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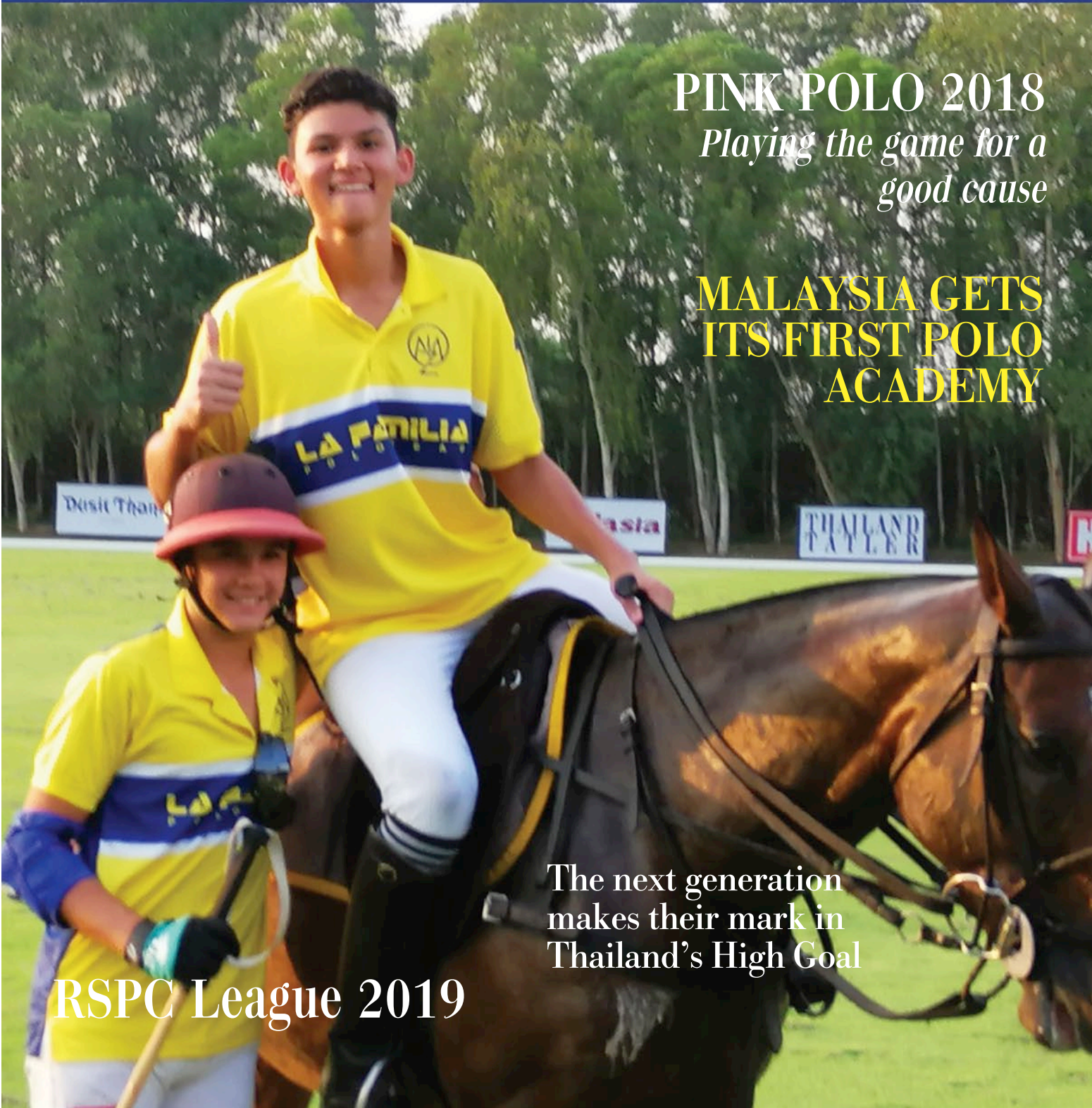
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The next generation makes their mark in Thailand's High Goal.
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Dear Members,

The 2019 polo season is well underway, with members enjoying the first half of the season featuring the appropriately titled **Battle of the Sexes** tournament, followed by the first two of three **Royal Selangor Polo Club** League tournaments, which this year has been designed in *ascending step* format to encourage members of all handicaps to participate.

The first tournament was run at -6 to -2 goal level to include some of the club's newest players. The second was set at -4 to 0 goal level, allowing teams to introduce a professional, making for slightly faster polo. The tournament also saw **Kelantan Polo Club** return to tournament polo in our city capital. We were thrilled to host them and they showed they are a force to be reckoned with, winning the first leg and coming runner-up in the second leg.

This year, the RSPC is honoured to host the **RSPC Triple Crown League 2019**, which runs at 6-8 goal level. This tournament league has been well supported, with 6 teams participating – Thai Polo, La Familia, La Familia Windhorse, La Sarita, Jogo Polo and ar+d gold. (The League is ongoing as we close out this magazine for publication – watch for full coverage of these tournaments in the next issue.)

Perhaps the most exciting news this summer for the club, and for Malaysia, is the launch of the **KL Academy of Polo (KLAP)** which opened its doors with 8 brand new ponies directly imported from Argentina. We welcome the

Academy's professional coach **Andrew Gebbie** to our club and congratulate **Peter Abisheganaden** and his team for initiating this bold milestone in the club's development. We wish KLAP every success for the inauguration of this much-needed polo school.

This is an exciting step forward to grow the pool of players for the club's future. We expect the availability of professional coaching will encourage more riders and attract more participation in this sport in Malaysia. More importantly, the availability of professional polo coaching is surely a big step towards encouraging children to take up polo as a sport, while the availability for ponies for hire will allow us to host more international guests to the club.

An important dimension of the KLAP is that in taking over management of the RSPC Riding School, we expect a more vigorous response to our riding school facilities here in Kuala Lumpur. This step was not taken on a whim, but after months of consideration. The aim is to return equestrian activities to its former level at RSPC, where we can produce promising new riders to a level whereby they can compete in National and International level riding events.

A professional riding school is of paramount importance to providing new riders with the fundamental basics of horse riding, from which they can branch out to the discipline of their choosing – whether polo, dressage, jumping or endurance.

Meanwhile, on the Grounds front, RSPC now has **two** boarded polo fields. Yes, for the first time in our over hundred year history, I am delighted and proud to announce that we can now rotate play to give the turf less wear and tear. This should improve our ability to hold more chukkas, while maintaining first-rate ground quality.

Our stable renovation continues to move along full speed with 50% of the works now complete. Our Social and F&B activities meanwhile have grown even more vibrant; with a new chef in place, the club's kitchen can now serve up gourmet cuisine. There is also live music on Saturday nights, so do come with your guests to partake in the excellent ambience at the club during weekends.

We plan to have more exciting things and will announce them as they come to fruition. You can subscribe to our social media accounts to stay updated. Meanwhile, we wish you and your guests a successful, safe and fun second half of the polo season!

Y. Bhg Dato Mohammed Moiz
President



TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SULTAN OF PAHANG

***KDYMM Almarhum Paduka
Ayahanda Sultan Haji Ahmad
Shah Al-Musta'in Billah ibni
Al Marhum Sultan Abu Bakar
Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mu'adzam
Shah***

**From our President, YB
Dato Mohammed Moiz**

It was with great sadness that we all received the news of the passing of KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah. On behalf of all our members, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to His Majesty Yang Di Pertuan Agong and the Pahang Royal Family.

KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda's passing is a huge loss at so many levels, but for all of us here at RSPC, his passing is a very personal loss. May ALLAH SWT have mercy on

his soul and place him amongst the most righteous of his servants.

KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda was a larger than life personality in the world of polo. He was well known and loved by all of us here at RSPC, by all of us in the Malaysian and regional polo community, and by many, many polo enthusiasts internationally from the polo communities of Asia, Europe, America, South and Latin America, Australia and New Zealand.

From the 60's to the early 80's, KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda was a major force behind the growth of polo at RSPC, especially from 1979 – 1984, during

his reign as the Yang Di Pertuan Agong. We at RSPC are very fortunate that KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda's son, the present Sultan of Pahang and current Yang Di Pertuan Agong, KDYMM Al Sultan Abdullah Al Mustapha Billah Ibni Al Marhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah, has together with his sons continued to support polo at RSPC. Much of the modern day polo that we see at RSPC has been inspired by His Majesty Sultan Abdullah.

I myself have many personal memories of playing polo with and against KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda, but one of the most memorable was a game in Penang in 1981, where before the start of the

game I went up to Almarhum Tuanku and asked him, "Tuanku, can I hook you during the game?" To which Almarhum Tuanku replied, "Boy, you can hook me and ride me off, but first you have to catch me!!" Needless to say, I never got to hook Almarhum Tuanku's mallet!!

Tuanku, the Game of Kings is the King of Games, but this Game of Kings will never be the same without you. Al Fatiha.

From Dato' Hata Ali

In 1972, I had the opportunity to participate in an MPA tournament along with the the late Sultan, KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda Sultan Ahmad Shah.

I was fortunate to be selected to play for the country with KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda Sultan Ahmad Shah, whose handicap was 5 goals, Dr. Vijay Lukshumeyah who was handicap 4 then, from Selangor, Ismail Ali of Johor, whose handicap was 2 goals, and I, also from Johor was playing off a handicap of 3 goals. KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda Sultan Ahmad Shah was an exciting player. He was a good team player who could read the game very well. He was a team player on and off the pitch.



From our Polo Captain, Shaik Reismann

When my family joined the club, he was Agong at that time, and because he was Agong then, Pahang had a huge presence at RSPC. Huge. He supported polo – he had a string of polo ponies in the club; he supported the Equestrian scene by sponsoring some equestrian riders with horses; and he also supported the Amateur Racing scene. So basically, RSPC activities came from polo, they came from equestrian and they came from amateur racing. I was about 10 or 11 years old at the time.

Because he was Agong, and he had a big string of ponies here - all that came with professionals, and a lot of people were at the club. So this club was buzzing - really, really buzzing during that period.

From my memory, I'm not sure if it was every day, but it seemed like he was here almost every day. And his favourite spot was around where my car is parked (he points to the first car spot by the polo field). Back then, the club's lawn looked a bit different, but around where my car is parked, there was one of those bleachers, and he would sit there. That was his "lepak" spot. My memory of him was that he felt very at home at this club.

My first chukka – I had never played polo before, I was from the equestrian side – was on one of his horses. My father was a jockey at the time, and because the late Sultan was a big supporter of racing as well - a horse enthusiast - my dad knew him from the racing scene. I think my dad had also ridden for him before, so they knew each other; and there were times when my dad would come to the club

and watch me ride, and he would go and speak to Agong when he was sitting on the bench.

I remember my Dad introducing me to him – I was this little kid – and I remember him looking at me, and saying, "You wanna play polo?" I said, "Yeah". And he turned around and spoke to one of his guys, and said, "Get one of the ponies out," and asked me there and then to go out onto the field.

So that was my first experience of polo - it was on the Sultan's "command". I didn't know what I was doing on the field, I was fouling... but that was my first exposure to the game. I was a kid."

I didn't really start playing polo seriously until later on when I was 13, but I had that one experience, which really gave me the "bug" of polo. ►



1972
Dato' Hata Ali, Ismail Ali, Dr. VJ Lukshumeyah, HRH Crown Prince Hj. Ahmad Shah, Chito Cacho, Sylvia Lichauco de Leon, Enrique Zobel, Gen. Hanz Menzi, Joe de Leon, and Charlie Morale.



Tengku Muda Sultan Pahang, Fork Kim Seng and Fork Yow Wai

From Fork Kim Seng

My memories of HRH Sultan of Pahang... on and off The Polo Field. His Royal Highness the Sultan of Pahang was a truly Great Sportsman. I had the pleasure of enjoying many a weekend playing polo with him at the Selangor Polo & Riding Club. When he was the King of Malaysia (the Agong) then, I was the Polo Captain for SP&RC.

