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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Members

As we draw towards the end of a very busy 2013, I am pleased to report that we have been getting to grips with many of the issues that we have been working on. I will elaborate below. October saw a successful third Pro-Am Polo tournament. We also hosted a Korean team for the Korea Cup, hosted the largest-yet British Polo Day and held the most-successful Melbourne Cup Polo to date. In addition, we held four club cups and our annual Ladies International Polo Tournament, with a new set of sponsors. The last three months have been action-packed. As the polo season wound down, we held a Novice Tournament as well as a “Battle of the Sexes” match. Handicaps have been reviewed and I congratulate all those who have seen their handicaps raised, especially those novices who now have been awarded international handicaps. We now turn to annual issues such as rebuilding the Club’s string of ponies, to ensure that we not only have the right level of horses for competitive polo but also for the teaching of new players.

The Riding section has seen an active fourth quarter, with the Club hosting the FEI World Dressage and Jumping Challenges, the Autumn Festival Show and the Thanksgiving Show. Last quarter, I shared plans for the rebuilding/restructuring of the Riding Section. I am pleased to report that Laura Richardson has joined us as Chief Riding Instructor, filling a long-standing gap. Laura is well-qualified to lead the Riding section and allows us to relieve the members who have been assisting in the management of the Riding Section and also any staff temporarily-seconded. On behalf of the Committee, I thank these individuals for their efforts. We can now focus on the quality of instruction, the organisation of the Section and also in bringing back the financial health of the Riding Section.

Many of you have spoken with me about the F&B services at the Club. Our catering contract comes up for renewal soon and I am pleased to report that we have agreed to enter into a new three-year contract with the existing caterer. We have also pressed the caterer with regard to improving the level of service and quality of food, which to some extent has to do with turnover at the Club. The Committee has therefore, after much discussion accepted a proposal from the Club management to introduce a minimum spend levy, which may be offset against F&B expenditure. This will be introduced in stages during the first quarter of 2014. This concept is not new and has been introduced at many clubs in Singapore as it has been found difficult to maintain prices and quality at clubs unless members use the facilities afforded at the club.

We have also looked at many of the facilities at the stables and will be upgrading the toilets there. At the same time, we are getting to grips with the upgrading the entry security systems and aspects of the clubhouse. There have been many items at the NEP that required sorting out and these are in progress. At the same time, we are in discussions with the EFS with regard to the building of the veterinary facility, as well as several other issues. At this point, we are completing the annual planning exercise and your Committee will be reviewing the Business Plans and accompanying Budgets for 2014, put forward by the Club’s management with the support of the various sub Committees.

May I close by offering Seasons Greetings to all members and staff, as well as wishing you all the best for 2014.

Iqbal Jumabhoy,
President

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY - MARCH 2014

DON'T MISS THE EXCITING LINE-UP OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY TO MARCH!



JAN 11-12

Riding - New Year Equestrovaganza



JAN 11-12

Sports - Archery for Juniors (Trial)



FEBRUARY 7

Quiz Night



FEBRUARY 8-9

Riding - Valentine's Fiesta



FEBRUARY 18

Field opens for stick and ball



MARCH 1

First polo day of season



MARCH 7

Quiz Night



MARCH 15-16

Riding - Spring Show



MARCH 22-23

Polo - Club Tournament

* Information is correct at the time of print. The Club reserves the right to change the schedule of events without prior notice.

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Dear Members

We welcome 2014 and hope you all had a well-deserved New Year's celebration! My first year with the Club has flown by and I continue on the learning curve to understand the structure and Members' needs, particularly on the equestrian side which is a new and interesting industry to me. At the same time it is rewarding to see progress with management teamwork and with the support from the Committee and Sub- Committees.

We welcomed on board in early November, Laura Richardson, our new Chief Riding Instructor. Laura brings to the Club extensive experience of managing equestrian centres in the UK and more recently in Bali. Laura is a highly experienced equestrienne, having represented the UK at international level as well as being experienced in Riding School Management and P&L accountability. Laura will assume full responsibility for all aspects of the Riding Section, including the responsibility for the section P&L.

