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PRESIDENT'S Message

Dear Members and Friends,

ime flies! Three-quarters of 2015 has swiftly passed and we are now into the last quarter.

This year, we celebrate SG50, 50 years of nationhood. We do so as one united people, looking forward to a brighter future together.

And what a year 2015 has been for Singaporeans.

In March, we mourned the loss of our founding father as a nation, showing strength as we grieved and displaying unprecedented solidarity and national spirit.

In June, our athletes proved their mettle and made history by winning a record-breaking 259 medals at the Southeast Asian Games. Our congratulations to all our athletes!

Patriotism was very much in the air in the month of August, as we united as a country once again, to celebrate our Golden Jubilee.

Then, in September, an invigorating mandate from Singaporeans – a resounding unexpected landslide of a 69.9% share of the vote for the PAP.

So much for Singapore! The club has also been abuzz with excitement these past 9 months.

Both the Upper and Lower Verandah were packed to the brim with VIPs, Ambassadors, dignitaries, celebrities, members and guests during the Triple Crown, Singapore Open and Barclays Japan Cup Polo tournaments.

And in a serendipitous event, on SG50 National Day, an unplanned arrival of a filly was born at our club to pony Estella. The little filly had decided to join us early and so together we observed the National Day celebrations.

The Riding Section had another successful year on the annual Equestrian Federation of Singapore (EFS) league ladder, winning 10 titles out of 14 and placing in all categories across Dressage and Jumping. This month our jumping and dressage riders will compete in the FEI World Jumping Championships and Dressage Challenge.

Looking ahead, sensational promotions await our food and wine aficionados - our F&B partner, Indochine, has launched a new menu featuring delectable cuisine. Members get to enjoy close to a 20% discount, which is inclusive of the 10% service charge waiver.

In this issue of the magazine, we unveil a 'new look, new feel' revamp, which includes Luxe, a lifestyle element. Happy reading!

I am also pleased to inform you that in this last quarter, we still have many club activities in store.

In conjunction with the SG50 celebrations, we will be organizing An Appreciation Dinner for our members on **5th December 2015**. The theme will be '**THE SIXTIES'** and members will be encouraged to dress in the style of that swingin' decade. The Best-Dressed couple will stand a chance to win three nights' stay at Nihiwatu Resort, Sumba Island.

We urge our members to join us as we walk down memory lane and

feast on cuisine reminiscent of yesteryear.

On the social calendar, our marketing team continues to thrill us with themed activities such as Summer Bazaar and Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival. In the pipeline, we also have Halloween and Christmas Light-up. These are great opportunities for members and their little ones to immerse themselves in our club's relaxing setting and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members.

Stay tuned for the first tea party that we will be organizing for new members, where they will be officially welcomed. We are aiming for November, where they will also get to watch a Polo match and have a chance to get to know some of the other members.

The Committee, together with the management team, continue to strive to enhance our membership as well as its privileges. We are also working towards enhancing the membership price for both Charter and Regular Individual.

Lastly, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year 2016!

Best regards,

Rickard Hogberg President

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

elcome back from the summer break! The Singapore Polo Club was still busy with events and tournaments during the summer. We have just concluded The Barclays Japan Cup on 30 August 2015, when the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Singapore, H.E Haruhisa Takeuchi, exalted this exciting event as the Guest of Honor. Members and guests got to watch good polo and enjoy the performances of the Taiko Drum, a Cheerleading Dance by Albirex and Yabusame, a traditional Japanese archery.

The main match of this event was an all-Japanese visiting polo team, POCARI SWEAT, against BARCLAYS comprising members of the Club. Pocari Sweat Team, captained by Hiro Suzuki, emerged as the winners of A Division; the SPC Team, captained by Satinder Garcha for B Division. The Best Hat and Best-Dressed winners each walked away with prizes sponsored by Star Cruises. Congratulations to all and thank you for your outstanding performance.

Also many thanks to our sponsors - Barclays, Royal Salute and Stella Artois.

