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**MANAGING THE
CLUB IN TIMES
OF COVID**

**REVIVAL
OF THE
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15 - 20 JUNE	RSPC Invitational - Hcp: -4 to 0 Goals - Royal Selangor Polo Club	
20 JUNE		EAM Digitalized Horse Show - Dressage & Show Jumping - National On-Line
4 JULY	KLAP Gymkhana Games 2 - Gymkhana Games & Barrel Racing - KL Academy of Polo	
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7 & 8 AUG	KLAP Cushion Polo Cup - Cushion Polo - Academy of Polo	KLAP Horse Show - Dressage & Showjumping Equitation - KL Academy of Polo
21 & 22 AUG	KLAP Youth Cup Polo - Hcp: -6 to -8 - Royal Selangor Polo Club	
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Collage of the many various aspects of the club over the last decade
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A note from the President

Dear Members,

Your Committee and I are very happy to be able to send out another edition of our RSPC newsletter to all our members. This edition of our RSPC newsletter is going out during a challenging period for our Club and your Committee, due to the pandemic, upcoming EGM and ongoing court case brought against your Committee and our Club by a certain member. But not withstanding all this, our very capable and creative Communications Member Jennifer Too and her team have managed to produce another exciting newsletter for us. My sincere appreciation to Jenn for her hard work and for also taking on an additional portfolio as acting Equestrian Member. I'd also like to send a special thanks to Lisette Scheers, who was the Coms Member before Jenn took over, for setting up the groundwork and Coms structure that enabled Jenn to do her work.

I would like to start off by thanking our Operations/ COVID Sub-Committee comprising Johan Indot, Shaik Reismann, Hew Kok Seng and Stanley Sinnappen who have worked tirelessly together with our Club Admin and Grounds Staff to safeguard the welfare of our horses, grooms and trainers, and to ensure our Club continues to serve its members. During the height of the pandemic, they were at the club daily making sure everything went well. Even though some members were initially not happy about the strict protocols implemented by your Committee, Alhamdulillah with the cooperation of all our members, grooms and staff, we have managed to keep our club and all our RSPC family safe. My sincere thanks to all our members for their patience, trust and co-operation.

I cannot be more proud of and honoured to be a part of your Committee, which has always put the interests of the Club over and above everything else. My thanks also to our Admin, House and Grounds teams for their hard work, commitment and willingness to go above and beyond.

I have been riding since 1969 and playing polo since 1974. I started riding at the Singapore Polo Club, spending the first 5 years being very much involved with the Equestrian section and the Pony Club. I caught the polo bug in 1974 and have not looked back since. The first tournament I played at the RSPC was in 1975, and it was truly memorable and fun, with the Sunday morning RMPA Committee Meetings eagerly awaited by all my team mates, as we were all hoping to get to a 0-goal rating, which we all achieved.



I first joined the RSPC Committee in 2003 as your Polo Captain, with a vision to make RSPC one of the premier polo clubs in South East Asia. If memory serves me correctly, at that time, we had 220 stables, of which 40 were empty, and we were playing minus to zero-goal polo.

As my position in the Committee progressed from Polo Captain to Vice President and then President, so did my determination to make RSPC the premier polo club in South East Asia. Supported by an experienced, committed and capable Committee, and working closely with RMPA, we were able to bring in local and regional patrons to play High Goal Polo and they brought with them their professional players and strings of horses to be based at RSPC. All this proved to be the catalyst to raise the level of polo played at our Club.

Polo players at RSPC benefitted from having better quality horses playing at our Club, better polo being played, high goal pros playing in club chukkas and more exciting internal, low, medium and high goal tournaments that became regular fixtures on our polo calendar. Professional polo players, brought in by the patrons, have been regulars during our polo season, and they have always generously helped our players improve ►



their game whilst helping to train their horses as well. All club members were able to play with high-goal players during club chukkas, and also in our internal polo tournaments.

In addition to this, we successfully developed Malaysian Ladies Polo with RSPC becoming the established venue for Malaysia's Pink Polo Ladies Tournament. In 2011, your Committee also secured the rights from the RMPA for RSPC to host the finals for the FIP Zone D World Cup Qualifiers. This was the largest event ever held at RSPC, and established our Club as a truly international venue for Polo.

When I first became Polo Captain, we were lucky if we could get 4 chukkas on polo days. Today, under the leadership of our Polo Captain Shaik Reismann and his hard-working Polo Sub-Committee, during our tournament polo season, we get anywhere between 14 and 20 chukkas per day. RSPC, in part through Shaik's youth polo development initiative, has produced more than 8 National Team players who have been part of Malaysia's gold medal winning teams for the past 3 SEA Games and part of Malaysia's silver medal winning B Team at the last SEA games in Manila.

Over the years, we managed to increase the horse population from 220 to 320, with some of SEA's top polo ponies based at our club. We also established RSPC as the home base for the RMPA High Goal International League, the RMPA Medium Goal National League and

the RMPA Low Goal Merdeka League. In the past few years, we have also seen RSPC develop its very own RSPC low-to-medium series to complement the RMPA leagues.

As part of our vision to establish RSPC as one of the premier polo clubs in SE Asia, we welcomed the proposal for the setting up of the KL Academy of Polo "KLAP", Malaysia's first professional polo academy at RSPC. To date, KLAP has invested about RM1 million on horses and equipment, and produced 7 new polo players, with 14 more in training. All these players coming through KLAP have to pass their polo test administered by our Polo Captain or designated Committee Member before they are allowed to play polo.

Having achieved our vision of making RSPC a premier polo club in SE Asia, in 2019, we shifted our focus to revitalizing the riding section and making RSPC an attractive and fun place to come to learn to ride. Following the advice of our then-equestrian member Lorraine Bottreau, we got KLAP to take over the management of our riding section and today, our riding section is abuzz with events, gymkhanas and exciting Pony Club Camps being regularly organized. We have also managed to make RSPC the home base for the Malaysian Pony Club.

We have been fortunate to have had the long-term services of our previous Equestrian Member Lorraine Bottreau, who after revamping our equestrian section also understood that we needed a game-changing approach if ►



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VISION

we were to take our riding section to the next level. Much credit must also be given to Lorraine for convincing your Committee to let KLAP take over the management of our riding section. I am happy to note that not only our club, but also our private instructors including Lorraine and her daughter Deborah are doing very well under this new arrangement. In fact, our Club now gets more income share from private riding instructors than before. My thanks and deep appreciation to Lorraine for her advice and service.

Our House Committee under the stewardship of Stanley Sinnappen has completely revitalized our F&B section, and today, we have some of the best food you can find in any club in Malaysia. Our monthly dinner and music nights have been well-received.

Under the stewardship of Johan Indot, our long-serving Grounds Member, we are fortunate to have a great Operations Manager in Kay and his very hardworking Grounds Staff. Even though the other polo fields in the country use either Bermuda, Zoysia or Paspalum, we still play on cow grass, but fortunately, we have a great Grounds Team who have managed to give us a good, safe and playable field over all these years. Jo and his team have worked very hard to give us the best grounds possible, within our limited budget.

We have been very fortunate to have had some very capable and hardworking Stable Members. Mr. Hennie Coenraad, our previous Stable and Fodder Committee Member, introduced many far-reaching and visionary changes to the way we manage our stables and fodder; the present major renovations of our stables and stable areas started under his watch. His successor Hew Kok Seng has come up to speed very quickly, and is one of our most hardworking Committee Members.

Our very experienced Vice President Dato Roshdi, a keen polo player until an unfortunate accident some years back forced him to take a break, is a hugely passionate supporter of polo. Together with our Hon. Secretary Dato David Morais, they have been the backbone of our Club's Finances and Administration for many years.

I started serving on our Club Committee first as your Polo Captain, then as your Vice President and finally, from 2007, as your Club President. When I became your President, your Committee shared my mission and vision to bring back the glory days of quality and exciting polo to the club, to ensure better financial management of the Club's finances and to improve the facilities at the club. To a large extent, we have met these goals. I have been very fortunate to have worked with such a dedicated

and hardworking Committee, Office Management and Club Staff. My thanks to every single one of them that I have had the honour of working with.

Dear friends, over the years, we have made mistakes, as no person or Committee is infallible, but I would like to think, with confidence, that our positive contributions far outweigh the mistakes that may have been made. In any case, our work is not done, my friends. We have to protect our Club and ensure that it stays at this location for the next 100 years InshaALLAH.

If in 2007 our shared vision was to make RSPC a premier polo club and polo destination in South East Asia, then our next vision and mission is to make RSPC a premier World Class polo club and polo destination, with truly world-class facilities. A St. Moritz polo club of Asia. It can be done!!!

Dear friends, it is not going to be easy, but if we put our hands, hearts, heads and resources together, we can get this done. We have to prioritise and focus on protecting our land, get a longer-term lease extension, invest in our Club's future whilst preserving our past by building a world-class Club with world-class polo and riding facilities, including a polo and equestrian museum. With the support of our members, we can build a club for the next generation of polo players, equestrian riders and members. That is our mission, and if approved by our members and the authorities, can be delivered within the next 3 to 5 years InshaALLAH.

So as we celebrate the past decade, let us also celebrate our vision for the future. Your Committee will continue to improve on its service to all of you, and in particular in our communication with members. I hope that more of our younger members will step up to serve on the Committee or Sub-Committees. I thank you all for your support all these years, and pledge to do my best to meet your expectations of service.

Dear friends, our Club's biggest asset is its members. Our bonding as an RSPC family, the individual talents of each member, and the friendships that have been built up over the years, are all vital to drive our Club forward. Let us harness this asset into a positive energy to achieve our goals and aspirations together, rather than spending our time, energy and money defending lawsuits brought by one of our own members against our Club. As the Malay proverb goes, "Bersatu Teguh Bercerai Roboh".

Y. Bhg Dato Mohammed Moiz
President



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2011 FIP WORLD CUP ZONE D QUALIFIERS



South Africa vs Australia



Raja Sami Ullah
of Pakistan



The Secretariat



The RSPC Mascots



Team Nigeria



A DECADE OF DEVELOPMENT

By Peter Abisheganaden

From 2010 to 2020, the Royal Selangor Polo Club was at the forefront of polo development in Malaysia. Our young players came through to win two successive South East Asian Games gold medals, in 2017 and again in 2019. Their journey was made possible by the wonderful polo played at our Club, that helped their development from club players to national representation and international champions.

Our journey started with the **67th FIP Ambassadors Cup**, which Malaysia hosted in 2009. The final was held on 19th April 2009 at the Royal Selangor Polo Club. FIP's Ambassadors encouraged Malaysia to host the **2011 FIP World Cup Zone D Qualifier** as they recognised the potential of Malaysia to become a regional player in polo. Our bid, made at the FIP General Assembly later that

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year, would shape the next decade of polo in Malaysia.

Malaysia 'horsed-up', importing 100 polo ponies from Argentina in an innovative horse-purchase scheme. Many of those horses were stabled at our club.

In preparation for the World Cup, the Royal Selangor Polo Club would take the lead in staging top level tournaments. In May 2010, the **RSPC International** in May 2010 saw eight teams take part in the 14-goal RMPA International League Tournament held at our club.

While RSPC did not host an RMPA

International League Tournament in 2011, we did have the honour of hosting the semi-finals and final of the FIP World Cup that year. It was then, and it remains the biggest and most successful FIP World Championship event ever held. 216 horses were used to host the seven countries that played in this tournament.

For the final, our club was transformed to host a fabulously spectacular event. A raised viewing gallery over the lawn housed royalty and dignitaries such as **HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah, Dato' Seri Mohd Najib**, Prime Minister of Malaysia, **His Highness Maharaja Gaj Singh of Jodhpur**, **FIP President Eduardo Huergo**, and Ambassadors of India, Pakistan, Nigeria and many more. The final was a magical affair that included a twenty-minute fireworks display.

It set the standard for future tournaments. RSPC would continue to ►



Samir Suhag MVP



India vs Pakistan in the final



The Maharaja of Jodhpur with the victorious Indian team

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

HRH Tengku Amir



Team Kotasas



Royal Pahang in the 2012 International

Three time Argentine Open Winner Benjamin Araya playing for La Sarita in 2014



Ameer Jumabhoi,
Julian Sagama,
Carlos Pardo,
Raul Laplace



Toh Muda Rizal Ramli, Dato Mohdamed Moiz, Pablo Dorignac,
Cindy Tomlinson, Saladin Mazlan & Tomas Gandara



host at least one RMPA International League Tournament from 2012 to 2018, sometimes taking on two or three such tournaments. It gave our local players a chance to hone their skills against international professionals.

Members were thrilled at the chance to play a high standard of polo in Malaysia. **The Jumabhoy family** moved their polo base from Singapore to RSPC, fielding their **La Sarita** team in the International League and other tournaments. La Sarita had many successes in Malaysia, winning the Malaysian Open, Royal Pahang Classic, RSPC Open and Merdeka League amongst their many successes.

Yeo Kuo Lee's Head Hunters also participated in tournaments regularly in Malaysia, winning the 2015 National Championships and 2016 Merdeka League.

Dato' Harald Link's Thai Polo was RSPC-based for the Malaysian season. They enjoyed phenomenal success, winning the RMPA International League six times in a seven-year period, from 2012 to 2018.

Dato' Mohamed Moiz has also been very successful, first with his

Malaysia 'horsed-up', importing 100 polo ponies from Argentina in an innovative horse-purchase scheme.

BRDB Polo Team, before teaming up with his old friend Yeo Kuo Lee to form **HLE**, and finally with his own **La Familia Polo Team**, which won the

shortened RMPA International League in 2018 and 2019.

Even members who did not play in the high goal tournaments benefitted from playing club chukkas with and against the professionals who were based at RSPC, for three to six months of the year.

When the RMPA International League was suspended in 2019, RSPC played medium goal series called the RSPC Triple Crown instead. It gave members like **Jennifer Too, Datin ►**



Eduardo Huergo, President of the Federation of International Polo with Asad Jumabhoy, PM Najib and Dato Mohamed Moiz.

Abdul Rashid, Shaik
Reismann, Dato
Mohamed Moiz,
Saladin Mazlan,
Horacio Etchevarry
and Gines Barallo

2016 RMPA International League Final

September



Thai Polo

2015 La Sarita Royal
Pahang Classic
Winners



RMPA Open 2015

Ameer Jumabhoy and
Benjamin Araya



RSPC INTERNATIONAL 2010

GROUP A

ROYAL PAHANG		
1	D.Y.T.M. Tengku Mahkota Pahang	1
2	Emelio Del Campo	0
3	Gaston Moore	7
4	Rafael Silva	6
	Team Handicap	14
R		

THAI POLO		
1	Harald Link	0
2	Dato' Mohamed Moiz	1
3	Carlos Pando	6
4	Raul Laplacette	6
	Team Handicap	13
R	Julian Sagarna	2

ROYAL JOHOR POLO CLUB 1		
1	Mohd Hafiz Mohsin	0
2	D.Y.A.M. Tengku Mahkota Johor	2
3	Santiago Estrada	6
4	Santiago Cernadas	6
	Team Handicap	14
R	Khairy Jamaluddin	

HEAD HUNTERS		
1	Yeo Kuo Lee	0
2	Dato' Razak Feroz Khan	1
3	Julio Astrada Novillo	8
4	Sattar Khan	4
	Team Handicap	13
R	Peter Abisheganaden	1

GROUP B

1 MALAYSIA		
1	Y.M. Tengku Shazril	3
2	Shaik Reismann	3
3	Huzaini Yunos	4
4	Edham Shaharuddin	4
	Team Handicap	14
R	Saladin Mazlan	3

RANHILL - JOGO		
1	Tan Sri Hamdan Mohammad	1
2	Quzier Ambak	1
3	Alejandro Vial-Peres	6
4	Tomas Gandara	6
	Team Handicap	14
R		

ROYAL JOHOR POLO CLUB 2		
1	Mohd Zubir	1
2	Y.M. Tengku Abdul Razak	1
3	Silvester Donovan	8
4	Diego Ocampo	4
	Team Handicap	14
R		

LA SARITA		
1	Ameer Jumabhoy	1
2	Gaston Otamendi	5
3	Benjamin Araya (Sr)	7
4	Asad Jumabhoy	1
	Team Handicap	14
R	Antonino Menard	1

Nurul, Dr Azfar, Ali Reda a chance to play in the highlight tournaments of the year.

