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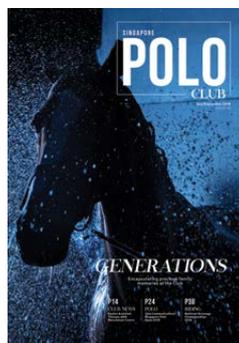
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Dear Members,

We've passed the halfway point of 2018, and what a year it has been for the Club so far. With a focus on the resurgence of the Singapore Polo Club, we have seen our efforts to uplift and create a better overall experience for our Members, cut across many levels.

Polo tournaments and events have set a benchmark for the lifestyle that surrounds the sport of polo. From fashionable trendsetters to the food & beverage that creates the life of the party, we have raised the ante on the quality and vibrancy of these events, and the number of participants are growing. This coming quarter will see the Women's International featuring the best of women polo players in the world, and many more events to keep your adrenaline pumping.

The Youth Polo Program will set the pathway for future generations of polo players in our Club. The harmony and community spirit between polo and riding sections at the Club saw our first ever Twilight Polo match in support of the National Dressage Competition. With 3-Michelin star Chef,

Christian Le Squer from the Four Seasons hotel in Paris putting on a spectacular dinner and regaling us with his stories, all in his native French no less. The entire spectacle of the event left many of our members and guests wanting more.

Our Riding Academy has seen more riders joining our various levels of riding instruction. The number of participants at our Pony Camps have increased with many enjoying the exciting activities and making new friends. The Riding Academy will be introducing a Dressage as well as a Show Jumping League to bring a more positive competitive spirit amongst our riders.

Lifestyle has seen a number of sold out events for all ages. A record one hundred attended the Easter Party which saw young and old enjoying the easter egg hunt and other exciting events. Our ever-popular Member's Networking sessions have seen record attendances for such events where connectivity and friendship is the order of the evening.

Community service has always been important to the Club, and we have increased our participation with regular and scheduled activities and events including a dog adoption drive with SoSD on 2 September. The popular "Friends of Horses" event is scheduled in October this year, and we expect to see record attendances and support for it.

Our Club redevelopment plans are still underway, however we're awaiting news from the URA before we can share further updates. Setting in motion the right strategy and approach for facilities upgrading and other improvements to the Club are important to the future of the Club, and we'll be communicating regularly as and when we have news of our progress.

I am happy to say that we are moving in a very positive direction to achieving our objectives to make your Club a better one that you can be proud of. I look forward to your support and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Satinder Garcha
President



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Dear Members,

To cater to a larger community within the Club, we have actively increased the number of family, health, wellness and lifestyle activities being organised. With our Easter Party and other children's events sold out, the Lifestyle & Events Team are looking at more events for our member's enjoyment.

The Pony Academy recently organised its second Pony Camp in July, and it was a delight to see our member's children and their friends having an exciting and fun time. It was also a time for bonding not just between the children, their parents and friends, but also with the SPC team. What struck me was the camaraderie and friendship that represents the very essence of what the Singapore Polo Club is all about; harmonious, gracious and fun. A special thanks to many of our volunteers who helped make this event a success with more planned in the months ahead.

Quite a number of tourists and locals had a great time acquainting themselves at SPC's Riding Academy Road Show at Sentosa, with our very own Bandit and Maoh stealing the show. They were seen frolicking and rolling about in the sand, much to the delight of the crowd and the kids were wowed by them.

Outreach will be organising its second Friends of Horses Fair in October this year. The fantastic event was a huge success which brought together people from all walks of life, and our thanks to the many members who assisted in making it successful.

As part of our environmental practices, recycling bins have been placed at strategic points in the Club. Internally, our staff are actively doing their part by bringing their personal lunch containers and cutlery. Our Caterer is also looking into alternatives to cut down the use of plastics. Our thanks and appreciation to our members who have written in to propose certain initiatives for our combined efforts to save the planet.

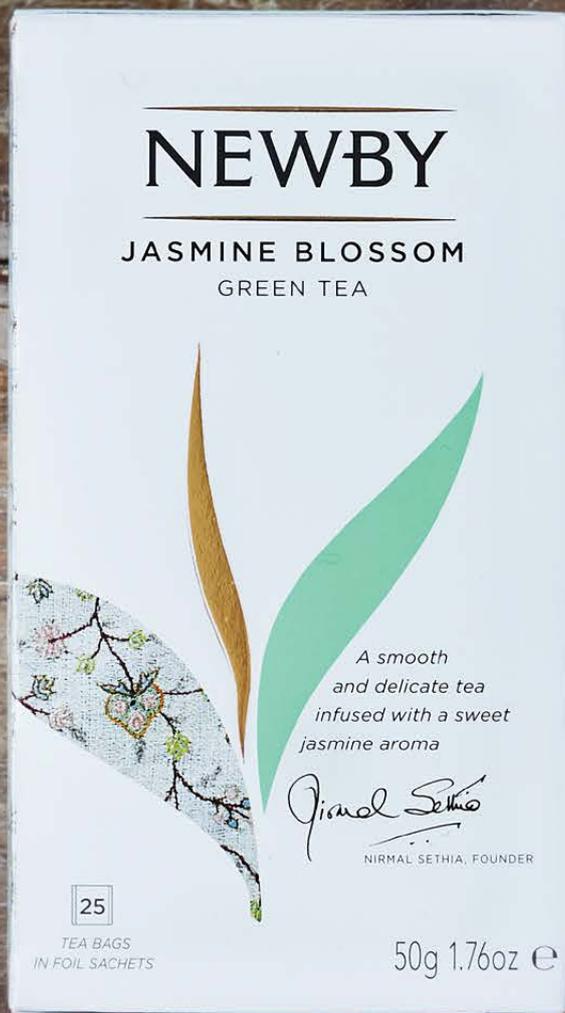
Our Polo season is here again and members can look forward to exhilarating and exciting tournaments and events including the magnificent lifestyle that surrounds "The Sport of Kings". The Youth Polo Program will see young and aspiring polo players nurtured by our very own polo professionals to bring polo to all ages. Don't miss out on our upcoming spectacular polo tournaments coming your way soon.

