensive trip. The alternative destination is Nakhon Nayok, where accommodation is B 300 per night compared to B 3,000 per night in Hua Hin, not to mention holiday traffic etc.

Would members interested in playing, please ring Dennis Farmer on 260-1770 and give an indication of preferences to enable alternate bookings to be made if appropriate.

Ryder Cup Video – 16th November

Would all those members interested in viewing a European victory on home soil please note that a video of the event will be presented on November 16, in the Churchill Bar. Drinks and snacks will be available and a raffle will be held – major prize will be a prestigious all leather golf bag.

More details later, but note your diary.

September Results

Aussies V Brits – Green Valley

Qantas and British Airways were the generous sponsors of this annual challenge match held at the beautiful conditioned Green Valley course on Sunday, September 10.

More than 60 players enjoyed delightful weather conditions and in a result reminiscent of the recent Test Cricket series at home the antipodians took the challenge shield by a convincing margin.

Amidst (and despite) ravenous calls of "cheats", "fixed" and "impossible" the Golf Section Captain, Lloyd Houghton (coincidentally an Aussie himself) soberly and with great dignity under the circumstances, announced that the hopelessly outnumbered Australian team of 10 had amassed 325 stableford points whilst the British team managed 304 points.

Individual scores in the normal club outing, played in conjunction with the challenge match were :

A GRADE			B GRADE	
Winner	Dennis Farmer	39 points	Brian Quigley	38 points
R/up	Alistair Rider	38 points	Jim Gray	33 points
1st 9	Dave Wallace	20 points	Phil Jackson	18 points
2nd 9	Dugal Forrest	20 points	John McCartney	15 points

Gents long drive, Jony Bronzenell, Ladies, Judy Farmer.

Thai Country Club – Sunday September 24.

Welcome Thailand sponsored the regular club outing on a very wet Thai Country Club on the 24th and Chaig Rennie, M.D., was on hand to present the trophies.

Results were :

A GRADE			B GRADE	
Winner	Lloyd Houghton	42 points	Jim Gray	42 points
R/up	Alistair McM	39 points	Chris Branston	41 points
1st 9	Dugal Forrest	22 points	Wayne Pierce	20 points
2nd 9	Dennis Farmer	17 points	Dave Barrington	24 points

Gents long drive, John Leicester, Ladies, Judy Farmer.

Scandinavian Challenge Cup – Sunday 8th October

Swedish Motors Volvo sponsored the trophies for the British and Scandinavian challenge cup and with return tickets to Hong Kong, golf bags, and umbrellas, as well as a magnificent cup, did a sterling job.

The competition was a four ball better ball matchplay event with 12 teams per club playing head-to-head. The result couldn't have been fairer, with a 6 match each draw, the result.

Ekachai was the venue and the only cool objects in the hot conditions were the numerous golf balls which finished in the water.

Both teams lived up to past reputations and the partying after the match was fast and furious and the Scandinavians took the Cup for the first six months.

Individual scores for the FBBB stableford competition, played in conjunction, were :

Winner	David Lamb and Bob Wallace	47 points
1st R/up	Ulf & Alf	46 points
2nd R/up	R & Bewin Brenitt	44 points

Gents long drive, Dave Stewart, Ladies, Kersten.

SEE YOU ON THE TEE & HAPPY GOLFING.

LADIES' GOLF



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NOT much happening on the Golf scene this month. **NEW MEMBERS** – A big welcome to two new ladies' Marlene Robidas and Debi Turner.

Also a very big thank you to Lavita Hughes who has done a marvelous job as our treasurer whilst Eileen Branston was on home leave.

Happy golfing to all of you

Your starter for October is Judy Farmer – 260-1716

New golfers very welcome

Tee off at Army course every Tuesday 7 a.m.