While the International League was the glamour event, RSPC players also got to participate in the **National League** and **Merdeka League**. RSPC teams participated at this medium

The club now has 317 stables and has recently started upgrading the old stable blocks.

goal level, with the club hosting an annual National League tournament from 2011 till 2015. In the low goal Merdeka League, RSPC played a huge role in the development of young players, fielding many teams over the years, and bleeding new players to competitive polo in Malaysia. Hosting ►

a Merdeka League tournament every season since 2008, RSPC also had the honour of staging the Merdeka League final twice.

The **Malaysian Ladies Polo Championship** was started in 2012, played annually at RSPC. This evolved into the **RSPC Pink Polo KL Ladies** tournament, which has not only been a top-level ladies' tournament that has attracted the best lady players from all over the world to Malaysia, but also consistently fund-raised for charities raising **Breast Cancer awareness**.

While the International League was the high goal, Pink Polo was the champagne tournament. The lawn was transformed with games, special bars and seating, and fashion shows and flag parades were held on the field.

Youth players were given a start in the RMPA Colts Cup, played at RSPC alongside the RMPA Masters in 2014. Both age group events, they made for all amateur play in a tournament.

As other clubs depended on RSPC to host low-goal tournaments, the **RSPC Invitational series** was born in 2018. Six teams took part in this developmental league, with teams coming from as far as **Terengannu** and **Kelantan** to play at RSPC.

With so many tournaments to play in, RSPC's players formed the backbone of the national team. Polo Captain **Shaik Reismann** has been in every Malaysian team since

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2007, captaining the national side to enormous success.

Malaysia's 2017 World Cup side had two players from RSPC – Saladin Mazlan, and team captain **Shaik Reismann**. The SEA Games side that won the gold medal at Putrajaya later that year again featured two RSPC players: Shaik Reismann and **Abdul Rashid**, who made his international debut.

Members and players from RSPC that have donned national colours include **Saladin Mazlan, Huzaini Yunus, Mohd Edham, Dato' Mohamed Moiz, Abdul Rashid, Muhammad Faizal** (Cipita), **Zulhelmie Nadzar** (Lalo), **Mohd Shareizat** (Ejat), **Yudie Jamili, Dato' Mohamad Zekri, Dr Azfar Mustapha, Imran Moiz** and Keith Teh.

Imran and Keith were members of the B Division team that took silver at the 2019 SEA Games. The average age of the Malaysian B Division team was

19.25, brought down by the ages of our young stars.

Imran had already made history. At 13 years 6 months and 24 days old, Imran Moiz became the youngest Malaysian ever to play in a 14-goal RMPA International League game. Winning the 14-goal Thai Polo Masters in 2019 was icing on the cake.

RSPC is not just a Polo Club

RSPC is not just a polo club - the **Tan Sri Jamaluddin Jarjis Show Jumping Cup** was held at RSPC in September 2018. **Peter Abisheganaden**, who is an FEI international course designer, organised Malaysia's top show jumping event on the polo field, just before the final of the RMPA International League that year.

It was fantastic to see top class show jumping on the polo field again and the best show jumping horses and riders in Malaysia gathered at our club.

With all these activities at the club, the club invested in additional stables. The club now has 317 stables and has recently started upgrading the old stable blocks.

In the theme of development, KL Academy of Polo has invested in running a polo school at the club. The academy will help take our youth to the next stages of their development in equestrian and polo.

The RSPC Pony Club was resurrected by KL Academy of Polo last year. They held two RSPC Pony Club Camps, in July and December. There are plans for a Youth Polo Cup in August, and a regional Pony Club Polo Cup next year. The Christmas Camp was recognised as a Youth Camp by the Federation of International Polo.

Even as our players developed, so did our officials. Peter Abisheganaden was given the appointment as **FIP's Tournament Director** of the **FIP Snow Polo World Cup** from 2012 to 2018. Peter gave some members opportunities to Steward at these tournaments.

Three international FIP Umpire Seminars were held at RSPC in 2014, '16 and '18, organised by Peter. In recognition of his contribution to polo internationally, Peter has been awarded an **FIP Ambassadorship**. ►

2018 RSPC Masters





Davor Saric,
Gonzalo Ramirez,
Maya Saric

Head Hunters



NATIONAL LEAGUE



La Saritas

MERDEKA LEAGUE

Ranhill vs Santa Marissa



T Satrias



Terengganu Polo Team
- Winners of the RSPC
Merdeka League 2009



Santa Marissa Polo



La Pampa

FIRST MALAYSIAN LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012



Sunny Hale and Lia Salvo



Dalin Nurul and Natasha Kraai



Team Jaeger Le Coultre

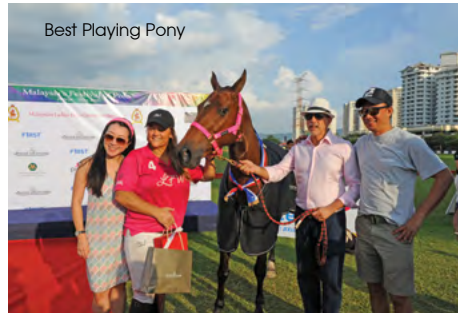


Zack's Taek Ambassadors

PINK POLO KL 2016



Sarah Wiseman
& Shahida Hasan



Best Playing Pony



Jennifer Too &
Isabelle Larenaudie

While the International League was the high goal, Pink Polo was the champagne tournament.

La Familia Windhorse

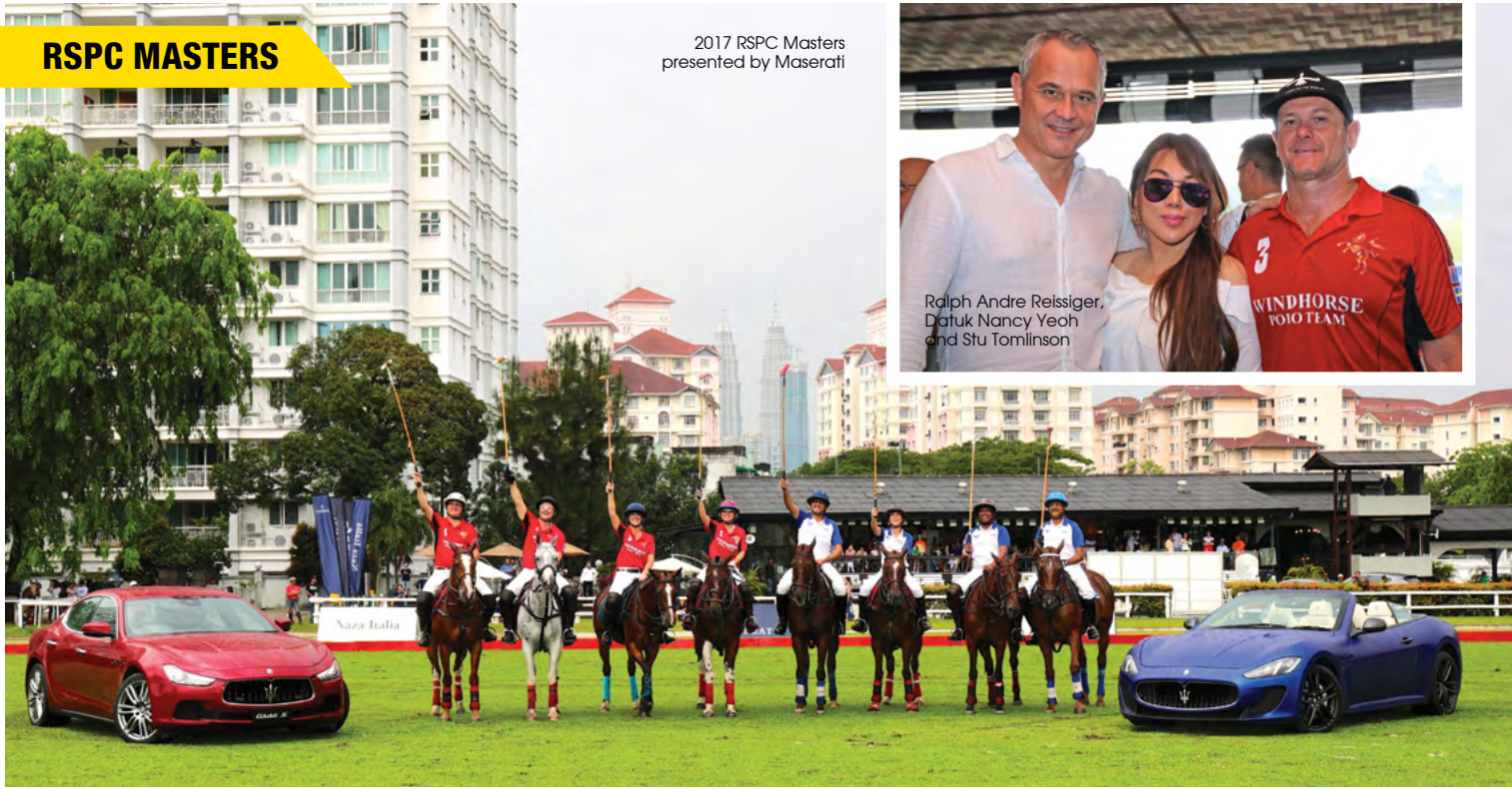


RSPC MASTERS

2017 RSPC Masters
presented by Maserati



Ralph Andre Reissiger,
Datuk Nancy Yeeh
and Stu Tomlinson



Best Playing
Pony Coka,
meets Ameer
Jumabhoy



La Sarita were the champions in 2017



TAN SRI JAMALUDDIN JARJIS COMPETITION 2018

The late Tan Sri
Jamaluddin Jarjis



Tan Sri Dato Seri Jamaluddin Jarjis was a Malaysian politician, diplomat and Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation. He served as Chairman of the 1 Malaysia People's Housing and Malaysia Special Envoy to the US. He was also President of the Equestrian Association of Malaysia for many years, a polo player and a much loved member of the RSPC.

Prize Winners
of the Tan Sri JJ Cup



While the club used to rely on caterers to feed the many spectators that would come for our matches, recently the club's **F&B department** also kept pace with monumental epicurean development. RSPC now produces high-goal fare that has made us the envy of other clubs in Malaysia.

While our tournament parties have been the stuff of legends, more recently, it is the authentic **Argentine Asados** that have captured the hearts of our members, and the Argentine community!

Polo has been the lifeblood of our club. And the Royal Selangor Polo Club has been the flag-bearer of Malaysian polo. It has been an epic journey, one that has filled stables, brought members and magic to our home. Long may our club continue! ■



Siobhan Beatty of Australia
riding Cloon Captain,
winner of the Tan Sri
Jamaluddin Jarjis Cup

FIP Umpires Seminar



COVID-OPERATIONS TEAM

MANAGING THE CLUB IN TIMES OF COVID-19



As soon as the Govt made the 1st announcement on COVID-19, the Main Committee decided to create a Covid-Operations Team to take the lead on managing all procedures and operations that would be impacted by Covid.

The objectives of the team were set out to:

- a) Ensure the grooms and grounds staff were protected from a COVID-19 infection

- b) Ensure operations of the club were not affected with the impending restrictions
- c) Ensure members were protected from contracting COVID-19 at the club
- d) Set up proper security systems
- e) Create and implement SOP's in accordance to Govt guidelines.

Johan Indot, who is the Grounds Member, was tasked to lead the team that comprised of:

- Hew Kok Seng (Stable Member)
- Shaik Reismann (Polo Captain)
- Stanley Sinnappen (House Member)
- Nor Haliza (General Manager)
- Kay Kaliappan (Operations Manager)
- Samsuri Ismail (Stable and Grounds Representative)
- Shariffie Hamidi (Stables Representative)

The team deserves the biggest kudos, making rounds at the Club day after day throughout the past two country-wide MCO lockdowns, supervising

guards, staff and grooms, and now during the CMCO, formulating workable protocols to ensure we continue to stay safe, while the rest of us members can continue to enjoy our horses and our riding. The team have also been able to strengthen the relationship between the club and the grooms. The camaraderie and support by all proved to be so valuable when we had flash floods in Nov 2020, the grooms supported our grounds staff to redirect the streams of water gushing down from the flash floods created by the torrential downpour. The storm drains taking water out of the club were not able to cope with the extraordinary volume of water. This helped us reduce the flooding at the stables.

JENNIFER TOO chats with JOHAN INDOT on his reflections on this COVID-afflicted year.

1) What were your main priorities when formulating a COVID-19 strategy for the Club?

At the very first meeting, we were very clear that we needed to ensure

the safety of our staff and grooms. Everything we did was to support this objective. We knew that because of the close working environment, we would not just have isolated cases, it would have been a cluster. This would have resulted in an impossible situation where horses would not have anyone to care for them.

2) What were the main challenges?

The biggest challenge was to have SOP's that would not cause too much inconvenience to our members. As we all know, our horses are like "pets" for many members, and naturally, we can expect members wanting to come to the club to see their "pets". The team had many long and sometimes heated discussions before recommending anything to the main committee for approval. We are all horse lovers, and we tried to implement things that were acceptable yet safe.

3) Now that we are slowly opening up again, what do we need to do to ensure we continue to stay safe?



As has been said by many, the "new norm" is something we have to live with until there is sufficient immunity in the community whereby the rate of spread of the virus is acceptable. We will be guided by the ►



experts on how we ease back into our normal lives. If we break to it down, go back to the very basic levels of hygiene, washing hands and avoiding / distancing if we are not feeling 100% - things you would do if you had a normal cough or cold.

4) What are your thoughts on COVID vaccines? Should we all sign up to get vaccines?

I am no expert, but from what I have heard from the experts that I have spoken to, the vaccine is something we should all take. For the first time in our history, in one year, we have been able to gather a huge amount of data from “clinical trials” worldwide. Under normal circumstances, this would take many years. On saying that, each person should speak to a medical expert to get proper advice.



5) What have been the “plusses” from the Lockdown?

During the lockdown, to ensure compliance with the SOP’s, we had to get the support of the members

as well as the grooms. From the very start, members were very supportive. The RM50 minimum bar spend was redirected to a food fund. For the grooms who agreed to stay at the club, we provided food and supplies. We bought badminton equipment and organised a badminton tournament, as well as indoor beach football. Prizes were sponsored by a few members. This gesture was appreciated by the grooms. I believe this has gone a long way to developing our relationship with the grooms and is something we should continue to develop. We have 2 stable reps who provide an avenue for feedback on any issue.

6) How long more do you think, before we are “out of the woods”?

Better not say – not an expert! ■



Providing food during lockdown



Grooms getting Covid Test



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Uzbekistan Ambassador, HE Ravshan Usmanov presents Dato Roshdie with artwork of the ancient sport of "Chowgan"

Visit by *Uzbekistan* Ambassador

The Uzbekistan Ambassador to Malaysia, His Excellency Ravshan Usmanov, visited the RSPC recently, meeting with our Vice President, Dato Mohd Roshdi. His visit was in conjunction with the launch of the first polo club in Tashkent, which he wanted to put in touch with our Club.

Dato Roshdi briefed him on our facilities and activities with a short walk around the stables, club house and the polo grounds. Mr Usmanov presented our Club with a framed picture of an old drawing of Chowgan (Polo) Training with mallets by the Turkmen in Central

Asia, where polo is said to have originated.

The ancient folk game of "chowgan" was popular for centuries in Uzbekistan, and in other neighbouring Central Asian countries, and involved a ball and curved stick played on horseback. It is said that this sport gained popularity in India, and from there, an evolved version of the sport migrated from India to the United Kingdom, and later spread across Europe.

The launch of the first modern polo club in Uzbekistan celebrates the modern sport of polo loved by kings and gentlemen alike but also



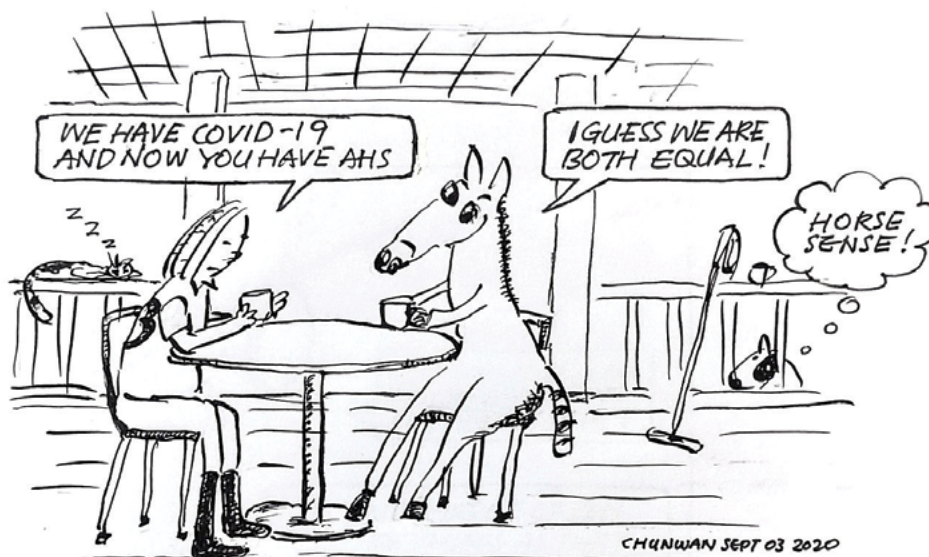
embraces the history and culture of the Uzbek people, and it is hoped that it will play its part in reviving

past traditions, passing it on to the next generation.