With so many great activities lined up, do join us with your family and friends as we explore the wonderful and vibrant happenings of your Club. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Warmest Regards,

Sylvan Braberry
General Manager

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New Members

(April - June 2018)

A warm welcome to the new members who have recently joined the Singapore Polo Club family. We look forward to seeing you at the club!

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Singapore Polo Club Calendar of Events

(August – October 2018)

POLO

6-9 September

PRO/AM Challenge 02 (2-4 goal)

25-30 September

Women's International
(18 goal Ladies International Handicap)

13-14 October

PRO/AM Challenge 03 (2-4 goal)

25-27 October

PRO/AM Challenge 04 (2-4 goal)

28 October

Gold Cup (Exhibition Match)
(16 goal)

RIDING

18 – 19 August

SPC Training Show

8-9 September

Inter-Club Competition

13-14 October

SPC Show (NEC & RDA only)

SOCIAL

18 August

Italian Crepe Paper Flower Workshop

1 September

Customize Your Own Snowskin Mooncake

14 September*

Mid-Autumn Festival

OUTREACH

1 – 31 August

Colour Our World Drawing Competition

13 August

Metta Day Rehabilitation Centre for the
Elderly Outreach Programme

2 September

SoSD Dog Adoption Drive

6 October*

Friends of Horses Fair

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ADD-ON anti-migraine face spa \$68

...and more



September Spa Relaxants 2 hr | from \$198 nett per pax

SPA TREAT sea salt foot bath + 80 min warm stone lemongrass body & scalp massage + 30 min relaxing foot massage

...and more

Vesak Day Lunch

On 28 May 2018, the Singapore Polo Club Outreach Programme organised a Vesak Day lunch for 70 residents from the Metta Day Rehabilitation Centre for the Elderly at their premises. The centre provides rehabilitative care to those suffering from physical impairment due to stroke, Parkinson's or other injuries.

If you are interested to support our Outreach efforts, please email outreach@singaporepoloclub.org (Open to Singapore Polo Club Members only)



Partnering Red Cross Home for the Disabled

The Singapore Polo Club Outreach Programme continued its valued partnership with the Red Cross Home for the Disabled (RCHD) on 4 June 2018. The RCHD residents were beaming with joy when they managed to pat the ponies, feed them carrots and watch a riding demonstration by Ang Roon Kai. Each resident also had the opportunity to take a photo with Mayday.

Hari Raya Hampers

This Hari Raya, the Singapore Polo Club Outreach Programme made a contribution to the Muhammadiyah Welfare Home, a children's home that provides shelter, and 24/7 residential care & protection for boys between the ages of 10 and 19 years old. The home collected essential groceries and festive snacks from various sponsors and gave a hamper to each child.





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Equine Assisted Therapy with Marymount Centre

In June, the Singapore Polo Club Outreach Programme invited 30 children aged 5-15 from the Marymount Centre to participate in our Club's equine assisted therapy programme. A tailored programme was written to allow the children to experience different horse and horse related experiences and activities.

In the first week, the children were given a tour around the Stables to understand more about the horses' living environment. The children were then taught the proper techniques of feeding carrots to the horses, followed by learning how to Stick & Ball. Week Two was the highlight for the children, as they went on pony rides and learnt how to groom Bandit. A surprise birthday celebration and cake-cutting for all the June babies was arranged. The programme concluded in Week Three, when the children learnt how to plait Bandit, graze Mayday and were given an 'Around the Stables' quiz to answer. The SPC Outreach team was presented with a lovely thank you card from the children before they left.

Volunteers from the Polo and Riding sections organised and conducted the programme with the intention of helping the children build up their confidence, especially around horses. We would like to thank our volunteers Ang Roon Kai, Catrina Laird, Carlos Pando, Eric Hogberg, Eric Simon, Gina Lim, Isabelle Larenaudie, John Berven, Lynn Chen and Melissa Ko.

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Generations

In the second part of Generations, we share more heart-warming stories of families who ride and play Polo at the Club together.

The Martin Family

“ Our shared enthusiasm for horses is a much relished connection with my sons – and it was my father who first showed me the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit and freedom coming together in a horse; that at its finest, rider and horse are joined not by tack, but by trust, each totally reliant upon each other as the guardian of the other’s well-being.

Horses provide our family a welcome respite from bustling city life, offering the unconditional friendship of a living, breathing creature, with a silent eloquence that speaks of love and loyalty, strength and courage – a willing spirit, a generous heart. Going together as a family to ride at SPC is a highlight of our week. My sons adore all the ponies, though in their eyes, Sir James is the bee’s knees. Needless to say, they want to ride all the horses! They adore rambling around the stables to feed the ponies and horses and excitedly point out to me their favourites, as well as the ones they aspire to ride one day. They can’t wait to jump and incessantly badger for polo lessons. On the days when we are at the club together, they squabble over who gets to walk Capitan back to his stable, and clamour to give him his wash down. I’m happy that they look at horses with their hearts, not with their eyes.

My sons are Oliver Finn Martin and Christopher D. Martin, Jr. They have been on ponies since they were 4.