Our Riding fraternity will take the lead to start the year's many events with regular monthly shows, highlighted by the elegance and grace of Dressage and excitement of Show Jumping:

New Year Equestravaganza	11-12 January
Valentine's Fiesta	8-9 February
Spring Show	15-16 March

Polo will resume during the month of March, including our first Club Tournament on 22-23 March. This will be the first of the season, with several major tournaments and new tournaments planned for 2014.

It has been decided to introduce a Food & Beverage Minimum Spending Levy to all active Members effective from 1 January. The MSL is introduced to encourage all Members to patronise the Club's F&B bar and restaurant more regularly. The MSL aims to increase members' usage of the Club's F&B and for members to frequent the Club. We seek members for their understanding of the need for this levy and support for the bar and restaurant within their Club.

Coming February, the Club is pleased to introduce the ERP Gantry Barrier at the main entrance to enhance our Car Park security and exclusivity to all club members. Every non-registered vehicle will be charged with a per-entry car park fee upon exiting the Club. Members who have yet submitted their Car Plate number(s) and IU number(s) for car entry access into the Club may forward names and membership numbers to email: membership@singaporepoloclub.org for assistance.

Our Club has a wide diverse range of activities and we have noted that occasionally members are unsure where to direct their comments, queries and complaints, should you find this situation, please direct them to the General Manager, they will be handled directly or given to the correct person within the management structure to attend to them.

If you have not received our weekly e-news and would like to keep up-to-date on all the latest events and promotions, please forward your name and email address to email: membership@singaporepoloclub.org

Lastly, please ensure that you inform the Club should you change your address, telephone/ mobile number or email address to avoid any possible discrepancy or delay in communications from the Club.

Wishing all Compliments of the season and I look forward to seeing members at the Club.

Alan Jones,
General Manager



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**STANDARD CHARTERED
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TOURNAMENT 2013**

TEXT BY: *Sijjn Welkers*



Grit and glamour combined at the Standard Chartered Private Bank Ladies International Polo Tournament 2013, which was played over a week from 2 - 6 October 2013 at the Singapore Polo Club.

Competing for the coveted title were four teams comprising international professionals and local SPC polo players. The highest-rated international professionals included players from Argentina and the United Kingdom.

Gary Tiernan, Global Head, Investment Advisory & Client Segment Management, Standard Chartered Private Bank said, "Standard Chartered Private Bank is proud to be the title sponsor of the Ladies International Polo Tournament 2013. Polo has a long and rich history in the region and is experiencing a resurgence in Singapore. We are pleased to be part of the renaissance of such a prestigious and glamorous sport that shares not only similar qualities and heritage with the Bank, but common values of cooperation, team work and relationships as well."

The first day of polo saw Standard Chartered Africa with professional Inés Lalor from Argentina, whose father Luis Lalor was elected President of the Argentine Polo Association in 2009, and fellow Argentine Maru Gimenez score a relatively easy win over Standard Chartered Middle East with a score of 7 to 2.5

The second match of the day featured favourites Standard Chartered Asia with Sarah Wiseman from the United Kingdom, who was awarded the 2013 Audi Polo Award for 'The Most Outstanding Lady Player', teamed up with fellow UK professional Claire Donnelly and local SPC players Claudia Zeisberger and Melissa Ko.

The favourites faced Standard Chartered Europe in a nail-biting match. Standard





Chartered Europe, a team with Mummy Bellande as its only professional, and local players Melissa Tiernan, Isabelle Larenaudie and Abigail Slater were determined to give the favorites a run for their money. Mummy Bellande seemed to be everywhere and Isabelle Larenaudie and Melissa Tiernan were relentless in their man-marking. In the end, Standard Chartered Asia squeezed out a win by a slender half goal margin.

On the second day, with everything still to play for, the winners of the matches already played would continue to the finals and leave the runners-up to play for 3rd place.

Favourites Standard Chartered Asia, clearly nervous from its narrow win on the first day, set out to display the benefit of

having two seasoned professionals who are used to playing together. Making good use of the local players to keep the opposing players away, the professionals perfected their teamwork and cruised to the final with a decisive win over Standard Chartered Middle East with a score of 8 to 2.5.