The ambassador also shared videos of the launch of their Polo Club and Association for our information. He plans to organize a teleconference call for the RSPC to speak and connect with their Polo Club and Association soon, and hopes there can be close cooperation between our two clubs in the future. ■



YES



AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS (AHS) HAS ARRIVED IN MALAYSIA



THE TEENAGED *Cowboy*

JULIAN LANCIA is a 14-year-old Canadian living in Malaysia with his parents who are both teachers at an International School here. Since joining the club as members, Julian's talent but more than that his great attitude and commitment to horses and riding earned him a spot over the summer holidays of 2020 as a working student at the KL Academy of Polo.

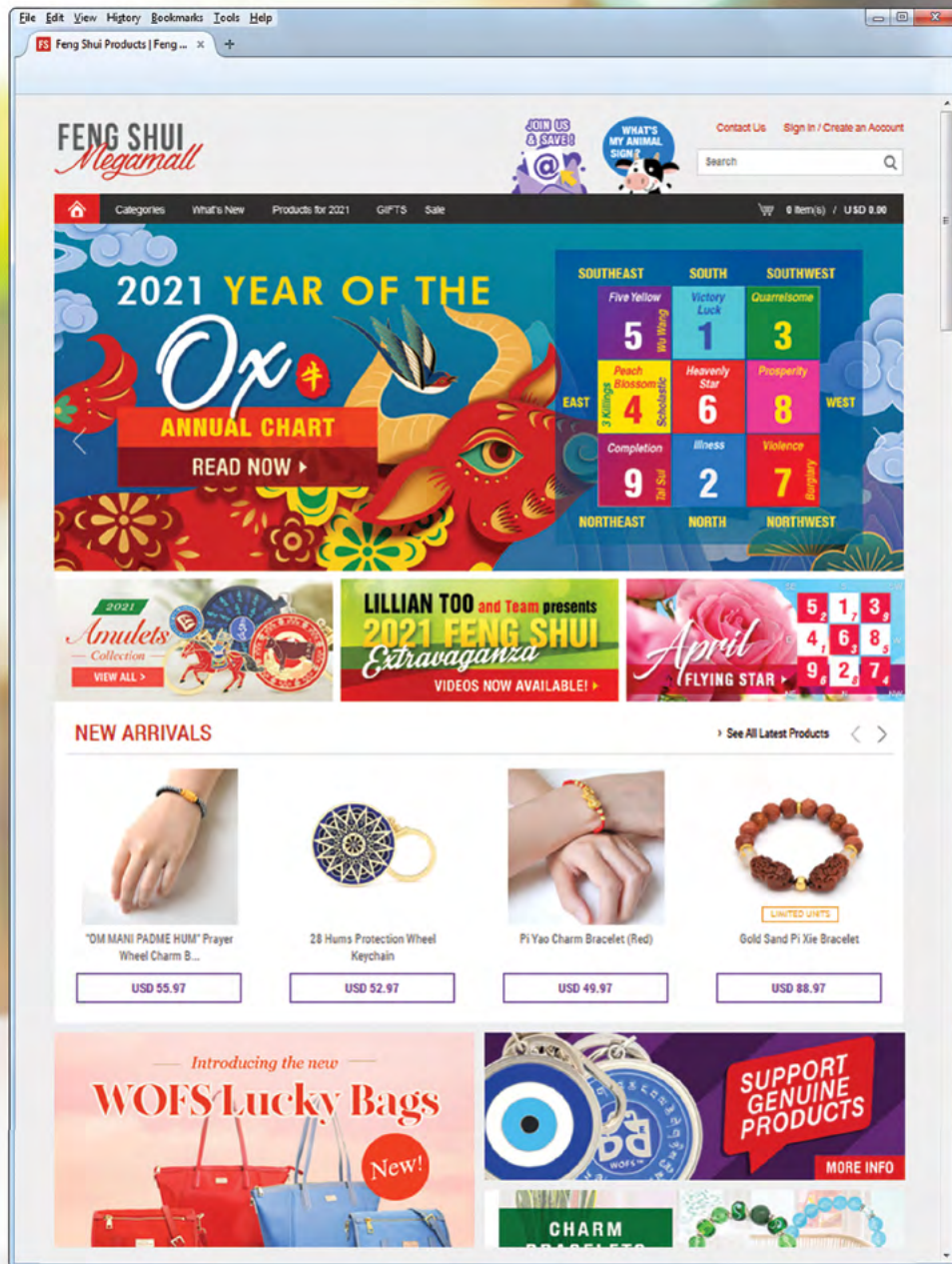
This involved turning up for work each day, helping out with the horses at the stables, tacking up, exercising the polo ponies in sets, and in exchange he got polo lessons. His debut in polo was delayed due to the lack of polo during the various MCOs, but this March, when the MCO lifted and polo restarted, he made quite the debut in his first ever proper chukkas, scoring 3 goals, celebrated by his parents Alex and Dawn with champagne for all at the RSPC Bar, although Julian had to abstain as he is underage!

JENNIFER TOO talks to Julian on starting polo, his experience at the RSPC, with KLAP, and where he's headed.

Tell us about your experience working with the KL ACADEMY OF POLO. How did you get the internship?

I was initially taking riding lessons and Peter A. recognized that I loved hanging around the stables and with the horses. It was Peter who interviewed me and offered me an internship. The internship with KLAP is one of the best things that has ever happened to me. There is such a strong community and bond with everyone involved, and right away I felt that I was part of a family. It not only taught me how to work with horses and gave me that experience of being around horses all day, every day, but it also taught me life skills and how to manage my time and communicate with my colleagues. ►

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What was your favourite part of the job?

I love riding horses and for me, getting to ride 4,5, or 6 horses a day, every day, is super cool and really fun. I have become a much better horseman because of this consistent riding. To answer the question, my favorite part of the job is riding the horses.

What was your least favourite part?

Nothing. Everything I do with horses and around horses I enjoy doing. I would not be around them and involve myself with them as much as I do if I didn't. Yes, mucking the stalls is stinky and taking care of the horses can be a lot of work, but I enjoy every part.

How long had you been riding before joining the RSPC?

I have been riding most of my life, I started riding since I can remember. I rode in Ethiopia for 10 years but with little discipline in terms of formal lessons in dressage, jumping or polo. I mostly just got on a horse and would ride a horse while my parents were hiking up mountains. My favorite thing to do was go on trail rides with horses for a few days while camping outside in the Bale Mountains of Ethiopia. My parents would hike up and I would follow on horseback. I loved riding so much I wouldn't even get off the horse to eat lunch but would snack on a sandwich in the saddle!

Where else in the world have you ridden?

For extended periods of time I have only ridden in Ethiopia and Malaysia. Although on vacation I cannot go very long without being on a horse and so my dad and I would go on trail rides. I remember riding in Canada doing a cattle round up a few years back, and also Mallorca, Spain and Cambodia doing some trail rides.

Do your parents ride?

My dad used to ride when I was little, and he grew up riding. He did some jumping, but the stories I was told were that he jumped more than his horse ever wanted to. My mom was never a rider, and currently neither of my parents ride.

You're quite an allrounder in your riding – you've competed in dressage, jumping, and now polo. Which is your favourite discipline and why?

I really like all of the disciplines but if I had to pick I would probably choose polo. This is because I am a big soccer and basketball player and love to work in a team. Also, the physicality of both polo and soccer are very similar, and that is something that dressage and jumping both lack. That is not to say that I don't like to jump or do dressage, but I would say my favorite is polo.

What are your goals – with your education, and also, with your riding?

Honestly, I am not really sure. I haven't thought a lot into the future with my riding, but I do know that I love being around horses and riding horses, and I will continue to work hard to become a better horseman and learn as much as I can.

Congratulations on your fantastic debut! How did it feel playing your first chukkas? Any tips for others following your path, switching from riding to polo?

First of all, I would like to thank all the people at KLAP and the riding school for being so supportive and



encouraging with my riding and transition to polo. Like I said before, it feels like a family. The first chukkas felt great! I was a bit nervous at the beginning, but all of that faded away once I started to play. The guys on the field were super nice and helped me

learn the ropes.

The biggest tip that I would give for someone switching from riding to polo would be to not forget about jumping and dressage; it all starts with dressage and that is how you learn your seat and how to control the horse, where to put your hands. All the basics you need for good riding. Then you go to polo and things will change a bit in the way you ride and your leg position. It is important to still work on both disciplines, because you are going to be a much better rider if you can do both jumping/ dressage as well as polo. To this day, I still take lessons with my coach Ali.

Who are your polo heroes and why?

Peter A. is really my Polo mentor. He has given me huge opportunities and

encouragement to pursue the sport. He is the one I have to thank for all the experiences I have had so far in Polo. I really admire all the young polo players like Imran and Rashid that are such good horsemen and are still really young. As you get older, you learn and you improve, but to be young and so knowledgeable and skillful takes a lot of hard work and dedication.

Your thoughts on RSPC – what do you like most about this club?

I love everything. Firstly, the food is amazing, especially the avocado toast! The people are so friendly and supportive. The grooms are so nice and so diligent with their work. The atmosphere after polo is just magical. I am really lucky to have found this club and to be part of a loving, caring community. ■

A TRIBUTE TO POLO

THE SPORTING LIFE OF AMEERALI JUMABHOY

Polo Player, Mentor and Patron | 1925 to 2020

~ by Asad Jumabhoy



Ameer Jumabhoy with Tan Sri Mahadevan at a polo event at the RSPC



With HRH the Sultan of Pahang

My father Ameerali Jumabhoy (known throughout the polo community as Ameer), started playing polo in the 1960s in Singapore. In those days, Singapore was a part of Malaya and polo was a sport woven into the fabric of the peninsula. The annual polo calendar started in the south and moved northward through the season which was competitive every year from March through October.

As the 60s progressed, the British armed forces involvement in polo

waned. The royal households of Pahang and Johor were instrumental in keeping the sport alive. In that nurturing environment, club activity sprung up in Penang, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore with Royal Johor and Royal Pahang tournaments the highlights in the annual polo calendar. The Malaysian Armed Forces were strong supporters in these early decades of my polo memory.

It was in this period that my father committed his sporting activity to polo. He started his polo career in his thirties but the bug bit hard and he joined the fraternity which travelled up and down the peninsula to play- this ended up becoming the community which we all enjoy to this day. Today, 1st and 2nd generation families play with 3rd and 4th generation royal teams which share a curious blend of sport and brotherhood built up over half a century of competition and friendship.

Most players travelled to at least

4 of the major tournaments on the Peninsula and thus the relationship between the RSPC and the Jumabhoy family was kindled in the mid-1960s. In Kuala Lumpur, my earliest recollections remain around an incredibly talented team captained by the legendary Vijay Lukshemeyah, ably assisted by Tony Tanner, John Dixon, with Fork Kim Seng and others in later years. I spent vacations going up to Kuala Lumpur with my father and remaining behind at Uncle Vijay's for the week after the tournament to stick and ball and learn how to hit a long shot. The most enjoyable game I had at the RSPC was as a family team with my father playing at number 2 and Captain, my brothers Rafiq and Iqbal at 1 and 3 and myself at Back, playing as a 6-goal team in the late 1970s.

As President of the Singapore Polo Club in the 70s and 80s, the relationship between Ameer Jumabhoy's home



club in Singapore and our friends at the RSPC grew stronger. The Malaysian Armed Forces Polo Club, which was nurtured by the Royal Pahang Polo Club, was for many years, a centerpiece tournament in the annual polo programme. Apart from the competition at "A", "B" and "C" divisions, the handicapping meetings which accompanied the RMPA tournaments were pivotal in our rating system Peninsula wide. The Tuesday after the A division final witnessed the much-coveted invitational North versus South tournament which saw a combination of KL/Pahang against southern Johor/Singapore, which typically exhibited the best 4 players of each zone to represent each region.

My father had the pleasure to have played with the polo greats in the region. From Ungku Non, Ismail Taib, Haji Shaharuddin, Tengku Asmawi, Awang Kamaruddin and HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah (then Tengku Mahkota of Pahang), to Hatta Ali, Ismail Ali and HRH Sultan Mahmud Iskandar (then Raja Muda of Johor), he enjoyed the best

polo had to offer in our region. We are the beneficiaries of these old and treasured memories and friendships. He was a staunch supporter of the RMPA in its transitional years, in a period where colonial polo was transitioning into local polo. At different occasions, he had welcomed both HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and HRH Prince Charles to polo in Singapore.

Ameer Jumabhoy was a well-wisher of polo in Brunei. We played at Jerudong Park and Berakas, where the chukka bell was his gift to the polo community there. I recall playing for Malaysia at a Brunei-Malaysia friendly, on the invitation of HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah with whom my father shared a close friendship.

For him, the beauty of polo endured. In 1985, at the age of 60, my father moved from playing polo to supporting the sport. He encouraged regional polo, inspiring players both sides of the causeway, including the then budding polo enthusiast Mohamed Moiz who relocated to Kuala Lumpur and has continued to carry the spirit of polo with him. My father continued to actively attend polo in Kuala Lumpur

and encouraged me to move my stables to the RSPC in 2005, playing in Malaysia and at Thai Polo, as I sought polo at a better level.

I recall my father telling Mohamed Moiz, in 2019 at his last visit to watch polo at the RSPC, how proud he was that "you, the 2nd generation of polo had lifted the game to such a high level, setting up leagues for the advancement of the game in our region." His hope was that all our children would take the game further still.

Our family has much to thank him in shaping La Sarita Polo which has been a strong supporter of polo in Malaysia and in particular at the RSPC over the last 15 years of his life. At his last tournament at the RSPC in 2019 as the Patron of La Sarita, he was invited to present prizes to the winners, at the same grounds where he had won them over half a century ago.

You've played a good chukka in a great game. Goodbye Daddy: amongst the many of life's lessons we have been fortunate to learn from you, thank you for your polo legacy. ■



Agustín Amador, Dato Mohd Moiz, Ameer Jumabhoy, Fede Bachmann and Cines Baggio



With Dato Mohd Moiz and Shaik Reismann at the Masters



Celebrating his birthday last year at RSPC with his family team La Sarita



Iqbal Jumabhoy, Dato Mohd Moiz, Dato Awang Kamaruddin, Asad Jumabhoy with Ameer Ali Jumabhoy

By BRIAN MILLER

The Singapore "B" team put up a brilliant performance for a 4-0 lead after two chukkas in the opening day of the Malaysian Polo Association tournament for the Vectors Cup at Thomson Road yesterday.

The Singapore team, led by Polo Club President, Ameer Jumabhoy and ably supported by his two sons, Asad and Iqbal combined well with youngster, Mohamed Moiz to lead the Selangor Polo and Riding Club.

It was Singapore all the way. Off a 40-metre penalty hit Asad Jumabhoy put Singapore in the lead. His brother Iqbal put them further ahead when he scored with a beautiful offside-forehand shot from a difficult cross-angle.

Asad scored his second goal when Mohamed Moiz's thundering shot hit the post. With quick anticipation Asad pronounced on the "dead" ball and calmly tapped it in.

Singapore continued to dominate play and in the dying minutes of the chukka 14-year-old Moiz put the team four-up. Gathering the ball from the far touchline he unleashed a stinging shot into goal.

GIVE US A KLAP



2020 was a tough year for everyone at the Royal Selangor Polo Club. Not allowing members to ride during the first MCO hurt badly, especially the riding and polo school. There were no lessons for six weeks, and when KL Academy of Polo was allowed to reopen the riding and polo school, the MCO restrictions still did not allow any group lessons.

It did not stop KLAP from hitting their stride. From June to December, KLAP ran sixteen socially-distanced horse shows and events, a remarkable record of over two events per month.

TRAINING HORSE SHOWS, D-DAY AND DIGITALIZED COMPETITIONS

Six equestrian events or Horse Shows were held. There were Combined Dressage and Jumping shows in June and August, Dressage shows in the last three months of the year, and a reintroduction to Showjumping Equitation at the Christmas Show.