~Clarinda Tjia-Dharmadi



The Martins often take part in riding competitions together



Oliver and Christopher can't wait to ride bigger horses



Clarinda and her sons Oliver and Christopher share a common love for riding



A confident Christopher walking his horse back to the Stable



It's Oliver's turn to give Capitan a shower



Caedan loves the challenge of riding Tyrion



Caedan, Malcolm and Vivienne bonding together on a weekend

The Paul Family



Both of my children started riding at the Singapore Polo Club about five years ago. My 14-year-old son Caedan enjoys both jumping and dressage while my daughter, 16-year-old Cameron, is picking up the basics of dressage. They were introduced to riding when a friend who is a member encouraged us to bring them to the Club to watch her ride. The children were captivated, especially when she let them sit on her horse for a few minutes while she walked it. As parents, we were also impressed by how focused and committed even the youngest riders were. It wasn't long before we became members and signed the children up for lessons. After watching my children learn how to ride for several years, I started taking riding lessons recently, partly just out of curiosity but also so that I could have a better understanding of the riding advice given to my children. Ever since then, I have to say I've been looking forward to every lesson. My favourite experience so far has got to be the night jumping sessions that Caedan has participated in. It's also nice to see my son forming a strong bond with Tyrion, the horse which we leased for him and to watch him learn how to care for Tyrion properly.



~Vivienne Mahony-Paul



Caedan and Tyrion practising for a competition at the Club



Cameron getting ready for her dressage competition



Vivienne and Caedan checking the Riding Schedule



Hector and Oscar exercising the ponies



Exploring Plettenberg on a horse

The de Menten de Horne Family



Our family only started to ride recently. Mummy Marie began riding at the riding section a few years ago before moving to the exciting side of Polo. Dad Quentin is a casual rider and although he prefers kitesurfing, he enjoys cantering in the bush whenever we go on a holiday!

We could not wait to be on a horse and after a few riding for Polo lessons at the Singapore Polo Club, we are now totally hooked! We already have our own mallets and are waiting to receive our polo helmets. Mummy promised us to go to Argentina in a couple of years to go watch the Open. In the meantime we will practice in France during the summer. See you soon on the track – it's easy to spot us, we are on the best pony, Chilena!



~ Hector and Oscar de Menten de Horne



Hector and Oscar



The de Menten de Horne family riding together in Plettenberg

The Gabler Family



Jared and Tia often support each other at their tournaments



The love for horses keeps them closer together. (L-R) Tia, Lynly, Jonathan and Jared



Jared with his polo pony Estrella



Tia and Sweet Tart at the World Jumping Challenge in 2017



A family adventure on horses (L-R) Tia, Jared, Jonathan and Lynly



I am very happy that our children, Tia and Jared, also share our passion for horses, I have been a member of the Singapore Polo Club (SPC) since I was seven years old and learnt to ride at SPC too, so it was only natural that they too would learn to ride at the Club.

It is a true pleasure to see them both excel at the discipline which they have chosen. They both understand that to truly ride well, they need to have a bond with their horses and that horses are not machines. There are always highs and lows with horses and I think it's a great life lesson to learn when young.

We are still creating great memories together at the Club. Some memorable moments include Tia winning the FEI World Jumping Challenge last year for Singapore and ranking 1st regionally as well as Jared being the youngest boy to pass his polo test at aged 12 in June this year.

Jared, Jonathan and I were able to play our first regular chukkas together on home field and it was a very special feeling. We are looking forward to playing our first tournament together very soon!

~ Lynly Fong



The third part of "Generations" continues in the October - December edition of the SPC magazine with more stories from our Members.

We love hearing from you. If you would like to share your generation stories at the Club, please email marketing@singaporepoloclub.org

Polo Overview

Article by Ali Reda

As someone once said “polo drifts in and out of fashion”. This year, as with previous years we have seen members go and others return to the SPC. Together with our field and horses, our setting and clubhouse atmosphere is the only constant in the equation. As such our focus is to provide an engaging and immersive experience for everyone to enjoy the sport at appropriate levels. Amateur polo players, beginners, youth and professionals have been seen in that light. Naturally the game is very much a spectator sport and the club continues to provide that spectacle through sponsored tournaments which invites the general public into our club.

The first half of the Polo season was challenging given much wet weather, and a new Polo Captain ☺ We have now had our mid-season break and the second half of the season which kicks off from 31st July will include extra tournaments including additional Pro/Ams at different goal levels, the Ladies International Handicap Women’s International which will showcase some of the best women polo players from around the world, and a 16 goal exhibition match showcasing many outstanding professionals including our own. The first Pro/Am challenge which took place in April this year was very well-received and has encouraged the Polo Captain (PC) / Polo Sub-Committee (PSC) to revise the second half of the Polo calendar to include more of these tournaments for our Professional and Amateur Polo players of different handicaps to be able to participate at their desired levels.

The PC/PSC will continue to work towards improving the overall experience of Polo at the Club after gathering helpful insights and ideas at a Polo forum (20 Yarder 01) which was organised by the Polo Captain in April. The Youth Polo Program (YPP) has now been structured, continues to thrive and will be further improved as we move through the 2nd half of the season. Several youth players achieved playing

handicaps and so did many of our Novice players. This is a key element in growing the interest in the sport of polo at the SPC. One of the ideas which was brought up at the forum was new polo shirts tailored to our weather and in line with new visions for polo at SPC. The PC/PSC has looked into this and we are pleased to announce we have acquired Akuma Sportswear shirts for our polo players which will be used for the rest of the season. Our intention is to continue to reinvigorate and improve the image of polo in Singapore. Polo also continues to support our Outreach Program which is engaged in the wider community.