Standard Chartered Europe, despite having lost their first match, was in high spirits. As the 'underdog' with only one professional, they had clearly shown that determination, hard work and a well-thought-out strategy can be effective against any team. Facing Standard Chartered Africa, with its two Argentinian professionals and local player Anna Lowndes, who had played well above her handicap on the first day, was going to be another monster hurdle to cross to get into the finals.

The match that followed turned out to be one of the tournament's two most exciting matches. Standard Chartered Europe was pumped up and working hard from the start and professional Mummy Belande once again played like a woman possessed. Standard Chartered Africa, however did not hold back either and Maru Gimenez in particular, made some amazing plays with long runs and fantastic hits on goal. Both teams traded goals with the match only being decided in the last minutes of the final chukka when Standard Chartered Europe successfully defended its lead, finishing ahead with a score of 4.5 to 3.

The final day of the Standard Chartered Private Bank Ladies International 2013 began in the early afternoon with the arrivals of the VIP guests and the obligatory



round of interviews and photo-taking sessions for FoxSports, Prestige, Lifestyle Asia and the assorted media present.

As it turned out, the match for third place was the match of the day and one of the two best matches to watch during the Tournament. Standard Chartered Middle East, which had so far lost both its matches by a wide margin, faced Standard Chartered Africa in a repeat of its first day match. It was not particularly beautiful technically, but the demonstration of pure heart, determination and will-power earned Standard Chartered

Middle East third place with a 4.5 to 4 win and professional Izzy Parsons the ‘Most Valuable Professional Player’ award.

The attending guests in the meantime were treated to expertly mixed Cointreau cocktails, fancy canapes and a lavish flow of Stella Artois beer.

The final, between Standard Chartered Asia and Standard Chartered Europe, showed a much more structured and tactical game being played by Standard Chartered Asia. Its UK professionals had found their rhythm and worked well together, making it difficult for the hardworking Standard

Chartered Europe team to find holes in their defense. It was nevertheless a hard-fought win by Standard Chartered Asia with professional player Sarah Wiseman stating, “Although the end result of 5 to 2.5 suggests otherwise, on the field it didn’t for a moment feel like an easy match”. This became clear even more so by the decision of the Tournament Committee to give the ‘Most Valuable Amateur Player’ award to Isabelle Larenaudie of Standard Chartered Europe, who took home a beautifully-designed saddle courtesy of Zack’s Tack.

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CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR THE PARK REGIS MELBOURNE CUP

TEXT BY: Stijn Welkers



After the successful introduction of the Melbourne Cup to Singapore in 2012, Park Regis Hotel signed up as title sponsor for this event and helped it grow from 100 guests the previous year to 180 guests in 2013.

The day started around 11am with the arrival of all the guests, with many ladies dressed up in elegant outfits and beautiful hats. A glass of Piper Heidsieck champagne on arrival ensured that the start of the afternoon was a pleasant one.

While the guests mixed, mingled and browsed the on-site displays by InSitu Design, OTTO collection and IP Global or opted to be measured by Viktor York for custom shirts, preparations were being made in Melbourne for the start of the now world-famous horse race.

Everybody present was able to watch the Melbourne Cup horse race unfold on a multitude of large TV-screen displays and share in the excitement of ‘the race that stops the nation’.

Immediately after the horse race, the Polo Restaurant offered a large variety of food with an Australian vibe, while Stella Artois and Piper Heidsieck were still flowing throughout.

Following the theme of the day, club member Greg Parkhurst and club professional Sanullah Khan participated in a bike-versus-horse race, which was won by Sanullah Khan on one of the Club’s horses. Immediately after that, the Riding Section demonstrated their equestrian skills with a jumping display and a mini jumping competition.

The closing event of the day was a high-goal polo match between Park Regis Australia and Park Regis Rest of the World. Although essentially an exhibition match, the two teams played as if it were the final of the World Cup, which made it an exciting as well as an entertaining game to watch. Park Regis Rest of the World emerged the winners with Waqas Khan being chosen ‘Most Valuable Player’.

The highlights of the day were all recorded and subsequently broadcast on StarSport and FoxSports channels across Asia.