Embracing the 'new normal', RSPC riders also took part in the Equestrian Association of Malaysia's (EAM) Digitalized Horse Shows in November and December. The concept is that competitors stay at their home club, and jump a prescribed course, or

do their dressage tests there, while the judges do the judging in real time, but remotely, by zoom.

The results are tabulated nationally to find the winners of each height class or dressage level. The concept is like an FEI World Challenge, but held nationally, and judged on-line.

At RSPC, KLAP engaged staff to set up cameras at prescribed positions in the arena. Dressage riders were judged remotely in these Digitalized Horse Shows with the live feed going to the judges, who judged from the HQ at the EAM office.

The Digitalized Horse Shows allowed a return of RSPC riders to ►



Linda Lee, Angela Zhang, Vivien Li

KLAP TRAINING HORSE SHOW



Maryam Jasmi on Harley



Terese Vikse and Grace Kelly



Linda Lee on Ethan



Angela Zhang, Linda Lee and Vivian Li with dressage judge Ong Wan Ming and Zack of Zack's Tack



Zack, Ernee Zakaria, Anna Driga Ferguson and Ong Wan Ming



Ong Wan Ming and Zack with Novice Dressage winners Arjuna Sen and Terese Vikse

D2B (PRELIMINARY 1C) OPEN RESULTS

20th December 2020, 8.30am

	RIDER NAME	HORSE NAME	CLUB	JUDGE C	TOTAL	%	FINAL PLACING	PRIZE MONEY (RM)
1	Sally Shackleton-Tallis	Grace Kelly	RSPC	190.0	190.0	67.86	1	300.00
2	L/Kpl Mohd Faez bin Ishak	Stella	PDRM	184.5	184.5	65.89	2	280.00
3	L/Kpl Muhammad Azizi Bin Ismail	Bertie	PDRM	184.0	184.0	65.71	3	250.00
4	Isba Hanim Husein	Bronte Biarritz	BKECR	183.0	183.0	65.36	4	230.00
5	Vivien Li	Ethan	RSPC	179.3	179.3	64.11		
6	Sharifah Noorfaslina Bt Syed Md Kamal	Thor	Ar-Raudhah	174.0	174.0	62.14		
7	Muhammad Zalqar Naim Bin Mohd Zaid	Martika	Ar-Raudhah	168.0	168.0	60.00		
8	Sharidah Noorfaslina Bt Syed Md Kamal	Hizum	Ar-Raudhah	164.5	164.5	58.75		
9	Mira Ajib	First	RSPC	160.5	160.5	57.32		

NOVICE 2B OPEN RESULTS

8th November 2020, 9.25am

	RIDER NAME	HORSE NAME	CLUB	JUDGE C	TOTAL	%	FINAL PLACING	
1	Mohd Izry Bin Razali	Negrita	BKECR	228.0	228.0	67.06	1	
2	Sjn Marshal Bin Ajail	Golden Granus	ATM	222.0	222.0	65.29	2	
3	Terese Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	213.0	213.0	62.65	3	
4	Lutfi Suroi	Gold Digga	BKECR	198.0	198.0	58.24	4	
5	Sjn U Donna Anak Tayik	Utars VD Langvoort Z	ATM	195.0	195.0	57.35		
6	Sjn U Donna Anak Tayik	Flampbell	ATM	193.0	193.0	56.76		

national level competitions, a level the riding school had not competed at in several years. We celebrated our national return with a number of placings, the best of which was **Terese Vikse's** 3rd place in the National Novice 2B class in November, riding **Grace Kelly**.

New member **Sally Shackleton-Tallis** took over the ride on Grace Kelly from Terese in December, and immediately scored a win in the Preliminary 1B class at the EAM's Digitalized Horse Show in December. To encourage better equitation of our track riders and polo players, KLAP organized the **D-Day Dressage Extravaganza** in November. Two Novice dressage classes were specially dedicated for polo players and track riders.

Professional grooms and track riders were encouraged to participate with prizemoney of RM2,000 for their class. It was the most prizemoney for a

dressage class held in Malaysia in many years.

To help riders improve their skills, KL Academy of Polo held six weeks of free dressage lessons for the grooms and track riders. On the day, there were four entries. The class was won by **Mardinor Bin Masodi**, on **Camilla Sugden's Skyfall**.

Polo players also took part in a novice grade dressage test on polo ponies. **Terese Vikse**, riding KL Academy of Polo's **Picafior** won this class, with a 63.57% score. This percentage actually outscored her other win on her equestrian horse Grace Kelly, which did the same test!

At our Christmas Show, the Handy Pony was upgraded to run as an Obstacle Race - slightly longer, but along the same theme. We also had show jumping, but chose equitation over competition, a conscious decision to encourage "performance" over "outcome" goals.

SHOWJUMPING EQUITATION

Peter Abisheganaden, a pioneer of Showjumping Equitation in Malaysia, reintroduced the discipline to RSPC at the Christmas Show.

In Showjumping Equitation, riders are judged and given feedback on how well they ride. They are marked much like dressage, with a score given for each fence based on how well they jump it. Their performance is judged, rather than the outcome of competition.

Peter, who wrote the *Malaysian Showjumping Equitation Manual* many years back, said, "Showjumping Equitation is about how well you ride on the flat and over fences and consequently how well your horse jumps. Some horses naturally have better paces and jumping technique than others and will generally score higher than others. Showjumping Equitation is not only a way to seek objective evaluation of your skills, but also a discipline in itself." ►

KLAP TRAINING HORSE SHOW

Terese Vikse
riding Grace Kelly
with Zack's Tack
sponsor, Zack
Abisheganaden.



RSPC - KLAP TRAINING HORSE SHOW

ROYAL SELANGOR POLO CLUB

14th June 2020

CLASS: Preparatory B
JUDGE: Ong Wan Ming

DRESSAGE

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	%	PLACING
1	Teresa Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	68.42	1
2	Deborah Henry	Consagrado	RSPC	64.74	2
3	Julian Lancia	Ethan	RSPC	63.95	3
4	Anna Driga Ferguson	Diabolo	RSPC	58.42	4
5	Raja Tamara	Cabana	RSPC	57.37	
6	Raja Ezmal	Remy	RSPC	55.79	

CLASS: Preliminary 1B
JUDGE: Ong Wan Ming

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	%	PLACING
1	Teresa Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	64.46	1
2	Deborah Henry	Consagrado	RSPC	63.75	2
3	Julian Lancia	Ethan	RSPC	62.32	3
4	Ernee Zolkafle	Cherry	RSPC	61.07	4

CLASS: SJ1 50cm Optimum time

SHOW JUMPING

START OVER	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	OPTIMUM TIME			
				JUMPING FAULTS	TIME	TIME DIFFERENCE	PLACING
1	Teresa Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	0	57.56	1.56	1
2	Julian Lancia	Ethan	RSPC	0	63.82	7.82	2
3	Anna Driga Ferguson	Diabolo	RSPC	4	77.06	11.06	3

CLASS: SJ2 65cm Optimum time

START OVER	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	OPTIMUM TIME			
				JUMPING FAULTS	TIME	TIME DIFFERENCE	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	0	103.81	4.81	1
2	Clara Sergeraert	Consagrado	RSPC	0	52	7	2

CLASS: SJ3 80cm Optimum time

START OVER	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	FEI ART 238.2.2				
				JUMPING FAULTS	TIME	TIME FAULTS	TOTAL FAULTS	PLACING
1	Clara Sergeraert	Consagrado	RSPC	4	57.78	1.22	1	1



RSPC - KLAP TRAINING HORSE SHOW

ROYAL SELANGOR POLO CLUB

23rd August 2020

CLASS: Preparatory B
JUDGE: Ong Wan Ming

DRESSAGE

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	%	PLACING
1	Vivien Li Chun Yin	Ethan	RSPC	71.32	1
2	Linda Lee	Cherry	RSPC	66.58	2
3	Angela Zhang	Remy	RSPC	62.37	3
4	Maryam Razlinar	Poliana	RSPC	E	
5	Nazim Khan	Baite	RSPC	SC	

CLASS: Preliminary 1B
JUDGE: Ong Wan Ming

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	%	PLACING
1	Anna Driga Ferguson	Diabolo	RSPC	65.00	1
2	Ernee Zolkafle	Cherry	RSPC	64.82	2

CLASS: Novice 2A
JUDGE: Ong Wan Ming

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	%	COLLECTIVE MARKS	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	62.32	39.50	1
2	Arjuna Alagendra	Tiger Lady	RSPC	62.32	38.00	2

SHOW JUMPING

CLASS: SJ1 50cm Optimum time

START OVER	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	OPTIMUM TIME			
				JUMPING FAULTS	TIME	TIME DIFFERENCE	PLACING
1	Julian Lancia	Ethan	RSPC	0	53.43	3.43	1
2	Maryam Jasmi	Harley	RSPC	0	62.03	12.03	2
3	Anna Driga Ferguson	Diabolo	RSPC	0	91.35	41.35	3

CLASS: SJ2 65cm Optimum time

START OVER	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	OPTIMUM TIME			
				JUMPING FAULTS	TIME	TIME DIFFERENCE	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	0	64.22	14.22	1
2	Maryam Jasmi	Harley	RSPC	4	60.13	10.13	2
3	Anna Driga Ferguson	Diabolo	RSPC	4	92.31	42.31	3
4	Julian Lancia	Diabolo	RSPC	8	53.47	3.47	4

CLASS: SJ3 80cm Jump Off

START OVER	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	FEI ART 238.2.2				
				JUMPING FAULTS	TIME	TIME FAULTS	TOTAL FAULTS	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	0	63.63	1	1	1

RSPC - KLAP D-DAY DRESSAGE EXTRAVAGANZA

ROYAL SELANGOR POLO CLUB

22nd November 2020

CLASS: Preparatory E
JUDGES: Ms Tushaani Naidu
SCRIBE: Ms Emily Besley

	RIDER	HORSE	%	PLACING
1	Izzah Nadzri	First	66.85	1
2	Thorna Lawrence	Poliana	65.79	2
3	Hallisya Hani Mohd Hasmadee	Cherry	63.16	3
4	Ginevra Secchi	Daisy	63.16	4
5	Norjan Tarek Osman	Diabolo	62.63	
6	Macarena Alvarez Felgueroso	Cherry	62.63	
7	Annanya Kannan	Diabolo	61.58	
8	Rain Chan	Remy	60.53	



CLASS: Preliminary 1B
JUDGES: Ms Tushaani Naidu
SCRIBE: Ms Emily Besley

	RIDER	HORSE	%	PLACING
1	Sally Shackleton	Consagrado	63.928	1
2	Angela Zhang	Diabolo	62.143	2
3	Vivien Li	Ethan	61.785	

CLASS: Novice 2A (Polo Players on Polo Ponies)
JUDGES: Ms Ong Wan Ming & Ms Tushaani Naidu
SCRIBES: Ms Emily Besley & Ms Hisae Yamazaki

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	%	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Picaflor	RSPC	63.57	1
2	Deborah Melissa Bottreau	Show Off	RSPC	62.41	2
3	Camilla Sugden	Skyfall	RSPC	62.32	3
4	Deborah Melissa Bottreau	Butch Cassidy	RSPC	61.43	4
5	Julian Lancia	Cordiciada	RSPC	59.46	
6	Camilla Sugden	Saturday	RSPC	59.20	
7	Michelle Wakefield	Cafree	RSPC	59.02	
8	Deborah Melissa Bottreau	Carita Blanca	RSPC	57.32	
9	Emil Teo	Gausteo	RSPC	51.34	
10	Emil Teo	Winston	RSPC	49.64	

CLASS: Novice 2A (Open)
JUDGES: Ms Ong Wan Ming & Ms Tushaani Naidu
SCRIBES: Ms Emily Besley & Ms Hisae Yamazaki

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	C	E	TOTAL %	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	176.00	170.00	61.79	1
2	Sally Shackleton	Consagrado	RSPC	163.50	173.00	60.09	2
3	Elise Peltriaux	Cherry	RSPC	168.00	160.50	58.66	

CLASS: Novice 2A (Grooms & Track Riders)
JUDGES: Ms Lorraine Bottreau
SCRIBE: Ms Emily Besley

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	%	PLACING
1	Mardino	Skyfall	RSPC	60.00	1
2	Sawafi	Carlitos	RSPC	57.32	2
3	N. Saiful	Fernet	RSPC	55.71	3
4	Mardino (HC)	Saturday	RSPC	56.07	

KLAP D-DAY DRESSAGE EXTRAVAGANZA



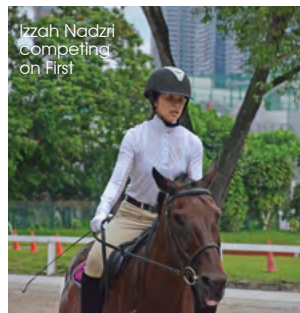
Mardino Masodi on
Camilla Sugden's
Skyfall, winner
of the Groom's
Dressage.



Ginevra
Secchi and
Daisy



Sally Shackleton Tallis
on Consagrado



Izzah Nadzri
competing
on First



Vivien Li
and Ethan



Preliminary Winners Sally
Shackleton Tallis with Judge
Naidu Tushaani Naidu, Zack



Teresa Vikse on Grace Kelly
and Sally Shackleton Tallis on
Consagrado



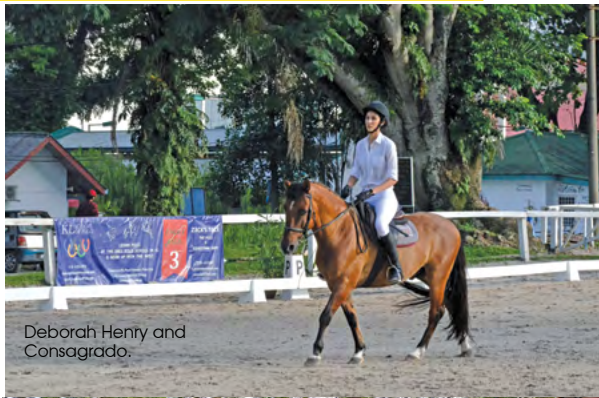
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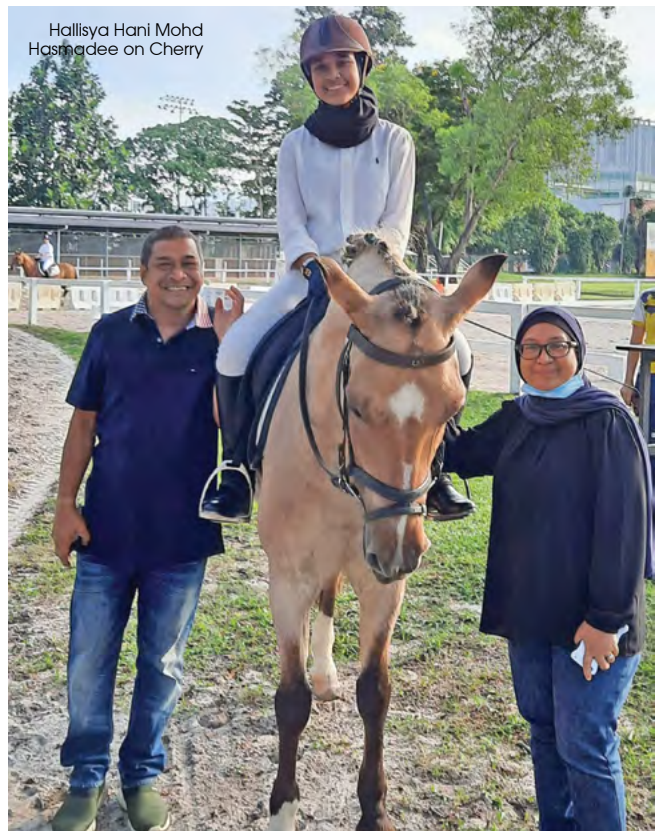
Datin Usha and
Ananya Kanna



Deborah Henry and Consagrado.



Setting up the cameras for the EAM Digitalized Horse Show.



Hallisya Hani Mohd Hasnadee on Cherry

KL Academy of Polo also introduced external judges for our dressage and showjumping equitation events, to ensure that our riders had a fair and different point of view from their usual instructors.

Showjumping Equitation will continue to be a discipline offered to riders at events organized by the KL Academy of Polo at RSPC.

POLO RELATED EVENTS

Equestrian Events tend to be seen as 'serious' shows. KLAP alternated the traditional horse shows with other events that incorporated the use of KLAP's polo ponies, softening the events so that they were less serious and seen more as 'fun' shows.