There is a revitalised energy in the club through the YPP and the new players coming through and the PC/PSC have adopted an inclusive attitude towards keeping polo ponies at the club.

Our current professionals Sattar & Sanni Khan have programs tailored to different levels. The addition of 5-goal Argentinian Carlos Pando as a resident professional and instructor to the Club’s Polo fraternity here will allow our players to also benefit from skills which Carlos brings with him. Ang Roon Kai who is 2nd generation at the club, has also joined us as a freelance instructor and he has been guiding our youth polo players and assisting with the club horses.

Chukkas will continue to be played as scheduled in most part but we will be flexible in times of inclement weather and we will continue to play to the HPA new rules. We encourage 3-point helmets and eyewear is compulsory

at all times whilst playing. 20-Yarder forums will also be held as often as possible and we welcome any feedback which you might have in our endeavour to improve your Polo experience at the Club.





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Prudential Pro-Am Challenge

The finals of the Prudential Pro-Am Challenge came to a close on 29 April 2018 with the BMW team of Carlos Pando, Marc Hogberg, Valerie Boffy, Marie Hesselman, Richard Bailey and Gavin Kidd emerging victorious. Winning 4 – 3, Pando, the 5-goal polo professional from Buenos Aires sealed the game for his team in the last two minutes of the game against opponents Prudential White.

BMW opened the first chukka with a strategic goal by Marc Hogberg, but it wasn't long before Prudential White's Sanaullah Khan equalised for his team with a minute left on the clock. Prudential White's lead continued into the second chukka when Khan's 23-year old nephew, Waqas Khan, who is also Team Captain, scored in the final minutes of the second chukka. Prudential White was leading 2 – 1 at the end of the second chukka.

The third chukka thrilled the crowd when both teams constantly took tactical advantage of the ball in their possession to aim for a shot in the goal post, only to be blocked by their opponents. However, Team Captain Pando sent the crowd into loud cheers when he managed to break away from his opponents' tight defence and scored a goal. BMW and Prudential White were now tied in the third chukka.

Wasting no time taking the lead for his team, Prudential White's 3-goaler Patrick Furlong scored a goal at the start of the fourth chukka with the help of his team members. The crowd was in for a treat again when BMW's Hogberg scored shortly after Furlong. With less than three minutes left in the final chukka, both teams tried to break away from their tie by attacking hard and stealing possession of the ball. Alas, Pando, with a nice pass from his team members hit



The winning BMW team of (L-R) Carlos Pando, Gavin Kidd, Valerie Boffy, Marie Hesselman, Richard Bailey, Marc Hogberg and Sherwin Siregar (Vice-President and Head, Business Planning and Performance Management at Prudential Singapore)



2nd place Runners-up (L-R) Oliver Duguet, Johanna Monange, Wee Tiong Han, Sanaullah Khan, Waqas Khan, Patrick Furlong, Marie Godenir, Anna Lowndes and Scarlett Lowndes-Cox



Polo Captain Ali Reda presenting the Best Playing Pony award to Super Mario belonging to SPC, looked after by Kunalan Muttaya and ridden by Carlos Pando



3rd place Runners-up (L-R) Gregory Parkhurst, Ang Ban Tong, Isabelle Larenaudie, Rickard Hogberg and Sattar Khan

the ball into the goalpost, claiming the title for the BMW team.

As it was a tournament which honoured both Polo Professionals and Polo Amateurs, three Best Performer Awards were given out.

Earlier in the day, before the Finals kicked off, the Prudential Youth selection team put up a great display of their riding and stick&ball skills. Over the months, our young and upcoming polo players have shown vast improvements and we are very proud of them.

Special thanks to our sponsors Prudential, BMW and Vintage Wines for their continued support.



Gavin Kidd receiving his Most Valuable Player (Amateur) award from Melissa Ko



Carlos Pando receiving his Most Valuable Player (Professional) award from Melissa Ko



L-R) Polo Captain Ali Reda giving out the Best Performer prizes to Gavin Kidd (Sub-zero Hero), Olivier Duguet (Zero Hero) and Marc Hogberg (Goals Hero)

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
Amateur: **Gavin Kidd**
Professional: **Carlos Pandos**

BEST PERFORMER
Sub-Zero hero: **Gavin Kidd**
Zero hero: **Olivier Duguet**
Goals hero: **Marc Hogberg**

BEST PLAYING PONY
Super Mario belonging to SPC

Tata Communications Singapore Polo Open 2018



The Prudential winning team of Sattar Khan, Ali Reda, Lynly Fong and Ang Roon Kai



Polo Captain Ali Reda presenting the Best Turned Out Pony to Negrito belonging to Tan Hock, looked after by Ippy and ridden by Ang Roon Kai

The finals of the 8-goal Tata Communications Singapore Polo Open 2018 which took place on 20 May 2018 was definitely one which will be etched in our minds for a very long time. It's not every day one gets to experience and witness a game where both opponents equalise almost immediately, adding immense thrill to the whole atmosphere of the game. Especially so for the crowd of 200 guests who indulged in canapés specially prepared by 3-Star Michelin Star Christian Le Squer from Cinq at the Four Seasons George V in Paris whilst watching the match.

2017 reigning champions Tata Communications took possession of the game in the second chukka when Vinod Kumar, CEO of Tata Communications,

scored a goal following a missed shot by his opponent with only three minutes left on the clock. The Prudential Team made a quick comeback when Team Captain Sattar Khan chased the ball from Tata Communications' Argentinian polo professional Carlos Pando to lock in a goal. Both teams were tied at the end of the second chukka.

As both teams raced against time to score despite the tight defence from their opponents, the Prudential Team claimed victory when Khan scored the winning shot for his team in the third chukka.