I was indeed happy to note that being a keen Polo Player, His Royal Highness always paid top attention to safety. We always walked the field on horseback after a rainstorm to check whether it was safe to play. Needless to say, we were all keen to play. We all looked forward to the weekends for our polo. It was not safe to gallop our horses on soft and muddy ground. I truly respected him for his concern for the safety of the horses and players. On the field, he was just another player. He never expected to be treated special. He would take hard ride-offs from players and return the

same. For him, it was all part of good horsemanship and polo.

His Royal Highness would always welcome and take part in all our club's social events. As busy as he was, he would always make an appearance at our club's social functions. He came forward willing to present prizes for our club's functions whenever he could find a time window for it. His friendly nature made us all feel comfortable in his presence.

Truly, he was a man of all seasons and he is greatly missed by all of us. Kim Fork.

IF, by Rudyard Kipling

"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with Kings – nor lose the common touch,

... If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you... And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!"

I have truly experienced this in the presence of his company.

From Dato' Awang Kamaruddin

There are memories I can't forget when I worked for KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah ibni Al Marhum Sultan Abu Bakar Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mu'adzam Shah. One I will never forget was when he called me in 1977 and said "Please take care of my horses arriving from Argentina."

Of course, I said "Yes Sir, when are they coming?" "They are flying now," was the response. As Malaysia did not have any importation or quarantine protocol with Argentina then, you can imagine my shock. I could not get any more information from him, but as this was an order from His Majesty the King of Malaysia, I had to do something. I had to think hard.

Step 1 – I called MAS to find out which plane or airline is coming with the horses. 2 - I called the Department of Civil Aviation to request them to delay the landing rights for the plane. 3 - I went to see the late Tan Sri Mustaffa Babjee, the Director General of Veterinary Services of Malaysia. We had no protocol to import livestock/

bloodstock from Argentina, so we had to sort out a new protocol. 4 - After the discussion with the DG, I had to prepare a quarantine stable for the horses. I also had to prepare a float to transport these horses non-stop to the quarantine stable. I had to arrange all this within two days, as the flight had already left Argentina.

Come D-Day, I was at the Airport waiting for the horses with the Veterinary Department's officials. On completion of the vet check and customs clearance, the horses began their road journey to the newly made quarantine stables in Pekan. We had to send blood samples to the USA as required by DVS, but it was a case of Mission Accomplished.

I have to thank Rafiq Jumabhoy, who bought all these horses from Argentina (three of which were his) but didn't tell me anything about it! It was an interesting experience.

Today, almost all polo ponies in Malaysia are from Argentina. We can all thank KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah for being the first, and for making it all possible.

On the demise of Tuanku Munawir

the Yang Di Pertuan Negeri Sembilan, every ruler of the States of Malaysia went or sent their representative to pay their last respects. KDYMM Almarhum Paduka Ayahanda Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah was Tengku Mahkota then, and he was to represent HRH the Sultan at this ceremony.

Yours truly was lucky to be accompanying His Highness. We were in a motorcade of a few cars with police escort cars and motorbikes all the way to Sri Menanti. I was in the last car with two others, and the late Major Daud (David). It was his duty was to hand an envelope to every police escort after they completed their duty, not only the two police cars from Pekan, but also the other escort cars and motor bikes were from every District Police that we passed through.

We had a time to pass the "Sagu Hati" to all the Police escorts as ordered at that time by HRH Tengku Mahkota Pahang, Tengku Ahmad Shah. He was always known for his benevolence and kind heart. Every policeman who served him remembers him fondly for the food, drink or cash given for their service, even though it is their duty. ■



POLO TRIVIA

Polo originates from ancient Persia. Its invention is dated variously from the 6th century BC to the 1st century AD.

THE SECOND GENERATION MAKES THEIR MARK WITH TWO WINS IN THAILAND

By Peter and Zack Abisheganaden



Royal Selangor Polo Club's President Dato' Mohamed Moiz's La Familia team did the double in Thailand, winning both the Thai Polo Open and the Thai Polo Masters. It was a first for a Malaysian team.

La Familia got off to a slow start in the Thai Polo Open, losing two of their qualifying matches. It took a penalty shoot-out to get them through to the final.

The B Grimm ~ BMW Thai Polo Open finished with an epic final on Saturday 19th January. La Familia and Thai Polo went to sudden death before La Familia eventually emerged champions. It was a superbly balanced final, with neither team willing to give an inch. Such was the defense of both teams that it was a low scoring, but

totally enthralling encounter.

Thai Polo started marginally better, scoring the first goal from a Facundo Fernandez Llorente break-away from a pass from Carlos Pando. Thai Polo was dominant but unable to add any more to the score as the La Familia tactics were to play with Matias Vial Perez at deep back. It was not till the stroke of half time that La Familia equalised with a crucial goal by their patron, Dato Mohamed Moiz. He ran on to a through pass from Shaik Reismann and held off the bump from Dato' Harald Link. The veteran patron still had a lot of work to do, but slotted the ball through the uprights with an assured shot.

In the second half, the match was extremely close, and very exciting. Thailand again led before Shaik Reismann equalized in the third

chukka. Chilean World Cup star Matias Vial gave La Familia the lead in the 4th chukka, and Agustin Andrada had a chance to put the match to bed with two minutes to go, but Thai Polo stayed in it with desperate defending.

La Familia were leading, but only just hanging on, unable to get the second goal that would have made it safe. With the seconds to go, Facundo Fernandez Llorente launched another attack. Again, it was broken up by the tenacious La Familia defense. As it came out to the sidelines, Carlos Pando backed it goal-wards again. Facundo swivelled, and in one swift move, slammed it high through the goal.

The bell was still ringing as La Familia registered the shock of the equalizer. The goal took the game to sudden death overtime.

Thai Polo was stronger in the extra period, pressing La Familia back into its own half. Thai Polo had an early chance to win the game. They were awarded a 60 yarder. It went wide to the right. Two minutes into the sudden death period, Facundo Fernandez Llorente broke through on goal. It looked like a certain goal till Dato' Mohamed met the ball with a crucial clearance. It was the shot that gave La Familia renewed hope. It brought the belief in themselves back.

Matias Vial took it up field, controlling it at first and then running at the Thai Polo defense. He broke through from the left, and as he came in front of the Thai Polo goal, Juan Manuel Garcia Grossi came in for a desperate ride off that impeded Vial's goal shot. It was a wild play, done in the heat of the moment, but also because Vial would surely have



B GRIMM - BMW - **BMW THAI POLO OPEN 2019**
9th to 19th January 2019



4 TEAM FORMAT

Qualifying Stage

4 Team League

6 Matches

Team tied on points will be separated by:

- 1 Who-Beat-Who
- 2 If who-beat who cannot be used to decide the order of merit, then a penalty shoot-out shall be used.

10 Jan THU	11 Jan FRI	12 Jan SAT	13 Jan SUN	14 Jan MON	15 Jan TUES	16 Jan WED	17 Jan THU	18 Jan FRI	19 Jan SAT
A vs B		A vs C			A vs D		B vs C		Subsidiary Final
C vs D		B vs D					Penalty Shoot-out		Thai Polo Open Final

Draw:

A	Axus	C	22 BR
B	La Familia	D	Thai Polo

THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY

2.00pm	A vs B	Axus	Vs	La Familia	5-8
4.00pm	C vs D	22 BR	Vs	Thai Polo	5½ - 7

SATURDAY 12TH JANUARY

2.00pm	A vs C	Axus	Vs	22 BR	9-8½
4.00pm	B vs D	La Familia	Vs	Thai Polo	7 - 8

TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY

4.00pm	A vs D	Axus	Vs	Thai Polo	4 - 6
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THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY

4.00pm	B vs C	La Familia	Vs	22 BR	4 - 8
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Teams	Axus	La Familia	22 BR	Thai Polo	Win	*Draw	Loss	Points	Order of Merit
Axus		5 - 8	9 - 8.5	4-6	1		2	3	= 3rd
La Familia	8-5		4 - 8	7-8	1		2	3	2nd
22 BR	8.5 - 9			5.5 - 7	1		2	3	= 3rd
Thai polo	6 - 4	8 - 7	7 - 5.5		3			9	1st

* La Familia won the penalty shoot-out to qualify for Grand Final.

SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY

2.00pm	Subsidiary Final	Axus	Vs	22 BR	5-8½
4.00pm	Grand Final	Thai polo	Vs	La Familia	3-4 Sudden Death

Order of Merit

Champions: La Familia
Runner's Up: Thai Polo

Third Place: 22 BR
Fourth: Axus

Best Playing Pony: Paz, owned by Dato' Mohamed Moiz and played by Matias Vial.

Most Valuable Patron: Dato' Mohamed Moiz of La Familia

B GRIMM - BMW - BMW THAI POLO OPEN 2019

9th to 19th January 2019

THAI POLO		
1	Dato' Harald Link	0
2	Juan Manuel Garcia Grossi	2
3	Carlos Pando	5
4	Facundo Fernandez Llorente	7
Total		14
R	Caroline Link	0

AXUS		
1	Brian Xu	0
2	Diego Gomez Echavarri	4
3	Dario Musso	6
4	Nicolas Pieroni	4
Total		14
R		

scored if he hadn't done it. It was rightly blown by both professional umpires J J Diaz Alberdi and Ben Turner. Vial slammed the spot hit through the for the golden goal, much to the delight of the La Familia team and supporters.

Dato Mohamed was deservedly awarded the most valuable patron prize, and his pony, Paz, who had been played by Matias Vial, was adjudged the best playing pony.

It was a fourth Thai Polo Open win for Dato' Mohamed, who had won it in 2008 with his BRDB team, 2009 as BRDB-Elevation, and tied for it with Thai Polo in 2017, playing as La Familia.

Two weeks later, La Familia qualified for its second final in Thailand by winning all their qualifying games in the B Grimm Thai Polo Masters. Unfortunately, La Familia's Patron Dato' Mohamed Moiz injured the cartilage in his knee in their match versus Thai Polo on the previous Sunday and had to sit out on their final qualifying game.

His son Imran Moiz, and long-time La Familia pro Gines Bargallo's son, Ginecito, played in his place instead, sharing two chukkas each. It was a 2nd

Generation La Familia.

Dato' Mohamed said, "Watching Imran play really was for me a game changer in that it's already now the next generation La Familia that is ready to take over the mantle! One chapter coming to a close and the next chapter ready to start!"

At 13 years 6 months and 24 days old, Imran Moiz is now the youngest Malaysian ever to play in a 14-goal RMPA International League game.

The La Familia team took on 22 BR in the B Grimm Thai Polo Masters final on Sunday 3rd February at Thai Polo & Equestrian Club. Through hard work and sheer determination, La Familia won their second straight Thai title, beating 22 BR with 10 - 7 1/2 goals. It was an absolutely brilliant team performance from Matias Vial, Agustin Andrada, Shaik Reismann and the young duo of Imran Moiz and Ginecito Bargallo, who shared chukkas, to beat the mercurial talents of Juan Agustin Garcia Grossi, who had Pedro Llorente to work with, and patrons Willam Zhou and Claude Haberer.

22 BR who led from the start, with ►

LA FAMILIA		
1	Dato' Mohamed Moiz	1
2	Agustin Andrada	5
3	Matias Vial Peres	6
4	Shaik Reismann	2
Total		14
R	Imran Moiz	0 (-1)
R	Muhd Faizal (Cipita)	1

22 BR		
1	William Zhao	0
2	Claude Haberer	0
3	Juan Agustin Garcia Grossi	7
4	Pedro Fernandez Llorente	5
Total		12
R	Ginecito Bargallo	0
R	Facundo Garcia Grossi	0



B GRIMM THAI POLO MASTERS

24th January to 3rd February 2019



6 TEAM CROSS-OVER FORMAT

12 Matches

Teams are drawn into two zones of three teams each.