COMPETITION RESULTS SEPTEMBER 1989

5th September		Stableford	Army
Winner	A Flight	: Joan Jurgens	33 points
	R/up	: Nena Reid	31 points
Winner	B Flight	: Ruth Kennedy	37 points
	R/up	: Judy Farmer	33 points
Near pin No. 4		: Nena Reid	
Near pin No. 8		: Ruth Kennedy	
12th September		4 Ball Better Ball	Army
Winner		: Judy Farmer and Judy Neck	42 points
R/up		: Ruth Kennedy and Kanda Phillips	41 points
Near pin No. 4		: Kirsten Perrson	
Near pin No. 8		: Nena Reid	
Under Par		: Judy Farmer and Ruth Kennedy	
Birdies		: Ruth Kennedy and Judy Neck	
19th September		Par Bisque	Army
Winner	A Flight	: Rini Leach	
Winner	B Flight	: Judy Farmer	+ 2
	R/up	: Kanda Phillips	+ 1
Near pin No. 4		: Kanda Phillips	
Near pin No. 8		: Kirstin Perrson	
26th September		L.G.U. Monthly Medal	Army
Winner	A Flight – Silver	: Nena Reid	
	R/up	: Ann Kwong	
Winner	Bronze Division	: Rini Leach	
	R/up	: Lavita Hughes	
Near pin No. 8		: Marlene Robidas	
Longest Drive Silver		: Ann Kwong	
Longest Drive Bronze		: Rimi Leach	

SQUASH



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BC WIN DIVISION 2 AND RUNNERS UP IN DIVISION 3 IN T.S.R.A.

The BC teams did a first class job in the finals of the T.S.R.A. competition. Held at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club the BC squash division had two teams in the final. In division 2 Pieter Fangman, Mike Stockley and Rod Dominy out classed the opposition to win 3-0 thereby keeping the cup at the BC which we won last year.

In division 3 a Brave Team of Craig Rennie, Mel Leddy and Keith Bell went down 3-1 to a Rama Gardens Team. The trophies were presented after the matches at a buffet dinner at the RBSC. Congratulation to all members who played in the teams during the course of the competition.



Winners of Division 2: Rod Dominy, Mike Stockley and Pieter Fangman.



Runners up Division 3: Craig Rennie, Keith Bell and Mel Leddy.



Our teams at the presentation after the game. Standing: Rod Dominy, Mel Leddy, Mike Stockley, Keith Bell, Tony Austin, Andy Hawkins. Down – "and out" Pieter Fangman.

SEPTEMBER LEAGUES

September league winners were as follows:-

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mike Stockley | 8. Dick Anwar |
| 2. Tony Austin | 9. Geoff Bulte |
| 3. W. Wright | 10. Yvonne Joass |
| 4. Pat Ahern | 11. Mark Webster |
| 5. Phil Evens | 12. Art De Boer |
| 6. Nigel Oakins | 13. Peter Comerford |
| 7. Keith Denner | 14. Kathy Cooksey |

Well done everyone, your prizes will now be at reception.

SPECIAL NOTE

The use of the Squash Court is at an all time high now mainly due to the current large membership and we would therefore remind you to get your league games over early in the month, to avoid heavy pressure on court booking at the end of the month.

DUNLOP LADDER MATCHES

The first draw for the "ladder lucky draw" will take place early November. Winner gets Baht 1,000 of Dunlop vouchers, second and third get Baht 500 of Dunlop vouchers. Vouchers can be exchanged at the Dunlop shop for any sports equipment. So don't forget every ladder match you play win or loose put the result in the box. The more times you have your name in the box the bigger the chance of winning.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 11th. A visiting team from Tanglin Club Singapore will have approx 10-12 players including 4-5 ladies. The sign up sheet is now full so please watch notice board for details of time and team.

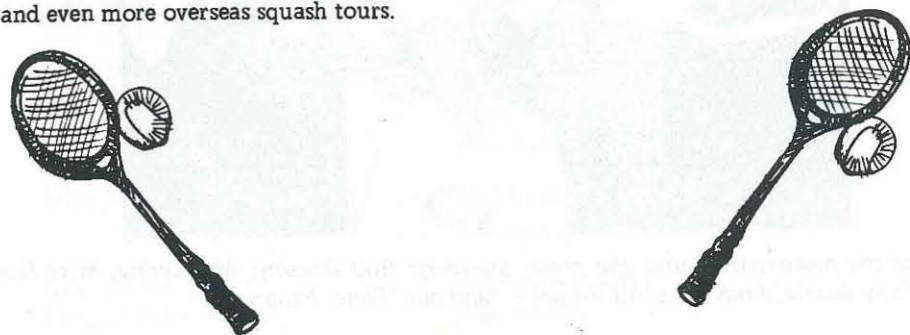
CHIANG MAI VISIT

The squash section will be taking a team to Chiang Mai for the annual Kings Birthday weekend. Playing members of the squash section will be subsidised, more details later. Please watch the Notice Board.