The Polo season continues with some exciting tournaments on the calendar:

Korea Cup:17 - 18 OctBritish Polo Day:31 OctMelbourne Cup*:3 Nov

Our Riding fraternity has lined up a series of Dressage Competition and Jumping Challenge in the upcoming months all for YOU. To find out more, please visit our website or call the Riding department on 6854 3980.

The Club is proud to present the SG50 Horse, Estella, who was born on 9 August 2015 at 4.30am. Her arrival was completely unexpected and we welcomed the little one to our family.

We love to entertain our members and guests, so we had several events such as the Summer Bazaar and Mid-Autumn Festival party. And for the sports enthusiast, our sports and fitness partner is running classes including Pilates, Yoga and Zumba.

Wondering where to eat? Running out of ideas? Don't worry. The

Polo Restaurant has a new and improved menu selection especially for Singapore Polo Club. With this new menu selection, only one (1) price is displayed and members enjoy a 10% discount on all Food & Beverage prices. They will also continue to enjoy a waiver of the 10% service charge!

For more information and enquiries, please drop us an email at *eventsnbanquet@ singaporepoloclub.org* or call us on 6854 3999 for further assistance.

If you have not received our weekly e-news or have recently changed your contact details but want to stay informed of all the latest events and promotions, please forward us your name and current email address to: membership@ singaporepoloclub.org

Hope to see you in the Club soon!

Best regards,

Rene Verhulst General Manager



OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2015

Don't miss the exciting line-up of events and activities!



SG50 Celebration "Appreciation Night for Members" 5 DECEMBER 2015 Christmas Light Up 11 DECEMBER 2015



The Korea Cup and Club Tournament 17- 18 OCTOBER 2015



Club & Novice Tournament 24-25 OCTOBER 2015



British Polo Day 31 OCTOBER 2015



Grooms Cup and Club Tournament 21-22 NOVEMBER



Melbourne Cup 3 NOVEMBER 2015

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

QUARTERLY STAFF AWARD



Congratulations to Jasmani Bin Atmo Alwamal from Polo main stable, recipient of the Employee of the Quarter Award for his good attendance, diligence, helpfulness and dedication to his work - much appreciated by horse owners too.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jasmani receiving the award from General Manager, Rene Verhulst.

STABLE OF THE QUARTER

aring for 220 horses is a major responsibility and a labour of love for our team of almost 50 stables staff.

To recognise and reward their achievements, the Club launched the **"Stable of the Quarter"** award with effect from July. This is given quarterly to the team that shows the highest levels of professionalism, organisation, attendance, quality of care for the horses and service to club members.

Each yard is considered a team, so the five teams are Mt Pleasant, Main Yard, Riding School, NEP Polo and NEP Riding Livery.

This July-September quarter was a very close run between 3 teams, with the Riding School team (grooms Rafie, Uncle Rashid, Ari, Krishnan, John, Surada and Chou Kai supervised by Argulin

and led by Kora as stable manager) declared winner in the end.

Given the decision was so close, and also to recognise the immense progress made by some teams, a second prize was awarded to NEP Polo as the Most Improved Yard.

At the beginning of the year, NEP Polo was suffering from high levels of staff turnover and was also receiving many complaints from owners. Through the inspired leadership of stable manager Judy Doyle and supported by Francis as supervisor, the grooms (Dzul, Waran, Srinu) now work to a new system where the daily workload is organised according to what needs to happen and when with each individual horse : resources are allocated to get everything done on time, and if a particular groom is busy, another one will step in to help. In addition, exercise and medical records for all horses have now been compiled.

A big congratulations to NEP Polo and Riding Section teams.



NEW MEMBERS

July - September 2015

A warm welcome to the new members who have recently joined the Singapore Polo Club Family. We look forward to see you at the Club soon!