Teams play qualifying matches crossing over against opponents in their zones.

Team tied on points will be separated by:

- 1 Who-Beat-Who
- 2 If who-beat who cannot be used to decide the order of merit, then a penalty shoot-out shall be used to decide the order of merit.

- The top two teams from one league will go to the final.
- The 3rd/4th team will play in the subsidiary final.
- The bottom two teams will play for the plate.

24 Jan THU	25 Jan FRI	26 Jan SAT	27 Jan SUN	28 Jan MON	29 Jan TUES	30 Jan WED	31 Jan THU	1 Jan FRI	2 Jan SAT	3 Jan SUN
							C vs E	Penalty Shoot-out		Subsidiary Final
B vs E	A vs D	C vs D	B vs F				A vs F			
	C vs F		A vs E				B vs D		Plate	Grand Final

Draw:

Zone 1	
A	Thai Polo
B	Maple Leaf
C	22 BR
Zone 2	
D	The Next Level
E	La Familia
F	Axus

THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY

4.00pm B vs E Maple Leaf Vs La Familia 4 - 8

FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY

3.00pm A vs D Thai Polo Vs The Next Level 6 - 3 1/2
4.00pm C vs F 22 BR Vs Axus 8 1/2 - 4

SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY

4.00pm C vs D 22 BR Vs The Next Level 7 1/2 - 5

SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY

9.00am B vs F Maple Leaf Vs Axus 4 - 6
4.00pm A vs E Thai polo Vs La Familia 4 - 5

THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY

10.00am A vs F Thai Polo Vs Axus 8 - 11 1/2
2.30pm C vs E 22 BR Vs La Familia 6 - 8 1/2
4.00pm B vs D Maple Leaf Vs The Next Level 5 1/2 - 6

Teams	Thai Polo	Maple Leaf	22 BR	TNL	La Familia	Axus	Win	Loss	Points	Qualifying order
Thai Polo				6 - 3.5	4 - 5	8 - 11.5	1	2	3	4th
Maple Leaf					4 - 8	4 - 6		2	0	6th
22 BR				7.5 - 5	6 - 8 1/2	8.5 - 4	2	1	6	2nd
TNL	3.5 - 6	6 - 5 1/2	7.5 - 5				1	2	3	5th
La Familia	5 - 4	8 - 4	8 1/2 - 6				3		9	1st
Axus	11.5 - 8	4 - 6	4 - 8.5				2	1	6	3rd

SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

9.00am Plate Final The Next Level Vs Maple Leaf 6 - 5 1/2

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

2.30pm Subsidiary Final Axus Vs Thai Polo 6 - 7 Sudden Death
4.00pm Grand Final La Familia Vs 22 BR 10 - 7 1/2

ORDER OF MERIT

Champions: La Familia
Runner's Up: 22 BR
Third Place: Thai Polo

Fourth: Axus
Fifth: The Next Level
Sixth: Maple Leaf

Best Playing Pony:

Sex Symbol, owned by Dato' Mohamed Moiz and played by Agustin Andrada.

Most Valuable Patron: Claude Haberer of 22 BR

B GRIMM THAI POLO MASTERS 2019

24th January to 3rd February 2019

ZONE 1

ZONE 2

THAI POLO		
1	Caroline Link	0
2	Luciano Tattoni	0
3	Facundo Fernandez Llorente	7
4	Jacinto Crotto	7
	Total	14
R		

THE NEXT LEVEL		
1	Aron Harilela	0
2	Pierre Jauretche	3T
3	Damian Marcos	3
4	Lucas Labat	6
	Total	12
R		

MAPLE LEAF		
1	Dato' Harald Link	0
2	Claudia Zeisberger	0
3	Carlos Pando	5
4	Pablo Jauretche	6
	Total	11
R		

LA FAMILIA		
1	Dato' Mohamed Moiz	1
2	Shaik Reismann	2
3	Agustin Andrada	5
4	Matias Vial Peres	6
	Total	14
R	Ginecito Bargallo	0
R	Muhd Faizal (Cipita)	1

22 BR		
1	William Zhao	0
2	Claude Haberer	0
3	Juan Agustin Garcia Grossi	7
4	Pedro Fernandez Llorente	5
	Total	12
R	Ginecito Bargallo	0
R	Facundo Garcia Grossi	0

AXUS		
1	Liu Shilai	1
2	Nicolas Pieroni	4
3	Diego Gomez Echavarri	4
4	Miguel Angel Diaz	5
	Total	14
R		

'Flaco' Garcia Grossi taking charge of the game with an early goal, and piercing through La Familia's defence with his trademark runs. It was not till just before half-time that La Familia came within half a goal of 22 BR.

With Matias Vial outstanding with his penalties, La Familia took advantage of anything presented to them and started to draw away in the second half.

Imran Moiz, was replaced by Ginecito for the final two chukkas, and it made a big difference. At 13 years and 8 months, Ginecito is only slightly older than Imran, but his pedigree and talent is not in doubt.

He made some crucial plays for La Familia, making it very much a four-man team in action.

Thai Polo finished third, beating Axus with a goal in sudden death. An ill-tempered Axus threw the match away with a penalty given needlessly on the clock. Thai Polo won it in overtime.

The final games can be watched on PoloLineTV:

Grand Final: **La Familia vs 22 BB:**
<https://www.pololine.tv/b-grimm-thai-polo-masters-final-la-familia-vs-22br/>

Subsidiary Final: Axus vs Thai Polo:

<https://www.pololine.tv/b-grimm-thai-polo-masters-subsidiary-final-thai-polo-vs-axus/>

It was rather a taste of their own medicine to watch the Malaysian team from the Royal Selangor Polo Club come to Thailand and win both 14-goal RMPA International League Tournaments. Thai Polo itself has been very successful in Malaysia, and in 2018, they won their every match in Malaysia to win a record 7th RMPA International League title.

Thai Polo will come to Malaysia in July for the Malaysian Triple Crown, where La Familia for the first time, will be home favorites. ■



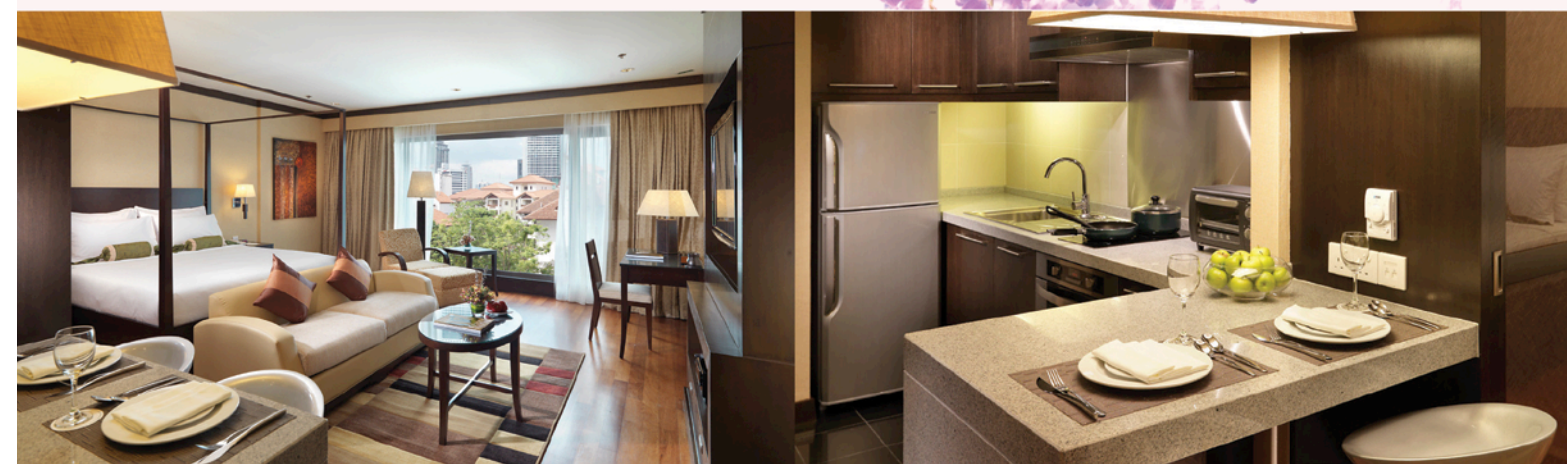
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RSPC LEAGUE Gets a New Look in 2019

By Jennifer Too and Peter Abisheganaden

The RSPC League of 2019 has a facelift from last year. This year it runs as a proper league, in that you have to enter all three tournaments in order to play. The league is step-laddered, in that each tournament in the league steps up by 2 goals from the one before it. It means that each team has the choice to change players from tournament to tournament. This year's RSPC League has 4 teams: KELANTAN, GOLD CHIN, CASSIDY & CO, and WINDHORSE AT6 TU JOGO POLO.

As we write this, two of the three tournaments have been played and we

have two front runners for the RSPC League Cup - the same two teams made 1st and 2nd place in the first two tournaments.

RSPC LEAGUE 1, 26th to 31st March 2019

The first tournament was won by GOLD CHIN, whose patrons Dr Azfar Mustapha (Malaysia) and Simon Chin (Hong Kong) teamed up, engaging the professional services of 20-year-old Rashid Hasnan, SEA Games Gold Medallist 2017 and one of Malaysia's rising stars. Rashid has been playing polo since he was 10 years old, and this season has proven he has really come into his own, not just effective as a pro

but as a Captaining pro, steering his team of amateurs to convincing victory. In the first tournament, their team was rounded off with Mohd Effi and Imran Moiz sharing the last spot, while Hew Kok Seng stepped in to sub for Simon for two chukkas each match.

Simon Chin is a new player who hails from Hong Kong. Holding a -2 handicap in his first season of tournament polo, Simon scored his first tournament goal in the RSPC League 1, which meant the bar bell was rung, and Simon bought champagne for the clubhouse. The RSPC 1902 Bar had crates of champagne on hand, making it a wonderful celebration of Simon's debut goal. ►



2019 RSPC LEAGUE 1 TEAMS

CASSIDY & CO		
1	Hannah Daniels	-2
2	Stanley Sinnappen	-1
3	Peter Abisheganaden	1
4	Asad Jumabhoy	0
Team Handicap		-2
R	Ali Jumabhoy	0
R	Ameer Jumabhoy	1

GOLD CHIN		
1	Simon Chin	-2
2	Mohd Effi	-1
3	Dr Azfar Mustapha	0
4	Abdul Rashid Hasnan	1
Team Handicap		-2
R	Imran Moiz	-1
R	Samsuri Ismail	1

KELANTAN POLO RIDING CLUB		
1	Zamani	-2
2	Mohd Izhan	-2
3	Khairul Azman	-2
4	Nelson Guevara	0
Team Handicap		-6
R	Abu Hanifi	-2
R	Amzuki	-2

WINDHORSE AT6 TU JOGO		
1	YM Dr Tengku Uzira Uzir	-1
2	Lim Siu Tin	-1
3	Jennifer Too	0
4	Shahida Hasan	-1
Team Handicap		-3
R		



2019 RSPC LEAGUE 1

26th to 31st March 2019



4 TEAM FORMAT

6 Matches

Teams play a qualifying league versus each other team.
Top two qualifiers go through to the Grand Final; Other two teams go to the Subsidiary Final.
Points are awarded based on the finals, per RSPC League Rules.

Team tied on points will be separated by:

- 1 Who-Beat-Who
- 2 Goal Difference
- 3 Goals Scored
- 4 Goals Scored without handicap goals received.