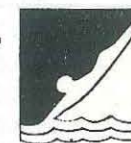
PENANG TOUR

The committee are arranging a subsidised squash tour to Penang early next year. Further details will appear in OUTPOST and on the Notice Board.

That's all for this month but read next months issue for exiting news about a new BC competition and even more overseas squash tours.



SWIMMING



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"WAS the swimming gala on or not?", that was the question in everyone's mind, particularly the minds of the organisers as the minutes ticked away and it was already past one o'clock, the time it was due to begin. Thirty-seven eager entrants had registered on time, their parents had signed away their baht and our sponsors. Milo, were present in full force with their bright green umbrellas helping to shelter some of us from the downpour which had been raging for nearly an hour. The thunder and lightning did their worst but eventually subsided, the rain gradually became less torrential and by 2 p.m. the races were on!

The four- and five-year-olds got us off to a good start with one length free style and after that it was all systems go for the older children. There were 20 races in all, the finale being a rather *ad hoc* relay race between six teams of children of mixed ages very quickly put together at the end of the afternoon, good for team spirit.

A distinct shortage of under-7's girls and under-13's boys meant that Louise Coutts and Rory Neighbour had to swim their races against the clock. Perhaps some children in these age

groups might come out of hiding and show us their swimming talent by the next gala.

The results of the gala can be found in the accompanying table. Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to all the helpers and timekeepers and a special thank you to our Club Manager, Keith Bell for his help with the organisation, work at the microphone and prize giving without a spare minute's pause for breath. Also, our thanks go to Milo for providing the medals.

A special prize was awarded to Candice Driver in recognition of her design which now adorns the Swimming Section T-shirts.

Don't forget that starting on Friday, October 13th, there will be special swimming training sessions for those under -7 to under -13 year old swimmers who would like to be considered for the gala between the British Club and ISB at the end of November. Training will be given by Paul Myers on Sunday mornings (10 a.m.) and Gill Hough on Friday afternoons (3.30 p.m.) at the British Club pool.

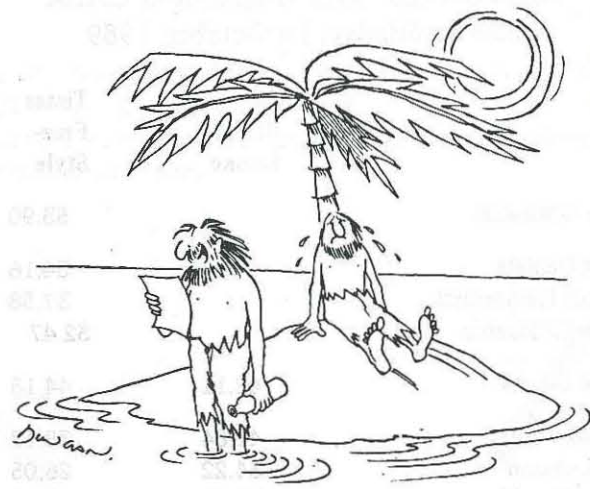
Angela Coutts.

RESULTS OF THE SWIMMING GALA held on Sunday, 1st October, 1989

		Breast-Stroke	Times Free-Style	I.M.*
5 and under Girls	Jenny Grunwald		53.90	
	Boys	Stuart Daniels	34.16	
		Christof Ramaciotti	37.58	
		Michael Thornton	32.47	
- 7 Girls	Louise Coutts	42.11	44.18	1.50.70
	Boys	Michael Coutts	41.84	1.34.50
		Ross Leamon	34.22	1.09.18
		Roland Strobl	38.03	1.42.94