Many riders at RSPC were attracted to the Gymkhana Games that were run in July and September. There were Handy Pony, Pole Bending, Flag, and Bean Bag races.

The highlight were the Barrel Races, run at great speed. Polo players tested their polo ponies in these Barrel Races, some for the training, but inevitably, it got competitive. **Jennifer Too** and **Justina** proved to be unbeatable,

beating **Rashid Hasnan** and **Peter Abisheganaden** in the open section.

In September, KLAP ran a Barrel Race for their trainee polo players. This was ridden on KL Academy of Polo's polo ponies and on some privately owned horses as well. **TereseVikse** and **Picaflor** were the winners, just fractions of a second ahead of **Michelle Wakefield** on **Gatillo**.

Peter Abisheganaden said, "Training around barrels is a great way to get the polo ponies to drop their hind ends and turn. If you are looking at it from an equestrian perspective, it is the ultimate activation of the inside hind leg in a turn. For the KL Academy of Polo students, I am sure everyone had fun, and will have been challenged by the competition. It brings out the best in riders and helps everyone progress." Another game that proved to be very popular was Cushion Polo. Cushion Polo is played with four members on each team. All players on a team have to have control of the cushion for at least three seconds before a score can be made, which is done by placing the cushion on a particular barrel, which is their opponent's 'goal.'



Mardinor Masodi and Skyfall, winners of the Grooms Novice Dressage prize.

Players use their horses to protect their barrel. If an opposing player grabs the cushion, the holder must release it. So there are a lot of stop and turns, changes of direction, and riding off, plenty of the riding skills used in the game of polo.

Four teams signed up for a Cushion Polo tournament on Sunday 13th September. The Cushion Polo Tournament proved to be a riot of ►

Charlene Yeo in the arena with Diabolo



KLAP CHRISTMAS TRAINING SHOW

Naylisyah Idris and Joyce Prova



Maryam Jasmi showjumping on Harley



Nuriqa Adhyra and Diabolo.



Julian Lancia leads Nur Auni Safiya Abdullah on Bandido



Anna Driga Ferguson with Travis Lim Eu Qiann on Pollana



Amir Zulkifle and Consagrado



Charlene Yeo jumping Diabolo



Puteri Wan Zanariah, Putera Wan Muhammad, Putera Wan Iskandar and Puteri Wan Najiah





KLAP-RSPC CHRISTMAS HORSE SHOW

13th December 2020



HANDY PONY

	RIDER	HORSE	TIME	PLACING
1	Anika Sewell	Bandido	66	1
2	Kara Li	Dart	67	2
3	Heidi Maria Hochbrugger	Daisy	69	3
4	Margherita Vigo	Churrinche	74	4
5	Cohen Cheng Tai Wei	Bandido	75	5
6	Cameron Cheng Tai Sheng	Poliana	76	6
7	Caterina Vigo	Remy	77	
8	Qaid Daniyal Choudhury	Remy	78	
9	Maria Vigo	Bandido	82	
10	Cristen Cheng Tai Wen	Bandido	86	
11	Nur Auni Safiya Abdullah	Bandido	90	
12	Millie Simpson	Dart	93	
13	Qaim Harith Choudhury	Dart	94	
14	Travis Lim Ee Quann	Poliana	95	
15	Lynsi Lee	Cabana	106	
16	Hamzah Bin Kamarulhassan	Dart	108	

OBSTACLE RACE

	RIDER	HORSE	TIME	PLACING
1	Anna Driga Ferguson	Daisy	44	1
2	Julian Lancia	Angel	50	2
3	Ananya Kannan	Daisy	58	3
4	Nuriqa Adhyra Mohd Sufian	Diablo	60	4
5	Michelle Wakefield	Gatillo	62	5
6	Putra Wan Muhammad	Cafre	72	6
7	Putra Wan Iskandar	Picaflor	75	
8	Putri Wan Najiah	Polija	76	
9	Aisha Sterk	Cordiciada	85	
10	Dato' Kannan Periasamy	Capo	91	
11	Juliet Pathman	Churrinche	100	
12	Norhafizah Md Shariff	Cabana	103	
13	Francis Ng	Cherry	168	

SJ1 POLES CLASS - POLES ON THE GROUND ONLY

	RIDER	HORSE	CLEAR ROUND			
			JUMPING FAULTS	TIME	TIME FAULTS	TOTAL FAULTS
1	Dato' Kannan Periasamy	Capo	0	48	0	0
2	Michelle Wakefield	Gatillo	0	50	0	0
3	Aisha Sterk	Cordiciada	0	56	0	0
4	Nuriqa Adhyra Mohd Sufian	Cabana	0	57	0	0
5	Putra Wan Iskandar	Picaflor	0	63	0	0
6	Francis Ng	Cherry	0	64	0	0
7	Angela Zhang	Diabolo	0	65	0	0
8	Vivien Li	Ethan	0	69	0	0
9	Nurul Izzati Sulaiman	Daisy	0	82	2	2
10	Putri Wan Najiah	Polija	4	66	0	4
11	Julian Lancia	Coyo				EL
12	Putra Wan Muhammad	Cafre				EL
13	Betty Chew	Churrinche				EL

SJ2 POLO POPS - 11" (28CM)

	RIDER	HORSE	CLEAR ROUND			
			JUMPING FAULTS	TIME	TIME FAULTS	TOTAL FAULTS
1	Julian Lancia	Angel	0	54	0	0
2	Putri Wan Najiah	Polija	0	56	0	0
3	Putra Wan Muhammad	Cafre	4	79	2	6
4	Dato' Kannan Periasamy	Capo	8	52	0	8
5	Michelle Wakefield	Gatillo	8	53	0	8
6	Aisha Sterk	Cordiciada	8	58	0	8
7	Putra Wan Iskandar	Picaflor				EL

SJEQ3 SHOWJUMPING EQUITATION 50cm | Ms Ong Wan Ming

	RIDER	HORSE	JUMPING MARKS	COLLECTIVE MARKS	FINAL SCORE	PLACING
1	Anna Driga Ferguson	Ethan	52.00	66.50	118.50	1
2	Angela Zhang	Diablo				EL

SJEQ4 SHOWJUMPING EQUITATION 60 - 70cm | Ms Ong Wan Ming

	RIDER	HORSE	JUMPING MARKS	COLLECTIVE MARKS	FINAL SCORE	PLACING
1	Charlene Yeo	Diablo	74.00	77.00	151.00	1
2	Amir Zulkefle	Consagrado	68.50	75.00	143.50	2
3	Maryam Jasmi	Harley	66.50	71.50	138.00	3
4	Julian Lancia	Ethan	59.00	69.50	128.50	

SJEQ 5 SHOWJUMPING EQUITATION 80 - 90cm | Ms Ong Wan Ming

	RIDER	HORSE	JUMPING MARKS	COLLECTIVE MARKS	FINAL SCORE	PLACING
1	Maryam Jasmi	Harley	64.50	71.00	135.50	1
2	Naylisya Idris	Joyce Prova				EL

SJEQ 6 SHOWJUMPING EQUITATION 100 - 110cm | Ms Ong Wan Ming

	RIDER	HORSE	JUMPING MARKS	COLLECTIVE MARKS	FINAL SCORE	PLACING
1	Naylisya Idris	Joyce Prova	64.00	76.00	140.00	1

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT RSPC



fun. Players really got into the game, and it became very competitive. The team of **Arman Moiz**, **Michelle Wakefield**, **Camilla Sudgen** and **Emil Teo** proved too strong for the other three teams that played that day.

RIDING-FOR-POLO AND FRIDAY INSTRUCTIONAL CHUKKAS

In July, **Peter Abisheganaden** started a series of Riding-For-Polo lessons, giving equestrian riders the chance to cross-over into polo. A twelve-time South East Asian champion equestrian rider in jumping, eventing and dressage, and a former 3-goal polo player, Peter is well qualified to help equestrian riders to make the switch to polo.

From these Riding-For-Polo lessons, riders went on to take their track tests with Polo Captain **Shaik Reismann**. Eight riders passed the test.

Riding-For-Polo progressed into conventional polo lessons and by August, KL Academy of Polo restarted Friday Instructional Chukkas (FRIC). On-Field Instructors were **Samsuri Ismail**, **ShaffikMustaffa**, **Shaik Reismann** and **Peter Abisheganaden**. Fifteen members took part in the six ►

KLAP - RSPC GYMKHANA GAMES

19th July 2020

CLASS 1: HANDY PONY

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	TIME	PLACING
1	Julian Lancia	Polija	RSPC	46.19	1
2	Anna Driga Ferguson	Diabolo	RSPC	55.13	2
3	Kabir Kannan	Poliana	RSPC	55.75	3
4	Terese Vikse	Grace Kelly	RSPC	56.63	4
5	Francis Ng	Poliana	RSPC	61.00	
6	Norjan Tarek Osman	Dartanion	RSPC	67.00	
7	Lynsi Lee	Diabolo	RSPC	68.00	
8	Ananya Kannan	Remy	RSPC	70.00	
9	Hugo Scott	Diabolo	RSPC	82.00	
10	Nur Auni Safiya Abdullah	Churrinche	RSPC	89.00	
11	Angela Zhang	Churrinche	RSPC	93.00	
12	Betty Cew	Churrinche	RSPC	112.00	
13	Vivien Li	Cherry	RSPC	114.00	
14	Linda Lee	Cherry	RSPC	133.00	
15	Kara Lee	Dartanion	RSPC	182.00	

CLASS 2: BENDING RACE

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	PLACING
1	Rashid Hasnan	Polomito	RSPC	12.67	13.66	1
2	Jennifer Too	Catinga	RSPC	13.74	18.62	2
3	Julian Lancia	Coyo	RSPC	13.54	19.50	3
4	Rashid Hasnan	Muza	RSPC	13.48		
5	Keith Teh	Mandarita	RSPC	14.13		
6	Peter Abisheganaden	Winston	RSPC	14.59		
7	Terese Vikse	Gatillo	RSPC	14.62		
8	Keith Teh	Fernet	RSPC	15.08		
9	Fatemah Mehran	Capo	RSPC	19.05		
10	Angela Zhang	Polija	RSPC	22.59		
11	Linda Lee	Diabolo	RSPC	23.84		
12	Anna Driga Ferguson	Daisy	RSPC	24.56		
13	Vivien Li	Diabolo	RSPC	26.06		
14	Kannan Periasamy	Cordiciada	RSPC	DQ		
15	Francis Ng	Poliana	RSPC	DQ		

CLASS 3: FLAG RACE

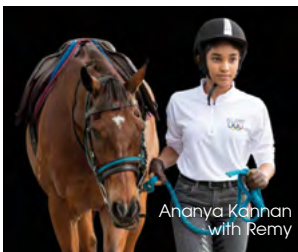
	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Gatillo	RSPC	59.00	47.31	1
2	Jennifer Too	Justina	RSPC	57.32	56.42	2
3	Kannan Periasamy	Cordiciada	RSPC	68.00	58.62	3
4	Julian Lancia	Coyo	RSPC	70.00		
5	Angela Zhang	Polija	RSPC	83.00		

CLASS 4: BARREL RACE

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Gatillo	RSPC	20.94	23.44	1
2	Kannan Periasamy	Cordiciada	RSPC	29.38	28.79	2
3	Fatemah Mehran	Capo	RSPC	29.47	58.62	3
4	Julian Lancia	Coyo	RSPC	22.13	DQ	

CLASS 5: BARREL RACE (OPEN DIVISION)

	RIDER	HORSE	CLUB	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	PLACING
1	Jennifer Too	Justina	RSPC	20.22	19.18	1
2	Rashid Hasnan	Polomito	RSPC	19.91	19.25	2
3	Rashid Hasnan	Muza	RSPC	20.53	19.34	3
4	Peter Abisheganaden	Winston	RSPC	22.88	19.34	3
5	Keith Teh	Mandarina	RSPC	23.16		



HANDY PONY (JUNIORS)

	RIDER	HORSE	TIME	PLACING
1	Qaid Daniyal Choudhury	Remy	68.00	1
2	Nurbalqis Abdullah	Bandido	73.00	2
3	Anika Sewell	Churrinche	77.00	3
4	Heidi Maria Hochbrugger	Poliana	86.00	4
5	Qaim Harith Choudhury	Poliana	93.00	
6	Caterina Vigo	Daisy	94.00	
7	Nur Balqis Darwisayah Sahlani	Bandido	100.00	
8	Kara Lee	Ethan	101.00	
9	Amelie Mortier	Remy	116.00	
10	Lynsi Lee	Diabolo	126.00	

HANDY PONY (ADULTS)

	RIDER	HORSE	TIME	PLACING
1	Stephane Pierre Mortier	Bandido	52.00	1
2	Izzah Mohamed Nadzri	Daisy	72.00	2
3	Francis Ng	Poliana	74.00	3
4	Dr. Firdause Hariri	Churrinche	75.00	4
5	Tan Kar Peng	Poliana	76.00	
6	Angela Zhang	Diabolo	77.00	
7	Nozaimah Mahadi	Bandido	82.00	
8	Alicia Xafia Putri Roden	Ethan	84.00	
9	Jessica Lee	Bandido	85.00	
10	Betty Chew	Diabolo	97.00	
11	Norhafizah Md Shariff	Churrinche	119.00	
12	Vivien Li	Remy	143.00	
13	Tillie Mortier	Remy	144.00	

BENDING RACE (YOUNG RIDERS)

	RIDER	HORSE	PLACING
1	Suleiman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Coca	1
2	Anna Driga Ferguson	Daisy	2
3	Arman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Anastacia	3
4	Julian Lancia	Coyo	
5	Nala Emel Bosveld	Polija	

PAIR BENDING RACE (YOUNG RIDERS)

	RIDER	HORSE	PLACING
1	Nala Emel Bosveld & Julian Lancia	Polija & Coyo	1
2	Arman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz & Suleiman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Anastacia & Coca	2
3	Linda Lee & Anna Driga Ferguson	Cordiciada & Daisy	

HANDY PONY (YOUNG RIDER)

	RIDER	HORSE	TIME	PLACING
1	Hassan Ahmad	Churrinche	72.00	1
2	Ananya Kannan	Ethan	75.00	2
3	Anna Driga Ferguson	Churrinche	98.00	3
4	Areeba Sameer	Remy	129.00	4
5	Qaim Harith Choudhury	Poliana	93.00	

FLAG RACE (YOUNG RIDERS)

	RIDER	HORSE	PLACING
1	Arman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Anastacia	1
2	Julian Lancia	Gausteo	2
3	Suleiman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Coca	3
4	Anna Driga Ferguson	Daisy	4
5	Nala Emel Bosveld	Polija	

FLAG RACE (OPEN)

	RIDER	HORSE	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Picaflor	1
2	Tunku Abang Mustapha Baqir	Polija	2
3	Datin Nurul Noorajala	Mariposa	3
4	Michelle Wakefield	Gatillo	
5	Angela Zhang	Diabolo	

BENDING RACE (OPEN)

	RIDER	HORSE	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Picaflor	1
2	Angela Zhang	Diabolo	2
3	Datin Nurul Noorajala	Mariposa	
4	Linda Lee	Cordiciada	
5	Michelle Wakefield	Gatillo	
6	Tunku Abang Mustapha Baqir	Polija	

PAIR BENDING RACE (OPEN)

	RIDER	HORSE	PLACING
1	Michelle Wakefield & Terese Vikse	Gatillo & Picaflor	1
2	Tunku Abang Mustapha Baqir & Datin Nurul	Noorajala Polija & Mariposa	2

BEAN BAG RACE (YOUNG RIDERS)

	RIDER	HORSE	PLACING
1	Arman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Anastacia	1
2	Julian Lancia	Coyo	2
3	Nala Emel Bosveld	Polija	
4	Suleiman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Coca	

BEAN BAG RACE (OPEN)

	RIDER	HORSE	PLACING
1	Datin Nurul Noorajala	Mariposa	1
2	Michelle Wakefield	Gatillo	2
3	Tunku Abang Mustapha Baqir	Polija	
4	Terese Vikse	Picaflor	

BARREL RACE (YOUNG RIDERS)

	RIDER	HORSE	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	PLACING
1	Julian Lancia	Coyo	20.44		1
2	Suleiman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Coca	23.81	22.22	2
3	Arman Khan Dato Mohamed Moiz	Anastacia	23.18	22.91	3
4	Anna Driga Ferguson	Daisy	27.85	25.72	
5	Nala Emel Bosveld	Polija	31.25	30.62	

BARREL RACE (OPEN)

	RIDER	HORSE	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	PLACING
1	Terese Vikse	Picaflor	23.18	25.28	1
2	Michelle Wakefield	Gatillo	25.28	23.87	2
3	Datin Nurul Noorajala	Mariposa	24.28		
4	Linda Lee	Cordiciada	26.97	27.81	
5	Tunku Abang Mustapha Baqir	Polija	30.44	28.22	
6	Angela Zhang	Diabolo	33.00	32.59	



FRIC's that were played last year.