Although only in its second year, the Park Regis Melbourne Cup is an increasingly popular and exciting event, which promises to be even bigger and more thrilling in 2014.



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FEI World DRESSAGE CHALLENGE 2013

STORY BY: **Fiona Hammond**
 PICTURES BY: **Edward Choong**



The 33rd FEI World Dressage Challenge took place this year at the National Equestrian Centre, with a good turnout of 20 riders and 23 horses showcasing their artistic & graceful moves in the Prix St Georges, Advanced, Medium, Elementary and Preliminary categories.

As with the FEI World Jumping Challenge, the World Dressage Challenge aims to give less-experienced riders, who do not normally have the opportunity to take part in international Dressage competitions, the chance to compete internationally without having to leave their own country. Internationally-experienced FEI judges travel to the individual geographical regions of the world to judge this competition. Each group of countries is judged by the same two judges, and Singapore falls under Zone 8, together with India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. There is an Individual classification per geographical Zone, Level and Age Group, and also a Team

classification per geographical Zone, based on the highest total percentage obtained by the three best riders of an NF's Team.

Last year, Singapore won the Team classification for Zone 8, with a combined score of 196.707%. The golden girls of Singapore dressage this year were certainly in fine form, and the three top scores for the Team classification came from the Preliminary (Open) category winners, Judith Li & Winsor (66.38%); and the Preliminary (Children's) category winners Lucy Burrigge & Lando (66.98%) and first-timers Nicola Hammond & Links Hot Gossip (66.03%), for a total of 199.39% - an even better result than last year's score. Alas, the riders from India and Indonesia stepped up their game even more this year, and placed First and Second respectively in the Team classification, nudging Singapore down to Third place.

Individually, in the Prix St Georges category, Soh Wei Chi & her Danish Warmblood, Mirabel Hojris, clinched an

easy First place with an almost flawless test to receive a score of 64.47%, pushing veterans Cynthia Ee & Hamilton into Second place with 60.20%, and Audrey Njoto & Come Along Bustrup into Third with 58.95%.

The Advanced class saw only one rider, Asja Praetor & Akermanis, who were last year's Zone 8 winners in the Elementary (Open) class, finishing this year with a score of 58.18%

Newcomers Natalie Tan & Don Lumiere won the Medium level, with a score of 60.63%, leaving Cathy Oh & Mon Plaisir just a point behind in Second place (59.63%), and Cynthia Ee & Don to Fight in Third with 58.06%.

In the Elementary (Children's) category, Sasha Thorburn and her mount, Falcon Kittywaikie, were first with 62.30%, and Eve Magowan & Stoneleigh Eddie came a close Second with 59.59%. In the Open category, Jackie Duffy & Kipster scored 57.30%.

Our judges this year were newcomers to the region - Hans-Christian Matthiesen



from Denmark, and Freddy Leyman from Belgium – and they worked well together, giving consistent and close scores to each of the riders. They also spent a couple of hours with everybody in an informal video workshop after the competition, explaining the rationale behind their scoring, what they look for in a test, and how scores can be improved.

The top ten scoring riders were very fortunate to have an individual clinic with the judges the following morning, to work on their technique.

A big Thank-You goes out to the sponsors of this event for their continued support :

Capitano, Equi-Sport Asia, Horse Riding Video Production Team, Mano Equestrian Services Pte Ltd and Kerrits by Saddled Up. We must also acknowledge the generosity of Premium Sport-horses, who very kindly sponsored a one-week, all expenses paid trip to train at their facility in Belgium, for top junior riders Lucy Burridge, Nicola Hammond & Sasha Thorburn. Well done, girls!

For full results, please visit www.fei.org/fei/events/fei-world-challenge/dressage/results

FEI World JUMPING CHALLENGE 2013

STORY BY: **Fiona Hammond**
 PICTURES BY: **Nicola & Alex Hammond, Maria Curtichs, & Patricia Quek**



Category A 3rd place - Nicola Bartropp & Glenwood Park Marjorie



Category A winner - Kirsten Reinhart & Ryan J.