If games are not able to be completed because of rain, and are unable to be rescheduled for completion, the final score will be taken at the point of stoppage, providing more than half the match is played. In the event that the Finals cannot be played, the Order of Merit of the qualifying League shall be used to determine league points.

Draw:

A	Kelantan	Cassidy & Co
B	Cassidy & Co	Gold Chin
C	Gold Chin	Kelantan
D	WHAT6TUJO	WHAT6TUJO

26 Mar THU	27 Mar WED	28 Mar THU	29 Mar FRI	30 Mar SAT	31 Mar SUN
A vs B	Spare Day	B vs C	Spare Day	A vs C	Subsidiary Final
C vs D		A vs D		B vs D	Grand Final

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2019

3.00pm	A vs B	Kelantan	Vs	Cassidy & Co	11 1/2 - 4
4.30pm	C vs D	Gold Chin	Vs	WHAT6TUJO	8 - 7

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2019

3.00pm	B vs C	Cassidy & Co	Vs	Gold Chin	7 - 8*
4.30pm	A vs D	Kelantan	Vs	WHAT6TUJO	5 - 1

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2019

3.00pm	A vs C	Kelantan	Vs	Gold Chin	8.5 - 7
4.30pm	B vs D	Cassidy & Co	Vs	WHAT6TUJO	9 - 4.5

	Kelantan	Cassidy & Co	Gold Chin	WHAT6TUJO	Win	Loss	Points	Goal Difference
Kelantan		11.5 - 4	8.5 - 7	5 - 1	3		9	11.5
Cassidy & Co	4 - 11.5		7 - 8*	9 - 4.5	1	2*	4	-4
Gold Chin	7 - 8.5	8 - 7*		8 - 7	2*	1	5	0.5
WHAT6TUJO	1 - 5	4.5 - 9	7 - 8			3	0	-9.5

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2019

3.00pm	Subsidiary Final	Cassidy & Co	Vs	WHAT6TUJO	6 - 3.5
4.30pm	Grand Final	Kelantan	Vs	Gold Chin	5.5 - 9

RESULTS	TEAMS
Champions	Gold Chin
Runners-Up	Kelantan Polo Riding Club
Third Place	Cassidy & Co
Fourth Place	Windhorse AT6 Tu Jogo Polo
Most Valuable Player:	Mohd Izhan (Kelantan)



2019 RSPC LEAGUE 2 TEAMS

CASSIDY & CO

1	Mohd Zamani Razari	-2
2	Ali Jumabhoy	0
3	Ameer Jumabhoy	1
4	Peter Abisheganaden	1
	Team Handicap	0
R	Asad Jumabhoy	0
R	Mohd Amirul Farhan	1

GOLD CHIN

1	Simon Chin	-2
2	Dr Azfar Mustapha	0
3	Samsuri Ismail	0
4	Abdul Rashid Hasnan	1
	Team Handicap	0
R	Imran Moiz	-1
R	Dato' Haniff Borhan	-2

KELANTAN POLO RIDING CLUB

1	Zamani	-2
2	Mohd Izhan	-2
3	Khairul Azman	-2
4	Mohd Aizam Bin Muhsin	2
	Team Handicap	-4
R	Abu Hanifi	-2
R	Amzuki	-2

WINDHORSE AT6 TU JOGO

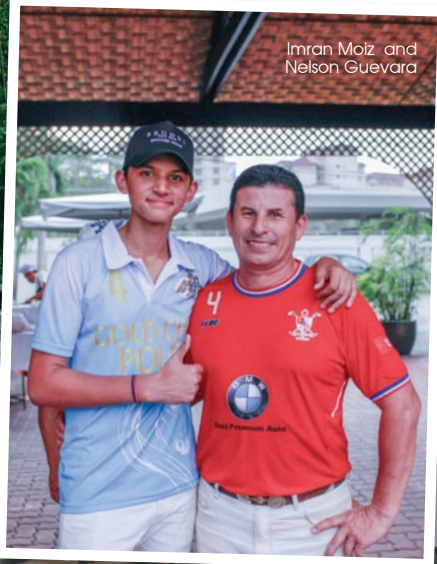
1	Lim Siu Tin	-1
2	Jennifer Too	0
3	Dato Quzier Ambak	0
4	Toh Muda Rizal Ramli	1
	Team Handicap	0
R	Yudie Jamili	1



Peter Abisheganaden



Samsuri Ismail and Mohd Amirul Farhan



Imran Molz and Nelson Guevara



Cassidy & Co Team



Mohd Aizam bin Muhsin



Our Polo Captain
Shaik Reisman
on umpire duties



Dr Azfar Mustapha
and Simon Chin



Champions!



Hannah Daniels



Rahid Hasnan with his friends
and supporters



Tengku Dr Uzira and
Ameer Jumabhoy



Lim Siu Tin



Dato Guzler Ambak and
Toh Muda Rizal Ramli



Samsuri Ismail



2019 RSPC LEAGUE 2

9th to 14th April 2019



4 TEAM FORMAT

6 Matches

Teams play a qualifying league versus each other team.
Top two qualifiers go through to the Grand Final; Other two teams go to the Subsidiary Final.
Points are awarded based on the finals, per RSPC League Rules.

Team tied on points will be separated by:

- 1 who-Beat-Who
- 2 Goal Difference
- 3 Goals Scored
- 4 Goals Scored without handicap goals received.

If games are not able to be completed because of rain, and are unable to be rescheduled for completion, the final score will be taken at the point of stoppage, providing more than half the match is played.
In the event that the Finals cannot be played, the Order of Merit of the qualifying League shall be used to determine league points.

Draw:

A	Cassidy & Co
B	Gold Chin
C	Kelantan
D	WHAT6TUJO

9 April THU	10 April WED	11 April THU	12 April FRI	13 April SAT	14 April SUN
A vs B	Spare Day	B vs C	Spare Day	A vs C	Subsidiary Final
C vs D		A vs D		B vs D	Grand Final

TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2019

3.00pm	A vs B	Cassidy & Co	Vs	Gold Chin	6 - 4
4.30pm	C vs D	Kelantan	Vs	WHAT6TUJO	10.5 - 5

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019

3.00pm	B vs C	Gold Chin	Vs	Kelantan	8 - 6.5
4.30pm	A vs D	Cassidy & Co	Vs	WHAT6TUJO	7 - 2

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2019

3.00pm	A vs C	Cassidy & Co	Vs	Kelantan	5- 8½
4.30pm	B vs D	Gold Chin	Vs	WHAT6TUJO	9 - 2

	Kelantan	Cassidy & Co	Gold Chin	WHAT6TUJO	Win	Loss	Points	Goal Difference
Kelantan		8.5 - 5	6.5 - 8	10.5 - 5	2	1	6	7.5
Cassidy & Co	5 - 8.5		6 - 4	7 - 2	2	1	6	3.5
Gold Chin	8 - 6.5	4 - 6		9 - 2	2	1	6	6.5
WHAT6TUJO	5 - 10.5	2 - 7	2 - 9			3	0	-10.5

RESULTS	TEAMS
Champions	Kelantan
Runners-Up	Gold Chin
Third Place	Cassidy & Co
Fourth Place	Windhorse AT6 Tu Jogo Polo
Most Valuable Player:	Abdul Rashid Hasnah



Kelantan were the dark horses of the tournament. It has been over three decades since we last saw a team from Kelantan play in an RSPC tournament. Our northern neighbours did not disappoint. With their -2 handicaps, they claimed big handicap advantages, and claimed big scalps. Three wins in qualifying took them into the final of RSPC League 1, against Gold Chin.

Defeated in their qualifying match, Gold Chin took their revenge in the final. Rashid led Gold Chin in coming from behind to beat Kelantan 9 – 5 1/2. Mohd Izhan of Kelantan was adjudged Most Valuable Player.

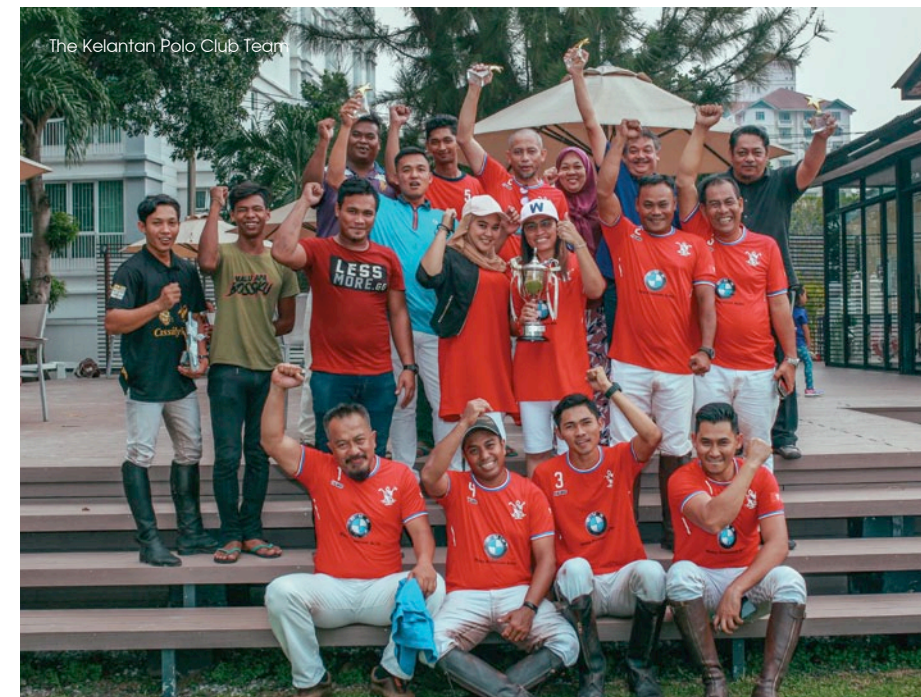
RSPC LEAGUE 2, 10th to 14th April 2019

The RSPC League moved up a couple of goals for the second league tournament. Team rosters changed as the handicap range moved up to scratch.

Unfortunately, the second league tournament was rain affected. It started a day later than scheduled, and only a rotation of three games could be completed with Saturday's games being rained off after 1 ½ chukkas played. The tournament's order of merit was decided on the qualifying league results, which were completed on Sunday 14th April.

Cassidy & Co started best, with Amirul Farhan and Peter Abisheganaden pulling off a bit of an upset to beat Gold Chin in their opening game. They continued their good run, beating Windhorse AT6 TU Jogo Polo to lead the tournament, but a disastrous final chukka against Kelantan put paid to their chances.

Gold Chin came back from their



defeat to Cassidy & Co to notch wins over Kelantan and Windhorse AT6 TU Jogo Polo, but it was not enough to win the tournament.

Kelantan, Gold Chin and Cassidy & Co each finished with a 2 win & 1 loss record. It took goal difference to separate the three teams, with Kelantan coming out tops.

RSPC LEAGUE 3, 18th to 23rd June 2019

The final tournament in this year's RSPC League will be played in June, just after the Hari Raya holidays. Again, teams will step up by two goals, making it a 2-goal tournament.

League standings are very close. With one tournament to play,



Kelantan has a 1-point lead over Gold Chin. Cassidy & Co are in third place, 5 points away. Only Windhorse AT6 TU Jogo Polo is mathematically out of contention, as winners of the wooden spoon. ■

RSPC LEAGUE 2019

Rank	Team	RSPC LEAGUE 1						RSPC LEAGUE 2					RSPC LEAGUE 3						Grand Total
		G1	G2	G3	Final	Bonus	Total	G1	G2	G3	Bonus	Total	G1	G2	G3	Final	Bonus	Total	
1	Kelantan	3	3	3	0	4	13	3	0	3	6	12						0	25
2	Gold Chin	3	2	0	3	6	14	0	3	3	4	10						0	24
3	Cassidy & Co	0	1	3	3	3	10	3	3	0	3	9						0	19
4	Windhorse AT6 Tu Jogo Polo	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2						0	4



PLAYING POLO FOR A GOOD CAUSE

By Datin Nurul Noorajala and Jennifer Too

Rounding off Malaysia's polo season last year was the glitziest tournament of the season, presented by St. Regis together with the Royal Selangor Polo Club. Pink Polo KL (#pinkpolokl) was inceptioned in 2016 and this all-women polo tournament has since grown to become the highlight of the polo social calendar in Kuala Lumpur.