- 9 Girls	Anna Freeman	1.09.59	55.23	2.50.20
	Chloe Leamon	1.00.70	56.09	2.13.15
	Pauline Mure	1.06.64	53.29	2.45.60
	Sarah Myers	52.98	46.74	1.57.48
	Sonia Stewart	1.08.06	53.16	2.42.34
	Harriet White	1.13.21	59.34	2.36.38
Boys	Jonathan Coutts	1.07.77	1.12.95	2.32.38
	Tom Grunwald	1.18.90	57.81	-
	Alex Stamp	1.07.90	49.67	2.24.76
	William Thornton	1.09.81	1.02.27	2.31.51
	David Yates	1.20.34	56.14	2.45.70
- 11 Girls	Nicki de Boer	1.05.22	53.71	2.19.97
	Candice Driver	57.38	47.37	1.53.05
	Lisa Dumont	1.12.54	57.94	2.35.45
	Petra Glattbach	1.03.46	52.60	-
	Angie Hastings	1.01.59	50.40	2.24.06
	Kathy McDonald	1.03.62	54.95	2.22.90
	Rebecca White	57.25	44.21	1.53.83
Boys	Stephen Forbes	1.01.82	46.13	2.07.46
	Ben Quarnby	1.03.31	49.50	-
	Alexander Ramaciotti	57.24	42.91	2.01.21
	Derek Stamp	1.03.49	50.08	-
	James Yates	58.70	45.64	2.07.52
13 Girls	Sian Daniels	2.47.50	2.23.77	2.37.98
	Nadia Hall	2.38.69	2.08.46	2.33.40
	Catherine Dumond	2.04.45	2.03.39	-
	Sally Dunford	1.58.45	1.40.06	1.53.08
	Violaine Mure	1.40.12	1.32.66	1.41.98
Boys	Rory Neighbour	2.45.51	2.18.03	3.00.13

*I.M. - Individual Medley. This comprised one length each of breast-stroke and freestyle for -7's and one length each of butterfly, backstroke, breast-stroke and front crawl for the older age groups.



"Great! It's the ice-cream franchise."

TENNIS TENNIS

RAIN has put a slight damper on court activities of late. Nevertheless it is heartening to see the courts being used so enthusiastically when the weather permitted. One or two rules to be kept in mind;

- Please wear white soled tennis shoes only as the fragile surface cannot take the strain from other sorts of footwear.

- When playing on Club afternoons/evenings please don't forget to put your name and membership number in the book, which is kept behind the bar in the Sala. This is for charging purposes.



George Dunford being awarded 1st prize by Phil Xumsai.



David Hall & Fiona Munro joint winners.

Singapore Tournament

In September a men's A grade team from the British Club travelled to Singapore at the invitation of the Singapore Chinese Swimming Club. The purpose of the trip was to participate in a tournament to celebrate The SCSC's 80th anniversary. The team comprised:

Frank Wilson	Dave Seldon
Mike Poustie	Jim Musin
David Hind	Sorayut Phataminviphas

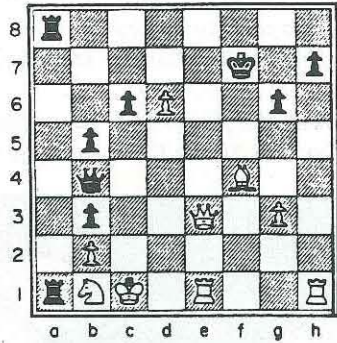
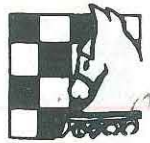
We were one of eight teams to be invited and the tournament ran the course of 3 days. The BC team managed to qualify for the semifinals but were eliminated by the eventual winners from The Johore Cultural and Sports Club. Even though the team didn't bring home any trophies, they enjoyed their time away.

Round Robin

On the 1st October 30 contestants participated in the monthly Round Robin organized by Phyl Xumsai and Fiona Munro. The turnout was fantastic especially since there had been a terrific storm about 3 hours before the start. Play was limited to the two hard courts as the grass courts were awash. It was a very closely contested tournament with the outcome only becoming clear at the end of the last game. The pair that did the best comprised of David Hall and his longtime doubles partner, George Dunford. We look forward to seeing another good turnout at the next round Robin.

From Marina Wilson

CHESS CHESS



THE solution to October's prize chess problem is

1. R x b1+
2. K x b1 R x a1+
3. K x a1 Qa4/a5+
4. K b1 Qa2+
5. Kc1 Qa1+
6. Kd2 Q x b2+
7. Kd3 Qc2+
8. Kd4 Qc4+
9. Ke5 Qd5 mate

The winner of a bottle of Moet et Chandon champagne was ERIC GRUNWALD of SHELL.

Stamp Collection

THE inaugural meeting of Stamp Collectors took place on Tuesday evening 3rd October. Six people attended ranging from beginners to experts. Whilst nothing specific had been planned, everyone brought with them an item of interest to show to the others.