Category A 2nd place - Janine Khoo & Chipie van het Scheefkasteel

The National Equestrian Centre was proud, once again, to host the 35th FEI World Jumping Challenge from Sep 27th-29th 2013.

Twenty-nine of Singapore's top riders from three clubs - the Singapore Polo Club, the Bukit Timah Saddle Club and the National Equestrian Centre - faced off in the most-anticipated show jumping event in the Singapore equestrian calendar. Category A was a 1.20m class, Category B was 1.10m & Category C was 1.00m. For categories A & B, the complete competition consisted of 2 competitions of 2 rounds; and for Category C, one competition over 4 rounds.

The World Jumping Challenge was originally created to give less-experienced riders, who live in remote regions, an opportunity to compete internationally without having to leave their own country. The FEI divides the participating

countries into 10 geographical zones, with Singapore joining India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and The Philippines in Zone 9.

Riders in all zones jump the exact same courses designed by an FEI-appointed Course Designer. This year, John Valance from Australia designed the courses, which were measured and built to encourage correct riding, and provide a nice line for both horse and rider. John also designed the courses for the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010.

This year's World Jumping Challenge Category A competition was particularly important, as it was the occasion for countries of Africa, Asia, Central America and Caribbean Islands to qualify for the Youth Olympic Games 2014, which will take place in China. It was also the competition that ended up with Cheong

Su Yen beating Clare Khoo-Jones for the last remaining spot on the Singapore show jumping SEA Games team.

The event got off to an exciting start on Friday afternoon, with the Category A 1.20m class. The two different courses of this competition proved to be fairly encouraging and straightforward tracks that finished with last year's winner Janine Khoo and her stallion Chipie van het Scheefkasteel, Kirsten Reinhart and Ryan J, Cheong Su Yen and Claim Collin, and Maria Curtichs and Emmaville Persuasion all on 8 faults after the two rounds.

The second competition for Category A kicked off on Sunday morning. Slightly more technical courses, consisting of some interesting combinations, dog legs and related distances, challenged the riders further, and some struggled to leave the rails up. In the end, Kirsten Reinhart was the only



Category C 3rd place -
Nicola Hammond & Links
Hot Gossip



Category C winner -
Asja Praetor & Akermanis



Category B winner - Severine Miaja
Arambulo & Nacre de la Roche



Category C 2nd place -
Alysha Nair & Little Plains



Category B 2nd place -
Alana Thorburn &
Robert Emmitt



Category B 3rd place -
Patrick Barry &
Glenhaven Accolade

rider to complete two clear rounds, making her the overall winner with a total of 8 faults over the two competitions. An unexpected refusal for Janine Khoo and Chipie saw them slip into second place with 14 penalties in total, and Nicola Bartropp and Glenwood Park Marjorie finished third on 16 faults.

In the Category B 1.10m class, Severine Miaja Arambulo and her "speed demon" Nacre de la Roche, took an easy lead with two very fast clear rounds, leaving Alana Thorburn on Robert Emmitt in hot pursuit, also with a double clear, but 6 seconds slower.

Patrick Barry and Glenhaven Accolade, and Brad Sterley and Jencoyeh were not far behind on 4 faults each. The second competition saw quite a few casualties, however, Severine was determined to hold on to her lead, and thrilled the crowd with two more stunning clear rounds, to clinch first place! Alana Thorburn and Robert Emmitt

had one rail down and finished in second place on a total of 4 penalties, and Patrick Barry and Glenhaven Accolade were third with 16 faults.

The first two rounds of the Category C 1m class saw Asja Praetor and Akermanis, and Nicola Hammond and Links Hot Gossip set the pace with two clear rounds each, followed closely by Alysha Nair and Little Plains, and Rolando Gonzalez and Tonka on 4 penalties each. In rounds 3 and 4 of this closely-fought competition though, the riders seemed to alternate between having rails down and going clear, and the eventual winner was Asja Praetor & Akermanis, who finished on a total of 4 faults after 4 rounds. Alysha Nair & Little Plains came second with 8 penalties, and Nicola Hammond and Links Hot Gossip were third with 8 faults as well, but a few seconds slower.