> Anders Haakansson Andrew Crispian Gray Aparnath Raivatgiri Jeramgiri Arran Stephen Brennan **Cariss Simon Leonard Chang Yee Meng Malcolm Christopher David Martin** David Beath **Dianne Maree Faulks Evangeline Rualo** Ihara Tomoko Lau Boon Kwang Liew Ee Tian, Melissa Lindsay Kiran Geekie Nicholas Paul Waters Nicholas Pierre Joseph Osman Kamarulzaman Bin Mohammed Paul Corbett Remi Benoit Bezian Sarah Yue Wang Sharad Piushbhai Desai Su-Lyn Meyer Susan Melanie Burridge Svenja Downe Takuya Aiba **Troy William Doyle** Vanessa Teo (Wei Lei) Waqas Khan William Mark Patrick Wu Hong Bo Yee Kai Pin

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CORPORATE LEAGUE 2015

SPC Team B wins the Corporate League 2015



he finals of this year's Corporate League 2015 were concluded with *SPC B* emerging as the WINNERS. After a full two months of matches every other weekend during which the four Corporate League teams fought for the overall title, *EFG* (captained by Ali Reda) and *SPC B* (captained by Stijn Welkers / Jonathan Gabler) made it to the finals.

The finals weekend comprised two four chukka matches, played over Saturday and Sunday, 22 & 23 August. Both matches were won by *SPC B*, making them the overall winners of the league for 2015. The winning team used most of their team members for the final weekend's two matches – Patrick Furlong (2), Jonathan Gabler (1), Lynly Fong (0), Anna Lowndes (0), Kevin and Ann Wilkinson (-1), Masood Faizullah (-1), Marc and Diane Golberg (-2). *EFG* captain Ali Reda suffered an injury from a lofted under neck shot, but fortunately not a serious one considering that the ball struck him full on the face, deflecting off the right side; undaunted Ali Reda insisted on continuing nonetheless.

Directly after the prize giving, under a pretty sunset and a cool breeze, winners, runners-up *Team EFG* as well as members and guests celebrated at the After Polo Party at The Chukka Bar with free flowing beer and aperitifs sponsored by Stella Artois.

We would like to thank sponsors EFG and Stella Artois, for their partnership in supporting this successful event for a second consecutive year.

Article by Polo Captain, Ali Namazie

SUNDAY MATCH 23 AUGUST

WINNERS SINGAPORE POLO CLUB B

Patrick Furlong /Lynly Fong	1
Jonathan Gabler (Captain)	1
Lynly Fong/Anna Lowndes/ Kevin Wilkinson	- ½
Marc Goldberg/Diane Goldberg/ Masood Faizullah/Ann Wilkinson	-1½ 0
RUNNERS-UP EFG	

Ali Reda (Captain)	1
Gary Tiernan/Giles Twiss	1⁄2
Wee Tiong Han/Leon Chu/	
Melissa Tiernan	0
Tan Hock/Greg Coops/Louisa Lim	-1 ½
	0

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BARCLAYS JAPAN CUP 2015

29 - 30 August

he weekend of 29 & 30 August were an exciting two days at the Singapore Polo Club. The Barclays Japan Cup 2015 ended on a high note with the Pocari Sweat Team, captained by Hiro Suzuki emerged once again as WINNERS of the A Division while the SPC Team, captained by Satinder Garcha, won the B Division match.

The Best Turned Out Pony prize went to *Chilena*, owned by Gary Tiernan and groomed by Jasmani.

Best Playing Pony went to Mancha, owned and played by Lynly Fong and The Most Valuable Player trophy went to Akiko Kume with the Glass

SUNDAY MATCH 30 AUGUST

WINNERS (A DIVISION) POCARI SWEAT

Hiro Suzuki (Captain)	2
Hiro Kume	- 1
Akiko Kume	- 1
Taro Otsuka	- 2

WINNERS (B DIVISION) SINGAPORE POLO CLUB

Satinder Garcha (Captain)	2
Lawrence Khong	0
Ang Ban Tong/Olivier Duguet	0
Anna Lowndes	0

The Barclays Jappa Cup 2015



The Barclays Japan Cup 2015

Chalice trophy sponsored by Stella Artois.

Not forgetting the Best Dressed Couple and Best Hat competition, the winners walked away with a "Two Nights Malacca OR Kuala Lumpur Cruise for 2 persons in a Window Cabin on Superstar Gemini worth S\$1,220 each", sponsored by Star Cruises.

Congratulations to all the winners!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors - Barclays, Pocari Sweat, Royal Salute, Stella Artois and all members and Club management and staff who helped made this event a great success.