We would like to thank our sponsors Tata Communications, Prudential, Veuve Clicquot, The Fullerton Hotel and KEF for their support towards this tournament.



2nd place Runners-Up Tata Communications with (L-R) Christian Le Squer, Carlos Pando, Alex de Lisle, Mehul Kapadia (Global Head of Marketing at Tata Communications), Isabelle Larenaudie, Vinod Kumar and Ali Reda



Polo Captain Ali Reda presenting the Best Playing Pony to Koinor belonging to Richard Bailey, looked after by Madu and ridden by Sattar Khan



Rickard Hogberg presenting Sattar Khan with the Most Valuable Player (Professional) prize



Rickard Hogberg presenting Vinod Kumar with the Most Valuable Player (Amateur) prize



(L-R) Eric Hogberg, Nina Khong, Lawrence Khong and Marc Hogberg



3-Star Michelin Chef Christian Le Squer (Middle) pictured with his assistants

WINNERS – PRUDENTIAL
 1st Runners-up - **Tata**
 2nd Runners-up - **KEF**

BEST PLAYING PONY
Koinor belonging to Richard Bailey and looked after by Madu

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
 Amateur: **Vinod Kumar**
 Professional: **Sattar Khan**

BEST TURNOUT PONY
Negrto belonging to Tan Hock and looked after by Ippy





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Youth Polo Challenge

Photos by Simon Cariss

The Singapore Polo Club placed our youth polo players centre stage. The Youth Polo Challenge held over the weekend of 9 and 10 June 2018 showed clearly that the Club has a promising future. With friends and family watching and cheering them on, our youth polo players demonstrated great sportsmanship, determination and impeccable skills. Well done to all at the Club for making this a memorable event and to our youth for their fine efforts!



YOUTH POLO CHALLENGE CUP
 Winners: **Team Black**
 1st Runners-Up: **Team Red**

YOUTH MINI CHUKKAS
 Winners: **Team Red**
 1st Runners-Up: **Team White**

Outstanding Player Award:
Grace Cariss
 Most Valuable Player Youth:
Jared Gabler
 Most Improved Youth Player:
Lucas Ertugrul



Veterans Polo

Photos by Simon Carisss

At the same time that our Youth were on display so were our veteran polo players. Many of the 50 YOA and above took part in the first-ever Veterans Polo Challenge held on the same weekend. As one would have expected, the veterans battled hard on the field. The Saturday saw team Red winning whilst the Black team valiantly fought back to draw on Sunday. The winners on goal count back were the Red team.



VETERANS POLO CHALLENGE – ISMAIL CUP (SENIOR)
 Winners: **Team Red**
 1st Runners-Up: **Team Black**

From Buenos Aires to Singapore

When Carlos Pando, the 5-goaler Argentinian polo professional decided to call the Singapore Polo Club home last month, he knew it was a fulfilling decision. For the professional who was introduced to riding at the age of three and picked up his polo mallet at six years old, making the move to Singapore wasn't much of a shock.

Over the last few years, Pando has played for Harald Link and his Thai polo team during the Malaysian and Thai seasons with immense success winning every tournament of the High Goal and Malaysian league. Pando recounts winning the Malaysian Open as his most memorable achievement. "Even though my team and I have won so many tournaments, the Malaysian Open was something which we didn't win until five years ago so the feeling of finally winning it, is still etched in my mind," shared Pando.

Having played polo professionally for more than twenty years, with his debut in Spain and Italy at the age of eighteen years old, Pando added that the most challenging part about being a polo professional was being away from home for many months to travel for tournaments and missing his loved ones. The "job" however didn't feel like a job especially since he enjoyed interacting with the horses and playing polo.

Coming from a family of polo players, Pando added that his early foray into Polo by his father allowed him to develop his passion for the sport and improve his skills. When asked about what advice he would give to our young and upcoming youth polo players, Pando said, "If you enjoy the sport, practice with dedication, and have determination and a never-give-up attitude--, it will bring you far."

For the introvert who has picked up Singlish, Pando also enjoys golfing and skiing outside of Polo. He is also currently helping a friend to develop the first-ever Polo Club in Hokkaido.



Carlos (in white) playing at the 2017 BMW Gold Cup



Carlos with his supportive wife Jennifer



Carlos always gives his best in a match



Photo by Nazroff T

Trading his mallet for a golf club



“ Each time you step out into the polo field here, you’re just like wow, even though you know the weather is going to be hot, it still takes you by surprise. However, this only challenges me to put in more effort into the game. ”

– Carlos Pando

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GALLOPING IN THE SAND

Photos by Ruelle Laurent

The Singapore Polo Club Riding Academy organised an exclusive roadshow on the sandy beaches of Palawan Beach, Sentosa on 7 April 2018 for members of the public to experience a pony feeding and photo-taking session with some of our adorable ponies. Our superstar ponies *Bandit* and *Maoh* captured the hearts of many who took photos with them as they galloped around the beach.

While it was certain members of the public, both young and old enjoyed their time bonding with our ponies and getting to know more about our riding activities, *Bandit*, one of our most popular ponies, definitely showcased his love for the sun and sand when he rolled in the sand, much to the amusement of onlookers. We would like to thank our volunteers for volunteering their time.



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BOA ISLAND LAD

Boa is a 10-year-old Chonamara Pony from the UK.



KANES ELITE

Kanes is an Irish Sport Horse from Ireland. He is a Gelding who will be celebrating his 6th birthday this year.