The objective of Pink Polo KL is to create a week-long event that comprises not just great polo but great friendships being made while supporting a great cause. Apart from being a really fun day for athletes and audience alike, the event raised funds and awareness for Breast Cancer, still the most common cancer among women in Malaysia.

In conjunction with Pink Polo week this year was a Breast Exam Clinic for players and all guests related to the event.

Funds were raised by players and teams through a polo clinic for beginners, two spin-cycling charity rides, a raffle and "Sunny Hale quotes" t-shirts being sold, as well as individual and corporate donations. A total of RM70K was raised and collected on behalf of the Breast

Cancer Foundation.

As co-chairperson of Pink Polo KL, Datin Nurul Noorajala aims for a larger audience to enjoy this sport, as well as to raise the bar for women participation in polo whilst giving back to society. Stanley Sinnappen was the other co-chair of the event and pulled out all the stops to make this the flashiest, most dazzling Pink Polo yet.

Finals Day at the Royal Selangor ►



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RSPC PINK POLO KL 2018

2nd to 6th October 2018

3 TEAM FORMAT

All teams play each other once in a 6 chukka match played over three days.

If a match is unable to be completed, the score when the match is stopped will be taken as the final score.

Draw:

A	Windhorse AT6
B	St Regis
C	Le Tu Polo Team

2 October TUESDAY	3 October WEDNESDAY	4 October THURSDAY	5 October FRIDAY	6 October SATURDAY
A vs B	Polo Clinic	B vs C	Cycle for Charity	A vs C
B vs C		A vs C		A vs B
A vs C		A vs B		B vs C

TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2018

TAMAN EKUESTRIAN PUTRAJAYA

5.30pm	A vs B	Windhorse AT6	Vs	St Regis	3 - 4
	B vs C	St Regis	Vs	Le Tu Polo Team	1 - 3
	A vs C	Windhorse AT6	Vs	Le Tu Polo Team	2 - 1

WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2018

TAMAN EKUESTRIAN PUTRAJAYA

4.30pm	MPA Cup	RMPA	Vs	RSPC	5.1 / 2 - 4
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THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2018

TAMAN EKUESTRIAN PUTRAJAYA

3.00pm	B vs C	St Regis	Vs	Le Tu Polo Team	4 - 6
	A vs C	Windhorse AT6	Vs	Le Tu Polo Team	5 - 2
	A vs B	Windhorse AT6	Vs	St Regis	5 - 7

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2018

ROYAL SELANGOR POLO CLUB

3.00pm	A vs C	Windhorse AT6	Vs	Le Tu Polo Team	7 - 5
	A vs B	Windhorse AT6	Vs	St Regis	7 - 11
	B vs C	St Regis	Vs	Le Tu Polo Team	6 - 10
5.15pm	Amax				
	mall Cup	RMPA	Vs	RSPC	
6.30pm		Prize-Giving			

SUNNY HALE MEMPRIAL TROPHY

Winners	Le Tu Polo Team
Runners-Up	St Regis
Third Place	Windhorse AT6
Best Playing Pony	Pamparito, owned by Dato' Mohamed Moiz and played by Ms Marienela Castagnola
Most Valuable Professional	Ms Lia Salvo
Best Playing Patron	Ms Lim Siu Tin



Polo Club featured a champagne bar, floral photo wall, crafts and colouring tables for kids, pony rides, temp tattoos, pink cocktails and canapes and even a string quartet filling the air with elegant strains of Vivaldi and Bach.

Malaysian women have been extremely lucky in the calibre of women players who have visited and played this tournament, which began in 2012 as the Malaysian qualifier to the Women's Championship Tour Final, founded by Sunny Hale. Indeed, the late Sunny used to play among us in what was then the International Malaysian Ladies Championships, up until 2016 before the world sadly and suddenly lost her to cancer.

In 2017, the Sunny Hale Cup was created, and has since become the title cup to play for in this tournament.

The 2018 event was held **2nd to 7th October 2018** with the playing venues being split between Putrajaya and RSPC. The tournament was contested by three teams – LE TU POLO, ST.REGIS and WINDHORSE AT6, with players from Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, England and Argentina.

LE TU POLO lifted the Sunny Hale trophy with a fabulous photo finish on Finals Day, although the results were close right till the sound of the last bell. With three teams, the 14-goal tournament played in a running round robin format, and throughout the tournament each team was carrying a win against one team, and a loss ▶



THE TEAMS

LE TU POLO TEAM

1	Ms Deborah Bottreau (ARG)	0
2	YM Dr Tengku Uzira Uzir (MAS)	1
3	Ms Shahida Hasan (MAS)	2
4	Ms Lia Salvo (ARG)	9
Team Handicap		12

ST. REGIS

1	Datin Nurul Noorajala (MAS)	0
2	Ms Ploy Bhinsaeng (THA)	3
3	HRH Princess Azemah Bolkiah (RRU)	3
4	Ms Marianela Castagnola (ARG)	8
Team Handicap		14

WINDHORSE AT6

1	Ms Lim Siu Min (MAS) / Ms Hannah Daniels (ENG)	0
2	Ms Lim Siu Tin (SIN)	1
3	Ms Jennifer Too (MAS)	3
4	Ms Sarah Wiseman (ENG)	8
Team Handicap		12

against another. In the end, it was goal difference that counted, and Le Tu trumped the others. Headed by world leading 9-goal lady player Lia Salvo from Argentina, together with HH Dr Tengku Uzira, Shahida Hasan and Deborah Bottreau, the girls in black galloped home with a convincing and deserving victory.

In second place was team **ST. REGIS**, which featured HRH Princess Azemah Ni'Matul Bolkiah daughter of the Sultan of Brunei, 8-goal Argentine lady pro Marianela Castagnola, Ploy Bhinsaeng from Thailand, and event co-chair Datin Nurul Noorajala.

WINDHORSE AT6, which comprised 8-goal player Sarah Wiseman from England, Jennifer Too,

Lim Siu Tin, Lim Siu Min and Hannah Daniels took third place.

The **Most Valuable Patron** prize went to **Lim Siu Tin**, and the **Most Valuable Player** prize to **Lia Salvo**. The winner of **Best Playing Pony** was Pamparito owned by **Dato Mohamed Moiz** and played by **Marienela Castagnola**.

Pink Polo KL 2018's Royal Patron **Suraiya Afzan** officiated and gave away the prizes. It was the first partnership for St. Regis with the Royal Selangor Polo Club and gave a wonderful opportunity for a combination of sports and philanthropy to the luxury hotelier.

The dates for 2019's Pink Polo have been set and will happen at the Royal Selangor Polo Club as the season grand finale from the **24th – 29th September 2019**.

For more information at the tournament, please contact the RSPC Office at 03-4256-4531 or email rspcadmin@rspc.org.my.

Updated information will be made available on the club website at www.theroyalselangorpoloclub.com

You can follow Pink Polo at @pinkpoloKL on Instagram and on Facebook @pinkpolokualalumpur ■



KUALA LUMPUR

For the welfare of horses and players, Pink Polo KL 2019 has to be postponed due to the bad haze. Plans are being made for this Pink Polo tournament to be played in the early part of the new 2020 season.

For more info, contact rspcadmin@rspc.org.my or +(603) 4256 4531. @pinkpolokl

EXHIBITION MATCH BETWEEN RSPC & RMPA

HRH Prince Jefri Bolkiah of Brunei returns to play Malaysian Polo

HRH Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah of Brunei



Pink Polo KL 2018 featured some high profile guests, not just on the ladies' side but also the men's. In conjunction with this year's event, members from the Royal House of Brunei played with members of the Royal House of Pahang, together with some of Malaysia's most talented players and pros to two friendly 9-goal matches.

Our special guest was HRH Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah of Brunei, together with HH Prince Bahar. From the Malaysia side, we had HRH Tengku Muhammad Shah and HH Tengku Ahmad Shazril. Also playing the tournament were Argentine professionals Gines Bargallo and Federico Bachmann, RMPA and RSPC President Y Bhg Dato Mohamed Moiz, and Malaysian SEA Games Captain and RSPC Polo Captain Shaik Reismann.

THE MALAYAN POLO ASSOCIATION CUP

On Wednesday 3rd Oct 2018, we had the Exhibition Match played at Putrajaya, where a Royal Malaysian Polo Association side played against the Royal Selangor Polo Club for the MALAYAN POLO ASSOCIATION CUP. ►

RMPA - RSPC
Exhibition Match on 3rd
&
Charity Match on 6th October
in conjunction with
Pink Polo Kuala Lumpur 2018

WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER – EXHIBITION MATCH
TAMAN EQUESTRIAN PUTRAJAYA

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER – PINK POLO KL & CHARITY MATCH
ROYAL SELANGOR POLO CLUB

AMAX MALL CUP CHARITY GAME SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2018

ROYAL MALAYSIAN POLO ASSOCIATION

1	HRH Prince Haji Jefri Bolkiah	0
2	HRH Tengku Muhammad Shah	1
3	En. Gines Bargallo	5
4	HH Prince Bahar	2
Team Handicap		8

VS

ROYAL SELANGOR POLO CLUB

1	Y Bhg Dato' Mohamed Moiz	1
2	En. Federico Bachmann	3
3	HH Prince Ahmad Shazril	3
4	En. Shaik Reismann	2
Team Handicap		9



YB Dato' Mohamed Moiz, HH Prince Bahar, YB Khalid Abdul Samad, HRH Prince Jefri, HRH Tengku Muhammad





Dato Abdul Ghani presents the Amax Gold Cup to the winners

This historically significant sterling silver cup which was first presented by Mr CH Tilley in September of 1956, and which has been played for over the years in MPA and RMPA tournaments was chosen as the Cup to be played for in this Exhibition.

YB Khalid Abdul Samad, the Minister of Territories, presented the prizes at the High Tea Event, which was graced by the presence of the then KDYTM Tengku Puan Pahang.