One of the aims of the FEI World Jumping Challenge is to promote equestrian sport, particularly amongst up-and-coming talented young riders, and special mention must go to 14 year-old Erin Buswell, who certainly stood out in this competition. While she did not meet the minimum age requirement of 15 years old to compete in the World Jumping Challenge, this talented young lady impressed the crowd with four beautifully-ridden clear rounds, on her careful, scopey, mount Quero Quero, over the same courses as the Category A riders, clearly showing that she is THE rider to watch out for in next year's World Jumping Challenge!

For full results, please visit www.fei.org/fei/events/fei-world-challenge/jumping/results



PESTA SUKAN SHOW

31 August - 1 September 2013

JUMPING RESULT

80cm (One Round with Jump Off)

1st Annelise Thurley, Toby - SPC
2nd Alexandra Hammond, Buzzword - NEC
3rd Teya Blunck, Tonka - SPC

90cm (One Round with Jump Off)

1st Brenda Low, Little Miss Sunshine - NEC
2nd Anya Blakely, Lenny Hays - SPC
3rd Dikie Mardiyanto, Ipala - NEC

100cm (One Round with Jump Off)

1st Kim Koh, Suki - NEC
2nd Nicola Hammond, Links Hot Gossip - NEC
3rd Alana Thorburn, Robert Emmitt - SPC

110cm (One Round with Jump Off)

1st Alana Thorburn, Robert Emmitt - SPC
2nd Erin Buswell, Quero Quero - SPC
3rd Nicola Hammond, Flash Top Hat - NEC

120cm (One Round with Jump Off)

1st Amber Czajkowski, Chatham Park Rosie - SPC
2nd Cheong Su Yen, Claim Collin - NEC
3rd Nicola Bartropp, Glenwood Park Marjorie - SPC

130cm (One Round with Jump Off)

1st Predrag Marjanovic, Whispering the Wild - SPC

60cm (Clear Round)

Tia Gabler, Tostada - SPC
Victoria Yang, Cloon Kayleigh - NEC
Leila Wyrill, Del Monte - SPC
Safira Meacham, Toby - SPC

70cm (Clear Round)

Julia Hodes, Mimo - SPC
Victoria Yang, Cloon Kayleigh - NEC

DRESSAGE RESULTS

FEI Prix St-Georges - 2009 - 9th

1st Soh Wei Chi, Mirabel Hojris - NEC
2nd Audrey Njoto, Come Along Bustrup - SPC
3rd Heather Laird, Donna Rubina - SPC

FEI WDC Advanced 2011 - 7th

1st Soh Wei Chi, Mirabel Hojris - NEC
2nd Cynthia Ee, Don-To-Fight - SPC

FEI WDC Medium 2011 - 8th

1st Catherine Oh, Mon Plaisir - NEC
2nd Asja Praetor, Akermanis - SPC

FEI WDC Elementary 2011 - 7th

1st Sasha Thorburn, Falcon Kittywaikie - SPC
2nd Christin Culmer Seymore, Istria - SPC

FEI WDC Preliminary 2011 - 7th

1st Nicola Hammond, Links Hot Gossip - NEC
2nd Emma Schick, Honey-puff - NEC
3rd Joanna Haeger, Rebell - SPC

EA Advanced 5A - 2009 - 7th

1st Asja Praetor, Akermanis - SPC
2nd Anne Hicks, Rayman - SPC

EA Elementary 3A - 2009 - 8th

1st Catherine Oh, Mon Plaisir - NEC

EA Novice 2A - 2009 - 8th

1st Emma Schick, Honey-puff - NEC
2nd Nadine Keller, Emmaville Persuasion - NEC
3rd Philippa Edwards, Spots - SPC

EA Preliminary 1A - 2009 (Restricted) - 7th

1st Shubashri Jeyaratnam, Barbie - NEC
2nd Jolene Lee Li Lin, Ultraman Gaia - STC
3rd Shana Thurley, Bandit - SPC