Article by Polo Captain, Ali Namazie





CHUKKAS

PASSION FOR POLO

It's a triumphant homecoming for Yeo Kuo Lee with his team winning the Triple Crown Finals this year, and the Malaysian National championships.

The SPC Magazine catches up with Mr Yeo to find out more about his passion for polo and what it takes to put a team together.





"It's all about the horses!" declares Mr Yeo. "The number and the quality. You can have a fantastic player with a bad horse and he is not going to have a good match, but an average player with a good horse becomes a fantastic player. The game is so intense, every chukka is played in just 7-and-a-half minutes, so the training of the horses and their fitness determines the outcome of the game." When SG [Satinder Garcha] came to me last year, we set our sights on the Triple Crown Trophy. SG has 7 horses and I had 12 in Singapore, so I brought another 4 of my horses in from Malaysia and started training them 6 months beforehand.

TEAMWORK AND MOTIVATION

You can see how motivated SK [Sattar Khan] was in training the horses and how fast Satinder recovered from his injury. They were so determined to do their best to win this Triple Crown - Trophy.

INFRASTRUCTURE

There is a whole infrastructure behind the winning. From stable management, coordination, co-operation, to grooms, feeding of the horses (which affects the fitness) to vet care and backup crew all makes a world of difference to the team's performance. You would be surprised, even the "shoeing' of hoofs! If we didn't plan the infrastructure strategically, it would not be easy out on the field.

PLAYING AMONG FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Given how small the polo committee is worldwide, you almost always run into old friends - like the umpire Steve, who has umpired and played many of my matches; then there is Santiago Boudou who won the ProAm and Manuel Carrenza who won the Singapore Open. Vinod Kumar is also a very good friend and Waqas Khan is a very good friend of my boys.

And when you are out on the field, there is also the opportunity to make new friends from all over the world, which makes the game even more of a pleasure!

There is something special in watching my sons play, playing with them and also playing with old friends such as the Jumabhoy and their families.



FIELD

We were very lucky the field was in such good condition for play on the day of the finals. The weather was cool as it had just rained the day before and gave us a perfect experience.

In general, though, we at SPC have a fantastic year-round field which enables us to practice a lot - 14 chukkas average play at 4 times a week, 11 months a year. Other places have many more fields; Malaysia for example has 8 – 10. We must hold the world record for the number of chukkas played on just one field!

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

International exposure of the players is very important! Playing internationally and with international players raises the standard of the whole team and most of us on the team play internationally as much as possible.

ADMIN AND STRATEGY

We are so lucky to have an excellent Polo Manager - Melissa and Polo Administrator - Peter who back up our team. We also have the best horseman - Sattar Khan and the best partner -Satinder Garcha this year. Joining forces with Satinder was the best decision! Pooling our resources and strengths exponentially increased our chances of winning and a strategic move out in the field in the crucial minutes sealed the victory.

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Singapore Polo Club members get to enjoy special privileges.

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THE PATRON'S CUP

Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club.

ianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club (TGMPC) has hosted many international polo tournaments during the last five years with great results and success. During this time the club has built up a very good stable of 200 polo ponies of amazing quality and consistency. Not a visiting player has said anything but positive comments on the way the horses had performed for them. Credit must go to John Fisher and his team who have established and most importantly maintained these horses in great physical and mental condition.

Along with the desire for perfection, the club has also developed a polo field and VIP building like no other seen anywhere in the world. A field with outstanding footing for the horses put together by the polo field maestro Nick Hallam from the UK and beautifully maintained by Brian Hammond and his team.

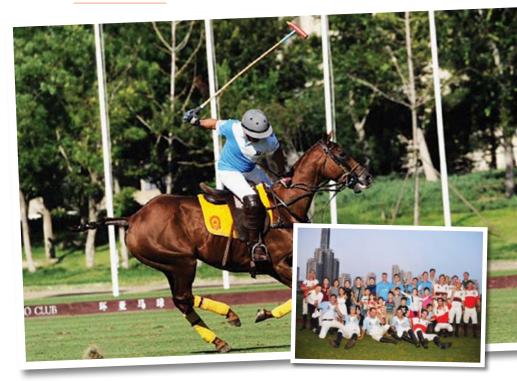
TGMPC has the three ingredients that any polo institution needs to be successful year after year. In this order they are:

• Excellent polo fields.