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NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Article by Fiona Hammond
 Photos by Ruelle Laurent

The National Dressage Championships 2018 took place from the 23-25 May at the Singapore Polo Club, and was combined with a British Expo that showcased the “Best of British” products and companies. This annual dressage extravaganza attracted a record 52 combinations of various levels, from the Bukit Timah Saddle Club, National Equestrian Centre, Singapore Polo Club & Singapore Turf Club Riding Centre, compared to between 25 to 35 entries in previous years.



The Preliminary category saw many new horse and rider combinations, clearly illustrating the growing interest in this discipline, whilst the higher level classes showcased many of our favourite combinations, who did not disappoint either. The highlight of the weekend was the ever-popular freestyle to music, which allowed riders to put on a beautifully choreographed display of dressage, that showed off their skill, harmony and artistic interpretation between horse and rider.

Thank you to our judges for the weekend, Jane Ventura (AUS) and Linda Warren-Davey (NZ), as well as the generous sponsors from Opus by Prudential, Land Rover, British Airways, Department for International Trade UK (DIT), The Fullerton Hotel, Veuve Cliquot, B28, KEF, Loch Fyne, Oh Deli, Equestrian Fashion Asia, Mano Equestrian Services and Hygain Feed & Equine Sanctuary.





Overall Championships FEI Small Tour winner Alana Jamieson receiving her prize from Mr Harish Agarwal (Vice President and Head of Marketing at Prudential Singapore)



Overall Championships Preliminary (Restricted) winner Fragrance Khiew receiving her prize from Mrs Stephanie Masefield (SPC Committee Member)



Overall Championships Preliminary (Open) winner Sarah Kubler receiving her prize from Mrs Stephanie Masefield (SPC Committee Member)



Overall Championships Medium winner Jane Drummond receiving her prize from Mr Sylvan Braberry (SPC General Manager)



Overall Championships Novice winner Annette Olsson receiving her prize from Mr Gregory Parkhurst (SPC Committee Member)



Overall Championships Elementary winner Claire Janssen receiving her prize from Theresa Wong (Commercial Manager at British Airways)



Overall Championships Advanced winner Annabelle Rehn winner receiving her prize from Mr Rickard Hogberg (SPC Riding Convenor)

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LASER TAG FUN

It was a Fri-yay indeed for 50 youngsters who came together to unwind and destress at the Singapore Polo Club Riding Academy's Laser Tag party on 4 May 2018 at the covered arena. Our youths and instructors bonded together while overcoming the obstacles of the game. If you missed signing up for this activity, we have plenty of other exciting activities coming your way. Do keep a look-out for it.

NATIONAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Photos by Titien Irvianty Ibrahim

Our riders did us proud at the National Jumping Championships held on the first week of June.

Ysabelle Lo came in 2nd overall in the 90cm class. She was riding Red, an SPC horse. Tia Gabler also made us proud when she came in 2nd overall in the 100cm class. Tia was riding Sweet Tart.

Well done to Edric Lee, Lynn Chen, Sian Lexmond and Raffaella Santosa who also represented the Singapore Polo Club at the Championships.



Congratulations, Tia and Ysabelle!



(L-R) Tia Gabler, Stephanie Masefield and Ysabelle Lo



Winner of Great British Food Awards 2017

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At GBF we're all about celebrating small artisan producers - in fact, we set up the Great British Food Awards four years ago precisely to give them the praise they rightly deserve!

So for this year's awards I'm absolutely delighted to see so many truly innovative small companies coming up. I'm proud to say that all of our winners represent the very best of modern British food today. From Bessie's Tea Parlour - who use local Kenilworth ingredients and hand-foraged delicacies to create some of the most delicious cakes ever popped - have ever tried - to Dyfi Distillery and its small-batch Pot Still Gin, which again uses foraged botanicals to create a superlative spirit.

After an unprecedented number of entries and four months of rigorous shortlisting, testing and tasting, the results are in! We are proud to reveal the winners of the Great British Food Awards 2017. The following products reflect the exciting developments in British artisan food. And we can guarantee that each one will blow your socks off!

Natasha

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HOW WE JUDGED...

- We had a record number of entries - all of which demonstrated the thriving food scene that is alive and kicking in the UK. The year we taste-tested every single product featured, giving us more impartially based views on taste that also take into account provenance and value for money.
- We then made a shortlist of our favourite products in each category and asked our panel of celebrity experts and GBF judges to taste each product and name their favourite - along with two highly commended products.



FRESH MEAT

As judged by the Great British Food team

Winner

Lidgate Butcher Himalayan Salt Aged T Bone Steak, £31.50 per kg. lidgates.com

"Easily one of the finest steaks our panel had ever tried. When cooked medium rare the beef cut like butter and was meltingly tender, with a gloriously rich and complex beefy flavour. The care and attention that clearly goes into sourcing, butchering and ageing the meat has definitely paid off - with incredible results."

Highly commended

Highland Game Fillet Of Scottish Wild Venison, £39 per kg. stockists at highlandgame.com

"Absolutely stunning quality meat, our judges raved about this venison fillet. It has a rich, gamey flavour that's complex but not at all overpowering. We cooked two separate fillets, rare and medium - both times they cut like butter and were incredibly tender and juicy. The butchering is also superlative."



The Thoughtful Producer Game Hung Chicken, from £15.99, thoughtfulproducer.co.uk

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BACON

As judged by chef and food writer Valentine Warner

Winner

Ludlow Dry Cured Back Bacon, £3.50 for 180g, ludlowfoodcentre.co.uk

"This was an outstanding product! The meat was giving and juicy and didn't leak during frying. The salting was gentle, allowing the delicate taste of the meat to shine. Well done!"