BHS EXAMS, November 2013

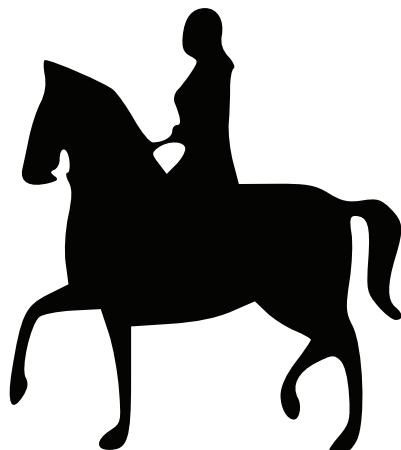


The Riding Section horses were beautifully turned out and ready for the BHS exams in November 2013 at the Singapore Polo Club. The BHS exam system is one of the best and most widely-respected in the world, with emphasis on horse welfare, care and management. The assessors gave very positive feedback, "A very well-run day. The horses were a good variety and up to the job." A great reflection on everyone involved, congratulations.



DRESSAGE TRAINING ROUND, September 2013

We were delighted to see so many of our younger riders taking part in the September Dressage Training Round, and to welcome riders from the RDA.



CASPER'S Retirement



Casper was retired to the Spelling Station in the Cameron Highlands (Malaysia) last year, thanks to generous sponsorship from Kevin and Ann Wilkinson. He is

thriving and happy, and you can see updated photos of him on the Riding Section notice board. The bake sale, run by the Riding Section, raised over \$1500 to pay for his vaccinations and transportation, so thank you again to everyone who made cakes, brownies, cookies, cupcakes and madelines for the Casper Retirement Fund Raiser at the Pesta Sukan Show, and to everyone who supported the sale and donated money. What a fantastic riding community effort! Special thanks to our instructor Kora who made the Superman cape and organised Casper's beautiful parade; to Shana, Natalie and Annelise who baked the Casper Celebration Cake for auction; to Rafi who groomed Casper until he was gleaming; to the children who helped get Casper ready and took part in the parade; to Fiona who announced and ran the auction and shared Casper's history with us, and to Deborah who organised the event.



ABOUT KATE MURPHY,

Head of Stables



We are pleased to announce that the Head of Stables position has been taken on by Kate Murphy, effective 4 February 2014. Kate has held the position of Riding Manager at a riding club in Singapore for the past two years, where her experience, education and passion for horses were instrumental in being the catalyst for improvements and changes at this Singaporean club.

Prior to working in Singapore, Kate dedicated her life to the running of equestrian establishments around the world, holding senior managerial positions for many years. Her experience in the equestrian world varies from working with racehorses and

bloodstock in the USA to dressage horses in Sweden and show-jumpers in Great Britain.

She holds a degree in Equine Science combined with a BHS Senior Stable Manager qualification in addition to many other coaching qualifications. This level of technical qualification combined with her years of experience in all things equine means we are very much looking forward to Kate Murphy joining our team at SPC.

Kate is also a senior BHS coach, trained to coach up to Advanced Medium level Dressage. She is also a very experienced show jumper, jumping on the Singaporean circuit at 120 cm. She has also evented in Ireland and has vast experience in the

coaching and training of show jumping horses.

Aside from managing all stables, Kate will be teaching show jumping for our elite riders, but this will be on a limited basis, as the Club recognises Kate's primary focus is to establish and manage a well-run, top-class stables for both polo and riding.

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL – 13 September 2013



On Friday, 13 September, the Left Verandah was the venue for a mini fun-fair for an early celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival. Parents and children came early that day to register and pick up their mooncakes - with a little taster beforehand.

The children started at the pre-parade activity stations such as Can Tossing, Fishing Game, Fan Calligraphy, Face Painting and "Sweets" - Popcorn and Candy Floss. The children were so excited with these games that they skipped from one station to another, until the emcee gathered them all in front of the stage and began with an interactive Stage Games, Chang-er Storytelling, a Pomelo Peeling Competition and a Magic Performance-cum-Ventriloquist act.

Finally, all the children were asked to queue up along the lantern collection area to collect their lantern for the traditional highlight of the event - the Lantern Procession around the polo field.