- 2 Top quality horses playable by -2's to 10 goal players.
- S The facilities to take care of the people.

The Patron's Cup (put together by Shane Boyd from Singapore Polo Club and John Fisher from MPC) was held successfully on September 12th and 13th. Visiting Patrons Greg Parkhurst and Paul Hodes from Singapore Polo Club teamed up with John Fisher and Mauro Gomez from MPC to form the winning combination being "First Aurora" polo team.

Also visiting from Nine Dragon Hills Polo Club near Shanghai was Fast Fish polo team with Windson Rao, BaoYinDeLiGen, Liu Xiangyang and Rodrigo Bauzada.



Two more teams: 117 (named after the tower at MPC with 117 floors) and Metropolitan Polo Club (MPC) made up from MPC players formed up to make 4 teams for the tournament.

The first match on Saturday, September 12th saw First Aurora versus Fast Fish.

The polo field was lightning fast with the ball travelling really well and five goals were slammed through in the first chukka. Liu Xiangyang belted one through for Fast Fish within the first minute. John Fisher replied for First Aurora within the next minute. Then Mauro Gomez at 2 minutes and 40 seconds. Unfortunately Rodrigo Bauzada pulled his riding



muscle badly and was unable to continue playing. He was replaced by Juan Cruz Araya Martelli who played well. A penalty 2 by Fisher and a magnificent goal by Greg Parkhurst in the fifth minute saw First Aurora out to a handy 4 to 1.5 goal lead after the first chukka.

The visiting players were showing no fear and galloped up and down the field in full tilt as though their lives depend on it. Having no problems finding all the gears and brakes on these strange horses the pace was on. Fisher and Gomez scored for First Aurora to make it 6 to 1.5 going into the third. Windson Rao made a great goal within the first 30 seconds of the third chukka. 6 to 2.5 going into the last (4th) chukka. Gomez popped another goal home for First Aurora to win 7 to 2.5.

All players had played to their best and the score is not indicative of the eveness of play during the actual game.

Article by **Derek Reid** Photos by **Stephanie LV.**

















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GERMAN FRIENDSHIPS HERFORD 2015

his summer I was given the amazing opportunity to participate and represent Malaysia in the 2015 German Friendships in Herford, Germany. This eyeopening experience allowed me to meet riders from all over the world as well as get coached by some of the top ten riders in the world. The team competitions are the overarching centerpiece of the German Friendships and the overall aim is to make friendships that will last a lifetime.

The team competition is split up into two categories; the Children's (12-14 years old) and the Juniors (15-18 years old). Each rider is paired up with a German rider and is given one of their horses to compete with over the course of the weekend. The riders in the Children's category compete at a height of 1.10m-1.20m, while riders in the Junior's category compete at a height of 1.20m-1.30m.

Initially, I was worried at the thought of having to compete with an unfamiliar horse, as well as in an environment completely new to the horse and I. However, this ultimately proved to be beneficial towards my riding as it taught me how to persist in unfamiliar situations and manage horses other than my own.

Upon arrival at the venue on the first day, each rider is assigned to a partner, and the team is given a team name as well as a schedule of when they must train with their horse in the days leading up to the competition. My team name was 'Stakkato' and I was introduced to my partner, 16-year-old Carlotta. I rode her 6-year-old mare named Colette that she had bought 2 weeks before coming to the Friendships. Unlike me, Carlotta had participated in the friendships once before and had a lot of experience in competing at a high level.



Over the first three days you get to know your horse and are given a time slot of when you must ride them, which I found extremely important. Day 2 was the Top 10 training day where we were assigned a trainer that would mentor us with tips to improve our riding and how to manage on a new horse before we began competing. This was by far one of the best parts of the week because

you get to train with successful and experienced riders such as Marcus Ehning. Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum. Eva Bitter and Marco Kutscher. I had the privilege of training with Eva Bitter, who is a

five-time showjumping German champion. Friday, Saturday and Sunday are competition days and your points are added together with your partner's from all three days to determine the final results. After the first day of competition

an opening ceremony was held where the riders dress up in their countries' national dress and met the organizers of the event, a ceremony that was repeated after the last day of competition, as a closing ceremony and a final goodbye.