Highly commended

Emmetts Blythburgh Pork Unsmoked Back Bacon, £16.45 per kg, emmettsham.co.uk

"Very tasty in an old-fashioned way - meaty with a distinctive 'farmy' taste and a wonderful old-school simplicity. The salting was sensitive and well done while the meat was tender."

Helen Browning Smoked Back Bacon, £4.49, ocado.com

"Very tasty, this bacon was salty and sweet in wonderful harmony. A classically good bacon that one would be lucky to find next to a good egg. Overall, a well balanced and careful product."



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A VETERINARIAN'S EQUESTRIAN JOURNEY TO THE ASIAN GAMES

For several years, Veterinarian Roshni Selvam has dreamt of being part of Team Singapore – Equestrian Dressage.

This year, the Singapore Polo Club's Dressage rider will be flying the flag high for Singapore and the Singapore Polo Club at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta from 18 August – 2 September 2018. Roshni together with three other dressage riders will be fronting Singapore's first-ever Dressage team at the upcoming Asian Games. We chatted with Roshni to find out more about her Dressage journey.

SPC: How did you get started on Dressage?

Roshni: I've been riding since I was 9 and I fell in love with horses almost immediately. During my youth, I competed mostly in showjumping, with the highlight being the FEI Samsung International competition at 120cm, where I placed 3rd regionally in 1994. After returning to Singapore from vet school, I worked as an equine vet for a few years before starting my own equine veterinary practice and riding once again. Though I adopted a showjumping horse in 2007, I was convinced to buy a nice dressage horse a few years later after meeting my old riding coaches. It was then in 2014 that I competed in the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Florida at the Prix St Georges level. Since then, I moved back to Singapore and now compete at the Prix St Georges and Intermediate 1 FEI Dressage levels.

SPC: Tell us about your horse.

Roshni: My horse's name is Dancing Boy 20, but he is fondly known as "Dancer". Dancer is of a German warmblood breed called Rhinelander,

and he is the son of the famous dressage stallion, Diamond Hit, who is known for his dynamic paces. Dancer is brave and has natural talent, while at the same time, he has a shy and sweet personality. I have had him for three years and have developed a strong bond with him. In September 2016, Dancer and I scored 69.9% at the Prix St Georges.

SPC: What are some of your preparations for the Asian Games?

Roshni: Maintenance of my horse's health, fitness and soundness is paramount in my preparation. He needs to feel his best to perform well at the Games. I'm working with my trainer, Katherine Braha, to perfect the dressage movements and choreograph a killer freestyle to impress the crowd in Jakarta. Other than that, Dancer has days in between arena training just to unwind and go for a hack in the Bukit Brown Cemetery. On my part, I am working with a Pilates trainer to build a stronger core for riding balance, and I ride some polo ponies and a stationary bicycle to improve on stamina.

SPC: What can we expect from Team Singapore's Dressage team?

Roshni: As we are competing against professional and experienced dressage teams like the Koreans and Japanese, we would love to win a team medal, but realistically we would be proud to get great scores, and hopefully personal bests.

SPC: Have your friends and family been supportive?

Roshni: My parents and husband have been an immense support financially and emotionally. It was my father who bought me that first dressage horse in the US. My husband supports me



The inseparable duo of Dancer and Roshni

through all the ups and downs of the successes and failures that comes with competitive riding. He also has choreographed the music for my freestyle and is always a calming influence during competitions.

My biggest thanks also goes to my trainer, Katherine Braha, who has trained me for three years and gotten me to this level. She has given me so much support and confidence in my training, and I am lucky to have her at my side during the Games.

I would also like to thank the entire riding team at SPC, from the riding academy trainers who have created numerous opportunities for me to practice my tests in a proper arena, to the super livery grooms who work so hard to look after our horses.

A special mention to my friends Audrey Njoto, Yeoh Suilyn and Phylisia Loh, who always believe in me.



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The Jewel of the Night

The world's eyes are on Singapore once again as the Formula 1 Grand Prix lights up the streets in September.

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British singer-songwriter SEAL performing his hit Kiss From A Rose

The Singapore F1 Grand Prix is set to take place over the weekend of 14-16 September this year. The 15th race of this year's 21-race season calendar, the race in Singapore remains as dazzling as ever. The most successful night time street circuit in the history of Formula 1 racing, the 23-Turn Marina Bay track winds around the main streets of the city centre and hosted a race annually since 2008.

Besides the on-track action, the event has also gained a reputation as a world-class music festival with many international acts taking the stage before

and after the races. This year will see the likes of Jay Chou, Simply Red, Liam Gallagher and The Killers take the stage.

Out on the track, the 2018 F1 cars are also feature the most radically different styling that has been seen in years. The introduction of the mandatory halo driver protection system now sees a hoop suspended above the driver in the car.

With Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel and Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes-Benz locked in a close fight for the top two spots, there is plenty to tussle for at this year's race.



Lucky fans get to meet and greet Daniel Ricciardo, amongst other F1 drivers at the Drivers' Autograph Session

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The Edition series is highly sought after and quickly snapped up by whisky aficionados all over, so when you get the chance, do not let a bottle slip through your fingers.

Glenmorangie Nectar d'Or

In old Scots Gaelic, Glenmorangie means 'valley of tranquillity', and in every prized dram of Glenmorangie, you experience the single malt's unhurried, uncompromising journey to maturity.

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The Glenmorangie Nectar d'Or takes spirit that is first matured for 10 years in American oak casks, then extra matured a further 2 years in French Sauternes wine casks from Bordeaux. This extra maturation step has been mastered by Glenmorangie, resulting in a single malt with the refreshing scent of lime and orange rind with a finish of ginger, nutmeg and toasted almond. This beautifully golden hued whisky has been awarded the International Wine & Spirits Competition Gold medal in 2017, and the Double Gold medal at the 2017 San Francisco World Spirits Competition.