THE AMAX GOLD CUP

Saturday 6th Oct 2018 saw more action featuring our Royal Brunei guests, this time at the Royal Selangor Polo Club, where the teams played for the AMAX GOLD CUP, presented and sponsored by Datuk Abdul Ghani. The Breast Cancer Foundation of Malaysia were beneficiaries of the monies raised by this match. ■



Johan Indot, Bianca Lind and Jaden



Gines Bargallo



Gines Bargallo

HRH Tengku Muhammad

HH Prince Bahar



Federico Bachmann



YM Puteri Suraiya Afzan chats with the young spectators



HH Prince Bahar and Federico Bachmann



YM Dato Syed Budriz, Dato' Mohamed Moiz, HRH Tengku Muhammad



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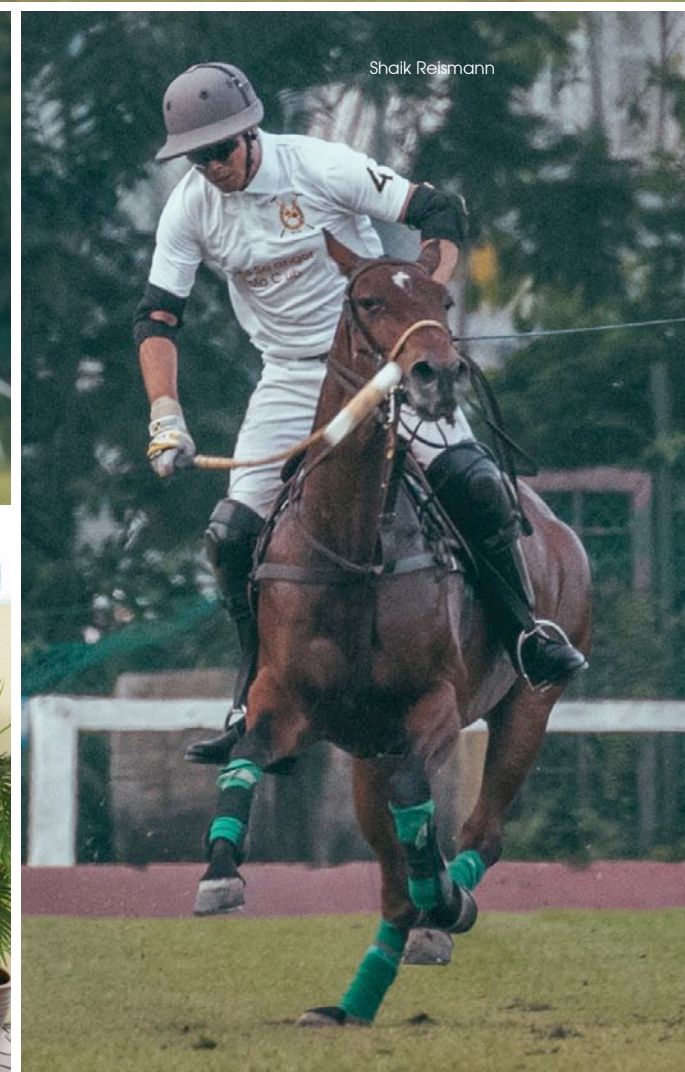
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GENTS TAKE ON THE LADIES!

2019 saw the second installment of what has been heralded as the biggest laugh-and-cry moment of the ice-breaker tournament for the Royal Selangor Polo Club's playing season.

by Hew Kok Seng



Concepted at the end of the 2017 season over a few tipples (poor decision indeed!) and what most of us sitting around the discussion table thought would never come to fruition, the epic “Battle of the Sexes” was born which saw ten female and an equal number of male participants sign up in February of 2018. Much talk of teams and guessing who would have the luck of playing with the coveted “superstar players” saw a draw decide who played in what team. Quite literally, the ladies drew names out of a cup for the gentlemen’s teams, and vice versa.

The ladies lined up two well-balanced teams and defeated the

gentlemen for an overall victory in 2018 – one that the gentlemen would not forget.

Fast forward to January 2019, players began their preparations in earnest for the upcoming Battle in March. Teams were drawn and practice got underway.

This year, the ladies, now armed with a good dose of confidence and experience from their win from 2018, added some new blood and the 2019 line-up for the girls consisted the LAS CHICAS B Squad captained by newly-minted doctor and medical marvel YM Tengku Dr. Uzira and the LAS CHICAS A Squad, led by film & media mogul Lim Siu Min. The gents aptly named MANYAK LEE-CHIN

(after the two captains) had Hong Kong patron Simon Chin and airline entrepreneur Dato Daniel Lee take the lead.

With the tournament played over two days, the gents suffered a crushing defeat. Manyak Lee-Chin’s A Squad had no answer to the Las Chicas strategy, with the B Squad going a man down at the start of chukka 3. Finals Day proved a different story, with Las Chicas B going against Manyak Lee-Chin’s A Squad – strong team work and great strategies led the boys to win by a big margin, which had the boys’ B Squad going in having to win by a mere 1 goal to clinch the coveted Battle of the Sexes trophy. All eyes were on the MANYAK LEE-CHIN B Squad.

As they took to the field, the side led by Dato’ Daniel Lee suffered from the get-go. Lim Siu Min’s team ensured key player Dr. Azfar Mustapha was kept well at bay while they tore an unanswerable lead over the gents.

Time ticked down, and when the bell rang, the ladies had clinched the title once again!

Cheers from the clubhouse for the victors and sighs from the pony lines marked the start of the 2019 season. Festivities carried on courtesy of our generous sponsors Heineken, and as per what has now been established as tradition for the losing side, the gents had to don dresses and lipstick all in the name of fun.

Looks like the boys will have to wait another year before they can get the girls to perform their “forfeit”! ■



Shahida Hasan



Mothers & Daughters!
Lillian Too, Jennifer Too, Deborah Bottreau, Lorraine Bottreau



Datin Nurul Noorajala



Most Valuable Players
Keith Teh & Lim Siu Tin



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GO LIKE THE KLAPPERS

By Peter Abisheganaden

The KL Academy of Polo will open its stable doors to members in May 2019. Owned by Zack's Tack, KL Academy of Polo Sdn Bhd has purchased eight polo ponies from Argentina, carefully selected by myself in November and December 2019.

They passed blood tests and spent a month in pre-export isolation in

Argentina before flying to Schipol Airport, in the Netherlands at the end of February. They were in Schipol's Animal Hotel for a week before flying to Kuala Lumpur, landing here in the wee hours of Friday 8th March.

The KL Academy of Polo horses landed at KLIA and went straight into quarantine at the KLIA Animal Quarantine Station. A couple of them had really lost condition

and were skinny, but the others had all travelled well.

All the horses imported by KL Academy of Polo came from Argentina. I went to Argentina in November to personally select eight horses. I was very pleased with the horses I found. Some are really easy horses for kids and beginners to learn on, really sweet-natured horses. We also have enough quality to be of service to members and guests who want to rent horses for tournaments.



CODICIADA

Codiciada is a beautiful dappled grey mare. She is only 5 years old but is already an established high goal pony with a super temperament. I watched her play in the 14-goal Tanoira Cup in Argentina with Ali Jumabhoy, a 0-goal patron with La Sarita.

I then played Codiciada myself a few days later, and was very impressed at how laid back she was, while being such a top pony. She isn't very tall – I played her with a 51" mallet – but she is very handy and when she gets motoring, she is quite quick.

I was extremely happy to be able to get her for KL Academy of Polo because she will be a super horse

not only for the high-goal patrons who need a good pony, but also for new players who are getting started in polo. She is a versatile horse. I'm glad that she has travelled well. I am sure she will be a favourite with players because of her ability and temperament.



DENISA

This is Denisa, a piebald mare. She is a kid's pony, quite small and very kind. Denisa is only 7 years old and is very gentle. She has already taught many children to play polo in Argentina. She will be perfect for kids, youths and ladies to learn on. Her black and white colouring is also sure to make her a favourite in the school. Yes, we have some fancy colours. We have a piebald, a dappled grey, a dun, a strawberry roan, a red bay, a dark bay, a bay and a brown!



CAPO

Last, but by no means least, is Capo. This dark bay gelding is an 8 year old. Experienced, tried and tested, he was a fun pony to play, one that I enjoyed playing quite a few times more, even though I had already decided I wanted him from the first chukka I played him.

While we have quite a few different colours, I love plain bays. This guy didn't disappoint. Capo was straightforward to play, easy to handle and hit off. I loved him and am sure there will be many others in the academy that will come to love him too. I can't wait for them to get to their new home with KL Academy of Polo at the Royal Selangor Polo Club!

Coaching Director **Andrew Gebbie** gets here on 18th April 2019. By that time, the horses will have settled into their new home at the Royal Selangor Polo Club. By May, these horses will be going like the Klappers!

POLILLA

Polilla is an 8-year old strawberry roan mare. She was found for us by Jose Lartirigoyen, who was the FIP Tournament Director at the 2011 FIP World Cup Zone D that we held in Malaysia.

Jose is a former 8-goaler who also spent many years at Royal Brunei during their polo hey-days. More recently Jose was the Horse Master at the 2018 FIP World Championships in Sydney, Australia.

Polilla is another pony that will carry kids into polo. We will start kids off in polo very much younger than has been the case in the past. I see no reason to hold them back if they have the ability. It is the reason we specially selected horses like Polilla and Denisa for the KL Academy of Polo. Her colouring and temperament are sure to make her a favourite with the kids and ladies.





COYA

Here is Coya, a dun mare that I found in Cañuelas, South of Buenos Aires. She is another pony that is only 5 years old. Not only is she beautiful to look at, Coya played like a dream for me. When I played her, I only had to point her anywhere and she just pricked her ears and off she went! She was nice to hit off, and rode off well.

Coya was one of my absolute favourites there.

While I was in Argentina, I went all over the place to find horses. Cañuelas is Cambiaso country, where The Great One has his La Dolfina Ranch. Coya came from that area and will have seen some very good polo there.

While Coya has lost quite a lot of weight and condition from the trip, I am confident we will get her back into top shape. I am very hopeful that she will be one of our best ponies.

Frequently, I played 8 to 12 horses in a day to try them all. The ones I shortlisted I went back to try again. Then I got the reputed Dr Nora Taylor to vet them. We only took horses that had passed the vetting.

PICAFLOR

Picaflor is another pony that came from Gines Bargallo. This gelding is slightly taller than the others. The only horse that we bought that I had to use a 53" mallet on. Another of our 5 year olds, Picaflor has a great temperament for a horse of that age. He has an engine that needs to be revved up to get him going. Otherwise, he is another laid-back gentleman that many will love. Picaflor will do well in lessons and playing. As the tallest, he will also be the weight-carrier of our string of horses at the KL Academy of Polo.

It was important to me that we found a range of horses. Not all playing horses and not all schoolies, not all short or tall or a particular colour. I wanted a range of horses, from some that kids could ride, like Denisa, to the proven high goal horses like Codiciada. Not all could be small, and I chose some taller ones, like Picaflor.



GATILLO

Gatillo is a reddish bay that I found at Gine Bargallo's place in Fatimah. I enjoyed playing this little fellow so much I kept asking to play him. Here he is looking a little light after quite a lot of polo in Argentina. Gatillo has an on-the-ball attitude. Great temperament, very positive and wants to do well for the player. Again, not a big pony - I played this little gelding with a 51" mallet. He has quite a lot of speed when you ask for it, and I think Gatillo will do well even in our medium goal and high goal for a patron.

As a 7-year-old, we should get many years of good service from this gentleman. With his pleasing attitude, I think Gatillo will be a pony that many academy graduates will be happy to play.