I am grateful for the time I spent in Germany - the competition allowed me to gain confidence

"I am grateful for the time I spent in Germany - the competition allowed me to gain confidence my coach, Rolando and experience riding outside of Singapore, and pride in the sport that I love."

and experience riding outside of Singapore, and pride in the sport that I love. I would also like to thank Gonzalez, who helped provide me with advice and guidance throughout the week that was

essential. Overall, I was very pleased with the results from the weekend and would definitely repeat the experience if I am offered the chance.

Article by Camellia Paulsen

NATIONAL JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS SEPTEMBER 2015

SPC fielded a small but very successful jump squad at this year's Nationals, which were run over three consecutive days at BTSC. Our riders, from both the Riding Section and Livery yard, competed in individual classes with placing points accumulating towards the National Championship award in each category.

There were thrills and spills, and against the odds SPC took home ribbons and prizes in nearly every category: the 120cm, 110cm, 100cm, 90cm and 80cm classes, with Championship awards in the 110cm, 100cm, 90cm and 80cm categories. From left to right: Annelise Thurley, Fiona Craig, Sophie Parkhurst, Severine Miaja and Abigail Cheng



Introducing our team, their horses and results, and a few words from each of them about their experience in the competition this year...

Camellia Paulsen riding her horse Cupido 68 in the 120cm category.

First and Second placings, plus First place in the 110cm class over the weekend

"I enjoyed the support we got because we had our families and our coach there, and we all supported each other when we were competing. I thought it was really nice to have a little SPC family."





Severine Miaja riding her horse Nacre de la Roche in the 110cm category. First and Third placings over the weekend

First and Third placings over the weekend Runner-Up in the 110cm Championship category

"I loved the social part of the competition, especially Yati bringing drinks and snacks for everyone to share after riding hard, and the good friendly competition attitude between SPC riders."





Fiona Craig riding her lease horse Akermanis in the 90cm category Second and Third placings over the weekend

Third in the 90cm Championship category

"I really enjoyed being able to go to another club to compete for SPC and have the support from each other during the long weekend of competing."



Abigail Cheng riding her lease horse Sugar Plum Fairy in the 90cm category First and Second placings over the weekend Runner-Up in the 90cm Championship category

"For me the best part was Teya being such an awesome team mate and making sure I knew what was going on even though I was juggling work and the competition, and our SPC sweep of the 90cm prizes on the first day. Best team ever!"



Sophie Parkhurst riding Dartagnan in the 80cm category

Clear rounds across the weekend Third in the Championship category

"My favourite bit was just watching everybody supporting each other, and having fun jumping Dart. But without our coaches and my mum lending me her horse none of this would have happened!" Annelise Thurley riding her horse Willow Woods Painted Jewel in the 100cm category. Second & Third placings in all classes

Runner-Up in the 100cm Championship category.

"My favourite moments were hanging out with everyone and having such a positive competition with Jewel. We had such a good team spirit and our coaches were amazing."



Isabelle Tong riding her lease horse Lenny Hays in the 90cm category Third place ribbon over the weekend

"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of competing over three days. I felt such a sense of camaraderie and team spirit with the others, sharing sweat and tears. The afternoon hacks and adventures were something very different and the weekend brought us all closer together. Of course this experience could not have been made possible without the guidance from our awesome instructor Ron."



Teya Blunk riding her lease horse Molenhof's Falco in the 90cm category Second and Third placings over the weekend

Fourth in the 90cm Championship category

"My favourite part was the afternoon hacks and hangouts we had after the competition, and how we supported each other throughout victories and failures. And we couldn't have done it without our amazing coach!"



TROT, CANTER, JUMP



RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL EFS LEAGUE TABLE -2014/2015

SPC kept its competitive edge and swept the board in most categories of the EFS League Table. Our heartiest congratulations to our winners and runners-up in both Dressage and Jumping categories!