ADDAMS' FAMILY HALLOWEEN CHILDREN'S PARTY - 26 October 2013



On this sunny Saturday, 26 October, the Left Verandah was transformed into the Addams' Family Home. The children arrived in their Halloween costumes and were welcomed by Addams 'family members' with songs and dances, followed by spooky stage performances, a Treasure Hunt and finally a Freeze Dance.

Afterwards, the children proceeded to the Addams' game stations manned by individual family members and had a go at the Spiders' Web game, Face Painting, Photo Booth and, of course, the Candy Buffet.

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A warm welcome to the members who have recently joined the Singapore Polo Club Family.

September – December 2013

Alexis Fletcher
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Deborah Ann Thurley
Douglas Iain Brown
Evgeny Tugolukov
Frederic Cyrille Maxime Lemaire
Fredrik George Engstrom
Gordon Robert Anderson
James David Keith Howes
Jean-Christophe Filippi
K. Sashitharpany
Kelly Renee Goehler
Koh Gek Pin
Low Seow Huan, Shirley
Michele Ciola

Nigel Anthony Harwood
Olivier Michel Rene Duguet
Otbert Eelke De Jong
Pia Anna Dorothea Guiland
Sopori
Rajeev Aiyappa Kuppanda
Nanjappa
Shabbir Sadik Kapasi
Siti Hajar Binte Mohamed Ali
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New classes available at the Polo Club! Due to popular demand, we have added Aqua Spin Classes on Mondays and Thursdays in the morning, afternoon and evening. The Aqua Spin Team and the Polo Club will be promoting free trial sessions for all club members throughout January 2014!

These water-based fitness sessions are designed to provide a whole-body workout experience. Aqua Spin's classes will have you spinning in a stationary position underwater, harnessing the intrinsic qualities of water – buoyancy and resistance – to help you perform intensive yet gentle exercise routines.

If you are looking for a new exercise class, if you need something that is fast, complete and revitalising... Well look no further!

Are you looking to burn calories (800 per session)? Increase your cardio

fitness? Increase your strength? Tone your body, specifically your thighs, bum and tummy? Decrease varicose veins? Reduce cellulite? Decrease water retention? Then Aqua Spin is for you! By far the most complete fitness technique for those looking to do all the above in one easy 45-minute session.

The best part is that Aqua Spin sessions are fun, refreshing and you won't leave you with that awful tight muscle soreness the next day!

The buoyancy of the water also provides a cushioning effect for the joints, which makes Aqua Spin extremely safe for any participant. Anyone who suffers from lower backache, hip discomfort and even knee or ankle problems can participate.



NEW SESSIONS IN 2014:

Monday: 8.30am, 9.30am and 10.30am, lunch crunch @ 12noon, and evening 7.30 pm.

Thursday: 8.30am, 9.30am and 10.30am, lunch crunch @ 12noon and evening 7.30pm.

For further enquiries and registration, please contact the Sports & Recreation Department at tel: 6854 3984 or email: snr@singaporepoloclub.org



LONG SERVICE STAFF AWARDS

The inaugural Long Service Awards ceremony was held at the Club on 11 December last year. As usual, the event was a highlight for the Club and provides the Committee with the opportunity to recognise staff members who play a vital role in the running of the Club's operations.

The awards and tokens were presented by Club President, Mr Iqbal Jumabhoy to staff members who have given between 5 and 50 years continuous service, and, in rare instances, even more than 50 years, to the Club. Committee members Mr K.P. Lee, Mr Kevin Wilkinson, Ms Lynly Fong and

members including Mrs Ann Wilkinson and Mr Brian Miller and family attended and showed their appreciation to the recipients.

Mr Iqbal Jumabhoy expressed his gratitude towards the staff members and emphasised that such loyalty and dedication is something really special in this day and age.

Special recognition was given to three staff members: Salleh Bin Udi, Asahari Bin Jadi and Ripah Bin Sajim of the Polo Department - all of whom have served the Club for more than 50 years.



RECIPIENTS	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Salleh Bin Udi	Polo	56
Asahari Bin Jadi	Polo	55
Ripah Bin Sajim	Polo	51
Ng Gek Hua, Sharon	Jackpot	20
Chang Jui Kee	Jackpot	5
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Omar Abdullah @ R Samynathan	Polo	5
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