RULITO

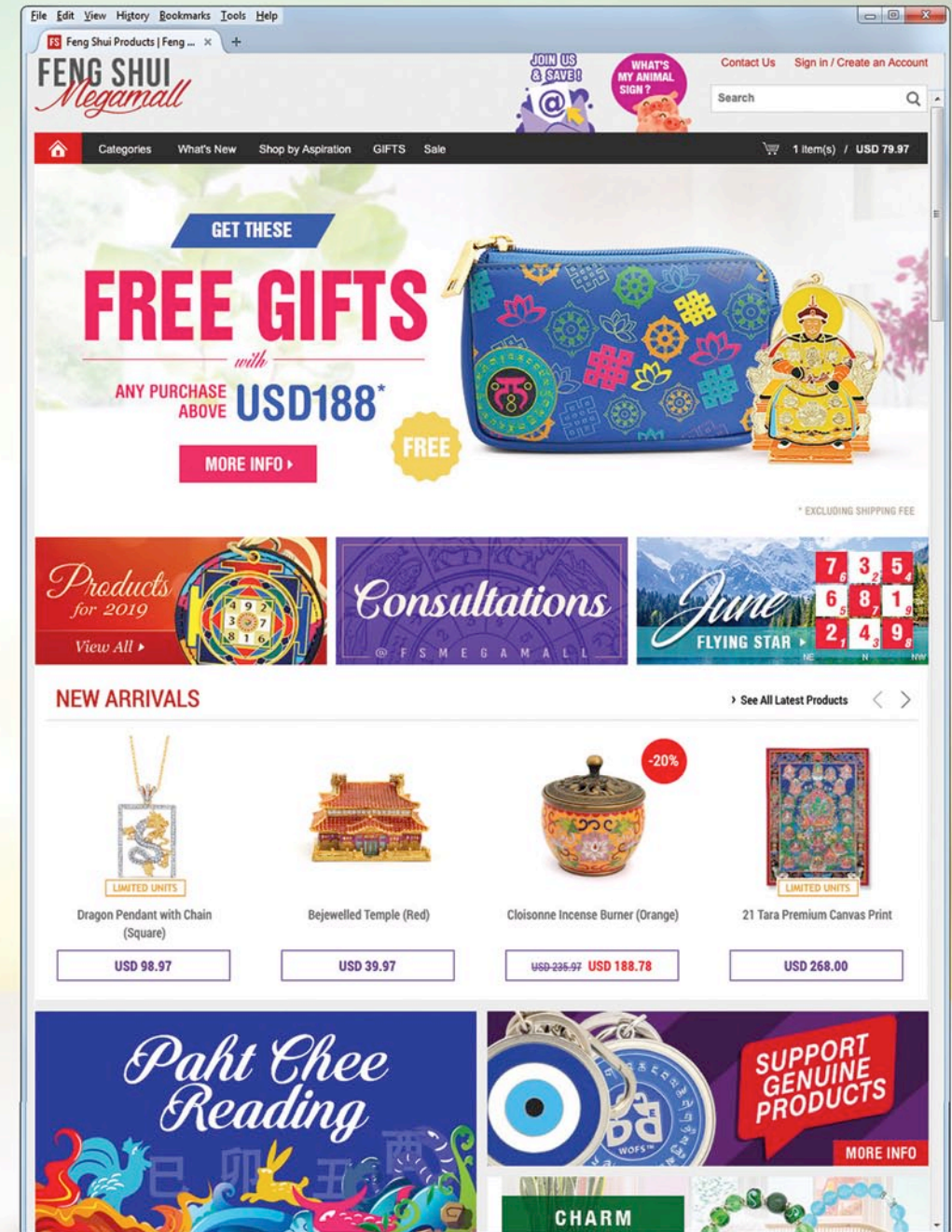
Rulito is another of our taller ones. Rulito is from Agustin Andrada, the 5-goaler who plays for La Sarita and who was loaned to La Familia to do the Thai Double this year.

This gentleman is a 6-year old plain bay gelding. He had been playing some very good polo before I got there. Not only will Rulito be another good horse as a weight carrier, but he will be another pony in the competitive string that gets rented to players for tournaments. Here he is pictured with my son Zaine handling him. Zaine is 1.77 tall, so you get an idea of how tall this fellow is.

Part of the business will be to have horses available for rent by academy members for tournaments, whether it be at the Royal Selangor Polo Club, or elsewhere in Malaysia. Rulito will be a pony in demand for those tournaments. ■



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THE ASPIRATIONS OF KL ACADEMY OF POLO & CHANGES TO THE RIDING SCHOOL AT RSPC

ASPIRATIONS

To be the best polo and riding academy in Asia.

MEDIUM TERM GOALS

To be the best polo and riding academy in Malaysia.

SHORT TERM GOALS

To bring the Royal Selangor Polo Club's riding school back to competing nationally.

OBJECTIVES

To aspire to be the best in Asia is a lofty goal, but to be the best in Malaysia is very achievable. What does 'best' mean?

- To train horses and riders that compete nationally and in local internationals.
- To make RSPC the most sought-after club by polo and equestrian riders alike,
- To make available the best in professional coaching.
- To focus on the continuing education of all horsemen.



We aspire to bring RSPC back to its glory days as the best.

IMMEDIATE CHANGES

There have been a few improvements since KL Academy of Polo took over the management of the club's riding school.

NEW SADDLERY

Over RM30,000 was spent in saddlery, like saddles and bridles, with more coming soon. Eight new saddles have replaced the worn and torn old saddles that have since been retired. From Zack's Tack, the Tekna and Santa Cruz saddles from Argentina have been put into use straight away.



ANOTHER LEVEL 1 INSTRUCTOR

National rider Amir Zulkefle has joined the staff of KL Academy of Polo as a riding instructor.

Amir first started riding at the age of nine at the Johor Horse Trail Riding Centre. At age 14, Amir was talent spotted and joined the Bukit Jalil Sports School as a student in the equestrian section. Amir graduated from the school in 2003 and immediately went to Australia to further his equestrian studies with Australian Olympian George Sanna at Chatham Park, NSW, for two years.

Returning to Malaysia in 2005, Amir competed in the South East Asian Eventing League, qualifying for the Asian Games as one of the top four Malaysian riders. Amir evented at the 2006 Doha Asian Games, representing Malaysia, finishing fifth, riding Yien Yien Pua's horse Aachen.

In 2006, as part of the Malaysian

team, Amir was a winner at the CSI-1* Young Rider Show Jumping International in Pune, India. Amir was also a competitor in the CSI-W Young Rider World Cup Jumping series in Malaysia from 2005 to 2007.

Amir also represented Malaysia at the 2007 South East Asian Games in Thailand, eventing the EAM owned horse, Serious Fun, where he won team silver and individual bronze medals. Amir won the Young Rider of the Year Award in 2007, which was presented by HRH Sultan Mizan, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.

His certification as an instructor was done in Australia. Amir is a qualified Equestrian Australia Level 1 General Instructor and Level 1 Dressage Specialist Instructor. He also has a Level 1 Sports Science qualification from the United States Sports Academy and National Sports Institute.

Amir spent eight years overseas at the Singapore Turf Club Riding Centre, employed as a Riding Instructor from 2011 till 2018.

We are delighted to bring Amir back to Malaysia, and to the Royal Selangor Polo Club.

IMPROVEMENT OF HORSES AND RIDERS

With a view to returning to the national stage, KLAP Instructors will be schooling our younger horses for dressage and show jumping competition.

The word has also been put out that KL Academy of Polo is looking for two schoolmasters. This is not

only to have horses that can compete in dressage and show jumping, but also to find some weight carriers, as the current string of riding school horses generally lack height and size.

Showjumping Equitation will be introduced in training shows so that riders get feedback from respected trainers and judges how they can improve their riding over fences.

In the medium term, we hope to bring a German Equestrian Federation Reitmaster, to conduct dressage and jumping clinics, and to provide refreshers for all our instructors.

COMPETITIVE LESSONS

Group lessons are provided at competitive prices. There have been no changes made to the rates of group lessons packages. Riders can choose between private or group lessons. Although semi-private lessons have been discontinued with Riding School instructors, group lessons remain small in group sizes.

The practice of Semi-Private lessons is continued with freelance instructors. There have also been no changes in the rates of lessons from freelance instructors, who are free to set their own rates.

CROSS-OVERS

Riders who are signed up for lesson packages in the riding school are now able to cross-over to take polo lessons, and vice versa. Zack's Tack has offered a 15% first purchase discount voucher for new registrants and riders cross-over from riding to polo lessons. ►



POLO TRIVIA

Polo was an Olympic sport from 1900 to 1939.



ANDREW GEBBIE

— JOINS KL ACADEMY OF POLO —



every major trophy in Western Australia. He is particularly proud to have also won the Best String of Ponies at the Charles Cup on ponies he had made himself.

Andrew is also an HPA qualified umpire. He has worked in his family's horse transport business and holds an HGV Class 1 & Rigid Truck License, Drivers CPC and Welfare of Animals in Transport certification.

Coach Gebbie, as he will be known here, comes to KL Academy of Polo on 18th April 2019, after another successful season in Australia, where he won the Murchison, Stanley, Hamersley, and Haggerty Cups.

KL Academy of Polo is delighted to finally get our man. ■

After months of searching internationally, the KL Academy of Polo has finally got our man. Klap has engaged English polo professional Andrew Gebbie as our coaching director. Andrew is 26 years old and is from Romsey, in Hampshire, England. Andrew holds a 2-goal handicap and has a 4-goal rating in arena polo. Importantly, Andrew is a Hurlingham Polo Association certified instructor, the only such instructor based in Asia.

In the United Kingdom, Andrew has been a member of Tidworth, Taunton Vale, Druid's Lodge, Beaufort and Cirencester Polo Clubs. Selected to be part of the Hurlingham

Polo Association's Development Training Program, Andrew has played in several Young England teams. In 2011, Andrew was selected by the HPA Development Committee to train with Buster McKenzie in South Africa.

In management, Andrew has worked with the Beaufort Polo Club (UK), Druid's Lodge (UK), Mandalay Polo Team (Australia), and Morningstar (New Zealand).

Andrew has won two Retraining-of-Racehorses Awards in the United Kingdom. He has also made ponies in Australia and New Zealand. He has played polo in Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, South Africa and Spain.

In January 2013, Andrew won



INTRODUCTION TO RIDING CLINIC — SATURDAY 14TH & SUNDAY 15TH JUNE

A two-day clinic to introduce kids and first timers to riding will be held on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June. The clinic will run over 3-hours each day from 9 A.M. to 12 noon. In addition to learning to ride, participants will learn how to handle, lead and groom horses. There will also be a talk on feeding and nutrition for horses. Each clinic participant will receive a commemorative gift and a certificate of participation.

The clinic is open to the public. The cost is RM1,000 for members and RM1,200 for non-members. Places are limited and bookings will be taken on a first-come-first-serve basis.

INTRODUCTORY RIDING & POLO CAMP — WEDNESDAY 26TH, THURSDAY 27TH & FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

This is a three-day camp scheduled to be held on in the afternoons of Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th June, from 4 to 7 pm. Each session will be

three-hours and will cover riding for polo, learning to hit the ball with a foot mallet, learning the strokes on the wooden horse, and stick and ball. There will also be lectures on rules, positioning and tactics. Each clinic participant will receive a commemorative gift and a certificate of participation.

The clinic is open to the public. The cost is RM1,500 for members

and RM1,800 for non-members. Places are limited and bookings will be taken on a first-come-first-serve basis.

BOOKINGS

For lessons, clinic or camp bookings, please contact Adrian at the KL Academy of Polo office at (03) 4252 3913 or email him at admin@klacademyofpolo.com ■

2019 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th & 15th June	Introduction to Riding Clinic
26th to 28th June	Introductory Riding & Polo Clinic
5th to 12th July	Royal Tour of Chitral & Shandur Polo Festival, Pakistan
27th July	Dressage – Klap-RSPC Training Show
28th July	Show Jumping – Klap-RSPC Training Show
4th Aug	Tent-Pegging Championship 2019
24th Aug	Hookahs Charity Quiz Nite
15th Sep	Klap-RSPC Pony Club Tests
29th Sep	Klap-RSPC Gymkhana
12th & 13th Oct	Klap-RSPC Colts and Fillies Cup, Novice League Polo
9th to 18th Nov	Hurlingham Open Polo Tour, Argentina
1st to 8th Dec	South East Asian Games Polo Tour, Philippines
15th Dec	Klap-RSPC Amazing Race



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COACHING THE COACHES

by Lorraine Bottreau

In April, RSPC hosted a successful Coaching Course by tutor Dimitri from Greece. This course is a pre-requisite to join the FEI Level 1, and was attended by riding instructors from all over Malaysia, and from other countries in the region. The course took place from 23rd - 27th April 2019.

The course was attended by 11 participants and two observers, and was intensive! Starting at 7.30am and ending after 6pm daily, the aspiring coaches were guided through all the modules by the very experienced and enthusiastic

tutor **Dimitrios Drakakis** from Greece.

Most of the candidates were active riders and coaches seeking a systematic structural approach to teaching, and to helping their students develop skills within the FEI guidelines.

We wish to thank our riders

and their horses for participating as volunteer students to be taught by the candidates; this was the most challenging task of organising a coaching course. Huge thank you to our volunteer riders - Isabella, Alexandra, Mia, Matthias, Deborah and yours truly from RSPC, Handry Mewengkang from Bukit Kiara, and Charlie and Peter Hall from Singapore.