DRESSAGE CATEGORY

FEI SMALL TOUR Winner – Audrey Njoto on Come Along Bustrup Runner Up – Roshni Selvam on Dancing Boy

ADVANCED Winner - Catrina Laird on Donna Rubina

MEDIUM Winner - Samantha Parkhurst on Dartagnan Runner Up - Cynthia Ee on Don-to-Fight

ELEMENTARY Runner Up - Shana Thurley on Sir James

Dressage School Rider of the Year Shana Thurley

Dressage Junior Rider of the Year Runner Up, Shana Thurley

Dressage Rider of the Year Audrey Njoto, Runner Up Catrina Laird

Dressage Horse of the Year Don Le Beau, Runner Up Come Along Bustrup

JUMPING CATEGORY

120CM Winner Camellia Paulsen riding Cupido 68

110 CM Winner Camellia Paulsen riding Cupido 68

100 CM 2nd place Teya Blunk riding Molenhof's Falco

90 CM Winner Teya Blunk riding Molenhof's Falco

Jumping School Rider of the Year Teya Blunk

Jumping Junior Rider of the Year Teya Blunk

Jumping Rider of the Year Runner Up Camellia Paulsen

Jumping Horse of the Year Cupido 68

Article by **Deborah Thurley** Photos by **Shana Thurley and Edward Choong**





Sign up at The Pony Club (Singapore Polo Club), for youths aged 4 to 21 years old, to start your equestrian journey.

Founded in 1929, The Pony Club began in England for youth interested in ponies and riding. Today, The Pony Club is an international voluntary youth organisation, represented in over 27 countries, with membership exceeding 110,000, and a starting point for many equestrian athletes.

The Pony Club (Singapore Polo Club)

Held at the Singapore Polo Club, members age 4 to 21 years old participate in weekly un-mounted rallies, where instructions in equitation and horse management are shared in a fun and safe environment.

With 45 riding school ponies & horses to groom, wash, shoe, feed and cuddle, members are sure to get a weekly dose of horse interaction.

Our Aim

To cultivate respect, understanding and trust between our horses and youths, to build confidence in our young equestrians and to promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship – strength of character and self-discipline.

What We Do

The Pony Club Standards of Efficiency Tests, segmented into 8 levels of achievement, beginning with 'E' and culminating with the prestigious 'A', are designed to show members progress of knowledge in different areas of horsemanship. We also organise gymkhanas, annual camps, lectures, film screenings and even Easter and Christmas parties!

Who Can Join

We welcome both members and non-members of the Singapore Polo Club. As part of The Pony Club, we collaborate with the Riding Section to expedite our members waiting time for riding lessons, to supplement un-mounted learning with mounted training!

Email us at ponyclub@singaporepoloclub.org any time! Our application form can be found at the front of the Riding School Office.



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Article by Ahmad Nazzal, Taj Dubai

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23 AUGUST 2015 (FINALS)



After two months of intense competition between the four Corporate League teams, SPC Team B took home the Corporate League Title. Matches were played every other weekend.









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- Mr Frederic Gauthier

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Antonia Vann, one of our member's daughter, has set herself the goal of helping to end cancer by supporting QIMR Berghofer for cancer research.

She has put together a team of work colleagues from Y&R Brisbane for the The Walk to End Women's Cancers, a gruelling event which will take place over the weekend of 24 and 25 October.

Each of the four team members must raise \$2,000 just to be able to walk, so they are looking at a total of \$8,000 total, and they have set up a website, www.yrwalkers.com.au for donations.

Please show your support for this worthy cause -Antonia promises to wear an SPC shirt and cap!