It is quite obvious that stamp collecting is a hobby that interests many people. This has been emphasized by the number of people who have talked to me about this meeting since it took place, but who felt that they were not experienced enough or whatever to join in. Experience is not a necessary criteria, so if you already save stamps or would like to, but would like to know more about it, then come along to the next meeting.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 7th November 7 p.m. at the B.C. we will arrange a quieter room with a little more space next time. In future we plan to hold these gatherings on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Patrick Windeler
Organiser

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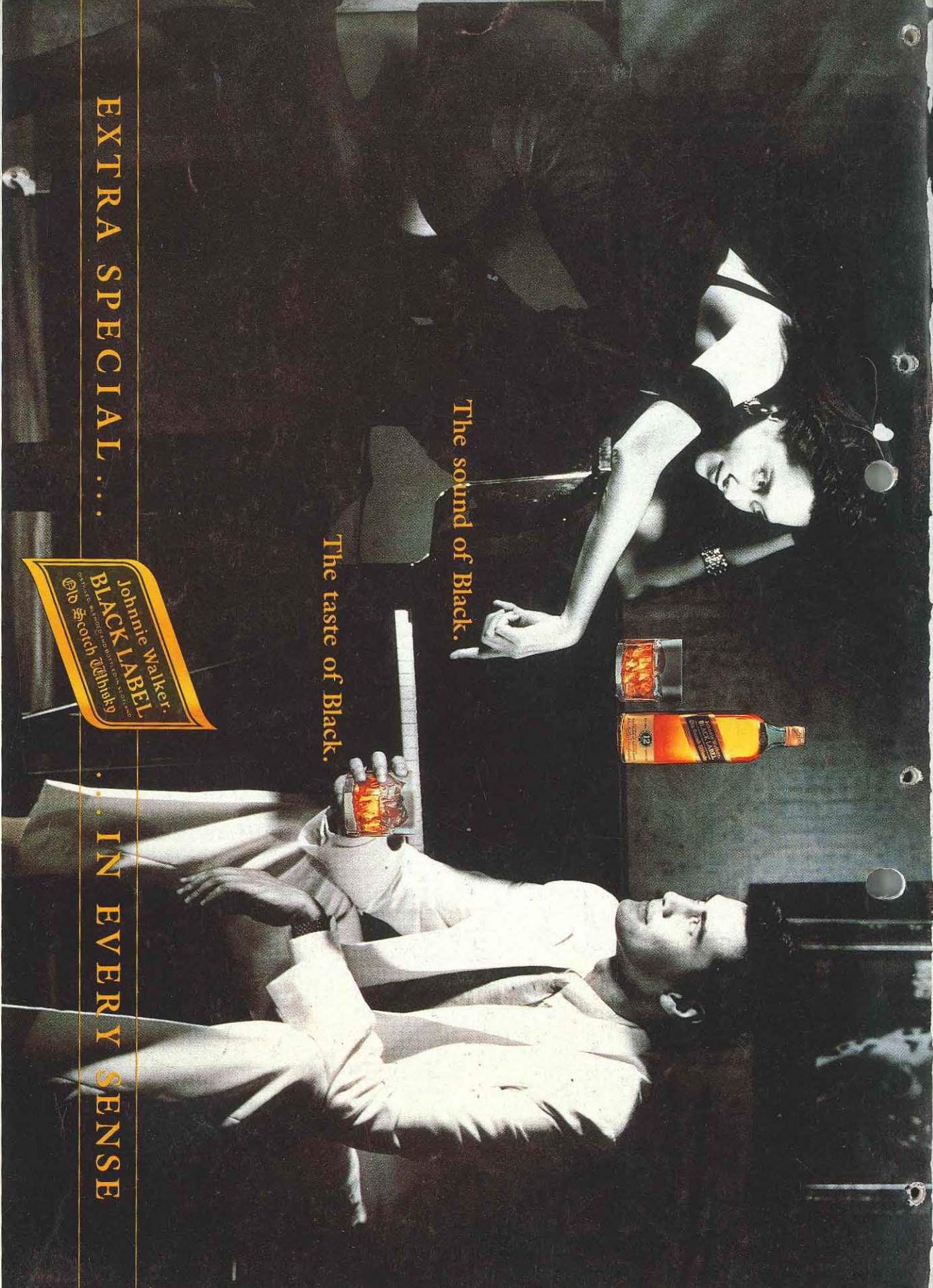
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