Peter also conducted seminars on the rules of polo.

Five FRICsters graduated, passing the RSPC Polo Test with RSPC's Polo Captain Shaik Reismann.

Congratulations to **Hritvik Chigurupati, Julian Ashby Lancia, Michelle Wakefield, TereseVikse** and **Datuk Kannan Baba**, who are the first batch from KLAP to join the ranks of fully-fledged polo players. This group is as diverse as it comes, with new polo players from ages 13 to 59.

THE RSPC PONY CLUB

Perhaps the highlight of the year was KLAP's reintroduction of the RSPC Pony Club.

The first RSPC Pony Club Camp was held at the end of July. It was a day-camp of three hours per day, held during the international school holidays. It was fully subscribed with 30 Pony Clubbers being chaperoned by a host of volunteers.

It was a super camp, where there was daily riding, and learning modules that included safety and leading, grooming, bandaging, saddlery, bits & bridles, feeding and nutrition. There were also demonstrations on how to plait a horse for competition, and on horse-shoeing.

Being a polo club, we introduced them to hitting a polo ball with foot mallets on the field. **Agustin Andrada**, a 4-goal Argentine professional, and ►

CUSHION POLO



A fabulously fun day for all

Michelle Wakefield running with the cushion



Noreen and Emil tussling for the cushion



Georgina Hagger, Lim Siu Tin, Datin Nurul and Tunku Abang Mustapha Bakir



grandson of **Paisano Andrada**, was one of the polo coaches.

Dato' Mohamed Moiz, himself a Pony Clubber in his youth, gave away the participation certificates at the first Pony Club Camp to be held in Malaysia in over a decade.

The second Pony Club Camp was twice postponed because of lockdown restrictions. It was finally held just before Christmas. This polo themed camp was recognised by the **Federation of International Polo** as a **Youth Polo Camp**. Again, fully subscribed, the **RSPC Pony Club** was able to introduce elements of polo to 30 children from ages 6 to 14 that attended. There was work with foot mallets and hitting on saddle horses placed on the field. There were clinics on the wooden horse, and for most, a chance to actually hit a ball on the main field on our polo ponies.

It was not all polo, and the second day saw a very exciting Fancy Dress Competition. Each Pony Club house dressed and painted their allotted pony and presented them to the judges. The winners of the Fancy Dress were Marwari house, who presented **Angel** as a Christmas Tree.

On the final day, Morph Outdoors, gave the Pony Clubbers an educational eco-module on "Leave No Trace."

What's a Christmas Camp if there isn't a visit by Santa Claus? St Nick not only flew in, he even put on a magic show. There were Christmas presents for all the Pony Clubbers.

FAREWELL

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our Norwegian friend, **Terese Vikse**, this year. Terese has been the most successful rider in the school in 2020, both a dressage and jumping rider. She won Novice level dressage classes with Grace Kelly, even placing third nationally. With KLAP's polo pony, Picaflor, she outscored Grace Kelly in the D-Day Dressage Extravaganza, an extraordinary result for a polo pony to beat an equestrian horse.

Terese also became a new polo player, passing her RSPC and RMPA Polo Tests. Unfortunately, Terese was posted to Aberdeen, Scotland at the end of November before she could play

in club chukkas at RSPC. We wish her all the very best with her new posting and hope to see her back in Malaysia one day.

KL Academy of Polo ended the year with a New Year's Eve Lunch at the club, for all staff that work at the club. **Datuk Kannan, Zack's Tack** and **KL Academy of Polo** combined to provide a Biryani and Chapati meal for 120 staff, served by our members and children. It was a superb lunch enjoyed by the grooms, track riders, grounds, security and office staff.

PLANS FOR 2021

We will still be going like the Klappers in 2021.

Riders can look forward to more competitions, both equestrian and polo related. KLAP will also offer a **Malaysian Equine Council** Level 'O' Stable Management course. This is the first part of a continuing education series that leads to the Introductory Level and later Level 1 Instructors certification.

On the polo front, in 2021, KL Academy of Polo will introduce the **Hurlingham Polo Association's** International Polo School online courses and tools for our polo students.

In addition to digitalized and regular horse shows, KLAP hopes to organise a first **Youth Polo Cup** and a **Novice Cup** for the youngsters and not-so-youngsters who have just started polo. The Youth Cup would be the first such age group tournament for under 23's and under 18's held in Malaysia.

Cushion Polo was such a success that in 2021, KLAP also hopes to organise the **KLAP Cushion Polo Tournament**, where players can form their own teams. Some of these games may be played under lights in the evenings. **Arena Polo under lights**, is also on the agenda for the wet season, if we can board the arena.

For our young riders and pony clubbers, we hope to run more Pony Club Camps and rallies. We also hope to start offering the **Pony Club Tests**. Another fun project is to start a quadrille or formation ride that we set to music. The goal is to perform this at one of the polo tournaments this year. 2020 was a tough year where we have had to contend with Covid-19 lockdowns, suspension of group lessons, and many other restrictions, but we made it. We hope that 2021 will be a better year.

KL ACADEMY OF POLO EVENTS JUNE TO DECEMBER 2020

1. June 2020 RSPC-KLAP Training Horse Show
2. July 2020 Gymkhana Games
3. July 2020 RSPC Pony Club Camp
4. Aug 2020 Riding For Polo Lessons started
5. Aug 2020 RSPC-KLAP Training Horse Show
6. Aug 2020 Track Tests
7. Aug-Oct 2020 Friday Instructional Chukkas (FRIC)
8. Sept 2020 Gymkhana Games II
9. Sept 2020 Cushion Polo
10. Oct 2020 RSPC & RMPA Polo Tests
11. Nov 2020 EAM Digitalized Horse Show
12. Nov 2020 D-Day Dressage Extravaganza
13. Dec 2020 EAM Digitalized Horse Show
14. KLAP Christmas Show
15. Dec 2020 RSPC Pony Club Polo Camp
16. Dec 2020 New Year's Eve Lunch ■



L to R: Hritvik Chigurupati,
Julian Ashby Lancia,
Michelle Wakefield and
Terese Vikse

RSPC's Newest Polo Players

by KLAP @ RSPC

Five students graduated from KL Academy of Polo passing their RSPC and RMPA polo tests, in October 2020. Congratulations to **Hritvik Chigurupati, Julian Ashby Lancia, Michelle Wakefield** and **Terese Vikse** (pic left to right above), and **Datuk Kanna Babba**, who are the first batch from KLAP to join the ranks of fully fledged polo players.

Julian is only 13 years old. He loves horses and wants to ride as much as he can, even riding before school on weekdays. Julian has a long career ahead of him.

Hritvik is 18 and a good sportsman. It shows in his game sense and hitting. Hrit is looking forward to playing University Polo in the UK

next season.

Terese has been winning a lot of our socially-distanced in-house competitions in dressage and jumping. She gave polo lessons a try and has worked hard to perfect her hitting since the enforced CMCO break that stopped us all. Unfortunately, Terese has been posted to Scotland, where she will try to keep her polo career going.

Michelle Wakefield has

been a revelation. Returning from Australia after the initial lockdown, Michelle had to work hard to regain her riding fitness before she took to the practice field. Michelle tries to do everything correctly and has become a proficient hitter.

Datuk Kannan Baba has proven that polo is not just for the kids, but for anyone who is young at heart. Datuk Kannan worked very hard to get his riding up to the required standard. He has ridden every day he





has had available, and worked hard on the wooden horse perfecting his hitting technique.

Having passed the polo test, Datuk Kannan took the plunge and bought his first polo pony, Capo, from KL Academy of Polo.

All of our players really thrived in the Friday Instructional Chukkas that we were able to get restarted in August. In two months, with so many rain interruptions, we managed to get four FRICs, two gymkhana game days and one cushion polo game in.

RSPC's Polo Captain Shaik Reismann, Shaffik Mustaffa and Samsuri Ismail helped Peter

Abisheganaden with the coaching of the instructional chukkas. Each captained a team, giving them strategy, directions and coaching, and explaining the fouls as they helped them play.

Peter also conducted a few classroom sessions on the rules, which included rules downloads and videos to watch.

The gymkhana games and cushion polo really helped their riding development. It is all part of the horsemanship. KLAP believes that riding should be competitive and fun. What better way to improve than to play games! ■



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CONFUSSION

by Rege Ludwig

When reading the rulebook, I find myself sometimes confused by what I read. A large portion of that confusion is related to understanding the meaning of the words – Rule, Enter, and Cross –, and the phrases: “Line of Ball” and “Right of Way”. When I find myself being confused, I resort to the dictionary to develop a clearer understanding of the message the rulebook is espousing.

My understanding of teaching polo comes from a common sense understanding of what safety and fairness for all players’ means (human and equine). I derive my understanding from what I read in the rulebook, and the words I look up in the dictionary.

I do not present my understanding as representing a legal, or binding, interpretation of any rules put forth by any group espousing an interpretation of the rules. My intention is to express what I understand about the rules from having read and studied the rulebook on many occasions.

“RULE”

The place to begin my discussion of confusion is by defining the word Rule, which According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, is: 1. “... a set of explicit or understood regulations or principles governing conduct or procedure within a particular area of activity” or 2. “a law or principle that operates within a particular sphere of knowledge, describing or prescribing what is possible or allowable.”

I start with the word rule because of the book of rules (laws, regulations, principles) that describe and prescribe what is possible and allowable; or more to the point, what is not possible or not allowable.

Keep those definitions of Rule in the forefront of your mind as you read on; they will prove to be critical in understanding what is allowed, or



not allowed, when playing the game of polo.

“LINE OF BALL”

The next definition is for the phrase Line of Ball (LOB). There is no definition in the dictionary for that phrase; therefore, I use a definition that I perceive as being generally accepted throughout the world of polo. The LOB is an imaginary line projected onto the ground by the ball. The LOB follows the direction the ball is travelling either on or above the ground. The LOB is not necessarily a straight line; it curves to the degree that the ball curves within the process of traveling above or on the ground.

To take that definition a step further; the portion of the line ahead of the ball in the direction the ball is travelling is referred to as the Extended, or Projected, Line, while the line behind the ball, from the direction in which the ball has already traveled, is referred to as the Established Line.

Those two terms (Projected and Established) will prove to be significant to the purpose of determining how the LOB affects the playing of the game.

The primary purpose served by the imaginary LOB is that it serves as a dividing line between two imaginary

Right of Ways (ROWs), one on either side of the LOB; with each ROW extending the length of the LOB, and running parallel to it.

“RIGHT OF WAY”

The next definition is that of Right of Way (ROW). The term ROW unfortunately is often equated to the LOB, and that is truly unfortunate, as the two are entirely separate entities serving their own unique function to the safe and fair playing of the game.

With that point having been established, I refer to the Oxford Dictionary of English to develop a more accurate understanding as to what a ROW is, and how it can be and should be used to play the game of polo safely and fairly.

The definition of Right of Way has two distinct definitions as applied to polo:

1. “.... the legal right... to pass along a specific route... a path or thoroughfare...”
2. “.... the legal right... to proceed with precedence over others in a particular situation or place...”

Relative to the game of polo, the ROW is first and foremost, a lane or

path on either side of the LOB that runs contiguous with the length of the LOB, is parallel to it, and leads directly to the ball.

Secondly, the ROW is a precedence allowing the player who is safely positioned within the physical established ROW the precedence to continue forward to the ball in that ROW without encountering the slightest risk of danger from an opposing player.

Once safely positioned within the established ROW, that player has the right to continue within that lane, (ROW), over other players who have yet to safely enter within the established ROW in front of the player already positioned there.

A difficulty in recognizing the ROW and correctly applying its function is that each ROW is an imaginary lane defined partially by an imaginary LOB. Those two imaginary factors combined can make the physical aspect of the ROW difficult to realize; thereby, making the precedence aspect even more difficult to discern.

With my having grown up in the world of polo under the rules of the United States Polo Association, USPA, my understanding of the ROW is greatly influenced by – USPA RULE 24, RIGHT OF WAY, which states –

- At each moment of the game there shall exist as between any two or more players in the proximity of the ball a “Right of Way”, which shall be considered to extend ahead of the player(s) entitled to it, and in the direction in which that player or those players is or are riding.
- The Right of Way... is not to be confused with the line of the ball, nor does it depend on who last hit the ball.
- No player shall enter or cross the Right of Way except at such speed and distance that not the slightest risk of a collision or danger to any player is involved.

The problem I have with USPA Rule 24 is that it does not describe what a Right of Way is.

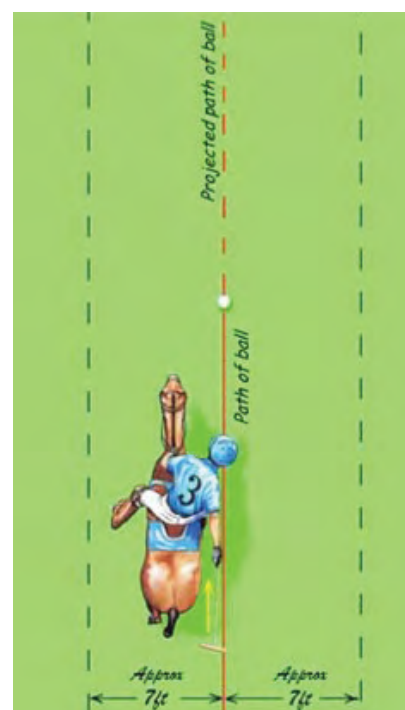
It was not until 2009 that the Hurlingham Polo Association defined in their rulebook that the ROW is, “a five-foot path extending from the ball to the players nearside foot.” **HPA Rule 32 c. Possession of the Ball. A player may not block the progress of an opponent in possession by positioning himself in such a way that his opponent cannot move forward. A player in possession should be allowed approximately 5 feet wide measured from the ball to the player’s near side leg to continue down the LOB. Preventing the player from moving forward (shading) is done at all speeds and should be blown straight away and any penalty must be moved up the field.**

From the way I read HPA Rule 32c. and USPA Rule 24; if an offensive player is safely positioned within the established ROW, is parallel to the LOB, and has the ball on their offside, they have the precedence to hit the ball.

Consider that, if there is a defensive player on their nearside of the offensive player with the precedence to hit the ball; and, if the last layer of chrome added to the defensive player’s stirrup enters into the ROW, either established or projected, in front of the offensive player, that defensive player is running the risk of fouling. And, the closer to the offensive player that entry occurs, the greater becomes the risk that the defensive player is fouling. The operative word is enter, not cross, and the operative phrase is ROW not LOB.

For my purpose of teaching polo, I make a distinction between being in the ROW (path or lane) and having the right, precedence, to hit the ball. I do that because, you can be in the ROW, and near the LOB; however not completely within the ROW, and/or you are at an angle to the LOB (not parallel), and under both conditions, you could be fouling; thereby negating your right to hit the ball.

HPA Rule 24 – Line of Ball, Subparagraph d. When no player is on the exact LOB and two or more players ride in the same general direction, whether following or meeting, the player riding at the lesser angle to the LOB has precedence. If



the players are at equal angles, the player that has the LOB on his offside has precedence.

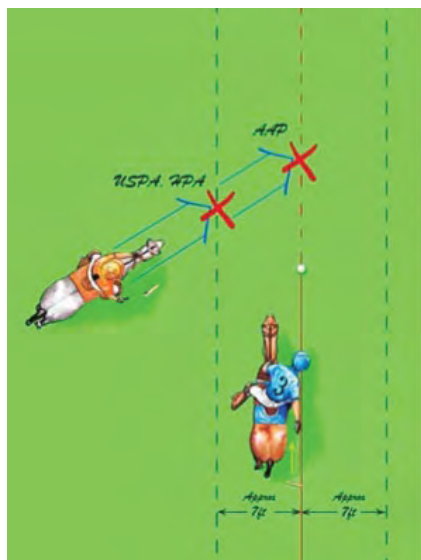
The physical aspect of the ROW, path or lane, gets you safely to the ball. While the precedence of being in the ROW, path or lane, gives you the right to hit the ball upon arriving at it.

Two other words that confuse me are: “enter” and “cross”. Unfortunately, those two words are oftentimes used interchangeably, and should not be; because each has its own meaning and serves its own function to the process of playing the game of polo.