THE WEEKEND TO END WOMEN'S CANCER



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AUSTRALIA	Brisbane	Brisbane Polo Club	Website: www.brisbanepoloclub.com.au
	Canberra	Canberra Club Ltd	Website: www.canberraclub.com.au
	Sydney	The American Club	Website: www.amclub.com.au
	New South Wales	Sydney Polo Country Club	Website: www.sydneypolo.com
	Perth	The Western Australian Club	Website: www.waclub.com.au
CANADA	Calgary	The Ranchmen's Club	Website: www.ranchmensclub.com
	Vancouver	Terminal City Club	Website: www.tcclub.com
	Toronto	The Boulevard Club	Website: www.boulevardclub.com
CHINA	Beijing	The Tang Polo Club	Website: www.tangpolo.com
	Beijing	Beijing Riviera Country Club	Website: www.bjriviera.com
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	Tianjin	Tianjin Goldin Metropolitan Polo Club	Website: www.metropolitanpoloclub.org
EUROPE	France	St. James Paris	Website: www.saint-james-paris.com
	France	Polo Club de Chantilly	Website: www.poloclubchantilly.com
HONG KONG	Kowloon	Kowloon Cricket Club	Website: www.kcc.org.hk
	New Territories	Clearwater Bay Equestrian & Education Centre	Website: www.ceec.hk
INDIA	Jaipur	Jaipur Riding & Polo Club	Website: www.jaipurpolo.com
	Kolkata	Calcutta Polo Club	Website: www.calcuttapolo.com
	Mumbai	Golden Swan & Country Club	Website: www.goldenswan.com
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JAPAN	Yokohama	Yokohama Country & Athletic Club	Website: www.ycac.or.jp
KOREA	Seoul	Seoul Club	Website: www.seoulclub.org

RECIPROCAL CLUBS

COUNTRY	CITY	CLUB	CONTACT
LUXEMBOURG	Luxembourg	Cercle Munster	Website: www.munster.lu
MALAYSIA	Ipoh	Iskandar Polo Club	Website: NIL
	Kuala Lumpur	Sunway Lagoon Club	Website: www.sunway.com.my/club/
	Kuala Lumpur	Royal Lake Club	Website: www.royallakeclub.org.my
	Kuala Lumpur	Bukit Kiara Equestrian & Country Resort	Website: www.berjayaclubs.com
PHILIPPINES	Cebu	Cebu Polo Club	Website: www.cebupoloclub.com
	Makati	Manila Polo Club	Website: www.manilapolo.com.ph
SRI LANKA	Colombo	The Colombo Swimming Club	Website: www.colomboswimmingclub.org
AFRICA	South Africa	Inanda Polo Club	Website: www.inandaclub.co.za
THAILAND	Pattaya	Thai Polo & Equestrian Club	Website: www.thai-polo-club.com
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Connecticut	The Hartford Club	Website: www.hartfordclub.com
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	Hawaii	The Plaza Club Honolulu	Website: www.theplazaclub.com
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	New York	The Explorers Club	Website: www.explorers.org
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EVENTS & MEETINGS

Social Events

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Established in 1886, the Singapore Polo Club strives to promote the sport of polo and equestrian activities both locally and internationally. Its history dates back to the colonial period and the Club has always had an illustrious membership. Several members of the British Royal Family have at various times played polo on the lush tropical grounds of the Club, which is situated along Mount Pleasant Road. The Singapore Polo Club is where luxury and privacy come together, and is the perfect venue for you to hold your Corporate Seminars, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Celebrations.



THE COMMITTEE ROOM

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THE MOUNTBATTEN ROOM The Mountbatten Room is a wine lounge that is part of the Polo Restaurant and Bar.

Round table : 50 persons Theatre Seating : 90 persons U-Shape Style : 35 persons Cocktail Standing : 100 persons

SEATING CAPACITY 16 persons



THE POLO GALLERY

The Polo Gallery is a Private Room that has a seminar-style set up. The room is also suitable to conduct trainings/workshops and private parties.

SEATING CAPACITY

Round table : 30-40 persons Theatre Seating : 70 persons U-Shape Style : 20-25 persons Cocktail Standing : 70 persons



THE CHUKKA BAR TERRACE

The Chukka Bar Terrace is an extension of the Chukka Bar, next to the Chukka Board by the field side of the Polo Ground. It oversees the lush greenery of the polo field and one can relax while at the same time be near to the Polo action. The space is perfect for cocktail parties and group gatherings.

SEATING CAPACITY

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