Tomatin 1972 Warehouse 6 Collection

In the heart of the distillery ground, sits Tomatin's traditional dunnage warehouse where their most treasured casks are stored, enjoying a magnificent atmosphere being laid low on antique wooden rails and unencumbered for long periods of gentle maturation. Encapsulating the perfect moment to share these special casks with the world, the distillery has created the Warehouse 6 collection.

Following up with the first Warehouse 6 Collection release of the Tomatin 1971, the Highland distiller has made available the follow-up release in the collection, the Tomatin 1972.

Bottled in 2014, after having sat in Sherry Hogshead casks (numbers 23404, 23405 & 23406) for 41 years, the spirit encapsulates perfect harmony with aromas of autumn fruits, golden syrup and bursts of summer meadow wildflowers. This meets with the soft flavors of sweet almond, brown sugar, coffee and winter spices for a full and luxuriously oily finish.

Tomatin 1972 is delivered with an extraordinary case that holds the hand-blown Glencairn Crystal decanter, 2 crystal glasses, a solid copper stopper and a numbered certificate. After over 40 years in the casks, the angels have taken their fair share of the spirit, don't miss your chance to partake in one of the 380 bottles in this limited collection.

Of All Things British

The OPUS National Dressage Championships & British Expo on 25 – 27 May 2018 showcased some of the finest British brands and personalities at the Singapore Polo Club including an Expo Food Hall which sold some of the finest ham, tea and delicacies from United Kingdom.

On the first day, members and guests were captivated by Christopher Jackson’s “Modern Monarchy” Photography exhibition which featured photos of the Royal family including never-before-seen photos from the Duke and Duchess of Sussex wedding. The royal photographer behind these stunning images, Christopher Jackson, shared with the audience engaging stories behind each photo and his experience working for the royal family.

Some of the best whisky pairings by The Lost Distillery were enjoyed just before a runway full of gorgeous designer dresses which spiced up the second day of the event with a fashion showcase by BEULAH London - one of the Duchess of Cambridge’s favourite designers.





Out in the field on the sand tracks, members were presented with the exclusive opportunity to experience the Land Rover's Above and Beyond Tour which allowed them to drive their favourite Land Rover vehicles on a range of challenging obstacles.

The final day concluded with a first-ever Twilight Polo Match followed by dinner which was specially curated by Chef Darren McGrady, the former personal Chef to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace and Diana, Princess of Wales.



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Over 20 years of training, competing and coaching experiences globally:

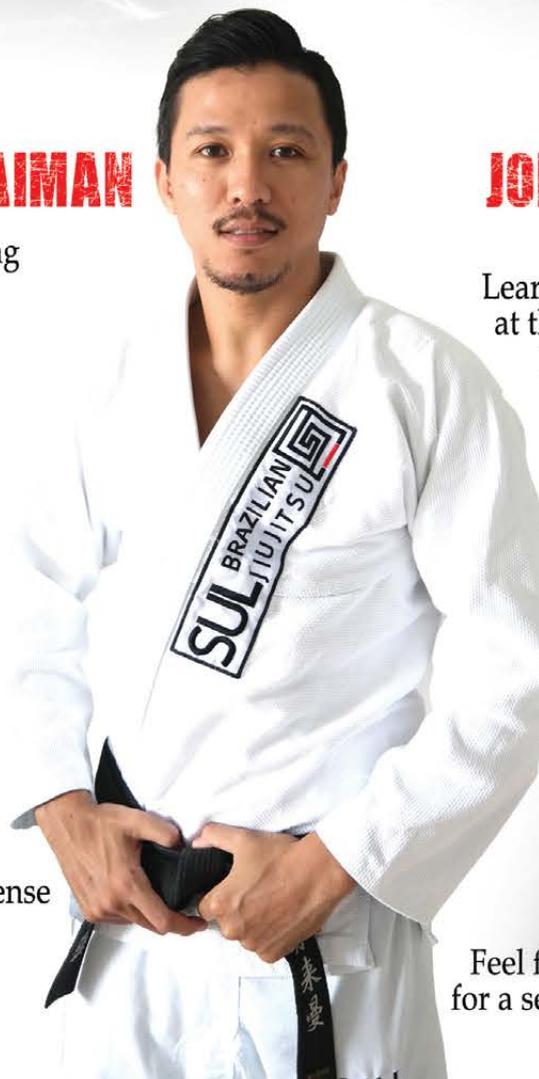
Black Belt In Judo
 Black Belt in Brazilian JiuJitsu
 Black Belt in Japanese Jujitsu
 Master in Sambo

Judo Champion
 Brazilian JiuJitsu Champion
 Combat Sambo MMA Champion
 Freestyle Wrestling Champion

Judo and Combat Instructor to
 Royal Bhutan Army, Royal Bhutan
 Police and Royal Bhutan Guards.

Besides regular classes, we run
 workshops and courses in Self Defense
 for both men and women.

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Be inspired and inspire others.
 Learn new life skill, get fit and have fun
 at the same time. We conduct Brazilian
 JiuJitsu, Judo, Wrestling and Mixed
 Martial Arts classes for adults.

Tuesdays	8.00pm
Thursdays	8.00pm
Fridays	8.00pm
Saturdays	2.30pm
Training Fees:	
Monthly	\$180.00
3 months	\$510.00
6 months	\$960.00
Drop-ins \$30.00 per session	
8 sessions per month \$160.00	

Feel free to drop us a message or drop in
 for a session with us. See you on the mats!

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