Thank you also to our friends from Bukit Kiara and RSPC who kindly loaned their horses, and to a couple of our RSPC Riding School mounts as well!

The Course ended with a jumping course designed by Dimitri and built by the candidates, with numbered flags from start to finish, the works! The last day Competition was carefully planned. Some coaches had the task of building the course with accurately measured distances between fences as designed by the candidate course

designer (all participants had to design a course, put to a vote by all the participants plus the tutor, with the one with most votes being used for the competition.)

Some were given the task of helping the riders "walk the course", while others had to warm up the riders for the show, all done under the watchful eyes of their colleagues and the expert eye of the tutor.

The volunteer riders Mia and Deborah, on their horses Raffles and Donna, both cleared the first round. The group discussed the round with feedback from the tutor. Both riders followed their respective coach's instructions, with the first rider on a slower striding horse able to turn in front of a technically-placed fence clearing the jump-off in very good time, while the second rider rode her horse more forward as he had a bigger stride. They also jumped cleared but taking the conservative longer route.

Different tactics from the coaches provided and interesting contrast between the two riders, and this exercise marked the end of the practical sessions of the course. ■



Most Improved Junior Rider

SUZIE HARLAND

(Judging Period: June 2018 - May 2019)



control her pony over practice poles and small obstacles in rhythm and balance.

Suzanne is very fond of all the school horses she rides. She brings them carrots and kisses each time she rides, and every time she achieves something new she quickly thanks her horse with a pat. It is so lovely to see this relationship between rider and horse, no wonder they like her and follow her calm albeit determined commands to change direction or speed. Suzanne is also inquisitive, always giving feedback to her coach and asking questions. She is a pleasure to teach and watch.

This proves that dedication, even if only a few times a week on school ponies or horses can develop competent Junior riders ready to become equestrian riders or polo players with a balanced seat, effective position and use of aids. The next step is around the corner and we wish Suzanne luck and success in her future riding endeavours.

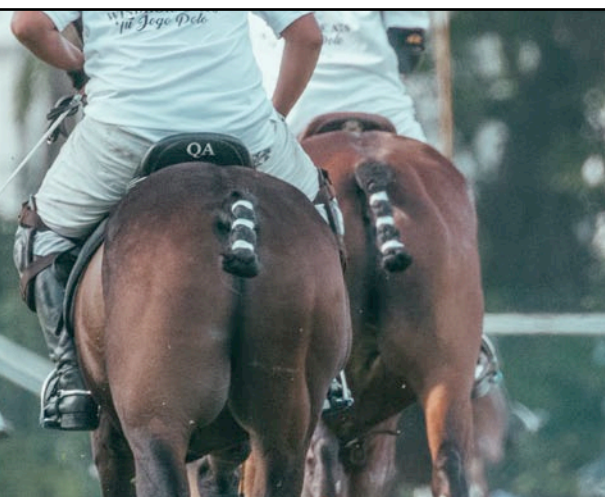
Congratulations Suzanne for winning the Most Improved Junior Rider for this season! ■

Suzanne Harland started riding at 8 years old last April, after completing her initial package of lessons. Her parents signed her up for membership and Suzanne continued with her regular weekly lessons. Her consistent attitude and

dedication, guided carefully by her experienced coach Deborah Bottreau paid off. Suzanne celebrated her 10th birthday this month. She is now an accomplished Junior Rider ready to tackle the competition arenas. Her established independent seat in walk, trot and canter allows her to

POLO TRIVIA

Polo ponies' tails are taped or tied-up to keep them from interfering with the mallet or obscuring players view of the ball.



PONY CLUB GAMES!

by Lorraine Bottreau



A great way for children to learn to ride is learning through play, and this season saw the Equestrian section of the club host regular monthly activities in the form of Pony Club and Mounted Games. There are classes for all levels of riders, with more accomplished children riding on their own, while smaller kids can be led by a parent or groom.

Apart from the actual riding, these fun days also incorporate knowledge quizzes and other skills and tasks all related to working towards the badges for the Pony Club Assessment.

Children are considered E Level Beginners when they start to ride. Once they master E Level, they are promoted to E+, then D, then D+ and so on. Skills include how to tie

a slip knot, leading a pony safely, adjusting stirrups from the ground or mounted, quizzes on parts of the horse, types of feed, grooming kits and what different items are used for, mounting and dismounting, etc.)

Popular games are Apple Bobbing, Flag Race and the Fancy Dress and Quiz Station Games. While playing, children practise their riding abilities while having fun, which helps them develop confidence as well. ■



DOMINGO ASADOS

A BARGALLO AFFAIR

By Thulasy Suppiah. Photographs courtesy of Pete Abisheganaden.



No one but Gines is allowed to tend to the Club's Asados. One of my earliest memories of attending this regular Club event, after finally being teased out of my reclusive cave by newfound friends, was being helpfully informed that this particular barbecue would be

manned by one man only: Señor Gines Bargallo, the 5-handicap Argentinean polo professional, an inexhaustible bundle of energy who as soon as he is done playing a number of sometimes competitive chukkas, would fire up the meat-grill. An asado is a traditional Argentinian barbecue, and a tradition our Argentinian friends have very

generously shared with the patrons and members in the years since becoming a part of the Club's family. The Club's *Sunday Asados* have become a regular feature during "polo season" and is probably the best way for polo players and the rest of us ordinary mortals looking for a quiet evening to wind down next to a slow-burning grill – the smells of meat and

vegetables cooking gently filling the air and whetting our appetites for what's to come. We are thankfully spared the technical tasks of handling the grill – Mr. Bargallo takes great pride in delivering beautifully-cooked meats. He is frequently the selector of choice cuts to be cooked and usually has a personal hand in instructing the club's resident chef on suitable salads, mashed potatoes and sides as accompaniments to his famous asados.

These asados are an incredible way to meet friends both new and old, whether you play polo, watch from the sidelines or simply enjoy pottering about the Club's perimeters. Being one of the last remaining green reserves accessible to the public in the city center, members are comfortable allowing their children and pets the freedom to explore the surroundings, while the parental units can spend some quality time with their friends. Or you might just enjoy some quiet solitude, revel in your own thoughts and stare out into space with a glass of wine, if that's your vibe. No one's judging. Gines will still feed you. If you find yourself at a loose-end on a Sunday, or fancy a peaceful weekend afternoon watching the day sky turn to dusk paired with a mouth-watering BBQ, do come join us! ■



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SATURDAY NIGHT BAND JAMS WITH JULIAN MOKHTAR!

By Thulasy Suppiah. Photographs courtesy of Jahabar Sadiq©



The Club has brought the legendary Julian Mokhtar to our side of the pasture; and no, Mr Mokhtar is anything but ready to be put out to pasture judging from the fantastic gigs he's been playing at our Clubhouse.

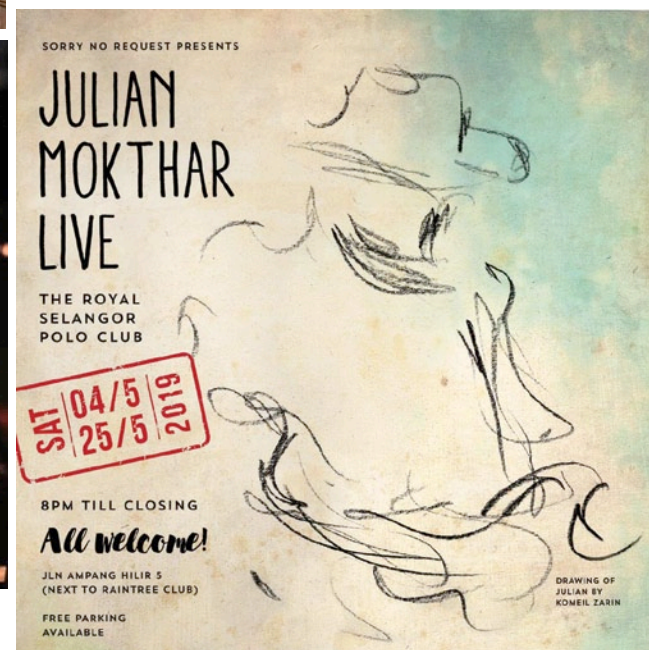
Performing since the 80s, he is no stranger to the Malaysian live music scene and is well-regarded as one of the country's most technically fluent lead guitarists.

Have you watched him play? Hearing the man is one thing, but it has been an absolute privilege to watch the consummate professional alongside his motley crew who conjure images of a (forgotten) psychedelic 80s. He appears to tease his guitar and produce for our ears what honey must be to one's taste buds!

Effortless does not even begin to describe the way Mr Mokhtar and his band belt out well-loved and recognisable tracks, ranging from the lyrical blues to the off-beat reggaes and classic rocks.

We have visiting bar mixologists concocting delightful cocktails and our Chef Mung's (full menu overleaf) fresh menu offerings, which promise to make band nights even more satisfying.

All are welcome to join our Saturday night band jams. We put out flyers weeks in advance, so you can block your calendars and treat your ears and souls to some good, old-fashioned live music with fabulous wining and dining. ■



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Riding for the Disabled programme at RSPC

by Lorraine Bottreau

The Riding for the Disabled programme at the Royal Selangor Polo Club has come a long way indeed. Starting with just two member-owned loaned ponies in the early eighties, it has grown to a fully-fledged equine therapy centre. Horses are loaned by the RSPC's Riding School and carefully led by devoted and experienced volunteers on weekday mornings after the regular lessons from 10.30am onwards three times a week. This program is free for children that require riding therapy due to mental or physical disabilities.

As their slogan goes: "It's what you can do that counts..."

Therapeutically, riding is renowned for the physical benefits for children with disabilities. The emotional benefits created by a sense of achievement of riding a pony are also fantastic. Horse riding helps improve balance and posture, providing a unique form of exercise and rehabilitation for Attention Deficit Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Hearing Impairment, Vision impairment, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida and more.

The uniqueness of horse riding is that it provides three-dimensional rhythmic movement (the horse as it walks), which mimics the motion of a human walking. This helps improve balance.

Muthu is National Chief Coordinator and Chief Coach for Riding for the Disabled, a Non-Profit NGO that conducts riding therapy activities for special children with disabilities. No fees apply for the children.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer (training is on-going) may contact Muthu at muthu_equine@yahoo.com or at 018-3107239. ■



ROYAL SELANGOR POLO CLUB 2019 Dates & Events

DATES	EVENTS	REMARKS
15 - 16 June	Intro to Riding Clinic	
18 - 23 June	June RSPC League 3	0 to 2 goals
24 June	MEM Coaches Update	
5 - 12 July	Royal Tour of Chitral and Shandur Polo Festival	
13 July	Saturday Nite Live	
27 July	Saturday Nite Live	
27 - 28 July	KLAP-RSPC Training Show	Dressage & Jumping
24 July - 4 Aug	RSPC Classic	6 to 8 Goals
4 Aug	KL Academy of Polo Tent Pegging Championship 2019	
10 Aug	KL Academy of Polo Rules Seminar	
19 Aug	Basic First Aid Course for Riders and Instructors	
14 - 25 Aug	RSPC Open	6 to 8 Goals
24 Aug	Hookahs Charity Quiz Nite	
31 Aug - 1 Sep	Patron's Cup	
4 - 14 Sep	RSPC Triple Crown Final	6 to 8 Goals
15 Sep	KL Academy of Polo Pony Club Tests	
21 - 22 Sep	ISKL Open House & Riding Clinic	
29 Sep	KL Academy of Polo Gymkhana	
24 - 29 Sep	RSPC Pink Polo	Ladies 10 to 14 Goals
12 - 13 Oct	Colts & Fillies Novice Cup	
15 Dec	KL Academy of Polo's Amazing Race	

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