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, “enter” is defined as – “Come or go into (a place) penetrate.” In other words, pierce or penetrate either of the two bordures of the physical lane or path (ROW).

Whereas the word Cross is defined as – **denoting movement ... across something... passing from side to side. V. [with obj.] 2. go or extend across or to the other side of (an area...)**

By way of those two definitions, it should be obvious that entering the ROW and crossing the LOB are entirely different sets of circumstances. As a matter of fact, on either side of the ball, you will have entered the ROW before you cross the LOB. ►



Relative to developing the right to hit the ball, that right revolves around satisfying the stipulations associated with both the ROW and the LOB; consequently, you must first safely enter the established ROW, or lane; then position your horse to be at the least angle to the LOB as possible, i.e. parallel, then stay within the confines of the ROW, (lane), up to point of contact with the ball.

From my perspective as a teacher of polo, there are three distinct sets of circumstances under which a ROW can be occupied:

1. Having the **Absolute Right** to hit the ball
2. Having the **Primary Right** to hit the ball
3. Having the **Secondary Right** to hit the ball

Having the **Absolute Right** necessitates satisfying four criteria:

1. Enter the established ROW without having created the slightest risk of danger to any player (human or horse).
2. Be positioned completely within the established ROW, and parallel to the LOB.
3. Have the ball on your offside,
4. Be the first player to arrive at the ball having satisfied the first three criterions.

When you have satisfied all four criteria of having the Absolute Right

to hit the ball, no other player on the field has a greater right to hit the ball than you.

HPA Rule 24 b, 2018. *A player on the exact LOB with the ball on his off side, whether following or meeting, has precedence over all other players except when meeting two players...*

The **Primary Right** comes with a limited right access, and can be executed under the conditions that you:

1. Have entered the established ROW safely
2. Have the ball on your offside
3. Have your horse positioned within the ROW; however, at an angle to the LOB. Under such conditions, you could be fouling; thereby, negating your right to hit the ball
4. Are much closer to the ball than the opposing player positioned within the established ROW behind you.

The **Secondary Right** comes with even greater restrictions than the Primary Right. The Secondary Right falls under the conditions of:

1. Having safely entered the established Right of Way on the right side of the ball
2. Having the ball on your nearside
3. Being as parallel to the LOB as possible
4. Being the player closest to the ball under the above three conditions, with no opposing player coming from the opposite direction with the ball on their offside

CAUTION – Utilize extreme care when hitting the ball on the nearside; because, if an opposing player is riding to the ball from the opposite direction at any angle to the LOB with the ball of their offside, that player has a greater right to hit the ball than you. That holds true even if you are positioned completely within the established ROW, you are parallel to the LOB, while the opposing player is at an acute angle to the LOB, coming

against the direction of travel of the ball, and is completely outside of the lane, or ROW.

HPA 2017 RULE 24 b. *A player on the exact LOB with the ball on his off side, whether following or meeting, has precedence over all other players...*

USPA 2017 Rule, 24 e. *No player may have the ball directly in front or on the near side if by doing so an opponent is endangered who could have safely attempted to hook the player or to hit the ball had the original player been placed with the ball on the off side.*

Compare that to your traveling in a car on a two-lane highway, and wanting to pass a slow moving car from the right lane. Just as you decide to pass, you realize that a car from a side street has entered the same lane that you are in, but is traveling in the opposite direction as you. At that point, your passing without the slightest risk of danger has been severely comprised.

The rule over the years that I have found to be the easiest for me to understand is USPA rule 26 Dangerous Riding, Subparagraph e. Exhibiting a lack of consideration for the safety of one's self, one's mount, or for another player or mount. That rule (Law) is straightforward, and is stating that anything a player does that could be construed as presenting the slightest risk of danger to any player, (human or equine), is a foul!!!

USPA Rule 26 Dangerous Riding is straightforward and is stating that anything a player does that could be construed as presenting the slightest risk of danger to any player, (human or equine), is a foul!

A similar rule in the HPA rulebook is from Part 2: HPA Regulations & Supplementary Rules for Polo, Rule 15 – Blowing to Stop the Clock, subparagraph c. For Players or Ponies. The umpires have a responsibility to do all that they can to prevent accident

or injury to players or ponies and to protect the image of the sport. Relative to the image of the sport, as a consequence of modern day perceptions of polo within the horse industry, I strongly urge that protecting the image of the sport of polo should become a much greater concern than it appears to have become.

The essence of the rule situation is, a rule is a law, or a set of explicit or understood regulations prescribed to govern the conduct or procedure of play for the purpose of ensuring the safety and fairness of play for all players (human and equine). The acceptance of that understanding does not seem to have resonated throughout the world community of polo the way it should. ■



Rege Ludwig is a polo instructor and high-goal coach who has been playing and instructing polo for over 30 years. One of his earliest and notable achievements was coaching the Aspen Polo Team with Doug Mathews, Memo Gracida (10 goals), Carlos Gracida (10 goals) and Tiger Neece to the winner's circle of the US Open Polo Championship. Since his victory, Rege has coached many other high goal players such as Thomas Winter, Andre Weiss, Fabio Diniz, Sebastian Merlos, Julio Arellano, Piki Alberdi and Juan Martin Nero. Additionally, in 1998 Rege coached the United States Polo Team in the Federation of International World Polo Championship.

He is a contributing writer for Polo Player's Edition, Germany's Pace Polosport Magazine, and Polo Times. He is a member of the governing Committees for polo in the United States. In 1994 at the request of the Hurlingham Polo Association, he was chief umpire lecturer and forum head for the senior umpires and top ranked players in the UK. He is author of the polo DVD/video "POLO: Hitting the Ball with Power and Accuracy", which has been adopted by the Federation of International Polo and distributed to all participating countries. He coaches annually in France, Germany, England, Switzerland, Belgium, Thailand, Canada and Denmark.

POLO 101

NUMBER:

Each player wears a number 1-4. Every team member has a different role in the game.

BREECHES:

Polo pants, always white for tournaments in polo sport.

KNEE GUARD:

For knee protection.

BRAIDED TAIL:

Prevents interference with the mallet

MALLET:

Made of manau-cane or sometimes composite materials. Mallets come in different lengths depending on the height of the pony.

HELMET:

Hard surface, lines and strapped. The helmet protects the player from swinging mallets, balls travelling at speeds of nearly 100 mph, and falls.

REINS:

To enhance control over pony.

BRIDLE:

Gives the player steering and stopping control.

BREAST PLATE:

To stop saddle from slipping back.

BANDAGES:

Protective wrapping that shields the pony's legs against contact with the ball.



Friday Nights by Julian Lancia **AT THE POLO CLUB ARE BACK!**



As the night wore on, more and more people started to trickle into the dinner. With the addition of these new people came a new and dynamic atmosphere. All of a sudden, the Friday night spirit was back! People were chatting, laughing and having a good time.

It was the evening of March 5th, the first Friday dinner in a long, long time at the Royal Selangor Polo Club. Candle lit lanterns were carefully arranged outside

the clubhouse in the grassy area in front of the polo field creating an elegant ambiance. Checkered tablecloths lay politely over the tables with bright flowers in the vase. Already the bartenders were busy.

The evening started off how all Friday nights usually do... with riders from that afternoon coming in to have drinks at the bar, recovering from the hot ride and humid weather. And for under-aged kids like me, a refreshing



Spring Seasonal Salad



Cream of Pumpkin Soup

lime juice! Talking amongst ourselves, sharing stories and memories of the days when Friday night dinners were the norm, with no masks, no distance, a good time.

As darkness fell many were hungry and the orders started to come in. For the first course there was the choice between cream of pumpkin soup or a beef tripe soup. This being beef tripe and not a triple beef soup mind you, many chose the cream of pumpkin. It was a tasty soup that was enjoyed by all. It looked more like a piece of art than food with the orange and white design. Although it was not hard to eat after you tasted it. In fact, it was devoured quickly.

Then came the second course, the salad. The salad was a fairly small portion, but this turned out to be a good idea because there would be many courses to come. The salad featured beets, carrots, rocket, a perfectly cooked eggplant, and to finish it off an amazing sauce that was slightly spicy and brought all the elements together perfectly.

After that came the main course. For these we could choose out of three meals. A mushroom risotto that I personally had not tried myself but



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Oxtail Stew with Polenta



Mocha Panacotta

heard that was spectacular. An oxtail stew that was cooked to perfection and fell right off the bone. This also came with tasty mashed potatoes.

As the night wore on, more and more people started to trickle into the dinner. With the addition of these new people came a new and dynamic atmosphere. All of a sudden, the Friday night spirit was back! People were chatting, laughing and having a good time.

After the mains came my favorite course. Dessert! For dessert we had a matcha panna cotta. With the silken custard mixed with a matcha tea, it

created a light and creamy dessert. The end of dinner was quickly coming, but the night was still young. Even after the filling dinner, the mood was light and cheery. People talked amongst themselves with the occasional bat flyby on the patio. The water sprinklers were watering the field for polo the next day. Of course, that didn't happen because it rained at 4pm that day canceling polo like often, but that's a story for another time.

As 7pm became 8pm, and 8pm became 9pm, people started to wrap the night up and head home. The ►



chatter faded and orders ceased. Slowly but surely, the clubhouse was emptying and although people started to leave and the club was shutting down, everyone left with a light heart and a full stomach, and most of all, a

desire to come back next Friday and do it all over again!

Don't forget to follow the Club's social media accounts to stay informed on upcoming events and Friday Nights at the RSPC! ■

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POLO TRIVIA

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ASADOS REKINDLED

by Noreen R. Jilani



Ambient garden lanterns added the finishing touch



Noreen Jilani with RSPC's brand new cocktail menu

Despite the rain, the CMCO and all the restrictions, the RSPC clubhouse was able to rekindle the Asado tradition on Friday, March 19, 2021. This was the first asado of the New Year and will certainly not be the last. Clubhouse chefs, or in this case the asadors, Jonny and Jalil, did a spectacular job marinating various cuts of meat and slowly cooking them on a smoldering coal fire... straight to perfection! This is a slow-cooking process and takes a few hours to complete.

To accompany the succulent meats, we had a variety of fresh salads, corn on the cob, and sautéed vegetables, followed by tiramisu that left you wanting more. To mark the occasion, we threw in a special touch of humour

and refreshment with our RSPC cocktail menu (thanks to Alex Lancia, who spearheaded the idea!) Check out the one-liners on the menu!

As many of you might know, asados originate from Argentina and are a special meal eaten with family and friends. This tradition became common after polo matches and an opportunity to celebrate with all involved in the game. Argentinians like to take their time and enjoy the process, and so do we at RSPC. The afternoon would ideally include a polo game, however, due to the recent rains, the grounds were too wet and so no polo was to be had. Nonetheless, the asado continued under a starry night sky.

The evening began with the buzz of members in the club socializing and enjoying the fabulous weather



Al fresco dining under the clear night skies



Members enjoying the clubhouse with a bottle on wine at the recent Asado



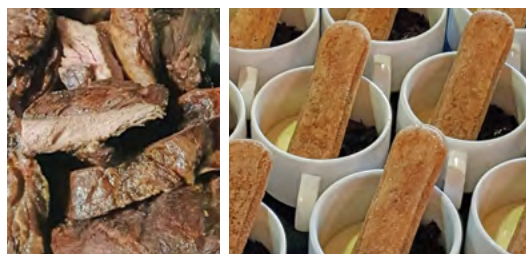
Cheers



With the pristine polo field as the perfect backdrop for a night of asado and laughter



The guys



and testing out the various cocktails on offer. The Bloody Mallets (Bloody Mary) and the Moscow Mules were a big hit.

RSPC Asados are a one of a kind in Malaysia and not to be missed. Just the setting alone against the lush green polo field and old clubhouse feeling - you feel right at home! We are all waiting for the moment when we can invite guests and extend this lovely tradition to friends and polo fans. As the polo season picks up, we are already looking forward to the next one. Stay tuned for the date. Come hungry and thirsty and ready to watch some exciting polo! ■



The ladies



Asado night fun



Noreen Jilani, Chris Yeo, Stanley Sinnappen & Camilla Sugden

TURMERIC FOR HORSES

An increasing number of horse owners are turning to turmeric as a supplement for their horses.

Turmeric has long been prevalent in Chinese herbal and Indian Ayurvedic medicines as a powerful anti-inflammatory and antioxidant. It is prescribed to people suffering from a wide range of conditions, including diarrhoea, respiratory infections, dermatitis and even cancerous tumours.

The main active ingredient in Turmeric is curcumin, a compound found to have powerful anti-inflammatory effects. It is also a strong antioxidant that is useful for soothing stiffness and pain, maintaining good digestion and alleviating skin conditions in people.

Turmeric is suitable for horses suffering from stiff joints and itchy skin conditions, as well as offering support to the digestive system. There is plenty of anecdotal evidence from horsemen who feed it to provide support to horses whose joints are under stress.

"Older horses are more likely to have inflammatory conditions, and endocrine disorders most often occur in middle-aged horses. Pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction, which results in the production of excessive amounts of pituitary-derived hormones, has been associated with oxidative stress in the pituitary gland. Inflammation may also play a role in the development of equine metabolic syndrome (EMS), an endocrine disorder characterized by laminitis, insulin resistance or dysregulation, increased fat deposits in specific locations of the body or overall obesity. Because curcumin works as both an anti-inflammatory and antioxidant, it seems plausible that it could have beneficial effects for horses with endocrine disease" ~ Heidi Banse, DVM, PhD, Louisiana State University

JOINT HEALTH

Joint conditions are often chronic in nature and therefore become very difficult to manage effectively without serious side effects. Long-term use of NSAIDs such as Bute puts stress on the digestive tract of horses.

Turmeric doesn't interact with gut enzymes in the same way that pharmaceutical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID) do, because it actually allows the gut-protecting enzyme (COX-2) to be maintained. In short, turmeric is able to give similar benefits as pharmaceutical solutions to joint pain, but without the associated gut disturbances and other negative side effects.

Turmeric is suitable for horses suffering from stiff joints & itchy skin conditions.

BENEFITS OF TURMERIC IN EQUINE NUTRITION

In addition to joint health, turmeric has been shown to be effective in the treatment in many other equine ailments, including:

- Gastric ulcers
- Melanomas / Sarcoids
- Allergies
- Assisting recovery from viruses and infections
- Wound healing
- Skin conditions
- Stabilising metabolic issues
- Compromised liver function by having a detoxifying effect



Please note: Turmeric should not be fed if your horse is currently being administered NSAIDs (such as Bute) or blood thinning medications. If your horse is on medication and you are unsure of possible contraindications, it is important that you consult your veterinarian prior to feeding turmeric.

As with any feed, turmeric should be introduced to the horse's diet slowly, built up gradually over the course of a week or two.

Zack's Tack carries an activated Turmeric feed supplement called EquiGold. It sells for RM30.00 for a 200gm tub.

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SUMMER INTERNAL POLO CHALLENGE 2020

by Jennifer Too



August gave us a respite from our polo drought, with a small window between the COVID lockdowns allowing us to play a successful and highly enjoyable summer internal polo tournament over weekend of 22nd and 23rd August 2020.

With little in the way of polo played over the past year, most of our club chukkas have been played under the newly-developed “socially-distanced” format, which does not allow for riding off, and limits each player to a maximum of 3 consecutive hits before having to let go of the ball, among other rules.

The August polo challenge was however held at a time when our Government relaxed SOPs, allowing for contact sports to be resumed; so we could go back to traditional HPA rules, with riding off, changing ends after each goal, and restarting with centerline throw-ins. It was wonderful!

We had 6 teams and 3 divisions



- a 5-goal division playing for the **President's Cup**, a 0-goal division playing for the **BZ Challenge Cup** and a -2 division playing for the **Christian Dior Challenge Trophy**. Both the President's Cup and BZ Challenge Cup were won by the Red Team, while the Christian Dior Challenge Trophy resulted in a tie.

For this tournament, as well as our stalwarts, it was lovely to have

some of our overseas members back in town due to COVID travel rules. We had **Adilla Jamaluddin** back from her law studies in the UK, **Emil Teo** from Singapore, as well as **Agustin Andrada** and **Jose Alvarez** from Argentina, all of whom were stranded in KL due to travel restrictions. We also welcomed new member, 2-goaler **Mohammed Dangote** from Nigeria, who was in Kuala Lumpur for work

INTERNAL POLO CHALLENGE AUGUST 2020

DAY	SUNDAY & SUNDAY	DATE	22nd & 23rd AUGUST 2020	TIME	16:00
PRESIDENT'S CUP					
CHUKKA	WHITE	H/CAP	RED	H/CAP	UMPIRE
1, 2, 3, 4	Dato Mohd Moiz	0	Agustin Andrada	4	
	Mohammed Dangote	2	Imran Moiz	0	Rashid Hasnan
	Peter Abisheganaden	0	Jennifer Too	0	
	Zulhaimi Kopie	2	Mohd Faizal	1	
		4		5	
BZ CHALLENGE CUP					
	WHITE	H/CAP	RED	H/CAP	
5, 6, 7, 8	Jose Alvarez	1	Agustin Andrada	4	
	Hew Kok Seng	-1	Dato Saiful	-2	Rashid Hasnan
	Noor Adilla Jamaluddin	-1	Datin Nik Sarina	-1	
	Steve Hagger / Keith Teh	0	Tun Yasir Moiz	-1	
		-1		0	
CHRISTIAN DIOR CHALLENGE TROPHY					
	WHITE	H/CAP	RED	H/CAP	
9, 10, 11, 12	Shahriezal Baseri	1	Imran Moiz	0	
	Tengku Uzira Uzir	-0	Datin Sarina / Datuk Ghani	-1	Keith Teh
	Mohd Faizal	1	Datin Nurul Moiz	-1	
	Emil Teo	-2	Mohd Effi	-1	
		-2		-3	

and who ended up playing a lot of polo at our Club over the summer.

Emil Teo meanwhile scored his first tournament goal and bought everyone a round of champagne.

HRH Tengku Mohammed was our Royal Patron for the day and gave away the prizes. ■



RESULT		
3RD PLACE	Shahriezal Baseri	CHRISTIAN DIOR CHALLENGE TROPHY
	Tengku Uzira	
	Mohd Faizal	
	Emil Teo	
	Imran Moiz	
	Datin Nik Sarina	
	Datuk Abdul Ghani	
	Datin Nurul	
2ND PLACE	Mohd Effi	BZ CHALLENGE CUP
	Agustin Andrada	
	Dato Shaiful	
	Datin Nik Sarina	
1ST PLACE	Tun Yasir	PRESIDENT'S CUP
	Agustin Andrada	
	Imran Moiz	
	Jennifer Too	
	Mohd Faizal	



Winners of the BZ Challenge Cup



Glancarlo Ghio and KLAP Administrator Miss Enee Zolkafle



Dato Haniff Borhan and son



Winners of the Christian Dior Challenge Trophy



Karen Gan & Steve Haggae



FEEDING YOUR POLO PONY & PERFORMANCE HORSE



Greg McLaren of Equine Nutrition Australasia shares essential knowledge of what you should be feeding your horses for their health and to get the best performance on the field and in the arena and information of their products. Top teams such as La Sarita and Headhunters are already using this feeding programme.

HAY: LONGER STEMMED:

When a horse doesn't have access to good

pasture, not just grass (especially filled with Oxalates) hay is an underrated mainstay of the Equine diet.

One of the most important things when selecting hay is to keep in mind the nutritional needs of the horses being fed.

Longer stemmed hay is best for gut mobility in horses that all have relatively small stomachs a normal sized small intestine and a large hind gut.

Access to hay should never be limited if you want to keep your horse's gut function and health as a priority.

Timothy,

Bermuda and Meadow Hays are available in Malaysia and through the club's feed store.

ELECTROLYTES

Daily supplementation of balanced electrolytes prevents dehydration and replenishes salt losses that are needed to maintain the balance and flow of vital body fluids and transmission of nerve impulses.

They maintain healthy function of muscles and the circulatory system and improve the horse's performance especially in hot, humid climates and considerably aid recovery.

Supa Salts, which is one of the few water soluble electrolytes in the



market, is available from Zack's Tack.

CALCIUM

Once again daily supplementation cannot be underestimated.

This is an essential mineral that supports correct healthy bone development and remodelling, not just in young growing horses but older horses as well – It is required to restore a better balanced calcium-phosphorus ratio in your horse's diet.

Mitavite Bone Power is available from Zack's Tack.

ZACK'S TACK CUSTOM MIX:

Rice Bran Based Extruded Cube:

With the high oil levels in the form of poly-unsaturated fats from the rice

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Zack's Tack Custom Mix provides the healthy advantage for your horse. Zack's Tack Custom Mix is available on order from Zack's Tack.

STABILIZED RICE BRAN:

This has become a very popular dietary additive for equines and is a highly digestible by-product.

Rice Bran is the outer brown layer of the rice kernel.

Approximately 450kg of rice is milled to produce around 25kg of Rice bran itself.

Rice Bran is a rich source of fat that is highly digestible for horses and contains several highly important

B-Group vitamins including Thiamine, Niacin and Riboflavin.

Fresh rice bran can have 20-25% fat content, but has a low shelf life so it needs to be stabilized quickly using heat and pressure (extrusion).

The free fatty acid content is regulated by this cooking process making the feed safe palatable and healthy.

Dietary fat is calorie rich so that the energy requirements of the horse are met – This feed does not require feeding more volume of grain as it increases the energy density therefore benefitting coats and body condition scores with feeding errors reduced.

Stabilised Rice Bran is available on order from Zack's Tack.

SUPA SOY:

A Low Glycaemic Index Super Fibre Pellet

High in fibre, Super Soy provides slow release energy. The Low GI has less than 5% sugar and starch thus avoiding spikes in insulin levels

A highly economical quality protein source it hydrates your horse quickly and is ready to feed after only 5 minutes of soaking. It comprises 100% soya hulls that are processed using the latest technology. Soya Bean hulls have about 30% more digestible fibre than common hay

Supa Soy increases the amount of quality fibre fed while still providing adequate energy for your horse.

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bran, cool safe energy is available for all kinds of exercise, including polo, racing and equestrian competition.

Less fizzy highly strung behaviour is a result of feeding this steam extruded product.

The horse has longer lasting consistent energy levels without the sugar highs because of the product's low glycaemic index (GI).

Digestibility is increased due to the steam extruded manufacturing process. This extrusion also destroys any harmful bacteria whilst retaining all the nutrients.

The manufactured product is thus eaten slower resulting in more chewing





KLAcademy of Polo's revival of the RSPC Pony Club was an event that was warmly embraced by the club and members. It was 2012 that a Pony Club rally was last held at RSPC.

Peter Abisheganaden first contacted the Malaysian Equine Council about the Malaysian Pony Club. They asked him to contact The Pony Club headquarters in the United Kingdom, as Malaysia's Pony Club membership had lapsed. Despite the UK being in lockdown, Peter was able to start discussions on Malaysia's return to the Pony Club fold with them.

The first RSPC Pony Club Camp was held at the end of July. It was a day-camp of three hours per day, held during the international school holidays. It was fully subscribed with 30 Pony Clubbers being tutored by instructors and chaperoned by a host of volunteers.

Because of the MCO, we were careful to keep the kids in bubbles. We gave each a house name, so there were six Pony Clubbers each in the **Arabian, Criollo, Fallabella, Lusitano** and **Marwari** houses.

As members saw what fun the children were having, we got more and more members volunteering, making it into a super camp!

In addition to daily riding, there were learning modules on safety and leading, grooming, bandaging, saddlery, bits & bridles, feeding and nutrition. There were also demonstrations on how to plait a horse for competition, and a demonstration on horse-shoeing.

Being a polo club, we introduced them to hitting a polo ball with foot mallets on the field. Agustin Andrada, a 4-goal Argentine professional, and grandson of Paisano Andrada, was one of the polo coaches.

Dato' Mohamed Moiz, himself a Pony Clubber in his youth, gave away the participation certificates at the first Pony Club Camp to be held in Malaysia in over a decade.

PONY CLUB CAMP PART 2

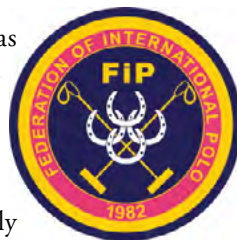
The second Pony Club Camp was twice postponed because of lockdown restrictions. It was finally held just before Christmas. This polo-themed camp was recognised by the **Federation of International Polo** as a **Youth Polo Camp**. Again, fully subscribed, the RSPC Pony Club was able to introduce elements of polo to 30 children from ages 6 to 14 that attended. There was work with foot mallets and hitting on saddle horses placed on the field. There were clinics on the wooden horse, and for some, a chance to actually hit a ball on the main field on our polo ponies.

It was not all polo, and the second day saw a very exciting **Fancy Dress Competition**. Each Pony Club house dressed and painted their allotted pony and presented them to the judges. The winners of the Fancy Dress were **Marwari** house, who presented **Angel** as a Christmas Tree.

On the final day, **Morph Outdoors** gave the Pony Clubbers an educational eco-module on "**Leave No Trace**."

What's a Christmas Camp if there isn't a visit by Santa Claus? St Nick not only flew in, he even put on a magic show! There were Christmas presents for all the Pony Clubbers.

RSPC hopes to build on the RSPC Pony Club's development, with a Youth Polo Cup in 2021, and are working towards a regional **Pony Club Polo Cup** in 2022. ■



2020 RSPC PONY CLUB CAMP

Schedule of Classes and Modules

DAY 1	TIME	EVENT	ARABIAN	CRIOLLO	FALLABELLA	LUSITANO	MARWARI
Tuesday 28th July	8:00	Registration & Welcome	At Office				
	8:30	Module 1	Riding	Leading	Riding	Saddles	Grooming
			Amir	Hazrin	Ali	Peter	Ernee
	9:00	Module 2	Leading	Riding	Saddles	Riding	Leading
			Amir	Hazrin	Peter	Ali	Hisham
	9:30	Module 3	Saddles	Grooming	Leading	Bandaging	Riding
			Peter	Ernee	Hisham	Amir	Ali
	10:00	Lawn Games	Hitting	Hitting	Colouring	Grooming	Horseshoes
			Peter		Ali & Amir	Ernee	Hazrin
	10:30	Closure	Snacks in the Clubhouse				
	11:00	End of Day 1					

DAY 2	8:00	Module 4	Riding	Riding	Grooming	Leading	Bits & Bridles
			Amir	Ali	Ernee	Hisham	Peter
Wednesday 29th July	8:30	Module 5	Grooming	Bits & Bridles	Riding	Riding	Bandaging
			Ernee	Peter	Amir	Ali	Hazrin
	9:00	Module 6	Bits & Bridles	Bandaging	Feeding		Riding
			Peter	Hazrin	Ali		Saddles
	9:30	Module 7	Plaiting Class by Lorraine			Bits & Bridles	Amir
			Lorraine Bottreau			Peter	Saddles
	10:00	Module 8	Feeding	Saddles	Polo	Plaiting Class	
			Ali	Amir	Peter	Lorraine Bottreau	
	10:30	Lawn Games & Snacks	Horseshoes	Grooming	Hitting	Saddle Fix	
			Hazrin	Ernee	Peter	Amir & Ali	
	11:00	End of Day 2					

DAY 3	8:00	Module 9	Bandaging		Nutrition	Bits & Bridles		Riding	Riding
			Hisham		Hazrin	Peter	Amir	Ali	
Thursday 30th July	8:30	Module 10	Riding	Riding	Bandaging	Nutrition	Feeding		
			Amir	Ali	Hisham	Hazrin	Ernee		
	9:00	Module 11	Nutrition	Feeding	Riding	Farriery			
			Hazrin	Ernee	Amir	Johary			
	9:30	Module 12	Farriery				Grooming	Nutrition	
			Johary				Ernee	Hazrin	
	10:00	Lawn Games	Horseshoes	Horseshoes	Grooming	Hitting	Hitting		
			Hazrin			Ernee	Peter		
	10:30	Snacks in the Clubhouse	Bridle Fixing Game			Hitting Game	Bridle Fixing Game		
			Ali & Ernee			Peter & Hazrin	Amir & Hisham		
11:00	End of Day 3								

LOCATIONS

Covered Arena
Office
Training Room
Clubhouse
Stableyard







MALAYSIA'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BOOSTED

by RSPC's Pony Club Polo programme



A year ago, a young Malaysian team of average age 19.25 years played their way to the final of the SEA Games B Division. **Imran Moiz, Keith Teh, Mohd Zulhelmie (Lalo) and Rashid Hasnan** completed qualifying unbeaten in the B Division of the South East Asian Games Polo Tournament in the Philippines and took home a SEA Games silver medal.

That Malaysian team was by far the youngest polo team ever in a SEA Games.

The man with the youth development vision is **Dato' Mohamed Moiz**. A founder of the RMPA Polo League, Dato' Mohamed had seen these young players in fierce competition in our Malaysian leagues. As RMPA President, he encouraged the selection of a youth team for the SEA Games.

The RMPA Leagues, started in 2005, provided a competitive foundation for these young players. The Royal Selangor Polo Club's Polo Captain, Shaik Reismann had mentored Imran Moiz, Keith Teh and Rashid Hasnan. In a way, Shaik had been RMPA and RSPC's one-man

Youth Development Programme. He guided them as these future SEA Games players bloodied their noses in our RMPA Polo Leagues.

Shaik now has more support. The Royal Selangor Polo Club has now taken it to the next stage, with the RSPC Pony Club Polo Camp. At the Christmas Pony Club Camp last year, 30 Pony Clubbers were introduced to polo, hitting with foot mallets, off the wooden horse, and finally on the polo field.

Dato' Mohamed has also been behind the creation of the RSPC Pony Club, which ran the Polo Camp. With its success, RSPC plans to run an RSPC Pony Club Polo Camp four times a year. RSPC plans to include

Malaysia's first Youth Development Polo Tournament in 2021.

The RSPC Pony Club Polo Camp has been recognised by the **Federation of International Polo** as an **International Youth Polo Development Camp**.

Dato' Mohamed Moiz was delighted to receive this international recognition. He said, "As a former Pony Clubber myself, I see the benefit of Malaysia joining in the worldwide Pony Club movement. Starting players as young as 6 years old in the RSPC Pony Club is a way of ensuring Malaysia stays at the top of South East Asian polo. I am delighted that RSPC are at the forefront of building for the future of polo in this country." ■





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***Ydh Orang Kaya Indera
Segara Ym Tengku Dato
Sri Haji Asmawi Bin
Tengku Haji Hussin
1946 - 2020***

One of Malaysia's best-loved polo players passed away on 30th August 2020. YDH Orang Kaya Indera Segara YM Tengku Dato Sri Haji Asmawi was one of Malaysia's highest rated players, playing off 4 goals in Malaysia and the United Kingdom.

Tengku Asmawi won a gold medal in polo at the 1983 South East Asian Games in Singapore. He also famously scored the winner in the 16-goal Royal Windsor Cup in the UK in 1979 when Pahang completed a historic Archie David - Royal Windsor Cup double that year.

The President of the Royal Malaysian Polo Association and Royal Selangor Polo Club, Dato' Mohamed Moiz sent this message of condolence:

It is with deep sorrow that I share with you the news of the passing of an icon of Malaysian polo YDH Orang Kaya Indera Segara YM Tengku Dato Sri Haji Asmawi Bin Tengku Haji Hussin.

The late Tengku Asmawi, rated at 4 goals, was one of the top polo players in Malaysia during the 70s and early 80s and was a key member of the Royal Pahang Polo team.

On behalf of RMPA and RSPC, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to His Majesty Yang Di Pertuan Agong, the Royal family of Pahang and the family of YM Tengku Asmawi. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the Royal Pahang polo community during this time of sorrow. May ALLAH SWT have mercy on his soul. Al Fatiha.



***Tim Keyte
1952 - 2020***

New Zealand-born Tim Keyte, who was manager of Cirencester Polo Club after a career as a professional player, died on 12th August 2020, aged 67.

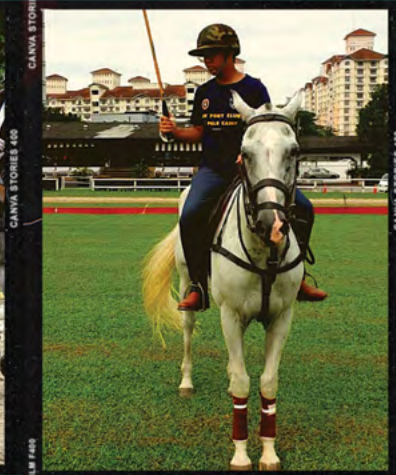
From 2006 to 2011, Tim Keyte was the lead umpire for RMPA International League Tournaments in Malaysia and Thailand. He was also the head umpire at the 2007 South East Asian Games in Bangkok, Thailand.

Tim was instrumental in training local umpires and conducting HPA Rules Clinics and Tests for our players.

Tim passed away peacefully in the UK, with his wife Gail by his side. ■



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